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LATEST WEB NEWS

NEW FUEL-SURCHARGE BILL INTRODUCED

Two U.S. senators have introduced legislation that would automatically impose fuel surcharges when diesel costs hit \$1.15 per gallon. The proposal also would require that the surcharges compensate whoever is paying for the fuel.

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CONGRESS FOCUSES ON MARITIME SECURITY

If you're looking for evidence that maritime security is a hot topic in Congress, here it is: At press time, there were no fewer than 11 pieces of legislation affecting maritime and port security in the U.S. House and Senate.

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NITL, ARC FORM RAIL COALITION

The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) and the Alliance for Rail Competition (ARC) have announced that they will collaborate in a joint venture called the Coalition for Rail-to-Rail Competition. The new group's purpose is to change laws and regulations to ensure that shippers have competitive choices in the greatly consolidated rail marketplace.

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STUDY: INVENTORY LEVELS ARE HIGHER THAN EXPECTED

For more than 20 years, we've been counting on transportation deregulation, just-in-time strategies, supply chain management practices and collaboration to increase inventory turns and reduce the amount of inventory we keep on hand. But it turns out that those strategies may not have worked as well as we thought.

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CPFR GAINING CONVERTS

The business practice known as collaborative planning, forecasting and replenishment (CPFR) is gaining traction among consumer product manufacturers, says a new study. Nearly half of the 43 food, beverage and consumer products companies surveyed by KJR Consulting of Washington, D.C., said they were moving ahead with CPFR pilots.

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NETWORK WOULD COORDINATE DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

When disaster strikes, logistics operations are often central to saving lives and hastening the recovery. Materials, food, medical supplies, equipment and more have to move quickly to affected areas. More often than not, logistics providers are on hand to help out. The World Economic Forum, a Geneva, Switzerland-based organization of international businesses, has formed the Disaster Response Network to coordinate logistical and engineering requirements at disaster locations worldwide.

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UPCOMING COVER STORY

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

How did readers fare in a year marked by dot-com failures, high unemployment and the onset of a recession? The pay went up ... but so did the workload. And some lost their jobs.

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UPCOMING FEATURES

THE PRIVATE FLEET: WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?

In lean times, private fleet managers must make a strong case for the value the fleet brings to the company.

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FAST BUT NOT LEASED

Software vendors have built online rental models of their logistics-related programs that are quick, easy to install, and work in real time. Yet they've received only a lukewarm response from shippers.

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A FRESH LOOK AT FTZs

Recent regulatory, economic and security changes are making foreign trade zones more attractive to importers than ever.

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What are the important logistics issues your company is facing today? Are you seeing any new market trends that will affect your operations? Are there any specific subject areas you would like Logistics Management to cover in the coming year?

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