

CLOSE WINDOW



September 2002

AROUND THE PORT . . .

Importers shipped record volumes in July driving up the total number of cargo containers shipped through the Port of Long Beach to a best-ever 451,917 container units – a 19.2 percent increase compared to July 2001.

The number of imported containers, empty containers and the total of all container units in July were the port's highest monthly totals ever.

With retailers stocking up for the end-of-summer and fall retail seasons, the number of inbound containers increased to the equivalent of 249,618 twenty-foot-long container units, a jump of 19.9 percent.

The port's leading container imports include such products as Asia-made clothing, toys, shoes, handbags and consumer electronics.

For the second straight month, the number of outbound cargo containers dropped. Exports fell to 70,499 twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs), a decline of 9.6 percent.

The port's leading exports include factory equipment and raw materials such as plastics, chemicals and recycled waste paper.

With the imbalance in trade, the number of empty containers – almost all headed back to Asia to be re-loaded with cargo – soared to 131,800 TEUs, a 41.9 percent increase.

The port has formally declared construction complete on the first phase of a new 375-acre Pier T shipping terminal on Terminal Island – the port's largest container cargo facility and its first "mega-terminal."

With the certification of 10 gantry cranes marking the final step in the completion of the 288-acre first phase, the port has turned over use of

the Pier T facility to Hanjin Shipping Co.

Hanjin has tentatively scheduled its *Hanjin Oslo* for the first vessel call at Pier T on Sept. 12.

The first phase features a 3,700-foot-long deep-water wharf with a minimum water depth of 50 feet. (The port will complete another 1,300 feet of concrete wharf in the second 87-acre phase.) The Pier T facility includes a 29-lane truck gate, more than 140,000 square feet of terminal buildings, and the nation's largest on-dock rail yard with more than 83,000 feet of rail linked to the newly opened Alameda Corridor.

Among the terminal's most prominent landmarks are its 12 bright-red ship-to-shore gantry cranes. (The final two cranes were set to be certified for full operation by early September.)

Costing \$7 million each, the cranes are each capable of lifting 100 tons. The cranes can reach across a yet-to-be-built generation of vessels with a width of 22 containers each eight feet wide. The largest vessels today are 17 containers wide.

The first phase resulted in the employment of 5,500 temporary construction workers under 15 major construction contracts.

Once Hanjin moves into Pier T, the facility will employ nearly 600 full-time management and union workers.

To see a photo tour and fact sheet on Pier T, visit the port's web site at www.polb.com.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has given authorization to the port staff to negotiate with Oiltanking GmbH of Germany to develop a public deep-water liquid-bulk terminal at Berths 123-124 at Pier Echo on Terminal Island.

Commissioners elected to negotiate with Oiltanking from among five proposals to develop the oil terminal.

Oiltanking, with U.S. headquarters in Houston, is among the world's largest operators of independent oil storage terminals with 19 facilities in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has voted to postpone indefinitely a multi-million-dollar project to build a tunnel beneath an Alameda Corridor rail crossing and the Terminal Island (47) Freeway that would have connected the Pier A container terminal and a proposed storage yard.

SSAT will be moving to the 170-acre Pier A facility once Hanjin moves out. Rather than expanding to the west, which would require tunneling under the Terminal Island Freeway, future expansion of Pier A would

likely begin with redevelopment of property to the east.

The port has begun a project to demolish the former Sea-Land office building on Harbor Scenic, northwest of the port Administration Building.

The port's contractor, J & G Industries of Fountain Valley, is first removing hazardous materials. Demolition of the building is scheduled to begin in September.

The project, scheduled for completion in early 2003, includes re-paving the two-acre site. The property will be redeveloped as a container storage area for the adjacent International Transportation Service terminal.

The port has become a sponsor of the Adopt-A-Stormdrain program to prevent storm water run-off from polluting local beaches and harbors.

As part of the program's public education outreach program, street signs have gone up throughout Long Beach with the messages: "Cleaner Storm Drains, Cleaner Oceans;" "Please don't litter;" and "Please recycle used motor oil."

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority has reopened the on-ramp to the southbound Terminal Island (47) Freeway at Henry Ford Avenue and Pier A Way.

The ramp had been closed for 18 months during construction of a railroad bridge to allow Alameda Corridor trains to cross the Cerritos Channel without blocking street traffic north of the channel.

Caltrans has scheduled the repaving of the Long Beach (710) Freeway between Pacific Coast Highway and the San Diego (405) Freeway to begin in November as part of a \$16.7 million renovation.

Work continues on Phase II, which includes excavating and repaving the shoulders in both directions. The first phase included construction of a new, concrete median barrier. The entire project is scheduled for completion in mid-2003.

With cargo moving smoothly through West Coast ports, the

International Longshore and Warehouse Union continues its negotiations with the Pacific Maritime Association.

The two groups have continued talks since the current three-year labor agreement expired July 1. For updates, go to the PMA website at www.pmanet.org and the ILWU website at www.ilwu.org.

The city of Long Beach has scheduled a series of observances on Sept. 11 to honor the memory of those killed in the tragedy of a year ago.

A sunrise service will be held at 5:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the city's Police & Fire Memorial at the Civic Center Plaza. At noon, Mayor **Beverly O'Neill** and other city officials will lead a remembrance at the Centennial Plaza next to City Hall. And a musical and artistic salute will be held at 7 p.m. at Long Beach City College's Liberal Arts Campus school auditorium.

"Secession: Should We Stay or Go?" is the Sept. 12 luncheon topic for the next meeting of the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce.

The event will be held at Simon's Restaurant at Ports O' Call in San Pedro. For information, call (310) 417-3929.

Celebrating world cultures with ethnic foods and music, Sister Cities of Long Beach will host its sixth annual International Festival from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 13 at the plaza of the World Trade Center in downtown Long Beach.

The Port of Long Beach is a sponsor. For more information, call (562) 499-2147.

"Security: Update After 9/11" is the topic for a Sept. 27 luncheon hosted by the International Business Association at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Long Beach.

George Cunningham, editor of The Cunningham Report, will moderate a panel consisting of **Vera Adams** of the Customs Service, **Curt Castagna** of the Aeroplex Aviation Center, and Coast Guard Capt. **John Holmes**. For more information, call (562) 432-8128.

The Los Angeles Transportation Club has planned an Industry Night on Sept. 27 at Knott's Berry Farm. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

Former Long Beach Police Chief William C. Ellis has been named the port's interim director of security, succeeding Robert M. Barker, who is retiring at the end of September.

Ellis served for 31 years with the Long Beach Police Department, including a stint as police chief from 1991 to 1996. Since his retirement, he has served as interim police chief for the cities of Claremont, Manhattan Beach and West Covina during their search for a permanent police chief.

Barker has been the port's director of security since 1997.

The U.S. Coast Guard has re-installed Capt. John Holmes as Long Beach-Los Angeles captain of the port.

Paramount Studios is planning to shoot scenes for an upcoming movie, *The Italian Job*, at Pacific Coast Recycling on Terminal Island and around the Gerald Desmond Bridge.

The film, a remake of a 1969 comedy, features **Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron** and **Donald Sutherland**.

Ernest Borgnine, who starred in the 1960s in TV's *McHale's Navy*, is scheduled to launch the second annual Great Tugboat Race during a Sept. 17 fund-raising dinner-dance aboard the Queen Mary.

The event, which will salute the U.S. Coast Guard for its vigilance since Sept. 11, will benefit the International Seafarers Center of Long Beach-Los Angeles. For more information, call (818) 951-2842.

The Camp Fire USA Long Beach Area Council will be honoring Wilma Powell, the port's director of Trade and Maritime Services, at its annual fund-raising dinner Sept. 28 at the Long Beach Hilton Hotel.

For more information, call (562) 421-2725.

The American Association of Port Authorities has honored the Port of Long Beach with its highest honor, its Award of Excellence, for a port advertisement showing the arrival of giant cranes for the new

Hanjin Terminal at Pier T.

The ad was created by port graphic designer **Donna Shipman**.

The Government Finance Officers Association has honored the port with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The association honored the port's Assistant Finance Director **J. Antonio Urrutia** and Senior Accountant **Theresa Jallorina** for their work on the financial report.

Paul Brown, the port's assistant executive director, has retired after 32 years with the Long Beach Harbor Department in various administrative and finance positions.

As a representative of the port, Brown also was executive director of the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Joint Powers Authority, overseeing the ICTF rail yard located on the West Long Beach border. He also was treasurer of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority.

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