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**Gunn steps down as Florence Regional Airport executive director**

Incoming interim Florence Regional Airport executive director Chuck Henderson will take over on Monday after current director Eddie Gunn announced his resignation Thursday, Aug. 8, after 15 months on the job. Gunn recently accepted the position as ... [See all stories on this topic »]

**Business spikes at Lake Charles airport**

"It's all an indication of the region because an airport's success goes hand in hand with the economy," Aircraft departing Lake Charles are 90 percent full, up from about 69 percent at the beginning of the year, according to airport reports. "That's ... [See all stories on this topic »]

**Savannah air fares tied for fourth-highest of top 100 airports**

The average fare for the DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' Top 100 airports is $379. “It's not something we're happy about,” said airport executive director Greg Kelly, adding that both the airport and community are working hard to find a ... [See all stories on this topic »]

**PTI pushing FAA for new air traffic control tower sooner - Greensboro**

The Federal Aviation Administration said this week that it has secured about $1 ... [www.bizjournals.com/.../faa-plans-to-begin-designing-new-air...]

**Slander lawsuit filed against former airport manager**

BROOKSVILLE - Robert Rey, owner of Jet Concepts Inc. has filed a lawsuit against the former manager of the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport. Rey is alleging that Don Silvernell slandered him by calling him a "crook," someone who "doesn't pay his ... [See all stories on this topic »]

**Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport Sees Growth**

"Convenience and you don't have to run between gates and parking is a big deal," says Fye. Flights aren't the only thing taking off. General ... [See all stories on this topic »]

**Richmond International Airport switches to less polluting shuttle fleet**

"We hope this is the start of this type of CNG movement in our region," said Bob Crum, executive director of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, which provided federal transportation grant money to the airport to cover most of the ... [See all stories on this topic »]
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**Former Lexington airport director Michael Gobb found dead**
Lexington Herald Leader
Michael A. Gobb, the former executive director of Lexington's Blue Grass Airport, has died, his employer confirmed Wednesday. Alan Stein, president and CEO of the SteinGroup, said he found Gobb unresponsive after going to his apartment about 4 p.m. ...

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**Gobb's service: Ex-airport chief made valuable contributions**
Lexington Herald Leader
Mr. Gobb's open, affable leadership style and his eagerness to listen to everyone were key to sorting out the controversy in a way that satisfied the warring parties. Mr. Gobb oversaw a renovation and expansion that gave us an airport that's the right ...

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**Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport Awarded FAA Airport Safety Distinction**
The Leading Aviation Industry Resource for News, Equipment and
The safety and security of our users is our highest priority and we are honored to have received this prestigious safety award from the FAA in recognition of safety initiatives completed at SRQ" said airport President, CEO Rick Piccolo. The Sarasota ...

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**Second former Foothills Airport manager pleads guilty in corruption case**
Hickory Daily Record
ASHEVILLE NC -- Former Foothills Regional Airport Board Member Randy Hullette pleaded guilty to embezzlement and witness tampering Wednesday. The first charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years and up to $250,000. Maximum for second ...

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**Airport starts work to cover 300 parking spaces**
The News Herald
“For the short term, we're going to lose about 300 parking spaces,” said ECP executive director Parker McClellan. “We have a plan to accommodate most of those.” The project will add 300 covered parking spots where the airport's rental car lot is located.

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Clarksville's airport manager charged with stealing from Warren County airport

The Tennessean

Clarksville's airport manager was indicted last week on charges that he stole more than $17,000 while he was at the helm of Warren County's airport. John Patterson, 42, allegedly forged daily logs at the Warren Country airport between 2007 and 2011, ...

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Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport adds new concession services

Nooga.com

"We listened closely to our customers and employees and feel that this is a very strong solution to provide a superior-quality food and beverage experience and outstanding service," Terry Hart, president and CEO of the Chattanooga Airport Authority ...

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Foothills Regional Airport ex-board member in court Wednesday to plead guilty

Hickory Daily Record

MORGANTON, NC — Former Foothills Regional Airport Board Member Randy Hullette is expected to plead guilty to embezzlement and witness tampering on Wednesday. According to the federal clerk's office in Asheville, Hullette is expected to have an initial ...

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TSA employee arrested, accused of inappropriate contact with co-worker

WKYT

LEXINGTON, Ky. (WKYT) - A man is facing charges after one of his employees accused him of being inappropriate. According to documents, the victim stated that her manager 39-year-old Shane Hinkle, forcibly touched her in a sexual manner four times over ...

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Aviation Authority board needs to stop being the problem
Charleston Post Courier
He's confident, for sure. "I'm convinced I can do both jobs well!" he confidently declared to his board Thursday. One of his Senate colleagues has no doubt that he can. “He'll be great for the Aviation Authority, and he will continue to be a great ...
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New restaurants soon to arrive at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood airport
Sun-Sentinel
"With us, I think you see strength, I think you see financial stability," CEO Tom Fricke told the selection committee earlier this year, "but more importantly, you should have the certainty that over the long years of this relationship, we will ...
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Okaloosa Airports Director looks to add destinations to Northwest Florida Regional
The Northwest Florida Daily News
Okaloosa County’s new airports director wants to bring new destinations to Northwest Florida Regional Airport. Sunil Harman, who was hired last month to oversee the county’s three airports, wants officials to consider hiring an air service development ...
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McConnell Selected as Beaches International Airport's Deputy Director
wmbb
Richard McConnell, the new deputy executive director, started work on August 20 and was introduced at Wednesday's meeting of the Airport Authority board. McConnell, 52, brings more than 30 years of airport management experience to ECP and fills the ...
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Baggage Belt Catches Fire At Orlando Airport
RTT News
Orlando International Airport's deputy executive director, Ron Lewis, said he believes the cause of the fire was equipment failure. "It could have been a motor, it could have been an issue of something sparked in some kind of way," Lewis said. The ...
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What's next for the Memphis Airport?
Memphis Business Journal
Last week, Scott Brockman was picked to become the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority's next president and chief executive officer. Brockman, who has been executive vice president and chief operating officer, will replace retiring president and ...
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Christopher Elliott: Patience with TSA is just about up
USA TODAY
After the release of a Government Accountability Office report that revealed widespread TSA employee misconduct, including screeners involved in theft and drug smuggling, public sentiment is squarely on the side of a top-to-bottom overhaul that could ...
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Snapshot: Airlines in Florida
Florida Trend
Industry changes boosted airlines' health, but the reduced capacity is hard on individual airports, says Bruce Pelly, executive director of the Palm Beach County Department of Airports, which runs Palm Beach International. “Financially, we're doing ...
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Former TSA supervisor from Holly Springs charged with shoplifting
Cary News
John Allen, a public affairs manager with TSA in Atlanta, described Mohammed as a “former employee” of the agency, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security. Allen declined to say when Mohammed stopped working with the agency, but he said ...
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SLO airport manager takes job in Columbus, Ga.
The San Luis Obispo Tribune
Richard Howell, whose last day as general manager of San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport is Tuesday, will begin work Oct. 1 as director of the airport in Columbus, Ga. Howell, 57, announced his resignation from the San Luis Obispo airport earlier ...
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Roanoke Regional Airport Renovations Complete
WSET
Roanoke, VA - Renovations at Roanoke Regional Airport are all but done after more than seven months of work. An airport spokesperson says the final touches are being worked on with the project wrapping up within a week. The $4 million upgrade includes ...
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Southwest Florida airport adds service to Mexico
Bradenton Herald
The airport has year-round service to Dusseldorf, Germany, and Toronto, Canada, along with seasonal service to Montreal and Ottawa. MetJet CEO Mike Heisman said he wanted Southwest Florida International to be a stop on his Green Bay, Wis.-to -Cancun ...
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Mobile Regional Airport traffic continues climbing; new, expanded routes sought
al.com
In the short term, that means continuing to convene the Air Service Task Force that Wehner said is working diligently to quantify, analyze and truly define the market in support of the airport authority's business case for new and expanded service ...
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Above-average air fares remain challenge for Mobile Regional Airport
al.com
"People don't realize, the airlines decide what the ticket price is – not us – and airlines' fares can fluctuate hourly," said Buddy Rice, public relations and marketing manager for the Mobile Airport Authority. "Any company is going to set their price ...
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Police investigate why pig's head put on hood of car at airport

Lafayette — Someone put the head of a pig on the hood of a vehicle Sunday in the Lafayette Regional Airport's short-term parking lot, Lafayette Police said. Lafayette police spokesman Cpl. Paul Mouton said officers received a call at around 6 p.m. ... See all stories on this topic »

Man Arrested, Charged With Stealing Copper Wire From Augusta Regional Airport

The investigation later revealed that West took the listed property from the business, selling it to an area recycling center, all during normal business hours and without the authorization of Augusta Regional Airport. At the time of this arrest, West ... See all stories on this topic »

Augusta Could Join Airport For Parkway Landscaping

Annisa Jones and her mom came to the Augusta Regional Airport to drop of a relative they say the road leading in was nothing to write home about. "How did it look did it strike you as pretty or anything? "It was decent it could be a little better ... See all stories on this topic »

Tampa International Airport CEO Joe Lopano up for another raise

The chief executive officer of Tampa International Airport is poised to get his third raise in 20 months at Thursday's meeting of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority governing board. The chairman of the board, Robert Watkins, proposed the 5 ... See all stories on this topic »

FAA approves aircraft maintenance facility in Lake Charles

LAKE CHARLES — AAR Corp. has received Federal Aviation Administration approval to begin operating a previously announced aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul facility in Lake Charles. Chicago-based AAR initially will employ 250 people at the ... See all stories on this topic »

Lawsuit may result from Mobile Airport Authority's decision to withhold ...
TSA agent charged with smuggling of Brazilian nationals
Orlando Sentinel
September 13, 2013|By Desiree Stennett, Orlando Sentinel. A Transportation Security Administration agent working at a Puerto Rico airport is accused of helping to smuggle a group of Brazilian nationals into the country. On March 24, 2012, David Diaz ...
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9 Investigates: TSA, private screeners at Orlando airport
WFTV Orlando
Following the 12th anniversary of Sept. 11, an Orlando congressman is pushing for big changes to the TSA. Representative John Mica helped put the TSA in place. His goal was to have private screeners take over two years after 9/11, but that's only ...
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Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority considering buying 76 acres of farmland
Bradenton Herald
TALLEVAST -- The Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority is looking to pick up 76 acres owned by the estate of a Tallevast Road pioneer. The land in consideration at 2105 Tallevast Road is owned by the Estate of Heidi Boothe, the philanthropist who ...
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Meet the Airport Virtual Assistant, or AVA at Northwest Florida Regional Airport
WJHG-TV
“Ava is a virtual assistant that never gets tired, never gets annoyed or irritated and in a very pleasant way at the point when the message should get delivered informs passengers on what they need to do,” said Sunil Harman, Airport Director VPS. Ava's ...
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Airport police officer arrested on charges of sexual battery on a girl
ActionNewsJax.com
A police officer with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority is on unpaid administrative leave following his arrest on charges of sexual battery on a girl. The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested 46-year-old Raymond White on Saturday. White is from ...
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Florence airport gets federal loan for working capital
SCNow
FLORENCE, S.C. — The Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority received a $1 million, zero-interest loan from the federal government for working capital that it plans to used toward paying another loan in an effort to reduce costs. In April the PDRAA began ...
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Auburn aviation receives FAA flight time exemption
Moulton Advertiser
Auburn University's aviation programs have become the sixth in the nation to receive a Federal Aviation Administration exemption related to training. The Opelika-Auburn News reports (http://bit.ly/1gqsEjg) that the FAA exemption means the programs are ...
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SLED investigating Charleston airport board after director's resignation
Charleston Post Courier
The State Law Enforcement Division has launched an investigation into the Charleston County Aviation Authority after the former director suddenly resigned in July, SLED confirmed Monday. “We received a request, and we are conducting an investigation,” ...
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Charlotte Douglas to stay with city for now, FAA says Charlotte Observer
Charlotte Douglas International Airport will remain under control of the city of Charlotte for now, according to a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration sent ...
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Sources: City leaders not happy paying former aviation director WSOC Charlotte

They suggest the compensation of Executive Director Jerry Orr could be one of the ... what he’s doing to earn it since airport operations remain under city control.

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Savannah airport wins air service grant Savannah Morning News

“This grant will go a long way to help us achieve one of our major air-service goals, which is direct service to Boston,” said airport executive director Greg Kelly.

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Former Tupelo airport director appeals dismissal of federal lawsuit The Republic TUPELO, Mississippi — Terry Anderson is appealing a judge’s ruling dismissing his lawsuit against the Tupelo Regional Airport Authority over his firing. See all stories on this topic »

Collier wants county manager to oversee airports Naples Daily News

Despite a public outcry and a push by two commissioners, Airport Executive Director Chris Curry's three-year contract wasn't extended Tuesday. Collier County ... See all stories on this topic »

Memphis International Airport announces partnership with German ... Memphis Commercial Appeal "Ultimately, one of our most important goals is to expand international cargo business and attract major cargo carriers," Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority ... See all stories on this topic »

Naples Airport Authority welcomes Avfuel Naples Daily News Avfuel Corporation began providing fueling services at Naples Municipal Airport Oct. 1. The company also provides marketing and service support for the Airport ... See all stories on this topic »

Tupelo airport requests $1.2M from city Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal

Tupelo Airport Authority executive director Josh Abramson formally made the request to City Council members on behalf of the airport authority, which believes ...

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Assistant city manager serving as interim airport director resigns Tallahassee.com Assistant city manager serving as interim airport director resigns ... Interim Tallahassee Regional Airport Director Jay Townsend will be leaving his executive ... See all stories on this topic »
**Airport confirms Jet Blue is coming to Savannah**

The coastal source

The airport's Executive Director Greg Kelly confirmed the information early Monday morning. JetBlue will begin with two flights daily to New York's John F. Kennedy Airport starting Feb. 13, 2014, wrote Lori Lynah, director of the airport's marketing ...

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**Atlanta airport celebrates its first Airbus A380 route**

USA TODAY

"We've spent several months making a number of enhancements to airport facilities in preparation for the arrival of the world's largest aircraft," Louis Miller, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's general manager, says in the statement ...

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**A Closer Look at the HondaJet – The New Kid on the Block**

Airline Reporter

They were the third and fifth FAA-conforming HA-420 HondaJets, appearing for the first time together. A uniquely designed aircraft, the HondaJet will enter the small business jet market once the final rounds of FAA certification and testing are ...

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**FAA restricts use of Charlotte runway**

Kansas City Star

The FAA says it's worried that while the diagonal runway does not cross the path of one of the parallel runways, the flight paths of planes using those two runways could intersect. The diagonal runway had been used to route jets between 11 p.m. and 7 a ...

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**Huntsville airport passenger traffic drops; board approves tax abatements for ...**

al.com

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama – The Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority approved a resolution Tuesday to grant ad valorem tax abatements of $207,020 over 10 years to Huntsville-based Advanced Systems Technology, which is planning a $3.7 million ...

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**Progress continues to modernize Birmingham's airport**

Alabama's13.com

There's new information regarding the status of the renovation work being done at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. During Monday's Birmingham Airport Authority Board of Directors' meeting, directors received a progress update on the ...

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**Greenville officials show off newly-renovated airport**

Greenville Advocate

“When a CEO of a business looking to possibly locate in Greenville flies into town, the first thing they see is this airport,” Mayor Dexter McLendon said while speaking at an open house held at the Mac Crenshaw Memorial Airport Thursday night. “This is ...

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**Copa Airlines official lauds Tampa Bay**

Tampabay.com

Rick Scott, airport CEO Joe Lopano and Panama's Vice Minister of Tourism Ernesto Orillac joined the airline CEO to tout Tampa Bay's first route to a major Latin American hub. Flights start Dec. 16 and will run four days a week. "If we had known that we ...

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