

news digest

By The Associated Press

Children cost

Washington—Rearing a child, including education at a state supported university, today costs a typical middle-income family \$64,000, a new study discloses.

A low-income family can rear a child a bit cheaper—only \$44,000 on the average, said Thomas J. Espenshade, associate professor of economics at Florida State University.

Both figures have risen sharply in the past few years. The middle-income estimate is up 60 per cent from the 1969 average while the low-income figure is up 63 per cent.

Life savers

Chicago—Using first aid techniques they said they learned from television, two brothers saved the life of an elderly man who apparently suffered a heart attack during a fire in a West Side apartment.

Donald Schrader, 21, and his brother Michael, 15, kicked in a locked door and carried Stanley Zabirzewski, 65, from the burning building, police said. Once outside, the older Schrader noticed Zabirzewski wasn't breathing, so he hit him in the chest and massaged his chest until his lips started moving.

Law overhaul

Washington—Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell said Monday that a Senate bill to overhaul federal criminal laws is "sorely needed."

"The federal criminal law badly needs revision," he told a press conference at the Capitol. Bell called many provisions of existing law outmoded or unenforceable and some "simply archaic."

He said there are serious gaps in present laws as well as inconsistent and overlapping provisions. Bell, who called the bill "important legislation for the life of the Republic," said he hoped it would be passed promptly. The measure was introduced Monday.

Poet blasts Bryant

Miami—Singer-poet Rod McKuen joined the growing Dade County homosexual rights controversy Monday, criticizing singer Anita Bryant, as "a kind of Ginny Orangeseed spreading bigotry throughout the land."

"I would ask those who may listen to Anita Bryant, 'When are people going to stop taking it upon themselves to be policemen?'" McKuen said. "I am not interested in Ms. Bryant's personal life and I am convinced that there are more constructive things for her to do than infringe on the privacy of individual American citizens."

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