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## Rare triplet panda cubs pass health checkup



**TRIPLE TROUBLE.** Panda triplets are examined at their one-month medical checkup at the Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou, China. The official Xinhua News Agency said the girl and two boys are healthy. The cubs, born on July 29, 2014, are only the fourth triplets known to have been born in artificial breeding programs, but it is not clear how many survived previously. China devotes major resources to increasing the population of its unofficial mascot and regularly announces the births of giant pandas at zoos and at the Wolong breeding center in the southwestern province of Sichuan, where most wild pandas live. (Photo/Kin Cheung)



First lady says husband helps with chores

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## Dethroned Myanmar beauty queen blasts pageant boss

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The Associated Press

**Y**ANGON, Myanmar — A dethroned 16-year-old beauty queen from Myanmar says she won't return her bejewelled \$100,000 crown until pageant organizers apologize for calling her a liar and a thief.

May Myat Noe — the country's first winner of an international beauty contest — lashed back at her accusers at a tightly packed news conference.

She said representatives of the Miss Asia Pacific World pageant lied about her age — saying she was 18 instead of 16 — and tried to pressure her into getting plastic surgery “from head to toe.”

Noe denied having breast implants as claimed by David Kim, director of media for the South-Korea-based pageant. He said the surgery was provided free of charge, part of efforts to boost the teen into superstardom.

Kim said Noe was stripped of her title

because she was dishonest and unappreciative, and that she ran off with her tiara after learning of the decision.

Noe said she boarded a plane for Myanmar before getting word.

She said she did not intend to steal the crown, but also wasn't going to give it back without a “sorry,” not just to her, but also to Myanmar.

“I'm not even proud of this crown,” she said after opening a blue box and placing

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