



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

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No Meetings Scheduled



MARK YOUR CALENDERS – UPCOMING “VIRTUAL” NECA SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 10TH

The NECA Team is excited to get back on track with our bi-monthly Safety Committee Meetings. On Friday, July 10th, representatives from Benesys, Inc. (Drug-Free Workplace), will be speaking at our first “virtual” Safety Committee Meeting. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Some of the topics for discussion will include Program Overview, Testing Requirements, Reasonable Suspicion, and a Q&A portion. This meeting is open to anyone in your firm that would like to attend. For those that wish to attend **Please RSVP to PSC NECA Director of Safety, Justin Thayer at justin@necaseattle.org**

FACE COVERINGS NOW REQUIRED IN PUBLIC

Effective June 26th, a statewide order requires individuals to wear a face covering in indoor public spaces such as stores and retail shopping centers. The order also requires face coverings outdoors when you can't stay 6 feet apart from others. There are exemptions, including people with certain disabilities or health conditions, people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and children under the age of 5. To read a copy of the statewide order, click [here](#)

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STATE AUDIT SUGGESTS SOUND TRANSIT CAN DO BETTER WHEN IT COMES TO ADVANCE PLANNING, CONTRACTING

Washington's State Auditor's Office is trying to get Sound Transit back in shape financially. An audit was recently conducted and included ways the agency could cut costs. The report states that since the ST3 transportation package was approved by voters in 2016, cost increases and equipment failures on Sound Transit projects have raised questions about project oversight. One of the bigger cost overruns occurred on the light rail line from Federal Way to Lynnwood (\$1.1 billion). The light-rail extension from Seattle to the I-90 bridge called for \$225 million in additional funds.



The audit is suggesting Sound Transit limit the number of order changes meant to correct design or contract mistakes. During the time period examined by the audit there were 300 change orders worth \$172 million; \$100 million addressed mistakes or missing information in designs and contracts. The State Auditor's Office is recommending that Sound Transit do more advanced planning. Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff says the agency is already applying lessons learned.

INDEPENDENCE DAY – A COMMENTARY BY NEIL CAVUTO

Independence Day. Let's consider for a moment what that means for you. You're independent to do what you want. Eat what you want. Drink as much as you want. You're independent to screw up your life or lead a very exemplary life. It's your call — your choice — your country. Your God-given right to make of your time on Earth what you want on this earth. What people forget is that key to the word independence is no dependence on anything or anyone to save you...from yourself. You're not dependent on a government to rescue you or a bureaucracy to coddle you or a program to steer you. No, in this country “you” guide “you.” Now if this seems a little strange, it should — because that was the idea. It's far from the reality.

There are those among us convinced what we cannot get ourselves maybe the government can get for us. So, we become a little less independent and a lot more dependent on programs that cheapen our soul than challenge our spirit. And, with each protection granted, another independent verve slips. And we ask for more and consider of ourselves less. This Independence Day it would be wise to remember what our forefathers envisioned: A country of rebellious, zealous, over-achieving individualists, more inclined to dictate their own fortunes than have a government squander everyone else's.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1958 – Brazil defeats host nation Sweden 5-2 to win its first World Cup. Brazil came into the tournament as a favorite, and did not disappoint, thrilling the world with their spectacular play, which was often referred to as the “beautiful game.”

The star of the tournament was an undersized midfielder named Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known the world over as Pelé. Edson, the son of a professional footballer called Dodhino, was named for the American inventor, Thomas Edison. His mother, having watched her husband struggle to earn money in the game, discouraged Pelé from playing football. Pelé's will won out, and at 14 he was discovered by de Brito, a former Brazilian team member, who took the young scorer under his wing. Pelé earned his first shot with the national team at 16, and made his debut on the international stage at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden at 17 years old.



In that year's Cup, Pelé did not make an appearance until Brazil's third group play match against the Soviet Union, in which he set up a goal for Vava. His first goal came in the quarterfinal against Wales; it was the only goal Brazil scored in a 1-0 win. It was in the semifinal against France, though, that Pelé truly came into his own. As the crowd at Rasunda Stadium listened to the Sweden-West Germany game on their radios, Pelé put on a show of offensive brilliance against the second best team in the tournament. He scored three goals from his left side, and left the French team dumbfounded at their inability to contain a 17 year old. Pelé and Vava scored two goals each in the final. Upon receiving the Jules Rimet Cup as the best team in the world, the entire team wept.

Brazil went on to win the World Cup again in 1962 and 1970, which gave them the right to retain the Jules Rimet Cup permanently as the first country to win three World Cups. In 1999, the International Olympic Committee honored Pelé along with 10 others as one of the best athletes of the century.

“The essence of America — that which really unites us — is not ethnicity, or nationality or religion — it is an idea — and what an idea it is: That you can come from humble circumstances and do great things. That it doesn’t matter where you came from but where you are going.”

—Condoleezza Rice

As of Friday, June 26th, there are 261 JW on Book 1 and 120 JW on Book 2. There are currently 3 Commercial Apprentices, 0 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 0 unfilled Commercial, 0 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential Apprentice requests.