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June 2001

AROUND THE PORT

Imports increased slightly while exports fell in April, as shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach moved the equivalent of 366,535 twenty-foot-long container units. The amount was nearly identical to the total for April 2000.

The number of imported cargo containers in April was 202,574 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a less-than-1-percent increase over the import total for April 2000.

The number of exported containers fell in April to 76,625 TEUs, a 15.8 percent decline from a year ago.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has awarded a \$71.4 million contract to Griffith Co. of Santa Fe Springs to construct an on-dock intermodal rail yard, complete the 260-acre first phase of the Pier T container terminal on Terminal Island, and bring in fill material to re-grade the site for the 115-acre second phase.

The contract, which was awarded May 21, represents the last of the major contracts for the first phase of construction of the 375-acre facility, the port's first mega terminal.

Griffith's construction job is expected to take a year to complete, and will include 83,000 feet of railroad tracks, placement of 425,000 tons of asphalt and concrete, and installation of enough electrical outlets to accommodate 1,100 refrigerated containers. The contract also requires the installation of storm drainage, water service and sewer lines.

With the last of the major contracts awarded, the port is on schedule to open the first phase of the terminal by July 2002. The final phase will open by mid-2003. Hanjin Shipping Co. Ltd. of South Korea will move from its current terminal on Pier A to operate the new terminal.

Harbor Commissioners made their annual lobbying trek to Sacramento in May to discuss port-related legislation and funding.

The five commissioners urged lawmakers to support current and future capital projects, including replacement of the weathered and worn Gerald Desmond Bridge and construction of an overpass

along Sepulveda Boulevard over the Alameda Corridor rail project.

The port held an Energy Summit on June 7 for its customers to discuss exemptions, conservation and a notification system.

Port officials updated tenants on efforts to obtain a port-wide exemption from rolling blackouts. Officials from Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. will talk about how businesses may obtain individual exemptions. Edison shared information on conservation programs and measures that terminal operators can take to save on electricity. They informed tenants on Edison's new on-line notification system that will warn businesses when a blackout is about to occur.

As part of its efforts to conserve electricity, the port has installed a voltage-regulating device on many of its streetlights.

The device, which lowers the voltage after the gas inside a bulb is illuminated, is saving the port about 17 percent over its previous power usage.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has awarded a nearly \$25 million contract to C.W. Poss of Fullerton to relocate oil field structures, bring in 3.3 million tons of fill material, and construct storm drain pump stations for a 160-acre container terminal project at Pier S on Terminal Island.

Poss was the lowest of four bidders for the final site preparation contract. The job is expected to take 270 days.

If you saw a spider-like creature scaling the Commodore Heim Bridge last month, no need to worry.

It wasn't a new type of invasive species from a vessel's ballast water. It was only Hollywood paying a visit to Long Beach.

Columbia Pictures shot footage May 11 and 12 on the Heim Bridge for its upcoming film, Spider-Man, a live-action movie based on the Marvel comic book character and starring Tobey Maguire. Columbia also filmed scenes on Pico Avenue on May 13th for another movie called National Security, an action comedy featuring Martin Lawrence.

The port's Surveying and Mapping Department has temporarily relocated to trailers west of the Administration building during the remodeling of the third-floor offices. Phone numbers for all office personnel will remain the same.

Vessel traffic at the port's fuel terminals has significantly increased during the past several months - a result of the projected fuel shortage during the peak summer months.

Local refineries are working at 100 percent capacity. The bulk terminals also are showing an increase in vessel calls.

An oceanographic information system is up and running to help prevent maritime accidents and oil spills in the Long Beach and Los Angeles harbor complex.

Pilots of large commercial vessels can use the Physical Oceanography Real-Time System (PORTS), which collects, processes and disseminates data on environmental conditions. The website -- http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/d_ports.html -- provides information on winds, atmospheric and water temperatures, barometric pressure, and tidal data including current speed, direction and swell height.

The port and the International Business Association of Southern California awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes during World Trade Week festivities.

The port awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to five international business majors at Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach. It also awarded \$1,000 to four LBCC vocational education students.

It was Rock and Roll time for Sea Launch engineers and rocket scientists last month when the company successfully launched a satellite, dubbed Roll, into orbit.

It was the second of a two-satellite direct radio broadcast system. The first satellite, dubbed Rock, was launched into orbit on March 18. Sea Launch, which is based at the Port of Long Beach, uses a converted oil rig to launch its satellites from the equator into space.

Mitsubishi Cement has assumed ownership of MCC Lucky Cement at Pier F. The new owners are expecting to double the amount of vessel calls at Berth F208.

Parent company, Mitsubishi Materials, operates seven cement plants in the U.S. and Asia, including Japan's largest cement plant, with a production capacity of more than eight million tons a year.

Approximately 2,500 trees are being planted along the route of the Alameda Corridor under a Conservation Corps programs aimed at providing job experience to 410 young adults.

Crews have removed graffiti, cleaned vacant lots and removed thousands of tons of debris from communities up and down the route of the Alameda Corridor. They also may receive training and education. After three months, they have the option to join the Conservation Corps full-time, phase into a Long Beach or Los Angeles city college program, or enroll in a business, vocational or trade school or apprenticeship program.

Port officials welcomed Florida-based Americana Shipping's *TMM Hermosillo*, which called at the International Transportation Service facility on May 15th during its maiden voyage.

The *Hermosillo* is an 884-foot long container ship with a capacity of 3,250 TEUs. After completing cargo operations at ITS, the ship sailed to Ensenada, Mexico. As one of six ships deployed in Americana's Maxpac I service, the *Hermosillo* then sails to the Far East and back to Long Beach.

The bulk carrier Tian Ton Feng made its maiden voyage to the port on May 10, calling at the Pier

G bulk facility. Operated by China Shipping Group, the vessel was loaded with sulfur before setting sail to Israel.

Crowley Maritime Corp. has been recognized for outstanding service by Sears Roebuck and Co., Ford Motor Co. and SC Johnson.

The 100-year-old company, which has provided tugboat service at the Port of Long Beach for more than 75 years, was honored by Sears with its Partner in Progress 2000 award for Crowley's liner services. Crowley's logistic group in Venezuela received Ford's Silver Award for supplier excellence in the non-productive supplier category. SC Johnson recognized the company for its overall excellence in customer service.

Port Executive Director Richard Steinke, the chairman-elect of the American Association of Port Authorities, discussed the AAPA's legislative issues at the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce's June 7 luncheon.

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.

The menu includes such deep-sea delicacies as shrimp scampi, smoked halibut and salmon, creamed herring, Chilean swordfish and octopus salad. Call (818) 951-2842 for more information.

The Steamship Association's annual luncheon saluting Long Beach and Los Angeles harbor commissioners will be held June 14 at the Sheraton Hotel in San Pedro.

The speaker will be California State Lands Commission Executive Officer **Paul Thayer**. For more information, call (213) 627-0634.

Women's Transportation Seminar and the Western Council of Construction Consumers are sponsoring a discussion June 14 on Caltrans' upcoming capital projects.

The program is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 333 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles. To register, call (310) 538-4485 or visit www.wccc.org.

The Port of Long Beach will be honored at the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce inaugural gala June 20 at the Long Beach Hilton Hotel. For information, call (562) 436-1251.

The future of the Los Angeles International Airport will be the topic at the International Business Association's monthly luncheon June 22 at the Long Beach Airport Marriott. For more information, call (562) 436-1251.

The Foreign Trade Association will host a "Transportation Industry Update" on June 26 featuring Port of Long Beach Executive Director Richard Steinke, ILWU port liaison Dominick Miretti, Pacific Maritime Association Vice President Charles Wallace and Zim-American Vice

President Capt. Karsten Lemke.

The continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. For more information, call (213) 627-0634.

Port Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer Al Moro will present an update on the port's development projects at the Propeller Club's monthly luncheon June 27 at the West Coast Long Beach Hotel.

The group also will celebrate Rev. **James Whitcomb Brougher's** 99th birthday. For more information, call (818) 951-2841.

PORT PEOPLE

J. Antonio Urrutia, the port's assistant director of finance, has been elected president of the Association of Water Transportation Accounting Officers.

International Seafarers Center Manager Gerry Graham has retired after many years providing services to the officers and crews of cargo ships calling at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Kevin Kightlinger has been named to the Matson Intermodal System sales team in the Terminal Island office. Kightlinger has more than 15 year's experience in truck and rail cargo sales.

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