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ENVIRONMENT

CLIMBERS' MOTTO: GIVE THE RAPTORS RESPECT



CHRIS HENRY - SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

The raptor monitoring program at Pinnacles National Park is still going strong today, 36 years since it began.

By McKenzie Prillaman news room@monter eyher ald.

and other birds of prey oc-

park-goers climbed too close to raptor nesting sites in the raptor population, especially cliffs, causing the birds to those that nest in cliffs, park abandon their nests.

The park initially reing areas during the breeding season. But after frustration with the blanket closure, Pinnacles park managers and the climbing community came together to create a solution.

"What the park managers came up with was the raptor monitoring program," said Gavin Emmons, a wildlife biologist at Pinnacles National Park who currently oversees the program. "A biwas tasked with monitorparticularly falcons were nesting.

today, 36 years since it be-

Because of its unique rock formations, high concentra-In Pinnacles National tion of climbing routes and Park, falcons, hawks, eagles moderate weather, the park is a popular climbing desticasionally glide right be- nation. Emmons estimates it neath climbers ascending hosts thousands of climbers the park's iconic rocky peaks. annually, the busiest time be-But in the mid-1980s, ing from December to April.

To help protect the park's officials have reinstated the annual climbing advisosponded by closing all climb-ries as of Jan. 18. They request that off-trail hikers and climbers avoid the High Peaks, the Balconies Cliffs area, the Piedras Bonitas/ Gargoyle area, Resurrection Wall, Little Pinnacles/Yaks Wall and the Egg Rock/Teapot Dome areas, according to a news release.

Today, Emmons and his team conduct monthly surveys for nesting sites throughout the raptor breeding season, which runs from ologist or somebody on staff January to July. The initial advisories are put in place ing throughout the breed- in areas where birds have ing season to determine ex- nested in the past five years. actly where nesting raptors However, if no one observes nests in a particular location for three consecutive The raptor monitoring months, the climbing adviprogram is still going strong sory in that region is lifted.



In the mid-1980s, climbers at Pinnacles National Park got too close to raptor nesting sites in the cliffs, causing the birds to abandon their nests.

measures) have been pretty effective," Emmons said. "As long as (climbers) are kept in the loop about what's going on at the park — how advisories are going into effect and what areas they cover - they've been really receptive to that and really excel-

lent stewards" climber and is heavily involved in the climbing community at Pinnacles. He frequently serves as a liaison between climbers and the

park service. In 2021, according to a

"We've found that (these news release, park staff observed 12 pairs of prairie and peregrine falcons, which produced 40 fledglings.

"Last year, we had a particularly successful year after some years of downtrend for prairie falcons," Emmons said. He suspects that delayed seasonal rainfall resulted in poor vegeta-Emmons himself is a tion coverage, making falcon prey species, like ground

> squirrels, easier to capture. Other raptors spotted last year include American kestrels, golden eagles, redtailed hawks, red-shouldered

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UKRAINE CRISIS

Biden: Severe cost' of invasion

By Jim Heintz and Aamer Madhani

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Joe Biden told Russia's Vladimir Putin that invading Ukraine would cause "widespread human suffering" and that the West was committed to diplomacy to end the crisis but "equally prepared for other scenarios," the White House said Saturday.

Biden also said the United States and its allies would respond "decisively and impose swift and severe costs" if the Kremlin attacked its neighbor, according to a White House description of the hourlong call.

"President Biden was clear with President Putin that while the United States remains prepared to engage in diplomacy, in full coordination with our Allies and partners, we are equally prepared for other scenarios," the White House statement said.

The two presidents spoke a day after Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, warned that U.S. intelligence shows that a Russian in-

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PROTEST

Canada border block clearing peacefully as police start moving in

By Rob Gillies and Mike Householder

The Associated Press

WINDSOR, ONTARIO » A tense standoff at a U.S.-Canadian border crossing crucial to both countries' economies appeared to be dissolving peacefully Saturday as Canadian police moved in to disperse the nearly weeklong blockade and protesters began leaving without resistance.

Many demonstrators drove away from the Ambassador Bridge spanning the river between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, as scores of police approached shortly after dawn. They had spent the night there in defiance of new warnings to end the blockade, which disrupted the flow of traffic and goods and forced the auto industry on both sides to roll back production.

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Dems ease up on approach to virus

As midterms approach, there's a shifting narritive on CO-VID-19 restrictions across the country. PAGE A5



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Biden weighs top 3 candidates for court

One of the candidates has ready-made bipartisan support, which has complicated the decision. PAGE A7

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South Carolina stalls on new hate crime law

As one of only two states without a hate crime law, proponents worry about the bill's slowing momentum. PAGE A6

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Gentrain Society Lecture

Who Was Lilith?

Stephanie Spoto PhD, the Philosophy Instructor for The Gentrain Program, will provide a PowerPoint presentation on her recently released book Lilith, Gender and Demonology which addresses the impact of the figure of Lilith in early modern European culture. The work provides a brief introduction to the various occult philosophies in circulation between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries: Neoplatonism, Hermeticism, Gnosticism, etc. before moving on to its primary focus. The main body of work concentrates on the appearance of Lilith and the feminine demonic in official documents as well as poetry. In addition many people have heard the story about Adam and Eve. Lilith, Gender and Demonology However, they rarely understand the story of Adam's first wife, whose name is Lilith.



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In some religious texts, Lilith is believed to be the serpent in the Garden of Eden.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1633

Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around.

A jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

1965

During the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized Operation Rolling Thunder, an extended bombing campaign against the North Vietnamese.

1991

During Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

Egypt's military leaders dissolved parliament, suspended the constitution and promised elections in moves cautiously welcomed by protesters who'd helped topple President Hosni Mubarak.

Birthdays

Actor Kim Novak is 89. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 78. Singer Peter Gabriel is 72. Singer Henry Rollins is 61. Singer Robbie Williams is 48. Actor Katie Volding is 33. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (aka Prince Michael Jackson I) is 25.

Star report

Dr. Phil faces 'toxic' workplace charges like Ellen

After Ellen DeGeneres was hit in the summer of 2020 with allegations that her eponymous daytime talk show was rife with "toxic" workplace behavior, her show lost more than 1 million viewers.

Now, Dr. Phil McGraw is the target of a new BuzzFeed News investigative report, which describes several current and former "Dr. Phil Show" employees coming forward with claims of verbal abuse, fear and intimidation by their superiors on his syndicated daytime talk show.

— Martha Ross, Bay Area News Group

LOTTERY

FRIDAY'S WINNING NUMBERS Daily 3 Afternoon: 6, 4, 0 **Daily 3 Evening:** 0, 2, 5 Daily 4: 2, 2, 4, 3 Fantasy 5: 9, 11, 17, 29, 32

DAILY DERBY 1st: 12, Lucky Charms 2nd: 1, Gold Rush 3rd: 5. California Classic

Race time: 1:43 13 **SUPER LOTTO PLUS** Wednesday's drawing: 20, 35, 37, 39, 44

Mega number: 2 Saturday's estimated jackpot: \$16 million **MEGA MILLIONS**

11, 16, 23, 24, 30 Mega Number: 24 Tuesday's estimated

Friday's drawing:

jackpot: \$53 million **POWERBALL**

Wednesday's drawing: 2, 17, 33, 51, 63 Powerball: 26

Saturday's estimated jackpot: \$172 million





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PHOTOS BY GAVIN EMMONS — SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Pinnacles National Park officials have reinstated the annual climbing advisories to help protect the park's raptor population.

Raptors

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hawks, Cooper's hawks, long-eared owls, barn owls, great horned owls, turkey vultures and California con-

It's hard to tell what this year's breeding season will look like, Emmons said. But he has already observed prairie and peregrine falcon pairs beginning to occupy their territories and display courting behaviors.

Most climbers appear to respect the raptor monitoring program, according to Emmons. Many of them know him and strike up a conversation about the birds when he's out surveying the

"Birds are just a huge part of the experience of climbing there," said Chris park's communication of how similar conservation



Two raptors with wings lifted on a sunny rock at the Pinnacles National Park

ing at Pinnacles for the past five years.

Henry, who has been climb- about route closures and ra- efforts should work. tionale is excellent. According to him, the raptor moni-Henry believes that the toring program is the model of a right to be there than

"I fully support it," Henry said. "The birds have more

Canada

FROM PAGE 1

Surrounded by dozens of officers, a man with "Mandate Freedom" and "Trump 2024" spray-painted on his vehicle left as other protesters began dismantling a small tarp-covered encampment. A trucker honked his horn as he, too, drove off, to cheers and chants of "Free-

More protesters arrived to the area by late morning, though, carrying flags and in Windsor, Ontario, on Saturday. yelling. Police continued to back people away from the bridge, and there were no visible physical confronta-

tions. The demonstrations at the Ambassador Bridge, downtown Ottawa and elsewhere have targeted vaccine mandates and other coronavirus restrictions and vented fury toward Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who has called the protesters a "fringe" of Ca-

nadian society. The protests have reverberated outside the country, with similarly inspired convovs in France. New Zealand and the Netherlands, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security warned that truck protests may be in the works in the United States.

Windsor police tweeted that no one had been arrested as of mid-morning but urged people to stay away from the bridge: "We appreciate the cooperation of the demonstrators at this time and we will continue to focus on resolving the demonstration peacefully.

Daniel Koss was among those who stayed overnight. Shortly before police advanced, he said the protest had succeeded in bringing attention to demands to lift COVID-19 mandates and he was happy it remained peaceful.

"It's a win-win," Koss



NATHAN DENETTE — THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police look on as a protest vehicle leaves a demonstration

ing down right now, they all the mandates, and evand the protesters are all

happy." He said he believed most

big problem." The previous day, a judge and cars, and Ontario Prestate of emergency allowing for fines of 100,000 Caillegally blocking roads, bridges, walkways and other critical infrastruc-

"The illegal blockades are impacting trade, supply chains & manufacturing. They're hurting Canadian families, workers & businesses. Glad to see the Windsor Police & its policing partners commenced enforcement at and near the Ambassador Bridge," Federal Innovation Minister Francois-Philippe

The Ambassador Bridge dian border crossing, car-

said. "The pandemic is roll- The standoff came at a time when the auto industry is can remove the mandates, already struggling to maintain production in the face eryone's happy. The govern- of pandemic-induced shortment does the right thing, ages of computer chips and other supply-chain disruptions.

In the capital, Ottawa, people would disperse in an Mayor Jim Watson deorderly fashion, "because clared a state of emergency we don't want to cause a last week after thousands of protesters descended on the city. Their numbers have ordered an end to the block- dwindled but hundreds ade of mostly pickup trucks of trucks remain parked in front of the Parliament mier Doug Ford declared a Buildings, and demonstrators have set up portable toilets where Trudeau's monadian dollars and up to torcade usually parks outone year in jail for anyone side the prime minister's office.

Protesters on Saturday tore down a fence that authorities put up around the National War Memorial two weeks ago after demonstrators urinated on it. Some demonstrators later chanted "liberte," French for "freedom," as police watched.

Police issued a statement calling the Ottawa protest an unlawful occupation and saying they were waiting for "reinforcements" be-Champagne tweeted Satur- fore implementing a plan to up to Parliament grounds

is the busiest U.S.-Cana- decrying vaccine mandates off approach after initial for truckers and other COrying 25% of all trade be- VID-19 restrictions, many resulted in physical contween the two countries. of Canada's infection mea-frontations.

sures, such as mask rules and vaccine passports for getting into restaurants and theaters, are already falling away as the omicron surge levels off.

Pandemic restrictions have been far stricter in Canada than in the U.S., but Canadians have largely supported them. The vast majority of Canadians are vaccinated, and the CO-VID-19 death rate is onethird that of the United States. Protests inspired by the

Canadian demonstrations were seen in parts of Europe on Saturday.

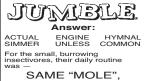
At least 500 vehicles in several convoys attempted to enter Paris at key arteries but were intercepted by police. Over 200 motorists were ticketed, and elsewhere at least two people were detained amid a seizure of knives, hammers and other objects in a central square.

Police fired tear gas against a handful of people who demonstrated on the Champs Elysees Avenue in defiance of a police order. Some 7,000 officers have been mobilized for the weekend protesters, who are railing against the vaccination pass that France requires to enter restaurants and many other venues.

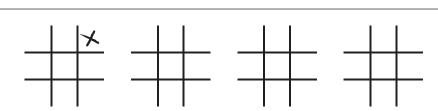
In the Netherlands, meanwhile, dozens of trucks and other vehicles ranging from tractors to a car towing a camping van arrived in The Hague, blocking an entrance to the historic parliamentary complex. Protesters on foot joined them, carrying a banner emblazoned with "Love & freedom, no dictatorship" in Dutch.

Earlier this week in New Zealand, protesters rolled day. "These blockades must end the demonstration. The in a convoy of cars and stop." end the demonstration. The trucks and set up camp. While the protesters are Police have taken a handsattempts to remove them





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