

world-news : Passenger makes bomb threat to force plane to land in Sochi A Pegasus Airlines plane landed at Istanbul today after a passenger said that there was a bomb on board and wanted the plane to land in Sochi, Russia, where the Winter Olympics are being celebrated now. world-news : Spanish authorities seize a ton of cocaine in floating backpacks Spanish authorities seize dozens of submersible backpacks full of cocaine. Spain's Civil Guard said Monday it has seized 37 of the packs, which had GPS devices to track them, with nearly 2,000 pounds of the substance. world-news : Mainland Chinese line up for Australia's 'millionaire visa' Rich Chinese nationals have been queuing up for the opportunity to live in Australia under the millionaire visa program, which requires a clean criminal record and \$A5 million (\$US4.37 million) to invest . world-news : North and South Korea agree to hold family reunions this month North Korea and South Korea have agreed to hold reunions between February 20 and 25, of families separated in the Korean War. If they go ahead, they would be the first since 2010. world-news : Castaway recounts how he survived 13 months adrift in Pacific Jose Salvador Alvarenga, a castaway, has been living off turtles and rainwater while adrift. He says he considered killing himself when he ran out of food and water. world-news : Ohio authorities investigate triple murder-suicide Four relatives were found dead in what is believed to be a triple murder or suicide in northwestern Ohio. A family member discovered the four relatives, Robert Garza Sr., his wife, daughter and granddaughter. world-news : North Korea threatens to pull out of family reunions North Korea is threatening to back off the family reunions they agreed with South Korea if the later doesn't stops the military drills that'll be performed at the end of this month with the United States. world-news : Explosion at Libyan school injures six children Six students were wounded when a number of unknown assailants tossed a hand grenade into a school in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi. The hospital says that the attack happened during school break time. science : Boston Company Developing Synthetic Organs Harvard Apparatus Regenerative Technology, a regenerative-medicine company, is developing synthetic tracheas which it plans to produce on a larger scale soon. The company is testing its technique in Russia, aiming to continue tests in the European Union later this year, and eventually in the United States. science : Voyager 1 becomes first human-made object to leave solar system NASA announced on Thursday that the Voyager 1 has left the solar system, being the first man made object to achieve such thing. science : 'Walking shark' discovered in Indonesia A species of shark that uses its fins to walk along the sea bed, to find small fish and crustaceans, has been discovered off the coast of Indonesia. It grows to a maximum length of 30 inches and is harmless to humans. science : How a Predator's Brain Maps Its Next Kill Differences in a sound's timing and loudness between ears give a Barn Owl the left-right and up-down position of prey. This brain map is stored in the owl's optic tectum, in the midbrain, which handles all of these computations and keeps auditory, visual, and motor maps synchronised. Other animals have similar maps, though details differ. science : A Fifteen-Year-Old Has Invented an Incredible New Kind of Flashlight A 15 year old from Victoria, British Columbia - Ann Makosinski - has created an LED flashlight powered by body heat, that costs just \$26. science : Eye chip sends signals to blind rats' brains A chip implanted in a rat's eye sends it brain signals, so the blind rat can see. Rats with faulty vision that received the prosthetic implants responded to light with activity in their brains' visual cortexes. science : Justice rule human genes cannot be patented The US Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that human genes cannot be patented, but synthetic genes can. Several thousand patents have been invalidated after this ruling. science : New Human Body Part Discovered Harminder Dua has found a new body part that is just 15 microns thick. It is a layer of the eye which has now been called Dua's layer. tech : Sony to sell PC unit and cut jobs Sony is to sell its PC unit, cut 5,000 jobs and split its TV division into a separate subsidiary, as part of a plan to reverse heavy losses. Sony forecast a net loss of 110bn yen (\$1.08bn) for the financial year to 31 March, revising its earlier projection of a 30bn yen profit. tech : Paper app CEO asks Facebook to 'stop using our brand name' Facebook is in hot water over the name of their newly announced app, Paper, as an existing, well-regarded app uses a similar name - Paper by FiftyThree. The latter app has been around since 2012, and FiftyThree's CEO took to their company blog to ask that Facebook stop using their brand name. tech : FCC will double spending in order bring 100Mbps to students FCC will double the spending on broadband in order to bring 100Mbps connections to students. Also \$500 million of broadband funding from private companies will be announced on Tuesday. tech : Tesla completes its cross-country world record attempt Two Tesla Model S electric vehicles have crossed the US from Los Angeles to New York City in 76 hours. The journey was an attempt to break a Guinness Record for cross-country energy efficiency, but it's not yet clear if the attempt was successful. tech : Facebook turns ten today Facebook launched 10 years ago today in a dorm room at Harvard University, as a way for students to connect with friends. Today, the social media giant has more than 1.2 billion active users worldwide, and is the biggest social network. tech : Microsoft May Be Getting Ready for a Huge Windows 8.1 Flip-Flop A pair of reports suggest the Windows 8.1 update for 2014 will allow the OS to boot straight into the desktop and make it the default environment, after much criticism of Windows 8's bifurcated approach to computing. Windows 8.1 did nothing to slow the PC market's decline, falling 6.4% in the fall quarter, whilst Apple's Mac sales increased 19% year-on-year. tech : US Treasury confirms Bitcoin miners and investors won't be regulated Bitcoin miners and investors will not be regulated by the US Treasury. The clarification came in a pair of rulings yesterday from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. Now people who mine virtual currencies and businesses that buy and sell virtual currencies purely as an investment will not be considered money transmitters. tech : Facebook presents Paper Facebook announced Paper, a new app that takes the standard Facebook News Feed and recreates it as a horizontally scrolling set of screens. It also provides a new way to post to Facebook (and Paper) with an elegant WYSIWYG editor. gaming : World of Tanks: Xbox 360 Edition launching Feb. 12 Wargaming.net announced they will launch World of Tanks for Xbox 360 worldwide on February 12. The game will be downloadable only, and free to play with an Xbox Live Gold account. gaming : Forza Motorsport 5 gets 10 new performance cars The Smoking Tire Car Pack for Forza Motorsport 5, featuring 10 new sports cars, will be available for Xbox One users on Feb. 5. This pack will include cars from Maserati, BMW, Alfa Romeo, Nissan, between others. gaming : Zynga buys game-maker NaturalMotion Social gaming firm Zynga has announced the purchase of UK game-maker NaturalMotion for \$527m. The Oxford-based NaturalMotion has mobile game hits, such as CSR Racing and Clumsy Ninja. gaming : PlayStation Plus not required to play Elder Scrolls Online on PS4 It has been confirmed that the upcoming MMO The Elder Scrolls Online, with its \$15/month fee, will not require a PlayStation Plus subscription to be played on the PS4, whilst Xbox One players will have to pay for an Xbox Live Gold subscription in order to play. gaming : Blizzard reaches 100M lifetime World of Warcraft accounts The developer of World of Warcraft, Blizzard Entertainment, announced that players have created over 100 million different accounts (including trial accounts) since the game's release in November 2004. As of the end of September 2013, World of Warcraft had 7.6 million active subscribers. gaming : Sony to reveal the 'slimmest' launch in its history Sony is inviting press to a breakfast briefing at the end of the month to introduce the "slimmest" launch in PlayStation history. So far there is no word on what the company plans to showcase. The invitation in full only teases what's to come. gaming : 'Super-rare' Nintendo game hits eBay A super rare Nintendo

Entertainment System (NES) hit eBay earlier this week. Only 116 copies of Nintendo World Championships were ever made, as part of a special event in 1990. The first bid came in at \$4,999, but it finally sold to \$99,902.00. gaming : Minecraft for PS3 sells more than 1M units
Minecraft for Sony's PlayStation 3 has already sold more than 1 million units, after being announced last December. The developer, Mojang, has announced PS Vita and PlayStation 4 versions of the popular sandbox game.

Friday: mostlycloudy Overcast with rain. High of 9C. Windy. Winds from the West at 20 to 30 km/h. Friday Night: rain Overcast with a chance of rain, then rain after midnight. Fog overnight. Low of 5C. Windy. Winds from the South at 25 to 40 km/h. Chance of rain 80% with rainfall amounts near 5.1 mm possible. Saturday: chancerain Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 9C. Winds from the South at 35 to 50 km/h. Chance of rain 40%. Saturday Night: rain Overcast with a chance of rain, then rain after midnight. Low of 5C. Winds from the SSW at 35 to 55 km/h. Chance of rain 60%. Sunday: mostlycloudy Mostly cloudy. High of 8C. Winds from the WSW at 35 to 40 km/h. Sunday Night: partlycloudy Overcast in the evening, then partly cloudy. Low of 1C. Breezy. Winds from the SSW at 15 to 25 km/h. Monday: partlycloudy Overcast. High of 8C. Breezy. Winds from the SW at 10 to 30 km/h shifting to the NW in the afternoon. Monday Night: mostlycloudy Clear in the evening, then overcast. Low of 0C with a windchill as low as -4C. Breezy. Winds from the SW at 15 to 30 km/h.