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A Shortage of Trucks Is Forcing Companies to Cut Shipments or Pay Up by Jennifer Smith

"A nationwide truck shortage is forcing thousands of shippers into a tough choice: postpone all but the most important deliveries, or pay dearly to jump to the front of the line..."

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-shortage-of-trucks-is-forcing-companies-to-cut-shipments-or-pay-up-1516789800?mod=e2fb>

Large Fleets Forecast to Buy More Trucks in 2018 by Jim Galligan

"Sales of Class 8 tractors are expected to grow as much as 20% in 2018 as big-fleet truck buyers begin spending again after having reduced their capital expenditures dramatically in 2016 and 2017, executives said at the National Truck Equipment Associations annual Work Truck Show here..."

<http://www.ttnews.com/articles/large-fleets-forecast-buy-more-trucks-2018>

Spot Freight Availability Jumps, Capacity Tightens Over Past Week by Evan Lockridge

"The number of loads on the spot truckload freight market surged 7.6% during the week ending March 3 as rates appear poised to rebound, according to DAT Solutions, which operates the DAT network of load boards. Truck posts declined 2% which helped push load-to-truck ratios higher from the previous week for all three trailer types..."

<http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/story/2018/03/spot-freight-availability-jumps-capacity-tightens-over-past-week.aspx>

Produce Growers and Buyers say Shipping Costs Have Skyrocketed Since ELD Law took effect by Ashley (CLD Life)

"This logging thing is making a three-day trip into a four-day trip... the freight price is just going to be added onto that sticker where ever you go." "New reporting says produce growers and buyers are reporting paying double, triple, or even quadruple the amount that they used to pay to truck their goods since the ELD mandate went into effect..."

<https://cdllife.com/2018/texas-produce-growers-say-shipping-costs-tripled-since-eld-law-took-effect/>

Survey: Truckers say ELDs Increase Fatigue, Parking Problems by David Schreindl

"A recent OOIDA survey of 2000 owner operators found that drivers are already reporting increased issues with fatigue and parking as a result of controversial new ELD regulations. The survey showed a dramatic number of truckers (more than 70%) reporting an increase in driver fatigue problems as a result of ELDs. An even larger number of surveyed truckers – about 85% - found that the struggle to find parking has increased since the ELD mandate..."

<https://cdllife.com/2018/eld/>



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DOT: Waiting At Loading Docks Increases Crash Rate, Costs Truck Drivers over \$1billion Per Year by Ashley (CDL Life)

“A new report from the Department of Transportation’s Office of Inspector General found that loading dock wait times are hitting truck drivers and motor carriers hard financially – while also increasing their chances for a crash...”
<https://cdllife.com/2018/report-waiting-loading-docks-increases-crash-rate-costs-truckers-1-billion-per-year/>

She Calls It Quits After 16 Years; Here’s Why by She Drives Trucks Staff

“Brita Nowak was not your typical truck driver. The German born, former actress was named Overdrive’s Most Beautiful Trucker in 2016... Recently, Nowak posted on her Facebook page that she was shutting down her Bratcat Express trucking company...”
<https://www.truckersnews.com/she-calls-it-quits-after-16-years-heres-why/>

ATA President Addresses Workforce Development, Infrastructure At TMC by Jeff Crissey

“American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear said the organization is advocating for a graduated program to allow carriers to hire drivers between 18 and 21 years old as truck drivers. The fact we can’t hire 18 to 21 year olds to drive freight across states line but we can send them to war...”
<https://www.ccjdigital.com/ata-president-addresses-workforce-development-infrastructure-at-tmc/>

Truckers Propose A Gasoline Tax Increase To Pay For Infrastructure Plan by Paul Page

“The American Trucking Associations, reviving an argument in Washington that’s older than some roads, is pressing lawmakers and the White House to gradually increase fuel levies in steps by 20 cents a gallon to raise \$340 billion over 10 years for infrastructure spending... Trucking companies are pushing for higher fuel taxes because they worry the alternative would be more tolls, which truckers abhor...”
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/truckers-propose-a-gasoline-tax-increase-to-pay-for-infrastructure-plan-1519729200>

New Law Brings DOT Into Fight Against Human Trafficking by Jennifer McKeivitt

“President Donald Trump signed into law the No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act... Statewide decrees in Ohio, Texas, Kansas, and Arkansas require new CDL holders to undergo trafficking awareness training as well, while the U.S. Senate approved a bill to permanently denying felons guilty of human trafficking crimes from gaining employment as drivers...”
<https://www.supplychainedive.com/news/department-of-transportation-trucking-ATA-Trump-Thune-law-human-trafficking/514545/>

Starsky Robotics’ Unmanned Truck Drives On Public Road In Florida by Seth Clevenger

“Along a rural stretch of public road in south-central Florida, a heavy-duty truck recently drove itself for 7 miles with nobody on board the vehicle...”
<http://www.ttnews.com/articles/starsky-robotics-unmanned-truck-drives-public-road-florida>

The Lagniappe: “Louisiana Crawfish Boil”

My favorite time of the year has finally arrived here in Louisiana. Almost every weekend from now until June, someone you know will be having a crawfish boil. Trust me when I say this, not one person boils the same. Every single person has their own style when they boil crawfish. Since it’s that time of year, I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to give praise to the almighty crawfish! This link provides a brief history and provides the basics on how to boil crawfish.
<https://whatscookingamerica.net/Seafood/CrawfishBoil.htm>