

back in the '80s and '90s.

Unlike players such as James, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul, who either joined new teams as free agents or engineered trades by threatening to bolt.

Durant seems perfectly content to stay where he is. Never mind that his market-view cloud would be much greater in a city such as New York or Los Angeles.

He passed up even a shot at restricted free agency to quietly sign a new five-year deal with the Thunder, a contract that didn't even come with an opt-out clause — normally standard operating procedure for someone of his ilk.

While there are players who speak of themselves in the third person and act as though their needs come before the team's, Durant spends most of his time talking humbly about ways

to improve. "Kevin gets it," said former player Steve Smith. "The way he plays. The way

## NBA FINALS MATCHUPS

A position-by-position look at the series between the Oklahoma City Thunder and Miami Heat:

**Center** Kendrick Perkins vs. Udonis Haslem. Perkins brings the NBA finals experience most of his young teammates lack, having been part of Boston teams in 2008 and '10. He had rare high-scoring night in Oklahoma City's regular-season win over Miami, scoring 16 points on 8-of-11 shooting.

**Point guard** Russell Westbrook vs. Mario Chalmers. The Heat had all kinds of trouble with the Celtics' Rajon Rondo and they sure won't like playing against Westbrook, another speedy, do-everything point guard. He is prone to some poor shooting nights, such as 4 for 16 and 9 for 26 efforts in the regular season against Miami, but has the potential to be the force that Rondo was. Edge: Thunder.

**Reserves** James Harden, Derek Fisher, Nick Collison, Daequan Cook and Nazr Mohammed vs. Bosh or Battier, Mike Miller, Joel Anthony, Ronny Turiaf and Norris Cole. If Bosh continues to play as a reserve, as he has in the three games since returning from a strained lower abdominal, Miami has some punch off the bench. Even so, the Thunder are better behind Sixth Man of the Year Harden, and Fisher is always good for a big shot or two this time of year. Edge: Thunder.

**Coaches** Scott Brooks vs. Erik Spoelstra. Spoelstra was outcoached by Rick Carlisle in last year's finals but gets another chance now, seemingly with his full complement of players to allow him to mix and match. Brooks appears to have more options, and the 2010 Coach of the Year's move to change his defensive coverage and put Seloloshia on Parker in the last round slowed a Spurs team that had been in an offensive groove for weeks. Edge: Thunder.

— Brian Mahoney, Associated Press

## FINALS PREVIEW CAPSULE

top of the NBA despite a core of young players in only their early 20s.

### Key matchup 1

Durant vs. James. James will try to add the finals MVP trophy to the regular season award he beat out Durant to claim. Whoever's team wins the series earns an advantage in the debate as to who is the best player in the game. Besides everything he has to do offensively, James must use his considerable defensive skills to slow down Durant, who won his third straight scoring title this season. James is the top scorer in the postseason, averaging 30.8 points.

### Key matchup 2

Perkins vs. Battier and Bosh. Ibaka, the league's leading shot blocker, and runner-up for Defensive Player of the Year, has turned into more than just a one-way player. He shot 11 for 11, hitting a number of jumpers, in the Thunder's Game 4 victory over San Antonio that evened the Western Conference finals, and his 55.6 shooting percentage is tops in the playoffs among players who advanced past the first round. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra will have to decide whether to return Bosh to the starting lineup or stay with Battier, and both looked like good choices in Miami's Game 7 victory over Boston in the Eastern Conference finals. Bosh scored 19 points and made three 3-pointers in his third game back after a nine-game absence because of a lower abdominal injury, while Battier nailed four 3-pointers.

### X-factor

Perkins. He doesn't have the offensive game of Indiana's Roy Hibbert or the Celtics' Kevin Garnett, centers who have hurt the Heat in this postseason. But Perkins had his best offensive game of the season with 16 points in the Thunder's regular-season victory over the Heat. If he provides any type of scoring in this series, it will cause problems for a Heat team that hasn't been able to settle on and stay committed to a center option all season.

Prediction: Thunder in 6.

— Brian Mahoney, Associated Press

by its very nature, basketball is built on star power. One player can have more impact on the game than any other sport. One player can turn a bad team into a great team, or at least a very good one. Not surprisingly, the small group of athletes who take on these roles can get a very inflated view of themselves, which might lead one of them to, say, hold an hourlong TV special to announce where they're going to play.

But again, this is not about being anti-LeBron. We're over The Decision, and it's time for rest of the nation to do the same (except Cleveland, which is allowed to keep fuming).

This is about being pro-

Durant. "He's a superstar player who's as likable off the court as he is effective on it," said another player-turned-analyst, Greg Anthony. "That bodes well for the game."

The NBA finals are certainly being viewed by many as good vs. evil, a story line that is largely rooted in James' 2010 decision to leave Cleveland and his lifelong roots in northern Ohio to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh on a South Beach super team.

The move represented all that's wrong about the NBA. (*Paul Newberry is a national writer for The Associated Press. Write to him at [pnewberry@ap.org](mailto:pnewberry@ap.org)*)

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
of Mathilde Isaak, Deceased  
Probate No. 08-2012-PR-82

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. Pursuant to Section 30.1-19-01, N.D.C.C., all persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Margaret Lanz Brandt, Personal Representative of the estate, at 5452 Weatherstone Drive NW, Rochester MN 55901, or filed with the Court. Dated this 31st day of June, 2012.

/s/ Terry Isaak  
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Personal Representative  
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### NOTICE OF ORDER SUSPENDING ATTORNEY

Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
Anne E. Summers,  
Respondent.  
Nos. 20120020 - 20120023

A hearing panel of the Disciplinary Board found that Edwin W.F. Dyer, III, and Anne E. Summers violated N.D.R. Prof. Conduct 8.1 (b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters. The hearing panel recommended Dyer and Summers be suspended from the practice of law for nine months, with the potential of six months or less to be suspended if reinstatement is ordered after they comply with certain conditions, and each pay \$3,957.26 in costs and expenses for the disciplinary proceeding.

The Supreme Court, adopted the hearing panel's finding that the evidence clearly and convincingly established Dyer and Summers violated N.D.R. Prof. Conduct 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters. The Court also concluded the evidence clearly and convincingly established Dyer and Summers violated N.D.R. Prof. Conduct 1.15(c), Safeguarding Property and Professional Liability Insurance Disclosure. The Court ordered that Dyer and Summers be suspended from the practice of law for nine months, effective August 1, 2012, and that they each pay \$3,957.26 in costs and expenses for the disciplinary proceeding.

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## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Case No. PU-12-165  
Siting  
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Case No. RC-12-166  
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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 30, 2012

TAKE NOTICE that the Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to the N.D. Admin. Code, relating to public utilities, energy conversion and transmission facility siting, and surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

The public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., July 12, 2012, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. Written comments may be submitted to the Public Service Commission at the close of business on July 23, 2012.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, 701-328-2400, toll free 1-877-245-6685, Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888, or [NDPSC@ND.gov](mailto:NDPSC@ND.gov). This information is also available to view on the Public Service Commission's web site at [www.psc.state.nd.us](http://www.psc.state.nd.us) under "Formal Actions/Case Search".

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a successful season after the lockout.

"It's great for the NBA," Miami's Shane Battier said. "I anticipate record ratings, which is great, so maybe we can get some of the escrow check back from the owners. First and foremost, that's why I'm excited to see Kevin Durant versus LeBron James. But selfish reasons aside, it's just a great matchup."

"There's so many young, great players in this league and established players and All-Stars. If you're a basketball fan, you're missing out if you're not watching this series." Both have sworn off Twitter, at least for the time being, James posted his last

notice of foreclosure sale that a self-storage facility lien will be foreclosed by private sale and the personal property held for Nicole Arnold, 1610 N 23rd Street #3, Bismarck ND 58501. By Rocky Gordon & Company will be sold to the highest bidder, 2930 E Broadway Avenue, Bismarck ND 58501. On June 19th, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Dated this 31st day of May 2012. 6/5 & 12 - 608180

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the South Central Regional Water District will be held at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club located at 930 North Griffin Street, Bismarck, ND, on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. 6/5 & 12 - 608178

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