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KNIGHT: Leaving Indiana?

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inquired about the job, and looked over the situation himself," Floyd said.

He said that if Knight left Indiana it would not be because of pressure from any individual or group.

"Everyone at Indiana University wants Bob to stay here," Floyd said. "He's got to decide for himself."

NEW MEXICO Athletic Director John Koenig said he was negotiating with two finalists for the job vacated by the resignation of Gary Colson last month, but he would not say if Knight was one of them.

Koenig said he hoped to make his selection by late Thursday or Friday.

Koenig, who has been conducting a one-man search for a replacement for Colson, has not divulged the names of any candidates.

UNM Regent Jerry Apodaca said he believes Knight has a genuine interest in the New Mexico job.

publisher of Hispanic Magazine. Apodaca said he talked with Knight by telephone late Tuesday. "I told him we have the

facilities, the fan support and the financial resources. I told him all we needed was a Bobby Knight," Apodaca said.

Apodaca said Knight was "very non-committal."

ABOUT KNIGHT TALK stretched from Albuquerque to omington, where Indiana president Thomas Ehrlich said he hoped Knight would remain. Knight has nine years left on his contract.

"In my view, he is an outstanding coach and I certainly want him to stay at Indiana University," Ehrlich said. "He is an outstanding teacher. I don't think there's a conflict."

The Albuquerque Tribune reported Wednesday that Knight and UNM officials discussed a five-year contract with salary and other job-related income worth close to \$250,000 annually.

SPORTS BRIEFLY.

FOOTBALL — The San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins will meet in an exhibition game July 31 at London's Wembley Stadium in the third straight American Bowl in England. The game is one of three exhibitions to be played outside the United States this year. The Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings will meet at Goteborg, Sweden on Aug. 14 and the New York Jets will meet the Cleveland Browns in Montreal Aug. 18. . . Lawrence Cole, an assistant coach at Kansas State the last three seasons, has joined the University of Wisconsin staff as an outside linebackers coach. Cole replaces Lovie Smith, who accepted a coaching postion at Arizona State on Tuesday.

BASKETBALL — Akeem Olajuwon, only the third player in NBA history to finish in the top ten in both steals and blocked shots, heads the NBA's All-defensive team selected by the league's coaches. The other members of the all-defensive first team announced Wednesday were forwards Kevin McHale of Boston and Rodney McCray of Houston and guards Michael Cooper of the Los Angeles Lakers and guard Michael Jordan of Chicago, the league's leading scorer. Olajuwon, McHale and Cooper all were repeaters and it marked the eighth year in a row that Cooper has made either the first or second all-defensive team . . . Iowa State basketball player Terry Woods has been chosen for a Big 8 Conference all-star team that will tour Czechoslovakia later this month. The nine-member team will leave May 20 and return June 6. Oklahoma State's Leonard Hamilton will coach the team.

Soviets edge Arkansas AAU team

JONESBORO, Ark. - Andrei Lukyanetys scored 22 points and snared nine rebounds to lead the Soviet Union junior national team past Arkansas AAU Wednesday night, 79-78.

The win improved the Soviet's record to 3-1 on its U.S. tour.

The Arkansas team trailed by three points with 12 seconds remaining when Roland Ware hit

a basket to pull the hosts within one. The Soviets then ran out the clock.

Todd Day scored 16 points to lead Arkansas, Ware added 13 points and 14 rebounds and Orein Watson 11 points.

Rauno Pezhka had 16 points and Maksim Astanin 10 for the Soviets.

Triple-A Alliance begins interleague play

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Described as the most innovative experiment since the designated hitter, interleague play will be introduced in the Triple-A Alliance this weekend.

Each American Association baseball team will meet each of the eight International League teams five times. All games count

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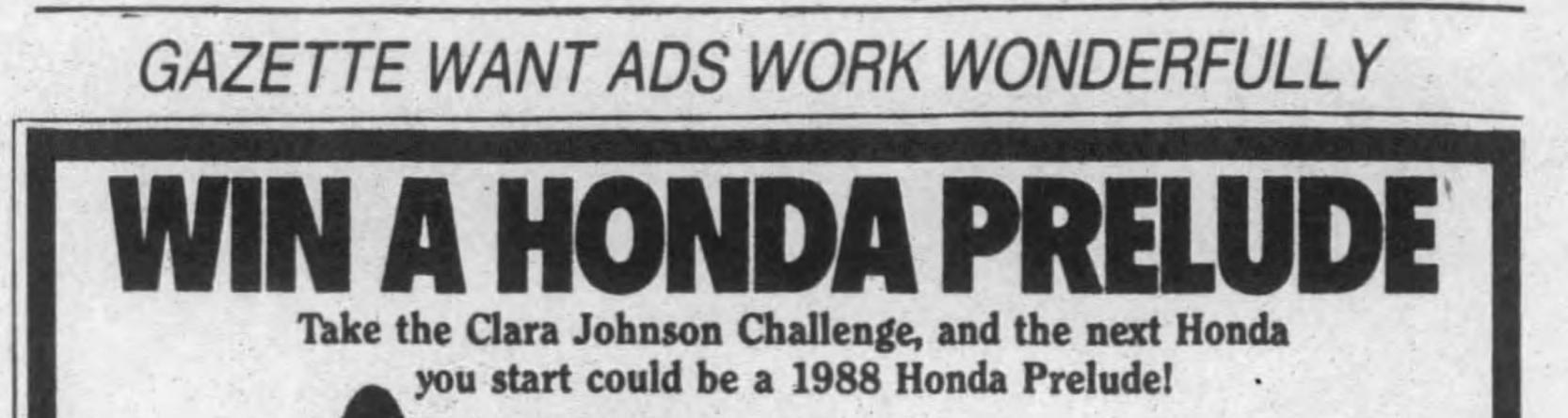
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in the standings of both leagues. Two AA clubs, Denver and Oklahoma City, start the action Friday with visits to Maine and Pawtucket, respectively, of the IL.

The Louisville Redbirds get involved Saturday when the Rochester Red Wings move into Cardinal Stadium for a three-game series.



"My gut feeling is he wouldn't come to New Mexico if he wasn't considering it," Apodaca, a former New Mexico governor, said from Washington, D.C., where he is

Knight reportedly earns a base salary of \$95,400. The Albuquerque Tribune said additional benefits and income boost the overall salary close to \$500,000 a year.

LAKERS: In tough spot vs. Jazz From page 1C

opener last Sunday. The game was virtually over after Utah scored only eight points in the first - quarter, an all-time low for a first quarter in a playoff game.

But it was a different Utah team Tuesday night. And the result was only the third victory for the Jazz in its last 34 games at the Forum.

"We were more prepared tonight for what they had," said Karl Malone, who led the Jazz with 29 points and 10 rebounds. "At this moment, we have the homecourt advantage, but we've got to take it one game at a time. "I'm not guaranteeing anything, but I do guarantee the Salt Palace will be rocking. If we play like -this game next time, we've got a good chance. I said after the first game this series was going to be a war. This is the road to the NBA championship."

The Jazz led nearly all the way Tuesday night and was on top by 15 points early in the third quarter. But the Lakers battled back and trailed by only four points early in the final period. However, Utah managed to

hold off the defending champions, who made four 3-point field goals in the final 1:10 of play only to fall short.

"We had a lot of chances to fold up toward the end of the game, but we showed a lot of character," Malone said. "It gives us a lot of confidence.

"But we're still afraid of the Lakers," Malone added with a smile. "Those guys are the world champions. They're not going to let little old Utah beat them." BOOOK

Byron Scott led the Lakers with 26 points, 13 of them in the fourth quarter. Magic Johnson had 19 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for Los Angeles, which made only 40.2 percent of its field goal attempts.

"We played right into their hands," Johnson said. "We've got to come out and play our game and we didn't.

"It's one to one now. We have to go in there and get back the homecourt advantage. They told us that it's going to be a series. It's going to be a tough one."

MISC. — The speed war escalated Wednesday as Mario Andretti surpassed the sizzling lap turned 24 hours earlier by Rick Mears at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, hitting a searing 221.565 mph in practice for the May 29 Indy 500. . . Mike Keenan, recently praised by General Manager Bob Clarke as a possibility for NHL Coach of the Year, was fired by the Philadelphia Flyers Wednesday. Keenan had a record of 190-102-28, a 59 percent winning average, the highest of any active NHL coach . . . Ivan Lendl, Mats Wilander and Andre Agassi were extended to three sets before posting second-round victories Wednesday in the Italian Open tennis championships . . . The Chicago White Sox have placed catcher Carlton Fisk on the 15-day disabled list and recalled catcher Ron Karkovice from Vancouver of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League . . . The University of Alabama on Wednesday filed a \$3 million civil lawsuit against sports agent Norby Walters, whose dealings with former basketball players Derrick McKey and Terry Coner cost the institution \$250,000. **Associated Press**

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"His system was to pit one executive against another, one production person against another, one announcer against another," he wrote.

In 1977, Spence said, ABC president Fred Pierce asked him whether Arledge was an honest man. Spence said he paused several seconds before answering. "Finally, I did what I believe in my heart I have always tried to do - I told the truth: 'No.'"

"And Fred Pierce said, 'That's what I thought.'"

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