

## Amazon.com buys Stanza e-book app maker Lexcycle

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kindle e-book retailer Amazon.com Inc. has purchased Lexcycle, a year-old company that makes the iPhone e-book application Stanza, in a move that ratchets up Amazon's presence in the electronic book market.
Financial terms weren't disclosed.
Stanza allows users to read e-books in the "epub" format, which is an open standard supported by the International Digital Publishing Forum that many publishers use to create e-book files. Amazon.com's Kindle does not support the format, butSony Corp.'s competing

e-book device, Kindle 2. The company's and has offices in both Austin, Texas online Kindle Store now includes more and Portland, Ore.
than 270,000 books and other reading material. It also recently rolled out free Kindle functions to iPhone and iPod Touch users to read the same electronic books that Kindle owners can buy on Amazon.com.

However, unlike Stanza, Amazon's iPhone app lacks an e-book purchasing feature. Users mustaccess the Web browser on their iPhone, iPod or computer to buy the books.

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> Stanza application or user experience as a result of the acquisition?

## MARC PRUDPHOMMEAUX LEXCYCLE FOUNDER

"It has been an amazing experience toseeStanzagrowout of our brainstormed ideas into one of the most downloaded iPhone applications," said Lexcycle founder Marc Prud'hommeaux in a statement on his company blog. "We are not planning any changes in the Stanza application or user experience as a result of the acquisition."

Calls to Amazon.com seeking comment weren't imzon.com seeking comment weren
mediately returned late Monday.


HURON, Ohio (AP) - Researchers want to fly remote-controlled airplanes near Lake Erie to determine whether lighting systems could scare away birds and cut down the number of mid-air collisions with flying fowl.

Wildlife biologists hope the study will help them understand more about how birds react to planes.

Instead of real planes, they plan on using hobby planes with wing. spans up to 9 feet.

Researchers with the National Wildlife Research Center office in Sandusky want to conduct the study midway between Cleveland and Toledo - close to where Huron River pouts into Lake Erie because there is a large seagull roost nearby.

First, they must get permission from the city of Huron.
"Obviously we want to protect the safety of the community, but the project itself is so important that we want to help the federal government study this avian problem," said Huron City Manager Andy White.

More attention is now being focused on airplane strikes after birds knocked out both engines of a jet and forced it down in New York in January. All 155 people aboard survived that incident as pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched the jet safely in the Hudson River
But data from Federal Aviation Administration show airplane collisions with birds have more than doubled at 13 major U.S. airports since 2000. Wildlife experts say more birds are living near cities and airports year round rather than migrating.



## Cats, babies can coexist peacefully

(AP) - Some people still believe the myth that a cat will suck the breath from a sleeping infant.

But if cats could pass on their own myths about babies, they'd probably be just as scary: weird noises, new smells, such unpredictable behavior!
"To some cats, babies are like aliens from outer space," says Dr. Kat Miller, behaviorist with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. As if that's' not enough, there's also the disruption to the household routine, she says.
"Cats are creatures of habit, they prefer consistency," says Miller. "Any abrupt change in their life can cause anxiety and fear."

Setting up the new furniture well ahead of time will help ease the transition when a baby's on the way. If this results in a new spot for the litter box, be sure to place it where the cat won't be disturbed when using it. Otherwise he may decide to do his business elsewhere.

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to baby sounds by playing a recording regularly, and to smells by using baby lotions on yourself and letting the cat sniff them

And if you're worried about the cat scratching the baby, have your vet show you how to trim his nails regularly. You might also consider a product called Soft Claws - soft caps that are glued to a cat's claws.

Think about changes in routine that the new baby will bring, and try to gradually transition to that schedule for the cat's feeding, play and cuddling time, says Miller.

Once the baby comes home, contact with any animal should be supervised. The simplest way to keep a cat away from a sleeping baby is to keep the door closed, and there are devices called crib tents and scat mats that discourage cats from climbing into cribs.
If the cat is attracted to the crib - a common worry which often amounts to nothing - chances are, it's because it's the highest spot in the room. Consider
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adding perches like high cat trees to various parts of the house
"It can observe, and get away from probing fingers," Miller says. "That way it doesn't have to hide under a couch, but can be part of the family."
It also helps to make sure the cat knows what's allowed, not just what is forbidden.

For example, if you don't want him in the crib or on your lap when you're nursing, put a treat in a nearb perch or cat bed to give him a place where he can go and still be in your company.

Never hold the cat still to meet a baby, says Miller. Well-meaning people may think this will show the cat that the baby won't harm him, but she says, "If someone held me in place and put a big tarantula in my face, I wouldn't feel happy about meeting the tarantula!"

Also avoid the other extreme of panicking if the cat goes near the baby, which teaches the animal that the baby causes upsetting things to happen. Allow the cat to observe and approach at his own pace.
If his tail's up (not wagging, which, unlike in dogs, is a sign of agitation) and his ears are pricked up, he's relaxed and interested.
"Praise the cat for gentle behavior, sniffing, nuzzling - it's creating a bond," says Miller.

In the end, though, remember that how a cat adjusts to a new baby depends a lot on his personality.

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 ANJULIE HIRA, Ajunior interior design major from Ndola, Zambia, Africa, models an outfit made by senior apparel design and manufacturing major from Ndola, Zambia, Africa and Elanor Woodson Scholarship recipient, Evangelia Kypreos, Thursday at Tech Style 2009. Tech Style is the Department of Design's annual senior event.

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## Farrah Fawcett gets

 visit from jailed sonLOS ANGELES (AP) - Authorities have allowed the son of Ryan O'Neal and Farrah Fawcett a brief visit with his ailing mother.
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore says a judge allowed 24 -year-old Redmond O'Neal to leave jail briefly on Saturday to visit the cancer-striken Fawcett.
O'Neal's family paid roughly $\$ 1,300$ so that deputies could supervise the visit.
O'Neal has been jailed since April 5 , when deputies say he was caught with heroin at a jail facility north of Los Angeles. He faces two important court dates this week, when judges could allow him to re-enter rehab.

## Numerous families

 allow media to cover fallen soldiersDOVER, Del. (AP) - In the weeks since the Pentagon ended an 18 -year ban on media coverage of fallen soldiers returning to the U.S., most families given the option have allowed reporters and photographers to witness the solemn ceremonies that mark the arrival of flag-draped transfer cases.

Critics had warned that military families needed privacy and peace activists might exploit the images, but so far the coverage has not caused problems.

Air Force Tech Sgt. Phillip A. Myers, 30, of Hopewell, Va., who died April 4 in Afghanistan, was the first combat casualty whose return to American soil was witnessed by the news media. He was buried with full military honors Monday afternoon at Arlington National Cemetery, where Defense Secretary Robert Gates joined representatives from all branches of the military in paying their respects.

Air Force civil engineer Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg, who traveled to Dover Air Force Base earlier this month for the return of Myers' body, also attended the ceremony at Arlington, where he presented U.S. flags to My ers' widow, Aimee, his two children, and his parents.

With permission from Aimee Myers, the military opened the Dover base earlier this month so reporters and photographers could chronicle the return of her husband's body. The mortuary there is the entry point for service members killed overseas.

The ban on media coverage dated back to 1991, when President George H.W. Bush imposed it during the Persian Gulf War. It was cast as a way to protect the privacy of grieving families, but critics argued that officials were trying to hide the human and political cost of war.
"I think it was to protect the government's butt," said David Pautsch, who allowed the media to witness the return of his son Jason, an Army corporal from Davenport, Iowa, who was killed with four other soldiers in a bombing in Iraq.

He said the ban was more about minimizing the political impact of Americans dying overseas.
"I think it was a reaction against the second-guessing of our country's mission," he said.

## Elephant exodus reported from troubled Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - more and more into areas previously Growing pressure from poaching and human encroachment in Zimbabwe has driven hundreds of elephants to migrate from the country and at least one leopard to stalk an upmarket Harare suburb, conservationists said Monday.

The independent Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force appealed in its latest monthly bulletin for more action - and money - to preserve the troubled nation's wildlife.

In Zimbabwe's economic melt-
down, "humans are encroaching
reserved for wildlife," the task force said.

As many as 400 elephants have crossed the Zamberi River, which separates Zambia from northern Zimbabwe, in recent months, said Johnny Rodrigues, head of the task force.

Three elephants also roamed into the eastern border city of Mutare this month and state wildlife authorities "want to shoot them before they kill somebody," he said.

The task force and a Zimbabwe animal group received official authority to
capture and transport the elephants to Chipinda Pools, believed to be their original home area 125 miles (200 kilometers) to the south.
"The problem is funding for the relocation," Rodrigues said. State game rangers "won't wait much longer before destroying the elephants."

In northern Harare, rangers also wanted to track and kill at least one leopard, which also is suspected of having a cub. Rodrigues said the task force set up drugged, baited traps for predators so they could be returned to the wild, but none has been caught
since a guard dog was attacked earlier this month.

Tourism and photographic safaris have dropped sharply during years of political and economic turmoil since the often violent seizures of thousands of white-owned farms began in 2000, disrupting the agriculturebased economy in the former regional breadbasket.

Longtime ruler President Robert Mugabe blames Western sanctions for the economic crisis that has led to acute shortages of food, gasoline and the most basic goods.


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Papa's Finals Blowout

walked one of Hollywood's red carpets in a slim-fitting black sheath that showed off a burgeoning baby bump beneath.

Gwen Stefani didn't miss a fashion beat when she was expecting her first child. The singer and clothing designer rocked an empire-waist, animal print gown from her own collection at the Grammy Awards that skimmed over her belly and put the spotlight on her toned arms and shoulders.

Nicole Richie even bared her bump in a green bikini when she was pregnant with daughter Harlow. Now expecting her second child, Richie is sticking with her hippie-chic style, sporting colorful maxidresses and Boho skirts paired with belly-hugging anks.
These hip Hollywood moms are bold symbols of a trend that's grown like triplets in the third trimester: maternity fashions that are perfectly suited for the runway, the red carpet and real life.

Two decades ago, "there was little in the way of fashion and maternity," says Rebecca Matthias, president and chief creative officer of A Pea in the Pod. "It was kind of an oxymoron: maternity fashion."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - When Angelina Jolie was expecting twins last yngear, she announced her pregnancy year, she announced her phe simply beat when she was expectin ave Gelly and put the spotighton

But that was then. Today pregnant women can wear the same sleek business suits, designer jeans, flirty dresses and trendy tops their non-pregnant pals are wearing. Thank the women's movement - and stretch fabrics - for the shift.
"It was a sociological change that led to a fashion revolution," Matchias says. "Women had to dress nice when they were pregnant. They could afford to, and they were probably earning their own money."

That's what led Matthias to the maternity marketplace. She was a working professional when she got pregnant and she couldn't find business clothes that would accommodate her growing belly. Her company, which includes A Pea in the Pod, Destination Maternity and Motherhood Maternity stores, now dresses more than three million moms-to-be each year.

For spring and summer, tiered ruffle tops, boho-inspired blouses, fitted dresses and floral bikinis are among the anticipated trends.

The company's new luxe line, A Pea in the Pod Collection, has A-list fans such as Salma Hayek and Jessica Alba. It offers elegant silk gowns, bejeweled tanks and jeans from True Religion and 7 for All Mankind -lust-worthy pieces whether you're pregnant or not.

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## Snoop Dogg takes stand in civil trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - mostly serious while on the stand, but Snoop Dogg told jurors on Monday that he didn't hit a man suing him for millions of dollars with a brass-knuckle microphone during a melee at one of his 2005 concerts.

The rapper (real name: Calvin Broadus) took the stand for nearly two hours and denied that he hit Richard Monroe Jr. during the show near Seattle. Broadus said he went back to his tour bus immediately after Monroe jumped on stage and was tackled by security.

Broadus described the people who were on stage during a melee in which Monroe claims he was seriously injured. He identified several people near the struggle as being affiliated with The Game, a fellow rapper who toured with Snoop on the "How the West Was Won" tour.
The often-playful entertainer was
did include a few moments of levity while detailing who he saw on stage in a frame-by-frame analysis. When a face on a screen shot proved difficult to make out, Broadus told his attorney, "Man! I can't it out - a lot of bald heads."

For the most part, he unflinchingly identified the performers and security personnel who can be seen on the video struggling around Monroe.

Monroe's attorneys challenged Broadus' clear recollection of the incident from the screen shots and attempted to question the rapper about drug use the night of the concert. A judge rejected that request.

Broadus, for his part, said the shots shown in court on Monday were clearer than ones he was shown during a deposition.


## "Those 18-19 year Tech students aren't uoting on

 this so they can wait until they are 21-they're supporting it so their fraternity Brothers can buy it for them (closer to campus)" . . "I only want educated uoters to uote. . . I don't think Tech Students have the life-experience to understand they should vote against this. . .filcohol Propositions 1 \& 2]" ...- Brant O'Hair, TAAS Spokesmen, (Lubbock Area Republican Womens Forum, April 16, 2009)


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# Austin man's roadster goes fast without gas 

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Just before Barry McConachie presses down the pedal of his bright red Tesla Roadster, he likes to give a quick glance up and down the wooded road to make sure his neighborhood is all clear.
Then, as the car pins him back with rollercoaster-like acceleration, he breaks into one of his self-described "Tesla grins" - a smug mug that says, man, can this thing move.

Itcan leap to 60 mph from a standstill in less than four seconds, but it requires notan ounce of gasoline: His convertible is electric-powered, with total emissions of zero.
"It's a guilt-free experience," said McConachie, who has solar panels atop his Lake Austin home that cover the charge required for the car. His license plate reads "SUN PWR." " I 'm not fooling around in some Ferrari that gets eight
miles to a gallon and is consuming all kinds of resources."

The car costs $\$ 109,000$ but gives the luxurious lie to the idea that an energysaving future means mankind's return to cave life.

McConachie, 45, who hails from western Canada, made his fortune in the software business, figuring out ways for businesses to hook up to the Internet when the World Wide Web was not yet worldwide.

In 2001, Siemens bought Dallas based Efficient Networks, a company of which he was partowner, for $\$ 1.5$ billion.

A self-described fiscal conservative who was always inclined to do environmental work, he says watching the Al Gore movie "An Inconvenient Truth," about the threats of global warming, spurred him to do more for the environment.


Realizing that the film would inspire him to spend money cutting carbon emis sions, he said he "leaned over to my wife and told her this is the most expensive movie I've ever seen."

McConachie now runs a small consulting company called Global Climate Strategies, which partners with busi nesses to help them buy carbon offsets, such as paying for the planting of trees in Ecuador.

The company also has a philanthropic arm that McConachie said has donated 100,000 efficient light bulbs to low income people in the U.S. and abroad:

At his 4,500 square-foot home, which he shares with his wife, Kathleen, and three young boys, he cut energy use, switched to more efficient light bulbs, put in a programmable thermostat and installed solar panels on the roof.

In August 2006, he sent $\$ 100,000$, sight unseen, to Tesla Motors, a highend car company that counts among its inves tors the founders of Google and PayPal, to buy a roadster. The price tag reflects the car's status, as well as the technology and highend material that make it a topnotch performer.

It would be more than two years
before it was ready, but in February, the California company shipped him car No
85. (The company has delivered fewe than 400.)
Tesla says its sports cars produce one-tenth the pollution of conven tional sports cars, tracing it to the emissions from the power plants that provide electricity. But McConachie's car charge is covered by his rooftop solar array.

In as little as $31 / 2$ hours, the car can gain enough power todrive at least 220 miles, McConachie said. Put another way, it costs about five bucks in electric ity to fill the tank, he said.
"If gas goes up to three or four dollars, it will pay for itself," he said with a grin, "in about 90 years."

McConachie has taken the car up to 110 mph , though he would not say, on the record, just where he had done so.

He has also trained at a NASCAR rack and has driven fast cars and mo torbikes since he was a teen.

The Tesla does not have gears just forward and reverse, like some sort of supersouped-up golf cart. Tesla recommends that its owners replace their lithium ion battery pack after five years, or about 100,000 miles. A new pack costs about $\$ 12,000$, McConachie said.

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## Source: Labor Dept. plans new regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Labor Department plans to propose new rules aimed at limiting exposure to a chemical that gives microwave popcorn its buttery flavor and preventing industrial dust accidents.

Labor Secretary Hilda Solis is expected to announce details of the proposals on Tuesday, a labor official told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because details were still being worked out.

With the two actions, Solis would be making good on a pledge to step up OSHA enforcement and create safety rules in areas where the Bush administration declined to act
She planned to announce the actions at a groundbreaking ceremony for a memorial to workers who have died on the job. The memorial is scheduled to open later this year at the National Labor College in Silver Spring, Md.

New rules would protect workers from diacetyl, a popcorn flavoring chemical blamed for causing severe lung disease or other respiratory illnesses among hundreds of microwave popcorn plant workers who mixed large vats of flavors.

Last month, Solis moved to withdraw a last-minute Bush administration action that would have slowed the process for setting new standards on diacetyl.

Combustible dust standards were established for the grain industry after a series of explosions in the 1980s. But the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has declined to extend similar standards to other industries, despite a 2006 recommendation from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board.
Investigators blamed a February explosion at a Georgia sugar refinery on sugar dust that ignited, killing 13 people.


## Father of Jamie

 Lynn Spears' baby injuredOSCEOLA, La. (AP)-Casey Aldridge, the father of actress Jamie Lynn Spears' baby, and two of his four passengers were thrown from his 2008 Ford F-250 pickup when itrolled over in Louisiana, state police said Monday. No one in the truck was wearing a seat belt.

Trooper Mark Dennis said Aldridge, 19, suffered moderate injuries. He was taken to Riverrun Medical Center in nearby Vidalia, then moved to an undisclosed hospital, Dennis said.

The wreck happened about 1:30 a.m. Sunday on a highway 60 miles southeast of Monroe, near the Mississippi state line. Dennis said the passengers, men aged 19 to 23 , refused treatment for minor injuries.
"The fact that three of these guys survived ejection totally defies the odds," he said.

Investigators did not find cause to suspectdrugs or alcohol, but cited Aldridge for careless driving, Dennis said. No one was cited for not wearing a seat belt.

Aldridge, a pipe-layer from Liberty, Miss, is she father of Maddie Briann Spears, born last June. Spears, 18 , is the star of the Nickelodeon TV series "Zoey 101" and the sister of singer Britney Spears.

Rivers defends daughter on show
NEW YORK (AP) - Think twice before crossing Melissa Rivers - her mother might just step in and chew you out.

Joan Rivers unleashed an earful of insults after Donald Trump fired her daughter on "The Celebrity Apprentice."

Rivers' targets: poker champ Annie Duke and Playboy pinup Brande (BRANDee) Roderick.

Melissa Rivers, who appeared with her mom on the NBC show, claimed the two formed an alliance against her. She called them "pit vipers."

Joan Rivers launched into mamabear mode, calling Roderick a "stupid blonde" and Duke a "white trash" poker player. She called the duo "a Nazi and a. follower."

NBC representative Amanda Ruisi didn't immediately return phone and e-mail messages seeking comment. Donald Trump could not immediately be reached.

## Obama promises major investment in science

WASHINGTON (AP) - ing today will fuel our success for by necessities. I fundamentally of the Advanced Research Projects President Barack Obama promised a new era of science and technology for the nation, telling the National Academy of Sciences on Monday that he wants to devote more funds to research and development.

America has fallen behind other countries in science, Obama said.
"I believe it is not in our character, American character, to follow - but to lead. And it is time for us to lead once again. I am here today to set this goal: we will devote more than 3 percent of our gross domestic product to research and development," Obama said in a speech at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

That 3 percent would amount to about $\$ 420$ billion.
"We will not just meet but we will exceed the level achieved at the height of the space race," he said.

That pursuit of discovery a half century ago fueled the nation's prosperity and success, Obama told the academy.
"The commitment I am makanother 50 years," he said. "This work begins with an historic commitment to basic science and applied research."

And he set forth a wish list including solar cells as cheap as paint; green buildings that produce all the energy they consume; learning software as effective as a personal tutor; prosthetics so advanced that you could play the piano again and "an expansion of the frontiers of human knowledge about ourselves and world the around us.'
"We can do this," Obama said to applause.

In recent years, he said, "scientific integrity has been undermined and scientific research politicized in an effort to advance predetermined ideological agendas."

- He then drew chuckles, commenting: "I want to be sure that facts are driving scientific decisions, not the other way around," Obama said.
"At such a difficult moment, there are those whó say we cannot afford to invest in science, that support for research is somehow a luxury at a moment defined


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disagree," Obama said.
"Science is more essential for our prosperity, our security, our health, our environment, and our quality of life than it has ever been," he said.

Obama said he plans to double the budget of key science agencies over a decade, including the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy Office of Science and the National Institutes of Standards and Technology. He also announced the launch business related engineering and Agency-Energy. It is a new Department of Energy organization modeled after the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, that led in development of the Internet, stealth aircraft and other technological breakthroughs.

And he said the Energy Depart ment and the National Science Foundation will offer programs and scholarships to encourage American students to pursue careers in science, engineering and business related to clean energy

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## Armstrong＇s participation in NM race back on

ALBUQUERQUE，N．M．（AP）－ Lance Armstrong will compete in the Tour of the Gila after all，the seven－time Tour de France champion＇s first race since breaking his collarbone in a crash last month．

Race director Jack Brennan said Tuesday that Armstrong and Astana teammates Levi Leipheimer and Chris Horner will be allowed to compete at this week＇s event after USA Cycling reached an agreement with the International Cycling Union．

USA Cycling spokesman Andy Lee
confirmed a deal was in place，one day
after the UCI informed race organizers of a rule that bars top professional teams like Astana from sending organized squads to national－level races．
The compromise allows up to three members of a pro team to race individu－ ally without a team car or team director． Brennan said the Astana riders will race wearing jerseys representing Mel low Johnnys，Armstrong＇s bike store in Austin，Texas．The BMC team that had entered an eight－man squad will also be allowed three members and must wear neutral jerseys．

Armstrong wrote early Tuesday on


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his Twitter feed that he was＂Down at＠ mellowjohnnys grabbing some jerseys， tc．to race in．．．＂
The Tour of the Gila in Silver City， N．M．，runs Wednesday through Sunday
Armstrong broke his collarbone dur－ ing the Vuelta of Castilla and Leon in Spain on March 23 and had surgery two days later．A stainless steel plate and 12 screws were inserted to stabilize it，and the American star has been working toward the Giro d＇Italia beginning May 9 ．

The agreement allowing the Astana teammates to race in New Mexico was forged by USA Cycling＇s chief operating officer，Sean Petty，and UCI president PatMcQuaid in Europe，where they were attending UCI road meetings．
＂Sean had significant discussions with the UCI，＂Lee said．＂Ultimately，USA Cycling and the UCI worked together to find a resolution．＂

UCI spokesman Enrico Carpani said the agreement involved an existing USA Cycling rule allowing the federa－ tion＇s chief executive to authorize up to
three American riders of any team to compete as individuals with a neutral jersey in American national stage races．He said Petty alerted McQuaid to the rule．
＂I thought it was a lost cause，but Sean Petty went to bat for us，＂Bren－ nan said．

Astana spokesman Philippe Mae－ rtens said team general manager Johan Bruyneel was traveling Tuesday to New Mexico．He said the team hopes to give a boost to cycling in the United States while using the Gila race as a Giro warmup．
＂It＇s 100 percent preparation for the Giro，＂Maertens said．＂As our riders are there as individuals，it will be impossible to control the race to win．Maybe a stage win－there is a time trial and Levi is a specialist．You never know．＂

The deal was hailed on the Ameri can side，where the most visible rider in the sport will lend some significantsta power to the Tour of the Gila

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The International Olympic Commit tee said Tuesday that a total of seven posi－ tive tests involving six athletes came back positive for CERA，an advanced version of the blood－boosting drug EPO．

The IOC did not name the athletes or sports involved，saying it was notify－ ing the athletes through their national Olympic committees．The Italian Olym－ pic Committee said one of the positive samples belonged to one of its male athletes，who was left unidentified．
＂Due to the presumption of inno－ cence，the IOC will not comment on any individual case，＂the IOC said．

The IOC reanalyzed a total of 948 samples from Beijing after new lab tests for CERA and insulin became available after the Olympics．

The testing，which began in January， focused mainly on endurance events in cycling，rowing，swimming and track and field．
＂The further analysis of the Beijing samples that we conducted should send a clear message that cheats can never as sume that they have avoided detection，＂ said Arne Ljungqvist，chairman of the IOC medical commission．

The IOC will wait for word from the national Olympic bodies before holding any disciplinary hearings．

Athletes found guilty of doping face being disqualified from the Olympics and stripped of any medals they have won．In the meantime，national and international bodies are free to impose provisional suspensions of athletes，the IOC said．

The Italian Olympic Committee said its athlete had been informed along with the committee＇s antidoping prosecutor．Italian officials said they had not been authorized by the IOC to identify the athlete．

A Greek race walker，Athanasia Tsoumeleka，announced in January that she had tested positive in the new Beijing checks．Tsoumeleka，who finished ninth in Beijing in the 20 K walk，was charged by a Greek prosecutor earlier this month with using banned drugs．

The IOC previously disqualified nine athletes for doping at the Aug． 8－24 Olympics．In addition，there were six doping cases involving horses in the equestrian competition．

The IOC is storing doping samples for eight years so they can be tested ret－ roactively when new detection methods are developed．

## Specter switch raises stakes for Franken-Coleman

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter's party switch has turned up the heat on Minnesota's long-simmering U.S. Senate race, which suddenly carries the possibility of giving Democrats a filibuster-resistant majority in that chamber.

Specter's switch from Republican to Democrat means that if Al Franken wins in Minnesota, Democrats would have 60 votes in the Senate, raising pressure on whoever loses a grueling court battle over the seat to extend the fight even longer.

Franken emerged from a statewide recount and court challenge with a 312 -vote lead over Republican Norm Coleman, but Coleman has appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court and the seat remains unfilled five months after Election Day.

Water main breaks, causes floods in downtown Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) - A massive water main break shut down the heart of downtown Baltimore on Tuesday, sending thousands of workers home or to other offices and at one point flooding the city with two feet of water.

Officials closed eight city office buildings, including City Hall, as well as the fire and police department headquarters. Many roads downtown were closed, snarling traffic during the morning rush hour.

No injuries have been reported.
Public Works spokesman Kurt Kocher said the floodwaters had receded. Television images showed water bubbling out of broken pavement at the site of the break. Commercial buildings were closed in the 32 squareblock area, too.
"It is the center of our commercial sector so there's definitely an impact there," Downtown Partnership President Kirby Fowler said. "This is really the heaviest concentration of employees in Baltimore city."
The break was in a 20 -inch line, but public works officials said crews also shut off a nearby 40 -inch line while the damage was assessed. Water customers outside the area had low water pressure.

Coleman has argued that the state wrongly rejected more than 4,000 absentee ballots, and his appeal is scheduled for oral arguments before the Minnesota Supreme Court on June 1.

Even if Coleman loses there, he could carry his appeals into federal courts.

Whether that would block Franken from being seated is unclear. Minnesota law requires him to have an election certificate to be seated, and Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty - who signs the certificate - has hedged on whether he would do so if the case is being appealed beyond state courts.

Both campaigns issued careful comments on Specter's news.
"Senator Coleman's focus remains on the thousands of Minnesota citizens who have not had their voices heard or their votes counted," campaign manager Cul-
 fighting to enfranchise these voters and to ensure that every legally cast ballot is opened and counted."
"Sen.-elect Franken looks forward to working with senators of both parties to make progress on President Obama's agenda and move our country forward," spokesman Andy Barr said.
Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University, said the pressure will be on Coleman to keep his appeal process going as long as possible
"I don't think anybody fights as fiercely as when he's cornered," Baker said. "Coleman's now very much cornered, so I think his fangs will be bared. We'll see a resolute effort to stretch this thing out, in my opinion."
The race has already gone on lon ger than any election in Minnesota
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LAURA COLE, A freshman accounting major from Kingswood, plants a flower for her Zeta Tau Alpha sorority Friday afternoon near the Human Sciences building.

Man pleads guilty to threatening Va. Tech alums

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) - A Las Vegas man pleaded guilty Tuesday to sending an e-mail threat to two Virginia Tech alumni on the eve of the one-vear anniversary of the school's mass shootings, but said he only wanted to draw attention to violent Internet postings.
Johnmarlo Balasta Napa, 28, admitted to U.S. District Judge James Turk that he sent e-mails to two women who had been college roommate and had complained that gunman Seung-Hui Cho had stalked them. Cho was the student who killed 32 people on campus as well as himself on April 16, 2007.
Napa sent the e-mails from an address called "seunghuichorevenge" that contained a link to a MySpace page that included photos of the two women and of Cho holding paper dolls with the faces of his victims. It also had a YouTube video containing a rap song about the shootings.
"Your honor, I had concerns about violence and school shootings," Napa said when the judge asked why he sent the e-mails.

Napa said he tried to bring his concerns to unspecified authorities, but when he got no response he sent e-mails from a Nevada State College computer to the women "hoping they could do something about it."

In exchange for Napa's plea to one count of transmitting a threat in interstate commerce, a second charge against him was dropped.
Napa's attorney, public defender Fay Spence, said Napa was discharged from the Air Force in 2003 after being diagnosed with schizophrenic personality disorder. He also suffers from paranoia, she said, and his mental illness led to his actions. Napa also wrote apology letters to the women, Spence said.

## Mike Tyson's story to be told in new movie

(AP) - If anyone needed to be him of too many brain cells. reminded about the danger in boxing, the death Monday of former heavyweight champion Greg Page illustrated it in a terribly sad way. Page went quietly at the age of 50 , having never really recovered from a fight eight years ago that was to be his last.

Boxing, as Mike Tyson used to always tell us, is a hurt business. Tragically, it sometimes becomes even more than that.

But it can also deliver us some of the most compelling athletes of the time. And if anyone needs to be reminded of that, well, go and watch the new Tyson documentary that made its debut on the big screen over the weekend.

It's Tyson unplugged, and it's supposed to be good. Very good, if you believe several credible reviewers who were taken with how disarming, candid, and even vulnerable the former baddest man on the planet now appears to be.

I can't say, because I haven't seen it. Probably won't, either, but don't let that stop you.

I won't see it because I've seen it all before. For the better part of 25 years I've watched as Tyson swerved from one train wreck to another until, finally, his star burned out and he retreated into retirement with little left to show for his career other than one very strange tattoo on his face.

Little did I know that one day he would have a movie where it would all be condensed into 88 minutes. Could have saved myself a lot of time and grief by simply waiting for the DVD.
Actually, the surprising thing isn't that Tyson has a movie out. From the time he began knocking fighters out for a living in 1984 until his final fight he's provided enough material for 10 movies.

No, the surprising - make that shocking - thing is that at the age of 43 he's still alive and, seemingly, well. For a long time it looked like he would never make 40 , something Tyson himself admits having never expected.

He's surprisingly intact, too, if you can get past the tattoo and the weathered look that all boxers have. Though Tyson has always had a speech impediment, he shows no signs of any damage from getting hit too much in the ring when he talks and gives no indication that all the drugs and alcohol robbed

He survived one prison term and a couple of other jail sentences without being harmed, and a lot of long nights in strip clubs without getting knifed by someone trying to put a notch on their belt. The strip clubs were where I always thought he would meet his end, or else in the bedroom of someone else's wife.
He claims to be behaving and that's good, because he's still on probation from his guilty plea for possessing cocaine in Arizona, where he was staring at a long prison sentence. Tyson hasn't had a lot of luck in the courts over the years, but he finally ran into a judge who believed him when he said he took responsibility for his mistakes.

Whether moviegoers believe what Tyson has to say is up to them. I did find over the years that Tyson would usually say what he believed, unless, of course, he was trying to con people into buying tickets for fights even he was no longer interested in.

Whether anyone still cares is another matter. For many years people couldn't get enough of this larger-thanlife figure, but the more time passes the more people like Tyson become yesterday's news. And documentaries are a particularly tough sell, as noted by the fact that the movie grossed just $\$ 86,000$ in 11 theaters over the weekend.

Tyson was once a great heavyweight, but his greatness didn't last long. After losing the heavyweight title in a shocking knockout to James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo in 1990, his heyday was over. He could still make money and make headlines, but largely he just went through the motions in the ring and his record reflected it.

The reviewers who praised the new movie wrote about how tormented of a soul Tyson seems to be and how conflicted he remains with his life. They express surprise that he can quote philosophers, and seem astonished that this high school dropout with such a troubled past is more intelligent than they might have thought.

I don't because I've been listening to him from the time I found him crying outside of Caesars Palace after losing a bid for the 1984 Olympic team. Along the way I've listened to long hours of the same kind of stream of consciousness talk that is the core of the movie.

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