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Baltimore City celebrates the historic 300th birthday of the Port of Baltimore

Including the world famous Lexington Market and the Baltimore Orioles

WHAT: Mayor Martin O'Malley and the City of Baltimore will celebrate the historic 300th birthday of the Port of Baltimore with a day of family events hosted by the world famous **Lexington Market** and the **Baltimore Orioles**.

Celebration activities will begin at Lexington Market at the Eutaw Street entrance, where Mayor O'Malley will join the city in celebrating the Port's 300th birthday. Lexington Market will create a birthday cake to honor the Port of Baltimore's 300th birthday. Mayor O'Malley will kick off the birthday party with the traditional cutting of the cake.

The Baltimore Orioles will complete the day of celebration with a home game at Camden Yards against the Cleveland Indians. The Honorable Helen Bentley, chairman of Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee, will begin the game by throwing the **first pitch**. Fans attending the game are invited to visit the Port of Baltimore booth, located behind homeplate between gates D & E, to receive free commemorative baseball hats and hand flags.

WHEN/

WHERE: Birthday Cake Celebration at the world famous Lexington Market
400 West Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
**Birthday cake celebration will take place at the Eutaw Street entrance*
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
11 a.m.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Cleveland Indians
Oriole Park at Camden Yards
333 West Camden Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
6:50 p.m.

TICKETS: To purchase tickets to the Baltimore Orioles game, please call 888-484-BIRD (mention the Port of Baltimore).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend both events. Interested reporters and photographers should contact Kristi Betz, Weinberg Harris & Associates, at 410-427-0123 x225 or 443-570-3012 (day of event). For additional information, please contact Kristi Betz.

About The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee (www.portofbaltimore300.org):

Under the leadership of Helen Bentley, the Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee was created in June 2005. The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee is a group of maritime industry experts as well as representatives from the city and state who are coordinating efforts to promote the 300th celebration year of the Port of Baltimore. Campaigns throughout the year recognizing the 300th anniversary include a signature event to be held on June 1, 2006 at the Southside Cruise Terminal at Locust Point, bus tours of Dundalk and Seagirt Marine Terminals, participation in the city's semi-annual Waterfront Festival and the Volvo races in the Inner Harbor, the unveiling of a

commemorative 300th anniversary license plate and fine lithograph, as well as special exhibits and activities with partner organizations. For more information about the upcoming events and campaigns, please visit www.portofbaltimore300.org.

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