

Eighty-wheeled crane that turns on a dime coming to Port of Vancouver



Heavy-lift mobile harbor crane, similar to the 500 ton model above will be largest in North America when assembled at Port of Vancouver in September. Port is a premier project cargo port on the West Coast.

A gargantuan heavy-lift mobile harbor crane, which will be the largest in North America, will be delivered to the port of Vancouver in September, when another heavy-lift crane is on-site. It will take a crane nearly as big as the new one to remove the eight sections of the mammoth piece of equipment off the ship it will be on.

“The heavy-lift crane brings a whole new dimension for cargo handling in the Columbia River, positioning Vancouver as a premier project cargo port,” according to **Alastair Smith**, port senior director of marketing and operations. “We already handle several large wind turbine projects, and this additional capability will open up new cargo markets for the region to handle heavy or oversize equipment, generators and components for large-scale projects in the energy and transportation industries.”

The crane will be strong enough to lift two space shuttles simultaneously and will be capable of turning on a dime in any direction. It can hoist up to 14 metric tons, almost double the lifting capacity of the port’s next largest crane.

With 80 wheels on 20 axle sets, the LHM 500S crane can maneuver in any direction and can be positioned along the port’s marine terminals, cargo storage areas, or rail

yards. The crane weighs nearly 500 tons and has a tower height of 116.5 feet and a boom length of 174 feet. The crane is powered by a 12-cylinder MAN diesel engine that is bio-diesel compatible, complying with the port’s transition to the use of alternative fuels.

“Over the past decade the port has invested nearly \$100 million in renovating its marine terminals and building a reputation for efficiency in transport logistics,” says **Larry Paulson**, executive director of the port.

The \$3.3 million crane was ordered from Austrian crane manufacturer Liebherr. The Port of Vancouver is a major west coast break-bulk port.

Gert “Ma” Boyle to keynote Vancouver chamber luncheon

Columbia Sportswear’s **Gert “Ma” Boyle** will be the keynote speaker for the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce’s third annual Excellence in Enterprise luncheon, at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Boyle was 13 when she and her family fled Nazi Germany in 1936. Her husband, Neal, who she met “under a table at a fraternity party at the University of Arizona,” died at the age of 47 in 1970. After Neal died, Gert took over the business, Columbia Sportswear, which he had run while she raised their three children. Today, one of Portland’s most famous personalities, Boyle is 82. She calls herself chairman of publicly owned Columbia Sportswear.

Boyle will share her story and offer an inside look at true business success and at overcoming adversity.

Following the luncheon, Boyle, accompanied by **Kerry Tynchuck**, co-author of her book *One Tough Mother, Success in Live, Business and Apple Pies*, will sign copies of her books. All profits go to charity.

Nonmembers are invited to the luncheon. Admission is \$35 for those registered by Thursday, June 1. After that date, if space is available, admission will be \$40. For reservations, call **694-2588** or go to

www.vancouverusa.com.

Why \$70 a barrel oil may be good is CREDC quarterly luncheon topic

Michael J. Parks, editor and publisher of *Marple's Letter*, will keynote the 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, Columbia River Economic Development Council quarterly investor luncheon with a presentation titled "Beyond the Bubble, Why \$70 a Barrel Oil May be Good for You."

The luncheon is in the Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive. Reservations are required for the \$30 luncheon. For further information, call **Pamela Allison, 567-1063**.

Calendar

Jeffrey Wigand, whose whistle-blowing on the tobacco industry's health and safety practices while he was an executive of a major tobacco company were characterized in a movie, *The Insider*, is the speaker 7 p.m. this evening in Clark College's Foster Hall. There is no admission charge for this program, part of the college's Distinguished Lecture Series. ✍ Miller Nash presents "Land, Jobs and People II," the second in a series on the effects of Clark County's growth management planning, starting with breakfast as 7:15 a.m. Wednesday in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. The \$25 seminar, which includes breakfast, concludes at 12:30 p.m. For further information, call **699-4771**. ✍ Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt presents an Employment Law Roundtable from 1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. Subject matter includes, hiring, training and termination issues. There is no fee for the seminar that provides 2.75 credit hours, where applicable. For further information, call **(506)796-2085**. ✍ Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

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Tuesday on the air

Portland Beavers at Nashville (live)--4 p.m. KKAD

Employment and Mental Health (5/19)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)--7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kathy McDonald's number is up. ✍ **Kristin Jacobsen** working out presidential tour. ✍ **Stacey Johnson** having all the right answers. ✍ **Kyndall Bond** coming up with the facts. ✍ **Kelly Sills** setting agenda. ✍ **Kathy Scott** sending invitations. ✍ **Jeff Williams** asking rewarding questions. ✍ **Tuesday**, more rain showers, sunbreaks, 65. **Wednesday**, showers tapering off, cloudy, 63. **Thursday**, expect