

Don't call us..... we'll call you for a job!

Recently we received an email that highlighted blunders, phrases and obvious oversights on "Final copy" resumes (the ones that are to be presented to potential employers). Aside from being comical and providing afternoon entertainment we quickly realized that we were working with candidates (at all levels of management) that had submitted resumes with actual examples of life happenings. We share with you real - life examples:

- "Experience listed in reverse chronological order with exact dates of consulting engagements"
- "Foreign Language Exposure: one semester intensive elementary German and one year of conversational Turkish"
- "I consider detailed salary histories to be confidential information, but I will reveal that my most recent job paid \$335/day (\$41.88/hr)"
- " The work environment, opportunity for additional formal classroom training and certifications, and potential for increasing leadership responsibility are higher priorities than these factors"
- "I have been involved in just about every phase of Business including Sales, Marketing, Design, Advertising, Managing and Training of Salesman, Planning, Purchasing, Distributor Relations, Accounting, and Quality Control"
- "I read blueprints, and have hands-on experience with most wood and metal working shop machines and Laboratory test instruments"
- "I've also worked closely with Builders and Architects in construction projects"
- "My health is excellent, I am recently divorced and have no dependents"
- " I have a good wardrobe, Passport, and would consider travel and relocation"
- "I am artistic and have a broad background in Sales, Management, Business and Technology"
- "I am both articulate and a good - listener; which makes me responsive to people's needs"
- "My interests lie in positions that involve Sales, Marketing and Management and require Creativity and Problem - solving and Service"
- "You can call me at work, but I can't talk very candidly there"
- " Strong interpersonal skills used to build repoire and create client loyalty"

It is not our intent to cause embarrassment to those of you that see yourself in these lines. A case can be made for writing a simple resume' as well as including in that resume' the list of all personal accomplishments, desires and aspirations. If the recruiter you are working with suggests that you omit a particular line or re-work a phrase in your resume', take their advice and listen to their comments. They know, they've seen it before.