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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. ■

# MIZUNO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL GLOVES recalled due to mold

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recently announced that Mizuno USA, Inc. was voluntarily recalling about 131,000 baseball and softball gloves



due to the presence of mold. The glove models affected by the recall include the Mizuno Supreme Series and Ballpark Pro baseball and softball gloves, which were sold at Walmart and Target stores nationwide, from April 2010 to May 2011, for around \$24 to \$60.

According to the CPSC, some gloves were found to contain a variety of molds that could cause respiratory or other infections in individuals with chronic health problems or with impaired immune systems. There have not been any injuries or incidents reported thus far.

The gloves included in the recall have a sewn-in white label on the heel of the glove with the words, “Made in Vietnam” and the model number. Model numbers include: GSP1251TG, GSP1300T, GSP1401TG, MMX122P, MMX115PWM, and MMX130. Additional details about the affected gloves, including descriptions, pictures, and also date codes for the different models can be found at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

Consumers should immediately stop using the gloves and contact Mizuno USA for a full refund by calling 800-451-7913. ■

## out of service:

### TESTING YOUR NEW CELL PHONE’S COVERAGE WITH A TRIAL PERIOD

With so many features available on cell phones these days, buying a new one can be tricky.

We want our cell phones to be ergonomic, have huge screens, be equipped with all sorts of entertaining applications and boast a keyboard with a convenient QWERTY layout.

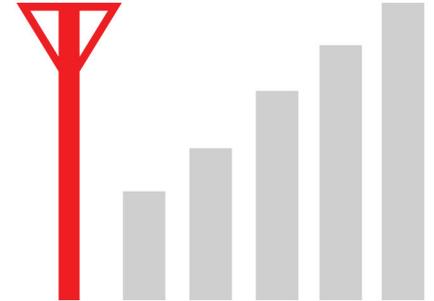
For such an important purchase, however, many people fail to check for what is perhaps the most crucial feature of all – service coverage. Why spend hundreds of dollars on a new device if you can’t make calls from your own home or send text messages due to poor coverage?

Before purchasing a new cell phone, you should always compare the coverage maps for your area that are provided by the various carriers on their web sites, including AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, and Verizon. You may be able to see if certain carriers are unable to provide adequate coverage in your area.

Even if you find a carrier that shows service coverage where you live, you aren’t finished researching yet. Cell phone carriers will never guarantee coverage, even if their maps show coverage over your area. Because of this little loophole, you could purchase a cell phone with the understanding that coverage is strong in your area, only to find that you receive poor service or none whatsoever.

Because of this, you should always utilize a trial period when purchasing a new phone. This way, you can thoroughly test the service in your home, at work, or around town to see if the coverage fits your needs. Most cell phone providers offer a trial period of at least 14 days.

If you plan on purchasing a phone from a provider that doesn’t offer a trial period, you are taking a big risk. ■



# 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 health-care 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. ■

Important Dates – September 2011

Sept. 5 – Labor Day    Sept. 11 – Grandparents' Day and Patriot Day; 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks.  
Sept. 23 – First Day of Autumn    Sept. 29 – Rosh Hashanah (starts on the evening before)

## September Trivia



With the latest (and final) Harry Potter movie currently shattering all kinds of box office records, we thought it might be fun to ask a movie box office trivia question:

Can you name the top 10 grossing movies of all time in the U.S.? ■

1. Avatar, 2. Titanic, 3. The Dark Knight, 4. Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope, 5. Shrek 2, 6. E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial, 7. Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace, 8. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, 9. Toy Story 3, 10. Spider-Man

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## “naked scans”



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# 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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