

The Atlanta chapter of the NAACP called Monday for a boycott and federal investigation of whiteowned Atlanta banks and savings

rarely make home loans in black or integrated neighborhoods, whatever the income.

Officials at Atlanta's largest banks responded by urging calm, denying any intentional discrimination and promising improved efforts to serve black communities. "The Atlanta Branch NAACP deplores the redlining of black Atlanta by local banks and savings

enforceable covenant that it will end racial lending and will begin an aggressive drive to serve all of the public.'

- From the NAACP statement

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nal-Constitution should be condemned by everyone. Their effect is nothing less than the purposeful destruction of black Atlanta, the tightening of the white noose around the center city, and a cheapening of the hopes and dreams of generations of hard-working citizens. It must end."

and loans.

The statement, accusing the financial institutions of "wicked practices," was issued by chapter President Julian Bond and Executive Secretary Narvis Grier. They said it was prompted by disclosures

and loan associations," the statement said. "We call upon local, state and federal officials to move swiftly and surely to prohibit racist banking practices in the future and

ask that public funds be withdrawn from any institution whose services deliberately exclude whole sections of the public solely because of their race.

"Until there is some satisfactory resolution of this crisis, we ask our members and supporters to withdraw their funds from banks which practice discrimination, and to invest them instead in institutions which serve everyone equally.

In an interview from Washing-

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## White House: Nothing wrong with astrology

Nancy 'upset' but plans to keep using horoscopes

### **By Bob Dart** and Andrew Mollison Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - An indignant White House spokesman defended Nancy Reagan's reliance on astrology Monday and said the first lady is "very upset" that she is portrayed in Donald Regan's book as a powerful, superstitious schemer.

"There's nothing wrong with the first lady or anyone else consulting an astrologist," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

The president's wife has "every right" to be involved in his scheduling and travel and to consult an astrologer, he said. "Every first lady since Martha Washington has had a role in the presidency." Fitzwater would not deny that Mrs. Reagan still relies on the signs of the zodiac and the alignment of the stars in helping to plan her husband's schedule and activities. However, he insisted that President Reagan "does not consult astrologers" and that astrology has had no part in White House preparations for the Moscow summit that begins May 29. The Reagan administration was on the defensive in responding to revelations from Regan's book, "For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington." The former chief of staff paints a withering portrait of a White House headed by a trusting, often inattentive president and his influential wife, who runs "a shadowy, distaff presidency" with the help of horoscopes.



# by Senate Soviets blamed as debate on missile treaty delayed

INE pact

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#### The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Senate leaders, acting with the Reagan administration's apparent blessing, Monday indefinitely postponed debate on the intermediaterange nuclear forces (INF) treaty, citing a serious superpower dispute over on-site inspection.

The decision puts in doubt whether the Senate will ratify the U.S.-Soviet treaty before President Reagan's summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev begins May 29 in Moscow. Reagan previously had appealed to the Senate to act on the treaty before then. Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) canceled opening of debate set tentatively for Wednesday and said he will not call up the INF treaty for debate until the dispute is resolved satisfactorily. "It's obvious that not only have the problems which had surfaced earlier not been resolved," Byrd said, "but that some new problems have arisen. "I think it behooves the Soviets to come forward with solutions and permit the Senate to open the debate with our eyes open," he said. "We don't want to walk off a cliff." Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said he agreed with the decision. Byrd and Dole announced the postponement after a bipartisan meeting with other Senate leaders. White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker and national security adviser Colin Powell. Powell, in response to reporters' questions, said after the meeting, "Not a bad outcome, not a bad course of action." He did not elaborate. The three committees that have been evaluating the treaty - Armed Services, Foreign Relations and Intelligence — will continue to monitor the situation, and Byrd said he will not schedule ratification debate until all three committees report that all outstanding. serious issues have been resolved satisfactorily. Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), the Armed Services chairman, rejecting criticism that the Senate may be "footdragging" on the treaty, told his colleagues, "I can't think of anything worse than to have the treaty rushed through the Senate and then find out a week or two later that there's a major problem." The senators involved in the decision to delay debate declined to discuss the specific problems stand-

Regan, who lost a bitter power struggle with the first lady, was fired by Reagan in February 1987.

In his book, Regan portrayed Mrs. Reagan as arranging for the hiring and firing of White House staff, deciding when the president can leave the White House or receive visitors at the hospital, and consulting an astrologer to decide when he should have news conferences or U.S.-Soviet summits.

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### Motorcycle officer injured

Atlanta Policeman R.F. McWalters, knocked off his motorcycle by a car at the corner of Peachtree and Marietta Monday, is prepared for the ambulance ride

to Grady Memorial Hospital, where he was reported in stable condition with leg injuries. Terry Ferguson of Rome, Ga., was charged with running a red light.

## Poll 'bashes myth' of Atlanta schools drug use

### City's students rank below Ga. average, group says

#### **By Susan Laccetti** Staff Writer

Atlanta youngsters attending school in grades 6-12 use alcohol and drugs less frequently than average Georgia students, according to statistics released Monday by Atlanta Superintendent Alonzo Crim.

"We need to bash a myth," Crim said. "These statistics fly in the face of the national assumption by many adults that inner-city, minority students constitute a 'high risk' drug-user group."

Last fall, under a contract with the state of Georgia, the National Parents' **Resource Institute for Drug Education**, Inc. (PRIDE) surveyed more than 450,000 students in grades 6-12. The students surveyed constituted about 98 percent of Georgia's student body in those grades.

Atlanta students were under the statewide averages for use of beer, wine coolers and liquor, as well as marijuana and cocaine. A sampling of other metro area school systems, by contrast, exceeded the statewide averages in nearly every category.

At a press conference at the Atlanta Board of Education, Crim said data from the survey shows 30.5 percent of Atlanta

students used beer at least once during the past year compared to the statewide average of 41.5 percent. And 9.7 percent of the students in Atlanta said they smoked marijuana during the past year, compared with 11.6 percent of Georgia students.

About 34 percent of the Atlanta students used wine coolers compared with 42.2 percent statewide; 12.2 percent of the Atlanta students used liquor, compared with about 27.6 percent statewide; and 2.1 percent of the Atlanta students used cocaine compared with 2.4 percent statewide, he said.

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## Former sports agent offers to settle with University of Alabama

### **By Chris Mortensen** Staff Writer

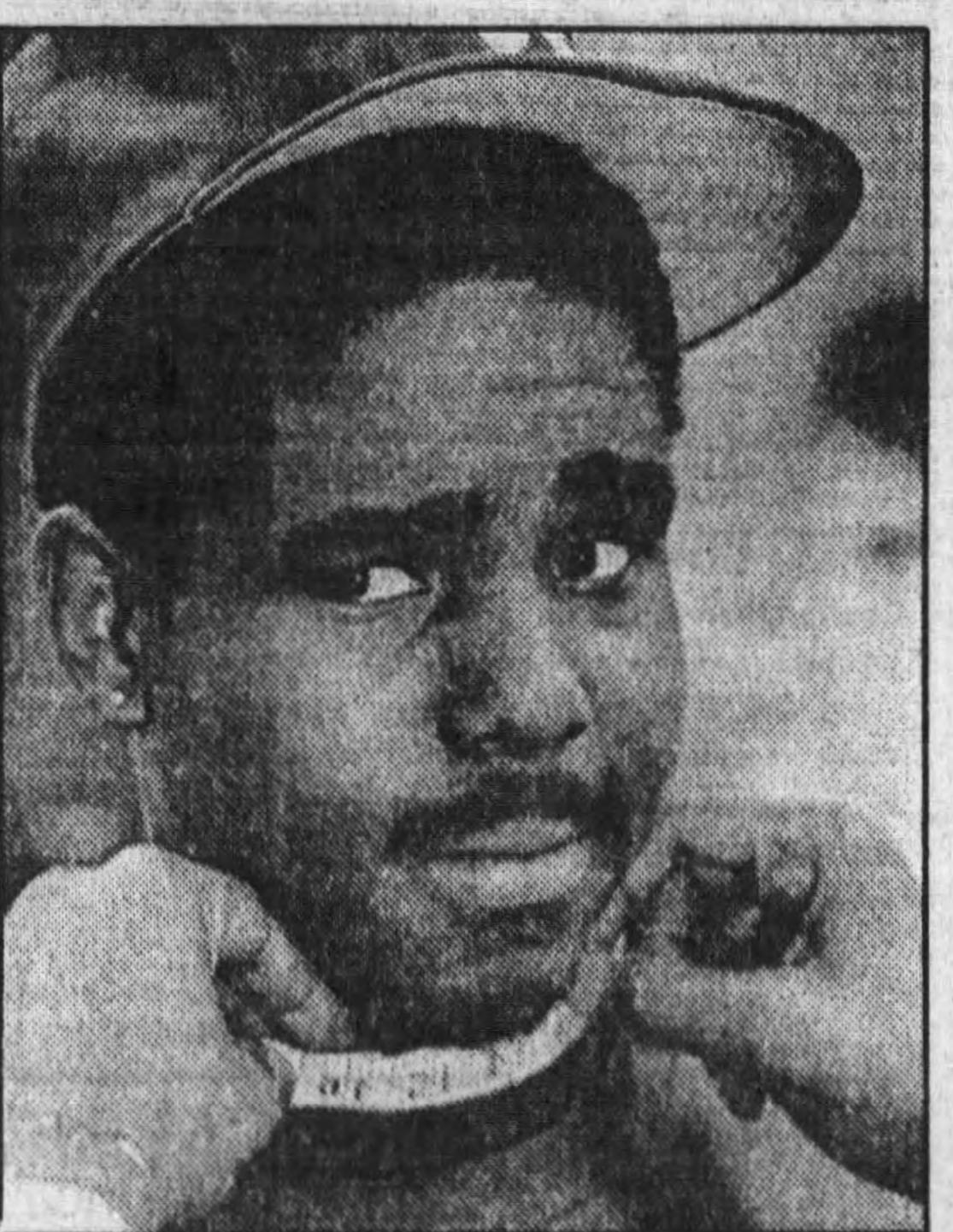
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - New York-based former sports agent Norby Walters on Monday negotiated a tentative \$200,000 settlement with the University of Alabama while his criminal trial for dealing with two former Alabama basketball players was delayed until Friday.

Walters, who also is a music promoter, would give the university \$50,000 and promote concerts in Tuscaloosa that would net the university another \$150,000 in hopes of having three misdemeanor charges against him dropped.

Walters, 56, has been charged with violating three state laws - commercial bribery, deceptive trade practice and tampering with a sports contest. If convicted on all three charges, he faces a maximum sentence of six years in jail and \$12,000 in fines, plus a victim's restitution that Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman has said he is seeking for the university.

After a 12-person jury was selected, Circuit Court Judge John M. Karrh granted a continuance because a key witness was unavailable Monday and today because of a death in the family.

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## **Proposed island tests** of engineered vaccine for rabies spur furor

### **By Robert Lee Hotz** Science/Medicine Writer

In a sharp break with earlier experiments, scientists this fall plan to seed an uninhabited island off the Atlantic coast with a genetically engineered rabies vaccine to see if they can immunize wild animals against the disease.

So far, in two dozen field tests of genetically engineered organisms in 12 states and four foreign countries, man-made microbes have been tested only under tightly controlled conditions - often protected by electrified fences, guarded by 24-hour security and handled by biologists in protective coveralls, goggles and rubber gloves.

The latest proposal by the Philadelphia-based Wistar Institute, however, would rely only on the comparative isolation of islands off the Virginia and South Carolina coast to contain the experimental virus and any animals it infects.

The institute is seeking U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval to test the oral rabies vaccine on one of three islands: Parramore Island off Cape Charles, Va., or Cedar Island and Murphy Island, both north of Charleston, S.C. All three islands are state-pro-

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### THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

# Other contests steal the show as suspense fades in presidential races

#### By John W. Mashek Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau WASHINGTON - With nearly all the suspense taken out of today's presidential primary contests in Nebraska and West Virginia, statewide races are stirring more excitement among voters.

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

**Because Vice President George** Bush has nailed down the Republican presidential nomination and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis has a virtual lock on the Democratic prize, overall interest in the primaries has diminished. The two apparent nominees already are directing their fire toward each other in what promises to be an extended and potentially nasty campaign this

Preparing for his expected role as the party's nominee, Dukakis met Monday in Boston with Sen. Bill





cratic Gov. Bob Kerrey in the fall.

In West Virginia, the Dukakis-Jackson race has been overshadowed by a Republican gubernatorial primary. GOP primary contests are unusual in the state, which has been a Democratic stronghold.

The Republican race pits incumbent Gov. Arch Moore, 65; against millionaire businessman John Raese, 38, with Moore running ahead in the latest surveys. Six Democrats are seeking their party's nomination for governor.

Voting will be held next Tuesday in Oregon, where 45 Democratic delegates and 32 Republican delegates are at stake. Again, Dukakis leads Jackson in polls, but the margin is much closer than in West Virginia or Nebraska.

Idaho holds a beauty contest on : the Democratic side May 24, with

Bradley (D-N.J.) for a briefing on U.S.-Soviet relations. Dukakis did not comment on the hourlong meeting, but Bradley said the subject of the vice presidential spot on a Dukakis ticket was not discussed. "That's not in the cards," he said. "Massachusetts and New Jersey don't go well together."

Meanwhile, the Rev. Jesse Jackson campaigned Monday in West Virginia, though he is directing most of his energy and resources to California's June 7 primary and its 314 delegates. Jackson insists he still is in the race to win, but most observers believe he is shooting for an upset in California to give him more credibility before the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta.

"Under any scenario from here on out, Dukakis is in the driver's



Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) visits Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis (right) on Monday in Boston for a discussion of foreign policy issues.

seat," admitted former Democratic national Chairman John White, who has served as a Jackson adviser. "Dukakis' strategy is a simple one for the remainder of the primaries: Don't make any mistakes."

Tuesday, May 10, 1988 +++

Nebraska and West Virginia are among the four states that will hold primaries before June 7, when 466 Democratic delegates and 265 Republican delegates are on the line in the California, New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico primaries. **Dukakis and Jackson have spent** 

relatively little time in West Virginia and Nebraska, adding to the voter apathy in the Democratic contest.

Only 37 delegates are at stake in West Virginia; 25 are up for grabs in Nebraska. Bush, having no opposition, is expected to sweep the 37 Republican delegates in the two states.

Recent polls in West Virginia and Nebraska show Dukakis with about a 3-to-1 lead over Jackson. In both states, blacks make up only 3

The Rev. Jesse Jackson talks with coal miners Monday in Montcoal, W.Va. He is running a distant second in polls in the state.

percent of the voting age population, limiting Jackson's base of support in a two-man contest.

Jackson acknowledged his uphill fight Monday, telling 1,500 people at a rally in West Virginia, "I've always fought against the odds. .. The race is tight. I'm coming to the last lap. I'm running longer and running stronger because my mind is made up. We've come too far. Press on! Press on! Press on!"

Nebraska, with its large majority of Republican voters, has a tor-

rid GOP primary contest for the U.S. Senate, and the contest has dominated the presidential race in the quest for public attention.

The Associated Press

The incumbent, Sen. David Karnes, was appointed to the seat last year after the death of conservative Democratic Sen. Edward Zorinsky.

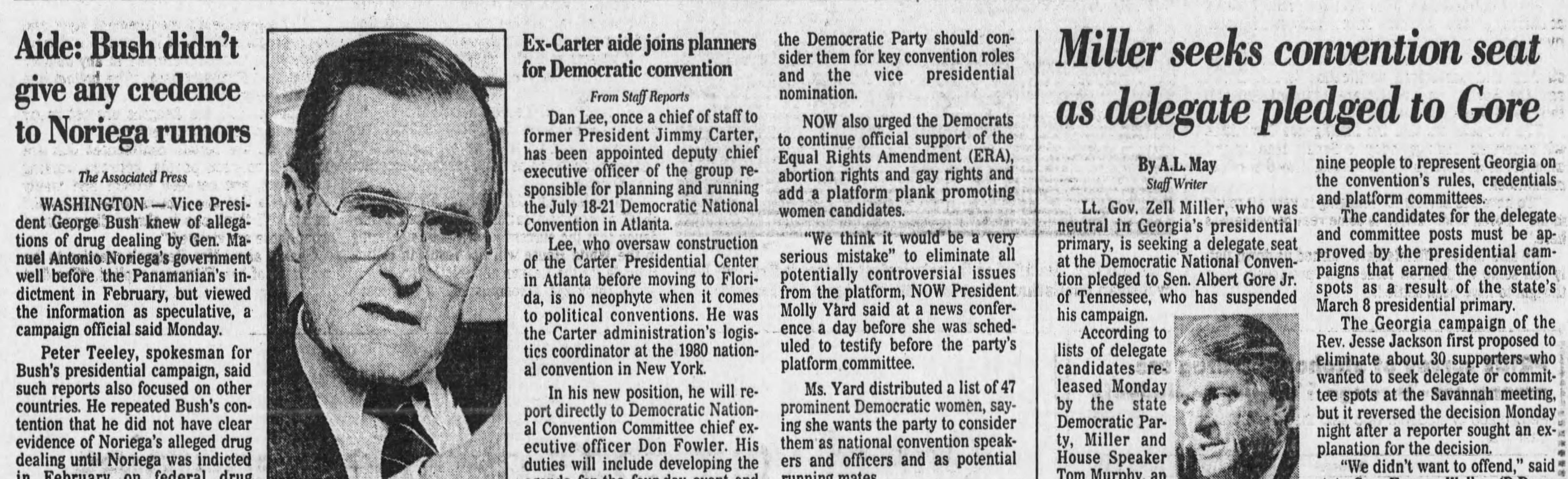
Karnes is being challenged for the GOP nomination by Rep. Hal Daub in a bitter race many politicians think will divide the Republicans and help elect former Demo-

delegate selection decided by a cau-a cus system. Idaho Republicans choose 18 delegates in that primary.

Then comes the June 7 primaries, second only to Super Tuesday on the 1988 political calendar in the number of delegates awarded on a single day.

The final primary of the 1988 presidential race will be in North Dakota on June 14, when Democratics hold a beauty contest while Republicans choose 16 delegates.

Strategists for Dukakis predict he will be about 225 delegates short of the necessary 2,081 needed for the Democratic nomination when the primaries end. Dukakis' delegate-counters say, however, that he could pick up enough support from uncommitted delegates and delegates pledged to other candidates to put him over the top.



in February on federal drug. charges in Florida.

The question of exactly when **Bush learned of Noriega's alleged** role in drug dealing has become an issue in the presidential race. It was raised in the Republican primaries before Bush locked up the GOP nomination and now is being pressed by Democratic candidates Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson.

The New York Times, quoting unidentified administration officials, said in Sunday editions that the former U.S. ambassador to Panama, Everett Briggs, told Bush during a December 1985 meeting about the allegations. However, Briggs told reporters Monday in Honduras, where he now is stationed, that he had not presented

**George Bush reportedly viewed** as speculative the allegations that general sold drugs.

Bush with evidence of a Noriega drug link.

Asked during a campaign stop Thursday in Los Angeles whether he ever had been told of reports of ties between Noriega and drug trafficking, Bush replied, "Not that I was ever aware of."

Meanwhile, administration and Bush campaign officials, who requested anonymity, said President Reagan formally will endorse Bush on Wednesday, most likely in a White House ceremony in advance of a GOP banquet Wednesday that. the president and Bush will attend.

agenda for the four-day event and helping to oversee construction projects in The Omni's convention

"I've always wanted to really get involved in planning a convention," said Lee, who has taken a temporary leave from his commercial development and political consulting business to return to Atlanta. "It was just too good an opportunity to turn down."

**NOW lists female prospects** for Democratic running mate

#### The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Organization for Women (NOW) on Monday released a list of prominent Democratic women and said

running mates.

On the list are current and former officeholders ranging from those in Congress to city councils. They include former New York Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, who was chosen by Walter Mondale as his running mate in 1984. Women's groups, including NOW, heavily lobbied Mondale to put a woman on the ticket.

Asked which vice presidential nominees would be acceptable or unacceptable to NOW this year, former NOW leader Eleanor Smeal cited Sen. Sam Nunn as a negative example. Noting the Georgia senator's support for banning abortion and for an ERA only with amendments, she said, "His position on women's issues would not be called exemplary."

Tom Murphy, an early Gore supporter, are among nine party leaders vying for four dele- Zell Miller

gate slots apportioned to Gore's

campaign as a result of Georgia's

presidential primary. The two are

seeking election in a category set

aside for Democratic elected offi-

Tommy Irvin and state Sen. Law-

rence "Bud" Stumbaugh (D-Stone

Mountain) also are among the nine.

will meet Saturday in Savannah to

fill the remaining 27 delegate slots

in the 94-member Georgia delega-

tion to the July convention in Atlan-

ta. The full delegation will elect

State Agriculture Commissioner

The Democratic state committee

cials or party leaders.

night after a reporter sought an ex-

state Sen. Eugene Walker (D-Decatur), who admitted he was responsible for the strategy reversal. Walker, who is state chairman for the Jackson campaign, said his purpose in cutting the list of approved Jackson supporters down to about 80 was to enhance the chances of those # who had been most active in the campaign to win slots.

He said the decision might have been unfair to some Jackson supporters and, until informed by a reporter, he was unaware that neither the Gore campaign nor the campaign of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis had struck would-be delegates from their lists.

Frank Bates, deputy director of the state party, said party lawyers would have to clear the decision to restore the names.



From Page 1A The extra time will allow Walters to prove to the university, portrayed Monday by state prosecutors as the "victim" in the case, that he can fulfill the conditions of the \$200,000 settlement, sources said. Siegelman said that such a settlement could persuade his office to drop the charges against Walters for his payments to basketball players Derrick McKey and Terry Coner during the 1986-87 season.

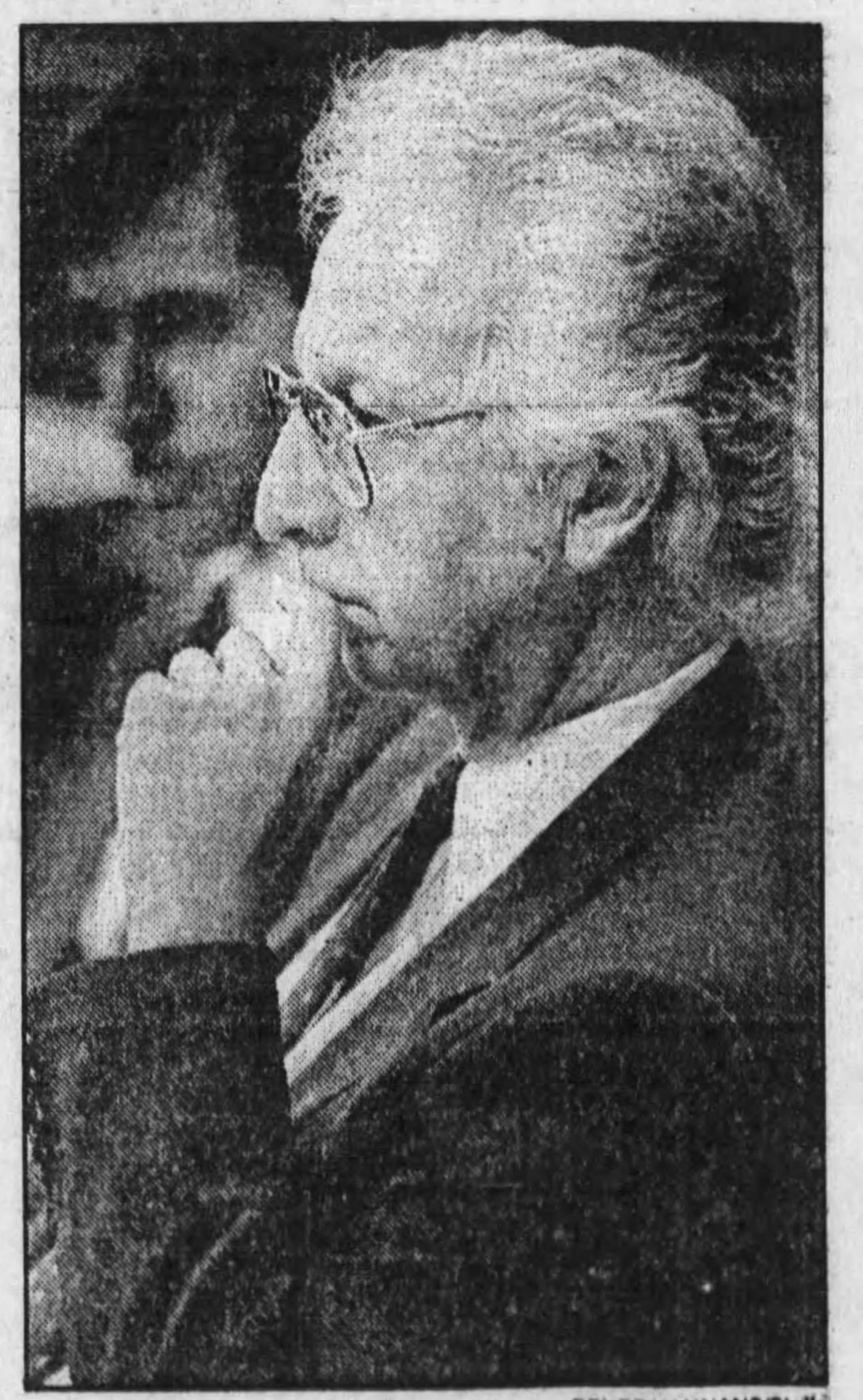
lowed to collect the remaining cash from the bank letter of credit.

Negotiations for the settlement began late Sunday night and continued early Monday morning and during the lunch hour, according to university lawyer Robert Potts.

'Obviously, the university feels it has been damaged by the agents' action in this case," Potts said. "We would like to recover as much money as possible." Representing Walters in negotiations were attorneys Donald Stewart of Anniston, Ala., and Robert Gold of New York. They refused comment Monday. Walters also had no comment. Walters and his attorneys returned home Monday night. Negotiations were initiated by Bloom's attorney, M.L. Trope, who suggested Sunday night how the settlement could be reached, sources said. Trope is a former sports agent who earned notoriety as a creative negotiator with National Football League teams from 1976-85. Jury selection began Monday morning after Karrh denied pre-trial motions by Walters that the charges be dismissed. By noon, the two sides had agreed on an allwhite jury consisting of eight women and four men. Karrh called a recess, and 11/2 hours later the jurors took their seats in the courtroom, only to be sent away again by the judge. For the next hour, prosecutors and attorneys representing Walters and the university scrambled from room to room. Finally, Karrh called the jury back into the courtroom and told them he was granting a continuance until Friday morning because a key witness, Norman Blass, had a death in the family. Blass is the current agent for McKey, who just completed his National Basketball Association rookie season for the Seattle SuperSonics. Walters' defense team subpoenaed Blass as a witness. Blass reportedly loaned McKey \$50,000 after he was declared ineligible last year. Alabama athletic director Steve Sloan has said complications from the loan prevented the university from filing an appeal for McKey's eligibility with the NCAA.

state using criminal charges to help a university recover damages that could have been achieved in a civil lawsuit.

'This definitely is a criminal proceeding, but there are different objectives in sending the message we want to send to the unscrupulous sports agents," Siegelman said.



'The money is one of the main objectives of this, particular case," Siegelman said. 'That would be a heavy consideration."

The university lost \$253,457 in NCAA Tournament revenue as penalty for the players' involvement with Walters and former associate Lloyd Bloom. Sources said the settlement is acceptable to the university.

"The university is in the position of a victim of a case, and as in any criminal case the victim's interests largely determine our position," said Alabama Assistant Attorney General Bill Wasden.

Sources close to the defense and university disclosed the following agreement between Walters and Alabama:

**Walters** would deliver \$50,000 in cash this week and a \$150,000 bank letter of credit, guaranteeing the university the balance of the settlement.

The university would appeal to the prosecutors to drop the charges in lieu of restitution.

Walters would be allowed a specified amount of time still under negotiation to promote concerts, with proceeds donated to the university. Walters was the nation's leading booking agent of black music acts prior to his venture into the sports agency field in 1985. Having pulled out of the sports field, he remains in the music business.

**If Walters** falls short of the \$150,000 balance at the end of the deadline, the university would be al-

Negotiations Monday raised questions about the

"We've got one agent [Jim Abernethy] sentenced to a year in jail, we've got another [Bloom] who's going to wash state troopers' cars, and if we can get this one [Walters] to repay the monetary damages he caused the university, that would be another strong message."

Bloom, who plea-bargained May 2 to a conviction of deceptive trade practices, was given a reduced oneyear sentence, ordered to wash state patrol cars for a week and to testify at Walters' trial.

However, under a deal Trope negotiated with prosecutors, if Walters is not convicted, all charges against Bloom will be dropped, and Bloom's sentence of washing police cars while staying in the hotel of his choice will be rescinded.

'That's true," Siegelman said. 'But I think the message still got out to other sports agents. The fact that an agent who agrees to testify is still going to wash police cars for a week has to be degrading to their profession. We've been rounding up every dirty trooper car in the state so Bloom will be busy for a week."

Siegelman was not present at the Feb. 29 trial of Abernethy in Opelika, Ala.

Assistant Attorney General Don Valeska, chief of the criminal division who has been adamant that the state wanted to put Walters in jail, did not wish to discuss the latest developments.

"I've got nothing to say," Valeska said. "As far as I'm concerned, the case starts Friday morning. He (Siegelman) is the attorney general. When he's here, he's the boss and I'm just an employee."

McKey and Coner were present for the trial but were sequestered in the witness room. Neither player would comment on the proceedings or his involvement with the agents.

**RENEE HANNANS/Staff** 

Former sports agent Norby Walters sits through jury selection in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is charged with bribery, deceptive trade practices and tampering with a sports contest.