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## The Coronavirus Outbreak Evolving in the U.S. and Around the World Impacting Air Travel



At the terminal that serves airline passengers bound for China, airport employees wear medical masks at John F. Kennedy Airport out of concern over the Coronavirus.

As we know the Coronavirus, stemming from the Wuhan area of China, now has cases around the world including the United States.

The Trump administration declared the coronavirus outbreak to be a public health emergency in the United States, issuing a quarantine of Americans who have recently been to certain parts of China and halting entry into the United States by those traveling from China. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials said it was the first quarantine order issued by the federal government in over 50 years.

"The risk of infection for Americans remains low," said Alex Azar, secretary of Health and Human Services and chairman of the coronavirus task force set up by Trump. "We are working to keep the risk low."

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## FedEx Pledges Transportation Support to Aid in Coronavirus Emergency

FedEx Corp. is committing transportation and logistics support to humanitarian relief agencies as they respond to the coronavirus outbreak. As part of these efforts, FedEx Express will ship today more than 200,000 surgical masks and personal protective equipment such as gowns and gloves to its Asia Pacific Hub in Guangzhou, China to assist the humanitarian work of Direct Relief. FedEx is working closely with China Post which will deliver the aid from Guangzhou to Wuhan Union Hospital.

"Direct Relief is deeply thankful to FedEx for enabling this rapid response to fulfill a very specific order that the medical staff in Wuhan's largest hospital selected from our current stockpile," said Thomas Tighe, Direct Relief President & CEO. "In rapidly unfolding situations such as this, it's obviously important to move fast but with precision and proper coordination with all the relevant authorities – which FedEx's extraordinary team has made possible."

This collaboration is part of the FedEx Cares "Delivering for Good" initiative. The company

uses its expertise in shipping and logistics to connect organizations, communities and individuals with the resources they need through charitable shipping and cash donations.

"FedEx is proud to mobilize its global network to deliver aid, comfort and care to people suffering in the wake of this unprecedented health emergency," said Raj Subramaniam, president and chief operating officer, FedEx Corporation. "We will continue to work closely with humanitarian and disaster relief organizations to provide support and deliver supplies, doing what we do best to help those who need it most."

FedEx is working closely with Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs as well as the China Post on these relief shipments to swiftly complete clearance and get the critical supplies to Wuhan. China Post is coordinating the movement of the supplies into Wuhan to deliver the relief as quickly as possible.

FedEx has a long history of working with nonprofit and government entities to support communities and economies during times of

crisis. The company has donated \$6 million in cash and in-kind assistance to support humanitarian organizations so far this fiscal year, which began on June 1, 2019. These contributions have helped with other crises such as the wildfires in Australia, the Taal volcano eruption in the Philippines, Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and the earthquake in Puerto Rico. ■





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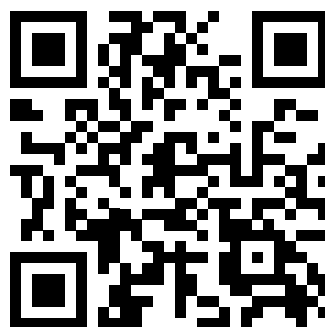


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# The Port Authority Celebrates WE SOAR Awards

WE SOAR Reward & Recognition Luncheons were held at EWR, JFK and LGA to celebrate the amazing employees that work at our airports, ensuring our passengers and fellow employees are safe and cared for through simple and sometimes not so simple acts of kindness. It was truly inspirational to hear the stories that passengers and fellow employees took the time to share about how one selfless act really changed a bad situation around.

The winners were randomly selected from

nominations. Winners received a \$500 AmEx Gift Card. (It truly does pay to be nice!) Heartwarming to hear comments received from global visitors describing how nominees went above & beyond to assist, step up, offer comfort and come to the aid of others all in a day's work.

Visit [www.wesoarhigher.com](http://www.wesoarhigher.com) to nominate someone that you witness or benefited from their exceptional service and read the stories of those already nominated on the WE SOAR Wall of Fame. ■



Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) WE SOAR Award Recipients



John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) WE SOAR Award Recipients



LaGuardia Airport (LGA) WE SOAR Award Recipients



## EWR Award Recipients:

- Paul Maldando - ABM
- Grace Suren Delarosa Guillen - United Ground Express
- Abby Pratts - United Airlines
- Freddy Calle - JCM
- Jennifer Cordon - InMotion
- Leon LeBlanc - ABM Taxi Dispatch
- Sharon McDuffie - Pagan-ERMC
- Harold Jenkins - ERMC
- Angela Green - Travelers Aid

## JFK Award Recipients:

- Elizabeth Serna - JetBlue
- Jassodra Peters - Hallmark Aviation Services
- Marsha Durden - ABM Taxi Dispatch
- Narinder Kaur - Hudson News
- Tasdika Ahmed - Smarte Carte
- Chevelle Griffiths - ABM Taxi Dispatch
- Krishna Ramoutar - ABM Taxi Dispatch
- Carla Hamiltom - ERMC
- Jane Westfield-McGivney - ERMC
- Sherrille Marcelin - Traveler's Aid

## LGA Award Recipients:

- Victoria Amesimeku - ABM
- Portia Tweneboah - ABM
- Michael Morales - Swissport
- Tricia Hall-Walcott - ABM Taxi Dispatch
- Margarita Cantillo - ERMC
- Katerini Platellas - ERMC

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# Jetblue Takes Steps to Become Carbon-Neutral

JetBlue Airways Corp. said it will become the first large U.S. airline to offset emissions from all of its domestic flights, aiming to become carbon neutral by July as pressure grows on the industry from climate change activists.

The carrier also will begin using sustainable aviation fuel on its flights from San Francisco International Airport, the New York-based airline said.

JetBlue declined to disclose the cost of the offset program but said it won't increase airfares as a result. The airline produces about 8 million metric tons of carbon-dioxide emissions each year and is working on a plan to compensate for international flights, said Sophia Mendelsohn, JetBlue's head of sustainability.

The carrier is following EasyJet Plc, Europe's second-largest discount, which in November announced it would become the first airline to offset carbon emissions from its flights. As concerns about the industry's role in climate change have mounted, the number of people taking domestic flights has dropped in Germany and Sweden, where teenage activist

Greta Thunberg has spearheaded a campaign against air travel.

JetBlue Chief Executive Officer Robin Hayes said his airline's program isn't a reaction to that growing criticism.

"This is part of a long-term commitment we and the industry have to have to reflect the climate reality we are in," he said in an interview. "Aviation has a central and important role to play, and has to make sure it's preparing for the new climate we are operating in."

JetBlue will earn carbon credits by investing in projects that protect forests from destruction; develop solar and wind farms instead of coal, diesel or furnace oil to generate power; and capture landfill production of methane, which can be converted into a renewable energy source.

The airline said its investment is a cost of doing business, though notes that the expense of carbon offsets is likely to rise with demand. "By purchasing these now, we're ostensibly locking in a hedge against rising CO2 prices," said Mendelsohn, the sustainability chief. Other U.S. car-



riers purchase offsets on a more limited basis.

While environmental advocates have praised corporate steps to reduce climate impact, they've also questioned whether buying offsets is enough and said that reducing emissions is more effective. If the airline industry were a country, it would rank among the top 10 emitters, according to the European Union.

JetBlue also will purchase renewable jet fuel from Finland's Neste Oyj, mixing between 25% and 40% of the alternative with conventional fuel to power the airline's 17 daily flights from

San Francisco by midyear. The Neste MY fuel is produced from waste and residue raw materials and, according to the manufacturer, can reduce emissions by as much as 80% versus fossil-based jet fuel.

The carrier has invested in emission mitigation projects since 2008, offsetting 2.6 billion pounds of CO2 emissions. It also has switched baggage tractors and belt loaders at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to electric power, a change it plans to extend to 40% of its owned fleet by 2025. ■

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Azar described the new entry rules and quarantines as “prudent, targeted, and temporary.” He said the United States is working to complement efforts by China and the World Health Organization to contain the deadly virus in China.

The United States Department of State has issued a Level 4 travel advisory for China. Stating that Travelers should be prepared for travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advance notice.

AFA, the largest flight attendant’s union in the U.S. is urging that all flights be halted to and from China as the coronavirus outbreak widens. The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO, represents 50,000 flight attendants at 20 airlines.

The Allied Pilots Association, a union representing 15,000 American Airlines pilots, has sued the company to halt the carrier’s U.S.-China service, citing “serious, and in many ways still unknown, health threats posed by the coronavirus.”

American Airlines said it was suspending all flights to and from mainland China immediately through March 27th. Delta and United said service would be suspended as of February 6th. United said it expected to resume operations on March 28th. Delta said its suspension would last through April 30th. Airlines around the world are canceling or suspending flights to China amid the growing coronavirus outbreak and a sharp drop in demand for travel to the country.

The forecasted travel disruption sent shocks through the stock market and rattled industries that depend on the flow of goods and people between the world’s two largest economies.

China’s economy which relies heavily on manufacturing, consumer goods and tourism is expecting to report a 60 billion dollar hit this quarter. American companies as well as those around the world are also indicating predicted losses due to the outbreak. China has become an essential part of the modern global industrial machine. It accounts for roughly one-sixth of global economic output, and is the world’s largest manufacturer. ■

## Allegiant Airlines Increases Flight Frequencies at Stewart International

Allegiant plans to add two new seasonal destinations to its schedule at Stewart Airport. Beginning May 20th, the Las Vegas-based airline will offer non-stop flights between Stewart and Savannah International Airport in Georgia and the following day, between Stewart and Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport in Florida. Flights will be twice a week.

The announcement came in a corporate media release to announce the largest service expansion in Allegiant’s 21-year history. The carrier is adding 14 flights at Boston, Chicago and Houston for the first time as well as 30 new non-stop routes at other airports it serves.

The expansion, Drew Wells, vice president of planning and revenue, said, is being driven by the airline’s goal of connecting leisure travelers in underserved cities to popular destinations around the country. Almost all the new routes are non-competitive, with no other carrier providing service between the airports.

“There is a lot of leisure demand for cities that are regional destinations, and this route expansion will address some of that need Wells said. ■

## FAST FIVE



### Yvette Greene-Dennis

Executive VP of Program Management

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Yvette Greene Dennis, Executive Vice President of Program Management for The Crescent Companies, is a 42-year veteran of the construction industry. She is currently working on the contract with PANYNJ to manage compliance for the JFK Redevelopment Project. Yvette is known for her contribution to the industry especially as it relates to participation of local community Minority and Women Owned Businesses. She has worked on projects including Metrotech, Brooklyn Marriott Hotel and Barclays Center. Most recent projects include Jamaica Crossings and the Archer Green. Yvette is a member of the Executive Board of the Queens Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the JFK Chamber of Commerce and the JFK Rotary Club.

#### 1 Can you tell us about the role of Crescent Consulting in the New JFK Redevelopment.

I am the Executive VP Of Program Management. We are the consultants for the Port Authority in place to assist the PANY/NJ and the New JFK Redevelopment developers with their M/WBE goals. We do community outreach and meet on a weekly basis with the community to help them prepare for upcoming opportunities. We introduce them to the Port Authority Diversity Team who manages M/WBE certification for PANY/NJ. We also advise qualified companies on obtaining NYC and NY State certifications. We are available to meet with local businesses every Monday from 12-5 at the JFK Redevelopment Community Information Center located at 144-33 & 35 Jamaica Avenue Jamaica, NY 11435.

#### 2 How will local and M/WBE firms benefit from the New JFK and the opportunities the project will present?

M/WBE’s as a whole will be able to benefit from this project through the committed efforts that have been and will continue to be put forth by the Port Authority. The Port Authority is making all efforts to make sure that qualified firms are truly given opportunities.

#### 3 What can small businesses and individuals do to prepare for opportunities that will be available over the next few years in construction and airport development?

Certification is key. Everyone needs to understand the significance of being certified. Make sure that your reputation precedes you and that your work ethic is a priority.

#### 4 Why is it so critical that companies that are working within NYS and PANYNJ guidelines for M/WBE participation use a company like Crescent Consulting to ensure goals and objectives are met?

Crescent’s goal is always to make sure that M/WBE’s are given a fair shot at work that they qualify for and that they are aware of opportunities that any job Crescent is a part of. Crescent has a vetting system that is meant to ensure that many M/WBE’s who are capable and qualified will be on the radar of those critical project decision makers. When a Project Developer works with Crescent, they can be sure they are compliant and participating within guidelines developed specifically for the success of the project.

#### 5 With workforce development being such a hot topic, what are some of the challenges in our metropolitan area that are causing shortages of trained individuals? What is going on to increase the availability of skilled workers?

Challenges that are causing a shortage of trained individuals is that most of the training programs that charge a fee are too expensive for individuals and the free programs that are provided are far and few between and they fill up quickly. Crescent along with The Thomas White Jr Foundation offers an annual free OSHA training in Jamaica. When this class is made available and publicized, immediately there are inquiries. And even with a stringent vetting process put forth to ensure that the right placements are made, the class fills up extremely quickly. There is definitely a need for more free classes and also more affordable classes. ■

# Port Authority Appoints James Gill General Manager of Newark Airport

The Port Authority of NY/NJ has appointed James Gill General Manager of Newark Liberty International Airport. Gill is an aviation veteran with 20 years of senior leadership experience in the industry.

Effective Monday, January 27, Mr. Gill, takes the reins of Newark Liberty International Airport which is undergoing a major transformation in the years ahead, and Teterboro Airport as well.

In this role, Gill will be focused on the delivery of more than \$5 billion in planned improvements at Newark, improving the customer experience for more than 46 million annual passengers and delivering world-class facilities, as the development of a new Terminal One continues and planning advances for a new Terminal Two and a replacement of the AirTrain system.

Mr. Gill worked as a Director with the Business and Finance group at LeighFisher, advising aviation industry clients in fiscal planning and management for airports. At the Allegheny County Airport Authority (Pittsburgh International Airport and Allegheny County Airport), he served in several leadership roles including Director of Finance, Executive Vice President & CFO, Chief Strategy & Financial Officer, and Chief Operating Officer. He also served as CFO / Deputy Airport Director for Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority and President & CEO of Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

Previously, Jim Gill was the president and CEO of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority in Grand Rapids, MI. In this role, he worked to build strategic relationships between the airport and partner organizations while attracting more customers through additional nonstop routes. He also oversaw the initial phase of a \$45 million project to streamline security checkpoints, renovate a business center, and create a new post-security marketplace with a Starbucks and a new restaurant.

Gill received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA from Duquesne University. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.), an International Airport Professional (AIP), and a Certified Public Accountant.

As Mr. Gill transitions into his new role, Douglas Stearns – who has been serving as Interim General Manager of NJ Airports – will be moving into the Port Authority Aviation Director's Office as Senior Advisor, driving all of the department's priority initiatives aligned with the three pillars of our strategic vision – investment in our airports, focus on customer experience, and implementing 21st century governance. ■

# Council for Airport Opportunity Meets With JFK Companies

As the JFK Redevelopment Project is kicking off, top of most companies' minds is how to staff all the new positions that are here now and will be needed in the near future. Human Resource departments from JFK based companies gathered to hear how the Council for Airport Opportunity can help fill positions with qualified, screened candidates.

CAO is a bridge between individuals seeking employment in the industry and employers seeking qualified, motivated talent. Since it's founding in 1972, CAO has placed over 65,000 local residents in aviation jobs, with no cost to the employee or employer. The organization is funded by the Port Authority of NY\NJ and their airline partners. Their services are available at JFK, LGA and EWR. In addition to recruitment, they can also assist with interviewing space, training and temp staffing.

Visit [www.caonynj.com](http://www.caonynj.com) for more information about how engage CAO as an employee or employer. ■



# Newark Liberty Airport Undergoing Major Restroom Upgrades

## Part of Broader Port Authority Commitment to Facility Improvements That Reinforce the Customer Experience

United Airlines spending \$25 million for new and enhanced Terminal C restrooms; Port Authority is investing \$19 million during 2020 in new Terminal B bathrooms

The Port Authority is investing billions in new facilities, as the agency also continues to prioritize customer service with world-class upgrades at all of its existing facilities. Real-time monitoring of Port Authority restrooms for cleanliness, customer satisfaction is a key element of the Project Clean initiative. The Port Authority is teaming with United Airlines to bring new and modernized restroom facilities to Terminal C at Newark Liberty International Airport, and is investing \$19 million in restroom upgrades at the airport's Terminal B.

The rollout of brand-new restrooms, redesign of existing restrooms and rigorous cleaning schedules at Port Authority terminals, including Newark Liberty, is part of a broad array of specific initiatives the agency has introduced to improve the facilities.

At the same time, the Port Authority is investing billions to build new world-class facilities, the agency continues to prioritize improved services that include free Wi-Fi at the airports, real-time information for air, rail and ground travelers, and other passenger-focused initiatives, in addition to the facility project which is estimated at costing \$80 million dollars.

"Improving the customer experience for everyone using Port Authority facilities is one of our highest priorities," said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. "The restroom enhancements we are making at Newark Liberty, and across all of our facilities, are an important part of that effort."

By the end of 2020, United will have increased the number of facilities in Terminal C by 57 percent since 2018. The work is being done in two phases. The first phase has meant the opening of four new bathrooms, while phase two will add one new restroom and the redesign of two additional locations. New features include a variety of amenities such as a private nursing room, a separate family restroom, and larger stalls with room for luggage.

"Achieving a higher standard of service and cleanliness for our customers is an integral part of the experience we're creating in United's Terminal C at Newark Liberty International Airport," said Jill Kaplan, United's President of New York and New Jersey. "This includes the completion of phase one of our \$25 million restrooms project to upgrade existing restrooms and creating entirely new locations."

The Port Authority launched Project Clean in 2018, implementing the agency's first-ever set of restroom standards for airport terminals. These new standards are based on industry research, best-in-class class practices and changing demographics designed to exceed customer expectations.

### LaGuardia Airport and Other PA Locations Also Improving Facilities

The 36 restrooms in LaGuardia Airport's new Terminal B eastern concourse, which opened in December 2018, feature modern technology, a series of new hands-free fixtures, and wider, ADA-compliant stalls. Nursing rooms complete with a comfortable lounge chair are also available, in addition to family-friendly facilities.

As part of a \$110 million quality-of-commute program at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, renovations with additional lighting and mirrors were completed earlier this year in the terminals' 14 bathrooms were completed earlier this year. Attendants were also added at most of the bus terminal's restrooms.

In addition, the Port Authority opened new, thoroughly modern restrooms at the Jamaica AirTrain station in the fall of 2019, and restroom upgrades as part of Project Clean at JFK terminals have produced sharp increases in customer satisfaction rates. JFK Terminal 4 leads the agency's overall airport restroom satisfaction response with a ranking of more than 90 percent, thanks to remodeled facilities, new aesthetic designs and other amenities. ■







## The New Terminal One Held An Opportunities Conference for M/WBE Companies

The New Terminal One at JFK International Airport, as part of the 13 Billion-dollar JFK Redevelopment Project held an event geared towards sharing information with M/WBE companies interested in doing work on the massive project.

The event held on January 23rd at the Hilton JFK, featured meeting and networking time with Aecom Tishman, Port Authority Diversity coordinators, Crescent Consultants and of course all the other companies in the room.

With so much going on with this project starting now and well over the next few years they are looking for companies for pre-construction and construction activities as well as for Operations opportunities when the terminal is open. The message from the leadership team was that it is so critical to attend meetings like this one, to get in front of those key people at PANY/NJ, Aecom Tishman and The New Terminal One. Make sure you are a certified M/WBE company for PANY/NJ. If your company is eligible but not certified, you can ask for assistance at the JFK Redevelopment Community Center. Visit [www.anewjfk.com](http://www.anewjfk.com) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities.

The team for Terminal One will be available on Tuesdays from 1PM-5PM to discuss opportunities available at the JFK Redevelopment Community Center located 144-33 & 35, Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435 ■



Anthony Pastore, JFK Project Director for Tishman, Suzette Bather-Taylor, Sr. Program Director PANY/NJ, and Kimberly Hardy, Director of M/WBE Participation for the New Terminal One met with local business owners.

## The JFK Air Cargo Association Names New President

The JFK Air Cargo Association has named a new President for 2020 after the passing of long time President, Joe Badamo last year. Veteran member and Board Member/Treasurer Dayna Harap will lead the JFK Air Cargo Association into the new year and beyond. Dayna is Vice President of Sales and part owner of Direct Expedite, LLC which offers ground expedite service nationwide. Dayna has 25 years experience in the Air Cargo industry and is excited to lead the organization that does so much for the JFK Cargo community.



Dayna Harap

Next up on the slate for the Air Cargo Association is the 2020 Air Cargo Expo on March 26, 2020 at Russo's on the Bay. The line up has been announced and will be engaging for all those in attendance. Mr. Brandon Fried, Executive Director of the Airforwarders Association, is the EXPO Luncheon Keynote Speaker.

The EXPO Panel Session is entitled "Partnership & Bridging Communication Gaps". Michael Webber, Associate Vice President of Landrum & Brown will moderate a panel of industry experts which includes Warren Jones, VP Business Development – Alliance Ground International, Yasin Tisdale, JFK Hub General Manager/Director – American Airlines, Rene Espinet, Vice President of Global Partnerships, Forwardair, Tom Marzano, President – Alba Wheels Up, and John DeBetta, President – Complete Transport Systems.

To register for the event, go to [www.jfkaircargo.net](http://www.jfkaircargo.net) ■



## Delta Announces Profit Share for Its 90,000 Employees

Delta Air Lines had a very good year last year. Instead of just verbally thanking its employees for the company's strong performance, it announced it would pay them \$1.6 billion in profit-sharing bonuses.

That means every eligible employee will receive a check next month for 16.6% of their annual salary, which is the equivalent of an additional two months' pay.

"Delta would be nothing without our 90,000 people. They deserve all the credit," Delta CEO Ed Bastian said on LinkedIn.

The profit payout to employees for 2019 is a record amount. It is also the sixth year in a row that the company has paid out more than \$1 billion to workers, a Delta spokesperson said. The profit-sharing plan started in 2012 following Delta's merger with Northwest.

The company's profit-sharing bonus is on top of all the other financial benefits it normally provides employees, such as a 401(k) match and other bonus programs for rank-and-file workers, according to the spokesperson.

Full-time and part-time workers, whether or not they're unionized, will be getting checks. The only people excluded from the profit-sharing plan are the company's officers, directors and general managers, although they will be paid their own performance-based bonuses. ■





ARTIST RENDERING

## FAA Conduct Public Information Sessions On Air Train

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) held Public Information Sessions on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed LaGuardia AirTrain on January 16th in Queens.

The FAA will be sharing the results of the draft alternatives analysis. The agency still is developing the Draft EIS (DEIS), which is planned for release in Summer 2020 after the impact analyses have been completed. At that time, the public will have the opportunity to learn about and comment on the DEIS at formal public hearings.

The sessions are designed to educate attendees about the agency’s analysis of the alternatives that were developed during the scoping phase of the project. The open house format will display project information, and FAA representatives will be available to answer questions. The FAA did not accept comments at the sessions held in January. There will be a formal comment period when the DEIS is published. ■

## FAA Eases Middle East Travel Rules

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has eased rules on U.S. carriers flying in some airspace in the Middle East. The move follows a slew of requests by cargo carriers, including Atlas Air, Kalitta Air and FedEx, for exemptions to the notice prohibiting U.S. flights in overwater airspace above the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, but allowing flights in and out of specific airports in Bahrain, the UAE and Muscat.

However, for flights in and out of Bahrain, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah and Muscat, operators must be “on a published instrument procedure or under the direction of air traffic control [and] minimize overwater operations to the maximum extent possible.” They are prohibited from entering Tehran airspace. The request for exemption by Atlas Air was met with concerns from its pilots, who are still in negotiations over their new contract.

They pointed to a paragraph in their contracts which they claim states: “Nothing in this agreement will be construed to require a crew member to take any action if he reasonably believes that such action will result in substantial and imminent risk of harm to the crew member or his equipment.”

When asked whether this meant they would recommend that pilots avoid that airspace requested by Atlas Air, the pilots’ Twitter group responded: “If they have a personal concern about their own safety or the safety of their aircraft...emphatically YES.”

The pilots – and Atlas Air management – are hoping to agree a new contract soon, although, anecdotally, there appear to be concerns over the new chief executive, John Dietrich.

The FAA rules on Middle East airspace were brought in following the tragic downing of Ukraine International Airlines flight 752 by Iran, when all 176 people on board died. ■



### Global Elite Founder Named CEO of the Year

William McGuire, CEO of Global Elite Group was named one of Industry Era Magazines 10 Best CEO's of 2019. Mr. McGuire is the CEO and Founder of the Global Elite Group that specializes in Aviation Security around the world and the Global First Responders Not for Profit that supports the families of fallen First Responders. Global Elite has a huge presence at the local NY Metro Airports. For more information about this award, go to [www.industry-era.com](http://www.industry-era.com) ■



William McGuire

## JFK Airport's Terminal 4 Hosts Blue Campaign Event With DHS

### JFKIAT Participated in DHS' #WearBlueDay to Raise Awareness for Human Trafficking

JFKIAT, the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, participated in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Blue Campaign, #WearBlueDay, to spread awareness for human trafficking with an event in the terminal.

Ahead of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11, JFKIAT and DHS partnered to raise awareness on human trafficking and generate an online conversation about the crime. Agents from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), an investigative arm of DHS, informed customers and employees passing through the terminal at a table near the Retail Lounge Information Desk about #WearBlueDay, the campaign's largest awareness initiative that invites people from all over the country to participate by wearing a piece of blue clothing, taking a picture with other participants, and posting it on social media and tagging @DHSBlueCampaign or using the hashtag #WearBlueDay.

JFKIAT is proud to bring the Department of Homeland Security's #WearBlueDay to T4," said Roel Huinink, President & CEO of

JFKIAT. "As a terminal dedicated to international travel that hosts over 21 million passengers each year, T4 is committed to educating and preparing our employees to identify victims of human trafficking and partner with DHS to limit this crime. Creating a safe and

secure environment at T4 is our highest priority and we are excited to partner with DHS now and in the future on activations that can benefit our passengers."

"Homeland Security Investigations is excited to work with JFKIAT to raise awareness around National Human Trafficking Awareness Day," said Peter C. Fitzhugh, special agent in charge for HSI New York. "We are appreciative of JFKIAT's willingness to participate in an important campaign and hope to work together to heighten conversations with them around #WearBlueDay and other significant causes in the future." ■







### The JFK Airport Rotary Club Hosts Monthly Luncheon

The JFK Airport Rotary Club meets for lunch the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Building 14, JFK Airport at noon. At the January meeting they were treated to lunch by Mr. Russo from Russo's on the Bay. The lunch was outstanding, just as a meal would be at an event at Russo's. Before the business of the day was finished, a sweet treat arrived in the form of cheesecake and cupcakes from Shawn Farnum, owner of Farnum's Best. You never know what will happen when you join the JFK Airport Rotary Club for Lunch or Dinner.

For more information about the JFK Airport Rotary Club, go to [www.jfkrotaryclub.org](http://www.jfkrotaryclub.org) ■

## JFK Airport's Terminal 4 Welcomes New CFO

JFKIAT, the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport announced the appointment of James May as Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective February 1, 2020.

Mr. May joins JFKIAT from Phoenix Services LLC, a global leader in steel mill services, where he served as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. May has more than 20 years of multi-national experience in a variety of financial and non-financial roles across industries that range from manufacturing to private equity.

Prior to his role at Phoenix Services LLC, Mr. May served as Chief Financial Officer of Atlantic Aviation, where he redefined safety programs, leading to a substantial improvement in safety performance, and enhanced data capture and processing to improve the financial results and decision-making processes.

In his new role at JFKIAT, he will oversee all financial activity for T4, including accounting, financial planning and analysis, risk management, procurement and legal functions.

"We are excited for James to join our team at JFKIAT," said Roel Huinink, President and CEO of JFKIAT. "His experience will help to support our strong results-focused culture, and we believe his unique mix of in-depth financial understanding, business awareness and commercial experience will be of a tremendous value to JFKIAT as we continue to elevate the customer experience within the terminal." Mr. May holds an M.B.A. in Business Administration from Columbia University and an M.A. in Economics from The University of Edinburgh. He is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. ■



James May

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# American Airlines Restructures Maintenance Functions

American Airlines Is Adjusting the Leadership Structure Within Its Maintenance Department



Craig Barton

Craig Barton, currently vice president of Technical Services, will transition to the newly created role of vice president of Technical Operations at American Airlines Group.

With the shift in strategy, line maintenance, base maintenance, facility maintenance and ground support equipment will now report to Barton. American is searching for Barton's replacement for vice president of Technical Services, the company said. The change will allow American to, for example, take the things it does well in base maintenance and apply those to line maintenance, Barton said.

"We've had a really good streak of operations here, particularly in the last quarter of the year," he added. "In order to keep trying to drive that forward ... it was kind of necessary to put all of the operations under one leader."

American suffered a disastrous operational 2019 summer as it grappled with both a slowdown it said mechanics

frustrated by a lack of a contract orchestrated and the grounding of the 737 Max. Since the summer, the airline has said operations have improved dramatically.

In a letter to employees sent this week, David Seymour, senior vice president, Operations, said the carrier's operational performance from Dec. 18 to Jan. 6 was "our best-ever performance" in a holiday peak period. The carrier had 15 days in 2019 without a mainline flight cancellation, with eight of those coming in December.

One of the major issues American had with the mechanic slowdown last summer, it has said, was the rise in out of service aircraft it started each day with. That metric improved in the latter half of the year to levels the airline hasn't seen since it merged with US Airways in 2013. ■

## Sophia Mendelsohn of JetBlue Honored By *Bloomberg Green*

Sophia Mendelsohn, the head of sustainability and environmental social governance at JetBlue Airways and a frequent visitor at JFK Airport was recognized by *Bloomberg Green 30* for 2020 as a visionary who is committed to green business practices. She takes her place with others such as Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, Sir David Attenborough, British broadcaster and documentary maker and Bill Gates, founder and CEO of Microsoft.

Ms. Mendelsohn masterminded JetBlue's strategy to build sustainability into long-term planning, including its initiative to become the first large U.S. airline to offset emissions from all its domestic flights by July. She also was instrumental in creating JetBlue's garden adjacent to their terminal at JFK which grows plants for use in JetBlue's food concessions and cafeteria.

Bloomberg Green went on to note; "Mendelsohn is in the vanguard of executives trying to convince the public that airlines can become carbon neutral. In addition to offsets, the carrier will use renewable jet fuel on flights from San Francisco by mid-year. Her sustainability credentials are well-established—last year she oversaw the conversion of JetBlue baggage tractors and belt loaders at John F. Kennedy International Airport to electric power."

Plenty of skeptics' question whether offsets are enough to erase the carbon footprint of an industry that accounts for 2.6% of total global emissions. Expect that argument to heat up in 2020." ■



# JFK Airport's Terminal 4 Adopts Googles Interpreter Technology

JFK Airport has partnered with Google to adopt Google Assistant's Interpreter Mode technology at its Terminal 4 with the aim to reduce language barriers for international tourists.

This partnership will enable JFKIAT—the operator of Terminal 4 at JFK Airport—to offer real-time language translation for 29 languages including Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese to international travellers, assisting them with issues such as locating luggage, navigating the terminal, finding concessions, and locating ground transportation.

The introduction, which made JFK Airport the first air terminal in the world to adopt such a tool, bids to bring "innovative technology into the terminal to enhance the customer experience," JFK Airport said in a statement.

The Interpreter Mode is available through Google Nest Hubs and will be used at the airport's welcome centre in the arrival's hall, the post-security information booth, as well as the help desk located in the retail lounge. Commenting on the new feature, JFKIAT president and CEO Roel Huinink said that the partnership is aimed at making customers' "experience more seamless and efficient as they travel through the terminal".

Huinink added that launching the technology is essential for the airport, which serves more than 21 million passengers each year, the majority of which are international travellers.

Google Assistant's Interpreter Mode—which uses machine learning to provide instant translation—was launched by Google at the CES 2019 but can only be used on mobile devices. At the recent CES 2020, the tech giant announced new partnerships with systems integrators Volara and SON-IFI will help launch a full-service solution for helping businesses.

Google said in a statement: "Flying can be very stressful for passengers, especially when struggling to understand the native language. Guest Services staff are finding Interpreter Mode to be invaluable in fostering communication that enhances the customer experience travelling through and from the airport."

Other than JFK Airport, Google Assistant's technology was also recently launched at Los Angeles International Airport's Admirals Club lounges exclusively for passengers of American Airlines in Terminals 4 and 5.

According to American Airlines, the tool will only be used when there's no multilingual team member around to help guests. While it's only currently available in two lounges, the airport plans to add more locations later in the year.

Over the past year, JFKIAT has undertaken several other technology-based initiatives aimed at improving passenger flow in the face of soaring passenger rates.

In 2019, for instance, JFKIAT introduced biometric boarding at several international gates throughout its terminals. Terminal 4 also recently became the first terminal in New York to offer Aira Access, which helps to make air travel more accessible for passengers with low vision or blindness.

In addition, JFK Airport is currently undergoing various renovation and expansion works as part of a \$13bn project that will allow it to handle 75 million annual passengers by 2030. These include new amenities, a re-designed airport traffic layout, centralized ground transport options, new taxiways and gate capacity and new amenities. ■







## American Airlines and British Airways Mark the Official Start of the JFK Redevelopment Plan

On January 6th, Atlantic Joint Business partners American Airlines and British Airways joined New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to announce the start of construction on a \$344 million investment at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport Terminal 8 at the Association for a Better New York luncheon in Midtown.

"Our investment will put the 14 daily flights from JFK to London that we offer in partnership with British Airways in the same terminal and give customers premium check-in space, new joint lounges and a larger variety of retail and dining options," said Robert Isom, President of American. "We will be adding more than 70,000 square feet to customer and operational spaces to create a truly world-class experience at JFK."

Additionally, airline team members who power the terminal operations will also benefit from closer, faster and easier connections to American's joint business partner British Airways by the additional co-located long-haul aircraft gates and an enhanced baggage system.

"As we progress with the JFK modernization project, we are giving Terminal 8 a new look and layout in line with the modern, world-class standards that will define the airport's ultimate transformation," Cuomo said. "When this work is completed, Terminal 8 will accommodate more passengers who will be able to enjoy a better travel experience and will make the work of airport staff more efficient and more seamless."

American and British Airways are the first airlines to mark the start of the transformation of JFK into a state-of-the-art global hub. The upgrades and additions at Terminal 8 will bring improvements in the overall customer experience, including the addition of five widebody gates and four adjacent widebody hard stands (ramp parking where customers are transported to/from terminal via bus), enhanced baggage systems, new lounges, premium check-in space and upgraded concessions and retail options.

Additionally, customers arriving in New York will enjoy the ability to more conveniently connect onto other American Airlines flights, and customers departing New York will gain the flexibility of 14 daily flights to London all departing from the same terminal. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

American and British Airways offer the most flights between JFK and London's Heathrow Airport (LHR), a route Business Traveler calls "the most important and lucrative route for business in the world," in addition to up to 70 flights a day to London from 26 destinations in the United States. ■



## Stellar Partners Opens First Permanent *WIRED* Store at Newark Liberty Airport

Travelers to Newark Liberty International Airport will now be able to choose from a range of quality electronics and tech accessories at a new *WIRED* store activated by Stellar Partners and media giant Condé Nast.

Located in Terminal B in the A+B Connector close to Gate B19, the first permanent standalone shop sells editor-recommended products such as headphones and earbuds from Beats, Sony and Master Dynamic; backpacks from Peak Design; and Smart Speakers from JBL.

Customers can also pick-up copies of the magazine at the store, which benefits from Stellar Partners' airport retail expertise.

"We are extremely pleased to work in such close partnership with the Condé Nast and *WIRED* teams to bring the innovative *WIRED* retail store to life," said Stellar Vice President of Business Development & Strategic Alliances, Yasmin Sheriff. "This partnership means an exciting new retail experience for travelers."

The opening builds on the success of *WIRED*'s annual pop-up shops over more than a decade. ■



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## Spirit Airlines Is Speeding Things Right Along at LGA

Spirit Airlines delivered an industry-first for the New York City metropolitan area. As part of its multi-year Invest in the Guest initiative, the airline unveiled an automated and expedited self-bag drop for processing checked luggage at its ticket counter at LaGuardia Airport.

Spirit partnered with Materna Intelligent Passenger Solutions (IPS) North America, a U.S.-based industrywide leader in automated passenger handling solutions, to introduce the technology in the tri-state area.

“Adoption of self-bag-drop machines is high in Europe, Asia and Canada, and we see a bright future for this technology to improve the Guest experience in the U.S.,” said Ted Christie, President and CEO of Spirit Airlines. “New York is the perfect place to bring this innovative technology, giving our tech-savvy Guests more options during the check-in process and getting them to the gate faster.”

The new self-bag drop for checked luggage employs a two-step approach. Guests start by printing a bag tag at a kiosk following check-in. Once the bag is tagged, Guests go to the machine and scan their boarding pass to initiate the process. The bag is measured, weighed, scanned to ensure that it’s the correct size and weight, and Guests watch as the bag is automatically fed into the baggage handling system to be routed for flight. The self-bag drop is also payment-enabled to avoid waiting to speak with a representative, if needed. Additionally, an agent will be in the area to assist as needed and to ensure security compliance.

“We are delighted to have Spirit Airlines implement this new automated and time-saving self-service bag drop system for its customers at LaGuardia Airport,” said Tony Vero, Interim General Manager of LaGuardia Airport. “As the airport undergoes a major \$8 billion redevelopment, LaGuardia and its partners are continuing to find new and innovative ways to provide efficient and customer-friendly services to improve the customer experience.” ■

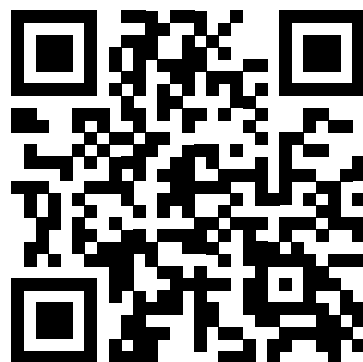
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## Former Secretary of Transportation Says No to Increased Passenger Fees

It’s a new year, and many Americans are paging through fresh calendars to plan where they will travel in 2020 and beyond. Congress, too, is planning for the year, determining which legislative priorities will get attention in the session ahead, as well as how those priorities will ultimately be paid for. Americans may not be aware, though, that the trips they take by air could become more expensive if Congress moves forward with a plan to ask airline passengers to pay more for their flights.

Some airports are trying to convince Congress to increase the Passenger Facility Charge, or PFC. It is one of many taxes and fees imposed on the traveling public. They are attempting to justify the need for a tax increase by claiming the current PFC, which is capped at \$4.50, prevents competition and threatens airport security. Unless Congress gives them more taxpayer money, they argue, infrastructure upgrades will be woefully underfunded.

But airports are sitting on billions in cash while simultaneously claiming poverty and arguing for more money. The truth is, maintaining the PFC at its current level is neither anti-competitive nor a security issue, as some have claimed. It would actually prevent American travelers from being hit with another regressive tax increase.

Increasing the PFC is not necessary to enhance competition in the airline industry. The industry is already highly competitive, with fast growing new low- and ultra-low-cost carriers. This competition and strong growth of smaller carriers has led to historically low ticket fares, adjusted for inflation. As a result, budget-conscious travelers and families who need less expensive tickets have access to air travel like never before. Any increase to the PFC would disproportionately burden them.

Few people disagree that airport security measures overseen by the fine men and women at the Transportation Security Administration are vital to the traveling public’s safety. They not only keep us safe, they put our minds at ease. But any suggestion that raising the PFC will address additional security challenges airports face is a distortion, because the Transportation Security Administration budget is completely separate from the PFC.

Moreover, a PFC increase is completely unnecessary. Airlines and airports have already been working together to modernize and improve infrastructure at airports across the country. Airports are flush with cash that could go toward further infrastructure improvements. In fact, U.S. airports had \$16 billion in cash on hand in 2018, an increase of 63 percent since 2010.

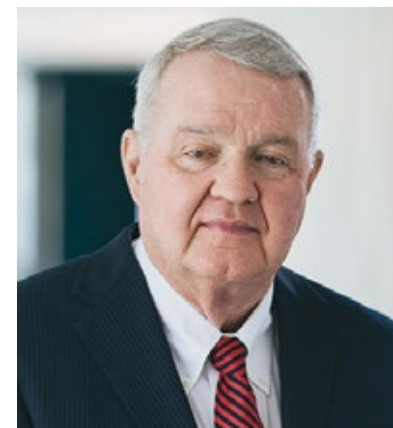
There’s no doubt that investing in airport infrastructure is necessary to improve the travel experience. But massive infrastructure projects are already underway across the country, from large airports in Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles to smaller airports in Nashville, Buffalo, and Oklahoma City. All of those are supported by the PFC at its current level. More projects are planned, all to be financed with existing funding sources. Airports should use the funds they already have before asking Congress to burden American families and budget-conscious travelers with another tax.

What’s troubling about this proposed PFC increase is that it’s unclear what the additional funds would be used for. Airports already have ample sources of funding to improve infrastructure. Higher PFCs could end up funding projects that improve the aesthetics or amenities of certain airports—but don’t improve the overall transportation system.

Simply put, giving airports more funds is likely to lead to wasteful spending instead of actual improvements that benefit travelers. As my old boss, Ronald Reagan once said, “Government does not tax to get the money it needs; government always finds a need for the money it gets.”

Families and air travelers are already paying enough to fly. If it were true that a higher PFC would make the airline industry more competitive; decrease prices to make air travel more accessible for budget-conscious travelers; and enhance our safety in this post-9/11 world, I’d be the first one to support it—but a PFC increase accomplishes none of those things.

Airports are not in a funding crisis. They have billions in cash reserves, and they are already making massive capital improvements across the country. Congress should not add to the cost of flying. Leave the money in constituents’ pockets. ■



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FATHER CHRIS PIASTA

## Lauretan Year at JFK

Since 1920, pilots and travelers have prayed to the Virgin Mary to keep them safe while in the air. Marking this milestone anniversary of the declaration of Our Lady of Loreto as the patron saint of aviation and aviators, earlier in 2019 Pope Francis conceded a Lauretan Jubilee for all air travelers.

This Jubilee is also a “traveling Jubilee”. One image of the Virgin will touch the airports of the regions of Italy (from Turin to Bari, from Venice to Palermo); another will visit the military departments and the other will travel to the main airports of the five continents (from Buenos Aires to New York, from Toronto to the main European capitals, from Beirut to Manila and the Fiji Islands). These travels will represent the Mother’s embrace of the whole world.

The statue of Our Lady of Loreto arrived at JFK on January 19th. On February 3rd it flew to Toronto and on February 14th will fly back to Rome.

## Port Authority Continues to Support Veterans Via GI Go Fund

Port Authority Major Capital Projects Safety Manager Mike Grieco and World Trade Center Construction Site Safety Manager Pat Donovan were honored by the GI GO Fund, a nonprofit charitable organization that assists armed services veterans and active-duty personnel, their family members, and all members of the military community with finding employment, connecting to their benefits and accessing housing opportunities.

At the GI GO Fund Gala dinner, Grieco and Donovan were recognized for their significant contributions to the first ever New York Harbor Navy SEAL Swim event, which was held in August. This fundraising event featured Navy SEALs swimming to various points throughout the Harbor, starting in Liberty State Park in NJ, and making their way to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island before local and federal government agency personnel, including the Port Authority Police Department, FDNY, NYPD, NJ State Police, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, Bayonne Fire Department, Jersey City Police Department and others.

Pat and Mike are already hard at work planning this summer’s SEAL Swim, which will look to build on last year’s resounding success. arriving at Battery Park, after which they ran to the 9/11 Memorial. They ended their harbor journey at the America’s Response Monument at the WTC Liberty Park. The event tested physical endurance and inspired many to support the veteran causes of the GI GO Fund. For this momentous inaugural event, participants raised over \$250,000 to aid homeless veterans in the NYC metropolitan area. ■



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# Mitchel Field

Formally Known As Hazelhurst Aviation Field

The journey of Mitchel Field was similar to most of the closed as well as the currently operating airports on Long Island.\* They all had their start beginning with a small hard clay runway with several hangars and other modest support buildings adjoining the runway; and then modernizing the airfield and facilities to accommodate larger and faster aircraft, and more passengers.

Prior to Mitchel Field being developed as an airport, the site had a fascinating history. During the American Revolutionary War this property was known as the Hempstead Plains and was used as an Army enlistment center. In the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, it was a training center for infantry units. During the American Civil War, it was the location of Camp Winfield Scott. In 1898, in the Spanish-American War, it was known as Camp Black.

After the site was transformed into an airfield in 1909, it then again morphed into a military facility during WWI and WWII. When the U.S. entered the war in April 1917, the entire field was taken over and renamed Hazelhurst Field in memory of Leighton Wilson Hazelhurst, Jr. Hazelhurst (July 1887 – June 11, 1912) was a pioneer aviator who was killed in an air-crash with Al Welsh piloting. Hazelhurst was the third United States Army officer to die in an aviation accident

As a side note, what is particularly interesting is the number of air facilities on Long Island. If you have an opportunity to study some of the 1930's and 1940's aviation maps of Long Island, you would be stunned to count the number of airports that once operated in Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. I count 33 but the number is changeable based on those that were co-joined and

others operating from air strips in more than one location.

## The Founding of the Airport and the Name “Mitchel”

The founding of Hazelhurst Aviation Field later to become Mitchel Field was a natural consequence of the location and topography. Because of its flat, treeless, hard clay surface at the heart of the Hempstead Plains prairie, enthusiasts of the “new sport” of aviation flocked to the site shortly after the turn of the century.

Hazelhurst Aviation Field became Mitchel Field in 1918; and received its name in honor of John Purroy Mitchel. Who was the person that deserved to have an airfield named after him? John Purroy Mitchel was known as the boy Mayor of New York. At age 35, he was the youngest Mayor of New York City. Mitchel was the Mayor from 1914 to 1917. He did an excellent job, but was not re-elected. It seems that in his zeal he stepped on some major toes.

Mitchel entered the Signal Corps Army Air service, and died 13 days short of his 39th birthday, in Louisiana, in a training accident, on July 6th, 1918. A sad end to a life of public service.

## The Years of Growth and Transition Into a Military Facility

Glenn Curtiss, the aircraft builder, is credited with making the first flight on the plain on July 17, 1909. He was later followed by Wilbur and Orville Wright, Charles A. Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Chance Vought, Harry Guggenheim and Alexander P. De Seversky, the inventor who founded the Republic Aviation Corporation. What you have with this group are the founders of American aviation.



In the 1920's and 30's Mitchel Field continued its growth and several large construction projects were launched to transform the airfield from a small field with a clay surface to a modern – at the time – airport. New brick barracks were built as well as support buildings and warehouses. Eight huge hangars were also built using steel and cement rather than the smaller wood barracks previously on site. Between the wars Mitchel was the Army's premier air corps base, with a Country Club atmosphere including fine housing, clubs, pools, polo fields and tree-lined streets.

Amongst other activities of the airfield prior to WWII was the hosting of the National Air Races where world speed records were set, and in October 1923, Mitchel Field was the scene of the first airplane jumping contest in the nation.

The first totally blind flight was performed at Mitchel Field on Sept. 24, 1929 by James H. Doolittle, an Army lieutenant at the time and

soon to become a WWI hero. He became the first pilot to take off, fly a prescribed course and land with reference only to the instruments before him.

During this, the world's first totally “blind” flight, a hood covered the cockpit, shutting out the outside world. The 1929 flight, which took 15 minutes, started and ended at the Army's Mitchel Field on Long Island, but the anniversary flight could not be held there for the simple reason that the airport no longer exists.

Mitchel Field also served as a base from which the first demonstration of long-range aerial reconnaissance was made. In May 1939, three B-17s led by Lt. Curtiss Lemay flew 750 miles out to sea and intercepted the Italian ocean liner Rex. This was a striking example of the range, mobility and accuracy of modern aviation at the time.

During WWI, Mitchel Field was the location of the Air Defense Command, the main point of air defense for New York City, equipped with



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two squadrons of P-40 fighters. The command was charged with the mission of developing the air defense for cities, vital industrial areas, continental bases, and military facilities in the United States. Later, it was headquarters for the First Air Force, and given the responsibility for air defense planning and organization along the eastern seaboard.

The airfield had its own hospital. Across Hempstead Turnpike from the airfields was an area named Santini Sub Base, and no, a submarine base did not exist smack in the middle of Long Island. This was the typical military abbreviation of a subsidiary facility apart from the main base. Santini Hospital would provide medical services for newly transitioned injured into the United States. During W.W.II, it would treat many of the airlifted wounded. The name of the hospital on Santini Sub Base was “New Cantonment” but was more commonly known as Santini Hospital. The hospital was on the northwest corner of Merrick Avenue and Front Street. This hospital mainly treated overseas returnees, neurological wounds and convalescent-care; and was fully capable of providing all needed medical care.

A poignant observation of conditions at Santini Hospital was made by the author of Santini Hospital, Katherine Kennedy McIntyre: “Santini Hospital received patients 24 hours after they left the front lines. I went to work there one month before the Normandy Invasion, D-Day. As you might imagine, the litter cases were devastating. Men with no faces, only eyes looking up at you. Men without arms. A whole ward of men without any legs. I didn’t know anyone could be as brave as those men. Looking back, I think of President John Kennedy’s words, “Man must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.”

Mitchel Army Airfield became a command and control base for both I Fighter and I Bomber Command. Tactical fighter groups and squadrons were formed at Mitchel to be trained at AAF Training Command bases

(mostly in the east and southeast) before being deployed to the various overseas wartime theaters. Additionally, thousands of Army Air Force personnel were processed through the base for overseas combat duty. With the end of World War II, returning GIs were processed for separation at Mitchel.

By 1949, Mitchel was relieved of the responsibility for defending New York City because of the many problems associated with operating tactical aircraft in an urban area. However, Mitchel did serve as the terminus for the last speed record set on Long Island, a transcontinental speed record of 4 hours, 8 minutes set by Col. W. Millikan in an F-86 on January 2, 1954.

After several notable crashes, including a P-47 into Hofstra Universities Barnard Hall, public pressure ultimately led to the fields closure. The last active unit to be based at Mitchel was the 514th Troop Carrier Wing flying Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcars.

The Transformation of an Airport into a Suburban Neighborhood

It’s difficult to imagine now, but at one time, Mitchel Field was being looked at as an extension of the Roosevelt Field Shopping complex. That was just one of the recommendations because since the end of World War II, Long Island officials have been struggling with plans to develop Mitchel Field, the former military base in the heart of Nassau County and one of the largest and choicest pieces of undeveloped real estate in the New York area.

In 1961, bulldozers began clearing the last large expanse of those sand and clay fields, and builders began constructing several major projects that Nassau County Executive Francis T. Purcell said had “created more new jobs for county residents and put valuable property back on the tax rolls.”

Today, the area that was once Mitchel Field has become a multi-use complex that is home to the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Nassau



B10 Bomber on worlds first tanscontinental bomber flight.

Coliseum, Mitchel Athletic Complex, Nassau Community College, Hofstra University, and Lockheed, along with the usual suburban sprawl of residential neighborhoods and surrounding shopping.

Decades ago, two historic airfields, only a few miles apart became part of another urban landscape. The demolition of Roosevelt Field and Mitchel field was a given. Nassau County was growing by leaps and bounds and the public and recreational facilities, education centers and business complexes were vitally required

to fuel this growth. However, the need to grow does not change the fact that part of Long Islands history is lost forever.

Note: When the author uses the name Long Island, he refers to all four counties.

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# Alexander de Seversky and The Renaissance of American Airpower

**JULIA LAURIA-BLUM**  
Cradle of Aviation Museum

"I discovered early that the hardest thing to overcome is not a physical disability, but the mental condition which it induces. The world, I found, has a way of taking a man pretty much at his own rating."

When thinking of the names of pioneering innovators who made their mark on history through their intellect, vision, or a brilliant invention, the names Edison, Bell, and Curie may come to mind. Of lesser notoriety, but no less a visionary, was Russian emigre Alexander P. de Seversky, a man of steadfast determination and foresight who in his lifetime became a legendary figure in the world of civil and military aviation. A tireless advocate for American airpower, de Seversky bestowed upon his adopted country some of the world's most outstanding aircraft designs and concepts to substantially advance the technology of aviation in the 20th Century.

Born to an aristocratic family in Tiflis, Russia in 1894, Alexander Prokofieff de Seversky entered military school at the age of ten. His father, Nicholas, was a Russian aviator who taught his son how to fly and by age 14, Alexander entered the Imperial Russian Naval Academy graduating in 1914 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. After completing his graduate studies, de Seversky was selected for duty as a military aviator and was assigned to a unit in the Baltic Fleet. At the onset of the First World War, he was commissioned a lieutenant and on his first combat mission de Seversky was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire before dropping his bomb load. With the crash of his airplane, the bomb load exploded and seriously wounded him causing the loss of his right leg. After doctors amputated his wounded limb below the knee, Alexander was fitted with a prosthesis and deemed unfit to return to combat duty. But de Seversky later managed to persuade his superiors to let him do battle once again using his artificial leg and in the years to follow he became an ace downing thirteen German aircraft, making him a national hero. After the Bolsheviks gained power in 1917, Alexander immigrated to the United States in order to avoid persecution or death.

In 1918, de Seversky was sent as a member of the Russian Naval Mission to the USA, to study aircraft design whereupon he was appointed aeronautical engineer and test pilot. By 1921, Alexander became an advisor to General William

'Billy' Mitchell during the demonstration of an airplane sinking a battleship to illustrate the effectiveness of airpower. Two years later he founded the Seversky Aero Corp., making aircraft parts and instruments and during this time he met New Orleans socialite, Evelyn Olliphant who became his wife in 1925 and who later a noted pilot in her own right.

After becoming a U.S. citizen in 1927, de Seversky was commissioned a Major in the Army Air Corps. He was appointed a consulting engineer to the War Department by the US Secretary of War and in the span of the next decade he applied for over 350 U.S. Patents including an inflight refueling system and a gyroscopically-stabilized automatic bombsight. Working with Elmer Sperry, he laid the base for all gyro stabilized instruments making the automatic pilot possible.

Unfortunately, the Seversky Aero Corp. was not to survive the stock market crash of 1929 and the company folded. This did not deter the indomitable de Seversky who in 1931, with a flair for self-promotion and the help of several investors, resurrected his corporation and founded the Seversky Aircraft Corp., Farmingdale, Long Island where he was company president and chief test pilot. Having a great eye for talent he recruited fellow countryman, Alexander Kartveli as his chief engineer and together they combined forces to develop the first turbo supercharger combined with an air-cooled engine in a fighter. A handful more of de Seversky's ceaseless accomplishments included his advanced design amphibian in which he flew and set world speed records from 1933 to 1935, the first low wing monoplane basic trainer for the Army Air Corps and an all metal monoplane that set speed records in the 1933-1939 National Air Races and a trans-continental record in 1938, to name a few.

In his leisure time, de Seversky liked to dance, ice skate, swim, play the piano and was known to be a snappy dresser. Having established a permanent residency on Ashroken Beach on Long Island, his wife Evelyn, a skilled pilot herself, helped her husband with his business and test-flew his various models of aircraft until a heart condition ultimately grounded her.

In 1937, one of the most influential aircraft designs to come from de Seversky and his design team was the introduction of the P-35, the first single-seat fighter to feature all-metal construction, retractable landing gear, and an enclosed cockpit and the forerunner of the



Alexander de Seversky in cockpit before record flight to Havana, Cuba, Dec. 1937.

CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM

legendary Republic P-47 Thunderbolt, one of the most formidable fighters of World War II. Despite this, as much of a brilliant visionary of aircraft design and pilot that de Seversky was, his skills as a corporate manager were not so much and he was forced out of his own company which was then reorganized as the Republic Aviation Corporation in 1939.

After the loss of his company, de Seversky turned to writing and lecturing, becoming the foremost expert on the tactics of aerial warfare and in 1939 he was presented the Harmon Trophy by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his outstanding achievements in the field of aeronautics.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, one of de Seversky's most visible achievements was the 1942 publication of his book, "Victory Through Air Power" which became a best seller and later a film after it caught the attention of Walt Disney, who in agreement with de Seversky wanted to awaken the allies to the necessity of strategic air power in combating the advances of the German Luftwaffe and the Imperial Japanese Army Air Force during the Second World War. For his efforts and advocacy of air power, de Seversky received the Medal of Merit from President Harry Truman in 1945 and a second Harmon Trophy in 1947. Many awards, medals and honors were to follow.

In 1946, Alexander was witness to the atomic test site at Bikini Islands and by 1952 he formed the Seversky Electronatom Corp. in Long Island City. The products of this company supported the defense of the United States against a nuclear attack and more specifically the extraction of radioactive particles from the air. This research led to the discovery of the Ionocraft, a heavier-than-air vehicle that gained its lift and propulsion from ionic emissions. In his later years, Major de Seversky dedicated himself toward ecological concerns with his invention of the electrostatic precipitator to extract impurities from the air and industrial emissions.

By the 1950s de Seversky helped found the NY Institute of Technology in Old Westbury and Manhattan of which he was a trustee. The Institute later acquired a Gold Coast mansion originally built by Alfred du Pont in Old Westbury, Long Island where the main campus is and in 1972 it was renamed 'The de Seversky Center' in honor of Alexander. Following his long and fruitful career in aviation and the development of American airpower, Alexander de Seversky died on August 24, 1974 in New York at the age of 80 and is buried alongside his wife Evelyn Olliphant de Seversky at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. ■

Alexander P. De Seversky, wife Evelyn and dog 'Vodka', SEV-3 in background c.1933.



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## Azul to Debut New York Destination In Flight to JFK Airport

Azul Linhas Aéreas, a company founded by David Neeleman, will debut a daily flight between Campinas (city near São Paulo, the largest Brazilian metropolis) and New York starting in June.



It will be the third city in the U.S. served by the airline that has been flying to Fort Lauderdale and Orlando for a few years. The night flights will debut on June 15th and will be operated by A330-200 and A330-900 jets.

The airline chose John F. Kennedy Airport as the flight destination possibly to take advantage of its JetBlue partner's hub in the country – the American company was also founded by Neeleman.

LATAM is currently the only Brazilian airline to fly between the country and New York, with a daily flight to Sao Paulo (Guarulhos). The three major U.S. airlines also operate the route, but only United Airlines uses Newark Airport. Until March of last year, New York also received a daily flight from Avianca Brasil, but the company interrupted the frequency after entering bankruptcy.

Azul flies to Fort Lauderdale and Orlando and has code sharing with JetBlue

Founded in 2008, Azul Linhas Aéreas started its service on less crowded routes with Embraer E190 aircraft. Based at Viracopos Airport, 100 km from Sao Paulo, the company has made it its main hub where it currently operates flights to over 100 cities.

The Brazilian airline has experienced rapid growth in recent years, expanding its fleet with jets such as the A330-900, A320neo and E195-E2, of which it is the launch customer.

International expansion is expected to continue in the coming months. Azul is studying a new route to Europe (where it flies to Portugal only) that could be Paris, as well as a third destination rumored to be a city on the U.S. West Coast. ■

## National Inventors Hall of Fame Inducts Aviation Reservations Inventor

The Discovery of Making Reservations by Evelyn Berezin Changed Air Travel

Twenty-two innovation pioneers were announced as the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) 2020 class of Inductees on stage at CES®.

These innovators, whose landmark inventions range from the hard hat to the sports bra, will be celebrated as the newest class of Inductees during the NIHF Induction Ceremony. In partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), NIHF will honor these Inductees in Washington, D.C. on May 6-7 at one of the innovation industry's most highly anticipated events — "The Greatest Celebration of American innovation."

Amongst the honor was computer scientist Evelyn Berezin who will be posthumously inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame this year! Thanks to her work, people everywhere are able to reserve tickets with relative ease.

While working at Teleregister Corp. from 1957-60, Berezin designed an early passenger reservation system for United Airlines, said to be the largest interconnected electronic data processing system built for business use at the time. But she didn't stop there. After becoming frustrated with the limitations placed on women in technology industries, she co-founded her own company, Redactron, in 1969. Redactron produced the "Data Secretary," which was the first electronic word processor aimed at simplifying secretarial work.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) is the premier nonprofit organization in America dedicated to recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity, and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. ■



Ms. Berezin in 2015, when she was inducted into the Computer History Museum's Hall of Fellows.

THE COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM



## JFK'S Terminal 4 Throws New Years Party For Employees, Vendors And Contractors

JFKIAT/JFK Chapel New Year's celebration was held in appreciation of the employees, sub-contractors, vendors and others who work to provide superior passenger services in a safe and secure environment. Reverend Romeo Dabee began with a prayer for all present with Father Chris Piasta and Rabbi Ari Korenblit.

Roel Huinink, CEO of JFKIAT welcomed everyone and thanked them for making T4 a premium travel experience at a world class airport. He noted new services from T4: A partnership with Google, providing real time translation in 29 languages, the first terminal in the world to do so, an enhanced biometrics system, and additional enhancements to assist blind passengers in navigating the terminal.

Other notable milestones include the 100th anniversary of KLM and Avianca, and the opening of the Flagship American Express Centurion Lounge.

Mr. Huinink also noted a considerable increase towards achieving the Go Green goals, providing a healthy and sustainable environment for passengers and employees alike, and the corporate giving program which raised \$170,00 from employees and passengers and is used to aid the local community.

In conclusion, Mr. Huinink pointed out that the achievements in 2019 towards providing exceptional customer service were made possible by the employees and partnerships at T4, and thanked everyone for joining in to celebrate a great year and looking forward to the next. ■

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## IAG's CEO and Founder Willie Walsh to Step Down

Willie Walsh, CEO of IAG, International Airlines Group, will step down from his position in March 2020, after nine years of service. He will be replaced by Luis Gallego, currently chief executive of Iberia.

Walsh has been at the head of IAG since its creation in 2011, when British Airways and Iberia merged, and helped the group, with the acquisition of companies like Aer Lingus and Vueling.

He will resign from his position and from the board of directors on March 26, 2020, and will retire on June 30th, at the age of 58.

"It has been a great pleasure to work with Willie over the last seven years," Gallego said, adding "it is an exciting time at IAG and I am confident that we can build on the strong foundations created by Willie." In November 2019, IAG announced it would acquire the Spanish Air Europa for \$1.1 billion.

Walsh's decision comes just a month after Emirates' Tim Clark, another important name of the aviation industry announced his departure. ■





# Trucking Challenges In 2020

The trucking industry is facing technological and business headwinds that will require a fresh vision in the near future. Increasing operating costs, complex federal regulations and an aging workforce remain top priorities in 2020. However, technology offers a new promise for trucking in a way that hasn't been realized before.

Here are three realities that will need to be addressed over the next 12 months and what the industry can do to maintain a competitive edge.

## Emerging Tech to Offset Increasing Operating costs

No one feels the pain of rising fuel costs more than the trucking industry. The latest findings from the American Transportation Research Institute show fuel prices jumped 17.7% year-over-year. Meanwhile, some states are implementing their own tax hikes to fund local road maintenance and other projects. This creates an additional layer of complexity for fleet managers and drivers to keep track of.

Embracing advanced payment solutions that can manage both company and personal purchases will be a top priority for fleet businesses in the future. These companies must prioritize using the most up-to-date technology and to enable fleet managers and drivers to manage their fuel costs, track tax payments state to state and reduce the time and inefficiency when sending driver payroll or settlements. Not only will these innovative technologies make drivers more efficient on the road, but they also can benefit businesses' bottom lines by cutting back on unnecessary operating costs and inefficient processes.

## Performance Targets Will Demand a Bigger Focus On Big Data and Analytics

The trucking industry relies heavily on data and analytics to track and manage fleet performance, spot fraud and maintain efficiencies, among other things. Yet the ever-changing federal regulations and tax compliance landscape require modern analytics that let fleet managers view and manage every critical aspect of fleet performance.

Fortunately, there are a number of cutting-edge tech solutions helping fleet managers make sense of the countless data points coming in every day. They provide access to near real-time information about fueling behaviors, individual driver decision patterns, compliance and overall performance. This is key to identifying cost-saving opportunities or detecting inefficiencies that impact a company bottom line in real time.

## A Younger and Diverse Workforce Will Introduce New Technical Expectations

For years, trucking businesses have felt the pains of an aging workforce leaving the industry for retirement. Meanwhile, younger workers, particularly Millennials and Generation Z, are entering the trucking industry with more technological experience, skills and education than ever before. Also, women and Hispanic minorities under the age of 35 are starting to enter the trucking industry in higher numbers. Transportation businesses will have the opportunity to diversify their workforce, upgrade recruitment efforts to be more inclusive and modernize their tools and systems for the new generation.

In order to attract and retain younger drivers, these businesses must give employees access to time-saving and user-friendly mobile tools and technology, making life easier on the road. Although increasing pay and offering sign-on bonuses are always attractive, there are other perks logistics companies can prioritize in 2020.

For the fleet and trucking industry, convenient mobile-friendly solutions enable drivers to save time and money on the road, boosting driver engagement and attracting more talent. Mobile apps work to integrate seamlessly with trucking companies' infrastructure, while making it convenient for drivers to use through their smartphones.

Additionally, employee training programs that decrease the barrier to entry for new truck drivers, enhance their safety and address the growing presence of women and minorities entering the industry will be critical in 2020.

In 2020, compliance, driver shortages and technological challenges will continue. With the help of cutting-edge technology, a younger workforce and an eye toward data, transportation and logistics businesses have a unique opportunity to transform their image and thrive in the next decade. ■



# LATAM Moves New York/JFK Operations to Terminal 4

LATAM Airlines Group relocated its operations at John F. Kennedy International Airport (New York City) from Terminal 8 to Terminal 4, where Delta serves over 90 destinations in the United States, Canada and worldwide, starting February 1, 2020.

This relocation paves the way for smoother connections in New York between LATAM and Delta flights. From February 1, 2020, LATAM Premium Business and top tier LATAM Pass members (Black Signature, Black and Platinum) will also have lounge access in Terminal 4.

LATAM will automatically update reservations for customers with itineraries to/from New York/JFK on February 1, 2020 onwards, taking into account minimum connection times.

“Moving LATAM’s operations at JFK marks another important milestone in our journey towards offering the best connectivity and customer experience in the Americas,” said Roberto Alvo, Chief Commercial Officer of LATAM Airlines Group. “We are committed to providing a seamless transition for customers around the globe and are working tirelessly to deliver the benefits of the framework agreement with Delta as soon as possible.”

Since codeshares were announced in December 2019 between Delta and LATAM Airlines Peru, LATAM Airlines Colombia and LATAM Airlines Ecuador respectively, approval has been received by the relevant authorities in the United States and Colombia, with regulatory approvals in Ecuador and Peru as well as the publication of said codeshares expected during the first half of 2020. LATAM’s affiliates in Brazil and Chile also plan to establish codeshare agreements with Delta during 2020, subject to applicable regulatory approval.

In addition, the carriers are also working to provide a smooth transition for customers by establishing additional bilateral lounge access and mutual frequent flyer benefits during the first half of 2020.



## End of Codeshare Agreements with American Airlines

LATAM formally ended all its codeshare agreements with American Airlines on January 31, 2020. Customers who have purchased American Airlines flights via LATAM prior to this date for flights from February 1, 2020 onwards will be entitled to the same services, with no change to flight or ticket conditions.

LATAM’s frequent flyer and reciprocal lounge access agreements with American Airlines will remain in place until LATAM leaves oneworld.

LATAM advised oneworld and its alliance partners in September 2019 that it would leave oneworld within one year, in line with the standard notice period. The company is evaluating an earlier departure date with any change to be communicated in due course. Following LATAM’s departure from oneworld, it will maintain its bilateral agreements and customer benefits with the majority of the alliance members. ■

# Passenger Attacks Flight Attendant and Cockpit on United Air Flight to Newark

A passenger on a January 8th United Airlines flight from Washington, D.C. to Newark was arrested after behaving erratically during the flight and attacking a flight attendant.

The passenger, Matthew Dingley, ran up to the cockpit door and began hitting it shortly before landing at Newark Liberty International Airport. He then attacked the flight attendant who attempted to stop him. Other passengers on the flight, which was operated by United Express carrier CommutAir, intervened and held him down.

Upon landing, the aircraft was met by Port Authority police officers. Media reports indicate that Dingley charged at the officers and injured six of them, causing one to fall down the mobile staircase and break four ribs.

“CommutAir Flight 4965... was met by local law enforcement due to a disruptive passenger,” the airline said. “We express our gratitude for the quick reaction of our passengers and crew who responded during this incident.” ■





JFK Airport Rotary Club Members



JFK Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

# Big Turnout for Co-Sponsored Airport Networking Event

The JFK Airport Rotary Club and the JFK Airport Chamber of Commerce came together with the Cradle of Aviation Museum to host a fabulous Networking Event geared towards those seeking to do business and do good in the JFK Airport Community.

Nothing beats a Thursday night at a private event at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. The thoughtful historical aviation displays, all Long Island based kept everyone in awe of the space. The food and refreshments provided by Phillip Stone Caterers were very much enjoyed and appreciated by the group. The museum hosts small events, corporate meetings and birthday parties or Gala's for 1,000 people! Come for the day or consider your event, you will be happy to be there either way.

The reason they all gathered was to meet one another seeking business relationships. Some were lifetime JFK Community business folks and some have never been to JFK except to get on a flight. But once they met, even for just a few minutes, the wheels were turning about how they could do business together. The JFK Airport Chamber of Commerce has the business community in mind as they launch a re-branding of their organization, laser focused on bringing value to long-time businesses and those seeking new opportunities within JFK Community. As there is a New JFK coming, there shall also be a New JFK Chamber of Commerce to help businesses navigate the 13-billion-dollar redevelopment.

And while you are doing business at JFK, it feels right to give back to the community that surrounds the airport and supports aviation. The JFK Airport Rotary Club is a group of professionals that do business within the JFK Airport community and seek to provide service to others, promote integrity, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of The JFK Airport Rotary Club. They host events such as the JFK Run the Runway 5K, the Ladies Golf and Spa, the Kids Holiday Party and more. Through their fundraising efforts, they support local organizations such as Aviation High School, the USO, Saratoga Family Inn, Patient Airlift Services, and other local non-profit organizations.

For more information about the event and the host organizations go to:

- [www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org)
- [www.jfkrotaryclub.org](http://www.jfkrotaryclub.org)
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GLOBAL SECURITY ASSOCIATES

Security

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GENERAL MANAGER  
(LGA AIRPORT)

SSP AMERICA

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DELTA GLOBAL SERVICES (DGS)

Maintenance

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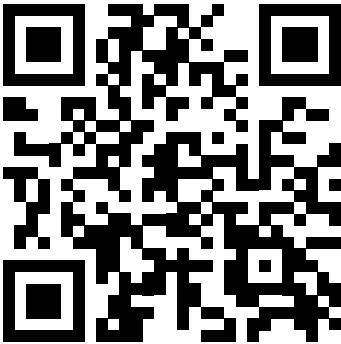
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President Donald J. Trump, joined by Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, sign the U.S. China Phase One Trade Agreement Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, in the East Room of the White House.

## First Phase of China Trade Deal Successfully Completed

The U.S. and China signed the first phase of a trade deal Wednesday, January 15th under which the U.S. would increase its exports to China by \$200 billion over a 2017 baseline.

But many of the tariffs put in place during the year and a half long trade war will remain in place, including the 25% tariff on \$250 billion worth of imports from China. The countries had agreed to some reductions in the weeks leading up to this week's signing.

Under the deal, the U.S. will increase its exports to China in manufactured goods, agricultural goods, energy products and services by tens of billions of dollars over 2020 and 2021. The increased agriculture exports will be especially noteworthy for American farmers.

"On the whole, the United States won a victory," said economist Shen Hong of the independent thinktank Beijing Tianze Economic Research Institute. "If the trade war continued it would definitely be more unfavorable for China." She added, "This is better for China. It means the Chinese government finally realizes that such compromises are good for China."

### Dry Bulk

On the dry bulk side of the equation, Ben Nolan, shipping analyst at Stifel, noted, "Similar to oil, this is unlikely to change underlying commodity consumption, but increased grain trade to China could lengthen ton-mile demand, which would be particularly good for Kamsarmax and Ultramax owners such as Star Bulk.

There could also be an opportunity for increased U.S. coal exports, which totaled just 800,000 tons in 2019, down 75% from 3.2 million tons in 2017.

### LPG

LPG Liquefied Petroleum Gas is transported from the U.S. to Asia using very large gas carriers (VLGCs), which have a capacity of 84,000 cubic meters and usually transit the Panama Canal. The trade war has prompted China to switch its LPG buying to the Middle East, but U.S. export ton-miles have been maintained because export cargoes have simply diverted to Japan and Korea.

According to Nolan, "With LPG prices in the U.S. dramatically cheaper than in Asia and with LPG used as a feedstock, those companies in Asia that can use North American LPG should have a cost advantage. With tariffs going away, we would expect to see both spot and long-term exports of LPG heading from the U.S. to China. "The biggest beneficiary should be the larger LPG vessels, followed by those with export facilities, particularly Navigator.

### LNG

LNG Liquefied Natural Gas exports to China totaled 2.2 million tons in 2019, down 90% from 2017 levels. "This was a big hit to demand from a ton-mile basis," said Nolan, adding, "If tariffs go away on LNG, it would allow more exports to make the long journey, pushing up demand for LNG carriers.

"The trade deal would serve the greatest benefit to the U.S. LNG producers [because] it should allow additional headroom for LNG export deals to be signed.

As Mehrotra put it, "We expect increased LNG purchases from China, which carries positive implications for the pre-FID [Final Investment Decision] U.S. liquefaction projects, which in turn is a positive for U.S. energy

activity levels. The more liquefaction projects that reach FID, the more LNG cargoes will someday head to sea, a plus for shipping.

### Farmers

A trade increase of \$200 billion over two years could result in a desired business uptick for American firms, especially farmers. "I'm also a realist enough to know until those beans are actually shipped to customers that we can't count our chickens before they're hatched," Kristin Duncanson, a farmer in central Minnesota said.

Prior to the deal signing, the countries had agreed to cut some tariffs. The 15% tariffs that took effect at the beginning of September on roughly \$120 billion worth of goods (list 4A) will be reduced to a rate of 7.5%, President Donald Trump announced last month. China also said it would lower tariffs for all its trading partners on 850 products. But many other tariffs remain in place, including the 25% tariff on \$250 billion worth of imports from China.

### UPS CEO David Abney Similarly Called the Deal a "First Step"

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which lobbies for U.S. business interest, said the deal "signals a rollback" of the trade war, but said there was still work to do in a second phase, including on "subsidies, digital trade and data discrimination, and non-tariff barriers to U.S. manufacturers and service providers."

The deal also prevents China from forcing companies to transfer their technology to Chinese competitors as a condition for market access. Some pointed out that the Chinese have a history of failing to live up to formal agreements, but the Trump administration voiced confidence in the deal.

The ongoing trade war has resulted in China dropping to the third-largest trading partner for the U.S. It was the largest trading partner until January 2019, according to U.S. Census data. **JOSEPH ALBA**

## Triangle Equities Lands \$87M Loan for JFK Warehouse Project

Triangle Equities Development Company and its partners, Township Capital Inc. and L&B Realty Advisors LLP, announced the closing of an \$87 million construction loan for the ground-up development of Terminal Logistics Center.

The to-be-built, approximately 300,000 s/f Class A air-cargo warehouse and storage facility will rise adjacent to John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, N.Y. When completed, the facility will be one of the first modern, multi-story industrial buildings constructed in the country.

JLL Capital Markets worked on behalf of the borrowers to place the construction loan with CIT Group Inc. JLL had previously worked on behalf of Triangle Equities to secure \$14.25 million in equity financing from L&B Realty Advisors LLP and Township Capital for the project and as part of the closing, the joint venture committed an additional \$27 million in equity capital. Total capitalization for the project is approximately \$129 million.

Located at 130-24 South Conduit Avenue in South Ozone Park, Terminal Logistics Center's urban location and proximity to the JFK International Airport will allow it to capture the rising demand from air-cargo and freight related tenants as well as last-mile, ecommerce tenants and tenants servicing airport operations.

Terminal Logistics Center will also be a state-of-the-art, modern logistics facility in a market where only one new building has been delivered in the past 10 years, and the existing buildings feature an average age of 58 years old. Additionally, modern Class A product in this market features less than one percent vacancy. With 468 feet of frontage at the confluence of the Belt Parkway, Van Wyck Expressway (I-678) and South Conduit Avenue, the multi-story property will offer exceptional signage and visibility to approximately 300,000 commuters per day.

The five-story building will feature 26 ft. clear heights, 29 dock loading positions, 50 ft. column grid, 300-pound live load and truck courts that accommodate 53 ft. tractor trailers on both the ground and second floors along with warehouse/storage space on the third – fifth floors.

The fully secure, gated, state-of-the-art facility will have access to cargo areas with a back-door route in and out of JFK.

"Triangle Equities is thrilled to partner with CIT Group Inc. to bring Terminal Logistics to the finish line," said Josh Weingarten, Director of Capital Markets at Triangle Equities. "We anticipate this multi-level facility will be the first vertical air cargo development on the East Coast, setting a new standard for Class-A air cargo space in the JFK market." ■



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# Its Amazing What The TSA Finds At Our Local Airport Checkpoints

Newark Liberty International Airport and LaGuardia Airport each made it into the Transportation Security Administration's list of Top 10 List of most unusual items found at checkpoints in 2019. TSA released the list in an on-line video it posted on the agency's Twitter account.

TSA officers at Newark International Airport came across a pet snake that someone lost on August 19, 2019. The 15-inch ring-necked snake, a thin black snake with a bright yellow band around the back of its neck, was spotted on the floor of the checkpoint in Terminal C by a youngster who heeded the advice, "If you see something, say something" when she spotted it and notified a TSA officer.

The TSA officer placed a gray checkpoint bin over the snake to contain it and prevent it from slithering away. The checkpoint lane was closed temporarily and passengers shifted to another lane to clear the area. Port Authority Police were notified and secured the snake before taking it away, allowing TSA to repopulate the checkpoint lane a short time later.

TSA screens a variety of pets that travelers bring to checkpoints, but it is up to the airline as to whether it will allow those pets—snakes or otherwise—on their aircraft.

A month later, at LaGuardia Airport, a traveler who was passing through a TSA security checkpoint on September 14, 2019, was traveling with a pair of martial arts sais, which are metal piercing weapons with a central blade with two curved prongs coming out of the handle. They went through the checkpoint X-ray scanner where TSA officers discovered the set on the X-ray monitor. Sais are martial arts weapons and, of course, no weapons are allowed through a checkpoint. That's quite a no-no. ■

## Boeing Delivers Core Stage to NASA Prior to Space Launch Systems(SLS)

The Boeing-built core stage of NASA's first Space Launch System (SLS) deep space exploration rocket arrived at the agency's Pegasus barge on January 8th after rolling out of the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans.

The event marks the first time a completed rocket stage has shipped out of Michoud since the end of the Apollo program. SLS Core Stage 1 is the largest single rocket stage ever built by NASA and its industry partners.

The rollout follows several weeks of final testing and check-outs after NASA's declaration of "core stage complete" during a December 9th Artemis Day celebration at Michoud.

NASA will transport the SLS core stage to its Stennis Space Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for "Green Run" hot-fire engine tests later this year. After inspection and refurbishing for launch, the stage moves to Kennedy Space Center in Florida. At Kennedy, the core stage will be integrated with the Interim Cryogenic Upper Stage (ICPS) and NASA's Orion spacecraft for the uncrewed Artemis I mission around the moon – the first launch of a human-rated spacecraft to the Moon since Apollo 17 in 1972.

SLS is the world's most powerful rocket, evolvable and built to carry astronauts and cargo farther and faster than any rocket in history. Its unmatched capabilities will deliver human-rated spacecraft, habitats and science missions to the moon, Mars and beyond as part of NASA's Artemis program. ■



## Port Authority, TSA, Customs & Border Protection and JFKIAT Invited To Israel for Security Meeting

Representatives from PA Police, TSA and US Customs visit El Base in Israel JFKIAT, the Port Authority Police Department, TSA, and USCBP were recently invited to Israel by El Al's security division to discuss mutual security innovations and opportunities.

JFKIAT is committed to cooperating with our partners and stakeholders, and this visit represents how collaboration strengthens our ability to remain resilient and maintain the safety and security of our terminal. ■

## Airbus Demonstrates Automatic Vision Based Take-Off

An Airbus test pilot is shown with one hand at rest as an A350-1000, fitted with image recognition technology, takes off automatically at Toulouse-Blagnac airport on December 18, 2019.

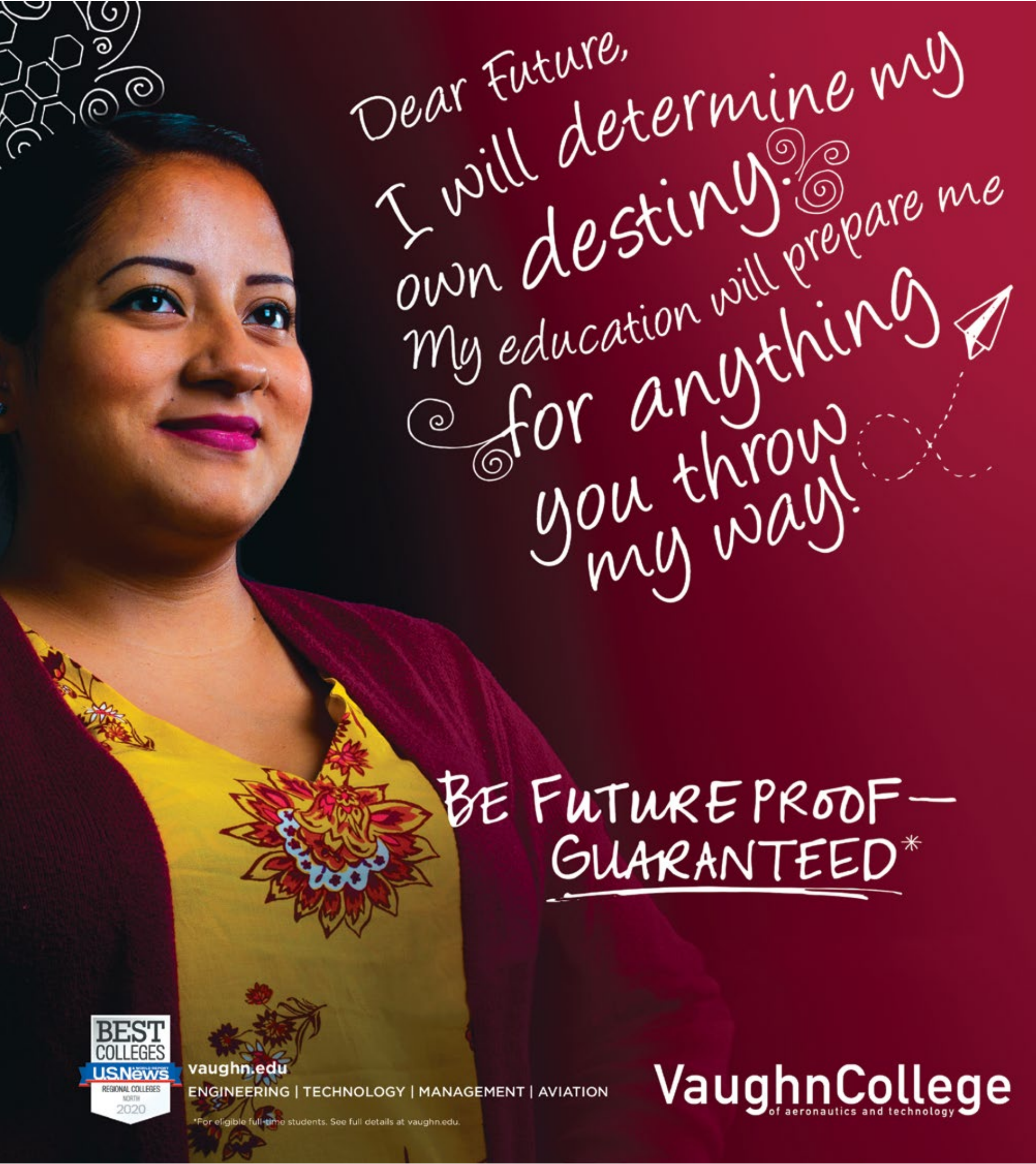
Airbus looks to have taken pilotless commercial jet flight one step closer after revealing that one of its test aircraft has taken off automatically.

The European manufacturer said that in tests conducted at Toulouse-Blagnac airport, an A350-1000 with two pilots sitting ready to take over, conducted eight takeoffs on auto-pilot.

"We moved the throttle levers to the take-off setting and we monitored the aircraft. It started to move and accelerate automatically maintaining the runway center line, at the exact rotation speed as entered in the system. The nose of the aircraft began to lift up automatically to take the expected take-off pitch value and a few seconds later we were airborne," said Airbus Test Pilot Captain Yann Beauvais. ■

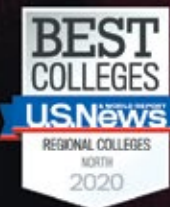






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# Beijing Commits to Fighting Counterfeits Online in Trade Deal

As reported in Caixan a business and trade news blog based in China in their January newsletter, in a major concession to U.S. negotiators, China is ready to work with the U.S. in fighting counterfeiting on e-commerce platforms. As part of the China-U.S. phase one trade deal signed on January 15th, Beijing committed to fighting counterfeiting, an issue that Washington has repeatedly criticized Chinese firms over.

According to the agreement, the countries will “jointly and individually combat infringement and counterfeiting in the e-commerce market” in part by making legitimate content available and punishing platforms that break the rules.

China was famous for its knockoff goods for much of the 1990s and early 2000s at a time when the country was transforming to a more market-oriented economy and Beijing paid relatively little attention to matters like intellectual property protection. But as China’s economy enters a new phase of growth that relies more heavily on such protections, Beijing and many of the country’s larger corporations have begun to put more emphasis on stamping out intellectual property theft.



Under the deal, China commits to enforcing the rapid takedown of fakes from online markets, as well as making it easier for copyright-holders to file complaints and punishing platforms who repeatedly fail to tackle this issue by revoking their operation licenses.

Washington says it is “studying additional means to combat the sale of counterfeit or pirated goods.”

A lawyer who specializes in e-commerce told Caixin that China’s commitments in the deal do not differ much from its existing domestic rules, but might provide further pressure for

e-commerce platforms to curb copyright infringement. They said the main emphasis should now be on effective implementation.

Chinese e-commerce platforms have been repeatedly criticized by the U.S. trade authorities for failing to take action on counterfeits.

Alibaba’s Taobao marketplace and upstart platform Pinduoduo were listed as “Notorious Markets” for piracy by the United States Trade Representative last April. Taobao, China’s largest e-commerce site, is no stranger to the list, having appeared in 2011, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Pinduoduo, the country’s No. 3 e-commerce platform, was a new inclusion on last year’s USTR list. The marketplace, which primarily targets customers in rural areas and smaller cities, relies on a “catalogue of improbably low-priced goods” many of which take advantage of “loopholes in Chinese trademark law,” according to the USTR list.

Pinduoduo and Alibaba both declined to comment on the phase one trade deal. JD.com Inc., China’s No. 2 e-commerce platform, said the agreement will not have a significant impact on their international business. ■

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United Airlines is doing something unique in giving these workers their own share of credit for their hard work in sun, snow and rain. And that is, new uniforms with a distinctive look. The Airline formally rolled out a new uniform collection from workwear brand Carhartt for 28,000 of the carrier’s mechanics, ramp agents and catering workers.

The new Carhartt uniforms debut as work continues on new uniforms for tens of thousands of frontline flight attendants, gate agents, pilots and others that are being designed by Tracy Reese and Brooks Brothers.

The Carhartt collection for so-called “below the wing” employees at United includes more than 50 different pieces. Each piece was designed to address the specific needs of workers in particular roles, including uniform bottoms with custom-designed pockets to accommodate the wands ramp workers use to guide planes into and away from airport gates.

Color-blocking on hi-visibility pieces also helps address the dirt and grime on the tarmac and in maintenance hangars at airports. Carhartt also said it paid special attention to the women’s collection to ensure outfits fit properly and are functional. JOSEPH ALBA







## Aer Lingus Presents New Uniforms

Aer Lingus revealed its first new uniform in 20 years. The new uniform provides cabin crew and ground staff more flexibility in what they wear while representing the airline. One of the highlights of the new uniform is that, for the first time ever, women have the option to wear trousers.

Just under a year ago, Aer Lingus revealed that it intended to complete a full rebrand. This will see the airline taking new aircraft, introducing a new livery, refreshing its lounge, and last but not least, the new uniform.

The new uniform adds far more flexibility on how it can be worn. Women now have the choice between trousers, a skirt and a dress. Previously, only the dress was an option. Meanwhile, men have the option of a full suit, or a shirt and pullover. They will also be issued shoes for the first time. The colors are also different. The dress and trousers are a midnight blue color. Meanwhile, the skirt and blouses remain Aer Lingus' signature 'Kenmare Green'.

In total, 25 different pieces of clothing have been designed for the airline by Irish designer Louise Kennedy. This isn't Kennedy's first foray either, as she also designed the current uniform which has been in use for over 20 years.

Female members of cabin crew will have much more flexibility over their uniforms. In addition to the choice of a skirt, trousers, or dress, the airline is also cutting the strictness of hair and makeup standards. Women will also be able to choose between wearing heels and flat shoes.

The uniform has been rigorously tested by Aer Lingus. This included both long and short-haul flights to a range of different climates. One member of the cabin crew at the unveiling mentioned that people had even tested it asleep! ■

## KLM to Purchase Jet Airways

Jet Airways has entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with KLM for its businesses in the Netherlands. The carrier said in a stock exchange disclosure that the deal was inked on January 13th with Dutch resolution professionals, but gave no details on the transaction value or timeline.

Jet Airways is facing a separate liquidation proceeding in the Netherlands, but Indian authorities previously allowed cooperation with the Dutch insolvency administrator.



The carrier states that the transaction involves the sale of a part of the company's business activities and will have no impact on its shareholding structure.

It is "subject to the completion of several conditions including statutory and regulatory clearances, both under Indian law and Dutch laws".

Shortly after Jet Airways ceased operations in April, the government redistributed most of its slots to other Indian carriers.

A teaser document released on July 20, 2019 offers little clue as to what this transaction might entail but states that the carrier entered into a strategic commercial agreement with Air France-KLM in 2016, followed by an enhanced cooperation agreement in 2017. ■

## JetBlue to Add Guatemala, Bozeman Service, Reduce Flights to Havana

JetBlue Airways announced multiple schedule and route changes for the new year as well as several new routes. The airline will introduce non-stop daily service from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to Guatemala City's La Aurora International Airport on June 1st. Guatemala will be the 25th city served by the carrier.

The New York-based airline also announced non-stop seasonal service to Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport in Montana from JFK and from Boston Logan International Airport. It also is adding non-stop service from JFK to Nashville, Tennessee.

The airline is ending all service at Oakland International Airport but will continue normal operations at San Francisco International and San Jose International airports. It is also increasing flights from New York, Boston, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Finally, JetBlue said it will reduce the number of flights to Havana's José Martí International Airport and will offer up to three daily flights from Fort Lauderdale and reduce the frequency of its JFK flights to Cuba to once a week. JetBlue was the first airline to offer commercial service in over 50 years when it starting flying there three and a half years ago. ■



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# If It Is Tuesday, It Must Be Belgium

For those of you that are too young to remember, there is a famous movie that had the title above. My husband and I have travelled to Brussels countless amount of times. Most of the times we would go for one day and one night. We usually stay in Brussels and take a day trip to another city.

This time I set out by myself to enjoy the Brussels holiday markets. I landed on a Tuesday and left on Thursday. I stayed at the Novotel hotel city center next to the central train station. The train ride from the airport to the central station is a half hour and costs approximately 10 euros.

The main market has different displays than the ones in Germany. Although there are booths with jewelry, handicrafts, Belgian specialties and Gluhwein; Vin chaud in French.

Unlike the German markets, there were two beer pavilions serving both draft and bottles. One was Leffe and the other was Chamay, two popular Belgian beers. Also, there was a

champagne tent that served all types of champagne, oysters, cheese and caviar. Another interesting booth was a quiche selection. I never saw so many types of quiche served in all sizes. It could be taken home or eaten there.

The carousel for kids was unique. At the edge of the market was a giant Ferris wheel which provided great views of the entire city. A smaller market nearby had an ice-skating rink.

After visiting the markets, a visit to the Grand Place is a must. During this time of year there is a light show set to Christmas music every hour after sunset. On the other side of the Grand Place there is a well-known bar called Delirium. It was named after the beer named Delirium. The Delirium on draft is excellent and strong.

A visit to Brussels this time of year is very worthwhile. It is very festive and the main market named Winter Wonders has more than 200 chalets. This year the market is opened from Nov. 27-Jan. 3, 2021. **MAUREEN KATZ**





# Delta Introduces Carepod: A State-of-the-Art Pet Travel Carrier

Delta Air Lines is ushering in a new best-in-class travel experience for pets and their owners with the exclusive launch of CarePod. The introduction of this state-of-the-art pet travel carrier, which provides many industry-leading features including real-time updates throughout the journey, heralds a new standard of first-class safety and care for pet air travel.

After five years of research, development and testing, on top of a successful two-month trial, CarePod will be exclusively offered at eight U.S. locations: Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York (JFK and LaGuardia), San Francisco and West Palm Beach. There will then be a phased approach to roll out the CarePod pet travel carrier across Delta's U.S. network.

"Continuous innovation is in Delta's DNA and the launch of the CarePod pet travel carrier, an industry first, is an example of us seeking out innovative partnerships and looking at ways to improve the customer experience throughout all parts of their journey," said Shawn Cole, Vice President — Delta Cargo. "As the only airline to offer this premium pet travel solution, it represents a significant improvement for the millions of people who want to travel with their four-legged family members."

The CarePod pet travel carrier has several innovative safety features that make it the

ultimate air travel experience for pets which include; stronger, industrial strength walls that are insulated to protect your pet against potential temperature fluctuations when moving between different climates and travel conditions, multi-layered windows and doors with specially angled blinds to help create a calming environment for pets, the world's first built-in hydration system for pet travel carriers, holding up to a liter of water that will auto replenish the spill-proof water bowl to ensure pets always have easy access to fresh water, a GPS tracking and monitoring system that connects your pet's journey directly to the specialized Delta Cargo Control Center which is open 24/7/365 by trained experts, seamless connectivity that enables you to use your mobile phone to view your pet, and finally, the carriers are made to the highest quality and standard, with human grade materials that are non-toxic, UV and antibacterial treated for longer lasting strength and protection.

The CarePod pet travel carrier is a next generation, IATA compliant pet travel carrier, which can accommodate dogs and cats permitted in a 300 series crate, or smaller, and can be booked between three and thirteen days prior to departure. The CarePod can be booked by visiting [deltacargo.com](http://deltacargo.com) or by calling Delta's Cargo Customer Service Center at 1-800-352-2746.



Delta's team of specialists and staff veterinarian constantly review processes and policies to identify areas of improvement to ensure the safety and health of pets. The airline has specially trained ground handlers who take care of pets at every step of their journey. Delta also has temperature-controlled holding areas and vehicles in numerous locations and overnight kenneling services. The Cargo Control Center in Atlanta also gives the airline 24/7/365 visibility into all shipments, including pets.

Pets arriving or departing through JFK International Airport have the service of The ARK and ARK Pet Oasis available. Managing Director Elizabeth Schuette adds, "The ARK Pet Oasis serves as a central resource available 24/7, servicing the needs and promoting the

welfare of companion animals traveling as cargo. The ARK/ARK Pet Oasis supports any development that enhances the safety, security and welfare of traveling animals. We have been aware of CarePod travel crates for many years as the product was being developed and approved. By endorsing CarePod and offering it as a pet travel option, Delta is demonstrating its commitment to safe animal travel." ■

# Swissport Awarded 5-Year Cargo Contract With Lufthansa Group

Swissport and Lufthansa signed a 5-year contract for cargo handling at Brussels and Liège airports. The agreement covers Brussels Airlines, Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines.

At the end of December 2019, Swissport and Lufthansa Cargo renewed their agreement regarding cargo handling at Brussels and Liège airports. The agreement includes warehousing and cargo ramp transport of mail, pharmaceuticals, valuables and general cargo for Brussels Airlines, Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines. The contract is valid until the end of 2024.

For Swissport, the renewed agreement yields a substantial increase in tonnage handled at its cargo facility at Brussels airport, where it is currently completing a major expansion. Lufthansa's renewed vote of confidence is based on a thorough selection process and the successful cooperation between Swissport and



Lufthansa Cargo to date. Both partners endeavor to further jointly drive digitization to realize cost and process improvement.

"We are pleased to anchor the cargo handling business for Lufthansa Cargo at Brussels Airport and look forward to further growing our cooperation across our global network" says Rudolf Steiner, Swissport's Senior Vice President Cargo for EMEA.

In October 2019, Swissport opened its brand new and dedicated Pharma Center at Brussels Airports. The facility boasts 3,620 sqm of temperature controlled, state-of-the-art warehousing space. Swissport's existing 25,000 sqm warehouse is also undergoing a refurbishment from the ground up. Additionally, a new four-story office building is being constructed. Once completed, it will provide attractive office space for Swissport and its cargo customers.

Swissport Belgium, with a workforce of some 2,000 employees, handles more than 550,000 tons of air cargo per year. Its ground services division serves some 7.5 million passengers annually. ■

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# JetBlue Announces New Service to Guadeloupe

In a February 1st announcement, JetBlue Airways has officially launched sales for its newest Caribbean service: thrice-weekly flights to the French Caribbean department of Guadeloupe.



Pointe-a-Pitre International Airport

The new service is slated to launch Feb. 1, 2020, with nonstop flights between New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport and Pointe-a-Pitre International Airport.

“A long-time favorite getaway spot for French and other Western Europeans travelers, we can’t wait to introduce our JetBlue customers to this unique corner of the Caribbean,” said Andrea Lusso, director route planning, JetBlue. “And as the only airline to serve Guadeloupe from the northeastern United States, JetBlue adds yet another, unique destination to our growing route map.”

The flights will operate on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

“JetBlue’s new air service to Guadeloupe was highly anticipated by New Yorkers and Guadeloupeans,” said Ary Chalus, President of the Guadeloupe Tourist Board. “We will be celebrating the new route in New York with brand ambassador Willy Monfret and JetBlue during Pinknic – the annual rosé Pinknic and music festival July 19-20 – and again when the winter inaugural flight takes off during the heat of our legendary three-month Carnival season.” ■



# TWA Hotel at JFK Airport Opens Rooftop Ski Chalet

The TWA Hotel at John F. Kennedy International Airport announced the opening of a rooftop ski lodge adjacent to the hotel’s rooftop pool.

The Runway Chalet has the look of a 1960s ski lodge and will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. local time. The pool will be open as well, with a water temperature of 95° F (35° C).

The menu at the Runway Chalet includes multiple hot beverages including a hot toddy with spiced rum, hot apple cider, and a cinnamon stick, and one called the Weather Delay, made with hot chocolate and vodka and topped with marshmallows. The dining menu at the chalet includes cheese and chocolate fondue.

In November of last year, the hotel opened one of the only ice-skating rinks at a U.S. airport. The rink is located next to the hotel’s 1958 Lockheed Constellation, known as the “Connie,” which is used as a cocktail lounge. The hotel itself is centered around the TWA Flight Center, designed by Eero Saarinen. ■



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## PANYNJ Promotes Airports In Dublin

As part of their continuing quest to attract airlines into their airports, the Port Authority sent Ralph Tragale, the Assistant Director of Aviation, to Dublin to attract interest in getting airlines to use Port Authority facilities; and even be an “unofficial representative” for the region’s business and tourist attractions. This is especially relevant for New York Stewart International Airport which is focused on resuming their services across the Atlantic.

Ireland is not only the home of several airlines, but is also a popular stopping off point for airlines coming over from the continent. ■



# Aerospace Center for Excellence Launches Project SkyLab

The Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE) broke ground on its “Project SkyLab” facility expansion at the Sun ‘n Fun Expo campus in Lakeland, Florida. ACE says the new space has been designed to support its current educational programs, provide space for its higher education and technical training partners to grow their curriculum center and workforce training programs, and significantly increase the informal science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) experiences available for young people. Project SkyLab is scheduled to open in January 2021.

"ACE is a very special and important launchpad for the aerospace industry as our programs



and scholarships have caught their attention worldwide,” said ACE CEO John “Lites” Leenhouts. “Because of the belief in our collective vision, ACE has the potential to be a major resource in staffing the future of the aerospace industry with its next leaders.”

According to the organization, the expansion includes 8,000

square feet of convertible space for educational use, events and exhibits, a new lobby and entrance for the Florida Air Museum, a state-of-the-art simulator training lab, holographic theater and planetarium and aerospace resource center, educator planning space and new corporate headquarters for ACE. The \$4.6 million project was funded by private and corporate donations and a \$493,000 grant from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. ■

# Boeing to Retire Aviall Brand Name As Supply Chain Capability Continues to Grow

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Boeing announced that it will retire the Aviall brand name. Parts, equipment and supply chain solutions previously sold by Aviall will be offered directly by Boeing through its portfolio of aerospace aftermarket supply chain service offerings. The change is part of the company's plan to integrate and align its businesses under the Boeing brand and systems.

“Through our robust and growing supply chain capability, Boeing offers industry-leading distribution and repair solutions to customers across the commercial, government, business and general aviation markets,” said William Ampofo, vice president of Global Services Supply Chain. “Streamlining our operations under a single brand will further strengthen the services and support our customers know and trust from Boeing, Aviall and legacy KLX Aerospace. We will work closely with customers and suppliers to help them realize the benefits of the industry’s most integrated, optimized and responsive global supply chain.”

Aviall and its predecessor companies have provided aftermarket parts, equipment and services for the aviation industry since 1932. The company was acquired by Boeing in 2006, and has operated as part of Boeing's supply chain capability since 2017.

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# U.S. Airports Screening for Coronavirus Emanating from Wuhan, China

## CDC Increases Screening Staff at 20 U.S. Airports

The U.S. government is directing more personnel to assist with coronavirus screenings at 20 airports as the outbreak of the deadly virus continues.

The additional resources will be sent to airports that handle nearly all incoming passengers from China, the Washington Post reported, citing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The American airports already with CDC-operated screening areas “receive 90 percent of all passengers from China,” Pence said, according to the report.

Concerns are rising over the coronavirus outbreak in China and the potential disruption to global supply chains. The State Department issued a Level 4 advisory for Wuhan, meaning “no American should travel to Wuhan while this virus continues to have impact,” Vice President Mike Pence said.

The department also ordered personnel working at the U.S. Consulate General in Wuhan — the epicenter of the outbreak — to depart for the United States.

The CDC had previously enhanced screening of passengers from Wuhan, China, at five airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, San Francisco International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Most cases of infected patients and deaths have been reported in China, however there are confirmed cases reported in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The virus can be spread before any symptoms appear, Chinese health authorities said carriers may not realize they are infected before they transmit the virus to others.

In Hong Kong, where there are reported cases of coronavirus, Cathay Pacific Cargo issued a statement that operations remained normal at Hong Kong International Airport and that its freighter schedule was unaffected.

Meanwhile, Michael Osterholm, director of the center for infectious disease research at the University of Minnesota, issued a stark warning of potential disruption to global supply chains, particularly pharmaceutical products. “Many of the critical products we use every day, such as medicines and medical devices, are actually manufactured in China’s areas being shut down,” he said on CNBC. “These are just-in-time delivery systems, and we already have shortages in this country from Chinese-made drugs.

“There are many diverse industries in the area near Wuhan. Every company that has any manufacturing capacity in China right now better be looking very carefully at their supply chains. “On arrival to the United States, travelers from Wuhan may undergo health screening, including having their temperature taken and filling out a symptom questionnaire,” CDC said on its website. Travelers with additional symptoms such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing will have an additional health assessment.

The CDC is developing a diagnostic test that will be sent to hospitals and state health departments to determine whether people are infected. Those who seem likely to be infected with the virus will be sent to area hospitals for further testing and treatment. Dr. Cetron said hospitals in each city had been designated to handle possible cases, but declined to name them.

“It doesn’t take much for a virus in general to go from being worrisome to being extremely worrisome, because they tend to morph and mutate a lot,” Dr. Messonnier said. ■



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The Boeing 777X airliner lifts off for its first flight at Paine Field on Jan. 25, 2020, in Everett, Washington. The plane is the latest iteration of its popular wide body model, which feature more fuel efficient engines than its predecessor and composite wings.

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# Boeing 777X: World’s Largest Twin-engine Jet Completes First Flight

Finally, after months of bad news, Boeing has something to be hopeful about. It comes as the firm attempts to boost its image after its 737 Max airplanes was grounded last year following two fatal crashes that killed 346 people.

The flight took off near Seattle and lasted four hours. Two prior attempts were called off due to high winds. Further tests are needed before the aircraft enters service with Emirates next year.

The 252-foot-long passenger plane had been due to launch this year but has been delayed by some technical difficulties. The 777X is a larger and more efficient version of Boeing’s successful 777 mini-jumbo. Standout features include folding wingtips and the world’s largest commercial engines.

“It represents the great things we can do as a company,” said 777X marketing director Wendy Sowers. Boeing says it has sold 309 of the aircraft - worth more than \$442 million each at list prices.

The plane will go head-to-head with the Airbus A350-1000 which seats about 360 passengers.

Boeing has been in crisis since the 737 Max crashes, which occurred within five months of each other - first in Indonesia in October 2018 and then in Ethiopia last March.

It is facing multiple investigations amid accusations that it sacrificed safety as it rushed to get its jets to customers. It is attempting to have the plane re-approved for flight.

The grounding of the 737 Max, which had been Boeing’s best-selling plane, is estimated to have already cost Boeing more than \$9bn.

Meanwhile, Boeing has secured more than \$12 billion in financing from more than a dozen banks as the industrial giant shores up its balance sheet amid the nearly yearlong grounding of the 737 Max, according to people familiar with the matter.■

# U.S. Government Says FAA System for Checking Out Aircraft Is Safe

Amidst the uproar over the 737 Max crashes and aftermath, the FAA stated that the system relies on to certify new passenger planes has been deemed both safe and effective by a government committee appointed by Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao following the second fatal crash involving a Boeing 737 MAX last year.

Nonetheless, officials agree that the FAA and aircraft manufacturers must work together to ensure that employees designated to make inspections as planes go through the approval process aren’t put under “undue pressure,” according to the *Associated Press*, citing a report from the committee.

Despite the recent release of damning documents, the committee described the FAA’s certification process as “rigorous, robust and overseen by engineers, inspectors, test pilots and managers committed to the primacy of safety,” noting that the FAA needed five years to finally certify the MAX.

The FAA’s decision to certify the MAX as an update to previous generation 737s instead of treating it as a new type of aircraft had no effect on its safety conditions. “Each said a new TC (aircraft type certificate) would not have produced more rigorous scrutiny of the 737 MAX 8 and would not have produced a safer airplane,” the report stated via the AP.

Ultimately, the committee’s purpose was to gain a better insight into the FAA’s process in an effort to improve future efforts rather than find a scapegoat for the two crashes, which killed a combined 346 people.

“The committee’s approach was collaborative, not investigatory,” the report stated. “Its mandate was to collect and analyze information, not find fault.”

While airlines continue to extend 737 MAX flight suspension into the summer, the committee called U.S. commercial aviation a “model of safety efficiency and innovation across the world.” The U.S. air carrier fatality rate was just 0.6 per 100 million in the fiscal year 2019, according to the report. ■



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# DOT Reports No Complaints As Citywide Program Leaves Drivers High and Dry

Queens drivers could soon be left hanging high and dry as a new DOT traffic program is rolled out citywide. The program already has been scoring Bronx cheers from drivers whose cars have been left airborne after hitting barriers designed to curb traffic.

After several weeks of seeking information and comment on a new safety improvement that has drivers fuming-- the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) has stated they have had no complaints from drivers and the program is citywide.



Business owners in the area placed a portable traffic barrier over the DOT-installed "Bollard" that has drivers fuming.

In early January, Harvey Grossman, a driver and owner of D-Cap insurance on East Tremont Avenue in the Bronx provided several photos of different vehicles that struck the curb on a newly installed traffic island and the vehicles were then caught on a 2-foot plastic bumper, a barrier designed to protect pedestrians.

Grossman, who claimed at least one car a month has gotten stuck on the bumper since it was installed at East Tremont Avenue and White Plains Road in August, explained, "Their making the left turn here and they don't really see it."

The bumpers have been seen in four separate locations and drivers have reported them in several more locations throughout the Bronx.

After repeated attempts, on January 30, the DOT issued the following statement, "DOT has not received any formal complaints regarding this intersection. Please note, as with many of our safety improvement projects, it takes time for motorists to get adjusted to the new street design."

Unknown which of the two locations the "spokesperson" was referring to. The statement continued, "In regards to traffic statistics, from August 2019 to December, 2019, there were five crashes at this site, which resulted in one severe injury and zero fatalities." Or as Grossman stated, about one crash a month. The spokesperson also did not mention if these bumpers were involved in these crashes or the cause of them.

The statement concluded, "These types of bollards work to deter speeding and turning vehicles from entering pedestrian spaces and are at numerous locations throughout the borough and citywide."

No word on how many such barriers are scheduled to be installed throughout Queens or when.

DAVID GREENE, Bronx Voice

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The 2-foot high "Bollard" installed by NYC DOT have been snagging cars, causing damage to vehicles and causing drivers to pay for tow-trucks to remove them.



## Vaughn College Holiday Event

Vaughn College held their Holiday New Year's Reception on Thursday evening January 9th. Alumni, employers and friends were invited to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and mingle with new and old friends in the College's vestibule.

Jessica Caron, Director of Career Services was on hand to greet guests as they arrived, along with a number of other faculty.

Dr. Sharon DeVivo, President of Vaughn College, welcomed the group, wished everyone a Happy New Year and spoke of a couple of new and exciting programs the College will be offering. The college is waiting for approval, an MBA in Aviation Management, and a Masters in Cyber Security is planned.

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## DHL Express U.S. Hosts “Sustainable Catwalk” at JFK

Fashion show producer and supermodel Jessica Minh Anh made history with the first ever catwalk centered on the globally sustainable supply chain. Powered by DHL Express U.S., J Winter Fashion Show 2020 premiered the most exquisite fashion collections, while highlighting the modern upcycling and delivery process in a creative and sustainable way. Part of Jessica's iconic Fashion x Sustainability series, the high-profile event was held February 6th at the DHL Express John F. Kennedy Gateway and follows the international successes of previous enviro-fashion phenomena atop Hoover Dam, Gemasolar power plant, and the Race For Water solar-wind-hydro powered vessel.

“Since shipping and logistics is such a big part of the fashion industry, I believe it is crucial to minimize environmental impacts by using green logistics solutions. What drew me to DHL is its great commitment to sustainability. From optimizing transport routes and rolling out alternative fuel vehicles, to operating energy efficient warehouses, DHL is reducing transport related CO2 emissions. It is

important for me to partner with a company that prioritizes the health of our planet,” said Jessica Minh Anh.

In preparation for the grand outdoor catwalk, Jessica Minh Anh visited DHL facilities and met with top executives at John F. Kennedy airport to outline the vision of the show. The fashion icon also modeled exclusive haute couture designs by Rami Kadi, Kujta & Meri, Pnina Tornai, VUNGOC&SON, Ella Gafter and Cristina Sabatini against the epic backdrop. No stranger to mind-blowing catwalks at the most challenging locations, Jessica not only presented innovative fashion and luxury collections, but also explored how fashion and the global supply chain can be more sustainable. Like her previous iconic productions, J Winter Fashion Show 2020 celebrated diversity, unity, creativity and sustainability alongside fashion from Europe, Asia, Australia, and the United States.

“We are very excited to join forces with Jessica Minh Anh in this historic project,” said Reiner Wolfs, Vice President and General Manager, Northeast Area, DHL Express U.S. “Her



powerful message of motivating the younger generation to take action for a better future aligns perfectly with our vision for zero emission logistics.”

With an environmentally conscious approach, Jessica has selected official partners who put sustainability as a priority, including IWG's brand Spaces, Veestro, Warren Tricomi, scheimpflüg, Cream Ridgewood, Tone House,

and Gotham Hotel among others.

A TEDx keynote speaker and a representative of the environmentally engaged younger generation, Jessica's passion cuts to the heart of the global challenge. More than a modern fashion statement, J Winter Fashion Show 2020 stimulates a global conversation about sustainability triggered by a unique and visually impressive experience. ■



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## Boeing No Longer World's Largest Aircraft Manufacturer

Europe's Airbus becomes the world's biggest aircraft manufacturer as Boeing struggles to get its bestselling MAX jets back in the skies.

In a humbling course of events, Airbus has taken the lead in aircraft deliveries by toppling Boeing as the largest aircraft manufacturer. Boeing has seen a sharp fall in deliveries as its bestselling MAX jets remain grounded following two fatal crashes. It's not the first time the U.S. plane maker has lost the crown to its European rival.

Airbus — which has trailed Boeing since 2012 — delivered a record 863 aircraft in 2019, Reuters news agency reported, citing airport and tracking sources. Boeing, on the other hand, had delivered just 345 planes by the end of November and is on course for its worst performance in more than a decade, mainly hurt by the grounding of the MAX aircraft.

The U.S. plane maker delivered 806 aircraft in 2018, slightly more than its European rival's tally of 800.

Boeing's 737 MAX jets have remained grounded since March last year following a fatal crash of the plane in Ethiopia that killed 157 people. The tragedy took place less than five months after another MAX crashed in the Java Sea off the Indonesian coast, killing 189 people. The grounding has cost the plane maker more than \$9 billion so far.

Boeing, which is also facing several compensation claims from victims' families and airlines hit by the grounding, has reported just 30 new orders for its MAX planes since the crash in Ethiopia. The plane maker said last month it would suspend production of the beleaguered aircraft in January amid concerns that the grounding would last well into this year.

The single-aisle 737 MAX, first delivered in May 2017, has been Boeing's bestselling plane ever, with more than 350 planes registered and about 5,000 on order. The MAX program is critical to the company. It represents nearly 80% of Boeing's commercial aircraft order backlog and nearly 60% by value.

Boeing and Airbus have been involved in a fierce competition over the past decade to win orders for new jets and occupy the top spot in the jetliner industry. The two are also part of a 15-year-old World Trade Organization dispute, blaming each other of being unfairly subsidized by their governments.

Airbus reigned as the world's biggest plane maker for a decade till 2012 when Boeing regained the top spot after delivering more jets.

Boeing launched its 737 MAX planes in response to Airbus' fuel-efficient, single-aisle A320 Neo jets which became an instant success among airlines. The two rivals have combined orders in excess of 11,500 for the two jets, underscoring airlines' preference for fuel-efficient jets.

Boeing's order book does not yet include a letter of intent for 200 MAX planes announced by British Airways owner IAG at the Paris air show in June.

Boeing, however, continues to lead Airbus in deliveries of wide-body, larger planes such as Boeing's 787 Dreamliner and Airbus' A350, which enjoy bigger profit margins. Boeing delivered 224 wide-body planes compared with Airbus' 147. ■

### Late Breaking News on Boeing MAX

Boeing on Friday, January 25th said: We do not expect regulators to sign off on the 737 Max until June or July. People familiar with the matter said. That date is months later than the manufacturer previously expected.

The delays pose another headache for carriers who have already missed one peak travel season without the planes. Shares of the manufacturer fell on the news, trading down by more than 2% in afternoon trading.



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## Hawaiian Airlines Most Punctual of U.S. Carriers, Says OAG

What are the most punctual airlines in the world? Travel data and insight provider OAG’s annual survey put together rankings across a host of categories. It split up airlines into categories, like mega (the world’s top 20 operators globally, according to scheduled 2019 flights) and mainline (excluding low-cost carriers; must have flown 30,000 scheduled 2019 flights and have been in the top 250 operators across the world in passenger capacity).

OAG based the report, which covers the biggest airlines and airports, on 57.5 million flight records from 2019.

Hawaiian Airlines is the most punctual of U.S. airlines according to the Official Airline Guide, an organization that tracks such data.

The Honolulu-based carrier, with an on-time performance rating of 87.4%, was the only airline in the OAG’s top ten, which covered mainline and regional carriers.

In the list of North American carriers, in addition to Hawaiian in the number one slot, the list included Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Southwest Airlines, WestJet, Allegiant Airlines, American Airlines, and United Airlines, as number two through ten respectively. ■

## Expanded Lunar New Year Activities at WTC

The Chinese New Year 2020 or the Spring Festival (Lunar New Year) was celebrated on Saturday, January 25th, according to the traditional Chinese Calendar. This year, we celebrate The Year of the Rat.

In Chinese astrology, each year is represented by an animal. 2020 is the year of the Metal Rat, which is predicted to be a lucky year. The rat has also been celebrated in 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008. The Rat has the first position in the zodiac, and is represented by diligence, kindness, and generosity.

Building on its widely successful, first-ever Lunar New Year celebration on the World Trade Center campus last year, the Port Authority, in partnership with Westfield and the China Institute, announced that it will stage an even more elaborate series of activities this year to mark the occasion.

This years’ Lunar New Year will allow us to cast a spotlight on Chinese traditions and culture,” said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. “We thank our partners at Westfield and the China Institute for facilitating some of these events, which continue our ongoing initiatives to create a year-round engaging customer experience on the World Trade Center campus.”

“Chinese New Year is a wonderfully colorful, cultural, and festive holiday that presents a unique, yearly opportunity to engage the Lower Manhattan community with an array of experiences and programs. From art to business, fashion to food, we look forward to educating Americans about China with our downtown partners,” said China Institute Marketing Director Jeremy Willinger. ■



## 2020 JFK Rotary Club’s 5K Runway Run

Honoring Ed Dougherty

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## Upcoming Airport Events

[www.metroairportnews.com/airport-events](http://www.metroairportnews.com/airport-events)

### February 2

**NEW YORK METRO CHAPTER OF THE BLACK PILOTS OF AMERICA**  
Republic Airport (FRG), East Farmingdale, NY  
[www.nymetrobpa.org](http://www.nymetrobpa.org)

### February 4

**THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS IN QUEENS: THE CANDIDATES FOR QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT**  
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[www.queenschamber.org](http://www.queenschamber.org)

### February 5

**LAAMCO MONTHLY MEETING**  
LaGuardia Airport, Terminal B Central Terminal Building (CTB), NY  
[www.laamco.com](http://www.laamco.com)

### February 5

**JFK AIRPORT ROTARY CLUB DINNER MEETING**  
Vetro Restaurant & Lounge, Howard Beach, NY  
[www.JFKRotaryClub.org](http://www.JFKRotaryClub.org)

### February 8

**HOPS AND PROPS CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**  
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY  
[www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org)

### February 10

**CIVIL AIR PATROL FALCON SQUADRON MEETING**  
JFK Airport, Building 14, Jamaica, NY  
[www.falconsquadron.org](http://www.falconsquadron.org)

### Feb 11

**OPEN HOUSE: MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)**  
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### February 12

**JFK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS MEETING**  
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### February 27

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### March 3

**QCP "EVENING OF FINE FOOD"**  
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[www.queenscp.org](http://www.queenscp.org)

### March 21

**ACADEMY OF AVIATION OPEN HOUSE**  
Republic Airport, Farmingdale, NY  
[www.academyofaviation.com](http://www.academyofaviation.com)

### March 26

**JFK AIR CARGO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CARGO EXPO**  
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### April 1

**2020 BISHOP WRIGHT AVIATION INDUSTRY AWARDS LUNCHEON**  
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[www.christfortheworldchapel.org](http://www.christfortheworldchapel.org)

### April 26

**2020 JFK ROTARY CLUB'S 5K RUNWAY RUN**  
Honoring Ed Dougherty  
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