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Mica Finds Ally in Fight against TSA
Aviation International News
John Mica's war to neutralize or minimize the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The television journalist reported last month that when the Florida Republican was helping to create the TSA, he added a provision that allows airports to "opt ... See all stories on this topic »

New flights to Texas start from Myrtle Beach
Chicago Tribune
Spirit Airlines will fly to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport three times a week, opening up a new market for visitors especially golfers to get to the Grand Strand and giving locals an easier way to get to the west. The flights will run during ... See all stories on this topic »

Waiting 4 years on a FOIA at TSA
Politico (blog)
... Barack Obama's pledge to run the most transparent administration in history: ProPublica just received a Transportation Security Administration complaint database the non-profit investigative journalism outlet requested nearly four years ago. See all stories on this topic »

Mississippi Airport Hands Off FBO Management
Aviation International News
by Curt Epstein AMS plans to begin operating the FBO at Tupelo Regional Airport as early as next month. The airport authority at Tupelo (Mississippi) Regional Airport has voted to transfer management of the airport-owned FBO to local business AMS of ... See all stories on this topic »

Smyrna Airport now flying to Branson
The Daily News Journal
Corporate Flight Management CEO Allen Howell, Social Flights CEO Jay Deragon and Smyrna Airport Executive Director John Black sit in a plane like the one that will be flying from Smyrna to Branson, Mo., starting Thursday. / Taylor Loyal/DNJ To get ... See all stories on this topic »

Airport Director Greg Donovan Named Interim Okaloosa County TDC Director
WJHG-TV
The county's Airport Director, Greg Donovan will step in temporarily and work at least four months until the position is filled. Donovan replaces former Executive Director, Mark Bellinger, who recently took his life amidst controversy surrounding the ... See all stories on this topic »
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**Airport offers new 'park and plug' option**  
*Savannah Morning News*

There is no fee to use the stations, which will be reserved for electric vehicles only and marked with special signage, but regular parking rates will apply upon leaving the parking garage, said airport executive director Patrick Graham.  
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**TBI Selected By City of Atlanta to Continue Management of International ...**  
*MarketWatch (press release)*

SANFORD, Fla., May 08, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- TBI Airport Management, Inc. (TBI) announced today their selection by the City of Atlanta Department of Aviation to manage both Concourse E and the new Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal, ...  
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**Sarasota airport police probe: No 'actionable items'**  
*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*

Jim Carlino chief of police for the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport stands near a jet bridge at the airport on April 30. The 10-person department is in turmoil with poor morale high employee turnover and growing questions about the hiring of ...  
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**Blue Grass Airport since Comair crash**  
*WKYT*

If you fly out of Blue Grass Airport, or if you are a pilot, navigating the runways today is vastly different compared to August, 2006 when Comair Flight 5191 crashed. Airport Executive Director Eric Frankl says, "As you can see now, obviously these ...  
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Norfolk International Airport to get $11.7M face-lift
The Virginian-Pilot
Norfolk International Airport will start an $11.7 million renovation of the main terminal this summer. The roof's coming off to make way for a huge skylight. Also going are the kiosks in the middle. (Rendering by Gresham, Smith and Partners | via city)
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Federal Diary: House subcommittee looks into Homeland Security corruption
Washington Post
McCaul and Keating were pleased that Winkowski appeared to represent his agency, but they were not happy that TSA and ICE sent lower-level officials. They all emphasized what their agencies are doing to fight corruption. To Keating, the absence of top ... See all stories on this topic »

Shreveport Regional Airport to increase parking rates
Shreveport Times
The short term parking lot shown full at the Shreveport Regional Airport. Parking rates will go up 50 cents an hour beginning June 1. File Photo/The Times Parking rates at Shreveport Regional Airport will go up by 50 cents per day beginning June 1.
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Airline to Offer First-Class Service at Lafayette Regional Airport
KATC Lafayette News
Delta Airlines passengers traveling from Lafayette Regional Airport this summer will be able to travel in first class. The Atlanta-based company has announced it will begin offering the service in June. This is the result of Delta using larger jets to ...
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Briefly: Airport seeks mementos
Shreveport Times
Shreveport Regional Airport is about to turn 60, and its parent organization hopes the public can help supply airport photos from throughout its life to make the celebration special. Officials at the Shreveport Airport Authority hope the public can ...
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Virginia judge dismisses DWI charge against former FAA chief ...
Sixty-five-year-old Randy Babbitt resigned his post in December after news of his arrest became public.
www2.wsls.com - News

Atlanta airport leaders look to future
Online Athens
By AP ATLANTA — Officials at Atlanta's airport are looking beyond the opening of the new international terminal next week with long-range plans that include the potential for a sixth runway and two new concourses. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution ...
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For the Romanian speaking members (just kidding) see the following link to a more recent article in a Romanian paper, pictures included:

http://www.adevarul.ro/actualitate/eveniment/Evadare-comunism-avionul-vanatoare_0_502749878.html

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If you are in the AAE program, Mihai hopes to hear from your soon.

United to add daily service between Shreveport and Denver
Washington Post
Travelers wanting to head farther west from Shreveport Regional Airport can add Denver to the list of destinations. United Airlines announced Tuesday the addition of Denver flights to and from Shreveport Regional Airport. The nonstop daily service will ...
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DHS underscores efforts to battle corruption
FederalNewsRadio.com
By Ruben Gomez The Homeland Security Department is trying to reassure lawmakers that its efforts to prevent corruption, in the wake of scandals at the General Service Administration and Secret Service, are working. But for DHS, a spate of recent ...
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Faceless but connected: Welcome to Airport 2025
Reuters
By Peter Myers (Reuters.com) - The airport environment will be unrecognisable by 2025, but only if the industry shifts paradigm to create a "streamlined, stress free and holistic service", a new report says. And there's a trade-off: Automated, ...
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**Charleston County airport panel considers bringing attorney on staff**

Chicago Tribune

MOUNT PLEASANT — The expanding needs of Charleston International Airport caused its oversight agency to consider bringing an attorney on staff Wednesday. The Charleston County Aviation Authority legal committee met for 90 minutes to talk about the ...

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**Body found at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport**

Savannah Morning News

By Savannah Morning News Savannah-Chatham police detectives were working with the Beaufort County, SC, Sheriff's Office on Wednesday night after a woman's body was found on the second floor of a Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport economy ...

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**Congressional report blasts TSA waste**

USA TODAY

By John Bacon, USA TODAY A report to be released today by House Republicans claims the Transportation Security Administration mothballed $184 million in equipment that could be improving security at airports -- and then tried to hide the mismanagement, ...

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**Airports Authority is 'dysfunctional'**

WTOP

An Inspector General's audit lists those items among its criticisms of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. The report says the 13-member Airports Authority, which has members from Virginia, Maryland, DC and the federal government, ...

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**Charlotte Douglas International Airport scores high for on-time performance**

Charlotte Business Journal

Charlotte Douglas International Airport scored highly in a recent survey by the US Department of Transportation ranking on-time performance. Charlotte Douglas International Airport received high scores in a recent comparison of airports' on-time ...

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**Charleston County Aviation Authority credit rating raised | The Post ...**

Charleston County Aviation Authority credit rating raised. Staff report; Posted: Monday, May 7, 2012 4:29 p.m.. UPDATED: Monday, May 7, 2012 4:30 p.m.; Text ...

www.postandcourier.com/article/.../120509326&source=RSS
**Memphis Airport Authority approves $1 million in incentives for new service**

The Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority approved $1 million in incentives for airlines to add new service locally. The Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority approved an air service development program with financial incentives and fee savings to ...

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**Memos and distinctions | The Post and Courier | Charleston SC ...**

The Charleston County Aviation Authority has been designated a Gold Level Well Workplace by the Wellness Council of America. Charleston optometrist Dr.

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**Jurors: Airport trial wasn't about sand**

The News Herald

Sand dominated the two-and-a-half week trial to determine if Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR), manager of the construction project to build the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, was responsible for more than $8 million in excess costs.

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**Florence airport sued by the United States**

WPDE

Court documents show the US had a lease agreement for 1000 square feet of office space with the airport for the Transportation Security Administration. The government says it was to pay the airport $18400 a year for the space, but due to a mistake, ...

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**Florence Regional Airport Director resigns**

SCNow

Hartsell Rogers, director at the Florence Regional Airport, resigned from his post of more than 10 years Monday. Rogers said although he resigned, he plans to retire to spend more time with family. Also, he plans to do a lot more flying and continue ...

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**Murfreesboro Airport manager to make case for runway extension**

The Daily News Journal

Airport fuel sales and hangar rentals will cover the other 10 percent. Gehrke and other airport officials say Murfreesboro Municipal Airport will remain a Class B-II airport that can only handle aircraft with wing spans between 49 feet to 78 feet and ...

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**Aviation exhibit takes off**

News Chief

Aviation enthusiasts and art patrons alike can experience the melding of perspectives as Ridge Art Association and the City of Winter Haven present the 2012 Aviation Exhibition 7 am to 7 pm daily through April 2013 at the Winter Haven Municipal Airport ...

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**One-stop shopping in Tupelo**

WTVN

Services formerly provided by the Tupelo Airport Authority will now be handled by Airport Management Solutions. They will handle management, staffing and retail maintenance. Five different proposals were submitted to take over operations formerly ...

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Hattiesburg-Laurel director tapped as Mississippi Airports Association president
Hattiesburg American
Thomas Heanue, executive director of Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport, was selected as president of the Mississippi Airports Association. Heanue, who had served as vice president the past two years, will replace Don Shepley, director of planning and ...
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Louisville airport reports fewer travelers, lower express shipments in April
Business First
April passenger volume on commercial flights at Louisville International Airport declined nearly 1 percent from a year earlier, to 272642 from 272863. Louisville International Airport reported a slight decrease in travelers on scheduled flights last ...
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Passengers at Little Rock airport complain of lengthy waits, officials say ...
The Republic
Executive director Ron Mathieu says some passengers arrive less than an hour before their flight is to leave — despite airport and airlines advisories that they arrive at least 90 minutes before departure. The airport's website tells passengers to ...
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Security director among those disciplined in airport security breach
Naples Daily News
By KRISTINE GILL The highest ranking security officer at Southwest Florida Regional Airport is among 42 Transportation Security Administration workers disciplined after an internal investigation found last week that they failed to properly screen ...
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Asheville Airport To Become A More "Regional" Authority; Airport Road Corridor ...
WHKP
Critical to the economy of the whole Western North Carolina region, the airport operates now as an "authority", governed by an airport authority Board. That Board was expanded a while back to include a member from Henderson County appointed by the ...
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Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport Authority to increase in size
The Herald-Mail
By MATTHEW UMSTEAD matthew.umstead@herald-mail.com Berkeley County Council voted 3-0 Thursday to add four additional members to the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport Authority. Council President William L. “Bill” Stubblefield abstained from voting ...
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Northwest Florida Regional Airport police force up and running
The Leading Aviation Industry Resource for News, Equipment and
The new police department headquartered at Northwest Florida Regional Airport took over May 1 from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Tennyson, a former St. Johns County sheriff's deputy, and Sgt. Richard Noiseux lead eight officers hired from ...
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Local airport fees are good
Martinsburg Journal
Airport Manager Bill Walkup presented the comparisons at the Airport Authority's regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday. "The trend is we are very competitive with West Virginia airports, but not with regional airports," Walkup said.
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Augusta Regional Airport parking grows
The Augusta Chronicle
By Meg Mirshak

Construction projects adding more than 600 parking spaces at Augusta Regional Airport are expected to help relieve shortages there. A new long-term parking lot with an additional 420 spots opened Monday, roughly doubling the existing ...
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Orlando-Sanford airport may part ways with TSA
WFTV Orlando

Orlando-Sanford International Airport is just weeks away from finding out if it can part ways with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The federal agency has until June 21 to respond to the airport's application to replace TSA screeners ...
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Members of Congressional Delegation Announce $1.6 Million for Arkansas Airports
PoliticalNews.me (press release)

WASHINGTON DC – US Senators Mark Pryor and John Boozman, along with Congressmen Rick Crawford (AR-1), Steve Womack (AR-3), and Mike Ross (AR-4) announced that five Arkansas airports will receive a combined $1644504 in Federal Aviation Administration ...
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Morgantown will try to zone out most gas drilling
Charleston Gazette

On Tuesday, the City Council will introduce six zoning ordinances that would effectively limit drilling to 600 acres surrounding the Morgantown Municipal Airport. "In West Virginia, you can't use zoning to ban any type of use," said Chris Fletcher, ...
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Dulles Airport Adds A Virtual Assistant Named Paige At Customs Checkpoint (PHOTOS)
Huffington Post

WASHINGTON -- Dulles International Airport, following the lead of London, Frankfurt and other airports, has added a virtual assistant greeting international travelers. Paige, a 3-D hologram, aids international travelers just before they reach customs, ...
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3 W.Va. airports to receive funding for upgrades
State Journal

The Barbour County Airport Authority will receive $150000, the Marshall County Airport Authority will receive about $495000 and the Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority will receive $150000. Each of the airport authorities will use the funds to build ...
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Higher TSA fees clear Senate committee
Hawaii News Now

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted Tuesday to recommend approval of an increase in the TSA fee from $5 to $10 per person per roundtrip, a move sought by TSA after its regular funding was cut in the interest of deficit reduction.
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