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## Port of Vancouver has “tumultuous,” but profitable year; future is bright



**Brian Wolfe**

The 2007 Port of Vancouver tax proposal to help finance rapid growth, which was questioned last year by taxpayers, who first petitioned to put the idea on a ballot and then trashed the measure at the polls and in November turned out 18-year commissioner **Arch Miller** in favor of a political novice, Vancouver businessman **Jerry Oliver**, produced the background for what port executive director

**Larry Paulson** called a “tumultuous year.”

Paulson and port commission president **Brian Wolfe**, who together presented the annual Port Report this morning at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, otherwise were given to accentuating the positive

Port of Vancouver revenues for 2007 were \$28 million, up 15 percent from \$24.4 million in 2006. Cargo across the docks was up 22 percent from the year before. Imports of wind turbines, the largest individual pieces of cargo the port handles, increased to 305 from 127 the previous year. The total number of ships calling at the Port of Vancouver during 2007 was 562, up nearly 12 percent from the previous year. Total cargo tonnage shipped in and out of the port was 5.9 million metric tons, up by 21.2 percent over 2006.

The defeat of the tax measure caused a reassessment of improvements for 2007 and 2008, however. Rather than proceeding with the Gateway industrial project, the port is concentrating on improving rail access and is buying the Alcoa Columbia River site surrounded by port property.

The Port of Vancouver is the “economic engine of the community,” Wolfe said. “We are an agent of change.”

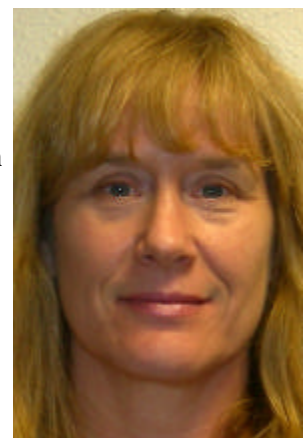
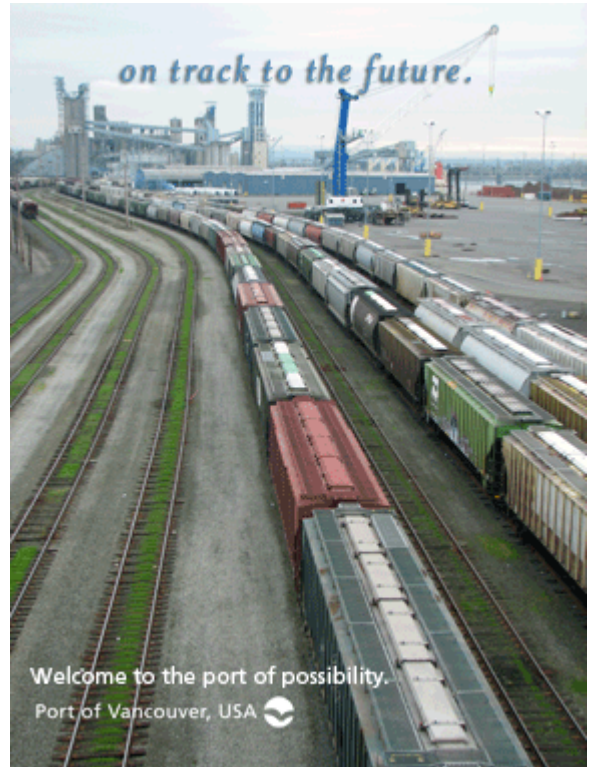
## **Jenny Huseman named clinical director at Columbia River Mental Health Services**

**Jenny Huseman**, 12-year veteran of Columbia River Mental Health Services, has been appointed clinical director of the organization, reports **Nancy Parker**, executive director. Huseman also coordinates the Clark County Children’s Crisis contract between Clark County and CRMHS.

Huseman, a Portland State University graduate, holds a masters degree in counseling art therapy from Marylhurst University. She also has a certification in clinical supervision from Lewis and Clark College.

Huseman helped form Support for Early Learning and Families. She is a member of the board of the Children’s System of Care Policy Council and is on the advisory board of Educational School District 112.

CRMHS provides professional mental health services for a number of mental conditions including schizophrenia, bi-polar disease, depression, anxiety, and chemical



**Jenny Huseman**

dependency. Last year the organization served 7,000 persons.

### **Ken Cole elected president of Health Care Communicators**

**Ken Cole**, manager of public affairs and communications at Southwest Washington Medical Center, has been elected president of Health Care Communicators of Oregon.

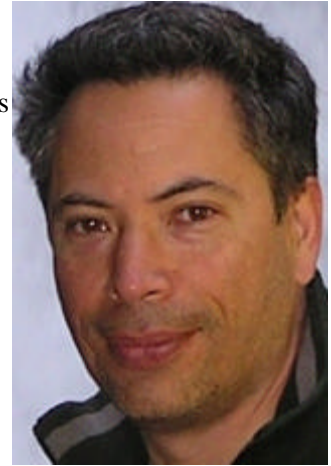
Cole, a former Portland television newsmen, is a graduate of the University of Oregon and Leadership Clark County.

Cole has won an AP Broadcast Award and Aster Awards in healthcare marketing. He is a member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development.

### **Calendar**

Clark County Tourism Awards will be presented at 4 p.m. today in the ballroom of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Cost of the event is \$25. For further information, call **750-1553**. <> The Battle Ground State-of-the-City Address will be presented by Mayor **Michael Ciraulo** at 6 p.m. this evening in the Gothic Abbey in Battle Ground Village, 1401 SE Rasmussen Boulevard. The address is followed by a reception in Irby's Fine Wine & Bistro. For further information, call **Bonnie Gilberti, 342-5004**.

<> The Puget Sound Blood Center is conducting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the aerobics room in the Camas High School, 26900 SE 15th Street.



**Ken Cole**

### **Thursday on the air**

Southern Washington Alternative Energy (2/18)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Betty Sue Morris: State of the County (2/8)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

**ASU at WSU (live)—6 p.m. FSN**

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (2/19)—7 p.m. CVTV

**Seattle at Portland Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. TNT, KXL**

**OSU at UCLA (live)—7:30 p.m. KPAM**

**U. of O. at USC (live) 8 p.m. FSN, KCMD**

**Arizona at U. of W. (live)—8 p.m. KFX**

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (2/16)—10 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Brian Davis** helping cut ribbon. <> **Megan Patrick** covering big news. <> **Donna Roberge** outwitting cyberfoes. <> **Greg Kimsey** planning pre-St. Paddy's Day. <> **Beth Quatorolo's** delivery smoother and smoother. <> **Bonnie Caouette** joining A-list. <> **Thursday**, sunbreaks, light evening showers, 41-53. **Friday**, cooler, gray, light rain, 37-48. **Saturday**, sunbreaks, clouds, 40-53.