



PHYSICAL PLANT DEPARTMENT

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts



By Mary Ellen Monroe

The Physical Plant Department established a food and supplies drive for the purpose of collecting much-needed supplies for the victims of the decimated Gulf Coast. Collection barrels were placed in several locations of the Physical Plant, along with a list of needed supplies.

Many schoolchildren were displaced by Katrina and are in need of school supplies. More than 41,000 students were enrolled in the Texas school system. The state Public Education Department has joined with other sponsors to push for a collection here in New Mexico. Supplies that are needed include pencils, paper, glue, markers, crayons, scissors, erasers, copy paper, backpacks, and spiral notebooks.

For those employees who want to continue donating items, the barrels

will remain in locations throughout the department. We will collect items as frequently as necessary to get them to those in need.

Our collection has been very successful, but the effort to ease the humanitarian disaster did not end with this drive. **George Montoya** of Area One organized a cookout which took place on September 9. George prepared most of the food and trimmings, but had help with the donation of sodas from his coworkers. Members of the management team donated food items as well. For a cash donation, PPD employees were able to enjoy burgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings. A cashier's check for \$1,150.00, personal checks totaling \$610.00, and George's matching funds raised a total of \$1,759.00 to be presented to the American Red Cross.

United Way Step Up Campaign

In 2004 UNM's United Way Campaign raised UNM to the 5th largest campaign in the four-county area represented by the United Way of Central New Mexico. All previous records were broken for community participation and funds raised.

The Physical Plant was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting last year's United Way Campaign. Let's see if we can top our own generosity for the **2005 Campaign**.

This year PPD will have its annual United Way cookout, with a new twist. Watch for PPD's News Minute for details. **STEP UP** to the UNM United Way Campaign!

"The United Way symbolizes the best in us and in each of our communities. It brings together men and women from every part of the community — all working together to help those who need help."

President Gerald Ford, 1974

PPD plumbers: A profile

By Toni Burris

PPD has over 400 employees, 12 of them plumbers assigned to the area shops. We have one Plumber I, eight Plumber IIs, and three Master Plumbers. The plumbers at UNM are required to have one or more State of New Mexico licenses, each of which requires rigorous training and testing. They also have many additional certifications.

The plumbers' duties include preventive maintenance, troubleshooting, backflow testing and repairs, and emergency repairs to UNM's boilers and steam, water, waste, and gas systems. They also oversee contractors, refurbish labs, repair and replace leaking pipes, replace valves, rebuild and replace heat exchangers, and run chilled water lines to valve boxes. They are trained to

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complete their work safely while following applicable codes and industry standards. Much of their post-license training is on-the-job training provided by their senior plumbers. In fiscal year 2004-05, the plumbers responded to 5,406 work orders, totaling over \$1,158 million.

In this edition of the newsletter, we salute PPD's plumbers:

Tony Jaramillo is from Albuquerque. He joined PPD in September 1986 and is the Master Plumber for Area One. Tony was a Keebler cookies salesperson before his father-in-law offered him a position in his shop. Albuquerque's Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 412 provided his training. What Tony likes most about his trade is helping and meeting people. What he likes least are the smells. Tony is also the pastor of a local church.

Shelby Beller is a Plumber II for Area One. He lives in Los Lunas. His father, Bubba Beller, who was his inspiration to join the trade, was also a plumber at the Physical Plant. Shelby likes the hands-on experience of plumbing, but dislikes the smell of grease traps. He enjoys fishing and hunting, and is involved in Little League.

George Montoya is from Mora, and is a Plumber II for Area One. He joined the trade to change careers after being a cook for 18 years. He loves everything about plumbing. He also enjoys fishing and metal art, and is extremely active in the community: VP of his neighborhood association; treasurer of the Southwest Alliance of Neighborhood Associations, and a member of many family service centers. George and his wife, Beryl, are Optimist Club clowns and entertain at Carrie Tingley Hospital, nursing homes, and lately at the Convention Center for the victims of Katrina. George sponsors many fundraisers, including the one held recently at PPD.

Computer threats and viruses (part 3)

By Rick Olcott

Information Systems Manager

In recent issues of the *ESR*, I started by giving you information on how threats to our computers are multiplying. In part 2, I discussed specific virus threats to our computer systems.

Viruses such as malware (malicious software) are generally thought of as any software that has the potential to change something on your computer, usually without your knowledge. It can examine your computer to capture information, or install something on your computer that can be used to attack or infect other computers.

There are many different types of malware. Computer folks seem to have a flair for the dramatic, especially in the names they give things—think of “fatal error” and “illegal operation.” The following names are just a few descriptions of malware: backdoor, bot, barnacle, cookie poisoning, worm, nuking, phishing, phreaking, smurfing, spoofing, and my favorite, ping of death. If you are interested in learning more, you can find an extensive list and a brief description on the Web at www.whatis.com.

The encouraging thing about all of this is that there are lots of people out there who are working hard to prevent malware attacks, and many of the security holes in the computers we use have been plugged. The hackers who write malware have come to realize that the chances of finding a vulnerable computer are getting smaller and smaller, so they have changed their approach. They are now trying to get you to do their hard work for them.

One relatively recent tactic is called “phishing.” It usually takes the form of an e-mail that looks like an official communication from a bank, complete with the bank's logo and

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what appears to be a valid e-mail address, but it is easy to craft an e-mail so that it appears to come from someone other than who is actually sending it. This is called “spoofing.” The e-mail usually says something about how the bank is trying to update its records and asks you to reply with your account number, social security number, and so forth. I know of no bank or other reputable institution that would ask you for this kind of personal information in an e-mail. Once the sender has the information you so helpfully provided, he can cause major havoc, including emptying out your bank account, masquerading as you, or ruining your credit history, to name just a few possibilities. The best response in this case would be, **don’t answer the message.**

Finally, we come to two of the most recent types of malware — spyware and adware. I read an article just recently that said adware was similar to someone breaking into your house and leaving his business card on every flat surface. Spyware, according to the article, is similar to someone breaking into your house and installing hidden cameras in every room. Both of these types of malware are generally installed on your computer when you visit a website and install something. An example — while cruising the Web, I stumbled upon a promotion for a “free” screensaver. When I clicked to install it, I got an End User License Agreement (EULA) window that asked me to agree to all the terms and conditions as put forth. Like most people, I didn’t read the whole seventeen pages of legalese in eight-point typeface. Somewhere buried in the EULA there was a statement that said something like, “We reserve the right to install anything we want on your computer and track the websites

you visit so that we can sell that information to spammers and other miscreants, and by continuing you agree that you will never try to uninstall our software.” Although this is a made-up example, I have seen EULAs that are very similar. Sometimes, as in the case of most spyware, you are not even given the courtesy of a EULA. The website just installs the software.

The problem with spyware and adware, other than privacy invasion, is that there are so many of them floating around the Internet that most computers have several of them installed. So many of the computer’s resources are being devoted to tracking what the user is doing that there are very few resources left to do what the user really wants to do. One symptom of an adware/spyware infection is that your computer runs dramatically slower than it used to.

There are many inexpensive and several free adware/spyware removal tools. I use Microsoft’s *AntiSpyware* and one called *SpyBot*. Both of these tools work quite well in keeping adware/spyware off your machine, and they’re free.

If you have a seriously infected computer, you may have to run these tools multiple times to remove the adware or spyware. Some spyware is very persistent and will actively resist being uninstalled. The Information Systems Group has developed some techniques that make adware or spyware removal a little easier. Ask me if you are interested, since that kind of detailed instruction is a bit beyond the scope of this article.

As you can see, there are plenty of things out there that can be a danger to your computer. The operating system itself has flaws and security holes, and there are lots of people out there actively attacking your computer. Recent schemes are using human

Earl Browning from Heacham, England, joined PPD in September of 1984. He is the Master Plumber for Area Three. Earl started in the plumbing trade while he was in high school. What he likes most are the occasional challenges, learning new concepts, his customers, and his coworkers. His dislikes about the trade are the potential for contracting infectious diseases and the health hazards associated with being a plumber/gasfitter. Earl and his wife have no children, but they do have dachshunds, turtles, and tortoises. Earl enjoys restoring and reconditioning old Dodge and Plymouth vehicles, and renovating old houses.

James Birgbauer is from Santa Barbara, California. He joined PPD in July 2005 and works as a Plumber II at Area Three. His stepfather owned a plumbing business and was his mentor. The stability is what he likes most about the plumbing trade. James is married, with a son living in Montana. He enjoys photography and sports.

John Couch is from East Grand Forks, North Dakota. He joined PPD in December of 1996, and is now the Master Plumber for Area Two. A neighbor influenced him in becoming a plumber while he was a starving student, though his father was always his mentor, teaching him to multi-task and to go get what he wanted out of life, including the ranking of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. What he likes most about plumbing are the sense of accomplishment and the self-satisfaction of completing tasks. His dislikes about the trade are the back-breaking work that is required and the uncomfortable positions you find yourself in. John and his wife have three children. He enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, skiing, and playing with his children in the park.

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Andy Cordova is from Albuquerque. He joined PPD in 1997 and is a Plumber II for Area Two. He joined the trade to “make something of himself.” His father, mother, wife, and children have inspired him and have always been there for him. What he likes about plumbing is working with his hands. One of Andy’s hobbies is riding motorcycles for charities. He also enjoys spending time with his grandkids and following the Minnesota Vikings.

Darcy Brazen is from northern Michigan, and joined PPD in August 2002 as a Plumber I at Area Four. Her roommate worked at Ford Utilities, inspiring Darcy to apply. Darcy says that she likes the physical exertion and has a sense of satisfaction when able to walk away from a job after a long day with everything in working order, but doesn’t like the tight, dirty, nearly inaccessible spaces. Away from work, Darcy is involved with a group that monitors police activity. She enjoys hiking, camping, basketball, and reading novels.

Mohsen Tootoonchi is from Mashad, Iran and became a U.S. citizen in 1978. He joined PPD in November of 1999, and is a Plumber II for Area Four. Mohsen joined the trade after receiving a Bachelor’s degree in Business, but being unable to find a job pertaining to his degree. Former PPD maintenance manager Joe Carrasco was Mohsen’s mentor. What he likes most about plumbing are working with steam and troubleshooting heating problems, but dislikes working with waste systems. He and his wife have two daughters. Mohsen enjoys working on cars, yard work, and repairing appliances.

Retirement: A good 37 years

By Amy C deBaca

Johnny Padilla was born in Raton, New Mexico, but has lived in Bernalillo for 49 years. Along with a full career with UNM Physical Plant, he enjoys a rich personal life with his wife, two sons, and six grandchildren (who all live in Bernalillo and Albuquerque). He’s played softball for 20 years, has umpired softball for ten years, has worked for a volunteer fire department for 20 years, and is a member of Knights of Columbus.

Johnny was hired in July of 1968 to do grounds maintenance, and his starting salary was a staggering \$1.25 per hour! After about a year of grounds work, in which he used to chalk the football field when it was on main campus, he joined the Special Activities moving crew and was promoted to driver after about three years. With that promotion came a 25¢ per hour raise.

In 1974, Johnny, who was looking for a change, decided to go into the Machinery Maintenance/Building Operation on-the-job training program. Under the tutelage of senior mechanics and technicians, he learned to maintain and repair the intricate and often well-worn mechanical systems in buildings that were assigned to him. After three years of on-the-job training, he was assigned to his own set of buildings on campus. They were classics—Mitchell Hall, Carlisle Gym, Anthropology, Ortega Hall, Alumni Chapel, Humanities, Woodward, and the Old Bookstore (which was new then) were built and added to his set during that time. In the mid-90s,

maintenance areas were established, and Johnny transferred to an area that would give him a change of scenery. He transferred to Area One, where he worked until his recent retirement. There he took care of the Law School, Continuing Ed, Physics and Astronomy, and Physical Plant, to name a few. He entered the Career Ladder program, which led him to the position of HVAC Technician II, requiring extensive licensing. Mr. Padilla holds both Low and High Pressure Boilers Licenses, a Journeyman Gasfitter’s License, and a Journeyman Plumber’s License.

Johnny’s recollections of campus are rich, and he has seen much change. He remembers when there wasn’t a Duck Pond and when no parking permits were needed. He remembers the first meter maid, Frieda, and when the University had its own dogcatcher. He worked through the campus unrest of the 60s and 70s and saw more than 50 buildings built. The mechanical trades personnel count at the Physical Plant went from approximately 15 in 1970 to over 100 currently. His reflection on so many changes is that while many upgrades are made to classic buildings such as Hodgin Hall and the University House in order to serve the University population, the historic and architectural integrity of the campus is maintained.

When asked what he liked most about working at the University, Johnny stated, “It’s hard to say. The people are great, and the University has such great benefits. Yes, it’s the benefits, all of them.”

Notables...



Congratulations to PPD's Safety Award recipients: **Warith Morris**, Special Activities mover, protected both a load of partitions and the forklift operator during a multi-floor operation. Master gardener **Felix Vallejos** received the award for July for staying abreast on applying pesticides by becoming familiar with regulations and safety issues. Grounds & Landscaping grounds tech **Ruben Sanchez** recognized a hazardous limb that needed trimming, turning away a potentially hazardous situation.

Kudos

Jeff Kormanik, Accountant II in the Accounting Section, has completed the Career Ladder program. Jeff has been promoted to an Accountant III as a result. PPD's Human Resources manager, **Rufina Gomez**, has documented practical exempt-level HR work experience in order to be eligible to take a rigorous, comprehensive examination in the field of human resource management. By successfully completing the examination, Rufina has obtained the Professional in Human Resources (PHR) designation from the Society for Human Resource Professionals. With these credentials, she has committed to stay up to date in the field through recertification every three years. Congratulations, Jeff and Rufina!

Why didn't I think of that?

Louis Griego of Area Three has

developed a great customer service tool for our customers at Student Activities. Student Activities often shows outdoor movies on the Johnson Field. They have had to suffer with lighting that detracted from the movie, and have had to pay for an electrician to come in to turn the lighting off and then back on. Louis suggested that we purchase a programmable timer to be set to provide dimmer lighting for the movie, and that would turn the lights back on to provide security lighting after the show. This service has saved the Physical Plant and Student Activities the cost of an electrician's overtime. Great work, Louis!

PPD's Planning Office surveys space needs

Rick Ruminski and a survey team of four student workers have been engaged in the creation of a database for understanding our greatest facility needs and to guide the prioritization of future capital projects. Since January, the Planning Office has focused on the completion of the Campus Space Capacity Analysis. The students' job is to visit with every academic department to verify which spaces are offices, teaching labs, study spaces, or classrooms. This project should be complete in November 2005.

8th Annual Custodial Rodeo Olympics

By Dan Humbles

Nine teams of custodians participated in the Olympics held in Johnson Gym on September 7. Over 100 custodians, sponsors, and UNM staff watched their favorite teams compete in the Johnny-mop toss, t.p. toss, spray bottle bowling, lasso (pad) toss, and the very popular mystery game. On September 8 an awards and recognition banquet was held outside of HSSB. Team awards were given out to first place (The Graveyard Terminators, East Section), second place (The Crew, Day Section), and third place (4 to 1, HSC Custodial).

At the banquet, PPD director Mary Vosevich also handed out

prizes donated by many of our custodial services business partners and supporters including Brady, Cintas, DPI Southwest, Ecolab, Fleming, Grainger, Maxwell Museum, Sodexo, Unisource, and the UNM Bookstore. Custodians were also recognized for their commitment to safety (zero accidents) and perfect attendance since the last Olympics.

Thanks to **Victor Tovar**, **Nora Boyer**, their supervisors, and our business partners, who helped with setting up and officiating the games and organizing the banquet.

Many thanks to our custodians for their hard work in providing a valuable service to the University community. You are greatly appreciated!



Looking at credentials

By Harvey Chace

Following up on the popular *Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day*, the Physical Plant recently sponsored a *Take Your License to Work Day*. The purpose of this special event was to verify the required professional credentials of Physical Plant employees.

The director of the Physical Plant, Mary Vosevich, declared the credential check-up day as a means to ensure that the special technical skills of Plant technicians and supervisors are still officially recognized by the State of New Mexico and other verifying authorities. According to Vosevich, this ensures that the University is continuing to receive the full benefit of the credentials that personnel presented when they were hired. She was especially concerned that

licensed personnel such as boiler operators, electricians, water treatment specialists, etc. were still certified to operate, maintain, and repair equipment that might affect the safety of UNM students, faculty, and staff.

This is an unprecedented move. I've been in the facility maintenance business for over 20 years, and have never seen a license and certification check of this magnitude. It's a demonstration to the campus that every Physical Plant technician they see working in a building is properly licensed and certified to do their job.

In all, more than 100 Plant employees were required to produce original licenses, certifications, or diplomas. These documents were photocopied and are retained in the PPD Human Resources office.

The review of the trades licenses and special operating permits also provided PPD with the opportunity to create a database of credentials. The database will be used to help set appropriate levels of compensation for new employees, and the license expiration dates recorded during this review will be used to send reminders to our staff that a credential is about to expire.

Recertification management will be a big job for PPD's HR office. Many employees were required to produce multiple state licenses or special training certifications to qualify to be hired. Many of these credentials require periodic classroom refresher training and retesting before they can be reissued.

Keeping track of all these due dates and training requirements requires the efforts of an experienced Human Resources staff with excellent database management skills. Our newest addition to the PPD HR staff, **Eileen Brinkerhoff**, admits that it's important work that requires attention to detail. "We must be consistent and fair in administering this program. We can't make any exceptions to each job description's minimum credential requirements," said Eileen. "Strict interpretation of the rules is essential to maintain the Plant's credibility as a highly skilled workforce."

Joel Straquadine, manager of facility maintenance for the campus, agrees. "We don't have the budget to hire all the people a manager typically needs to keep our old campus buildings operating smoothly, so we hire highly experienced personnel who carry several special licenses in a given trade. Some employees are licensed in several trades at the same time. These employment candidates are more likely to be technical problem-solvers and innovators. We need people of that caliber to compensate for staff shortages. That is why we place such emphasis on licensing and special certifications."

Woodward Hall's auditorium gets a facelift



A significant development in the 2004-05 academic year was the renewal of the Woodward Hall auditorium. The renovation included new interior finishes and replacement of 800 theater seats and all of the carpeting and tiling. This is the first upgrade to UNM's second-largest venue. (Popejoy is the largest.) The new seating arrived on July 20, and the auditorium was ready for the fall semester several weeks ahead of schedule. **Paul Chacho** was the project manager of the \$400,000 renovation.



In Brief...

State-of-the-art refuse truck

Environmental Services has purchased a new refuse truck equipped with state-of-the-art features such as a rear-mounted camera for increased safety. The truck operates on biodiesel to comply with the University's commitment to conserve natural resources.

Added benefit to UNM and UNMH employer-sponsored health plans

All UNM and UNM Hospital employees and their dependents enrolled in a UNM or UNMH employer-sponsored health plan are now able to see a physician at UNM's Student Health Center. This service is available through the LoboCare Network. The LoboCare Clinic, located on the second floor, is now open and offers same-day primary care appointments. To make an appointment, call Centralized Scheduling at 272-1623 and ask for a same-day, primary care appointment at the Clinic. For more information, call 272-8481 or send an e-mail to lobocare@salud.unm.edu.

Access to the Service Building

Camino del Servicio no longer connects to Yale from the west. The east exit out of the Facility Planning and Physical Plant parking areas have been barricaded, and a connection made to Camino de Salud. To enter these facilities from Lomas, turn onto Yale and continue to Camino de Salud, then turn left and continue to Camino del Servicio.

Centennial Library reopens

After \$2.3 million in repairs stemming from a frozen pipe which burst last December, the Centennial Library officially reopened its doors on August 31 even though everyone worked diligently and effectively to



By Paula Reno

PPD employees continue to take advantage of opportunities to tour Physical Plant facilities—a very popular customer service tool for the employees of PPD. In July, mover **Karla Chavez**, **Thu Luu** and **Cathie Behrens-Smith** from the Accounting Section, Information Systems student **Roy Garza**, **James Birgbauer** of Area Three, and **Duane Stair**, **Carlos Nevarez**, and **Rocky Briggs**, all from Area Four, attended the three-hour whirlwind tour of various PPD sections. The tour gave the employees a feel for the diversity of jobs within PPD and where Physical Plant sections are located. (Photo) Area Three manager **Bob Garman** maps the location of the buildings maintained by Area Three personnel.

open parts of the library by March. The incident caused the spill of 40,000 gallons of water into the building. Fortunately, most of the cost for repairs was covered by UNM's insurance carrier.

Governor Richardson visits UNM

Last spring the Physical Plant installed the Hydro Pro 1000 sprinkler control system to help the University of New Mexico Hospital Lifeguard helicopter land on Johnson Field during emergencies. The Hydro Pro 1000, developed by Contact Wireless, uses cell phone technology to activate and deactivate the irrigation system at Johnson Field. The Physical Plant can remotely operate the system when incoming helicopter emergencies occur at night and during other non-working hours. The technology can also be used to operate several locations at once, thus eliminating drive-time to each location.

To raise public awareness about New Mexico's water situation, Governor Richardson was on campus on September 22 to promote the new technology and our current water conservation practices.

Award earned through contributions

At the recent annual conference in Orlando, Florida, **Harvey Chace** received one of six national Pacesetter Awards for service to the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA). Harvey was recognized for authoring a chapter in APPA's publication entitled, *Planning and Managing the Campus Facilities Portfolio*, and for serving as one of the associate directors of APPA's Center for Facilities Research and for initiating a Student Chapter research competition. He was also recognized for his contribution to the advancement of higher education facilities management in the State of New Mexico.

Navor Lovato, Plumber II at Area Four, is from Mountainair. Ladis Romero, a licensed general/mechanical contractor, was his mentor and helped Navor get into the trade. What he likes most about plumbing is working on remodels. He dislikes repairing faucets and valves. He enjoys helping at his church and going to indoor flea markets. He and his wife have five children and fourteen grandchildren.

Robert Nemudrov is from Albuquerque. He joined PPD in June 1998 and is a Plumber II at Area Four. He started in the trade by installing swimming pools. What he likes most is the completion of new installations—working from the ground up and finishing it out. What he likes least is repair plumbing. Robert enjoys soccer with the kids and motorcycling. He and his wife have three boys.

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There are other relief programs that are in desperate need of your help. Efforts continue to rescue pets still left stranded. The website listed is just one of many where you can get information: www.noahswish.org. Thanks for your generous support! ■

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nature and psychology to get you to open the door to an attack. What's a computer user to do?

Keeping your computer safe is always a compromise between accessibility and security. The most secure computer is the one that is never turned on. The computer that everyone can access is not secure. I recommend that you be cautious in visiting websites and opening e-mail, keep your computer's operating system and anti-virus software up to date, and back up your data. Most importantly, know that someday, sooner or later, either through a security issue or software or hardware failure, your computer will fail. Planning now how you will recover from that failure will make all the difference when that unhappy event occurs. ■

So very Merry...

By Amy CdeBaca

Larry Merry, a retired PPD employee, was seen around the Physical Plant in September. No, he didn't come back to work! So, what was he doing here? Larry is very involved in several woodworking organizations, one of them being the Albuquerque Rio Grande Association of Woodcarvers. This year they are creating many ornaments for the holiday tree that is going to Washington, D.C., and Larry was at PPD encouraging our staff to get involved.

Once again, New Mexico has been given the honor of providing *The People's Tree* for Capitol Hill, including 65 companion trees for other government offices in Washington. This gift to the nation is from the entire state of New Mexico. Community groups, organizations, artisans, Native American groups, and other individuals are encouraged to create and donate up to 2,000 ornaments for the smaller companion trees.

In November, *The People's Tree* will be cut and will travel through New Mexico before heading to the nation's capitol. In December, the holiday tree will grace the front lawn, facing the Washington Monument. It will be decorated with 10,000 lights and over 4,000 handcrafted ornaments.

The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and a New Mexico student will light the tree during a special ceremony which will be viewed nationwide by millions of people.

If you like to carve and are interested in helping with this endeavor, Larry invites you to join his chapter of woodcarvers. They meet on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at Copper and University. The plan is to complete the project by October 15.

For more information about this project, you can visit: www.capitolholidaytree2005.net.



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