

WEATHER



Tonight:
Storm chance lingers
Low 73

Thursday:
Slight chance of storms
High 95

DEATH

SANTOS, ERNESTINE
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AROUND TOWN

Cook-off set

The Ennis Police Officers Association is planning their first-ever barbecue cook-off on July 19-20 at the Sokol Hall parking lot.

The entry fee for each team is \$75 and one smoked brisket, or \$75 and a \$20 donation. Membership in the Lone Star Barbecue Society is not required to enter.

Proceeds of the event will help fund the annual Santa Cops toy drive. Last Christmas the drive gave toys, clothing and other needed items to approximately 500 needy children in Ennis and surrounding areas. The Sokol bar will be open during the cookoff, and barbecue sandwiches will be on sale. Check-in begins at 4 p.m. Friday, July 19. Teams must be set up prior to the cooks' meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20. For more information, contact Brian Clark at 972-816-3326.

Golden Circle gets moving

The Golden Circle Senior Activity Center hosts a "Step Up to Scale Down and Lower Blood Pressure" program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays. For more information about the free offering, call Marie Dyess, Master Wellness Volunteer at the Texas Agrilife Extension, at 214-789-2886.

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Insurance squeezing budget

Total premium costs to jump by nearly \$50,000 monthly for city plan

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City employees will see their health insurance premium costs more than double in response to changes in the market brought about through the Affordable Care Act.

City Manager Steve Howerton outlined specific changes to the city's coverage offerings for city commissioners Tuesday that include hikes across the board to cover nearly \$50,000 in increased monthly

costs contained in the latest boost of premium rates. It is by far the largest budgetary impact the city faces this year, he said.

The city's costs per employee will increase faster than employees' contributions to their coverage, but employees also face triple the deductible level of last year's plan under the most supported option open to the city's decision-makers.

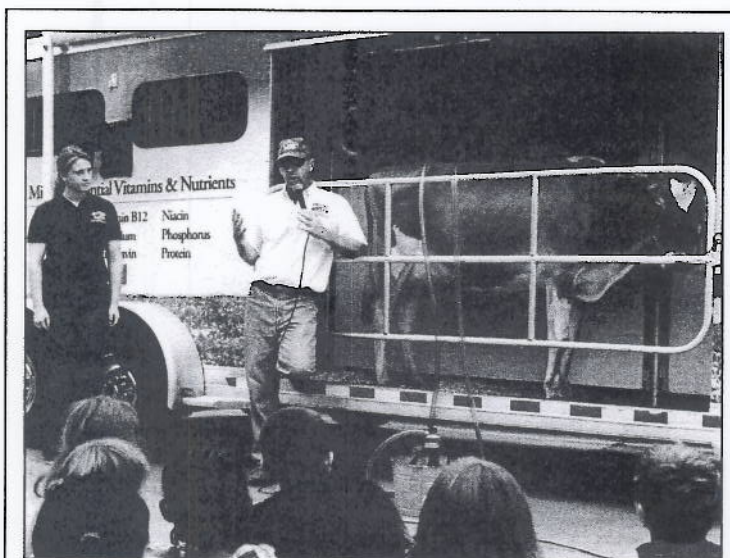
Even that option sees premium costs increasing by 23.6 percent. Ennis was originally given a premium increase of 43.2

percent by its insurance carrier to provide the same benefits in the 2013-2014 budget cycle that it has provided in 2012-2013.

"What we've had to do is really reduce our benefits to our employees," Howerton said.

For individuals, deductibles have been \$500 for an individual and \$1,000 for a family. Under the proposed plan, those levels increase to \$1,500 for an individual and \$3,000 for a family.

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Ennis Daily News photo/Phil Banker

Dairy farmers visit EPL readers

Kayler Campbell and Aaron Sanders with Southwest Dairy Farmers brought Diamond the cow and their mobile classroom to the Ennis Public Library on Tuesday. Students with the library's Summer Reading Program learned how cows are milked, as well as the health benefits and products made from milk.

Three booked in fight

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Ennis police arrested three men in connection with an early Monday morning brawl.

Lt. Mike Hopson of the Ennis Police Department said Officer Roger Cole and Cpl. Sherman Swafford responded to a reported fight shortly after midnight Monday at the EZ Mart located at 1015 S. Kaufman St.

By the time the officers arrived, the suspects reportedly fled the scene in a brown minivan. While Officer Jason McCurdy remained at the store with the victim, Cole and Swafford pursued the van.

Hopson said the officers stopped the van in the 100 block of West Main Street, questioning the driver and passengers. Hopson said the driver of the van, 20-year-old Jordan Valdez of Italy, was "uncooperative."

Police arrested Valdez pending charges of disorderly conduct and driving without a license. They jailed 23-year-old Vandrakes Majors of Bardwell and 18-year-old Nicholas Cervantes of Ennis pending charges of assault.



Valdez



Majors



Cervantes

Club aims for healthy, happy kids

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The Boys and Girls Club of Ennis is teaming up with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension to help teach kids about the importance of staying fit, healthy and happy.

Extension agents will host Happy, Healthy Kids Day from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Monday at the club, located at 1211 S. Clay St.

The event's presentations will touch upon subjects including nutrition, increasing physical activity, water and fire safety, bullying prevention and flu prevention.

Extension agent Rita Hodges said deputies with the Ellis County Sheriff's Office as well as Master Wellness volunteers and Forest Service personnel stepped up to give of their time and expertise to help kids.

"The more skills we can teach

To go

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them, the better," Hodges said.

She said this is the first time this particular presentation has ever come to Ennis. She said a previous trial run of the program at Avalon ISD worked so well, she wanted to bring it to even more kids.

"It was so successful that we suggested it to (the Boys and Girls Club) and they were very excited," Hodges said. "Our committee thought it would be a good idea to reach as many kids as possible with information on healthy lifestyles."

Hodges said in addition to presentations, her staff will be preparing "goodie bags" for kids to take home, complete with healthy recipes and information on how to maintain healthy lifestyles at home.

"They can only do so much if this isn't talked about at home," she said.

Carey Bryan, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Ennis, said the event is part of their longstanding working relationship with the extension office.

"It's something we're excited about," Bryan said. "We're looking forward to working with the university."



Hodges

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Teaching discipline to children begins early. A strong foundation of understanding discipline in the home can contribute to success in school and life outside the home as well as in the parent-child relationship.

Teaching discipline centers on parents' determination

One of the most challenging aspects of being a parent is deciding upon a style of discipline that's appropriate, effective, and in the best interest of the child. As frustrating as it may be, it's entirely normal for children to test limits. While it may not appear this way on the surface, addressing a child's misbehavior provides parents with a great opportunity to teach their children valuable life lessons. Although no one has all of the answers when it comes to disciplining children, some guidelines can help parents discipline their children in a loving, fair, and effective manner.

Have Realistic Expectations

When it comes to discipline, there's not one particular technique that works effectively with all children in all circumstances; therefore, when considering how to deal with a child's negative behavior, parents need to think about that child's developmental capacities and consider how to use the misbehavior to teach an age-appropriate life lesson.

Communicate Expectations Clearly

Children will have a very difficult time following the limits established by their parents if they don't know what those limits are. When children violate limits, it is critical to let them know that they have violated a limit. If some type of disciplinary action is taken, it is also helpful to let children know why they are being disciplined. Taking advantage of these "teachable moments" promotes positive behavior and helps prevent future misbehavior.

Establish Reasonable Consequences

Establishing reasonable consequences is an essential aspect of effective discipline. What constitutes reasonable versus unreasonable depends on the age and developmental stage of the child and the severity of the behavior. A child who clearly understands and is capable of following a rule established by a parent, yet fails to do so, should experience a consequence for this behavior. The consequence, however, should be in line with the offense. For example, a reasonable consequence for a 3-year-old child who takes a cookie from the kitchen just before dinner would be not letting the child have a dessert after dinner. An unreasonable consequence, on the other hand, would be not letting the child eat dinner at all.

Be Loving, Yet Firm

Researchers have discovered that the most effective style of discipline is an authoritative one, in which adults openly express their love for their children, yet expect them to behave in ways that are consistent with the guidelines they have set in

ing a rule and the parent fails to enforce it, the parent is not being consistent. Children are very observant. They pick up on inconsistencies in parents' behavior, which can lead to further misbehavior. Children who are cared for in a consistent manner know what to expect from their parents. They are not surprised when they suffer consequences for misbehavior.

Discipline in a Positive Way

Parents who truly care about the well-being of their children discipline them because they want what is best for them. Discipline that is done to teach, guide, protect, and promote self-responsibility is positive discipline. In contrast, discipline that is done out of anger or revenge is negative and can be harmful to children.



Rita Hodges

Model Appropriate Behavior

Children tend to model behavior they see on a regular basis. Parents have a unique opportunity to model positive and socially acceptable behavior. Whether it is picking up after making a mess or settling differences with another family member in a respectful manner, parents demonstrate to their children the skills they want them to acquire. If a parent wants his child to treat him and others with respect, he must model respect for others in his daily interactions. If he wants his child to listen to what he has to say, he must be willing to listen to his child.

Discover the Origins of Misbehavior

Children misbehave for a variety of different reasons. A child may "act out" because he's tired, hungry, frustrated, seeking after attention, or having difficulties at school. Parents should make an attempt to find the root cause of the behavior and deal with it. Doing so can prevent a situation from escalating out of control and bring a quick resolution to an otherwise potentially difficult situation.

Distinguish between a child and their behavior

When a child misbehaves, it is helpful to distinguish between the child and the behavior. Label the behavior as unacceptable, but don't convey to the child that she is unacceptable. Note the difference in these statements: "Your behavior was disappointing," versus "You are a disappointment!"

Learn from Mistakes

No parent has all of the answers when it comes to dealing with children's problem behavior. All of us who have our own children, or who have cared for children, have made mistakes when attempting to set and enforce limits with them. Disciplining children is one of the most difficult aspects of being a parent; however, effective parents learn from their mistakes.

Rankin, Texas to the late Jesus V. and Victoria (Andrada) Martinez. Ernestine married the love of her life, Charlie E. Santos on June 15, 1951 and celebrated over 55 years before his passing on June 19, 2006. She was a dedicated member of St. John Catholic Church. Ernestine's life was her family; not only rearing her own children, she also reared her grandchildren as well. As mentioned by her family, Ernestine was a genuine giver; she never took, a true caregiver and legendary cook. Every one who knew her called her Granny. Her life was a testimony of a Christian Lady. She will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Ernestine is survived by children, Jerry Santos and his wife Nancy of Ennis, David Santos and his wife Sharon of Ennis, Cynthia Brazier and her husband Gerald of Rice, Danny Santos and his

is preceded in death by her brothers, Ignacio Martinez, Raymond Martinez; sisters, Bonnie Martinez, Victoria Chappa, and grandson, Clint Matthew Santos.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 P.M. with a Rosary at 7 P.M. on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home in Ennis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John Catholic Church in Ennis at 10 A.M. on Friday, July 19, 2013 with Father John Dick as Celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Ennis.

To view an obituary or sign the guest book, please visit www.bozemitchellmckibbin.com.

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AROUND TOWN

Corsicana Farmers Market open until Sept. 28

The Corsicana Farmers Market is now open for its 29th season.

The market is open Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 7 a.m. until noon or sell out. The 2013 season ends Saturday, Sept. 28. The 14-stall framed shed is located at Business Interstate 45 and Sixth Street in Corsicana.

Ennis Public Library Summer program on-going

The Ennis Public Library's 2013 Summer Reading Program is held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursdays. Children finishing grades kindergarten up through the sixth grade can sign up now at the library.

Programs are also available on Wednesdays for children who have not yet started regular Kindergarten. For more information, call 972-875-5360 or visit www.ennispubliclibrary.com. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ennis and the Friends of the Ennis Public Library (a United Way agency).

Disaster loan deadline incoming

Federal disaster loans are available through the Small Business Administration for residents and business owners whose homes and commercial property suffered damage associated with the May 16 tornado in Ennis. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application at the Small Business Administration's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is July 29, 2013.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 3, 2014.

ASL, Chess classes available

Signing and Chess classes are being offered at the Ennis Public Library every week on Monday and Thursday. All ages and all levels of participants are welcome to the free classes.

The Signing class is held Mondays from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Learning Center. Students in the past have ranged from 7 to 92 years old. Chess class is Thursday from 5 - 7:30 p.m. in the Learning Center. Participants will be playing Chess on one of 16 boards as the two instructors give one-on-one assistance.

For more information, call the library at 972-875-5360.

Retired school personnel to meet

The Ennis Retired School Personnel Association will hold its Aug. 1 meeting in the EISD Board room at 2 p.m.

The program will include a look back at the changes experienced by teachers in the past century. The District X Volunteer Services Chairman will attend the meeting to bring information about the state convention to be hosted by this district.

If any member has not sent in their 2013-14 dues, they are being asked to do so by July 26 so their names will be listed in the upcoming yearbook.

For more information, call Carol Mraz at 972-875-3363.

Retired federal employees to meet Aug. 13

The National Association of Active/Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1191, will hold its monthly meeting at the Sirlin Stockade restaurant in Corsicana from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13. Meet John Gantt, guest speaker, and also our NARFE NE Area Vice President, Dewey LaRochelle, who is visiting our chapter. Members, guests, and all who is part of our federal family come join us. For membership information contact the closest NARFE representative near to you, in Corsicana call 903-874-3092, in Ennis call 214-949-6197.

Friends of the EPL to meet

The Ennis Friends of the Library meet the second Tuesday of each month at noon in the Learning Center of the Ennis Public Library. Those who want to support the local public library are urged to join.

Golden Circle hosts lunch

The Ennis Golden Circle Senior Center offers weekly activities.

The center hosts lunch on Mondays and Fridays for members and Ennis citizens age 60-plus.

Bible Study group is set at 9 a.m. each Thursday. Dominoes groups, both 64 and 42 players, meet Monday through Thursday.

The center will pick up anyone those needing a ride every morning. If you would like to join the fun and need a ride, or would like information about the center's programs, call 972-875-6101.

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We've heard a familiar frustration voiced recently that has been voiced before when Ennis calls for its citizenry to be aware of its water use while water levels at Lake Bardwell drop.

"Ennis shouldn't water landscaping during the heat of the day if they want residents to conserve water."

The argument, a fairly straightforward adaptation of the "what's good for the goose is good for the gander" concept, is valid.

City officials agree, by and large, and there are plans to conserve.

The general line of criticism often includes specific anecdotal evidence of wasted water when it's brought up by an annoyed resident. They report seeing a city water truck watering the sidewalk, for example.

We believe it's possible, but we know it's far from an encouraged norm. When you have the task of watering as much greenery as the city's water trucks do, you're likely to waste a bit through inattention or oversight.

But the reminder to be mindful — the real thrust of such criticisms — is completely reasonable. That reminder is the basic concept behind the city's Stage 1 Water Conservation Plan. There is no mandatory component behind the plan, just some encouragement from the city for residents to try cutting back on sprinkler watering their lawns and take the everyday, average water conservation steps we all know.

For our part, we also know the landscaping the city is tasked to handle requires a lot of water to keep alive, and we wouldn't want a summer scorcher to kill it off for the sake of conserving water until absolutely necessary.

The rains this week have been a wonderful relief for those of us tired of baking in the summer sun, and our lawns, gardens and vegetable rows surely appreciate the gentle watering that a long rain can provide.

Let's take a look at how we can make water use relax in the coming weeks while we wait for fall and winter rains to recharge our reservoir to more abundant condition.

Our Point of View

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WHY AM I BLIND ?!!



A butter I can endorse

An alert on the Helping Hands Facebook page Tuesday afternoon got me thinking about the glorious yet humble peanut.

With it being summer, the organization's typically high demand for this nut butter has jumped significantly. Lots of children are at lots of home kitchens for lunch these days, and lots of peanut butter is getting spread on bread to fill little mouths and get stuck between little molars.

The nonprofit pantry is short on the stuff this week. Small wonder, it's delicious.

Knowing that, when I brought a load of my lovely lady's unused canned goods to the pantry Tuesday afternoon, we made sure to include a jar of peanut butter with the dried pinto beans and sweet peas.

It's clear why Helping Hands wants to see more jars of peanut butter coming through the pantry doors. In a number of ways, peanuts are absolutely fabulous nutrient sources. Without belaboring my publisher's point from his weekend column about food choices, there's probably room in a lot many of our diets for some more nuts and less out-right junk. But I digress.

Ennis children obviously have

an affinity for the spread, or Helping Hands wouldn't routinely call for additional donations of peanut butter.

For a little more perspective, consider these nut numbers from the National Peanut Board (otherwise, I'll succumb to the temptation of flooding this column with peanut butter puns):

- The average American consumes more than six pounds of peanuts and peanut butter products each year.

- The average child will eat 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before he/she graduates high school.

- Americans consume on average over 1.5 billion pounds of peanut butter and peanut products each year.

- Peanut butter is consumed in 90 percent of USA households.

- Americans eat enough peanut butter in a year to make more than 10 billion peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

- The amount of peanut butter eaten in a year could wrap the earth in a ribbon of 18-ounce peanut butter jars one and one-third times.

I'm a big fan of the peanut, and equally a creature of considerable

ingrained habit. Peanuts are a part of the daily intake routine, believe it or not. You can overdo anything if you do it to extremes, though, and considering how many times I have warned my girlfriend's children they're going to turn into macaroni and cheese if they don't eat something else occasionally, it might be time to take my own advice.

Levity aside, bringing a jar of peanut butter to Helping Hands is truly a simple donation opportunity that will get the ole' serotonin flowing from the goodness of giving to others in our community. Hit the market and pick up a jar for less than \$5.

That's a pretty simple donation, at a price point few can argue against. Considering how many meals, snacks and simple smiles can come from that fiver, it's something we could even consider adding to our grocery bags once or twice a month to turn in to Helping Hands.

Sure, the pantry could overflow in an avalanche of roasted peanut goodness if this idea takes root in everyone's minds, but they'll be sure to spread the love around.

Nick gets hungry thinking about peanut butter, and will probably have a big spoonful while the idea is fresh. He can be reached at nick@ennisdailynews.com.



Nick Todaro
From the editor

AP class advantages are clear

At last week's meeting of the EISD Board of Trustees, a spirited discussion accompanied a report from Brian Fry, Director of Advanced Academic and Special Programs. Mr. Fry presented a wealth of data that describes the participation rates of Ennis High School students in AP (Advanced Placement) courses, SAT/ACT and other measures of advanced academic work. The fundamental message that was intended by the report was to point out that EHS has a high proportion of economically disadvantaged students, yet still has a very successful track record in test scores that measure advanced academics.

What also wasn't heard is that there were 23 AP scholars, with the previous high at 18. There were six AP scholars with distinction, with six in 2008, but other than that year, the record was only four. The most recent graduating class had

the answer lies with a third compromise path. That third path is: It depends. It depends on where a student plans to attend long-term college, what specific courses they take in high school in either the AP or the dual-credit track and how well they learn in those courses.

The advantages of both AP and dual-credit are clear. A student who amasses college credit while still a student in high school saves hundreds of tuition dollars and, presumably, clips some time off the traditional four-

year college experience, where lodging, transportation, food and all other living expenses may cause families to support, in effect, a second home. College credit costs. A lot. That's a strong incentive for students to click off some hours while still living at home.

There really aren't disadvantages in taking AP or dual-credit courses. The controversy comes

Grades are assigned by the AP teacher for inclusion on the student's transcript, but the grade on the AP exam is assigned by the College Board on a scale of 1 through 5.

There is wide diversity among colleges and universities about whether and how much they 'count' AP course work and dual-credit course work. For example, some elite institutions of higher learning will accept no credits earned that the student also has listed as part of the requirements for high school graduation. Most colleges, including Texas A&M and the University of Texas, have online data bases where prospective students can check that college's Transfer Course Equivalency.

Because voters in Ennis declined to join the Navarro College district, Ennis students who attend Navarro pay slightly higher tuition rates than do students from Corsicana ISD and other Navarro County schools. However, the trade-off is that Navarro County property owners pay property taxes to Navarro College, in addition to their home public school dis-



Barbara Qualls
EISD's vision

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son will be able to open doors for you that are currently locked.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Through an unusual set of circumstances, something might transpire that will stimulate your ambitions. You're likely to realize that you can follow someone's example and achieve something big.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The main reason companions give credence to what you say is that you clearly follow your own advice, and it works. Keep doing what you're doing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Much-needed changes in your domestic life will at last take place. Even though things may not end up exactly as you wished, it'll be close enough. Don't sweat the details.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A friendly interaction with a knowledgeable person should turn out to your liking. This person will have a steadying effect that will be extremely constructive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Generally speaking, you should be rather lucky when it comes to matters pertaining to money. This will include not only your primary earnings, but income from a second source as well.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mariano Rivera was all set up to save his final All-Star game — or so it seemed.

Jim Leyland just wasn't about to take that chance.

Summoned in the eighth inning to make certain he would pitch, Rivera soaked up a 90-second standing ovation and got three straight outs while helping the American League to a 3-0 victory over the National League on Tuesday night at Citi Field.

"I think the plan was perfect," said Rivera, who took home the MVP trophy.

Rivera reported early for work and the New York Yankees' indomitable closer combined with nine other pitchers on a three-hitter as the AL snapped a three-game skid and regained home-field advantage in the World Series. Joe Nathan saved it in Rivera's place after the American League scratched out a pair of runs and got an RBI double from Jason Kipnis.

Leyland, the AL manager, had promised Rivera would pitch. So rather than risk waiting for a save opportunity that might never come, the Detroit Tigers' skipper made his much-awaited call one inning earlier than Rivera is accustomed, just in case of "something freaky."

"If anybody ever messed up Mariano Rivera, I can lay claim to that," Leyland said. "I just couldn't take any chance. You know, I'm probably not the most popular manager in baseball. I wanted to make sure I got out of here alive."

Robinson Cano hobbled off early after getting hit by a pitch from crosstown rival Matt Harvey of

the host Mets. X-rays were negative and Cano said he shouldn't miss any games for the Yankees.

Harvey and opposing starter Max Scherzer were among a record 39 first-time All-Stars in a game that featured four precocious players 21 or younger — baseball's next generation.

Both came out throwing 99 mph heat, but it was Rivera, at 43 the oldest All-Star since Carlton Fisk in 1991, who was the center of attention in his farewell season.

And on this night, with drug suspensions still looming for some of the game's biggest names, the spotlight found a player who is almost universally respected.

Baseball's career saves leader came in from the bullpen to Metallica's "Enter Sandman," just like across town at Yankee Stadium, and was left alone on the field to take in a stirring ovation.

"It was a great moment. He is one of the best pitchers that's ever played this game," Tigers outfielder Torii Hunter said.

All-Stars on both sides clapped from the top of the dugout steps, and Rivera tipped his cap to the crowd.

Then he went to work, retiring three straight hitters on 16 pitches — all cutters, as usual — before walking off to another ovation and receiving a hug from Detroit ace Justin Verlander.

"It was tough," Rivera said. "Seeing the fans sharing and both teams standing out of the dugout, managers, coaches, players — priceless."

Exit, Sandman.

Next stop, the Hall of Fame.

The game's greatest reliever, quiet and humble by nature, addressed his AL teammates before they took the field. He made it quick, just like his outing. Most of them, actually.

"What I said was that I was honored and it was a privilege for me to play with all of them for so many years," Rivera said.

The lengthy cheers provided a fitting tribute and the latest salute to Rivera, set to retire after this season.

The 13-time All-Star is on something of a farewell tour, receiving creative gifts at each opposing ballpark he visits for the final time.

He got a rocking chair built out of broken bats in Minnesota, a decorated surfboard and bottle of wine in Oakland.

The last time he was at Citi Field, though, things didn't go so well. He was honored by the Mets before a game in late May, threw out a ceremonial first ball — and then had his first blown save of the year.

While other All-Stars wore flashy spikes, Rivera stayed with traditional black. No surprise for Mr. Steady.

Rivera has never allowed an earned run in nine All-Star innings. The only older pitcher to appear in an All-Star game was 47-year-old Satchel Paige 60 years ago, according to STATS.

"First class all the way," Mets captain David Wright said. "Well deserving for Mariano. I was on the top step clapping and cheering as loud as I could."

LOCAL SPORTS CAMPS

Volleyball

Ennis High School Volleyball Team Camp is set from 2 to 5 p.m. July 22-24. Cost is \$75 per camper. Price may decrease if enough students sign up.

Football

Ennis High School Lions Football Camp is set from 9 to 11 a.m. July 22-24. Registration is \$30 per camper, and checks should be made payable to Ennis High School Football. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 22 at the field house.

Junior High Volleyball

Ennis Junior High Volleyball Camp is set from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 29-Aug. 1.

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Incoming Freshmen Lady Lions Softball Camp is set from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 1-13.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Manziel says he 'overslept' at Manning camp

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel says he missed activities at the Manning Passing Academy because he "overslept," and his absence had nothing to do with being out the night before.

The Heisman Trophy winner was a counselor at the camp for high school prospects run by the Manning family in Louisiana, along with many other college quarterbacks. He left before it ended last weekend.

"I was not asked to leave. It was a mutual decision," Manziel said Wednesday at SEC Media Days.

He said that while there were social events every night with the Mannings, he did not miss his meetings because of too much partying.

"The speculation of me being too hung over and that's the reason I missed the meetings is absolutely incorrect," he said.

The 20-year-old faced hundreds of reporters. Wearing a dark blue suit, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound sophomore discussed his fame, decision-making and even answered a few questions about football.

He says his eventful offseason has been at times "blown out of proportion," though he did acknowledge that he needs to make better decisions because he's such a public figure.

"My offseason, all the stuffs that's gone on will have no effect on this season," Manziel said. "I'm ready to stop. No more talk after this. Let's

play football."

Manziel is the first freshman to win the Heisman.

Astros optimistic despite 33-61 record

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have finished last in the majors the past two seasons and are showing every sign of doing it again.

With a 33-61 record, the Astros are well on their way to joining the 1962-65 New York Mets as the only teams with 106 or more losses in three consecutive seasons, according to STATS.

Houston lost 106 games in 2011 and a franchise-worst 107 last year.

The negatives at the All-Star break, including the team's 69 errors and 863 strikeouts — both most in the majors — are undeniable.

But those dreadful statistics don't tell the entire story of this young team focused on rebuilding from within.

The first half of this season has given the Astros plenty of reason to be optimistic that their long-term plan will work just fine.

First-year manager Bo Porter, who at 41 is the youngest skipper in the majors, has been impressed by the attitude of his team as it navigates its first season in the American League.

"What I like about our ballclub is its resilience," Porter said.

"We've had some ups and downs where we've played well and did not win games. We've had downs where our starting pitching just went awry"

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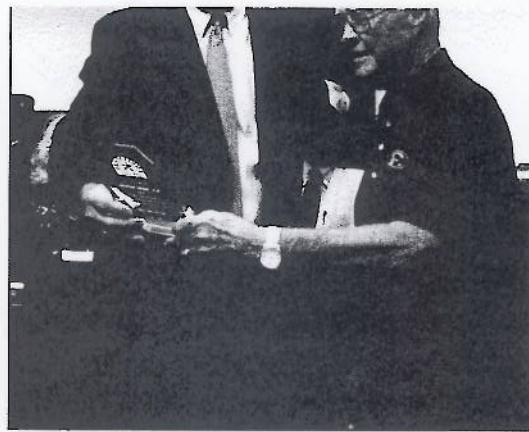
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Slavik named Rotarian of Year

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City recognizes former official

Mayor Russell Thomas presents former Mayor Pro Tem Bob Taylor with a service plaque for 18 years of service as an elected official on the Ennis City Commission on Monday night. Taylor called it his honor to serve the city and its citizens.

Gunfire leads to arrest

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An Ennis man is in jail after he allegedly fired a gun repeatedly in the back yard of a home on Swallow Drive.

Ennis Police Department spokesman Mike Hopson said officers arrested 26-year-old Valente Arrez on July 13 after responding to a disturbance call in the 1500 block of Swallow Drive. Hopson said witnesses told officers upon their arrival that Arrez was "out of control," breaking things in the home and possibly posing a threat to himself and others.

At that time, Hopson said Officer Brian Clark heard approximately six gunshots from the back yard of the home. Officers went into the back yard and held Arrez at gunpoint until backup arrived.

Hopson said officers were not in danger at any time.

Arrez was arrested pending charges of deadly conduct and assault of a public servant. He remains in the Wayne McCollum Detention Center pending the posting of \$32,500 in bond.



Arrez

State executes deputy's killer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Texas man convicted of fatally shooting a retired sheriff's deputy during the robbery of an amusement center more than a decade ago was put to death Tuesday.

John Manuel Quintanilla received lethal injection for gunning down 60-year-old Victor Billings at a game room in Victoria, about 125 miles southwest of Houston. The 2002 slaying came just a few months after Quintanilla had been released from prison after serving a sentence for several burglary convictions.

Asked to make a final statement before his execution, Quintanilla told his wife he loved her. "Thank you for all the years of happiness," he said.

He never acknowledged his victim's friends or relatives, including two daughters, who

watched through a window.

As the lethal drug began taking effect, he snored about a half dozen times, then stopped breathing. At 7:32 p.m. CDT — 15 minutes after being given the drug — he was pronounced dead.

Quintanilla's wife, a German national who married him by proxy while he was in prison, watched through an adjacent window and sobbed.

Quintanilla, 36, became the ninth Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the 501st since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982. His was the first of two executions set for this week; the other is planned for Thursday.

Quintanilla's punishment was carried out after the U.S. Supreme Court refused two last-day appeals.

His lawyers contended his

confession was coerced by authorities threatening to also charge one of his sisters and that the statement improperly was allowed into evidence at his trial in 2004. The lawyers obtained affidavits from two jurors who said the confession was a key to their decision to convict him.

"It is clear that Quintanilla would not have been convicted of capital murder if his confession had not been admitted — a fact confirmed by two of his jurors," appeals lawyer David Dow told the high court.

The appeal also argued Quintanilla had deficient legal help during his trial and in earlier stages of his appeals, and that his case would give justices the opportunity to define filing rules in light of recent death penalty rulings from the court.

INSURANCE cont. from page 1

Jess Haupt, commissioner for Ward 3 and owner of Globe Products and Buna Bean Coffee, raised questions during the discussion about the possibility of employees opting out of insurance coverage through the city and opting to shoulder individual penalties for not carrying insurance.

His costs as a business owner and the costs his employees face have also jumped by similarly large amounts, he said.

"Probably at some point if it keeps going up and coverage is going to become less and less and less, and employees aren't going to want to pay it so they'll opt out," Haupt said.

He worries Ennis will face a problem with its employee pool for group coverage if costs increase too quickly, but Howerton said the city has few options in handling the issue.

Mayor Russell Thomas said those who pay their own insurance costs know the

more than three times the city's offered employee rate of \$315.50 for employee plus family coverage.

"I pay \$1,100 now," Walker said.

Perspective is important for considering how good the benefit is for employees, Howerton said.

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