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OUR Top Story***

*****Big Brown Heart** On Call -- Helping To Save The 33 Trapped Miners In Chile as a UPS humanitarian mission funded by the **UPS Foundation** paid dividends this month. Trapped Chilean miners, the beneficiaries of UPS-transported drill bits, emerged from the earth this month after 66 days underground. In early Sept., UPS officials received a call from the Chilean Ambassador. He had a dire message. Thirty-three miners had been trapped half a mile underground after a portion of the San Jose Mine near Copiapo, Chile, collapsed. The men had survived for 17 days before they were discovered, and now everything was being done to free them as soon as possible.

The company's **Humanitarian Supply Chain**, led by **Chip Chappelle**, leapt into action, devising a logistics strategy for transporting drills totaling 26,500 pounds from their manufacturer in Bethlehem, Penn., to Chile. "They originally wanted to ship these drills in an ocean container that would be put on board an aircraft — a really expensive way to do it," Chappelle said. "We suggested that we move the total shipment in several pieces, and that turned out to be the best solution." UPS trucked the cargo from Pennsylvania to Miami, where it was shipped to Santiago, Chile, on LAN Chile Cargo, a UPS contractor. UPS then transported the drills via truck to

Copiapo. The entire journey took 3 days. A 2nd parcel of equipment was sent to replace broken drilling machinery using UPS aircraft from Louisville, Ky., to Miami for transport in another LAN flight.

"When disaster occurs, the biggest challenge facing the entire global community — governments, relief agencies, recovery teams, and everyone else — is logistics," Ed Martinez, Director of Philanthropy & Corporate Relations for the UPS Foundation, said in a statement. "Logistics is central to rescuing people, safeguarding people, bringing in urgent supplies — the whole recovery process." Ed Martinez of UPS is a great friend and our valued colleague. Having worked for Ed, as we did for years, is to appreciate the white knuckle process he went through to complete the process of getting those drills to the trapped Chilean miners.

www.responsibility.ups.com/UPS+Foundation

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

1. Freight Forwarder Trade Briefs _____

*****U.S.-China Policy: Is a Trade War Brewing?** as despite fierce words flying across the Pacific Ocean and a mounting U.S. trade deficit with China, a full-fledged trade war that would disrupt one of the world's busiest shipping lanes is unlikely, experts tell The Journal of Commerce. In a Special Report released this week, the JOC examines the deteriorating relationship between the U.S. & China, impending legislation and the multinational reach of battle lines. August's record US\$28Bn U.S.-China trade deficit brings the year's total, for the 1st 8 months, to US\$173.4Bn. Between 2000 & 2009, U.S. exports to China increased from US\$16.2Bn to US\$69.5Bn; imports increased from US\$100.1Bn to US\$296.4Bn. Without a tactical shift in pressuring China for currency devaluation, outsourcing will only worsen the U.S.' already skyrocketing unemployment rates. Those pressing for a market-driven yuan believe it would strengthen U.S. export opportunities & increase the ability to compete with low-priced Chinese imports. A trade war is "always possible, but it's in the overwhelming interest of both sides not to let that happen," said the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

*****Capacity & Demand Seen Near Equilibrium** as the vast majority of U.S. freight forwarders see pricing for int'l ocean & air transport staying flat or growing only modestly, according to an industry survey. The survey conducted by Cleveland Research for the Airforwarders Assn. shows the providers view shipping demand & capacity are close to equilibrium heading toward the end of the year, with 38% viewing capacity as tight in both the ocean and air arenas. The survey, taken in Aug., found 49% of the forwarders saw air cargo capacity as neutral while 46% termed ocean capacity neutral. Only 8% of the respondents called ocean capacity "extremely tight" with only a few weeks left in the peak shipping season. None of the forwarders found airline capacity extremely tight.

www.airforwarders.org/

*****South Korea & European Union (EU) In FTA** as they have signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in Brussels and agreed to improve its economic relationship to a strategic partnership. This FTA is the first free trade pact the EU has concluded with an East Asian country. The deal will take effect on July 01, 2011 after going through ratification process in the Parliaments of both countries. Under the pact, South Korea and the 27-member economic bloc would eliminate tariffs on 98.7% of duties in trade value for both industrial & agricultural products within 5 years from the entry into force of the FTA. By the end of the transitional periods, duties will be eliminated on almost all products, with a few exceptions in the agricultural sector. For the service sector, South Korea will open 115 industries, while the EU will allow 139 industries to South Koreans.

*****Brazil Recognizes "Visiting" Cargo** as the government has agreed to adopt the use of carnets, an int'l passport for merchandise honored by more than 75 countries. The Istanbul Convention, adopted by the World Customs Organization in June 1990 and in force since 1993, is

primarily designed to facilitate the temporary entry & exit of goods by removing the need to pay customs taxes or complete entry procedures. Commercial representatives, exhibitors, executives & other professionals use carnets to move goods among signatory countries with relative ease & flexibility, and little cost.

*****Price Fixing Charges Spread** as 6 int'l freight forwarders have agreed to plead guilty and pay criminal fines totaling US\$50.27M for their roles in several conspiracies to fix a variety of fees & charges in connection with the provision of freight forwarding services for int'l air cargo shipments. According to the U.S. Dept. of Justice, these are the first charges filed as a result of its antitrust investigation of the freight forwarding industry. The 6 companies— EGL Inc., a Houston-based company; Kühne + Nagel Int'l AG, based in Schindellegi, Switzerland (K+N); Geologistics Int'l Management (Bermuda) Ltd., based in Hamilton, Bermuda; Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd., based in Basel, Switzerland; Schenker AG, based in Essen, Germany; and BAX Global Inc., a Toledo, Ohio-based company—have been charged with engaging in one or more separate conspiracies to impose certain charges or fees on customers purchasing int'l freight forwarding services for cargo freight destined for air shipment to the U.S. during various periods between 2002 & 2007.

www.justice.gov/atr/contact/newcase.html

*****C-TPAT Tops 10,000** as U.S. Customs & Border Protection has announced that the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism has surpassed 10,000 members. C-TPAT is the first & largest anti-terrorism partnership program throughout the world and it continues to set the global standard for supply chain security. C-TPAT also published the results of its 2nd partner survey. Contact [Countryman & McDaniel](mailto:McD@CargoLaw.com) to arrange certification for your company. Read the survey results:

www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/national/09232010_2.xml

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*****Importer Compliance Up** as U.S. Customs & Border Protection has announced that 80% of importer filings comply with the Importer Security Filing since the 10+2 rule was introduced in January. The agency also identified around 1,000 un-manifested containers among vessel stow plans filed by carriers, which potentially pose the highest security risk, reports Newark's Journal of Commerce. According to the Government Accountability Office, under White House Office of Management & Budget rules, customs should be more transparent in assessing how it put the rule into effect. The 10+2 rule demands importers and carriers file 12 extra pieces of information that do not appear on the cargo manifest to provide customs with more details about a container's origin, ownership & destination.

*****Saving Money, Just Like The Rest of Us Must Do** as the U.S. federal government could save over \$500Bn by 2020 by applying supply chain best practices used in the private sector, according to a new economic report released this week by the Technology CEO Council (TCC). The research findings & recommendations are in the TCC report, "One Trillion Reasons." By harnessing proven applications of technology to reduce waste, decrease duplication and attack fraud & abuse, the TCC urges the U.S. to foster greater innovation in areas ranging from health care, to education and energy. Improved supply chain management alone could represent US\$500Bn in savings over the next 10 years. That's about how much The Federal government spends on goods every year. Read the report:

www.techceocouncil.org/storage/documents/TCC_One_Trillion_Reasons_FINAL.pdf

*****Monitoring Supply Chain Threats** as Dow Jones & Company has introduced a service designed to provide ongoing, active monitoring of a range of supply chain threats. Dow Jones Supplier & Risk Monitor offers proactive monitoring of various types of risk, including supplier failure, supply continuity, political exposure, reputation management, product safety, plant and port closures, and staffing disruptions. Drawing upon more than 25,000 media sources from 150 countries, the service monitors the news for events that could affect suppliers rather than relying solely on financial data. It allows companies to view a more complete picture of critical partners &

regions and to expand risk-scanning across all trading partners. Supplier & Risk Monitor also enables supply chain managers to perform research & due diligence to evaluate new partners.
www.dowjones.com/research/DJSRM.asp

*****Mailing Off A Cliff** as the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is being brought to its knees after suffering a further loss of US\$6Bn this year, almost double last year's US\$3.8 Bn loss. U.S. Postmaster General John Potter now warns that continuing on its current downwards spiral, the U.S. Postal Service will most likely run out of money by the end of 2011. Mr Potter said in a statement that USPS had revenues of US\$68Bn for 2010, yet mail volumes had fallen by 7 billion pieces to 170 billion pieces of mail. He also said USPS' financial position is "complicated" by its large healthcare payments which have totaled US\$5Bn over the past year, a cost the post office has asked Congress to reduce, but Congress has refused to do so.

*****Big Brown Is Hiring** as UPS will hire 50,000 seasonal employees for this year's holiday season, matching last year's total. The company is set to begin hiring for short-term positions in advance of its year-end holiday season that covers the period between Thanksgiving & Christmas. UPS will hire workers as package sorters, driver helpers and others, with the hiring process beginning this month.

*****New Asia Rail Link** as construction of a railway linking China's Yunnan province and Laos will start in late Oct. This 530-kilometer railway, expected to be completed in 2015, will link Mohan port in Yunnan's Dai autonomous prefecture of Xishuangbanna & Vientiane, the capital of Laos. It is part of the Trans-Asian Railway network, which will cover 114,000 kilometers and travel through 28 countries throughout the region. In 2009, China ratified an agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway network, which was initiated by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Asian_Railway

*****High Speed Rail Boosts China Volume** as rail cargo traffic was up 12.1% year on year to 2.72 billion tons from Jan. to Sept., reported the Chinese Ministry of Railways (MoR). The increase was driven by the rapid development of the country's high-speed rail network, said the MoR statistics. China opened its first high-speed railway linking Wuhan in central China & Guangzhou in the south in Dec. 2009.

*****Cross-Border Training** as 24 Mexican Custom's officers graduated this month from the 1st training course offered by U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in North Charleston, S.C., the Dept. of Homeland Security said. Coursework covered Mexican and U.S. customs law, as well as training in a variety of investigative techniques, officer safety tactics & ethics -- helping to provide the graduates with the tools & knowledge necessary to combat cross-border crime, including money laundering, customs offenses and weapons & drug trafficking, in close coordination with ICE special agents and other U.S. law enforcement officials.

*****How To Really Create Jobs** as the Union Pacific Railroad has officially inaugurated its US\$370M intermodal terminal in Joliet, Ill., part of what will be the nation's largest inland port. The UP terminal is in the middle of a massive logistics hub being developed by CenterPoint Properties adjacent to CenterPoint's intermodal center in Elwood where the BNSF Railroad operates. The Elwood logistics park is utilized by shippers & logistics providers such as Wal-Mart, Georgia Pacific, Sanyo Logistics, DSC Logistics, Maersk & California Cartage. Together the two parks cover more than 6,000 acres & offer more than 30 million square feet of industrial facilities. The development is located on a former Army arsenal. The 785-acre UP transfer facility can handle up to 500,000 containers & domestic trailers per year. It is highly automated and located about 5 miles from Interstate 80 and seven miles from I-55. It is 2nd in size to the UP's intermodal hub near the Port of Long Beach, which has capacity for 700,000 lifts per year. UP officials estimate the facility will create 1,300 jobs, and lead to 4,500 other jobs in the industrial park and 3,000 new trucking jobs to shuttle cargo to & from distribution centers.

*****Rails Up East** as Maine government officials have reached an agreement to purchase a large section of a freight rail line scheduled for abandonment by the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic (MMA) Railway. The acquisition of 233 miles of track in the northern part of the state for US\$20.1M will preserve access to rail service for the paper industry and local manufacturers, they said. More than 25 businesses in Aroostook and Penobscot counties depended on the MMA rail line and its shutdown would have cost 750 to 1,000 jobs, according to the governor's office. The track is primarily used to transport pulpwood, heating fuels, fertilizer, wood chips & cooking oil.

www.mmarail.com/

******Shipper Warning:** FedEx-UPS "Package Delivery Failure" Virus Scam as with this scheme you will receive an e-mail from UPS/Fed Ex along with a bogus package number. It will say that they were unable to deliver a package sent to you on such-and-such a date. It then asks you to print out the invoice copy attached. Do not print the invoice because it launches a virus into your computer. **The Cargo Letter** has received this. Read more:

www.ups.com/content/us/en/resources/ship/fraud.html?srch_pos=14&srch_phr=virus

*****U.S. Inland Rates Seen To Rise** as U.S. retailers, already feeling pressure from rising raw material costs & higher wages in China and elsewhere, face the added threat of growing land transportation costs as they move toward 2011. Truckload rates are expected to rise by 10% to 12% next year as a driver shortage forces trucking companies to cut capacity, Dahlman Rose & Co analyst Jason Seidl said, based on feedback from truckload carriers. Small retailers and mom-&-pop stores, which depend on irregular shipping cycles and do not go for long-term contracts with truckers, will be the hardest hit, according to analysts. The retail segment accounts for about 70% of trucking company revenue. "Lots of shippers have actually started getting a little bit scared about where capacity is heading," Seidl said.

www.dahlmanrose.com/

*****Gert & Charlie Beat The Post Office** as a former student at the Farmington State Teacher's College in Maine now has a postcard that was sent to her in the fall of 1946. The postcard, a thank you note, was sent to Ruth Webber at Purington Hall by "Gert and Charlie." It was mailed from Winthrop. The postcard showed up recently in the mailroom at the University of Maine at Farmington. Mailroom employee Andrea Butterfield says the postcard was in mint condition and the ink wasn't faded. It had a 1 cent stamp on it. There's no explanation about where the card has been. On Oct. 19, 83-year-old Ruth Webber McGary, received the card. She said she worked with the Charlie who sent the card, but doesn't remember why it was sent, or who she was.

*****More Old Mail Sent For Me Mum** as Bolivian police said they've detained a woman who tried to mail a mummy to France. Police Col. Adolfo Cardenas said on Oct. 26, a Peruvian woman tried to send the human remains from a post office in the town of Desaguadero along the Peruvian border. The destination was in the French city of Compiègne. The mummy was discovered in a routine check of the package. Cardenas said he doesn't know how old the mummy is, but says it was well-preserved & may have been from the Inca culture.

*****Smuggling Reaches New Low Level** as when Florida sheriffs' deputies allegedly discovered bags of marijuana & cocaine between a man's buttocks, they said he gave a quick explanation. Manatee County deputies said Raymond Stanley Roberts told them "The white stuff is not mine, but the weed is." Deputies stopped the 25-year-old in Bradenton for speeding on Oct. 4. Officers said they smelled marijuana & searched him. That's when they allegedly found a bag of marijuana between Roberts' buttocks. I don't even let friends store things in my garage!

*****Cargo Delivery To The Consignee's Undisclosed Agent -- Never A Good Idea** as a pizza driver made a delivery Oct. 7 to a house in Hoquiam, WA where a child answered the door, took the pizza and said his mother was in the shower & would be out to pay soon. Radio KBKW

reported the driver waited about 30 minutes before calling police. Officers found the house was vacant & the child apparently escaped with the pizza out the back door.

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2. The Cargo Letter Financial Page _____

****CSX Corp. UP** with 3rd quarter net profit of US\$414M, a 43% increase over the prior year and 3rd quarter record for the company.

****Forward Air Corp. UP** as net income during 3rd quarter increased to US\$8.9M from US\$3.8M in the prior-year quarter.

****Horizon Lines. DOWN** as net income for the July-Sept. quarter fell to US\$7.7 M from US\$8.4M a year earlier.

****Hyundai Merchant Marine. UP** with 3rd quarter operating profit of US\$261M, a major reverse on the roughly US\$275M loss in same period in 2009.

****Khuene + Nagel Group. UP** with a 12% profit increase to US\$163M in 3rd quarter.

****Landstar System. UP** as 3rd-quarter revenue up to US\$623M, a 24% increase from a year ago.

****Neptune Orient Lines** (owner of APL container line) **UP** with a 55% 3rd quarter profit increase to US\$282M, recovering from a year-on-year net loss of US\$139M.

****Orient Overseas Container Line UP** as its revenue for 3rd quarter increased 65.5% year on year to US\$1.57Bn.

****Pilot Freight Services. UP** with record revenue of US\$114.5M for 3rd quarter of 2010, up 36% from same period in 2009.

****Union Pacific Rail Road. UP** with a record 3rd quarter as net income increased 51% to US\$778M.

****UPS. UP** with Q3 net profit of US\$991M, 80.5% more than US\$549M earned in same 2009 period -- supply chain & freight revenue climbed 19.4% to US\$2.2Bn.

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

3. Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs _____

*****Air New Zealand Next Price Fixing Target** as it has been singled out in a U.S. Justice Dept. investigation into alleged price-fixing by air cargo carriers, according to court papers. "Air New Zealand stated to this court that it had been informed by the government that it is a target of the criminal investigation," the Justice Dept. said in papers filed in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, reports Bloomberg. The airline is the latest to be named in a probe that has netted US\$1.6Bn in fines and laid criminal charges against at least 18 carriers and 8 executives. China Airlines agreed last month to plead guilty and pay a US\$40M fine. The report said the Justice Dept.'s antitrust division disclosed that Air New Zealand is under investigation in court papers that attempt to put on hold a lawsuit filed by customers of air freight companies. The U.S. government is seeking a 5-month delay for taking depositions in the civil case. Other airlines agreeing to pay fines are Polar Air Cargo LLC, a unit of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Air France-KLM, Cathay Pacific, SAS Cargo & KLM unit Martinair Holland.

*****Asia Volume Up** as the Assn. of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) reported an 18.5% increase in cargo traffic for Sept. 2010 over the same month last year.

*****Everything Normal, Nothing Moving** as French workers have already carried out 6 general strikes since the beginning of Sept. and another is scheduled today with effect on short haul flights. It's all about over proposed pension reforms that would increase the minimum retirement age to 62.

*****Customers Push Back For New Freighter Delay** as the launch customer for the new Boeing 747-8 Freighter, is believed to be seeking a price reduction after the latest takeoff was delayed by technical problems, including detection of a low-frequency vibration. The Luxembourg cargo airline said discussions are under way with Boeing, "pursuant to our purchase contract,"

reported London's Int'l Freighting Weekly. But Cargolux, the launch customer, refused to say whether talks focused on price to compensate for delivery delays. The latest delay pushes the delivery date from late 2010 to mid-2011. Boeing originally planned to deliver the first 747-8 Freighter to Cargolux in late 2009, but the program was first delayed in Oct. 2008 which caused Boeing to take a US\$1Bn charge, the report said. An unidentified Cargolux official added the company was "working on additional aircraft to cover the delay [of the 747-8] and our preference is the 747-400. Our target is to have such capacity available in early 2011," he said, confirming Cargolux remains committed to adding thirteen B747-8 freighters to its fleet.

www.boeing.com/commercial/747family/747-8_facts.html

*****B757-200 Achieves Converted Freighter Status** as Precision Conversions has won a contract to convert a B757-200 into a passenger/cargo combi aircraft for Cargo Aircraft Management, a subsidiary of Air Transport Services Group. The new variant will incorporate 10 pallet positions & seating for up to 58 passengers. Pemco World Services has begun a similar program with a contract to convert four B757-200 passenger aircraft for National Airlines. Currently all 4 aircraft are in various stages of reconfiguration, with the 1st unit scheduled for FAA certification by the 1st quarter of 2011. Like Precision, Pemco will provide National with a 10-pallet configuration aircraft with a max payload of 36 tons.

www.boeing.com/commercial/757family/pf/pf_200f_back.html

*****New Passenger Study Has Lessons For Air Cargo Shippers** as airline flight delays cost passengers more than inconvenience - US\$16.7Bn more - according to a study delivered to the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA-funded study looks at the cost to passengers for flight delays in 2007, the latest year for which complete data was available when researchers began working on the study. Unlike past studies of the impact of flight delays, researchers looked more broadly at the costs associated with flight delays, including passengers' lost time waiting for flights and then scrambling to make other arrangements when flights are canceled. The cost to airlines for delays was US\$8.3Bn, mostly for crew, fuel & maintenance. Overall, the cost was US\$33Bn, including to other parts of the economy. But one finding of the study is that more than half the cost associated with flight delays is borne by passengers. Those costs likely were lower in the 3 years since 2007, due to the weakened economy. Air travel peaked in 2007 before the economy went sour, and so did flight delays & cancellations. In 2007, 1.3 million domestic flights were delayed and 119,000 flights canceled, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Last year, 85,000 flights were delayed and 63,000 canceled. Delays have the same effect upon commercial cargo.

*****First Flight Flies Again** as there has been a re-enactment of the first ever cargo flight in the U.S., 100 years ago which took place between Dayton & Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 2. The National Aviation Heritage Alliance, which took 2.5 years to build a replica of the Wright B Flyer aircraft, successfully completed the 68-mile commemorative flight from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, which takes in the Huffman Prairie Flying Field where the Wright Brothers' original flight began, to Rickenbacker Airport. In 1910, aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright accepted an order from an Ohio businessman to fly 80 kilos of silk cloth along the route. They charged him US\$5,000; that's an enviable rate today, but the equivalent now would be US\$120,000. The replica airplane has a 40 HP engine, an improved version of the one that powered the Model A Ford.

www.wright-b-flyer.org/

*****DHL Express Aggressive Service Expansion** as it has started offering time-definite delivery between many int'l destinations. While the company has offered delivery by the end of the business day, last week it launched a portfolio of premium door-to-door time definite guaranteed services.

www.dhl-usa.com/IntlSvcs/DelSvcsHome.asp?nav=USServices/IDeliveryServices

*****Air Cartel** as Mexican air cargo airline last week was identified by the U.S. Treasury Dept. as belonging to a South American drug syndicate. The Office of Foreign Assets Control

designated the Sinaloa Cartel, headed by Alejandro Flores Cacho, as a foreign drug trafficker. Under the law, U.S. residents are prohibited from doing businesses with designated drug traffickers and government has frozen assets traffickers may have in U.S. Among the entities listed as part of Cacho's drug organization is Mexico-City based Aero Express Intercontinental S.A. de C.V. The Treasury Dept. said Aero Express helped the cartel transport drugs & money.
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-26331.pdf>

*****Cargo Tenant Sues LAX** as the declared intention of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to spread air traffic across southern California has failed to materialize, says a law suit filed by troubled developer who invested US\$6M on the promise that cargo would be diverted from LAX to Ontario Airport. Aero Ontario RFP, LLC, the developer of a long-ago proposed cargo hub at Ontario Airport, has sued the city of Los Angeles and the Board of Airport Commissioners, joining others, mainly the City of Ontario, contending Los Angeles officials have ignored the inland airport in favour of boosting traffic at LAX and has sought out more air cargo tenants for LAWA-owned airports. The inland airport's cargo shipments dropped 18.7% between 2008 & 2009. Since 2004, when 605,211 tons of mail and freight were shipped, the number has dropped every year to 390,932 tons at the end of 2009. Ontario airport has also suffered passenger losses with traffic dropping 32.2% since 2007.
www.ci.ontario.ca.us/index.cfm/71612/72148

*****Chicago's Airline Climbs The Tower** as the first 280 United Airlines employees have offices this month as the company begins relocating its operations center in Elk Grove Village to its new location in Willis Tower (formerly named Sears Tower). This is the first phase of the move of more than 2,500 people who currently work at the company's Elk Grove facility. "We are pleased to move into this state of the art building, a move which will make United the largest private employer in Chicago." United currently plans to occupy 12 floors at Willis Tower, three more floors than the company originally announced in August of 2009. United has been Chicago's "hometown airline" for more than 80 years and, after the move to Willis Tower is complete, United expects to employ more than 13,000 people in the city.

*****World Airways Over The Pole** as the subsidiary of Global Aviation Holdings now offers Polar route service after receiving U.S. Federal Aviation Administration authorization. The Polar authorization allows the airline to eliminate intermediate stops for several routes, reduce flight times & save fuel. "World has met all of the rigorous requirements for Polar route authorization, and we are proud to offer our MD-11 passenger & cargo customers the benefits of this efficient service," said Global Aviation Holdings. The history:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polar_route.

*****Be The Cargo** as a Georgia man was arrested at the Miami Int'l Airport after he allegedly got on the baggage claim carousel & rode it into a secure area. Authorities said 40-year-old Bradley Ray Bromelow, from Alpharetta, Ga., filmed people watching him as he moved on the conveyor belt Oct. 15. He faces a charge of trespassing into a secured area at the airport where signs are posted. The Transportation Security Administration is reviewing the matter to determine if he will receive any fine. Bromelow bonded out of jail early the next morning.

*****Snakes On A Plane: Kid's Stuff** as a small airliner crashed into a house, killing a British pilot and 19 others after a crocodile smuggled into the aircraft in a sports bag escaped & started a panic. The plane came down, despite no apparent mechanical problems, during an internal flight in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has now emerged that the crash was caused by a concealed reptile escaping and causing a stampede in the cabin, throwing the aircraft off-balance. A lone survivor apparently relayed the bizarre tale to investigators. The crocodile survived the crash, only to be dispatched with a blow from a machete. Danny Philemotte, the Belgian pilot and 62-year-old owner of the plane's operator, Filair, struggled in vain with the controls, with Chris Wilson, his 39-year-old First Officer from Shurdington, near Cheltenham, Glocs. The plane was on a routine flight from the capital, Kinshasa, to the regional airport at Bandundu when the incident unfolded, on August 25. It crashed into a house just a few hundred

feet from its destination. The occupants of the property were outside at the time. According to the inquiry report & testimony of the only survivor, the crash happened because of a panic sparked by the escape of a crocodile hidden in a sports bag. One of the passengers had hidden the animal, which he planned to sell, in a big sports bag, from which the reptile escaped as the plane began its descent into Bandundu. A report of the incident said: "The terrified air hostess hurried towards the cockpit, followed by the passengers." The plane was then sent off-balance "despite the desperate efforts of the pilot", said the report. The plane was a Czech-made Let L-410 Turbolet, one of more than 1,100 produced as short-range transport aircraft & used mainly for passenger services. A tragedy.

<http://avherald.com/h?article=43015f1b>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filair>

*****The Airport Is Where?...** as Southwest Airlines jet lost navigation system as it approached Los Angeles Int'l Airport on Oct. 20, forcing air traffic controllers to redirect several flights to clear the airspace as they guided the aircraft to a safe landing.. The Boeing 737 carrying 92 passengers & crew members was coming from San Jose when the navigation system failed around noon, causing the jet to lose its positioning amid the clouds in zero visibility. Contolers guided the planes' decent until it broke through the clouds. This was a standard procedure for wjich there never was any danger.

*****Volumes >>>** All Nippon Airways increased its int'l cargo volume for the 12th consecutive month in Aug., soaring 30.2% to 39,110 tons, as year-on-year pace of growth slowed from 36.8% in July. >>> **Cathay Pacific** air freight volume for Sept. rose 9.6% from the same month in 2009, as it and sister airline Dragonair carried 146,152 tons of cargo during the month -- load factor was 69.8%, a drop of 4.6%, while capacity rose 25.4%. Year to date, tonnage has grown 20.5%, compared to a capacity increase of 12.7%. >>> **Hawaii** cargo summer level up as volume has been up 14% to **Honolulu Int' Airport** >>> Singapore's **Changi Airport** freight volume grew 7.3% to 151,055 tons in Sept. year on year while increasing 14% to 1.34 million tons in the 1st 9 months of the year >>> **Lufthansa Cargo** transported 1.3 million tons of freight from January to Sept., a year on year increase of 19.4%. Measured by transported ton kilometers, sales rose by 22.8%. =====

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

4. FF World Ocean Briefs

*****Piracy Tripled In South China Sea -- Somalia Down** as it has reached 30 attacks in the first 9 months of the year and following on last year's report of a 5-year high in the waters from ReCAAP (Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy & Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia) report of a 5-year high in the waters last year. The attacks share similar characteristics, which point to the pirates being a small number, said a recent report from the Int'l Maritime Bureau which still held Somalia waters as holding 44% of the 289 piracy incidents during the same period this year. Out of 39 hijackings in an area where the Somali pirates extend to the Red Sea and hundreds of miles east in the Indian Ocean, 35 were hijackings by heavily armed pirates during the 1st 9 months of 2010, an increase on last year's 34. Of 128 vessels boarded by pirates globally, 70 were able to stave off attacks, but 773 hostages were taken in this period of which 27 injured and one crewmember killed against the pirates, with 137 of them using guns while 66 used knives. The presence of naval activity and merchant ships in the Gulf of Aden & off the east coast of Somali has dampened activity with 45 reported attacks in the 9-month period compared to 100 year previous.

www.recaap.org/index_home.html

*****End of Monsoon Starts Somalia Pirate Season** as the U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd) has warned of an increase in pirate attacks in the Gulf of Aden region from Oct. to early Dec. with the end of the monsoons. Favorable weather allows open boat activity off the Horn of Africa and into the Indian Ocean, as shown by recent attacks off Kenya & Tanzania, in the southern Red Sea & around Seychelles & Maldives, said the MarAd statement.

*****Seasonal Lay-Up For Box Fleet** as the world's idle containership fleet is expected to expand over the next few months, as carriers lay-up ships over the winter season. Alphaliner said the idle fleet currently stood at 225,000 TEU, compared with 1.5 million TEU in Jan., but it is likely to rise to between 600,000 TEU and one million TEU by the end of December.

*****Import Traffic Continues Up Trend** as cargo through U.S. major container ports is expected to be up 11% year on year this in Oct., according to the National Retail Federation's (NRF) monthly Port Tracker report. Volumes should continue to see strong year-on-year growth, "even as seasonal levels wind down through the remainder of 2010," said the NRF and its analysts, Hackett Associates. U.S. ports handled 1.42 million TEU in Aug., the latest month for which actual numbers are available. That was up 3% from July and up 23% from Aug. 2009. This past Aug. was the 9th consecutive month to show a year-on-year improvement after Dec. 2009 broke a 28-month streak of year-on-year declines.

*****Slow Steaming Pumps The Margin** as it provides "huge" benefits for liner carriers, according to a shipping analyst with Goldman Sachs. Simple math spells out the advantages, said Thomas Kim, executive director of Asia investment research for Goldman Sachs, speaking last week at the TPM Asia conference in Shenzhen, China. "If fuel represents 20% of revenue, and you save 20% of your fuel costs, that's a 4% margin, which is huge," Kim said. "The benefits of slow steaming are huge."

*****Less Water In The Amazon** as Maersk Line has introduced a low water Amazon surcharge of US\$500 per TEU on shipments to Manaus, Brazil, 900 miles up the river, as a build up of cargo is delaying the trade flow. Last July, Germany's Hapag-Lloyd applied a US\$100 per TEU & US\$150 per FEU on charge on cargo moving through Montreal, about 900 miles up the St Lawrence River, to & from north Europe because of low water levels in the river after last winter's light snowfall. In Aug., Geneva's Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) levied the same charge for the same reason. Maersk said the Amazon water level had fallen "considerably in recent years". As a result of this, vessels have been forced to reduce loading almost 50% to go upstream, leading to big cargo backlog in Panama, which has congested trade flows.

*****Less Water In The Rio de la Plata** as Mediterranean Shipping Co. said it is restricting the weight of shipments to Paraguay through Buenos Aires because of port congestion and low water levels on the Río de la Plata that have cut the capacity of barge feeders. MSC said it is routing cargo from Northern Europe to Montevideo until further notice because terminals in Buenos Aires are heavily congested and volumes have increased considerably.

*****Warning To Forwarders** as APL issued an advisory to U.S. customers last week that the Union Pacific Railroad will begin a testing program at their intermodal terminals. Intermodal shipments, containers & trailers will be randomly weighed at UP's terminals to ensure shipper declared weights are consistent with actual unit weights. "In the event an overweight shipment is detected, the concerned container will need to be retrieved & may incur penalties," APL cautioned.

*****Yang Ming to End Free Chassis At 9 U.S. Cities** as it will quit providing intermodal chassis to customers at nine locations in the eastern United States. The Taiwanese carrier is the latest in a series of container ship lines to move away from providing chassis. Other carriers that have announced they are getting out of the chassis business or reducing their involvement, include Maersk, Cosco, CMA CGM, NYK Line, Orient Overseas Container Line, Atlantic Container Line, Evergreen and Hyundai Merchant Marine. The U.S. is the only major country where container ship lines have routinely provided free chassis. The policy grew out of U.S. container shipping's origins as a domestic freight service competing with trucks. Maersk led the shift by carriers away from free chassis last year when it formed Direct ChassisLink, which provides truckers with chassis for unrestricted use at a daily US\$11 fee. Chassis leasing companies later established similar programs.

*****New Maersk EU Unit** as AP Moller-Maersk Group's container shipping division plans to establish a separate company to offer intra-European, short-haul, sea freight transportation services. The new company aims to commence operations in the 2nd quarter of next year to increase the group's market share from 6% to 15%. In response to media requests for confirmation of a leaked internal document, the division issued the following statement: "We can confirm we have created an Intra-Europe company that will begin operation in the 2nd half of 2011."

*****APL Snapshot** as Neptune Orient Lines, the parent of container carrier APL, said it handled 217,500 40-foot equivalent units in the four weeks ending Sept. 17, 6% more than in the same 2009 period. NOL said the increase was mainly due to higher volumes carried on the transpacific & Asia/Europe trade lanes. Rates averaged US\$3,104 per FEU, 38% more than in the comparable 2009 period, due to improved freight rates in major trade lanes and peak season surcharges. But average rates in the most recent period were US\$77 per FEU below the average US\$3,181 rate recorded a month earlier. Liftings were also below the peak of 221,900 FEU in later June & early July.

*****French Line Sells Self** as CMA CGM, the 3rd largest carrier in the world, is close to accepting the deal of selling 20% of its shares to Turkish group Yildirim for US\$500M. This French-based shipping line has suffered from considerable debt, which said amounting to US\$5Bn, after the global recession.

*****Arctic Route Winds Down** as Far Eastern Shipping Company (FESCO) expects to finish its summer navigation season in the eastern Arctic by the end of Oct. FESCO's icebreaker [M/V Admiral Makarov](#) has been providing vessel escort in the Eastern Arctic to deliver over 110,000 tons of cargo to Chukotka and northern areas of Yakutia, reports Russia's Port News News Agency. It said FESCO has been deploying the world's most powerful diesel electric icebreakers, [M/V Krasin](#) & [M/V Admiral Makarov](#), on this route.

*****Shortening The Road To Mexico** as a new short sea roll-on/roll-off service is to start between Mobile, Ala., and Veracruz, Mexico, in mid-November. NAFTA Gulf Bridge said it would start with a single ro/ro ship and add a second ship in early 2011. Combined, the two ships would offer three sailings per week, carrying up to 225 53-foot trailers or a combination of ro/ro cargoes with each sailing. The company said the service would shift over-the-road freight hauls between Mexico and the U.S. markets, effectively saving trucking companies an estimated 2,500 miles per shipment.
www.naftagulfbridge.com/

*****Getting Greater On The Lakes** as U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters carried 9.37 million net tons of cargo in Sept., down 6.3% from Aug., but a 33.7% increase compared to a year ago. This September's "float" was, however, 10.8% below the month's five-year average. Year-to-date U.S.-flag cargos stand at 62.8 million net tons, a 47.5 % increase compared to a year ago, but 9% behind the 5-year average for the first 3 quarters of the year.

*****Uncle Sam's Grain** as American wheat is flowing to Europe & North Africa through Great Lakes ports as never before, and the Port of Duluth, Minn., gives credit for that to the Russians abroad and "a bountiful harvest" at home. The normal pattern of strong Canadian grain exports through the St. Lawrence Seaway is entirely reversed this season. Overall Seaway grain exports through Sept. this year are down 2% to 4,591,000 metric tons from 4,686,000, on a Canadian decrease mitigated by a sharp U.S. increase in wheat shipments.

*****On The Waterfront** as the U.S. attorney in Manhattan charged 8 longshoremen and 3 others with cocaine trafficking this week. A two-year investigation led to the seizure of 1.3 metric tons of cocaine worth more than US\$34M and led to charges against 11 additional persons for a US\$7M stock fraud scheme. The investigation, led by the Drug Enforcement Administration

revealed a Panamanian drug trafficking organization was importing 100 kilo shipments of cocaine hidden inside containers traveling through the Panama Canal, worth millions of dollars each, into secure areas of the port. The cocaine then was distributed in the Bronx & Manhattan, among other places. The investigation found a local drug-trafficking operation relied on longshoremen to remove the cocaine from containers while they were in secure areas of the port. The investigation into criminal conduct at the port uncovered a sprawling, multimillion-dollar "pump & dump" stock fraud scheme that used multiple Web sites, Facebook pages & Twitter "feeds" to defraud the investing public into purchasing stocks that were being manipulated by participants in the conspiracy. The stock fraud was uncovered when investigators identified a longshoreman operating at the port who received money from others to generate trading volume that "pumped" stock prices in penny stocks. Details:

www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/October10/portofnewyorkharborpr.pdf
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_the_Waterfront

*****Global Throughput Past Peak** as the world's 9 largest container ports suffered a 6% drop in box shipping volumes in Sept., compared to the previous month when global box volumes peaked. Volumes are expected to remain weak over the next 4 months, as the seasonally weak winter period draws near, reports Alphaliner. On the other hand, all the main container ports recorded positive growth compared to last year, albeit at a "significantly" slower growth rate compared to the early part of the year. The average throughput growth for the nine ports amounted to 11.8% in Sept. compared to 19.3% in the 1st 8 months of the year. "Chinese ports led the growth, with Shanghai continuing to extend its lead over the 2nd placed Singapore. Shanghai has surpassed Singapore's throughput volumes for 6 consecutive months & now looks certain to end the year as the busiest container port in the world for the first time," it said.

*****China's Top 10 Ports In Seasonal Slip** as they handled a total of 12.3 million TEU in Sept., a decline of 3% compared to August's peak of 13.1 million TEU, as the annual slack winter season begins. On the other hand, growth in the 1st 9 months of the year hit 20.7% with total throughput of 96.8 million TEU, compared to the same period last year. A breakdown of the results show that all the ports surveyed enjoyed double-digit growth year on year for the 1st 9 months of the year. But all ports, except for Dalian & Tianjin, saw volumes drop in Sept. compared to Aug. (Lianyungang & Yingkou came out even). China's biggest terminal, Shanghai, saw its 9-month volume surge 18.5% year on year to 21.5 million TEU, though its Sept. throughput of 2.53 million TEU was down 3.8% on August's total.

*****Port of Singapore Trends To 2nd Place** as it has seen container volumes rise 12.2% in the 1st 3 quarters of 2010 to 21.2 million TEUs. But that growth may not be enough to keep Singapore the busiest container port in the world. Shanghai recorded 9-month volume of 21.5 million TEUs, with stronger growth (18.6%), according to a Containerization Int'l report. Shanghai has been boosted significantly in recent years by the development of its deepwater Yangshan terminal complex, shifting port activity from central Shanghai to an enormous offshore location that has lured more transshipment in eastern & northeastern Asia.

*****Throughput >>> Port of Antwerp**, the largest port in Europe after Rotterdam, increased container volume 16.9% year on year to 6.3 million TEU in the first 9 months of 2010, nearing pre-crisis records set in 2008. >>> **Port of Charleston** posted its best quarter for container shipments since 2008 from July to sept. totaling 352,295-TEU, besting its last quarter. >>> **Hong Kong** Marine Dept. figures show the port handled 1.9 million TEU in Sept., an increase of 4.9% over the 1.8 million TEU in Sept. of last year. >>> **Eastern China's port of Lianyungang** lifted 2.88 million TEU during the first 9 months of this year, an increase of 32% over the prior year. >>> DP World has handled 13 million TEU at its 50 terminals worldwide in 3rd quarter, an increase of 14% year on year, and a 15% year-on-year rise for the first 9 months of 2010 to 36.7 million TEU. >>> **Port of Long Beach** moved 30.5% more boxes in Sept. at 574,790 TEU up from 440,364 TEU in same month 2009, and year to date, container volume was up 12.4% to 5,936,066 TEU up from the 5,282,385 moved in the 1st 9 months of 2009. >>> **Port of Los Angeles** handled 711,613 TEU in Sept., 22% more than a year earlier. >>> **Port of New Orleans**

appears on track to set a record at 400,000 TEU by year's end, with the port's first 6-month throughput increasing 60% year on year. >>> **Port of Rotterdam** increased 17% in the 1st 9 months of 2010 from a year ago to 8.4 million TEUs, putting Europe's top container hub on track to match the record volume of 2008. >>> **Port of Savannah** jumped 20.1% in the 1st quarter of fiscal 2011 ended Sept. 30, to 742,637 TEUs, compared to 618,256 TEUs in the same quarter last year, when volume was still depressed by the recession. >>> **Vladivostok Container Terminal LLC** (VCT) saw its container throughput from Jan.-Sept. soar 50% to 212,420 TEU year on year.

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

1797 - [USS Constitution](#) is launched at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. She is now the oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy.

1824 - U.S. schooner [Porpoise](#) captures 4 pirate ships off Cuba.

1842 - Commodore Thomas Catesby Jones, commander, Pacific Command mistakenly seizes Monterey, thinking the U.S. has gone to war with Mexico.

1843 - Capt. Robert Stockton in [Princeton](#), 1st screw-propelled naval steamer, challenges British merchant ship [Great Western](#) to race off New York, which [Princeton](#) won easily.

1846 - Lavinia Fanning Watson of Philadelphia christens the sloop-of-war [Germantown](#), the 1st U.S. Navy ship sponsored by a woman.

1944 - 7th Fleet lands more than 60,000 Army troops on Leyte, Philippines, while Japanese aircraft attack.

1962 - President John F. Kennedy orders a surface blockade (quarantine) of Cuba to prevent Soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

*****Dragging The Passengers.....** as the cruise ship [M/V AIDAbella](#) broke a Guinness World Record and is now the largest cruise ship ever to pull a water-skier. The world record was set in early Oct. off the Spanish coast in the Bay of Alicante. In the shallow waters during the early morning sunshine, Jan Schwiderek, a reporter for the TV show "Galileo", skied behind [M/V AIDAbella](#) at a speed of 14 knots for a time of precisely 6 minutes & 25 seconds. Using a "flying start", Schwiderek stepped onto his skis from a speedboat driving at full throttle.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AIDAbella>

*****Real Pirates: The Untold Story of S/V Whydah** from Slave Cargo Ship to Pirate Ship
www.hmns.org/exhibits/special_exhibits/pirates.asp

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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 photo features for Oct. 2010:

"Jork'd In The Open Ocean" - [M/V Jork Ranger](#) Oct. 21 2010

www.cargolaw.com/2010nightmare_jork_ranger..html

"How To Join Your Tuna" - M/V Grand Rodosi- Oct. 17 2010
www.cargolaw.com/2010nightmare_jork_ranger..html

"Explosion On M/V Lisco Gloria" - M/V Lisco Gloria - Oct. 9 2010
www.cargolaw.com/2010nightmare_jork_ranger..html

"Discovery of The Black Pearl" -- on vacation with The Cargo Letter - October 7 2010
www.cargolaw.com/2010nightmare_jork_ranger..html

See our newest photo feature "**Singles Only**" - Transportation Disasters Told In A Single Photo!
www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html

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 Wahner, Esq.** of **Countryman & McDaniel**.
www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.php

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>>>>>

A Day in the Life of a Towboater
www.marinelink.com/news/towboater-life-the335716.aspx

Beyond China: How To Navigate The New World
http://logisticstoday.com/global_markets/beyond-china-navigate-new-world-1025/?cid=newsviews_102510

Extreme Logistics: How to Move Totem Poles
http://logisticstoday.com/operations_strategy/extreme-logistics-move-totem-poles-1007/?cid=nl_supplychain_100710

Federal Aviation Administration : Risks of Transporting Lithium Batteries As Cargo On Aircraft.
www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=11960

FIATA Launches "Transport Logistics: The Wheel of Commerce" Logistics Book
www.tradearabia.com/news/STN_187233.html

Green Warehousing - Case Studies
www.ukwa.org.uk/files/23-carbon-trust-23.pdf

Merchant Fleet By Flag of Registration & By Type of Ship, Annual, 1980-2010
<http://unctadstat.unctad.org/TableView/tableView.aspx?ReportId=93>

TOP 100 - Existing Ocean Fleet As of October 2010
www.alphaliner.com/top100/index.php

Top 100 Third-Party Logistics Providers
www.inboundlogistics.com/digital/top100_3pls_chart2010.pdf

U.S. Customs & Border Protection's (CBP) Importer Security Filing (ISF) or 10+2 Progress Report
www.gao.gov/new.items/d10841.pdf

U.S. Customs & Border Protection - Maritime Domain Awareness Video
www.idga.org/video.cfm?ID=1056&mac=IDGA_OI_Featured_2010&utm_source=idga.org&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=IDGAOptIn&utm_content=10/19/10

U.S. Dept. of Commerce's Bureau of Industry & Security training sessions & seminars offered through Sept. 2011
www.bis.doc.gov/seminarsandtraining/elsem.htm

PRODUCTS>>>>>>>>>

ARL Lashing Planner Software
<http://arl-shipping.com/terminals/lpt>

Certificate in Marine Salvage Law - Distance Learning
www.lloydsmaritimeacademy.com/mslpr

EVENTS>>>>>>>>>

Transport Events
www.transportevents.com/

Trade Shows, Exhibitions, Conferences & Business Events Worldwide
www.eventseye.com/

World Trade Organization Events
www.wto.org/english/news_e/meets.pdf

6th IATA Cargo Claims & Loss Prevention Conference! 10 - 12 Nov. 2010, Geneva, Switzerland
www.iata.org/events/Pages/CargoClaims.aspx

25th Int'l Air Cargo Forum & ExpositionNov. 2-4, 2010, Amsterdam, Netherlands
www.tiaca.org/tiaca/ACF.asp?SnID=1564325440

2010 SNAME Annual Meeting and Expo Nov. 3-5, 2010, Seattle /Bellevue, Washington
www.sname.org/SNAME/AM/Home/

2011 African Logistics SummitMarch 10-12, Int'l Conference Centre in Abuja, Nigeria.
www.afcala.org/index1.html

Freightbook Networking Weekend6-7 Nov 2010, Turkey
www.freightbook.net/index.asp?upid=9

Intermodal Expo/TransComp Exhibition 14-16 Nov. 2010, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
<http://freightexpo.net/expovideo.html>

Intermodal Europe 2010 30 Nov. - 2 Dec. 2010, Amsterdam
www.worldcargonews.com/htm/ex20100112.794600.htm

JAXPORT 2011 Logistics & Intermodal Conference March 21-23, 2011, Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=dcfd9743-4c55-4a31-a122-b4f64da97848

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www.LetsSayThanks.com

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

SNAME Annual Meeting & Expo 3-5 Nov., 2010, Bellevue, Washington
www.sname.org

TOC Americas 2010 9-11 Nov. 2010, Intercontinental Hotel, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
www.worldcargonews.com/htm/ex20100720.431456.htm

TOC Middle East 2011 Sept. 27-29, Dubai World Trade Centre
www.tocevents-me.com/page.cfm/EMSLinkClick=1869_693_442_0_0_6133

Free Webinars>>>>>>>>>>

Maritime Law & Future Naval Implications (Podcast)
www.idga.org/podcenter.cfm?externalid=793&mac=IDGA_OI_Featured_2010&utm_source=idga.org&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=IDGAOptIn&utm_content=10/20/10

Apps For That - iPhones>>>>>>>>>>

imSafe iPhone tracking & personal security worldwide

Ugly Meter a current craze

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

12 Awesome Airplane Paint Jobs
http://flightaware.com/squawks/link/1/7_days/popular/6161/12_Awesome_Airplane_Paint_Jobs

Air New Zealand Happy Hour
www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZLBY3IYtsQ

RMS Titanic 100 Anniversary
<http://pressroom.prlog.org/rmstitanic100/>
Belfast - Official Titanic Gift Shop
www.RMSTitanic100.com/
Win A Replica RMS Titanic
www.rmstitanic100.com/index.php?main_page=contest&zenid=t3c766h7k7apa3e9aipbm5rl74

Boeing 747 N173UA Low Pass - San Francisco Fleet Week 2010
www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSGT44hU4uc&hd=1

U.S. Senator..... I Worked So Hard! Call Me Senator! great election humor video from the makers of **Airplane**, the movie.
<http://vimeo.com/16072732>

Mediocrity Game no point
www.subaru.com/content/static/fightmediocrity/game.html

Noise Cannons Keep Birds From Landing In Contaminated Gulf Spill Areas
www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAqcgX6QYWw

Take A Ride in a Spy Plane
www.wimp.com/breathtakingfootage/

The Scariest Video You Have Ever Watched In The Name of Science -- Holy Freaking Crap!
<http://io9.com/5639113/the-scariest-video-you-have-ever-watched-in-the-name-of-science>

U.S. Navy Pilots SQ Very Busted
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYExH8hpgXI
Story
www.10news.com/news/25143106/detail.html

USS Cole 10 Years Later
www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=15086

Weather Balloon GPS Space Flight iPhone Camera Footage - Must See!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXkolBDXwd8&feature=player_embedded

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OUR "E" Section: The Forwarder/Broker Legal World***
7. New U.S. Transport Related Legal Cases _____

Krupski v. Costa Crociere S.p.A.
U.S. Supreme Court
June 7, 2010, 130 S.Ct. 2485

A cruise passenger's claim of a ship board trip & fall has become the subject of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling after passenger Wanda Krupski brought a negligence claim in federal court against Costa Cruise Lines. The cruise line waited for the plaintiff's statute of limitations to expire, then moved to dismiss the case after pointing out that Ms. Krupski's ticket named Costa Crociere S.p.A. as the proper party to sue, as distinct from Costa Cruise Lines which it identified as a sales & marketing agent only. The issue is whether plaintiff could amend her complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(c), to correct the legal entity name of the defendant and have it "relate back" to the filing date of her original lawsuit before her statute of limitations had expired. Using the occasion to resolve a split among the federal Circuit of Appeals courts, the U.S. Supreme Court held that "relating back" such an amendment is not unfairly prejudicial if the correct defendant had notice of the original action, and should have known that the action would have been brought against it but for the mistake concerning the proper party's identity.

Even though plaintiff's ticket named the correct entity to sue, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the plain language of Rule 15(c) focuses on not on the plaintiff's mistake alone, but whether the defendant knew of the lawsuit and whether it should have known that plaintiff had made a naming mistake. Given the similar names of the two entities and the complexities of corporate structures, the Supreme Court directed that plaintiff's complaint can be amended to name the proper defendant entity, relating back to the original date of suit. This issue arises frequently in cargo litigation where logistics conglomerates are comprised of multiple corporations with similar names.

http://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=2595535248635943079&q=Krupski+v.+Costa+Crociere+S.p.A.&hl=en&as_sdt=2002&as_vis=1

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Written from wire stories, the Associated Press, Reuters, Hong Kong Shipping News Lloyds & other world sources.
