

DAILY DOSE

Cartoon becomes government official

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Japan has created an unusual government position to promote animation, and named a perfect figure to serve: a popular cartoon robot cat named Doraemon.

Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura appointed the cat as "anime ambassador," handing a human-sized Doraemon doll an official certificate at an inauguration ceremony. They also dined on dozens of "dorayaki" red bean pancakes — Doraemon's favorite dessert — piled on a huge plate.

"Doraemon, I hope you will travel around the world as an anime ambassador to deepen people's understanding of Japan so they will become friends with Japan," Komura told the blue-and-white cat.

NOTED. Orange County (Fla.) Public Schools is investigating claims that a student was forced to use a lunchbox as a toilet in front of his class.

Quenterious Thomas, 13, says his language arts teacher, Jameeka Chambers, told him he could wait until the end of class or use her lunchbox in the back of the classroom.

"If you gotta go, you gotta go," Thomas told WFTV-9. He said he used the lunchbox.

QUOTED. "This is way better than bikes." — Amber Birdsall, who asked for a bicycle for her seventh birthday, but instead found her stepfather wrapped up in the large box. Her stepfather, a soldier, had been stationed overseas.

A few weeks ago, Amber told her mother that all she wanted for her birthday was her stepfather's return from serving 10 months in Guantanamo Bay. He was granted a week's leave.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Principles for HIV prevention: As part of the HIV Narratives Speaker Series, there will be a speech called "Changing Our View of Behavior Change: Marketing Principles for HIV Prevention." Lynda Bardfield, the associate director for Strategic Behavioral Communications, will give the address.
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: 341 Rosenau Hall

Art display: The exhibit "Live Portraits" will feature watercolor artist Barbara Keighton.
Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Market Street Books, 610 Main St.

Lecture on American South: A historian, Alfred Chandler Jr., will speak about his perspective on the American South's development

dilemma, which includes challenges with global competition and its effects on economic development policies. The lecture is free. Contact Lisa Eveleigh at 962-0506 for more information.
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Royall Room of the George Watts Hill Alumni Center

Tennis lessons: Register now for beginner tennis lessons. The fee is \$39. For more information, call 918-7385.
Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. from March 25 to April 10.
Location: Carrboro Century Center

Author event: The Meet-the-Author Tea at the Chapel Hill Public Library will feature Maggi Ann Grace, author of "State of the Heart: A Medical Tourist's True Story of

Lifesaving Surgery in India." For more information, call 968-2780.
Time: 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Location: Chapel Hill Public Library

Celebration: Experience the S. Giuseppe Feast Day Celebration with C'est Si Bon! cooking school at Market Street Books.
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Market Street Books, 610 Main St.

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PROTESTING FOR THE PEOPLE



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Senior Salma Mirza leads a rally against conditions and salaries in Hanes sweatshops in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday. Hanes workers Julio Castillo and Manuel Pujols told students that in order for their wages to double, merchandise would only need to be raised 75 cents.

POLICE LOG

■ A Durham resident was arrested at 12:18 a.m. Wednesday for possession of a stolen handgun, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Phillip Brandon Edwards, 24, was pulled over at the intersection of Merritt Mill Road and West Franklin Street and was arrested for driving with a revoked license. Police discovered a stolen Glock handgun, 7.4 grams of cocaine, 3.4 grams of marijuana and a digital scale, according to reports.

Edwards faces felony charges for possession of stolen goods, carrying a concealed weapon and maintaining a vehicle, reports state. Police seized \$512 in cash, the handgun and the 2001 silver Mercedes-Benz Edwards was driving. Police also served two orders for arrest for failing to appear in court, according to reports.

Edwards was confined at Orange County Jail in lieu of \$35,000 bail, in addition to bonds of \$2,500 for the orders for arrest. He was

scheduled to appear in court in Hillsborough on Wednesday, reports state.

■ Another Durham resident was arrested Monday for possession of a stolen handgun, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Otis Keith Johnson, 22, was arrested at the corner of Graham and West Rosemary streets after police discovered he was carrying a concealed weapon, reports state.

Johnson faces felony charges of possession of a stolen firearm and weapon possession by a felon. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed weapon, according to reports.

He is serving probation for two drug related charges in Orange and Wake counties, according to the N.C. Department of Correction's online records.

Johnson was confined at Orange County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail. He was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday, reports state.

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