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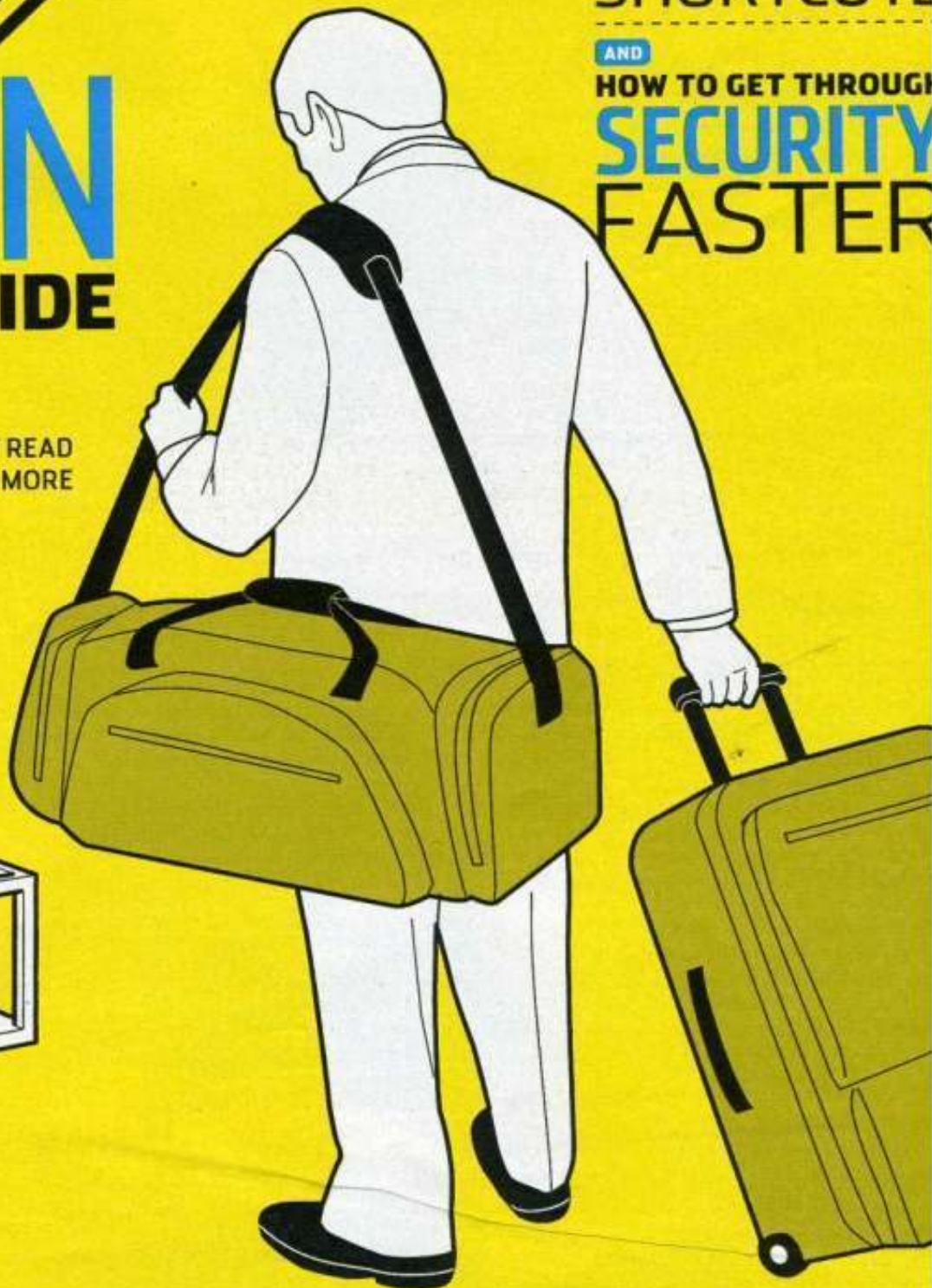
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HOW TO GET THROUGH
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Be Kind (We're Talking to You)
Too Tired for Date Night?
Softer Landings for Veterans

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BREATHE EASY > Terminal A, designed by international architecture firm HOK, was the first terminal in the country to be LEED-certified, a designation of the US Green Building Council.

AFTER SECURITY



DINE > **LEGAL TEST KITCHEN** has new menus with weekly out-of-the-clam-box dishes like Thai popcorn shrimp with kung pao sauce, pineapple, and peanuts. Entrees range from about \$15 to \$27, and there's a full bar.

READ > **BORDERS** has more than just bestsellers, including an "All Things Local" section with books about the region.

EAT AND FLY > **LUCKY'S** is the jet-setter take on Fort Point Channel's hip Lucky's Lounge. It's a cut above bar food, with sandwiches like the Tennessee BBQ pulled pork and hot-pressed turkey available to stay or to go.

TRAVELING WITH A TEEN? > To keep your party entertained, look for the lime-green **MOVIECLE** kiosk, where you can quickly download movies (\$5.99 for new releases, older flicks for \$1 to \$2 less), travel guides, and more to a laptop or hand-held device.

A SATELLITE

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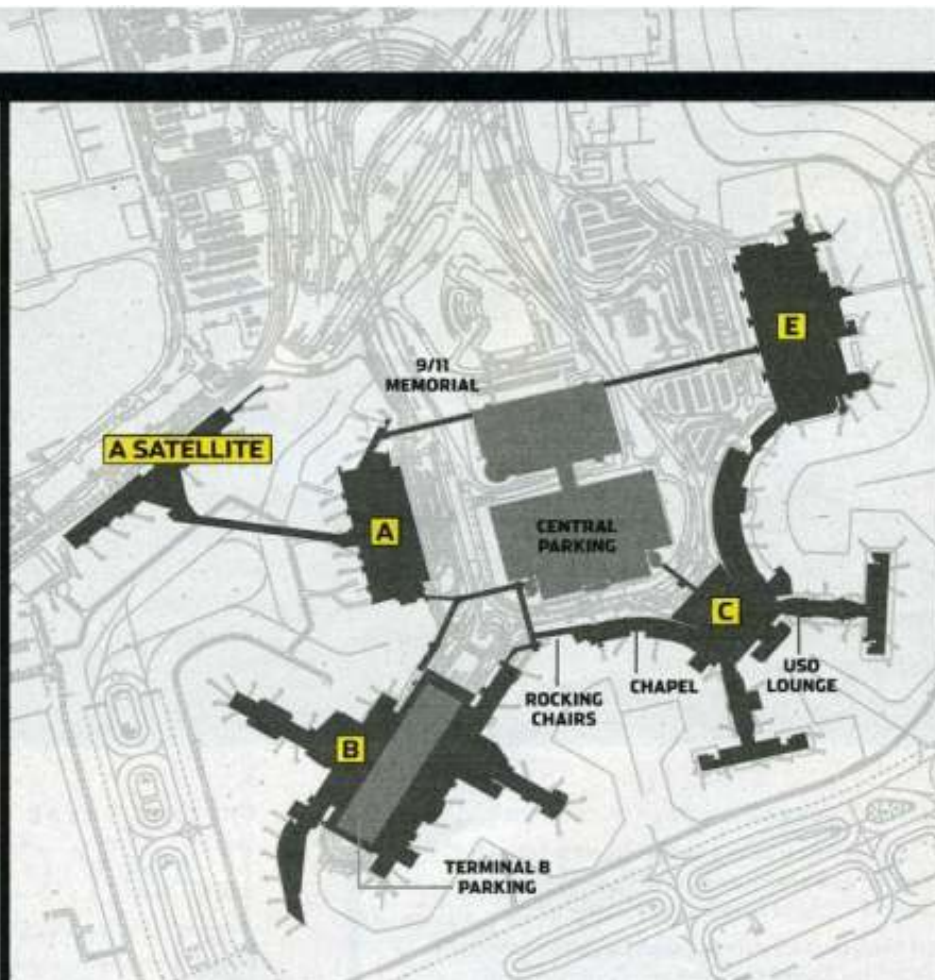


SPLURGE > If that teeny bottle of hotel body lotion just won't do (or you need to find a gift, pronto), visit **L'OCCITANE** for skin care – some of it organic – and fragrances. **TAXCO STERLING** sells sterling silver and 18-karat-gold jewelry.

DINE > Grab a lobster bisque (\$5.75 a cup, \$7.75 a bowl) or a lobster roll (\$14.95) at **PHILLIPS SEAFOOD EXPRESS**.



TRAVELING WITH A CHILD? > Wear out your smallest traveling companions at **KIDPORT**, where they can climb on a (mini) control tower or baggage claim. Even better, adults can sink tired feet into the cushy padded floor, which feels like several layers of gel insoles. (There another Kidport, but without the squishy floor, in Terminal C before security.)



IN THE TERMINALS > WHAT'S WHERE

FROM A TO E

Finding a Dunkin' Donuts is easy. But do you know where to grab a vegan meal? A guide to the airport's hidden gems.

- ▶ Make a quick appeal for a smooth flight at the large nondenominational **OUR LADY OF THE AIRWAYS CHAPEL**, downstairs in the walkway between terminals B and C. There are services five days a week.
- ▶ The walking pathways and glass cube that make up the **9/11 MEMORIAL** are reached by pedestrian bridges to the Hilton Hotel on the second level of terminals A and E.
- ▶ Servicemen and -women and veterans with an hour to spare might want to spend it at the **USO LOUNGE**, which is before security in Terminal C. There's Internet access and a kitchen with snacks and coffee. The group also supplies T passes and phone cards. It's usually open (depending on volunteer staff) from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m., seven days a week.
- ▶ It can be hard to read in peace in an airport, with crowds of people and seemingly ubiquitous televisions blaring news. The walkway between terminals B and C offers an interesting view of the tarmac, along with a dozen or so **ROCKING CHAIRS** if you need some quiet time.

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BEFORE SECURITY

DINE > **OZONE-BOS** is a Todd English venture with casual foods – like a Kobe beef hot dog (\$9) – that show the famous chef's flair.

AFTER SECURITY



GIVE > At **LOCAL CHARM**, look for gifts like New England-made jewelry alongside national and international offerings; prices range from around \$20 to \$400.

SHOP > The woman who has everything can get a little more for her trip at **BIJOUX TURNER**, which sells earrings, colorful clutches, and, best of all, pashmina-like scarves in two dozen colors – all for just \$10 each. (There's a second branch in Terminal C, before security.)



NEED A QUICK MAKEOVER?
> **XPRESSPA**

offers not only the typical quickie airport services like manicures and pedicures, but also full-body massage and waxing.



READ > Hit **VIRGIN BOOKS** for a wider selection of beach-reading choices than at airport newsstands.



DINE > Among all the food court options, **UFOOD** has a line for a reason. Delicious low-fat or no-fat offerings include crispy baked french fries and chicken fingers. **BONFIRE** is another Todd English restaurant. Go for the marshmallow sundae (\$9).

C

BEFORE SECURITY

PRIMP > **JETSETTER MINI SPA** offers manicures (\$10 to \$30) and pedicures, and at **CLASSIQUE SALON**, you can even squeeze in a haircut (\$18 to \$42).

REMEMBER > Feel close to home with a Red Sox or Harvard sweat shirt or baseball cap, baked-bean candies, lobster chocolates, Bruins socks, or books with local flavor from **BOSTON TOPS**.

AFTER SECURITY



GET WIRED > If you suddenly realize you left your camera or earbuds on the dresser at home, don't panic. The vending machine-like **SONY KIOSK** offers both items, along with noise-canceling headphones, flash drives, and more.

RELAX > Take a seat for a massage at the inside-security **JETSETTER SPA**.

GIVE > You'll easily find an appealing hostess gift at **THE FUDGE BAR**, owned by the proprietor of Ooh La La Fudge in Belmont. But with flavors like chocolate cheesecake, peanut-butter swirl, Butterfinger, and chocolate coconut, it might not last until you reach your destination.



IN THE MOOD FOR VEGAN FOOD?

> Grab-and-go **CIBO EXPRESS** offers pad thai, spinach noodles, and more with no animal products.

WHAT ABOUT TERMINAL D?

In 2006, the airport was reconfigured and D's gates were incorporated into both the C and E terminals. There was talk at the time of numbering the terminals, but the current system (letters for terminals, numbers for gates) was deemed easier to navigate.

CREATURE COMFORTS



Take Fido for his pit stop at a **PETPORT** – they're outside every terminal on the arrivals level. And Logan is the first major airport in the country where the fire-rescue staff is also trained in animal first aid. As part of the same program, baggage handlers are being trained to notice signs of distress in animals.

PLUG IT IN

Around the gates in every terminal are banks of seats labeled "Powered by Massport," which have electrical outlets and USB ports.

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BEFORE SECURITY



DINE > The **DINE BOSTON BAR & GRILL** is your best option for food. Guest chefs rotate through every few months from Boston's best restaurants. The attached cafe serves takeout food and specialty coffee.

TO PACK > **TRAVEL BASICS** stocks drugstore items like shampoo and sunscreen along with other, well, travel basics such as luggage tags and neck pillows.

AFTER SECURITY

LEARN > If you need to cram your Mandarin during the 24-hour flight to Beijing, stop by the **ROSETTA STONE** kiosk and pick up some language lessons. Other choices include Portuguese, Hebrew, Russian, and Arabic.

GET WIRED > At the **BEST BUY EXPRESS KIOSK**, push a button and get, soda-machine-style, an iPhone, a GPS, Nintendo games, and other pocket electronics. At the airport's largest **DUTY-FREE SHOP**, not only can you get your standard cigarettes, perfumes, and liquors, but also Longchamps bags and Gucci watches.



FEELING ROMANTIC?

> Those who are seized by a sudden impulse to pop the question (at the top of the Eiffel Tower, say) can run over to **ULTRA DIAMONDS**, where engagement rings and other baubles can be had for \$29 to \$10,000.