



CUTE CALF. Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo has reported that an eastern black rhinoceros named Kapuki gave birth to a calf. The zoo said Kapuki was pregnant for 15 months. The newborn calf stood on all four legs just 53 minutes after birth, according to the zoo. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln Park Zoo)

Rhinoceros at Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo gives birth to calf

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo says an eastern black rhinoceros named Kapuki has given birth to a calf.

The zoo says Kapuki was pregnant for 15 months before the calf was born. Zoo staff members monitored her labor and are watching the rhino and her calf remotely using cameras to give them privacy but are nearby.

The zoo hasn’t named the calf or announced its sex, but officials say details will be released once available. The animals won’t be visible to the public until further notice, but people can follow along on the zoo’s social-media accounts and at #RhinoWatch on twitter.

Zoo officials say the calf stood up at just 53 minutes of age.



AMAZING EIGHT. The co-champions of the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee — from left, Sohum Sukhatankar, 13, of Dallas, Texas; Abhijay Kodali, 12, of Flower Mound, Texas; Rohan Raja, 13, of Irving, Texas; Saketh Sundar, 13, of Clarksville, Maryland; Christopher Serrao, 13, of Whitehouse Station, N.J.; Rishik Gandhasri, 13, of San Jose, California; Erin Howard, 14, of Huntsville, Alabama; and Shruthika Padhy, 13, of Cherry Hill, N.J. — celebrate in Oxon Hill, Maryland, on Friday, May 31, 2019. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Eight are great: National Spelling Bee ends with “octo-champs”

By Ben Nuckols
The Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — The Scripps National Spelling Bee was broken in late May, brought to its knees by eight spellers who were too poised, too prepared, and too savvy for any word thrown their way.

Faced with a dwindling word list and a group of spellers that showed no weakness, Scripps gave up and declared them co-champions, the most extraordinary ending in the 94-year history of the competition.

The eight co-champions spelled the final 47 words correctly in their historic walk-off victory, going through five consecutive perfect rounds.

“Champion spellers, we are now in uncharted territory,” bee pronouncer Jacques Bailly told them in announcing the decision to allow up to eight winners. “We do have plenty of words remaining on our list. But we will soon run out of words that will possibly challenge you, the most phenomenal collection of super spellers in the history of this competition.”

He wasn’t lying. The bee held three more

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Vietnam cargo plane converted into interactive classroom

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Students interested in science and technology will soon be able to attend class in an old military plane in northern Utah.

The *Standard-Examiner* has reported that a Vietnam-era cargo plane has been converted into a classroom for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math students and attached to a museum at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden. Ogden is about 40 miles north of Salt Lake City.

Crews renovated a plane that had been stored at the Hill Aerospace Museum and Aerospace Heritage Foundation of Utah for decades and connected it to the building. The classroom was dedicated in a



May 14 ceremony.

Museum education instructor Mark Standing told the *Standard-Examiner* that the classroom will be used for aerospace lessons, science experiments, competitions, and other activities.

Judge says parents of dead West Point cadet can use his sperm

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — The parents of a 21-year-old West Point cadet fatally injured in a skiing accident can use his frozen sperm to produce a child, a judge ruled while noting potential ethical considerations.

Supreme Court Justice John Colangelo’s ruling gives Peter Zhu’s parents the ability to attempt conception with a surrogate mother using their late son’s sperm. The judge said Zhu’s parents have not decided whether they will try to use it.

“At this time, the court will place no restrictions on the use to which Peter’s parents may ultimately put their son’s sperm, including its potential use for procreative purposes,” Colangelo wrote.

Zhu, of Concord, California, died after a ski accident in February at West Point. His parents received court permission to have his sperm retrieved and frozen at the same time he underwent organ donation surgery, but the judge waited until May to rule on whether they could attempt reproduction. The sperm is preserved at a sperm bank.

Colangelo said he found no restrictions in state or federal law. He noted that few courts have addressed the issue of posthumous reproduction, but those who have addressed it used the decedent’s intent as a deciding factor. He cited a 2008 case where a court ordered destruction of a man’s sperm according to his written request during his lifetime, despite his



REPRODUCTION RULING. This undated photo provided by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point shows West Point Cadet Peter Zhu, who died on February 28, 2019 of injuries he sustained while skiing on February 23 at Victor Constant Ski Area on the academy grounds. The parents of Peter Zhu received a judge’s permission to retrieve his sperm for possible artificial insemination. (U.S. Military Academy at West Point via AP)

widow’s claim to the sperm as her property.

He also cited a 1993 case where a court held that a dead man’s estate representa-

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