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## Hello, Out There

**BARD TALK:** Drat, we let Monday slip by without noting that it was a double anniversary for William Shakespeare, born April 23, 1564, died April 23, 1616. Thanks to the "Avon Calling" lady for reminding me . . . Chase Webb on the horn: "Y'know, those 'Nixon's the One' bumper stickers you see around town are either very old or slightly premature" . . . Speaking of Topic A, John Miller has this thought: since John Mitchell admits he was present at meetings where the illegal wiretapping of Watergate was discussed, why didn't he, as the then Attorney General, file conspiracy charges against all those who proposed and supported the scheme? . . . Well, I guess we know the answer to that one, don't we . . . On the other hand, Jud Allen refuses to blame Mitchell: "It's Martha — she's been bugging everybody in Washington for years" . . . And welcome to San Francisco, Elliot Richardson, Secretary of Defense and defender of Cambodia's Lon Nol. Some of the rest of us learned a long time ago that despots whose names spell the same both ways — France's Laval, for instance — are not to be trusted.

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**ANIMALS:** When is a dog valued at \$1,250,000? When it's an Australian Silky Terrier named Beauregard and owned by Ed McJannet Jr., recently promoted from head of the ABC radio network where between the and the American McJannet