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DAILY DOSE

NASA writes back to 10-year-old

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Struggling with your homework? Get NASA to help you out. A 10-year-old Scottish boy trying to complete a school project asked NASA some space shuttle-related questions in a letter, and was shocked when the space administration actually answered them.

The envelope the boy received contained detailed photos of NASA rockets, a signed picture of astronaut John Herrington, and all the information he needed for his assignment.

NASA also provided the boy with information on how to become an astronaut. "It is the best thing that has ever happened to me," the boy said. "Now I really want to be an astronaut."

NOTED. A bomb squad in Florida was called to dispose of a hand grenade purchased at an estate sale.

The buyer told police she purchased the grenade thinking it was a novelty cigarette lighter.

The firing pin had been removed and apparently replaced, deputies said. The bomb squad disposed of the grenade in an isolated area.

QUOTED. "It didn't do what it was supposed to."

— Beth Johnson, who failed to break the record for largest functioning yo-yo.

To earn the record, the 7,000-pound yo-yo needed to fall 75 feet and bounce three times.

But after a single bounce of 3 feet, the rope burned through from the friction, and the yo-yo was sent crashing to the ground.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Landscape art discussion: Bring a lunch and listen to Ackland exhibition curator Ross Barrett discuss tourism and American landscape paintings.

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Nostalgic trail walk: Walk the trails of the Mason Farm Biological Reserve while recalling the adventures of John Terres, who explored and documented the trails in the 1960s.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: N.C. Botanical Garden Education Center, 100 Old Mason Farm Road

Frog workshop: Learn how to identify local and common species of frog, conduct outdoor field research and learn how to help with data collection efforts. Pre-registration is required.

Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: N.C. Botanical Garden Education Center, 100 Old Mason Farm Road

Immigration reform talk: Cardinal Roger Mahony, who heads

the five million-member Catholic archdiocese in Los Angeles, will explain why America needs immigration reform.

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

Transportation talk: Listen to one of the creators of the Center for Neighborhood Technology's Housing Transportation Affordability Index, which is used to solve community planning problems.

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Wilson Library, Pleasants Family Assembly Room

Poverty panel: The leaders of four local charity organizations will discuss fighting poverty.

Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Sonja Haynes Stone Center

THURSDAY

Art conversation: Discuss the Ackland exhibition "Traditions in Clay" with graduate student and museum guide Isabella Archer.

Time: 5:15 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

War journalist speaks: Author and New Yorker foreign correspondent Jon Lee Anderson will talk as the first speaker in the "War Stories" speaker series, presented by the Curriculum in Global Studies.

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Carroll Hall, Room 111

Microfranchising panel: A panel will discuss how the model known as microfranchising can alleviate global poverty.

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center auditorium

BoUNCe candidates forum: The four candidates for student body president will face off in singing, dancing and quiz competitions in the humor publication's unconventional forum.

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Location: Hamilton Hall, Room 100

To make a calendar submission, e-mail calendar@dailytarheel.com. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE



DTH/KATIE BARNES

Drew McKenna (left), Emily Davis (center) and Sandy Snyder sell Valentine's Day cards in the Manning Hall lobby Tuesday morning. All of the proceeds from the sales of the Valentine's cards will benefit Chapel Hill High School's program for the disabled.

POLICE LOG

■ Someone found beaver traps at 12:47 p.m. Monday at Umstead Park, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

■ Someone entered a residence and stole property between 5:41 a.m. and 5:25 p.m. Monday at 506 N. Columbia St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole an iPhone valued at \$300 and a CD player valued at \$150, reports state. Damage to a flat screen TV was valued at \$300, reports state.

■ Someone broke into a vehicle and stole items between 8 a.m. Jan. 24 and 12:03 p.m. Monday at 1746 Fordham Blvd., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole hand tools worth \$40 and a North Carolina license plate worth \$10, reports state.

■ Items were taken from an apartment bedroom between 9 p.m. Jan. 1 and 4:05 p.m. Friday at

122 Ashley Forest Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Items taken include a digital audio recorder worth \$50 and concert tickets worth \$60, reports state.

■ Someone stole unsecured bikes from a backyard between 11:35 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday at 3 Davie Circle Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The two mountain bikes were valued at \$1,000 total, reports state.

■ Someone stole a pair of shoes between 4:05 p.m. and 4:08 p.m. Monday from Shoe Show Inc. at 201 S. Estes Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

■ Someone attempted suicide by cutting his or her wrist with a piece of glass at 2:53 a.m. Tuesday at 5623 Chapel Hill Blvd., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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