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Internet

Google tunes up search results, logo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is fine-tuning the way it presents its Internet search results to make it easier for people to find information and images they want.

The new tools being introduced will be accompanied by a touched-up Google logo featuring slightly brighter hues of red, blue, green and yellow with less shadow in the background.

Google's most noticeable changes will occur to the left of its search results. That area will offer more tools for reshuffling search results into specific categories, such as news, images, blogs and video. The new alternatives also will open more doors to other possible topics of interests.

The changes are part of the incessant tinkering that Google does to maintain its commanding lead in the Internet's lucrative search market. The company says it made about 550 revisions to its search engine last year alone, mostly tweaks to its closely guarded formulas for deciding which results and ads to offer processing a search request.

Google Inc. has been gradually offering more ways to slice and dice its results during the past two years. The latest changes are designed to encourage people to whittle Google's results more frequently.

Here's an example of how the new system might work: A search request about a scientific theory might cause the left side of Google's results page to provide links suggesting an exclusive focus on images or information pulled from books or videos. The categories appearing on the left side of the page would be different for a search request about a sports event. Those might point to blogs and news instead.

And search requests for merchandise are more likely to trigger an option that would allow the user to click on a link on the left side of the page to include more or fewer search results.

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Quick read

Is there a fun or fascinating Web site you would like to share with fellow readers? Call the newspaper at 752-2121 and it may appear here.



This week's website:
english.aljazeera.net

If you want to see world news and opinion from an Arab perspective, log on to the website of Al Jazeera, the pan-Arabic news network based in Qatar.

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Logan shelves discrimination ban

Municipal Council votes 3-2 to put off gay protection ordinance

By Jay Patrick
staff writer

Logan won't have ordinances protecting gay people anytime soon.

The Municipal Council on Tuesday night shelved two proposed ordinances — one banning discrimination in housing and one banning discrimination in employment, based on sexual orientation.

Councilman Herm Olsen introduced the ordinances, similar to those recently passed in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, West Valley City and Park City, but his colleagues shot it down.

"If we don't have a problem,

do we need to add another level of bureaucracy?" said Councilwoman Holly Daines, arguing that the measure if enacted could burden staff and the mayor.

The ordinances were on the council agenda as a workshop item, the first stage in consideration of an ordinance when the measure is introduced and sometimes discussed. Most workshop items become the subject of a public hearing and council vote at the council's following meeting. That won't happen with the proposed anti-discrimination ordinances — on a 3-2 count the council decided to put off further consideration to August.

Councilman Dean Quayle said anti-discrimination protections have gone too far. Quayle asked if people with poor hygiene should be protected, or people who own pets or those who smoke.

"It's one thing after another ... 'I'm old and I wear glasses, and I'm discriminated against.' I wonder about these things," he said.

Councilwoman Laraine Swenson questioned if Logan should conduct a hearing and pass regulations when it's possible the state Legislature could do the same next year; state law overrides local law.

"I think that we should give them the opportunity to deal

with it," Swenson said of the Legislature. "I could see us passing it to make a statement, but I don't see it accomplishing much."

Olsen countered: "If we only adopt this for nine months ... we've extended fairness and equality in these two areas to our citizens for nine months, and that's worth something."

Council Chairman Jay Monson was Olsen's lone ally.

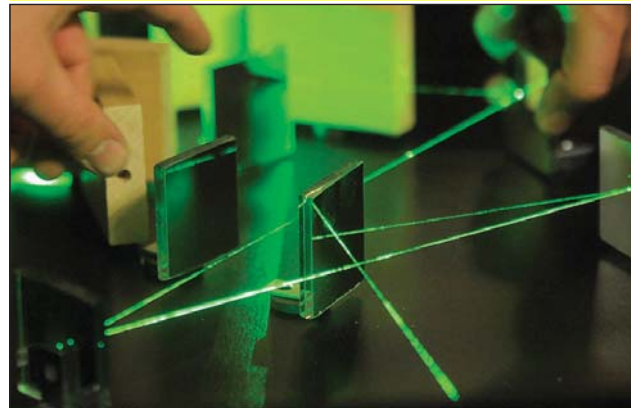
"I'd hate to wait for the state to do this," he said. "They just don't seem to get to things."

Monson said tabling the proposals would send the message that "in Logan we prefer or are

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On campus

Pathways of light



Braden Wolfe/Herald Journal

Utah State Society of Physics Students members demonstrate a laser maze during the "Science Unwrapped" event Friday at USU.

USU physics students demonstrate laser maze

By Kim Burgess
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Utah State University student Doug Ball arranges a few small mirrors, then turns on a laser, showing how the beam will bounce between them — a scene like something out of an Indiana Jones movie.

"It looks pretty cool," said Ball, making the green laser glow brighter with a blast from a fog maker.

The hypnotic demo is actually part of an educational science game recently developed by Ball and other members of USU's Society of Physics Students.

What's a laser?

A laser is a device that strengthens light waves, making them very well defined, unlike ordinary light sources such as the sun or a lamp.

Some lasers have a well-directed, very bright beam with a very specific color; other lasers emphasize different properties, such as extremely short pulses.

In the past 50 years, lasers have evolved tremendously and have become powerful enough to induce nuclear fusion, precise enough to replace scalpels and gentle enough to reduce heating in a high-speed computer processor.

Source: www.laserfest.org

At the start of spring semester, the American Physical Society gave the group \$4,600 to develop these Laser Mazes and purchase

books on lasers for local libraries. Over the months, they tried

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Car bomb suspect believed to be alone

NEW YORK (AP) — The Pakistani-American accused of the failed Times Square car bombing is believed to have been working alone when he began preparing the attack almost immediately after returning from his native land, authorities said Wednesday.

They said they have yet to find a wider link to extremist groups.

Two new surveillance videos emerged of the bomb suspect, Faisal Shahzad. Police told The Associated Press that one video shows him in a white baseball cap and a dark jacket walking away from the smoking, bomb-laden Nissan Pathfinder parked in the bustling heart of New York City.

The second video shows him buying a weak batch of fireworks in a store in Pennsylvania, according to the shop's owner.

One law enforcement official told the AP that authorities don't believe there are any other suspects in the plot and that several arrests in Pakistan in the past two days were not related.

Shahzad faces terrorism and weapons charges after authorities said he admitted rigging the Pathfinder with a crude bomb of firecrackers, propane and alarm clocks based on explosives training

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County considers new standards for country roads

By Charles Geraci
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County officials are considering changes to road standards in the unincorporated area.

Today, the Cache County Council and the Cache County Planning Commission will be discussing the issue in a joint workshop, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

The highlights of the proposed amendments include increasing the shoulder width of county roads, making changes to the various structural components of roads — road base, gravel and paved surfacing, for example — and clarifying how private roads will be handled.

Discussion is in the initial stage, and the details are subject to change, according to Josh Runhaar, the county's director of development services.

He said it's important for the county to have an "infrastructure standard" in place.

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Deep beneath Gulf, oil may be wreaking havoc

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The oil you can't see could be as bad as the oil you can.

While people anxiously wait for the slick in the Gulf of Mexico to wash up along the coast, globules of oil are already falling to the bottom of the sea, where they threaten virtually every link in the ocean food chain, from plankton to fish that are on dinner tables everywhere.

"The threat to the deep-sea habitat is already a done deal — it is happening now," said Paul Montagna, a marine scientist at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M



AP photo

The inside of the containment system that will be used to try to contain the Deepwater Horizon oil is shown in Port Fouchon, La., on Wednesday.

University-Corpus Christi. Hail-size gobs of oil the consistency of tar or asphalt will roll around the bottom, while other bits will get trapped hundreds of feet below the surface and move with

the current, said Robert S. Carney, a Louisiana State University oceanographer. Oil has been gushing into the Gulf of Mexico at a rate of at least 200,000

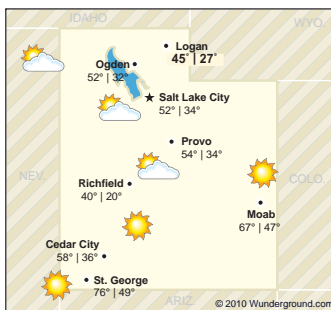
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THE WEATHER

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Utah outlook

Forecast for today



Cache Valley outlook



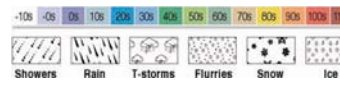
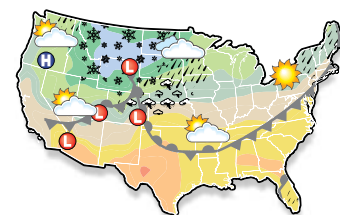
TODAY
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Much cooler. Highs in the mid-40s. Lows near 30.

FRIDAY
Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the mid-30s.

EXTENDED
Partly to mostly cloudy through Sunday. Chance of rain Monday. Highs near 70. Lows in the mid-30s.

National outlook

Forecast highs for today



Local temperatures

Cache Valley weather station reports for Wednesday.

City	High	Low	Prc	City	High	Low	Prc
Logan	55	23	.04	Preston	53	23	
Logan Peak	31	18		Smithfield	52	27	.07
KVNU	55	25		Wellsville	52	19	.01
Mendon	55	24	.09				

Almanac

Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.
Sunset: 8:30 p.m.
Humidity: 68 percent
UV Index: 3 (Low)
Conditions: Cloudy
Record High: 85 (1958)
Record Low: 23 (1961)
Dew Point: 37 degrees

Moon phases



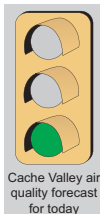
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Up above

Just 16 minutes into this new day (EDT) the moon reached first quarter. At midnight local time Mars' North Pole was tilted most toward Earth. While the moon is in Capricorn it comes to apogee, its farthest point from the Earth at 251,209 miles.

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Air quality advisory



Red: Air alert. Unhealthy for sensitive groups. Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.

Yellow: No health advisory. Moderate air action: reduce driving; use transit; consolidate trips.

Green: It's OK to drive and spend time outdoors.

Source: Utah Department of Environmental Quality (www.airquality.utah.gov)

National temperatures

Temperatures indicate Wednesday's high and overnight low.

Utah temperatures	Hi	Lo	Prc	National temperatures	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Brigham City	55	26		Albany, N.Y.	79	43		m
Cedar City	73	34		Albuquerque	85	49		clr
Della	81	32		Amariillo	74	49		clr
Duchesne	72	25		Anchorage	56	34		ody
Filmore	73	34		Ashville	80	48		clr
Layton	63	33		Atlanta	84	61		clr
Ogden	59	33		Austin	94	47		ody
Orem	72	35		Baltimore	81	50		ody
Pleasant Grove	73	31		Billings	49	29		srw
Salt Lake City	63	34		Birmingham	86	57		clr
Ogden	61	34		Bismarck	51	37		m
Springville	74	34		Boise	50	40		.01
St. George	88	54		Casper	57	20		srw
Vernal	66	29		Chicago	72	57		ody
Zion N.P.	84	53		Cincinnati	83	55		clr
				Cleveland	85	57		ody
				Dayton	82	55		ody
				Denver	65	37		ody

Des Moines	71	49	.03	ody	Pendleton	49	36	.01	ody
Detroit	80	54	.16	ody	Philadelphia	82	57	ody	
Duluth	52	35	.17	ody	Phoenix	98	65	clr	
El Paso	94	51		ody	Pittsburgh	80	47	ody	
Evansville	83	56		ody	Richmond	87	56	ody	
Fairbanks	38	32	.05	clr	Sacramento	73	45	ody	
Houston	93	56		ody	St. Louis	83	62	ody	
Indianapolis	82	56		ody	Shreveport	91	57	ody	
Jackson, Miss.	89	57		ody	Sioux Falls	55	44	ody	
Jacksonville	86	71	.02	ody	Spokane	52	30	ody	
Juneau	51	42	.09	ody	Syracuse	82	44	ody	
Milwaukee	71	55	.01	ody	Tampa	86	77	ody	
Nashville	86	57		ody	Topeka	77	49	ody	
New Orleans	88	69		ody	Tucson	96	57	ody	
New York City	80	58		ody	Tulsa	85	56	ody	
Norfolk, Va.	83	59		ody	Washington	83	59	ody	
North Platte	63	29		ody					
Oklahoma City	82	56		ody					
Omaha	68	44	.01	ody					
Orlando	90	75		ody					

National temperature extremes:
High 102 at Death Valley, Calif.
Low 3 at Yellowstone Lake, Wyo.

Cache Valley forecast provided by National Weather Service — 'Up Above' feature provided by Astro Data

Roads

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"We're not doing a one-size-fits-all (approach)," Runhaar said Wednesday. "We've got a wide variety of types of roads. We deal with roads up in the mountains. We deal with roads that connect major urban areas, but we also deal with roads that are going out to farms. We need to have a consistent standard, so as development occurs and the county goes out and improves roads, we're doing things in a consistent fashion."

One change consists of increasing shoulder width from 1 foot to 2 feet on farm roads and from 1 foot to 5 feet on local roads. Runhaar said that farm roads, as proposed, are considered to have roughly 50 to 200 vehicle trips per day on them, while local roads handle about 200 to 1,500 vehicle trips per day. He said one home equates to approximately 10 vehicle trips per day. Farm roads and local roads are common in the county.

Another amendment consists of implementing clear standards for structural components of roads. The proposal is to put 10 inches of road base, 8 inches of gravel and various degrees of

paved surfacing for local, collector and arterial roads, while farm roads would not be required to have a paved surface. Farm roads would be required to have the same amount of road base and gravel, however.

In the current draft of the proposed amendments, dead-end roads would be limited to a maximum length of 500 feet. Private roads would be defined as roads servicing three or more lots, and they would be required to utilize the county's road construction standards.

Runhaar said the changes may result in increased costs for development, but landowners and developers would benefit in that the standards would be clear. "This will benefit development too in some ways," Runhaar said. "The biggest problem we have right now is we're asked, 'Well, what am I going to have to build?' And we're unsure. And so you go all the way through your development project and you get your approvals, and that's when you find out what kind of a road you're building. People would much rather know up front what the standards and criteria are going to be for doing their development."

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not worried or whatever that there could be discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Daines suggested that Logan perhaps shouldn't be worried, that such discrimination is absent here.

Monson shot back: "By doing this, we prevent it being a problem ... I'd rather act on it so we don't have a potential problem."

At the end of the discussion, Monson asked people in the audience if they had experienced discrimination based on sexual orientation; a dozen hands of college students went up. They were not allowed to speak in the

meeting but later in the hallway recounted experiences of discrimination and blasted the council for lack of leadership.

"We're against discrimination, but we're not passing it." That tells me you are not against discrimination," said 23-year-old Seth Jensen. Assuming that there is no problem "is a lame excuse," he said.

Logan resident Ken Heare, 37, told of an incident when an apartment he and his partner were looking to rent suddenly became unavailable when the landlord discovered Heare and his partner would be living there. Others have had similar experiences, Heare said. Under the proposed law, those found guilty of turning away potential renters based on sexual

orientation could be fined \$500 or \$1,000, depending on the size of the business involved. The fines are the same for businesses found to consider sexual orientation in employment decisions.

Salt Lake City approved its laws, with the backing of the LDS Church, last fall. The prominent statewide group Equality Utah is pushing a "Ten in 2010" campaign encouraging 10 cities or counties to approve anti-discrimination laws before the Legislature convenes in 2011. Group leaders said at that time they could push for a state law; a recent Salt Lake Tribune poll found 66 percent of Utahns support statewide protections.

The Logan ordinances were proposed by the local chapter of Mormons

for Equality and Social Justice.

"This is a sensitive issue and a very personal issue and I think most of us come to it with our own viewpoints," including religious beliefs, said Olsen at the meeting. On the LDS Church's support of Salt Lake City's laws, he said "I think they were trying to send a message as far as these categories are concerned that discrimination is not appropriate. That was impressive to me and part of my motive to what I perceived as guidance and instruction."

In response to the various arguments of his colleagues, Olsen said "I don't think it's ever inappropriate to do the right thing."

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Laser

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several prototypes, making up the rules as they went along.

"It was fun to figure it out," said Linsey Johnson, president of USU's SPS group. "We got to be creative."

The final product premiered Friday after a USU Science Unwrapped lecture celebrating the laser's invention 50 years ago.

Dozens of kids crowded around to learn the rules of the maze game and play for themselves.

To start, one player sets up a target and five blocks, trying to make a difficult path for the laser. The opponent uses mirrors to get around the obstacles and direct the beam to the target. Whoever uses the fewest blocks or mirrors is the winner.

"It's interesting," said 10-year-old Molly Duersch after playing with the game. "Science is one of my favorite things, and

they make it fun."

In the fall, the SPS members will take the mazes to local schools to teach about the fundamentals of lasers. The group already gives presentations on a variety of physics concepts like Newton's laws and astronomy. "I've loved it. It's fun to share what we know and make it entertaining," said Johnson, who added that they went to 20 classrooms this year and new requests are always coming in.

The lectures have generated a lot of positive feed-

back, according to David Peak, a USU physics professor who advises the SPS students.

"We're teaching contemporary science topics in a gentle way," he said. "The laser mazes will be great for that."

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Tunes

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Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp., the owners of the second- and third-most popular search engines, already offered control panels that can carve search results into servings that suit individual tastes.

Google began sharpening its new tools in tests dating back to 2006, according to Johanna

Wright, a director of product management for Google.

"We have just been waiting for our technology to be ready for something like this," she said.

Microsoft unveiled its Bing search engine 11 months ago in its latest attempt to pose a tougher challenge to Google. Bing's share of the U.S. search market has climbed from 8 percent to nearly 12 percent since its debut, but those gains have mostly been at Yahoo's expense.

Google's share has been hovering at about 65 percent for the past year, according to comScore Inc.

Also as part of Google's tweaks, the Google logo will lose the "TM" that signals Google is a trademark. Removing that symbol, though, doesn't mean Google is surrendering its legal claims on one of the world's most valuable brands.

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