

Managers named for real estate, information service

William Colburn, director of administration for the Port of Houston Authority, has announced the appointment of two managers.

James O. Eldridge, effective June 2, is the new manager of Management Information Services. He had been serving as acting manager of data processing since February 1984, joining the Port Authority in October 1983 as a systems analyst.

Eldridge brings 14 years of data processing experience to the Port Authority. He was employed from 1967 to 1983 by NL Industries, where he served as systems and programming manager.

Eldridge attended Northeast Louisiana University and the University of Southwest Louisiana.

Monroe Bean, effective May 29, is the new manager of the Real Estate Department.

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ty in 1962 as a warehouse supervisor, Bean, over the years, has served as an assistant to the terminal manager, as an assistant to the warehouse manager, and as manager of storage-warehouses, prior to assuming his new role.

A native of Bell County, Texas, Bean graduated from Sharp High School in Buckholts, Texas, and studied business administration at Temple Junior College in Temple, Texas.

"Portex '85" slated in Hamburg in May

Hamburg will be holding Europe's only trade exhibition for ports and harbors from May 7-10, 1985. "Portex '85" will be staged in conjunction with the 14th World Port Conference of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH).

The exhibition will be focusing on the following sectors: hydraulic engineering and harbor construction, harbor facilities and safety installations, organization development and communication systems, integrated port and ancillary services, port consultancy services and sales promotion and advertising.

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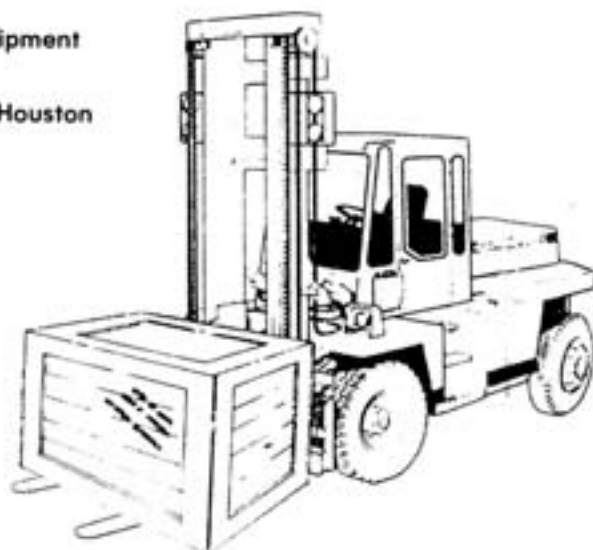
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sales manager for Riise Shipping, Inc.; Becky Roco, also of Riise; Capt. Cesar Mogollon; Misael Breton, Latin American representative of the Port of Houston; and Capt. Lars Riise, president of Riise Shipping, Inc. Other ships in the service are the *ARCTIC OCEAN*, the *REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR* and the *CORAL SEA*. Ecuadorian Lines also provides north-bound service from both Ecuador and Panama.

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The board of directors of the Marine Exchange of the West Gulf, which provides information on ship arrivals and ship channel activities, elected new officers recently. Shown, from left, are President N. Claxton Rayzor, president of Suderman & Young Towing Co., Inc.; Carl D. Bond, operations manager for the Marine Exchange; First Vice President Captain Robert E. Adams, presiding officer of the Houston Pilots; Janice E. Crittenden, administrative manager of the Marine Exchange; Chairman Ted Thorjussen, president of the West Gulf Maritime Association; Director George E. Strange, executive director of the Marine Exchange; Secretary-Treasurer David M. Halbert, vice president of Houston Mooring Co., Inc.; Director J.R. Curtis, director of port operations for the Port of Houston Authority; and Director Robert G. Garcia, president of R.W. Smith & Co., Inc. Directors not present are Joseph S. McDermott, chairman of the board of Kerr Steamship Co.; Jurgen R. Schroder, vice president of New Terminal Warehouse & Stevedoring, Inc.; William T. Aldrich, executive vice president of Oil Tanking of Texas, Inc.; and O.J. Kneisler Jr., president of Gulf Stevedore Corporation.

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The port captain of A. Bottacchi, S.A., and the manager of the steamship line's Buenos Aires agency visited the Port of Houston recently to inspect the facilities and to discuss future service with Port of Houston Authority officials. The Argentine-flag line operates a monthly container and breakbulk service between Houston and the ports of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo, Uruguay. Shown in the photo, from left, are Armando S.

Waterland, director of trade development for the Port Authority; Jorge R. Cannistraci of Agencia Maritima; Capt. Felix Cestaro of A. Bottacchi; Jesse Cisneros, customer service manager of Gulf & Eastern Steamship and Chartering Corp., U.S. agents for the line; and Misael Breton, Latin American representative for the Port Authority.

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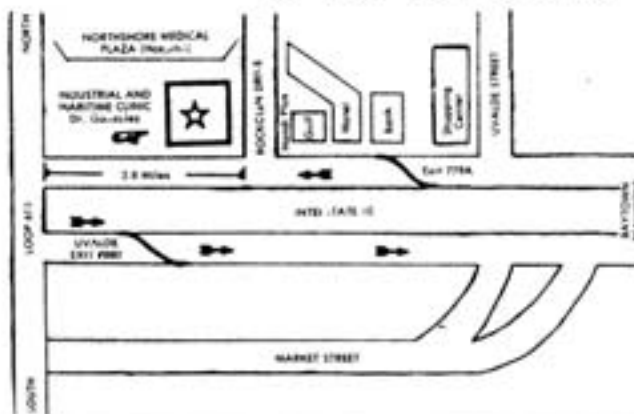
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CEO of Binnings announces changes in executive ranks

J.E. Hassinger, president and chief executive officer of E.S. Binnings, Inc., has announced several corporate appointments.

J.H. Burkart has been appointed general manager of the Houston office, responsible for management of traffic, documentation and equipment control on a company-wide basis. Burkart's 32 years of experience in the shipping industry lends considerable expertise to Binnings' efforts.

E.L. Bezdek has been appointed director of marketing. He is responsible, company-wide, for sales planning/procedures, statistical analysis, and development of corporate marketing practices.

J.L. Shriver has been appointed director of traffic and container operations and will be primarily responsible for supervision of the Houston traffic and documentation functions and will, also, exercise management responsibility for container operations and inland-bridge services company-wide.

J.A. Livaudais and C.P. Dunnegan Jr., have been named directors of sales, responsible, company-wide, for sales and principal relations.

Binnings is now using a state-of-the-art, computerized sales information system. This IBM system provides statistical data, account profiles, account classification and other information which is both useful and necessary for effective sales coverage. "This system is the most modern and up-to-date system currently in use for sales efforts within the shipping industry," said Hassinger.

W.R. Zanes names Dallas manager

W.R. Zanes & Co., Inc., has appointed Steven J. Kelley as operations manager in Dallas-Fort Worth. The appointment includes overseeing the air and ocean freight forwarding, customs brokerage, transportation and computer services operations at Dallas.

Oceans 84 confab set in Washington

The Marine Technology Society (MTS) and the Oceanic Engineering Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE/OES) will co-sponsor the "Oceans 84" Conference and Exposition at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C., on September 10-12, 1984.

The theme of this year's conference is "Industry, Government and Education—Designs for the Future," and Commodore John R. Seesholtz, oceanographer of the U.S. Navy, is general chairman.

The conference is expected to be attended by more than 1,500 persons and to offer 200 exhibits and 250 panelists.

Further information is available from the Oceans 84 Committee, Suite 412, Marine Technology Society, 1730 M Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (202) 659-3251.



Federal Maritime Commissioner Thomas F. Moakley, speaking at a dinner celebration of the Houston Port Bureau, Inc.'s 55th anniversary recently, warned maritime industry members that the new Shipping Act of 1984 should not be viewed as a cure-all for the problems of this industry. Rather, he said, "The legislation is an opportunity. It is an instrument which is going to be used by some to their great success while, for others, it could mean disaster. As with most deregulatory measures," Moakley noted, "risks are increased by lessening government controls, but the potential rewards are greater." Standing here, from left, are Melvin Frantz, president of the Houston Port Bureau, Moakley, and George Strang, general manager of the Port Bureau.

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Fiscal 1984 income totaled \$21.9 million, or \$4.84 per share, compared with \$30.2 million or \$6.27 per share, the previous year, which included a non-recurring charge after taxes of \$2.8 million (59 cents per share) for the disposition of the company's Brooklyn and Alameda facilities.

Sales in the fourth quarter of fiscal 1984 were \$163.3 million, compared with \$192.5 million in 1983. Net income totaled \$8.7 million, or \$2 per share, compared with \$5.2 million, or \$1.15 per share, in the comparable quarter of 1983, which included a non-recurring charge after taxes of \$2.8 million (62 cents per share) for the disposition of the above-mentioned facilities.

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Propeller Club installs officers, board members

The Propeller Club of the Port of Houston installed 1984-85 officers during the annual Maritime Day luncheon.

They are William Colburn of the Port of Houston Authority, president; Stephen A. Coycault Sr. of Texas Marine & Industrial Supply, first vice president; Robert C. Davee of Eastham, Watson, Dale & Forney, second vice president; William L. Klyag of Deepsea Agents, Inc., secretary; and A. Monroe Bean of the Port Authority, treasurer.

Elected to three-year terms on the Board of Governors were Robert E. Deem of Texas Marine & Industrial Supply, Lloyd Larkworthy of Cooper/T. Smith Stevedoring, and Michael S. Sullivan of Offshore Marine Supply Co.

Donna Humphreys of West Houston Executive Suites was appointed to serve the remaining two years of the board term of Roger Clark of Delta Steamship Lines, who has been transferred.

Other continuing members of the

Board of Governors are Harold Bludworth of Bludworth Bond Shipyard, Inc.; C.A. Rousser of International Trade Development Corp.; Harry B. Stanley of Hollywood Marine, Inc.; Edward L. Horn of the Port of Houston Authority; and Richard E. White of Shell Oil Co.

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Sgt. L. Lewis caught the suspect with a dealer's tag tucked under his shirt and with tape to attach it to the vehicle's rear window.

Lewis said he became suspicious when he saw the vehicle quite a distance from both Dock 30, where an auto ship was being unloaded, and the Volkswagen storage lot and decided to follow it.

According to Lewis, the suspect, who had worked a couple of times unloading cars from ships, got into line with other

workers and walked aboard unnoticed. He drove the car off the ship, stopped at the gas truck complaining that the automobile didn't have enough gas to make it to the lot and was given a gallon of gas.

The suspect, who turned out to be an alien whose legal status in the United States had expired, was taken into custody by Lewis and turned over to the

Houston Police Department Cargo Theft Squad. He will probably be deported, according to Lt. Charles Martin, who acts as liaison between the Port Police and outside law enforcement agencies.

Lewis, a 16 year veteran of the Port and day-shift commander, is a graduate of the University of Houston-Downtown Criminal Justice Center



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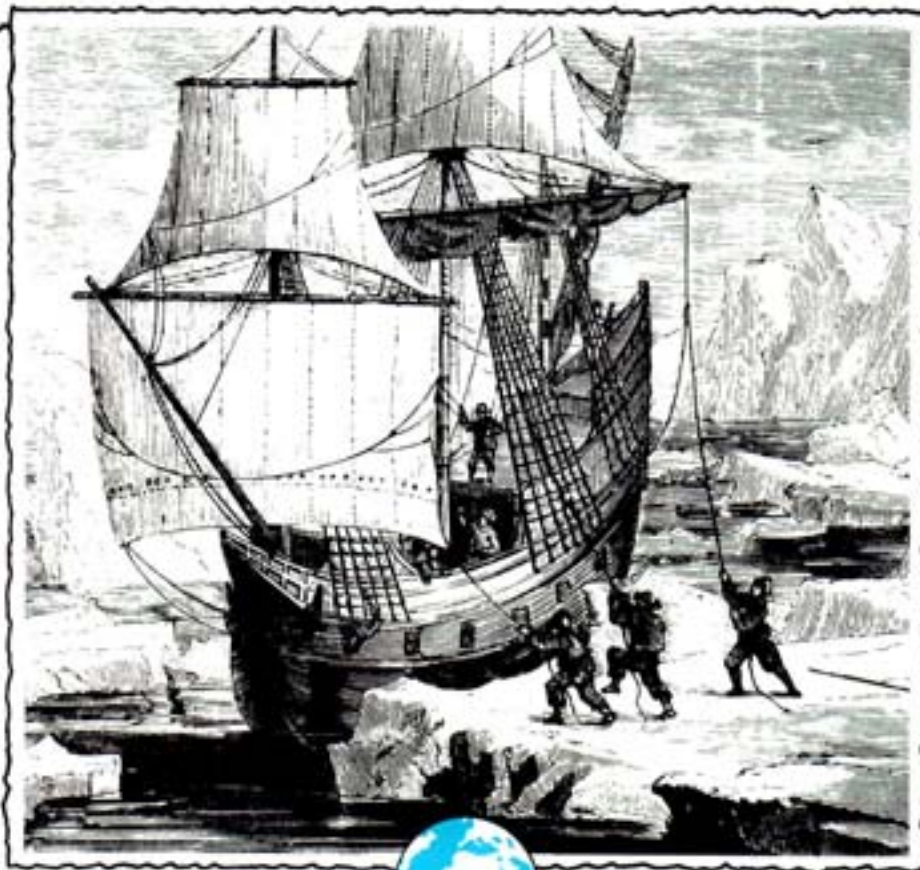
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