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

1. [Freight Forwarder Trade Briefs](#) _____

*****United States Steps Back** as export products & service growth declined 0.5% to US\$174.9Bn in May following a robust 16.4% growth in the first 5 months of 2011 year on year. Imports increased 2.6% to US\$225.1Bn, increasing the trade deficit by 15.1% month on month to US\$50.2 billion in May. U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke said May's slip comes after a strong 5 month growth, which shows "we're making progress, but still have a way to go".

*****United States Imports Down** as shipment volume for June decreased 7.4% from the same month in 2010, trade intelligence firm Zepol Corp. said July 13. The analyst said the volume, measured in TEUs, also decreased 4.6% from the previous month. The total number of U.S.-bound shipments decreased more than 6 % from June 2010. Year to date, U.S. import volume is up 4.8%. Zepol said the overall June decrease was largely due to a nearly 6% decrease in incoming shipments from Asia. China played a large part in this, with a 5.8% decrease. Japan, however, showed a 2.5% increase in incoming shipments. Similar to Asia, shipments from Central America and South America were down 4.9% and 7.6% decrease, respectively.

www.zepol.com/

*****Industry Eyes Return To North America** as manufacturers are showing growing interest in relocating production in Mexico from Asia or opening new factories or sourcing there, said a new survey from consulting firm AlixPartners. The survey of 80, mostly large, companies found 9% of companies have already relocated production from Asia back to the Americas, so-called "near-shoring." Another 33% are thinking of near-shoring in the next 3 years. The survey found 63% of respondents believe Mexico is the most attractive location for near-shoring operations, followed by 19% who believe the United States is most attractive. Thirty percent of the survey respondents ranked lower freight cost as the most attractive aspect of near-shoring, while 25% said it was speed-to-market. Eighteen percent said lower inventory cost was paramount, 16% cited time-zone advantages, such as easier management coordination, and 11% referenced improved cultural alignment with North American managers.

www.alixpartners.com/en/About/tabid/75/language/en-US/Default.aspx

*****China Infrastructure Expansion Consequences** as coal import volumes were down almost 12% in the first half of 2011 compared to the same period of last year, with a total 70.5m tons taken in by the commodity-hungry Asian country between January and June.

*****Brazilian-Argentine Stand Off** as trade tensions are flaring up again, despite a verbal agreement made between the two trade ministries early last month, as conflicting reports are emerging about whether products from both countries are being detained at their shared border. On 2 June, Argentine Industry Minister Deborah Giorgi and her Brazilian counterpart Fernando Pimentel came to a goodwill understanding to make trade restrictions more flexible and to approve entry licenses within the WTO standard of 60 days. However, Argentine newspaper Clarín reports the Argentine association of automobile manufacturers (Adefa) is saying 40,000 Argentine vehicles are reportedly stalled at Brazilian customs. There, according to Adefa, "made in Argentina" cars are backed up for miles awaiting permission from Brasilia to cross the border. Meanwhile Brazilian textile & footwear exporters are lodging complaints over Argentine bureaucratic customs obstructions.

*****Border Trucking Debate Far From Over** as the United States and Mexico signed a cross-border trucking agreement on July 6, under which the U.S. will open its roads to Mexican trucks, while Mexico will suspend about US\$2Bn in tariffs on U.S. goods. Under the agreement, signed by U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk and his Mexican counterpart in Mexico City, Mexico will suspend 50% of its tariffs within ten days, according to a statement by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. Mexico will suspend the remainder of the tariffs within 5 days of the first Mexican trucking company receiving its U.S. operating authority, the statement said. The two countries said they would issue their first trucking permits in August. Mexico had set retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods for not allowing its trucks access to U.S. roadways, after the Obama administration suspended a previous pilot program shortly after President Obama took office in early 2009. Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa said the program is probably illegal because it grants permanent operating authority to Mexican trucks after 18 months in the so-called "pilot program" outlined in the proposed rule published in the Federal Register. Congress has not granted DOT the legal authority to do so, Hoffa said. Further, DOT would use money from the Highway Trust Fund to pay for electronic on-board recorders for Mexican trucks. Hoffa questioned whether DOT can do that legally.

www.dot.gov/affairs/2011/dot7911a.html

*****China Infrastructure Expansion Consequences** as the Ministry of Railways (MOR) was US\$294.87Bn in debt at the end of the first quarter of 2011, causing its asset-liability ratio to reach 58.24%, The China Daily said. MOR is to issue short-term financing bonds to support railway construction, purchase of locomotives and capital turnover. This is the third time the ministry has issued such bonds this year.

*****Swiss-based Kuehne + Nagel Claims No. 1** as it was the world's biggest forwarder last year, in terms of combined air and sea freight revenues, according to the findings by the UK's Transport Intelligence (Ti) in its latest report Global Freight Forwarding 2011. Then came Deutsche Post's DHL in 2nd place, with the two front runners being much bigger than those in third and fourth place - DB Schenker and Panalpina. The top 10 forwarders account for 44% of the total market - gradually increasing their share from 40% in 2006, as a result of the largest companies crowding out smaller ones.

*****Merck Has Tapped UPS Supply Chain Solutions** For Pharmaceuticals as to manage its worldwide healthcare supply chain. The logistics firm has been managing the North American distribution, warehousing and transportation needs of the giant healthcare company since 2003. UPS will now offer

the same services in Asia and Latin American markets, providing transportation services in Europe. UPS is currently establishing distribution centers in China and Brazil to help spread Merck's products in those markets.

*****Agility & U.S. Remain Locked In Combat** as the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the U.S. Justice Dept. last week in a procedural ruling in the alleged fraud case against the Kuwaiti logistics firm Agility. Agility and an affiliated company received US\$7.7Bn from prime vendor food contracts with the United States related to the delivery of food and warehousing in the Middle East. In an ongoing criminal case, the 11th Circuit declined Agility's request for a review of a U.S. District Court ruling the Justice Department lawfully served the company with a notice of summons and indictment. Agility said it "continues to believe the case involves a civil contract dispute and should not be a criminal matter. Agility's prices, suppliers and business practices were disclosed to, approved and routinely reviewed by, its U.S. government customer."

*****KUEHNE + Nagel's Brazil Play** as it has acquired the shares of Brazil's Grupo Eichenberg for an undisclosed sum to provide integrated door-to-door logistics solutions and to speed up expansion in Brazil. Based in Porto Alegre, Grupo Eichenberg is a family business with 75 years of history. It provides integrated logistics solutions and employs 700 in 14 locations.

*****Kerry Logistics In Major Asia Moved** as it has acquired a controlling interest in Chinese companies Shanghai Wisdom Group and Shanghai Huicheng Logistics. Kerry said the deals would strengthen its presence in the ocean freight & 3rd-party logistics sectors. Wisdom is a Shanghai-based non-vessel-operating common carrier (NVOCC) that Kerry said enjoys a prominent position in the local sea freight business and ranks in the top 3 companies operating out of Shanghai serving the Japan & Southeast Asia trade routes.

*****Is Freight Forwarding Healthy?** as for the 2nd year in a row, Phoenix Int'l Freight Services, Ltd. has been selected as one of the "Healthiest Companies in America" by Interactive Health Solutions (IHS), the leading provider of employee health management programs. Phoenix International was one of just 44 companies nationwide honored with the award for 2010. The companies honored significantly improved employee health while reducing healthcare costs through employee participation in a prevention-based health program in the workplace. Phoenix Int'l is the largest privately-owned international freight forwarder, NVOCC and Customs broker headquartered in North America. The Healthiest Companies in America for 2010 rankings are based on a series of clinical evaluations of employee participants across an index of key health indicators designed by Interactive Health Solutions. www.phoenixintl.com/

*****First Overseas Station** as Pilot Freight Services will open an office in Amsterdam as the U.S. freight forwarder looks to build on strong growth in the international arena with its first full office overseas. The expansion follows a record financial year for the privately-held Lima, Pa.-based forwarder, which reported US\$423.5M in revenue last year, a 31 % improvement over the year before that was helped by a 60% gain in international business.

*****Sometimes The Whole Logistics System Seems ToRun in This Direction** as Americans love to set records of all kinds, some of them distinctly off the wall. A good case in point is Charles Creighton and James Hargis of Maplewood, New Jersey, this month in 1930, they got in their 1929 Ford Model A roadster and started off on a run across America — backing up all the way. They arrived in Los Angeles on August 13, 3,340 miles later, without ever having turned off the engine of their car. Presumably, both drivers had sore necks from looking over their shoulders for so many miles of driving in reverse. In 1930, there were just over 3 million miles of roads in the U.S. Now, that number is 4 million.

*****Restraining Your Truck Driver** as today they are taken for granted & used by most truck drivers. The first seat belt law in the U.S. was signed this month in 1955 in Illinois, and went into effect a year later. The first American cars to have lap seat belts installed as standard equipment were 1964 Studebakers and three-point belts were introduced by Ford in 1970. Three-point belts were required on all cars by federal law beginning with 1974 models. In 1980, over 53,000 people were killed in automobile accidents. The most recent figures are down to 39,000, even though the population has grown considerably. The drivers may not believe you, but tell them.

*****Smuggling Story of The Month** as police say a woman was caught trying to sneak her common-law-husband out of a Mexican prison in a suitcase following a conjugal visit. A spokesman for

police in the Caribbean state of Quintana Roo says staff at the prison in Chetumal noticed the woman seemed nervous and was pulling a black, wheeled suitcase that looked bulky. Spokesman Gerardo Campos said July 4 that prison guards checked the bag of 19-year-old Maria del Mar Arjona and found inmate Juan Ramirez Tijerina curled up inside in the fetal position. Ramirez is serving a 20-year sentence for a 2007 conviction for illegal weapons possession. Arjona was arrested and charges are pending. Walmart Mexico refused the luggage return.

*****The Modern History of Cargo Theft** as the first of what would be a spate of train robberies in the U.S. occurred this month in 1873, pulled off by a gang headed by Jesse James and his brother Frank. Their target was a train of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad as it passed a spot near Adair, Iowa. The gang found only US\$2,000 in the express car's safe, so they methodically robbed the frightened passengers of another US\$100. After a number of train & bank robberies, Jesse James was killed in 1882 and the last train robbery in the nation occurred around 1900. Today, only the venue has changed. There are still some 360,000 robberies in the U.S., the largest number occur on the nation's streets or highways as a major impact upon commercial trucking. The main cause? Usually management oversight. Consult **Countryman & McDaniel** for development of proper security & risk management plans.

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2. **The Cargo Letter** Financial Page _____

The Industry At A Glance

****AMR (American Airlines) DOWN** with a net loss of US\$286M during the 2nd quarter of 2011. Compared to its US\$11M net loss for 2nd quarter of 2010, these numbers are staggering.

****Container Corporation of India. UP** as 1st quarter net profit grew 21% from a year earlier to US\$52M, driven by higher earnings from core export-import operations.

****CSX Corp. UP** with 2nd quarter profit of US\$506M, 28% more than the US\$414 M earned in the same 2010 period.

****Forward Air Corp. UP** as 2nd quarter profit rose 51% year on year to US\$12M on the back of growth at its core airport-to-airport cargo business.

****J.B. Hunt Transport Services. UP** with a record 2nd-quarter earnings, as its net income jumped 26% to US\$65.7M, or 53 cents per share.

****Kansas City Southern (smallest of North America's Class I railroads) UP** with a profit leap of 104% in the 2nd quarter from a year earlier to US\$70.7M.

****Kuehne + Nagel Group. UP** with net profit of US\$382M in the first half of the year, 11M more than in the first half of 2010.

****Landstar System. UP** as 2nd-quarter net income rose to US\$29.6M, or 62 cents a share, from US\$24.4M, or 49 cents, a year ago.

****Pilot Freight Services. UP** with revenue of US\$112.5M for the second quarter, ending June 30, 2011, up 18.5M over the same period in 2010.

****Union Pacific Railroad. UP** with a record profit of US\$785M in 2nd quarter, a 10% year-over-year increase, as strong pricing offset modest freight traffic growth & US\$14M in spending to fight floods.

****United Parcel Service (UPS) UP** net with profits of US\$1.7Bn in the 2nd quarter of 2011, up 26% year on year from US\$854M.

****Werner Enterprises. UP** as net profit grew 31% year-over-year to US\$27.5M as revenue rose 11% to US\$515.9M in 2nd quarter.

****YRC Worldwide. IMPROVED** with a US\$39M loss for 2nd quarter, as revenue grew 12.3% to US\$1.3Bn.

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

3. **Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs** _____

*****Sale of The Century** as American Airlines will buy 460 narrow-body aircraft — 200 from its long-time supplier Boeing and 260 from competitor Airbus — as part of its giant fleet overhaul. The order is somewhat of a shift for American, which hasn't ordered planes from Airbus in a few decades. Orders of historic proportion, these planes will be delivered from 2013 to 2022 and represent a push for fuel efficiency and modernization. Under the purchase agreements, American has the right to procure an additional 465 aircraft through 2025. The U.S. carrier will also benefit from roughly US\$13Bn of manufacturer-provided financing via lease transactions, which cover the first 230 deliveries. In addition to

being the largest order in aviation history, the fact that American partnered with European aircraft manufacturer Airbus is also historic. With 260 aircraft in the A320 family on order, American has the flexibility to obtain A319s, A320s and A321s, 130 of which feature the manufacturer's New Engine Option (neo). NOTE: On the same day the news broke about the historic purchase order, AMR announced it experienced a net loss of US\$286M during the second quarter of 2011. Compared to its US\$11M net loss for 2nd quarter of 2010, these numbers are staggering.

*****Industry Called "Fragile"** as research from the Int'l Air Transport Assn. (IATA) indicated that airfreight volumes increased slightly in May, although numbers were significantly lower than 2010 averages. To IATA, this trend speaks volumes about the current state of the global economy. Citing the widespread political unrest in the Middle East and the European currency crisis, IATA Director General Emeritus Giovanni Bisignani called the aviation industry "very fragile." Nevertheless, he said that May numbers showed some promise. More specifically, he explained "freight volumes improved by 1.2% over April and passenger volumes were up by 1.8%. These will help to alleviate some of the pressure on profits from continued high fuel prices." Still, cargo tonnage couldn't compete with May 2010 numbers. Dropping 4% from last year, airfreight growth was 3.5% lower than IATA's projection of 5.5%. In fact, IATA said, "while the continued expansion of world trade at around 6% annually could lend support to accelerated freight growth in the second half of 2011, the performance so far this year has been lower than expected."

*****Will The EU Tax Carbon Output?** as edict from the European Union (EU) focused on emissions reduction is drawing the ire of the U.S. Congress and the air cargo industry. Under its so-called Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), the EU is calling all airlines to pay taxes to the EU as part of a "cap & trade" for carbon allowances in an effort to reduce air emissions created as a result of their flights in EU airspace. The U.S. House and Transportation Infrastructure Committee made its opposition to the ETS clear, explaining it has no intention of participating in this program. This must be stopped.

*****Cargo Biggest Winner In Airline Employment** as it grew 2.15% in May year on year on the passenger & cargo side, with freight operator Atlas Air showing the highest increase in hiring at 15%, according to Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). The highest recruitment increase following Atlas Air was passenger carrier JetBlue Airways of 6.17% followed by Delta's increase of 4,034 workers, an increase of 5.3%.

*****Boeing's 787 Goes Overseas - At Last** as the long-delayed miracle aircraft completed its maiden trans-Pacific journey and landed in Japan, where the more fuel-efficient jet will undergo testing this month with All Nippon Airways in preparation for its first commercial launch. The "Dreamliner" touched down at Tokyo's Haneda Airport from Seattle early July 3 to applause and a white "Welcome to Japan" banner held by flight attendants and workers. Two fire trucks shot out celebratory arches of water as the aircraft approached the hangar. ANA has ordered 55 787s. Qantas & United Continental Holdings Inc. have each ordered 50, and Japan Airlines has ordered 35. Rival Airbus' competitor with the 787, the A350, is scheduled to enter service with Qatar Airways in 2013. Airbus has racked up nearly 600 orders for the new jetliner, which is also made mainly of carbon-fiber polymers.

www.boeing.com/Features/2011/06/bca_ANA_ground_06_29_11.html

*****New Damage Limits For ULDs From IATA** as in the course of daily operations each Unit Load Device (ULD) needs to be checked against its damage limits prior to loading aboard an aircraft. In order to ensure easy access to the appropriate damage limit information and enable efficient and effective ULD inspection in the field, it was agreed by the IATA ULD Panel (ULDP) and adopted by the Cargo Services Conference (CSC), that the physical attachment of the ULD Operational Damage Limits Notice (ODLN) will become mandatory for all NEW ULDs as of 1 Oct. 2011.

The ODLNs to be used for ULDs are these:

www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/tracker/july-2011/PublishingImages/odln-container.jpg

*****Schenker Kills BAX Global** as it will drop the former BAX Global network, shutter Toledo air hub. DB Schenker said July 22 it will shut down the U.S. domestic air cargo network operated for years by BAX Global, eliminating the last scheduled airline business in the country dedicated to the heavy freight market. Germany-based DB Schenker, which brought the business and rebranded it DB Schenker USA, said it would operate in the United States entirely as a forwarder under "a non-fixed asset model." The company gave no date for the action, but said it will lay off about 700 workers at the airline's Toledo, Ohio, hub and ground 20 aircraft DB Schenker has operated for its own shipper customers and as common carriage for forwarders. BAX Global was turning 22 flights and 1.2 million pounds of cargo a

night at the Toledo facility. Those transactional customers include forwarders that have used DBSchenker's freighter capacity in North America, and they now will have to depend on passenger airline belly space and the spare wholesale capacity on FedEx and UPS aircraft. With almost US\$3Bn in revenue, over 200 locations and in excess of 10,000 employees, DB Schenker is one of the leading logistics providers in the Americas.

*****Kuehne + Nagel More Perishable** as it has expanded its perishable transportation & logistics network by buying J. van de Put Fresh Cargo Handling of Amsterdam, a Dutch perishable goods handling agent, for an undisclosed sum. The Dutch company, located at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, handles logistics and customs processes for import and export shipments. J. van de Put, a family-owned business, has specialized in handling perishable airfreight cargo, such as flowers, fruits & vegetables, since it was founded in 1976.
www.vandeput.nl/

*****Lufthansa Cargo Lightens The Load - Saves \$\$.....** as is phasing in lightweight plastic freight containers the airline says will cut its fuel consumption and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The plastic containers are up to 15% lighter than the traditional aluminum ones and will require less maintenance, the German carrier said. Lufthansa said it will start introducing the new containers in the fall and replace a total of 5,000 aluminum containers by 2015. Lufthansa said the switch to plastic containers will reduce its fuel consumption by about 2,180 tons a year and cut annual CO2 emissions by 6,867 tons.

*****Further To Our Last Announcement -- The Pacific Ocean Is Still Visible On Both Sides of The Aircraft** as Australian flag carrier Qantas has warned the harassing tactics can be expected from members of the Australian and Int'l Pilots Assn. (AIPA) on long-haul flights including making union announcements over in-flight public address systems. Qantas is assessing the implications of possible work stoppages and will write to the pilots' union to seek clarification, said a Qantas statement. "At this stage we don't expect any flight delays or cancellations," said a spokesman. But the union, which wants to ban foreign pilots flying Qantas or Qantas-owned aircraft, says it will focus on raising public awareness and not disrupting flights.

*****Selling Your Goods At Unpronounceable Places** as India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has broken a smuggling ring allegedly run by two Indian Revenue Service officers (IRS) at Thiruvananthapuram airport in a scheme that sold imported goods as unclaimed baggage. IRS joint commissioner Sofia Joy, assistant commissioner RS Rosechandran, superintendents Shyam Sunder, MP Hari, Suresh, Michael, central excise inspector Shiv Kumar Singh and clearing agent Sugandhan have been charged with illegal import of goods for sale in Kerala as unaccompanied baggage, said CBI spokeswoman Dharini Mishra. The alleged conspiracy was revealed when CBI detectives intercepted four mini-vans containing "unclaimed" baggage being taken out of air cargo complex for sale in the open market in Kerala, reported the Times of India, adding that they were allegedly cleared by customs officials. The CBI conducted searches at 7 locations, which led to recovery of incriminating documents that showed payments made to the government officials by the clearing agents. Still another reason to secure quality marine cargo insurance.

*****Just Fly The Plane** as U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) wants FedEx fined US\$689,800 for allegedly not telling pilots they were carrying hazardous cargo in 2009. The FAA has sent FedEx enforcement letters detailing the allegations, and the company has 30 days to respond, reports Newark's Journal of Commerce. The agency alleged that in 89 instances from June 13 to Sept., 2009, FedEx "failed to provide pilots-in-command with complete, accurate information on the nature, quantity and weight of hazardous materials loaded on their aircraft."

*****I Love You - We're Divorced!** as in a case involving Continental Airlines, a federal appeals court says benefit administrators don't have the power to decide whether employees' divorces are real or fake. Continental sued 9 of its pilots, claiming they got "sham" divorces so their ex-spouses could tap their lump-sum pensions while they still worked for the airline - then remarried the same partners. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on July 18 upheld a lower-court ruling that employers can't consider or investigate why employees get divorced or whether the divorce is genuine. The appeals court dismissed Continental's 2009 lawsuit, which was filed in federal district court in Houston. A Continental spokeswoman said the airline was reviewing the ruling before deciding its next step. The airline, now owned by United Continental Holdings Inc., had said it paid out US\$10M to US\$11M in pension

distributions pilots had assigned to their spouses. In a footnote, the appeals court said a retirement plan administrator might be able to recover a pension payment if a court ruled a divorce was a sham, but that didn't happen in the Continental case.

*****Volumes >>> Air France-KLM's** cargo traffic fell 2.8% in June from a year ago. >>> **British Airways & Iberia**, now together as the Int'l Airline Group, boosted cargo revenue 7.5% in June from a year ago. >>> **Cathay Pacific & Dragonair** posted a year on year drop of 9.1% in cargo & mail carried in June to 134,980 tons, while the load factor was down 8.4% to 67%. >>> **Frankfurt Airport (FRA)** posted a 6.4% year-on-year decline in air cargo volume in June to 180,000 tons, attributed an "extraordinarily strong cargo volume increase the previous year". >>> **Lufthansa Cargo** has posted a year-on-year 14.8% increase in throughput to 953,830 tons in the first half of 2011. >>> Singapore's **Changi Int'l Airport** handled 908,700 tons of cargo in the first 6 months of the year, an increase of 3.3% over the same period last year. >>> Northwest China's **Yinchuan Hedong Airport** posted a 22.3% cargo growth to more than million tons in the first 6 months and is now in China's top 50 airports.

*****UPS Bearish On Alaska** as crewmembers got a taste of northern exposure on June 27 when they moved a 60-pound polar bear cub from the Alaska Zoo to the Louisville Zoo in Kentucky. Utilizing a Boeing 747-400 converted freighter, the UPS team worked with various animal experts to overcome the logistical challenges of transporting the fragile cub, named Qannik. UPS got involved in Operation Snowflake — a title derived from the Inupiat meaning of "Qannik" — after the Louisville Zoo approached them. Although 5-month-old Qannik had taken up temporary residence at the Alaska Zoo after being discovered on the state's North Slope in April, the cub needed to be moved. Fortunately, Louisville Zoo, which recently opened a polar bear habitat, offered Qannik the ideal location to flourish. The issue was getting her there. Not that this proved to be an insurmountable task, maintains UPS Airlines' Jackie Blair. "While UPS is not normally in the business of shipping wildlife, we have made some notable exceptions in the past," Blair explained. For instance, "we shipped Keiko the killer whale — star of the 'Free Willy' movies — on two separate occasions as he was freed into the ocean. And we have shipped whale sharks for the Georgia Aquarium, beluga whales and a panda for the Atlanta Zoo."

*****Plugging The Bullet Holes Before Take-Off** as all-cargo carrier Cargolux has grounded a Boeing 747-400 freighter after maintenance staff detected a bullet hole in its fuselage. The Luxembourg-based airline said the hole was found during a maintenance A-check after it returned from a charter flight to West Africa. The aircraft flew July 4, from Luxembourg to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, then Accra, Ghana, and on to Abuja, Nigeria, before returning to its home base on July 5. Cargolux is Europe's largest all-cargo carrier with a fleet of 16 747-400 freighters.

*****Fly Half The Way On HBA** as another of its planes crashed in a thunderstorm as it was attempting to land in the Congo on July 8, killing at least 48 people, and leaving a dozen or more buried in the wreckage. 53 passengers survived. "I confirm the crash of one of our planes," said Stavros Papaioannou, the chairman & CEO of Hewa Bora Airways (HBA) told The Associated Press by telephone. "There are already 46 bodies at the morgue, and another two that just died in the hospital." He added a "dozen or more" people were still stuck inside the plane, which was heading from the giant Central African nation's capital to Kisangani in the country's northeast. Hewa Bora, which means "Fresh Air" in Swahili, has a history of crashes. In April 2008, one of their DC-9s rammed into a bustling market after failing to lift off from Goma's airport, killing at least 40 people - most of them on the ground. A few months later in September, a Hewa Bora plane carrying 17 people went down in inclement weather killing all on board. Very sad.

www.hba.cd/hewaboraairways/index.asp?id_sessionlangue=2
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hewa_Bora_Airways_Flight_122

*****Shame In The Pacific Trade** as prosecutors say a group of workers at a Honolulu Int'l Airport cargo company opened & stole parcels being mailed to American Samoa through the U.S. Postal Service. Stanford Salavea, Maunaloa Aitaoto, Jonathan Taboniar & Louis Felesi pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Honolulu to conspiracy to steal mail. Prosecutors say the former ramp employees at Pacific Air Cargo stole between US\$10,000 to US\$30,000 worth of property, including cameras & computers. Pacific Air Cargo operates a weekly cargo flight between Honolulu and Pago Pago. Sentencing is scheduled for November and the men face a maximum sentence of up to 5 years in prison and a US\$250,000 fine.
www.pacificaircargo.com/

*****OK - How Do YOU Like It?**as in a "twist" over complaints of TSA security officers "groping" airline passengers, a Colorado woman was arrested at Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport for

groping a TSA agent at the security checkpoint. According to court records, a dear 61-year-old woman, Yukari Mihamae, of Longmont, Colo., grabbed the left breast of a female TSA agent July 14, at the Terminal 4 checkpoint. Police said she squeezed & twisted the agent's breast with both hands. TSA staff said Mihamae refused to go through passenger screening and became argumentative before she squeezed and twisted the agent's breast with both hands. Police said Mihamae admitted to the crime and was arrested on a felony count of sexual abuse. However, Maricopa County Jail officials said Mihamae was released from custody on July 16. According to court records, Mihamae lives in Longmont, Colorado and is self-employed. Perhaps we should just concentrate on terrorists?

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

4. FF World Ocean Briefs _____

*****Who Carries United State Cargo?** as there is new controversy about the granting of waivers to the Jones Act for ships carrying oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), with allegations that oil companies are tailoring their withdrawals to avoid using U.S. flag ships. The government set off a furor on June 23 when it announced the issuance of a blanket Jones Act waiver for ships moving oil sold from SPR. A promotion group for domestic shipping, the American Maritime Partnership (AMP), issued a statement within hours stating it was "dumbfounded by President Obama's decision to disregard the American maritime industry" and the Energy Dept. reversed itself, removing the notice of the blanket waiver that had been part of the original notice of sale of oil from the SPR, but said companies could still apply for waivers.

The Jones Act (Merchant Marine Act of 1920) **Do You Konw It?:**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchant_Marine_Act_of_1920

*****Pirate Attacks Increase - But Not Successful On Armed Ships** as increased assaults on ships 36% to 266 attacks in the 1st half of 2011, but successful seizures dropped 28% year on year to 21. Their lack of success was attributed to carriers' being better prepared or armed, as well as improved patrolling by naval forces. According to data released July 14, 2011, by the Int'l Maritime Bureau, pirate attacks off Somalia and in the Goa/Indian Ocean region climbed dramatically in the first 6 months of this year. Figures reveal there were 266 attacks on vessels in this period compared with 196 attacks in 2010. "In the last 6 months, Somali pirates attacked more vessels than ever before and they're taking higher risks," IMB director, Capt. Pottengal Mukundan said. They fired on ships for the first time during the monsoon season last month, he said. Pirates hijacked 1 in 8 vessels attacked 1 the 1st half of the year, compared with 1 in 4 a year earlier, the report showed. The most recent successful hijacking took place on April 30th, with 44 further attempted attacks since then, the IMB said. Somali pirates took 361 sailors hostage and kidnapped 13 in the 1st half of 2011. As of June 30, Somali pirates were holding 20 ships & 420 crew members. But throughout this chaos, no armed merchant ship was taken; this being the main point **The Cargo Letter** has made since 2007.

*****Over-Capacity Warning** as Alphaliner says growth through 2012 will become "more alarming" with 2013 orders. Four hundred and forty-eight container ships, with a combined capacity of 2.78 million 20-foot equivalent units are scheduled for delivery in 2011 and 2012, adding enormous capacity well ahead of growth in demand, according to market analysts Alphaliner. "The market fundamentals are looking less favorable compared to last year, as an overhang of surplus capacity will continue to plague the industry," the container industry analysts said. Deliveries will total 213 ships of 1.34 million TEUs in 2011, and 235 vessels of 1.44 million TEUs in 2012, equating to annual fleet growth of 8.7% in each year, Alphaliner said in a report on ship orders. "More alarming," the firm said, is the large capacity scheduled for delivery in 2013, which so far has reached a record high of 1.73 million TEUs compared with the previous record of 1.57 million TEUs delivered in 2008. The figure could rise even higher in the new few months as some yards continue to offer container building slots for 2013 deliveries. "Most carriers continue to pile up new vessel orders and the order wave does not appear to be coming to an end any time soon," according to Alphaliner.

www.alphaliner.com/

*****Over-Capacity Increases Ghost Fleet** as the size of the world's idle containership fleet has risen early this month, mostly because of the redelivery of chartered ships and withdrawal of ocean liner services. "Ships set free by service closures failed to find new employment in a market that is significantly weaker, compared to the last two months. Thus, for the first time since Nov. 2010 the idle fleet increased notably," said Alphaliner's latest report. "A total of 74 ships is currently unemployed compared to 60 ships a fortnight ago. In capacity terms, the idle fleet has increased over the last two weeks from 75,000 TEU to

95,000 TEU," it said. Newly unemployed ships are mostly in the 500- to 2,000-TEU range, including six ships redelivered by YSC Line which has sought court protection in Korea after failing to pay its creditors. www.axsmarine.com/public/alphaliner.php

*****New U.S. Flag Carrier** as the startup carrier American Feeder Lines' first ship departed Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 8 to begin a service its backers hope will develop into a network of routes covering the Atlantic & Gulf coasts. The company plans a weekly service from Halifax to Portland, Maine, to Boston and back to Halifax. AFL continues to seek financing for construction of 10 planned ships that would have nominal capacities of 1,300 TEUs.

www.american-feeder-lines.com/en/home/index.html

*****And Still Champion** as Port of Shanghai continues its upwards trajectory after it overtook Singapore as the world's busiest container port in 2010, increasing volume 10.5% in the first half year to 15.3 million TEU, up from 13.8 million TEU in same period of 2010. Singapore handled more than a million less at 14.6 million TEU in the same period of 2011, an increase year on year of 4.2%. Shanghai's June volume slowed 5%, while Singapore experienced a slowdown of 3.5% in the same period.

*****Bigger & Slower -- Will The UN Control Ship Design?**as ships will come to dominate int'l trade because of conditions imposed by environmental regulations from the UN's Int'l Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) -- the application schedule of which China and Brazil oppose. "Ocean carriers will no longer be able to order what they want, which may, in part, explain why so many orders have recently been placed," said Matthew Beddow of London's Containerization Int'l. "The next step for shipping to save the planet will be the imposition of a carbon tax. The level of the tax could well be linked to how vessels measure up to their EED [energy efficiency design]," he said. "Who will be responsible for administering the global measure is unclear." The subject may well be discussed at the next United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Durban at the end of the year, including the possibility that the IMO may not be involved, he said.

*****China Attempts Version of The Jones Act?** as the China Ministry of Transport has announced foreign companies, organizations & individuals will be prohibited from providing irregularly scheduled maritime cargo transport across the Taiwan Strait beginning next year, reports Xinhua News Agency. In a statement announcing the new measures on its website, the ministry said the direct maritime shipment of goods will be carried out by enterprises on the Chinese mainland and Taiwan. The move aims to implement an agreement between the Chinese mainland & Taiwan on direct maritime shipments, according to the statement.

*****Historic Year -- Bad As it Can Get On The U.S. Mother River** as 2011 has seen the greatest flooding of the Mississippi River Basin in over 80 years completely shut down river traffic, displaced thousands of residents and caused what is likely to be billions in dollars of property damage. Over 6.8 million acres were flooded and over 10,000 people were forced from their homes during the most significant flooding since 1927, when over 600,000 people were displaced and about 500 people died.

*****Example of A Daily Event** ... as the Greek 63,593-ton bulker [M/V V Elinakos](#), chased off a skiff July 12 with 6 heavily armed pirates in the Gulf of Aden between Yemen and Somalia because of the arrival of Indian navy frigate and its helicopter gunship. The 3,810-ton displacement missile frigate, the [INS Godavari](#), received an alert from the Panama-flagged multipurpose vessel, which was slow-steaming from Singapore to Italy via the Suez when a skiff approached with pirates armed with RPGs and AK-47s and a boarding ladder. "On being approached by the naval vessel, the pirates dumped their arms, ammunition and other piracy triggers," the navy said, which was supported by German frigate [Niedersachsen](#). Had [M/V V Elinakos](#) been armed, as is now authorized by the IMO, assistance would not have been required.

*****Matson Rebrands** as it has announced name changes for its 3 logistics units under the new name, Matson Logistics, thereby combining the three entities, Matson Integrated Logistics, Matson Global and Matson America into one brand. The U.S. company provides ocean transportation, domestic and int'l rail intermodal service, long haul and regional highway brokerage, supply chain services, LTL transportation, specialised hauling, and company-operated warehousing and distribution. "It is important to differentiate ourselves as both a leading ocean carrier and logistics provider," said Matson president Matt Cox. "In the past decade, Matson's logistics have diversified, warehousing and distribution and moving beyond North American markets to China." The 3 company divisions have changed their trade names from Matson Integrated Logistics to "Matson Logistics", Matson America Transportation Services

is now "Matson Logistics Services" while Matson Global Distribution Services becomes "Matson Logistics Warehousing".

*****U.S. Maersk Unit Wins Major Logistics Deal** as Maersk Line, Ltd., won a multi-year contract valued at up to US\$126M to operate and maintain and container & roll-on, roll-off ships for the U.S. Navy. Norfolk-based Maersk Line Ltd., the U.S.-flag unit of A.P. Moller Group, will handle Bobo Class vessels for the U.S. Navy Military Sealift Command's prepositioning program. The ships, crewed by civilian mariners, are stowed with military equipment and supplies and kept prepared for rapid availability during military and humanitarian relief operations. Earlier this month, Maersk Line Ltd. won an up to US\$71.5M, nearly five-year contract to charter an ice-strengthened tanker to support the command, and it won a US\$66M contract to operate and maintain 2 command ships in April.
www.maersklinelimited.com/

*****Crowley Maritime Scores IN Puerto Rico** as it has acquired the business and assets of Puerto Rico Freight Systems (PRFS), a Guaynabo, Puerto Rico-based logistics company specializing in freight consolidation and less-than-containerload (LCL) transportation throughout the Caribbean.
www.prf.com/

*****Hong Kong's 's Orient Overseas Container Line Eliminates More Free Lunch** as OOCL will stop providing truck chassis from Sept. at 6 additional port and inland locations in the east and Midwest, including Charleston, South Carolina - America's eighth biggest container port. Its no-chassis policy will extend to Charlotte, Knoxville, Birmingham, Minneapolis and Cincinnati. After Sept. 1, truckers either working as suppliers to OOCL or the company's customers chassis charges are to be billed by truckers to their customers. OOCL told customers of chassis rental options available at 6 locations.

*****Introducing Chapter 15 Bankruptcy** as the Containership Company (TCC), a failed startup container line established in 2009 that filed for "reconstruction" in Denmark this April, has been granted U.S. government recognition of Danish bankruptcy laws as valid in the United States under Chapter 15 bankruptcy. Consequently, TCC will be able to enjoy protection as a debtor in the U.S., where it is seeking US\$25M in damages from shippers who allegedly failed to meet minimum quantity commitments, reports the American Shipper. The shipping line estimates 83 shippers failed to meet commitments, representing nearly 100,000 TEU in no-shows. Those shippers who have agreed to settle are said to have done so at "around 100%" of the penalties set for not meeting their commitments as part of the contracts signed with TCC.

*****The Murder Scene Smelled Great** as a malfunctioning forklift dropped an ocean container laden with 462 cases of wine in Australia on July 21, a spill with a price tag of more than US\$1M. The 5,544 bottles of 2010 Mollydooker Velvet Glove shiraz, with a price tag of US\$185 a bottle, fell almost 20 feet to the ground of a wharf in Port Adelaide as the forklift was loading it for shipment abroad, according to media reports. "We just couldn't believe it," winemaker Sparky Marquis said in a report on Adelaide Now. "As you can imagine, this wine is our pride and joy. To see it accidentally destroyed, and not consumed, has left us all a bit numb. Sparky Marquis and his wife Sarah are both left-handed. In Australia, "Mollydooker" means left-handed. "The container manager said when his team came and told him what had happened, he was looking around for cameras to see if it was a 'gotcha' hoax. He realised it was serious when nobody was laughing," Adelaide Now quotes Marquis as saying. Marquis said that only one carton among the 462 was undamaged. His staff was searching through the others to see if any other bottles may have escaped. The lost wine represents a third of his company's output for a year. Brett McCarthur of Kerry Logistics, the company which operated the forklift, told Adelaide Now his company moves tens of thousands of heavy containers each year. "We move hundreds of pallets a day filled with sand and even stuff that it wouldn't matter if you dropped it from 50 feet in the air, but the only premium container had to be the one," McCarthur was quoted as saying. Marquis said he was working with insurers to get compensated for his loss. Onlookers said it looked "like a murder scene", with red everywhere, but it smelled great!"

www.velvetgloveshiraz.com/

www.velvetgloveshiraz.com/category/mollydooker-velvet-glove-shiraz/

*****Throughput >>>** Russia's **Far East Shipping Company** (Fesco) increased its first half container volume 46% year on year to 214,000 TEU together with a 68[^] jump in forwarding intermodal throughput to 91,000 TEU. **>>> Port of Hong Kong** handled two million TEU in June, a decrease of 2.2% against the 2.06 million TEU handled in June of last year. **>>> Port of Long Beach** handled 271,113 loaded import TEU in June, second only to the 275,100 TEU handled in May. **>>> Port of Marseille** handled

462,781 TEU in the 1st half of 2011, down 9%, making it unlikely it will achieve its full year target 1 million TEUs, the second year running it has fallen short due to labor unrest. >>> Container volume at Oregon's **Port of Portland** fell 11.2% in June, to 13,320 TEUs and to volume fell 40% in June, to 13,067 units, continuing a downward trend in 2011. >>> **Port of Seattle** container throughput fell back 27.8% in May from the same month a year ago in a broad decline in international shipping at Pacific Northwest ports. >>> Sydney's **Port Botany** has hit its 10th annual container throughput growth with a record two million TEU by the end of the 2010/11 financial year,

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

1823 - After pirate attack, Lt. David G. Farragut leads landing party to destroy pirate stronghold in Cuba.
1918 - Armored cruiser **USS San Diego** (ACR 6) sunk off Fire Island, N.Y. by a mine laid by German U-boat U-156.

1943 - German submarine shoots down **K-47**, the first and only U.S. airship lost during WW II.

1944 - Invasion and recapture of Guam begins.

1946 - In first U.S. test of adaptability of jet aircraft to shipboard operations, XFD-1 Phantom makes landings & takeoffs without catapults from **USS Franklin D. Roosevelt** (CV 42).

1987 - Navy begins Operation Earnest Will, escorting first Kuwaiti tanker convoy in the Persian Gulf.

*****Cypriot Navy Now Motivated To Establish Recycling Plan** ... as scandal s fast brewing in Cyprus over responsibility for the July 5 explosion of 98 contraband containers holding explosives that killed 13 and injured 61, created a 600-meter wide crater, nearly destroyed a Cypriot naval base and severely damaged a power station. "A combination of apathy, foot-dragging, red tape, inter-departmental rivalry and classic buck-passing led to a tragedy that could easily have been averted. The army brass knew what needed to be done, but were apparently shackled by the civilian administration. The military wanted a controlled detonation, but the government said 'don't do anything, wait'," said a highly critical article in the Cyprus Mail expose. In early 2009, the 23,000-ton Monchegorsk, registered with the Cyprus Merchant Marine, became the centre of an international incident involving Iran, Russia, the U.S., Israel, Gaza and Cyprus. The 648-TEU ship with ro-ro capabilities, was apprehended in the Red Sea by U.S. warships in Task Force 151 having left Iran. Following a search, suspicious military material was reported and the ship was escorted to Limassol in Cyprus. Cypriot authorities made a limited search of the containers, the result of which was referred to the security council for clarification, but not disclosed to the public. Once the breach was confirmed, the cargo was confiscated and unloaded. After the recent explosion, criticism of the handling and storage of the containers erupted. The Cyprus Mail newspaper in Nicosia claims officials knew they had a "ticking time bomb, yet for almost 2.5 years nothing was done to act on this information."

*****Kiss US\$300M Bye Bye** as in the era of massive belt-tightening budget cuts, the story of two never-completed, unused Navy ships now being sent to the scrap heap after costing U.S. taxpayers US\$300M is a case study in Pentagon waste. Requisitioned by the U.S. Navy in 1985, the two motor tankers, **USNS Benjamin Isherwood** and **USNS Henry Eckford**, "have never gone on a mission, were never even completed, yet they cost taxpayers at least \$300 million," the Virginia-Pilot's Scott Harper reports. Now, the "ghost ships" are headed from their dock on the James River in Virginia to a Texas scrap yard to be dismantled, Harrop writes. And there's one more catch--the United States awarded a US\$10M contract to dismantle four ships, including the Eckford and the Isherwood, to a UK firm, so no money from the reclamation will return to the United States. Inexcuseable.

Video

<http://wusa9.com/news/article/159204/77/300M-On-Navy-Ships-Never-Finished-Or-Used>

*****Saving The "Big U"** as in order to enhance efforts to preserve and successfully redevelop the **SS United States**, the **SS United States Conservancy** is selling 2 of the ship's 4 spare propellers to a metal yard based in Camden, NJ, across the Delaware River from the vessel's current berth on the Philadelphia waterfront. Two additional propellers remain aboard the vessel and will not be sold. This sale is part of the Conservancy's strategy for redeveloping the ship, which has been formulated in close consultation with preservation and maritime experts. It allows the Conservancy to significantly advance its efforts to repurpose the ship in an appropriate and dignified manner using important preservation principles and objectives. An additional 4 propellers from the **SS United States** are displayed prominently at important sites in New York and Virginia. These sites include the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the State University of New York Maritime College, near the USS Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum in Midtown Manhattan, and at the Mariners Museum in Newport News, VA. These displays provide important opportunities for many visitors to view and develop a personal understanding of the propellers and the ship. Sale of the 2 propellers will provide the Conservancy with funds absolutely critical to plans

for the ship's redevelopment as a stationary attraction.

SS United States Conservancy:

www.ssunitedstatesconservancy.org/

Great Video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWOf2gd1-F8

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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 July 2011: "**Minor Miracle On The Obi**"

www.cargolaw.com/2011nightmare_angara_air.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>>>>>>

China Ministry of Commerce: Import Tariffs On 33 Commodities To Be Cut

<http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/aarticle/counselorsreport/asiareport/201106/20110607619111.html>

Container Shipping Faces Incredible Over Capacit: Lay-Ups The Only Option

www.maritimeprofessional.com/Blogs/Far-East-Maritime/July-2011/Unlucky-2013-looms-with-lay-ups-the-only-option.aspx

Famed Freighter **SS Robin** Arrives At London Royal Docks

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-14135730

Final Rule Amending U.S. Hazardous Materials Regulations Effective Aug. 19 2011

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-20/pdf/2011-17687.pdf

Global Shippers' Forum represents shippers on key international issues before both national governments and international bodies.

www.globalshippersforum.com/

Heavy Tire Explosions - Equivalent To Being Hit By A Truckdramatic video footage warning of the catastrophic effects & employee danger of inflating a truck tire that has previously suffered run-flat damage.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=294Wu6O0uW0

Summer 2011 AAPA Seaports Magazine view the fully interactive digital edition

<http://aapasummermag2011.cadmus.com/>

U.S. Census Bureau Releases Third Issue of its Export Newsletter "TradeSource"

www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aes/tradesource_july2011.pdf

U.S. Dept. of Commerce Revokes Antidumping Duties On Ball Bearings From Japan & Great Britain

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-15/pdf/2011-17899.pdf

PRODUCTS>>>>>>>>>>>>

Logistics Floor Marking Guidefree

<http://stop-painting.com/floormarkingguide.html>

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 Annual Canada Maritime Conference 20-21 Sept. 2011, Montreal

www.cvent.com/events/canada-maritime-conference/agenda-a0fbde0762924df1b09456dcf18a9c86.aspx

8th China Air Cargo Summit 2011 Oct.12-14, Shenzhen, PRC

www.aircargosummit.org/

Air Cargo & Seacargo Americas 2 - 4 Nov. 2011, Miami, FL

www.seacargoamericas.com/

Cool Logistics 201126-28 Sept. 2011, Crowne Plaza, Antwerp Belgium

www.coollogisticsconference.com/

FIATA World Congress 201116 to 21 Oct., 2011 in Cairo, Egypt

www.fiata2011.org/

Military Vehicles Exhibition & Conference 2011 (MVEC 2011) Cobo Convention 9-11 Aug. 2011, Center, Detroit, Michigan

www.militaryvehiclesexpo.com/Event.aspx?id=431724

TOC Americas 201115-17 Nov. 2011, El Panama Hotel, Panama City Panama

www.tocevents-americas.com/

TOC Middle East 2011 Sept. 27-29, Dubai World Trade Centre

www.tocevents-me.com/page.cfm/EMSLinkClick=1869_693_442_0_0_6133

Transport Security Expo 201113-14 Sept. 2011, Olympia, London UK

www.transec.com/

U.S. Commercial Service - Export Administration Regulations (EAR) Course Aug. 10 & 11, 2011, Los

Angeles

http://export.gov/california/irvine/events/bistt/eg_us_ca_028301.asp

WMU's Piracy Conference 17-19 Oct 2001, Malmo, Sweden

<http://icopas2011.wmu.se/>

[Apps For That - iPhones>>>>>>>>>](#)

EchoTrakallows supply chain managers to track & manage shipments with any Apple iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch devices and Google's Android phone. Select from multiple carriers, rates and transit times to rate and save loads using detailed carrier rates and cost breakdown available for each carrier rated. Users can also use various load boards to track in-transit, booked & delivered loads and setup custom watch lists.

Sid Meier's Pirates! the classic game reinvented

www.pocketgamer.co.uk/r/iPad/Sid+Meier's+Pirates!/news.asp?c=31654

[General Interest>>>>>>>>>](#)

3D Printer

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZboxMsSz5Aw&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Florida Maritime Training Academythe new USCG approved facility

<http://mlnk.co/1y39q/wkm5g>

GM Hy-Wire "Car of the Future"

www.flixxy.com/gm-hy-wire-concept-car.htm

Hitler Rants About Carmageddon In Los Angeles

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xILZ4RWyyAw&feature=player_detailpage

Hummingbirds

www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=EUEZkwJulBY

How The Horder Between India & Pakistan Is Closed, Every Day amazing stuff

www.wimp.com/indiapakistan/

Robin Williams As The American Flag

www.coolestone.com/media/292/Robin_Williams_as_the_American_Flag/

Running On Emptywhat if Los Angeles had no cars?

<http://tinyurl.com/NOCarsLA>

Stealth Warships borrowing technology from the aviation sector

www.maritimeprofessional.com/Blogs/Maritime-Musings/July-2011/Stealth-warships.aspx

TDI-Panamericana Endurance Challenges 75th Anniversary of World's Longest Highway follow the trek.

www.tdi-panamericana.com/

Video

<http://multivu.prnewswire.com/mnr/vw/40223/#>

United Airlines Breaks Guitars

<http://aircargonewscom.c.topica.com/maao7KKab5ktocmHDmacaehn7Q/>

War of Jenkins' Ear 1739 -1742 maritime conflict between Britain & Spain

www.maritimeprofessional.com/Blogs/Maritime-Musings/July-2011/War-of-Jenkins'-Ear.aspx

Waterproof iPhone Case use to 6 meter depth

<http://localdealfinder.com/deal/view/Waterproof-iPhone-Case/rcsmacom/1233>

Zipcar Vehicle Sharing
www.zipcar.com/

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OUR "E" Section: The Forwarder/Broker World***

7. New U.S. Transport Related Legal Cases _____

ABF Freight System Vs. Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters

U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals (St. Louis)

July 2011

The court has reversed & remanded a lower court's previous dismissal of ABF Freight System's lawsuit against the Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters, YRC Inc., Trucking Management Inc. and other related entities. When the original lawsuit was filed in Nov. 2010, less-than-truckload carrier ABF sought to have the lower court create an appropriate grievance review committee to resolve the dispute, or to have the contract amendments benefiting only rival LTL carrier YRC declared null and void by the court, as required by the National Master Freight Agreement (NMFA). ABF also sought an award of monetary damages estimated to be approximately US\$750M. ABF will continue to seek that relief on remand. ABF's contention is that the defendants violated the NMFA in 2009 and 2010 by entering into concessionary side agreements with YRC companies to the exclusion of ABF and other companies signatory to the NMFA. These agreements, ABF claims, led to ongoing significant wage and benefit reductions and other economic concessions that were applied only to YRC companies, and not ABF. With more than 8,000 union employees, ABF's lawsuit asserted these concessionary agreements were unlawful, unfair and inconsistent with the plain language, intent and purpose of the NMFA, and that they resulted in a substantial competitive disadvantage for ABF.

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