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AROUND THE PORT

In a welcome turnaround following a decline in February, cargo containers shipped in March through the Port of Long Beach increased by 2.7 percent from March 2000, and 15.6 percent from this February's total.

Shipping terminals at the port moved the equivalent of 360,279 twenty-foot-long container units in March. While questions remain about the strength of the U.S. economy, it now seems that a decline in February imports was due at least in part to the Chinese New Year at the end of January, when a holiday shutdown in China reduced shipments into early February.

In March, the number of imported cargo containers climbed to 195,605 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a 9.6 percent increase from March 2000 and a 26 percent improvement from this February. The number of exported containers fell to 84,349 TEUs, a decline of 13.8 percent from March 2000 but an 11.7 percent increase over this February's exports.

The port will be hosting an Energy Summit at 9 a.m. June 7 for its customers to talk about "How You Can Survive California's Energy Crisis." The program will be held in the 6th floor Board Room in the port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza.

At the summit, port Executive Director Richard Steinke will present an update on the port's effort to obtain an exemption from rolling electricity blackouts this summer from the California Public Utilities Commission. Representatives of Southern California Edison will discuss how port terminal operators can save on their electricity bills with terminal-specific programs for cutting back energy use. They also will show port customers how they might qualify for individual exemptions from blackouts by joining with their neighbors in an electricity cutback program. Edison representatives will unveil an on-line notification system that will warn electricity users of pending blackouts.

Those interested in attending should call (562) 590-4109.

In an effort to reduce pollutants emitted into the air from the smoke stacks of commercial vessels, a voluntary ship speed limit of 12 knots has gone into effect beginning this month for most vessels sailing within 20 miles of the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

The two ports, as well as shipping lines and state and federal regulators agreed that a voluntary speed limit could significantly reduce emissions coming from the more than 5,000 vessels that sail in and out of San Pedro Bay. For more information, go to the port's web site (www.polb.com) and click on "Speed Zone Ahead: Navigational Alert."

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners gave a collective thumbs up to begin advertising for bids to truck in 3.3 million tons of clean fill dirt to bring the Pier S property on Terminal Island up to grade for a future container terminal.

Located north of the former Long Beach Naval Complex, Pier S is at the center of the former Wilmington Oil Field where dozens of wells pumped oil for more than 40 years. By the 1950s, the land had dropped almost 30 feet because of the oil pumping. Replacing the oil with water injected into the ground has stabilized the subsidence. The port has been working for more than a year to "remediate" or clean up the approximately 200,000 cubic yards of oil field residue buried throughout the site.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved a \$50 million contract to Pinner Construction of Anaheim for construction of terminal buildings at the Hanjin container terminal currently under development on Pier T - formerly the site of the Long Beach Naval Station and Naval Shipyard.

The contract includes construction of more than 140,000 square feet of buildings, 56,500 square feet of canopy, a 240-foot clear span sign bridge with 16 programmable message signs, a 16-lane camera bridge, 13 electronic truck scales, 25 communication and camera pedestals, three guard booths and 17 booths for marine clerks.

The port's Planning Division is distributing copies of its new Facilities Master Plan, a colorful 18-page publication that analyzes the port's need to develop additional cargo-handling capacity based on recent forecasts.

According to the Master Plan, containerized cargo in Long Beach will grow from 4.6 million TEUs in 2000 to between 12.1 million TEUs and 16.6 million TEUs in 2020. The forecast is based on projected yearly growth of 5 percent to 6.6 percent.

In anticipation of the projected growth, the port has developed the Mega-Terminal Development Plan, which will consolidate and redevelop seven of the eight existing container terminals into five large terminals of more than 300 acres each.

The Master Plan also addresses other cargo categories including automobiles, break bulk/neo-bulk, liquid bulk and dry bulk.

To obtain a copy of the new Facilities Master Plan, call (562) 590-4160. The publication also can be ordered at the port's web site: www.polb.com, by clicking on the "guestbook."

More than \$98.2 billion in trade was shipped through the Port of Long Beach during calendar year 2000, an increase of 10.4 percent, according to the U.S. Maritime Administration. Los

Angeles led the nation with \$101.8 billion, and New York/New Jersey was third with \$80.9 billion.

China was Long Beach's leading trading partner with \$31.3 billion in trade; Japan was second with \$21.7 billion; and South Korea third with \$10 billion. The leading products shipped through Long Beach were machinery (\$17 billion), electrical machinery (\$13.9 billion), vehicles (\$9.1 billion), toys (\$4.9 billion); woven apparel (\$4.8 billion), footwear (\$4.2 billion) and knit apparel (\$4 billion).

More than 220 civil engineers attended an open house on April 21 to learn about career opportunities at the City and Port of Long Beach. During the event, the port outlined more than \$1 billion in planned capital improvement projects.

Reggie Harrison, Long Beach's deputy city manager, **Herb Levi**, a Civil Service commissioner, and Dr. **Geraldine Knatz**, the port's managing director of development, greeted the candidates at the port Administration Building.

More than 30 port volunteers from the Engineering, Planning, Communications and Administration Divisions participated in the event. The various City Departments (Harbor, Gas, Water, Public Works, Planning/Building, Human Relations, and Civil Service) also made presentations.

Major kudos to "K" Line, which operates the International Transportation Service facility at the Port of Long Beach, for recently winning the top three awards at Toyota's NAPO Logistics Partners banquet held in Dana Point.

"K" Line won Import Carrier of the Year, Export Carrier of the Year and, competing against all of Toyota's transportation vendors for their national parts, All Around Year 2000 "Logistics Partner of the Year." Last year, the Japanese shipping line also was honored as Toyota's Import Carrier of the Year.

SC Johnson, the Wisconsin-based manufacturer of such household cleaning products as Windex, Pledge and Glade, also has honored "K" Line with its U.S. transportation, import/export services and compliance department's full-container, Carrier-of-the-Year Award.

In addition, **Susan L. Nathan**, "K" Line America's senior account executive for SC Johnson, was named the Salesperson of the Year.

Port officials welcomed the bulk carrier *Happy Clipper* during its maiden call April 13 to pick up approximately 70,000 metric tons of petroleum coke at the Metropolitan Stevedoring facility on Pier G. Owned by the New Ruler Shipping Co., the *Happy Clipper* is a 738-foot-long vessel.

The container ships *Hyundai Republic* and *Hyundai National* made maiden calls to the California United Terminal facility in Long Beach in April.

The *Republic* and *National* are two in a series of five 6,500-TEU-class container ships. The first vessel in the series, the *Hyundai Kingdom*, made its maiden call to Long Beach in March. The remaining two vessels, the *Hyundai Dominion* and *Hyundai Patriot*, will be make their maiden calls in May and July, respectively.

The planning and engineering firm of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas Inc. has been named to make a two-year study of traffic improvements for the Long Beach (710) Freeway and nearby surface streets by Caltrans, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Improvements to be studied include dedicated truck lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes and improved or new interchanges. The area to be studied stretches from the Port of Long Beach to the Pomona (60) Freeway.

The Harbor Transportation Club's annual spring golf tournament will be held at 7:30 a.m. May 25 at the California Country Club in Whittier. For more information, call (949) 252-0251.

The annual World Trade Week luncheon and trade fair will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 23 at the LAX Hilton Hotel. The keynote speaker will be Tom Weiderman from United Parcel Service.

The event is sponsored by most of Southern California's leading international trade associations, including the Foreign Trade Association. For more information, call (213) 627-0634.

The Women's Transportation Seminar will hold its 2001 National Conference from May 16 to 18 at the Long Beach Hyatt Regency.

The conference will feature roundtable discussions on a variety of topics including "Access to our Leaders in Transportation" and "Transportation and Legislation." The conference also features seven technical tours, including tours of the Alameda Corridor, and land and harbor tours of the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. For more information, call 202-496-4340 or visit the organization's web site at www.wtsnational.org.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and the Industry Manufacturers' Association will hold the First Annual San Gabriel Valley International Conference on May 30 and 31. The Port of Long Beach is among the sponsors.

The conference theme, "Your Gateway to the World", highlights how the San Gabriel Valley has become a gateway to Pacific Rim trade partners. The conference will kick off with a dinner from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Industry Hills Resort and Conference Centers, One Industry Hills Parkway in the City of Industry. The conference will be on May 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the same location. The cost for the dinner is \$150. The cost for the conference is \$165. For more information call (626) 856-3400 or visit the organization's web site at www.sgvbtc.com.

We can taste those delectable octopus tentacles already. The ILWU and the Propeller Club will hold its 14th annual Seafood Feast from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 13 at the World Cruise Center, Berth 93, in San Pedro.

Some of the under-the sea delicacies that will be served include shrimp scampi, smoked halibut and salmon, creamed herring, Chilean swordfish and octopus salad.

Tickets are \$35 per person if purchased before June 4. As of June 5, the cost increases to \$40. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No children under 16 admitted at this event.

The event honors the memory of longshore workers who died while working on the waterfront. Funds go toward scholarships for local high school seniors. For more information, call (818) 951-2842.

PORT PEOPLE

Linda Johnson, the executive assistant to port Executive Director Richard Steinke, is retiring this month after 35 years with the city. A luncheon in her honor will be held May 9 at the Long Beach Hilton. Cost is \$25. For more information, call Diana Connolly at (562) 590-4104.

Congratulations to Port of Long Beach Security Officer Thomas Wheeler for being selected as the port's Employee of the Year. Wheeler is a 15-year veteran of the port's Security Division.

Also honored on April 17 for their hard work and dedication to the port were fellow Employee of the Year nominees **Rachel Dodd**, Finance Division; **Ron Everett**, Planning Division; **Sheila Holden**, Properties; **Eric MacNeal**, **Jim Reister**, and **Jim Toliver**, Maintenance Division; **Al Moro** and **Marcella Wintz**, Engineering Division; **Brad Phillips**, Security Division; **Marsha Sargeant**, Administration Division; and **Donna Shipman**, Communications Division.

Long Beach Harbor Commissioners John Calhoun, John Hancock, Roy Hearrean, Dr. John Kashiwabara and Carmen Perez will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Los Angeles-Long Beach World Trade Center Association during its 12th annual Hall of Fame banquet on May 3 at the Long Beach Hilton.

Also being inducted will be Club Corp International Chairman and Founder **Robert Dedman**, BP Amoco Western U.S. President Bob Malone and Varig President Ozires Silva.

The port's overseas representative in Hong Kong, Edward Yau, has been elected treasurer and ports coordinator for the U.S. States and Ports Association.

Becky Mannino, general manager at Stevedoring Services of America's C-60 at the Port of Long Beach, has been promoted to assistant vice president. Port of Los Angeles Yusen Terminal Manager **Pieter Suttorp** will replace Mannino at C-60.

The port this year has awarded another \$7,000 in scholarships, giving it a total of \$67,000 scholarships awarded during the last decade.

Last month, the port awarded its Woodrow Wilson Memorial Scholarships to three students at Long Beach City College: **Angelica Torres** and **Frances Ramirez**. It awarded scholarships to LBCC trades and industrial technology students **James Browning**, **Alfredo Dominguez**, **Rattana Kong** and **John Zeigler**. And the port awarded scholarships to international

business students at Cal State Long Beach: [Jocelyn Chung](#) and [Hien Nguyen](#).

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