

## Got Facts?

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### Mars Spectacular Yahaira N. 3rd

Something very spectacular happened. On August 18, 19, and 20 of 2003, Mars was 34.65 million miles from the Earth. This won't happen again for 284 years! So hopefully you have looked at the sky to see this great event. It has been roughly 60,000 years since Mars was so close to Earth! You could have seen this great event until middle September.

I hope you had a chance to see it.

## Reptile Facts

Meagan J. 4th

The Texas Horned Lizard has little spines on its back and sometimes on its side to protect it from predators. If a Horned Lizard is attacked it may open its mouth, hiss, bite, or even eject blood from the corner of its eye! A Horned Lizard can remain active in temperatures above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, but when it gets too hot they dig into terra firma. The blood trick isn't out in stores!!

The Cottonmouth and Copperhead and Rattlesnakes are all pit vipers, with a deep sensor pit

between the eye and the nostril. The Cottonmouth dwells in swamps, slow streams, shallow lakes, ditches, and rice fields. The Copperhead dwells in rock outcrops, ravines in forests, edges of swamps, and floodplains. Watch out cause one, two, and your got! You can find these reptiles here, but be careful!

## Facts

Monica M. 4th

Anoles lizards are the largest group of reptiles in the Western Hemisphere. They also change colors in light and in temperature. Male Anoles have a colorful throat

fan. Anoles have large toe pads that help them climb with ease. Anoles look green and mottled or it looks solid brown. They like being around trees, shrub, vines, walls and fences. Their length is about 5-8 inches.

The Alligator snapping turtle can weigh up to 200 pounds. Alligator snapping turtle is the largest fresh water turtles. Turtles are toothless but they've got sharp edges on their jaws. Alligator snapping turtle eat on worms, snail, mussels and other kinds of turtles. They like to be in lakes and in deep rivers. They look brown or gray color with a big head, and they've got a hooked beak.

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