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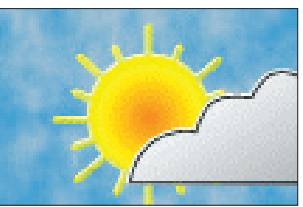
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Local man rides to aid veterans

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Every ride has a purpose, at least in the Ride 2 Recovery.

Odus Franklin, a local disabled veteran, is taking part in this year's Ride 2 Recovery. This morning he was to take off on his bicycle from Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, ending his journey on Saturday in Arlington.

"This ride is designed to help disabled veterans overcome their disability through cycling," Franklin said.

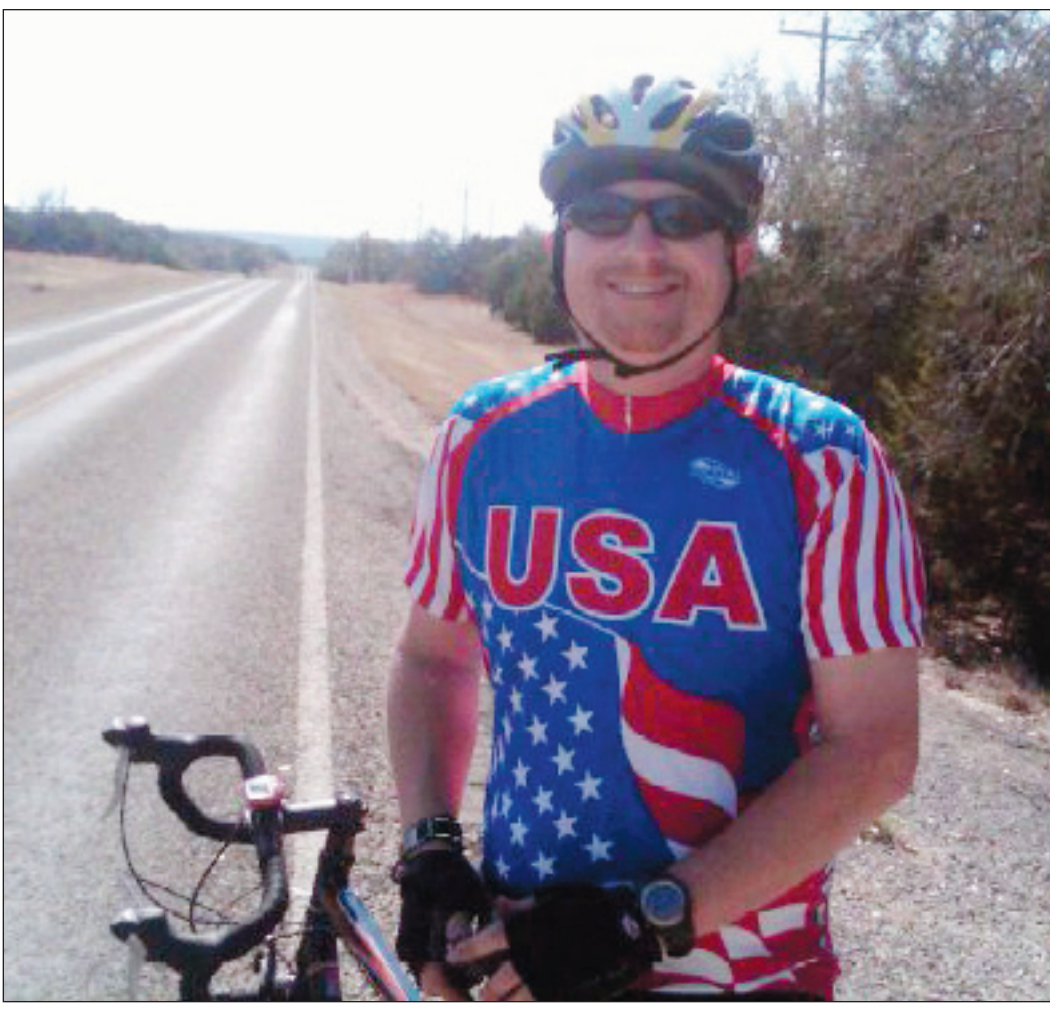
Triathlons and other events are nothing new to Franklin, who is part of an eight-man team called the TriSoldier Project. The members are scattered across the United States, each receiving sponsorship to take part in different triathlons, duathlons and other disabled veteran competitions.

"I take part in these events to

Ride 2 Recovery
Monday – San Antonio to San Marcos (53.8 miles)
Tuesday – San Marcos to Austin (49.1 miles)
Wednesday – Austin to Ft. Hood (65 miles)
Thursday – Ft. Hood to Waco (65 miles)
Friday – Waco to Cleburne (72 miles)
Saturday – Cleburne to Arlington Ranger's Ballpark (41.7 miles)

support combat veterans who are coming back," Franklin said. "I served during peace time and it's the least I could do."

Franklin served in the United States Army from 1992 to 1996,



Courtesy photo
Odus Franklin, a Coahoma Independent School District employee, is taking part in the Ride 2 Recovery, a San Antonio-to-Arlington bicycle ride to aid disabled veterans.

MULTIPLE FUND-RAISERS HERE SATURDAY

Tena & Company to host benefit for victims of domestic abuse

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

Got a scorchin' tattoo? How about a really hot bike? You know, a motorcycle that makes other motorcycles turn their heads?

Don't worry if you don't. Tena & Company is inviting everyone to a survivors of domestic violence benefit Saturday. Funds raised during the day-long event will benefit domestic violence victims and organizations such as Victim Services, Bikers Against Child Abuse and others.

The event will take place at Tena & Company, located at 1806 N. Lamesa Highway (U.S. Highway 87). Doors open at 10 a.m. and a "first bike out" fun run begins at noon.

Other activities will include tattoo contests for men and women and best bike show.

There will be food and live music all day.

"We're expecting 500 to 1,000 people," said Tena Nelson, owner. "It will bring business to the community and should be a lot of fun."

"We'd like everyone to come out and enjoy themselves and enjoy the day. It's for a very good cause."

Those who want to help domestic violence victims but have other plans are welcome to stop by and make a donation, said Nelson.

She's also in need of volunteers to help with the food and various other activities that will be going on throughout the day.

Those who would like to help or who need more information can call Tena & Company at 432-517-4471 or Nelson at 432-770-8880.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars to assist BSSH customers

By **VALERIE AVERY**
 Special to the Herald

Money generated from the Fifth Annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser will assist Big Spring State Hospital customers and their families with the construction of a Family Visitation Center.

Customers and their families don't have an ideal area set aside for quality visitation, said Billie Christie director of community relations.

"The volunteers are committed to helping our customers, and we have long believed that family support is crucial in recovery," Christie said. "Our volunteers are committed to building this Family Visitation Center just like they have been committed to so many projects on our campus. It will be just wonderful and be so helpful to us in continuing our

mission."

Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Road, with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This year's event is co-chaired by Stacy and Mark Barr and Robin Hallman.

Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one guest entry to the evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment on the Big Spring Country Club patio, and the opportunity to take home a new vehicle.

"Winners do not need to be present to win the vehicle, but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder," he said.

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Lawmakers try to make military voting easier

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Van Taylor knows firsthand how hard it is to vote while on active military duty — he led a 28-person platoon in 2003 as a Marine captain during the war in Iraq.

The freshman legislator from Pla-

no has joined state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio to work on a plan to make it easier for Texans in the military to cast ballots, making good on a 2010 campaign promise. The military voting proposal is the first bill he filed.

Texas must comply with the 2009 Military and Overseas Voting Empowerment Act. The law, known as MOVE, requires states to provide ballots to military personnel at

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- KENDRA MICHELLE MATTHEWS, 29, of 3701 Connally St., was arrested Saturday on warrants for possession of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.
- JEREMY STEVEN THROWER, 27, of 206 Circle, was arrested Saturday on warrants for driving without being secured by safety belt and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ISREAL ALVAREZ, 25, of 1504 Chickasaw, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 26, of 3305 Maple, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of a protective order – communications.
- MELANIE URIAS WATSON, 40, of 2530 Hunter, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- DANIEL FORREST OYLER, 38, of 1704 S. Austin, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended with a previous conviction.
- FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III, 23, of 1311 Wood, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 33, of 2505 Dow, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to report change of address or name and expired license plate.
- JODY BENNETT, 32, of 4014 Parkway, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest or detention using a vehicle, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and assault – family violence.
- ALEXANDER RAY HENSLEY, 19, of 2608 Cheyenne, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 1900 block of E. 24th Street.
In the 900 block of Willia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
in the 1300 block of Johnson
In the 1400 block of E. 14th Street.
In the 1900 block of E. 25th Street.
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
In the 500 block of S. Goliad.
In the 400 block of Hillside Drive.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- PETER MARCELLO ROGERS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of no safety belt, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid and municipal warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - ROBERT WAYNE MOSELEY, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated (open container) – third or more offense.
 - SHAWN D. BLYTHE, 37, was arrested Friday on a charge of cooperative agreement with states on fuel tax.
 - ADAM ROSS JONES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a municipal warrant for city ordinance – failure to post permit.
 - THOMAS WAYNE SKELTON, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - JOHN THOMAS LAMAR, 57, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
 - DAVID LEE RHOADES, 33, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
 - ALFRED GONZALES SANCHEZ, 61, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
 - ALFRED GONZALES SANCHEZ JR., 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
 - MARIA ESTHER HINOJOSA, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for open container in vehicle and speeding in a school zone.
 - ARMANDO HERNANDEZ JR., 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on Ward County warrants for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, failure to appear – theft and assault causing bodily injury.
 - JEREMY STEVEN THROWER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no seat belt – driver and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - KENDRA MICHELLE MATTHEWS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of minor in possession of alcohol and failure to appear.
 - ISRAEL ALVAREZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of

Sheriff

burglary of a vehicle.

- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of bond/protective order.
- MELANIE URIAS WATSON, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- DEVON LEE BUTLER, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DANIEL FORREST OYLER, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- RICHARD ARLEY ACUFF, 24, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify – giving false information.
- FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, allow child 2-17 years of age to ride unsecured and speeding.
- CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to report change of address and expired license plate.
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Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. 13th Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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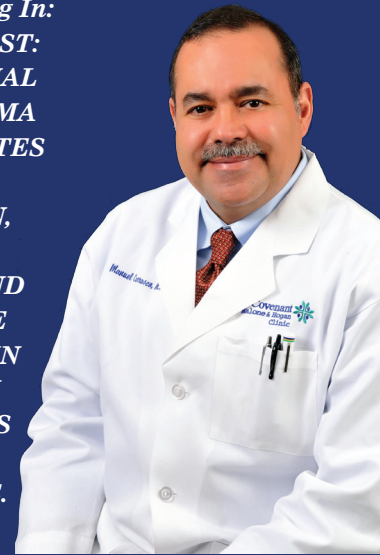
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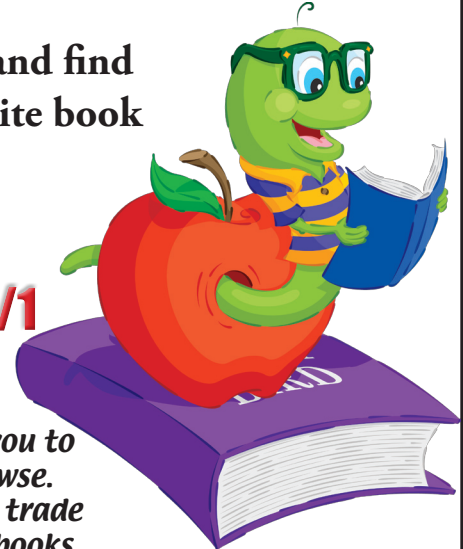
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• The city of Big Spring has been notified that Union Pacific contractors will be performing track repairs at the Birdwell Lane crossing from 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, which will require the section surrounding the road to be closed.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 15. More information and the application may be found on the club website: www.westexags.com

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob

Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children

in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

Veteran of the Month reception

U.S. Army veteran Mary Beckham, Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for March, will be recognized in a reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the museum's Briefing Room. The public is invited; refreshments will be served. Hangar 25 is located at 1911 Apron Drive in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. For more information, call 264-1999.

Gasoline prices rise once again

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 5.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.46/g Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.56/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 82.6 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 22.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 21.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 76.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

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when he received an honorable discharge. He was discharged with a 40 percent service-connected disability, according to the TriSoldier Project website.

"After I got out of the Army, I didn't run.

I ended up gaining weight and got to the point where I decided to start working out," Franklin said. "About five years ago I started working out in the gym and about a year and a half ago, I started taking part in triathlons."

The Ride 2 Recovery is sponsored by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Department of

Defense and the Ride 2 Recovery organization. The ride is paid for by the disabled veterans participating. At the end of the ride, the participants will be attending the Texas Rangers vs. Boston Red Sox baseball game.

"There are about 200 veterans taking part in the ride," Franklin said.

Scott and Erin MacKenzie; Suzanne Markwell; John Paul and Kristen Nichols; Maureen and Gail Pitman; Derrick and Crystal Wash; and Quade Weaver, and also from Bob Brock Ford, Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, American State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Lone Star Bank, State National Bank, Western Bank and Citizens Federal Credit Union.

Tickets also can be purchased from the Community Relations

Office at Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87. For more information, call (432) 268-7533 or 268-7535.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council has sponsored a social fund-raiser for the past 20 years with a goal of \$35,000 to \$45,000, Christie said.

Fund-raisers, donations and money earned at The Chalet Resale Shoppe pay for items that customers need but the state does not fund, she said.

gelo. In September he will take part in the Big Spring triathlon and will wrap up the year in October, with the Iron Man competition in Austin.

"I just can't seem to get enough," Franklin said. "I will keep doing these events for the rest of my life."

For those wanting to monitor Franklin as he

makes the six day, 343.6 mile, ride go to www.coahoma.esc18.net/faculty/odis/of.htm. You will find two links, one for the picture updates and the other is for the daily maps.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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The winner will choose from a 2011 Harley Davidson FLHX 103 Street Glide motorcycle, 2011 Silverado 1500 Extended Cab pickup LS, or a 2011 Ford Fusion SE. The runner-up will take home a 50-inch plasma television set.

The Volunteer Services Council gave Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members 750 tickets to pre-sell, co-

chair Stacy Barr said.

"The last week leading up to the event is always busy for people who still have tickets to sell," she said. "We try to remind everyone that when they are gone, they are gone."

Tickets are available from committee members Stacy and Mark Barr; Robin Hallman; Cash and Leslie Berry; Leslie Elrod; Lucy Flores; Noel and Brenna Hoff; Jeanie and Richard Knocke; Justin and Sara Myers;

campaign will significantly expand the current campaign time between elections.

"Candidates are not going to like that, but the goal is to make sure that our military voters are not disenfranchised," Van de Putte said.

Linda Green, installation voting assistance officer at Fort Sam Houston, said deployed troops have had problems voting by mail because ballots didn't reach them on time or get returned soon enough to be counted. The Defense Depart-

ment does an excellent job providing resources to help with voting, including the assignment of a voting assistance officer to each unit, according to Green.

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least 45 days before an election, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported Monday.

To facilitate this, Texas will need to change March primary and runoff dates, Taylor said. He would prefer to move the primary election to April. March elections conflict with spring break, he said.

"You are so far from Texas, and there just

isn't that much time. The real issue here is the amount of time to request, receive and return a ballot by mail," Taylor said. "It makes it virtually impossible for the active men and women serving overseas and oftentimes even inside the United States to actually be able to vote."

Van de Putte said elections as late as June or July would conflict with summer vacations and might force election officials to find polling places other than schools.

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News briefs

Rebel forces close on Gadhafi hometown as it is pummeled by international air strikes

RAS LANOUF, Libya (AP) — Libya's rebel forces closed in Monday on Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte, the gateway to the western half of the country after it was targeted for the first time by international air strikes.

Witnesses in Sirte said that bombing was heard Sunday night and then again 6:30 a.m. local time, but there was no fighting in the streets or signs of rebel forces. The night before dozens of fighters loyal to Gadhafi could be seen roaming the streets.

The Libyan state news agency also reported that there had been air strikes against the southern town of Sabha, which remains strongly loyal to Gadhafi and is a major transit point for ethnic Tuareg fighters from Mali and Niger fighting for the government.

JANA said the strikes destroyed a number of houses, though past strikes on Sabha, 385 miles (620 kilometers) south of Tripoli, targeted the airport and the flow of foreign fighters reinforcing the regime.

Libya's rebels have recovered hundreds of miles (kilometers) of flat, uninhabited territory at record speeds after Gadhafi's forces were forced to pull back by international air strikes.

Flush from a NATO victory, Obama presenting fuller account of his Libya strategy to nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is offering Congress and an anxious public his first detailed accounting of his rationale for U.S. military involvement in Libya and perhaps an answer to the burning question: What's next?

His speech, set for 7:30 p.m. EDT Monday, comes after the administration scored an important dip-

lomatic victory. NATO ambassadors on Sunday approved a plan for the alliance to assume from the U.S. command all aerial operations, including ground attacks.

That will help Obama assure the nation he can deliver on his promise that the United States will be a partner in the military action against Libya, but not from the driver's seat. Bickering among NATO members delayed the process.

Ahead of Monday's speech, Obama and his top national security officials worked to set the stage for the address — Obama in his weekly radio and Internet address, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates with appearances on Sunday television news shows.

But as they made the rounds, neither Clinton nor Gates could say how long the U.S. mission would last or lay out an exit strategy.

More signs highly radioactive iodine spreading from leaking Japan nuclear plant

TOKYO (AP) — Workers at Japan's damaged nuclear plant raced to pump out contaminated water suspected of sending radioactivity levels soaring as officials warned Monday that radiation seeping from the complex was spreading to seawater and soil.

Mounting obstacles, missteps and confusion at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex have stymied emergency workers struggling to cool down the overheating plant and avert a disaster with global implications.

The coastal power plant, located 140 miles (220 kilometers) northeast of Tokyo, has been leaking radiation since a magnitude-9.0 quake on March 11 triggered a tsunami that engulfed the complex. The wave knocked out power to the system that cools the dangerously hot nuclear fuel rods.

On Monday, workers resumed the laborious yet

urgent task of pumping out the hundreds of tons of radioactive water inside several buildings at the six-unit plant. The water must be removed and safely stored before work can continue to power up the plant's regular cooling system, nuclear safety officials said.

Contaminated water in Unit 2 tested at radiation levels some 100,000 times normal amounts, plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. said.

Time short and tempers flaring in budget showdown, the threat of a government shutdown is growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress returns to Washington this week under mounting pressure to strike an agreement with President Barack Obama on a bill to fund the government.

That's proving difficult enough. Then comes the harder part for House Speaker John Boehner: convincing his many tea party-backed GOP freshmen that the sort of split-the-differences measure Obama could sign isn't a sellout.

Time is running short. Staff-level negotiations last week ran aground, and the principals are going to have to pick up the pace to have any chance of making an April 8 deadline to avoid a partial shutdown of the government. Right now it appears that the shutdown that both sides have sworn to avoid is possible — if not probable.

Republicans complain that the White House and Senate Democrats, after hinting of deep spending cuts, have been slow in officially offering them.

The frustration boiled over on Friday, with Republicans criticizing Democrats for not presenting significant cuts. An offer a few days earlier had panned up just another \$10 billion or so, GOP officials said, which prompted House Majority Leader Eric Cantor to accuse Democrats of "negotiating off of the status quo and refusing to offer any sort of serious plan for how to cut spending."

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 5
♥ 9 6 2
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ J 8 6 5 2

WEST
♠ A K J
♥ A 4 3
♦ A J 10 9
♣ K 10 9

EAST
♠ Q
♥ K Q J 10 8 7 5
♦ 7 5
♣ A Q 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4 3 2
♥ —
♦ K 4 2
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
East South West North
4♠ Pass 7♥ Pass
Pass 7♠ Dble

Opening lead — ace of hearts.
This deal occurred at the 1987 world team championship in the semifinal match between Sweden and the United States.

At one of the two tables, this was the first deal of the match. As can be seen, it did not take the U.S. pair seated East-West very long to warm up. In fact, it took them just two bids to reach a laydown grand slam!

East's opening four-club bid announced a strong four-heart opener, whereupon West leaped directly to seven hearts. But Tjolpe Flodqvist of Sweden was not asleep

at the switch. When seven hearts came around to him, he bid seven spades, hoping to go down less than the value of the grand slam.

West doubled, and Flodqvist went down seven for a loss of 2,000 points. Since West would have scored 2,210 for making the grand slam, this represented a potential savings of 210 points for the Swedes.

When the deal was played at the second table, Hugh Ross of the U.S. held the South cards. At this table, the deal was the last of the 16-board set, and Ross had yet to play a hand as declarer. After the Swedes arrived at seven hearts on similar bidding, Ross also bid seven spades, partly due to the frustration of not yet having declared a hand.

Here, though, his Swedish opponents would not allow him the dubious distinction of going down seven, doubled and vulnerable. They bid seven notrump instead, giving them a score of 2,220 points. This, combined with the result at the other table, netted them a gain of 6 IMPs on the deal.

Thus concluded the strange episode of a player who willingly lost 2,000 points on his very first deal of a world championship semifinal and came out ahead, and another who tried to do exactly the same thing only to be denied that satisfaction by his opponents.

Tomorrow: Structural visualization.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I am a 65-year-old male who has been involved in an exclusive relationship for the past four years. "Betty" is 56, and we get along great, travel frequently and have an active sex life.

Several months ago, I began to notice that Betty was becoming quite distant, emotionally and physically. I was frustrated, but didn't make a big deal out of it.

However, quite by accident, I discovered that she was active on a dating website. Upon further snooping, I discovered four months of e-mail exchanges with another man. Some of the e-mails were quite intimate, and a few had sexual references. I was devastated, to say the least.

I confronted Betty, and she initially denied it. But when presented

with the evidence, she confessed. She said she met the guy twice but nothing sexual happened. I believe her. She said the relationship died out on its own, and the e-mails seem to confirm this. She says she loves me and wants to work it out.

I will forgive her, but I'm having a hard time with it. I simply can't get her betrayal off my

mind and worry that I will never be able to trust her. How does one forget? How does one repair what has been lost? — *Lost that Trusting Feeling*

Dear Lost: It takes time, but it can be done. You must make a conscious effort to push this betrayal out of your mind, and Betty needs to be completely transparent and honest in all her dealings. Her behavior must be beyond reproach since she has to earn your trust again. If you cannot get there on your own, please talk to a counselor, preferably with Betty, and work on this together.

Dear Annie: I am a high school senior and am really quiet and shy. I want to be more outgoing, but the problem is public speaking.

I freak out when I have to speak in front of people. We have a project coming up that requires talking in front of the class. I want to be more confident, but I get scared and whisper. Since I'm going away to college soon, I thought I should try to overcome this. Can you help? — *Quiet and Scared*

Dear Quiet: First of all, you are not alone. Thousands of people suffer from some form of speech anxiety. A lot of this is from the mistaken notion that the speech must be perfect, and a great deal of anxiety can be overcome with relaxation techniques. You can find some good suggestions and tips through Toastmasters International (toastmasters.org).

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Not in the Cards," whose husband was seriously ill. She wanted his family to be updated about his medical condition, but they gave her a hard time about it.

I want to let your readers know about Caring Bridge (caringbridge.org). It is a free website, supported solely by donations, that allows caregivers or family members to keep friends and family updated on the medical progress of someone with a critical health issue.

My daughter has been using the Caring Bridge website to keep us updated on the progress of our "tiny angel" (our granddaughter), who was born after 24 weeks gestation, weighing only one pound. Our granddaughter is doing amazingly well, and we are all thankful that Caring Bridge has allowed family and friends all over the country to see pictures and read the journal of her progress. There were days when our granddaughter's progress was hard to talk about. The website has been a godsend and has saved my daughter from the stress of many phone calls and e-mails during this difficult time. — *Grateful Nana*

Dear Nana: Thank you so much for letting our readers know about this useful and compassionate website. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Steers 2nd at Angelo

Menefield nabs four gold medals at event

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring High School boys' track team finished second at the Angelo Relays, held Friday and Saturday in San Angelo.

The Steers finished with 91 points, 14 points behind meet winner Lampasas and one ahead of third place Lubbock Estacado.

The top performer for Big Spring was Mike Menefield, who claimed gold medals in three individual events and contributed to the first-place 800-meter relay.

Menefield won his first gold medal Friday, when he took first place in the triple jump with a leap of 47 feet, 2 ¼ inches. He added another first place finish in the field events Saturday, winning the long jump in a distance of 23-05.75 to edge runner-up Ti Russell of Lubbock Estacado. DaVante Lloyd of Big Spring was third in the long jump with a leap of 20-00.75.

Menefield then turned his

attention to the running events, winning the 100-meter dash in a time of 10.91 seconds. Teammates Anthony Lewis and DaBonte Anderson, were fourth and fifth, respectively. Menefield wrapped up his gold rush by teaming with Lewis, Lloyd and Abraham Ellison to win the 800-meter relay in a time of 1:31.16.

Also winning multiple golds for Big Spring was Seth Pearson, who won the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles in times of 15.26 and 41.25, respectively.

The Steers return to action Friday when they participate in the Indian Relays at Seminole.

Division III team standings: Lampasas 105; Big Spring 91; Lubbock Estacado 90; Wylie 81; Central JV 44; Perryton 36; Lake View JV 24; Fort Stockton 22; Midland High JV 2.

3,00-Meter Run: 1, Sanchez, Chris, SA Lake View, 11:07.89. 2, O'Rourke, Joseph, Lampasas, 11:18.95. 3, Sandate, Marco, SA Lake View, 11:32.12. 4, Chaffin, Matt, SA Central, 11:45.98. 5, Dodderer, Josh, Abilene Wylie,

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HERALD file photo

Mike Menefield, shown in this 2010 file photo, earned four first-place finishes at the Angelo Relays, held this past weekend in San Angelo.

Sports calendar

TODAY

- Golf — Big Spring boys at District 5-3A tournament, Brownwood.
- Softball — Denver City at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.
- Softball — Forsan at Denver City, 6:30 p.m.
- Baseball — Denver City at Coahoma, 7 p.m.
- Baseball — Forsan at Lubbock Roosevelt, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Golf — Big Spring girls at District 3-5A tournament, Sweetwater.
- Softball — Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 5 p.m.
- Baseball — Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 7 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Who are these guys?

Improbable Final Four heading to Houston

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

Anything goes in the unpredictable, anything-goes world of March Madness, this is a Final Four nobody saw coming.

Kentucky, Connecticut, Butler and Virginia Commonwealth — the improbable, the implausible, the unthinkable and the downright unimaginable.

In one game in Houston next Saturday, No. 4 seed Kentucky will play No. 3 Connecticut — not a completely absurd thought as a Final Four matchup, though hardly a trendy pick given their up-and-down regular seasons.

In the other game, it will be No. 11 Virginia Commonwealth against No. 8 Butler — the team that was panned when its name was called on Selection Sunday against the defending national runner-up from a 4,500-student campus whose amazing success story had supposedly run its course.

"It never gets old," Bulldogs senior Matt Howard said.

"I think what it does as much as anything, it just puts a spin on the NCAA tournament. It's wild. ... Because seeds are so overrated. It's about matchups. And their players could play for us any day."

Bill Self
Kansas coach

Nor does the NCAA tournament, the three-week office pool that places the so-called experts on even footing with those who fill out brackets because they like a team's colors or its mascot.

Anything goes. Anyone can win.

And never has that been more true than this year.

Four teams with a combined 37 losses and a combined win-

ning percentage of .755, second lowest since 1985.

Four teams whose combined seeding equals 26, breaking the record of 22 in 2000.

Not a single No. 1 seed for only the third time since seeding began in 1979 and, according to STATS LLC., the first time that no 1 or 2 seed will be there.

ESPN, which sponsors one of the country's biggest bracket tournaments, said that out of 5.9 million entries, only two had this flourish since its way to Houston. President Barack Obama? He went 0 for 4. He had plenty of company.

Kentucky is the new favorite in Vegas, at 8-5. VCU is listed at 7-1 — the longshot in the field, but still quite a bit better than 2500-1, which is where the Rams were listed at the start of the season.

"I think what it does as much as anything, it just puts a spin on the NCAA tournament," said Kansas coach Bill Self after

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Griner scores 40 as Lady Bears advance

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Basketball Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Brittney Griner keeps piling up the points, putting Baylor within one win of its second consecutive trip to the NCAA Final Four.

After another big-time tournament game, the 6-foot-8 sophomore succinctly summed up what is driving her.

"March Madness," Griner said with a sly smile after she put up a career-high 40 points with 10 rebounds as the Lady Bears defeated Wisconsin-Green Bay 86-76 on Sunday night.

Top-seeded Baylor (34-2) ad-

vanced to the regional final by snapping a 25-game winning streak by the feisty team from the Horizon League looking for a Butler-like finish. The Phoenix are from the same conference that boasts a two-time Final Four team on the men's side.

The Lady Bears are champions of the Big 12, which will send only one team to the women's Final Four — Baylor and Big 12 runner-up Texas A&M (30-5). Baylor meets the Aggies for the fourth time this season Tuesday night in a Dallas Regional final game deep in the heart of Texas. Baylor won the first three meetings.

"I don't like playing them again, because I think it takes away the opportunity for two Big 12 teams to have made it to the Final Four," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said.

Plus, the Lady Bears had quite a fight for a while in their game that followed A&M's 79-38 rout of Georgia.

Baylor led only 52-49 before Griner made a short baseline shot over two defenders with just over 13 minutes left to spark a 14-0 spurt in which she and freshman point guard Odyssey Sims scored all the points.

Sims had consecutive 3-pointers before two free throws and a putback by Gri-

ner. Sims ended the spurt with a steal and a breakaway layup.

"I don't think about it too much, how much I scored," Griner said. "When I'm feeling it in a game, it's just something that comes over you. If I'm feeling it, I'm just going to keep going until I can't, until somebody else starts in, and then I'm going to get the ball to them."

Griner was coming off 30 points and eight blocks in Baylor's victory Tuesday night over West Virginia, when she sat on the bench the final 9:20 of the first half with two fouls.

This time, she sat the final

5:51 of the half with 13 points after two fouls in a 14-second span.

She finished 15 of 21 from the field and made all 10 of her free throws. She also had six blocked shots.

"Griner was just dominant. ... I really felt like going in physically we'd be able to bury better than we did in the post. Boy, she's strong," Green Bay coach Matt Bollant said. "It was more Griner, honestly, than our defense."

Sims, playing only a few miles from home, finished with 18 points, four assists and three steals. That was plenty to offset a season-high eight turnovers.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one has the approval of the whole world at once. As long as there are a few people around you who accept and love you, be happy — and stop worrying about the others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Do something to interrupt a pattern and change an outcome. Your past may have a good deal to do with your present, but it doesn't have to determine your future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You try to keep your friends out of mischief. This is not always possible, though, and you may find yourself, after the fact, in a position to protect or cover for a friend. Your loyalty knows no bounds — but maybe it should.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Others depend on you for a variety of reasons. During the happy times, you celebrate and keep the party going. During the difficult times, you provide aid and comfort. You are happy to provide what is needed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will find great meaning in the situations you encounter today. You have a way of creating a context and framing things in such a way that helps others to derive meaning from them, as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The world seems to be in need of amusement, and you rise to the occasion. You will remember funny stories and see the humor in daily situations. Mostly, you keep them entertained just by being you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is nothing like the real thing. However, there could be a benefit to the substitute that compels you to willingly choose it, and eventually you may even come to prefer it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Like a seedling, you

will grow to fulfill the potential that is inside you. You will not, however, grow into something other than what you innately are. Apple seeds grow apples; peach seeds grow peaches.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Regardless of your relationship status, you are constantly sharing bits of your life with the special people who surround you. Today you'll remember this and make your interactions special.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The adventurous relationship drama that once seemed irresistibly exciting may now seem predictable, draining and unproductive. Anyway, you're too busy working on your own projects to keep up with this soap opera.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want success, and you want it now. But there's a process, and it can't be skipped over. Be patient. All is unfolding in good time. A creative endeavor that has a slow start will have a long burn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When your possessions are out of place or in need of cleaning and maintenance, it makes you feel fuzzy headed. Doing manual work will ground you and focus you on what's important.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 28). It's a busy year. Your social calendar fills so rapidly that you must take precautions to set aside time for yourself and for taking care of home and family. April brings declarations of love. There's an exciting purchase in May. In June, self-discovery leads to new work and a financial bonus. You have a special connection with Gemini and Aquarius people.

Your lucky numbers are: 20, 14, 33, 25 and 41.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo with a busy life that includes a family and a full-time job. I hardly ever see friends. Socializing feels expensive and unproductive compared to other things I do to keep everything rolling. When I do see friends, I usually have an OK time, though I secretly think I would have had a better time just hanging out at home and doing nothing. Some of my friends feel like I've dumped them along the way. I don't want to dump them, but I'm exhausted!"

As the perfectionists of the zodiac, Virgos tend to take an all-or-nothing approach to many areas of life, including friendship. This likely served you well when you were single and had more time for friendship — you were probably a favorite among your group. You took such wonderful care of your pals that they are used to a high level of attention from you. Your mature friends should understand that your life has changed and will continue to do so — you'll be back in the swing of things with them later in life. As for the needier crew, you can only do so much. Your choice to take care of your family first is appropriate and wise.

CELEBRITY PROFILES Sensational Aries Lady Gaga conducts herself with over-the-top style. Whether she's winning Grammy Awards, setting Guinness World Records or declaring her great admiration for her unlikely BFF Deepak Chopra, this glamorous diva never ceases to surprise. Mercury and Jupiter in Pisces suggests that her interest in spirituality is heartfelt and sincere.

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Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: This incredible story appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. My son nearly fell out of his chair laughing when he read about this child who committed grand larceny.

If you decide to share it with your readers, just sign me — Frances in Lawrenceville, Ga.

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That's some story! And now, this is Ann weighing in with some unsolicited advice for the lad's parents.

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Grizzlies top Spurs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Despite the San Antonio Spurs missing some key pieces, the Memphis Grizzlies still sense their confidence rising after beating the team with the NBA's best record.

Tony Allen and Zach Randolph had 23 points apiece, and the Grizzlies sent San Antonio to its third straight loss with a 111-104 victory over the Spurs on Sunday night.

"To be a playoff team, you have to be tough. That's requisite number one," said Memphis reserve forward Shane Battier, who had 10 points. "I think we showed we are a tough team. I would like to play a little smarter. That's the next step. But you have to have toughness, and there's no doubt in this team's toughness."

Randolph also grabbed 11 rebounds for Memphis, which currently holds the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. If the Grizzlies earn the No. 8 seed, they will likely face the NBA-leading Spurs in the opening round of the playoffs.

And Memphis is well-aware of that.

"They understand, just like we do, that we could possibly match up with them in the playoffs in a month or so," said Memphis guard Mike Conley. "For us to handle them the way we did and come back in the fourth quarter and make some big plays and big stops says a lot. That's a good team, and it says they are not going to have an easy run if we do play them in the playoffs."

O.J. Mayo added 17 points for Memphis, Mike Conley had 12 and Marc Gasol 11.

The Spurs, already missing Tim Duncan because of a sprained left ankle, played the bulk of the second half without leading scorer Manu Ginobili, who sustained a left quad contusion.

San Antonio has now lost all three games since Duncan went out with the injury.

"We don't have time to worry about that," Spurs guard Tony Parker said of the injuries. "Timmy is not coming back anytime soon, so we just have to keep playing and make sure we pound that rock. Hopefully, it will go our way."

George Hill matched his career high with 30 points on 9-of-12 shooting for the Spurs. Parker had 20 points and six assists, and Richard Jefferson scored 13.

Hill said Ginobili's absence didn't necessarily change his approach to the game. He said coach Gregg Popovich has put a little more emphasis on Hill looking for his shot.

"I had the mindset coming in the whole time of really trying to be aggressive and try to help the team create something on the offensive and defensive end," Hill said. "Unfortunately, Manu went down and we had to step up play. But we just didn't do it."

Memphis' victory, coupled with Houston's 125-119 loss to the Miami Heat, extended the Grizzlies' hold on the playoff spot to 2½ games over the ninth-place Rockets.

Down the stretch, it was Allen, who finished the night missing only one of his 10 shots, and Randolph who led Memphis, erasing a five-point San Antonio lead with 6:14 left.

Heat outlast Houston

MIAMI (AP) — With the playoffs looming, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh are finding a new gear.

And they accomplished something Sunday that hadn't been done in more than 50 years.

Each of them had 30-10 nights — James with 33 points and 10 rebounds, Bosh had 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Wade shook off a bruised tailbone to finish with 30 points and 11 boards — as the Miami Heat beat the Houston Rockets 125-119.

It was the first time since February 1961 that three teammates finished with at least 30 points and 10 rebounds in a non-overtime game. "Unbelievable," James said.

"That's why we get paid the big bucks," Wade said.

The last time a team had three players score 30 in the same game was Feb. 26, 2010, when Houston had Martin, Aaron Brooks and Scola combine for 94 against San Antonio. Before that, you'd have to go back all the way to Nov. 14, 1997, when Portland's Isaiah Rider, Brian Grant and

Arvydas Sabonis all had 30-plus points and 10 or more rebounds in a quadruple-overtime win over Phoenix.

But doing it in regulation, the last time that happened was a half-century ago, when Oscar Robertson, Jack Twyman and Wayne Embry — Hall of Famers all — did it for the Cincinnati Royals in a loss to the Philadelphia Warriors.

"One of the things we talked about when we came together was making history," Bosh said.

Mike Bibby added 14 points for the Heat, who beat Houston by the same score on Dec. 29.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points, Luis Scola added 28 and Kyle Lowry — who tweaked an ankle late — had 25 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Rockets. Chase Budinger scored 16 for Houston, which had a five-game winning streak snapped.

"We started man-to-man and Wade and James just ran by us," Rockets coach Rick Adelman said. "Then we went to a zone and we knew that was going to be a problem.

Even then, we didn't put a body on people. We were trying to keep them from getting the easy opportunities and we didn't do it."

Wade sealed it with 33 seconds left, taking a handoff from James and making a left-handed layup while getting knocked into a row of courtside photographers for a 120-115 lead. The Heat never trailed in the fourth quarter, taking the lead for good when James Jones made three free throws with 9:22 remaining.

The Rockets are 0-3 when trying to win six straight games this season, and haven't had a run of that many wins since February 2009.

The Heat noticed late in the game that Bosh had 28 points, and after Miami's star trio combined for 91 points Friday in a win over Philadelphia, they talked about what it would be like for each of them to score 30.

That chance came exactly one game later. And Bosh needed two trips to the foul line, but he got it done — only to learn afterward of the historical ramifications.

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11:50.92. 6, Soto, Sammy, Fort Stockton, 11:55.66. 7, Hall, Harrison, Abilene Wylie, 11:57.97. 8, Bailey, White, SA Central, 12:04.02. 9, Victor, Crespo, SA Central, 12:07.46. 10, Ramos, Andres, SA Lake View, 12:14.52.

Long Jump: 1, Menefield, Mike, Big Spring, 23-05.75. 2, Russell, Ti, Lub Estacado, 21-03. 3, Lloyd, DeVante, Big Spring, 20-00.75. 4, Townsend, Cole, Abilene Wylie, 19-09.75. 5, Lewis, Anthony, Big Spring, 19-09. 6, Holland, Ray, SA Central, 19-05.50.

4x100-Meter Relay: 1, Lampasas (Scott, Brandon, Swinford, Tanner, Maldonado, Justin, Gary, Avery), 43.58. 2, Lubbock Estacado (Jordan, Kmydron, Stubblefield, Deverick, Ridge, Jarvis, Johnson, Robert), 44.17. 3, Abilene Wylie (Morrow, Derek, Bloomer, Richard, Sharp, Blake, Nasser, Joe), 44.23. 4, San Angelo Central (Clay, Skiff, Romello, Jackson, Jeremy, Flores, Acosta, Jesus), 46.13. 5, Fort Stockton (Gonzales, Domic, Martinez, Adan, Howard, Clay, Lozano, Christian), 46.81. 6, Perryton (Townsend, Calum, Warnke, Tyrell, Medina, Steven,

Clapp, Rider), 48.21.

800-Meter Run: 1, Rios, Raymond, Lub Estacado, 1:59.98. 2, Lopez, Ulises, Perryton, 2:02.11. 3, Garcia, Kris, Abilene Wylie, 2:04.80. 4, Figurski, Alan, Lampasas, 2:06.65. 5, Carrasco, Alex, Perryton, 2:07.89. 6, Prieto, Jaquin, SA Central, 2:10.75.

110-Meter Hurdles: 1, Pearson, Seth, Big Spring, 15.26. 2, Adams, Zach, Lampasas, 15.36. 3, Dodd, Kyle, Abilene Wylie, 15.94. 4, Alexander, B.J., Lampasas, 16.02. 5, Chadwick, Tyler, SA Central, 17.25. 6, Villarreal, Alexis, FT Stockton, 18.30. 7, Hunt, Taylor, SA Central, 20.95.

Discus Throw: 1, Card, Evan, FT Stockton, 136-09. 2, Ramirez, Julian, Big Spring, 123-03. 3, Floyd, Justin, Lub Estacado, 120-06. 4, Cotton, JT, Lub Estacado, 118-07. 5, Dory, Landon, Midland, 117-10. 6, Key, Deandra, Abilene Wylie, 116-08.

100-Meter Dash: 1, Menefield, Mike, Big Spring, 10.91. 2, Jordan, Kmydron, Lub Estacado, 11.31. 3, Nasser, Joe, Abilene Wylie, 11.45. 4, Lewis, Anthony, Big Spring, 11.50. 5, Anderson, DaBonte, Big Spring, 11.79. --, Swinford, Tanner, Lampasas, FS.

4x200-Meter Relay: 1, Big Spring (Lewis, Anthony, Lloyd, DeVante, Ellison, Abraham, Menefield, Mike), 1:31.16. 2, Lubbock Estacado (Jordan, Kmydron,

Stubblefield, Deverick, Rios, Raymond, Ridge, Jarvis), 1:31.76. 3, Lampasas (Maldonado, Justin, Scott, Brandon, Alexander, B.J., Gary, Avery), 1:31.85. 4, San Angelo Central (Clay, Skiff, Romello, Jackson, Jeremy, Flores, Tashaun, Davis), 1:33.17. 5, Abilene Wylie (Bloomer, Richard, Morrow, Derek, Lewis, Hayden, Nasser, Joe), 1:34.04. 6, Perryton (Townsend, Calum, Warnke, Tyrell, Medina, Steven, Romero, Eddie), 1:38.54.

400-Meter Dash: 1, Marquez, Louis, Lampasas, 52.15. 2, Rios, Raymond, Lub Estacado, 52.87. 3, Bloodworth, John, Abilene Wylie, 53.51. 4, Gomez, Austin, Abilene Wylie, 53.51. 5, Corbin, Cody, Lampasas, 54.71. 6, Baraza, Robert, Big Spring, 55.04.

300-Meter Hurdles: 1, Pearson, Seth, Big Spring, 41.25. 2, Dodd, Kyle, Abilene Wylie, 42.36. 3, Adams, Zach, Lampasas, 43.08. 4, Tavarez, Carlos, FT Stockton, 43.71. 5, Chadwick, Tyler, SA Central, 44.27. 6, Hunt, Taylor, SA Central, 46.33. 7, Medina, Steven, Perryton, 46.52.

200-Meter Dash: 1, Ridge, Jarvis, Lub Estacado, 22.82. 2, Lloyd, DeVante, Big Spring, 22.96. 3, Bloomer, Richard, Abilene Wylie, 23.16. 4, Maldonado, Justin, Lampasas, 23.61. 5, Gary, Avery, Lampasas, 23.66. 6, Romello, Jackson, SA Central, 24.49.

1,600-Meter Run: 1, Lopez, Ulises, Perryton, 4:50.21. 2, Prieto, Jaquin, SA Central, 5:03.77. 3, Sanchez, Chris, SA Lake View, 5:11.00. 4, O'Rourke, Joseph, Lampasas, 5:17.63. 5, Sandate, Marco, SA Lake View, 5:20.89. 6, Birck, Chase, Lampasas, 5:25.37.

4x400-Meter Relay: 1, Lampasas 3:28.86. 2, Abilene Wylie 3:30.34. 3, Perryton 3:38.98. 4, San Angelo Central 3:41.95. 5, Lubbock Estacado 3:43.40. 6, Fort Stockton 3:54.85.

Division IV team standings: 1. Sonora 121; 2. Crane 104; 3. Wall 99; 4. Munday 89; 5. Idalou 79; 6. Coahoma 47; 7. Colorado City 31; 8. Stanton 29; 9. Bovina 28; 10. Irion County 8; 11. Christoval 1.

3,200-Meter Run: 1, Daniel, Zack, Crane, 10:10.18. 2, Chavez, Robert, Sonora, 10:17.27. 3, Escalante, Nick, Crane, 10:25.80. 4, Vasquez, Jesus, Sonora, 10:53.56. 5, Labedelle, Lance, Wall, 10:59.60. 6, Pinela, Juan, Bovina, 11:09.12. 7, Quiroz, Marcos, Sonora, 11:24.67. 8, Huerta, Joe, Christoval, 11:31.05. 9, Rodriguez, David, Wall, 11:39.23. 10, Cude, Ryder, Munday, 12:19.86. 11, Garcia, Doug, Colo City, 12:31.10. 12, Salazar, Joe, Colo City, 13:38.19.

Discus Throw: 1, Brantley, Ryan, Stanton, 138-09. 2, Hast-

ings, Tyler, Irion CO, 138-07. 3, Paul, Blanford, Munday, 137-03. 4, Mikulik, Blaine, Wall, 126-04. 5, Cobb, Josh, Munday, 120-08. 6, Walling, Michael, Wall, 120-04.

4x100-Meter Relay: 1, Wall 44.66. 2, Crane 44.76. 3, Coahoma 44.84. 4, Colorado City 45.34. 5, Idalou 46.06. 6, Bovina 46.49. 7, Munday 47.18.

800-Meter Run: 1, Chavez, Robert, Sonora, 2:00.28. 2, Harr-old, Jonathan, Crane, 2:02.89. 3, Guinn, Robert, Idalou, 2:03.60. 4, Montez, Adam, Stanton, 2:06.48. 5, Garcia, Esteban, Sonora, 2:07.61. 6, Ortiz, Gerardo, Bovina, 2:07.84.

110-Meter Hurdles: 1, Paul, Dee, Munday, 15.56. 2, Adkins, Bradley, Idalou, 15.60. 3, Badaeux, Zach, Sonora, 15.61. 4, Dunn, Will, Sonora, 15.66. 5, Walling, Justin, Wall, 15.70. 6, Dowdy, Tyler, Idalou, 15.87.

Long Jump: 1, Paul, Dee, Munday, 22-03. 2, Dowdy, Tyler, Idalou, 20-07.50. 3, Hudson, Word, Sonora, 19-08.25. 4, Cross, Imoni, Sonora, 19-07. 5, Adkins, Bradley, Idalou, 19-05.50. 6, Badaeux, Zach, Sonora, 19-05.50.

100-Meter Dash: 1, Meek, Landon, Wall, 11.45. 2, Russell, Tracey, Colo City, 11.46. 3, Hooker, Chris, Wall, 11.52. 4, Pennington, Gunter, Sonora, 11.58. 5, Matschek, Austin, Wall,

11.78. 6, Bownds, Blaze, Idalou, 11.92.

4x200-Meter Relay: 1, Wall 1:31.74. 2, Coahoma 1:32.78. 3, Bovina 1:33.33. 4, Crane 1:33.76. 5, Sonora 1:34.92. 6, Colorado City Colorado 1:34.95.

400-Meter Dash: 1, Guerrero, Jessie, Sonora, 49.91. 2, Sanchez, Juan, Munday, 52.92. 3, Montez, Adam, Stanton, 53.82. 4, Vela, Irvin, Bovina, 54.38. 5, McBride, Jansen, Sonora, 55.17. 6, Reyna, Oscar, Stanton, 56.79.

300-Meter Hurdles: 1, Paul, Dee, Munday, 39.15. 2, Dunn, Will, Sonora, 39.22. 3, Dowdy, Tyler, Idalou, 40.42. 4, Badaeux, Zach, Sonora, 42.36. 5, Payne, Dallas, Sonora, 43.78. 6, Solewin, Aris, Christoval, 43.90.

200-Meter Dash: 1, Coker, Justin, Coahoma, 22.89. 2, Carrillo, Austin, Crane, 22.99. 3, Meek, Landon, Wall, 23.40. 4, Santana, Erik, Sonora, 23.86. 5, Rizo, Jacob, Colo City, 24.25. 6, Matschek, Austin, Wall, 24.54.

1,600-Meter Run: 1, Escalante, Nick, Crane, 4:40.56. 2, Daniel, Zack, Crane, 4:43.61. 3, Regino, Ricardo, Sonora, 4:57.14. 4, Vasquez, Jesus, Sonora, 4:57.21. 5, Garcia, Esteban, Sonora, 4:59.11. 6, Pinela, Juan, Bovina, 5:00.98.

4x400-Meter Relay: 1, Sonora 3:26.63. 2, Crane 3:28.59. 3, Wall 3:29.77. 4, Munday 3:32.37. 5, Bovina 3:32.47.

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his top-seeded team lost 71-61 to VCU. "It's wild. ... Because seeds are so overrated. It's about matchups. And their players could play for

us any day."

VCU (28-11) got up early on Kansas on Sunday and never looked back, another upset winner in a tournament that's all about underdogs.

"Our guys have done a phenomenal job of putting all the doubters

aside, putting all the people that didn't believe in us aside and going out and doing their job," VCU coach Shaka Smart said.

The Rams are the third No. 11 seed to make the Final Four and the first since George Mason in 2006, which also hails from the Colonial Athletic Association. But the Rams are the first ever that will need to win seven games — not the usual six — to win the title. They were one of the last at-large teams to make the newfangled 68-team field. They played in the new "First Four" — an extra round that was added as part of the NCAA's new \$10.8 billion TV deal.

Now they're in the Final Four.

They'll play Butler (27-9), which slumped through big chunks of this season, a somewhat predictable result after what was supposed to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Final Four last year, played a scant six miles from their Indianapolis campus.

This year, the destination is Reliant Stadium

— 1,036 miles away. The Bulldogs are once again proving that all it takes is good players — not a power conference, a big school or gobs of money — to compete on the biggest stage in college sports.

Last season, in one of the most epic finishes in Final Four history, Gordon Hayward's halfcourt shot banked off glass, nicked off the rim and barely bounded out to leave Butler two points short of Duke for the national title.

It was a heartbreaker, but maybe one that set the Bulldogs up for a repeat. They've won one game by one, another by two and another by three on this year's road to the Final Four. They beat Florida 74-71 in overtime Saturday to make their second straight trip.

"I think it (last year) helps you with knowing how you need to prepare and what you should do and what you should not do," Howard said. "I think that will help us."

Though UConn and Kentucky each struggled at times this sea-

son, they've had Final Four pedigrees for years (decades when it comes to the Wildcats) and they lived up to them this month.

Connecticut was 9-9 in the Big East this season but won an unprecedented five games in five days in the conference tournament to win its first big trophy of March. The big question was whether the Huskies, led by one of the nation's best players in Kemba Walker, would have enough energy to keep things going in the NCAA.

Short answer: Yes. They held off Arizona 65-63 on Saturday and are in the Final Four for the fourth time since 1999.

"I've been fortunate over 39 years to have a lot of teams do a lot of different things," coach Jim Calhoun said, "but never could I imagine the team winning nine games in tournament play in 19 days."

To win No. 10, UConn (30-9) must beat Kentucky, a team led by three freshmen that might, nonetheless,

have its biggest star on the bench. Coach John Calipari joined Rick Pitino as the only coaches to lead three different programs to the Final Four.

Brandon Knight, Doron Lamb and Terrence Jones are the three freshmen who helped the Wildcats (29-8) get to the Final Four for the first time since their 1998 national title team.

This was a team that lost four out of seven earlier this season and looked every bit as close to the tournament bubble as a national championship.

Since then, the Wildcats have won 10 straight, including the 76-69 win over North Carolina on Sunday.

"We got Kentucky back," senior forward Josh Harrelson said. "A lot of people really didn't think we would be the team we are. We know we struggled early in the season, lost a couple of close games that we should have won. And you know, we really pulled it together as a team. And, you know, we're back now."

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