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Shultz's Upcoming Day on Court

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For Secretary of State George Shultz it's not just life in the fast lane, but also life in the fast court.

Come April 7, Shultz and Undersecretary Michael Armacost will find out just how fast when they face West Germany's tennis superstar Boris Becker and Argentina's veteran Guillermo Vilas on the White House courts out of public view.

That's right, tennis fans, Shultz and Armacost across the net from Becker and Vilas, because that's the way Shultz wanted it.

Promoter Bill Dennis arranged the White House match as part of the two stars' daylong visit here in connection with the Special Olympics. There is no word yet on the strategy Becker and Vilas intend to use to defeat Shultz and Armacost. Perhaps a la Bobby Riggs in his tennis hustling days when he played with a dog on a leash? Or maybe by making right-handed Becker play left-handed, and left-handed Vilas play right-handed?

That night Becker and Vilas will play an exhibition match at George Washington University's Smith Center. Patrons paying \$100 (other tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$30, available at Ticket Centre offices) will be able to meet Becker and Vilas at an embassy reception hosted by the Federal Republic of Germany's Ambassador Guenther van Well and his wife Carolyn.

It's an event the town's tennis elite isn't likely to skip. Already planning to attend the reception are the ambassadors of Sweden, Argentina and Austria; Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige; former secretary of state Alexander Haig; Sens. Ed Zorinsky, Richard Lugar and John Warner; Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; USIA Director Charles Z. Wick; and FBI Director William Webster.

Vice President George Bush wanted to challenge Becker and Vilas, which is how the White House courts first came into play, but he had another engagement. But there'll still be a Bush on hand: Son Marvin will be helping Dennis coordinate.

President Reagan hasn't even packed his bags and already he's affecting traffic on the Indonesian island of Bali. He and Nancy Reagan will visit there April 29 through May 2 on the way to the economic summit in Tokyo. In preparation, all official Indonesian government cars on Bali are being sold -- to the delight of eager-to-buy cab drivers -- and replaced by new Volvo sedans assembled in Singapore.

The two goldfish President Reagan bought to replace those that died when he was taking care of them between summit talks with Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva last November have more than made up for their deceased brethren.

Reagan, you'll remember, stayed at the lakeside mansion of Prince Karim Aga Khan IV and **Princess** Salimah Aga

Khan. In vacating the premises, their son Hussein left a note asking Reagan to feed his goldfish. Reagan did, but they died.

At last week's White House dinner for Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, **Princess** Salimah gave a status report on the replacements. You might expect a pair of princely goldfish to be well bred, but these are also breeding very well indeed.

Said Salimah, not attempting to hide her astonishment: "So far, they have had 30 babies!"

Now it can be told: President and Mrs. Reagan, like parents everywhere, are sometimes annoyed, angry and hurt by their kids.

Patti Davis' autobiographical novel, "Home Front," may be giving some people the impression that the Reagans weren't dream parents. But they set the record **straight** from their point of view in an interview with Barbara Walters taped for ABC-TV a month ago and aired last night.

Both Reagans told Walters they thought they were good parents as their children were growing up.

"I thought I was a good father," Reagan said.

"I tried to be a good mother," Nancy Reagan said.

"She was a good mother," the president interjected.

Reagan, who once said he usually left the disciplining to Mrs. Reagan, observed that "Maybe there were times when I should have been sterner than I was."

Mrs. Reagan said she didn't think anyone was perfect, "but then, you know, there's no perfect parent, there's no perfect child."

Sondra Gotlieb, the in-the-flesh "wife of" the Canadian ambassador who cuffed her social secretary at last week's dinner for the Canadian prime minister, will have a chance to tell all Thursday night at the National Press Club.

Or, at least, to put the grand old art of diplomatic slapping into a contemporary perspective.

Gotlieb's book, "Wife Of," is this month's selection for the NPC's book-rap series. Last month's author was former ambassador and diplomatic troubleshooter Sol Linowitz; next month's will be Colorado Gov. Richard D. Lamm.

Hearst Newspapers' Marianne Means, as panel moderator, lined up Gotlieb last January for the series. Means said yesterday that John R.W. Fieldhouse, embassy press counselor, confirmed that Gotlieb's schedule shows an NPC appearance. Fieldhouse also said he would get back to Means on whether the "wife of" still intends to be there.

Anna Craxi, determined to find out as much as she could about how the United States is dealing with **drug** abuse, wound up her Washington stay on Friday by visiting **Straight**, the same **drug** rehabilitation center Nancy Reagan showed **Princess Diana** last fall.

The wife of Italy's Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, who is becoming a frequent visitor to U.S. **drug** abuse conferences for wives of foreign leaders, said she and several of her European counterparts get together for their own **drug** abuse "summits" from time to time, though they are usually of a "bilateral" nature.

She said official trips abroad with her husband rarely allow her time to visit rehabilitation centers in the host country. Unlike Nancy Reagan's foreign trips, Anna Craxi's are not advanced by staff teams traveling ahead to prepare for her needs or desires.

"In the East Bloc countries they would never admit that there is a **drug** problem so they would never work out something for me to visit," Craxi said. "If they say they have a problem, they also say they don't talk about their problems."

On the other hand, Craxi said that when she and Raisa Gorbachev met last spring the Soviet first lady told her that overindulgence in alcohol is a problem that affects both young and old. Playing the sympathetic diplomat, Craxi said she tried to comfort Gorbachev by saying that perhaps the fault was the climate.

"She told me that 'when it's cold and we're in the mountains, we have a little glass of grappa,'" Craxi said. "I told her that we, too, when we go to the mountains and it's bitterly cold, you know, we have a little shot of something."

Craxi said she was told vodka is no longer served at state dinners because party leader Mikhail Gorbachev is a teetotaler. The night the two couples spent together, the strongest stuff served was water, because Bettino Craxi also is a teetotaler.

"Even in Italy," said Anna Craxi, "there are some teetotalers."

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Nancy Reagan's elaborately beaded 1981 inaugural ball **gown** is "growing" about a half-inch a year and that, coupled with a federal budget that is not, is adding up to a not-so-pretty fix for the Smithsonian's Museum of American History.

Experts in the museum's division of political history estimate it will cost about \$10,000 to "stabilize" the stretching. But they're caught in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings squeeze, they say, and so have been making discreet inquiries in the business community about footing that bill, among others.

Mrs. Reagan's dress, as it turns out, isn't the only one in need of help. The **gowns** of five other first ladies (Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Mrs. John Tyler, Mrs. Franklin Pierce, Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. William McKinley) need restoration. In some cases the fabric is split; in others netting has torn from its own weight. Those repairs are expected to cost another \$50,000, most of that for labor.

Nancy Reagan was reportedly so alarmed when she heard in March her dress was growing that she called Smithsonian officials to ask what was being done about it.

"Mrs. Reagan hasn't seen the dress, so she doesn't know how bad it might look, but she would like to be reassured that it is properly displayed for history's sake, the **gown's** sake and the sake of the people who see it," explained Elaine Crispen, her press secretary.

Crispen said Mrs. Reagan suggested that James Galanos, designer of her **gown**, a white satin sheath with hand-beaded lace overlay featuring a bared right shoulder, scalloped hem and short train, might have some ideas on methods to preserve it.

"A dress like this is made to be worn two or three times a year, then stored in a drawer," said Edith Mayo, curator and supervisor of the political history division. "But the first ladies' **gowns** here are historical costumes, and once they go onto a mannequin they sit there hour after hour, day after day, week after week. No dress, no matter how well made, is meant to be 'worn' every day for six years."

Mayo said her division has "a number of feelers" out in the private sector for financial assistance in hopes of building a special fund that might go as high as \$500,000 and also pay for refurbishing the First Ladies Hall and provide money for new acquisitions.

Meanwhile, the **gown** has been temporarily tucked up in back and at the sides, Mayo said.

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President Reagan admitted yesterday that he worries when Nancy Reagan "goes around the block."

But he told reporters that her solo trip to Malaysia and Thailand next week is going ahead as scheduled, despite the worldwide worry about terrorist attacks. Mrs. Reagan will accompany Reagan to Indonesia, then make a side trip to carry her crusade against **drug** abuse to the two Southeast Asian countries, and then rejoin him in Japan. Reagan said he was confident that security agents would tell him if her trip was too dangerous.

With First Lady Nancy Reagan for a namesake and Fairfax County Supervisors Jack Herrity, Nancy Falck and Martha Pennino for godparents, what more could an elephant ask?

Well, not much, other than a blessing and a big turnout for its christening, plus elephant-sized donations for **Straight** Inc., the **drug** rehabilitation program.

It's all scheduled to happen at Pet Farm Park in Vienna on Saturday at 1 p.m., when a new baby African elephant will be named for Nancy Reagan and sprinkled with holy water by the Rev. Gilbert Hermley, a Catholic priest. From then on, says a Pet Farm Park spokesman, Nancy the elephant will add her considerable weight to opposing **drug** abuse by urging park visitors to contribute to **Straight**.

Mrs. Reagan won't be there because by then she'll be in Hawaii, where her anti-**drug**-abuse fan club there -- 500 to 1,000 Just Say No club members aged 7 to 14 -- will be welcoming her and the president en route to Southeast Asia.

But plenty of other local celebrities will be on hand in Vienna, several of them namesakes for other newcomers to the park's population. Among those new pets are a blue and gold baby macaw named for WJLA news anchor Renee Poussaint, a rare spotted ass named for **Washington Post** columnist Bob Levey, a floppy-eared baby Nubian goat named for WRC news anchor Dave Marash and a baby llama named for WDVM anchor J.C. Hayward.

Just to prove that "Nancy" and her crowd are ecumenical, there will be Protestant ceremonies on Sunday at 2 p.m.

There was a brief pause during the ceremony as Ronald S. Lauder, the former deputy secretary of defense for NATO, was sworn in as ambassador to Austria yesterday. The reason for the pause, Secretary of State George Shultz explained, was so that Lauder could sign some State Department forms. "He knows that until you sign you don't get paid," Shultz said.

Lauder's mother Estee, reigning priestess of the cosmetic industry, was there along with his brother Leonard. If everybody smelled like Estee (the scent, not the mother), they looked like Chanel. Real estate executive Sallie Ann Hart's dangling Chanel chain belt set off the magnetometer.

Among the guests were a white-gloved Evangeline Bruce, Buffy Cafritz, French Ambassador Emmanuel de Margerie, Swedish Ambassador Wilhelm Wachtmeister, Ulla Wachtmeister, Canadian Ambassador Allan Gotlieb, Sondra Gotlieb, Susan Brinkley, Deeda Blair, Ina Ginsberg and, from New York, Jerry Zipkin and Roy Cohn.

The Ronnie and Nancy Show, taped by the White House, played the Smithsonian the other night, and like the new exhibit it praised, it left little doubt to guests at the opening party that "Hollywood Legend & Reality" is alive and well and living at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. To wit:

Nancy: You Know, Mr. President, the Hollywood of our day was certainly very different from the Hollywood of George Lucas.

Ronnie: Oh, I don't know. We had some great special effects in "Hellcats of the Navy."

Nancy: Special effects?

Ronnie: That's right. When we kissed, I saw stars.

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The two then exchanged a few more memories about Hollywood and about how Ronnie spent part of World War II assigned to the Army Air Corps' first motion picture unit, and then wrapped things up.

Ronnie: By the way, honey, that line I used -- the one about seeing stars.

Nancy: Yes?

Ronnie: I want you to know that I meant it. And something else.

Nancy: What's that?

Ronnie: I'm still seeing stars. You free for a movie tonight?

Nancy: Sure am. But isn't there something you're forgetting?

Ronnie: What's that?

Nancy pointed to the camera, a reminder that he had the exit line.

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