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Today in the Sky
Ben Mutzabaugh

Canada receiving 'specific threats' about flights

Canada is receiving specific threats about civilian planes taking off from Canadian airports and needs greater powers to deal with such issues, a senior security official said. Robin Wright, the prime minister's new national security advisor, was urging the Canadian legislature to approve a law that would give authorities advance information to use in screening even domestic airline passengers, [Reuters](#) reports. *Posted at 7 a.m. ET*

Airlines flying back into the black: The airline industry is expected to report a \$2 billion to \$4 billion profit this year worldwide, its first since the 2001 terror attacks plunged the industry into the red. Giovanni Bisignani, director-general of the International Air Transport Association, said the industry was "booming." The [Financial Times](#) said his comments came amid strong European and Asian airline growth, while in the U.S. airlines were also cutting costs and raising revenue. *Posted at 7:05 a.m. ET*

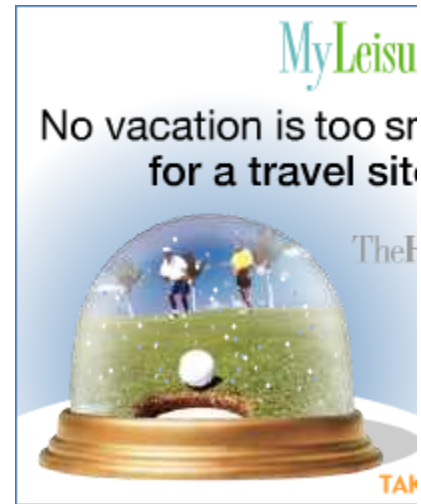
What's hot in the cabin: Whatever the economists may opine, there's at least one clear sign that travelers are feeling more optimistic and keen to fly — accessories. Prowling around a trade show, the [Washington Post's](#) Business Class columnist Keith Alexander found such must-have items as a \$24 pair of socks made from [ZipItGear](#) with a hidden, zippered compartment to stash IDs, money or keys. Or, \$10, five-piece packets of disposable cotton underwear from [Onderwear](#) intended for travelers who chuck them after a single wearing. Travel goods buyers and retailers reported the first real growth in purchases since 9/11, with the focus on greater security, comfort, convenience and individuality. [USA TODAY](#) *Posted at 7:10 a.m. ET*

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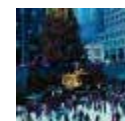
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