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Final Phase Approved in Port of Los Angeles Deepening Project



Recently, the Los Angeles Harbor Commission approved \$7.5 million for the final phase of the Port of Los Angeles' Main Channel Deepening Project (MCDP). The project has taken the Port's main navigational channels and basins to a 53-foot depth, ensuring that the nation's number one gateway for containerized trade can accommodate container ships of all sizes for decades to come.

Dredging of the Port's Main Channel and turning basins has already been completed. The final phase of the project involves removal of dredge surcharge material and completion of a shallow water habitat in the outer harbor.

The Port's nine container terminal tenants rely on the Port's deep channels to move cargo. Container terminals generate about 74 percent of the Port revenues and help facilitate hundreds of thousands of direct and indirect jobs throughout Southern California. The 15 year, \$370 million project will be completed in early 2013.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port and has a strong commitment to developing innovative strategic and sustainable operations that benefit the economy as well as the quality of life for the region and the nation it serves. As the leading seaport in North America in terms of shipping container volume and cargo dollar value, the Port supports more than 830,000 regional jobs and \$35 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles indeed has a very bright future ahead of it.

DBI: In History's Direct Path!



On Friday, September 21, 2012 at approximately 12:50 pm Direct & Beyond, Inc. found itself directly in the path of history. To be exact, the history of the Space Shuttle Endeavor and it's bigger buddy, officially known as Shuttle Carrier Aircraft N905NA. The space shuttle Endeavor was named after the British HMS Endeavour; the ship which took Captain James Cook on his first voyage of discovery between 1768-1771. The Endeavour was created locally here in Southern California by Rockwell International and was delivered to NASA in May of 1991. Its first official mission was a year later on STS-49 to rescue a satellite that was stranded in an unusable orbit. It's last mission was STS-134 in May of 2011 to deliver the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer and an ExPRESS Logistics Carrier to the International Space Station. In total the Endeavor flew 25 missions, had 154 crew members, spent 296 days, 3 hours, 24 minutes and 2 seconds in space; it had 4,671 orbits in space and traveled 122,883,151 total miles! To put that into perspective, the distance between our planet and the planet Mars is approximately 33,926,867 miles. From our planet to the Moon is approximately 238,900 miles in total distance. Although, September 21st's flight was the last official flight of any space shuttle, it by no means is its last mission. The Endeavour's new mission will be inspiring the next generation of Astronauts and Scientists in its new permanent home at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. Welcome home Endeavour!



Customer Testimonials

Some Testimonials from our Loyal Customers

We are so grateful for the notes we receive from our friends and business partners recognizing DBI for the roles that we've played in helping their business' to succeed and grow.

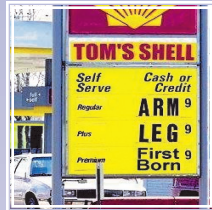
From time to time, we would like to share some of customer's testimonial's for the purpose of show-

ing that DBI is not out there just to get your business. Instead, we believe that these Customer Testimonial's reflect the success of our business model: DBI makes great efforts to act as an extension of your company. We realize that we represent you and we strive to act in accord with your business model and operate in ways that will only serve to enhance the image of your company to your customers. After all, your success is our success as well! So, thank you for your partnership and thank you for your kind words of appreciation for what we do!

"Having worked with many freight companies DBI is my favorite! When I call for a quote, to schedule a pick up, or have a big problem, I know I am going to get a real person on the line who is helpful, knowledgeable, and is going to do their best to help me solve my problem to my satisfaction and the consignee's. We even had Durk show up to pick up a time sensitive shipment.... that is how committed DBI is to giving us the best service!" -E (Furniture Co) ... "The standard DBI holds is what the whole industry yearns for." -T (Mattress Co)

US on Highway Diesel Fuel Prices for California:

9/10/12: \$4.477 per gallon
9/17/12: \$4.466 per gallon
9/24/12: \$4.386 per gallon



Change From:
1 Week ago: - 0.080
1 Year ago: 0.347



Data as of 9/26/2012



Glynis' Health Corner

Acupuncture By Glynis Jorritsma

Glynis Jorritsma
Glynis brings to DBI over 20 years of experience in the nutrition and healthcare industry. It is our pleasure to be able to offer these helpful health tips to you with the hope of improving the enjoyment of your life.

This is an ancient Chinese practice that is based on the belief that health is determined by *chi*, the vital life energy that flows through every living thing. This energy is thought to move through the body along pathways called meridians which are each linked to a specific organ. If the flow of energy is balanced, the individual enjoys good health. If something interrupts or is blocking this flow, then various problems including pain can result. Acupuncture is used to restore proper energy flow, and as a result, good health. The treatment is the insertion of thin needles at specific points in the body. Although slight discomfort may be felt, it is virtually painless. The needles may be left in place anywhere from a few minutes to a half an hour. A heat lamp is normally used during this period which can be quite relaxing. Relief may be experienced after only one treatment or after a series of treatments.

A PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE FOR ALL OF YOUR UPCOMING FALL EVENTS. ENJOY!



From www.allrecipes.com:
This was rated 4.5 stars out of 5 based upon 1239 reviews.
Prep Time: 15 Min/Cook Time: 55 Min/Ready In: 1 Hr 10 Min.
Ingredients:

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin
 - 1 (14 ounce) can EAGLE BRAND Sweetened Condensed Milk
 - 2 Large eggs
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust
- Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Whisk pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in medium bowl until smooth. Pour into crust. Bake 15 minutes.
2. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and continue baking 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Cool. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator. Lastly, enjoy!



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