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Corona hotel welcomes its first guests

BY BILL PARRY

A brand new 90-room hotel opened in Corona Friday just a short walk from Citi Field, Flushing Meadows Corona Park and the USTA Tennis Center, home of the US Open.

The Best Western Plus LaGuardia Airport Hotel overlooks the No. 7 subway line on Roosevelt Avenue and 112th Street.

"It's just one block from the 111th Street subway station and it's very close to the Grand Central Parkway for easy access to both LaGuardia and Kennedy airports," manager Anup Chauhan said. "We run a complimentary shuttle to and from LaGuardia, we also have a fitness center and a meeting room available for busi-

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Hindus seek JFK prayer room

MUSLIMS CELEBRATE END OF RAMADAN



The end of the holy month of Ramadan is marked by a holiday called Eid ul-Fitr, when the fasting is over. Children are welcome to come along as observant Muslims head to the Jamaica Muslim Center for services.

Photo by Steve Vazquez

Airport spot would serve travelers

BY MADINA TOURE

The Hindu community is calling on the Port Authority to create a designated prayer room at JFK Airport in response to the airport's large number of Hindu employees and passengers.

Rajan Zed, president of the Universal Society of Hinduism in Nevada, is urging PA Board Chairman John Degnan and Executive Director Patrick Foye, along with Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Gov. Chris Christie, to consider establishing a prayer room called a Hindu mandir at the airport.

The PA could not be reached for comment.

The proposed prayer room
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Grocery chains to take 11 A&P stores in boro

BY MADINA TOURE

Key Food and Stop & Shop are acquiring 11 Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company grocery stores in Queens after A&P filed for bankruptcy.

On Monday, A&P announced it had agreed to sell 120 stores for about \$600 million. The company

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One of the smallest parks in the borough is about to get a \$400,000 makeover.

Photo by Bill Parry

Big happenings in small park

BY BILL PARRY

One of the smallest parks in the borough is about to get an expensive makeover.

City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) allocated almost \$400,000 in capital discretionary

funding to the historic One Room Schoolhouse Park in Jackson Heights.

Located at the corner of 90th Street and Astoria Boulevard, the park first opened in 1935 on the site of the city's last one room schoolhouse, which was built in 1879. Over the de-

cades, the park developed into a sitting area that was popular among visitors of the local public library that was located across the street at the time.

The park was later transformed into a public garden named for Phil
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Three years of marches, protests, rallies and strikes by airport workers have them on the verge of joining a union.
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Airport strike averted as workers land a deal

BY BILL PARRY

A “potentially crippling” strike by 1,200 airport workers was averted just hours before the picket lines were to form at Kennedy and LaGuardia Wednesday.

Security officers were going to walk off the job for the first time during the workers’ three-year campaign for higher wages, better benefits and union representation, but instead they reported to their posts after Delta subcontractor Aviation Safeguards agreed to stay neutral as employees seek to join SEIU Local 32BJ, the union said.

Other airport workers, including baggage handlers and wheelchair attendants, had voted to join the strike with the security officers.

Under terms of the signed agreement, Aviation Safeguards will recognize 32BJ as the employees’ union of choice and agree to bargain a contract, if a majority of employees sign cards authorizing 32BJ to be their union representative. Organizers believe they have more than enough votes to join the union.

“We are pleased to announce that the voices of

1,200 workers have been heard,” SEIU 32BJ President Hector Figueroa said at a news conference at the LaGuardia Airport Marriott Hotel.

Aviation Safeguard’s parent company Command Security released a statement saying that its employees “will be guaranteed a peaceful environment” in deciding whether to pursue union representation. The workers had accused Aviation Safeguards of threatening to fire workers for union organizing, a charge the company’s CEO, Craig Coy denied.

“It’s a great surprise,” said Aviation Safeguard security officer Juan Chapman, who was planning to strike. “This means that all our bravery and organizing has paid off. Canceling the strike is acceptable with these terms. When you want something you have to fight for it. Don’t wait for help.”

Union officials said 32BJ intends to win a Port Authority mandate of living wages of at least \$15 an hour and affordable health care for all subcontracted airport workers. The workers currently make \$10.10 an hour.

The airport workers

were making far less in January 2014 when thousands marched at LaGuardia to protest unfair wages and labor practices. In an act of civil disobedience, 32 people were arrested after a sit-in closed the 94th Street Bridge approach to the airport.

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) was among the elected officials, labor leaders and clergy who were arrested.

“Aviation Safeguard’s decision to formally sign an agreement to bargain in good faith is a huge victory for the hardworking men and women of JFK and LaGuardia and a testament to 32BJ’s efforts to organize a meaningful campaign that gets results,” Van Bramer said. “This agreement is a step in the right direction toward pulling workers out of poverty and I will continue to support, push and help give this campaign the momentum it needs to once and for all bring these workers the dignity they deserve.”

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Literary Superheroes strike in Flushing

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Boys Club helps struggling kids fight the dreaded learning 'summer slide' that happens over break

BY TOM MOMBERG

The Boys Club of New York in Flushing is spending the summer working with children who have been struggling with reading, fighting what many educators call the “summer slide.”

The “summer slide” refers to the learning loss experienced by youth when they do not engage in educational activity during the summer, which disproportionately affects young people from lower-income families, according to finding by the Summer Learning Association.

But there are several programs available to help increase children's access to books and summer learning, ensuring students already having a tough time with literacy do not fall any further behind.

The Boys Club at 133-01 41st Road offers its six-week Summer Superheroes Program for intensive literacy support to first through fourth-grade boys, whom



Explorer Louis Lopez raises his hand in confidence of his answer to staff's questions in the Summer Superheroes program at the Boys Club of NY.
Photo by Tom Momberg

they call Explorers. At the same time, the program makes teenagers take on some responsibility during summer vacation by making them mentors to younger kids who grapple with reading, writing and phonetics.

“If you are in education, we are always talking

about summer learning loss that happens, especially with lower-income populations,” said Education Director Stephanie Hakes. “We make this really more of an intensive program, so they can get real quality instruction. This is the third year, and we've actually made some great gains.”

There is a plural meaning behind the name of the program: The Explorers are encouraged to read literature they are interested in, like stories based off their favorite characters or superheroes. And by being given a teenage mentor, each Explorer is given their own role model, their own

superhero that gets them thinking “reading is cool,” Hakes said.

The Explorers are assessed and given books on their letter-based reading level: “A” being equivalent to kindergarten level and “Z” being equivalent to an eighth grade level.

At a recent session, Explorer Louis Lopez, 7, said he is spending his first summer in the Boys Club program and loves that it is not as structured or as strict as school. Plus, his instructors said his reading comprehension has been improving.

“We do a lot of fun stuff,” Lopez said. “I also have to do a lot of reading. I'm currently reading level N books, but officially I'm a level F ... I do like reading a little more now, especially comic books, because the characters actually talk and do stuff. There's dialogue, but books in school can be boring.”

Nick Robinson, 19, is one of the program mentors, and has been since the Boys

Club started the program in 2013. He just finished his freshman year studying psychology at SUNY Geneseo, but returned for one more year to help out the young Explorers.

“I love seeing these kids improve,” Robinson said. “Sometimes they struggle with words, and when I show them the same words later on, you can tell they are getting it and I feel like I am actually helping them.”

Through his work as a mentor, Robinson said he came to realize he wants to continue to work with kids. After completing a medical tract in college, he said he wants to become a pediatrician.

The Boys Club also works with teenagers in professional development and resumé building. Membership to the club for any age is \$5 a year. The Summer Superheroes program is an additional \$25. Visit www.bcnyc.org for more information.

See the full story at www.timesledger.com.

City adds veteran designation to municipal ID

BY MADINA TOURE

Queens elected officials and veterans groups praised a new veteran designation on the municipal ID card announced by the city last week as a good first step in addressing problems that veterans face.

Veterans applying for the IDNYC card will be asked to show proof of veteran status and must be city residents. The designation is free of charge.

City Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside), who introduced a bill in March 2014 calling for a veteran ID card, said the designation is a “huge step” forward, but that more needs to be done.

“There's more to be done, but now veterans have the identification they were asking for because it was from them that we got the idea,” Vallone said.

Paul Narson, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America's Queens chapter, said the designation would give veterans more access to the services and benefits that are available to them.

“There are a lot of places where veterans get a discount—restaurants, stores and such,” Narson said. “If a veteran has a picture ID card that states he is a veteran, it would help a veteran there.”

But he repeated calls for a veterans resource center, noting that \$500,000 had



The city unveiled a special municipal ID card for veterans.

been allocated for each borough but to no avail.

“We feel that if there was one place in each borough, we would have some place that we could go with our problems to find out what we're entitled to, how

to get certain benefits, how to get medical help, instead of having to deal with the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs,” he said. “The Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs doesn't have a big budget and the majority of

the money goes to the employees.”

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz commended the new designation.

“Incorporating this new veteran designation into the IDNYC program offers the men and women who have served in our nation's military expanded benefits and greater access to vital services,” Katz said.

Veterans will also receive benefits such as free membership at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum and discounts through the Queens Chamber of Commerce's Queens VETS Program.

“The Queens Chamber of Commerce's Veterans'

ID Program has been very popular amongst the veterans and business owners in Queens, and with the new municipal ID program's veteran designation, we believe its popularity will grow,” Tom Grech, the chamber's executive director, said.

Three new pop-up enrollment centers opened at Services for the Under-Served in Queens, Mission Continues in Manhattan and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs James J. Peters VA Medical Center in the Bronx.

The city will also launch temporary enrollment centers targeting veterans in Brooklyn and Staten Island.



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Def Jam head makes peace a big priority

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

Hollis-raised hip-hop business magnate Russell Simmons returned to Queens last week to join community leaders and police officers at the annual Keep the Peace initiative.

The July 16 event, which took place at Count Basie Middle School 72 on Guy R. Brewer Boulevard in Jamaica, included a public group meditation, basketball game and a motivational talk by Simmons to more than 200 community youth.

The Keep the Peace initiative supports non-profit, community-based organizations and coalitions across the country that have developed unique and successful models for reducing violence in their neighborhoods. RushCard, a prepaid debit card company.

Six grant recipients were chosen this year in New Orleans, Chicago, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Los Angeles and New York. Each organization received \$25,000 to help support and expand peacekeeping efforts and create opportunities to empower young people in their communities. Keep the Peace is a program under Rise to Thrive, RushCard's community outreach initiative.

In New York, LIFE Camp, a South Jamaica-based anti-violence program, was awarded the grant for its efforts to reduce and de-escalate violent incidents in south Queens.

"The police are here for us. As much as we like to talk about police sensitivity—I like to talk about community sensitivity," Simmons told the gathering of campers between the ages of 8-17 years old from all across south Queens.

Simmons, a practitioner of jivamukti yoga for almost two decades, asked campers to quiet down, close their eyes and meditate for several minutes while repeating a mantra in the silent



Hip-hop magnate Russell Simmons came back to South Jamaica for the annual Rush Card's Keep The Peace initiative to talk about meditation and being at peace.

Photo by Laundry Service

basketball court.

"A quiet mind gives us much better results, your judgment gets better, and then you realize whatever was troubling you goes away after a 20-minute meditation," Simmons said. He pointed out that a child's environment did not matter because meditation works anywhere and for anyone.

Though the young people at the event tried to calm their minds, just a few miles away Rochdale Village has been experiencing an increase in violent incidents, including one shooting death. Founder of LIFE Camp Erica Ford said it was the next target area for her organization.

"We have young people who are hurt and angry. We have older people who are paid to keep people safe who are hurt and hungry. Tools like these help transform," Ford said. "The reason we came here to the Rochdale area is because over the last couple of months we have had five people die in this area. One just happened a couple of weeks ago."

According to the latest statistics from the 113th Precinct, which has jurisdiction over Rochdale Village, there has been a 33 percent rise in murders, eight murders to date this

year compared to six over the same period last year. Despite the rise in murders, overall crime is down by 19 percent.

"What works in this community are peacekeepers just by our brothers and sisters, in orange, being on the streets. Just by being out there creates a culture of peace," Ford said.

Ford said volunteers in her organization, which chose orange as a color of peace, work with young people to teach them how to resolve conflicts. Most of her volunteers have also been formerly incarcerated so they have a deeper understanding of the tactics it takes to resolve problems. In the past, LIFE Camp has targeted the South Jamaica area, from Hillside Avenue and Sutphin Boulevard to Guy R. Brewer Boulevard to 118th Avenue, which has had no shooting deaths since December.

Simmons said organizations such as LIFE Camp combat the "jail culture" of the streets in a meaningful way.

"Wearing your pants low because belts are not allowed in prison, wearing no shoe laces because laces are not allowed in prison, that's jail culture," Simmons said.



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Something funny is going on in Long Island City ⁵

The Standing Room comedy club takes over Vernon Blvd. spot once home to The Laughing Devil

BY BILL PARRY

The laughter is back on Vernon Boulevard. A new comedy club called The Standing Room quietly opened in late June at the former home of The Laughing Devil.

The Standing Room, located at 47-38 Vernon Blvd., is still in its "soft open" phase with a grand opening to be scheduled for next month. Area residents are being offered multiple opportunities to experience every aspect of the new venue for free all this month.

In addition to stand-up comedy and live musical performances, The Standing Room offers specialty cocktails and microbrew beer. The ownership group behind the club is the same team that opened The Stand in Manhattan, which was named Best Comedy Club



The Standing Room does not have a sign yet, but it has been open since June with comedy stand-up and musical performances.

Photo by Bill Parry

2013 by New York magazine.

Former Long Island

City resident Paul Italia is among the The Standing Room's four owners.

"I used to live here and I've watched this neighborhood grow and evolve over the last decade," he said. "This is a terrific community and we want to provide people here with a great night out, whether that's enjoying a comedy show or just relaxing with a good drink. We have a menu of unique cocktails and local beers, we're partnering with area restaurants to offer special desserts and small bites, and we have projectors to broadcast the game or present screenings. And of course, great comedy."

The Laughing Devil was sold in April after Steve Hofstetter, who owned the club since 2011, moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in Hollywood. His business partner, Jacob Morvay, had already given up his part of the owner-

ship after the birth of his child.

The new team plans to lure bigger name comedians across the East River from their club in Manhattan.

"It's a smaller, more intimate room than the club in Gramercy," co-owner Patrick Milligan said. "This gives us a chance to try things that are different, even experimental, while also tapping into the incredible talent pool we already work with."

To introduce their club to area residents, the ownership team is planning several promotional events such as the LIC Concerts official after-party. People who attended LIC Concerts July 16 and July 23 enjoyed the after-party on the house, and The Standing Room will do it again after the July 30 performance.

There is also a nightly special available to residents of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Astoria and Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Bring in any catalog, circular, credit-card offer or other junk mail that proves you live in one of those neighborhoods and get two tickets to any show through Aug. 31.

The Standing Room will also host a Happy Hour for any area business or organization, including a one-hour hosted bar, drink specials and free admission to the comedy show.

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Queens Blvd. to be safer

Mayor announces redesign of dangerous thoroughfare

BY BILL PARRY

Mayor Bill de Blasio returned to Woodside, where he launched his Vision Zero initiative in January 2014, to announce the first phase of the city Department of Transportation's \$101 million redesign of Queens Boulevard had begun.

Elected officials, DOT and safe streets advocates joined the mayor Thursday at the corner of 61st Street and the boulevard in the shadow of the Big Six Towers.

"We don't accept that streets like Queens Boulevard have to be dangerous, that children and grandparents have to be taken from their families year after year," de Blasio said. "And so, shoulder-to-shoulder with this community, we are taking action on one of the most ambitious and complex overhauls ever undertaken by the city. This street has earned the name 'Boulevard of Death.' Today, we begin work on the 'Boulevard of Life.'"

He went on to list statistics from the DOT that illustrate just how treacherous the 1.3-mile stretch of Queens Boulevard, from Roosevelt Avenue to 73rd Street, is. Since 1980, 185 New Yorkers have lost their lives on that section alone and 591 were injured



Izy Rahman holds a picture of her late son Asif as Mayor de Blasio announces work to change Queens Boulevard has begun. Photo by Michael Shain

in the same five-year period.

The project, approved by Community Board 1 by unanimous vote, will bring safer crossings and crosswalks for pedestrians, protected bike lanes,

expanded medians with trees and plantings, and reconfigured intersections that deter speeding and other dangerous behavior. The improvements will be installed through October, followed by the project's

extension further east in 2016.

"This boulevard is the front yard for so many people that live along it. Big Six residents need to cross here everyday to get to the No. 7 subway," City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said. "It's our obligation to make sure no one else dies here. No family should ever suffer the loss of a loved one along this major thoroughfare and our city's \$101 million investment into Queens Boulevard sets our city on a course closer to the day when Vision Zero is a reality."

That is a day that can't come soon enough for Lizy Rahman, a safe streets advocate from Jamaica, who lost her son Asif as he was bicycled home from work in 2008. He was struck and killed by a truck on the boulevard's service road at 55th Road.

The poet and photographer was 22.

"If there was a bike lane, perhaps my son would still be alive," she said while introducing the mayor. "From that day on I've done everything I could to get a bike lane so that no other mother would feel that pain."

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Starbucks will open first Jamaica branch

BY GABRIEL ROM

Starbucks will open its first branch in Jamaica during the first half of 2016.

The store will be located at 89-02 Sutphin Blvd. across the street from the Queens County Civil Court house. The new branch will include an employment training facility and will hire between 20 and 25 employees from the area.

The store is part of the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative, a nationwide project in which Starbucks, along with more than a dozen other American corporations, have committed to hiring 100,000 unemployed youth by 2018. By that time, Starbucks plans to open 15 stores in low-income neighborhoods across the country.

The store opening comes as Jamaica aggressively tries to attract new business to the area. Major brands such as NineWest, Raymour & Flanigan and Planet Fitness already have locations downtown and

Rhonda Binda, the executive director at the Jamaica Center Business Improvement District, says more are on the way.

"The Starbucks opening is part of a much larger trend. Jamaica is becoming a prime tourism and business destination. We have cultural offerings, discount shopping, ethnic food, and two major hotels are on the way. Right now Jamaica is one of the best investments for any business because our property is increasing in value due to constant development," she said.

While Jamaica has been enjoying a revitalization over the past few years, the area's unemployment rate remains stubbornly high at 9 percent, which is almost 3 percent above the city average, according to a 2013 report from Safespace NYC, a Queens-based non-profit.

The community's high unemployment rate was one of the determining factors for Starbucks' decision to open in Jamaica.



This Starbucks in the Atlas Mall is closed now but the high-end coffee place is set to open its first shop in Jamaica.

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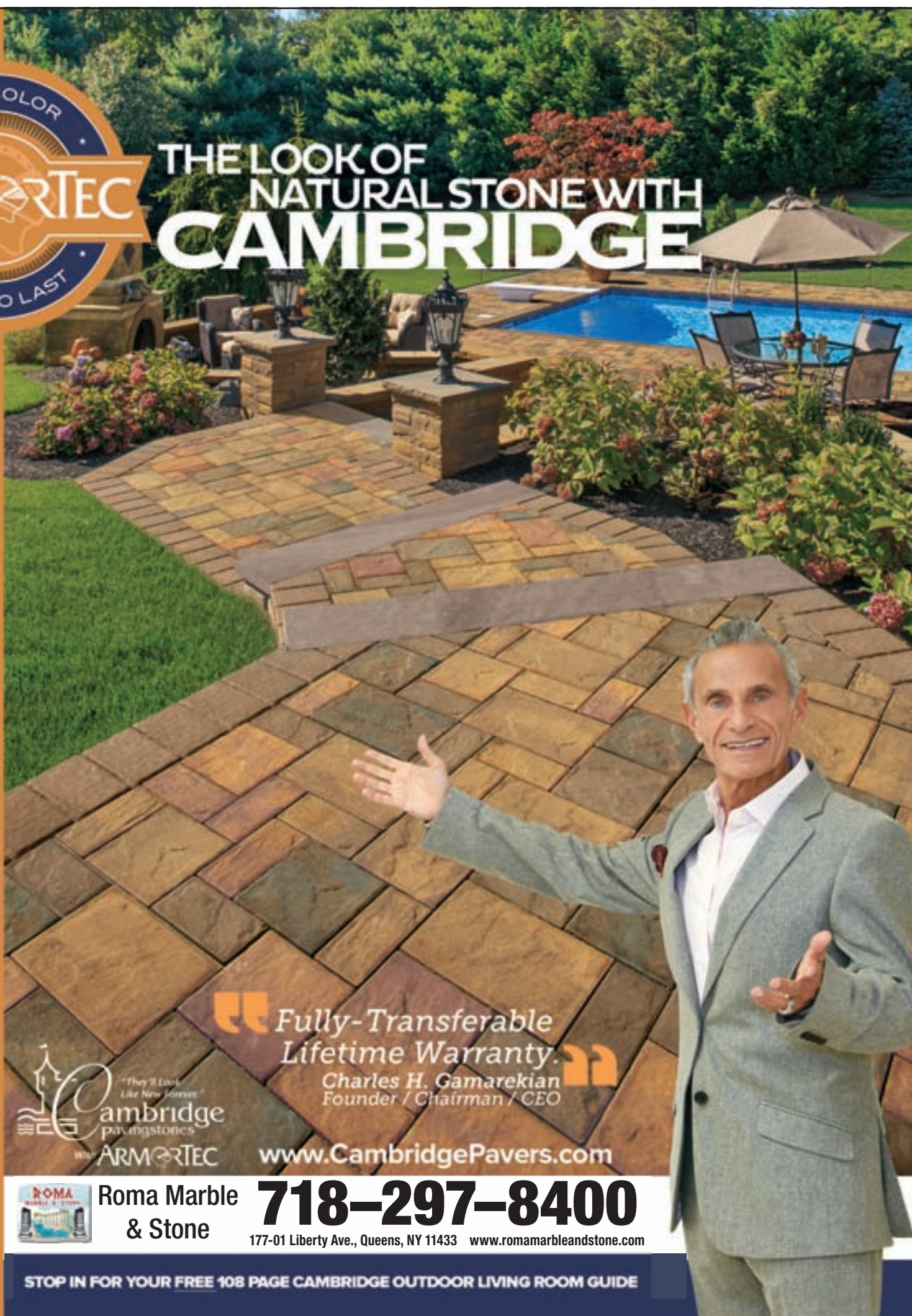


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would consist of murtis, or statues, of popular deities; copies of sacred scriptures; a traditional bell and recorded devotional music, Zed said. Daily sessions would be also held in the room.

The airport already has the Our Lady of the Skies Roman Catholic Chapel, Christ for the World Protestant Chapel, International Synagogue and the International Islamic Center.

"As a lot of Hindu passengers daily use JFK Airport and many Hindu employees work for various agencies and businesses there, it would be nice if they had a quiet facility at the airport where they could pray/meditate/worship and perform religious services," Zed said in a statement.

The effort to bring a prayer room to the airport started eight years ago, according to Dr. Uma Mysorekar, president of Hindu Temple Society of North America in Flushing.

"There are thousands of Hindus who travel to JFK

day in and day out and the Hindus are very religious people and we believe in praying before we leave and when we come back," Mysorekar said.

Activists previously reached out to former City Comptroller John Liu, she said.

Narain Kataria, president of the Indian American Intellectual Forum in Elmhurst, said he wrote two letters to JFK authorities three years ago.

"If we had it, it could be good for Hindus," Kataria said. "We are so many."

Pradip Das, director of the American Hindu Council's Jamaica chapter, collected 320 signatures from Hindu temples and organizations in the borough.

The airport has a large number of Hindu employees, many of whom work for the Transportation Security Administration, he said.

"They could use part of their lunchtime or break time" to use the prayer room, Das said.

Jagadish Brahmachari, a priest at Vedic Seva Mission in Jamaica, who collected 2,500 signatures, said the prayer room would serve Hindu passengers

who run into flight problems.

"Sometimes flights are canceled and sometimes flights are delayed," Brachmachari said.

Some temples were not aware of the initiative but said that they would gladly get involved.

Srad Kublall, a trustee for the America Sevashram Sangha in Jamaica, said he knows many Guyanese Hindus who work at the airport.

"It's a good venture," Kublall said. "I support it and I think the organization will support it wholeheartedly."

Calling the initiative "refreshing," Anand Singh, coordinator of the NY Varanasi Temple in South Ozone Park, said many Hindus live less than a 5-minute trip from the airport.

He said his temple is open to exploring the initiative to provide this service.

"Although they're a large segment in the U.S., it somehow doesn't seem to be available to Hindus so whoever is starting this initiative, it's pretty great, especially for the New York Kennedy location," Singh said.

Hotel

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ness. We also have complimentary WiFi, although that's pretty much required in this day."

With rooms starting at \$159 per night the hotel offers rooms at less than half the cost of rooms in Manhattan. In 2013 the average hotel rate was \$290, according to NYC Statistics and it's a driving force behind an unprecedented five-year building boom expected to add another 50 hotels in the borough by 2019.

"In the '70s and '80s New York City averaged 10 million visitors a year," Queens Tourism Council President Rob MacKay said. "Last year we had almost 57 million tourists alone. The folks at Best Western do their research, they know what they're doing by putting a hotel in Corona. My prediction is they'll be at



A dazzling lobby awaits visitors to the brand new Best Western Plus LaGuardia Airport Hotel in Corona. Photo by Bill Parry

capacity very shortly."

MacKay spends a lot of time showing foreign tourism writers around the borough.

"All of these people are flying in to Queens and now they are staying in Queens," he said. "It seems like the whole world wants to come here. These hotel companies are riding a wave as tourism and hospitality are booming. I'm predicting Best Western Plus will do very well with busi-

ness travelers, long-stay visitors who want cheaper options than Manhattan hotels, and don't forget its proximity to Flushing and the ever growing Chinese market."

The hotel's success will help Corona as well.

"We already have 16 full-time staff and all are within walking distance," Anup said. "It helps us be a part of the community and they can all get here when it snows."

Garner vigil draws 105th Precinct inspector

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A Queens Village community memorial for Eric Garner, who died from a police chokehold last year, was held at the New Greater Bethel Ministries bookstore on Jamaica Avenue to discuss the impact of his death on the area and the new NYPD neighborhood policing efforts that are gradually taking place across the borough.

Only a handful of community members and religious leaders were joined by NYPD Inspector Michael Coyle from the 105th Precinct in Queens Village to show support and speak about raising awareness, gaining trust and stronger communication with residents.

Under the new policing program, every single officer in the Police Department will undergo training



Neighborhood policing will encourage officers to become part of their communities for better communication and relations with residents.

Photo by Tom Momberg

under the supervision of a veteran officer.

“The training is important. The old school way was to put you in a hot spot

and write tickets. Maybe you’ve been with very few black people and you’re dropped in southeast Queens. You have a bad im-

pression. That carries over to everybody you see,” said Rev. Dr. John Boyd for the New Greater Bethel Ministries.

Boyd pointed out that if a police officer gets started working in a tough neighborhood, his or her attitudes toward the job could be soured, but having the inspector of the 105th Precinct showed attend showed that the community mattered.

“It was wonderful that the inspector came himself. You felt like he was talking heart. I’m big on heart,” Boyd said.

Coyle said the new police changes have already begun at the 105th Precinct, which services communities along the Nassau border from Little Neck through Queens Village and down to Rochdale village and Springfield Gardens. The precinct has just gotten 18 new officers.

He said the traditional way of utilizing new officers was to place them in crime-ridden neighborhoods. The new way will be to have the officers placed everywhere, despite a high or low crime rate, so they get to know the residents they police in the jurisdiction.

The July 15 event took place the day before the first anniversary of Garner’s death in Staten Island. Rev. Fred Simmons of the Greater Springfield Community Church was skeptical about the \$5.9 million settlement the Garner family received from the city comptroller’s office to compensate for his death.

“From the community standpoint, it’s always skeptical when someone from law enforcement is overseeing law enforcement. Is it true? It should be people from local diversity sitting at a table in a neutral source — a judge, a

lawyer. In the end it’s still them watching them,” Simmons said.

Ali Najmi, an activist and lawyer, also voiced his interest in new law enforcement methods as a response to the Garner case. He said he favored the chokehold bill which would turn the practice into a misdemeanor crime, written by Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) and implementing body cameras for officers.

“Pastor Boyd and I came together hoping to really acknowledge the death to help us bring the community together to learn from that experience. It had a citywide impact,” Najmi said.

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Park

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“Earthman” Saccone, the founder of the Jackson Heights Neighborhood Association, following his death in 2007. Legendary former Parks Commissioner Henry Stern gave Saccone his “Earthman” moniker during his years of green space activism.

The upgrades at the park will include improvements to the sitting area and enhancements to the community garden space.

“Improving parks bring even greater improvements to the community that surrounds them,” Constantinides said. “Upgrades at One Room Schoolhouse Park would not only preserve the park’s rich history, but would also provide a restored green space for the entire Jackson Heights community. Providing high-quality recreational and leisure resources to all residents of our district will make our neighborhood thrive, benefit our air quality and protect our environment.”

Those are issues that mean a lot to Constantinides, who was appointed chairman of the Council Environmental Protection Committee, a move that was approved unanimously by the full City Council July 9.

For the neighborhood surrounding One Room Schoolhouse Park, the project is a much needed improvement.

“Community Board 3 has the least amount of park space citywide and our recreational and public areas are at a premium,” CB3 District Manager Giovanna Reid said. “The planned upgrades to this historic park will for certain enhance the user’s experience. We look forward to these wonderful improvements.”

Constantinides also allocated funding to additional green spaces throughout the 22nd Council District. As part of the participatory budgeting process, he allocated \$500,000 to build a dog run at Triborough Lot C under the RFK Bridge in Astoria.

Grocery

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said it secured financing of \$100 million and voluntarily filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

“The vast majority of our stores are operating normally and will be fully stocked during this process,” A&P said in a statement. “While some stores will close in the near term, the vast majority will continue providing customers with the same high-quality products and exceptional customer service. We will also continue to honor all existing customer promotional and loyalty programs.”

A&P owns Pathmark and Waldbaum’s.

Ahold’s Stop & Shop Supermarket Co., which is taking over 25 A&P stores for \$146 million, is acquiring the Pathmark stores at 134-40 Springfield Blvd. in Jamaica, 92-10 Atlantic Ave. in Ozone Park and 31-06 Farrington St. in Whitestone.

Stop & Shop is also ac-



The shelves of the A&P-owned Waldbaum supermarket in Bayside Terrace are stripped bare on the day the chain filed for bankruptcy.

Photo courtesy of Alison Daley

quiring the Waldbaum’s stores at 156-01 Cross Bay Blvd. in Howard Beach, 112-15 Beach Channel Drive in Belle Harbor and 213-15 26th Ave. in Bay Terrace.

Once the transaction is completed, Stop & Shop plans to convert the stores into Stop & Shop stores. The sale is expected to close within the second half of 2015.

“We are happy to have the opportunity to expand our presence in greater New York and serve new customers,” Don Sussman, president of Stop & Shop’s

New York metro division, said.

Arlene Putterman, Stop & Shop’s manager of public and community relations, said Stop & Shop has entered into an agreement with A&P, but the execution of the agreement is pending approval from the Federal Trade Commission and the bankruptcy court. She said the agreement will allow the company to have a greater presence in Queens and that it is also a way to protect the stores’ associates.

“We are protecting 25 of their total stores and

therefore we are protecting associates that work in those stores,” Putterman said.

Key Food Stores Cooperative is acquiring the Waldbaum’s stores at 196-35 Horace Harding Expressway in Flushing, 35-09 Francis Lewis Blvd. in Bayside, 82-35 153rd Ave. in Howard Beach, 75-55 31st Ave. in Jackson Heights and 259-01 Union Turnpike in Glen Oaks.

Sharon Konzelman, vice president of finance for Key Food, confirmed that the company is acquiring stores from A&P in the tri-state area but that the company’s attorneys advised them not to provide any specific details on the contract.

“We have contracted to purchase stores from A&P,” Konzelman said.

ACME Markets also announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire 76 A&P stores in New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania under the A&P, Superfresh and Pathmark banners.



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