

Names in the news

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Ali's wife files for a divorce

Khalilah Ali, wife of heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, has filed for a divorce on grounds of mental cruelty and desertion. In a certificate of parenthood filed in Berrien County, Mich., last month, the boxer acknowledged that he fathered a girl born Aug. 6 to Veronica Porche, a frequent companion of his during the past two years.

Richardson winner of Benton award

Commerce Secretary Elliot L. Richardson was named winner of the 1976 Thomas Hart Benton Award of the Kansas City Art Institute yesterday. The award, established in 1974, is to be presented annually to a living

American whose life and values best exemplify the ideals, concerns and human qualities of the great Thomas Hart Benton.

Harrison convicted of plagiarizing

Former Beatle George Harrison was convicted yesterday of copyright infringement by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Owen. Harrison did not deliberately plagiarize the melody of "He's So Fine" when he wrote the song "My Sweet Lord," but he did essentially use the work, the judge said.

Gortner plays innocent man

Former child evangelist Mar-joe Gortner will play an innocent man trapped in narcotics traffic in the Mar Vista production, "Acapulco Gold," filmed in Hawaii.

Chess federation may bar Soviet

The Soviet government has officially requested that chess grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi, who has defected from Russia, be barred from the next world championship series, the International Chess Federation says.

Patricia Neal portrays senator

Patricia Neal will portray Sen. Margaret Chase Smith in the NBC World Premiere Movie about the career of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, "Tail Gunner Joe."

Scholarship named for Betty Ford

A scholarship has been set up in the name of First Lady Betty Ford to help pay the tuition of students in fashion education.

Margy Grigg, a director of the Washington Fashion Group, said the scholarship was named for Mrs. Ford because she has helped focus "great attention on a great American fashion industry."

Bronson to star in spy thriller

Actor Charles Bronson and Director Don Siegel are combining for the first time to produce the MGM spy thriller "Telefon." Bronson plays a Russian agent dispatched to the U.S. to prevent unauthorized Communist sabotage that threatens to start World War III.

Gleason recharges

Jackie Gleason has joined Burt Reynolds and Sally Field in Universal-Rastar's movie, "Smokey and the Bandit." Gleason will portray a Southern sheriff.

LEAA should be abolished, independent research groups say

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — An independent research group says the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration is "beyond repair" and should be abolished.

In a report issued Monday, the Center for National Security Studies urged Congress to dismantle the LEAA, which has distributed \$4 billion to state and local police agencies since the federal crime-fighting agency was created in 1968.

The LEAA has not reduced crime and has failed to find methods that will curb crime, the report charged.

It proposed that the government create a "high level, scholarly research" center in the LEAA's place "to examine the causes of criminal behavior" and seek ways to reduce crime.

The center is a private, non-profit research group with headquarters here. It specializes in topics including law enforcement.

Both houses of Congress already have passed bills that would extend the LEAA's mandate, and conferees are seeking to reach a compromise

on the length of the extension.

The House bill extends the agency only through the next fiscal year and authorizes \$1.1 billion for the next 15 months. The Senate bill would extend the agency for five years with an authorization of \$5.1 billion.

But the center's report said the legislation that created the LEAA "was poorly designed and the program has been poorly administered. The answer to this situation is not to throw good money after bad."

The center acknowledged that some state and local governments "may feel an immediate pinch" if the LEAA were abolished. It suggested that some federal grants could be continued through revenue-sharing. The report said it was recommending "with great reluctance" that the LEAA program be terminated.

"It is too late to tinker with the program; it is beyond repair. Congress should admit its failure and confront once again the basic question of what the federal government can do to alleviate the burden of crime on the American people."

The report, called "Law and Disorder IV," is one of a series of critical reviews produced by the center in a project directed by Washington lawyer Sarah Carey.

When The Associated Press published excerpts from a draft of the critical report last May, LEAA Administrator Richard Velde credited his agency with developing a national strategy to reduce crime.

Agency spokesman Malcolm Barr said, "To place the blame for all that is wrong with the criminal justice system upon LEAA is hardly fair."

A&M will host conference for co-op engineers

Two-hundred employers of students participating in the engineering cooperative education program are expected to attend a conference hosted by Texas A&M University Friday, Sept. 10.

The Texas Cooperative Education Association (TCEA) "employers conference" will give employers of students who "earn while they learn" a chance to join in small group discussions during the day. Each discussion will be led by a person who has broad experience in the field, either from the school's or the employer's point of view.

Representatives are expected from many of the 58 universities, colleges and community colleges which have some form of cooperative education, announced Dr. C. A. Rodenberger, assistant dean of engineering and director of the Texas A&M Co-op program.

Major speakers include Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson; Richard Poth, Co-op director, College of the Mainland; and B. J. Armstrong, supervisor of education at Vought Corporation, Dallas.

Discussion titles include: "What is Good About Alternating, Parallel and Extend-Day Co-op Programs?" "How Can Companies Get Good Co-op Students: What Are Controversial Areas in Co-op?" and "What is the Texas Cooperative Education Association?"

The session will conclude with a TCEA business meeting at 4 p.m.

2 AF fliers OK after plane crash

Associated Press
EAGLETOWN, Okla. — Two Air Force men were found unharmed last night almost three hours after they bailed out of their small military aircraft which crashed and burned near this tiny community in hilly southeastern Oklahoma terrain.

The plane was from Bergstrom Air Force Base at Austin, Tex.

An Oklahoma Highway Patrol spokesman in Durant said the pilot and navigator of the RF4C, a reconnaissance version of the F4 jet fighter, did not appear to have any injuries when found by rescuers.

The pilot was identified by officials at Bergstrom as 1st Lt. David Engbretson, 26, of Clarksville, Ind. The navigator was identified as 1st Lt. Larry Powers, 26, of Lumberton, N.C.

The plane crashed about 9:30 p.m. in a heavily wooded area about seven miles north of Eagleton near the Arkansas line.

A spokesman at Bergstrom said the plane left there at 7:50 p.m. on a training mission and was to return to the base at 10 p.m.

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