



Fun at Mardi Gras Festival



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Bored by all the adult talk and having finished his brunch, Sayger Bruggeman, 5, son of Layne Bruggeman, got up on a window seat to play with his "guys" during the Mardi Gras Festival at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden on Sunday. Mia Rogers, 3, daughter of Jason and Alisha Rogers, was hoping to catch a prize at the fish pond.

Beaver Creek conflict topic of museum talk

Evelyn Hoyt Ward of Goodland talked about range wars of the Old West at the Food for Thought at the Prairie Museum of Art and History on Thursday.

Ward said her book, "Life in Sherman County, 1902 Through 1905, the Range War Era," was compiled from articles printed in the *Goodland News*.

She told about the ways settlers were allowed to claim land under the 1862 Homestead Act. There were several means to acquire a tract: by living there for five years and making improvements, planting a timber culture (tree claim), by paying a small amount for a Cash Entry Patent (in Sherman County the amount was \$1.25), by setting up an irrigation system or by getting a School Land Patent (the money for land in two sections of each township went to the

school fund).

Ward focused mostly on the dispute between the forces of Chicago insurance man C.P. Dewey, who owned a huge ranch along the Beaver Creek, and the Daniel Beery family, in which three members of the Beery family were killed. Dewey also had a disagreement with a neighbor running the Rockefeller Ranch, owned by the John D. Rockefeller family from back east.

The book is on sale at the museum.

Next month, from noon to 1 p.m. March 19, the Food for Thought Program will feature Ray Imhoff and his sister, Doris Johnson, who will present a collection of stories by their mother. The lunch is provided by the museum; everyone is invited.

Prisoner released amid torture claims

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and that Britain knew of the mistreatment — a violation under the 1994 U.N. Convention Against Torture.

"I have been through an experience that I never thought to encounter in my darkest nightmares," Mohamed said in a statement released by his attorneys.

"Before this ordeal, 'torture' was an abstract word to me ... It is still difficult for me to believe that I was abducted, hauled from one country to the next, and tortured in medieval ways all orchestrated by the United States government."

He said he wasn't yet "physically nor mentally capable of facing the media."

British authorities said he would undergo interviews today with the police, border control agents and immigration officials, who would help him apply for temporary residency.

His lawyers said they would provide money for his accommodations and living expenses.

Mohamed's case could have far-reaching legal implications for the Obama administration and Britain, America's closest partner during its war on terror.

U.S. Attorney General Eric

Holder is expected at the Guantanamo detention center today as the Obama administration weighs what is important to shut the facility down.

"The friendship and assistance of the international community is vitally important as we work to close Guantanamo, and we greatly appreciate the efforts of the British government to work with us on the transfer of Binyam Mohamed," Holder said in a statement.

Britain's Attorney General has opened an investigation into whether there was criminal wrongdoing on the part of Britain or a British security agent from MI5 who interrogated Mohamed in Pakistan, where he was arrested in 2002.

Two senior British judges, meanwhile, have reopened a case into whether 42 secret U.S. intelligence documents shared with Britain should be made public.

Several other lawsuits are under way in the United States against a Boeing subsidiary that allegedly supplied planes for rendition flights to Morocco and for the disclosure of Bush-era legal memos on renditions and interrogation tactics.

The United States has refused to account for the 18 months Mohamed says he was in Morocco.

"I am so glad and so happy, more than words can express," Mohamed's sister, Zuhra Mohamed, said today.

The 30-year-old Ethiopian refugee has few remaining links to Britain. His brother and sister live in the United States. His parents are said to be back in Ethiopia. And his British residency that he obtained when he was teenager has since expired.

Any revelations from the lawsuits could be particularly damaging for the British government, which unlike the Obama administration, doesn't have its predecessors to blame.

"I assure you that we have done everything by the law," Prime Minister Gordon Brown told reporters last week when faced with questions over Mohamed's case.

Foreign Secretary David Miliband said Britain has been asking for the return of former UK residents since 2007.

"We very much welcome President Obama's commitment to close Guantanamo Bay and I see today's return of Binyam Mohamed as the first step toward that shared goal," Miliband said.

Mohamed's family came to London from Ethiopia in 1994. They applied for asylum following the ouster of Marxist dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam's ouster but they were only given temporary residency.

Schooled in West London, Mohamed worked as a janitor and later became a student of electrical engineering before converting to Islam in 2001.

Shortly afterward, he said he went to Pakistan and Afghanistan to escape a bad circle of London friends and experience an Islamic society. But he was detained in the Pakistani port city of Karachi in 2002 for using a false passport to return to Britain.

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