

‘Naked Scans’

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“A goal is a dream with a deadline.”

Napoleon Hill

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Flying the friendly skies anytime soon?

A recent ruling may leave travelers who are concerned about their privacy and dignity at airport security checkpoints even more frustrated.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., ruled that so-called “naked scans” are constitutional and not a breach of the Fourth Amendment, which protects citizens from being searched unreasonably.

The court ruled in favor of the Department of Homeland Security in the suit brought on by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a privacy rights group. The whole-body imaging scans, also known as advance imaging technology (AIT) scans, produce an image that is akin to an X-ray, and EPIC’s lawsuit was based on the belief that the scans are unreasonable and breach citizens’ rights.

EPIC has the right to appeal to the full appeals court or the Supreme Court.

The court ruled that security concerns surrounding air travel simply outweigh privacy concerns from travelers, especially given the fact that travelers can opt out of a “naked scan” and receive a pat-down search by a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staff member instead. The



court did note that not only are many travelers unaware of this right, but that many complaints have surfaced about how aggressive these pat-downs are.

In the judge’s mind, however, this gives travelers a choice between two search methods, and they can select the option which they personally feel to be less invasive.

In addition to deleting the image as soon as the passenger has passed through the security checkpoint, the AIT scanners also are equipped with an image distorting technology that helps retain a measure of privacy.

The TSA has plans to have as many as 1,000 full body imaging scanners in place nationwide by 2012. ■

house in the park

“Don’t wait.
The time will never
be just right.”
Napoleon Hill

House in the Park is a not-for-profit organization that hosts an annual music festival. This year’s festival was on Sunday, September 4th at Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310. The concert was from Noon – 8 PM. Sheryl, Monica and Aric all attended the House in the Park this year.

For any avid fan of deep house music, this one should not be missed. This free event brought people from all over the Southeast. It was 95 degrees and raining. However, this didn’t deter the fans. They brought blankets, picnic baskets, umbrellas, chairs, food and drinks to celebrate and enjoy the music. There were over 1,000 people attending.

This yearly event is held the Sunday before Labor Day, from noon to 8 pm in an Atlanta park and is open to the public. Next year it will be held on Sunday, September 2, 2012. You can find out more information at www.ramonraw-soul.com. You can download free samples of music at the site as well! ■



an inside look at mindmeister

By Monica Bray



For those of you that love to use mind mapping, have I got a treat for you. For those of you who are unfamiliar as to what mind mapping actually is, let me give you a brief introduction. Simply put, mind maps are specially formatted diagrams that enable a person to organize their ideas while brainstorming similar to the way they think. They were developed as a solution to

the constant information overload that we commonly experience which may cause lack of focus and creativity. There are many websites that you can visit and even utilize to create mind maps for any purpose whether it’s marketing, writing a paper, or even planning trips and events. One website in particular that I highly recommend you check out is www.mindmeister.com.

Mindmeister is an online mind mapping software that enables consumers to create mind maps as well as view the maps of others that published their creations. Mindmeister was published by a company called Meister Labs, Inc. in 2007 which since that time, has received much recognition for having one of the most innovative, teaching, and learning websites of its time. Mindmeister also represents the true meaning of “global project brainstorming”. This site provides its users with facilities for real time collaboration and gives them the ability to manage and access their work any-time, and any place. Now, mindmeister is taking it a step further by introducing Mindmeister mobile making the software more accessible even on the go! ■



student athletes:

PRIME TARGETS FOR MRSA INFECTIONS?

Developing a staph infection is bad enough. Having a staph infection that is resistant to antibiotics is even worse. That's exactly what Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infections are – staph infections that are resistant to many common antibiotics such as penicillin and amoxicillin.

While the most severe and life-threatening cases of MRSA infections are usually found in healthcare facilities, where staph infections can develop in wounds, surgical sites or the bloodstream, other locations, such as schools, can also be prime candidates for infections.

Most MRSA infections arise as skin infections and typically are spread when the infected area on one person comes in contact with another person's skin. Skin infections will gravitate to any breaks in the skin, such as cuts or abrasions. As a result, student athletes may be at the most risk, especially those participating in sports in which physical contact is common.

Similar to regular skin infections, the sooner MRSA infections are recognized, the easier they are to treat. Symptoms of an MRSA infection include:

- The appearance of what look to be spider bites or bumps that are painful

- Pustules or boils that are red, swollen and painful

- Areas of skin irritation that are oozing pus or other drainage



Hygiene is the key to helping prevent MRSA infections from developing in schools.

Students should regularly wash their hands thoroughly with soap-and-water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. It's important to keep any cuts or scrapes clean and bandaged until they've healed to avoid coming into contact with anyone else's wounds or bandages.

Athletic facilities must be fully stocked with the supplies necessary for athletes to maintain proper hygiene. All athletes should shower immediately after a game or match, and any suspected MRSA infection should be brought to the attention of a trainer, coach, or parent.

Treatment for these infections often includes incisions and draining of the area, followed by the implementation of specific antibiotics that the bacteria aren't resistant to. ■

DID YOU JUST WIN A PRIZE FROM OUR OFFICE?

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“Edison failed 10, 000 times before he made the electric light.
Do not be discouraged if you fail a few times.” Napoleon Hill

home security tips

According to recent statistics, well over a quarter of all burglaries occur without the need of any force – meaning, an open window or unlocked door was used to gain access to the home.

So, what are some basic security steps you can follow to protect your home?

- Lock all doors, windows, garages. Doors should be equipped with deadbolt locks, and sliding glass doors should be reinforced by placing a steel rod in the tracks to prevent them from being forced open.
- Make it look like you're home. Whatever timers you regularly use – radios, lights, sprinklers – keep them on! It might just be enough to dissuade a potential criminal.
- Lights and yard maintenance. Install low-voltage outdoor lighting around the perimeter of your home. Also be sure to regularly trim any bushes close to your house, so there's

less foliage cover for a potential intruder.

- Don't leave clues that you aren't around. Have neighbors get your mail and newspapers. Keep a few blinds and drapes open so things look normal. Also, don't post on Facebook that you are on vacation or leave that message on your answering machine.
- Be proactive. Join a neighborhood watch program, and above all else, have a security system installed in your home.

Many insurance companies actually offer a variety of discounts for taking steps to keep your home safe, such as installing deadbolt locks and security systems.

By utilizing these simple tips, you and your loved ones can travel with the confidence that your home will be safe and secure while you're gone. ■

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