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China Foreign Minister Downplays Missile Report

BEIJING (AP) — Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Wednesday sought to downplay reports that China had positioned anti-aircraft missiles on a disputed South China Sea island, accusing the media of hyping the issue and saying more attention should be paid to what he called “public goods and services” provided by China’s development of its maritime claims.

Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defense said in a statement it had “grasped that Communist China had deployed” an unspecified number of missiles on Woody Island in the Paracel group.

The Philippines said the develop-

ment increased regional tensions.

The move would follow China’s building of new islands in the disputed sea by piling sand atop reefs and then adding airstrips and military installations. They are seen as part of Beijing’s efforts to claim virtually the entire South China Sea and its resources, which has prompted some of its wary neighbors to draw closer to the U.S.

The most dramatic work has taken place in the Spratly Island group, where the militaries of four nations have a presence, although similar work has also gone on at Woody and other Chinese holdings in the Paracels.

Relevant parties should “work together to maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea region,” said a statement released by the Taiwanese foreign ministry.

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IW: The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey.

KW: What is your favorite dish to cook?

IW: Grilled shrimp, mussels and rice.

was my entry into the wonder of worship.

KW: Sherry Gillam would like to know what is the most important life lesson you’ve learned so far?

IW: Seek the truth.

you see?

IW: Change.

KW: What’s the craziest thing you’ve ever done?

IW: Become an actor.

KW: If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?

IW: To provide world travel for each and every human being on Earth.

KW: Is there any question no one ever asks you, that you wish someone would?

IW: I have no clue on how to answer this question. [laughs]

KW: Harriet Paktula-Teweles asks: With so many classic films being redone, is there a remake you’d like to star in?

IW: Another adaptation of *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand

KW: The Tavis Smiley question: How do you want to be remembered?

IW: He was passionate and a man of his word.

“I thought that [The Sin Seer] was very unique for an African American woman to star in, and I saw yet another opportunity to be a producer on a movie

KW: Ling-Ju Yen asks: What is your earliest childhood memory?

IW: Being kissed late at night by my mother before she left for her night shift at work.

KW: Who loved you unconditionally during your formative years?

IW: My grandmother, my grandfather and my mother.

KW: Was there a meaningful spiritual component to your childhood?

IW: Becoming a junior usher at a black church

Tell the truth. Live in truth.

KW: The Viola Davis question: What’s the biggest difference between who you are at home as opposed to the person we see on the red carpet?

IW: I laugh a lot and laugh loudly! [Laughs]

KW: What was your very first job?

IW: I was a dishwasher at a Steak and Ale restaurant.

KW: When you look in the mirror, what do

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Juneteenth seeks volunteers for celebration

Juneteenth Oregon, a community organization, seeks volunteers to help plan **Portland’s 2016 Juneteenth celebration of freedom on Saturday, June 18th.**

Across the US, in cities both large and small, people of all races have, for 150 years, joined together to remember the end of slavery in America mostly through parades and festivals. During the past few years, a small but dedicated group of organizers have been working to raise the profile of Portland’s Juneteenth celebration to the levels of other similar cities like Oakland and Seattle.

Portland’s Juneteenth Planning Committee would like to include more people to make this event an even greater success. The committee meets monthly and then more frequently as the date for the event approaches.

For the past two years, Portland’s celebration has been unique. **Juneteenth Oregon has brought to life historic figures**, through the use of performance actors, who portray the likes of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Abraham Lincoln. A special pavilion is established where festival visitors can talk to these actors in character to hear their memorable words.

The Portland festival will again feature musical performers and host a Village marketplace. Community organizations, social services, others who provide information to the public are welcome to participate. Businesses and other groups are also invited to join as sponsors.

If you are interested in becoming a Planning Committee member, please **contact Doris Rush at 503-764-8836, or email juneteenthoregon@gmail.com.**