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FEATURED ARTICLE

Delta-Northwest Merger Nearing Completion-It's hard to believe that nearly two years have passed since Delta acquired Northwest, but now, finally, the mega-merger of these two carriers is almost complete.

SmarterTravel 1/6/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Delta, American, United see better premium travel-The nation's three largest airlines say they're seeing an uptick in demand for business and premium tickets, which could signal the beginning of a recovery in all-important corporate travel.

ABCNews 12/9/09 ([Full Story](#))

Continental Airlines Launches New Service To Fiji-Continental Airlines Inc. said Thursday it will launch nonstop service from Honolulu and its Guam hub to Nadi, Fiji.

MSNBC 12/17/2009 ([Full Story](#))

Boeing claims 'historic day' with Dreamliner test flight-After more than two years of delays, Boeing's 787 Dreamliner made its maiden flight Tuesday in a three-hour trip that the maker described as a success.

CNN 12/16/2009 ([Full Story](#))

JFK's largest runway to close for repairs; officials expect no major delays-The largest runway at John F. Kennedy International Airport will be shut down in March for renovations.

ChicagoTribune 1/8/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Southwest thrives on policy of free checked bags Bumped about paying \$20 to check a bag? Southwest sure hopes so.-Southwest is the only U.S. airline that lets passengers check two pieces of luggage for free. And as it heads into the Christmas travel season, Southwest is continuing its "bags fly free" ad campaign, which it says has shown results.

USAToday 12/14/2009 ([Full Story](#))

Europe fares get pricier as airlines raise fuel surcharges-Major airlines have raised fuel surcharges on travel to Europe by \$20 per roundtrip, and some have added conditions that could cause travelers to pay higher fares.

USAToday 1/13/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Continental, Delta Upping Checked-Bag Fees-Continental Airlines and Delta Air Lines once again are upping the fees they charge domestic economy passengers to check a

first and second piece of luggage.

BTN 1/12/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Air Security Concerns Prompt Longer Wait Times, Carry-On Restrictions-Major airlines and transportation security agencies throughout the world are warning travelers bound for the United States of longer passages through security checkpoints and revised carry-on policies, as the upper reaches of the U.S. government continue to assess the long-term airport security implications of the failed Christmas attack on a Northwest Airlines flight.

BTN 1/5/2010 ([Full Story](#))

European response mixed to new U.S. airport demands-Airline passengers bound for the United States faced a hodgepodge of security measures across the world Monday, but most European airports did not appear to be following a new U.S. demand for increased screening of passengers from 14 countries.

USAToday 1/4/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Full-body scanners to be put in Canadian airports-Full-body scanners will be introduced in Canada in the wake of the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt of a U.S. airliner, Canada's transport minister said Tuesday.

CBS 1/6/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Many Caribbean, Latin America airports lack safety zones-Many of the busiest airports in the Caribbean and Latin America lack basic safety features that could have prevented the recent crash of an American Airlines jet in Jamaica, according to pilots, aviation safety experts and public documents.

USAToday 1/12/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Japan, U.S. Open Skies Deal Awaits Antitrust Blessings-The recently ironed out Open Skies agreement between the United States and Japan requires the approval of antitrust immunity applications between carriers from both countries before moving onto final passage, a process that could last through much of 2010, the chief negotiator for the United States said this month.

BTN 12/23/2009 ([Full Story](#))

Crowne Plaza Hotel Opens in Downtown Chicago Along the Magnificent Mile-IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) [LON: IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)], the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms, today announced

that the Avenue Crowne Plaza Chicago has opened just steps from Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile.

HospitalityNet 1/8/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Element, Starwood's Trailblazing Eco-Chic Boutique Brand, Debuts in New Jersey Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. today announces the opening of its first ElementSM hotel in New Jersey and the seventh Element hotel globally, Element Ewing-Hopewell in Ewing, New Jersey, just 10 minutes outside Princeton.

SmartBrief 1/7/2010 ([Full Story](#))

Airport napping rooms let you sleep your layover away-Tiny airport sleeping rooms - similar to the cubicles that Asian travelers use to catch a snooze in between flights - have arrived in America.

USAToday 12/10/09 ([Full Story](#))

Pets in passenger cabin-The number of pets that may be carried in each cabin is limited. In order for your pet to travel with you, you must make your reservations on flights with cabin pet space available.

US Airways ([More Information](#))

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