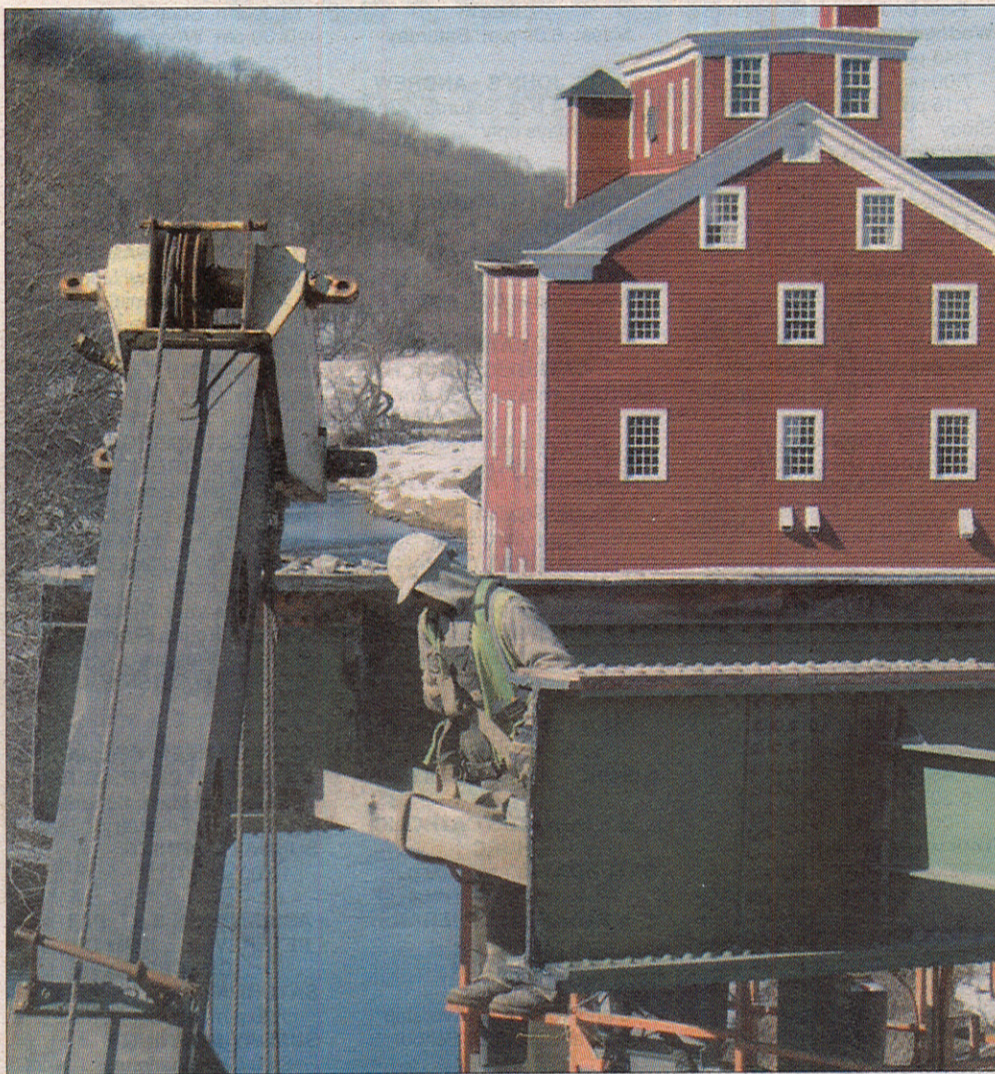


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Men at work
Bellevue's old overpass bridge disappears in demolition project



If you haven't paid attention since the new Bellevue Highway 52 overpass bridge opened recently you'll be surprised at how fast the old bridge is disappearing. Demolition of the old bridge began quickly with completion of the \$8.6 million Iowa DOT funded new structure cheek by jowl to the old structure. A small army of men and machines first removed the steel reinforced

deck with a convoy of dump trucks. Now the deck beams are quickly being dismantled along with those signature piers. A jack hammer equipped excavator is quickly reducing them to rubble. The steel salvaged from the deck and piers is trucked to a recycling yard at Hurstville. The Iowa DOT is stockpiling the concrete rubble from the demolition for use stabilizing banks and waterways.

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