



KHSSL JR 2022 SEMI-FINALS: NEWS PROGRAM PACKET

LONDON, THE U.K. — QUEEN ELIZABETH II HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AND IS EXPERIENCING MILD, COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, BUCKINGHAM PALACE SAID, ADDING THAT THE FAMOUSLY STOIC 95-YEAR-OLD MONARCH STILL PLANS TO CARRY ON WORKING. THE DIAGNOSIS PROMPTED CONCERN AND GET-WELL WISHES FROM ACROSS BRITAIN'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM. BRITAIN'S LONGEST-REIGNING MONARCH AND A FIXTURE IN THE LIFE OF THE NATION, THE QUEEN REACHED THE MILESTONE OF 70 YEARS ON THE THRONE ON FEB. 6, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1952 DEATH OF HER FATHER, KING GEORGE VI. SHE WILL TURN 96 ON APRIL 21. THE PALACE SAID THE QUEEN, WHO HAS BEEN FULLY VACCINATED AND HAD A BOOSTER SHOT, WOULD CONTINUE WITH "LIGHT" DUTIES AT WINDSOR CASTLE OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

BEIJING, CHINA — A SPELLBINDING ROUTINE FROM NATHAN CHEN SET A NEW SHORT-PROGRAM WORLD RECORD IN THE MEN'S FIGURE SKATING EVENT IN BEIJING, LIFTING THE AMERICAN TO THE TOP SPOT AND WITHIN SIGHT OF A DREAM FIRST WINTER OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL. THE 22-YEAR-OLD'S NEAR-FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE WAS REWARDED BY JUDGES WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED 113.97 POINTS. CHEN'S SCORE BROKE THE PREVIOUS WORLD RECORD OF 111.82 SET IN 2020 BY TWO-TIME OLYMPIC DEFENDING CHAMPION YUZURU HANYU. MANY HAD TAPPED THE JAPANESE ICON TO BE THE MAIN BARRIER TO CHEN'S PURSUIT OF GOLD, BUT AN UNCHARACTERISTIC ERROR EARLY IN HANYU'S ROUTINE LEFT HIM IN EIGHTH WITH A SCORE OF 95.15.

WASHINGTON- D.C. — THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST FAMILY HAS ADOPTED A GRAY SHORTHAIR TABBY CAT NAMED WILLOW. FIRST LADY JILL BIDEN WAS APPARENTLY THE DRIVER BEHIND THE ADOPTION AFTER WILLOW INTERRUPTED A SPEECH SHE WAS GIVING AT A PENNSYLVANIA FARM DURING PRESIDENT BIDEN'S 2020 CAMPAIGN. THE CAT IS NAMED AFTER THE FIRST LADY'S HOMETOWN OF WILLOW GROVE, PA. THE CAT WILL BE THE FIRST TO LIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE SINCE PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH'S BLACK CAT, INDIA. LAST MONTH, THE BIDENS WELCOMED COMMANDER, A 4-MONTH-OLD PUREBRED GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPY. IN JUNE, THE BIDENS' ELDEST DOG, CHAMP, DIED. MEANWHILE, MAJOR, WHOM THEY ADOPTED FROM AN ANIMAL SHELTER IN 2018, WAS REHOMED AFTER STRUGGLING TO ADAPT TO THE BUSY WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT.

DENVER, C.O. — A WOMAN OF MIXED RACE APPEARS TO BE THE THIRD PERSON EVER TO BE CURED OF H.I.V., USING A NEW TRANSPLANT METHOD INVOLVING UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD THAT OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF CURING MORE PEOPLE OF DIVERSE RACIAL BACKGROUNDS THAN WAS PREVIOUSLY POSSIBLE, SCIENTISTS ANNOUNCED. CORD BLOOD IS MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE THAN THE ADULT STEM CELLS USED IN THE BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTS THAT CURED THE PREVIOUS TWO PATIENTS, AND IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE MATCHED AS CLOSELY TO THE RECIPIENT. MOST DONORS IN REGISTRIES ARE OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN, SO ALLOWING FOR ONLY A PARTIAL MATCH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CURE DOZENS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE BOTH H.I.V. AND CANCER EACH YEAR, SCIENTISTS SAID. THE WOMAN, WHO ALSO HAD LEUKEMIA, RECEIVED CORD BLOOD TO TREAT HER CANCER. IT CAME FROM A PARTIALLY MATCHED DONOR, INSTEAD OF THE TYPICAL PRACTICE OF FINDING A BONE MARROW DONOR OF SIMILAR RACE AND ETHNICITY TO THE PATIENT'S. SHE ALSO RECEIVED BLOOD FROM A CLOSE RELATIVE TO GIVE HER BODY TEMPORARY IMMUNE DEFENSES WHILE THE TRANSPLANT TOOK. RESEARCHERS PRESENTED SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE NEW CASE AT THE CONFERENCE ON RETROVIRUSES AND OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS IN DENVER, COLO.

LEXINGTON, K.Y. — LEXINGTON POLICE SAY MULTIPLE PEOPLE WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER A DISORDER ON THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY THE 19TH AT MALIBU JACK'S. POLICE SAY THEY RECEIVED A CALL JUST AFTER 8:00 P.M. FOR A LARGE DISORDER. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT LED TO THE INCIDENT. POLICE SAY FOUR ADULTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND THREE JUVENILES WERE DETAINED. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

FRANKFORT, K.Y. — A BILL THAT WOULD MANDATE HOW KENTUCKY EDUCATORS TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT HISTORY CLEARED ITS FIRST HURDLE. THE BILL IS CALLED THE “TEACHING AMERICA’S PRINCIPLES ACT.” THE BILL’S SPONSOR SAID THE GOAL IS TO UNIFY PEOPLE, BUT CRITICS ARE CONCERNED IT WILL CENSURE TEACHERS. THE BILL IS SENATE BILL 138 AND BECAUSE OF THE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS THE ORIGINAL BILL BROUGHT, THE VERSION VOTED ON IN COMMITTEE WAS REWRITTEN IN A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE. SUPPORTERS SAID IT FOCUSES ON TEACHING THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA’S PRINCIPLES, WHILE OPPONENTS SAID IT IS CLASSROOM CENSORSHIP. SEVERAL PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DEBATE CAME TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE, INCLUDING SEVERAL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. THE BILL CLEARED COMMITTEE MOSTLY ALONG PARTY LINES IN A 9-4 VOTE. MANY SAID THEY HAD NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE WHICH WAS RELEASED SHORTLY BEFORE THE 11:30 MEETING. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE FULL SENATE.

WEATHER —

SATURDAY, FEB- 26TH	SUNDAY, FEB- 27TH	MONDAY, FEB- 28TH
PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY
HI: 37	HI: 41	HI: 32
LO: 19	LO: 23	LO: 18

NASA — NASA HAS SELECTED TWO SCIENCE MISSIONS — THE MULTI-SLIT SOLAR EXPLORER, OR M.U.S.E., AND HELIOSWARM — TO HELP IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DYNAMICS OF THE SUN, THE SUN-EARTH CONNECTION, AND THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING SPACE ENVIRONMENT. THESE MISSIONS WILL PROVIDE DEEPER INSIGHTS INTO OUR UNIVERSE AND OFFER CRITICAL INFORMATION TO HELP PROTECT ASTRONAUTS, SATELLITES, AND COMMUNICATIONS SIGNALS SUCH AS GPS. THE M.U.S.E. MISSION WILL HELP SCIENTISTS UNDERSTAND THE FORCES DRIVING THE HEATING OF THE SUN'S CORONA AND THE ERUPTIONS IN THAT OUTERMOST REGION THAT ARE AT THE FOUNDATION OF SPACE WEATHER. THE MISSION WILL OFFER DEEPER INSIGHT INTO THE PHYSICS OF THE SOLAR ATMOSPHERE BY USING A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT KNOWN AS A MULTI-SLIT SPECTROMETER TO OBSERVE THE SUN'S EXTREME ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION AND OBTAIN THE HIGHEST RESOLUTION IMAGES EVER CAPTURED OF THE SOLAR TRANSITION REGION AND THE CORONA. THE MISSION WILL ALSO PROVIDE COMPLEMENTARY OBSERVATIONS FROM HELIOPHYSICS RESEARCH SUCH AS THE EXTREME ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROSCOPIC TELESCOPE AND GROUND-BASED OBSERVATORIES.

COMMERCIAL PROMPT:

Koala Cuddlekings Stuffed Animal



Price \$16.50

At Target, Wal-Mart, and Amazon!

This huggable plush koala from Wild Republic's Cuddlekings collection has a wonderfully cuddly body with soft light gray fur, gray feet, soft white tummy, inner ears, and eye surrounds, and a sweet face with a big black nose and warm brown eyes.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this adorable Cuddlekings stuffed koala helps to provide housing and education for disadvantaged children, as well as protection for abandoned animals throughout the world.

Fun Facts about Koalas: Did you know that while koalas are often referred to as "koala bears," they're really not bears at all? Koalas are actually marsupials - mammals with pouches in which their babies live while they complete their development.