

# School clinics reducing pregnancy rate

**United Press International**  
**NEW YORK** — A research arm of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America says in a report that family planning clinics in two St. Paul, Minn., high schools have reduced the rate of pregnancies among students in those schools by 40 percent.

The report was written by Dr. Laura E. Edwards and associates in "Family Planning Perspectives" — a Planned Parenthood of America publication.

Similar services in all the nation's high schools would reduce the number of teen-age pregnancies — now running an "epidemic" 1 million a year, Edwards said in a telephone interview.

At first, the pioneer family planning clinics in the St. Paul schools didn't draw too well, apparently because students did not wish to be seen entering them. So other health services were added to provide anonymity — cover — including athletic, job and college physicals, immunizations and weight control programs.

The work is done by the clinic staff consisting of a medical social worker, a nurse practitioner specializing in family planning, and a clinic attendant.

The report said 25 percent of the female students in the high schools concerned asked for family planning,

and 87 percent of them have continued contraception after three years.

The journal in which the report appeared is a production of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, research arm of Planned Parenthood Federation. The Federation budget of about \$116 million last year included about \$50 million reimbursement in tax funds for research and services.

The report on family planning in the classroom was teamed with two others on teenage pregnancy.

One, from the National Institutes of Health, showed the intellectual development of children born to teenagers, as well as their physical health subsequent to birth, may be jeopardized by their parents' extreme youth.

The other from Census Bureau analysts said there is a sharp rise among teenagers in the percentage of first births that are conceived out of wedlock, and a decline in "shotgun weddings" — the after-the-fact legitimization of these births by marriage.

Since the mid-1950s, the fraction of first births premaritally conceived has more than doubled among white teenagers and grown by about half among black teenagers.

Dr. Edwards is head of the St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital Maternal and Infant Care Project and an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Minnesota. She said the clinics are a continuation of one opened in a St. Paul junior-senior high school in 1973.

When that school closed in 1976, funds were sought to open clinics in the two senior high schools where the students of the closed school were sent.

The pioneer program in the St. Paul schools, designed to show what

could be done in high schools to cut teenage pregnancies, was partially funded by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Maternal and Infant Care Project.

The National Center for Health Statistics, in Washington, said there were 559,154 births to mothers 19 years and under in 1977 — the latest year for which national statistics are available.

The national Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, keeper of statistics on abortion, said during 1977 those 19 and under accounted for 332,486 abortions.

Dr. Richard Selik, of the CDC's Family Planning Evaluation Division, said when adding stillborns and ectopic pregnancies the figure on teenage pregnancies comes to a little more than a million.

Other highlights from the report by Dr. Edwards and Mary E. Steinman, Kathleen A. Arnold and Dr. Erick Y. Hakanson — chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at St. Paul-Ramsey hospital and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the university.

The original junior-senior high school clinic was unanimously supported by the St. Paul school board, after some initial hesitation, with the stipulation the school principal would be responsible for the project.

In response to community pressures, contraceptives would not be dispensed in the school itself, but would be made available to the students by school clinic staff at a nearby clinic.

By the time the first school closed, at the end of the 1975-76 school year, its clinic had been used by about two-thirds of 12th grade students and by more than nine in 10 pregnant students.



## Isolated islands not for all, says exotic realty broker

**United Press International**  
**GREENWICH, Conn.** — The story of Robinson Crusoe has enchanted generations since the 1700s. Many people yearn to live on islands themselves.

But a man who sells such places says the castaway life isn't for everybody.

"People don't realize the logistics of living on an island. They are very complicated," says Bruce Wennerstrom, president of Previews, Inc., a Greenwich-based realty-marketing network of 20,000 brokers that matches people with property worldwide.

"A fellow called me two weeks ago and wanted to buy a Greek island. The majority are uninhabited, sun-beaten and barren. Beautiful blue water around them. But no electric-

ity. Probably no water. No boat service or anything else. Assuming you overcome these things," he asked, "Who do you talk to?"

Robinson Crusoe talked to his parrot for 24 years in author Daniel Defoe's story.

"You have to really have a very strong family unit to go on to an island," Wennerstrom said.

"We continually get calls on islands. Everybody wants to buy one for \$20,000. There aren't many of those," says Wennerstrom, 52, whose firm has sold dozens of islands since its 1933 founding during the Depression, when it began its practice of catering to the well-to-do.

Among the islands in Wennerstrom's sales kit:

— Restoration Island in the Coral Sea off Australia, where Capt. Bligh and 18 of the crew were restored to their vigor in 1789 after the mutiny on the Bounty.

— Whitehead Island in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a 12-acre hunting and fishing refuge on the St. Mary River that has shelter facilities for boats up to 35 feet long.

— Up to 46 people can be accommodated in the main lodge on Atokan Island in Rainy Lake, Minn., gateway to Voyageur's National Park, six miles east of International Falls, Minn. Price: \$225,000.

— Patience Island in Narragansett Bay off Newport, R.I., which adjoins Prudence Island. Both were sold in 1637 by Chief Canonicut for "20 fathom of wampum and two coats" to Gov. John Winthrop and Roger Williams. The islands are named for Williams' daughters and were given them for their dowries.

Everybody dreams of owning an island where, Wennerstrom says, "you pull up the drawbridge or pull the boat in and become the master of all you survey."

Previews helps owners unload everything from a \$3.5 million "seigneurial domain" in the American south to sun-drenched villas on the French Riviera and Scottish and Irish castles — the most recent an insulated eight-roomer that sold for \$295,000 at Newmarket-on-Fergus in County Clare. It had slits in the bricks — just the thing to fire arrows through to beat back weekend drop-ins.

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An "estate which takes extravagance and superlatives as a matter of course" is Dean Martin's Spanish colonial 14-room, 63-acre ranch at Thousand Oaks, Calif., with a three-hole practice golf course, tourna-

ment tennis court, and a 2,000-gallon underground tank. It was offered for \$1.5 million.

Wennerstrom is busy these days for a \$100,000 game preserve. Previews has a 2,700-acre safari operation in Transvaal for about \$650,000 — had inquiries from two of the pre-

views. For the average American, Wennerstrom is trying to get away from "One, location. Two, location. Three, location."

He says even if you can't afford a good neighborhood's highest house, buy the cheapest. The others will raise or drop in value over the course of your investment.

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