

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2021. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's Black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

In **1653**, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In **1876**, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In **1913**, New York City's rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially opened to the public at one minute past midnight.

In **1914**, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co.

In **1922**, the James Joyce novel "Ulysses" was published in Paris on Joyce's 40th birthday.

In **1925**, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.

In **1943**, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In **1980**, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In **1988**, President Ronald Reagan pressed his case for additional aid to the Nicaraguan Contras a day ahead of a vote by the U.S. House of Representatives. (The three major broadcast TV networks declined to carry the speech, which was covered by CNN; a divided House voted to reject Reagan's request for \$36.2 million in new aid.)

In **2006**, House Republicans elected John Boehner of Ohio as their new majority leader to replace the indicted Tom DeLay.

In **2014**, Academy Award-winning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, 46, was found dead in his New York apartment from a combination of heroin, cocaine and other drugs.

Five years ago: Health officials reported that a person in Texas had become infected with the Zika virus through sex in the first case of the illness being transmitted within the United States.

One year ago: The Philippines reported that a 44-year-old Chinese man from Wuhan had died in a Manila hospital from the new coronavirus; it was the first death from the virus to be recorded outside of China. The United States recorded its ninth known case, a woman in the San Francisco area who'd recently traveled to Wuhan. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes led the Kansas City Chiefs to three touchdowns over the final 6 minutes, 13 seconds to lift them to a 31-20 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Tom Smothers is 84. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 79. Television executive Barry Diller is 79. TV chef Ina Garten is 73. Actor Jack McGee is 72. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 72. The former president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye, is 69. Model Christie Brinkley is 67. Actor Michael Talbot is 66. Actor Kim Zimmer is 66. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 59. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 55. Actor Jennifer Westfeldt is 51. Rapper T-Mo is 49. Singer Shakira is 44. Actor Rich Sommer is 43. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 35. Actor Zosia Mamet is 33.

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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

Protecting rocky shores on the Oregon Coast



Photo by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian
A hiker takes photos after climbing over boulders at Ecola State Park.

Two proposals under review by the state would increase protections for rocky shore areas near Cannon Beach where proponents say off-leash dogs, illegal fireworks and other human activities threaten fragile ecosystems.

If accepted, the proposals would designate Chapman Point, at the far north end of Cannon Beach, and Ecola Point, in Ecola State Park, as marine conservation areas.

The two sites are among a dozen across Oregon under consideration for new designations as the state updates its Rocky Habitat Management Strategy under the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan.

Tourism traffic at both sites has increased since the management plan was first developed in the early 1990s.

"Human-caused disturbances include disrupting bird nests by climbing rocks, drones flushing nesting wildlife, visitors trampling through tide pools, fireworks disrupting seabird and black oyster-catcher nests, and dogs chasing defenseless chicks that are unable to fly," the proposal for Chapman Point states.

The same issues occur at Ecola Point,

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residents and observers say.

The local group behind the new proposals — the North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition, in collaboration with the Portland Audubon Society and others — hopes to include the sites in the management plan.

There are limited resources when it comes to enforcing any new rules or changes at the sites, but they hope inclusion in the official state plan and volunteer-led educational outreach will go a long way to protecting the wildlife and other organisms that rely on and shelter in the rocky cliffs, rock outcroppings and tide pools.

But they want to find a balance, too, allowing people to pursue traditional activities and also have a chance to see and experience these places.

Tight boundaries

The coalition intentionally drew tight boundaries for the proposed marine

conservation area at Ecola Point, leaving large beach areas free of any new restrictions where people could still have dogs off leash. They further revised the boundaries to ensure commercial crabbers could still access traditional crabbing areas.

But within the conservation area at Ecola Point, they propose a number of changes with restrictions similar to those already in place around Haystack Rock, a designated marine garden where drones and kites are not allowed within 2,000 feet of the offshore island and recreational boats must keep their distance. Dogs would need to be kept on leash inside the boundaries of the conservation area. There would be no climbing allowed on rocks in the intertidal zone.

Similar rules would apply at Chapman Point, but with the addition of on-site volunteers who would provide educational information and outreach during summer low tides when foot traffic is heavier. The coalition proposes other types of wildlife, beach and harvest monitoring as well, some of which already occurs formally and informally.



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