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=== UMC NEWSBLAST ===

A UMC Welcome!

Kevin Koffman joins us as our newest team member as a Project Engineer. Kevin has worked as a Project Engineer for several years and graduated from the Oregon Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science. Please take a few minutes to drop by his desk (across from Jerry's office) and welcome him to our team!

Regional Project Update

Washoe Medical Center

Here in Reno we are about five weeks away from being 100% complete with the entire Utilidor installation. The Utilidor is now completely covered over and all the shore towers have been removed.

Over at the Tower site, the mass excavation is nearly complete and the mat slabs are being formed. UMC has directed our first subcontractor, Savage & Son, to install underground sleeves through these mat slabs for sanitary main installation, which will start within the month.

Central Utility Plant (CUP) construction drawings will be out to us 5/5/05, which will be our GMP set. Notice to proceed should be given for this portion of work by the end of the month. Groundwork for the CUP will start mid-July or around the first of August.

Thanks for the update, Bryan!

Project Spotlight:

Space Needle

Audie submitted the following update on the Space Needle Project: "We are replacing some air-handling units in the space needle that are original construction from 1962, which UMC performed. The location of the AHU's are unique, as they are under the Observation Deck and above the restaurant ceiling, located in a small mechanical space. Getting materials and equipment in and out is challenging due to the elevator access and length of the ride. Working in the mechanical space is difficult and dangerous because it's directly over the restaurant. If our workmen slip and fall or drop a tool it will land in someone's dinner plate! One of the AHU's was so large we had to cut a 5' square hole in the floor of the Observation deck to get the old one out and new one in and that was after breaking the AHU down into 4 sections. Working hours are 4am to noon. All for the comfort of those tourists!"

UMC Security System Directions

We have a new set of directions for working the security system to enter the UMC corporate office after hours. Please check the following link for the complete directions.

http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/security_directions.pdf

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There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity.

-Douglas McArthur

Safety Tip

Hearing Safety:

- Use hearing protection in areas greater than 85 decibels noise
- Use hearing protection with power saws, impact tools, etc.
- Replace worn or broken hearing protectors immediately
- Keep your hearing protection clean
- Inspect hearing protectors before each use
- Ask you supervisor if you need replacements
- If hearing protection is uncomfortable, perhaps a different style will work better for you ... ask your supervisor.
- Use hearing protection off the job when shooting, using power tools, lawn equipment, etc.

To be effective, any hearing protection must be

- properly fitted
- used when needed
- free of damage
- clean

If you have any questions, ask Jim Schick or Brian Van for complete information.