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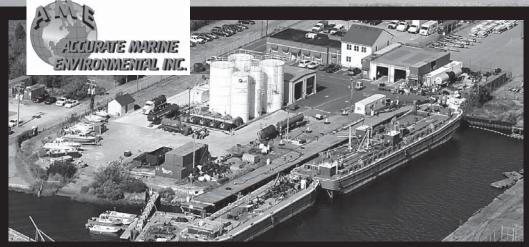
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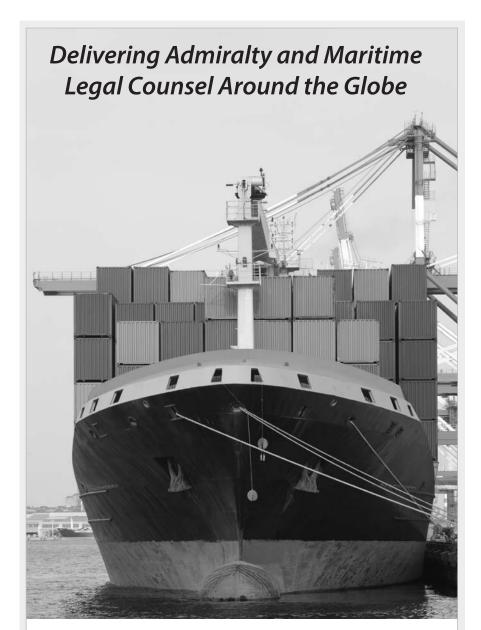
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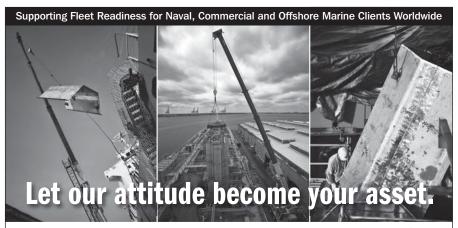
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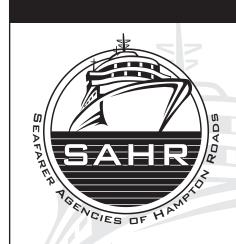
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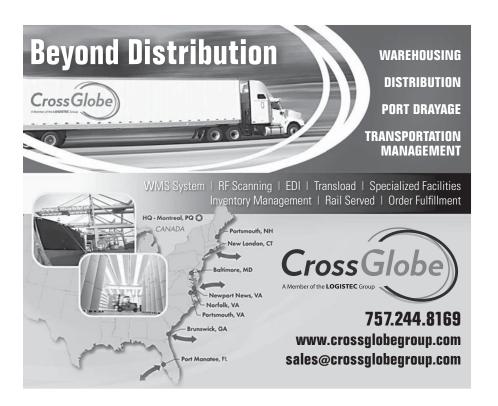


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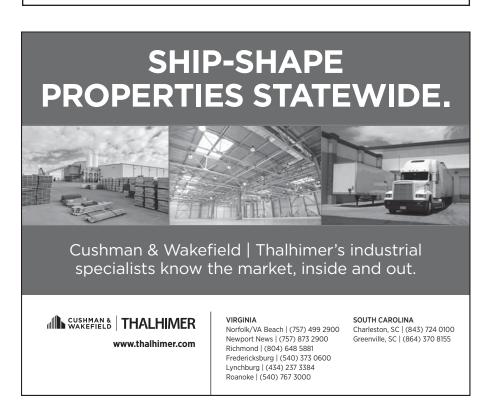
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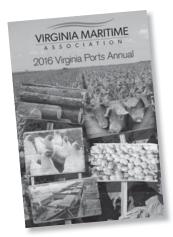
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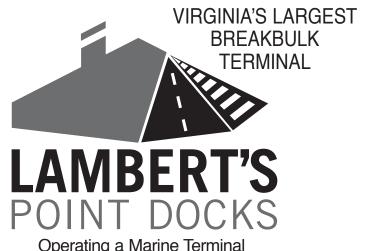
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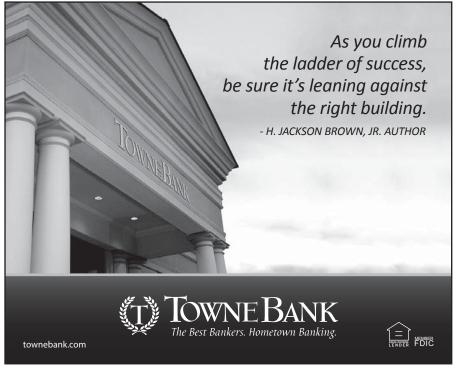
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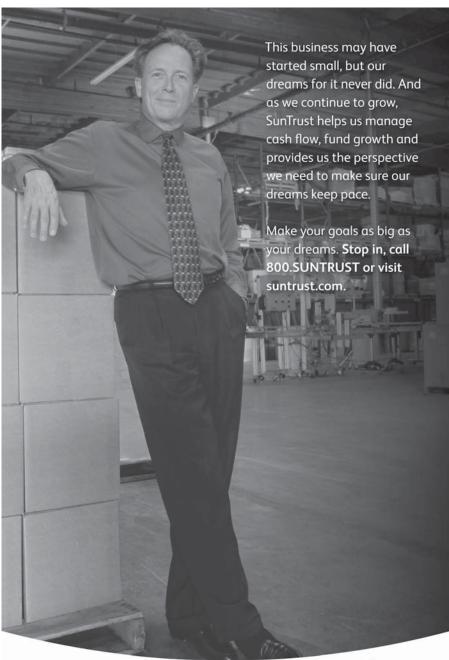
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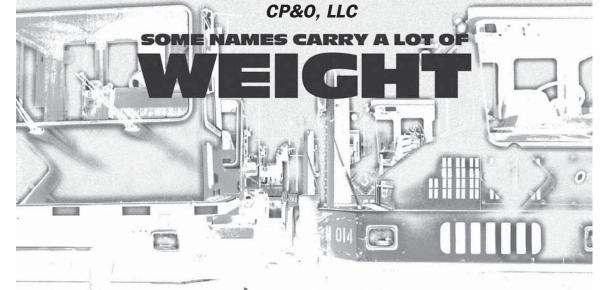








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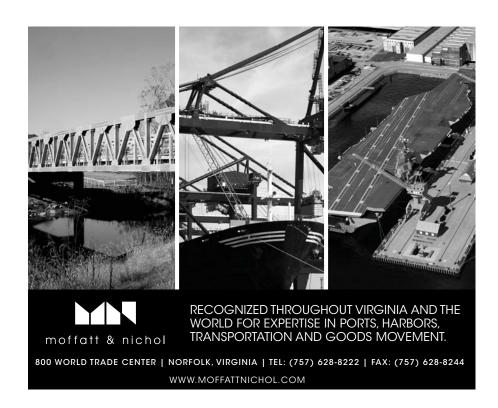
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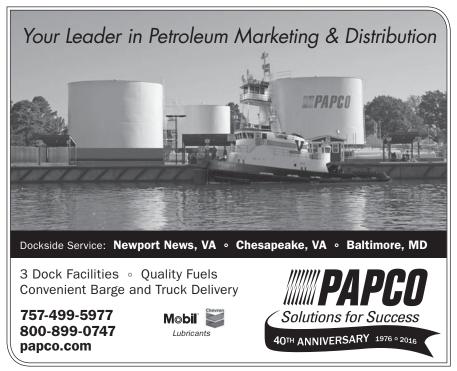
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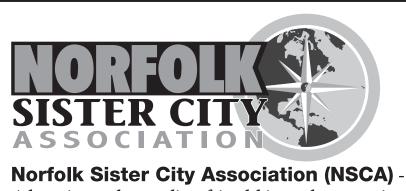
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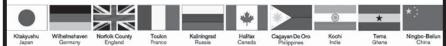
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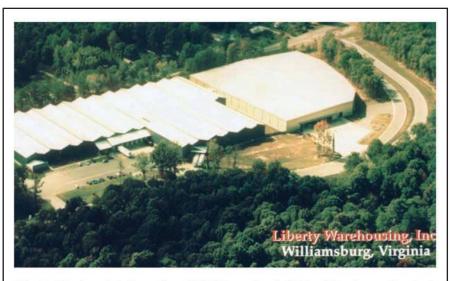


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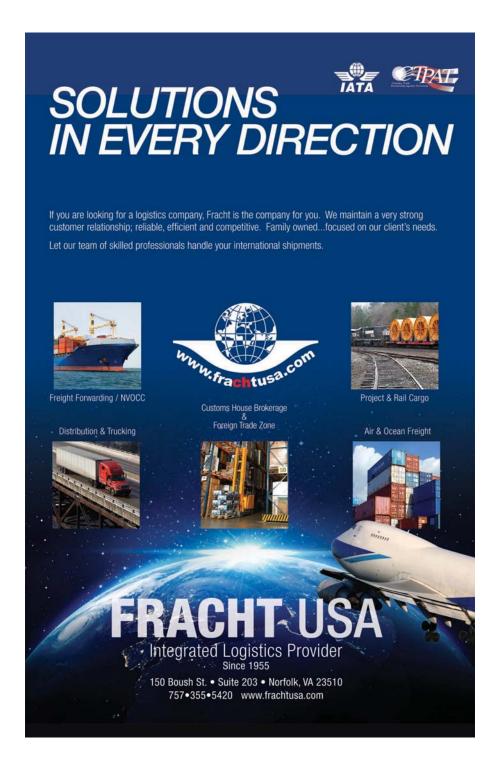
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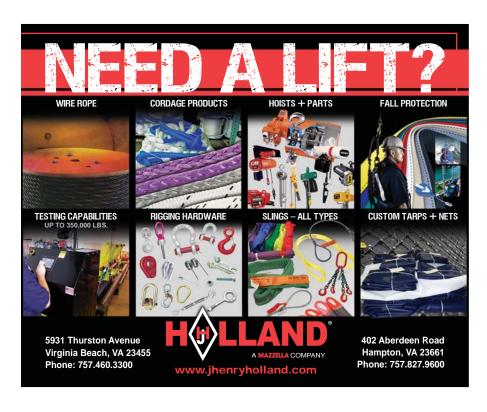
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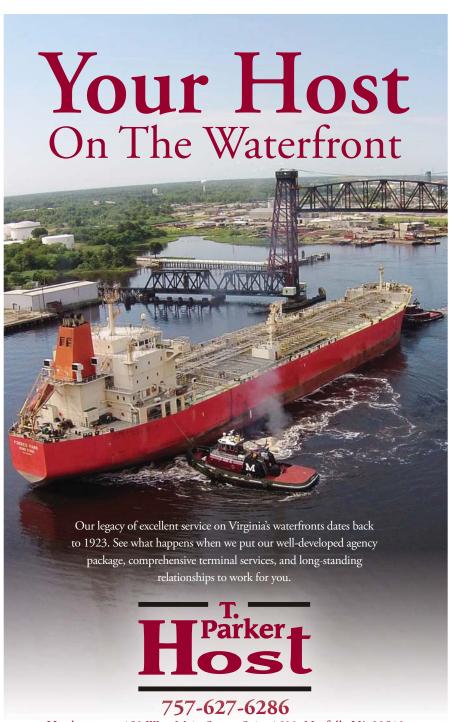
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The 27th annual Clean the Bay Day brought Hampton Roads volunteers out in record numbers. Over 200 members of the maritime community cleared nearly 5 tons of debris from the Elizabeth River at Front Street and Plum Point Park in Norfolk. The clean-up would not have been as successful without The Port of Virginia's organizational efforts and the support and resources provided by CSX and SKW Constructors.

Preliminary results from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) showed this year approximately 6,000 volunteers removed more than 110,000 pounds of harmful debris along more than 450 miles of streams and shorelines from over 250 sites in participating areas, all in just three hours.

The CBF, with its headquarters in Annapolis, Maryland, is the only independent organization dedicated solely to restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers. Its mission is to restore and sustain the Bay's ecosystem by substantially improving the water quality and productivity of the watershed. To achieve its mission, the CBF seeks to reduce pollution, restore habitats and replenish fish stocks through education and engaging constituents to take action for the Bay.

The Clean the Bay Day, initiated in 1989 by a group of concerned citizens in Virginia Beach, has grown into one of the largest volunteer programs in Virginia. Since its inception, 140,000 volunteers have removed more than 6.2 million pounds of debris from nearly 6,500 miles of shoreline throughout the Commonwealth.



