

## KHSSL SR 2025 FINALS: NEWS PROGRAM PACKET

### COMMERCIAL PROMPT

**Tickets:** [www.my.skypac.com](http://www.my.skypac.com)

**Date**

Saturday, March 8, 2025

**Time**

7:30 PM

At SKYPAC in Bowling Green



*Floyd Collins* is a musical with music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, and book by Tina Landau. The story is based on the death of Floyd Collins near Cave City, Kentucky in the winter of 1925.

The musical opened Off-Broadway on February 9, 1996, where it ran for 25 performances. There have been subsequent London productions as well as regional U.S. productions.

The show will make its Broadway premiere in 2025 at the Vivian Beaumont Theater as part of Lincoln Center Theatre's 2024–25 season.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of a tragic local event that captured the attention of the world, the Ramsey Theatre Company presents *Floyd Collins* – the story of an American dreamer who in pursuit of turning a Kentucky cave into a tourist attraction became a tourist attraction himself when he became trapped underground. Hailed as “the original and daring musical of our day” and “the finest work of American musical theater, not excluding opera, to come along since Sondheim’s *Sweeney Todd*” *Floyd Collins* features a glorious folk and bluegrass-inspired score.



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### **BIG BEAR LAKE, CA**

IT'S NEARLY SPRING, AND PROUD PARENTS JACKIE AND SHADOW HAVE WELCOMED TWO NEW EAGLETS INTO THE WORLD AT THE BIG BEAR LAKE NATURE RESERVE.

THE FIRST CHICK HATCHED AROUND 11:30 P.M. MONDAY, AND THE SECOND POKED THROUGH JUST BEFORE 4:30 A.M. TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO FRIENDS OF BIG BEAR VALLEY, THE NONPROFIT THAT MANAGES THE POPULAR YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM CENTERED ON THE NEST.

EAGLE-EYED FANS ARE OVERJOYED BY THE ARRIVALS, WITH MORE THAN 80,000 PEOPLE TUNING IN LIVE TUESDAY MORNING. THE CHICKS LOOK LIKE LITTLE BALLS OF GRAY FLUFF RIGHT NOW, BUT STEERS SAID THEY'LL GROW QUICKLY. THEY'LL BE KNOWN AS CHICK 1 AND CHICK 2.

IN THE PAST, THE FINAL NAMING DECISION HAS BEEN UP TO A BIG BEAR THIRD-GRADE CLASS. PREVIOUS CHICKS HAVE BEEN NAMED STORMY, BBB (FOR BIG BEAR BABY), SIMBA AND COOKIE THROUGH THAT PROCESS.



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### **BOCA CHICA, TEXAS**

THE LATEST SPACEX LAUNCH OF STARSHIP, THE LARGEST ROCKET EVER BUILT, HAS BEEN POSTPONED. THE COMPANY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY ELON MUSK, WAS GEARING UP TO AGAIN ATTEMPT A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF ITS ROCKET MONDAY EVENING. AN EXPLANATION FOR WHAT CAUSED THE POSTPONEMENT WAS NOT PROVIDED BY SPACEX, THOUGH DELAYS HAVE NOT BEEN UNCOMMON DURING THE ENDEAVORS.

"STANDING DOWN FROM TODAY'S FLIGHT TEST ATTEMPT. STARSHIP TEAM IS DETERMINING THE NEXT BEST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY TO FLY," SPACEX SAID IN A POST ON X.

HAD STARSHIP TAKEN OFF MONDAY, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ROCKET'S EIGHTH LAUNCH. DURING THE LAST ATTEMPT IN MID-JANUARY, A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE PEPPERED THE CARIBBEAN WITH FALLING DEBRIS.

KNOWN AS STARSHIP, THE ROCKET STANDS JUST OVER FOUR HUNDRED FEET TALL. IT'S MADE OF STAINLESS STEEL AND IS



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DESIGNED TO ONE DAY BE FULLY AND RAPIDLY REUSABLE – MEANING THAT BOTH THE ROCKET AND ITS SUPER HEAVY BOOSTER COULD BE LAUNCHED AGAIN JUST HOURS AFTER RETURNING FROM SPACE. SUCH A VEHICLE WOULD RADICALLY LOWER THE COST OF LAUNCHING SATELLITES AND PEOPLE INTO ORBIT. IN THE NEAR TERM, SPACEX PLANS TO USE STARSHIP TO GREATLY EXPAND ITS FLEET OF STARLINK INTERNET SATELLITES. NASA HAS ALSO PAID THE COMPANY BILLIONS TO DEVELOP STARSHIP INTO A LUNAR LANDER FOR ITS UPCOMING ARTEMIS MISSIONS TO THE MOON.

BUT THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF STARSHIP IS TO GET HUMANS TO MARS. ELON MUSK FOUNDED SPACEX WITH THE DREAM OF MAKING LIFE MULTIPLANETARY, A DREAM HE REITERATED IN A DISCUSSION ON THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE ON FEBRUARY 28.

MUSK SAID THAT HE HOPED ONE OR MORE UNCREWED STARSHIPS TO THE RED PLANET COULD LAUNCH AS SOON AS NOVEMBER OF 2026, WHEN EARTH AND MARS ARE IN CLOSE ALIGNMENT.



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### **NEW YORK CITY:**

HARPER LEE, THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR WHO ONCE PROFESSED HER DREAM OF BEING THE "JANE AUSTEN OF SOUTH ALABAMA", WAS KNOWN FOR RESTRAINT WHEN IT CAME TO SHARING WORK.

THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF LEE'S 89 YEARS, SHE PUBLISHED ONLY TWO NOVELS. NOW, A NEW COLLECTION OF HER STORIES AND ESSAYS WILL BE POSTHUMOUSLY ADDED TO THAT BOOKSHELF.

### **THREE THINGS TO KNOW:**

1. THE COLLECTION, CALLED *THE LAND OF SWEET FOREVER: STORIES AND ESSAYS*, WILL BE PUBLISHED BY HARPERCOLLINS IN OCTOBER, AND INCLUDES EIGHT SHORT STORIES THAT A YOUNG LEE WROTE BEFORE FOCUSING ON HER BELOVED *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*.
2. THE STORIES SPAN FROM ALABAMA TO NEW YORK CITY, AND COVER THEMES LIKE POLITICS, EQUALITY, ART, AND THE AMERICAN SOUTH.
3. THE TYPESCRIPTS, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS RELEASE, WERE DISCOVERED IN LEE'S NEW YORK CITY APARTMENT AFTER HER DEATH IN 2016.



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### **WASHINGTON STATE AND OREGON:**

THE ONGOING BIRD FLU OUTBREAKS RAVAGING THE COUNTRY COULD NOW POSE A REAL DANGER TO DOMESTIC, INDOOR CATS.

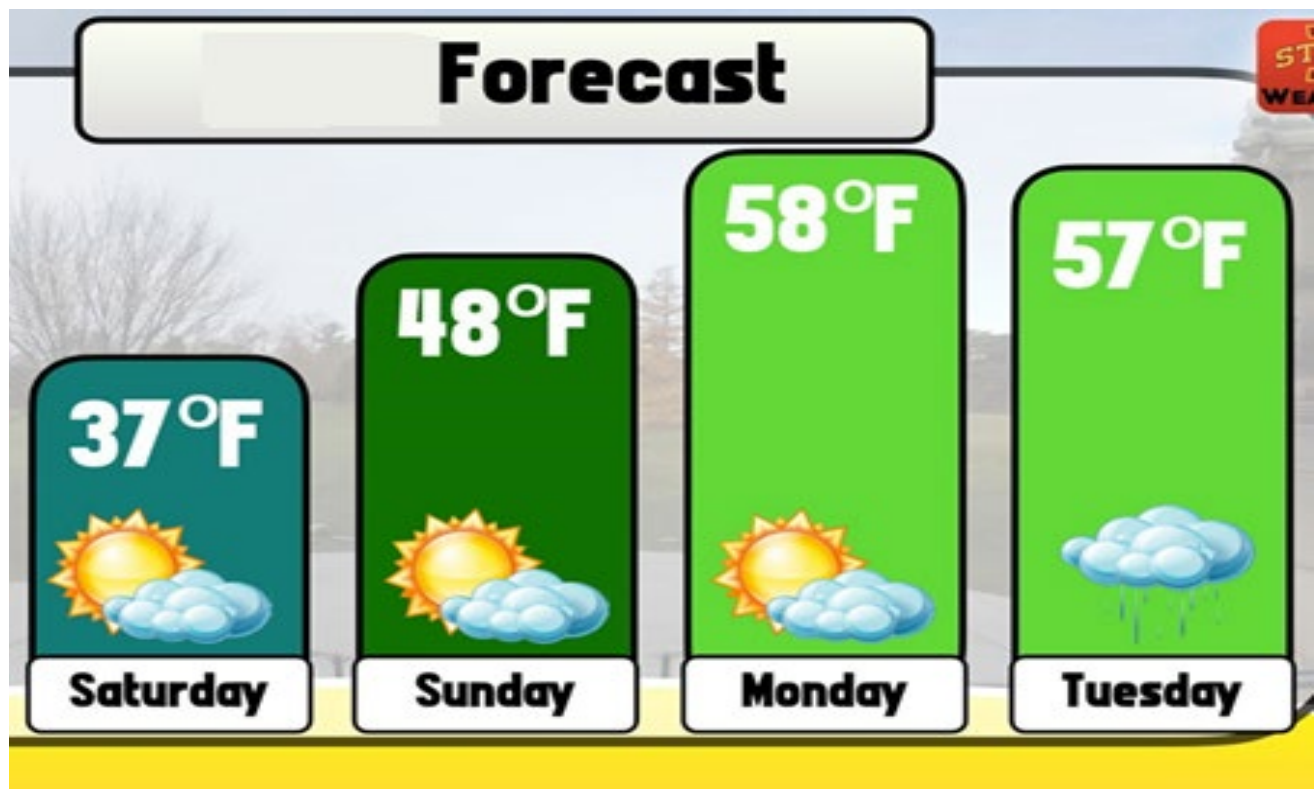
WILD COAST RAW, AN OLYMPIA, WA-BASED PET FOODS COMPANY, IS RECALLING ITS FROZEN BONELESS FREE RANGE CHICKEN FORMULA RAW CAT FOOD IN 16 AND 24 OUNCES.

ACCORDING TO THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, THE RECALL WENT INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 1 "BECAUSE IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) H5N1 ALSO KNOWN AS BIRD FLU." THE VIRUS CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO ANIMALS EATING THE CONTAMINATED PRODUCT. THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PET FOOD RETAILERS IN WASHINGTON STATE AND OREGON. PER THE FDA,

PET OWNERS ARE ADVISED TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR

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SYMPTOMS OF BIRD FLU, INCLUDING FEVER, LETHARGY, LOW APPETITE, REDDENED OR INFLAMED EYES, DISCHARGE FROM THE EYES AND NOSE, DIFFICULTY BREATHING, AND NEUROLOGICAL SIGNS LIKE TUMORS, STIFF BODY MOVEMENTS, SEIZURE, LACK OF COORDINATION, OR BLINDNESS. PET OWNERS ARE URGED TO RUSH THEIR FELINES TO A VET IF THEY EXHIBIT THESE SYMPTOMS.





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### **ATLANTA**

SIR ELTON JOHN HOPES THAT SELLING HIS GUCCI JACKETS AND VERSACE SHIRTS TO THE PUBLIC WILL “BRING YOU AS MUCH JOY AS THEY’VE BROUGHT ME”.

THE EBAY AUCTION, WHICH OPENED ON THURSDAY, FEATURES HUNDREDS OF ITEMS FROM THE 77-YEAR-OLD BRITISH PIANIST AND SINGER’S WARDROBE, WITH 100% OF SALES GOING TO BENEFIT HIS CHARITY ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION.

SIR ELTON HAS PREVIOUSLY SOLD A BLACK CONSERVATORY GRAND PIANO FOR 201,600 US DOLLARS WITH CHRISTIE’S ALONG WITH BOOTS, ARTWORK AND CLOTHING FOLLOWING THE SALE OF HIS ATLANTA HOME.

THE EBAY AUCTION WILL HAVE PIECES FROM HIS HUSBAND DAVID FURNISH, ITALIAN FASHION DESIGNER DONATELLA VERSACE, US SINGER BRANDI CARLILE, AMERICAN DESIGNER BETSEY JOHNSON, GOOD MORNING AMERICA STAR ROBIN ROBERTS AND CHAT SHOW HOST ANDY COHEN.



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### **SAN ANTONIO**

NBA SUPERSTAR VICTOR WEMBANYAMA HAS BEEN RULED OUT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH A BLOOD CLOT AND DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS IN HIS RIGHT SHOULDER.

WEMBANYAMA WAS SELECTED BY THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS AS THE NBA'S NUMBER ONE OVERALL DRAFT PICK IN 2023 AND HAS LIVED UP TO THE HYPE, WINNING ROOKIE OF THE YEAR IN HIS DEBUT SEASON AND IMPRESSING AGAIN IN HIS SECOND CAMPAIGN – AVERAGING 24.3 POINTS, 11.0 REBOUNDS AND 3.7 ASSISTS IN 46 GAMES THIS TERM, WHILE ALSO LEADING THE LEAGUE WITH 176 BLOCKS.

HOWEVER, HE WILL NOW MISS THE REMAINDER OF THE 2024-25 REGULAR SEASON AND WHILE HE COULD THEORETICALLY RETURN FOR THE PLAY-OFFS, THE SPURS ARE CURRENTLY NOT IN POSITION TO QUALIFY.

THE 7FT 3IN FRENCHMAN IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.



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### **NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA**

“INCREASED FIRE DANGER” WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ACROSS NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA TODAY, WITH WINDS IN THE REGION EXPECTED TO PICK UP AND HUMIDITY FORECAST TO PLUMMET.

FIREFIGHTERS ARE CONTINUING TO BATTLE BLAZES THAT STARTED TEARING THROUGH BOTH STATES LAST WEEKEND, INCLUDING THE LARGE BRUSH FIRE – THE CAROLINA FOREST FIRE – THAT BROKE OUT FIVE MILES NORTH OF MYRTLE BEACH. THE CAROLINA FOREST FIRE – THE LARGEST FIRE ACROSS THE TWO STATES – HAS TORCHED MORE THAN 2,000 ACRES AND REMAINS JUST 30 PERCENT CONTAINED. A STATE-WIDE BURN BAN WILL STAY IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ANOTHER WILDFIRE HAS SPREAD TO ALMOST 600 ACRES AROUND THE TOWNS OF TRYON AND SALUDA IN NORTH CAROLINA’S POLK COUNTY. IT WAS 63 PERCENT CONTAINED. OVER THE WEEKEND, SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AFTER APPROXIMATELY 175 BLAZES WERE RECORDED ACROSS THE CAROLINAS.



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### **THE APPLE UNIVERSE**

APPLE HAS LAUNCHED A NEW IPAD AIR – LESS THAN A YEAR SINCE THE LAST ONE. AN UPDATE BRINGS THE M3 CHIP, TO REPLACE THE M2 THAT POWERED THAT PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE COMPUTER, RELEASED LAST MAY. APPLE DID NOT SAY HOW MUCH QUICKER THAT HAD MADE THE COMPUTER COMPARED TO ITS PREDECESSOR, BUT CLAIMED THE M3 VERSION IS TWICE AS FAST AS THE M1-POWERED AIR THAT WAS RELEASED IN 2022.

ALMOST EVERYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE NEW IPAD REMAINS THE SAME. IT COMES IN TWO SIZES OPTIONS (11- AND 13-INCH) AND FOUR DIFFERENT COLOURS. IT STARTS AT \$599 FOR THE SMALLER MODEL, AND \$749 FOR THE LARGER ONE.

THOSE PRICES ARE THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS VERSION. TIM COOK, APPLE’S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HAD TEASED THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN A TWEET POSTED ON MONDAY IN WHICH HE HAD SAID THERE WOULD BE “SOMETHING IN THE AIR” THIS WEEK. THAT WAS TAKEN TO BE A REFERENCE TO A RUMOURED NEW MACBOOK AIR AS WELL AS IPAD AIR – AND THE LAPTOP COULD BE RELEASED LATER IN THE WEEK.



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### HOLLYWOOD

THE **OSCARS** SAW HOLLYWOOD'S BIGGEST STARS **ROCK UP ON THE RED CARPET** ON SUNDAY NIGHT, BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE NIGHT THAT WAS ALWAYS BOUND TO TURN HEADS: THE LEGENDARY OSCARS GOODIE BAG. REPORTEDLY VALUED AT A STAGGERING SIX FIGURES, THIS LUXURIOUS COLLECTION OF GIFTS IS AS MUCH A PART OF THE CEREMONY AS THE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR OF EVENT ITSELF.

DISTINCTIVE ASSETS, AN **LA**-BASED MARKETING COMPANY IS BEHIND THE "EVERYBODY WINS" NOMINEE GIFT BAGS WHICH HAVE BECOME A STAPLE OF THE OSCARS SEASON.

AMONG THE MOST HIGH-END ITEMS ARE MIAGE'S ULTRA-LUXURY TRANSFORMATIVE SKINCARE LINE, AN ALL-INCLUSIVE FOUR-NIGHT STAY AT THE JOALI MALDIVES AND JOALI BEING RESORT, A FIVE-NIGHT WELLNESS RETREAT AT SANTANI IN SRI LANKA, AND A \$1M DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICE PACKAGE FROM BRIGHT HARBOR. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A CURATED SELECTION OF PARISIAN-INSPIRED BEAUTY PRODUCTS FROM L'ORÉAL PARIS AND THE NOMATIC INNOVATIVE TRAVEL



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**GEAR FOR JET-SETTING STARS.**

**OTHER NOTABLE GIFTS INCLUDE:**

- 20-PIECE LUXURY LIP CARE SET FROM PETTY POUT
- ARTLIPO BODY CONTOURING PROCEDURES
- ANCESTRYDNA KIT WITH VIP FAMILY HISTORY EXPERIENCE
- BEBOE LUXURY CANNABIS PRODUCTS
- A GOURMET MAPLE GIFT SET FROM BLANC PAR ROUGE
- A CUSTOM "L.A. STRONG" GRAPHIC T-SHIRT FROM BORED REBEL
- A PREMIUM TEA GIFT BOX FROM BROOK37 THE ATELIER
- A FIVE-STAR STAY AT COTTON HOUSE HOTEL IN BARCELONA
- A PERSONALISED BACKGAMMON SET FROM GAMMN
- HIGH-END EYEWEAR FROM KITS EYECARE
- ECO-FRIENDLY FACE TOWEL FROM KLOTH
- TRAVEL ACCESSORIES LIKE VEGAN LEATHER PASSPORT WALLETS AND OVERNIGHT TRAVEL BAGS
- A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF OXYGENETIX BREATHABLE FOUNDATION