



# NEWS & VIEWS

. . . . what's happening at Wick

4th Quarter, 2003

## CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Southwest Recycling & Transfer Station  
Mountlake Terrace, WA (Job 692)**

The new Recycling and Transfer Station for Snohomish County is now over 50% complete. During the past three months, the Project Team of Steve Norman, George Mason, and Ian O'Reilly have supervised as several large retaining walls were installed and Hall Creek relocated. The Baker Tanks are no longer being used to treat incoming storm water, as the remaining footings are now above groundwater level.

Most recently, pouring of the tipping slab allowed the construction team to begin erection of the main steel building. To add a little excitement, shortly after erection began, a 205' long composite frame for the main building, 35' from slab elevation, collapsed and came to rest on top of the two cranes performing the erection work. An ironworker was on the frame as it came down and amazingly suffered only minor cuts and obvious shock - the only injury.

Although a setback to job progress, this has also been a learning opportunity. The goal now is to determine what went wrong. Wick was not cited by the Department of Labor and Industries, and execution of every aspect of the erection had been reviewed before proceeding. The construction and management teams, along with various affected subcontractors and the involved independent engineers and consultants, have all been working diligently to ensure only positive progress from this point forward.

The SWRTS crew worked non-stop to prepare the site for erection to resume, and on December 30<sup>th</sup> erection on the main building began again. Several retaining walls, the Scale and Recycling Facilities, and the Staff Building still remain to be completed by a very capable, if weary, project management team.

*(Story contributed by Kelly VanHooser.)*

SWRTS Project Team:

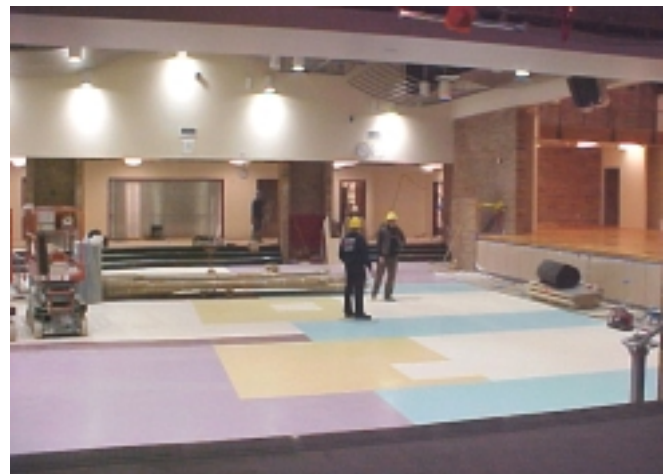
*Steve Norman, Project Manager  
George Mason, Superintendent  
Ian O'Reilly, Project Engineer  
Kelly VanHooser, Admin. Assistant*

- **LaVenture Middle School, Addition &  
Modernization, Mount Vernon, WA  
(Job 693)**

This project will be tied up by the end of January and here are a few parting shots.



West Courtyard on a cold winter day.



Workers wrap up final construction of the Cafeteria. It was completed and occupied by the staff & students for the start of winter quarter, 01/05/04.

Despite some significant weather and design integration obstacles, the project team for LaVenture Middle School will deliver a fine new facility to the Mount Vernon School District by the end of January.

*Terry Lavin, Sr. Project Manager  
Randy Lisman, Superintendent  
Ryan Rudolph, Project Engineer - Jobsite  
Dave Pederson, Project Engineer - Office  
Karen Moon, Admin. Assistant*

- **North Seattle Community College – Arts & Sciences 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Remodel, Seattle, WA (Job 696)**

*Steve Hansen, Sr. Project Manager  
Nathan Kirstein, Project Engineer  
Les O'Dell, Superintendent  
Karen Moon & Nicole Batchelor, Admin. Assistants*

This \$4.6 million project is contained within the existing NSCC structure (the NE corner of the building as you're passing by on I-5). Changes to the facility include gutting approx. 35,800 SF of existing Art & Science classrooms, prep areas, and laboratories, to make way for all new interior walls for classroom & lab areas.



Wall Framing in Progress . . . .

A new gas fired boiler to replace an outdated electric heat system and exterior toilet rooms are also included. A feature of interest will be a telescope mounted on the upper deck area. Framing is now complete, GWB begun, and the overall project is approximately 20% complete.

An interesting challenge at the NSCC project involved the lack of proper as-built drawings. The slab was determined to be post tension construction only after X-ray examination. It then became necessary to increase the already large number of slab penetrations, particularly for plumbing changes, which have also been required because of code compliance/update issues.

- **New Bethel High School #3, Graham, WA (Job 697)**

*Steve Hansen, Sr. Project Manager  
Dana Malek, Superintendent  
Dave Proctor, Project Engineer - Structural  
Ian O'Reilly, Project Engineer – Arch., Mech., Elec.  
Karen Moon & Nicole Batchelor, Admin. Assistants*

This \$29 Million, 177,000 SF project is well underway, with site clearing activities complete and footings being poured for the Area A walls. The mason is mobilizing and structural steel should start arriving around the end of January. Underground work is progressing in Area B, with a slight hindrance due to various weather conditions, see photo on next page.



Mid-December – Area A Footings Well Underway



An irresistible shot from the Bethel jobsite on 01/05/04. We'll try to show you this angle again – maybe with some changes in the foreground!

• **Qwest Projects**

At this time of year, the Qwest contract team gets to take a little breather before a slate of new 2004 projects gets underway.

**Current/Ongoing:**

Renton C.O. Generator/ HVAC/Fire Alarm Replacement	<i>John Carlson Andy Martinsen</i>
Bellingham C.O. Generator Installation	<i>Joel Chriscaden Duane Baker</i>

**Recently Completed:**

Cherry C.O. – Electrical Service Upgrades & Generator Replacement	<i>John Carlson Andy Martinsen</i>
Auburn C.O. Elec. Service & Mechanical Upgrades	<i>Ricardo Andrade Duane Baker</i>
Waverly C.O. Building Addition	<i>Larry Campbell Duane Baker</i>
Terry Avenue Computer Room Expansion	<i>Dana True Andy Martinsen</i>
Lakeview & Sunset Battery Rooms	<i>Joel Chriscaden Andy Martinsen</i>

**BIDDING**

**Current schedule:** Lake City Civic Core (Library & Neighborhood Service Center  
01/21 2:00 p.m. Seattle, WA

**ACTIVITIES**

On December 5, the annual Wick holiday party was held at the main office. Everybody who was anybody attended, including Elvis!



This was one of the best organized, and most fun parties ever arranged. A round of applause is due to all the social committee members and volunteers (Kelly, Nicole, Dale, Kathie) who helped plan, decorate, shop, move furniture, clean up and in general transform the office for a fantasy casino night.



We had the option of playing Roulette, Blackjack, or Craps, with the winnings (raffle tickets) going into a pot for the drawing of great prizes - all to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. Everyone had a wonderful time.

A **company hockey night** is planned for Friday, February 6. Seattle vs. Portland at 7:05 p.m., Key Arena. RSVP to Dave Pederson now, if you're interested!

*Social Committee Members: Laura Rupert, Nate Kirstein, Kristin Betancourt, Ryan Rudolph, Dave Pederson and Mike McCorvy.*

## A WORD FROM MANAGEMENT

The cost of work in place during 2003 was slightly more than 2002, but well below our volume in previous years. Looking forward, we are optimistic that 2004 will provide a better economic environment for our contracting opportunities. During times of decreased volume, the results of each project, division, and department become more crucial. All of your individual efforts in this regard are recognized and continuously appreciated.

## SAFETY ISSUES

*Did you know?*

*Every 5 seconds someone is injured in the home and becomes a medical emergency.*

*Every hour, 3 people die as a result of injuries suffered in the home.*

### General Safety Tips:

- Keep guns unloaded and locked away.
- Install and maintain smoke detectors throughout the house.
- Develop a fire exit plan.
- If you have a chimney/fireplace, have it checked annually.
- Keep emergency numbers posted near the telephone.

### Kitchen Safety Tips:

- Keep appliance cords away from the sink and stove.
- Have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, near an exit, away from the stove.
- While cooking:
  - Avoid loose, flowing clothes & be careful with long sleeves.
  - Turn pot and pan handles away from the stove front.
  - Do not leave a pan of cooking grease unattended.
  - Never pick up a pan of burning grease. First turn the burner off; then slide a lid on the pan.

## BIRTHDAYS

January:	01/14	John Prata (692)
	01/18	Ray Wilbur (693)
	01/19	Christopher Mosey (692)
	01/20	Dana Malek (697)
February:	02/01	George Parent (Qwest)
	02/05	Dave Proctor (Struct. P.E.)
	02/07	Steve Hansen (Sr. P.M.)
	02/09	Nate Kirstein (P.E.)
	02/16	Mike McCorvy (Safety)
	02/17	Craig Papke (I.T.)
	02/24	James Storlie (692)
	02/27	David Bratlien (692)
March:	03/10	George Mason (692)
	03/16	Bruce Myers (President)

## WICK ANNIVERSARIES

January:	Steve Hansen – 26 Years
	Joel Chriscaden (Qwest) – 14 Years
	Monte Coffin (692) – 11 Years
	Mike McCorvy – 1 Year
February:	Jack Seip – 21 Years
	Mike Wilson (692) – 4 Years
	Nate Kirstein – 3 Years
March:	Kit Bratlien – 27 Years
	Kathie Wood – 3 Years
	Ryan Rudolph – 3 Years
	Dana True – 20 Years

## Home Safety Tips:

### Bathroom Safety Tips:

- Use non-skid rug (not towels) on the floor.
- Hot water temperature should not be higher than 120 degrees.
- Never use any electrical appliances while bathing.
- Make sure your hands are dry when plugging in appliances.

### Bedroom Safety Tips:

- Keep a working flashlight handy in case of power failure.
- Have a lamp or light switch within easy reach of bed.
- Keep a phone next to the bed. If you don't have a jack near the bed, consider a portable phone.

### Living Room Safety Tips:

- Secure rugs and carpets to the floor.
- Make sure all electrical cords are out of the flow of traffic.
- Make sure you have a light switch or lamp near entrances.
- Another room to have a working flashlight.