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- Australia wins its third consecutive Cricket World Cup with a victory over Sri Lanka in the 2007 ICC Cricket World Cup finals in Barbados.
- Human rights in Tajikistan: Two police officers in Dushanbe, Tajikistan are found guilty of beating and torturing a 16-year-old boy while in police custody.

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They are sentenced to two years in prison.

- A bombing occurs at a mosque in Karbala, Iraq, killing 55.
- A suicide bombing in Pakistan kills at least 22 and injures Interior Minister Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao.
- Turkey's army warns against questioning the country's secular system after a disputed first-round presidential vote in parliament.
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Australia progressed to the final without losing a single match - their smallest victory was still by a reasonable 83 runs against South Africa in the group stages.

Sri Lanka lost twice on their way to the final, first against South Africa in their first game of the Super 8s, made famous due to Lasith Malinga's 4 wickets in 4 balls, though Sri Lanka went on to lose by 1 wicket anyway. Their other loss came against today's opponents Australia, however they rested 2 of their main bowlers (Muttiah Muralitharan and

Charminda Vaas), as well as strike bowler Lasith Malinga being out injured at the time. All 3 bowlers are expected to be in the squad today, giving Australia a different challenge today.

This is a repeat of the 1996 World Cup Final which Sri Lanka won - however Australia have won both World Cups since, in 1999 and 2003, and have beaten Sri Lanka in every other World Cup match they have faced.

Gilchrist played an incredible innings of 149 - the highest for any batsman in a World Cup final - to give Australia an imposing total going in at to break. Hayden fell for 38, leaving him just 14 runs short of Sachin Tendulkar's record of 673 in a single World Cup, set in 2003.

The match almost concluded in confusing circumstances: the game had run on late, having been reduced to 38 overs a side initially and later 36 overs for Sri Lanka, and bad light ended up stopping play with Sri Lanka's agreement, despite having 3 wickets left in hand and 18 balls left to bowl.

The final 3 overs were eventually bowled but nothing really changed: Malinga was stumped and sent on his way by Man of the Match Gilchrist but the balls slowly ran out and Australia stormed home to win the tournament.

Suicide bomber narrowly misses Pakistani Minister

Pakistani Federal Interior Minister Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao

narrowly escaped a suicide bomb attack today. Sherpao was speaking at a rally in his home village in Charsadda District when the suicide bomber struck, killing 25 people and injuring dozens more at last count.

NWFP Inspector General of Police Sharif Virk said five policemen were among the 25 dead.

According to the Daily Times: "Sherpao was going towards his vehicle after finishing his speech and people also rushed towards him for hand-shakes and during this moment I heard a big bang," said Ayub, who was injured in the blast, from his hospital bed. "It was a big explosion sending a thick cloud of dust to the air," Wajid Khan, another witness, told Daily Times by phone from Charsadda.

Sherpao in a statement afterwards issued a statement condemning the attack calling it a "targetted kill".

According to news reports, intelligence services had only recently beefed up security on the Interior Minister due to intelligence reports about an imminent attack.

Prosecutor investigates possible terrorist training camps in Belgium

Belgian Federal prosecutor Johan Delmulle has said in an interview published in the Flemish newspaper De Tijd today that the Federal police are investigating a possible terrorist group that recruits Belgians to commit suicide attacks in Iraq.

According to Delmulle, the Federal police started a record 106 new terrorism inquiries last year, compared to 89 in 2005, and 134 between 2004 and 2002. The trend also confirms itself in 26 cases that were handed over to the courts in

2006, compared to 14 the year before. The majority, i.e. 17 of those cases, concerned terrorist cells that were located in the capital city of Brussels.

The cases drew from 318 messages of possible terrorist activities that were received in 2006. Every single case was reviewed carefully, according to Delmulle: "We treat every report as if a real terrorist attack was pending. The margin of error has to be zero." In an interview with TV-station VTM, Delmulle attributed the increasing reports on terrorism to the increased attention for the phenomenon, and not to an increased terror threat.

The federal prosecutor told De Tijd that Belgium mostly has to deal with "sleeping terrorist cells": "Those cells will not immediately become operational here [in Belgium, ed.], but they often offer logistic support to operational cells abroad. For example, they deliver false documents or help persons ex- [sic.] or infiltrate from and to areas of increased risk, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. There is even an ongoing judicial investigation about a cell that recruits Belgian subjects here to commit suicide attacks in Iraq."

Delmulle told VTM he wanted the next Justice Minister to deal with the fact that the names of investigators are mentioned in judicial files. According to the prosecutor, people in the terrorist environment are trying to get a hold on names and locations of inspectors, information about their families and so on, which in turn leads to actual threats. Delmulle himself has been under police protection for the last 5 months because he is the prosecutor in the case of Ferye Erdal and other members of the Turkish resistance

group DHKPC.

Canadian inspectors to test food ingredients from China

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has issued border alerts for specific protein ingredients, imported from China, that may be incorporated into products destined for human consumption.

Inspectors from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will hold products, such as wheat and corn gluten, as well as soy and rice proteins until they can be tested for melamine, the contaminant found to have sickened pets through its use in pet food. If determined to be free of melamine, the ingredients will be released to the intended recipient. Materials such as glutes and protein powders are used commonly in many forms of food products.

The CFIA said it was not acting on specific information, but rather taking a cautious approach to human protection. "That's why we have the border lookout for the ingredient, so that we can proactively assess any potential that the product is contaminated," Paul Mayers of the CFIA told CBC News.

Since the border alert for melamine is a new procedure, the government can't be sure if the contaminant made it into the food chain previously. The CFIA acknowledged that the same Chinese company under suspicion in the tainted pet food affair had shipped wheat gluten to a Canadian company, which in turn used it in food for fish farms. Although the fish were subsequently eaten by people, the CFIA believes the health risk from such consumption would be low.

In related news, Canadian researchers at the University of Guelph believe they may have determined the mechanism of how melamine caused illness in cats and dogs.

Both cyanuric acid and melamine were found in urine samples from pets that died after consuming contaminated pet food. The two compounds react with one another to form crystals that may block kidney function, researchers at the university said. The researchers observed crystals formed in cat urine by the addition of melamine and cyanuric acid. The composition of these crystals matches those found in the urine of affected pets when compared by infrared spectroscopy (FTIR).

"You wouldn't normally expect to find those compounds in pet food, and hence nobody was really looking for it," said John Melichercik, director of analytical laboratory services. "It's just another piece of the puzzle along the way in this particular pet-food issue."

Russian cellist Rostropovitch dies at 80

Azerbaijan-born cellist and conductor Mstislav Rostropovich (nicknamed Slava, Russian for glory) has passed yesterday at age 80, after having been admitted to a Moscow hospital in February this year, allegedly for intestinal cancer. The exact cause of death however has not been released. His coffin has been put in the Moscow Conservatory today, and many prominent and thousands of other Russians came to salute him. The cello player only died four days after his friend Boris Yeltsin.

Rostropovich was not only considered to be one of the best cellists in the world, but he also

was a symbol of the resistance to the Soviet regime. In 1970, he provided shelter to Alexander Solzhenitsyn, whose writings alerted the world to the Gulag system of forced labour camps in the Soviet Union. Because of his support for dissidents, Rostropovich fell in disgrace and lost his citizenship in 1978. He was restored during the perestroika reforms.

Rostropovich conducted the U.S. National Symphony Orchestra from 1977 to 1994. In February, Russian President Vladimir Putin offered him the First Degree in the Order of Service to the Fatherland for his "outstanding contribution to the development of world music and many years of creative activity."

President Putin, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, French PM Dominique de Villepin and others have already expressed their regrets about the loss of Rostropovich. De Villepin brought to memory Rostropovich's performance at the Berlin Wall during it's fall, an image globally broadcasted which earned him international fame.

U.S. Director of Foreign Assistance Randall L. Tobias resigns

Randall L. Tobias, the United States Director of Foreign Assistance and USAID Administrator, has resigned after he admitted to ABC News to being a customer of Pamela Martin and Associates, a call girl company.

A woman by the name of Jeane Palfrey, who worked for Pamela Martin recently revealed to the media a list of people who are allegedly customers of the call girl company. One of the names on the list is Tobias', according to ABC News.

"[I called the agency] to have gals

come over to the condo to give me a massage. [There was] no sex," said Tobias.

Despite the claim by ABC, the U.S. State Department says that he resigned due to "personal reasons."

Clashes over World War II monument in Estonia continue

According to BBC News Online more than 300 people were detained and at least 10 hurt after a second night of riots in Estonia's capital, Tallinn.

Clashes began last night after Estonian authorities removed a controversial Soviet monument, the Bronze Soldier of Tallinn, which Russian-speaking Estonians see as a symbol of the liberation of Eastern Europe from Nazism, while Estonian nationalists view it as a reminder of Soviet occupation.

The White Stripes to tour 'Great White North'

Grammy Award-winning rock band The White Stripes announced on Wednesday the Canadian leg of a tour in support of their soon-to-be-released album, Icky Thump. The tour, which would be the first cross-Canada excursion for The White Stripes, will see the band play dates in all provinces and territories.

The latest tour for The White Stripes will kick off June 1 in Nürburgring, Germany and will play several dates in Europe before starting off in Canada on June 24, in Burnaby, British Columbia. Canadian dates will include stops in northern locales such as Whitehorse, Yellowknife, and Iqaluit, on Baffin Island.

The White Stripes, made up of guitarist/singer Jack White and drummer Meg White, have developed a significant worldwide

following with their blend of punk and blues, guitar-oriented rock. The band had expressed interest in playing cities they had not yet visited. "Having never done a full tour of Canada, Meg and I thought it was high time to go whole hog," said Jack White on The White Stripes website. "We want to take this tour to the far reaches of the Canadian landscape. From the ocean to the permafrost." The band's website referred to Canada by its nickname, the 'Great White North'.

The White Stripes have played to thousands in large outdoor festival settings, but will have to deal with different logistics while setting up in a northern location, such as Iqaluit.

Some 500 tickets for the Iqaluit show are to be sold, with an admission fee of approximately CA\$40. Mike Bozzer, the city of Iqaluit's economic development officer, told CBC News that talks have taken place with The White Stripes' publicist regarding equipment, technicians, security and other such details. "It's definitely going to have some economic impact, and they'll come back home with positive stories of the city," said Bozzer.

The band's ten-year anniversary will be reached at a point during the Canadian leg of the tour, which will be commemorated. "Another special moment of this tour is the show which will occur in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia on July 14th, The White Stripes' Tenth Anniversary," said Jack White.

Following the Canadian dates, The White Stripes will embark on a tour in the United States, which will reach some 16 states they have not yet visited during their career, among other repeat locations.

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The epicenter was located 25 km [15 miles] south of Canterbury and was at a depth of 10 km [6.2 miles].

The earthquake occurred close to the entrance of the Channel Tunnel at Folkestone, although there are no reports of damage to the tunnel. A spokesman for Eurostar, the high-speed train service running through the undersea tunnel, said the quake has had no effect on their services.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service claimed to have received calls from residents who say electricity and telephones are out of service. Some residents report cracks in homes and collapsed chimneys. Residents have been evacuated from their homes and businesses, and officials have shut off some natural gas and electric supplies as a precaution.

"We have had calls from people saying their chimneys have fallen down, large cracks in people's houses," said a spokesman for the Kent Fire and Rescue Services, but The Daily Star reports that the quake caused "widespread damage" to homes and businesses.

It has been reported that at least one person has required hospital treatment.

St. Paul Mayor's vehicle hit by drunk driver

Saint Paul, Minnesota Mayor Chris Coleman, had a close encounter with a drunk driver Thursday evening when he was rear-ended. The car wasn't traveling much faster than 10 miles per hour, but the driver registered with a 0.26 blood alcohol level, over twice the legal limit.

Mayor Coleman was traveling in a city vehicle and accompanied by a police escort when they stopped at a red light at Victoria and Summit Avenues. At approximately 8:40pm, it was struck by the vehicle of Abbie Raymond, a 22 year old St. Paul student, who was arrested at the scene. She was booked into the Ramsey County Jail under gross misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated. Raymond is a student at the William Mitchell School of Law. She was traveling with a passenger, another woman in her early 20s who may have also been intoxicated. They had been coming from a nearby bar or restaurant.

"The mayor is pleased there were no injuries," said Bob Hume, a spokesman for the mayor. Both vehicles suffered only minor damage.

U.S. nonprofit news agency shuts down

The online news agency The NewStandard (TNS), a U.S.-based daily dispatch service, ceased publications on Friday, April 27. The not for profit media organization run by the PeoplesNetWorks Collective out of Syracuse, New York was begun in 2004. The 5 staffers that run the collective said that the reason for closure was a "lack of support".

An announcement made earlier this week on Monday said, "As those

familiar with us or our work can imagine, this was a tremendously difficult decision for us to reach. But the five staffers who form the PeoplesNetWorks Collective – the nonhierarchical nonprofit that publishes TNS – have accepted that the news publication we envisioned cannot be achieved without a greater level of support. We do not believe we will be able to obtain that support in the foreseeable future, and as individuals, we have reached a point at which we are unable to sustain the long hours and stress that publishing TNS entails.”

A Friday email to subscribers again announced that it would be the last daily dispatch, in what the publication called "our unusual endeavor", where unusual meant because it did not accept advertising revenue for any of its online page content. All TNS publications were ad free. Premium donors, those who donated US\$10 or more each month, and contributions made by its readership and other organizations, funded the news agency during its 3 and a half year life. In this way, donations were the revenue substitute for advertising dollars.

The outlet had low readership, in comparison to other news outlets.

TNS came close to shutting down once before, over a year ago. Readers were warned of the pending end, and the publication managed to survive with financial support given by both large donors and small. The publication never took off as shown by Alexa web traffic ranking results shown in the image to the right. In a comparison to The Washington Post where the line on top represents their ranking, the TNS was barely on the radar screen.

The content of the online publication was derived from original and featured article reports written by contributors to the publication who were paid between \$125 — 100 per article. \$50 — \$25 was paid to suppliers of news briefs derived mainly from other news agencies, and \$25 to cartoonists for their published submissions. Contributors came from all areas of the United States, along with some international.

Cartoonist Daryl Cagle, of CagleCartoons.com, who recently starting posting blog content on emails sent to subscribers of his featured cartoon of the day, blogged Wednesday this week in what he titled, Newspapers and Cartoonists Wandering Blindly: "For many newspaper editors, internet strategy is a fantasy from the movie "Field of Dreams." "If you build it, they will come." Good content is nice (Slate has great original content) but securing a continuing audience for that content is more important. Yahoo and Google maintain top news sites with almost no original content. That's journalism 2.0: circulating content that is created in other media, while paying little or nothing for the content."

Cagle, currently employed by MSNBC.com and formerly Slate, also remarked that, "I still make my living selling cartoons that are printed in ink on paper from traditional clients who actually pay." He said The Washington Post is one of the most visited online media outlets to grow out of the newsprint era.

"When The Washington Post Company bought my old employer Slate.com from Microsoft, the negotiations focused on Slate continuing to receive a huge audience flow from promotions on

MSN.com. The Post understands the Web where traffic flows like a river - the river has to keep flowing or the lake will dry up." Cagle said.

The staffers that run TNS are in the process of wrapping things up and promise to archive as much of the site as possible for future reference, and give a fuller explanation for the site's closure in this coming week.

MLB: Twins defeat Tigers after pinch hit scores two

The Minnesota Twins faced the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park Friday in a AL Central Division match-up. Twins starting pitcher Ramon Ortiz gave up five hits and two runs in the six innings he pitched. Tigers starter Nate Robertson allowed one run in seven innings, but was charged with the two runners that scored for the Twins in the eighth inning.

The Tigers pounced in the third inning; Carlos Guillen singled scoring the veteran Gary Sheffield. The Tigers would add one in the sixth with a Craig Monroe double, scoring Sean Casey. The Twins would get on the board in the seventh inning, with the lead off hitter Justin Morneau sending his first pitch over the left field fence.

But the Twins would rally with a four-run eighth inning, which started with a Mike Redmond single, driving in two runs to tie the game at 3-3. Joe Mauer, who wasn't scheduled to play, pinch hit in the DH spot and brought in the go-ahead run, plus one, giving the Twins a two-run lead. Joe Nathan picked up the save, his seventh of the season.

The middle game of this three-game series will be played tomorrow at noon in Detroit. Starting for Detroit will be Justin

Verlander, and Carlos Silva will start for Minnesota.

NHL: Sharks Nab Game 1 in Detroit

The San Jose Sharks silenced the fans at Joe Louis Arena while stunning the Detroit Red Wings with goals 24 seconds apart.

Matt Carle and Mike Grier scored midway through the first period and Evgeni Nabokov made 34 saves to lead San Jose to a 2-0 victory Thursday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

"We got the crowd right out of the game," said Joe Thornton, who had an assist on the first goal. "That was huge."

Nabokov's shutout was his first this postseason and the fifth of his career in the playoffs. He was tied for second in the NHL with seven during the regular season.

The stellar goaltender said it was important that the Sharks maintained their two-goal lead for the final 2 1/2 periods.

"I guarantee if we would've given up one goal, they would come hard and get the momentum," Nabokov said.

Dominik Hasek had to make just 17 saves because the Sharks played very conservatively after taking the lead, possessing the puck on offense and blocking shots on defense.

"We probably could've pushed a little bit more, but we feel comfortable with 2-0 leads," Thornton said.

Game 2 is Saturday in Detroit.

"You know they're going to certainly bounce back and throw

some new wrinkles at us and have a lot more energy in the next game," San Jose coach Ron Wilson said.

Entering the series, home ice was regarded as perhaps the only advantage the top-seeded Red Wings had against the fifth-seeded Sharks.

San Jose quickly took that edge away.

Carle's goal at 9:45 of the first period was set up by a fantastic series of passes around the perimeter, ending with Thornton's cross-crease pass from the corner.

"It was just bing, bang, boom and it was in the back of the net," Thornton said.

The Red Wings put San Jose's powerful power play on the ice for the first goal and lost the puck in their zone to set up the second.

Grier was in the right place when the puck trickled into the slot and he wheeled around and beat Hasek with a slap shot.

"I don't think he knew what he was doing," Hasek said. "He just shot the puck and hit the post and it went in. It was maybe a lucky goal, but if you make a turnover, bad things can happen."

It was a much different start for Detroit after taking 2-0 leads midway through the first period in each of its first two games in the first round against Calgary. The Red Wings won the series in Game 6 after winning all three games at home.

"We would've liked to have a better start, but we made a couple of mistakes and the puck was in the net," Red Wings coach Mike

Babcock said.

The Sharks seemed right at home in Detroit, perhaps because they won a league-high and franchise-record 26 games on the road this season and won twice more in Nashville, including the series-winning victory in Game 5 last week.

The Red Wings had three power plays in the second period -- while San Jose didn't have one -- but they took just four shots.

San Jose's swarming defense had a lot to do with that, though Detroit did seem to miss Tomas Holmstrom standing in front of the crease to redirect and shield shots.

"We thought they had four blocked shots on our first power play when we had people in front of the net and the puck never got through," Babcock said.

San Jose blocked 13 shots and took 13 shots through two periods, and finished with 18 blocked shots.

Holmstrom missed the game with an eye injury and the Red Wings were also without defenseman Brett Lebda because of an ankle injury and concussion. With stitches around his left eye, Holmstrom said he hoped to play in the series, but didn't know if he would be ready for Game 2.

Even at full strength, however, Detroit doesn't seem to match up well with the Sharks' combination of depth, size, speed and skill. That appeared to be the case Thursday night and during the regular season, when San Jose won three of four meetings.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation gets new chairman
Canadian Heritage Minister Bev

Oda has appointed Timothy W. Casgrain as the new chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). "Mr. Casgrain's credentials will bring strong leadership to the CBC. I am confident that his experience and sound judgement will greatly benefit the CBC."—Canadian Heritage Minister Bev Oda

"Mr. Casgrain's credentials will bring strong leadership to the CBC," said Oda. "I am confident that his experience and sound judgement will greatly benefit the CBC."

Casgrain was born in Montreal, Quebec and studied at McGill University. In 1969, he served as a teacher in a small African town in Chad for two years. Some years later, he became an accountant. In 1976, he was chairperson of Skyservice Investments Inc., a Canadian aviation company and was Executive Vice President of the Brascan Financial Corp. In 1988, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of NBS Technologies.

Since then, Casgrain has served many other positions and has many other honours in his name. Casgrain is a member of the Order of Chartered Accountants of Quebec since 1976 and is the president of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

This appointment comes after former CBC chairman Guy Fournier resigned after making an "offensive" comment about defecation being more pleasurable than sexual intercourse on a French-language Toronto, Ontario radio show.

"As you grow older, you continue to go poop once a day if you are in good health, while it is not easy to make love every day. So finally, the

pleasure is longer-lasting and more frequent than the other. It is just as heretical as if you read the National Post while making love. It is not to be recommended," Fournier said in the interview.

In the 9 September issue of 7 Jours, Fournier wrote: "In Lebanon, the law allows men to have sexual relations with animals as long as they are female! Doing the same thing with male beasts can result in the death penalty."

Fournier defended his comment on the Radio-Canada program, *Tout le monde en parle*.

Fournier resigned over it and the president of the CBC, Robert Rabinovitch, has been serving as chairman ever since.

McGill University students records made public

Records at Montreal, Quebec's McGill University were made public because of a glitch in their new computer search system, CBC reports.

At a single search of a student, one could find all their transcripts and their marks. Several students that were interviewed by the CBC said they could find transcripts and other students' marks.

CBC contacted the University and they responded quickly.

"As soon as we discovered the breach, we immediately addressed it," deputy provost Morton Mendelson said. "We removed the files, corrected the breach and we are moving forward. We'll take precautions to ensure that analogous problems do not occur again."

Newfoundland premier in conflict with Prime Minister

Newfoundland and Labrador premier Danny Williams says Prime Minister Stephen Harper's attitude of Atlantic Canada is that they are a "culture of defeat".

The remarks were in response to Harper's recent comment about the province of Newfoundland and Labrador's budget.

"It sounds like a good Conservative budget to me," Harper said on Tuesday's Question Period. "It also sounds like Atlantic Canada is having awful rough treatment and it wants it to continue."

"His buddy [U.S. President] George Bush calls him 'Steve', so, you know, I can call him 'Steve'. I'm not a buddy of his," Williams told reporters. "By the same token, I have to basically treat him with the same disdain that he's treating Newfoundlanders and Labradorians."

Environmentalist David Suzuki says gov't needs to meet Kyoto targets on time

Environmentalist David Suzuki said Environment Minister John Baird's new environmental plan, entitled *Turning the Corner*, an alternative plan to Kyoto, needs to meet its requirements on time. The Conservatives say the new environmental plan will miss the deadline by years.

"Mr. Baird, you are the minister of the environment, not the minister of finance," Suzuki said. "Your job is to protect the environment."

Baird says it will still work out even if it will miss the Kyoto deadline. He also blames the Liberals for not having a plan before the Conservatives were elected.

Baird just recently unveiled the new plan on Thursday. He also unveiled some details on Wednesday about the plan before making his formal announcement on Thursday, after the Conservative governments' documents were accidentally faxed to the Liberal Party.

Today in History

1770 - James Cook and the crew of HM Bark Endeavour made their first landfall on Australia.

1882 - Ernst Werner von Siemens began operating his "Elektromote", the world's first trolleybus.

1945 - Adolf Hitler dictated his last will and testament to his secretary Traudl Junge in the Führerbunker, and then married Eva Braun in a brief ceremony.

1991 - A powerful tropical cyclone struck Chittagong, killing at least 138,000 people and leaving as many as 10 million homeless in Bangladesh.

1992 - The acquittal of policemen who had beaten Rodney King sparked civil unrest in Los Angeles.

April 29 is Shōwa Day in Japan, International Dance Day.

Quote of the Day

I have been in a multitude of shapes,
Before I assumed a consistent form.

I have been a sword, narrow, variegated,

I will believe when it is apparent.

I have been a tear in the air,

I have been the dullest of stars.

I have been a word among letters,
I have been a book in the origin.

~ Taliesin ~

Word of the Day

mardy; adj

- (UK) Sulky or whining; non-cooperative.

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