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Good Tuesday evening from our Observation Deck.....overlooking the officially designated "Cargo City" area and..... Runway 25-Right, at **Los Angeles International Airport**, voted "**Best Cargo Airport in North America**." Here is what happened in our industry during June 2009. There are signs of economic improvement -- even while conditions are grim.

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OUR "A" Section: Trade, Financial & Inland News***

1. **Freight Forwarder Trade Briefs** _____

*****Daily Vessel Casualties** as we don't want you to miss the excitement of our 24 hour reports of the dramatic events at sea each day -- stories of casualties & pirates --- almost none of which are carried on your local news. Edited daily by **Christoph Wahaner, Esq.** of **Countryman & McDaniel**.

www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.php

*****Good News Follows Up Orders** as new orders for manufactured durable goods increased US\$2.8Bn in May, the U.S. Commerce Dept. reported on June 24. This was the third increase in the last 4 months and followed a 1.8% April increase. Machinery, up 3 of the last 4 months, had the largest increase, US\$1.6Bn or 7.7% to US\$22.5Bn. "The May durable goods report adds a persuasive component to a growing body of evidence that U.S. economic activity is beginning to stabilize after a deep contraction," said Cliff Waldman, Economist for the Manufacturers Alliance (MAPI).

www.mapi.net/

*****U.S. Deficit Grows** as exports of goods & services during the first 4 months of this year were 18% lower than in the same period last year, the U.S. Commerce Dept. said, reflecting reduced demand in overseas markets for U.S. products due to the global recession. In the Commerce Dept.'s April 2009 int'l trade report, U.S. imports decreased 27% over the first 4 months of 2009, compared to the same period last year, due to the recession & lower petroleum import prices this year. U.S. exports from March to April 2009 decreased 2.3% to US\$121Bn, while imports slipped 1.4% to US\$150.3Bn. Overall, the trade deficit grew 2.2% during the same period.

*****Spark Of China Life** as exporters in China's manufacturing heartland have seen increased orders in recent weeks, a survey has found, in a tentative sign of recovery for the beleaguered sector. Nearly half of respondents to a survey of Hong Kong-owned enterprises in the Pearl River Delta by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) said they had seen a gradual increase in orders by the start of May. "The FHKI is pleased with the signs of economic recovery, and hopes that such a trend can persist," said chairman Clement Chan, after the survey of around 100 firms was released on May 26. The survey found that businesses had welcomed stimulus measures by Beijing and Hong Kong to support businesses in southern China's factory belt. Chinese exports fell 22.6% in April to US\$13.5Bn from a year earlier in the sixth straight monthly decline, according to the latest official data.

*****U.S. Spending Less On Transport**..... as logistics costs for U.S. businesses fell US\$49Bn in 2008 to US\$1.3 trillion, or 9.4% of Gross Domestic Product, according to the 20th annual State of Logistics report released by the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals. In 2007, logistics costs rose to 10.1% of GDP, capping a 5-year period in which spending on freight transportation, warehousing & supply chain management rose 50%. 2008 is the first time in 6 years that total logistics costs decreased. Another major factor holding down logistics costs was a 13% reduction in inventory carrying costs, as interest rates dropped to half of the 2007 rate.
<http://cscmp.org/>

*****Shoe On The Other Foot?** as China has launched an anti-dumping case of U.S. & Russian imports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel amid a rise in Chinese imports of the metal. China is questioning whether the steel, used in power transformers, was sold below market value by U.S. & Russian mills, according a statement by the Ministry of Commerce. The investigation comes on the heels of a complaint filed by 7 U.S. steelmakers, including U.S. Steel & Russian-owned Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel Mills & TMK IPSCO, into Chinese imports of stainless steel pipes used in oil production. Last month, a U.S. trade panel unanimously approved a government probe that could lead to steep U.S. duties on an estimated US\$2.6Bn of the U.S. imports. In April, a Chinese newspaper quoted a senior industry official as saying China would retaliate if the U.S. decided to investigate the complaint.

*****Vietnam Garments About Steady** as apparel exports are expected to be down 1.3% for the 1st half of 2009, according to a report by the Vietnam Textile & Apparel Assn. While the country was hit by a downturn in demand from the U.S. & European Union, it was able to expand exports in other regions, especially within Asia. In value, the exports are expected to reach US\$4Bn in the 1st half, slightly behind the industry's target of US\$9.5Bn for the year, with the U.S. projected to account for US\$5Bn alone. Vietnam apparel producers said export contracts fell up to 25%.

*****No U.S. Retail Monolith To Be** as large retail industry trade groups Retail Industry Leaders Assn. and National Retail Federation have decided to end their merger discussions. In April, the executive committees of RILA & NRF unanimously agreed in principle to a merger. At the time, the groups said a single trade association representing retail interests on Capitol Hill would "help to ensure that the retail industry speaks with one voice to advance the industry and its more than 15 million workers."

*****IBM Rides The Future Rail** as it has opened a new Global Rail Innovation Center that will bring together the world's foremost industry leaders, researchers and universities to advance next-generation rail systems. Based in Beijing, the Rail Innovation Center will be staffed by a

global network of IBM rail consultants, software specialists, mathematicians and business partners. The next generation railroad networks will contain millions of sensors that track everything from train speeds to when brakes need to be replaced. Building these intelligent rail networks requires a high-powered, integrated system that can collect, manage and analyze the enormous amount of data flowing in from the tracks, through the trains and stations, and across the maintenance process. The new rail Center will bring together IBM and its industry partners - both physically and virtually - to jointly develop these skills and put the products and services into action. For example, teams in China or California might be able to learn from the development of an Italian high speed rail system, and a U.S. inter-modal freight project could be applied in Russia.

"The Smarter Railroad"

www-03.ibm.com/press/us/en/presskit/27553.wss

*****Agility Buys Mexico** as the global 3rd-party logistics service provider based in Kuwait, said it has acquired its long-time Mexican freight forwarding partner Trafinsa S.A. de C.V. and U.S. affiliate Trafinsa Int'l LLC. The move provides a more integrated product offering for customers doing business in Mexico, the company said. Headquartered in Mexico City, Trafinsa operates 4 branches located in Guadalajara, Monterrey, Laredo (Texas) & Mexico City. The company provides cargo management, air & ocean export, handling, deconsolidation and documentation services to various industries, including cement, food, brewery & automotive.

*****Agility's New O'Hare Home** as it is moving to a new office & warehouse in Bensenville -- near Chicago O'Hare Int'l Airport, where its facilities will serve as the Midwest regional hub. The building features 20,000 sq. ft. of office space and 71,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space. Designed to maximize efficiency and safety, the new facility includes fifteen dock doors and a state-of-the-art security system that includes a secured yard, surveillance systems to monitor interior and exterior premises and site access cards with Card Reader Technology for employees.

*****Self Consumption** as YRC Worldwide said has finalized an agreement with a Teamster pension fund under which it will be able to put up real estate as collateral in lieu of pension contributions. The trucker also reached a deal with lenders to amend a credit agreement with its lenders, and said it is continuing to close of sale and leaseback deals. The company said the estimated payment deferral to the Teamsters Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund is about US\$83M and calls for repayment of the contributions over three years beginning in Jan. 2010. The deal covers about 58% of the company's monthly pension funding obligations. The company grew out of the 2003 acquisition by Yellow Corp. of Roadway Corp. and today does business under the national brands RC, and various regional brands such as YRC Reimer, YRC Logistics, New Penn, Holland, Reddaway & YRC Glen Moore. Good luck.
<http://insight.yrcw.com/>

*****Tracking The High Value Cargo** as Singapore-based Astrata Group has won a contract from TNT to monitor & track high-value goods traveling by truck on TNT's recently deployed Asia Road Network. The 4-year contract links 127 cities and 7,500 kilometers of roads through China & Southeast Asia. Astrata will install GPS devices in TNT's fleet of trucks and containers. Shipments will be tracked at TNT's Kuala Lumpur monitoring center. **Editor Note:** Just one high value cargo loss can put the local carrier out of business -- or skew the bottom line for a mid-level forwarder. Since we know humans cannot ultimately be depended upon, the time has come to 1.) adopt **strict** "High Value Asset Rules" to be followed by your vendors; and 2.) consider electronic monitoring. Those "High Value Asset Rules" are available at the **Countryman & McDaniel** law firm. The issue is "ounce of prevention -- pound of cure." These huge LTL losses don't need to happen. **McD**
www.astratagroup.com/
www.cargolaw.com/

*****UPS Acquires Dubai, Slovenia & Turkey** as it has announced a new joint venture headquartered in Dubai to coordinate UPS express package, freight forwarding & contract logistics services across the Middle East, Turkey and portions of Central Asia. UPS will have a majority stake in the new joint venture that will acquire the small package operations of Unsped

Paket Servisi San ve Ticaret A.S., its existing service agent in Turkey. >> UPS has also acquired a unit of Intereuropa Globalni Logistichni Servis that has been acting as its agent for small package delivery in Slovenia since 1991. UPS said Slovenia, which was formerly part of Yugoslavia, has the highest per capita GDP in Central Europe of the countries that joined the EU in and after 2004 and is considered a model of economic success and stability for the region. >> Last, UPS has entered into a new joint venture headquartered in Dubai to coordinate management and growth of UPS express package, freight forwarding and contract logistics services across the Middle East, Turkey & portions of Central Asia. UPS will have a majority stake in the new joint venture that results from the acquisition of the small package operations of its existing service agent in Turkey, Unsped Paket Servisi San ve Ticaret A.S., its existing service agent in Turkey.

*****UPS Shakes It's Parts** as it has launched a new Web-based system that it says will allow companies to more easily manage parts inventory and order & ship parts. The company said in a statement that its Post Sales Order Management System would allow companies to assess their parts inventory, place orders & calculate the best way to ship those parts. OMS will give customers real-time tracking information for their parts orders as well. UPS's target industries for the service include electronics, medical equipment & aerospace.

www.pressroom.ups.com/Fact+Sheets/UPS+Post-Sales+Order+Management+System+Fact+Sheet

*****Panalpina's New Dutch Home** as the logistics company has moved its offices & warehouse in Amsterdam to a new location at the city's Schiphol airport. The new logistics center features more than 12,000 square meters of space.

www.panalpina.com/

*****Phoenix Int'l Goes To CEO Home** as it has opened an office in France, native home to Stephane Rambaud, president & CEO of North American-based forwarder, customs broker & non-vessel-operating common carrier. "The fact I happen to be a native of France, and that my family has a rich heritage in our industry in France, have little to do with the opening of our 74th office," he said.

www.phoenixintl.com/

*****CEVA Logistics Reorganizes South American Operations** as the company will now operate with 2 large & independent business units — Brazil and what it terms the South America Multi Country Area. Within Brazil CEVA will be opening its newest & largest distribution center (DC) in the São Paulo city of Louveira. The facility will have 82,000 square meters of space, some 63,000 square meters of which will be used for storage. With the ability to handle 250 trucks daily, the DC has 114 leveling docks and 6 ramps for express deliveries. Total capacity is 60,000 pallets. The territorial reorganization is part of a strategic move by CEVA to combine its Contract Logistics and Freight Management divisions. The special emphasis on Brazilian operations is part of a plan implemented by the company's Airtón Gimenes, who notes, "Brazil offers the biggest growth potential for CEVA on the American Continent. We expect to achieve approximately 15% growth per year in the country within the next 3 years with this new structure.

www.cevalogistics.com/

*****Mainfreight Adds U.S./Toronto Service** as the U.S.-Canadian trade logistics company is adding equipment & personnel to its nightly service between the U.S. Northeast & Toronto with continuing service to other major cities in Canada. The forwarder is adding a "rounder" service with a dedicated truck that originates in Toronto on a Tues. evening, arriving in Newark-New York the next morning, then returning to Toronto on Thurs. morning. Mainfreight also provides overnight service to Toronto from Chicago.

www.mainfreightusa.com/usa/usa.aspx

*****Maersk Logistics Becomes Damco** as the A.P. Moller-Maersk Group says it will blend its supply chain management unit, Maersk Logistics, with its Damco's forwarding activities under the single brand Damco, effective early Sept. Both Maersk Logistics & Damco have more than 10,000 customers, a net turnover of US\$2.8Bn in 2008, and together shipped more than 500,000 TEUs of ocean freight, 60,000 tons of air freight and 50 million cubic meters of goods for supply

chain management customers.

www.damco.com/EN/Pages/default.aspx

*****If You Can't Truck It -- Litigate It** as Mexican trucking companies are reportedly seeking US\$6Bn in damages from the U.S. because of a refusal to allow Mexican rigs to operate on U.S. roads. The Wall Street Journal said the complaint by Canacar, a Mexican trade association of about 4,500 trucking companies, was filed with the U.S. State Dept. in April under a provision in the North American Free Trade Agreement, but was not publicized until this week. In March, Congress inserted a provision in the Omnibus Appropriations Act canceling a pilot program that allowed some Mexican trucks to move goods in the U.S. Mexico said the U.S. decision violates a provision of the NAFTA that was supposed to have allowed cross-border trucking years ago.

*****U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Stimulus** as a new USDA Recovery Act website, including features & functionality that will allow people to learn about, share and discuss American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding in states & communities throughout the country. The website includes a blog, podcasts, RSS feeds and other interactive tools so that folks from throughout the country can participate by sharing stories and providing feedback about how USDA stimulus funding are impacting their community.

www.usda.gov/wps/portal/arra?navid=USDA_RECOVERY

*****TT Club Remains Sound** as the leading U.S. rating agency A.M. Best has again confirmed mutual insurer TT Club's financial strength rating as A- (Excellent), underlining confidence in the organisation's financial strength. The agency said that in its view the outlook for TT Club over the next year is 'stable'. A.M.Best expected TT Club to maintain a strong capital position in 2009, despite an anticipated reduction in retained earnings.

www.ttclub.com/

*****Christmas In The Middle East?** as with the European & American expatriate population growing in the United Arab Emirates, the number of live Christmas tree sales in the Persian Gulf country is expected to continue to increase. The USDA said prices of Christmas trees may vary considerably throughout the U.A.E. For example, in Dubai a 3-meter tree costs about US\$190 in supermarkets, whereas the same size tree can be bought for 30% to 40% less in flower shops. Live Christmas trees are typically shipped in refrigerated containers and stored at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Sailing time from Europe is 3 weeks, and longer from the U.S. There is a great Christmas store I have browsed in the Dubai Mall. The spirit of religions, living together, is what the whole thing is supposed to be about. Hat's off to Dubai. - **McD**

*****Dog Prevents Homework** as a Wisconsin teenager using a classic excuse for evading schoolwork missed a class trip to Peru despite his tale being true: "The dog ate my passport." Officials at Chicago's O'Hare airport told 17-year-old Jon Meier the chewed-on document was fine, but authorities in Miami rejected it and wouldn't let him board the southbound aircraft. His family's 1-year-old golden retriever, Sunshine, chewed a corner of the document, obscuring some numbers. Meier couldn't get another passport in time to join the trip with his Spanish class from Eau Claire North High School. The 12-day trip ended June 29. Meier says he can't blame anyone, not even Sunshine: "I love her too much."

*****Had Absolutely Nothing To Clear** as Birmingham, Alabama police said a 22-year-old woman has suffered a broken leg after being hit by a train. Officer Lawrence Billups said the woman told police she was lying on the tracks "to clear her mind" when the train approached around 7 a.m. June 28. Billups said the CSX train was moving about 10 mph when it hit her. The train's operator told police he tried to stop. The woman was transported to a local hospital where her mind was certified to be clear.

*****Dear Departed Doper** as a casket minus a cadaver yielded nearly 100 pounds of marijuana after a traffic stop in Dallas. William Dale Crock of Cave City, Ark., was in jail June 26, on a marijuana possession charge, plus traffic & seat belt violations. Dallas police say Crock was arrested when bundles of marijuana were discovered under the casket's cover & pillow. Sr. Cpl.

Kevin Janse (JAN'-see) said the van turned up during surveillance on a suspected drug house. Police stopped the van in Mesquite, after noticing Crock not wearing a seat belt. Officers also said he allegedly ran a red light & did an improper lane change. A drug-sniffing dog alerted officers to the casket in the van. The online records of the Lew Sterrett Justice Center had no listing for an attorney for Crock. We think the issue was a crock.

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****FedEx Corp. DOWN** with a loss of US\$876M in its fiscal 4th quarter, due largely to one-time charges totaling US\$1.2Bn.

****UTi. DOWN** as profit for 1st quarter was US\$9.8M, 29% lower than the US\$13.5 M earned in the same period a year earlier.

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OUR "B" Section: FF World Air News***

3. Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs _____

*****The Bad Thing Is Slowing.....** as the Int'l Air Transport Assn. said June 25 that May air freight volume was up slightly from April, and that the decline in volume in May compared to a year ago was less pronounced than in April. Volume, in terms of air freight ton kilometers, was 17.4% lower in May than in the same month in 2008, compared to a decline of 21.7% in April. Despite the marginal recovery in volume in May, IATA said demand has yet to reach a point where airlines can truly count on a turnaround. "The level of inventories is still 10% to 15% higher than normal in relation to sales levels so a strong revival in shipments to restock warehouses and shops, of the sort that would normally be experienced just before an economic recovery, remains some way off," IATA said. "Nonetheless purchasing managers surveys are suggesting some further revival of air freight volumes in June & July of a similar scale to the rise in May, to a level around 12% to 15% lower than a year earlier." Overall, IATA is forecasting a 17% drop in air freight volume for 2009 and its prediction for industry-wide losses has nearly doubled since its March forecast to US\$9Bn.

*****But The Fuel Demon Has Returned** as reported by IATA's Jet Fuel Price Monitor, the price of jet fuel increased during the months of March, April, May & continued into the first 2 weeks of June. By mid-June the price of jet fuel had increased approximately 57% since the low price levels seen in the beginning of March. As a result, airfreight fuel surcharge costs have increased for most carriers.

*****Dire Warnings** as Fitch Ratings service said it has downgraded Delta Air Lines' US\$3.3Bn secured debt & credit line loans because of continued declines in passenger revenue, and warned that rivals United Airlines, American Airlines & US Airways could face bankruptcy as early as this winter. The ratings agency said it expects Delta, which also uses its passenger planes to move a large amount of cargo, to have US\$400M in negative free cash flow in 2009 as operating results deteriorate in the 2nd half of the year. It rated various debts in the "B-" to "BB" range. Delta has US\$5Bn in cash & other liquid assets that provides a larger buffer than other carriers to meet operating & financing obligations. But it will be difficult for the airline to maintain reserve levels and pay US\$5Bn in notes that are scheduled to mature between now and the end of 2011 without improved access to credit markets to refinance loans and better airline industry economics next year, Fitch said. Delta also has cost advantages over other air carriers due to its recent restructuring and emergence from bankruptcy in 2007.

*****Smaller Not Dangerous, But Smaller Pilots?** as a U.S. congressional watchdog agency told the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee in a report that small all-cargo plane operators have been involved in the vast majority of aviation accidents during the past decade. From 1997 to 2008, 443 accidents involving cargo-only carriers occurred, including 93 fatal accidents. Total accidents declined 63% from a high of 62 in 1997 to 23 in 2008. Small cargo carriers were involved in 79% of these accidents and 96% of fatal accidents, the Government Accountability Office said. A review of National Transportation Safety Board data found that pilot performance was identified as a probable cause for about 80% of fatal and 53% of non-fatal

cargo accidents. Furthermore, GAO's analysis of NTSB records for the 93 fatal accidents, using a Federal Aviation Administration flight-risk checklist, identified 3 or more risk factors in 63 of the accidents. Risk factors included low pilot experience, winter weather & nighttime operations. The GAO found feeder and ad hoc carriers include the majority of small cargo planes, such as Cessna Caravans, Mitsubishi MU-2B-60s, Cessna 401s & Beech Bonanzas. The FAA estimated that as of May 6, 2009, the small carrier all-cargo fleet contained 1,515 planes.

*****Air Harmony** as earlier this year in reaction to declining shipment volumes, UPS said it would be necessary to furlough pilots. In response, the Independent Pilots Association (IPA) presented the carrier with ways in which operational costs could be cut. The result is an agreement on savings of US\$131M over the next 3 years. Bob Lekites, UPS Airlines president, says, "This is another example of UPS's commitment to its employees and their families. It also shows how a company and its union can work together to achieve a mutually beneficial outcome. We applaud our pilots for making the voluntary commitments necessary to help us protect our business and UPS jobs in this uncertain global economy and we thank the IPA for their leadership in this process." Although the IPA was not successful in identifying the total amount—it did reach US\$90M by the agreement's original deadline of June 2 -- UPS did extend the deadline & said there would be no furloughs.

*****Air France KLM & Delta Air Lines Unite** as they will jointly operate their transatlantic routes, sharing revenues & costs. The joint venture includes all flights between North America & Europe, between Amsterdam and India as well as between North America & Tahiti. Air France KLM & Delta claim there will be greater benefit to their customers' terms of access to a wider network of routes, new destinations, higher flight frequencies, a wider range of fares for passengers and a harmonized product both on board and in the airport. The airlines anticipate offering more than 200 transatlantic flights. Air France KLM and Delta are members of the SkyTeam Alliance. This joint venture is aimed at competing with the other 2 major air alliances, Star Alliance & Oneworld. All told, it represents 25% of all transatlantic traffic. Annual revenues are estimated at US\$12Bn.

*****United Airlines Courted** as its plans order of up to 150 new planes to replace its widebody fleet likely won't include any orders for the largest offerings of Airbus & Boeing. The airline instead will look to twin-engine, long-range models in its order, according to an article in the Chicago Tribune. Both Airbus & Boeing are likely to lobby hard to win the order, with both eager to sell their costly large 4-engine models -- for Airbus its superjumbo A380 and for Boeing its 747-8 extended jumbo jet.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_747-8

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airbus_A380

*****More Boeing Cuts** as it has issued another 300 layoff notices companywide, according to a report in the Seattle Times. A third of the cuts will be to workers in the company's Commercial Airplanes division in Puget Sound, Wash. Boeing has been cutting jobs every month since its announcement in Jan. that it plans to reduce employment this year by 10,000, with about 4,500 of those cuts coming in Commercial Airplanes. At the end of April, Boeing had 159,161 employees company-wide & 65,972 in Washington.

*****Green Is Better For Continental Airlines** as the results of a January '09 biofuel test flight, in partnership with Boeing and GE, shows a biofuel blend performed better than traditional jet fuel. The airline says a 50:50 biofuel/Jet A1 blend produced a one percent increase in fuel efficiency over traditional jet fuel. Continental estimates the overall life cycle greenhouse gas emissions with this blend would be reduced 60% to 80% compared to traditional jet fuel.

*****New Cargo Airline -- AeroLogic** as the joint venture cargo airline of DHL Express & Lufthansa Cargo has officially begun operations with its 1st flight taking place on June 29. The new airline has taken delivery of its first Boeing 777F aircraft. The freighter is the first of 8 AeroLogic is leasing. It expects delivery of the 1st 4 during the remainder of the year. The new airline will serve air routes between Asia and Europe, flying freight for Lufthansa & DHL customers. Environmentally friendly, the B777F has a maximum payload of 103 tons & can fly

more than 9000 km, enabling non-stop flights from AeroLogic's home base in Leipzig, Germany, to key Asian growth markets, reducing length of time for shipments.

www.aerologic.aero/

*****Republic Airways Now In The Midwest** as it is acquiring Milwaukee-based Midwest Airlines from TPG Capital, a Fort Worth, Texas-based private equity firm. The deal is valued at US\$31M. Midwest just celebrated its 25th anniversary.

www.rjet.com/

*****Qatar Airways Cargo Moves Forward** as it has joined IATA's Cargo 2000 program as a regional member. In addition to Qatar Airways, Cargo 2000's airline members in the region are Egyptair, Etihad & Saudi Arabian Airlines. Cargo 2000's membership now includes 28 of the world's top airlines. Cargo 2000 is an industry initiative aiming at implementing a new quality management system for the worldwide air cargo industry. The objective is simple: to implement processes, backed by quality standards, that are measurable to improve the efficiency of air cargo.

www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/cargo2000/index.htm

*****Exemplar Asia Volume Down** as Cathay Pacific and sister airline Dragonair saw cargo volume slide once again in May, continuing a trend for 2009. The airlines carried a total of 121,966 tons of cargo & mail last month, down 13.3% on May 2008, while the cargo and mail load factor rose by 1.2% to 68.2%. Capacity for the month fell by 15.7%. Year to date, tonnage has fallen by 16.5% compared to a capacity drop of 14.0%.

*****3PL Cargo Scanning** as Smiths Detection has received approval for its pallet-sized X-ray system to join the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's Qualified Products List for Air Cargo Screening. The Pine Brook, N.J.-based company said the large X-ray system, known as the HI-SCAN 100100T-2is, would enable freight forwarders, airlines & indirect air carriers to rapidly scan cargo by providing 2 views of each box or pallet. Seven Smiths Detection systems are now on the TSA's Qualified Products List.

www.smithsdetection.com/eng/1025_4706.php

*****What's In A Name?** as an Ohio airport summoned a bomb squad to detonate a suspicious item that turned out to be pickled mangoes. X-ray equipment used by federal security screeners in Columbus could not detect what was inside a sealed canister in luggage being inspected on June 23. The container was labeled "baby food," but authorities say security personnel became suspicious when the woman who owned the suitcase claimed the canister held pickles. A fire department bomb squad removed the item from the airport & detonated it, discovering the mangoes.

*****Continental Airlines Delivers** as it is apologizing for sending a 10-year-old Massachusetts girl flying alone to New Jersey instead of Ohio. Jonathan Kamens said he brought his daughter, Miriam, to Logan Int'l Airport in Boston on June 14. She was to fly to Cleveland to visit her grandparents. He told WBZ-TV that shortly after the plane landed in Ohio, his father-in-law called saying she had not arrived. Kamens says for 45 minutes no one could tell him where his daughter was, setting off a panic among the family. She was finally located unharmed in Newark, N.J. The airline says the error was caused by staff miscommunication. The 2 flights used the same doorway at the airport. Kamens says the number of people who failed to do their jobs is "mindboggling."

*****Free Round Trip** as a stowaway was discovered in the cargo hold of Ethiopian Airways Flight 500, Boeing 767 plane that arrived at Dulles Int'l Airport outside Washington, D.C., on June 6, according to news reports. The cargo hold was heated & had oxygen, but the man was dehydrated & exhausted after the 17-hour journey that included a stopover in Rome. A U.S. Customs & Border Protection spokesman said the man was in custody & would be deported.

******Designer" Luggage** as police say two suitcases carried by a woman who was about to fly from Chile to Spain were made of cocaine. Detective Leandro Morales at the Santiago airport says the drug "was not hidden in the luggage. This time the suitcases were the drug." Morales tells The Associated Press that the suitcases were made of a substance combining cocaine with resin and glass fiber. He said June 2, a "chemical process" could be used to separate out the drug. The officer says the suitcases were heavier than their contents. The 26-year-old Argentine woman was arrested. How about something in a cocaine shawl?

*****Pizzas 4 Patriots** as the non-profit organization, has teamed up with DHL Express and UNO to dish out 28,000 deep-dish pizzas to U.S. troops throughout Iraq and Afghanistan in time for the July 4 Independence Day celebration. The record-breaking event, dubbed Operation Pizza Surge will be the world's largest pizza party according to the Guinness Book of World Records, and will give our troops a slice of home. **Take A Minute & A Buck To Share Our 4th With Our Troops!** You'll feel good -- and they need your love & pepperoni! **McD**
www.pizzas4patriots.com/

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OUR "C" Section: FF World Ocean News***

4. FF World Ocean Briefs

*****Plunge In Far East/EU Capacity** as Dutch consultant Dynamar reports there were 17 container services operating between Far East and the Mediterranean as of early June, with 166 ships deployed on those routes compared to 280 a year ago. Capacity has been reduced less sharply, by 24% to 1.03 million TEUs, with annual capacity down 35% to 3.9 million TEUs. The average vessel size on the trade is now 6,200 TEUs.

www.dynamar.com/

*****Record Layup** as some new containerships are coming out of shipyards without charters as a growing proportion of ships in layup come from non-operating owners that depend on carriers to charter their ships, ship information service **AXS Alphaliner** said. The the Alphaliner weekly newsletter said 10.3% of the world's container fleet is in layup with 6% of that coming from carriers and 4.3% from non-operating owners. Back on March 2, Alphaliner estimated 10.7% of the world's container fleet was in layup, with about 8.2% coming from carriers and only 2.5% from firms chartering their vessels to liner companies. The 340 ships with aggregate capacity of 546,000 TEUs in layup from non-operating owners on June 8 is "the highest level recorded since Alphaliner began tracking the idle vessel fleet. German owners appear to be worst hit, as carriers have sought to return excess tonnage," Alphaliner said. Another 193 ships, with aggregate capacity of 769,000 TEUs in operator fleets are idle, it added.

Alphaliner Top 100 Carriers:

www.axs-alphaliner.com/top100/index.php

*****Dire Container Losses**..... as container lines could see US\$50Bn or more in combined revenue losses this year as conditions continue to deteriorate, industry experts predict. A new forecast from shipping analyst Alphaliner puts the anticipated drop in revenue from 2008 levels at US\$40Bn to US\$50Bn. This is roughly in line with Drewry Shipping's projection of a US\$55Bn collapse in revenue from last year's income of US\$220Bn, which will catapult the entire industry deep into the red. Drewry said, container lines would only be able to find savings of around US\$30Bn, leaving a gap of US\$25Bn, which will push the industry from a modest collective profit in 2008 to a massive deficit of around US\$20Bn in 2009. This is down from a very early projection Drewry prepared before 1st quarter results were published.

www.drewry.co.uk/

*****Suez Canal Reflects The Economy** as transits in April were 1,482, 13% less than in April 2008, according to statistics posted by the Egyptian Cabinet Information & Decision Support Center. Through the end of April, transits are 5,506, down 17.5%. Total receipts were US\$346.9M in April, down 22,7%. For the 1st 4 months of the year, canal receipts are US\$1.3Bn, off about 22.4%.

*****London's Pirate Premium Pump** as shipping insurers are emerging as big winners from the surge in piracy across the Gulf of Aden. As the frequency of attacks rises, so, too, does coverage of vessels plying pirate-infested waters. One shipping broker for a leading market player, who spoke on condition of not being named, says the firm is surcharging a minimum of 0.125% of the hull value, rising to 0.2% at the top. However, war policies without the amended piracy clause cost around 0.025% early last year. The change is beyond huge.

*****East African Trade Feels The Bite** as shippers face a further increase in piracy surcharges as the risk of attacks in the region worsens. Local industry sources say container lines are considering doubling the average levy to US\$50 per TEU from July 1.

*****Port Payolooa Projects Prominent Problem**as prosecutors in Taiwan have indicted 46 people from the island's largest port and from 8 shipping lines on charges of inflating data, apparently in an effort to raise the port's global ranking, Reuters reports. The Kaohsiung Harbor Bureau director general & other officials were indicted this month on charges they paid the freight lines a total of about US\$9.12M since 2007 **to exaggerate shipping volumes**, said the Kaohsiung prosecutor's office. Kaohsiung's port, the world's 3rd-busiest in the late 1990s, has fallen to No. 8, with the expansion of ports in nearby China following rapid economic growth. Shipping lines now to be named.

*****EU Shippers Say "No"** as the head of a European shippers council expects the Rotterdam Rules, a United Nations contention for int'l carriage of goods -- **and proposed replacement of U.S. COGSA** -- to be unable to reach consensus among nations, while European ship owners push for quick ratification. European Shippers Council Secretary General Nicolette van der Jagt said she expects "a failure to reach consensus among different trade interests & other organizations on the content of the Rotterdam Rules, and the complexity of them will most likely result in a number of potential multimodal variants being developed around the world and not just by the European Union." The World Shipping Council, which represents liner companies, and the National Industrial Transportation League, which represents U.S. shippers, have supported the Rotterdam Rules.

The Rotterdam Rules

www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/transport_goods/2008rotterdam_rules.html

*****Hugo Goes Shopping** as Venezuela is set to nationalize the companies that run some of the South American nation's main ports, according to a Reuters report. The move is the latest by socialist President Hugo Chavez to put key areas of the economy in state hands, the wire service reported. The ports affected include key inbound cargo gateways for the country, not those handling oil shipments. "Authorities are revising the contracts of the port operators, the government's official gazette said on June 11, and Public Works Minister Diosdado Cabello said the state would take control," the report said. "In March he ordered that ports, airports and roads previously governed at the state level be handed to central government. Chavez has already nationalized key industries in Venezuela including oil, power, telecommunications, steel and cement."

*****Taxing Lockage Will Add To "Efficiency"?**as the U.S. inland waterway freight transportation industry plans to continue lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill to eliminate an Obama administration proposal to introduce lockage fees to "improve the economic efficiency" of the waterway system. To avoid the lockage fees, Waterways Council officials said inland waterway shippers might decide to divert their cargo from the waterways to already congested railroads & highways. The U.S. inland waterway system includes about 12,000 miles of navigable waterways across 38 states. In 2006, more than 625 million tons of freight commodities, including grain, coal, aggregate, chemicals & petroleum products, moved on the U.S. inland waterways. We don't need that kind of "efficiency."

*****West Bound Rate Resoration** as CMA CGM said it intends to implement a rate restoration on Asia/Europe trades on July 1. Rates will be raised US\$300 per TEU on all cargo & commodities moving westbound from Asia to Europe.

*****Goodbye Eastwind Maritime** as the ocean carrier filed for bankruptcy & plans to liquidate its assets, which includes a sizable fleet of fruit carriers, freezer vessels, bulk carriers and product tankers, Reuters reported. The company, along with 50 affiliates, filed for Chapter 7 in a New York court and said in a statement it did not intend to restructure but rather to liquidate its assets. Among Eastwind's most notable business partners is Chiquita Brands International, which in 2007 sold Eastwind 12 vessels and chartered them back on long-term contracts. In a statement, Chiquita said it "does not expect the bankruptcy filing by Eastwind Maritime Inc. and certain of its affiliates to adversely affect service to Chiquita's customers and the delivery of its bananas and other fresh fruit products."

www.eastwindgroup.com/

*****Follow The Bannana** as Chiquita Brands Int'l, Inc. does not expect the bankruptcy filing by Eastwind Maritime Inc. and certain of its affiliates to adversely affect service to Chiquita's customers and the delivery of its bananas & other fresh fruit products. All of the 12 oceangoing ships that the company sold in 2007 remain under long-term charter to Chiquita, including the four ships sold to Eastwind. "We are taking appropriate steps to protect Chiquita's interests under these long-term charters," said Waheed Zaman, Sr. VP, product supply organization. "While Chiquita's shipping operations represent only a comparatively small part of Eastwind's business, we have been monitoring developments closely and are working with the other parties involved in the chartering relationships to help assure ongoing and timely service to our customers." Far from days of "The Great White Fleet" -- Chiquita keeps rolling along.

www.chiquita.com/

*****Great Lakes Running Dry** as coal loadings at ports in May totaled 3.6 million tons, a 17 % decrease compared to May 2008. Through the end of May, coal shipments stand at 7.3 million tons, a 35 % decrease compared to the first 5 months of 2008, the Lake Carriers Assn. reported. With the U.S. steel industry's capacity utilization rate still hovering around 40%, iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes in May totaled only 3 million tons, down nearly 60% from a year ago. The association also said demand for limestone on the Great Lakes in May fell below 2.9 million tons, a 32% decrease compared to a year ago. Thousands of jobs depend upon the vitality of this trade.

www.lcaships.com/

*****Overwatch** as the Port of Long Beach will install a US\$1.4M radar system in its harbor to track on-water movements of all vessels -- especially smaller watercraft -- with the information to be fed into the port's new Security Command & Control Center. The port said the new system would expand upon existing radar facilities in the harbor, which are effective at monitoring larger vessels, but not necessarily the small vessels that are capable of delivering vessel-borne improvised explosive devices. The system is to be in place in Nov. and will be built by Anaheim, Calif.-based SSR Engineering. The port said the U.S. Coast Guard also uses SSR, so data will be integrated between the new system and the two existing systems. A federal Dept. of Homeland Security grant will provide US\$1.04M for the project, with the port providing US\$347,600.

*****Vietnam Gets New Southern Port** as the first deep-water container port serving Vietnam's southern commercial hub has just opened. The new SP-PSA Int'l Port on the Cai Mep-Thi Vai River will make it possible for Vietnam to ship directly to the U.S. without transiting via container terminals in Singapore or Hong Kong. In the first phase of the project, 2 container wharves measuring 600 meters were built at Phu My 1 Industrial Park in Tan Thanh District. The wharves are able to receive ships of up to 80,000 tonnes and handle 1.1 million tons of cargo. Upon completion of the 2nd phase, the SP-PSA Int'l Port will have loading capacity of 2.2 million tons, covering an area of 54 hectares. This new port project is a joint venture between the Vietnam National Shipping Lines, Saigon Port (SP) and Singapore's PSA Int'l.

www.internationalpsa.com/

*****Dutch Line Invests In Red, White & Blue** as A.P. Moller - Maersk's U.S.-flag arm said it has invested nearly US\$400M for the purchase & reflagging of nine ships into the U.S. registry to replace older tonnage. Maersk Line Ltd. said the plan involved removing nine older, smaller

ships from its U.S. fleet and replacing them with larger, faster and more modern U.S.-flag tonnage. All 9 of the reflagged ships are enrolled in the Maritime Security Program. The new ships are the [Maersk Kentucky](#), [Maersk Idaho](#), [Maersk Utah](#), [Maersk Wisconsin](#), [Maersk Wyoming](#), [Sealand Champion](#), [Sealand Egle](#), [Sealand Mercury](#) & [Sealand Racer](#). The new ships have average capacity of more than 4,000 TEUs and an average age of just 10 years, the company said, while the 9 ships they replace had an average capacity of only 3,400 TEUs and an average age of 23 years.

*****Attack of The Drug Crazy Sharks** as Mexico officials found nearly one ton of cocaine hidden inside frozen shark carcasses aboard Maersk container ship [MV Dover Strait](#). Prosecutors says hundreds of packages stuffed in the bellies of dozens of dead sharks seized in the Gulf port of Progreso contained 1,965 pounds (893 kilograms) of cocaine. The Attorney General's Office says the sharks were found in 2 containers on June 17. The containers had been shipped from Costa Rica. There was no immediate information on its intended destination. The 870 packages were found wrapped in plastic & inserted in the sharks. Drug traffickers are increasingly shipping drugs bound for the U.S. market through Central America. "We do not in any way want to support drug smuggling. It is an unfortunate situation that our containers have been abused for this purpose and we have social responsibility to help putting an end to it", says Karsten Kildahl, director of sales and marketing in Maersk Line to Ritzau.

*****Fleet of Foot** as a shipping container from China with more than 10,000 pairs of knockoff Nikes inside was seized at the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex, a U.S. Customs & Border Protection spokesperson said June 24. The 10,900 pairs of counterfeit Nikes were valued at nearly US\$400,000, but, if real, would have been worth about US\$1.8M, according to Cristina Gamez of CBP. The knockoffs were under a layer of used shoes in the top of the container, a move apparently designed to throw off inspectors, she said. The container was selected for inspection because the lading papers did not specify what kind of shoes were inside, according to CPB. In 2008, CPB and U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement seized more than US\$272M worth of counterfeit items nationwide.

*****Throughput >>>** Throughput at **Abu Dhabi's Mina Zayed port** rose 19% to 104,762 TEU in the first quarter of this year. >>> Container volume at the **Port of Hamburg** was down 24.3% in the 1st quarter of 2009, handling 1.86 million TEUs -- yet another symbol of how far demand for containerized goods fell earlier in the year -- while overall tonnage at the port fell 21.7% during the same period. >>> **Port of Long Beach** moved 419,555 TEUs of empty & loaded containers in May, down 20.7% from the same 2008 period. >>>

*****This Month In U.S. Navy History -**

1833 - [USS Constitution](#) enters drydock at Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston for overhaul. The ship was saved from scrapping after public support rallied to save the ship following publication of Olive Wendell Holmes' poem, "[Old Ironsides](#)."

1864 - [USS Kearsarge](#) sinks [Confederate raider Alabama](#) off France.

1865 - [Confederate raider Shenandoah](#) fires last shot of Civil War in Bering Strait.

1870 - [USS Mohican](#) burns Mexican pirate ship Forward.

1884 - Navy relief expedition under Cmdr. Winfield S. Schley rescues Lt. A.W. Greely, USA, & 6 others from Ellesmere Island, where they marooned for 3years on Arctic island.

1917 - Navy convoy of troopships carrying American Expeditionary Forces arrives in France.

1948 - Berlin airlift initiated to offset the Soviet Union's blockade access of United States, France, and Great Britain to their sectors of Berlin.

1950 - North Korea invades South Korea beginning Korean Conflict.

1959 - Twenty-eight naval vessels sail from Atlantic to Great Lakes, marking the formal opening of Saint Lawrence Seaway to seagoing ships.

1962 - Naval Facilities Engineering Command Cape Hatteras makes first Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) detection of a Soviet diesel submarine.

*****Sorry, Wrong Village** as the Russian Navy said on May 29 that one of its anti-submarine ships had fired artillery at a village by mistake, state RIA news agency reported. The navy said no-one had been injured when a small anti-submarine ship on Thursday opened fire on

a village in the Vyborg region of St Petersburg. "On 28 May, a small anti-submarine ship from the Baltic fleet was working on a host of exercises in the gulf of Finland, including artillery fire at aerial targets," RIA quoted a navy spokesman as saying. "No-one was injured." Russia's navy has been plagued by a series of mishaps since the collapse of the Soviet Union, including the Kursk submarine disaster in 2000 in which 118 sailors died.

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5. The Cargo Letter Cargo Damage Dispatches
****Back By Popular Demand****

We're sorry, but there were so many sinkings, explosions, pirate attacks, fires, cargo mishaps, battles on the water & other disasters at sea that we do not have room to print even the highlights this month. **Many people lost their lives at sea this month!!**

But you can read all this month's disaster news at our special Internet web feature which provides full details of each event -- our **Vessel Casualties & Pirate Activity Database**. Bookmark the site and visit every day! Updated twice daily.

www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html

SPECIAL NOTE: Please view the dramatic new pictures at our special "**Gallery of Cargo Loss**" website feature.

www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html

See our new feature for June 2009: "**Walvis Wollorver**"

www.cargolaw.com/2009nightmare_seaflower.html

See our newest photo feature "**Singles Only**" - Transportation Disasters Told In A Single Photo!

www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html

NOTE: The historic dangers of carriage by sea continue to be quite real. **Shippers must be encouraged** to purchase high quality marine cargo insurance from their [freight forwarder](#) or [customs broker](#). It's dangerous out there.

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OUR "D" Section: FF in Cyberspace***

6. The Cargo Letter "Cyber Ports Of Call"

Here are our suggested world wide web sites of the week for your business, your information and your amusement.....

Cargo & Trade>>>>>>

2009 Global Terror Update

www.gccapitalideas.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/1global_terror-final.pdf

China Logistics Club (CLC) forum for the small & medium enterprise freight forwarders & logistics companies

www.chinalogisticsclub.com/

EU Economic Operators Registration & Identification Number Course a free Internet course for economic operators that engage in customs activities. New rules will become mandatory 1 July 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/elearning/eori/index_en.htm

European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) Maritime Accident Review

https://extranet.emsa.europa.eu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=159&Itemid=193

LineScope -- The 1st Independent Search Engine for Ocean Container Routes & Schedules

www.linescape.com

Free FDA Seminars: "Essentials of Medical Device Regulations: A Primer for Manufacturers & Importers" July & Aug. -- Coronado, CA, Nashville, TN & San Juan, PR
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14907.pdf>

Global Knowledge Network for Supply Chain Executives
www.scexecutive.com/

Int'l Ship Manager's Assn.
www.intermanager.org/

Introduction to U.S. Commerce Dept. Export Controls
www.bis.doc.gov/licensing/exportingbasics.htm

Korea - U.S. 2009 Memorandum of Understanding
www.commerce.gov/NewsRoom/PressReleases_FactSheets/PROD01_008092

Lloyd's Piracy Timeline
www.lloydslist.com/ll/media/presentation.htm

"Masters of Logistics" Survey -- Need Your Help
www.surveys.manrodt.com/Annual/

Mexico - U.S. 2009 Bilateral Agreement to Facilitate Trade
www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1245081021647.shtm

Negotiation of An Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)
<http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/press-office/press-releases/2009/june/ambassador-ron-kirk-announces-plan-move-forward-negot>

Piracy Insurance Primer
www.ukpandi.com/ukpandi/infopool.nsf/HTML/PiracyFAQ

Portugal Trade Sources
www.portugalglobal.pt/EN/

UN Convention on Contracts for the Int'l Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea - the "Rotterdam Rules"
www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/transport_goods/2008rotterdam_rules.html

U.S. Customs: What Every Member of The Trade Community Should Know About: Entry.
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/

U.S. Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act, 2010
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h2892eh.txt.pdf

U.S. Navy Sponsors Maritime Center of Excellence In Kenya
www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=12782

U.S. Office of Textiles & Apparel Trade Data Website
<http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/msrpoint.htm>

U.S. Trade Agreements
www.ustr.gov/trade-agreements/wto-multilateral-affairs

White House Counternarcotic Strategy For Southern Border
www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/swb_counternarcotics_strategy09/swb_counternarco

FIATA World Congress 200921 - 25 Sept. 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland
www.fiata2009.com/

IANA'S Intermodal Expo Nov. 15 - 17, 2009, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
www.intermodal.org/events_files/expo_files/index.html

Int'l Freight Week 18-20 Oct. 2009, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center
www.internationalfreightweek.com/

Intermodal 2009 3-5 Nov. 2009, Feria Valencia Spain
www.intermodal-events.com/

MARAD Approved Maritime Security Awareness Classes
<http://71.14.2.130/moodle/>

MarineLog Global GreenShipSept. 17-18, 2009, Washington Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.
www.marinelog.com/DOCS/MSECMMV/globgreenreg2009.html

SNAME 2009 Annual Meeting & ExpoOct. 21-23, 2009, Providence, Rhode Island
www.snameexpo.com

TOC Europe 2009 16-18 June 2009, Bremen Exhibition & Conference Center, Bremen, Germany
www.tocevents-europe.com/

U.S. Customs "10 + 2" Outreach Events Scheduled in 2009
http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/09_outreach_schl.xml

U.S. Customs Broker Exam Monday, Oct. 5, 2009
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_programs/broker/broker_exam/notice_of_exam.xml

Washington Union Station's Centennial Celebration
<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/ddot/section/2/release/15040>

General Interest>>>>>>>>>>

6 Reasons To Travel Without A Plan
www.bravenewtraveler.com/2009/06/25/6-reasons-to-travel-without-a-plan/

10th Annual International Submarine Races
www.isrsubrace.org/

12 Amazing Shipping Container Houses
http://green.yahoo.com/blog/daily_green_news/8/twelve-amazing-shipping-container-houses.html

Database of Financial Incentives For Renewable Energy
www.dsireusa.org/

German VW Factory - Amazing! how do they survive without the UAW?
www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd5WGLWNIIA

Heifer Int'l give a goat, give today
www.heifer.org/

Restoration of **SS Red Oak Victory** (ex-**USS Red Oak Victory** AK-235) continues at its birthplace, Permanente Metals Corp. (Kaiser Shipyard), Richmond, Ca.
www.ssredoakvictory.org

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