

*Friday, July 1, 2005*

=== UMC NEWSBLAST ===

#### Star Performer of the Month

**Bryan Eppler** is selected as the UMC Employee of the month. This is an easy choice. Bryan came on board UMC as a project engineer to assist me on several projects. Bryan fit in instantly to UMC's culture of doing whatever it takes. There were (almost) never any complaints about doing paperwork, "grunt" work or ANY work for that matter. He understood the need to learn all aspects of the business and project management first. Bryan's work ethic and attitude has not waned over the years.

I recall working with Bryan on the Stafford Creek Corrections Center Project. One night, while in Westport, WA (just down the road from the jobsite) there was a massive storm that knocked out power in the area. Bryan, Brett & I worked in the hotel room with flashlights and a laptop (on batteries) combing through the project RFI log until late into the night. This is one of many examples of Bryan's willingness to get the job done. Bryan was the project manager on the Sea Tac STEP project which, at the time, was the largest single UMC project award. Bryan and his team managed the very large and difficult STEP project to successful completion.

Recently, Bryan sold his house and moved his family to Reno, NV to manage the Washoe Medical Center project for UMC as a Senior Project Manager. The Washoe Project is, again, the single largest UMC project award and I have complete confidence that Bryan and his team will manage this project successfully for UMC.

Bryan, thank you for your hard work and the example you set in our great company.

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#### Ring the Bell!

UMC has been selected to work with Turner Construction as the design-build contractor on the historical renovation of the **Arctic Building** in Downtown Seattle. The project starts immediately with design to convert the Arctic Building into a 114-room vintage boutique hotel and anticipates opening in June of 2006. Ted Granston has worked with Turner.

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#### A UMC Welcome Back!

We are happy to welcome Zach Berch back to the design department as an intern for the summer. After returning to school in 2004, Zach worked with us last summer and we've missed his great work!

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#### And the Winner is...

We had some great photos submitted for the quarterly photo contest and had a hard time picking the winner. But after much deliberation, the winner is Joe Trimm in our UMC shop! Joe will be receiving a \$50 gift certificate for his submission. Please take a moment to check out his photo at :

[http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/fab\\_shop.jpg](http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/fab_shop.jpg)

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#### Congratulations!

June Lee delivered Joshua on Monday, June 27, at 5:30 AM. Joshua weighed 6 lbs. 11.5 oz. and was a little over 19" inches long. Mother and son are doing fine!

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#### Quotable Leader

Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.

-Albert Einstein

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### Safety Tip – Power Tools

#### **Pre-Use Safety Checks**

- Ensure bits and blades are sharp
- Bench or Floor-mounted tool must be securely mounted
- Check switch is not damaged
- Check to ensure there are no exposed wires
- Cords or hoses are not in tool work area
- Guards are in place and properly adjusted
- Tool casing is not cracked or broken
- Check grinding wheels are rated for higher speed than machine RPM
- Grinder tool rest gap to wheel is no larger than 1/8 inch
- Conduct "ring" test for all new grinder stones - ensure no cracks, breaks or chips
- Ensure power tools are grounded or double insulated
- Check electric cords for damage
- Check hose connections for pneumatic tools

**If you have any questions, please ask Jim Schick or Brian Van in our safety department.**