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## School News

### NMS Is Now Twice As Nice

By Robert

The New Middle School is expanding and our school is now twice as nice with the recent addition of the house located right next door at 407 Heights Boulevard. Built in 1903 by a master brick maker, the house is the oldest brick building in the Heights, and is listed in the National Historic Register which lists all the old houses in the United States.

This all came to be when Dr. Manning began talking to the lady who owned the house and found out she was planning to sell. Dr. Manning met with Dr. Farley and they decided that it would be a good idea to buy, and on March 9, 2006 the deal was done!

Then spring break arrived, but for Dr. Manning and Dr. Farley that meant getting busy transforming the school campus, and what a transformation it was! The first day back from vacation everyone could see the incredible difference. A fence was built in the front to connect the two buildings, and another fence in the back was taken down to enlarge the space. The landscaping was beautified with lovely flowers and ferns that were hung around the wrap around porch. Not much had to be done to the inside, except some minor construction and painting.

It has not yet been decided exactly how the new building will be used, but there will be classes. This building will give NMS more class space and increase the campus to three school buildings and space to build a fourth building in the future. Another great feature is parking! The back of the building has a spacious parking lot which will ease parking for teachers, parents, and visitors.

Dr. Manning hopes the building will be ready by the beginning of summer, but furniture and supplies are still needed. When it is complete this exciting new endeavor will be celebrated with an Open House for students, parents, and friends of the school. Everyone will get to tour the new building and see the wonderful growth of The New Middle School.



The original building at 403 Heights Blvd.



The new building at 407 Heights Blvd.



The back courtyard

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**Monkey See...Monkey Protect**

By Corey H.

Male African savannah baboons do not have a reputation for being the ideal family unit. Until recently scientists weren't positive that baboon dads could identify their own brood.

Apparently they do know their children and rush to defend them according to scientists at the North Carolina Duke University. For three years the scientists have observed five baboon groups at Amboseli national park in Kenya.

They used DNA to identify the fathers of 75 young baboons in the groups. The researchers discovered that every time a baboon dad broke up a fight between two youngsters he always sided with his child.

The belief is that the father can tell his child from others because the mother is near or because of sight and smell.

**Octopus**

By Robert

The devilfish, also known as the octopus is a meat eating mollusk with a big round head and eight powerful tentacles with two rows of suction cups on each. The octopus is related to squids and cuttlefish. They are also related to other mollusk such as snails, mussels, and clams. The octopus can crawl over the rough ocean floor using its tentacles. It moves through water like a heart pumps blood; it takes in a lot of water then squeezes it out by a propelling itself through the water.

Octopuses can vary in size from a few centimeters to the giant pacific octopus which can be over 10 meters. Octopuses usually do not live more than two years except the giant pacific octopus which lives longer than most. The pacific octopus is the largest species of octopus. Its body is reddish brown and is also called the mantle, and its tentacles can grow to an average of 16 feet. The largest giant pacific ever recorded was 600 pounds, but usually they weigh 50 to 90 pounds, and newly born babies are about the size of a grain of rice.

The octopuses head is globe shaped and contains all the organs. When the octopus is threatened it can change its color to blend in with its surroundings. It also can eject ink from its body as cover to escape enemies. The octopus likes to eat things with shells such as crabs, lobsters, and clams. Once it finds food it grabs it with its tentacles, and breaks through the shell with its beak and eats.

Octopuses and what to call them in its plural form has been argued over for a long time. It can be octopuses or octopi. For right now you can call it whatever you like. So now whether you're going to the aquarium, the beach, or on a boat keep your eyes peeled for the octopi!

**Sports**

**Science**

**The No Hit Wonder**

By Joel

Twenty-seven years, 5,714 strikeouts, 7 no-hitters, 324 wins, and one World Series championship... Who are we talking about? Nolan Ryan, or the Ryan Express. In his first year of eligibility Nolan Ryan was inducted into the national Hall of Fame on July 25, 1999. He broke Koufax's record by pitching 7 no hitters. He became the oldest pitcher to win an all-star game. He is the only player in Major league history to have his uniform retired by three different teams. The Houston Astros retired the number 34 on September 29, 1996 at the Astrodome. The native Texan makes his home in Alvin, Texas. He is active with his charitable organization, The Ryan Foundation. It is no wonder why this man's a hit!



Nolan Ryan when he was a Houston Astro

**To The Moon and Beyond**

By Christopher

NASA wants to make a new space ship that will take astronauts on a mission back to the moon and even Mars. They plan to create a Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) that will be affordable, reliable, versatile, and safe. It will be able to hold four astronauts.

The first CEVs are planned to be used in 2010. The moon missions will last up to seven days. Astronauts will explore and construct a moon base. After that, the astronauts can spend more time on the moon and conduct more studies.

NASA hopes this new venture can allow for two moon missions a year starting in 2018. This will allow constant scientific study and the possibility of future missions to Mars. NASA is already planning how they will to Mars. The lander will use liquid methane to fuel its engine, which it will be able to extract from Mars' atmosphere.

**Girl Talk**



**The Fall and Rise of Martha Stewart**

By Kathleen

Martha Stewart is known to the world as the tough Domestic Diva. Most recently, she made headlines for serving time in prison for obstruction of justice.

But there is much more to this very fascinating woman. She started her life in a middle class family in Nutley, New Jersey. She was one of six children. Martha's family had a strong work ethic, and her mother taught her to cook, sew, and garden. It would be these skills that would be the foundation of her success.

Before Martha started Omnimedia, she worked as a stockbroker and even a model before launching her catering business as a young wife and mother. After her divorce she really began to build her business into the empire it is today. Her company includes books, magazines, television, and radio.

Martha Stewart has experienced good times and bad times and always seems to come out stronger than before. This is an inspiration to all women who work to be successful in life. As Martha always says... "It's a good thing."

**Editorials**

**Update**

By Taylor

In the March issues I wrote an editorial on the unfair ways Wal-Mart employees were treated. I am happy to report that Wal-Mart is taking some small steps to improve conditions for their employees.

It was recently reported by NBC that Wal-Mart would begin providing health benefits for part-time and full-time employees. This change seems to be coming from the bashing that Wal-Mart has been receiving by activists, consumers and the media.

Regardless of the reasons, I am just happy that Wal-Mart employees are finally getting a break.

**Rainbows**

By Corey J. and Brianna

Rainbows form when the sun shines on falling raindrops. The rain reflects the sun's light which is made up of colors. As the sunlight passes through the raindrops, it splits up into bands of colors. The colors of a rainbow are always in the same order- red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. A rainbow is actual a complete circle which you would be able to see if you were in an airplane, but here on the ground we do not see the whole circle.



Corey J. Age 7



Brianna Age 7