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Good news comes in threes for Jackson-Evers International Airport (JAN) and the travelers it serves.

JAN Gains Non-stop Service to Washington D.C.'s Reagan National Airport (DCA)

On February 1, 2005 Delta Connection carrier Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA) began non-stop service between Jackson and DCA by offering one flight per day with a 50-seat Canadair regional jet aircraft. Washington D.C. has long been a top destination city for Jackson's travelers and in addition to this new service, Southwest Airlines serves the area with two non-stop flights per day to Baltimore/Washington International Airport. Non-stop air service options from Jackson now include eleven (11) cities and limitless travel connection possibilities.

Delta Air Lines Slashes Fares and Eliminates the Saturday Night Penalty

No more flags on the play here. Effective January 5, 2005 Delta Air Lines announced application of its SimpliFares program nationwide. For Jackson's travelers this meant lower fares and most notably marked an end to the higher fare applied to travelers who did not wish to stay over a Saturday night. Previously, last minute coach class, and advance purchase round-trip coach class fares without a Saturday night stay to Atlanta were approximately \$1,100. Today, the last minute coach fare is \$858, 7-day advance coach is \$458 and 14-day advance coach is only \$278 departing and returning any day. Delta Air Lines together with its wholly owned subsidiary, ASA, provide seven (7) non-stop flights per day between Jackson and Atlanta.

Passenger Numbers Coming in Strong

Through January 2005, the Jackson-Evers International Airport has logged twelve (12) straight months of passenger growth. For the 12-month period JAN served 1,284,135 travelers, 72,339 or 6% more than the prior period. In exceeding January 2004 by 8,762 or 10%, January 2005 became the second double-digit percentage increase of the period.

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