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City workers continue to clear snow, ice



City of Pampa employees had a very busy weekend, trying to remove the more than eight inches of snow and ice dumped by the winter storm Thursday and Friday.

Street department and parks department personnel worked around the clock in 12 hour shifts all the way through Sunday evening.

"We started cleanup efforts on Thursday morning at 4 a.m. with sanding and then proceeded with snow removal after it started accumulating," said Public Works Director Donny Hooper. "We have moved back to normal eight hour days now and are preparing for the possibility of more weather this week."

Equipment and personnel working around the clock included two Motor Graders, three front end loaders, (three sand trucks, two snow plows, one backhoe, one Skid Steer Loader, and multiple hand shovels. All of this equipment was manned by eight day-shift operators (4 a.m. to 4 p.m. and seven night shift operators (4 p.m. to 4 a.m.).

"The main thoroughfares and streets surrounding the schools was, as is always in this case, the main focus for cleanup efforts," Hooper explained.

"Unfortunately we are just not equipped with the man power and equipment to work on residential streets within the City. We appreciate everyone being patient with us as we work to keep traffic flowing during hazardous times. I feel like our

City workers tackle a water leak near the corner of Frost and Atchison Monday morning, just one of the many tasks performed since a snowstorm brought more than eight inches of snow and ice to Pampa Thursday and Friday.

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Weather still causing area power outages

BY DAVID BOWSER

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 The snow and ice storm may have moved on to the East Coast, but the weather is still causing havoc in the Eastern Texas Panhandle.

An Excel representative said today that freezing fog Pampa experienced overnight had caused more damage to the region.

Wes Reeves said this morning that the freezing fog built up ice on area power lines and left about 100 customers in Gray County without power early today.

He said that company linemen were mobilizing again in the subfreezing temperatures this morning and restoring power to

area residents.

Hardest hit were rural areas around McLean, Alanreed, Lark and Groom, he said.

"Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. today, we lost between 20 and 30 cross arms and five or six poles southwest of McLean," Reeves said. "Southwest of Alanreed, we lost two poles and six cross arms."

South of Pampa, Reeves reported that the electric company lost five cross arms on power poles.

"Lark has one pole down and two sets of cross arms," Reeves said, "and south of Groom, we have lost nine cross arms and two poles."

PHS drops to 3A

BY ANDREW GLOVER

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 The Pampa Harvesters will be playing in class 3A for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years after the UIL biannual realignment.

Every two years the UIL realigns classes and districts based on enrollment. Pampa was in 4A the last several seasons. In 2008 the minimum enrollment for 4A was 980. In 2010 that number went up to 990. According to the Pampa ISD records department, Pampa High School's enrollment for 2010 was 942 and in 2008 it was 1,027.

The Harvesters will be in 3A District one with Borger, Perryton and Dalhart. Pampa scrimmaged

Dalhart in football last season. Every team played against Borger and every team except tennis played against Perryton in non-district. Borger, Perryton and Dalhart all played in 3A District one last season.

Wolforth Frenship and Plainview joined District 3-4A which was Pampa's district the last two seasons. Hereford rejoined district 3-4A. Lubbock Cooper, Levelland and Estacado who was in District 1-3A the last two seasons moved to District 2-3A joining Brownfield, Lamesa, and Shallowater.

Not all details were available as of press time. Further details will be provided when school officials have the opportunity to clarify the decision.

Evening on Broadway
 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m.
 due to a conflict with basketball games.

Former Pampan one of 10 held in Haiti

One of 10 U.S. Baptists arrested and jailed in Haiti for trying to take 33 children out of the country without government permission is a former Pampan.

Clint Henry, listed on his church's Web site as Senior Pastor for Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian, Idaho is a 1976 graduate of Pampa High school. Henry's father and brother still live in Pampa.

His brother, Curtiss Henry, said Monday morning he is optimistic the good intentions of the group will be apparent in the end.

"I think things will work out alright, but it will be a mess getting it straightened out," said Curtiss Henry.

Curtiss Henry said he last talked to his brother approximately two weeks ago. However, the pastor's wife, Jeanette, who did not go on the mission trip, called him Sunday.

"His wife called me yesterday and said Clint had been flooded with phone calls and not to try to call him," Curtiss said. "She told me not to get all worried when we saw him on TV and she asked me to call dad."

According to the Associated Press, Haitian officials said Monday they are thinking of sending 10 U.S. Baptists to the United States for prosecution after they were arrested trying to take 33 children out of the country without government permission.

Officials said they hoped to quickly resolve the case while also sending a strong message that child trafficking will not be tolerated.

Haiti's communications minister, Marie-Laurence Jocelin Lassegue, said Haitian and U.S. officials were discussing the idea of trying the Baptists in the United States because Haiti's court system was crippled in the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake, which destroyed the justice ministry building and killed

many government officials.

Since their arrest Friday near the Dominican border, the church group has been held inside dingy concrete rooms in the same judicial police headquarters building where ministers give disaster response briefings. They have not yet been charged.

A lawyer representing them alleged Monday that they were being treated poorly and that one of them, a diabetic, fainted and was hospitalized. Attorney Jorge Puella, in the Dominican Republic, said they weren't being given adequate medical care and food.

While the U.S. Baptists said they were only trying to rescue abandoned children from the disaster zone, investigators were trying to determine how the Americans got the children, and whether any of the traffickers that have plagued the impoverished country were involved.

Aid workers who interviewed the children said some have surviving parents, and that some were desperate to be reunited with their families.

The Baptists' "Haitian Orphan Rescue Mission" was described as an effort to save abandoned, traumatized children. Their plan was to scoop up 100 kids and take them by bus to a 45-room hotel at Cabarete, a beach resort in the Dominican Republic. The 33 kids ranged in age from 2 months to 12 years.

They were stopped at the border for not having proper paperwork and taken back to Port-au-Prince, where the children were taken to a temporary children's home.

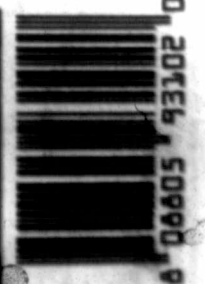
Foreigners adopting children from the developing world have grabbed headlines recently — Madonna tried to adopt a girl from Malawi amid criticism from locals, while Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

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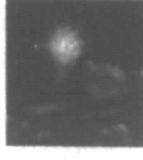


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Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. South wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Rain likely before 10 pm, then rain and snow likely between 10 pm and midnight, then snow likely after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 30. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 34. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Lillian Esson, 88

Pampa—Lillian Esson, 88, January 29, 2010, Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 1, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, with John Curry, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Esson was born August 26, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois to James and Ruth Muller. She graduated from Watervliet High School in Watervliet,

Michigan in 1940. She married Ralph Esson on July 1, 1946 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He preceded her in death in 1984. She moved to Texas in 1950, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1952.

Lillian was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a retired librarian from the Pampa Independent School District. She was a former member of Beta Sigma Phi. Lillian was a Red Cross swim instructor, and she enjoyed swimming, reading and she loved dogs.

The family would like to thank her doctors, nurses, and caregivers for their tender care. Special thanks go to Maria Copado for her love and devotion.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law: Lynn and David Ferrell of Pampa; grandson: Brett Ferrell of Lubbock; several nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner,



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Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com

Bob Fick, 85

Pampa—Bob Fick, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of Avenue Baptist Church in Hereford, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy of the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Fick was born on May 10, 1924 in Hutchinson, Kansas and attended schools in the Kansas area. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theatre where he was sta-

tioned at Pearl Harbor, and he later served in the Korean Conflict. Bob married Thelma June James on Oct. 10, 1949 in Claremore, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on May 22, 1990. He and his family moved to Pampa in 1957 where he had lived ever since. In 1962, he went to work for Cabot Corp. where he was employed until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of Central Baptist Church. In his spare time, Bob was an avid bowler, and he met his longtime companion, Billie Gowdy, while bowling. They have spent 15 good years together, and

he was always supporting and helping to care for all his grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Ray Fick of Amarillo and Robert Glen Fick of Ringwood, OK; two daughters, Jessie Brown and husband Ray of Amarillo and Carol Kirkwood and husband Ivan of Wichita, KS; his companion: Billie Gowdy of Pampa; 3 stepdaughters: Kristy Irby of Lubbock; Polly Dougless and husband Bob of Midland; and Lori Kidd of Pampa; a daughter-in-law, Tabitha Bennett of Ringwood, OK; 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He



Fick

was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Fox, and a brother, Orvil Fick.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P. O. Box. 950, Amarillo, TX 79105. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com

Fritch teen dies, charges pending

On Friday, January 29 a 1997 Chevrolet pick up being driven by Shad White 37, of Fritch was traveling east on Santa Fe Trail. The vehicle was pulling a car hood east of the intersection with Wagon Wheel Road in Carson County south of Fritch.

On the car hood was Claude Alan Hampton 16, along with Brianna White 16, both of Fritch.

The car veered off of the roadway striking a telephone pole. Hampton's body then struck the telephone pole causing injuries to his head and neck.

Hampton was then transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by ambulance. Hampton died on January 30, 2010 at 12:05 p.m. in Northwest Texas Hospital. Charges are pending in this case.

The decision to run for Gray County Judge weighed heavily on my mind because I knew I would become a target for gossip and personal attacks. I respectfully request that the citizens of Gray County focus on the issues as I make this effort to create a change in Pampa. I was raised in this town, and have roots in our community. I graduated from Pampa High School in 1970. The city of Pampa has changed, and the decision making process needs a common sense approach. My greatest fear is for those around me, and I do not want my mother and family to be hurt by any personal attacks. I hope all will listen and help work for the greater good of our community.

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- As a Pampa city resident do you know your Gray County precinct number?
- Has your Commissioner ever contacted you about your problems?
- Do you know how much a Gray County Commissioner gets paid?
- A Gray County Commissioner makes \$32,480 plus health insurance and retirement. What does he do to earn that money?
- Do you know how many hours your Gray County Commissioner works per week?
- Why is this important? The Gray County Judge sets the budget!
- The County Commissioners approve the budget and set the tax rate.
- The 2009 unaudited Gray County budget revenues were approximately \$7.5 million dollars!
- What percentage of the budget did the murder trial cost?
- Who was consulted and who made the final decision to proceed with the murder trial?
- The Constable for precinct #2 in Gray County makes \$40,177 including health and retirement benefits, but he works at Amarillo College as campus security. What does he do to earn that money?

Help me Help you to make a change in Gray County.

Murder Trial Costs Gray County A Lot

By David Pittman | MORRIS NEWS SERVICE

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Story last updated at 10/20/2009 - 12:34 am

"Gray County taxpayers spent almost \$750,000 - about 10 percent of the rural county's budget - to defend a Missouri man who shot and killed three people, county officials said Monday.

The preliminary costs for the defense of Levi King, 27, released Monday did not include attorneys fees or a potential bill from Lubbock County.

Lynn Switzer, 31st District attorney, defended the decision to bring Levi King to trial despite duplicating a sentence he received in Missouri last year."

The defendant offered to plea to three life sentences without parole and no appeals. However, our District Attorney refused to take the plea offer.

One must ask, "Was justice served?" As a Christian nation is the death penalty justice? The last capital murder trial in Pampa was in 1993 and the execution date is set for February 24, 2010. That is 17 years of taxpayer expenses. The murder trial represented a substantial percentage of the total Gray County budget, and the cost of that murder trial has resulted in a loss of services for all.

I still do not know the final cost! Was it worth the cost?

- Why did Gray County not join the Indigent Defense Fund? This is like an insurance policy to help cover the costs of a murder trial in our county. Were the Gray County Commissioners aware that this fund existed?
- The Commissioner's Court approved more expenditures than Gray County had revenues coming in! (If you doubt my words get a copy of the Gray County budget at the Gray County Courthouse.) We must live within our budgets!
- My property taxes increased 47% in 2008 to cover spending decisions! What next? Where are we going to come up with the money?
- The time is NOW! Hold our elected officials accountable for their actions, and end the wasteful spending that continues to plague the current administration.

If you like what is happening in Pampa - keep voting the same men back into office.
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\$15k reward offered for info about Okla. girl, kidnapper

A \$15,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Lester William Hobbs, 46. Hobbs is suspected in the kidnaping of Aja Johnson, 7, and the murder of her mother, Tonya Hobbs.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshals Service in Oklahoma are offering the reward. Anyone with information that could be helpful to the investigation should call the U.S. Marshals Service in Oklahoma City at (405) 231-4206.

Aja Danielle Johnson is 4 feet tall, with brown eyes and brown hair. She

weighs 65 pounds.

Lester Hobbs is 6 feet, 1 inch tall and weighs 190 pounds. He has green eyes, brown hair, and multiple tattoos, including the word "Tony" on his left forearm and wings on his chest. He was last seen driving a white 1995 Toyota Paseo with Oklahoma license plate 577BPW. The rear window may be broken out.

The Texas Department of Public Safety had issued an Amber Alert for Aja Johnson earlier this week, but had to discontinue the alert because no additional leads were being received about her possible location.



Aja Johnson



Lester Hobbs



City employee Terry Brown operates a motor grader during the storm. (photo courtesy Donny Hooper)

Haiti

have a burgeoning multi-cultural brood.

But in Haiti, a long tradition of foreign military intervention coupled with the earthquake that destroyed much of the capital and plunged it even deeper into poverty, have made this issue even more emotionally charged. Of 20 Haitian parents interviewed in a tent camp by the AP on Sunday, only one said she would not give up her children to give them a chance at a better life.

"Some parents I know have already given their children to foreigners," said Adonis Helman, 44. "I've been thinking how I will choose which one I may give."

"My parents died in the earthquake. My husband has gone. Giving up one of my kids would at least give them a chance," said Saintanne Petit-Frere, 40, a mother of six. "My only fear is that they would forget me, but that wouldn't affect my decision."

Haiti's overwhelmed government has halted all adoptions unless they were in motion before the earthquake amid fears that parentless or lost children are more vulnerable than ever to being seized and sold. Sex trafficking has been rampant in Haiti. Prime Minister Max Bellerive's personal authorization is now required for the departure of any child.

Without proper documents and concerted efforts to track down their parents, children could be forever separated from family members able and willing to care for them.

"For UNICEF, what is important is that for children separated from their parents, we do everything possible to have their families traced and to reunite them," said Kent Page, a spokesman for the group in Haiti. "They have to be protected from traffickers or people who wish to exploit these children."

The Idaho church group's spokeswoman, Laura Silsby, conceded that she had not obtained the proper Haitian documents, but told the AP from detention that the group was "just trying to do the right thing"

amid the chaos.

The disaster inspired them to move more quickly than they had initially planned to start a shelter for 200 boys and girls in the Dominican Republic, where they hoped to build a school and chapel and work with U.S. adoption agencies to bring in Christian parents.

The children are now being cared for in an orphanage run by Austrian-based SOS Children's Villages, where spokesman George Willeit said workers were searching for their families. "One (9-year-old) girl was crying, and saying,

'I am not an orphan. I still have my parents.' And she thought she was going on a summer camp or a boarding school or something like that," Willeit said.

The arrested Americans include members of the Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian, Idaho, and the East Side Baptist Church in Twin Falls, Idaho. They are part of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is America's largest Protestant denomination and has extensive humanitarian programs world-wide.

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Obituary

Bobby Gene Musick, 71

Lefors — Bobby Gene Musick, 71, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 in Lefors.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3:00 PM Tuesday at Union Hatchett Cemetery in Bessie, Oklahoma with Pastor Jessie Musick of First United Pentecostal Church of Clinton, Oklahoma, officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. Musick was born on May 16, 1938 in Elk City, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma schools. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Jan. 27, 1956 and served for over 3 years. Bobby lived in Clinton,

Oklahoma for several years before moving to the Pampa area in 1979. He worked as a plumber and maintenance supervisor for the Pampa Mall and Coronado Center. Bobby was a man who made changes in his life, and made a goal to help others strive for a difference in their own lives by one-on-one mentoring and public speaking. His credo was the "Serenity Prayer" which says "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference."

Survivors include one son, Darwin Musick of Monticello, Arkansas; two daughters, Kathy Tinney and husband Don of Lefors and Pam Franks and husband Steven of Lefors, three grandsons, Johnathan Tinney and



Musick

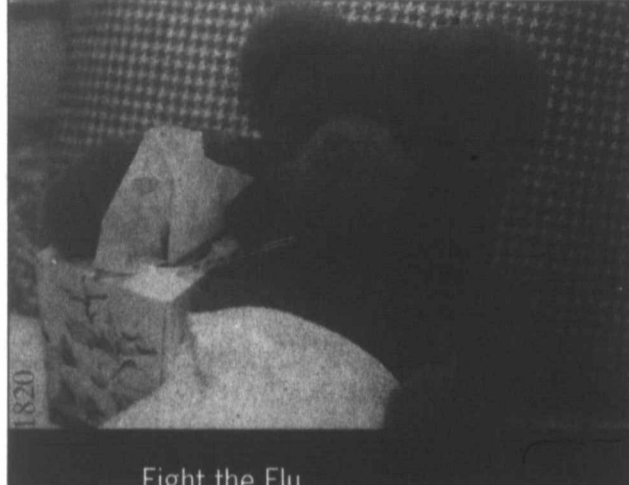
Devan Franks, both of Lefors, and Dustin Musick of Monticello, AR; and by four granddaughters, Jonelle Coombes, Brooke Franks, and Madison Franks, all of Lefors, and Carrie Johnson of Monticello, AR; three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter; and numerous brothers & sisters. Bobby was preceded in death by a son, Gene Terrell Musick, by his father, Carl Lee Musick, and by his mother, Jessie Hubbard.

Storm

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street department has done a wonderful job. They had a huge task in front of them and approached it with a great attitude. They truly care about doing a professional job and it shows," Hooper said.

There were also two water leaks this weekend at Crawford and Banks, and on Atchison street. Workers had to replace 6 feet of pipe on the Crawford leak. The Atchison leak was a service line, according to Hooper.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2010. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a whites-only Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., which refused to serve them; similar protests sprang up across the South.

On this date:

In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.
In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence, merging the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.

In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

'Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.'

— Eddie Rickenbacker, American war hero

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie (TRIG'-vuh lee) was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1958, the United Arab Republic, a union of Egypt and Syria, was established. (Syria withdrew from the union in 1961.)

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'-nee) received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

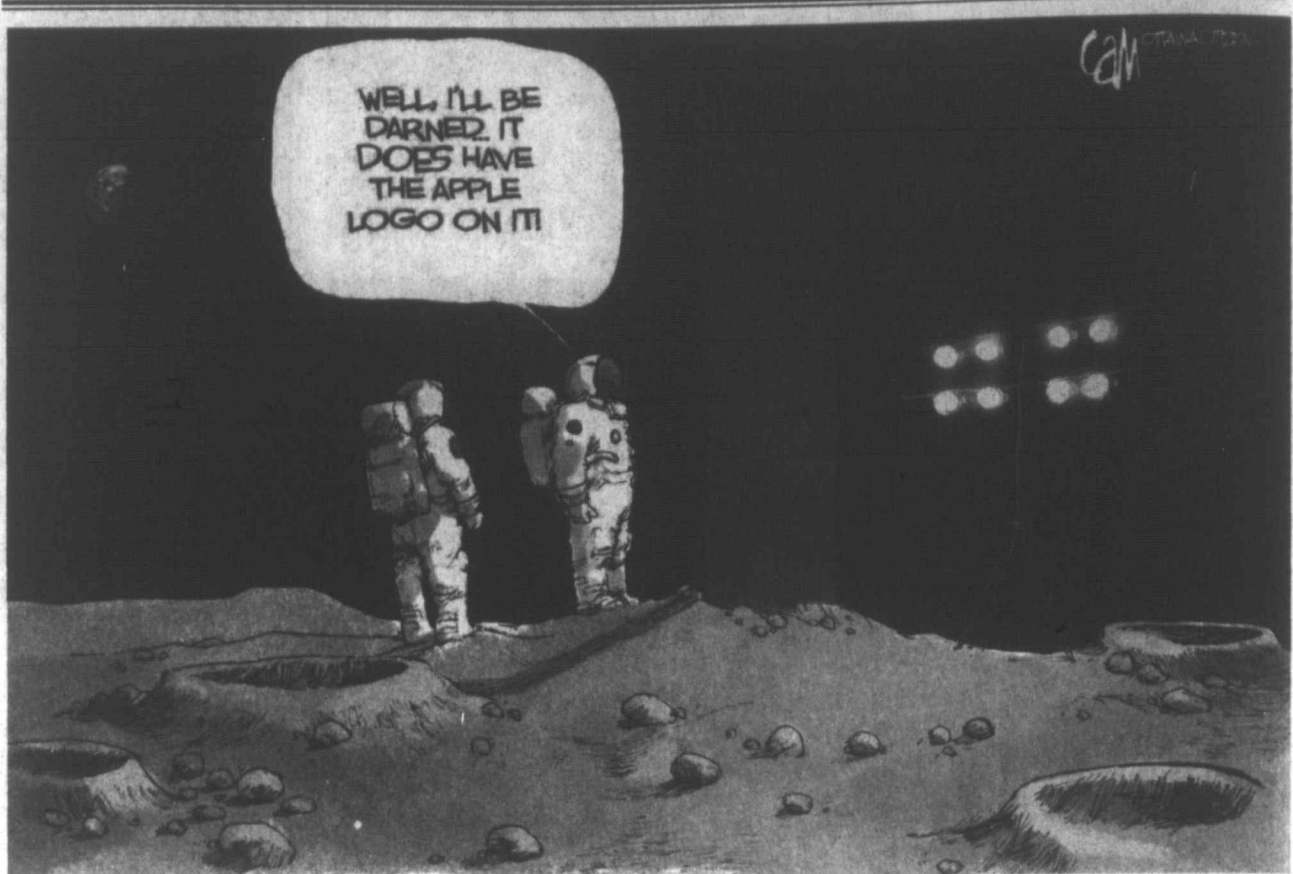
In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

Ten years ago: Sen. John McCain defeated Texas Gov. George W. Bush to win the Republican New Hampshire primary; Vice President Al Gore edged Bill Bradley to win the Democratic primary.

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II was hospitalized for breathing problems and the flu. Character actor John Vernon, who'd played nasty Dean Wormer in "National Lampoon's Animal House," died in Los Angeles at age 72.

One year ago: The Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 to win Super Bowl XLIII (43). Rafael Nadal held off Roger Federer in another momentum-swinging five-set final to win the Australian Open, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-2. Olympic great Michael Phelps acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after a photo in a British newspaper showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe. Dewey Martin, 68, the drummer and singer who'd helped found the country rock band Buffalo Springfield, was found dead in Van Nuys, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: America's last surviving World War I veteran, Frank Buckles, is 109. Gospel singer George Beverly Shea is 101. Actor Stuart Whitman is 82. Singer Don Everly is 73. Actor Garrett Morris is 73. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 73. Actor Sherman Hemsley is 72. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 71. Jazz musician Joe Sample is 71. TV personality-singer Joy Philbin is 69. Comedian Terry Jones is 68. Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) is 66. Opera singer Carol Neblett is 64. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 60. Blues singer-musician Sonny Landreth is 59. Actor-writer-producer Bill Mummy (MOO'-mee) is 56. Rock singer Exene Cervenka is 54. Actor Linus Roache is 46. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 45. Country musician Dwayne Dupuy (Ricochet) is 45. Actress Sherilyn Fenn is 45. Lisa Marie Presley is 42. Comedian-actor Pauly Shore is 42. Actor Brian Krause is 41. Jazz musician Joshua Redman is 41. Rock musician Patrick Wilson (Weezer) is 41. Actor Michael C. Hall is 39. Rock musician Ron Welty is 39. Rapper Big Boi (Outkast) is 35. Country singer Julie Roberts is 31. Actor Jarrett Lennon is 28. TV



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Analysis: Obama budget buffeted by crosswinds

TOM RAUM
AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS
WASHINGTON (AP)— President Barack Obama's new budget sets two goals that may be irreconcilable: a new round of spending and tax cuts to create desperately needed jobs, and deficit reduction to set the stage for a return to fiscal austerity.

It would be hard enough to do both in less politically turbulent times. But politics will surely be the main driver in this midterm election year as Congress begins to dissect and dismember Obama's \$3.8 trillion blueprint for the 2011 budget year that begins Oct. 1.

Despite new White House assurances on Monday that it is possible to confront simultaneously the nation's stubbornly high unemployment rate and record trillion-dollar deficits, knives were already being drawn for Obama's plan on both sides of the aisle.

"None of this is easy, but it is crucially important for the American people," White House Budget Director Peter Orszag said as he made the rounds of Monday morning news shows. "Again, get job growth up and get the deficit down over time."

Obama's proposal for a three-year freeze on much of the government's discretionary spending, for instance, quickly drew criticism from some on the left.

Republicans, newly emboldened by a crucial Senate victory in Massachusetts last month, were criticizing other parts of the plan, with some suggesting Obama's deficit-trimming features did not go far enough. "We can do much better than that," asserted House Minority

Leader John Boehner of Ohio.

Obama's spending freeze, to be followed by spending caps, would hit many domestic government agencies hard. But off limits would be military, veterans, homeland security and big benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare. Interest payments on the \$12.1 trillion national debt would also not be affected.

Obama sought to use his new budget to underscore his shift in priorities away from health care to job creation, a shift that recognizes the depth of economic restlessness among the populace and the changed political dynamics that signal trouble ahead for Democrats.

All presidential budgets are like Kabuki dances, the highly stylized Japanese stage play where the outcome is known well beforehand.

The president proposes and the Congress disposes, a maxim that is seldom truer than in this midterm year when Democrats are under severe pressure and where Republicans eyeing congressional gains in November are defiant and have little incentive to cooperate with the majority.

It is Congress, and not the president, that sets spending and tax levels. All the president can do is send up a budget blueprint and make it sound like his proposals are the final word. They aren't, not by a long shot. Presidents can always veto what they don't like, but that's at the very end of the legislative budget road.

Furthermore, Obama, more than other recent presidents, is severely limited in what he can accomplish.

Even though Democrats still control both the House and Senate, they no longer have the 60-vote majority in the Senate needed to thwart GOP filibusters and other delaying tactics.

Perhaps more importantly, the worst recession since the 1930s and two wars have helped reduce tax revenues and swell the national debt to \$12.1 trillion. This leaves little room to maneuver, either for Obama or Congress. They can only nibble around the edges.

"In politics, whatever the president can get voters to believe becomes the truth, but in economics the numbers establish the facts. Unfortunately for President Obama, Americans can add," said Peter Morici, a business professor at the University

of Maryland who has criticized the economic policies of both Obama and former President George W. Bush.

Lawrence Summers, Obama's chief economic adviser, acknowledges that with an unemployment rate still hovering at 10 percent, the ability of government to help create jobs becomes supremely important.

While the economy grew strongly in the final three months of 2009 and some economists believe the worst recession in decades ended last summer, the dire jobless situation has produced "a statistical recovery and a human recession," Summers said.

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Pampa massage therapist earns national award

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Huynh completes AIT

Army Pvt. Tan H. Huynh has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

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Huynh is the brother of Thao Luong of Pampa, Texas.

Stars gather to cover 'We Are the World' for Haiti

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twenty-five years after star-studded anthem "We Are the World" raised millions of dollars to aid famine relief in Africa, celebrities of a different generation were set to gather Monday night to re-record the charity tune to benefit Haiti.

Among those scheduled to perform on the

revamped track the night after the Grammy Awards were Akon, Jason Mraz, Bono, Wyclef Jean, Carlos Santana, Enrique Iglesias, Usher, Toni Braxton and Lady Gaga. The session will be held at the same recording studio where the original was cut — the historic A&M complex in Hollywood.

Quincy Jones, who pro-

duced the 1985 anthem, announced last week that he planned to redo the song to benefit recovery from the deadly Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

The session was all the talk at Sunday night's Grammy festivities. Music producer RedOne said being asked to participate was "the biggest honor a musician can ever do."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We had a repairman in our home yesterday who needed to leave to go to the hardware store for a part. My wife told him: "I have to go to pick up my son, so here's my spare key. Let yourself back in."

Abby, we do not know this man from Adam! He easily could have copied our key -- he was going to the hardware store, after all -- and returned to burglarize our home, or worse. We have three young children.

I realize my wife was in a tough spot. I know I should have more faith in the goodness of humanity, but I feel she put our family at risk. I'm considering having my locks changed.

Your thoughts on the matter would be much appreciated. -- PROTECTIVE IN LIVERMORE, CALIF.

DEAR PROTECTIVE: You should not have a repairman in your home at any time unless the person is licensed, bonded, and you have checked his references. If, heaven forbid, a home is burglarized, the owners should tell the police about any "stranger" who has been on the premises.

DEAR ABBY: I know thank-you notes are in order for wedding gifts, graduation presents and special anniversary gifts -- but can the practice be overdone?

A woman in our group, "Bev," delights in sending thank-you notes for every little thing. Example: One day she dropped by as I was preparing a tuna sandwich for lunch, so I offered her one. We ate them on paper plates with a cup of tea. A few days later, a thank-you note arrived, which surprised me.

Abby, neither my mother nor I have ever

sent or expected thank-you notes for casual visits. We see and talk to each other often.

I don't want to offend Bev and will reply in kind to her. What do you think?

-- GOOD FRIENDS IN ARIZONA

DEAR GOOD FRIEND: Because Bev may not be aware of your feelings on the subject, I think you should also tell HER that in the future a simple thank you in person or a phone call will suffice.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question I can't ask of anyone but you. I am 84 years old, and I have been a widow for 10 years. I worked as a secretary all my life.

I am torn about accepting requests from a man I used to work for to "come and visit" him. This is not

an invitation for a date -- dinner, a movie, a drive. It's nothing but "a visit."

The "visit" consisted of hugging, kissing and sex. That's all. It made me feel cheap.

I feel he is trying to use me. There is never any mention of a "date." Please hasten your reply and tell me how I should handle this. -- FEELING USED IN BELLEVILLE, ILL.

DEAR FEELING USED: The next time "Prince Charming" calls and asks you to pay a house call, smile into the receiver (which will make your tone warmer and friendlier) and tell him you'd be "delighted" to see him -- when he picks you up, takes you to dinner or a movie or even for a drive. And stick to your guns.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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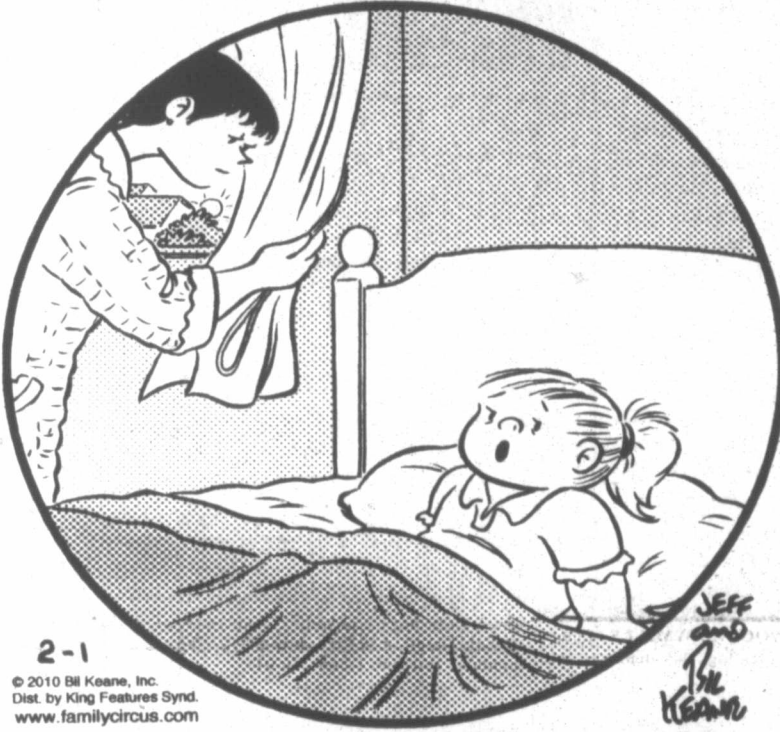
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"If we're not home in an hour, call the Coast Guard."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I'm not sure what I should do today — listen to my iPod or fight with Jeffy."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 41 Casino
 - 1 Raccoon calculation
 - 5 Pokes roughly
 - 9 Dwight's wife
 - 10 Visibly stunned
 - 12 Furious
 - 13 Fable finish
 - 14 Egg buys
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 - 17 Departs
 - 18 Like this answer
 - 21 USNA grad's rank
 - 22 Recently
 - 23 Terrific
 - 24 Socially exclusive
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 - 31 Possessed
 - 32 Twisting force
 - 34 Madonna musical
 - 37 Sight-seeing trips
 - 38 Happen again
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 - 40 Waiting-room call
- DOWN**
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 - 7 Bombshell
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 - 11 Antlered animals
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 - 25 "Forget it!"
 - 26 Water or wine
 - 27 Complete reversals
 - 28 Gaggle members
 - 29 "Moonstruck" star
 - 30 Throng
 - 33 "Beetle Bailey" dog
 - 35 Groom's garb
 - 36 Museum fill

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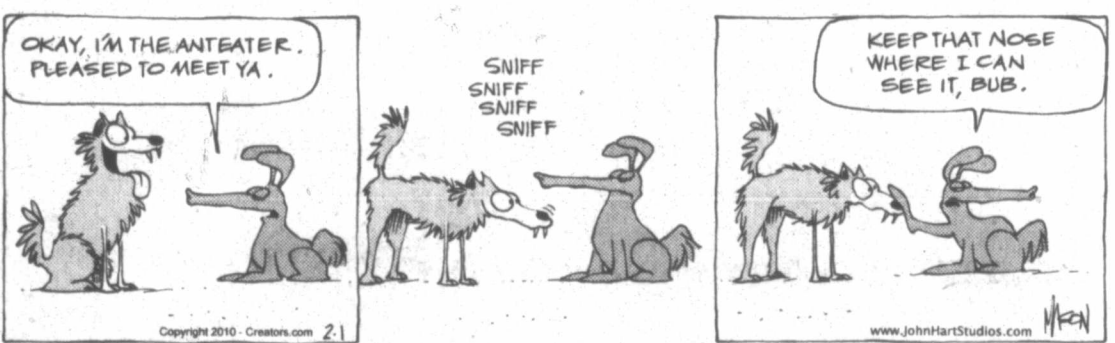
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** You might be more vested than in the past. Your inability to follow through might be coming from a past experience. Distance yourself rather than trigger. Understand rather than carry on. Off to the gym, or find another form of exercise!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Realize that you have quite possibly pushed someone too hard, and he or she is reacting way beyond the

obvious. How you handle a child or loved one has much to do with your own resourcefulness. Tonight: Just ask.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** Stay close to home if possible, or don't venture far, even if at work. Many unexpected elements are at work. If you are feeling sad or depressed, take this opportunity to discuss the situation. Tonight: Order in.

Sports

Harvesters still in playoff hunt despite rough start

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The Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team enters the second half of district three and a half games out of fourth place but despite what the record shows they are still in contention for the playoffs.

In every district game, the Harvesters have played they just had one bad quarter that kept them from winning or made it tougher

for them to win. In the district opener against Dumas, Pampa was outscored 18-10 in the second quarter, but outscored the Demons 45-27 the rest of the game. Now the Caprock game was just a bad game for Pampa but the Harvesters could get pay back tomorrow night in Amarillo. Against Hereford the Harvesters were outscored 19-3 after one quarter. The rest of the game Pampa outscored



Andrew Glover

Hereford 50-42. Against Canyon, the game was similar to the Caprock game but the Harvesters played strong in the first half and was outscored in the second half. In their game against Randall, Pampa was outscored 17-9 in the second quarter but outscored the Raiders 41-38 the rest of the game. Finally against the Palo Duro Dons, Pampa was outscored 30-10 in the second quarter but was

only outscored 45-43 the rest of the game. In the second half of district, the Harvesters just need to avoid a bad quarter. Pampa can easily go 4-2 or 5-1 in the second half if they can do this. Hereford who currently holds fourth still has to play Randall who is in third and Palo Duro who hasn't been beaten in district play since 2002. Key games the Harvesters must win is against Dumas,

Hereford and Randall. Pampa has a great starting five with Alex Clendenning, Garrett Ericson, Latigo Collins, Travis Hagerman and Ryan Jimenz. When all of them are on, the Harvesters can't be beat. So, if the Harvesters can avoid a bad quarter the rest of district they could be playing beyond February 16.

DU Pioneers finish road trip losing to ASU 74-58

JONESBORO, Ark. — The University of Denver women's basketball team (13-8, 8-3 SBC) fell 74-58 to the Arkansas State Red Wolves (9-12, 4-6 SBC) on Saturday afternoon in the Convocation Center in Jonesboro, Ark. The loss drops the Pioneers to 8-3 in conference play and

Junior Britteni Rice (Pampa, Texas) led the Pioneers with 15 points,

while junior Brianna Culberson (Jefferson City, Mo.) and sophomore Kaetlyn Murdoch (Temple, Texas) both added 13 points each. Murdoch also finished with 10 rebounds to her sixth double-double of the season. 14th of her career, to go along with three blocks and a perfect 5-of-5 showing from the line.

Leading the way off the

glass was senior Ashly Robinson (Bloomington, Minn.) as she grabbed 12 rebounds, six offensive, while freshman Emiko Smith (Los Angeles, Calif.) dished out a game-high six assists.

Getting off to a sluggish start, the Pioneers found themselves trailing by 18 points, 27-9, with 10:05 remaining. However, Denver clawed

its way to cut the deficit to eight points on a 13-3 run as freshman Sarah Feeny (Bismarck, N.D.), Robinson and Murdoch all chipped in.

A three-pointer by Hurst, with 2:19 left put the Red Wolves back up by 11, 33-22, but Murdoch answered back less than 30 seconds later with her third lay-up of the night. Jefferson put the Red

Wolves back up by 11 off a lay-up in the paint, but Robinson provided the final bucket of the half as she grabbed her third offensive board of the night to lay it in and give Denver a 35-26 cushion.

It was much of the same in the second half as the Pioneers were never able to cut the deficit to less than nine points.

Denver returns home

to host a non-conference game against the Northern Colorado Bears on Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Magness Arena. Tip time is slated for 7 p.m. and fans can follow the game live on Pioneer Vision and Live Stats at www.DenverPioneers.com.

AFC beats NFC 41-34 in 2010 Pro Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — Peyton Manning and Drew Brees watched from the sideline, awaiting a bigger stage in another week. The Pro Bowl had plenty of offense without them.

In its new role as a warmup to the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl nearly over-heated the scoreboard, with the AFC outscoring the NFC 41-34 Sunday night.

Now comes the main

attraction. Pro Bowl players from the two Super Bowl teams attended the all-star game as spectators, and the rest of the Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints were to arrive Monday in South Florida.

The Colts and Saints play for the NFL title Sunday, and while it may be another high-scoring game, the defense is sure to be much

more aggressive. Long gains were the rule for the Pro Bowl, and hard hitting was the exception.

"It's a no-defense game," NFC coach Wade Phillips said. "So you are going to have a lot of scoring. But that is what we wanted to see."

Seven Colts and seven Saints were among the crowd of 70,697 that was the largest for a Pro Bowl since 1959 in Los Angeles. Manning and Brees shook hands at halftime.

"I'm excited tonight, knowing I have a real game next week," Manning said.

The NFL sought to transform the Pro Bowl into more of a "real game" by playing it before the Super Bowl for the first time. In a one-year experiment, the league also moved the game from Honolulu, its home since 1980.

The stadium was half empty by the third quarter, perhaps partly because of steady light rain and temperatures in the 60s. It was sunny and 82 in Honolulu at game time.

Did the weather dampen the players' enthusiasm for Miami?

"It's beautiful. It's paradise," NFC receiver Steve Smith said. "Too bad it's

not Hawaii."

Despite the rain, uniforms remained mostly spotless, with players rarely falling to the ground.

"It's different. It was like seven on seven," rookie linebacker Brian Orakpo said. "Everybody came out here trying not to get hurt and give the fans a good show."

Matt Schaub of the Houston Texans threw for 189 yards and two AFC scores, and was chosen the most valuable player. He started the game and returned to lead a 76-yard drive for the winning

touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"It's a game you watch growing up as a kid and wonder if you could ever be in," Schaub said. "To actually be a part of it is incredible."

Aaron Rodgers also threw two touchdown passes, and NFC teammate DeSean Jackson had two scoring catches.

Nearly 40 percent of the players originally selected for the game didn't play. One of the AFC replacements, David Garrard, threw for 183 yards, including a 48-yard touch-

down to Vincent Jackson.

"It's so awesome," Garrard said. "One of my goals coming into the game was to just be relevant and show all the people who said, 'What is he doing in there?' The Pro Bowl has dropped off a few pegs, that I do belong."

Vincent Jackson made seven catches for 122 yards. Chad Ochocinco had a 40-yard reception but didn't do any kicking after practicing placements and punts for the AFC during the week.

"That's OK. It was fun anyway," Ochocinco said.



San Diego Chargers wide receiver Vincent Jackson (83) and Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback David Garrard (9) celebrate during the NFL football Pro Bowl Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, in Miami. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

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