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#### Trivia!

What does End-to-End solution mean?

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## Industry News

### Recycling—The Afterlife

#### Shipping Containers Have a Second Life

Bareburger Restaurant in Plainview, NY, is not only gathering attention on their food, but in their unique architecture. The restaurant is made up of 11 shipping containers once used by Japanese company, NYK. Bareburger worked with SG Blocks Inc. that specializes in container-style buildings.

Bareburger not only used containers for their structure, but also used reclaimed wood for their floors and tables, and recycled vinyl for their seats. “Shipping containers, typically 20 to 40 feet long, are the workhorses of freight transportation, used to move most of the world’s manufactured goods. Shipping companies pay about \$2000 to \$3000 for each one, with an average container lasting 18 years before it is retired from sea.”

These retired containers are finding second lives in building materials in restaurants, homes, theme parks, and prison cells. The containers can be used like Lego blocks that can be stacked, and shaped to make efficient, light-weight, strong building structures. Roughly 1 million containers a year are sold or leased for inland use reports Rune Sorensen, head of container sales of Maersk Line. It is expected this trend will continue for some time. ■

*Costas Paris, WSJ, 5/16/17*

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### Recent Savings

#### Foam Deli Containers

Savings were over 36% of total spend. ■

#### Fire and Safety Equipment Services

Savings were over 23% of total spend. ■

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## Is Recycling in Trouble?

If you are recycling at home, you might be doing it all wrong! At a Waste Management facility in Elkridge, Maryland, a worker lunges to grab a garden hose before it reaches the conveyor belt and avoids a catastrophe that would shut down the system. Contamination changes with the seasons – garden hoses in the summer and Christmas tree lights in the winter. Plastic bags, Styrofoam, diapers, syringes, and food-contaminated containers are removed from the conveyor belt all day, every day.

Five years ago, newspaper recycling was a large commodity. Not so anymore. Glass thrown into recycling containers that break, renders the paper in a mixed container worthless. Some cities have begun not to accept glass as a mixed recycled material, but have established separate glass recycle drop-off facilities. Much of the reclaimed glass is ground down and made into a type of gravel used in road construction.

The burden of paying for recycling programs falls on cities (the residents that pay for trash services) because the US has not followed what European countries have done...requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for the disposal of their products and packaging. It is obvious that people need to be educated how to recycle. Many cities continue to raise their prices in order to handle the “mixed bag” of recycling material that is not separated properly.

*Paul Singer, USA Today, 4/28/17*

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## Plastic Bottle Recycling

In 1975, the first polyethylene terephthalate (PET) disposable soda bottle was introduced up until that time refillable glass bottles were used that put the burden on the businesses to clean, refill, and transport their product. Plastic bottles became easier to transport and the cost of packaging the product was passed on to the consumer. Centralized beverage manufacturing became the norm as glass bottles no longer had to be returned to a facility.

In the 1970's cities and towns became overwhelmed with the quantity of plastic materials in the waste system and demanded solutions. The plastic packaging and beverage industry encouraged recycling initiatives instead of banning plastic. Now, decades later, disposable plastic packaging is barely regulated. Plastic recycling is so complex that a lot of this material ends up in the landfill, or is shipped around the globe for recycling. Currently, the commodity price for plastic is down due to low oil prices, as well is the lack of demand from China for this material. If oil prices increase, this may be only temporary. ■

*Sarah Lozanova, Earth 911, 1/20/17*

## Trivia! From May 2017 Issue

What does Value CALS mean?

CALS (Continuous Acquisition and Life-cycle Support, formerly known as Computer-aided Acquisition and Logistic Support) is based on protocols from the United States Department of Defense for electronically acquiring documentation and associated information.

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