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California offers rebates for alternative fuel vehicles

California, the most populous state in the United States, is offering rebates of up to US\$5000 to residents who purchase alternative fuel vehicles.

Bertie Ahern to resign as Irish premier

Bertie Ahern announced that he intends to stand down from the office of Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) on the 6th of May. Ahern's imminent resignation comes on the back of over a year of controversy surrounding payments received by him in the early 1990's while he was serving as Minister of Finance.

SPECIAL REPORT

United States military leaders inside Iraq stating that an Iraqi police general was directly involved with insurgent activity in 2006. The summary also states that Iran is playing a significant role in the insurgency in Iraq.

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A cross human-cow embryo survives a third straight day after being fertilized at Newcastle University, England. A director for embryonic stem cell laboratories at the Australian Stem Cell Centre said that the "99 per cent human" embryo could improve research within the field of human diseases. The Catholic Church in England however said that the creation was "monstrous" and says that the later destruction of it is unethical.

•The United States House of Representatives votes to provide \$50 billion over five years to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in Africa and other third world countries.

•Suspended Serb prison workers from Lipljan, Kosovo, claim that Serbia has not paid them money promised for leaving the Kosovo institutions.

•Talks begin in Pristina on demarcation of the border between Macedonia and Kosovo.

•Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern announces he will resign on 6 May after 11 years of rule.

•A strong cold front sweeps across south-eastern Australia, bringing

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destructive winds to South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. In Melbourne, a woman died when part of a wall collapsed in the suburb of Mentone.

•The European Union announces an investigation into the bailout of the Northern Rock bank in the United Kingdom.

•The President of the United States George W. Bush supports the bids by Georgia (country) and Ukraine to become members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

•Cuban citizens now have access to "tourist-only" hotels and cellphones.

•Morgan Tsvangirai and the Movement for Democratic Change defeats Robert Mugabe and the ZANU-PF in the Zimbabwean presidential and parliamentary elections.

Hackers attack epilepsy sufferers in online forums

An internet forum, run by the non-profit Epilepsy Foundation, was attacked last week by a group of hackers. The attack, first reported by Wired News, exploited a function of the forums to post JavaScript code. The code injected by the hackers flashed two images repeatedly and tried to lead users off to external websites showing flashing lights and shapes intended to trigger off epileptic fits. The Epilepsy Foundation had to shut down the forum, and took some measures to prevent future

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attacks.

In a press release, the Foundation stated that several users of the forum, sufferers of epilepsy, experienced harsh migraines and seizures as a result of the attack. One lady, RyAnne Fultz, was paralyzed by the flashing images in what she calls her worst attack in over a year, until her 11-year old son managed to get her to stop looking at the screen and close the flashing images.

They also posted a message regarding new measures saying "In our upping of security on the forums, we have established the following new rules: No animated images are allowed to be used anywhere from now on. No GIFs are allowed at all anymore as well. No rich text is allowed in the body of messages at all, either."

Wired News additionally reports that there is "circumstantial evidence" linking the perpetrators of the attack to the internet group "Anonymous", who are most well known for their recent protests and attacks against the Church of Scientology, and their members created a reputation as "griefers" in the virtual worlds Second Life, and Habbo Hotel. The Austrian paper Krone reports that the "usual goal of their attacks is to raise a fuss or disturb others". Following critical reports about the attack, members of the group blamed the attack on the Church of Scientology.

Wired News states that the attack on the forum may have been the first computer attack in history to inflict physical harm on its victims.

Between three and five per cent of all epilepsy sufferers are vulnerable to seizures triggered by flashing lights, shapes or colours,

like ones used in the attack. Photosensitive epilepsy has been in the news increasingly over the last few years as various media have triggered seizures in people.

Recently a logo animation for the 2012 London Olympics caused thousands of people to experience seizures. In another incident, the episode "Dennō Senshi Porygon" of the animated TV series Pokémon caused thousands of children to experience seizures in Japan. In March, MTV refused to air a new video by Gnarlis Barkley out of fear it would trigger seizures.

UEFA Champions League: April 2, 2008

The second half of first leg action took place in the UEFA Champions League on Wednesday. In an all-English battle Liverpool travelled to the Emirates Stadium to take on Arsenal. This will be the first of three consecutive games between the two clubs, with a Premier League fixture sandwiched between their Champions League quarter-final legs. Turkish champions Fenerbahçe welcomed English club Chelsea to the Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadyumu in Istanbul. This is the first meeting between the two clubs.

Results

Arsenal 1 - 1 Liverpool

Emmanuel Adebayore struck first in the match in the 23rd minute. A low drive by Robin Van Persie was turned aside by Pepe Reina, and Adebayore headed the ensuing corner into the back of the visitors goal. Liverpool push forward looking to equalize and Dirk Kuyt provided only minutes later as Steven Gerrard stormed into the box and squared the ball to the Dutchman, who drove it into the gaping net. The marker may be judged an own goal after review,

as it may have come off defender Gael Clichy as opposed to Kuyt, but only time will tell. Liverpool came alive after their goal with Torres and Hyypia both getting chances, but it was Arsenal who finished the half strongly with a flurry of corner kicks. Neither side could make another breakthrough however, and the teams went to the dressing rooms knotted at one a piece.

Robin van Persie left the game with a thigh strain and was replaced by Theo Walcott, and it was Walcott who had the first good chance as he fired a shot inches wide of the Liverpool goal. Arsenal kept the bulk of possession for the second half and it took a clearance off the line by Dirk Kuyt to keep the scores level. Alexander Hleb picked up the clearance and drove into the area where he was ran into Kuyt, but Arsenal's penalty appeals were waved off. Arsenal's next big chance was again blocked on the line, but this time by their own player. Cesc Fabregas' shot hit Nicholas Bendtner on the line, and the young Dane wasnt able to direct the ball into the open net before Yossi Benayoun cleared the ball away. The Liverpool defence held strong and the Reds earned themselves the all important away draw.

Fenerbahçe 2 - 1 Chelsea

Chelsea would draw first blood in this quarter final off a bizarre own goal by Deivid. Florent Malouda's cross was hit in off Deivid past his own keeper to give the visitors the lead. Michael Essien had the next best chance of the game as his powerful drive skipped off the top of the crossbar and out of play. The English side remained in control for much of the first half, and Drogba came close to doubling their advantage near half-time,

but was snuffed out by the Fenerbahçe keeper.

Substitute Colin Kazim-Richards tied the game up for Fenerbahçe in the 64th minute when he connected with a cross by Marco Aurelio. Chelsea tried to hit back instantly but Michael Ballack's snap shot is scooped up by Volkan Demirel. The home side then took the lead on a fine long ranged shot. Deivid made up for his earlier mistake by curling his long range drive past Carlo Cudicini's grasping arms and into the Chelsea goal. The win is a huge boost for Fenerbahçe before they travel to Stamford Bridge next week, however the away goal is important for Chelsea, and the outcome of this quarter-final is still fully up in the air.

Second legs will take place on Tuesday, April 8

SAHTECH, SEMI, and Semiconductor Industry to promote "SEMI Safety Guideline" in Taiwan

"Localization of 'SEMI Safety Guideline'", executed by Safety and Health Technology Center of Taiwan (SAHTECH) and supervised by Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI), was announced today in Hsinchu, Taiwan.

This localization included several fields on health and safety of semiconductor manufacturing, certification testing on electrical devices, evaluations on fire or natural diseases, and environmental issues on semiconductor manufacturing devices, etc.. Companies and manufacturers from the semiconductor industry also paid more attentions on this guideline because issues on carbon-savings, earthquakes, fire diseases, and

environment-efficiencies were included into this guideline.

"This [safety] guideline was originally promoted by SEMI since 1975 and was set up according to industry infrastructures in Europe, America, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. Currently, its standards from the S1 to S25 was completely ruled by several world-class executives in semiconductor industry, and the S26 standard for FPD industry, proposed in Taiwan, was also in several arrangements with the other countries." —Terry Tsao, President of SEMI Southeast Asia.

"The semiconductor industry is a high-value industry in every country. If a fabrication plant (fab) was vandalized with fire or earthquake, how will a company decrease its lossless after a disease? As of some examples from the other countries, several companies didn't pay more attentions on devices' safety and finally got a damn trouble on counting lossless after a disease. By the way, voltages on electric using will take effect on energy especially the wasting of CO2. We [the semiconductor industry in Taiwan] hope this announcement will drive on global safety standards." —Fang-ming Hsu, Chair of ESH Committee of SEMI Taiwan.

"Generally, the designs of a fab will take effect on possibilities when a disease take place in, and its scale will chain much wasting on manufacturing devices and materials. For example, when using fluorine in a fab, a company would consider using a gas tank car rather than a steel bottle. But due to environment and carbon-saving issues, some evaluations should be tested in a fab." —Frank Niu, Vice President of

Administration of AU Optronics Corp.

On the other side of the incoming trade show of 2008 SecuTech Expo, scheduled after 2 weeks at Taipei World Trade Center, not only main fields on security devices, information security, and fire & disease preventions, the digital monitoring will be a hot topic in security industry. For applications on fire & disease preventions, because its issues contained industrial applications and ESH (Environmental, Safety & Health) managements, if a company want to decrease the ratio of fire disease or earthquake, companies from safety and related industries should pay more attentions on disease preventions.

Taiwan Textile Foundation markets "2008 Taiwan In Style" in Cross-Straits

"2008 Taipei In Style", a fashion show in textile industry in Taiwan, was confirmed to be scheduled on July 10 to 13 at Taipei Show (TWTC Hall 2). Before the main show, the Taiwan Textile Foundation, show organizer, chose 2008 FUSE Textile Week (FUSE 2008) at Da Jia Jenn Lann Temple (in Chinese: 大甲鎮瀾宮) in Taichung County and 2008 China International Clothings and Accessories Fair (CHIC 2008) at International Exhibition Center of Beijing in China as its promotional stages.

At the CHIC 2008, the Taiwan Textile Foundation chose March 30 as the "'Taipei In Style' Day" and invited several fashion designers in Taiwan to showcase their new designs on trend clothings and purses.

By the way of 2008 FUSE Textile Week, some fashion designers showcased their designs with the

other styles in conjunction with traditional culture, energy saving, and modern technology echoed with main theme of "2008 Taichung County Mazu International Festival" (in Chinese: 2008 年臺中縣大甲媽祖國際觀光文化節). By the way, Taiwan Textile Foundation also elected 17 fashion designer in the qualification of fashion showcase final stage at "2008 Taipei In Style".

Former Iraqi police commander was working with insurgents

Wikinews has obtained an intelligence summary from Wikileaks which was sent to United States military leaders inside Iraq stating that an Iraqi police general was directly involved with insurgent activity in 2006. The summary also states that Iran is playing a significant role in the insurgency in Iraq.

The summary states that Qais Hamza (Abud) Al-Mamouri, the police general of the Babil Governorate in 2006, was "receiving direct support from Muqtada al-Sadr and the Mahdi militia" in the form of "money and public support." The summary says that Qais was paid at least US \$200,000 in February of 2006.

In return for Sadr's support, Qais provided the Mahdi militia with intelligence related to U.S. forces who were preparing to attack them, along with weapons and ammunition provided to police by the U.S. military. Qais also agreed to allow only Mahdi members to attend the local police academy.

"Qais [was] to inform him [Sadr] of any pending coalition operations and to accompany the Americans on the operation to ensure they did not hit certain targets," stated the summary.

It also goes on to state that Qais was "targeting Iraqi citizens who provide information to American intelligence officials" by sending "uniformed Iraqi police officers to kidnap Iraqis suspected of providing information to U.S. forces." The summary states that Qais was receiving the orders directly from Sadr himself.

The summary further states that insurgency in Iraq "continues to be heavily influenced by Iranian entities, particularly SCIRI and BADR Corps."

Qais Hamza Al-Mamouri aka Qays al Ma'muri was assassinated on December 9, 2007, amid reports that the central government of Iraq was seeking to have him removed from office.

New legal British tender revealed

For the first time in 40 years, the Royal Mint has chosen a new set of designs for the reverse of the coins, first introduced in the Coin Design Competition 2005. The designer, Matthew Dent of Bangor, North Wales, was paid £35,000 (GBP) for his designs, which depict the Shield of the Royal Arms spread over the 6 lower denominations of the £1 coin, with the entire shield embossed on the £1 coin.

The new coins are expected to come into circulation this summer - and Mr Dent envisions a success: "I can imagine people playing with them, having them on a tabletop and enjoying them. I felt it was important to have a theme running through from one to another." he said, referring to the puzzle-like nature of the new design, which requires the coins to be arranged in a particular way to see the Shield of the Royal Arms.

The chief executive of the Royal Mint, Andrew Stafford, has said that the obverse of the coins will still depict the portrait of the Queen, like it has since 1998. The old coins will remain legal tender until they slip out of circulation.

Bertie Ahern to resign as Irish premier

Bertie Ahern has today announced that he intends to stand down from the office of Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) on the 6th of May. Mr. Ahern made the announcement today at a press conference in Government Buildings in Dublin. Ahern's imminent resignation comes on the back of over a year of controversy surrounding payments received by him in the early 1990's while he was serving as Minister of Finance. He has been forced to give evidence on these payments to a tribunal of inquiry and his evidence there is ongoing.

Mr. Ahern has been a TD (MP) for 31 years and has been Taoiseach for the past 11 years, making him the second longest serving Irish Premier after Eamonn de Valera. He won a record 3rd term in office following the general election last year. He currently leads a coalition of his own party Fianna Fáil, the Green Party, the Progressive Democrats and various independent politicians.

Ahern noted, "Never, in all the time I've served in public life, have I put my personal interests ahead of the public good." Further going on to say, "I have never received a corrupt payment, and I've never done anything to dishonor any office I have held." Adding, "I know in my heart of hearts I've done no wrong and wronged no one."

Táiniste (Deputy Prime Minister)

and Minister of Finance Brian Cowen is expected to succeed Mr. Ahern as both Taoiseach and leader of Fianna Fáil.

Reaction

Many Irish and British politicians have responded to decision to resign and made note of his work in Ireland's economy and the Northern Ireland peace process.

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—Irish President Mary McAleese

Irish President Mary McAleese said of Ahern, "His contributions to our thriving economy and to peace in Northern Ireland were hugely important and he deserves every credit for the work he has done." McAleese added, "Bertie Ahern will be remembered as one of the outstanding politicians of his generation both nationally and internationally."

Irish Labour Party leader Eamon Gilmore welcomed the decision stating, "I came to the conclusion many months ago that Mr. Ahern would find it impossible to continue in office because of the mounting conflicts and contradictions between the statements he originally made about his financial affairs and the evidence uncovered by the Mahon tribunal."

Gilmore noted that Ahern made "remarkable achievements" during his tenure including "huge personal and political effort" in the Northern Ireland peace process. Finally Gilmore added, "On a personal level, I wish Mr. Ahern well in his retirement."

Opposition leader and leader of Fine Gael, Enda Kenny noted that

the work of the government was being "distracted" by events of the Mahon tribunal and that "set standards and principles" for others that he has "not applied to himself until now."

Kenny added, "I know that personally this is a very sad day for the Taoiseach and I want to wish him well personally on his retirement as Taoiseach and for his future life. I have to say that this decision was inevitable. The Taoiseach here has bowed to the inevitable based on the weight of his own evidence at the tribunal."

Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams noted, "He is justifiably proud of the fact that he was the Taoiseach who was in place and who, with the British prime minister and the rest of us, brought about the Good Friday agreement and he deserves our thanks for that. And he deserves our gratitude for that I mean, it was a collective effort, but clearly as the Taoiseach of the day he is due appreciation for that."

Mark Durkan, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said "When he came to office, he inherited the peace process and the talks process and ensured that their opportunity for all the people of Ireland was maximized. His commitment to the north has been shown in his constant involvement either in implementing the Agreement or in initiatives to secure its implementation." He further added, "This good work involved not just high profile, high wire negotiations, but a lot of diligent private engagement with many interests."

"A remarkable man with a remarkable record of achievement." —Tony Blair, former British prime minister

Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister said of Ahern, "He will always be remembered for his crucial role in bringing about peace in Northern Ireland, for transforming relations between Britain and the Irish Republic and for presiding over a sustained period of economic and social advance in Ireland." Blair further added, "He will have, deservedly, a central place in his nation's political history and much more widely." He said of Ahern, "A remarkable man with a remarkable record of achievement."

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown noted, "Bertie Ahern has been an outstanding statesman, and has made an historic contribution in helping to bring peace to Northern Ireland, transforming Ireland's relationship with the UK, and playing a key role in the development of a forward looking and dynamic Europe." Brown added, "The UK could not have had a better partner."

Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond said, His political career is one of great achievement. He was a key player in bringing about the historic Good Friday Agreement, and I am in no doubt his significant contribution to the peace efforts and devolution will be a fitting and lasting legacy for his 30 years in politics."

Salmond added, "He has never failed to impress me - as taoiseach - and in his previous and wider roles in Irish politics. The accomplishments of the Irish Celtic Tiger economy demonstrate the advantage of being a small independent nation in Europe."

AMBER alert issued in Maryland for missing teenaged boys

This article details an active AMBER Alert.

If you have any information regarding this child, please report it to (410) 307-2020, or call 911 (in the US).

Maryland State Police have issued an AMBER alert for two teenaged boys who were reportedly abducted in a 2004 black BMW 645 with Maryland temporary tags. According to the Baltimore Sun, the vehicle was later found, but the victims are still missing.

Police say that at 3 a.m. EDT (UTC-4), early Tuesday morning, six armed men wearing masks forced their way into the two-story house. They bound and gagged the residents and when they left at around 11 a.m. they took the two brothers with them.

A relative of the boys witnessed them being led from the house to the BMW car. He began to approach but, according to police, the assailants fired a shot at him and drove away.

Baltimore County police spokesperson, Mike Hill, said that the remaining victims in the house initially refused to give information, though they later gave some information. He said it was not known if any property was stolen from the house.

The boys have been identified as Stephon and Sterling Blackwell. Stephon is described as five feet seven inches and 145 pounds and last seen wearing blue jeans and a gray sweatshirt. Sterling is said to be five feet four inches tall and 150 pounds. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and green

hoodie sweatshirt

The police are requesting anybody with information that may help in locating the victims to call (410) 307-2020 or 911. The vehicle tags are Maryland 04350D.

US Air Force tests Minuteman III missile

At 08:01 GMT (01:01 local time) this morning, the United States Air Force launched a Minuteman III missile on a test mission from Launch Facility 09 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Due to a large number of delays, this is the first time that a Minuteman missile has conducted an operational test in over a year.

The missile flew 6,759 kilometres (4,200 miles) downrange on a Sub-orbital trajectory, to the Kwajalein Atoll test site in the Marshall Islands. The apogee reached has not yet been released, however typical Minuteman launches reach between 1,000 and 1,300km. The mission, which was designated GT-196GM, or "Glory Trip 196GM", was conducted to test the missile's operational capabilities. The missile flew with a single MK.21 re-entry vehicle, which would be used to carry a nuclear warhead if the missile were launched in hostile circumstances.

The next operational test of a Minuteman III is scheduled for early August.

Two UN contract workers kidnapped in Somalia

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The men were taken hostage on a road leading to Bu'aale, in the southern Lower Jubba region of Somalia.

Lower Jubba region in Somalia. Image: Sven-steffen arndt.

Briton Murray Watson was abducted along with his Kenyan colleague, Patrick Amukhuma, by six armed militiamen who ambushed their armed convoy. The abduction took place on a main road between Saakow and Bu'aale.

Gunfire was exchanged between Somali bodyguards and militia members. According to Agence France-Presse, local elders said that the gunmen fired shots during the attack and wounded one of the hostages, and The Daily Telegraph reported that witnesses said Watson was wounded in the leg.

Local district commissioner Ibrahim Noleye spoke with Agence France-Presse about the incident: "two foreign aid workers from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) were intercepted by armed militiamen on their way to Buale ... We believe they are being held hostage".

Amos Nyaoro of Somalia Water and Land Information Management, the UN-supported agency where Watson was working, told The Daily Telegraph: "We are attempting to make contact with the people who abducted our colleagues. It is unclear why this attack has taken place. We understand that Mr Watson has been hurt, but we don't know the extent of his injuries."

Reuters has reported that local militias were pursuing the kidnapers in an attempt to free

the hostages, and local clan elders are pressing for their release. Hajir Bille, an official from the Juba region in Somalia, told the Associated Press that security forces were looking for the abductors.

"Witnesses on the ground say there was gunfire when the men were taken, but there is no information to suggest that any serious injury was sustained by either man."

—United Nations country office for Somalia

A statement released by the the UN country office for Somalia addressed reports that one of the men kidnapped had been wounded: "Witnesses on the ground say there was gunfire when the men were taken, but there is no information to suggest that any serious injury was sustained by either man." Reuters has reported that the hostages are being held "in or near" the town of Jilib.

UN officials in Rome, Italy said that the two men worked for an Indian-based group sub-contracted to do aerial survey work for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a United Nations agency. The men are not themselves members of the FAO, but are employees of Genesys International Corporation, an information technology company in Bangalore, India.

Genesys International Corporation performs aerial surveys in Somalia which help the area population deal with flooding due to a rise in water level of the Juba and Shabelle rivers.

Western companies and organizations have paid ransoms to free their employees, and

kidnappings in the area have increased as a result. In recent months attacks on foreigners in Somalia have increased, but had been localized to the northern region of Puntland. Médecins Sans Frontières withdrew its international staff from the country after three workers were killed by a bomb in February.

Attacks against Somalia's weak government and its Ethiopian military backers have increased in the last six months. Somalia's government has not been functional since civil war began in 1991, when dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was overthrown and rival warlords then turned on each other.

Over one million citizens in Somalia depend on foreign aid, and UN aid helps millions of Somalians each year.

Hser Nar Moo, missing Utah girl, found dead

Seven year old Hser Nar Moo, who went missing from her home in South Salt Lake, Utah Tuesday, has been found dead less than 100 feet from her home.

South Salt Lake Police Chief Chris Snyder said at a news conference, "Once inside the apartment, they observed some evidence that led them to the bathroom of the apartment, where they discovered the body of Hser Nay Moo."

It has not been made public how the girl died. "There is some trauma present, and that's all I'm going to say," Snyder said.

As of Wednesday morning, police have five men in custody for questioning. Witnesses say that four of them are Burmese immigrants living in the same apartment complex as the child's

family.

Nar Moo was last seen alive at her home on Monday at around 2:00 PM MDT (UTC-6), and was reported missing at around 6:30 PM. An AMBER alert was issued at 9:42 AM yesterday, before her body was found in the bathroom of a neighbor.

The seven year old Asian girl was described as being 3 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 45 lbs, with brown eyes and long black hair. She was wearing a pink dress to her knees and pink Croc shoes at the time when she went missing.

Police reported that she spoke very little English, though she did understand some. It is believed her family is from Burma.

The AMBER Alert issued yesterday is no longer active because of the discovery of the body.

Today in History

1882 – Jesse James, an outlaw in the American Old West, was shot in the back and killed for a bounty of US\$5,000.

1895 – The libel trial instigated by Irish author Oscar Wilde began, eventually resulting in Wilde's arrest, trial and imprisonment on charges of homosexuality.

1922 – Joseph Stalin became the first General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

1948 – The Marshall Plan, an economic recovery program established by U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall to assist the post-World War II re-building of Europe, was signed into law.

1971 – The Japanese tokusatsu television series Kamen Rider premiered, marking the beginning of the long-running Kamen Rider franchise.

1973 – On a New York City street,

Motorola researcher Martin Cooper made the first ever call on a handheld mobile phone.

Quote of the Day

Stretch or contract me, Thy poor debtor;

This is but tuning of my breast,
To make the music better.

Whether I fly with angels, fall with dust,

Thy hands made both, and I am there;

Thy power and love, my love and trust

Make one place ev'rywhere.

~ George Herbert ~

Word of the Day

wax v

1. (of the moon) To appear larger each night as a progression from a new moon to a full moon.
2. To grow or become.

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