In late October, design-builder Tacoma Narrows Constructors lifted the last of 15 deck sections off the TEAL, a semi-submersible ship that delivered the second of three shiploads of deck sections to the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Once the TEAL had delivered its cargo, the ship returned to Tacoma’s Commencement Bay where crews removed and stored mooring equipment to use on the sister ship SWAN when it returns to Tacoma.

The SWAN is currently in South Korea, where it is being loaded with the final 15 deck sections for the new bridge deck. It is scheduled to arrive in Commencement Bay around Thanksgiving. During the month between the TEAL’s departure and the SWAN’s arrival, bridge crews began bolting and welding together the 31 deck sections that have already been lifted into place.

The new bridge is nearly 80 percent complete. In summer 2007, the new bridge on State Route 16 will give eastbound traffic two general purpose lanes and a “drop” lane. In summer 2008, when the new and existing bridges open in their final form, the 1950 span will take drivers westbound on two general purpose lanes and one carpool lane.

To date, the deck sections have only been temporarily pinned together, allowing the new bridge’s main suspension cables to deflect closer to their final geometry with each deck lift. With two-thirds of the deck sections hanging in place, the cable geometry is near enough to its final profile to allow permanent bolting to begin.

Deck-lifting activities will continue through the end of December. In total, 46 deck sections will be used to assemble the new bridge deck. Each deck section on average weighs 450 tons, and measures 120 feet long, 78 feet wide and 30 feet deep.

The new bridge opens to traffic in summer 2007, but renovations on the 1950 bridge go continued on page 3
Union’s Convention Delegates Pass Historic Organizing Resolution; Re-elect Officers

Delegates to the Laborers’ Union 23rd General Convention have unanimously approved an historic organizing resolution that will dramatically increase resources for growth. At the convention, held September 11 - 14, delegates also re-elected General President Terence M. O’Sullivan, General Secretary-Treasurer Armand E. Sabitoni and the General Executive Board’s vice presidents.

The organizing resolution mandates that each of the union’s nine regions raise 25 cents for every man-hour worked. That will raise about $104 million a year when fully implemented within the next 36 months. Coupled with current International Union spending on organizing of $10 million, the resolution will bring organizing resources to about $115 million - more than any other construction trades union and more than virtually any union in North America.

Delegates also:
- Mandated a 20 percent increase in market share over the next five years, similar to the market share resolution passed at the union’s 2001 convention. The union exceeded the 2001 goal, increasing market share by 31 percent in the last five years.
- Reaffirmed the Union’s commitment to mandatory apprenticeship, which increases job opportunities for members and helps union contractors better compete, for all new members.
- Adopted a strong corporate affairs program to leverage the effectiveness of the more than $30 billion in assets held by Laborers’ pension plans.
- Passed a resolution supporting the negotiation of voluntary checkoff to the Laborers Political League in every collective bargaining agreement in order to strengthen the power of Laborers’ voice in government and politics.
- Adopted a resolution calling upon the International Union, the Mail Handlers Union and all affiliates to make exclusive use of the United States Postal Service for overnight mail delivery.

General Executive Board vice presidents elected at the convention are: Vice Presidents at Large Vere O. Haynes, Mike Quevedo, Rocco Davis, Robert Richardson and Jose Moreno; and Terrence M. Healy, Great Lakes Region; Raymond M. Pocino, Eastern Region; Edward M. Smith, Midwest Region; James C. Hale, Ohio Valley and Southern States Region; Joseph S. Mancinelli, Central and Eastern Canada Region; Vincent Masino, New England Region; Dennis Martire, Mid-Atlantic Region; and Mano Frey, Northwest Region. John F. Hegarty, President of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, which is an affiliate of the Laborers’ Union, also serves on the General Executive Board. He was re-elected at the NPMHU convention earlier this year.

Source: www.liuna.org

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Denny Hoekema

Denny Hoekema of Local 242 began his career as a laborer thanks to his dad, Dean (who retired shortly after Denny journeyed out).

“I heard it was a great training program,” says Denny. “You get excellent training for the work you do.” Since beginning he has gained experience in concrete work, lead abatement, core catching, elevation on excavation, and scaffolding (where he was made a foreman at Waco Scaffolding). His future plans include experience in cutting and coring.

“I can honestly say that having Denny working for me was a real asset as well as a pleasure,” says John Baker, Field Agent for Local 242. “He’s always come to work with a great attitude, and work ethic; he always took safety very seriously and when he came back from his apprenticeship classes it really showed.

“I am very proud to call Denny (and Dean) brothers of Local 242.”

“Do it,” Denny advises anyone who is considering becoming an apprentice. “It gives a person a chance to get experience working in the field.”

Congratulations, Denny, on a job well done - and best of luck!

Unemployment Insurance information

WASHINGTON: 1.800.318.6022   website: http://www.go2ui.com
OREGON: Please see website for number for your region: website: http://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/UI/index.shtml
IDAHO: 1.208.334.4700             website: http://cl.idaho.gov/id-ui.htm

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on for another 11 months after that. (Renovations on the existing bridge will bring it current with earthquake code.)

More information on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge project can be found on the official website at www.tacomanarrowsbridge.com.
KINGSTON, WA

Asbestos Supervisor
40 hours
02/12/07 - 02/16/07

Asbestos Worker
40 hours
01/22/07 - 01/26/07
02/05/07 - 02/09/07

Concrete Basic
80 hours
01/08/07 - 01/19/07
02/12/07 - 02/23/07
03/05/07 - 03/16/07

Concrete Cutting & Coring
40 hours
02/12/07 - 02/16/07

Concrete Patch & Repair
40 hours
02/19/07 - 02/23/07

Concrete Specialist
80 hours
01/29/07 - 02/09/07
03/19/07 - 03/30/07

General Construction
80 hours
01/08/07 - 01/19/07
03/19/07 - 03/30/07

Grade Checking
80 hours
01/29/07 - 02/09/07

Hazardous Waste Worker
80 hours
03/05/07 - 03/16/07

Laborers - Our Heritage
40 hours
02/05/07 - 02/09/07
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OQ.R.2
8 hours
03/05/07

OSHA 500
40 hours
01/22/07 - 01/26/07

OSHA 502
24 hours
02/27/07 - 03/01/07

Pipe Pressure
80 hours
01/22/07 - 02/02/07

Pipeline Safety
80 hours
01/22/07 - 02/02/07

Pip Pressure
80 hours
02/12/07 - 02/24/07

Scaffold Builder
80 hours
03/05/07 - 03/16/07

Traffic Control Supervisor
24 hours
01/09/07 - 01/11/07
02/20/07 - 02/22/07
03/20/07 - 03/22/07

Traffic Control Supervisor REFRESHER
8 hours
01/08/07
02/19/07
03/19/07

Tunnel Safety
40 hours
01/29/07 - 02/02/07
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L-121 Eugene/Springfield 541-726-9348
L-121 Hermiston 541-517-5878
L-1400 Medford 541-664-2643
L-296 Portland 503-256-5716
L-320 Portland 503-253-4800

UTAH
L-295 Salt Lake 801-972-5380

WASHINGTON
L-252 Aberdeen 360-533-5658
L-276 Bellingham 360-733-0900
L-252 Bremerton 360-377-1313
L-292 Everett 425-259-5380
L-791 Longview 360-423-5690
L-901 Mt. Vernon 360-336-6159
L-252 Olympia 360-357-6460
L-348 Pasco 509-547-7553
L-252 Port Angeles 360-457-6929
L-242 Seattle 206-441-0470
L-440 Seattle 206-329-1540
L-238 Spokane 509-328-6660
L-252 Tacoma 253-383-1493
L-335 Vancouver 360-695-5318
L-292 Wenatchee 509-662-9762
L-614 Yakima 509-452-4332

For a description of courses offered, visit us on the web at: www.nwlett.org and click on the “course descriptions” link. The site also has updated listings of all classes including refresher and recertification classes held at local union halls.
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Leslie Olson began her apprenticeship with Local 440 in Seattle after looking for flagging work. While there, she read information regarding the apprenticeship program and got in contact with coordinator Tawny Sayers, who encouraged her to join the program. She graduated on October 11, 2006.

Leslie says the program, in conjunction with on-the-job training alongside journeymen, has been “…a great experience. The classes at Kingston and the on-the-job training have made my career move smoothly.”

She has worked building rail, laying pipe, mucking, setting catch basins, doing tunnel concrete work, and basic grade checking for a third runway. Through her varied experience she has found that she enjoys the progression of raw materials to a finished product, and would like to do more concrete work.

To those considering apprenticeship, Leslie says, “It’s a great opportunity to learn good skills and make great wages while working with a great group of craftspeople.”

Congratulations, Leslie, on a job well done - and best of luck!

The Northwest Laborers-Employers Training Program is proud to announce the latest graduates of the apprenticeship program. These men and women have completed some 4,000 hours of intense hands-on and on-the-job training and are now considered JOURNEYMEN Construction Craft Laborers.

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Holiday Season Raises Safety Concerns

In all the excitement and distraction of the holiday season, safety isn’t always top-of-mind. Yet, as families and friends gather in celebratory situations, dangers increase and the risk of household accidents is high. Even the weeks leading up to the holidays carry increased risk as shoppers first crowd the malls in search of the gifts, decorations, food and drink that make this time of year so special – and then return home to make preparations for their parties and family celebrations.

Ladders and electricity are familiar to Laborers at their worksites, but the situations at home are often different and need particular consideration. For other family members who decorate, the holidays may be the only time of year when they get involved with ladders or electrical safety. Here are some safety tips for these two important and common concerns.

**Ladders:**

Choose the right ladder and right size for the job (for extension ladders, at least one foot of distance from wall for each four feet in height).

Keep all ladders at least ten feet away from power lines.

Always secure the ladder by tying it down or having someone hold it.

Make sure it is set up on level firm ground.

Always face the ladder.

Wear slip resistant shoes.

Always maintain three-point contact (one hand, two feet).

Do not work from the top three steps of a ladder.

Do not carry objects in your hands when moving up or down a ladder (attach them to a tool belt or pull them up on a line after).

Do not use a ladder when it is windy.

Never leave an unsecured ladder set-up unattended.

**Electrical:**

Don’t work around electrical hazards when it is wet out or when floors or skin are wet.

Do not use wires, outlets or plugs that are broken or frayed.

Make sure there are no bare wires.

Always use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI).

Always unplug circuits, tools before attempting to fix them.

Do not let children use electrical tools, tools or appliances without adult supervision.

Electricity can be particularly hazardous if you have a heart condition.

Get help immediately if there is an accident. CPR may not be enough.

Turn off tree lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

Indoors or outside, only use lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, which indicates conformance with safety standards.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections; throw out damaged sets.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.

Source: Lifelines Online archives