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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Since its emergence from a dense Ohio forestland in 1812, Columbus has become a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with a rich, proud heritage and an even brighter future.

This has been possible due to the driving force of engaged residents, businesses with an entrenched sense of ownership in the community's success and visionary leaders who respect the lessons of the past and hold a nearly palpable excitement for our future. The Columbus Regional Airport Authority is proud to be part of this alliance.

On the cutting edge of the air transportation industry, Port Columbus opened in 1929 as a stop on the first transcontinental air/rail service from New York to the West coast. Two decades later the Lockbourne Army Air Base, now known as Rickenbacker International Airport, opened as a

glider and B-17 training facility to support U.S. World War II efforts. In 1970 Bolton Field Airport opened to serve the needs of general aviation, such as business and personal aircraft, allowing Port Columbus to focus on commercial passenger traffic.

During these years we've worked to meet the needs of Columbus residents, whether that meant bringing them the latest fashions manufactured in Asia or reuniting them with long-lost relatives. And by doing so, we've connected the world to Central Ohio.

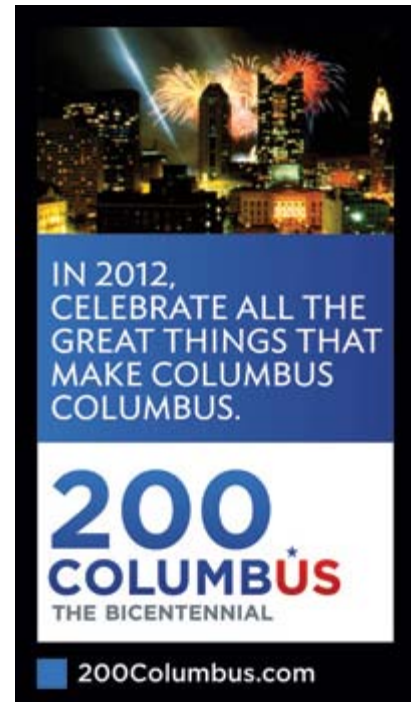
And what the world finds is 15 Fortune 1000 companies headquartered in the Columbus region, including such nationally-recognized companies as Cardinal Health, Nationwide, Limited Brands and Scotts Miracle-Gro. But, we're not all business. There's a vibrant arts scene and burgeoning culinary achievements as well as the nation's top zoo, science center, library and ballpark. And, lucky for us, so much more!

Celebrate all the things we love about Columbus now and all it promises to be during 200Columbus the Bicentennial, a year-long series of festivals, special events, music, arts and cultural exhibits, performances and more to mark the city's 200th birthday. Visit 200Columbus.com for more ideas on how to honor our past, celebrate the present and envision the future.

Happy 200th Birthday Columbus!

Elaine Roberts

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Beat the Winter Cold With Nonstop Service to Cancun

With the holidays behind us and the long winter months ahead, you're probably already dreaming about spring. If you can't wait that long to again feel the sun shining on your face, remember that Delta Air Lines and Apple Vacations offer nonstop seasonal service to Cancun from Port Columbus International Airport.

From February 18 through April 7, Delta will offer 142 seats every Saturday to the popular vacation destination. The comfortable MD-88 aircraft can take you to warm waters and sunny skies in less than four hours, making frigid Ohio a distant memory. Visit Delta.com or your local travel agent to learn more about how you can beat the winter cold with Delta's nonstop service to Cancun.

Meanwhile, Apple Vacations will offer Sunday seasonal charter service to Cancun February 19 through April 15. Visit applevacations.com or your local travel agent to learn more about this weekly service that provides 137 seats on 737-700 series aircraft.



Brighton, Burger King Coming to Port Columbus, Max & Erma's Undergoing Renovations

Food and retail options at Port Columbus will be expanded and enhanced in 2012 to provide travelers with even more options as they await their next flight from Ohio's capital.

Plans are under way for women's accessory retailer [Brighton Collectibles](#) to open in March near the center of the ticketing lobby. Known for its signature silver heart logo, Brighton offers a collection of accessories and leather goods including watches, jewelry, eyewear, handbags and luggage. The new shopping destination will be developed and operated by [The Paradies Shops](#), which has committed an additional \$1.5 million to enhancing its other Port Columbus retail shops over the next three years.

Also in March an updated Max & Erma's will be unveiled. The ever-popular hometown eatery will temporarily close in mid-January for extensive renovations that will incorporate the brand's new restaurant design. [HMSHost](#), the primary food and beverage operator at Port Columbus, is spearheading these renovations in addition to bringing in one whopper of a business into the food court. Burger King is expected to be serving up their flame-broiled burgers by the beginning of the second quarter of 2012.

Together these offerings join an already extensive array of food and retail establishments at Port Columbus:

PRE-SECURITY

Big Ten Conference Shop	Cold Stone Creamery
Burger King (opening 2Q)	Cup O'Joe
Brighton Collectibles (opening March)	Dr. Shine
Broad&High	Heritage Booksellers
Brooks Brothers	Max & Erma's Restaurant (reopening March)
Business Center	MoJoe Lounge
Charley's Grilled Subs	PGA Tour Shop
Chocolate Octopus	Tim Hortons

CONCOURSE A

BestBuy Express	Starbucks
Chili's Too	Wolfgang Puck Kiosk
CNBC News Store	

CONCOURSE B

Auntie Anne's Pretzels	Massage Bar
BestBuy Express	Starbucks
Capital City Travel Mart	Paradies News & Gift Shop
Ciao Gourmet Market	Quiznos
Columbus Brewing Company	Wolfgang Puck Gourmet Express

CONCOURSE C

Arrivederci Starbucks	Johnny Rockets
BestBuy Express	Massage Bar
Buckeye Hall of Fame Café	Paradies News & Gift Shop
CNBC News Store	Starbucks
Great American Bagel Co.	



Superior Logistics Chooses Strategic Airside Location at Rickenbacker for U.S. Expansion

Third-party logistics provider [Superior Logistics](#) recently became the newest business to establish an airside operation at cargo-dedicated Rickenbacker International Airport. Superior Logistics is leasing 20,000 square feet of office and warehouse space from the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates Rickenbacker International Airport and develops surrounding property.

Headquartered in Illinois, Superior Logistics brings to Rickenbacker their international airfreight operations including a specialty in import deconsolidation, the process of breaking down bulk international shipments into multiple outbound shipments for final inland delivery. The company's subsidiary Ablaze Transportation Inc. serves the landside operation of freight transfer, including pickup and delivery through their road feeder network.

"Finding a good fit – a location where we can meet the market demands of our clients – was a crucial component of our decision to establish roots at Rickenbacker," said Jeff Bruner, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Superior Logistics. "We enjoy the access the area offers and we have expectations of growth in the future."

Currently, the Superior Logistics Rickenbacker location employs 35 full- and part-time employees with plans for personnel expansion as volume grows. In addition, the company operates an office in Franklin Park, Illinois.

"We welcome Superior Logistics and the valuable services they bring to Rickenbacker International Airport," said David Whitaker, Vice President of Business Development for the Columbus Regional Airport Authority. "Their presence strengthens the airport's and region's logistics assets."

With service by such airlines as FedEx, UPS, Evergreen, Kalitta and Southern Air, Rickenbacker International Airport is a key component of Rickenbacker Inland Port, a multi-modal logistics hub known internationally for its network of cargo airlines, freight

forwarders and trucking companies. Additional components of the inland port include the Norfolk Southern Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal, expansive industrial development and a U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone. Visit RickenbackerInlandPort.com to learn more.



Four Lanes Open on Rickenbacker Parkway to Improve Traffic Flow

A milestone was recently reached with the opening of a three-mile stretch of Rickenbacker Parkway to accommodate four lanes of traffic. Images of the newly widened roadway can be found on the [Rickenbacker Area Facebook page](#).

The expansion allows for better truck movement in the area surrounding the airport, including freight routed between Norfolk-Southern's Rickenbacker Intermodal Facility and nearby interstates. In this recently completed phase, Rickenbacker Parkway was widened from Lockbourne Eastern to Second Street.



An upcoming phase, set to begin by early 2013, will extend the four-lane parkway an additional mile from Second Street through the intersection at Alum Creek Drive up to SR-317 to create a continuous north-south traffic flow. Lane widening and pavement resurfacing will also occur along SR-317 east and west of Alum Creek Drive and on Alum Creek Drive north of SR-317. Additional improvements will include street lighting, signal replacement, sidewalks and a shared-use path.



15th Annual Valentine's Dinner & Flight Scheduled for Bolton Field

Looking for an unusual Valentine's Day surprise? Send your date soaring with a romantic dinner and an airplane ride around Columbus.

Love will definitely be in the air on February 14 at Bolton Field Airport when JP's Barbecue and Capital City Jet Center host the 15th annual Valentine's Day event that begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for the \$179-per-couple party package that includes:

- Appetizers and Champagne Bar upon arrival
- Dinner and Dessert
- Music, Dancing, Games and Prizes
- Valentine Treats
- Cash Bar
- Airplane Ride provided by Capital City Jet Center

There is a dinner party-only option also available for \$89.50 per couple. Reservations

are limited, so call 614-878-7422 or visit jpsbbq.com to schedule you and your Valentine for this unique experience.