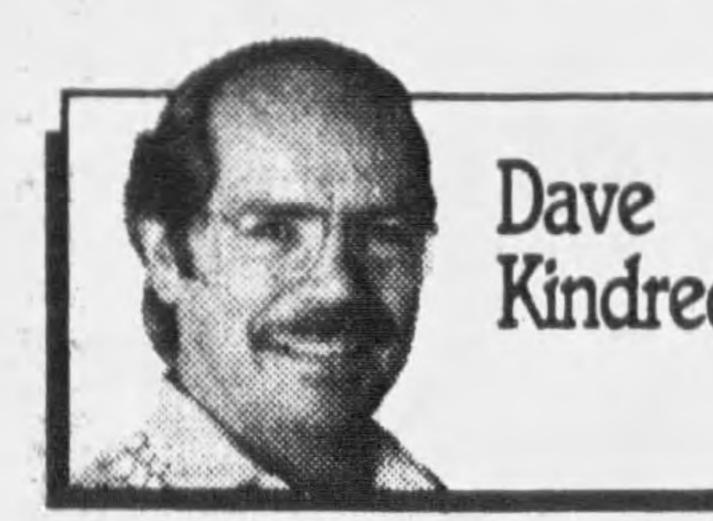
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# Union should realize the futility of strike

The snarl of labor boss Ed Garvey is not heard across the land this time. From the sweet silence you may have assumed the National Football League has made peace with its players union. Not so. As a curmudgeonly state editor long ago said, "Kid, never assume anything except a 4¼ percent mortgage."

Unhappily, yet another strike by the NFL Players Association seems imminent. It is likely to come after the season's third week. By then the players will have socked away money; they'll have qualified for an entire season's pension, and they'll have whetted the public appetite for football, thereby putting heat on owners to get the games going again.

It's bad enough that there are a dozen complex issues yet to be decided. Worse, there is one on which the disputants seem unalterably at odds. That is free agency. Players want what their brothers in baseball have had: unrestricted movement among teams. The owners' answer: "Over my dead bankbook."

Extreme stances suggest room for compromise, but, as always in the bitter NFL labor-management history, the players seem unwilling to settle early. The 1982 strike, the longest of four strikes since club owners recognized the NFLPA 19 years ago, began after the season's second game and lasted seven weeks. Neither side won anything worth the fight.

#### Garvey's plan etched in stone

Garvey orchestrated the players' dance in '82. His game plan was literally etched in stone, a rock on his office shelf with numbers on it, "55%," meaning the NFLPA wanted 55 percent of all NFL revenues. Oh, sure. What business hands 55 percent of revenue to its employees without having a say as to where it goes?

Inevitably, Garvey's rock-headedness went the way of all absurdities. Compromise was made. And it became apparent that the union struck for the wrong thing. The year was 1982. Basketball and baseball free agents were getting rich. That was the time for the NFLPA to seek free agency, not now when baseball owners have declared free agents a cancer, not an answer.

Which is not to say that the NFLPA doesn't have a case to make about economic freedom. The current system of compensation for free agents makes movement from team to team nearly impossible. The system needs to be made less restrictive while still financially responsible.

The system, at the top levels, works on a salary schedule. To simplify, a third-year player making \$290,000 can change teams only if his new team pays compensation of two No. 1 draft choices. No team has ever made such a deal; none ever will. And this all kicks in only after the current team exercises its right of first refusal, meaning it can keep the player by matching any contract offered.

#### Two No. 1s for a Turk Schonert?

The system is the next thing to bondage. (Yes, yes, \$290,000 is good money for bondage, but, as Curt Flood once argued against baseball, "I don't want to be anybody's slave, high-paid or not.") The two No. 1s for a \$290,000 player is bad enough, and now it's worse because that \$290,000 figure, agreed on only five years ago, is so outdated that backup quarterbacks are paid more. The average salary has increased from \$90,000 to \$230,000 since 1982's bonanza from TV.

So you now have to give up two No. 1 draft picks to get a Turk Schonert. And that's why the NFLPA considers today's free agency such a perversion of the concept that it's worth a strike to change.

Still, the hard fact is NFL owners will never go for it. Nor should they. It hasn't worked in any game yet. Basketball, baseball and hockey have worked through generous versions of free agency only to renegotiate with their unions when it became clear that free agency was hurting the financial health of their leagues.

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Basketball now has a first-refusal clause and a team salary limit. Baseball agreed to a waiting period and a compensation pool of major league players. Now the NFLPA ought to recognize their brothers' wisdom; the NFLPA only needs to refigure the salary scale and compensation packages that al-

Jack Donlan, the NFL Management Council's negotiator, says he believes a new contract can be achieved without a strike — but on one condition. While the NFL will negotiate for changes in the compensation sys-

"The players absolutely know they're not getting unfettered free agency," Donlan said. "Are they then going to strike for something they know they're never going to get? That doesn't make a helluva lot of sense."

# NFL postpones special draft a week

By Chris Mortensen
Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — National Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle on Thursday postponed a controversial special draft for two college players who had been declared ineligible this year for signing with agents.

An apparent amnesty program started Wednesday by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) paved the way for Rozelle's decision. Pittsburgh defensive back Teryl Austin was conditionally rein-

stated after being declared ineligible for signing with agents.

A group of college athletic directors convinced Rozelle to postpone the draft for one week while the NCAA decides whether to restore the eligibility of Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter and University of Pittsburgh running back Charles Gladman.

Carter and Gladman, both seniors, were declared ineligible this summer for signing with agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, a violation of NCAA rules.

Austin also streed with Walters and Bloom. But Pitts ourgh appealed for Austin's reinstatement because he cooperated with the school investigation. Gladman did not cooperate, according to school officials.

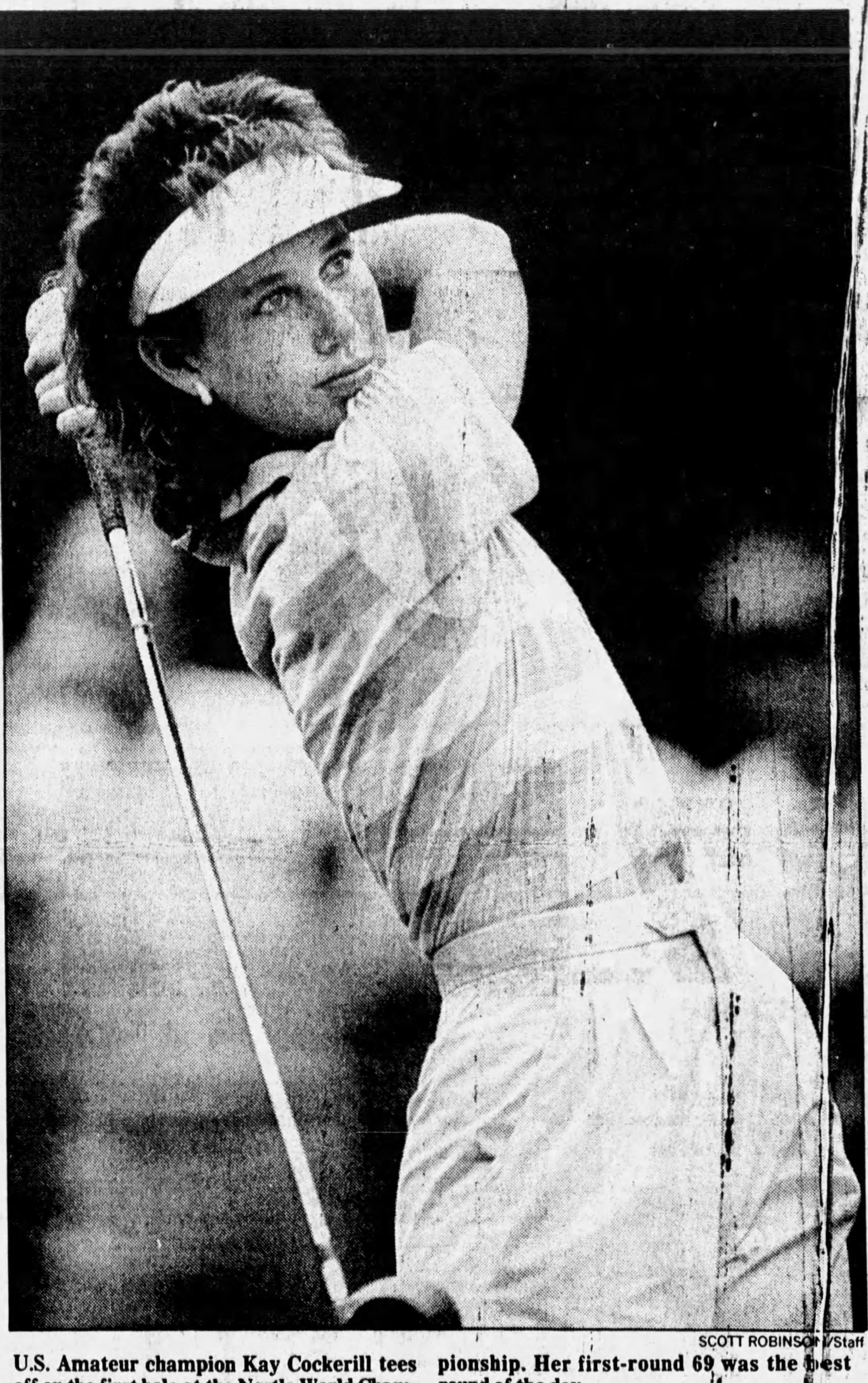
NCAA assistant executive director Steve Morgan cannounced on Wednesday that Austin's eligibility had been restored to encourage other athletes to come forward if they had signed or accepted money from any agent. He likened the action to an amnesty program, but said each

case would be decided independently.

Austin's reinstatement was conditional upon documentation that he has repaid approximately \$3,000 he received from the agents, and that he shows proof that the agents have terminated their contractual agreement. He also must sit out Pittsburgh's first two games.

Ohio State and Pittsburgh are now considering an appeal for Carter and Gladman. The schools' willingness to ap-

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U.S. Amateur champion Kay Cockerill tees pionship. Her first-round 69 was the off on the first hole at the Nestle World Cham-round of the day.

# Cockerill plays like a pro for Pinelsle lead

### 22-year-old amateur's 69 best of day

More coverage, pairings, Page 14-E
By Tom McCollister

Staff Writer

Fresh from her second straight U.S. Women's Amateur championship, Kay Cockerill showed Thursday she can also play with the best of the LPGA. At least for a day.

The 22-year-old Californian won her second Amateur crown Sunday. On Thursday, she shot a 3-under-par 69 to take the first-round lead in the Nestle World Championship at Stouffer's PineIsle Resort.

Cockerill has a one-stroke lead over Ayako Okamoto and is two in front of Laurie Rinker, Cindy Rarick and Betsy King. At even par is U.S. Women's Open champion Laura

Even at a short 6,073 yards, the PineIsle layout hardly was a birdie paradise for most of this elite field of 12. Defending champion Pat Bradley had to birdie the final two holes for a 74, du Maurier champion Jody Rosenthal shot 79 and Patty Sheehan had 77.

"This isn't the same course we played last year," Bradley said. "It's playing a lot longer. I'm not surprised the scores were a little high."

The front side, in particular, took its toll. Only Okamoto and Rarick turned under par. Nos. 7 and 8 produced eight bogeys, three double bogeys and no birdies. Only Cockerill played them in even par.



Laura Davies

#### Nestle World Championship

Player	Score
a-Kay Cockerill	37-32-69
Ayako Okamoto	35-35-70
Betsy King	36-35-71
Cindy Rarick	35-36-71
Laurie Rinker	36-35-71
Laura Davies	39-33-72
Jane Geddes	37-35-73
Colleen Walker	37-36-73
Pat Bradley	38-36-74
Chris Johnson	38-38-76
Patty Sheehan	40-37-77
Jody Rosenthal	40-39-79

Most of the players blamed the greens and their pin placements for the high scores.

a - denotes amateur

"Some of the greens don't have

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## Smith wins 14th but Braves, Cubs left in suspense

Braves Beat, Page 10-E
Cardinals On Deck, Page 4-E
By Gerry Fraley
Staff Writer

CHICAGO — On a gloomy Thursday afternoon when a loss was not a loss but could become a loss, the Atlanta Braves reviewed the problems and looked

Zane Smith held the Chicago Cubs to six singles as the Braves won 5-2 in the first game of a quasi-doubleheader. Smith is 14-7 and the unchallenged leader of this staff.

"There's nobody better than him," manager Chuck Tanner said.

In the second game, the Braves allowed five homers, including two by Leon Durham and one by league leader Andre Dawson. Jeff Dedmon, auditioning to be a starter, allowed three homers and lost a 4-0 lead without finishing the first inning. Rick Mahler, dumped from the rotation, gave up two more homers and lost a 6-5 lead.

"I don't know what went wrong," Tanner said.
"They didn't have much."

With darkness coming on so fast "we needed miners' helmets," the second game was suspended because of darkness with the Cubs leading 8-6 in the eighth inning. Because catcher Jim Sundberg had difficulty seeing the warmup throws of reliever Lee Smith, crew-chief umpire Dick Stello stopped the game.

"You can't face Lee Smith in those conditions," Dale Murphy said.

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Tech nose guard Ivery Lee vas forced to sit out the 1986 season because of an inadequare grade-point average.

# Hard-hitting Lee hit books at Tech for chance to play

Tech Notebook, Page 12-E By LJ. Rosenberg Staff Writer

The day was Sept. 8, 1986. The place was an office in the athletic academic center at Georgia Tech. Those involved were then-Jackets coach Bill Curry, academic counselor Scott Zolke and nose guard Ivery Lee. The matter being discussed was Lee's future at Tech.

Lee was nervous. He already knew his summer school grades were not good enough to regain his football eligibility and he would have to sit out the 1986 season. But now he had to break the news to Curry.

"I was real upset about not being able to play," Lee said. "But I had known about that for awhile. Now, on top of all that I had to tell Coach Curry, the guy who had stood behind me the whole time. I knew I had let him down. I let myself down. Coach Curry was upset, but he told me there still was a way I could play the next season."

Lee was given one more chance. He was told he would have to complete 36 credit hours between the fall of 1986 and this summer, and raise his cumulative grade-point average from 1.8 to 2.0.

"There was no way I was going to give up," said Lee, a preseason All-ACC pick this season. "So I put my head to doing it. Told myself this is it, this is my last chance."

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peal is to prevent an unprecedented draft for athletes declared ineligible for taking money, sources said. The NFL has had a gentlemen's agreement with the NCAA that it would not draft college players before their class graduates.

Ohio State athletic director Rick Bay attended the meeting with Rozelle. He was scheduled to meet with Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce to discuss an appeal for Carter, who said he would rather play his senior season than enter the NFL this year. Carter and Bruce were to meet Friday morning.

"I think everyone felt that the NCAA would not restore the eligibility of the other Pittsburgh player (Austin)," said Bay. "Now they've taken the position that they will restore the eligibility with some penalty, two games, if the player in question can repay the money and get a release from the agent with whom he signed the contract. Given that set of circumstances, which is totally different than what we understood, it is incumbent upon Pittsburgh and Ohio State to go back and reexamine the cases with other players."

Pittsburgh coach Mike Gottfried said he would be reluctant to permit Gladman to return to the team, but withheld further comment until he meets with Pitt athletic director Ed Bozik, who also met with Rozelle.

If the NCAA does not reinstate Carter and/or Gladman, the NFL will proceed with a supplemental draft on Sept. 4.

"I believe the supplemental draft is the catalyst to the NCAA's decision with Teryl Austin," said Robert Berry, Carter's attorney.

The NCAA's decision to reinstate Austin was unprecedented, Morgan said.

"We need to get a better grasp on the scope of the agent problem," explained Morgan. "We are encouraging any athlete to come forward if he has a problem."

Morgan said Wednesday he doubted the NCAA would restore the eligibility of Carter and Gladman because they had not cooperated with their schools' investigations. Morgan was unavailable for comment Thursday night following Rozelle's decision.

Berry reiterated Thursday at a news conference in Indianapolis that he notified the NCAA on April 2 that he had an unidentified athlete - Carter - who wanted to come forward with the truth. Berry was not initially aware of Rozelle's decision, which was announced after

Carter's news conference. Berry said the NCAA sent him a letter in June saying that there was virtually "no chance" the unidentified athlete would have his eligibility restored based upon the information Berry had given it.

"I called the NCAA today (Thursday) when I heard about the Austin situation," said Berry. "I expressed to them how unhappy I was that they had taken the very same action I suggested for Cris that they made with Teryl Austin."

Berry said a federal grand jury investigation in Chicago into the dealings of Walters and Bloom prevented Carter from telling Ohio State officials that he had violated NCAA rules by signing with the agents in May, 1986.

"Until we got the go-ahead (in July) from the U.S. attorney in Chicago, we did not inform Ohio State of the situation," said Berry. "Had it not been for the U.S. attorney's investigation, this all probably would have come out in mid-April, and not July."

Carter was first identified as having an association with Walters and Bloom in a March 12 copyrighted story by the Atlanta Constitution. Bay confronted Carter with the story, but Carter denied having done anything to jeopardize his eligibility. Carter also made repeated denials to Bruce.

"I did deny it," said Carter, who was present at Thursday's news conference. "If I had to do it all over again, I would have told the truth from the beginning, because that's the way we (Carter and Bruce) always had dealt. It (the denials) is the reason I haven't been able to face him. I knew once he found out how much it would hurt him. No way I could tell him."

#### CORRECTION

On page 2 of the Builders Square advertisement which appeared in Tuesday's newspaper, information regarding the appearance of RAY NITSCHKE needs to be clarified. He will be on hand Sat., Aug. 29, in our Decatur store from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Later that day, from 2-4pm, he will be appearing in our Jonesboro store.



Carter was in Indianapolis to conduct a workout for any NFL team interested in drafting him Friday. As protests spread among college coaches and officials, a majority of NFL teams said they would not participate in the draft.

Only one NFL team, the St. Louis Cardinals, sent a scout to test Carter in the workout. Berry said the Cardinals "expressed a serious interest in Cris." Carter is Ohio State's all-time leading receiver, a two-time All-America selection, and he had been projected as a firstround draft choice for 1988.

"I thought there would be some

clubs that would not participate, but I frankly did not anticipate that it would be this extensive," said

Carter nevertheless was prepared to go through with the draft. His emotions ranged from regret to bitterness.

"This has changed my whole life," said Carter. "My scholarship has been revoked. I can't be with my friends. There is a federal investigation. That doesn't happen every day. I learned a great deal about the way people treat you as an All-American and the way they treat you when you are ineligible."



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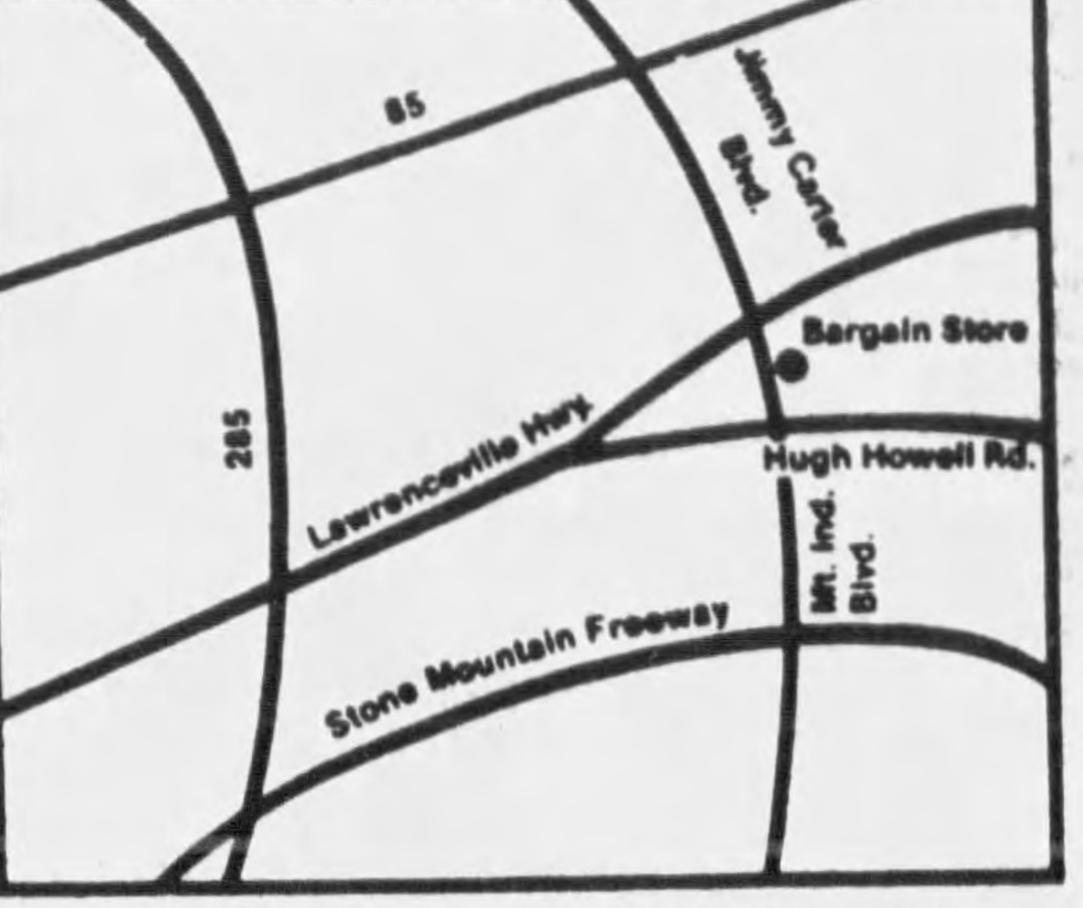
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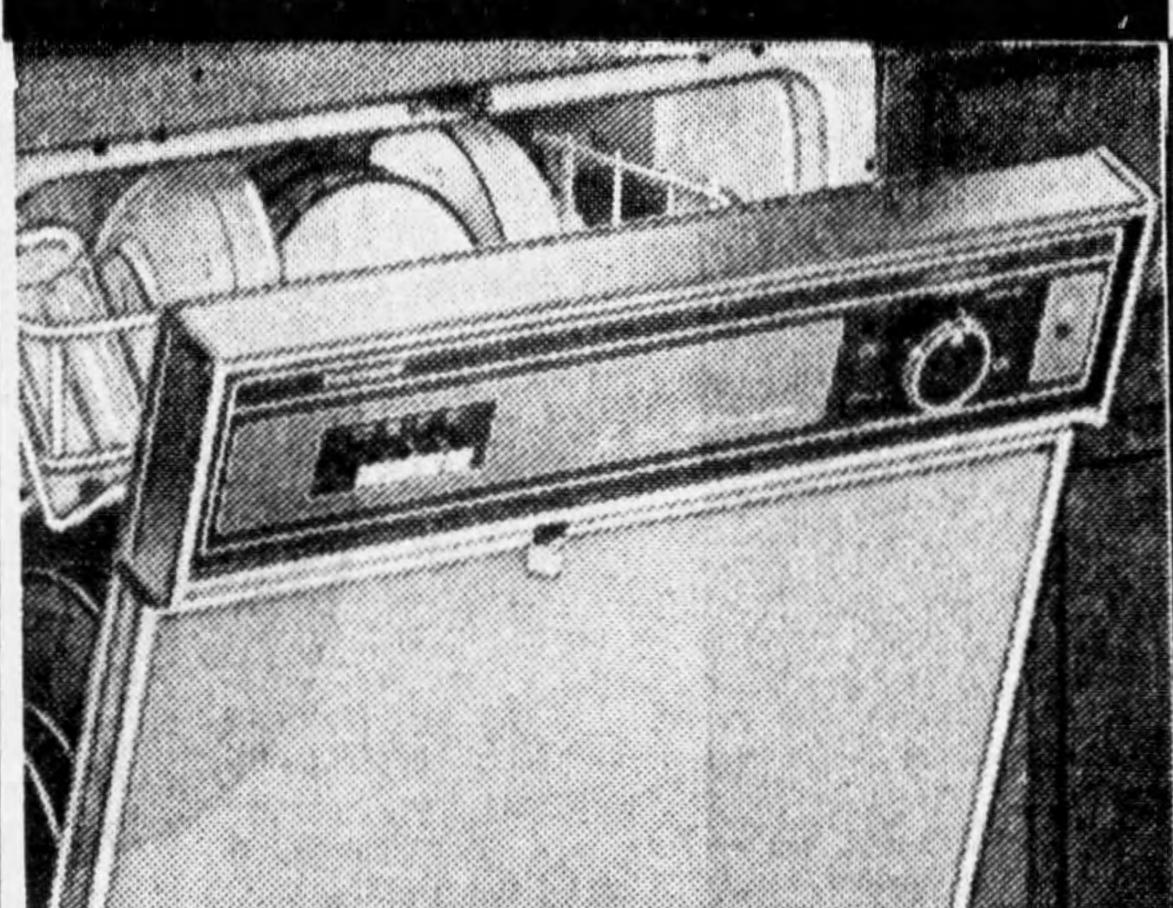
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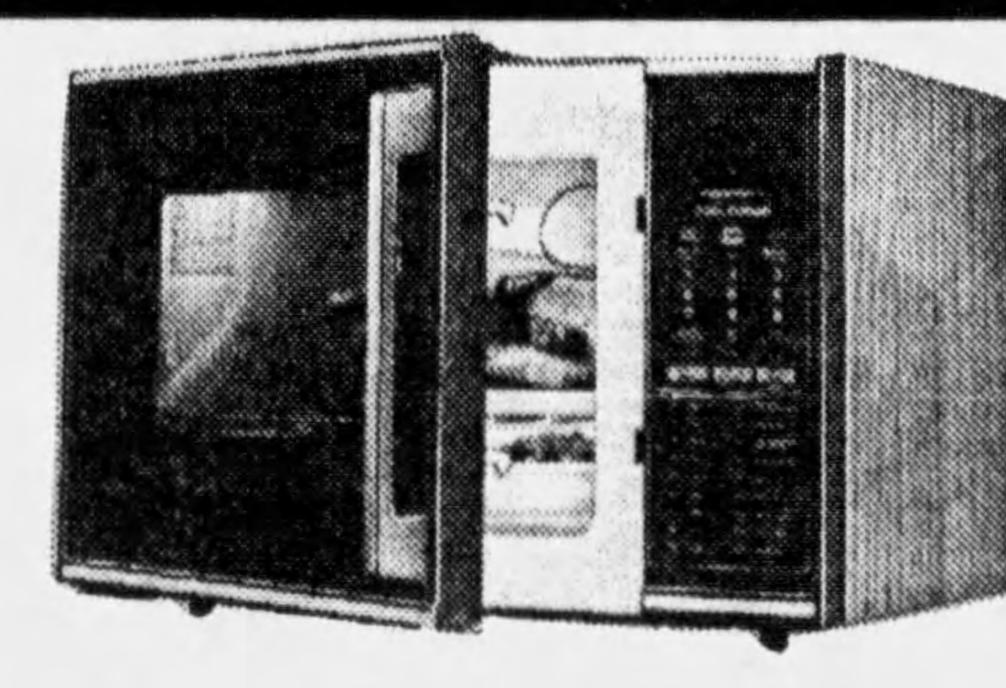


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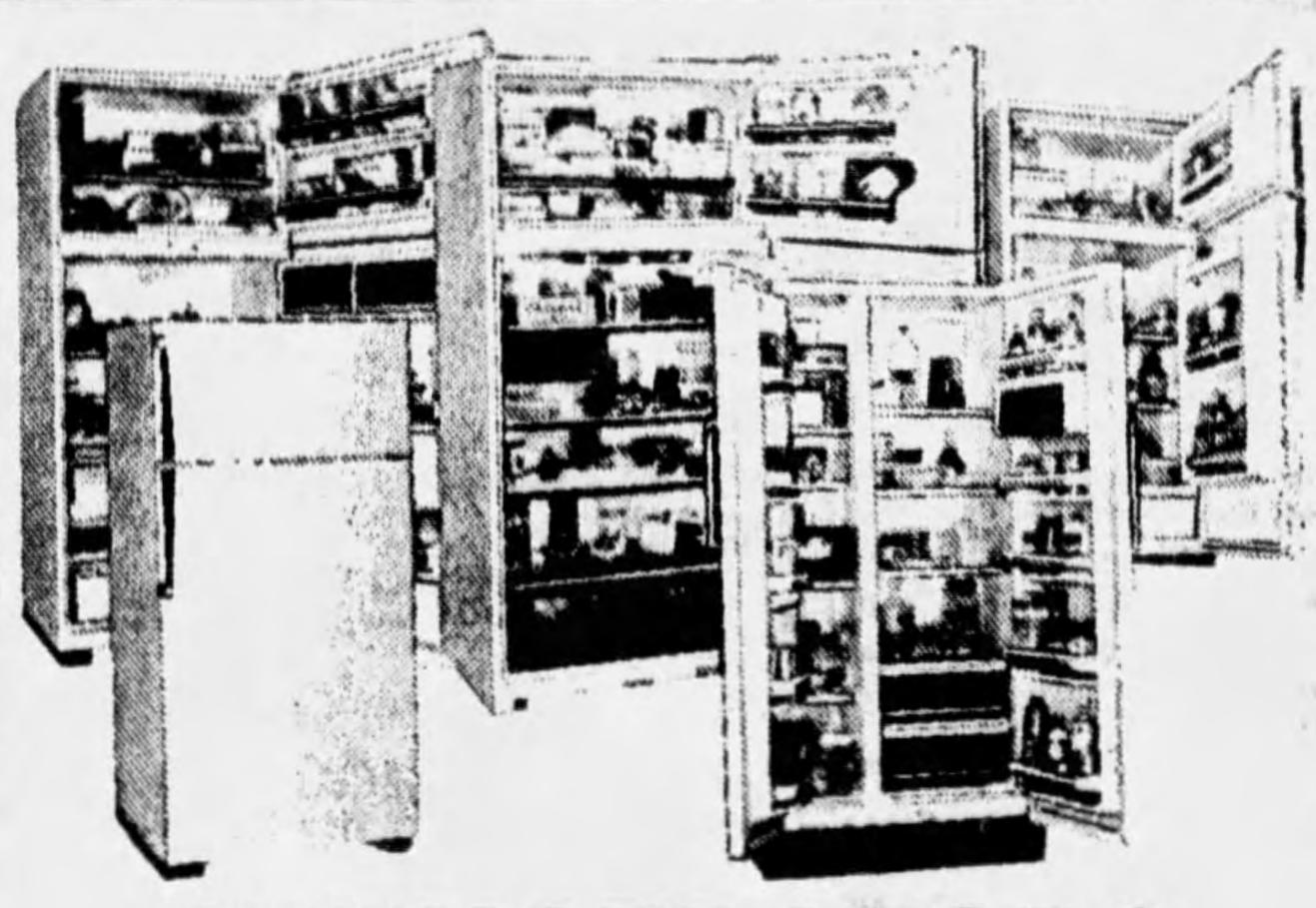
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