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Generally the market for physical coins is not used for transactions like hard currency but a limited niche for collectors and diehard enthusiasts.

Using Bitcoin at the airport

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Bitcoin. Have you heard of it?

Many people have and the perception is that it is a dark web form of currency.

Well, that is far from the reality today as companies are bringing this cryptocurrency to the public mainstream and this "money" can be found at airports in NY.

This can be found at JFK Airport Plaza where there is an ATM, or better known as BTM by Coinsource; the vendor who has over 400 such machines around the area and at airport parking lots.

At the BTM (Bitcoin Teller Machine) at the JFK Travel Plaza at, one can see people use the machine for the purchase of Bitcoin. When a customer was asked why he was using the machine he replied "I buy Bitcoin as an investment. It is like a stock trade. It has increased in value a lot over the past couple

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Photo composite by Jeff Yapalater

JFK Airport General Manager Mark Moran, left, with community and organization leaders at groundbreaking for JFK Memorial Park.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

September 11 service with groundbreaking of JFK's Memorial Park

BY JEFF YAPALATER

September 11, 2001 will be a day of infamy for the people of the United States and particularly the people of New York City. It was the day that our borders were crossed by terrorists who attacked the World Trade center, killing close to 3000 people, leaving

the city in tears and anger.

16 Years later, the Port Authority of NYNJ and the JFK International Chamber of Commerce memorialized this tragic event. For the first ever JFK Airport wide 911 Service and groundbreaking for the creation of the 911 Memorial Park which took place on the

JFK ball field next to building 141.

Said Mike Moran, General manager of JFK airport, "It has been a vision of mine to bring the community together so that we never forget". He said that is was a shame that his young children have never seen peace, yet this is a

way for all to understand that we support each other and create a remembrance that will endure. Our vommunity still comes together after 16 years. A wonderful day and I look forward to continuing this tradition".

The "wonderful day" of re-
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Captain Gonzales of the Port Authority Police Department leads his team to Puerto Rico for relief efforts.
Photo by Jeff Yapalater

Port Authority deploys team to Puerto Rico to save lives

BY JEFF YAPALATER

In the dark, at 6 a.m. Friday, September 29, the Port Authority relief team of more than 70 agency staffers congregated at the JFK Airport JetBlue and Delta terminals to assist storm-damaged Puerto Rico following massive

devastation from Hurricane Maria.

Proudly standing by to see the volunteers off on their mission were Port management, Huntley Lawrence, Aviation Director, Gerald McCarty, Director of Emergency Management, Mike Moran,

GM JFK Airport, Captain Gonzales of the Port Police and Deputy Seaport Director Andrew Saporito.

Wearing khakis, pants, work shirts, sneakers or boots, carrying backpacks and computers instead of suit and ties, these men
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New IS duty free!

101-year-old company builds on history



CDS Mestel completed the new, 7,000-square-foot beauty store for IS Shoppes at JFK Terminal 1.

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IS Duty Free is one of the latest large construction projects for International Shoppes in Terminal 1 JFK built by CDS Mestel Construction Corp, a 101 year old construction company having custom constructed at NY airport terminals for hundreds of projects. This custom building family business is now run by family Ned Rothberg and his son Justin Rothberg. Their slogan is "Building Dreams Since 1916". Their "dreams" include top of the line stores seen throughout all terminals at JFK and LaGuardia.

