

First ladies reveal panda cub name: Bei Bei

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WASHINGTON — Washington’s newest giant panda cub is nameless no more. Call him Bei Bei.

Michelle Obama and her Chinese counterpart, Peng Liyuan, revealed the name during a tour of the panda house at the Smithsonian’s National Zoo.

Bei Bei means “precious treasure” and is pronounced “bay bay.” It complements his two-year-old sister’s name, Bao Bao.

The first ladies chose the name and untied a pair of yellow scrolls to reveal it in both English and Mandarin Chinese, with help from two third-graders from a Chinese-immersion elementary school in the nation’s capital. Just before revealing the name, the spouses watched Bei Bei get a medical checkup.

The zoo is a favorite of her family, Mrs. Obama told the audience of American, Chinese, and Smithsonian officials.

“My daughter, Malia, has done several internships here and comes here often, even though you don’t know it. She is a fan,” the first lady said. “She can now operate under cover, so she comes and goes and you don’t even know it. We are grateful for everything you do to make this a



national treasure.”

Bei Bei, who turned five weeks old and weighs about three pounds, is the survivor of a pair of twins born August 22 to Mei Xiang. The second cub died four days after its birth.

With the cub, the zoo has four pandas for the first time, including Tian Tian, the father of Bao Bao and Bei Bei.

Panda keepers at the National Zoo and

at the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda in Wolong, Sichuan Province, each contributed one name for consideration. Bei Bei was submitted by the Chinese. The cub will be sent to China to live after he turns four years old.

Peng spoke of the affection Americans have for pandas and quoted Mrs. Obama for having said the bears serve as a

COMMON BOND. First lady Michelle Obama, right, and China’s first lady Peng Liyuan, left, reveal the name of the panda born on August 22 at the Smithsonian’s National Zoo in Washington to Mei Xiang, during a recent visit to the zoo in Washington. The name is Bei Bei, which means “precious treasure.” It was chosen by both the Chinese and American first ladies. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

common bond between two countries that disagree sharply on other issues.

“We do need more bonds to bring the people of our two countries ever more closer,” Peng said through an interpreter. “And I think giant pandas are exactly one of those bonds that we can celebrate to achieve that goal.”

China gave a pair of giant pandas to the National Zoo in 1972 following President Richard Nixon’s groundbreaking visit to the Asian country. Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing lived out their lives at the zoo. The current pair of adult pandas, Mei Xiang and Tian Tian, arrived in 2000.

Another of the couple’s surviving cubs, Tai Shan, lives in China.

Before the announcement, Tian Tian and Bao Bao appeared in their outdoor yards, with Bao Bao thrilling the audience by toppling a panda-friendly frozen cake set out for her as a treat.

Bei Bei likely won’t appear in public before early 2016.

Study projects Asians will become largest U.S. immigrant group in 2055

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WASHINGTON — In a major shift in immigration patterns over the next 50 years, Asians will have surged past Hispanics to become the largest group of immigrants heading to the United States, according to estimates in a new immigration study.

The study looks in detail at what will happen by 2065, but the actual tipping point comes in 2055.

An increase in Asian and Hispanic immigration also will drive U.S. population growth, with foreign-born residents expected to make up 18 percent of the country’s projected 441 million people in 50 years, the Pew Research Center said in a report. This will be a record, higher than the nearly 15 percent during the late 19th-century and early 20th-century wave of immigration from Europe.

Today, immigrants make up 14 percent of the population, an increase from five percent in 1965.

The actual change is expected to come in 2055, when Asians will become the largest immigrant group at 36 percent, compared with Hispanics at 34 percent. White

immigrants to America, 80 percent back in 1965, will hover somewhere between 18 and 20 percent, with black immigrants in the range of eight percent to nine percent, the study said.

Currently, 47 percent of immigrants living in the United States are Hispanic, but by 2065 that number will have dropped to 31 percent. Asians currently make up 26 percent of the immigrant population, but in 50 years that percentage is expected to increase to 38 percent.

Pew researchers analyzed a combination of Census Bureau information and its own data to develop its projections.

Part of the reason for the shift is that the fertility rate of women in Latin America and especially Mexico has decreased, said Mark Hugo Lopez, Pew’s director of Hispanic research. In Mexico, Lopez said, women are now having around two children, when back in the 1960s and 1970s, they were having about seven children per woman.

“There are relatively fewer people who would choose to migrate from Mexico so demographic changes in Mexico have led to a somewhat smaller pool of potential migrants,” he said. “At the same time we’ve seen a growing number of immigrants, particularly from China or India, who are coming for reasons such as pursuing a college degree or coming here to work temporarily in the high-tech sector.”

Despite the increase in Asian immigrants, Hispanics will still make up a larger number actually living inside the United States, Lopez said.

Royals’ Jeremy Guthrie recalls growing up in Oregon town rocked by shooting

CHICAGO (AP) — Kansas City Royals pitcher Jeremy Guthrie fondly remembers those days growing up in Oregon — riding his bike all around Roseburg, going to the local swimming pool, and cheering on the basketball team at Umpqua Community College.

All those memories came flooding back after a gunman opened fire at the school on Thursday, October 1, killing at least nine people before dying in a shootout with police.

“It’s a very small community,” Guthrie said of the town where he was born and lived until he was 12. “My mom spent time there. I don’t remember — I was so young — if she was going to school there or if she was helping out there, but my brothers and I used to go swimming there at the swimming pool that you can see in those aerial photos.

“Hispanic population growth is coming from people born here in the United States,” he said. “It is really U.S. births that are now the driver of Hispanic population growth, and that’s a recent change from what we saw in the ’80s and ’90s.”

By 2065, no racial or ethnic group will hold a majority in the United States, with whites holding 46 percent of the population, Hispanics at 24 percent, Asians at 14 percent, and blacks at 13 percent. Currently, the country is 62 percent white, 18 percent Hispanic, 12 percent black, and six percent Asian.

Pew also asked Americans surveyed for one word to describe immigrants in the U.S. today. Twelve percent said “illegal,” “overpopulation” was at five percent, “legality (other than illegal)” at four percent, and “jobs,” “deportation,” “Americans,” and “work ethic” at three percent each. Forty-nine percent offered general descriptions, and of those, 12 percent were positive, 11 percent negative, and 26 percent neutral, according to the report.

Americans also said immigrants are likely to make the United States better, with 45 percent agreeing with that statement and 37 percent saying they make the country worse. Eighteen said they don’t have much of an effect one way or the other.

The survey was conducted online from March 10 to April 6, 2015. The survey’s margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.4 percentage points.

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