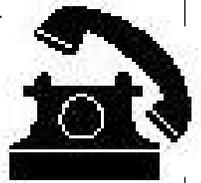


# Rocky Flats en~~vi~~sion

For the latest information on site road closures and delays, call the NEW Traffic Safety Hotline 966-ROAD (x7623)



**Make it safe. Clean it up. Close it down.**

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*From left, CDPHE Director of Environmental Programs Howard Roitman, EPA Regional Administrator Robbie Roberts and RFPO Manager Frazer Lockhart were on hand to thank the 903 Lip Area workers for successfully remediating the largest source of soil contamination on site.*

## Workers complete cleanup of 36-acre 903 Lip Area

The 903 team recently removed and packaged plutonium-contaminated soils from the Lip Area. In all, 97,800 tons of soil filling 5,371 intermodals and 588 dirt bags were filled to remediate both the 903 Pad and Lip Area, the largest source of soil contamination at Rocky Flats. The 36-acre Lip Area is located on the east edge of the Industrial Area and adjacent to the former 903 Pad. The 3.4-acre pad was completed in Dec. 2003.

A recognition ceremony for workers involved in the intensive clean up effort was held on Sept. 23. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Robbie Roberts and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Director of Environmental Programs Howard Roitman were on hand to recognize the workers and the long-standing cooperation between the regulatory agencies involved in the cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats.

"Environmental cleanup was an enormous challenge at the start of this project," said DOE Site Manager Frazer Lockhart at the recognition ceremony. "Today, with the oversight and collaboration among our regulators and communities, we have removed the inherent risk to our workers and surrounding communities." Lockhart added that this milestone was a great accomplishment in the cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats and it is all due to the safe, hard work of everyone involved.

With the remediation of the 903 Lip Area, workers have completed 75 percent of the environmental sites requiring remediation at Rocky Flats. These accomplishments are a direct result of Rocky Flats workers and the communities working with the lead agencies overseeing the Rocky Flats Closure Project – the DOE, the EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Cleanup of the 903 Pad and Lip Area is only a part of the environment restoration work that needs to be finished to close Rocky Flats. Remaining environmental restoration projects include, addressing original process waste lines, a storage area contaminated with carbon tetrachloride and underground fuel oil tanks. Environmental covers will also be installed on the two former landfills and a pond containing polychlorinated biphenyls and semi-volatile organic compounds will be remediated.

To complete closure, workers will remove all asphalt roads and parking lots, and recontour and revegetate the site. Final close-out sampling is required to verify that all Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCAs) obligations have been met. When cleanup is complete, the EPA must certify the work before the site can be transitioned to a National Wildlife Refuge to be managed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. *by Bill Badger*

## Job watch

# State employment numbers projected to grow in 2005

The *Denver Post* recently reported that the Denver Metro economy is on the road to recovery. Leading Colorado economists predict 50,000 to 60,000 new jobs in everything from retail to manufacturing.

Colorado has been known primarily for its telecommunication and aerospace industries. However, that may be about to change. The number of people employed in the biotechnology field will more than double in Colorado in the next six years due in large part to Fitzsimons – a new campus of hospitals and bioresearch laboratories in Aurora.



# Record numbers turn out for recent job fair

More than 400 current and former Rocky Flats employees met with DOE contractors and sub-contractors and local employers at the Job Fair at the Arvada Center on Sept. 23 and 24.

# Stay in touch, join Rocky Flats Homesteaders

All employees retiring from Rocky Flats are invited to join the Rocky Flats Homesteaders. The Homesteaders is a social organization designed to foster continuing fellowship and a spirit of mutual helpfulness and retirement satisfaction.

The Homesteaders Newsletter, which reports on group functions, and what is happening at Rocky Flats and other information is mailed five times a year to all members. Homesteaders

social functions include a spring luncheon, a summer golf tournament, a summer picnic, and various potlucks throughout the year.

The Fiscal Year 2005 Homesteaders officers are:

- President, Phil Saba
- Vice-President, Tom Blatter
- Secretary, Roman Kohler
- Treasurer, Jack Quella

To become a member, send your name, address, phone number and \$5

dues to Treasurer Jack Quella, 11549 W. 59th Place, Arvada, Colo. 80004-4215. Active employees age 55 and over are eligible to be members of the Homesteaders.

The Homesteaders accepts subscriptions to the Homesteaders Newsletter from individuals under 55 and not retired. The subscription price is \$5 per year.

## DUES SUBMITTAL FORM

(October 1 through September 30)

NOTE: The cost of membership covers both retiree and spouse and you may pay for more than one year at a time.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to serve on a committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please note if this is a change of address.

### Mail to:

Jack Quella  
11549 W. 59th Place  
Arvada, CO 80004-4215

# Upcoming traditional and non-traditional education fair

The Kaiser-Hill work force transition team and the Career Transition Center (CTC) will be hosting an education fair for traditional and non-traditional education programs in B060 on Oct. 21 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Employees can learn more about programs at schools such as the University of Colorado and Front Range Community College as well as many non-traditional schools that offer courses in truck driving, cooking, coaching, real estate and other professions.

Representatives from local colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions about educational opportunities. The CTC and Kaiser-Hill personnel will be available to discuss tuition reimbursement.

Continuing your education is a great way to help demonstrate to potential employers your personal commitment to

advancing your career or your interest in making the transition from one field of expertise to another. All employees are encouraged to attend.

*Traditional and Non-traditional  
Education Fair  
Oct. 21, 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
B060 Rms. 102, 112, 113, 114*



# State offers job resources

In an effort to encourage the recent economic growth of Colorado, Governor Owens declared September 2004 as Work Force Development Month.

The governor's initiative attempts to build a skilled, internationally competitive work force for the 21st century.

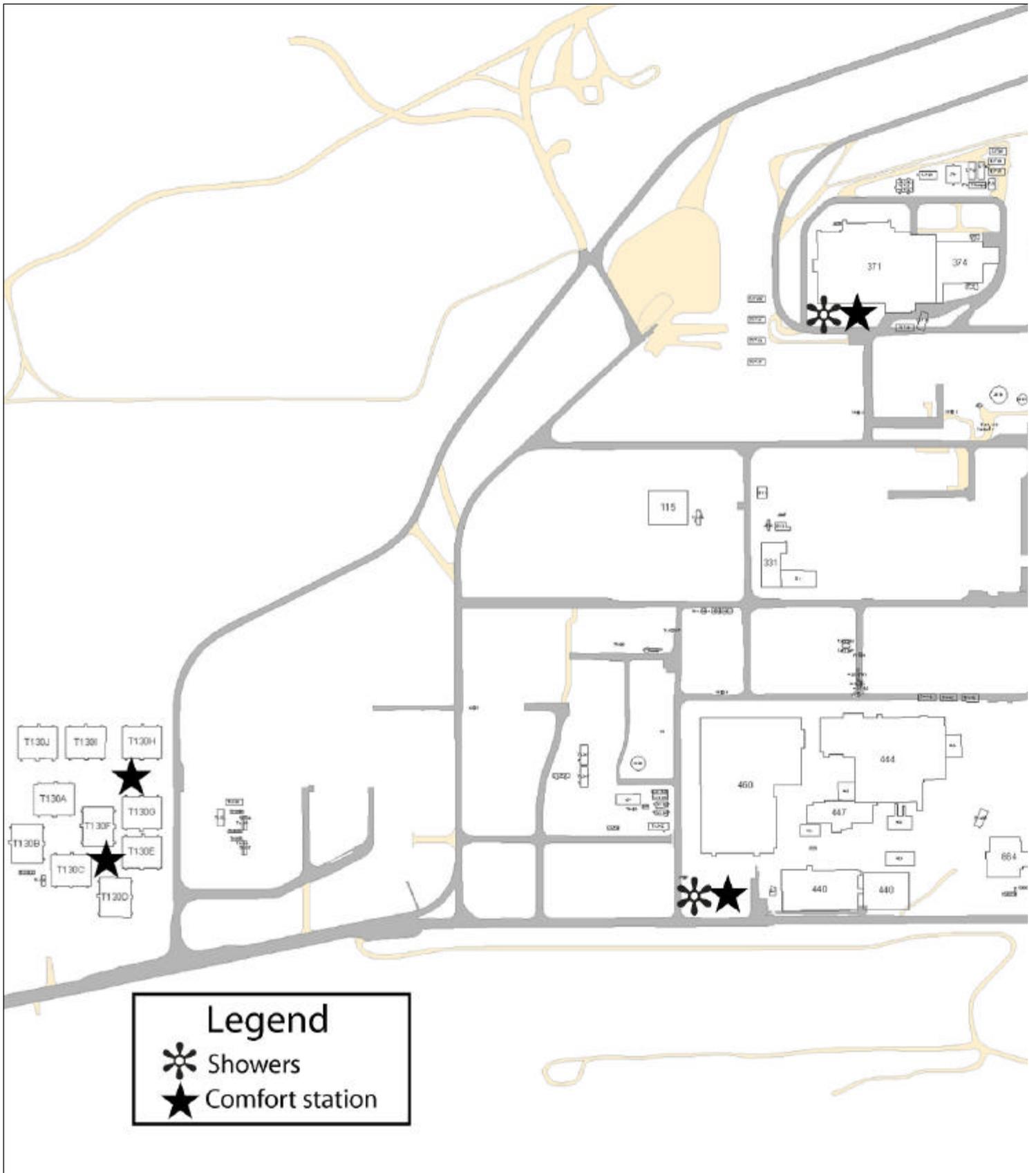
While the Rocky Flats' Career Transition Center (CTC) is working hard to provide resources enabling workers to become reemployed, the Colorado Work Force Centers provide an additional array of employment and training services often overlooked. The governor's initiative and the Colorado Work Force Centers are focused on assisting Rocky Flats' employees in upgrading current skills or acquiring new ones. The CTC can direct you to a work force center near you to see if you qualify for additional training benefits.



# First rail shipment leaves Rocky Flats

Workers load the first intermodal containers of low-level waste onto rail cars for shipment to Envirocare in Utah. Each intermodal holds approximately 50,000 pounds of contaminated dirt, mostly from the 903 Pad and Lip Area, and each rail car holds six intermodals. The first seven rail cars left Rocky Flats Sept. 16, 2004.

# Comfort stations and shower trailer locations





# 20 ton tanks removed from B374

Tank removal is under way at B374, the former radioactive wastewater processing facility adjacent to B371. Since the building achieved “operationally clean” status in early August, project personnel have been removing the first of the building’s 30 large tanks through the roof and, more recently, through a giant opening in the side of the building.

“Operationally clean” is a designation achieved when a large majority of the contamination risks have been eliminated. The designation allows for a majority of the Technical Safety Requirement Controls from the authorization basis to be relaxed.

Project personnel removed three large tanks weighing more than 20 tons each and measuring 18 feet in diameter by 28 feet in high during the week of Sept. 20. To facilitate tank removal, the project removed a concrete wall and an associated foundation wall from below grade to the roof on the south side of the building, allowing open access to Room 2804 where the tanks were located.

The tanks previously contained process sludge that workers removed in 2003. In all, they removed more than 95,000 gallons from the building. Following sludge removal, 371/374 Project D&D workers power washed and encapsulated the tanks, performing thorough characterization throughout the process to ensure contamination met low-level waste “surface contaminated object” (SCO) criteria. Workers found contamination as high as 2.5 million disintegrations per minute.

Because of the size of the tanks and contamination control issues, project managers decided to remove the tanks intact.



*A large opening in the south side of B374 allowed access to Rm. 2804 for removal of large process tanks.*



*The tanks are the largest pieces of equipment meeting surface contaminated object criteria to be shipped from the site to date.*

According to Eric Espinosa of B371/374 Waste Operations, “It was the option with the fewest question marks for safety.” In addition to the hazards associated with size reduction such as cuts and ergonomics, fall protection would have been an issue due to the sheer size of the tanks.

To remove the tanks, castors were attached to the stanchions and the tanks were pulled from the building using a track hoe. The tanks were then carefully rigged and lifted using a crane for placement on a flatbed trailer.

The tanks will be shipped to the Envirocare waste-receiving site in Utah. The tanks are the largest pieces of equipment to be shipped from Rocky Flats as low-level SCO waste. Because of their size, the shipments will follow an unusual route to Utah, avoiding low-overhead bridges and other obstructions along the way.

In all, 16 tanks will be removed from Room 2804. The large opening in the side of the building will remain, covered by a large curtain that adequately allows the building to maintain adequate differential pressure

Espinosa said the project was a huge effort involving numerous organizations, including the 371/374 Project D&D Steelworkers, RISS, RFCSS, Material Stewardship and Security and DOE. Subcontractors involved included Washington Group, Envirocon, Ridge Crane and Tri-State Motor Transit. Planning activities for disposal of the tanks in conjunction with Envirocare took more than three years. *by Endvision Staff*

# Political activity restricted on site

As local and national elections approach, it is important that all site employees understand the guidelines for political conduct while on site.

Although all employees are entitled to their own political point of view, conduct at work is subject to site policies and procedures, including the Kaiser-Hill Standards of Conduct.

The use of government property, facilities or resources for personal business or activities, including political

activities, violates these standards. Using one's official position to express a particular political point of view could be considered an abuse of authority, which is also a standards violation. For example, an employee may wear a political button, but may not distribute political buttons to others while on site.

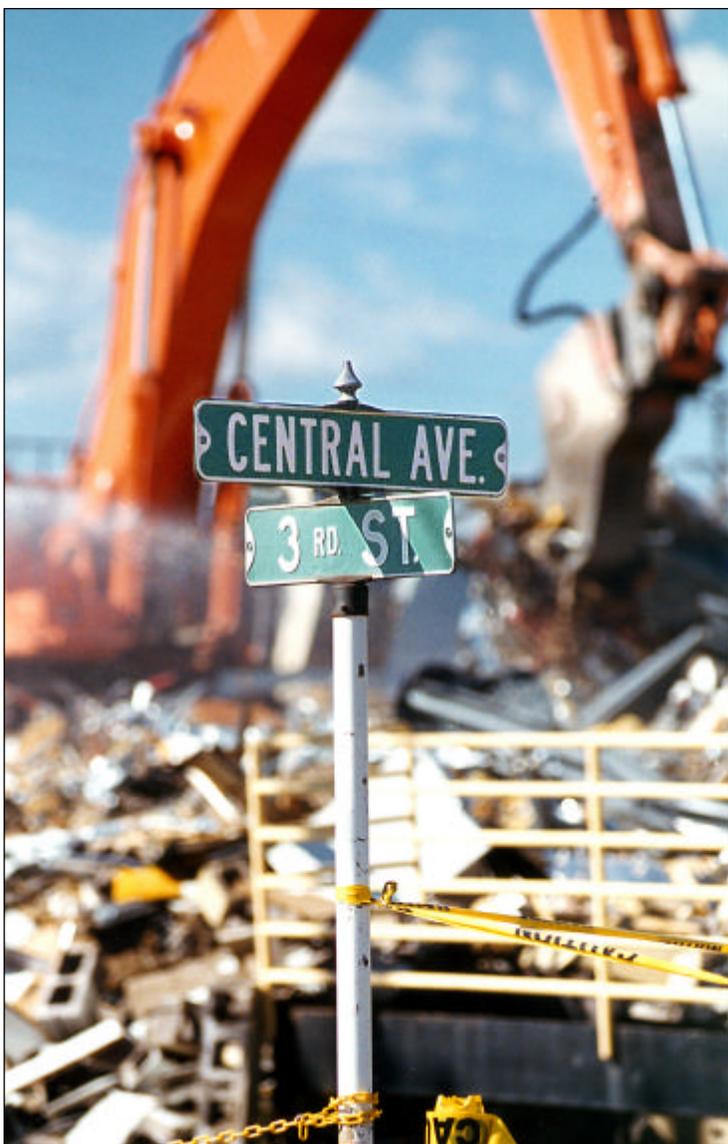
Other examples of unacceptable conduct in the workplace addressed in the standards include:

- Unauthorized soliciting

- Collection of contributions
- Unapproved distribution of written or printed material
- Posting or removing any material on any bulletin board at any time, unless specifically authorized by management.

Everyone is encouraged to get out and vote in the upcoming election and engage in political activity. However, such activity must be conducted away from the workplace.

## Another empty lot on historic main street



Like so many other buildings on site, demolition of B121 and B122 went relatively fast. The work began four months earlier as RISS crews removed asbestos and decontamination from the gypsum board and concrete interior walls.

Mechanical demolition began in earnest on Sept. 13 and within days all that remained of B121, the central alarm station and B122, medical, were three lung counter rooms surrounded by 5 million pounds of rubble.

“This demolition was different in the sense that track-hoe operators had to meticulously pick around the three steel lung counter rooms slated to be shipped to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL),” said RISS Project Manager Harry Linsinbigler.

The steel used to construct the lung counter rooms is unique. The first lung counter rooms at Rocky Flats were made using steel from antique battleships built before WW II. The other room was constructed using steel from old trolley cars. Steel forged after WW II contains normal background radiation from nuclear fallout, which would interfere with the precise testing equipment used to detect inhaled radiological material.

Once the building was on the ground, RISS crews disassembled the lung counter rooms. It will take 10 trucks to transport the nearly 400,000 pounds of steel walls leaving for INEL Oct. 4.

Both buildings were constructed in 1953. B121 housed a number of administrative offices including security management, the central alarm station, the armory, the lock and key organization, a utility room and separate men's and women's change rooms. B122 housed site medical facilities and the occupational health and internal dosimetry groups. Medical research and studies were also conducted in B122.  
*by Jackie Powers*

*(Photo by site photographer Tim McGrath.) Of the dozens of buildings that once lined Central Avenue, B331 is all that remains.*

# declassifieds

## Automobiles/Motorcycles

1986 700VT Honda Shadow, red, 36,000 miles, new tires, some extras, \$2,100. Donelle, 303-464-8369.

1992 Suzuki VS 1400 Intruder, 8,000 miles, \$4,200 or best offer. Charles, 303-425-4383.

1994 Toyota 2WD truck, white, 4-cylinder, 5-spd., standard trans., A/C, topper, runs great, \$2,650; Hedstrom swing set with slide and glider, \$10. Lee, 303-403-1066.

1998 Audi A4 Quattro, 2.8L, 5-spd., mint condition, garaged, new brakes, 41,000 miles, \$14,400. Mike, 303-494-6161.

2003 Cavalier, 4-dr., 5-spd., AM/FM stereo, A/C, 22,000 miles, \$8,400. Bruce, 303-973-9169.

2004 Cavalier, 2-dr., 5-spd., AM/FM stereo, CD, A/C, 3,000 miles, \$10,400. Bruce, 303-973-9169.

## Miscellaneous

Player Piano, 1920s Singer, \$500, valued at \$2,000, must see. Mike, 303-422-6181.

Wood bunk beds, mattresses included, \$100. Barb, 303-423-8683.

2 sets of skis, just tuned, size 10 1/2 rear entry boots, poles, \$150 for all. Ken, 303-637-0531.

Red and black First Gear motorcycle jacket, black leather gloves and red/black/white motorcycle helmet. Will sell separately or together. Justin, 303-981-1364.

HotPoint oven/stove, approx. 2 years old, very good cond., \$200 or best offer. Curt, 303-434-4143.

Piano, 1985 Yamaha console, maple cabinet, excellent condition, great starter piano for the family. Diana, 303-530-0861.

Broncos tickets, Houston, Nov. 7, Section 229, Row 15, Seats 3 and 4, \$120, may have other games available. Bill, 303-422-7433.

Wood burning stove insert, \$450 or offer. Robyn, 303-358-0609.

45-gal. hex shaped aquarium, all accessories and wood stand, \$150 or best offer. Tad, 303-469-3547.

Schwinn 19-in. all terrain bike with front shocks, original price \$470 asking \$200, Trek 18-in. and 19-5 all terrain bikes, asking \$100 and \$50. Ron, 303-989-5677.

## Wanted

Good ping-pong table and portable basketball goal. Jeff, 303-432-8864.

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- No ads for guns/other weapons will be accepted.
- Mail or bring ads to T130B, Cube 83.
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- Deadline is six working days before the desired publication date.
- Employees who submit fictitious ads will be subject to disciplinary action based on company standards of conduct.

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