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Sisters students on the Great Wall during a trip to China this summer. The trip is part of a program that offers Sisters students cultural context for their education in the Chinese language.

CHINA: Dozens of Sisters students have learned Chinese

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one. He said the trip definitely “opened new doors and sparked more interest in pursuing Chinese studies.” The final leg of the trip included a bullet train ride through the countryside dotted with rice paddies and hillside temples on the way to modern Shanghai, the

largest city on their trip, with a population of 24 million. Everyone mentioned the tall buildings and their 70-mile-per-hour trip in an elevator to the top of the second-tallest building, only to have the surrounding view obscured by clouds. U.S. retail chains have made their presence felt in the large cities, including the golden arches of McDonald’s. Starbucks, charging the same as in the U.S., are located at many of the monuments. Of course, there are lots of places to get tea. Meal service

in restaurants involves a large rotating platform in the center of the table that holds all the food, eating with chopsticks, and Holly said, “lots of mystery meat.” The students found a huge interest on the part of the Chinese people in pop star Michael Jackson. They also noticed that Chinese fashion is more conservative, with girls often wearing blouses under their dresses, and sporting heels. The umbrella is a fashion staple, and during one day of monsoon-like rain, the students purchased their own

umbrellas. The students would recommend the trip to others, but cautioned it requires an “open mindset ... it’s not for everyone. And the culture is so different.” Holly and Dan both credited Perkins with preparing them well for the trip. He schooled them in the art of bartering and they “could hold their own” on their shopping forays on the town. “He’s an incredible Chinese teacher. Without David we wouldn’t have gone,” Holly and Dan

concluded. Holly spoke for all four of the students when she said, “All of us are extremely appreciative for The Roundhouse Foundation scholarship that helped make this trip possible, as well as Portland State University. We also thank our incredible Chinese teacher, David Perkins, who established the Chinese language program at Sisters High and continues to encourage us all. This cultural experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I will never forget.”

Jail time for harassing Yellowstone bison

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A 55-year-old Oregon man has been sentenced to 130 days in jail after pleading guilty to misconduct in two national parks, including harassing a bison that stopped traffic in Yellowstone National Park. Raymond Reinke’s crimes drew national attention when at least one Yellowstone visitor caught his interaction with a bison on video. Reinke, of Pendleton, Oregon, pleaded guilty

Thursday during a federal court appearance in Mammoth, Wyoming. ABC Fox Montana reports Magistrate Judge Mark Carman sentenced him to 60 days in jail for harassing wildlife, 60 days for interfering with law enforcement and 10 days for disorderly conduct. Reinke was arrested August 3 in Glacier National Park after being cited for misconduct in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks.

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