Snapshot

LANDING PATTERNS

It took 27 painters eight days to complete the livery on this new Shenzhen Airlines 737-800, shown landing last month at Shenzhen International Airport in southern China following a delivery flight from Seattle. The festive design features 31 colors and celebrates Shenzhen Airlines' participation as a global partner of 2011 Universiade, an international sports competition for university athletes that will be held in Shenzhen next month. Established in 1992, Shenzhen Airlines also was the first Chinese carrier to order the 737-900. "Our long-term partnership with Boeing has played an essential role for the development of Shenzhen Airlines," said Feng Gang, the airline's president. PHOTO: CHU WENNING/CARNOC.COM



Quotables

"This is our house. That's what we call it."

 Raffie King, referring to Boeing's new North Charleston, S.C., final assembly facility. King and her fellow teammates will start assembling the site's first 787 over the summer. From the June 6 Charleston Post and Courier newspaper.

"A helicopter would have had a hard time doing this.... We had the pedal to the metal the whole time."

– Pilot of the U.S. Marine Corps V-22 that rescued the pilot of a downed U.S. Air Force F-15 in Libya in March, referencing the tilt-rotor V-22's high cruise speed. The rescue mission from the USS Kearsarge, located 150 miles (240 kilometers) offshore, took 90 minutes round-trip. As reported in the Delaware County Times, May 26.