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The state board of medical examiners hearing for Dr. George Nichopoulos, which had been scheduled for Nov. 7, was postponed Tuesday after attorneys for Dr. Jerry Francisco has maintained that "drugs were not involved."

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10-day temporary restraining order issued by Judge T. M. Cupron, prohibiting Jose Cruz from holding himself out to other baseball clubs as a free agent and prohibiting Jose Cruz from negotiating a contract with any other baseball team.

The Astros claimed Cruz signed a document on April 21 which outlined terms of a five-year extension of his 1979 contract. But the left fielder's agent, Jack Childers, said Cruz's agent, Jack Childers, said the Astros have never before had a player declare himself a free agent.

Childers said, "It was not morally, ethically and legally."

Players Association rules allowed the Astros until Monday to officially sign Cruz in order to keep him off the market.

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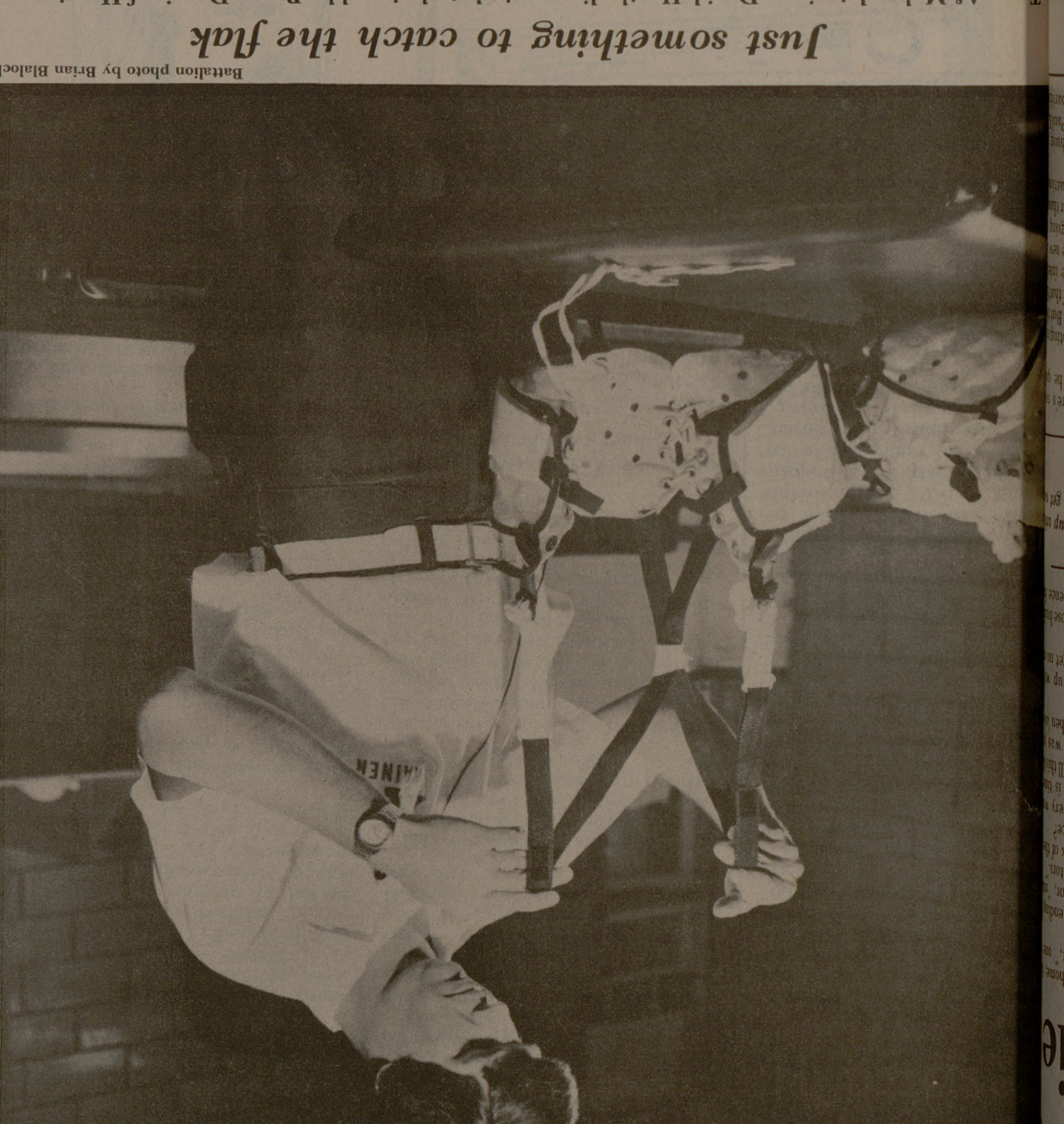
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