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Although I may attempt to influence your decisions into agreement with mine, I know that ultimately you may prevail.....and a doting father may sit on the sidelines and cheer you on--hoping for the best.....and forever feel that "If she had only taken my advice years ago----" But, alas, youth will prevail. Parents can only prepare the foundation upon which they must build our future society. We can only provide the guidelines for making the best decisions when such decisions must be made by our offspring.

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He will replace Antonio Pereira, who died of ill health.

The Portuguese government said it was not yet known if Dr. Garin would hold both posts.

Traffic

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