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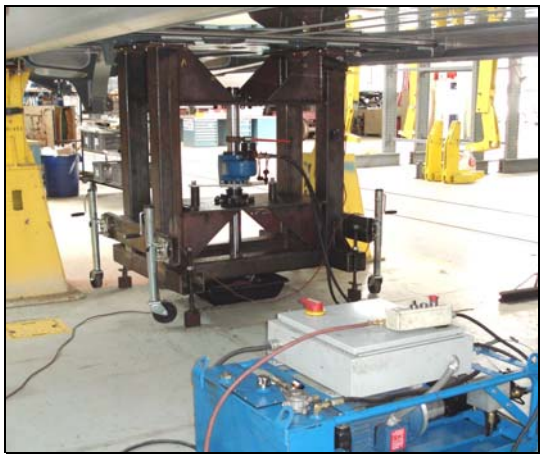
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**No Job too Hot or too Cold...** What happens when your melting furnace drops a heating coil and you freeze a 60,000 lb. slug of zinc? You call Metal Locking Service, just as Luvata Buffalo (formerly Outokumpu American Brass) did. We bored two 3" diameter holes 40" deep (see picture to right) and attached a lifting fixture. We then lifted the slug out of the smelting pot with no damage to the pot or remaining coils. All work was done on-site and within budget.



Two-man crew boring holes inside a smelting pot

**Know How** - MLS is very adept at engineering new solutions to old problems. This fixture was engineered, fabricated and machined to couple a difficult line-boring application with customized Climax portable machining equipment. Two units were fabricated to complete 162 field-service jobs which span 18 weeks and run around-the-clock.



Portable Boring Fixture & Hydraulic supply

**New Staff** – We are pleased to introduce **David Krafchak** as our new shop supervisor. David has gained over 30 years of machining experience while managing another local machine shop, E & B Holmes. Please feel free to give Dave a call or drop him an email ([davidk@castironrepair.com](mailto:davidk@castironrepair.com)) and help us welcome him aboard.

**In The News** – **Metal Locking Service Inc.** is proud to announce that we have received an award as one of **Buffalo Niagara's 50 Fastest Growing Companies for 2005**. Our success is attributed to doubling our labor force, expanding our services and utilizing the internet to expand our customer base world wide.

**Our Affiliates** - **West Metal Works** was also featured in Business First for their growth. They service the niche market of government contracts and have been named **Supplier of the Year** by West Valley Nuclear Services six years in a row. **S. Howes** was also mentioned in the Buffalo News for celebrating its **150<sup>th</sup> year** in business. They recently launched a new division, **Howes Filtration** ([www.howesfiltration.com](http://www.howesfiltration.com)), offering job engineered filtration equipment for liquid solids separation.

**Accident Prevention – Near Misses** A near miss is a close call. It's an accident that *almost* happened or even *did* happen—but just didn't result in an injury this time around. Most accidents can be predicted by near misses. The difference between a near miss and a serious injury might be a fraction of an inch or a split second of time. Near misses are actually a sign that an accident or injury is likely to occur. They're red flags--warnings that something is very wrong and require your immediate attention. Don't miss the opportunity to prevent future accidents.

