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# Tax overhaul to protect middle class

### **By JIM LUTHER** AP Tax Writer

weeks before congressional negotia- and, people in their 20s to 40s ...

middle class. "How we treat middle-income fam- said. ilies is going to be probably the most important" issue for the Senate-House conference, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said vesterday.

"I think the House bill is a bit better in that area," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., volunteered. Appearing with Rostenkowski on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" program, Dole stopped short of saying he would like to see negotiators depart from the tax-rate structure in

the Senate bill to pay for greater relief for the middle class. "Obviously, all of us want to keep the rates as low as we can," Dole are based on estimates that under the

"There are areas that we're going to \$40,000 would be raised by 0.4 percent have to negotiate in order to keep - less than one-third the 1.4 percent those rates that low."

"A lot of middle-income people are year. going to be surprised that they will The House plan would raise the

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Seidman accountants in New York. "Probably the two-earner yuppie couples with lots of debt, major pur-WASHINGTON, D.C. - Three chases, business-related deductions tors begin writing a compromise tax- whose only retirement coverage is an overhaul plan, the top item on their Individual Retirement Account agenda has been set: protect the they are going to be hit and they haven't really thought about it," she

> The tax plan that the Senate approved Tuesday on a 97-3 vote would cut individual taxes by an average of 6.4 percent. Several lawmakers. including some of the most vocal supporters of the bill, said they were counting on negotiators to come up with a final plan that would be fairer to the middle class.

> Senior tax-writers from the House and Senate will begin working on a compromise bill around July 15. Leaders hope to get the final measure to President Reagan for his signature about Labor Day.

Concerns about the middle class Senate bill, the after-tax income of Rostenkowski agreed but added: people earning between \$30,000 and boost for those making over \$200,000 a

have to pay more tax under the after-tax income of the \$30,000-40,000 Senate bill," said Janice M. Johnson, group by 1.0 percent, and of the oversenior tax manager for Seidman & \$200,000 group by 1.9 percent.

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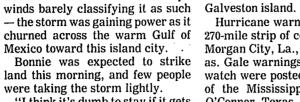
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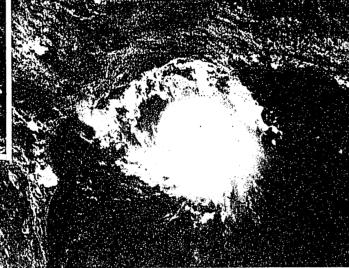
### By PAUL RECER Associated Press Writer

sands of workers fled offshore rigs, Mexico toward this island city. Morgan City, La., to Freeport, Tex- that course. and residents boarded up beachf- Bonnie was expected to strike as Gale warnings and a hurricane ricane Bonnie swept toward the were taking the storm lightly. Gulf Coast, the first blast of the 1986 "I think it's dumb to stay if it gets O'Connor, Texas.

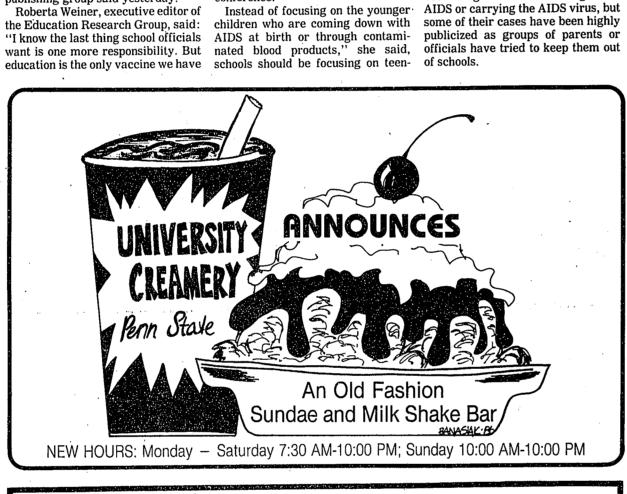


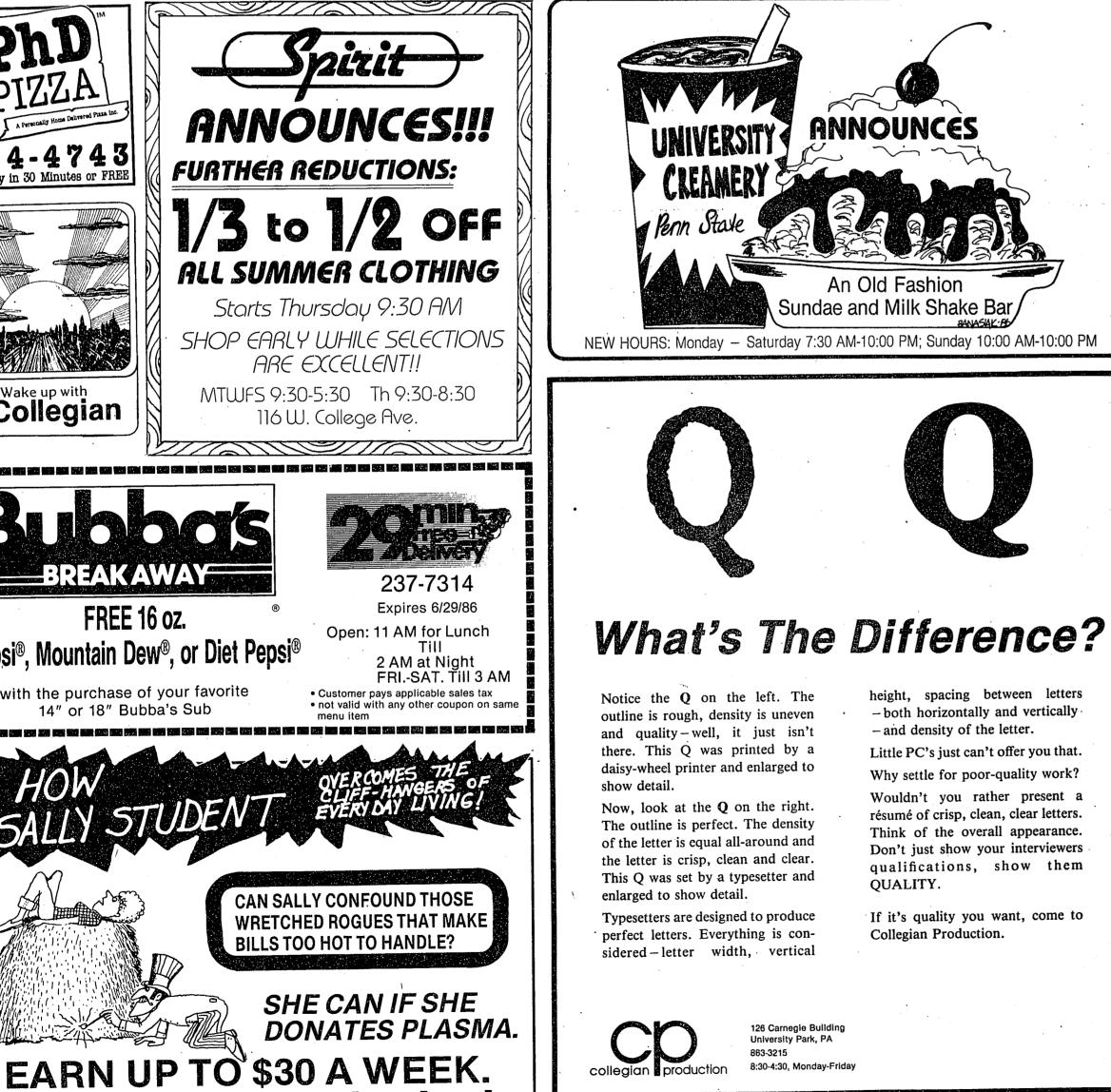
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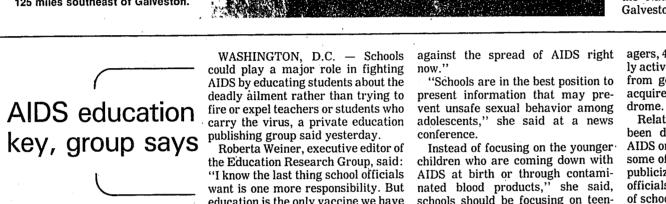
that close," said Richard Polly, At 9 p.m. CDT, Bonnie's 25-mile-Although forecasters said Bonnie who was boarding up his home in wide eye was near latitude 28.5



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Schools against the spread of AIDS right agers, 41 percent of whom are sexualcould play a major role in fighting now." carry the virus, a private education adolescents," she said at a news Relatively few schoolchildren have publishing group said yesterday. conference.







key, group says

Bonnie, the season's first Hurricane, is shown above and to right as it appeared yesterday afternoon. Still building strenght at 9 p.m. CDT, the storm's 25-mile-wide eye was

125 miles southeast of Galveston.

# hurricane season.

125 miles southeast of Galveston. It - the storm was gaining power as it Hurricane warnings flew along a was moving west northwest about 6 GALVESTON, Texas -Thou- churned across the warm Gulf of 270-mile strip of coast from west of mph and was expected to continue

"Right now, it's not very severe," ront businesses Wednesday as Hur- land this morning, and few people watch were posted from the mouth said Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla. "It's getting better looking from the standpoint of organization, which means it's probably getting a little stronger. We're telling people to prepare for the worst at daybreak: prepare now." An estimated 8,000 oil workers

abandoned their offshore rigs on yesterday and Tuesday, although some skeleton crews remained aboard, according to oil company spokesmen.

Galveston officials advised residents not protected by the city's sea wall to leave their homes, and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrived to help direct traffic off the island in case a full evacuation was ordered. Long lines formed at service stations. Bonnie's center could hit between Freeport and Galveston between 7

a.m. and noon today, according to the National Weather Service in Galveston

ly active, and teach them how to keep AIDS by educating students about the "Schools are in the best position to from getting AIDS, formally called deadly ailment rather than trying to present information that may pre- acquired immune deficiency syn-

been diagnosed as suffering from

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# state news briefs

Two alcohol-related accidents kill 4 PITTSBURGH (AP) - Drunken drivers were involved in two separate crashes in which four young people died and nine others were injured, the Allegheny County coroner's office said yesterday. Investigators in the Pittsburgh suburb of Upper St. Clair Township at first thought that an error in judgment led to a crash at 11 p.m. Tuesday that killed two 17-year-old township girls and injured

five others, said Deputy Chief Harry Fruecht. But Coroner Joshua Perper's office said the driver. Laura Kliphouse, had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent, more than the .10 percent recognized by the law as intoxication. Kliphouse's passenger, Kristin McMaster, had a blood alcohol level of .03 percent, well under the legal limit, Perper's office said. Police said Kliphouse was apparently trying to cross all four lanes of U.S. 19 from a side street when her car, carrying five

passengers, was struck in succession by two other cars. Her car burst into flames after the crash. Meanwhile, the coroner's office said blood tests showed that the driver who killed himself and a passenger in a separate crash Tuesday morning had consumed nearly twice the alcohol needed to be considered drunk.

John Selzer, who had turned 21 on Monday, had a blood alcohol level of .19 percent, nearly twice the legal limit. Gerald Payton, 19, one of five passengers in the compact car, had a blood alcohol level of .32, Perper said. Payton also died.

Police said witnesses and skid marks indicated Selzer was driving at least twice the posted 35 mph speed limit when the car uprooted a utility pole, overturned and burned. Eric Calfo, 19, of Clairton was in serious condition at Mercy Hospital. Richard Bumford, 16, of Pittsburgh was in fair condition at Presbyterian-University Hospital. Holly Cassidy, 16, and Dana McAndrew, 14, both of Pittsburgh were in fair condition at

Children's Hospital. Kliphouse's passengers included Joseph Thomas, 18, Jill Munns. 15, and Michael C. Sutt, 18, who were in serious condition at Allegheny General Hospital. Richard Dunham, 18, was in stable

condition at St. Clair Memorial Hospital. One of the other drivers, Raymond Thomas, 24, was in critical condition at Allegheny General.

## House approves Sunshine bill

HARRISBURG (AP) - The House approved legislation yesterday that would bolster the state's "Sunshine Law" and allow greater public access to governmental meetings.

Act, as interpreted by a 1977 Commonwealth Court ruling, only guarantees access to meetings when votes are to be taken. Thomas DeWall, executive director of Common Cause Pennsylvania, said the bill was a compromise between supporters of a stronger law and local governments, which generally opposed more extensive changes. The legislation also would strengthen notification requirements

for public meetings and expand what agencies and governmental units must include in the official minutes of public meetings. Under the legislation, closed "executive sessions" could still be held to discuss such topics as personnel matters, employment, labor relations, disciplinary actions or real estate transactions. In addition, it would allow public officials to associate informally without fear that they are holding an illegal governmental meeting.

# nation news briefs

# Girl wrestler settles sex-bias suit

SEATTLE (AP) - A high school that refused to allow a member of a visiting varsity team to wrestle because the athlete was female has agreed to apologize and pay the young woman \$500. In a settlement proposed by the state Human Rights Commission, Marysville-Pilchuck High School must apologize to Carey Rosenow, its own students and to the student body of Vashon Island High School. Rosenow, who pinned three opponents last season while a

member of the Vashon High boys' varsity wrestling team, was told she could not wrestle at a Marysville tournament because she was emale Her team walked out and she filed a sex discrimination com-

plaint with the commssion "Apparently we were in violation of the law," said Dean Farley, Marysville School District assistant superintendent. "If that was so, we had to handle it. I don't think it was ever our intention to discriminate.

Rosenow, 17, finished in fourth place in her league with a 6-5

# world news briefs

# Brazil renews relations with Cuba

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) - The government on yesterday said i was re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba. severed 22 years ago by Brazil after its military staged a right-wing coup. Roberto Abreu Sodre, minister of Foreign Relations, made the announcement at a news conference at the Foreign Ministry. Moves by Brazil and by Cuban President Fidel Castro to re-

establish relations have been rumored for some time. Last year, the Foreign Relations Committee of Brazil's House of Representatives unanimously approved renewed diplomatic ties with Castro's Communist governme

U.S. Embassy spokesman Bill Barr said the Reagan administra tion views the new ties with Cuba as "an internal matter of Brazil." However, one U.S. Embassy official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Brazilian announcement might stir debate in

the White House Brazil's diplomatic relations with Cuba were broken in 1964 shortly after the Brazilian armed forces staged a right-wing military coup that overthrew the leftist but democratically elected government of Joao Goulart.

## Ireland prepares for divorce vote

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - The government's campaign to break the church-dominated mold of Irish society reaches a critical stage today when the country votes on whether to remove the ban on divorce from its constitution. The issue has split this 97-percent Roman Catholic country down the middle. The latest opinion poll forecasts a 55-45 defeat for Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald's reform, keeping Ireland one of

the last European countries where couples are legally bound to stay married for life. The Anti-Divorce Campaign, which has spearheaded the resis-tance to legalized divorce, said the poll in yesterday's Irish Times

confirmed data it received from its branches throughout the The Divorce Action Group, campaigning for the amendment, has

said it needs a big victory in the capital's metropolitan area to offset rural conservatism. Joe Dennehy, spokesman for the group, said he hoped those who thought the result was sure to favor divorce would be sufficiently

alarmed by the poll to vote in the referendum If the poll is borne out, it would reflect a remarkable turnaround in Irish opinion. Just nine weeks ago, when FitzGerald unveiled the egislation, the pro-divorce camp seemed to be 20 percentage points

But a smoothly executed campaign against divorce, backed by the Catholic Church and feeding off widespread disenchantment with FitzGerald's austerity policies, has consistently fended off the pro-divorce camp The divide opened by the debate is readily seen in the placards that festoon Dublin's streetlamps. "Protect the Family - Vote NO," vies with "Put Compassion in the Constitution - Vote YES."



The bill would require government agencies to open meetings held "for the purpose of making a decision." The current Sunshine