

Melia



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A sans serif with a clean, friendly personality, Melia is a condensed face with a generous x-height. Melia exhibits low stroke contrast with near-vertical stress and subtle chirographic hints such as angled terminals.

Melia's rigorous curves provide definition and crispness, but its robust forms are tempered by sleek, rounded terminals, and open counters which don't clog at text sizes.

Melia's quirks include slightly experimental treatments of stroke endings. The arms on characters such as the capital E and Z are slightly tapered; this feature distributes the glyph's weight away from the stem, strengthening the terminals and opening up the counters. The large x-height has resulted in unusual forms for the lowercase g and y that allow more counterspace to creep into the short descenders.

Melia is ideal for text set in narrow columns, such as in newspapers and magazines. Melia's ideal size range is 5–6pt, and remains readable at just 4pt. Its condensed width allows it to fit economically on the page.

However, unlike other fonts designed for small sizes, Melia lacks pronounced ink traps, allowing the typographer to use it equally well at headline sizes (18–24pt) without unintended side-effects.

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Glyphs

UPPERCASE

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LOWERCASE

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Alqualondë
Cyberspace
Softcovers
Frangipani
Orchestras
Quetzalcoatl
Xanthomata

Beeswax
Gelling Agent
Syrupy Fingers
Butterscotch Sauce
Golden Slumber Cake
Dazzling Crystalline Spindrift
Delicious Light Bouncy Sponge
Raspberries with Crushed Meringue
Does the Ketchup Remind You of Death?

Embattled Obama faces Afghan policy choice

HEADLINE 31pt
-15 TRACKING

Anger at pullback on US climate change bill

President soft-pedals healthcare reform

SUBHEAD 10pt
-10 TRACKING

Simon Tisdall
John Vidal
Guardian reporters

Imagine the scene aboard Air Force One, the US president's plane, on the runway in Copenhagen last Friday. Barack Obama is exhausted, having flown the Atlantic overnight to back Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics. He is also feeling humiliated, since his efforts on behalf of his adopted home town have been roundly spurned.

The weary president knows he is returning to a White House under siege. Healthcare, the economy, spiralling unemployment and a host of other knotty issues are blighting a first term that began with so much promise. The last thing Obama wants to talk about is America's losing war in Afghanistan.

Enter General Stanley McChrystal, the earnest US and Nato commander in Afghanistan. The general is pressing hard for a surge of up to 40,000 extra US troops to stave off what he warns could be a strategic disaster. The calculations of Obama's advisers are more political. They know their boss has to get Afghanistan right and time is not on his side.

The result? Obama has 25 minutes with McChrystal. They chew over Afghan policy scenarios, as they will do in more meetings over the next two or three weeks. This root-and-branch review will determine not only the future of US military operations but may also seal the fate of President Hamid Karzai's fraud-tainted government.

The question is: will Obama pull the plug, will he downgrade the US commitment, will he cut and run, as hawkish Republicans will interpret it? Or will he heed McChrystal and escalate, will he pursue a widening, indefinite war,



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NO TRACKING

Problems pile up... President Barack Obama Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Image

CAPTION 6.5pt
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as panicky Democrats see it?

Sacked UN diplomat Peter Galbraith's weekend broadside alleging the organisation's complicity in electoral fraud is but the latest of many considerations pushing Obama towards some variation of the downsizing option. Karzai's manipulation

of the vote had handed the Taliban its "greatest strategic victory in eight years", Galbraith said. He alleged that almost one in three of the votes cast for Karzai were fraudulent.

Last weekend's news that another eight US servicemen have died in Afghanistan's bloodiest year so far; polls

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