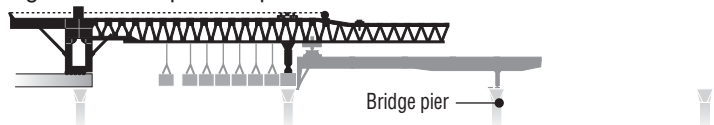


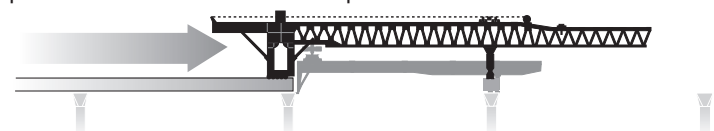
# AN ACCIDENT UNFOLDS

Self-launching gantry truss cranes crawled along the tops of bridge piers to set the new bridge deck. But on Feb. 16, 2004, one known as "LG2" collapsed in the northbound lane of the future bridge, killing four workers and injuring four others.

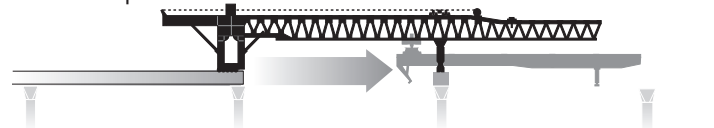
The previous week, the crane lifted, glued, and strung segments together to complete a span.



On Friday, Feb. 13, the main truss was pulled forward to the next set of piers.



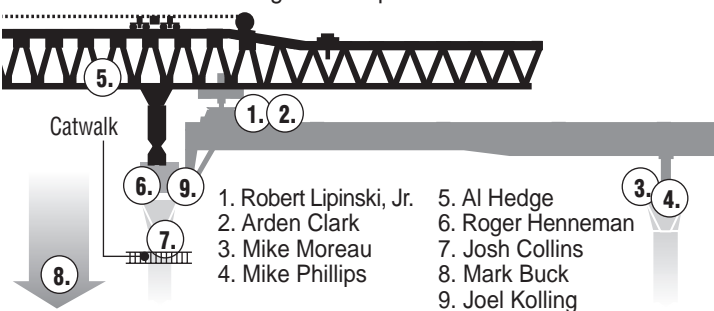
On Monday morning, Feb. 16, the underbridge was launched to its next set of piers.



The crew had to launch the underbridge farther than the piers, so it could lower the rear leg brace and begin to reverse the underbridge.



Location of workers during the collapse.



## The accident:

At 2:22 p.m., within an inch of setting the underbridge's legs on those piers, the crane collapsed.

