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Report: Agent says he paid collegians

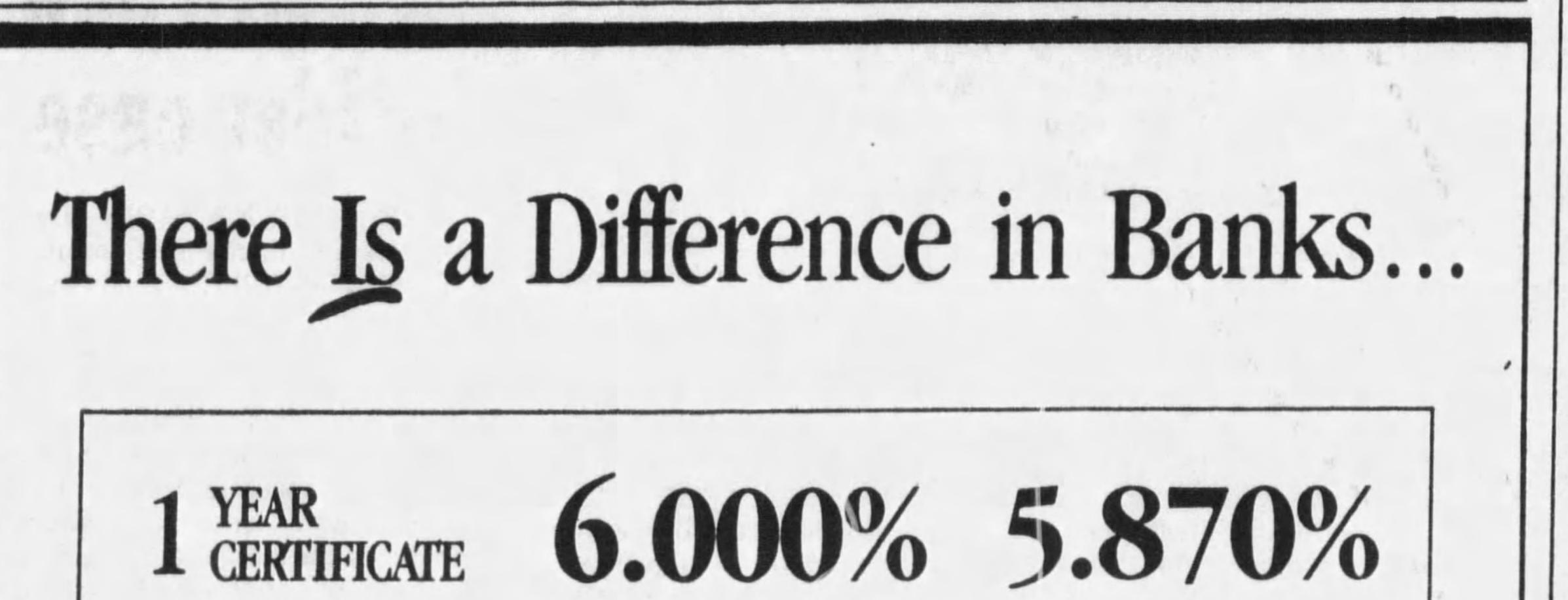
ATLANTA, GA. (AP) - A New York-based agent says he gave cash to college athletes in an effort to sign them as clients and the NCAA has begun an investigation that could result in some athletes losing their eligibility and some teams forfeiting games or championships, according to a published report in today's Atlanta Constitution.

Among the players the agent, Norby Walters, says he has given money during their college playing careers is former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon, now with the Buffalo Bills.

The Constitution said the NCAA will investigate whether two of the nation's top football underclassmen - Ohio State wide receiver Cris **Carter and Michigan State running** back Lorenzo White - have jeopardized their senior season of eligibility by entering into an agreement with Walters.

The NCAA permits athletes to consult an agent, but forbids them from entering an agreement or accepting cash or discussing monetary arrangements before their eligibility has expired.

Players found to have violated rules can be declared ineligible by the NCAA and, at the discretion of the individual conference, their teams can be penalized for games in which the player participated.



Downing happy about his new role

By the Associated Press

MESA, ARIZ. - The California Angels are telling Brian Downing, their record-setting left fielder, to burn his glove and go be the designated hitter.

Is Downing screaming and ranting? No, he's going with a smile.

"I realize this puts me in a minority, but I'm actually looking forward to it. I hope it happens," said Downing, who has been hustling around and banging into walls in left for the Angels since a sore arm ended his catching career in 1981.

It may be easy to get the impression that Downing is a defensive

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washout anxious to avoid continued public embarrassment.

Quite the contrary. He holds the major-league record of 244 consecu-



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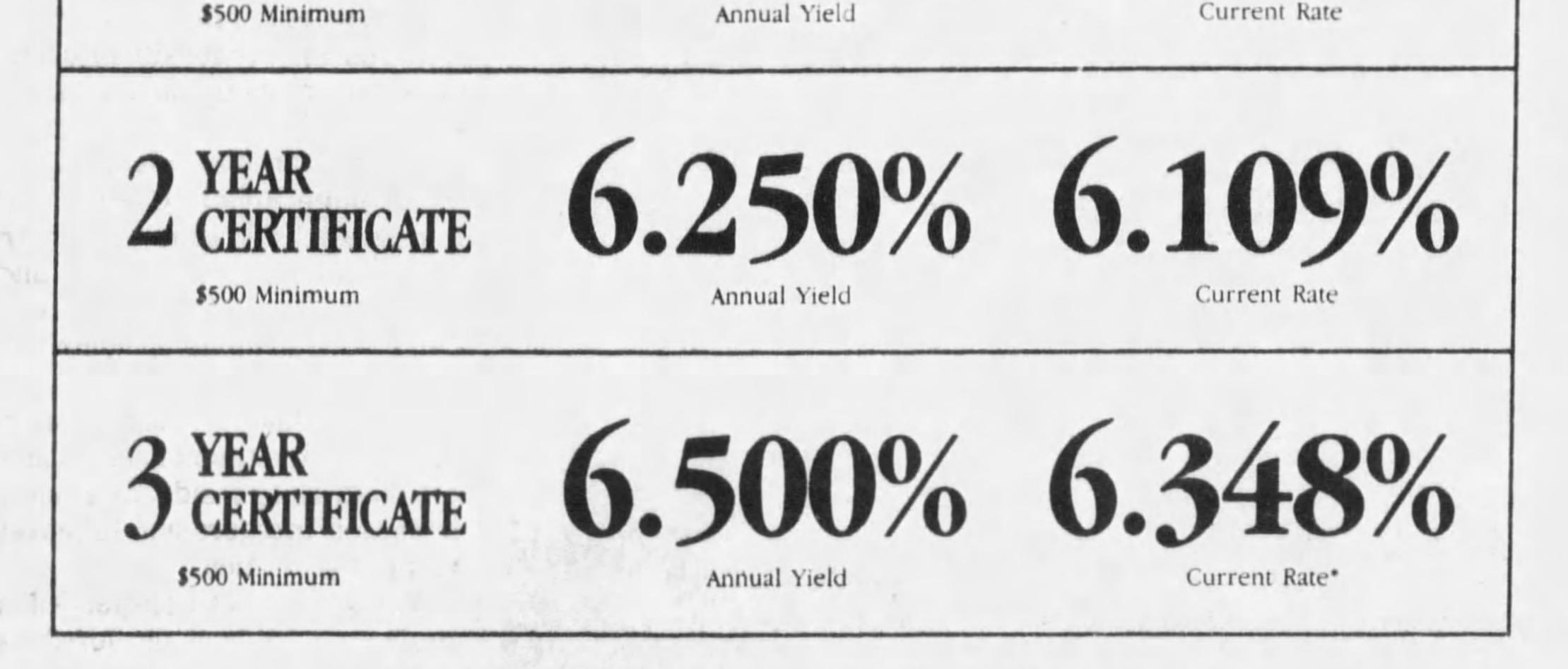
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tive errorless games in the outfield. And he has made a total of less than 10 errors since his full-time conversion to left.

But Downing has admitted that he isn't a natural outfielder. For years he channeled most of his energy and concentration into defense. He'd like to apply all that effort to hitting.

The departures from last year's team of Reggie Jackson and Rick Burleson, who'd shared DH duties, present him that opportunity. Jack Howell, a natural third baseman, will take over in left.

The demands of playing the outfield hardly have kept Downing's bat silent. In 1986, in a season typical of his nine with California, he had 20 homers and 95 RBIs while hitting .267.

TOO MUCH PASTA. Texas Ranger pitcher Jose Guzman's visible problems last season may have been named Wade Boggs, Don Mattingly and Joe Carter. But the unseen foes had different names. They were pizza, lasagna and double-meat cheeseburgers.

After becoming the first rookie to win a season opener last April since Los Angeles' Fernando Valenzuela in 1981, Guzman went on a five-game losing streak. He finished the season

WORKING HARD. Graig Nettles is approaching spring training like a rookie because, for the first time in his 21 years in professional baseball, he does not have a job.

with a 9-15 record and a 4.54 earned-

Instead of finding kinks in his pitch-

ing motion or poor mechanics, Rang-

ers pitching coach Tom House found

House took away the pasta, intro-

duced Guzman to a balanced diet and

put him on a weight program. Guz-

man has gained 10 pounds of muscle

through the new program.

run average.

bad eating habits.

Released by the San Diego Padres, the 42-year-old showed up in West Palm Beach two weeks ago in hopes of catching on with the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves already have a third baseman, Ken Oberkfell, and Nettles realizes that for the first time in his career he might have to accept the role of a reserve.

But that, he said, is far better than no role at all. For most of the winter, he thought his playing career might be over.

When San Diego acquired Kevin Mitchell from the New York Mets in the Kevin McReynolds trade, he knew his playing days with the Padres had ended.

His agent began making phone calls, but there was little response to the inquiries.

WEDNESDAY'S STARS. Andy Van Slyke and rookie Jim Lindeman each hit home runs as St. Louis defeated Pittsburgh for its fifth straight exhibition victory. Van Slyke, who has reached base six straight times, is now 5-for-8 this spring ... Catcher Gilberto Reyes threw the ball over the head of pitcher Ken Howell for a ninth-inning error that allowed Matt Nokes to score from third and lift Detroit over Los Angeles. ... Steve **Trout pitched three perfect innings** and infielder Luis Quinones went 3for-4 with two runs-batted-in to help the Chicago Cubs beat San Diego ... Mike Boddicker allowed one hit and struck out six Texas batters in four innings as Baltimore defeated the Rangers ... Dave Magadan's two-out double in the 10th inning boosted the Mets past Philadelphia ... Buddy Biancalana drove in two runs and scored another as Kansas City beat the Chicago White Sox ... Ken Phelps slugged a two-run homer and Domingo Ramos added a solo shot as Seattle defeated Cleveland ... Joaquin Andujar, making his spring debut, and three other Oakland pitchers held Milwaukee to four hits ... Kurt Stillwell strengthened his bid for the Cincinnati shortstop job by hitting his second home run in two days and adding two singles as the Reds defeated Toronto.

senmacher (6), Acker (8) and Benedict; Rhoden, Romanick (4), Clements (7), Righetti (9) and Cer-one. W-O'Neal (1-1). S-Acker (2). AT LAKELAND, FLA. Los Angeles Detroit .. Reuss, Hillegas (4), Galvez (6), Livingston (6), Howell (8) and Trevino, Reyes (6); Petry, Robinson (4), Hernandez (7), Barlow (8) and Heath, Nokes (6), Palacios (8). W—Barlow (1-0). L— Howell (0-1). HR—Los Angeles: Landreaux (1). AT MESA, ARIZ. San Diego Chicago (N) . 000 100 000-1 4 2 120 100 00x-4 10 2 S. Davis, Hayward (4), Gossage (7), Lefferts (8) and Santiago, Parent (5); Trout, Noles (4), Gumpert (6), R. Davis (7), Smith (9) and Martin, Hayes (7). W-Trout (1-0.) L-S. Davis (0-1). S-Smith (2). AT MIAMI, FLA Texas $.000\ 000\ 000\ -14\ 3$ $.001\ 001\ 00x\ -2\ 3\ 1$ Baltimore Loynd, Brown (4), Jeffcoat (6), Rucker (7), Henry (8) and Mercado; Boddicker, Bell (5), Aase (9) and Kennedy, Nichols (8). W-Boddicker (1-0). L-Loynd (0-1). S-Aase (1). AT ORLANDO, FLA Boston . $.003 \ 001 \ 020 \ - \ 6 \ 9 \ 1$ $.100 \ 001 \ 020 \ - \ 4 \ 9 \ 2$ Minnesota Woodward, Curry (4), Bolton (7) and Sullivan, Sheaffer (6). Blyleven, Bianchi (4), Pierorazio (6), R. Romero (8), Frazier (9) and Salas, Dempsey (8). W-Woodward (1-0). L-Blyleven (0-1). S-Bolton (1). HR-Boston: Rice (2); Minnesota: Puckett (2). AT SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. California 010 510 000 - 7 13 1 110 003 30x - 8 13 1 San Francisco Sutton, Lucas (5), Buice (7) and Miller, Fimple (5); Downs, Gott (4), (Davis (7) and Melvin. W-Davis (1-0). L-Buice (0-1). HR-California: Downing 2 (2), Joyner (1). San Francisco: Leonard (1), Williams (2). AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. .000 000 011 - 2 6 1 .020 202 00x - 6 8 0 Pittsburgh St. Louis Patterson, Bielecki (4), Smiley (6), Fisher (7) and Rodriguez; Dunne, Buonantony (4), Fassero (7), Earley (9) and Lake, LaValliere (6). W-Dunne (1-0). L-Patterson (1-1). HR-St. Louis: VanSlyke 2 (2), Lindeman (1). AT TAMPA, FLA. Toronto Cincinnati .010 000 104 - 6 10 2 .001 121 30x - 8 12 0 Stieb, McMurty (4), Caudill (7), Musselman (8) and Stark, Meyers (6); Robinson, Willis (3), Botel-ho (5), Gray (6), Landrum (7), Scherrer (8), Dib-ble (9) and Diaz, Berry (6). W—Willis (1-0). L— McMurtry (1-1). S—Dibble (1). HR—Toronto: Meyers (1), Fielder (1); Cincinnati: Stillwell (2). AT TUCSON, ARIZ. 302 011 000 - 7 8 1 001 001 030 - 5 6 1 Seattle Langston; Shields (4), Burroughs (6) Nunez (8) and S. Bradley, Valle (6); Can-diotti, Waddell (4), Kaiser (5), Ritter (7), Vande Berg (9) and Bando, Dempsey (5). W—Langston (2-0). L—Candiotti (0-1.) HR—Seat-tle: Phelps (2), Ramos (1); Cleveland: Carter (3), Dempsey (1). AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. 250 010 000 - 8 16 1 110 010 100 - 4 6 1 Houston ... Deshaies, Hernandez, (4), Solano (7), Lopez (8), D. Smith (9) and Wine, Datz (8); Youmans, Holman (3), McGaffigan (5), DeYoung (7), Parrett (8), McClure (9) and Hunt, Stefero (5). W—De-shaies (1-0). L—Youmans (0-1). HR—Houston: Lopes (1); Montreal: Hunt (1).

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2:00 — Milwaukee vs. Seattle at Tempe, Ariz. 6:30 — Montreal vs. Baltimore at Miami

TRANSACTIONS

NATIONAL LEAGUE Atlanta Braves-Signed Zane Smith, Paul Assenmacher, Ed Olwine, and Randy O'Neal, pitchers, to one-year contracts. Renewed the contracts of Chuck Cary, pitcher, and Andres Thomas, shortstop.

Montreal Expos-Unconditionally released Bruce Berenyi, pitcher.

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