

French government decides to let teen girls use morning-after pill

PARIS (AP) — The French government's decision to make the morning-after pill available to teen-age girls at schools has unleashed a fierce debate in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

Parents and health officials are divided over whether the action will usher in a dangerously nonchalant attitude toward unprotected sex or provide teen-agers with the support some contend is missing at home.

Deputy Education Minister Segolene Royal, a Socialist, said teen-age pregnancies were not just a family matter but a public health problem that affects 10,000 girls under 18 each year.

"I want to respond to this distress, to this urgency, by asking adolescents to go through a school nurse" should they fear an unwanted pregnancy, Royal said in announcing the action over the weekend.

Once the measure takes effect, in a few weeks, the morning-after pill, NorLevo, will be available through school nurses. The treatment consists of two pills, one taken within 72 hours after sexual intercourse and the second 12 to 24 hours later.

They work by preventing the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus — which opponents

contend amounts to abortion by blocking development of a viable embryo.

In the United States, two forms of morning-after pills are available. But while teens can get them at most health or family planning clinics, they need a prescription and, depending on the state, sometimes also must obtain parental permission.

Any attempt to distribute them in schools would most certainly face strong opposition.

The NorLevo pill has been available without prescription in France since June, but supporters of distributing it in schools argue that young girls may be loath to ask for it in drugstores.

Some French teen-agers welcomed the decision to distribute the pills at schools, saying it bypasses the home and the moral debate surrounding the issue.

"You can't talk to some parents about these things. Going to the school nurse will be like talking to someone anonymous," Charlotte Reibell, a 15-year-old student at the Lycee Carnot in western Paris, said.

"I'm not advising young girls to go out and have sex and then take the pill," Laure Sauvagnargues, a 19-year-old university student, said. "But if they are going to make a mistake, then it's better that they can fix it."

Bitter pill to swallow

The decision to make the morning-after pill available to girls at school in France has been welcomed by some and enraged others.

Of the teenage girls who have had sexual relations, 3.3% have become pregnant. Their outcomes:

Had abortions 72%

Gave birth 12%

Had a miscarriage 16%

FRENCH GOVERNMENT GOALS

► To promote contraceptive pills, which is their preferred mode of birth control.

► To promote emergency contraception instead of abortion.

► To promote the use of condoms to avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually-transmitted diseases.

► To enlarge the scope of sex-education in schools.

► To launch a government campaign on contraception in the next few months.

Source: French government; French Family Planning Movement

Turks still waiting for help

GOLCUK, Turkey (AP) — Naime Altin is pregnant, has three children and has been homeless since August, when her landlord evicted her after an earthquake left her husband unemployed and unable to pay the rent.

Altin has applied for one of the 26,000 prefabricated homes that the government said yesterday are ready to be handed over to survivors of a calamitous Aug. 17 earthquake that struck western Turkey.

But she has little chance of getting one anytime soon.

"My home wasn't seriously damaged in the quake," Altin, washing her children's clothes in a plastic basin outside her muddy tent on a hill overlooking Golcuk, said. "Prefabricated homes are for those with serious damage."

The August quake killed more than 17,000 people and left at least 100,000 people homeless. Officials in this naval town on the sea of Marmara said 1,086 families whose homes collapsed or were seriously damaged here will be assigned temporary homes today.

But thousands like Altin who were evicted or who are too scared to return

to homes that were shaken by the quake will be left without proper shelter for months to come.

The fear of many that their homes will again turn into death traps was strengthened after another quake struck western Turkey on Nov. 12, which left at least 784 people and forcing 100,000 to take shelter in huts.

"Authorities pressured people to turn home in Bolu (province), but they are gathering bodies," Tahsin Altin, still lives in a rain-soaked tent, said.

He said none of the 281 families in his tent city are eligible for a permanent home.

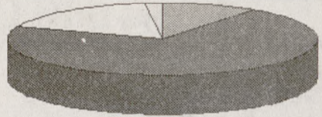
Osman Gulec, whose tent city apartment was seriously damaged by the quake, came to the town hall to ask authorities for a lot to set up a new tent city he is building for his family.

"I built a hut after the August quake but it can't withstand the cold," he said.

Construction workers were paid 18 hours a day to finish all the temporary homes — the 1,000 families still have to be hooked up to electricity,

Make money while exercising your brain.

Over 50% of students in previous experiments earned more than \$22.



■ \$0 to \$15
■ \$15 to \$30
■ \$30 to \$45
□ \$45 +

Key Code for this week: 1031

register to participate in experiments:
online: <http://econdollars.tamu.edu>
or call: 862-8796

He conquered death at the beginning of the first millennium. We think He knows something about life in the third.



As you enter the third millennium, wouldn't you like to hear more about the purpose and direction God can give your life? If you have any questions about Jesus and His relevance for your life, come and ask one of us or visit our Tell Me More website www.leaderu.com/TellMeMore.

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger and he who believes in Me shall not thirst."
(John 6:35)

FACULTY FRIENDS

John 3:16 states "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." We are a group of professors, instructors, lecturers, and administrators united by their common experience that Jesus Christ provides intellectual and spiritually satisfying answers to life's most important questions. We are available to students, faculty, and staff who might like to discuss these questions with us. For more information about the FACULTY FRIENDS ad, please contact Murphy Smith 5-3108, Steve Crouse 5-3997, or Lowery 5-4395. The Faculty Friends website is <http://facultyfriends.tamu.edu>

- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| W. Miles Marks
12th Man Foundation
Accounting | Natalie L. Allen
Accounting | Bill Cready
Accounting | Austin Daily
Accounting | Patsy Deere
Accounting | Jennifer Ellerbrock
Accounting | Larry Joiner
Accounting | Kelli Shomaker
Accounting | L. Murphy Smith
Accounting | Sally Dee Wade
Accounting | Walter Haisler
Aerospace Engineering | John Valasek
Aerospace Engineering | John Whitcomb
Aerospace Engineering | Oral Capps, Jr.
Agricultural Economics | James E. Christiansen
Agricultural Education | Don R. Herring
Agricultural Education | Alvin Larke Jr.
Agricultural Education | Karen Beathard
Animal Science | Dan Hale
Animal Science | Paul Harms
Animal Science | Douglas Householder
Animal Science | Jimmy T. Keeton
Animal Science | Steven Nizelski
Animal Science | Richard Davison, Jr.
Architecture | Theodore S. Maffitt
Architecture | George W. Bates
Biochemistry | James R. Wild
Biochemistry & Genetics | Elizabeth TeBeaux
Business Education | Joel McGee
Center for Academic Enhancement | Liz Miller
Center Teaching Excellence | Richard Davison
Chemical Engineering | Jack Lunsford
Chemistry | Dallas N. Little
Civil Engineering | Lee Lowery, Jr.
Civil Engineering | James S. Noel
Civil Engineering | Paul Roschke
Civil Engineering | Hayes E. Ross Jr.
Civil Engineering | Donald Saylak
Civil Engineering | Ralph Wurbs
Civil Engineering | Dan Colunga
Computer Science | Walter Daugherty
Computer Science | Ho In
Computer Science | Mac Lively
Computer Science | Dick Volz
Computer Science | Buzz Refugio
Computing & Information Services | James W. Craig Jr.
Construction Science | Beth Miles
Cooperative Education | Richard K. Anderson
Economics | James M. Griffin
Economics | Tim Gronberg
Economics | Steven Wiggins
Economics | Maynard Bratlien
Educational Administration | David A. Ertandson
Educational Administration | Jack Campbell
Educational Curriculum (Retired) | Robert K. James
Educational Curriculum | Delmar Janke
Educational Curriculum | Patricia Larke
Educational Curriculum | Will Worley
Educational Engineering - Emeritus | Andrew K. Chan
Electrical Engineering | Jeffrey Floyd
Electrical Engineering | Robert Nevels
Electrical Engineering | John H. Painter
Electrical Engineering | A. D. Patton
Electrical Engineering | B. Don Russell
Electrical Engineering | Karan Watson
Electrical Engineering | Jerry Binson
Engineering Technology | Hank Wigley
Engineering Technology | William Bedford Clark
English | Craig Kallendorf
English & Mod. Languages | Terry Larsen
Environmental Design | Russell K. Biles
Family & Community Medicine | George McIlhenny
Family & Community Medicine | Lamar McNew
Family & Community Medicine | David Segrest
Family & Community Medicine | Linda Ladd
Family Development & Resource Mgmt. | James Kolari
Finance | Lawrence Wolken
Finance | Walter F. Juliff
FSIS Project Management | Terry Spencer
Geophysics | Danny Ballard
Health and Kinesiology | Camille Bunting
Health and Kinesiology | Stephen Crouse
Health and Kinesiology | Judy M. Delp
Health and Kinesiology | Michael D. Delp
Health and Kinesiology | Carl Gabbard
Health and Kinesiology | Emma Gibbons
Health and Kinesiology | Leonard Ponder
Health and Kinesiology | Rose Schmitz
Health and Kinesiology | Kirstin Brekken Shea
Health and Kinesiology | Jack H. Wilmore
Health and Kinesiology | Wayne Wylie
Health and Kinesiology | Barry Nelson
Health Science Center | Bryan Deuermeyer
Industrial Engineering | Richard Feldman
Industrial Engineering | Albert Garcia-Diaz
Industrial Engineering | Cesar Malave
Industrial Engineering | Don Phillips
Industrial Engineering | Robert Vokurka
Industrial Distribution | Thomas Rodgers
Info & Operations Management | Donald A. Sweeney
Landscape Architecture | Terry Blanchard
Large Animal Med/Surgery | Robert Field
Large Vet. Animal Clinic | O. E. (Ed) Elmore
Management | Frederick Larson
Management | George Rice, Jr.
Management | Ben Welch
Management | Larry Wilson
Management | Richard T. Hise
Marketing | Stephen McDaniel
Marketing | Robert Gustafson
Mathematics | Yvette Hester
Mathematics | Jeff Morgan
Mathematics | Nancy Simpson
Mathematics/CTE | Richard M. Alexander
Mechanical Engineering | Walter L. Bradley
Mechanical Engineering | L. Roy Cornwell
Mechanical Engineering - Retired | Louis Everett
Mechanical Engineering | Ramon Goforth
Mechanical Engineering | Richard Griffin
Mechanical Engineering | Warren Heffington
Mechanical Engineering | Harry Hogan
Mechanical Engineering | C. L. Hough
Mechanical Engineering | Ken D. Kihm
Mechanical Engineering | Gerald Morrison
Mechanical Engineering | Dennis O'Neal
Mechanical Engineering | Ozden Ochoa
Mechanical Engineering | David Rhode
Mechanical Engineering | H.J. Sue
Mechanical Engineering | C. Steve Suh
Mechanical Engineering | Dan Turner
Mechanical Engineering | Wayne Sampson
Mechanical Anatomy | Ilna Petrakovic
Medical Pharmacology | David Thompson
Medical Pharmacology | Michael Davis
Medical Physiology | Steven Oberhelman
Modern & Classical Languages | Stephen L. Hand
Ophthalmology/Optomtry | Alfred Amendola
Nuclear Engineering | Judith M. Ball
Pathobiology | Joyce Davis
Pathology & Lab Med-Emerita | Judith M. Collins
Psychology | John A. McIntyre
Physics | Marlan Scully
Physics | Patricia Griffin
Political Science | Mort Kothmann
Rangeland Ecology & Mgmt. | Gary W. Maler
Real Estate Center | Louis Hodges
Recreation & Parks | Carson E. Watt
Recreation & Parks | Brian Colwell
Rural and Public Health | Maurice Dennis
Safety Education | Michael Greenwald
Speech Comm & Theatre Arts | Martin Medhurst
Speech Comm & Theatre Arts | Rick Rigby
Speech Comm & Theatre Arts | Henrik Schmiedtche
Statistics | Roger Schultz
Theater Arts Program | Ron Green
Veterinary Medicine | Loren Skow
Veterinary Medicine | Michael Willard
Veterinary Medicine | John W. Huff
Veterinary Microbiology | Nate Bauer
Veterinary Pathobiology | Travis Small
Veterinary Pathobiology | Karen Snowden
Veterinary Pathobiology | James E. Womack
Veterinary Pathology | James G. Anderson
Veterinary Physiology | Larry D. Claborn
Veterinary Physiology | Jim Jensen
Veterinary Physiology | J.D. McCrady
Veterinary Physiology |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

NOTE: This ad presents the personal convictions of the individuals listed herein; the ad does not represent or support any view or position of Texas A&M University or any academic department. It does represent and acknowledge the diversity of academic contributions to Texas A&M University by men and women of various race, ethnic group, and cultural background who share the Christian faith.

HALL CHANGES

REQUEST A HALL CHANGE

Via the Department of Residence Life website

At:

<http://reslife.tamu.edu/>

December 1st and 2nd

From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Or

Come by the Housing Assignments Office
101 YMCA Bldg.
From 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

ALL APPROVED HALL CHANGES WILL BE INFORMED BY THEIR HALL STAFF ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AFTER 5:00 PM

Ujima (Collective work & responsibility)

MSC Black Awareness Committee Presents...

PRE-KWANZAA CELEBRATION

"The Culmination of Excellence Through Heritage"



Thursday
Dec. 2, 1999
MSC 201
7 PM

- * Presentations on principles & symbols of Kwanzaa
- * Elementary school Kwanzaa art entries on display
- * Kwanzaa books and afrocentric novelties on sale

Reception
co-sponsored with
African Student Association



Persons with disabilities please call 845-1515 to inform us of your special needs. We request notification three working days prior to the event to enable us to assist you to the best of our abilities.

Kuumba (Creativity) Imani (Faith)

Umoja (Unity) Kujichagalia (Self-Determination)

Ujamaa (Cooperative economics) Nia (Purpose)