

Report: Saying 'I do' to college doesn't mean 'no' to marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Going to college no longer dims a woman's chances for marriage and family, and additional schooling, in fact, is likely to increase her matrimonial prospects, a new study says.

Census Bureau researcher Jeanne E. Moorman reported Tuesday that the "negative association" between marriage and education seems to be diminishing, and in coming years "more highly educated women will be more likely to marry."

In terms of combining marriage with educations and careers, women are learning to behave more like men — no longer having to choose among those options, Moorman said.

Her findings differ sharply from a study published by Yale University researchers last year that indicated that women's marriage prospects dimmed as they pursued educations and careers.

Although better-educated women have had lower marriage rates than those with less schooling in past years, the negative association between education and marriage appears on the verge of ending or reversing, Moorman reported in her study, "The History and the Future of the Relationship Between Education and Marriage."

Moorman found that while going to college may delay marriage, it seems likely to improve a woman's

prospects for her eventually being wed.

That, she said in a telephone interview, is because higher education is becoming more the norm than the exception for women, allowing education to become a more common part of their lives and to blend with family and marriage.

Women now in the 30-35 age group may well be the last group for which a negative relationship between education and marriage will exist, she said, and even for them the effect is minimal.

Moorman launched her research last year, following the widely publicized study by Yale sociologist Neil Bennett that found that if a college

woman wasn't wed by age 30, she stood little chance of ever being married.

Bennett speculated that women had begun sacrificing marriage for their careers and educations and suggested that college-educated women who reach the age of 30 without marrying stand only a 20 percent chance of ever being wed.

Moorman, also analyzing Census Bureau statistics, concluded that those women actually have a 66 percent chance of finding a husband.

Judge sentences aging mob bosses to 100 years each

NEW YORK (AP) — Three of the Mafia's top bosses were sentenced Tuesday to 100 years each in jail by a federal judge who said he wanted to give their would-be successors something to think about.

The bosses of the Colombo, Genovese and Lucchese organized crime families received the century-long terms for membership on a commission that had settled disputes, divided loot and occasionally ordered rackets for the Mafia since Prohibition.

U.S. District Judge Richard Owen said he had to send a message "to those out there who are undoubtedly

thinking about taking over the reins of power." And authorities cautioned that the convictions and sentences did not mean the end of the mob in America.

"The worst mistake we can make is to declare a final victory," Thomas L. Sheer, head of the FBI's New York office, said following the sentencing of the bosses and five mob underlings at federal court in Manhattan.

Owen sentenced the defendants who were all in the courtroom, one at a time and said his comments were the first, Genovese boss Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno, 76, applied for all.

"You, sir, in my opinion, essentially spent all your lifetime terrorizing this community to your financial gain," he told Salerno.

The other top bosses sentenced to a century were Carmine "Junior" Persico, 53, head of the Colombo and Anthony "Tony Ducks" Corallo, 73, the boss of the Lucchese mob.

Owen characterized Salerno as Persico as "feeding on this community through murders and violence and threats of murders and violence."

Administration may fight minimum wage hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has not decided whether to oppose efforts by Democrats to raise the minimum wage, which has been \$3.35 an hour since 1981, Labor Secretary William E. Brock III said Tuesday.

But Brock indicated a willingness to negotiate on legislation to make employers give advance notice of plant closings when the lawmakers consider Reagan's program to triple aid for retraining laid-off factory workers.

In a study last year, the congressional Of-

fice of Technology Assessment said fewer than half of the 2 million Americans thrown out of work annually by such closings get more than two weeks notice, making it virtually impossible to provide them with timely help in finding or training for new jobs.

"I'm sure we can negotiate something," Brock said when asked about an announcement Monday by Reps. William Ford, D-Mich., William Clay, D-Mo., and Silvio Conte, R-Mass., that they intend to make mandatory notification a part of Reagan's \$1 billion job

retraining program.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate labor panel, indicated for the first time publicly Tuesday that increasing the minimum wage will be part of the agenda.

"A person who worked full time, all year at the minimum wage would earn \$6,700 — \$3,000 short of the poverty line for a family of four," Kennedy said. "It is not a living wage, and it is not a decent society in which a full-time job means a lifetime in poverty."

During Reagan's first term, the administra-

tion tried unsuccessfully to cut the minimum wage for teen-agers to \$2.50 an hour, saying it would help reduce unemployment among black youths in cities.

Brock sidestepped a direct question from Kennedy on whether he would support raising the \$3.35 minimum now.

"I'm not sure changing that law is the fundamental answer to the problem," Brock said. "There is a danger that a substantial increase of the minimum wage would result in a loss of employment for those who don't have skills."

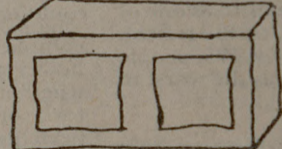
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