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## **Security Checkpoint Enhanced at International**

The security checkpoint area in Terminal A has expanded at Sacramento International.

A total of three additional metal detectors and color monitor x-ray machines were installed on March 8, thus expediting the security screening process.

“Travelers in Terminal A are now spending less time waiting at the security checkpoint area thanks to the smaller lines,” said Ann LeBlanc, airport security coordinator for the Sacramento County Airport System.

America West, Delta, Continental and Southwest currently operate a total of 92 daily flights in the 13-gate terminal.

The Airport System worked in conjunction with Southwest and the federal Transportation Security Administration to install the new security equipment. This is the first time that International has had as many as six metal detectors with x-ray machines at a security checkpoint area.

In spite of the recent security upgrade, travelers should still consult their airline regarding the amount of time they should arrive at the airport prior to their scheduled departure.

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### **Southwest to Add Four New Flights**

Southwest Airlines is launching four new daily nonstop flights to John Wayne Airport in Orange County on April 7 from Sacramento International.

The 70-minute flights will be departing from Terminal A at 9:20 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m. and 8:05 p.m. Orange County will be the 10<sup>th</sup> city to be served by Southwest out of Sacramento.

During calendar year 2001, the carrier handled 50.8 percent of International's 8.01 million annual passengers.

With the addition of the new service, Southwest will operate 70 of the 150 daily flights at the airport. The carrier is located in Terminal A, where America West also provides five daily flights between Sacramento and Orange County.

“Regional travelers now have two great airlines to choose from when flying between Sacramento and Orange County,” said Cheryl Demetriff, deputy director of marketing and public relations for the Sacramento County Airport System.

Southwest has served the Sacramento region since June 1991, when it began flights to Burbank and Ontario.

"We are very excited about being able to offer this new service to our existing and potential customers," noted Heather Newman, marketing manager for the carrier in Sacramento.


“John Wayne Airport has been the most frequently requested destination by our southbound passengers for years, so it is tremendous to be able to respond with these four daily nonstops.”

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### **Hawaiian Airlines Coming in June**

Hawaiian Airlines announced it will initiate nonstop service between Sacramento and Honolulu on June 7, the first time an airline has offered regular service between the state capital and Hawaii. See next month's Airport Beacon for further details.

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## **Deputy Director Laura Gipson Retires**

Laura Gipson, deputy director of operations and maintenance for the Sacramento County Airport System, retired on March 30.

Gipson launched her 30-year county career with the Welfare Department, beginning as an eligibility worker before being promoted to a supervisor. She then transferred to Personnel Management as a personnel analyst.

Gipson subsequently served as an accountant in the Health Department. In 1981, she began working as an administrative services officer for the Airport System.

Developing contracts with tenants at Executive Airport was her first assignment. She soon received a promotion to properties manager for the Airport System and served in that post for seven years.

In 1989, Gipson received the nod to manage the new Landside Operations section. She held that position for 11 years, and was responsible for overseeing all public use areas between Interstate 5 and the security fence at International.

Gipson became deputy director of operations and maintenance in June 2000.

In that capacity, she was responsible for planning, organizing and directing operations and maintenance at the four facilities in the Airport System--International, Executive, Mather and Franklin Field.. Gipson also oversaw the System during the days that followed the horrific events of September 11, which subsequently led to many operational challenges under new federal security requirements.

Gipson is now retired with her husband Ken, a former Sacramento County employee. Their retirement plans include moving to Hawaii's Big Island Kona coast, where she says she will work on honing her beachcombing skills.

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**Profile: Two New Station Managers Arrive at Sacramento International**

Horizon Air has a new station manager at Sacramento International, as does Frontier, the new carrier that recently initiated operations at the airport.

Erin Schwartz is the new station manager for Horizon. She most recently worked for the carrier in Yakima, Washington, serving as station manager there for three years.

Thus far in 2002, Horizon has added a total of three nonstop flights to two new destinations—Boise and Palm Springs—from International.

“There is a lot of potential for growth in Sacramento,” Schwartz noted.

Horizon is owned by Alaska Air Group, the parent company of Alaska Airlines (which operates five daily flights at International).

Schwartz supervises the 30 Horizon employees who work in of the carrier’s seven daily flights, including four daily nonstop departures to Portland. She began her career with Alaska Airlines in fleet service while on a summer break from Northern Arizona University, and then decided to stay in the aviation industry.

Her experience with Alaska and Horizon has ranged from administration to operations.

“I developed an appreciation for different tasks,” Schwartz said. “All of them are equally important.”

A self-described “news freak” who enjoys reading non-fiction, she also likes to hike with her dog, a German shepard-husky mix.

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Jessy Summers is the station manager for Frontier Airlines, the airport's newest carrier.

Summers previously worked as a supervisor for Frontier in Phoenix. He arrived in Sacramento prepared for the region’s heat.

“But my first day here it literally snowed,” he remarked with a chuckle. “I’m still waiting for the hot weather.”

He will not have to wait very long. In the meantime, Summers is focused on meeting and exceeding the needs of Frontier’s passengers at International.

“Our goal is to provide passengers traveling to and from Sacramento with safe, affordable air travel and legendary customer service,” he said.

Frontier is operating from a ticket counter in Terminal B2 next to Northwest Airlines. The carrier began twice-daily nonstop service to Denver from Sacramento on February 26.


Sacramento is the 29<sup>th</sup> city served by Frontier nationwide. The carrier is based in Denver and has about 2,200 employees.

After attending college, Summers began his aviation career as a navigator in the Marine Corps. His current hobbies include rooting for the Nebraska Cornhuskers (for whom he played college football for two years as a running back) and riding a Harley Davidson Heritage Springer motorcycle.

“Sacramento is a very friendly town to a newcomer,” he said.

To say nothing of its snowy weather.

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## **On the Fly**

On March 23, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration every three years, Sacramento International Airport tested its emergency operations by staging a mock disaster. The exercise was designed to train all employees and mutual aid participants who would respond to an actual aircraft emergency.

A total of 25 students took part in a recent Groundhog Job Shadow Day at Sacramento International and Mather airports. The participating students from Folsom High School spent the day with Airport System employees, observing their duties with a view toward accumulating knowledge about future career opportunities in aviation.

Aviators Restaurant at Executive Airport is now serving dinner with increased menu selections. The restaurant is open Friday and Saturday until 10:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday until 9:30 p.m., and Monday until 3:00 p.m.

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## **Monthly Traffic Report**

Passenger traffic at Sacramento International was down 1.3 percent in February 2002 versus February 2001. Air freight shipments at Mather Airport decreased 61.9 percent, while aircraft operations declined 16.5 percent at Executive Airport.

	<u>Feb 2002</u>	<u>Feb 2001</u>	<u>Last 12 Months 2001-2002</u>	<u>Prior 12 Months 2000-2001</u>
<b><u>International Airport</u></b>				
Passengers	546,329	553,728	7,993,008	7,988,502
Air Freight (tons)	5,827	4,872	68,704	67,050
Aircraft Operations	11,449	10,857	152,329	150,147
<b><u>Executive Airport</u></b>				
Aircraft Operations	7,707	9,231	119,441	120,407
<b><u>Mather Airport</u></b>				
Air Freight (tons)	4,711	12,379	105,544	185,129
Aircraft Operations	6,573	5,722	120,149	

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