



**July 2003**

### **AROUND THE PORT . . .**

**The Long Beach City Council has confirmed Mayor Beverly O'Neill's appointments of former Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority chief executive James C. Hankla and attorney Mario Cordero to six-year terms on the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners.**

Hankla and Cordero will fill seats vacated by Carmen O. Perez and Roy E. Hearrean, who completed 12 years on the port governing board – the maximum allowed under the City Charter.

Hankla was Long Beach city manager for 12 years, retiring in 1998 to direct construction of the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor freight rail expressway. With his appointment to the Harbor Commission, Hankla has resigned from ACTA.

Cordero is a partner in the Adelson, Testan & Brundo law firm in Long Beach, and a political science professor at Long Beach City College.

**The Board of Harbor Commissioners has re-elected John W. Hancock as board president for the 2003-2004 year beginning in July.**

As president, Hancock presides over the commission's weekly board meetings, makes committee appointments and acts as the Port of Long Beach's chief spokesperson.

This is Hancock's third term as commission president. Hancock, who was appointed to the commission in 1995 and re-appointed in 2001, also headed the board in 1998-99. With extensive experience in corporate banking, corporate finance, international banking and real estate finance, Hancock is president of Bancap Investment Group, a Long Beach-based real estate investment and development company.

**Also in its election of officers, the Board of Harbor Commissioners voted John R. Calhoun, J.D., to a second consecutive term as vice president of the five-member port governing board. Doris Topsy-Elvord was elected as the commission's secretary.**

Calhoun, who retired after three four-year terms as Long Beach city attorney, was appointed to the commission in 1999. Topsy-Elvord, a former Long Beach city councilwoman who represented the 6th District for two terms, was appointed to the commission in March.

**The port's program to minimize petroleum coke dust remains a success. The percentage of petroleum coke dust found in samples collected around the port in the first quarter of this year shows a 7 percent concentration, only slightly higher than the 6 percent found in the first quarter of 2002.**

The concentration remains down significantly from the 21 percent in 1996 and the 19 percent recorded as recently as 2001. In recent years, the port has covered all petroleum coke storage piles, increased street sweeping and upgraded coke handling equipment.

The port is in the midst of replacing a shiploader at its Pier G bulk cargo-loading terminal – the final project in a multimillion-dollar air quality improvement program launched in 1999. Petroleum coke, a byproduct of the crude oil refining process, is the port's leading export in terms of tonnage.

**Exploring its air quality improvement options, the Board of Harbor Commissioners has voted to award a one-year \$300,000 contract to Environ International Inc. to study the feasibility of using shore-side electricity to power ships at berth, a process known as "cold ironing."**

Emissions from ships at berth are a leading source of air pollution. The Environ study will examine vessel power demands, equipment, operational practices, "cold ironing" costs, potential emission reductions, and political and policy issues associated with shore-side electrification.

**The number of cargo containers shipped through the port in May fell 9.3 percent to the equivalent of 388,386 twenty-foot-long containers, compared with an unusually busy May 2002.**

This May's total is the port's second highest in nine months, behind this April's total. However, the May numbers look weak compared with a year ago because last spring importers were scrambling to move cargo ahead of a possible showdown between waterfront employers and union workers.

This May, imports dropped 15 percent to 196,565 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), and exports slipped 8.9 percent to 76,606 TEUs. The

number of empty containers (nearly all headed back to be re-filled with cargo in Asia), increased 2.3 percent to 115,215 TEUs.

**For the 2002 calendar year, nearly half (45 percent) of all of the loaded inbound containers shipped into the United States moved through the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, according to statistics from the American Association of Port Authorities.**

One-quarter (25 percent) of all loaded outbound containers were shipped through the two San Pedro Bay ports in 2002. More than one-third (35 percent) of all containers – loaded and empties – were shipped through Long Beach and Los Angeles last year.

**The Port of Long Beach is set to host the 2004 Annual Conference of the American Association of Port Authorities, a five-day event expected to bring more than 1,000 visitors to Long Beach from seaports throughout North, Central and South America.**

The conference, to be centered at the Long Beach Convention Center and Hyatt Hotel, should generate more than \$2 million in revenues for local hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

**Readying to replace the Gerald Desmond Bridge, the Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved an accelerated design, bid and build process for designing and constructing a new bridge.**

A new bridge is needed to handle additional truck traffic and new generations of larger container ships. The port is lobbying Congress for \$355 million for the project. Design of the new bridge would begin after Congress awards initial funding, which could come as early as this summer or be pushed back to next year.

Harbor Commissioners selected the design/bid/build process, which relies on the port bidding multiple contracts after design is completed, rather than contracting with one firm to design and build the bridge.

**Selecting the lowest of 10 responsive bids, the Board of Harbor Commissioners has awarded a \$3.2 million contract to Steiny and Co. of Los Angeles to develop and install a video security surveillance system to monitor the shoreline.**

The project is being funded by a federal grant to tighten waterfront security. The contract calls for Steiny to complete the project by May 2004.

**The port has received \$18 million in the latest round of federal security grants to acquire additional equipment and develop new facilities to inspect cargo.**

Under the federal Container Security Initiative, the Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$9.8 million grant to the Port of Long

Beach for a surveillance command center, patrol equipment, fencing and security signage.

Under the federal Operation Safe Commerce program, the port was awarded \$4.2 million to develop facilities to ensure that products are shipped through the port securely.

The Office of Domestic Preparedness awarded the port \$4.2 million to cover infrastructure security protective measures.

**Port officials presented a first call plaque on June 25 to Capt. Harald Meier, master of the 2,500-TEU MSC California. The container ship was making its maiden visit to Long Beach at SSA Terminal's Pier A facility.**

The MSC California is the first of five Mediterranean Shipping Co. vessels deployed in a new service calling in China, Hong Kong and Long Beach.

**Transportation officials broke ground June 20 on a \$107 million Pacific Coast Highway grade separation project that will create a half-mile-long bridge easing traffic congestion in the West Long Beach and Wilmington area.**

When completed in mid-2004, the bridge will carry PCH traffic over the Alameda Corridor freight rail expressway, a branch line and Alameda Street.

The project is managed by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, and funded by ACTA, Caltrans, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

**Sea Launch has successfully launched a communications satellite into orbit, a 5.7-ton telecommunications satellite for the Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Co. of the United Arab Emirates.**

The satellite will provide telephone service for 100 nations in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and Asia.

**The Cal State Long Beach Global Logistics Specialist program will present a two-day "Introduction for Beginners in Global Logistics" at 6:30 p.m. July 22 and July 29 at the CSULB campus. For more information, call (562) 296-1170.**

**Joni Casey, president and CEO of the Intermodal Association of North America, will be the speaker at the Los Angeles Transportation Club luncheon July 8 at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel. For more information, call (562) 856-9197.**

**PORT PEOPLE. . .**

**One of the port's top customer service representatives, Chief**

**Wharfinger Marva A. Stewart has retired after more than 35 years with the port.**

As chief wharfinger, she headed a customer service team that acted as liaison to tenants and others doing business with the port. Stewart was responsible for enforcing port rules, regulations, tariffs and leases. She headed a staff of seven wharfingers and two clerical employees. Stewart has remained active at her alma mater as a member of the Long Beach City College Foundation Board of Trustees. The port is currently recruiting a successor. For a job packet, call (562) 901-1752.

**With James Hankla's resignation from the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, the Corridor governing board has named ACTA Director of Construction and Engineering John Doherty as interim CEO until a permanent successor is selected.**

Doherty has been a member of the Alameda Corridor construction team for eight years. Previously he was a transportation consultant and vice president of operations for the Long Island Railroad, the nation's largest commuter railroad.

**Crowley Marine Services has announced that Elizabeth Caporelli has joined Crowley Marine Services' ship assist and escort services group as manager of tug dispatch in Southern California with responsibility for day-to-day commercial tug operations in Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Diego.**

She will be handling customer service, marketing data collection and analysis, and maximizing fleet utilization.

**John Rountree, Long Beach port operations director from 1966 to 1971, has died. He was 99.**

Rountree, a Georgia native who joined the port as traffic manager in 1959, had previously commanded the 11th Coast Guard District in Long Beach.

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