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A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Child admits being pressured to lie in rape-ring cases



YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl who testified at four trials that she had been sexually molested now says she lied about the alleged abuse, telling authorities what she thought they wanted to hear.

Officials could not immediately say how significant the girl's change in story would be to the so-called Wenatchee sex-ring investigation.

The girl, identified in court documents as "M.E.," ran away from her foster home Sunday night, and then called pastor Robert "Roby" Roberson, one of the people she testified against.

A Douglas County sheriff's deputy took her from her grandmother's home Tuesday, while the girl was speaking on the telephone to an Associated Press reporter.

During the AP interview, the girl quickly said "No" when asked whether she had been molested by her parents or anyone else. But she spoke more haltingly when asked why she told authorities and testified in court that she had been sexually abused.

"I was, like (long pause); I was pressured to," she said. When asked by whom, she quickly named Wenatchee Police Detective Bob Perez, the lead investigator in the cases and her foster father of about six months.

Appeal deal offered by ailing conspirator in Whitewater case



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Gov. Jim Guy Tucker wants to make a deal — he won't appeal fraud and conspiracy convictions in a Whitewater case if the prosecutors will drop other charges against him and two of his friends.

Ailing from chronic liver disease, Tucker is tired of the legal process and the bills that go with it, his attorney, George B. Collins, said Tuesday.

Tucker, 52, told prosecutors he won't appeal if they dismiss a separate indictment against him, his attorney John H. Haley of Little Rock and San Francisco businessman William J. Marks, Sr.

Collins stressed that Tucker has made no offer — and has no intentions — of testifying against anyone else, including the president or Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"He has made no offers to cooperate. There are none to be made," Collins said. "He has nothing he knows that could help them."

Tucker and the Clintons' Whitewater real estate partners, James and Susan McDougal, were convicted May 28 of fraud and other charges in a scheme the government said involved nearly \$3 million in loans from two federally backed banks in the mid-1980s.

Burundi gunmen kill Red Cross workers on relief mission



GENEVA (AP) — Gunmen ambushed and killed three Swiss Red Cross workers Tuesday who were completing a relief mission in northern Burundi, a central African nation bloodied by ethnic violence.

The three men were returning to the capital of Bujumbura after bringing water and medical supplies to civilians and hospitals in the northern province of Cibitoke, the International Committee of the Red Cross said.

Their four-wheel-drive vehicle, marked with the Red Cross emblem, was ambushed in Cibitoke near the village of Mugina, Red Cross spokesman Tony Burgener said. Red Cross officials in a second vehicle were shot at but uninjured.

The victims were identified as Burundi relief coordinator Reto Neuenschwander, 39; Juan Ruffino, 36; and Cedric Martin, 32. All were Swiss nationals.

Burgener condemned the attack, which violated the respect generally granted the relief organization and its operations around the world.

He said Red Cross had broadcast messages on radio and television in Burundi to explain the organization's neutrality and humanitarian goals. They also wanted to ensure its emblem was recognized and respected.

Research: Men see humor as intimacy

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like to talk to people who we consider 'experts' in being married. That is, couples who have been married for at least 15 years," de Koning said.

To understand how a well-functioning marriage works in today's society, researchers should focus on more mature couples because they deal with different problems than do newlyweds, said de Koning.

For her research, she divided humor into three different categories: instrumental, positive and negative humor.

Instrumental humor is most often used to relieve tension or express negative thoughts in an acceptable way when a couple is experiencing a conflict. It can be used positively or negatively in a relationship, de Koning said.

Positive humor is a healthy part of a relationship. It is most often seen in the form of private jokes between couples or any joke that causes the couple to laugh together or to bring them closer together.

Negative behavior is not considered a healthy part of a relationship and usually takes the form of sarcasm or put downs.

The research will not be complete until the end

“ [Humor] gives flexibility to a relationship and helps couples not to take things so seriously. ”

— Erica de Koning
Doctoral student

of June, but so far, de Koning's results show that men and women use humor equally in their relationships.

Positive humor ranks highest in frequency of use, followed by instrumental humor. Negative humor is used the least.

The study has also found that men who joke with their wives see it more as intimacy while women didn't see a connection at all, de Koning said.

"I think this is because men and woman have different ways of viewing intimacy," she said.

De Koning said she hopes to have her research published in a scientific journal when she is finished.

Travel: 'You can't really be naive' overseas

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Although the University is offering new programs in Ghana and East Asia, Europe is still the most popular destination, Jorgenson said.

"It still tends to be Western Europe and the Spanish-speaking world," she said.

Regardless of the locale, students learn several lessons during their time abroad, Huegli said. The lessons in a foreign country are everywhere, she explained.

"You end up learning so many things," she said. "It's wonderful. You learn more about yourself. Going abroad is something you should do for yourself."

However, overseas travel also requires awareness and

patience, Huegli said. Because students are submerged in another culture, they must learn to live with frustrations.

"You can't really be naive," she said. "You have to be aware of your surroundings. You're unfamiliar with everything around you."

Students who are interested in an overseas program should consult the Office of International Education and Exchange.

To study overseas through the University's programs, students must apply and be admitted to their program, Jorgenson said. They then attend orientations and arrange for passports and tickets.

Jorgenson added that the

international programs might also help students live in a global world after they get out of college.

"It really builds your confidence when you're able to negotiate in another culture," she said. "It's like when you move someplace that's totally different."

Students should strongly consider going overseas to study, Huegli said. She explained that national exchanges cannot offer the same opportunities as an international program.

"You're probably going to be going to Boston sometime in your life," she said. "You may not ever get to go to Australia or Spain or Italy."