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This ensures that TSA can continue to set the global benchmark for providing the highest transportation security standards in the world today. Requires written agreements with foreign governments for the federal air marshal service program. Directs TSA to review training requirements for the federal Flight deck officer program for armed pilots to make it easier to participate in the program.

Accordingly, this opens the door to the kennel which will now allow third party companies to certify canine companies for dog userfor security in the airports market.

Additional highlights include: addresses community noise concerns by examining dispersal headings or other lateral track variations, studying the potential health impact of overflight noise, and reviewing the relationship between aircraft noise and its effect on communities surrounding airports, Directs TSA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to study the use of biometric technology, extends general expenditure authority for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund from September 30, 2018 through September 30, 2023 and extend aviation taxes funding the Airport and Airway Trust Fund from September 30, 2018 through September 30, 2023

Improves air traffic surveillance over oceans and other remote locations, support of single-piloted cargo aircraft with remote piloting. Requires TSA to work with the private sector to better market and improve PreCheck enrollment market, including providing secure online or mobile enrollment. Directs TSA to reach enrollment targets over the next three years. Expands the ability to use the Screening Partnership Program, which allows airports to choose private security contractors instead of TSA employees, Directs TSA immediately to rescreen passengers and baggage that arrives from a foreign airport, upon discovery of specific threat intelligence.

Further, the title establishes processes to accelerate implementation of a low-altitude unmanned aircraft system traffic management system and expedite deployment of commercial UAS by creating a risk-based permitting process, prohibits involuntary bumping of passengers once they have already boarded the plane and instructs the Secretary to clarify current regulations regarding compensation offered in instances of involuntary denied boarding, prohibits the use of cell phones and mobile devices for voice communications while an aircraft is in-flight, and addresses concerns raised by aviation consumers with disabilities by reviewing best practices and conducting studies on how to better improve overall travel experience.

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Billion dollar ladies. Klaudia Fitzgerald of Terminal 1 and Joanna Geraghty of Jetblue Terminal 5 represent $10 billion in investment in the new JFK Airport.

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Racers and supporters of the Annual Sue Baer Run (at Newark Airport), Heather DiLuzio and Cheryl Birch, both of Angel Flight NE with Linda Dutko, Zone Control Supervisor for United Airlines.  

Photo courtesy of Angel Flight

The Sue Baer Runway Run at Newark Airport was held in conjunction with Angel Flights whose mission is to arrange free air transportation so children and adults may access life-saving medical care.

According to Barbara Sica, Angel Flight NE is a nonprofit organization that coordinates flights throughout the Northeast for children and adults who need to access life-saving medical care outside of their region.

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This is the 2nd year that the NIAMCO and the New York/New Jersey Port Authority has held this event so children and adults who need to travel experience asking “Are you ready for your career to reach new heights?”

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Council for Airport Opportunity has jobs

Verdia Noel and Teri Artis of CAO meeting with prospective job candidates at LaGuardia Jobtoberfest!

Photo by Jeff Yapalater

The Council for Airport Opportunity (CAO) in conjunction with the Port Authority and several vendors held a retail and food Service job fair at LaGuardia Airport. Situated in the iconic Marine Air Terminal with its WPA era fresco adorning the walls, this job fair targeted those job seekers with customer service, food and retail experience asking “Are you ready for your career to reach new heights?”

Billed as part of Jobtoberfest, applicants met with representatives from concessions soon to pen at Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport.

CAO partners with other airport related businesses and holds these type of job fairs regularly.

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A salute to the Veteran’s of the 65th Infantry Regiment of Puerto Rico, Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, NYPD, FDNY and Correction Officers.

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Bed Bath & Beyond is offering 25% off an entire in-store purchase made between Nov. 9 and Nov. 12 by military members, military retirees, veterans, and their immediate family members through Veterans Advantage. Participating stores also include Christmas Tree Shops, Buy Buy Baby, Harmon Face Values, Harmon Discount, & Cost Plus World Markets. Simply show your VetRewards Card from Veterans Advantage in store at checkout and save 25% on your entire cart.

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The JFK Airport Redevelopment Community Advisory Council met for the first time behind closed doors Monday October 16th to hold its first council meeting. Comprised of community leaders and elected leaders who represent Queens, the promised JFK Development Council was created by the Port Authority to include the community in the redevelopment plan. This community council will act as a conduit of information between the Queens area and Port Authority in planning for the JFK Vision plan proposed by the Governor in 2017. Governor Cuomo’s support of this construction development will be evident in the Council business as it provides ways and means for interested minority contractors to participate in the construction of the planned redevelopment.

The council is comprised of 40 or so members who met with top people from Port Authority including Executive Director Rick Cotton, Aviation Director Huntley Lawrence, Government and council meeting facilitator Justin Bernbach, Congressman Gregory Meeks and others who were on hand to set up guidelines and a working framework for the council. One person at the meeting said “the whole thing was exciting”, referring to the first steps in outlining the purpose, direction and organizational procedures of the council. Going forward these Council meetings will be open to the public.

According the Port Authority there is no specific date now for these upcoming public meetings nor is there an announced physical address for the community center and nor is there another date for the community forums that have been held to receive input from the communities most affected by the redevelopment plan. The past three community meetings had the purpose of announcing the time line of the redevelopment, general financing, minority contractor participation and the announcement of many jobs. Future Council meetings and planned community forums will drill down more into the specifics as well as strive for a community benefits agreement.

The real first step of the redevelopment started with ongoing construction of the TWA Hotel which will be completed by the Spring of 2019. The second step was the announcement by the Port Authority that T1 and T5 are the as initial foundation of redevelopment partners and who will likely be awarded contracts for the airport redevelopment in the coming months.

The Vision plan initially announced in January 2017 now stands at a total of $13 billion investment in the JFK Airport redevelopment which now consists of a combined $10 billion investment in the JFK Airport redevelopment with top people from Port Authority including Executive Director Rick Cotton announcing recently which unveiled major airport investments and creation of two terminal anchors by JetBlue and Terminal One Group. These two terminals groups have recently gained traction in the development process early and to keep them involved.

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For those less fortunate, the The JFK Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual coat drive. Please contact Clorinda Antonucci, the Chamber Executive Director for locations to drop these needed garments.

The JFK Rotary is helping those in need as well by donating 50 gift cards to the Chapel at JFK for distribution to the needy for Thanksgiving.

The LaGuardia Kiwanis Club is holding a Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway and a Christmas Turkey Giveaway. Both at Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection, East Elmhurst, NY.

November should be called “Vaughnmember”. Vaughn College is filling the month with its annual Gala, an internship fair for businesses and two open houses for students to visit the campus and consider enrolling for a future in the fields of aeronautics and technology.

VAUGHN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE (FOR MORE INFO LOG ON TO HTTPS://WWW.VAUGHN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/PORT/)

The Council for Airport Opportunity has stepped up efforts to assist airport companies in finding good employees. Contact, www.caonyj.com

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October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the airport community embraced support for this cause. Companies throughout the aviation world held special moments to recognize the dangers of unchecked health, women in peril and those women who are struggling with this disease.

It is a testament to the social responsibility of so many people and companies at the airport who give of their time and resources to help make the case for awareness and prevention.

(1) World of Pink Foundation Gala and Fashion Show founder Christine Guarino, (middle rear) with Sisters of Survival raising $30,000 to fight cancer. (2) Marine Air Terminal A employees from Alaska Air and Primeflight stand firm on Cancer Awareness Month. (3) Sheltair Aviation employees Brianna Graham and Dayisi Azevedo show the fund raising products that they are selling to raise Breast Cancer Awareness at Sheltair LaGuardia. (4) Air Cargo Association crew of Jim Burnett, John Ryan, Tammy Card, President Joe Badamo, Mike Bednarz, and First Company Pink ladies Donna Cioffi, Linda Bonanno and Zwanger Radiology Taylor Martello display Got! Checked products for sale to fund efforts for early cancer detection. (5) Donna and Janet Sarrica of the New Park Pizza restaurant in Howard Beach support Maimonides Hospital Cancer care wearing their shirts during Breast Cancer Awareness month.

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2018 Woman of the Year

Our Lady of the Skies Chapel
Sixty three years ago the Our Lady of the Skies Chapel opened at JFK Airport, then called Idlewild. This October the Chapel celebrated the 2018 Annual Luncheon sponsored by the Catholic Guild of JFK Airport. As in recent years, this was an occasion both to recognize men and women who exemplify achievement in our aviation community, as well as to present young people the Yolan DePhillips scholarship co-sponsored by Terminal 4 JFKIAT, for continuing education. This year recipients of the special recognition were Tyler Morse CEO of the new TWA Hotel, Terminal One Landside Manager Klaudia Fitzgerald and Bishop Chappetto, Vicar General Diocese of Brooklyn. All honorees shared the same sentiments of personal appreciation from the Chapel, Church, friends and co-workers. Fitzgerald thanked her mother for their emigration to the USA when she was young. She also gave profuse thanks to her co-workers at Terminal One. Morse took the opportunity to share interesting historic tidbits about JFK Airport, its iconic TWA terminal and the soon-to-be TWA Hotel. This gathering is symbolic of the spirit of camaraderie, professional bonding and belief in the good that does and can exist in the world as evidenced through its generous donation of two $4,000 scholarships to two deserving young people; Alexis Groark and Genesis Milleni Azor.

Father Chris Piasta of Our Lady of the Skies Chapel said, “We are grateful for all the support from all our friends at the airport...it is because of your support that we proudly serve JFK and LGA for over six decades”.

The Yolan DePhillips scholarship award of $4,000 goes to deserving winner Genesis Milleni Azor, whose mother works at JFK Airport, sponsored by Our Lady of the Skies and co-sponsor JFKIAT represented by President Roel Huinink. The second award went to Alexis Groark, daughter of Cathay Pacific Regional Director, Jim Groark.
State Senator Sanders’s office has joined the movement to include Community Benefits Agreement program into the JFK Airport Redevelopment Plan.

In a press statement he says that elected officials representing Southeast Queens from the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly formed a coalition of stakeholders known as the Queens Connection Team to collectively draft the CBA. The goal was to ensure further development of local businesses; create job training and placement; increase educational services; meet the 30 percent state goal for contracting with Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises; and to enhance the quality of life for the Southeast Queens community.

Sanders’s proposal is one of several that is being proposed that will be discussed, negotiated and finalized by the Community Advisory Council that was created by the Port to include community leaders involvement on a host of matters and issues related to the Reimagined JFK.

Sanders listed a couple of groups in his proposal which included The Queens Connection Team consists of representatives from Community Board 12, Community Board 14; Supthin Boulevard BID; the Association of Minority Enterprises of New York, the Center for Community Advancement; Rev. Phil Craig of Greater Springfield Community Church and other stakeholders and the NYCAR Committee which has also weighed in on the CBA initiative and has asked others to help them form a coalition as well for the inclusion of benefits in any redevelopment as put forward by the Port Authority in its public forums held recently on the subjects of the JFK Airport growth.

The Port Authority Community Advisory Council had an initial organizational meeting recently and it is expected that its first public meeting will be in December.

The Sander’s CBA, which can be found at the link below, is a DRAFT, which is still being finalized. Here’s a link to the draft proposal out forth by Senator Sanders:


LGA Community backs new AirTrain

A Better Way to LGA represents community members, economic development groups, transportation advocates, unionized labor, civic stakeholders, and local business leaders who believe it is essential for New York’s future to have a fast and reliable transit alternative for LaGuardia Airport travelers and workers.

More than a dozen organizations joined together to announce the launch of A Better Way to LGA, a new coalition in support of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s proposed AirTrain to LaGuardia Airport (AirTrain LGA). The coalition is comprised of community members, economic development groups, transportation advocates, unionized labor, civic stakeholders, and local business leaders, and is co-chaired by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Association for a Better New York, and the New York Building Congress.

A long list of businesses are supportive of the new airtrain having seen the success of the JFK Airport train. Being that LaGuardia Airport is currently undergoing an $8-billion renovation during which the airport will be completely rebuilt voices are being heard advancing the cause of one at LaGuardia. “Queens businesses are forced to pay a hidden Grand Central Parkway tax due to constant traffic on the roads around LaGuardia, de-
CARGO SHORTS

JFK Cargo Forum

The Airforwarders Association will host a panel meeting on November 13 in the cafeteria at Building 14, 4:30-7pm. A panel of local thought leaders will discuss, congestion, investments and the future of cargo at JFK. Please make reservations at www.airforwarders.org. Sponsored in part by Mobile Air. This will be a strong interactive program.

WFS goes Italian

American Airlines Cargo, WFS launch operations in Milan. Nina Cham-lou October 5, 2018 Carriers, News

American Airlines Cargo is continuing to invest in its European presence with the launch of operations at Worldwide Flight Services’ (WFS) new Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) cargo terminal, which will handle the airline’s daily flights to New York (JFK) and Miami (MIA).

The northern Italian hub manages 54 percent of Italy’s air cargo traffic and hosts 115 all-cargo flights per week. MXP said. Last month, WFS opened the 53,000-square-foot MXP cargo terminal, with contracts from China Cargo Airlines and American Airlines Cargo already under its belt. The facility has the capacity to accommodate a diverse portfolio of goods, including auto parts, fashion and pharmaceuticals. WFS also renewed its contract with Thai Airlines across France extending a decades old relationship.

Kenya Air

Worldwide Flight Services is handling the new Kenya Airlines which began last in October. An arrival celebration was held in JFKIAT to welcome Kenya to JFK Airport and a good load of cargo was loaded for the return trip to Kenya according to a rund handler.

The Lufthansa Group reported revenues from its Logistics business segment up 11% y-o-y in 3Q18. Higher revenues were a response to a more favorable pricing environment, which boosted cargo yields, and were the result of an increase in marketable cargo capacity across the Lufthansa Cargo network. Air cargo capacity, measured in available cargo-tonne-kilometers (AFTKs) rose 5% year-over-year in the first nine months of 2018, in part. In May 2018, Lufthansa Cargo and United Airlines also launched their long-awaited joint venture, which has boosted trans-Atlantic traffic.

Qatar e-mail

Qatar is using a fully automated mail management system across its global network in more than 4 fzen stations. Qatar Airways chief officer cargo Guillaume Halleux said, “This is certainly a game-changer in the industry as we move forward with our automation and digitalisation initiatives that not only enhance the customer experience, but also demonstrate our contribution to the environment by implementing 100% paperless operations.” Vice president of network integration strategy at Descartes, Jos Nuijten, added, “As international e-commerce growth continues to increase demand for air mail transportation, our technology improves operational productivity and provides greater visibility essential to transforming the customer experience.”

Iceland Air

IcelandAir has reduced its cargo presence at JFK due to cost cutting at the airline. Their freighter service is no longer active and most of the employees at Building 78 are leaving their service to a GSA company.

Swissport

China’s HNA’s Swissport continues to be the subject of industry talk that it may be up for purchase as had been the thought for several months evenas it picks up new business and shares good financial results. Word has it that investment firms such as Cerberus and Singapore state investment firm Temasek, Brookfield Asset Management are considering the acquisition for the ground handler. Cerberus recently purchased WFS as another large acquisition would increase Cerberus’s footprint across the world.

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Three community hearings were held for public comment on environmental impact from the proposed construction on runway 13L-31R at JFK airport as part of the approval process for the runway rehab project.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed Reconstruction of Runway 13L-31R and Associated Taxiways project at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). The Proposed Project includes the reconstruction of Runway 13L-31R in concrete, the construction of a new high speed taxiway, and the realignment of Taxiways U and V. The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (Port) invited the public to submit, in writing, comments on the Draft EA prepared for the Reconstruction of Runway 13L-31R and Associated Taxiways project.

There are two areas of concern each by a different community of the airport; one is the public which feels the impact from noise pollution and environmental damage while the other is the airline community which sees the impediment and other issues related to aircraft operations at the airport.

Port has three consecutive evening meetings for public comment on the proposed rehabilitation of runway 13L-31R and the environmental impact the new concrete paving would have. At one of the meetings two environmental engineering companies displayed information about the work to be done and the impact studies that were made. The largest objection from a couple of people familiar with the airport was the change of the flight path due to the use of different runways. One company representative pointed out the slight changes of flight patterns but insisted that the noise levels would not increase due to the construction. Another objection over the repaving was debated. It was the contention of the engineers that the new pavement is more stable, not intrusive and since it is meant to last for forty years that this was a benefit without environmental impact.

The airlines have their own point of view. 13L-31R is a major runway at JFK and there has been a lot of concern over the impact that the closure of this runway would have on the airport.

At a recent KAAMCO meeting, there was concern with the months construction frame with over the possibility of delays, diversion of aircraft, and lack of availability of gates when bad weather hits the area. But according to the FAA Air Traffic Control comments, they are working closely with the terminal operators, airlines and Port Authority to mitigate any disruptive construction actions. In a recent meeting with the Port and the airport community a lot was discussed about the interruption of regular operations, and ways in which the Port has improved many conditions that could negatively affect the airport. Based on recommendations from the LaHood and IATA report and comments, Port has intensified its focus on improving all aspects of airport operations which could help during the runway closure.

The Draft Environmental Assessment document for the upcoming JFK Runway 13L-31R rehabilitation project is available for public review and comment on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey website via the following link: https://www.panynj.gov/about/studies-reports.html.

Note the public comment period officially closed on Monday, October 29, 2018.

For more information regarding the runway project please use the following link: https://www.panynj.gov/press-room/press-item.cfm?headLine_id=2998
(01) Celso Alvarez, Associate Vice President of Enrollment at Vaughn College, is happy for the new students at Vaughn.

(02) Pamela Nucifore is the LGA Chief Pilot and first female Chief Pilot at Endeavor Air, who interacted with children at Kids Day at LaGuardia Airport.

(03) Judah Price is one of the young girls who is a member of the Black Pilots Association on Long Island.

(04) Genci Malo, Duty Manager Terminal One Group, JFK Airport.

(05) Shelley LaRose Arken, Commissioner, Long Island MacArthur Airport. Serving mid-island.

(06) Raymond Mayo, Board Member LaGuardia Kiwanis and CEO MPSI Security. You will always find Ray working diligently on behalf of the LGA Kiwanis.

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(07) Laurelli Faustin is a Customs and Border Protection Officer at the Port of JFK.

(08) Lucio Stanzione, long time Swissport customer service representative at Alitalia JFK.

(09) Verika Thompson, Allied Universal security guard at Terminal 1 is a friendly face for arriving international travelers.

(10) CBP TTRT team member, Ashley Perez.

(11) Swissport baggage handler Richard Black who is also a member of the Black Pilots Association on Long Island.

(12) Welcome to Tracy Kass as General Manager Hilton Garden Inn, JFK Airport
The Carlyle Group is an investment partner in Terminal One Group for the JFK redevelopment plans announced recently by the Port Authority.

Now Carlyle is expanding and has agreed to acquire 100% of Apollo Aviation Group (AAG), which has grown to become a leading multi-strategy institutional investment manager currently investing SASOF IV, our fourth institutional real assets fund, which focuses on mid-life, in-production commercial aircraft.

Apollo Aviation Group had assets under management of approximately $5.1 billion as of March 31, 2018, including 243 aircraft owned, managed or in its future fleet. AAG will become a new business line, operating as Carlyle Aviation Partners Ltd., within Carlyle’s Global Credit Segment. Closing for the acquisition is expected no later than January 31, 2019.

Established in 2002, AAG raises closed-end funds from limited partners to provide financing solutions to the commercial aviation sector. This acquisition will allow Carlyle’s Global Credit platform to offer long-duration exposure to commercial aviation markets through a variety of credit, equity and structured finance instruments.

Carlyle Co-CEO Kewsong Lee said, “This corporate acquisition expands Carlyle’s Global Credit capabilities, particularly in the growing asset-based credit market. AAG is a scalable platform with strong growth prospects given its 16-year history and track record of performance.”

AAG has ties with Irelandia through leasing aircraft to VivaAerobus which began its US entry into the U.S. in October at Terminal One, JFK Airport.

Irelandia Aviation is the world’s premier low cost carrier (LCC) developer with Declan Ryan having been involved in establishing or managing six low-cost carriers over the past 30 years, including Ryanair, VivaAerobus, Tiger Airways of Singapore, and Allegiant Air in the US.

According to an Irelandia statement they shape the LCC opportunity, invest behind it and work intensively with management, partners and investors to make it a success. Through the Ryan family, they pioneered the LCC model in Europe and are now replicating that model around the world. VivaAerobus in Mexico and VivaColombia in Colombia. Grupo IAMSA has acquired the total of Irelandia Aviation’s stake in Grupo VivaAerobus, and wholly owns VivaAerobus.

NEW DISRUPTOR FOR AIR CARGO

BY JEFF YAPALATER

WFS founder Olivier Bijaoui and Consolidated Aviation Services (CAS) founder Simon Caviezel are set to disrupt the ground handling market with their new company, Transborder Aviation Holdings (TAH). Bijaoui said at TiACA’s Air Cargo Forum in Toronto, “The big new challenge for air cargo is e-commerce. It will revolutionize the cargo environment and we will need to be able to cope with those changes; we are going to have to be creative and start a new style of handling” which will incorporate e-commerce.

Bijaoui recently bought a stake in a Paris CDG-based France Cargo Holdings, which has 12 domestic locations, as well as Belgium Airport Services in Liege, both of which will form part of the network and are part of their whole strategy of acquisitions and forming alliances.

Bijaoui commented that “People always try to be smart in creating complex answers to simple questions, but it’s not complex. The most serious challenge will be how to organise it – and how to price e-commerce handling. The price will also be a real challenge. You can’t just get 8 cents a kg for this, it doesn’t work. Before, life was simple: general and express. Now, for the same money as general cargo you have to make it fast too.”

Pricing is indeed an issue especially here in NY and specifically at JFK Airport. Recent minimum wage increases, shortage of workers, port fees, real estate and compliance costs add to the operational overhead and already have ground handlers here concerned about profitability.

However as with any start-up, there is a reliance on financial partners institutions and personal investment as well as excitement with new ventures that starting this venture may be easier but may not be a long term success. Couple that with the investment by the Cerberus Group with deep pockets in purchasing WFS, one of the partners old companies and you have a big competitor to contend with.

Despite that, Bijaoui said “The opportunities are there. We know enough people to do cargo handling, and people will join us and that by the end of 2019, we will have a respectable network,” said Bijaoui.

“We want to cover the major gateways – but if you look at what’s happening in Europe, freighters are moving away from the big hubs over things like congestion. Does this mean his network will focus on secondary cities ripe for freighter growth?”

When asked about his old company WFS he said, “a bit funny to go head to head with WFS, but it’s part of life”.

“You can’t reinvent the wheel,” said Bijaoui.

“But you have to be good at what you do.”

The ground handling world looks forward to the next generation of ground handling by two veteran industry leaders.

NY City to Boston in 36 minutes? How is this possible?

AIRPORT VOICE

Well, Transcend Air wants to get business travellers directly to and from major cities with a new flying taxi service. The Boston-based aviation company has fifteen prototypes for a six-seater aircraft that will get commuters from New York to Boston (US$280) one-way in 36 minutes using its Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) air vehicle. The company has put on its website “Vertical Take Off and Landing. Stroll to your flight from your office.”, however this leaves a lot of questions as to where one’s office actually is. How many buildings in Manhattan have a suitable pad on their rooftop or near by midtown. Nevertheless, the company is already taking reservations on its website for the future service.

The company states sustainability, meeting expanding travel demands without building airports, enhanced Safety, each aircraft with its own whole-aircraft parachute and aircraft will be FAA-certified.

Their six-seater vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft flies like a jet but takes off and lands like a helicopter, meaning it can depart from almost anywhere. The aircraft features a tilt-wing, fly-by-wire design similar to the CL-84, created by Canadair in the 1960s. Seats will be comparable in size to most commercial airlines but there will be no restrooms to save on space. They’ll have a range of 450 miles, with speeds up to 465 miles per hour – three times faster than a helicopter.

Service is anticipated to begin 2024. Transcend is selling these aircraft to endusers as well.
JetBlue celebrated its 10th annual Swing for Good Golf Classic tournament. Many of the top executives of JetBlue, Robin Hayes, Joanna Geraghty and Steve Priest were swinging for good with hundreds of others to help the airline raise money for its foundation as it has done for a decade. Said Robin Hayes, “Youth, education and community are core pillars of our corporate responsibility platform. Our dedication to the communities we serve goes beyond one day on the golf course. The funds raised will encourage service as well as STEM and aviation education for years to come.”

The event brought together JetBlue crew members and approximately 200 business partners totalling over 450 participants, providing a great mix of fun, camaraderie and competition at one of the country’s most renowned golf venues at Bethpage State Park, even the off limits Black course was opened for some golfing which was a treat for many players while raising funds for outstanding charities.

Since its inception in 2008, JetBlue’s Swing for Good initiative has raised more than $6.1 million for a variety of youth and education focused charitable organizations. “At JetBlue, we believe inspiring the future generation of aviators starts with us. The funds provided to the JetBlue Foundation will truly be the difference in the lives of young men and women who want to make an impact on our industry,” commented Joanna Geraghty, President JetBlue.
The new reimagined JFK Airport begins $13 billion slated for redevelopment

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represents the Terminal One Group (TOGA) at JFK Airport, for the selection of TOGA and its investors for the redevelopment of Terminals 1, 2 and part of 3. This approval for TOGA, which is comprised of airlines Lufthansa, JAL, Korean Air and Air France, is a $7 billion dollar investment by the TOGA group and a consortium of investors in the terminal rebuild. Also selected for the south end terminal development was JetBlue, represented by CEO Robin Hayes and CFO Steve Priest, for a $3 billion terminal rebuild and expansion investment. “Excitement” was the word used by both terminal executives after the announcement by Cotton and Governor Cuomo. According to one executive, this is a major step in the Governor’s Vision Plan for the future of JFK. According to Port, more is to come. An additional $3 billion will come from private investors and the Port all currently totaling $13 billion for the JFK transformation.

Community response

Airline executives and community leaders lauded the announcement. Arthur Molins, Managing Director of TOGA, said, “We are extremely grateful for the support of the Governor and Port Authority as we partner with them to return JFK Airport to world-class status. We look forward to bringing this vision to reality.”

Robin Hayes, JetBlue Chief Executive Officer said, “As New York’s Hometown Airline (TM), JetBlue has been doing its part to transform JFK Airport since our first flight 18 years ago. Building on the success of JetBlue’s award-winning JFK Terminal 5, we look forward to creating a more unified world-class airport experience across Terminals 5, 6 and 7 and achieving Governor Cuomo’s vision for a transformed experience at JFK.”

Congressman Gregory W. Meeks said, “Today’s announcement by Governor Cuomo is a welcome development that speaks to his administration’s leadership. The transformation of JFK into a state-of-the-art international airport for the 21st century is closer than we can imagine, and will be inclusive in ways that are crucial to the success of the project and the advancement of the community. This massive project will create regional job growth, especially in Southeast Queens and surrounding communities, as well as new business ventures for qualified MWBEs.”

Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton congratulates Terminal One’s Arthur Molins of Lufthansa, one of four partners in the Terminal Consortium, for its $7 billion dollar winning investment.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz said, “The $13 billion overhaul of John F. Kennedy will be instrumental in assuring continued economic growth and development across Queens. A project of this magnitude will bring many opportunities to the community of Southeast Queens, as well as encouraging additional investment from the state.”

These committed investments advance the Governor’s vision for a unified and interconnected airport system with best-in-class passenger amenities, centralized ground transportation options and vastly improved roadways that collectively will increase the airport’s capacity by at least 15 million passengers a year. The overall plan includes a central terminal for JFK with an RFI to go out asking for proposals on design and developments costs.

However, this is an initial announcement of intention. Public details are scant as to the exact proposals and why the other contenders, from JFKIAT and Delta, were not considered as part of the scope of the proposal package. According to Roel Huinink, JFKIAT’s chief executive, “the company looks forward to a continued partnership” with the Port Authority.

However the loss of this business must be a difficult but hopefully the notification that a new centralized terminal that was unveiled at the announcement would be another opportunity for the JFKIAT, a Schipol company, and Delta to become more involved with the overall JFK redevelopment.

Congressman Meeks said, “This massive project will create regional job growth, especially in Southeast..."
The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs & Affiliated Federal Agencies celebrated its 22nd Annual Italian Heritage Day Luncheon Celebration honoring Patrick Orender, Assistant Port Director, Tactical Trade, Dulles International Airport. CBP; Debbie Carriero, Branch Chief, Office of Trade, CBP; and Joe Clabby, President JFK Chamber of Commerce.

The guests were honored for their contributions to their organizations. Oh hand were parents and brother of Patrick Orender, and Kim Clabby, Joe’s daughter.

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AIRLINE BRIEFS

Delta goes Airbus

Delta revealed it latest aircraft. It chose the Airbus A220-100, originally branded as the “Bombardier C Series”, the smallest jetliner in Airbus’ in-production product line to begin flights from LaGuardia Inthemenear future. The A220-100 was built from the ground up to serve the 100-135 seat market with unbeatable efficiency and comfort. With broad seats, plenty of overhead storage space and large windows, it’s a single-aisle aircraft that feels like a widebody jet. It is set to fly the aircraft on its route between New York LaGuardia and Boston, January 2019. Delta will become the first U.S. carrier to operate the A220.

Norwegian tops BA

Norwegian became the largest non-US based airline operating trans Atlantic services to the New York area, based on passenger numbers and beating out British Airways. The airline handled 1,670,000 international passengers to/from three of New York region airports, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey’s most recent traffic report. The next largest carrier, British Airways, handled 1,630,000 passengers.

At the same time Norwegian announced the intention of cutting service to Belfast in face of increased taxes to NY. According to one spokesperson, the additional tax would have made the flight too expensive compared to the low cost now. But on a similar tax note, Norway’s government plans to increase the tax on flights to destinations outside Europe and cut them for flights within the region as part of broader plans to use taxation to combat climate change. This all seems quite vexing.

Lion Airlines

The search for the fuselage and recovery of bodies from the Lion Air crash in the ocean has caused grief and inquiry into what went wrong. The aircraft, the brand new, 737Max, unexpectedly went off course after just thirteen minutes after take-off apparently having some erratic behavior before crashing. Lion air spent 2 billion on a very age 737 order from Boeing in 2011, and this mishap follows an earlier recall. Concerns about an engine manufacturing issue last year temporarily grounded the 737Max fleet. But Boeing resolved the issue. Now Boeing is providing assistance with authorities in determining the cause of the crash.

Viva Mexico City

VivaAerobus began service from Mexico City to JFK Airport, Terminal One. This low cost airline expands to JFK from currently serving Newark.

The brightly colored aircraft company was originally founded by Irelandia which is a low cost LLC originator. But was sold off to a Mexican transportation company recently.

WOW done T1

Confusing. Recent announcement that WOW will drop JFK for flights to Reykjavik after Oct. So the new service announced to TelAviv from JFK seems at odds with the airlines changes at JFK. WOW says service to Tel Aviv’s Ben Gurion Airport will start June 10, 2019 and be offered four times each week from New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

As always with the airline’s promotions, a return flight must be booked to receive the $199 one-way flight price.

“WOW air is excited to bring back its seasonal service to the beautiful city of Tel Aviv,” Skuli Mogensen, CEO and Founder of WOW air, said in a news release.

Kenya Airlines(KQ) to America

KQ began service to Terminal 4, JFKIAT JFK Airport on October 29th.

The company said a brand-new Airbus A350-900 PAL’s historic flight when it departs as PR126 from Manila’s Ninoy Aquino International Airport for a 16-hour non-stop journey across the North Polar regions, to land at New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport. Kenya has also contracted with the FAA will which will teach Flight Safety Inspector courses at the East African School of Aviation (EASA) in Nairobi.

First to Fly A350s

Both Qatar and Philippines Airlines are vying for the distinction to fly the first Airbus A350 into JFK Airport.

Qatar arrived at JFK showing off its new Airbus A350-1000, the first of its kind operating in the United States. This plane has the lowest twin-engine noise level of any aircraft, advanced air conditioning technology and full LED mood lighting.

The A350-1000 also features the airline’s ‘Quite’ business class seat, which offers the industry’s first-ever double bed in Business Class, as well as privacy panels that stow away, allowing passengers in adjoining seats to create their own private space, offering an unmatched, customized experience.

PAL, Philippine Airlines began non-stop service from Manila to Terminal One, JFK as the Longest non-stop in flight to the US on the new A350-900 aircraft. PAL President and COO Jaime J. Bauista said: “We look forward with eager anticipation, as we prepare to fly almost halfway around the world on the longest route ever to be served by a Philippine carrier. What’s in store for travelers is a journey unparalleled – an ultra-comfortable flight on one of the world’s most advanced commercial airplanes.”

Starting December 6, PAL will start serving the MNL-NYC route five times weekly. Departure from New York remains at 1:45 a.m.

Nigeria Air grounded

The previously announced service from Lagos, Nigeria to the USA has been suspended.

The new airline and service was announced at Farnworth Show In July, but later the Nigerian Federal Government announced suspension of the planned national carrier. The Minister of State for Aviation, Hadi Siriki, stated that the suspension was a tough decision.

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One of the artistic tail designs on Norwegian jet at JFK Airport.
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In a major improvement from past practice, Port Authority airports will now provide passengers with free, unlimited access to high-speed Wi-Fi. The airports newly providing access to free high-speed Wi-Fi are John F. Kennedy International (JFK), Newark Liberty International (EWR), LaGuardia (LGA) and New York Stewart International (SWF) airports. "The Port Authority has a goal to develop world-class airports and operate them at the highest level of service and quality," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "With trending passenger growth across our airports, connecting to a free Wi-Fi network is not just an enhancement in customer service, but also an improvement in efficiency for our business and leisure travelers."

"Whether you're looking to stream Netflix, conduct an important video conference call, or simply download a large file before you board your flight, our testing consistently showed speeds that will comfortably allow for that," said Robert Galvin, the Port Authority's Chief Technology Officer. "As we enter the peak holiday travel season, in which we anticipate 7.5 million passengers to pass through our airports, it's imperative that they have easy access to fast, high-speed Wi-Fi that will elevate their airport experience," said Port Authority Aviation Director Huntley Lawrence.

Passengers will see signage at the airports, throughout the terminals and in the parking garages, describing an easy two-step process to access the airport's Wi-Fi quickly and seamlessly. Customers select the wireless network at their respective airport, such as "Free LGA Wi-Fi," and then hit "Select Free Unlimited Wi-Fi." A short ad may play before the four-hour browsing session begins.

Port Authority customer surveys have continually put free high-speed Wi-Fi high on the lists of what passengers seek in terms of improved airport amenities, and it comes at a time of record-setting passenger numbers. In the first six months of 2018, more than 66.5 million flyers passed through Port Authority airports, the highest six-month period on record and a 4.3 percent increase over the same period in 2017.

Customer support is available for the Wi-Fi access 24/7 at 1-800-880-4117 or online by visiting FreeLGAwifi.com, FreeJFKwifi.com, FreeEWRwifi.com or FreeSWFwifi.com.

JFKIAT welcomed the inaugural flight of Kenya Airways from Nairobi to New York City, making it the first airline in East Africa to offer a non-stop direct flight from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Kenya to John F. Kennedy International Airport.

“We are excited to welcome Kenya Airways – one of the leading African carriers - to Terminal 4,” said Roel Huinink, President and CEO of JFKIAT. “As New York City’s premiere gateway, this new flight route will provide passengers with a fast connection between New York to East Africa, while stimulating economic growth and tourism in both countries.”

Captain Irene Koki Mutungi, the first African female pilot certified as a Captain of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, was the lead pilot on this flight.
Kudos to Global Elite

The CIO Bulletin, a premier news resource for information serving the business and technology industries, has recognized Global Elite Group as one of their Top Ten Best Security Companies for 2018. The criteria for the award included a review of Global Elite’s innovative and forward-thinking approach by its security executives and field staff that have resulted in creating leading edge technology used in first response settings and for tracking security threats impacting clients. An internal review panel at CIO Bulletin performed the due diligence. The criteria for the award included the merits of the executives and their team, products and services offered in the marketplace, company size and industries served.

"On behalf of our company, I am honored to accept this award alongside the professionals who work tirelessly every day to provide exceptional service. This is a wonderful way to recognize all those who have made their careers here at Global Elite Group impacting the industry with their vision of keeping all those in aviation safe and secure," comments William McGuire, President and CEO, Global Elite Group, Garden City, New York. In addition to the aviation security services Global Elite Group provides, the company was acknowledged for the development of its advanced technology used in the aviation security setting. SecurSwipe and G-Box-CPM Unit are unique to the airline security market. SecurSwipe is a proprietary and sophisticated real-time tracking system that records access to facilities and aircraft that do not have fixed access control systems. G-Box-CPM Unit was developed to support the airlines with advanced technology solutions that captures and forwards information such as individuals on the no-fly list, alert and prevent departure issues, fraudulent activities and any other type of information to restrict access to individuals. These real solutions are being used at airports as a part of an overall comprehensive security solution.

JFK Chamber of Commerce honored Joanna Geraghty, President and COO JetBlue at the October luncheon. Members of the airport and business community listened to a question and answer period hosted by Jim Groark of Cathay Pacific and Board member of the Chamber. Geraghty was straightforward with answers on JetBlue fiscal health, competition, social responsibility and future plans for the airline. She said that she welcomed competition and “disruption” within the industry because it keeps everyone being competitive. One person asked about JetBlue beginning TransAtlantic service. Geraghty was not able to state definitively this would happen and again referred to good “disruption”. Geraghty spoke at this luncheon just days before The Port Authority announced its acceptance of investment by JetBlue as part of a major redevelopment at JFK Airport. now in it’s infant stages of planning. JetBlue will develop the Southern end of the airport encompassing terminals areas, 5, 6 & 7, while Terminal One Group will develop Terminals 1, 2 and 3.

The JFK Airport Chamber of Commerce holds quarterly luncheons and a variety of social networking events to keep the business community interacting for the overall good of airport business growth.

JFK Chamber lunches with JetBlue

Top leaders from JFK Airport, Phil Jensen, Worldwide Flight Services, Ajay Dhawan, Station Manager KLM, and Jim Groark, Regional Manager for Cathay Pacific met with honoree Joanna Geraghty at the JFK Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

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The TSA presentation focused on the insider threats to the airport with unclassified material at this meeting. According to Jim Fitzgerald, compliance for TSA, this presentation was an example of working more closely with the airlines. Fitzgerald said as part of an enforcement policy TSA “wants a buy-in from airlines to go out with us to see how we test and what we do. It goes a long way,” he said. There was conversation about TSA looking more closely at mail. The newly passed FAA Reauthorization bill has a provision for third party canine companies. According to TSA, they will regulate but other companies will do the actual certifying of canine companies that will be allowed to sell their services to airport companies such as inspecting cargo.

Holiday mail
It was reported that the United States postal service is ready for the holiday mail rush and that Building 197 of 20,000 sf of operating space will be open as of November 1 to handle the overflows which is expected to triple normal loads. Wally Luber said there will be an additional 150-175 workers to support the holiday influx of all types of mail.

JFK security
JFK Security informed the committee that the new “Info Cop” system would begin deployment at guard posts throughout JFK Airport. Used in Newark and LaGuardia, this system is a simple way to identify persons entering the guard posts that may have a warrant outstanding or on a security risk list. Persons under escort will need to scan their drivers license and within seconds will either see a green or red light displayed. If red, do not pass go; The PAPD will be called for a secondary vetting.

Cargo Congestion Forum
Peter Debenigno of Mobile Air mentioned that the Air Forwarders Association is sponsoring a town hall meeting with a panel on Nov. 13, 7:30 pm in Building 14, in the cafeteria. Topics will include congestion and a building site proposal. He said it will be an informal meeting about dealing with congestion in the cargo areas and hoped for workable solutions after the forum.

Rising airport fees
The topic of rising fees and taxes on security companies was discussed. It was felt that the 5% fee to the Port Authority, the additional sales tax, the looming minimum hourly salary increases, costs associated with the sexual harassment law going into effect in December along with an advance security payment to be placed in a holding account was deemed excessive by security companies at the airport. According to one security executive these additional fees are going to make it very difficult to pass along to the companies seeking security. He said that the airlines would face similar pressures and possibly reduce the number of security staffing and thereby reducing the safety at the airport. It was said that the Port Authority has not listened to the needs and concerns of the security supply companies which is having a negative impact on the ability to do business at the airport.

Police Updates
The PAPD representative reported that the upcoming holiday season is vulnerable to a higher level of thefts during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weeks. Traditionally a higher theft of high end merchandise, weapons detection and other insider irregularities occur during these two weeks. He said that a higher number than normal of employees working at the airport take off these days and thieves wait for this time to strike.

more on cargo. There was also mention of possible irregularities with surrounding check cashing locations with suspected fraud in this area. It was suggested to inform employees of this situation.

Rescue dogs
The Ark animal center reported that there is still a high incidence of service dog “nannies” with rescue dogs coming into JFK without proper papers of ownership and compliance. Many are not actual owners of these dogs resulting in immediate returning of these animals to their country of origin. Chamber of Commerce

Joe Clabby of the Chamber of Commerce said that there will be a security outreach program for security companies sometime in the future. He also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce will have a lawyer familiar with the next sexual harassment laws that will speak at an upcoming Chamber seminar.

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jobs, empower minorities and get a better deal for Queen's residents as a result.

Most recently he has been involved with the JFK Airport Redevelopment since the Governor introduced this Vision plan in 2017.

Over the past couple of months the process of redevelopment has moved forward with the Port Authority (Port) holding three community forums sharing their overall plans concerning the infrastructure and construction to come. Port made it very clear that whatever construction takes place that there will be a significant increase in minority women and minority business participation to the tune of 30% of the awarded monies.

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The Port Authority submitted a series of analyses to the FAA, which will oversee the AirTrain’s environmental review. A Better Way to LGA believes that AirTrain LGA is a critical component of the overall redevelopment efforts taking place at LaGuardia. The next step is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the AirTrain. A Better Way to LGA calls on the EIS process to be completed by Q4 of 2019.

LaGuardia is the only major East Coast airport without an AirTrain. This has negative repercussions for surrounding neighborhoods and the City writ large. Traffic from the Grand Central Parkway and adja-

cent roads has inundated the entire community and crippled its ability to get around.

AirTrain LGA will connect with public transportation at Willets Point, providing a seamless transition to AirTrain LGA passengers traveling from Manhattan would reach Willets Point in 16 minutes on the Long Island Railroad, with direct, non-stop service from Penn Station (by-passing the Central Station pending the completion of the East Side Access project). From Willets Point, it’s just six minutes to the airport. Alternatively, passengers can take the 7 Line Subway and transfer at Willets Point.

“The proposed AirTrain LGA would make the dream of a 30-minute ride from Midtown Manhattan to LaGuardia a reality,” said Angela Pinsky, Executive Director of the Association for a Better New York.

Now that legislation has passed by the New York State Legislature and been signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

Specifically, A Better Way to LGA calls on the EIS, in addition to evaluating impact mitigation, to include robust engagement with relevant community stakeholders, and evaluate the following areas:

more than another. We expect robust participation and attention because all are very interested what is taking place at JFK Airport.

Q. Will you attend all the meetings?

A. I’ll be at as many as I possible can but my congressional calendar may sometimes get in the way.

Q. Yes, we need you in Washington to protect our interests.

A. A good hearted laugh.

Q. State Senator Sanders put out Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) proposal. How does this impact the Council?

A. What’s going to take place is that various groups on the council have proposals and they all want to present. We will have an exchange of proposals from everyone, and topics for discussion. We will see what we can come up with that is agreeable by the community and Port Authority and work together. The idea is to put in writing and discuss with the committee and see if we can come up with a consens

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Q. Do you have a wish list for a CBA?

A. I don’t want to get into my wish list. Our goal is to bring everyone together and make sure that power of conversation.

I am excited by the foundation that has been laid.

Q. Have there been any conversations that you are of about adding a new runway to JFK?

A. No. There have not been conversations about new run

ways at JFK. The Port plans to increase passenger capacity by adding gates and the airlines have bigger planes to increase flow without more runways. We will do repairs to accommodate newer planes and add safety.

Q. There are rising costs to doing business at JFK. What is your take on this?

A. That’s why we have the JFK Chamber of Commerce on the Council. I am sure these issues at the airport will be discussed at the meetings.

Q. Are you familiar with KAAMCO at JFK airport.

A. No I am not. What is it.

Q. It is the JFK airport airline managers association that holds monthly meetings with the airlines, Port Authority, airport agencies and business partners.

A. This is very interesting. Please send me the information. Please let us know of the next one.

Q. Thank you for your time Congressman.

A. You are very welcome.

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