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Bugged by Bag Fee? It Could Be Worse.

Peeved about shelling out 15 bucks to check a bag on American Airlines? We're not happy about it, either, but here's the good/bad news: It's still the cheapest method of getting your bag from here to there. Here's how \$15 compares with the cost of shipping one medium-size suitcase and its contents (total weight 35 pounds) one way from downtown Washington to downtown San Francisco.

— Elissa Leibowitz Poma

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Farewell, Old Friends



A Fan Gets One Last Look At NYC's Storied Stadiums

By PETER MANDEL
Special to The Washington Post

Ever since the Yankees, Dodgers and Giants fought over it, New York has been the nation's baseball town. Growing up there in the 1960s and '70s, I lived for summer home-game nights: the Yanks' Graig Nettles launching a space shot of a homer, the Mets' Tom Seaver whiffing the side.

We are the home of the Subway Series, manhole-cover bases for stickball, Mantle vs. Mays. We've got more pennants than you do. More than we can fly.

Truth is, I live in New England now. But I can't stop obsessing over my Mets via TV and beating my Big Apple baseball drum.

I keep telling friends that this summer is the last for both of New York's big-league stadiums. Yankee Stadium, the cavernous "House That Ruth Built" and a baseball icon since 1923, will give way to a new park with a retro facade. But retro or not, it never saw the likes of Gehrig, DiMaggio and Mantle. The Mets' new Ebbets Field-style Citi Field may be sweet, but the team's best times (including its miracle 1969 and 1986 World Series wins) were set inside circular concrete Shea.

There was only one thing to do: Buy a ticket for a farewell game in each park. And head for home.

One logistical glitch. The Yanks and Mets aren't normally in town the same day. Interleague games between the teams didn't help since I wanted to see both

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BY MICHAEL DOUMA

Amid the Turmoil of Israel, Guesthouses Offer Hospitality

By LISA SINGH
Special to The Washington Post

Our hostess's exasperated voice cracked into the cellphone: "My husband will meet you at the gate." Click. For the past two hours, we'd been driving through Israel's Negev desert, on a pitch-black highway, searching for a guesthouse that had come highly recommended. But its address didn't register on our GPS, and our only landmark was a gas station, leaving us no choice but to call our hostess-to-be several times from the road. Her growing annoyance had begun to show.

Turning left at the station, we proceeded

down a narrow, unlighted road, looking for "the gate." Ahead, the road terminated at a severe metal gate illuminated by two floodlights that bathed our rental car in a stark-white glare. Peering through the windshield, we made out a compound complete with a guard's post, heightening the feeling that we'd arrived at the entrance to a prison rather than a gateway to a guesthouse.

We were about to turn around when a car appeared on the other side of the gate. The driver's-side window rolled down, an arm waved and the barrier slid open.

That was our introduction to the world of

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A typical breakfast includes olives and cheeses at the Ken BaHula zimmer in the Galilee.



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