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- Ocean Carrier Anti-Trust Feelings Strong
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## >> SMALL BUSINESS SECTION <<

### ALLCOVERED NEWS POLL RESULTS

We occasionally poll readers of AllCovered News to ask what format they wish to receive the weekly newsletter in. We asked last week. Here are the results:

TEXT	PDF	EITHER
48%	31%	21%

Because of the result we will continue to send AllCovered News as text.

**PREFER PDF?** – In the above section there is a link to each newsletter in PDF format. We will provide the PDF each week this way for those who prefer PDF.

Thank you for the many who responded to our question. We want AllCovered News to be a service you can use, with information you can use, the way you want it.

### PERSONAL BIZ – RETIREMENT INCOME YOU CANNOT OUTLIVE

--- Excerpted from an article in *Educated Investor* – Link at end ---

Retirement plans offer many ways to accumulate money for retirement and many options for getting it once you retire. However, retirees do not always consider all the consequences of the options before making an irrevocable retirement distribution election. It's nice to take a large lump-sum of cash at retirement, but how long will it last? If you think you will need a certain amount of guaranteed income for the rest of your life in retirement, you ought to consider your plan's annuity options.

While there are arguments both for and against the use of annuities for retirement planning, one feature is not arguable: annuities, like no other investment available, can provide a guaranteed income for the life of the annuitant. This one feature can protect you from the financial risk of outliving your assets.

If you do not have a retirement plan, you can accumulate assets for retirement by saving in many ways.

Insurers also provide a way for you to purchase an annuity using a deferred annuity plan by making periodic "premium" payments until such time as you wish convert the deferred annuity into an immediate annuity.

A deferred annuity also allows you to defer taxes on growth of your account during the accumulation period.

As long as the earnings generated remain in the deferred annuity account, no

#### WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?

An annuity is a contract, usually with an insurance company, that provides guaranteed income for life (or other guaranteed term) in exchange for payment of a specified premium.

Once the specified premium is paid, the annuity begins paying income on a regular basis such as monthly, semi-annually, or annually.

You can use some or all of your retirement accumulations to purchase an immediate annuity to give you a guaranteed income for the remainder of your life (or any term you specify) -- guaranteed.

**NEXT WEEK****Fighting Lack of Sleep**

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federal or state income taxes are due. Once the money is annuitized -- given over to the insurance company in exchange for a stream of payments over a predetermined period of time -- a portion of each payment is taxed according to an IRS formula, while another portion is considered a return of premium, assuming premiums were paid with taxable dollars.

If the annuity is designated as an individual retirement account (IRA), moneys invested into it may be tax deductible.

This means that contributions into the annuity are not taxed in the year contributed. As such, they too can grow tax-deferred until annuitized. At that time, each periodic payment will be fully taxable.

Tax deferral is a considerable advantage allowing you to put off your tax bill for many years, providing a larger bucket of wealth than a comparable, currently taxable investment. Furthermore, if timed right, you could be in a lower tax bracket when the funds are withdrawn.

**TYPES OF ANNUITIES:**

- **-Life annuity.** Guaranteed fixed dollar amount monthly for the remainder of your lifetime.
- **-Life annuity with period certain.** You receive payments for life, with a certain period of time guaranteed, for example, 10 or 15 years. If you die before expiration of the period certain, payments continue to the named beneficiary for the remainder of the period.
- **-Joint life with last survivor.** Two people, such as you and your partner, are covered by the same annuity and receive one joint payment each month. Payments will continue as long as one of you remains alive.
- **-Life with unit refund.** You receive payments until your death, but if you die before receiving an amount equal to the value of the account, the named beneficiary receives the money remaining in the account.
- **-Period Certain.** You may elect to have your account distributed in equal payments over a fixed period such as two, five, or 10 years guaranteed.
- **-Systematic withdrawals.** You specify the dollar amount to be liquidated from the annuity each month, quarter, or year until the account is depleted. This option does not take advantage of the annuity life guaranty features.

If you need a guaranteed income for your life or the lives of both you and your spouse, the periodic payment will be computed from your life expectancy or joint life expectancy, an assumed interest rate, and the amount you pay in premium.

When planning for long-term goals, such as retirement, an investor may include annuities in the universe of investment alternatives he or she considers.

MORE: <http://www.educatedinvestor.com/>

**SMALL BIZ – NEW BUSINESS.GOV PORTAL:** On average, a small to medium-sized business spends \$7,647 per employee to comply with federal regulations... that's 45% more than larger companies, according to the US Small Business Administration. SBA is trying to reduce this financial toll with the launch of "Business.gov", a federal compliance Web site.

MORE: <http://www.business.gov>

MORE: <http://www.benefitnews.com>

**TECH BIZ – INTERNET EXPLORER 7 OUT:**

MORE: IE7 DONE: <http://ct.eletters.whatsnewnow.com/rd/cts?d=181-750-1-388-261855-41928-0-0-0-1>

MORE: HOW IS IT?: <http://ct.eletters.whatsnewnow.com/rd/cts?d=181-750-1-388-261855-41931-0-0-0-1>

**HEALTH BIZ – WAL-MART EXPANDS \$4 GENERICS:**

MORE: <http://www.businessinsurance.com/cgi-bin/news.pl?newsId=8611&print=Y>

**HEALTH BIZ – TARGET MATCHES \$4 GENERIC OFFERS:**

MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/wawxm>

**HEALTH BIZ – WHAT DO PEOPLE REALLY WANT?:** What do Americans want in health care? They want their government to do something about their rising health care costs.

MORE: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/hlthaff.25.w508v1/DC1>

## >>>> TRUCKING SECTION <<<<

### **TRUCKING – SPEED LIMITER ISSUE A SCAM – OOIDA**

Proposals being offered by an association representing the interests of large trucking companies to federal agencies are nothing more than an attempt to limit competition cloaked in safety propaganda, according to the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association.

“These petitions are intended to be a Trojan horse for the true objectives of big trucking companies... doing away with current truck size and weight restrictions as well as increasing their importation of cheap, less qualified foreign drivers,” says Todd Spencer, executive vice president of OOIDA.

MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/News/Stories/2006/10/20/Callforspeedlimiterontrucks%E2%80%98Trojanhorse%E2%80%99.aspx>

### **TRUCKING – TWO DRIVING SCHOOLS INDICTED**

A federal grand jury in Springfield, Missouri has indicted 15 people, including a trucking-company owner and the operators of two truck driving schools, in a scheme to illegally provide commercial driver's licenses to more than 70 Somalians and Bosnians.

The 62-count indictment handed down 20 September alleges the defendants were involved in mail fraud conspiracy for nearly three years, according to the Office of the US Attorney of the Western District of Missouri.

The conspiracy allegedly involved one public driving school, the South Central Career Center Truck Driving School, part of the West Plains, MO, school district; and one privately owned school, operated by Muslim Brothers and Sisters, a trucking company in Kansas City.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=56001>

**TRUCKING – FORMER DRIVER SENTENCED IN CDL FRAUD:** A former Virginia truck driver has been sentenced to three years in prison for his involvement in facilitating the sale of 12 fraudulent commercial driver's licenses. Arsenio Aguilar, a former driver for Covitta Trucking of Lorton, VA, was sentenced for allegedly charging a fee to introduce prospective CDL purchasers to a New Jersey contact who actually manufactured the fake licenses.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=55966>

**TRUCKING – OOIDA SAYS LANDSTAR RULING MIXED:** Motor carriers can assess administrative fees and make profits on charge-backs to independent contractors, but they must disclose documents that demonstrate the validity of those charge-backs, a federal judge in Florida has ruled. Judge Henry Adams issued an order regarding various motions for summary judgment in a long-running class-action lawsuit filed by the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association against Landstar System. Adams granted Landstar's motion that charging more for products and services than it pays third-party vendors is lawful. But he also granted OOIDA's motion that such mark-ups in charge-backs be disclosed.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=55940>

**TRUCKING – OLD DOMINION USING LANE-DEPARTURE-WARNING:** Old Dominion Freight Line has purchased the Iteris Lane-Departure Warning System for 1,200 of its current tractors and will make it standard equipment on all future trucks purchased, according to Brian Stoddard, the LTL carrier's vice president of safety and personnel.

MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/News/Stories/2006/10/16/OldDominionmakeslanedeparturewarningsystemstandard.aspx>

**TRUCKING – DIESEL STEADYING:** After making a sharp drop in the past several weeks, the average price of a gallon of diesel now stands at \$2,503, down \$0.003 from the previous week, but down \$0.65 from the same week in 2005.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=55986>

**TRUCKING – CALIFORNIA VETOES O-O BILL:** For the second time since 2005, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill that would grant collective bargaining rights to port owner-operators.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=56002>

**TRUCKING - PORTS TIGHTEN ON TRUCKERS:** See “Security” section

## >>>> SECURITY SECTION <<<<

### **SECURITY – DEADLINES FOR CARGO SCREENING & ID CARDS**

With the signing of the new port security law, firm deadlines are now set for deploying new cargo screening technology and issuing US port workers biometric-based identification cards.

The Department of Homeland Security now must issue final regulations by 1 January for a program that will screen US port workers against terrorist watch lists and issue them new, secure identification cards that contain biometric elements.

The bill also requires the department to start test programs within the next year at three foreign ports to scan all cargo containers before they are put on ships bound for the United States. An integrated technology system must be deployed to scan cargo for radiological or nuclear materials, but the legislation does not specify what technology must be used.

MORE: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1006/101306tdpm1.htm>

### **SECURITY – SMUGGLERS PLAGUE INLAND PORTS**

Smugglers used to bring contraband through the Port of Laredo, Texas by simply throwing a duffel bag on top of a cargo shipment. But those days are gone.

"Now, they'll hide the contraband in the merchandise itself," says Gene Garza, US Customs and Border Protection's Laredo port director. Garza explains how table legs, pipes and even pottery are used to smuggle drugs.

Cargo crime continues to be a multibillion-dollar-a-year industry, another speaker said.

"They can tamper with shipments so effectively that you can't tell it has been tampered with. It's a fairly big problem," said Glenn Peterson, senior vice president of risk management for Dallas-based EWI Inc. Risk Services.

MORE: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/stories/MYSA101306.02C.Portsconference.29a97c2html>

### **SECURITY - PORTS TIGHTEN ON TRUCKERS**

The Safe Port Act signed into law by President Bush will have a significant impact on the trucking industry as well as shipping.

Fleet Owner reports the legislation imposes stricter standards for the issuance of commercial driver licenses, or CDLs. Under the act's provisions holders of such licenses must be either US citizens or permanent legal residents.

The legislation also strengthens anti-fraud measures for CDL programs and requires that all truckers visiting commercial ports undergo a background check prior to being given permission to work within the facility.

By February the Department of Homeland Security must implement a threat assessment process for port truckers who don't have currently hold a hazardous materials endorsement. This process will include identity checks against terrorist watch lists and immigration status.

MORE: <http://www.upi.com/SecurityTerrorism/view.php?StoryID=20061017-110940-9789r>

## >>> AIR & OCEAN SECTION <<<

**OCEAN – PANAMA CANAL VOTE YESTERDAY:** As Allcovered News is sent, a vote is scheduled for Sunday, 22 October (yesterday) in a national referendum on a multi-billion dollar expansion of the Panama Canal. The \$5.25-billion proposal calls for a third lane of traffic along the waterway through the construction of a new set of locks, doubling capacity on the waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific by 2014.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20061019/sections/ocean/w99621.asp>

**OCEAN – HEARING SHOWS ANTI-ANTI-TRUST FEELINGS STRONG:** A 12-member panel of antitrust attorneys made clear its dislike for liner carrier antitrust immunity, and praised the European Commission for its recent decision to abolish this privilege, during a hearing in Washington. "Shame on us that we are trailing behind" the European Union, said Commissioner Debra Valentine of the Antitrust Modernization Commission (AMC), a body created by Congress in 2002 to examine antitrust law exemptions. Liner carriers in the U.S. trades have been exempt from the country's antitrust laws since the implementation of the 1916 Shipping Act. The privileges were carried over to the 1984 Shipping Act. This exemption has allowed the carriers to jointly discuss pricing without breaking the law. Antitrust immunity,

although more limited, remains in place under the 1998 Ocean Shipping Reform Act, and has been allegedly used by the liner carriers more recently to impose uniform surcharges on shippers and non-vessel-operating common carriers.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40978](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40978)

**OCEAN – CARRIERS PLEAD ANTI-TRUST CASE:** Members of the Antitrust Modernization Commission were not sympathetic to witnesses who tried to make the case for ocean carriers' antitrust immunity under the Shipping Act of 1984. Whether or not the hearing will have any bearing on future US policy will depend on what Congress does, said Stanley Sher, attorney for the World Shipping Council, representing ocean carriers. The EU is already working to deny ocean carriers the right to legally collude on prices.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061019/sections/ocean/w74419.asp>

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061019/sections/ocean/w2142.asp>

**OCEAN – EU CARRIERS DISAPPOINTED WITH EU:** Relations between ocean carriers and the European Commission have seemingly deteriorated after the liner carrier lobby, the European Liner Affairs Association, expressed its "disappointment at the EC's accusatory tone" in relation to a post-conference Europe. Following the recent Council of Ministers' vote to abolish liner conferences in Europe from 2008, the EC's Directorate of Competition (DG Comp), published an Issues Paper which was wary of any alternative proposals such as the one put forward by the ELAA.

MORE: <http://www.elaa.net/documents/RevisedELAAProposal.pdf>

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40653](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40653)

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061013/sections/ocean/w19129.asp>

**OCEAN – FREIGHT RATES DOWN:** Despite strong demand for container transport "in the east/west head-haul trades, ocean freight rates are in decline and costs continue to increase," Drewry Shipping Consultants says in a new report. The London-based firm said in its 251-page Annual Container Market Review and Forecast that freight rates may fall this year by about 6.3%, but that "rate erosion should be significantly less in 2007-2008 since much of the present decline has been triggered by competitive activity rather than vacant ship slots."

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40825](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40825)

**OCEAN – APL REVENUE DOWN:** APL's revenue per 40-foot equivalent units (FEU) fell 10% during the four-week period ended Sept. 22, despite a 6% rise in container volume. APL's average revenue per FEU dropped to \$2,658 from \$2,939.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40823](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40823)

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061016/sections/ocean/w29633.asp>

**OCEAN – OOCL PROFIT UP:** OOCL posted a 6% quarterly increase in revenue at \$1.12 billion. Average revenue per TEU decreased 5.2% but the carrier's global volumes increased 11.8% to 1 million TEUs. The biggest gain in revenue came from the transatlantic market.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=41107](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=41107)

**OCEAN – CHINA EYES PRICE FIXING:** China's Ministry of Communications is investigating price fixing designed to keep rates in the China/Japan container trade artificially low. As of 15 October all mainland shipping lines operating between the two Far East powers have must report their rates to the ministry with any carriers offering zero freight rates or cash rebates facing the loss of licenses or reduced frequencies.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40811](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40811)

**OCEAN – CHINA VOLUME MAY LIMIT FREIGHT RATE DROPS:**

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20061013/sections/ocean/w57297.asp>

**OCEAN – SEA CONTAINERS FILES BANKRUPTCY:** Bermuda-registered Sea Containers has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States after failure to pay a \$115 million bond due 15 October. "Although we have not paid the public notes, we are optimistic about the success of our restructuring program and our ability to reach agreement with creditors," said Bob Mackenzie, chief executive officer of Sea Containers.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40744](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40744)

**OCEAN – HAPAG-LLOYD PARENT SEEKS BUYER:** TUI AG, the parent of Hapag-Lloyd

Container Line, is seeking to secure new, friendly investors to help fend off a possible hostile takeover, according to reports in several European newspapers. TUI wants allied investors to hold a blocking minority stake of 25.1% to prevent a possible takeover and break-up of the company. Maersk is rumored to be interested.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061016/sections/ocean/w60262.asp>

**OCEAN – CROWLEY UPGRADES US-USVI SERVICE:** Crowley Liner Services is upgrading its peak-season US/Virgin Islands and Eastern Caribbean service to fixed-day weekly by replacing one of the vessels currently operating on an eight-day sailing pattern.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40743](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40743)

**OCEAN – EMIRATES SHIPPING NOW CALLS TAMPA:**

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20061016/sections/ocean/w3843.asp>

**OCEAN – OOCL TAKES EMIRATES SLOTS:** OOCL says it will launch a new Asia-India-Middle East service on 11 November by taking slots from Emirates Shipping Line. The Hong Kong-based carrier said the new AIM service will provide direct linkage and additional frequency between China, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent and the Middle East.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061017/sections/ocean/w3484.asp>

**OCEAN – SNG LEADS HKG:** With nine months completed, Singapore is ahead of Hong Kong in the race for world's busiest port.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40806](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40806)

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061016/sections/ocean/w58994.asp>

**OCEAN – OMAN BOX TERMINAL OPEN EARLY:**

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061017/sections/ocean/w29382.asp>

**OCEAN – MOBILE GETS NEW BOX TERMINAL:**

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061018/sections/ocean/w14380.asp>

**AIR – DHL & ATLAS SIGN DEAL:** DHL and Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings signed an agreement that will give the German express package delivery and logistics giant a 49% shareholding in Polar Air Cargo as well as increased air freight capacity in the transpacific market for the next 20 years.

MORE: [http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW\\_story.asp?news=40741](http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=40741)

**AIR – DHL'S ATLAS DEAL AIMS TO SOLIDIFY ASIAN PRESENCE:** With Atlas Air's sale of 49% of stock to DHL for \$150-million in case, Atlas sees the accompanying 20-year blocked space clauses as offering perhaps \$3.5-Billion in revenue over the next 20 years. DHL said it was especially interested in Polar's Asian routes. DHL Express CEO John Mullen believes Atlas' transpacific route "is one of the most rapidly growing and competitive trade lanes globally, and adding capacity through an even stronger presence in the US is a crucial factor in supporting our dynamic Asian business."

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=6777>

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20061016/sections/air/w30991.asp>

**AIR – CARGOLUX CUTS SURCHARGES:** Cargolux is cutting its fuel surcharge on all shipments to 50 eurocents as of 31 October.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061018/sections/air/w20661.asp>

**AIR – KAL & SINOTRANS START WITH THREE FREIGHTERS:** The Korean Air/Sinotrans joint venture cargo airline will launch between June and September 2007 with one 747F and two A300Fs based in Tianjin.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=6793>

**AIR – FEDEX PILOTS OK CONTRACT:** FedEx Express pilots represented by the Air Line Pilots Association approved the four-year labor agreement reached in September by a 94.6% to 5.4% vote

**AIR – UPS EYEING OPTIONS AFTER A380 DELAY:**

MORE: [http://www.ifw-net.com/index.tvt?\\_scope=IFW/News/Air%20Freight&id=3912&PSV=ar](http://www.ifw-net.com/index.tvt?_scope=IFW/News/Air%20Freight&id=3912&PSV=ar)

**QANTAS WILL NOT CANCEL A380 ORDER:**

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1161252180.html>

**AIR – AEROFLOT CHANGES CARGO STRUCTURE:** Aeroflot will operate its cargo unit as a separate, wholly owned subsidiary and will lease six MD-11 freighters for delivery in 2008 to replace four aging DC-10s that will be relegated to domestic duty.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=6763>

**AIR – VIRGIN CONSIDERS FREIGHTERS:**

MORE: [http://www.ifw-net.com/index.tvt?\\_scope=IFW/News/Air%20Freight&id=3950&PSV=ar](http://www.ifw-net.com/index.tvt?_scope=IFW/News/Air%20Freight&id=3950&PSV=ar)

**AIR – KAL ORDERS 10 FREIGHTERS:**

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=6775>

**AIR – BA TENDERS FOR 114 AIRCRAFT:**

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1161081577.html>

**AIR – PERISHABLES SPECIAL PROBLEMS**

In past decades, difficulties encountered in the distribution process of fresh produce were partly overcome by air transportation. One reason is that it is fast. Often, this advantage is constrained by the fact that optimal conditions are not well maintained aboard aircraft, leading to physiological disorders in the produce and, consequently, losses.

More than 25% of perishables shipped by air are claimed to be no longer marketable on reaching their final destination. This is mainly attributed to environmental imbalances such as fluctuation of temperature and relative humidity but may also be caused by fluctuation of atmospheric pressure. Hence, knowledge of environmental conditions occurring during air transportation of perishables is crucial.

Research is underway to find ways to cut the loss of one quarter of all air-shipped fruits and vegetables.

MORE: [http://www.ifw-net.com/index.tvt?\\_scope=IFW/News/Air%20Freight&id=3959&PSV=ar](http://www.ifw-net.com/index.tvt?_scope=IFW/News/Air%20Freight&id=3959&PSV=ar)

**TRADE – UN BACKS NORTH KOREAN CARGO INSPECTIONS:** The UN Security Council has approved sanctions against North Korea calling for the possible inspection of all cargo entering and leaving North Korea. The measure follows North Korea's claim to have exploded a nuclear bomb. Ship inspections under the resolution would be conducted mostly at ports, but it would be also possible that inspectors would board ships while at sea.

MORE: <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/dy/world/20061017TDY02001.htm>

**TRADE – CANADA PROTESTS APHIS RULE:** Canada is protesting the new US Department of Agriculture rule imposing new border inspection charges on all Canadian trucks entering the US, saying it will disrupt border flow and may be a violation of NAFTA obligations. A letter from the Canadian Embassy in Washington to the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, a branch of the USDA, says the interim rule imposed by APHIS should be withdrawn and Canada-US talks held "to identify any legitimate issues that may exist concerning cross-border movement of fruits and vegetables, and to collaboratively address them in ways that do not disrupt trade."

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061017/sections/trade/w97532.asp>

**TRADE – US WILL PUSH LATIN TRADE:** Even if hopes fade for a revival of the Doha Round of world trade talks, Washington will press ahead with bilateral deals to boost trade flows with Latin America. "Doha clearly is the biggest bang for the buck, and that is where we hope we can make a deal," Reuters quoted Deputy U.S. Trade Representative John Veroneau as telling a meeting of Latin American Chambers of Commerce.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20061017/sections/trade/w27626.asp>

**TRADE – FORWARDERS START DISASTER AID NETWORK:** Cold chain organizations and companies from food suppliers to warehouses and transportation companies have formed the American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN), with a goal of providing humanitarian aid in the event of a disaster. The network is a collaborative association combining members of the leading trade associations representing all phases of the logistics and supply chain industries.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20061019/sections/ecom/w64457.asp>

**TRADE – UPS \$1-BILLION NET in Q-3:**

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20061019/sections/air/w44635.asp>

**>>>>> JUST FOR FUN <<<<<**

(These are shared by readers – Please share yours. Thanks. Mike)

**PETER KAY ONE-LINERS**

- 1) I saw a woman wearing a sweatshirt with 'Guess' on it. I said Thyroid problem?'
- 2) When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bike. Then I realized that The Lord doesn't work that way, so I stole one and asked Him to forgive me.
- 3) I've often wanted to drown my troubles, but I can't get my enemies to go swimming.
- 4) I was doing some decorating, so I got out my step-ladder. I don't get on with my real ladder.
- 5) I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time'. So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.
- 6) A cement mixer collided with a prison van on the Kingston Bypass. Motorists are asked to be on the lookout for 16 hardened criminals.
- 7) Well I was bullied at school, called all kinds of different names. But one day I turned to my bullies and said 'Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me', and it worked! From there on it was sticks and stones all the way.
- 8) My Dad used to say 'always fight fire with fire', which is probably why he got thrown out of the fire brigade.
- 9) I saw six men kicking and punching the mother-in-law. My neighbor Said 'Are you going to help?' I said 'No, six should be enough.'
- 10) If we aren't supposed to eat animals, then why are they made out of meat?
- 11) I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.
- 12) Politicians are wonderful people as long as they stay away from things they don't understand, such as working for a living.
- 13) I was the kid next door's imaginary friend.
- 14) Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

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