

DC Arboretum Nest Event Log

featuring

**Bald Eagles Mr. President & The First Lady
and their eaglets**

Victory (DC6) & Valor (DC7)



**December 27, 2017 – September 4, 2018
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Timestamp	Date	Time	Which Adult or eaglet	Event	Description of Event	Posted by:
12/27/2017 21:20:36	12/27/2017	9:18:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Mr. P comes dashing in with a hard landing as he drops a big catfish on top of the nesting material, coating it with hay and dirt. He drags it through the nest, marinating it for an afternoon snack for the eaglets..... TESTING: 12/27	FreeSoars_AEF
12/27/2017 22:51:20	12/27/2017	10:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Visitor	A visitor hung out at the nest tree early this morning, hopping from nest to branching. When MrP flew in with a stick, the visitor flew into the nest and helped MrP with stick placement and aerating the nest. It was quite a sight!	freebird_AEF
12/29/2017 17:08:25	12/29/2017	5:06:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Mr. P comes flying in with a nice, big fish! He plops it down on the nest and both Honor and Glory race to get to it first. Honor wins the battle with a big mantle leaving Glory screeching. Not before long, Glory plows into Honor and snags it away from her! All Honor can do now is hope that Glory saves her a bite or two! TESTING 12/29	FreeSoars_AEF
12/29/2017 17:11:37	12/29/2017	5:11:00 PM	Mr. President	Testing Cell Edit	Mr. P comes flying in with a nice, big fish! He plops it down on the nest and both Honor and Glory race to get to it first. Honor wins the battle with a big mantle leaving Glory to start screeching. Not before long, Glory plows into Honor and snags it away from her! All Honor can do now is hope that Glory saves her a bite or two! TESTING CELL EDIT 12/29	FreeSoars_AEF

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12/30/2017 11:12:17	12/30/2017	11:11:00 AM	DC Eagle Cam 2018 Season	Welcome Back, friends!	<p>Welcome back, DC eagle family! We are about to embark on another exhilarating season of our beloved DC eagle nest. We are so happy to have you back with us and are very grateful for all of our readers and viewers and the support you have continued to give to all of us at The American Eagle Foundation.</p> <p>DC 1, Freedom, Liberty, Honor and Glory are soaring the thermals while Mr. P and TFL continue to prepare the nest and gear up to expand their family at home, in that lovely Tulip Poplar tree located on the beautiful grounds of the US National Arboretum in Washington DC.</p> <p>Stickman's talons are buffed and shined, TFL's white crest has been coiffed by the most reputable eagle feather salon in the east side of DC, Stick Depot is open, The Blue Jay Gang is back in town, Mr. Squirrel will soon be receiving his eviction notice and the Headless Fish are in full stock and ready to be marinated in delicious dirt, hay and bugs. Yummy!</p> <p>Chat will be live throughout the season and you can find the schedule located on the webcam page. We encourage all of you to sign up and interact with our experienced and knowledgeable team of Moderators. Feel free to submit questions or thoughts that you would like to be addressed during our live Q & A sessions.</p> <p>The entire DC team is ready to serve up another great season. Headed by our driven and highly knowledgeable DC Team Leader, the Monitors, Moderators, Video Creator and Cam Ops will continue to bring you the very best coverage that you have come to expect from us! With that said, welcome, friends! Or as I like to call you all, the DC eagle Family!</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
12/30/2017 14:08:17	12/30/2017	2:06:00 PM	DC Eagle Cam 2018	Welcome back, everyone!	<p>A warm welcome to all new viewers and return DC eagle cam watchers. We're as roused up and ruffled in excitement as all of you to get the new season started, and honored to share all of the beauty, fun and adventure that MrP and TFL will surely bring. So, hold on to your hats as we fly into a new season at the DC nest. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!</p>	freebird_AEF
12/30/2017 16:05:30	12/30/2017	3:49:00 PM	DC Eagle Cam 2018	Welcome back to DC	<p>Welcome to all our viewers, old and new. The New Year is about to begin, a time to reflect on the past and look to the future. Who could forget Freedom and Liberty, Honor and Glory. They will be forever in our hearts. We go on this joyous journey once again with Mr. President and The First Lady. We are so excited that you will be able to see this famous pair live. What a pleasure it will be to share the beautiful new memories with all of you.</p>	earlybird_AEF

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12/30/2017 18:11:57	12/30/2017	5:36:00 PM	DC Eagle Cam 2018	Greetings DC Eagle Lovers!	It is so exciting to be back with all of you for a new season with our glorious couple, Mr. President and The First Lady. In a world filled with uncertainty and change, it is comforting and gratifying to observe the repeated cycles of nature that our eagles provide each year and to know that you, the eagle-loving community, will join us once again to enjoy the experience. I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year as we begin this season's journey. Please enjoy the lyrics to Feeling Good, written by Newley and , which popped into my head for this occasion. Michael Buble does a great rendition on You Tube. Feeling Good "Birds flying high/You know how I feel/Sun in the sky/You know how I feel/Breeze driftin' on by/You know how I feel/ It's a new dawn/It's a new day/ It's a new life/For me/And I'm feeling good...."	kaco4_AEF
12/30/2017 20:59:45	12/30/2017	8:57:00 PM	DC Bonus Chat!	DC Bonus Chat!	Join us for a special bonus chat on our opening day of our live streaming eagle cams! Sunday, December 31st from 12-2 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 1:48:48	12/31/2017	1:44:00 AM	DC Eagle Cam 2018	Welcome Back to DC	It's wonderful to know you're all back with us as our images and words help us all share the beauty of these incredible creatures. It's an honor to be part of both their lives and yours. Thank you so much for joining us and I wish each of you the very best in this new year.	liatfos_AEF
12/31/2017 1:57:41	12/31/2017	1:57:00 AM	DC Bonus Chat	DC Bonus Chat	Join us for a special bonus chat on the opening day of our live streaming DC Eagle Cam! Sunday, December 31st from 12-2 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :) If you do not already have an account, sign up to participate!	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 7:21:18	12/31/2017	7:11:00 AM	eagle	vocalizations	It's a chilly but beautiful morning at the nest, the nearby lights twinkling like stars through the trees. A feeling of excitement is in the air. The DC cams are live again. Eagle squees are heard in the distance but no sighting yet.	earlybird_AEF
12/31/2017 9:27:54	12/31/2017	9:17:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	arrival	MrP has made an appearance. He is already busy at work fluffing and aerating the nest. TFL has arrived right behind him. What a treat to see them both working side by side. MrP flies up to the Lateral branch while TFL continues with nest duties. 9:22:00am MrP flies away while TFL looks on.	earlybird_AEF
12/31/2017 9:36:02	12/31/2017	9:23:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	nest work	TFL continues to work in the nest as we see a fly by by MrP. Here he comes with a very big stick. It lands slightly on TFL but she maneuvers herself from under it and grabs one end. MrP jumps onto the Lateral branch then back into the nest. He seems to be full of energy today, moving sticks this way and that. TFL climbs onto the Lateral branch and flies. MrP follows soon after.	earlybird_AEF

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12/31/2017 10:41:01	12/31/2017	10:20:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	nest work	TFL is perching on the Overhead Branch, gazing at her surroundings and doing some preening. MrP arrives at the nest with a nice bunch of grasses. Here's hoping that Mr Squirrel isn't watching. He loves to "borrow" that freshly brought grass. TFL joins MrP and together they fluff and spread that new moss. 10:24:00am MrP climbs up the Right V branch and TFL goes to the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
12/31/2017 10:44:11	12/31/2017	10:20:00 AM	The First Lady	eagle vocabulary	Preening – grooming of the feathers, pulling the beak down the feather to clean and straighten it; preening is a behavior of birds in a relaxed state.	earlybird_AEF
12/31/2017 10:52:30	12/31/2017	10:27:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	perching	TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch, with the wind ruffling her feathers. It is currently 18 degrees and breezy. MrP flies from the Right V branch and out of sight. TFL flies from her perch at 10:39:00am.	earlybird_AEF
12/31/2017 11:19:53	12/31/2017	11:18:00 AM	DC Bonus Chat	DC Bonus Chat	Reminder: A special bonus chat this morning from 12-2 pm. :) Sign in at that time and have your questions ready :)	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 11:56:56	12/31/2017	11:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P makes a hard landing with a nice, thick stick. He plops it down and looks around for a moment before flying through the V, across the road and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 12:05:00	12/31/2017	12:02:00 PM	Weather	Wind Chill Advisory	It's a blustery day here in DC with winds at 11 mph. Current temp is 22 with a low tonight of around 12 degrees. Wind Chill Advisory remains in effect from 9 pm this evening to 9 am Est Monday.	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 12:11:28	12/31/2017	12:06:00 PM	The Blue Jay Gang	The Blue Jay Gang	Oh geesh, really? did you hear them in the distance? They are back. Apparently The Blue Jay Gang did not receive my compasses that I put in their stockings for Christmas, however, reaching far down below all of my chocolate treats, TA DAH! I was gifted a pair of Blue Jay noise reduction ear plugs! (I don't always plug a product, but when I do, I still don't get paid by Stick Depot to do so) La La La La La I can't hear you, Blue Jays. Perhaps one day they will get it together and learn how to communicate with one another and pick a direction to fly in. For now, they are driving me bananas all over again. You know what that means? DC cams are up, the clarity is phenomenal and yes, the crisp microphone picks up every ear bleeding decibel level of our beloved Blue Jays! Oh, happy days!	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 12:40:17	12/31/2017	12:38:00 PM	The Blue Jay Gang	The Blue Jay Gang	Biting my tongue. No comment. LOL	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 12:56:06	12/31/2017	12:53:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	I'm off and Freebird will take you into the next hour. Currently the nest is empty. Cheers and Happy New Year, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
12/31/2017 14:00:21	12/31/2017	1:59:00 PM	empty nest	no sightings	We are left with birds chirping, branches creaking and gusts of wind blowing through leaves this hour. Did I actually describe the Blue Jays' calls as chirping? Squawking is more like it! We may not have gotten a glance at our main squeeze the past hour, but it's sure fun and peaceful watching over MrP and TFL's nest with all of you.	freebird_AEF

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12/31/2017 15:27:21	12/30/2017	3:06:00 PM	DC nest	All is calm and chilly	The tulip poplar tree housing the magnificent nest now in the process of being refurbished and built up anew by our enthusiastic eagle couple, stands regally above its neighboring trees. Nothing quite compares to the view on Cam B in winter, or in any season of the year. Mr. P and TFL picked some prime real estate within which to reside! What a neighborhood! Our couple is not present at the nest right now. Perhaps they are hunkered down in the foliage of a pine tree on this frigid day. Temperature is 21 degrees going down to 12 degrees tonight! Stay warm, Mr. & Mrs.!	kaco4_AEF
12/31/2017 15:44:52	12/31/2017	3:34:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival at nest and bonding	Our couple flies in and spends a few minutes arranging some new moss. Then frisky Mr. P mounts TFL in the nest for a bonding session with vocalizations. Then each goes his/her own way, with TFL perched on the lateral branch and Mr. P standing on rails in the nest. No vocalizations are now heard. Mr. P then flies off to the primary perching tree. TFL remains on the lateral branch preening.	kaco4_AEF
12/31/2017 15:50:06	12/31/2017	3:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Flies to tree in back of nest tree	Correction: Mr. P did not fly off to the primary perching tree, but to a tree in back of the nest, off of Cam A. He is not visible from the nest. TFL continues her preening session. She is fluffed up to withstand the incoming winds.	kaco4_AEF
12/31/2017 16:08:29	12/31/2017	4:05:00 PM	The First Lady	departure	TFL departs the Lateral branch and we observe her flying high across the Arboretum in the direction of the river. A beautiful flight from our lady.	freebird_AEF
12/31/2017 16:59:08	12/31/2017	4:54:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	One of the adults flies onto the overhead branch, then flies off and curves to the right. We hear both eagles chattering. The vocalizations become louder. MrP flies back to the tree onto the Overhead branch, draws his beak upward and calls out loudly. TFL joins him just moments later. An intruder/visitor is seen soaring in the distance behind the Primary Perching Tree. Both MrP and TFL continue to perch together on the Overhead branch.	freebird_AEF
12/31/2017 17:12:15	12/31/2017	4:58:00 PM	MrP and TFL	activity / departure	Both of our eagles continue to watch and call out occasionally. At 5pm, MrP flies into the nest to do some aerating while TFL remains perched above on lookout. It looks like their loud vocalizations have kept the visitor at bay. TFL takes off from the upper branch and MrP quickly chases after her. More calls are heard as they fly off together.	freebird_AEF

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12/31/2017 22:30:38	12/31/2017	10:30:00 PM	New Year's Eve at the Nest	Empty Nest/New Year's Eve	<p>It is a cold night, with the wintery Washington D.C. temperature of 17°F (-8°C) feeling more like 5°F (-15°C) in the wind, and the nest sits empty in the dark quiet of the Arboretum. The First Lady and Mr. President are, for the moment, spending this night elsewhere, well-insulated against the chill, as (presumably unknown to either) the hands of the clock will soon turn to midnight and 2017 will become 2018 here on the east coast of the United States. It will be a new year for the pair, who (if all goes well) will again become new parents here in their sturdy nest home high in this beautiful Tulip Poplar tree.</p> <p>As lights from the dwellings of their human neighbors sparkle in the distance, the eagles' home is dark, peaceful, and silent, without a single insect seeming to intrude on the beautiful quiet. Not even a visitor is visiting: it's simply the night and the nest, the hard work and dedication of Mr. President's rail-building efforts clear and visible in the form of the nest, highlighted beneath nighttime lights which neither eagle can see, a lovely silhouette of nature shining in the dark. Though an airplane rumbles its way through the sky above, at 10:30 pm, no winged creatures (nor furred ones, either) have yet made their appearance. The only sound is now the quiet rush of city traffic, tonight sounding somewhat more like a softly-flowing river than the rush of cars it truly is.</p>	liatfos_AEF
12/31/2017 23:14:16	12/31/2017	11:15:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest/New Year's Eve	<p>Around 10:45 pm, a few quick fireworks sound sporadically from afar as the wind picks up slightly, its occasional gusts swaying the limbs of the nest-tree slightly. Otherwise, the calm of the night remains unbroken. The soft sound of far-away traffic combines with the gentle rush of the night's north wind, and together these create a peaceful ambience that surrounds the family's nest despite the busy, typically noise-filled city in which they dwell.</p>	liatfos_AEF

JANUARY 2018

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1/1/2018 0:03:54	1/1/2018	12:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Happy New Year!	<p>At 11:18 pm, the sound of sirens breaks the silence as if heralding the new year, rather than signaling some sort of distress. For several minutes they echo throughout the night, before at last fading into the distance. And still, not an eagle nor a squirrel nor a visitor of any sort to be seen (on camera, at least!). Again, more sirens call out through the night at 11:40 pm, a car alarm shrieking prior to their arrival. And, barely audible among all of these are certain softer sounds, ones seemingly closer to the nest. There's a somewhat familiar crackling of dried leaves or what perhaps is a crunching of bark: perhaps, nearby, someone may be perched, climbing, or perhaps it's simply the rustling wind that is heard. The source, if indeed an eagle or a visitor, remains out of camera range for the time being.</p> <p>As midnight nears, the thumping sound of distant fireworks carries through the air to the nest, soon joined by the more staccato popping of fireworks a bit nearer the Arboretum. The wind maintains its soft but steady rustling through the branches, the lights from buildings remain bright, and at two minutes until midnight, the frequency of fireworks increases, until midnight when the popping and thundering near and far announces the the beginning of a new year! Happy New Year!!!</p>	liatfos_AEF
1/1/2018 8:35:29	1/1/2018	6:58:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	arrival	Happy New Year to all of our viewers! It's been a Happy New Year at the nest this morning. MrP and TFL arrived bright and early to begin their morning chores, fluffing and aerating the grasses, moving sticks around. It looks like TFL has decided to take a break and climbs onto the Lateral branch. MrP joins her and there is an attempt at bonding. MrP flies off and at 7:14:00am he returns with a stick and begins to do more nest work.	earlybird_AEF
1/1/2018 9:53:25	1/1/2018	9:38:00 AM	Mr. President	return	It's a lovely day at The Arboretum, the sun filtering through the trees, the birds singing in perfect harmony. It is a clear, calm day, currently 12 degrees. MrP has returned to the nest, takes a quick glance around and off he goes. MrP arrives back at 9:38:00am and starts vocalizing loudly. He climbs up the Right V branch and is looking all around the area.	earlybird_AEF
1/1/2018 10:01:05	1/1/2018	9:51:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	perching	MrP continues with some loud squees and up to the Overhead Branch he flies. Looks like TFL was waiting there for him. Both of them are now perching together, the beautiful blue sky as a backdrop behind them. 9:56:00 MrP flies and returns quickly with a stick. TFL joins him and they begin working together.	earlybird_AEF

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1/1/2018 10:11:38	1/1/2018	10:02:00 AM	MrP and TFL	nest activity / departure	TFL decides it's time to stop working and hops over to the Lateral branch and MrP takes off but returns a minute later with a multi-pronged branch that's very unruly to deal with, but MrP never gives up and places it near the supports and begins moving other sticks to fit around it. TFL remains all roused up and beautiful where she's perched. "You work MrP and I'll keep an eye on things." At 10:08am, TFL departs in a swooping flight across the Arboretum. One minute later, after darting and dodging his head in multiple directions, MrP flies off as well.	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 12:05:11	1/1/2018	12:03:00 PM	Weather	Weather	Happy New Year, DC Eagle Family! The nest is currently empty with no activity on cam view. It's currently 21 degrees and partly cloudy. Today's high is 24 with a low of 12 degrees. Winds currently at 13 mph and this evening winds are expected between 10 to 20 mph with clear skies.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 12:07:48	1/1/2018	12:06:00 PM	Lights, Camera, Action!	Video Clip	Enjoy this video clip created by our Videographer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRWG2pGEGc8&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 13:01:55	1/1/2018	1:00:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we head into the 1 pm hour, no eagles are in cam view. The last sightings of Mr. P and TFL were at the 10 am hour when both were on the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 13:52:36	1/1/2018	1:47:00 PM	Blue Jay Gang	Blue Jay Gang	Welp, no eagles in sight, but HARK! Who goes there? Figures - Just the Blue Jay Gang, of course. As if we could hear any other sound but them. Their New Year's Eve party must still be going on. Time to fly home, Gang. If you even know where that is. They always have the loudest of parties! Sheesh. Where was my invite, guys?	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 16:07:21	1/1/2018	4:00:00 PM	The First Lady	arrival	TFL arrives, she lands in the nest then hops out to perch on the Lateral branch. The late afternoon sun shines golden on part of the branch and TFL's right wing.	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 16:19:59	1/1/2018	4:11:00 PM	Mr. President	perching	MrP remains ever so quietly in place. He's busy looking around observantly but very relaxed. Because of the cold, his feathers are roused up and gusts of wind lift some of his feather tips as they blow through on occasion. The golden sunlight illuminates even more of the Lateral branch and MrP, along with the autumn leaves that still remain on some of the trees. Truly a stunning sight!	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 16:38:08	1/1/2018	4:32:00 PM	Mr. President	departure	MrP is fully bathed in the last light of day. He appears to be looking for TFL, turning his head 180 degrees on both sides to look behind him. At 4:34, he flies from the Lateral branch and departs. The cam looks upward and we see a gorgeous sunset in process.	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 17:21:18	1/1/2018	5:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival / bonding	MrP and TFL arrive back at the nest together and start doing some evening house cleaning. At 5:17, our eagle pair bonds in the nest. TFL flies off at 5:18, MrP moves to the rails and takes off as well. Good night, love birds!	freebird_AEF

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1/2/2018 7:24:41	1/2/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	arrival and bonding	The sky is starting to lighten, the sounds of the Arboretum fill the air. Everyone is starting to wake up, the birds are chirping, the hum of traffic nearby, rustling sounds are heard below. MrP and TFL have arrived. MrP flies right to the nest, TFL lands on the Overhead branch. MrP starts fluffing and tries out the nest bowl. 7:17:00 he joins TFL and they have sweet bonding. Loud vocalizations are heard from them. I think it's a good chance that if anyone nearby was still sleeping they are awake now. Both continue to perch, quietly now, TFL rouses her feathers. 7:21:00am Both of them fly out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/2/2018 7:26:47	1/2/2018	7:14:00 AM	The First Lady	eagle vocabulary	Rouse – when the bird raises all their feathers and shakes, a sign of contentment.	earlybird_AEF
1/2/2018 9:08:46	1/2/2018	9:00:00 AM	none	chilly day	Just a short visit from MrP and TFL this morning. Perhaps they are snuggled together on a branch somewhere basking in the golden sun. It is a very chilly morning, currently 13 degrees. We hope they warm up those tail feathers and come join us again soon. Enjoy your day and stay warm.	earlybird_AEF
1/2/2018 11:47:19	1/2/2018	11:47:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	All is quiet on the home front. Mr .P and TFL have not returned to the nest since early this morning when they made an appearance. Nest is empty and the home territory is void of any background noise at the moment other than some small birds chirping.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/2/2018 11:49:19	1/2/2018	11:47:00 AM	Weather	Weather	This cold spell is not over just yet. Current temp is 19 degrees and the high today will be 27 with a low of 14. Sunny and clear skies throughout the day and into this evening. Winds are currently at 10-20 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/2/2018 12:08:37	1/2/2018	12:07:00 PM	Eagles in Cold Weather	Eagles in Cold Weather	An eagle's large size helps it retain heat. Eagles have a higher inside-to-surface area ratio than a smaller bird like a chickadee. Less surface area means less heat lost to radiation, which is why northern animals tend to be larger than their southern cousins, eagles inclusive to that. These feathers help keep it warm and dry. Stiff exterior vane feathers zip together over smaller, fluffier down feathers, providing an overcoat of sorts to shed water and help keep heat from escaping. Underneath. Down feathers trap pockets of air next to the eagle's body, where it is quickly warmed and prevented from escaping. There is a time when heat needs to escape during incubation. A brood patch is a patch of bare skin on an eagle's breast. Eagles can roll, wiggle, and tuck their eggs up against the brood patch, effectively transferring heat from the eagle's roughly 104-degree body to the eggs. Since the optimal temperature for incubation is 99 degrees, some heat can be lost. The eagles regulate egg temperature by alternately incubating the eggs and leaving them uncovered. This will be vital once eggs are laid. Eagles "unzip" their feathers during preening keeping them all neat and tidy for such weather variations as well as keeping them all scrub-a-dub clean! In addition to all of this, eagles legs use counter current heat - to control body temperature. Warm arterial blood flowing from an eagle's core into its feet passes cool venous blood flowing the other way. Heat is exchanged, warming the blood flowing into its core and cooling the blood flowing into its feet. The cooler blood is still warm enough to prevent frostbite, but the lower temperature reduces the gradient between its insides and its outsides, preventing excessive heat loss through its feet.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/2/2018 12:18:20	1/2/2018	12:16:00 PM	Road Closure	Road Closure	AEF DC. January 2, 2018. Before the US National Arboretum opened this morning, the road around the DC Bald Eagles nest was closed to the public. This is to protect and assure the safety of our beloved eagles during nesting season. Roads will reopen in the summer - a date will be announced at that time.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/2/2018 16:17:46	1/2/2018	4:10:00 PM	eagle	in flight	An eagle was spotted flying in the distance around 3:12pm today, but there have been no visits to the nest between now and then. There are a lot of rustling noises though. I imagine Mr. Squirrel is doing some construction work below the nest.	freebird_AEF
1/3/2018 10:36:55	1/3/2018	10:33:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	All is quiet on the home front this morning. Mr. Squirrel did make an appearance and tried to sneak away with some fluff, but had second thoughts and left empty handed. I think he is really starting to feel remorse for his bad morals and from stealing from our eagles. Guilty as charged!	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/3/2018 10:41:24	1/3/2018	10:37:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently a sweltering 25 degrees out. We're on a warm streak. Take off those winter gloves and Grandma's crocheted hats with the pom pom on top today. Tonight we drop to the mid 20's with snow showers coming into the area late tonight. Winds are currently 5-10 mph and will increase this evening to 10-20 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 13:51:07	1/3/2018	1:48:00 PM	Visitor	Perched	A beautiful young sub adult visitor has been at the nest for almost an hour. S/he has moved back and forth from the nest to the Lateral Branch a few times. Currently s/he is perched on the branch and just in what appears to be a state of relaxation as this beauty peers out into TFL's and Mr. P's home territory. No sight of our beloved pair during this time of visitation.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 13:59:02	1/3/2018	1:54:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P arrives to the nest to say "Whazzup" to our beautiful Sub Adult. He lands on the right V and pauses for a moment while the two chit chat with loud squeaks to one another. After that brief moment, Mr. P departed the nest to the right side. The Sub Adult then jumped into the nest and grabs some fluff with his/her beak and paces back and forth while looking out into the home territory.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 14:13:21	1/3/2018	2:12:00 PM	Visitor	Departure	At 2:12 pm, the visitor departed the nest tree and flew out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 17:07:06	1/3/2018	4:53:00 PM	sub adult.	nest duties	We have a sub adult at the nest. Such a gorgeous eagle and so helpful too. Looks like she/he wants to help with the housekeeping chores. I wonder if MrP and TFL will appreciate all this hard work. There is a rustling sound nearby that is getting it's attention. What could it be? Is it Mr. Squirrel? Is it a deer? Inquiring minds want to know. We will keep our eagle eyes on it.	earlybird_AEF
1/3/2018 17:35:13	1/3/2018	5:07:00 PM	sub adult	nest duties	The sub adult continues with the nest work. She/he walks onto the V and takes a look around. What a beautiful view. An eagle would be happy to be looking at this gorgeous scenery everyday. Not so fast beauty. This nest is already occupied by a very famous pair but it sure is nice that you came for a visit. The skies are starting to darken, geese are heard in the distance. Will our visitor stay the night? That nest bowl looks mighty comfortable. But no, it looks like this beauty has some place else to go. She/he takes one last look around and off it goes to a nearby branch and then out of sight. We can only hope we will see She/he again.	earlybird_AEF
1/3/2018 23:27:36	1/3/2018	11:25:00 PM	Visitor	Arrival and Departure	A visitor arrived at the nest and stayed for just under 5 minutes. Because it is dark, it's hard to judge if this was the same one as earlier in the day, but there is a good likelihood it was considering it knew it's way back to the nest in the dark.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 6:53:58	1/4/2018	3:13:00 AM	sub adult	arrival	A sub adult visited the nest again in the wee hours of the morning. We believe this could be the same beauty that graced us with it's presence yesterday. The snow had already picked up so perhaps it was looking for a safe shelter in the storm. It spent over an hour in the nest and on the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF

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1/4/2018 7:32:17	1/4/2018	7:22:00 AM	sub adult	arrival	What an enchanted wonderland this morning, a smooth blanket of snow covers the nest. It looks like this is our same visitor who has arrived again. It lands in the nest, moves some snow covered grass, and goes onto the Lateral branch. 7:24:00 Off it flies.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 8:01:53	1/4/2018	7:39:00 AM	Mr. President	perching	I believe this is MrP who has landed on the Overhead branch. The wind is howling this morning, currently 23 degrees. He is looking here, there and everywhere. Perhaps he is in search of the visitor. No way to know if he has spotted it this morning. He doesn't give the appearance of being concerned, just perching calmly with the wind blowing him around and ruffling those feathers.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 8:26:20	1/4/2018	8:05:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady.	nest duties	MrP has just joined TFL on the Overhead branch. Loud vocalizations then MrP flies down into the nest, TFL quickly follows. Busy work for both of them, moving the snow around to uncover the fluff. TFL flies onto the Lateral branch, MrP joins her. An attempt at bonding is made and MrP flies as TFL looks on. MrP returns with a nice clump of moss. TFL joins him in the nest, perhaps to check out what he brought but quickly returns to the Lateral branch. 8:21:00am MrP flies away again. Correction to the previous post. That was TFL who arrived first this morning on the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 8:50:29	1/4/2018	8:26:00 AM	The First Lady	perching	The Arboretum is so quiet this morning, just the sounds of the howling wind. Even the birds must be elsewhere seeking shelter. TFL continues to perch quietly on the Lateral branch, perhaps waiting for MrP to arrive back at the nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 9:01:54	1/4/2018	8:54:00 AM	The First Lady	perching	TFL seems to have her eagle eyes focused on something. Her head is crouched down, looking at something intently. All seems calm now. Once again she is just gazing around. No sign of MrP again yet.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 10:23:44	1/4/2018	10:23:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Windy with snow showers this morning. High 27F. Winds NW at 25 to 35 mph. Chance of snow 80%. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph. Tonight: Clear skies. Gusty winds during the evening. Low near 10F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 10:53:08	1/4/2018	10:44:00 AM	On the Nest	On the Nest	Pull up a twig, sit down and embrace yourself with the ambiance of fine family dining. On the menu today: Pain au snow with delicately prepared fresh hay topping. This fine cuisine pairs beautifully with Anacostia River aged water. 475 calories.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 11:42:32	1/4/2018	11:42:00 AM	Video Clip	Happy New Year	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8EqtYLPWVc&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 12:48:25	1/4/2018	12:46:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Currently the nest is vacant. No sight of the eagles since late this morning. Current temp is 25 and cloudy.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/4/2018 13:39:15	1/4/2018	1:15:00 PM	Mr. P & TFL	Arrival	Mr. P and TFL arrive at the nest around 1:15, both went into the nest and loafed around before TFL departed. Mr. P remains perched on the Right V, he peers out to his home territory and takes in the beautiful wintry wonderland that surrounds him.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 13:58:26	1/4/2018	1:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	Mr. P departs the nest tree.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 15:41:56	1/4/2018	3:30:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating	Mr. P and TFL arrive at the nest and successful bond. Three cheers for Mr. P! Hip Hip Hooray! TFL departs the nest while Mr. P rearranges sticks here, there and everywhere. He pauses and looks around while the tree shakes back and forth from the wind. I got my Dramamine supply on hand, so all is ok!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 15:43:34	1/4/2018	3:43:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	Mr. P departs the nest (with a smile on his face)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 15:48:21	1/4/2018	3:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P returns to the nest. He quickly fusses with some fluff and sticks. At 3:47 he jumps to the crib rails, looks out for a moment, opens his wings and flies off and past the PPT and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 16:56:54	1/4/2018	4:56:00 PM	Sunset	Sunset	Sunset	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 16:59:19	1/4/2018	4:58:00 PM	Weather	Weather	Currently 23 degrees. Tonight - Mostly clear and windy. Low 9F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 17:06:13	1/4/2018	5:00:00 PM	TFL & Mr. P	Arrival & Departure	Both Mr. P and TFL arrive at the nest and quickly fuss with some moss and sticks. At 5:02 TFL departs the nest tree and Mr. P remains doing some light nestorations. At 5:05 Mr. P departs the nest tree taking flight across the road and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/5/2018 7:21:11	1/5/2018	7:06:00 AM	MrP and TFL	arrival	There's a chill in the air but a warmth in our hearts this morning. MrP and TFL have both arrived at the nest. It is only 11 degrees but they are used to the elements. Nothing will deter them from getting the job done. There is still some snow left on the nest. Both of them get to work aerating the nest. Looks like MrP wants to give the nest bowl a try. Wiggle wiggle down he goes. TFL goes onto the Lateral branch. MrP continues with the nest work, tries out the nest bowl again. He stays in it for a nice long time. I think our MrP is anxious to have some eaglets. It's a little too soon yet but we are all looking forward to it too. MrP joins his Lady on the Lateral branch. She gives him some sweet squees. Back into the nest he goes and back to lying down in the nest bowl.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 7:33:40	1/5/2018	7:19:00 AM	MrP and TFL	perching	TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch watching MrP work. He joins her, gives her that special look and a little squee. But it doesn't look like there will be any bonding this morning. They perch sweetly side by side, two lovebirds looking out at their domain with the snow covered trees as their backdrop. 7:24am MrP flies off and TFL quickly follows.	earlybird_AEF

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1/5/2018 10:03:47	1/5/2018	10:02:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Today: Sunny with gusty winds developing this afternoon. High 19F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph. This evening: Clear skies. Low 8F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/5/2018 15:31:02	1/5/2018	3:28:00 PM	MrP and TFL	update	Looks like we're having a heat wave this afternoon. The temperature is up to a balmy 18 degrees. Time to get out the shorts and flip flops. MrP and TFL were here briefly around 1:30pm, did a little nest work and off they flew. Maybe they are doing a little fishing or sunning themselves by the river. Hope they'll join us here soon.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 15:57:59	1/5/2018	3:54:00 PM	none	waiting	The nest is looking good this afternoon, almost all of the snow has melted, the grass looks all fluffy again. I wouldn't be surprised to see Mr Squirrel do his snatch and grab and take some of that grass to his Nut House. But no, not a squirrel in sight and no sighting of our eagles.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 16:57:16	1/5/2018	4:46:00 PM	The First Lady	short visit	It appears to be TFL who flies onto the overhead branch to perch. It looks like she's snuggling down into her zipped feathers for warmth, with wings held closely to her body, and feathers fluffed out. She quietly glances about but doesn't stay long. With the golden sunset behind her, she flies off after only a couple minutes. A short visit is always better than no visit at all. After she departs, the sun sets through the trees and glows red like fire. We've sure had some gorgeous sunsets lately.	freebird_AEF
1/5/2018 17:28:20	1/5/2018	5:22:00 PM	Mr. President	short visit	MrP flies into the nest, aerates, looks around, walks over to the rails and flies off, all within one minute.	freebird_AEF

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1/5/2018 21:29:47	1/5/2018	9:30:00 PM	Empty Nest/Weather	Weather	On this frigid January night, there's neither sight nor sound of an eagle at the nest. 16°F (-9°C) with winds making it feel about ten degrees colder, only the rustling breeze, intermittently gusting, and an occasional train sounding its horn break the dark silence. In the distance, snow atop buildings brightens the background, with the still, tall trees surrounding the eagles' home are dark. The nest itself -- highlighted, as always, by the lights which humans (but not eagles) are able to see -- is empty, but Mr. President's ongoing construction, at times aided by a visitor or two, is quite evident. New sticks top and fill out the nest rails, which -- as they continue to edge upward -- become an increasingly secure way to ensure the safety of any tiny eaglets who just may come to dwell within the nest-bed of grass and soft straw in coming months. Somewhere in the night, The First Lady and Mr. President, with beautiful, thick layers keeping them well-insulated from the cold, may be sleeping, hunting, dreaming, or soaring -- but, during these pre-eaglet days, moments such as these in which the nest remains empty and the eagles unseen belong solely to the eagles, themselves. Soon enough, they'll share much of their lives with us; for now, the eagles' lives are known only to themselves -- and, perhaps, to certain other, wild dwellers of the Arboretum on this quiet, snowy Washington D.C. night.	liatfos_AEF
1/6/2018 10:16:02	1/6/2018	10:13:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a bitter cold day again. Currently it's 13 degrees. Today: Sunny. High 19F. Winds WNW at 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 7F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph. A wind advisory is in effect until 6am Sunday morning. Expect wind chills to range from 0 to -10 below.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/6/2018 10:20:51	1/6/2018	10:16:00 AM	Mr. P & TFL	Morning Update	Good morning, DC eagle family! Happy Saturday to you all. Mr. P and TFL visited the nest tree this morning and looked absolutely gorgeous with the sunlight shining on them. They were poofed up while perched with their feathers spread and a hefty weight look to them. Due to the extreme cold weather, birds fluff their feathers to trap heat and slow their metabolism to conserve energy. The beautiful pair had a bonding as well.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/6/2018 10:36:12	1/6/2018	10:34:00 AM	Definition	Copulation (Mating/Bonding)	<p>Mating happens by pressing cloaca together – This is also known as the 'cloacal kiss'. The female will lean forward, the male will land on her back. The female will move her tail feathers to one side, the male will press and twist his cloacal opening around her cloaca, passing the sperm from his cloaca to hers.</p> <p>Generally, eagles may mate throughout the year depending on if the pair migrates. Frequent mating strengthens their bond to each other and increases the chance of fertile eggs, the female may have 3 two week windows throughout a breeding season where she is fertile. The male's sperm is said to be viable inside the female for 10 days. Increasing daylight hours causes the females pituitary gland to secrete a hormone that turns on the ova. The ova is turned off by prolactin which is the hormone associated with incubation.</p> <p>Read more about eagles by visiting: https://www.eagles.org/what-we-do/educate/learn-about-eagles/bald-eagles/</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
1/6/2018 12:00:15	1/6/2018	11:57:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we head into the noon hour, the nest tree is void of our beautiful eagles. Mr. P and TFL have not been back to the nest since early this morning. Hopefully they are perched in the direct sunlight so it can warm them up just a bit more and then give us another grand entrance and fly in together like earlier! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/6/2018 13:30:49	1/6/2018	1:30:00 PM	none	tour of the area	No eagle sightings yet this afternoon but we're getting a lovely tour from our Cam Operator. Such a picturesque scene of the area, a carpet of glistening snow on the ground, trees still with leaves of yellow, orange and red, golden tulip flowers on the nest tree, bare trees blowing in the wind. MrP and TFL have chosen a wonderful place to build their nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/6/2018 14:57:20	1/6/2018	2:44:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	MrP and TFL still haven't come back to the nest but we have been lucky enough to see some waddling geese, a fox leaving footprints in the snow and even a group of deer near the Primary Perching Tree. Along with that we have enjoyed the continuing symphony of birds.	earlybird_AEF
1/6/2018 15:38:14	1/6/2018	3:29:00 PM	activities	area tour	It looks like the geese are having a good meal at the golf course on the other side of the Anacostia River. A fox was seen scampering past some of the feeding geese which explains why several took off in flight. The river looks so icy cold on this blustery winter day in DC as we continue cam tours of the area.	freebird_AEF

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1/6/2018 17:01:29	1/6/2018	4:46:00 PM	update	nest / weather	Over the past two hours, we've not seen a peep or heard a squeal from MrP, TFL or any eagle for that matter! I suspect they are perching much of the day in order to conserve their energy. In fact, in the winter, it's common for eagles to perch up to 98 percent of the day. We did see another spectacular sunset. Tonight the nest branches and limbs appeared to shine as if they were gold plated from the setting sun. It is currently 17 degrees with a wind chill advisory still in effect. Winds are from the SW at 14 mph, making it feel like it's 0 degrees outside. The forecast suggests a slow warm up beginning Sunday.	freebird_AEF
1/7/2018 7:22:52	1/7/2018	7:04:00 AM	empty nest	empty nest	The skies are starting to brighten, it's almost time for the sun to rise. What a beautiful sky it is this morning, lovely hues of blue, yellow and gold. There's just a sprinkling of snow left, covering the ground like confetti. The temperature is currently 8 degrees. Some rustling sounds are heard nearby, birds are singing in the trees. A large bird was seen flying by but too quick to identify if it was one of the eagles.	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 11:17:11	1/7/2018	11:00:00 AM	squirrels	nest activity	No eagles, but viewers were treated to watching the regularly visiting grey squirrel and its friend, a white squirrel, scurry about the nest area and branches. Before departing, the grey squirrel stuffed their cheeks full of light fluffy grasses that MrP so diligently brought to the nest. You better watch out little one! MrP's going to wonder where all his fluff is going.	freebird_AEF
1/7/2018 13:06:48	1/7/2018	12:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival and departure	MrP has finally arrived today, TFL is right behind him. Perhaps they felt it was finally warm enough to venture out. Time to do a little nest work, fluffing and aerating and moving some sticks. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch, it seems to be her favorite spot to supervise. I wonder if they have noticed yet that someone has visited their nest and taken quite a bit of the fluff. MrP flies off, perhaps to replenish that moss. TFL watches him leave and starts to vocalize loudly. It sounds like that could be MrP answering back	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 13:20:40	1/7/2018	1:05:00 PM	MrP and TFL	bonding	MrP has returned with a nice size stick. TFL joins him in the nest for some sweet bonding. MrP leaves once again and within seconds is back with another stick. TFL returns to the Lateral branch while MrP moves the stick around, trying to find just the right spot. He places it in the V perch and returns to the nest to try out the nest bowl. But no time to rest for MrP, he grabs another stick and starts removing the twigs and sharp edges. TFL flies off at 1:15pm. MrP stops his work and looks in all directions. Is he wondering where his Lady is going? Off he goes, perhaps in search of her.	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 13:39:06	1/7/2018	1:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	bonding	Do eagles mate to only lay eggs? Eagles mate to reproduce, mating efforts inside and outside of breeding season will strengthen the pair bond; not all efforts result in eggs.	earlybird_AEF

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1/7/2018 16:44:41	1/7/2018	4:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	Mr. P made a brief visit to the nest showing off his white blaze indicating he ate a huge buffet at Goldfish Corral. He then departed the nest lugging his big belly up in the air and out of sight.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/7/2018 16:52:41	1/7/2018	4:47:00 PM	Definition	Crop & Crop Drops	<p>You can see "crops" on an eagle because they are bulging out in the chest area. Mr. P usually shows a white blaze down his chest when he has a nice, big crop. In technical terms, it is an expandable section of the esophagus that is used to store and soften food and regulates the flow of food through the digestive tract.</p> <p>"Crop Drops" are movements when the food stored in the crop move further down the digestive track, you can see this happen when an eagle, or eaglet lifts and tilts their head up, with their beak in the air and then open their beak wide and then close it. It sometimes can be hard to differentiate from a yawn. But typically if you see they have a bulge, more often than not, it's a crop drop.</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
1/7/2018 19:59:22	1/7/2018	7:59:00 PM	Video Clip	Squirrels having fun at the Nest	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7wM2lcl65s&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/8/2018 7:31:13	1/8/2018	7:02:00 AM	MrP and TFL	arrival	<p>MrP and TFL arrive together this morning. There is a brisk wind but not quite as cold today, currently 20 degrees. Both of our eagles get to work, fluffing and aerating the nest. TFL perches on the Lateral branch, her feathers blowing in the breeze, MrP continues with the nest duties. Our mighty stick warrior is battling with a thick branch, pushing, pulling, biting off the small twigs. He's managed to pull it towards the center of the nest but gives up for now. More aerating, then he wiggles down into the nest bowl. MrP walks over to the V and gazes out into his Stickdom. So many sticks, so many choices. Will he fly to get another? Not quite yet, lets try out that bowl one more time. He's back to work on that big, thick stick, places it between the Lateral branch and Left V. No that will never do. He places it near the Right V branch slightly in front of the V. All the while TFL is looking on.</p>	earlybird_AEF
1/8/2018 8:04:46	1/8/2018	7:25:00 AM	MrP and TFL	nest activity	<p>Looks like MrP needs a break. He joins his Fair Lady on the Lateral branch and they attempt to mate. MrP flies back into the nest and TFL joins him. They each grab an end of that branch and start working together with it's placement. TFL tries out the nest bowl and back to the Lateral branch she goes. 7:33am TFL flies and MrP quickly follows.</p>	earlybird_AEF

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1/8/2018 16:24:03	1/8/2018	4:15:00 PM	Mr. P & TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Ugh, yuck and a half. Mr. P and TFL were at the nest earlier with a grand meal! Looked like a Goose. Poor Goose. Looks like it was the first meal on the nest! Feathers here, there and everywhere. Looks like Stickman needs to head over to Stick Depot and pick up some Febreagle. It's like Febreeze, but for eagles. It is non toxic, non irritating (won't affect feathers) and it has a light lavender scent with lilac undertones. It was rated #1 consumer product of the nesting season and has nearly been sold out on shelves already! The 24 oz bottles is on sale for 4 sticks and it says that it will last up to 60 sprays! It works on hay, branches, foliage and other nest materials. It freshens up the nest! But before spraying, he needs a featherbuster to clean up the mess he made. Eagles definitely do not have herbivorous eating habits....	FreeSoars_AEF
1/9/2018 7:13:24	1/9/2018	7:05:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The area is experiencing icy conditions this morning, the result of yesterday's freezing rain. The temperature is currently 26 degrees with a high of 44 degrees expected. MrP arrives through the fog, the dusky hues of black, gray and white surrounding him. The fog so thick that the nest looks suspended in air. MrP does a quick check around the nest, walks over to the edge, carefully looks around and flies back into the fog.	earlybird_AEF
1/9/2018 7:55:38	1/9/2018	7:31:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work and Mating	MrP has arrived back with a stick, places it in the nest and off he goes again. He is back again with stick number two. This one a long stick with several branches. TFL flies in and they mate. They start to aerate the nest together, it looks quite wet from the freezing rain and fog. TFL flies onto the Lateral branch, rouses her feathers and keeps an eye on MrP's progress. MrP is diligently moving sticks and fluffing up that nest. He climbs onto the V and starts peeling bark off of a branch, moves back into the nest and then joins his Lady on the Lateral branch. They perch together, each facing a different direction and at 7:50am MrP flies away.	earlybird_AEF
1/9/2018 8:00:56	1/9/2018	7:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch and watches as MrP returns to the nest. He joins her once again on the Lateral branch and they perch side by side gazing around the area. 7:58am off he goes again.	earlybird_AEF
1/9/2018 11:30:24	1/9/2018	11:25:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently 36 degrees. A nice break from the bitter cold, winds at 5 mph. Partly Cloudy with a high of 40. Later this afternoon the Sun should peek out. Tonight low about 30 degrees, partly cloudy and winds at 2 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/9/2018 11:31:55	1/9/2018	11:30:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	After a nice visit earlier in the morning, the nest is currently empty nor any background vocalization heard.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/9/2018 11:31:59	1/9/2018	11:28:00 AM	Video Clip	That doesn't go there	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7s04Ab0ml8&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/10/2018 7:52:39	1/10/2018	7:32:00 AM	Mr. President	arrival	The Arboretum is alive with the sounds of birds, the Red-Bellied Woodpecker, the Carolina Chickadee, the House Wren. It is a clear morning, currently 22 degrees with a high of 43 degrees expected. Mr. P arrives with a stick in his talons and that fast he is gone. Where has our stick warrior gone? Off to do battle with another stick, I imagine.	earlybird_AEF
1/10/2018 12:50:43	1/10/2018	12:48:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	All is quiet on the home front. No sight of Mr. P or TFL as we head into the 1 pm hour.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/10/2018 12:51:55	1/10/2018	12:50:00 PM	Weather	Weather	It's a dreary day outside. Current temp is 40 with cloudy skies. Today: Cloudy skies. High 42F. Winds light and variable. Tonight: Cloudy skies. High 42F. Winds light and variable.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/11/2018 7:30:42	1/11/2018	7:05:00 AM	Mr. President	arrival	It's going to feel quite Spring like today and tomorrow. Already we can hear the birds singing in what sounds like joyous anticipation of the warmth. MrP arrives and starts the nest duties, fluffing, aerating and moving some sticks. He flies onto the Lateral branch, does some preening and keeps watch. Something seems to have piqued Mr. P's curiosity. He is intently looking below. There have been some rustling noises nearby but out of our viewing sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/11/2018 7:42:40	1/11/2018	7:30:00 AM	Mr. President	departure	MrP continues to perch on the Lateral branch. Something seems to have gotten his attention. He departs and lands in a tree nearby. He flies to a nearby branch and it appears that he is pulling on it. Yes here he comes with a stick, places it in the nest and off he goes again.	earlybird_AEF
1/11/2018 10:38:53	1/11/2018	10:36:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Good morning, DC eagle family! Today is so much more mild than it has been. Currently it is 53 degrees and cloudy. Mostly cloudy with some showers this afternoon. High 54F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%. Tonight: Rain. Areas of dense fog. Low 36F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 100%. Rainfall near a half an inch.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/11/2018 10:43:48	1/11/2018	10:39:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	No activity to report within home territory. No eagles in cam view. I'm sure Mr. P and TFL, packed some munchies (Fish chips and bottled Anacostia River water) and took a day flight to Rehoboth Beach, Bet they are hobbling around on the boardwalk and then splashing around in the water to cool off in this heat wave... LOL	FreeSoars_AEF
1/11/2018 13:24:04	1/11/2018	1:22:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we are halfway through the 1pm hour, still no sight or sound of Mr. P and TFL since early this morning.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/11/2018 16:49:40	1/11/2018	4:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival / mating	MrP and TFL arrive at the nest around 4:30pm. MrP flew in first with TFL following close behind. They both get to work, digging away in the nest bowl. TFL disperses some of the leaves that MrP brought in earlier. The nest looks so beautiful right now with green moss, golden strands of grass, and light green and copper colored leaves. At 4:38, MrP makes his move and a mating ensues. Afterwards, TFL continues to move nesting material around. MrP stands near the rails and TFL lowers herself to check out the comfort of the nest. Once TFL stands up, MrP decides it's a good time to dig and aerate at TFL's feet, so his head is tucked underneath her. What a goof! After quietly standing together for a couple minutes, TFL decides to perch at one of her favorite spots, the Lateral branch, leaving MrP to continue fluffing things up, toss materials around and get everything just right.	freebird_AEF
1/11/2018 17:05:27	1/11/2018	4:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	nest activity / mating	MrP decides it's time to work on the rails and tries to place a stick in the V before squiggling himself down into the nest bowl and surrounding himself with nesting material. Some grass here... moss over there... oh, and this leaf will look dandy next to my wing. While resting, MrP's white blaze is seen; confirming that he and TFL have enjoyed a good meal today. TFL remains quietly relaxed on the Lateral branch. There's such a sense of peace with our couple, as MrP gently walks to the Lateral branch and steps out to perch close to TFL. At 4:47pm, MrP lightly jumps off the branch and dives down under the tree and across the area to the right of the Primary Perching Tree. TFL sits and observes. One minute later, MrP returns with a new stick, TFL hops into the nest and wants to have a say as to where it will be placed. Together they wrangle and nip off small pieces of the new branch. They continue to work together. MrP steps into the V, snapping off small sections of sticks. At 5:03 another mating takes place.	freebird_AEF
1/11/2018 17:14:15	1/11/2018	5:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	departure	TFL flies off at 5:06pm. MrP stays in the nest momentarily. It seems he's trying to decide whether to stay and do some more work or whether to follow his Lady. MrP is alert, turning his head and watching his surroundings. At 5:10, he moves to the nest rails, pauses, turning his head every which way. Where did she go MrP? And with that, he springs off in flight at 5:11pm. Good night and sweet eagle dreams to our beautiful DC couple, and to all of you.	freebird_AEF

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1/11/2018 21:07:56	1/11/2018	9:00:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest/Weather	<p>The eight o'clock hour on this mild winter night begins with a cacophony of the horns from passing trains, cars stopped in traffic, far-away voices carrying through from the streets outside the Arboretum, the rush of a southerly wind through the treetops, and the pealing of sirens (many, many sirens!). The humidity accompanying the approaching rain is nearly palpable, its presence revealed by the way in which the nighttime sounds echo; even the rustling leaves sound as if they've already been drenched by a spring downpour and are now drying out in a warm breeze.</p> <p>When a light rain finally arrives around 8:45 pm, its gentle rhythm muffles much of the human commotion in the surrounding city. With the sound of rain and wind reverberating through the darkness, the nest and its near branches remain unoccupied, the wild inhabitants of the Arboretum unseen. And, except for a short, stilted chirrup from a nearby raccoon and a few abbreviated "honks" from nearby geese, the surrounding wildlife remains unheard, as well.</p> <p>At 9 p.m., it's nearly 57° and, exactly on the hour, a sudden, cheerful burst of melody, reminiscent of the song of a summertime ice cream truck, rings brightly into the night.</p>	liatfos_AEF
1/12/2018 7:43:46	1/12/2018	7:13:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Nest Work	<p>The gusty winds have been howling this morning, the rain heavy at times. We are expecting mild temperatures with rain and drizzle throughout the day. I believe this is MrP who has just arrived with a stick, the rain hasn't deterred him. He begins aerating the nest and wiggles down into the nest bowl. He walks over to the V, takes a look around and returns to his nest duties. TFL lands on a branch with a nice big stick and brings it into the nest. This one has several twigs attached so it's a little awkward to maneuver. They continue to move it around and bite off some of the twigs. TFL moves it to the V area, MrP tries to help, all very comical to watch. MrP goes up to the Overhead branch and flies off. TFL watches his departure and moves onto the Lateral branch.</p>	earlybird_AEF
1/12/2018 8:04:24	1/12/2018	7:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work	<p>MrP flies by and lands in the nest, a big clump of moss in his talons. TFL joins him to help with the placement. 7:42am TFL climbs up the Right V branch and off she goes. MrP continues with some more nest work and goes onto the Lateral branch and does a bit of preening. 7:55am MrP flies off.</p>	earlybird_AEF

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1/13/2018 11:04:56	1/13/2018	11:00:00 AM	Morning Update	Morning Update	It has been a very busy morning at the nest tree. Mr. P and TFL were here and there, flying in and out. Perching on both the Lateral Branch, the Right V branch and across the way at the PPT (Primary Perching Tree) - The two also mated in the nest. They seem to enjoy doing that in the nest more than being perched on a branch. Nestorations were done with a nice big stick that Mr. P brought in. We also had Mr. Squirrel visit as well as a Red-Tailed Hawk. It was a hectic morning but a beautiful sight to see the nest tree alive with activity!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 11:14:15	1/13/2018	11:05:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Current temp is 33 degrees and cloudy. After a very, unusually mild day yesterday, with temperatures reaching near 70 degrees, we are back down into a cold spell. Today: Some mixed winter precipitation possible early. Mostly cloudy early, then sunshine for the afternoon. Temps nearly steady in the low to mid 30s. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: A clear sky. Low 17F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 13:02:43	1/13/2018	12:53:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating & Nestorations	Mr. P and TFL came back to the nest tree. Both perched on and off and in between doing so, a successful mating happened. This was apparently the 3rd time today! After departing the nest, the pair returned, this time Mr. P brought in a stick and continued with nestorations while TFL is perched on the Lateral branch. Mr. P then took a break from nestorations and jumped up to the right V where he currently is perched.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 13:03:46	1/13/2018	1:02:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	At 1:02, TFL departed the nest tree. Mr. P remains perched on the right V.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 13:32:02	1/13/2018	1:05:00 PM	Mr. President	In and Around the Nest	It's been a busy day at the nest. TFL has flown and MrP soon after. Perhaps they are heading for the river to get some lunch. All of those nest renovations and mating can work up an appetite. Something large is flying around the area. I believe this is MrP who has landed on the Overhead branch. He is listening very intently to some noises below. Mr. Squirrel is that you? MrP flies quickly into the nest. Nothing there but the persistent chatter noises continue as MrP goes onto the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 13:57:04	1/13/2018	1:32:00 PM	Mr. President	perching	MrP continues to perch on the Lateral Branch and continues to look around, to the left, to the right, all around him, his feathers blowing in the wind. Off he goes at 1:47pm.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 14:18:52	1/13/2018	2:03:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Looks like someone did go fishing. MrP and TFL return to the nest with a nice big fish. MrP always the gentleman lets his Lady eat while he does some nest work. She doesn't seem to mind that one bit. TFL seems to have gotten her fill and steps aside. MrP takes a good size piece and off he goes to enjoy his meal elsewhere. Maybe just in case she changes her mind. TFL goes onto the Lateral Branch and cleans herself up by doing some feaking.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 14:20:13	1/13/2018	2:15:00 PM	The First Lady	Eagle Vocabulary	Feaking – the act of rubbing the beak against a surface for cleaning or maintaining beak shape, often done after eating	earlybird_AEF

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1/13/2018 14:32:15	1/13/2018	2:20:00 PM	The First Lady	perching	The gusty winds continue but TFL holds tight onto the branch with her strong talons...Avian talons work through a pulley system which can lock into place. The bird's foot closes and grasps automatically as the ankle and knee joints are bent. This grasp cannot be released until the limb is straightened again.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 15:04:51	1/13/2018	2:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP has returned from his lunch break and TFL joins him to help with the nest duties. He walks up the Right V Branch pulling a stick with him, struggling all the way. Hold onto that stick MrP. Don't lose that one. TFL returns to the Lateral Branch while MrP flies back into the nest to continue moving more sticks. MrP climbs onto the Lateral Branch and flies out of sight. A rustling noise and a shadow passing by have caught TFL's attention. Here comes MrP with a stick in his talon. Our stick warrior has gone above and beyond his duty today, bringing back stick after stick. He snuggles down into the nest bowl moving moss and grass around him. He and TFL will do this many times before the eggs are here to make sure it is a good fit. MrP joins TFL on the Lateral Branch and they mate once again. This has been quite a lively day for our famous pair.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 18:00:13	1/13/2018	5:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	WOW, what a crop on Mr. P! His white blaze is showing indicating he has had a nice feast for himself! He doesn't stay long, but he treated us to a cameo appearance on this quiet, but chilly evening. Sleep well, Stickman!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/14/2018 7:23:06	1/14/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Mating	MrP and TFL have arrived together this morning. They begin their nest duties, aerating and fluffing. TFL goes onto what seems to be her favorite place to supervise, the Lateral branch. MrP wiggles down into the nest bowl and moves moss all around him. He stands up, makes a few adjustments to the grasses and wiggles himself down again. 7:08am He joins his Lady on the Lateral branch, TFL gives him a sweet call and they mate. Back into the nest MrP flies and begins to move a branch around that is in front of the V. This one seems a bit hard to move. Enough of that for the moment, MrP once again tries out the nest bowl. 7:16am TFL flies off as MrP watches.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 7:48:12	1/14/2018	7:24:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	It's chilly but sunny this morning, currently 16 degrees. MrP stands in the nest, craning his neck, looking all around and then flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 8:31:45	1/14/2018	8:02:00 AM	Sub adult	Arrival	We have a beautiful sub adult who has just arrived at the nest. It looks to be around three years old, perhaps a little older. She/he begins to move some fluff and sticks around. Tidying the place up very nicely for MrP and TFL. It goes onto the Lateral Branch, does some preening and gazes around the area. It continues to look this way and that, a gentle breeze blowing it's feathers. So gorgeous with the white feathers streaking through the black as if it visited a Hair Salon. Always a pleasure to see these visitors.	earlybird_AEF

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1/14/2018 9:00:48	1/14/2018	8:45:00 AM	Sub Adult	Perching	Our beauty continues to perch and watch. The caw of crows is heard nearby. That has sure gotten our sub adult's attention. No visual but the sounds are gradually fading. All is quiet now.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 12:59:10	1/13/2018	12:49:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival / departure	MrP soars towards the nest and lands with TFL arriving just seconds later. MrP heads out to the Lateral branch to perch while TFL snuggles down for a quick comfort test. Within minutes, TFL flies off with MrP chasing after her. High pitched eagle chatter, which sounds like mating calls, is heard in the distance. I guess they wanted a little privacy this time. An eagle is seen flying across Cam B.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:15:03	1/14/2018	1:04:00 PM	Mr. President	arrival	MrP returns with a stick, quickly placing it before heading towards the V where a rather long, gangly stick is placed awkwardly. He works at placement and pruning; nipping, pulling and tugging away at the stick before deciding to take a break. He lies down for a bit of a rest. A shadow of a flying bird crosses the arboretum floor and TFL swoops around for a landing at 1:14pm.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:27:06	1/14/2018	1:16:00 PM	MrP and TFL	mating	Our twosome stand side-by-side in the nest while looking around their beautiful kingdom. They are absolutely stunning! Both appear to have nice sized crops and are relaxed. At 1:21, MrP starts squonking, TFL bows down and a successful mating occurs. Afterward, MrP hops up onto the right V and TFL decides it's time to perch on the Lateral branch; each relax in the sun while surveying the sights.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:38:39	1/14/2018	1:33:00 PM	MrP and TFL	departure	MrP hops down into the nest to do some light restorations. At 1:35pm, TFL takes flight. MrP keeps an eye on her from the nest bowl. He heads out to the rails, then departs at 1:37pm.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:54:00	1/14/2018	1:39:00 PM	MrP or TFL	perching nearby	One of our eagles is spotted perching in one of the trees directly in front of Cam B's left V branch. They fly off at 1:52pm.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 15:22:16	1/14/2018	3:15:00 PM	Arb Weather	Weather	It is a quiet, seemingly uneventful afternoon in the azalea section of the Arb. No one is on or near the nest, not an eagle, nor a hawk, raccoon, squirrel, cardinal or blue Jay. Not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse. Guess everyone is hunkered down watching football playoffs. Current temperature in DC is 27, going down to 17 tonight. Winds are 7 mph. Next few days will be more moderate with temps in the 30's.	kaco4_AEF
1/15/2018 7:16:43	1/15/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	MrP and TFL arrive together this morning and begin aerating the nest. TFL goes onto the Lateral Branch while MrP continues with the nest work. He wiggles down into the bowl, once now twice and moves the moss all around him. MrP joins TFL on the Lateral branch, she makes a sweet little chirping sound and they mate at 7:08am. MrP returns to the nest and tries out the nest bowl once again, throwing the fluff all around him. 7:12am TFL flies off which seems to startle MrP. He jumps up, wings outstretched, takes a look around and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF

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1/15/2018 10:10:46	1/15/2018	10:05:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	At 10:05 am, Mr. P arrived at the nest with a stick. He came in with a noisy entrance as he plopped the stick immediately in place in front of the V. He stood in the nest for a moment, looking all around his nest territory and then at 10:08 he flew off and beyond the PPT where he perched high in a tree, but too far to see him now.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:14:09	1/15/2018	10:13:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It is currently 22 degrees, cloudy and gusty. Today: Cloudy. High 33F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph., Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 26F. Winds light and variable.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:23:34	1/15/2018	10:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr P comes back to the nest at 10:05 with a small stick. He moves it around the crib rails trying to find the perfect fit. Once it's in place, he goes to a very thick, long stick by the V and wrestles with it. He attempts to move it but it's just too much work and he's not in the mood to deal with it. After a few attempts at moving it, he drops it, still nudged in the V, then he jumps up to the Right V where he is currently perched and looking all around.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:25:10	1/15/2018	10:24:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	Mr. P departs the nest from the rear.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:30:24	1/15/2018	10:25:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	Stickman is back with.....yep, ANOTHER stick! This makes 3 in a row, in very short time. He places the stick quickly then departs the nest at 10:28, through the V and across the road and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:47:38	1/15/2018	10:31:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival	Mr. P and TFL come in together, I think Mr. P called TFL for assistance this time with the big stick by the V, as they both worked at putting it in place. After the 100th failed attempt at it, Mr. P started dragging it up the left V LOL. I don't know where he thought he was going with it. Perhaps to do a return at the Stick Depot and get his money back. Nope. It slid back down and Mr. P gave up. TFL gave it a hot minute to give her go at it, but she gave up and back into the V it stayed. at 10:38 Mr. P departed the nest from the rear. TFL stayed and did some very light nestorations. At 10:40, Mr. P arrived again with another stick! Stick Depot is having their big sale today. He quickly places it. TFL jumps to the Lateral Branch to look pretty while Mr. P loafs around the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:50:48	1/15/2018	10:45:00 AM	Mating	Mating & Departure	At 10:45 Mr. P snuck up to TFL while she was perched on the Lateral Branch. He must have gotten bored with nest work. He inched closer to her and opened his beak to let out one quick, loud call. TLF went into position and lowered her head as Mr. P quickly mounted her and they mated. After a few long seconds, TFL said "enough" and nicely shoved him off of her and off he went departing the tree at about 10:46 LOL. I give this mating a 7 out of a possible 10. Good job.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/15/2018 10:57:52	1/15/2018	10:52:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The sticks just keep on coming! Mr. P arrives back at the nest at 10:52 with yet another stick. WOW, he is really impressive this morning! Stickman places the stick and then decides to move it a bit here, and a bit there and finally it's in place just as he wants it. What is nice to see is that he is working on filling in that area by the Lateral Branch which was lacking in structure with the sticks compared to the rest of the crib rails. He is doing a great job at it and the entire nest is coming along beautifully. While he continues on with nestorations, TFL remains perched on the Lateral Branch, supervising.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:02:33	1/15/2018	11:01:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL departs the nest tree from the Later Branch at 11:01	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:06:35	1/15/2018	11:03:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival & Departure	TFL arrives right back to the nest with a pretty branch with a few leaves attached. It's a beautiful home decor piece that she bought at Stick Depot. Both her and Mr. P carry it around together in their beaks. Once placed, Mr. P starts to aerate the nest. TFL looks around for a moment or two and that at 11:05 departs the nest tree. Mr. P remains in the nest looking around.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:16:31	1/15/2018	10:12:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	At 10:12 Mr. P departs the nest tree through the V	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:32:28	1/15/2018	11:29:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	DC Chat is back again and you can find the schedule located on the main web cam page www.dceaglecam.org - Join us tonight from 6-8 pm for our Q&A session Sign in at that time and have your questions ready :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:36:32	1/15/2018	11:53:00 AM	DC Chat Schedule	DC Chat Schedule	You can find this season's live DC Chat schedule on the main web cam page www.dceaglecam.org -	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 14:49:44	1/15/2018	2:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	It appears TFL was flying in the nest territory and there was a subadult in the area as well. She did a fly by and chased that subadult off and she now is perched on the Lateral Branch sporting a nice crop on her. She appeared on edge but now seems to be more relaxed as she protects her domain from any unwanted visitors. You do not want to miss with the dive bomb queen!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 15:48:27	1/15/2018	3:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched	TFL remains perched on the Overhead Branch - she is looking all around, probably for the uninvited visitor to reappear - however, she does appear relaxed.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 16:55:38	1/15/2018	4:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival & Mating	At about 4:30, Mr. P arrived at the nest and TFL immediately jumped down from the Overhead Branch. The two fussed with nesting material and then about 4:33 they mated in the nest. After the mating was done, TFL took off and Mr. P remained. He fussed more with the nesting material and then went down to the nest bowl to check it out. He squiggled and shimmed himself for about a minute. He then propped himself up and departed the nest tree after hanging around until 4:45 or so.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/16/2018 0:07:06	1/15/2018	12:06:00 AM	DC Chat	Feeding	DC Chat is live today from 10 am - 12 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/16/2018 6:33:30	1/16/2018	6:08:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The skies are still dark, the birds are still quiet but MrP is wasting no time this morning. He has already arrived and has started fluffing and aerating the nest. He has stopped his work for the moment and is standing quite still. MrP have you fallen asleep? No just listening and watching intently. He's standing in the middle of the nest, facing away from the V and is still as a statue. What is he hearing? The roar of the traffic, the hum of the train, all of these sounds very familiar to him, no nearby rustling noises are obvious. 6:27am He is still just standing, slowly moving his head here and there gazing out into the darkness. He doesn't seem to be on alert, just watchful.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 7:01:34	1/16/2018	6:31:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP is back to work in the nest. He moves a little fluff around and wiggles down into the nest bowl, plop goes his head and down go the tail feathers. He stands up, makes a few more adjustments and down he goes again, moving the grasses all around him. He stands up, walks around in a circle packing the moss down with his talons and tries it out once again. Now there is a rustling noise that seems to have caught his attention. He is standing in the nest and looking around. How handsome he looks with the IR light illuminating his white head and the white definition in his feathers.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 7:26:29	1/16/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	Another noise has caught his attention, he's craning his head and looking down. The sky is starting to lighten now. The temperature currently 29 degrees with a bit of snow expected tonight. 7:07am TFL has just joined MrP. She begins to help him fluff the nest. MrP tries out that nest bowl once again. I believe this is the fourth time. They continue to work side by side for a few more minutes and TFL flies to the Primary Perching tree. MrP watches from the V and continues fluffing the nest and moving sticks. MrP joins TFL and there is what looks like an attempted mating.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 7:54:30	1/16/2018	7:25:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching and Nest Duties	MrP and TFL sit contently together on the Primary Perching Tree, preening and watching their lovely surroundings. MrP flies off and returns to the nest and gets back to the nest work. He stops to watch TFL fly from the Primary Perching Tree and continues working. TFL flies in and joins him once again. Something has caught their attention. MrP goes onto the Lateral Branch, looks around and flies off. He quickly returns with a stick and they get back to work. TFL gives MrP a little nibble on his beak as if to say good job Dear and off she flies.	earlybird_AEF

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1/16/2018 8:04:10	1/16/2018	7:48:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP goes onto the Lateral Branch, takes a look around and off he flies to a nearby tree. He is quickly back but takes off again. This time he returns with a big stick, a really long stick, longer than the nest. Looks like he is going to just put that one down for the moment and work on another. this smaller one seems to fit nicely in the V Perch. TFL is back once again, helps a bit then flies up the Right V Branch while MrP continues in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 9:54:37	1/16/2018	9:52:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Good morning! DC Chat is live today from 10am-noon. It's time to gather up your questions and join in the fun!	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 10:36:31	1/16/2018	10:25:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives and lands in the nest. It looks like he's brought some leftovers with him. This is the first time this season I've seen food at the nest. Must be a practice delivery run for days ahead. MrP engages in some light nestorations between looking outward, most likely for TFL. He hops up onto the right V branch for a better lookout view. At 10:34am, he makes his departure to branch in a nearby tree.	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 11:01:43	1/16/2018	10:50:00 AM	Mr. President	perching	MrP remains perched in a nearby tree. He looks very relaxed and cleans up after a good meal by doing some feaking and preening. Feaking is when an eagle rubs their beak against a surface in order to clean it. As we end this hour, it's good to know that we have some food in the nest and a full contented eagle perched nearby. I wonder what TFL will think of the gift awaiting her... that is, unless MrP decides to finish it off before she arrives.	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 17:03:09	1/16/2018	4:57:00 PM	Weather	Update	It's been a quiet hour at the DC nest. Current temperature is 39 degrees with calm winds. Winter weather advisory for snow is in effect from 9pm tonight until 9am Wednesday morning.	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 17:29:56	1/16/2018	5:26:00 PM	Mr. President	arrival / departure	MrP arrives, lands in the nest, hops out to the lateral branch, then takes a leap and performs a beautiful swoop downward and outward away from the nest.	freebird_AEF
1/17/2018 7:00:57	1/17/2018	6:49:00 AM	Empty Nest	Vocalizations	Our First Family's home is indeed a" White Nest" this morning. A cascade of snowflakes are coming down, a lovely layer of snow has covered the area. The IR light gives them an illusion of shooting stars falling from the sky. Eagle vocalizations are heard in the dark but no sightings yet.	earlybird_AEF
1/17/2018 7:29:46	1/17/2018	7:22:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The snow has subsided, the sky is getting brighter, the birds are waking up. MrP has arrived at the nest, his talon prints the first in the snow. He starts to move some sticks, stops to look around and flies to the Left V Branch. One more quick look around and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF

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1/17/2018 9:54:44	1/17/2018	9:32:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP is perching on the Right V Branch, looking all around, perhaps waiting for his Lady to join him. He flies down into the nest and starts moving fluff around. It looks like someone has brought some fresh leaves and grass in this morning. TFL does indeed join him. They both start the nest duties, moving sticks and fluff around. TFL goes to The Lateral Branch while MrP tries out the nest bowl. 9:38am TFL flies off and soon after so does MrP. MrP returns, does some more nest work, flies up the Right V Branch once again and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/17/2018 10:28:06	1/17/2018	10:26:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Good morning, DC Eagle Family. Currently the temp is 25 degrees and cloudy. Today: Cloudy with snow showers mainly during the morning. High 29F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 40%. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 21F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 10:28:48	1/17/2018	10:28:00 AM	Video Clip	Head Over Heels!	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o9vCaLegnM&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 10:33:38	1/17/2018	10:32:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	DC Chat is live tonight from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 11:59:15	1/17/2018	11:58:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we head into the noon hour, the nest is void of our eagles. No sight or sound of them since earlier in the morning.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 12:37:45	1/17/2018	12:37:00 PM	Arrival/Mating/Departure	Mr. P and TFL	About 12:05 Mr. P enters the nest and a moment later TFL followed. They picked at nesting material and then at about 12:08 they mated. After mating TFL jumped to the Lateral Branch and realized she had some fluff stuck in her foot. She delicately removed strands of hay and then jumped back to the nest with the remaining clump and deposited on top of the other nesting material. She then too off to the rear of the nest. Mr. P lingered and did some light nestorations for a few moments then took off.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 12:38:23	1/17/2018	12:24:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	At about 12:24 Mr. P returned to the nest. He jumped up to the right V and stared out into his domain. His watchful eyes focused on all sights and sounds that encompass his home territory. He looks suave as his white crest blows in the wind. He remains perched on the right V as of 12:36.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 13:33:27	1/17/2018	1:20:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	At 1:20 Mr. P jumped into the nest and started to wrestle with the long stick by the V. He managed, with a big effort, to move the stick out from behind the V and relocate it to the crib rails near the Lateral Branch. It was becoming too pesky so he gnawed off pieces of it to make it fit better. He seemed to be content (for the moment) as to where he placed it. At 1:25 Mr. P departed the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/17/2018 14:16:03	1/17/2018	2:02:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival from Stick Depot	WOW, incoming! Stickman stays true to his name as he enters the nest with a pretty huge and thick stick! PLOP. He plops it down for a breather then picks it back up and drags it around the nest. A moment later TFL arrives with her own stick. Long, but not as thick. She moves it around trying to place it while Mr. P keeps dragging the big stick all over the place. Finally the big stick gets placed near the Lateral Branch which was a great spot! But boo, Mr. P decides he can't leave well enough alone and moves it to the other side of the nest. TFL then moves to the nest bowl and aerates and mixes up the nesting material making it more compound, while Mr. P fusses with a protruding crib rail that is sticking up.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 14:20:29	1/17/2018	2:18:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Departure	At about 2:18, both depart the nest tree.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 14:31:11	1/17/2018	2:20:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P arrives back at the nest with empty talons. He jumps to the nest and stands in the nest bowl for a moment before jumping to the Lateral Branch and starts fussing at a twig attached the branch. He manages to snap it off, but it drops to the ground. Mr. P decides to give it up and just perch for now.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 15:04:59	1/17/2018	3:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	About a half hour ago Mr. P departed the nest tree	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 18:24:09	1/17/2018	6:23:00 PM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Just a reminder that DC Chat is live tonight from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 23:02:39	1/17/2018	10:00:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest/Weather/Environment	<p>On this windy January night, The First Lady and Mr. President spend these late night hours out of camera range, and the night is as quiet as the quietest of nights in the Arboretum tend to be. The sound of distant city traffic joins the brisk wind, and together they become a nighttime soundtrack akin to an owing river gently running over the rocky earth of its riverbed.</p> <p>At 9:50 p.m., and again at 10 p.m., the peaceful ambience is momentarily broken by a loud, echoing, sharp crack similar to the sound of fireworks. Yet, based on the apparent proximity of these abrupt reverberations to the Arboretum, a far more likely cause would be the sound of old tree limbs breaking, perhaps under the tread of a nocturnal creature or simply as part of the natural process of tree growth. In repeating what is a yearly prelude to spring, these sometimes-startling sounds might be considered a herald of sorts, foretelling vast seasonal changes and the creation of new lives and new stories soon to take place here, among the trees.</p>	liatfos_AEF

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1/18/2018 7:22:51	1/18/2018	7:09:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	As the sky brightens the sparkling snow in the sunlight greets us. A beautiful clear day this morning, currently 19 degrees. A perfect day for two eagles to take care of some nest duties. A perfect day for us to watch and enjoy their incredible journey. MrP is the first to arrive, but TFL quickly joins him. They begin to aerate the nest and relocate some sticks. MrP is struggling with a stick in the V. TFL tries to help but it looks like for now she will let him take care of it. If she doesn't like his placement she can always change it when he's not looking. We just won't tell him that. These two are quite a pair! TFL flies off the nest, MrP watches her departure and then off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/18/2018 8:12:04	1/18/2018	8:00:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Good morning. DC Chat is live today from 8:00am-10:00am. Bring your questions and come join us. We would love to see you.	earlybird_AEF
1/19/2018 7:22:30	1/19/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP has arrived at the nest. What a beautiful sight to see his magnificent outstretched wings as he flies in. He begins aerating and relocating some sticks. The snow has melted off the nest and fresh grass has been brought in. MrP flies up the Right V Branch and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/19/2018 11:14:06	1/19/2018	11:11:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently a beautiful and sunny 46 degrees out. High will be near 50 with winds approx 5-10 mph. This evenings lows will reach 30 with light wind.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 11:14:42	1/19/2018	11:14:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	No sight or sound of our beloved eagle pair right now.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 11:16:34	1/19/2018	11:15:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live between 6-pm this evening. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 13:39:21	1/19/2018	1:31:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P arrived to the nest with a big clump of fluff. He shuffled it around a bit and then fussed with a twig at the crib rails. It is so super quiet. The only sound heard was of Mr. P in the nest and one silent beeping sound from a truck in the distance. Mr. P departed the nest from the front at 1:36. He took a few flaps of the wings and then soared across the road. Just one, long smooth glide up and over the trees and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 14:44:40	1/19/2018	2:30:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	It's a beautiful, sunny day at the Arboretum. All is still and quiet at the moment. I believe MrP has made only one other short visit since this morning. If I was free as a bird like MrP and TFL I would probably be doing some fine dining by the river on a gorgeous day like this.	earlybird_AEF
1/19/2018 16:17:22	1/19/2018	4:08:00 PM	Mr. President	arrival	MrP flutters into the nest. He moves some nesting material and digs around a bit. When he stops to look up, we have a great view of the handsome white blaze running down his chest. MrP doesn't really seem that interested in doing any work, instead he's taking a break sitting in the nest and checking out his surroundings. Almost out of boredom, he starts nipping at and moving some sticks around. There's one that's sticking straight up and rocking back and forth unsecured. He jiggles it around and it falls away towards the ground. Good job, MrP!	freebird_AEF

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1/19/2018 16:31:08	1/19/2018	4:18:00 PM	Mr. President	hanging out at the nest	Still... quiet as a mouse, MrP stands still in the nest not making a peep... watching, listening and watching some more. Some rustling noises are heard but he stands firm in one place only moving his head seemingly unbothered. Aha! We have movement. At around 4:30, MrP does a crop drop. It does appear that his crop is quite full, so it must be siesta and digestion time.	freebird_AEF
1/19/2018 17:02:43	1/19/2018	4:45:00 PM	Mr. President	at nest / departure	The golden rays of evening sun shine on MrP's left wing. He still remains in the same position. More rustling sounds, this time it catches MrP's attention as he looks downward. I wonder if Mr Squirrel is busy doing some housework beneath the nest. Finally MrP moves and faces towards the sun. Time for a bit more fussing with some of the long grass strands. The nest and rails are looking awesome! MrP spins back around, climbs slightly up onto the left V then turns around and plops chest down into the nest bowl with his tail feather pointing up and outward. He looks so comfortable and quite proud of all his hard work constructing and preparing this new home for his offspring. He stands at 4:56, looking around, craning his neck upward when suddenly we hear, what I'm assuming is the stick that MrP dislodged earlier, fall down through the branches and to the ground. MrP goes to have a look and brings a long strand of grass with him onto the lateral branch. After tearing the grass strand into pieces, MrP departs from the lateral branch at 4:59pm.	freebird_AEF
1/19/2018 17:57:07	1/19/2018	5:37:00 PM	Mr. President	raccoon	At 5:32pm, the visiting raccoon was spotted under the nest. So that's what all that rustling noise was about earlier! MrP is in the nest and on guard. At 5:38, the raccoon decides it's time to split and scurries down the tree trunk. He stops part way down the tree, hesitates, then continues out of cam view for a few moments before being spotted once again farther down the tree. MrP leaned forward watching as the raccoon jumped from the underside of the nest onto the trunk of the tree to climb down. For a moment, I thought he was going after him but he did not. MrP has since left the nest. No sign of the raccoon at this point. Now that we've seen this play out, this may be the reason why MrP stood so still in the nest for so long this afternoon and why we haven't seen the squirrels lately. Message to raccoon: You little bandit! Find a different tree.	freebird_AEF

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1/20/2018 7:15:20	1/20/2018	6:53:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	As the sun rises we wait in anticipation to see if one or both of our eagles will join us this morning. It is going to be another beautiful day, high near 60 degrees. I believe this is MrP who is perched in a tree nearby. Something has caught his attention and he comes flying like a bolt of lightning towards the nest and out of our view. Some scuffling noises are heard for a moment and then he lands in the nest. He is on full alert right now, standing still and looking all around. He walks over to the edge of the nest and onto the Lateral Branch, still looking downward. Up to the Left V Branch he goes and onto the Overhead. He is still intently looking around but seems more calm now. He rouses his feathers and does some preening.	earlybird_AEF
1/20/2018 7:36:28	1/20/2018	7:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	The Arboretum has become alive with the sound of birds on this beautiful sunny day. MrP continues to perch on the Overhead Branch and continues to watch the area and look down at the nest. He turns himself around to face the Primary Perching Tree, shakes his tail feathers and flies into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
1/20/2018 7:51:05	1/20/2018	7:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement and Departure	MrP returns with a stick, places it in the nest and that fast he's off again....Masters of Flight-Eagles can fly faster or slower by changing the position of its wings. For faster flight, an eagle turns the front edges of the wings into the wind and cuts through the air. For slower flight, an eagle turns the wide surface of the wings into the wind, this creates drag and slows the bird down. When an eagle first leaves the ground, it gains altitude by flapping its wings. The flapping motion causes air to flow faster over the top of the wings, which gives the bird lift.	earlybird_AEF
1/20/2018 18:16:11	1/20/2018	6:15:00 PM	Live Streaming	Live Streaming	AEF DC. We are still experiencing technical difficulties and we are working on a solution to have the live stream running. Thank you for your patience, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/23/2018 8:27:05	1/23/2018	8:22:00 AM	Empty Nest	Welcome Back	A warm welcome back to all our viewers. We are so pleased to once again be able to share this amazing family with all of you. There is rain in the forecast but nothing is going to dampen our spirits today. Our cams are up and running and now we're just waiting for our eagles to arrive.	earlybird_AEF
1/23/2018 8:57:50	1/23/2018	8:53:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The winds are howling this morning, there is rain in the forecast but it's expected to be a balmy 65 degrees. We are sitting on the edge of our nests waiting for MrP and TFL to arrive.	earlybird_AEF
1/23/2018 9:08:23	1/23/2018	9:00:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Want to learn more? Our DC Moderators are eager to give you all the updated information. Please bring your questions and join us on chat from 10:00am-12:00am today.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 6:33:30	1/24/2018	6:27:00 AM	Empty Nest	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The sky is still dark, no eagle sightings yet. It looks like TFL just might have breakfast waiting for her. MrP stopped by around 5:56pm yesterday bringing a fish with him. He had a nice full crop with that handsome blaze showing so my guess is it was intended for his Lady. Won't she be pleased to see that?	earlybird_AEF

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1/24/2018 7:21:09	1/24/2018	6:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	It's going to be a sunny and breezy day with a high around 47 degrees. The winds have already started to pick up. Looks like this could be Mr. Squirrel who has stopped by. He doesn't stick around long. MrP has just landed on the Left V Branch. MrP has those eagles eyes on the nest, watching intently. He flies down into the nest, grabs the fish in his talon and starts to eat. I guess TFL won't be having breakfast waiting after all. Maybe I spoke too soon. MrP has finished eating and goes onto the Lateral Branch. There is still a nice big, juicy piece of fish left. Hurry home TFL. Breakfast awaits.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 8:17:23	1/24/2018	8:01:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP has returned with a thick stick. He places it between the Lateral and Left V Branch. That seemed to be an easy placement and it fits perfectly. He stops to look around the area and then back to work with some aerating. He climbs onto the Lateral Branch, rouses his feathers and gazes at his surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 9:13:26	1/24/2018	8:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL arrives to help MrP with the nest work. Both work side by side to get their nest ready for their future eaglets. TFL moves to the Lateral Branch, MrP flies off but quickly returns to the Left V and back into the nest. 8:35am TFL flies out of sight while MrP looks on.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 16:02:41	1/24/2018	3:52:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P made a stop in at the nest. He stood around most of the time and then around 4:00 pm he departed from the rear.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/24/2018 19:04:28	1/24/2018	7:02:00 PM	Mr. P & TFL	Nest Visit	Mr. P and TFL spent time at the nest during the 5 pm hour. They stayed for around 45 mins or so. They did some light nestorations including stick placement and some aerating.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/24/2018 19:32:53	1/24/2018	7:32:00 PM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live tonight from 8-10 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/24/2018 21:51:30	1/24/2018	9:55:00 PM	Empty Nest/Weather	Empty Nest/Weather	Traffic, sirens, and the sound of faraway motorcycles filter into the wooded sanctuary of the Arboretum. It's a mild night by January standards at about 36°F/2.2°C, the week to come expected to resemble early spring with both snow and temperatures of nearly 60°F/15. 5°F in the forecast. Muffled calls of animals, all neighbors of the eagles, are occasionally, briefly heard. At 9:50 pm, the Arboretum is dark and mostly silent, with the city lights shining in the background. The diligent nest-rail work of Mr. President is highlighted beneath the nighttime lights, with the rails to which he so carefully attends appearing to grow steadier even as they continue to rise with each passing day.	liatfos_AEF
1/25/2018 6:39:22	1/25/2018	6:20:00 AM	Empty Nest	Vocalizations	Pitch black sky, neighborhood lights shining through the magnificent Tulip Poplar tree, rustling noises nearby, the murmur of traffic, eagle vocalizations in the distance. Will our eagles arrive in the darkness or will they wait for first light?	earlybird_AEF

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1/25/2018 7:14:28	1/25/2018	6:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The sky is getting brighter, the breeze is picking up, once again eagle squees are heard. It sounds like MrP might be announcing his arrival. He lands in the nest, starts moving fluff around and tries out the nest bowl. He makes a few adjustments with the grasses and wiggles down again. That seems to satisfy him for the moment. He walks over to the edge of the nest, gazes around and goes onto the Lateral Branch. Some rustling noises are heard, MrP crouches down and watches, does a little preening and looks around again.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 7:28:00	1/25/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP flies from the Lateral Branch and lands in a nearby tree. He arrives back at 7:20am with a stick. He's moving it here, there and everywhere but it looks like he'll keep it between the Left V and Lateral Branch for now. The nest rails have been built up nicely. Off he goes again.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 7:55:01	1/25/2018	7:45:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	DC Chat is about to begin. Bring all your questions from 8:00am-10:00am today. Our Moderators are ready and eager to give you the most updated information.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 8:48:41	1/25/2018	8:31:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival with Fluff	MrP arrived back with a talon full of fluff. He distributed it around the nest and that fast he was gone.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 7:16:48	1/26/2018	6:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	We are being serenaded this morning by the sound of geese in flight. Some rustling noises and what sounds like cracking branches are also heard. It is a rather chilly morning, currently 20 degrees with a high of 52 degrees expected. MrP lands in the nest and begins aerating. He wiggles down into the nest bowl and moves some fluff around him. He stands up, moves to the V, looks around and tries out the nest bowl again. MrP goes onto the Lateral Branch, vocalizes, does some preening and rouses his handsome feathers. Is he waiting for his lovely Lady to join him? 7:13am He flies out of sight. Perhaps he has gone in search of her.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 8:07:58	1/26/2018	7:41:00 AM	Hawk	Perching	What looks to be a Hawk has just arrived on the Overhead Branch. Such a beauty, perching on the branch, gazing all around. It takes one more look and off it goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 8:38:32	1/26/2018	8:30:00 AM	Visitor	Perching	Thanks to Sue Greeley we now know that our beautiful visitor was a Red Shouldered Hawk. What a treat to see it this morning. Thank you Sue for helping us identify it.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 11:08:40	1/26/2018	11:07:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently it is 41 degrees and sunny out. Today: Sunny. High 48F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 37F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	
1/26/2018 11:08:47	1/26/2018	11:04:00 AM	Mr. President	At the Nest	Mr. P visited the nest for a little stay during the 10:00 am hour. He stood around looking out into his domain, surveying his prime real estate. At around 11:00 am, he took off through the V and off to the right. One flap of the wings and a long, smooth soar out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:09:35	1/26/2018	11:06:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live tonight from 6-8 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready :)	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/26/2018 11:16:01	1/26/2018	11:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P came back to the nest and fussed with a few sticks before planting himself down into the nest bowl. He looked like a little boy sitting in a tub. There is a lot of fresh fluff in there, so I imagine he is questioning if he needs more. Who are we kidding? It's Mr. P....of course more is never enough! After a few minutes, he left the nest again.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:23:51	1/26/2018	11:23:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live tonight from 6-8 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready..... :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:35:40	1/26/2018	11:35:00 AM	Test	Test	Testing	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 12:07:21	1/26/2018	12:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P was back just a few moments ago. He checked out the nest bowl once again and then departed the nest at 12:05 pm.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 12:13:45	1/26/2018	12:13:00 PM	Test Photo	Test Photo	Test Photo	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 12:17:08	1/26/2018	12:16:00 PM	test	test	test	test
1/26/2018 13:26:14	1/26/2018	1:25:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:48:28	1/26/2018	1:37:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mr. P and TFL	12:30-1pm: MrP was at PPT (Primary Perching Tree)...He flew off briefly towards the river. MrP returned to nest moments later and fussed about with fluff. He tracked TFL who arrived at 12:38, bonding on overhead immediately followed. Afterwards, Mr. P flew to the PPT and TFL stayed on the overhead. While perched on those branches, an eagle was seen flying in the distance! TFL eventually took off and Mr. P went to the Lateral branch. After a short perch there, he jumped into the nest and started to do some nestorations including move sticks and fluff around. He remains in the nest as of 1:48 pm.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:54:41	1/26/2018	1:54:00 PM	test	test	test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:56:28	1/26/2018	1:56:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:58:24	1/26/2018	1:58:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 14:06:30	1/26/2018	2:06:00 PM	test	test	test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 14:07:50	1/26/2018	2:07:00 PM	testing	testing	testing	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 14:35:11	1/26/2018	2:34:00 PM	TEST	Feeding	TEST	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/26/2018 17:50:41	1/26/2018	5:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P visited the nest, but just for a minute before departing.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 6:38:42	1/27/2018	6:18:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP comes soaring in through the dark with the howling wind blowing his feathers. He begins aerating the nest and wiggles down into the bowl, shaping it to fit his body. He walks around patting it down with his talons and tries it again. A good place to lie low in the wind. It must be comfortable because he's looking quite content. What sounds like a raccoon has caught his attention. But he still doesn't get up, just looking around very attentively.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:04:35	1/27/2018	6:37:00 AM	Mr. President	On Nest	Now he gets up, walks over to the edge of the nest and gazes out into the darkness. All seems to be fine at the moment, no more sounds from the raccoon. Hopefully that raccoon is getting the message that no one messes around with MrP's nest. He has turned himself around to face the nest, hunkering down from the wind but still listening and watching. The wind is so loud it's hard to tell what he might be hearing. Back to doing some nest work, then quickly back to the edge of the nest. He climbs onto the Lateral Branch and continues to look below.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:20:42	1/27/2018	7:04:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching and Departure	MrP continues to perch on the Lateral Branch and continues to carefully watch the area. He is looking quite dashing with his feathers all puffed out from the wind. 7:17am MrP takes a final look around and flies off with the wind.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:52:27	1/27/2018	7:31:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP and TFL have arrived at the nest with breakfast for two. Well... maybe just for one. It looks like MrP has brought this fish just for his Lady. She certainly looks like she is enjoying it. The fish is gone within minutes, TFL climbs onto the Lateral Branch and does some feaking. The hardworking MrP gets to work on the nest, fluffing and aerating. TFL comes back into the nest, checks things out, flies off to a nearby tree and that fast she is back with a stick. A little more nest work is done, TFL returns to the Lateral Branch and departs at 7:45am, MrP follows right behind her.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:54:37	1/27/2018	7:49:00 AM	The First Lady	Eagle Vocabulary	Feaking – the act of rubbing the beak against a surface for cleaning or maintaining beak shape, often done after eating.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 8:04:25	1/27/2018	7:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement	MrP has just arrived back to the nest with a stick. Now where to put it? He struggles with it until he finds the right spot, moves some more sticks and flies back out into his Stickdom at 7:59am.	earlybird_AEF

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1/27/2018 10:57:21	1/27/2018	10:45:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating and Nestorations	A very busy morning at the nest and nestorations are in full swing. Stickman definitely took advantage of their weekend sale as he delivered numerous sticks this morning! Both Mr. P and TFL spent a lot of time working hard and gave a silly stick show as they battled back and forth where to place sticks. TFL is the head honcho in charge and at some point, Mr. P threw in the towel, held up his white flag and let his lady take over! Amidst all of this, they were also able to squeeze in a mating at 10:18 am. Currently TFL is perched on the Lateral Branch, swaying as the wind rocks her back and forth.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:01:51	1/27/2018	11:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently a beautiful 51 degrees. Today: A mix of clouds and sun. High 59F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Tonight: Cloudy with rain developing after midnight. Low 49F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 90%.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:12:31	1/27/2018	11:11:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live today from 12-2 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:45:11	1/27/2018	11:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Perched	TFL remains perched on the Lateral Branch for well over an hour now. She appears relaxed and enjoying the sunny, warm and windy day.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:46:44	1/27/2018	11:46:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P has just arrived with some fluff and TFL immediately jumped down from the Lateral Branch to see his good.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:48:13	1/27/2018	11:47:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Departure	Well, that was a quick stop in at the nest. After a moment staring at the new fluff, both TFL and Mr. P depart the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 12:56:08	1/27/2018	12:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrial	Mr. P has arrived at the nest with a huge clump of fluff. He drops it in the nest bowl and starts to gaze out between the V and then looking to both his ride and left side as the wind blows his fluffy white crest. He looks like he just had his feather wash and blow out down LOL	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 13:04:10	1/27/2018	1:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	WOW....Mr. P just soared right off of the nest so elegantly. He paused, expanded is wings open and took off. It was a beautiful departure. His wings open completely showing off his incredible wingspan...and then...one swoop and up and away he flew. One long soar, smooth as butter. It appeared he went above the trees near the Primary Perching Tree and out of cam view. Wow, that was ah-MAZING!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 13:18:34	1/27/2018	1:16:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	Sneaky Mr. P is found perched hidden beyond branches in a tree adjacent to the Nest Tree. A rough guess would be about 20-30feet away, thanks to our great Cam Op and being a sleuth at finding him!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 13:40:39	1/27/2018	1:40:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	As of 1:40 pm, Mr. P remains perched. Have a great afternoon, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/28/2018 7:37:11	1/28/2018	7:04:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The chorus of birds are filtering through the air, the sun is rising. It is a mild morning, currently 50 degrees with rain expected. The sound of wings flapping is heard and a fly by is seen. 7:29am MrP comes swooping in full speed ahead under the nest. He looks like he is on the hunt for something. Up to the nest he goes, onto the Lateral Branch and then flies above out of view.	earlybird_AEF

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1/28/2018 9:21:53	1/28/2018	8:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching	The sky is gray and it is now raining at the Arboretum. MrP flew by briefly and landed in a nearby tree. The tree is a perfect canopy to protect him from the rain. He perches for awhile, preening and gazing out at his domain. 8:59am He takes a last look around and flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/28/2018 15:53:26	1/28/2018	3:50:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	What looks like fresh golden leaves and moss are covering the nest, the nest rails are intricately woven in a symmetrical pattern, a barrier to keep MrP and TFL's future eaglets safely tucked inside. What a lovely nest they have created. Our eagles have been elsewhere most of the day. Most likely they have found a cozy place to shelter from the rain.	earlybird_AEF
1/28/2018 17:03:18	1/28/2018	5:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching Nearby	Geese sound off with their squonky honks in the distance. While they are unseen, I imagine they're flying off someplace in their usual wedge formation. A sense of serenity is created by the rhythmic slapping and popping sounds from the pitter patter of rain. No activity between 4-5pm at the nest. MrP has definitely proven his abilities with nest architecture; he is quite the hard worker. And by the size of some of those sticks, an impressive athlete as well. At 4:57pm, one of our eagles, appearing to be MrP, is observed perched in a nearby tree.	freebird_AEF
1/28/2018 17:18:48	1/28/2018	5:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP takes off from where he's been perched and lands in the nest before heading out onto the lateral branch. He's being very observant, bobbing his head about, listening and looking beneath the nest tree. At 5:13pm, MrP departs and lands at the Primary Perching tree. He stays only a short time, looking back towards the nest tree before departing at 5:14pm.	freebird_AEF
1/29/2018 6:44:45	1/29/2018	5:49:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Nest Work	MrP and TFL have arrived exceptionally early this morning. they begin to aerate the nest and move the fluff. One of them wiggles down into the nest bowl, not once but twice. A little more nest work is done, 5:57am TFL flies out into the darkness. MrP follows soon after, eagle vocalizations are heard nearby.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 7:19:31	1/29/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP and TFL have returned to the nest and together begin the nest work. TFL fluff's the nest while MrP moves a large stick around. MrP moves over to help with the fluff, TFL looks all around and flies off. MrP watches her depart and soars away.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 7:32:03	1/29/2018	7:17:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP has flown in with a huge stick, finds the perfect spot and off he goes again. He quickly returns with some fluff. It looks like TFL has just flown by. This seems to have caught MrP's attention and he flies again.	earlybird_AEF

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1/29/2018 7:52:32	1/29/2018	7:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	The sound of cracking branches is heard. Looks like one of our eagles is in a nearby tree. Here they come, one then the other each with a branch. MrP and TFL have put it in high gear today. TFL is doing some aerating, MrP is moving some sticks, gets a little too close to TFL and gives her a little poke. Whoops, she didn't appreciate that and she gives him a poke right back with her beak. 7:40am MrP flies off again. Perhaps to get more sticks? Yes he is back with yet another stick. Our stick warrior is outdoing himself today.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 8:03:59	1/29/2018	7:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	TFL moves onto the Lateral Branch, MrP continues with the nest work and then joins his Lady. 7:50am MrP gives her some sweet talking and they mate. He flies off and TFL continues to perch. TFL looks beautiful with the gentle breeze blowing through her feathers, one of the back feathers slightly dislodged from the prior excitement. MrP returns once again, yes you guessed it, with another stick.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 14:17:00	1/29/2018	2:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties and Eating	MrP has had a busy morning. He's back on the nest and hard at work. TFL arrives and digs into what's left of that juicy fish that was waiting for her. MrP knows how to treat his Lady. He is doing the aerating while she is enjoying her meal.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 14:25:06	1/29/2018	2:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mating	Looks like MrP went in search of more supplies. He returns with a stick and tries it out in several places. MrP and TFL continue to aerate and move some sticks around. They give each other that special look and they mate.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 14:53:24	1/29/2018	2:25:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work and Departure	MrP flies off to a nearby tree, grabs what looks like a branch and returns to the nest like a rocket, full speed ahead. TFL joins him, checks out what he's doing and off she goes. MrP is looking around seemingly perplexed. Where did his Lady go? He continues to sit on the nest looking all around the area. Finally at 4:44am he takes off himself, perhaps in search of her.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 6:25:42	1/30/2018	5:55:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Sky still black as night, gentle snowflakes fluttering like feathers on the nest, the silence broken by the cries of a raccoon. Our eagles had already arrived by this time yesterday, will they arrive early again today? No eagle sightings yet but we watch and wait.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 7:22:49	1/30/2018	7:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Departure	It looks like the snow has stopped, just a light sprinkling on the ground and nest. One of our eagles is spotted on the Primary Perching Tree, sitting so elegantly, gazing all around. Another is on the ground perhaps gathering some grass and leaves to bring to the nest. That seems to be exactly what he was doing. MrP soars in with a talon full of fluff. 7:13am TFL joins him and starts to move the grass around while MrP moves a stick into the V Perch. TFL takes a look around, flies off from the nest and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 7:37:02	1/30/2018	7:20:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP watches TFL depart and moves onto the Right V Branch. There are barely any traces left of the snow, it's currently 36 degrees with light winds. He gazes around his domain and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF

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1/30/2018 10:43:13	1/30/2018	9:32:00 AM	Visitor	Visitor	A beautiful young eagle has arrived. Someone is not happy to have a visitor at their nest. Loud vocalizations are heard nearby. 9:31am MrP or TFL swoop quickly past the V warning the beauty that this is their territory. The sub adult holds it's ground, 9:33am, another attempt by one of our eagles, this time a dive bomb. Still it stays in the nest. 9:43am two more attempts, one of them talon to talon. 9:44am The sub adult has finally got the message and has flown from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 10:56:30	1/30/2018	9:59:00 AM	MrP and TFL	At Nest	Everything is calm now. MrP and TFL have let the visitor know that company is not appreciated. The visitor is no longer in sight. MrP is back at work on the nest, TFL is perching on the Lateral Branch. 10:04 MrP joins TFL and they mate, strengthening their bond.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 6:53:38	1/31/2018	6:34:00 AM	Empty Nest	Vocalizations	Some rustling sounds below, raccoon chatter nearby, eagle vocalizations out of sight. The winds are calm, currently 20 degrees with a sunny day expected.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 7:20:35	1/31/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Departure	MrP has arrived and begins to aerate the nest. He wiggles down into the nest bowl and moves some grass around. Just as he's doing that TFL flies in to help him out. Together they move some fluff around for a bit then TFL flies onto the Lateral Branch. MrP tries out the nest bowl once again and then joins TFL. He attempts to mate with her but it doesn't quite work out for him. Off he goes through the trees and out of sight. TFL returns to the nest and lowers her body into the bowl. It seems to meet with her approval. She goes back onto the Lateral Branch and soars away.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 8:00:39	1/31/2018	7:48:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a freshly caught fish. It looks like he has already eaten the coveted tail but it puts the rest aside, perhaps for his Lady's enjoyment. He works on the nest for a few moments and then flies through the V and out towards the Perching Tree area.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 18:18:01	1/31/2018	6:15:00 PM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Bring your questions and come join us for chat from 8:00pm- 10:00pm tonight. We would love to see you there.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 6:53:37	2/1/2018	6:50:00 AM	Empty Nest	Cam A and Cam B	It's a quiet morning at the Arboretum, currently 38 degrees with a little rain then snow expected later. Cam A is down due to technical difficulties but Cam B is up and running. Our tech team is working hard to get both the cams working again. Thank you for your patience.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 7:32:24	2/1/2018	7:07:00 AM	Eagle	Fly by and Vocalizations	Beautiful sunrise this morning, hues of pink and purple. A fly by was just seen near the Primary Perching Tree. Eagle vocalizations are heard and another fly by, this time to the right of the V.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 7:59:04	2/1/2018	7:28:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Another quick fly by but much closer this time. No eagles as of yet have been seen in the nest. Please join us for chat from 8am-10am today.	earlybird_AEF

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2/1/2018 9:02:32	2/1/2018	9:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	<p>Just before 8:00 am, and again shortly after, an eagle was briefly visible in flight, seeming to soar effortlessly through the air behind the nest tree. So swift was the eagle's (or eagles') flight through the Arboretum that there was little chance of identifying which individual (or individuals) might have made these cameo appearances.</p> <p>On this cool morning, the first of February 2018, the Arboretum is dry, calm, and but for the typical background noise of the surrounding city, quiet. Even the occasional calls of nearby songbirds seem soft, abbreviated, especially when the requisite sirens of emergency vehicles begin to sound in earnest at 8:45 am.</p> <p>It's quite a wintery scene this morning: bare tree branches dance just slightly in a chilly, light wind while behind them, the sky remains a silvery-white rarely seen outside of this season. And, although the grass carpeting the ground far below the nest appears equally as representative of the winter as the sky and the trees, a closer look at the muddy grass -- and even a second and third look to be certain -- reveals a new presence, one which holds the slightest hint of light green. And that tiny, new growth -- nearly hidden amid the yearly signs of the enduring winter -- is perhaps a signal, at least for those who notice, that the season's change is not truly so far in the future.</p>	liatfos_AEF
2/1/2018 16:10:27	2/1/2018	4:05:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Both Mr. P and TFL arrived at the nest in the 3 pm hour. Both came in with a fish. Both are still on the nest tree. TFL is in the nest munching on some fish, occasionally pausing and lifting her head up to look around while Mr. P is perched on the right V with all eyes on his home territory. Every now and then Mr. P peers down to check on TFL.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/1/2018 16:20:27	2/1/2018	3:20:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Both of our eagles are on the nest. TFL is eating a tasty meal while MrP is working on the nest. Not sure if that juicy morsel is fur or fin but she sure seems to be enjoying it. Looks like MrP needs a little break. He climbs up the Right V Branch and gazes around. TFL is finally finished and she moves over to the Lateral Branch. MrP returns to the nest and finds a piece for himself. That was so nice of TFL to save some for him.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 21:05:07	2/1/2018	9:00:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfernf1_AEF
2/1/2018 21:21:40	2/1/2018	9:20:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfernf1_AEF
2/1/2018 21:46:11	2/1/2018	9:44:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfernf1_AEF
2/4/2018 18:36:06	2/4/2018	6:35:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfernf1_AEF

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2/5/2018 6:30:51	2/5/2018	6:13:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	It is a chilly and breezy morning, currently 29 degrees. MrP has just flown in from the dark. He does some quick aeration and tries out the nest bowl. He stands up, walks around in a circle patting down the fluff and moves onto the Lateral Branch. Darkness surrounds him as he perches on the branch, his feathers blowing in the wind.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 7:15:48	2/5/2018	7:01:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	I believe this is MrP who continues to calmly perch on the Lateral Branch. One more look around and off he goes out of sight. 7:07am He returns to the nest and begins the nest work. TFL has now joined him and helps with the fluffing. TFL goes onto the Lateral Branch, MrP follows her and they mate. MrP flies off and TFL continues to perch.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 7:29:26	2/5/2018	7:18:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work	MrP arrives with a very long stick. He has placed it in the V with a bit of a struggle. TFL flies on over, takes a look and returns to the Lateral Branch. That stick does look like it might need some readjusting, it is hanging far out into the V Perch but for now it stays in place. 7:26am MrP is off again.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 8:03:14	2/5/2018	7:33:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns and presents TFL with his catch of the day, a nice juicy fish. TFL whistles her approval and without hesitation proceeds to eat. MrP flies up on the Right V Branch and keeps watch while she is enjoying it. He flies off perhaps in search of more sticks. It looks like that fish is gone, TFL goes back onto the Lateral Branch and does some feaking. MrP returns and yes he has another stick. He moves it around and then finds a few leftovers to eat. He tries once again to move that very long stick. This time it's even farther out into the V Perch. He leaves it there and joins TFL on the Lateral Branch and with a few sweet squeezes they mate again. MrP flies off and returns quickly with yet another stick. He places that one quickly and goes back to that very long stick. This one is proving to be a challenge but no doubt our Stick Warrior is up for it. Something seems to have caught TFL's attention. She flies quickly away with MrP following after her.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 22:08:04	2/5/2018	10:07:00 PM	Test	Test	This is a test.	freebird_AEF
2/6/2018 7:05:18	2/6/2018	6:47:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	MrP arrives, starts aerating the fluff and wiggles down into the nest bowl once now twice. He is looking quite fabulous this morning with the wind ruffling his head feathers. It's a blustery 23 degrees with a little snow and sleet expected tonight. He stands up, gazes all around and moves over to do some nipping on a stick. He seems very attentive to his surroundings this morning stopping the nest work once again to look around. Off he goes to the Primary Perching Tree, rouses those beautiful feathers and flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF

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2/6/2018 8:00:43	2/6/2018	7:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	It looks like MrP has been down by the river. He returns with a nice big fish and two very muddy talons. It doesn't look like he's going to save this one for TFL. He grabs hold of it and starts chowing down. It doesn't take long for him to devour that juicy meal, his white blaze is bursting out from his full crop. He has even left a piece on the nest, perhaps for TFL. Up the Right V Branch he goes and out into the trees. Maybe he has gone off to clean those dirty talons and messy beak before he meets up with his Lady.	earlybird_AEF
2/6/2018 8:04:01	2/6/2018	7:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Eagle Vocabulary	Crop – widening in the esophagus where a hawk, eagle, falcon or vulture can store food.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 1:38:03	2/7/2018	1:00:00 AM	Probable TFL and a Visitor	Visiting Eagle and Possible TFL "False Labor" (Probable TFL)	<p>Everything is quiet at the nest before, almost precisely at 12 a.m. an eagle lands -- with quite a thud -- inside the nest. The thud is accompanied by the settling of feathers and within a minute, a second eagle arrives much more gracefully, though this eagle's feathers don't seem to settle quite into place. After a few minutes, the first eagle to arrive in the nest turns at just the right angle to reveal dark feathers among his or her tail feathers, indicating their identity is neither of the nest's residents, but rather a visitor whose size appears quite close to that of the other eagle now in the nest. The identity of the second eagle takes a bit longer to discern, and still remains not wholly certain, but as the minutes pass, this eagle appears more like The First Lady than Mr. President, given her beak shape, size, and feathering.</p> <p>The two eagles in the nest spend minutes at a time, side-by-side, lifting and aerating the straw of the nest bed; then, suddenly, occasional nudges from the visitor irritate the (probable) TFL, who responds by turning her back, or with a glare. But, if this is indeed TFL, she doesn't seem comfortable. She spends most of her time standing still. She moves very little, but when she does, she moves into a position somewhere between standing and lying in the nest. Once, she tries sinking down entirely into the nest bed but is right back up again. She seems uncomfortable, but whether her discomfort is to the nearness of the visitor, who after about twenty minutes spent in the nest itself flies off to a nearby branch, still observing.</p> <p>The eagle in the nest spends the rest of the hour, nearly until 1 a.m., sitting or standing still in the nest, rarely even perching along the rails. At several points, her body nearly touches the nest bed, and she appears almost as if in labor -- but, the visitor flies back to the nest, and within several minutes of the visitor's re-arrival, TFL (the likely TFL) flies up and out into the night. By 1 a.m., the nest is again empty, but the visiting eagle has returned to her previous perch on the branch beside the nest rails.</p>	liatfos_AEF

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2/7/2018 7:06:14	2/7/2018	6:18:00 AM	Eagle and visitor	Arrival	Eagle vocalizations are heard in the dark. The nest is empty now but an eagle has already visited earlier this morning. Squees continue intermittently, it sounds like someone is nearby. 6:41am An eagle, perhaps MrP has just arrived at the nest, a visitor following right behind. Some loud eagle chatter from the visitor and the other eagle flies off. Our visitor looks to be the same one that visited yesterday, a 4-5 year old eagle with some black sprinkling in it's white head feathers. He/she flies up the Left V branch, onto the Overhead branch and is loudly squeeing.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 7:38:29	2/7/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and Visitor	Perching and Nest Duties	The visitor continues to perch on the Overhead branch, preening and rousing it's feathers, looking quite comfortable there. Intermittent loud vocals continue from him/her, no sign of MrP or TFL. Raccoon chatter is heard nearby as if in protest of the visitor in it's tree. The visitor flies down into the nest, gazes around and moves onto the Lateral branch. A rustling noise below has caught it's attention but it remains perched. Loud squees continue as if calling for someone. Perhaps this beauty is looking for a mate. 7:26 MrP flies into the nest with a stick. The visitor lowers it's head, makes soft sounds and proceeds to nip at MrP's tail feathers. They calmly work side by side on the nest for a short while. MrP flies up the Right V branch, the visitor to the Lateral. MrP comes back into the nest and continues with the fluffing.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 7:54:24	2/7/2018	7:34:00 AM	MrP and Visitor	Nest Duties and Departure	The visitor returns to the nest, gently nips at MrP once again and softly squees. It moves to the Lateral Branch while MrP works on that long stick in the V. The visitor reaches around and tries to move some sticks from it's perch. MrP flies up the Right V branch, the visitor goes up the Left V. MrP flies off into the trees perhaps realizing that TFL will not be pleased with this situation at all. But our beautiful visitor follows after him.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 8:24:32	2/7/2018	7:59:00 AM	MrP and Visitor	Arrival and Departure	MrP returns with a stick. Eagle calls are heard out of sight. Could that be the visitor? Sure enough our young beauty has followed MrP back to the nest. MrP moves onto the Lateral branch, the visitor joins him there. MrP has gotten himself into quite a sticky situation now. He flies off again, this time the visitor remains perched. Branches are heard cracking nearby, MrP comes soaring back with a stick. He begins moving the stick, the visitor joins him and grabs an end to help. MrP flies back up the Right V branch and watches him/her working in the nest. Once again he flies away and once again the visitor follows.	earlybird_AEF

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1/1/2018 0:03:54	1/1/2018	12:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Happy New Year!	At 11:18 pm, the sound of sirens breaks the silence as if heralding the new year, rather than signaling some sort of distress. For several minutes they echo throughout the night, before at last fading into the distance. And still, not an eagle nor a squirrel nor a visitor of any sort to be seen (on camera, at least!). Again, more sirens call out through the night at 11:40 pm, a car alarm shrieking prior to their arrival. And, barely audible among all of these are certain softer sounds, ones seemingly closer to the nest. There's a somewhat familiar crackling of dried leaves or what perhaps is a crunching of bark: perhaps, nearby, someone may be perched, climbing, or perhaps it's simply the rustling wind that is heard. The source, if indeed an eagle or a visitor, remains out of camera range for the time being. As midnight nears, the thumping sound of distant fireworks carries through the air to the nest, soon joined by the more staccato popping of fireworks a bit nearer the Arboretum. The wind maintains its soft but steady rustling through the branches, the lights from buildings remain bright, and at two minutes until midnight, the frequency of fireworks increases, until midnight when the popping and thundering near and far announces the the beginning of a new year! Happy New Year!!!	liatfos_AEF
1/1/2018 8:35:29	1/1/2018	6:58:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	arrival	Happy New Year to all of our viewers! It's been a Happy New Year at the nest this morning. MrP and TFL arrived bright and early to begin their morning chores, fluffing and aerating the grasses, moving sticks around. It looks like TFL has decided to take a break and climbs onto the Lateral branch. MrP joins her and there is an attempt at bonding. MrP flies off and at 7:14:00am he returns with a stick and begins to do more nest work.	earlybird_AEF
1/1/2018 9:53:25	1/1/2018	9:38:00 AM	Mr. President	return	It's a lovely day at The Arboretum, the sun filtering through the trees, the birds singing in perfect harmony. It is a clear, calm day, currently 12 degrees. MrP has returned to the nest, takes a quick glance around and off he goes. MrP arrives back at 9:38:00am and starts vocalizing loudly. He climbs up the Right V branch and is looking all around the area.	earlybird_AEF
1/1/2018 10:01:05	1/1/2018	9:51:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady	perching	MrP continues with some loud squees and up to the Overhead Branch he flies. Looks like TFL was waiting there for him. Both of them are now perching together, the beautiful blue sky as a backdrop behind them. 9:56:00 MrP flies and returns quickly with a stick. TFL joins him and they begin working together.	earlybird_AEF
1/1/2018 10:11:38	1/1/2018	10:02:00 AM	MrP and TFL	nest activity / departure	TFL decides it's time to stop working and hops over to the Lateral branch and MrP takes off but returns a minute later with a multi-pronged branch that's very unruly to deal with, but MrP never gives up and places it near the supports and begins moving other sticks to fit around it. TFL remains all roused up and beautiful where she's perched. "You work MrP and I'll keep an eye on things." At 10:08am, TFL departs in a swooping flight across the Arboretum. One minute later, after darting and dodging his head in multiple directions, MrP flies off as well.	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 12:05:11	1/1/2018	12:03:00 PM	Weather	Weather	Happy New Year, DC Eagle Family! The nest is currently empty with no activity on cam view. It's currently 21 degrees and partly cloudy. Today's high is 24 with a low of 12 degrees. Winds currently at 13 mph and this evening winds are expected between 10 to 20 mph with clear skies.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 12:07:48	1/1/2018	12:06:00 PM	Lights, Camera, Action!	Video Clip	Enjoy this video clip created by our Videographer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRWG2pGEGc8&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 13:01:55	1/1/2018	1:00:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we head into the 1 pm hour, no eagles are in cam view. The last sightings of Mr. P and TFL were at the 10 am hour when both were on the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 13:52:36	1/1/2018	1:47:00 PM	Blue Jay Gang	Blue Jay Gang	Welp, no eagles in sight, but HARK! Who goes there? Figures - Just the Blue Jay Gang, of course. As if we could hear any other sound but them. Their New Year's Eve party must still be going on. Time to fly home, Gang. If you even know where that is. They always have the loudest of parties! Sheesh. Where was my invite, guys?	FreeSoars_AEF
1/1/2018 16:07:21	1/1/2018	4:00:00 PM	The First Lady	arrival	TFL arrives, she lands in the nest then hops out to perch on the Lateral branch. The late afternoon sun shines golden on part of the branch and TFL's right wing.	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 16:19:59	1/1/2018	4:11:00 PM	Mr. President	perching	MrP remains ever so quietly in place. He's busy looking around observantly but very relaxed. Because of the cold, his feathers are roused up and gusts of wind lift some of his feather tips as they blow through on occasion. The golden sunlight illuminates even more of the Lateral branch and MrP, along with the autumn leaves that still remain on some of the trees. Truly a stunning sight!	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 16:38:08	1/1/2018	4:32:00 PM	Mr. President	departure	MrP is fully bathed in the last light of day. He appears to be looking for TFL, turning his head 180 degrees on both sides to look behind him. At 4:34, he flies from the Lateral branch and departs. The cam looks upward and we see a gorgeous sunset in process.	freebird_AEF
1/1/2018 17:21:18	1/1/2018	5:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival / bonding	MrP and TFL arrive back at the nest together and start doing some evening house cleaning. At 5:17, our eagle pair bonds in the nest. TFL flies off at 5:18, MrP moves to the rails and takes off as well. Good night, love birds!	freebird_AEF
1/2/2018 7:24:41	1/2/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	arrival and bonding	The sky is starting to lighten, the sounds of the Arboretum fill the air. Everyone is starting to wake up, the birds are chirping, the hum of traffic nearby, rustling sounds are heard below. MrP and TFL have arrived. MrP flies right to the nest, TFL lands on the Overhead branch. MrP starts fluffing and tries out the nest bowl. 7:17:00 he joins TFL and they have sweet bonding. Loud vocalizations are heard from them. I think it's a good chance that if anyone nearby was still sleeping they are awake now. Both continue to perch, quietly now, TFL rouses her feathers. 7:21:00am Both of them fly out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/2/2018 7:26:47	1/2/2018	7:14:00 AM	The First Lady	eagle vocabulary	Rouse – when the bird raises all their feathers and shakes, a sign of contentment.	earlybird_AEF
1/2/2018 9:08:46	1/2/2018	9:00:00 AM	none	chilly day	Just a short visit from MrP and TFL this morning. Perhaps they are snuggled together on a branch somewhere basking in the golden sun. It is a very chilly morning, currently 13 degrees. We hope they warm up those tail feathers and come join us again soon. Enjoy your day and stay warm.	earlybird_AEF
1/2/2018 11:47:19	1/2/2018	11:47:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	All is quiet on the home front. Mr. P and TFL have not returned to the nest since early this morning when they made an appearance. Nest is empty and the home territory is void of any background noise at the moment other than some small birds chirping.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/2/2018 11:49:19	1/2/2018	11:47:00 AM	Weather	Weather	This cold spell is not over just yet. Current temp is 19 degrees and the high today will be 27 with a low of 14. Sunny and clear skies throughout the day and into this evening. Winds are currently at 10-20 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF

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					An eagle's large size helps it retain heat. Eagles have a higher inside-to-surface area ratio than a smaller bird like a chickadee. Less surface area means less heat lost to radiation, which is why northern animals tend to be larger than their southern cousins, eagles inclusive to that. These feathers help keep it warm and dry. Stiff exterior vane feathers zip together over smaller, fluffier down feathers, providing an overcoat of sorts to shed water and help keep heat from escaping. Underneath, Down feathers trap pockets of air next to the eagle's body, where it is quickly warmed and prevented from escaping. There is a time when heat needs to escape during incubation. A brood patch is a patch of bare skin on an eagle's breast. Eagles can roll, wiggle, and tuck their eggs up against the brood patch, effectively transferring heat from the eagle's roughly 104-degree body to the eggs. Since the optimal temperature for incubation is 99 degrees, some heat can be lost. The eagles regulate egg temperature by alternately incubating the eggs and leaving them uncovered. This will be vital once eggs are laid. Eagles "unzip" their feathers during preening keeping them all neat and tidy for such weather variations as well as keeping them all scrub-a-dub clean! In addition to all of this, eagles legs use counter current heat - to control body temperature. Warm arterial blood flowing from an eagle's core into its feet passes cool venous blood flowing the other way. Heat is exchanged, warming the blood flowing into its core and cooling the blood flowing into its feet. The cooler blood is still warm enough to prevent frostbite, but the lower temperature reduces the gradient between its insides and its outsides, preventing excessive heat loss through its feet.	
1/2/2018 12:08:37	1/2/2018	12:07:00 PM	Eagles in Cold Weather	Eagles in Cold Weather	AEF DC. January 2, 2018. Before the US National Arboretum opened this morning, the road around the DC Bald Eagles nest was closed to the public. This is to protect and assure the safety of our beloved eagles during nesting season. Roads will reopen in the summer - a date will be announced at that time.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/2/2018 12:18:20	1/2/2018	12:16:00 PM	Road Closure	Road Closure	An eagle was spotted flying in the distance around 3:12pm today, but there have been no visits to the nest between now and then. There are a lot of rustling noises though. I imagine Mr. Squirrel is doing some construction work below the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/2/2018 16:17:46	1/2/2018	4:10:00 PM	eagle	in flight	All is quiet on the home front this morning. Mr. Squirrel did make an appearance and tried to sneak away with some fluff, but had second thoughts and left empty handed. I think he is really starting to feel remorse for his bad morals and from stealing from our eagles. Guilty as charged!	freebird_AEF
1/3/2018 10:36:55	1/3/2018	10:33:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Currently a sweltering 25 degrees out. We're on a warm streak. Take off those winter gloves and Grandma's crocheted hats with the pom pom on top today. Tonight we drop to the mid 20's with snow showers coming into the area late tonight. Winds are currently 5-10 mph and will increase this evening to 10-20 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 10:41:24	1/3/2018	10:37:00 AM	Weather	Weather	A beautiful young sub adult visitor has been at the nest for almost an hour. S/he has moved back and forth from the nest to the Lateral Branch a few times. Currently s/he is perched on the branch and just in what appears to be a state of relaxation as this beauty peers out into TFL's and Mr. P's home territory. No sight of our beloved pair during this time of visitation.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 13:51:07	1/3/2018	1:48:00 PM	Visitor	Perched	Mr. P arrives to the nest to say "Whazzup" to our beautiful Sub Adult. He lands on the right V and pauses for a moment while the two chat with loud squeaks to one another. After that brief moment, Mr. P departed the nest to the right side. The Sub Adult then jumped into the nest and grabs some fluff with his/her beak and paces back and forth while looking out into the home territory.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 13:59:02	1/3/2018	1:54:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	At 2:12 pm, the visitor departed the nest tree and flew out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 14:13:21	1/3/2018	2:12:00 PM	Visitor	Departure	We have a sub adult at the nest. Such a gorgeous eagle and so helpful too. Looks like she/he wants to help with the housekeeping chores. I wonder if MrP and TFL will appreciate all this hard work. There is a rustling sound nearby that is getting it's attention. What could it be? Is it Mr. Squirrel? Is it a deer? Inquiring minds want to know. We will keep our eagle eyes on it.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/3/2018 17:07:06	1/3/2018	4:53:00 PM	sub adult.	nest duties	The sub adult continues with the nest work. She/he walks onto the V and takes a look around. What a beautiful view. An eagle would be happy to be looking at this gorgeous scenery everyday. Not so fast beauty. This nest is already occupied by a very famous pair but it sure is nice that you came for a visit. The skies are starting to darken, geese are heard in the distance. Will our visitor stay the night? That nest bowl looks mighty comfortable. But no, it looks like this beauty has some place else to go. She/he takes one last look around and off it goes to a nearby branch and then out of sight. We can only hope we will see She/he again.	earlybird_AEF
1/3/2018 17:35:13	1/3/2018	5:07:00 PM	sub adult	nest duties	A visitor arrived at the nest and stayed for just under 5 minutes. Because it is dark, it's hard to judge if this was the same one as earlier in the day, but there is a good likelihood it was considering it knew it's way back to the nest in the dark.	earlybird_AEF
1/3/2018 23:27:36	1/3/2018	11:25:00 PM	Visitor	Arrival and Departure	A sub adult visited the nest again in the wee hours of the morning. We believe this could be the same beauty that graced us with it's presence yesterday. The snow had already picked up so perhaps it was looking for a safe shelter in the storm. It spent over an hour in the nest and on the Lateral branch.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 6:53:58	1/4/2018	3:13:00 AM	sub adult	arrival	What an enchanted wonderland this morning, a smooth blanket of snow covers the nest. It looks like this is our same visitor who has arrived again. It lands in the nest, moves some snow covered grass, and goes onto the Lateral branch. 7:24:00 Off it flies.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 7:32:17	1/4/2018	7:22:00 AM	sub adult	arrival	I believe this is MrP who has landed on the Overhead branch. The wind is howling this morning, currently 23 degrees. He is looking here, there and everywhere. Perhaps he is in search of the visitor. No way to know if he has spotted it this morning. He doesn't give the appearance of being concerned, just perching calmly with the wind blowing him around and ruffling those feathers.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 8:01:53	1/4/2018	7:39:00 AM	Mr. President	perching	MrP has just joined TFL on the Overhead branch. Loud vocalizations then MrP flies down into the nest, TFL quickly follows. Busy work for both of them, moving the snow around to uncover the fluff. TFL flies onto the Lateral branch, MrP joins her. An attempt at bonding is made and MrP flies as TFL looks on. MrP returns with a nice clump of moss. TFL joins him in the nest, perhaps to check out what he brought but quickly returns to the Lateral branch. 8:21:00am MrP flies away again. Correction to the previous post. That was TFL who arrived first this morning on the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 8:26:20	1/4/2018	8:05:00 AM	Mr President and The First Lady.	nest duties	The Arboretum is so quiet this morning, just the sounds of the howling wind. Even the birds must be elsewhere seeking shelter. TFL continues to perch quietly on the Lateral branch, perhaps waiting for MrP to arrive back at the nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 8:50:29	1/4/2018	8:26:00 AM	The First Lady	perching		earlybird_AEF

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1/4/2018 9:01:54	1/4/2018	8:54:00 AM	The First Lady	perching	TFL seems to have her eagle eyes focused on something. Her head is crouched down, looking at something intently. All seems calm now. Once again she is just gazing around. No sign of MrP again yet.	earlybird_AEF
1/4/2018 10:23:44	1/4/2018	10:23:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Windy with snow showers this morning. High 27F. Winds NW at 25 to 35 mph. Chance of snow 80%. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph. Tonight: Clear skies. Gusty winds during the evening. Low near 10F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 10:53:08	1/4/2018	10:44:00 AM	On the Nest	On the Nest	Pull up a twig, sit down and embrace yourself with the ambiance of fine family dining. On the menu today: Pain au snow with delicately prepared fresh hay topping. This fine cuisine pairs beautifully with Anacostia River aged water. 475 calories.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 11:42:32	1/4/2018	11:42:00 AM	Video Clip	Happy New Year	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8EqtYLPWVc&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 12:48:25	1/4/2018	12:46:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Currently the nest is vacant. No sight of the eagles since late this morning. Current temp is 25 and cloudy.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 13:39:15	1/4/2018	1:15:00 PM	Mr. P & TFL	Arrival	Mr. P and TFL arrive at the nest around 1:15, both went into the nest and loafed around before TFL departed. Mr. P remains perched on the Right V, he peers out to his home territory and takes in the beautiful wintry wonderland that surrounds him.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 13:58:26	1/4/2018	1:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	Mr. P departs the nest tree.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 15:41:56	1/4/2018	3:30:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating	Mr. P and TFL arrive at the nest and successful bond. Three cheers for Mr. P! Hip Hip Hooray! TFL departs the nest while Mr. P rearranges sticks here, there and everywhere. He pauses and looks around while the tree shakes back and forth from the wind. I got my Dramamine supply on hand, so all is ok!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 15:43:34	1/4/2018	3:43:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	Mr. P departs the nest (with a smile on his face)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 15:48:21	1/4/2018	3:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P returns to the nest. He quickly fusses with some fluff and sticks. At 3:47 he jumps to the crib rails, looks out for a moment, opens his wings and flies off and past the PPT and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 16:56:54	1/4/2018	4:56:00 PM	Sunset	Sunset	Sunset	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 16:59:19	1/4/2018	4:58:00 PM	Weather	Weather	Currently 23 degrees. Tonight - Mostly clear and windy. Low 9F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/4/2018 17:06:13	1/4/2018	5:00:00 PM	TFL & Mr. P	Arrival & Departure	Both Mr. P and TFL arrive at the nest and quickly fuss with some moss and sticks. At 5:02 TFL departs the nest tree and Mr. P remains doing some light nestorations. At 5:05 Mr. P departs the nest tree taking flight across the road and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/5/2018 7:21:11	1/5/2018	7:06:00 AM	MrP and TFL	arrival	There's a chill in the air but a warmth in our hearts this morning. MrP and TFL have both arrived at the nest. It is only 11 degrees but they are used to the elements. Nothing will deter them from getting the job done. There is still some snow left on the nest. Both of them get to work aerating the nest. Looks like MrP wants to give the nest bowl a try. Wiggle wiggle down he goes. TFL goes onto the Lateral branch. MrP continues with the nest work, tries out the nest bowl again. He stays in it for a nice long time. I think our MrP is anxious to have some eaglets. It's a little too soon yet but we are all looking forward to it too. MrP joins his Lady on the Lateral branch. She gives him some sweet squeezes. Back into the nest he goes and back to lying down in the nest bowl.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 7:33:40	1/5/2018	7:19:00 AM	MrP and TFL	perching	TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch watching MrP work. He joins her, gives her that special look and a little squeeze. But it doesn't look like there will be any bonding this morning. They perch sweetly side by side, two lovebirds looking out at their domain with the snow covered trees as their backdrop. 7:24am MrP flies off and TFL quickly follows.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 10:03:47	1/5/2018	10:02:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Today: Sunny with gusty winds developing this afternoon. High 19F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph. This evening: Clear skies. Low 8F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/5/2018 15:31:02	1/5/2018	3:28:00 PM	MrP and TFL	update	Looks like we're having a heat wave this afternoon. The temperature is up to a balmy 18 degrees. Time to get out the shorts and flip flops. MrP and TFL were here briefly around 1:30pm, did a little nest work and off they flew. Maybe they are doing a little fishing or sunning themselves by the river. Hope they'll join us here soon.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 15:57:59	1/5/2018	3:54:00 PM	none	waiting	The nest is looking good this afternoon, almost all of the snow has melted, the grass looks all fluffy again. I wouldn't be surprised to see Mr Squirrel do his snatch and grab and take some of that grass to his Nut House. But no, not a squirrel in sight and no sighting of our eagles.	earlybird_AEF
1/5/2018 16:57:16	1/5/2018	4:46:00 PM	The First Lady	short visit	It appears to be TFL who flies onto the overhead branch to perch. It looks like she's snuggling down into her zipped feathers for warmth, with wings held closely to her body, and feathers fluffed out. She quietly glances about but doesn't stay long. With the golden sunset behind her, she flies off after only a couple minutes. A short visit is always better than no visit at all. After she departs, the sun sets through the trees and glows red like fire. We've sure had some gorgeous sunsets lately.	freebird_AEF
1/5/2018 17:28:20	1/5/2018	5:22:00 PM	Mr. President	short visit	MrP flies into the nest, aerates, looks around, walks over to the rails and flies off, all within one minute.	freebird_AEF
1/5/2018 21:29:47	1/5/2018	9:30:00 PM	Empty Nest/Weather	Weather	On this frigid January night, there's neither sight nor sound of an eagle at the nest. 16°F (-9°C) with winds making it feel about ten degrees colder, only the rustling breeze, intermittently gusting, and an occasional train sounding its horn break the dark silence. In the distance, snow atop buildings brightens the background, with the still, tall trees surrounding the eagles' home are dark. The nest itself -- highlighted, as always, by the lights which humans (but not eagles) are able to see -- is empty, but Mr. President's ongoing construction, at times aided by a visitor or two, is quite evident. New sticks top and fill out the nest rails, which -- as they continue to edge upward -- become an increasingly secure way to ensure the safety of any tiny eaglets who just may come to dwell within the nest-bed of grass and soft straw in coming months. Somewhere in the night, The First Lady and Mr. President, with beautiful, thick layers keeping them well-insulated from the cold, may be sleeping, hunting, dreaming, or soaring -- but, during these pre-eaglet days, moments such as these in which the nest remains empty and the eagles unseen belong solely to the eagles, themselves. Soon enough, they'll share much of their lives with us; for now, the eagles' lives are known only to themselves -- and, perhaps, to certain other, wild dwellers of the Arboretum on this quiet, snowy Washington D.C. night.	liatfos_AEF
1/6/2018 10:16:02	1/6/2018	10:13:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a bitter cold day again. Currently it's 13 degrees. Today: Sunny. High 19F. Winds WNW at 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 7F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph. A wind advisory is in effect until 6am Sunday morning. Expect wind chills to range from 0 to -10 below.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/6/2018 10:20:51	1/6/2018	10:16:00 AM	Mr. P & TFL	Morning Update	Good morning, DC eagle family! Happy Saturday to you all. Mr. P and TFL visited the nest tree this morning and looked absolutely gorgeous with the sunlight shining on them. They were poofed up while perched with their feathers spread and a hefty weight look to them. Due to the extreme cold weather, birds fluff their feathers to trap heat and slow their metabolism to conserve energy. The beautiful pair had a bonding as well.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/6/2018 10:36:12	1/6/2018	10:34:00 AM	Definition	Copulation (Mating/Bonding)	Mating happens by pressing cloaca together – This is also known as the 'cloacal kiss'. The female will lean forward, the male will land on her back. The female will move her tail feathers to one side, the male will press and twist his cloacal opening around her cloaca, passing the sperm from his cloaca to hers. Generally, eagles may mate throughout the year depending on if the pair migrates. Frequent mating strengthens their bond to each other and increases the chance of fertile eggs, the female may have 3 two week windows throughout a breeding season where she is fertile. The male's sperm is said to be viable inside the female for 10 days. Increasing daylight hours causes the females pituitary gland to secrete a hormone that turns on the ova. The ova is turned off by prolactin which is the hormone associated with incubation. Read more about eagles by visiting: https://www.eagles.org/what-we-do/educate/learn-about-eagles/bald-eagles/	FreeSoars_AEF
1/6/2018 12:00:15	1/6/2018	11:57:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we head into the noon hour, the nest tree is void of our beautiful eagles. Mr. P and TFL have not been back to the nest since early this morning. Hopefully they are perched in the direct sunlight so it can warm them up just a bit more and then give us another grand entrance and fly in together like earlier! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/6/2018 13:30:49	1/6/2018	1:30:00 PM	none	tour of the area	No eagle sightings yet this afternoon but we're getting a lovely tour from our Cam Operator. Such a picturesque scene of the area, a carpet of glistening snow on the ground, trees still with leaves of yellow, orange and red, golden tulip flowers on the nest tree, bare trees blowing in the wind. MrP and TFL have chosen a wonderful place to build their nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/6/2018 14:57:20	1/6/2018	2:44:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	MrP and TFL still haven't come back to the nest but we have been lucky enough to see some waddling geese, a fox leaving footprints in the snow and even a group of deer near the Primary Perching Tree. Along with that we have enjoyed the continuing symphony of birds.	earlybird_AEF
1/6/2018 15:38:14	1/6/2018	3:29:00 PM	activities	area tour	It looks like the geese are having a good meal at the golf course on the other side of the Anacostia River. A fox was seen scampering past some of the feeding geese which explains why several took off in flight. The river looks so icy cold on this blustery winter day in DC as we continue cam tours of the area.	freebird_AEF
1/6/2018 17:01:29	1/6/2018	4:46:00 PM	update	nest / weather	Over the past two hours, we've not seen a peep or heard a squeal from MrP, TFL or any eagle for that matter! I suspect they are perching much of the day in order to conserve their energy. In fact, in the winter, it's common for eagles to perch up to 98 percent of the day. We did see another spectacular sunset. Tonight the nest branches and limbs appeared to shine as if they were gold plated from the setting sun. It is currently 17 degrees with a wind chill advisory still in effect. Winds are from the SW at 14 mph, making it feel like it's 0 degrees outside. The forecast suggests a slow warm up beginning Sunday.	freebird_AEF
1/7/2018 7:22:52	1/7/2018	7:04:00 AM	empty nest	empty nest	The skies are starting to brighten, it's almost time for the sun to rise. What a beautiful sky it is this morning, lovely hues of blue, yellow and gold. There's just a sprinkling of snow left, covering the ground like confetti. The temperature is currently 8 degrees. Some rustling sounds are heard nearby, birds are singing in the trees. A large bird was seen flying by but too quick to identify if it was one of the eagles.	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 11:17:11	1/7/2018	11:00:00 AM	squirrels	nest activity	No eagles, but viewers were treated to watching the regularly visiting grey squirrel and its friend, a white squirrel, scurry about the nest area and branches. Before departing, the grey squirrel stuffed their cheeks full of light fluffy grasses that MrP so diligently brought to the nest. You better watch out little one! MrP's going to wonder where all his fluff is going.	freebird_AEF
1/7/2018 13:06:48	1/7/2018	12:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival and departure	MrP has finally arrived today. TFL is right behind him. Perhaps they felt it was finally warm enough to venture out. Time to do a little nest work, fluffing and aerating and moving some sticks. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch, it seems to be her favorite spot to supervise. I wonder if they have noticed yet that someone has visited their nest and taken quite a bit of the fluff. MrP flies off, perhaps to replenish that moss. TFL watches him leave and starts to vocalize loudly. It sounds like that could be MrP answering back	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 13:20:40	1/7/2018	1:05:00 PM	MrP and TFL	bonding	MrP has returned with a nice size stick. TFL joins him in the nest for some sweet bonding. MrP leaves once again and within seconds is back with another stick. TFL returns to the Lateral branch while MrP moves the stick around, trying to find just the right spot. He places it in the V perch and returns to the nest to try out the nest bowl. But no time to rest for MrP, he grabs another stick and starts removing the twigs and sharp edges. TFL flies off at 1:15pm. MrP stops his work and looks in all directions. Is he wondering where his Lady is going? Off he goes, perhaps in search of her.	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 13:39:06	1/7/2018	1:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	bonding	Do eagles mate to only lay eggs? Eagles mate to reproduce, mating efforts inside and outside of breeding season will strengthen the pair bond; not all efforts result in eggs.	earlybird_AEF
1/7/2018 16:44:41	1/7/2018	4:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	Mr. P made a brief visit to the nest showing off his white blaze indicating he ate a huge buffet at Goldfish Corral. He then departed the nest lugging his big belly up in the air and out of sight.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/7/2018 16:52:41	1/7/2018	4:47:00 PM	Definition	Crop & Crop Drops	You can see "crops" on an eagle because they are bulging out in the chest area. Mr. P usually shows a white blaze down his chest when he has a nice, big crop. In technical terms, it is an expandable section of the esophagus that is used to store and soften food and regulates the flow of food through the digestive tract. "Crop Drops" are movements when the food stored in the crop move further down the digestive track, you can see this happen when an eagle, or eaglet lifts and tilts their head up, with their beak in the air and then open their beak wide and then close it. It sometimes can be hard to differentiate from a yawn. But typically if you see they have a bulge, more often than not, it's a crop drop.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/7/2018 19:59:22	1/7/2018	7:59:00 PM	Video Clip	Squirrels having fun at the Nest	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7wM2lcl65s&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/8/2018 7:31:13	1/8/2018	7:02:00 AM	MrP and TFL	arrival	MrP and TFL arrive together this morning. There is a brisk wind but not quite as cold today, currently 20 degrees. Both of our eagles get to work, fluffing and aerating the nest. TFL perches on the Lateral branch, her feathers blowing in the breeze, MrP continues with the nest duties. Our mighty stick warrior is battling with a thick branch, pushing, pulling, biting off the small twigs. He's managed to pull it towards the center of the nest but gives up for now. More aerating, then he wiggles down into the nest bowl. MrP walks over to the V and gazes out into his Stickdom. So many sticks, so many choices. Will he fly to get another? Not quite yet, lets try out that bowl one more time. He's back to work on that big, thick stick, places it between the Lateral branch and Left V. No that will never do. He places it near the Right V branch slightly in front of the V. All the while TFL is looking on.	earlybird_AEF
1/8/2018 8:04:46	1/8/2018	7:25:00 AM	MrP and TFL	nest activity	Looks like MrP needs a break. He joins his Fair Lady on the Lateral branch and they attempt to mate. MrP flies back into the nest and TFL joins him. They each grab an end of that branch and start working together with it's placement. TFL tries out the nest bowl and back to the Lateral branch she goes. 7:33am TFL flies and MrP quickly follows.	earlybird_AEF
1/8/2018 16:24:03	1/8/2018	4:15:00 PM	Mr. P & TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Ugh, yuck and a half. Mr. P and TFL were at the nest earlier with a grand meal! Looked like a Goose. Poor Goose. Looks like it was the first meal on the nest! Feathers here, there and everywhere. Looks like Stickman needs to head over to Stick Depot and pick up some Febreagle. It's like Febreeze, but for eagles. It is non toxic, non irritating (won't affect feathers) and it has a light lavender scent with lilac undertones. It was rated #1 consumer product of the nesting season and has nearly been sold out on shelves already! The 24 oz bottles is on sale for 4 sticks and it says that it will last up to 60 sprays! It works on hay, branches, foliage and other nest materials. It freshens up the nest! But before spraying, he needs a featherbuster to clean up the mess he made. Eagles definitely do not have herbivorous eating habits.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/9/2018 7:13:24	1/9/2018	7:05:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The area is experiencing icy conditions this morning, the result of yesterday's freezing rain. The temperature is currently 26 degrees with a high of 44 degrees expected. MrP arrives through the fog, the dusky hues of black, gray and white surrounding him. The fog so thick that the nest looks suspended in air. MrP does a quick check around the nest, walks over to the edge, carefully looks around and flies back into the fog.	earlybird_AEF
1/9/2018 7:55:38	1/9/2018	7:31:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work and Mating	MrP has arrived back with a stick, places it in the nest and off he goes again. He is back again with stick number two. This one a long stick with several branches. TFL flies in and they mate. They start to aerate the nest together, it looks quite wet from the freezing rain and fog. TFL flies onto the Lateral branch, rouses her feathers and keeps an eye on MrP's progress. MrP is diligently moving sticks and fluffing up that nest. He climbs onto the V and starts peeling bark off of a branch, moves back into the nest and then joins his Lady on the Lateral branch. They perch together, each facing a different direction and at 7:50am MrP flies away.	earlybird_AEF
1/9/2018 8:00:56	1/9/2018	7:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch and watches as MrP returns to the nest. He joins her once again on the Lateral branch and they perch side by side gazing around the area. 7:58am off he goes again.	earlybird_AEF
1/9/2018 11:30:24	1/9/2018	11:25:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently 36 degrees. A nice break from the bitter cold, winds at 5 mph. Partly Cloudy with a high of 40. Later this afternoon the Sun should peek out. Tonight low about 30 degrees, partly cloudy and winds at 2 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/9/2018 11:31:55	1/9/2018	11:30:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	After a nice visit earlier in the morning, the nest is currently empty nor any background vocalization heard.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/9/2018 11:31:59	1/9/2018	11:28:00 AM	Video Clip	That doesn't go there	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7s04Ab0mI8&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/10/2018 7:52:39	1/10/2018	7:32:00 AM	Mr. President	arrival	The Arboretum is alive with the sounds of birds, the Red-Bellied Woodpecker, the Carolina Chickadee, the House Wren. It is a clear morning, currently 22 degrees with a high of 43 degrees expected. Mr. P arrives with a stick in his talons and that fast he is gone. Where has our stick warrior gone? Off to do battle with another stick, I imagine.	earlybird_AEF
1/10/2018 12:50:43	1/10/2018	12:48:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	All is quiet on the home front. No sight of Mr. P or TFL as we head into the 1 pm hour.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/10/2018 12:51:55	1/10/2018	12:50:00 PM	Weather	Weather	It's a dreary day outside. Current temp is 40 with cloudy skies. Today: Cloudy skies. High 42F. Winds light and variable. Tonight: Cloudy skies. High 42F. Winds light and variable.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/11/2018 7:30:42	1/11/2018	7:05:00 AM	Mr. President	arrival	It's going to feel quite Spring like today and tomorrow. Already we can hear the birds singing in what sounds like joyous anticipation of the warmth. MrP arrives and starts the nest duties, fluffing, aerating and moving some sticks. He flies onto the Lateral branch, does some preening and keeps watch. Something seems to have piqued Mr. P's curiosity. He is intently looking below. There have been some rustling noises nearby but out of our viewing sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/11/2018 7:42:40	1/11/2018	7:30:00 AM	Mr. President	departure	MrP continues to perch on the Lateral branch. Something seems to have gotten his attention. He departs and lands in a tree nearby. He flies to a nearby branch and it appears that he is pulling on it. Yes here he comes with a stick, places it in the nest and off he goes again.	earlybird_AEF
1/11/2018 10:38:53	1/11/2018	10:36:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Good morning, DC eagle family! Today is so much more mild than it has been. Currently it is 53 degrees and cloudy. Mostly cloudy with some showers this afternoon. High 54F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%. Tonight: Rain. Areas of dense fog. Low 36F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 100%. Rainfall near a half an inch.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/11/2018 10:43:48	1/11/2018	10:39:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	No activity to report within home territory. No eagles in cam view. I'm sure Mr. P and TFL, packed some munchies (Fish chips and bottled Anacostia River water) and took a day flight to Rehoboth Beach. Bet they are hobbling around on the boardwalk and then splashing around in the water to cool off in this heat wave... LOL	FreeSoars_AEF
1/11/2018 13:24:04	1/11/2018	1:22:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we are halfway through the 1pm hour, still no sight or sound of Mr. P and TFL since early this morning.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/11/2018 16:49:40	1/11/2018	4:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival / mating	MrP and TFL arrive at the nest around 4:30pm. MrP flew in first with TFL following close behind. They both get to work, digging away in the nest bowl. TFL disperses some of the leaves that MrP brought in earlier. The nest looks so beautiful right now with green moss, golden strands of grass, and light green and copper colored leaves. At 4:38, MrP makes his move and a mating ensues. Afterwards, TFL continues to move nesting material around. MrP stands near the rails and TFL lowers herself to check out the comfort of the nest. Once TFL stands up, MrP decides it's a good time to dig and aerate at TFL's feet, so his head is tucked underneath her. What a goof! After quietly standing together for a couple minutes, TFL decides to perch at one of her favorite spots, the Lateral branch, leaving MrP to continue fluffing things up, toss materials around and get everything just right.	freebird_AEF
1/11/2018 17:05:27	1/11/2018	4:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	nest activity / mating	MrP decides it's time to work on the rails and tries to place a stick in the V before squiggling himself down into the nest bowl and surrounding himself with nesting material. Some grass here... moss over there... oh, and this leaf will look dandy next to my wing. While resting, MrP's white blaze is seen; confirming that he and TFL have enjoyed a good meal today. TFL remains quietly relaxed on the Lateral branch. There's such a sense of peace with our couple, as MrP gently walks to the Lateral branch and steps out to perch close to TFL. At 4:47pm, MrP lightly jumps off the branch and dives down under the tree and across the area to the right of the Primary Perching Tree. TFL sils and observes. One minute later, MrP returns with a new stick, TFL hops into the nest and wants to have a say as to where it it will be placed. Together they wrangle and nip off small pieces of the new branch. They continue to work together. MrP steps into the V, snapping off small sections of sticks. At 5:03 another mating takes place.	freebird_AEF
1/11/2018 17:14:15	1/11/2018	5:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	departure	TFL flies off at 5:06pm. MrP stays in the nest momentarily. It seems he's trying to decide whether to stay and do some more work or whether to follow his Lady. MrP is alert, turning his head and watching his surroundings. At 5:10, he moves to the nest rails, pauses, turning his head every which way. Where did she go MrP? And with that, he springs off in flight at 5:11pm. Good night and sweet eagle dreams to our beautiful DC couple, and to all of you.	freebird_AEF
1/11/2018 21:07:56	1/11/2018	9:00:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest/Weather	The eight o'clock hour on this mild winter night begins with a cacophony of the horns from passing trains, cars stopped in traffic, far-away voices carrying through from the streets outside the Arboretum, the rush of a southerly wind through the treetops, and the pealing of sirens (many, many sirens!). The humidity accompanying the approaching rain is nearly palpable. Its presence revealed by the way in which the nighttime sounds echo; even the rustling leaves sound as if they've already been drenched by a spring downpour and are now drying out in a warm breeze. When a light rain finally arrives around 8:45 pm, its gentle rhythm muffles much of the human commotion in the surrounding city. With the sound of rain and wind reverberating through the darkness, the nest and its near branches remain unoccupied, the wild inhabitants of the Arboretum unseen. And, except for a short, stilted chirrup from a nearby raccoon and a few abbreviated "honks" from nearby geese, the surrounding wildlife remains unheard, as well. At 9 p.m., it's nearly 57° and, exactly on the hour, a sudden, cheerful burst of melody, reminiscent of the song of a summertime ice cream truck, rings brightly into the night.	liatfos_AEF
1/12/2018 7:43:46	1/12/2018	7:13:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Nest Work	The gusty winds have been howling this morning, the rain heavy at times. We are expecting mild temperatures with rain and drizzle throughout the day. I believe this is MrP who has just arrived with a stick, the rain hasn't deterred him. He begins aerating the nest and wiggles down into the nest bowl. He walks over to the V, takes a look around and returns to his nest duties. TFL lands on a branch with a nice big stick and brings it into the nest. This one has several twigs attached so it's a little awkward to maneuver. They continue to move it around and bite off some of the twigs. TFL moves it to the V area, MrP tries to help, all very comical to watch. MrP goes up to the Overhead branch and flies off. TFL watches his departure and moves onto the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
1/12/2018 8:04:24	1/12/2018	7:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work	MrP flies by and lands in the nest, a big clump of moss in his talons. TFL joins him to help with the placement. 7:42am TFL climbs up the Right V branch and off she goes. MrP continues with some more nest work and goes onto the Lateral branch and does a bit of preening. 7:55am MrP flies off.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 11:04:56	1/13/2018	11:00:00 AM	Morning Update	Morning Update	It has been a very busy morning at the nest tree. Mr. P and TFL were here and there, flying in and out. Perching on both the Lateral Branch, the Right V branch and across the way at the PPT (Primary Perching Tree) - The two also mated in the nest. They seem to enjoy doing that in the nest more than being perched on a branch. Nestorations were done with a nice big stick that Mr. P brought in. We also had Mr. Squirrel visit as well as a Red-Tailed Hawk. It was a hectic morning but a beautiful sight to see the nest tree alive with activity!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 11:14:15	1/13/2018	11:05:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Current temp is 33 degrees and cloudy. After a very, unusually mild day yesterday, with temperatures reaching near 70 degrees, we are back down into a cold spell. Today: Some mixed winter precipitation possible early. Mostly cloudy early, then sunshine for the afternoon. Temps nearly steady in the low to mid 30s. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: A clear sky. Low 17F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 13:02:43	1/13/2018	12:53:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating & Nestorations	Mr. P and TFL came back to the nest tree. Both perched on and off and in between doing so, a successful mating happened. This was apparently the 3rd time today! After departing the nest, the pair returned, this time Mr. P brought in a stick and continued with nestorations while TFL is perched on the Lateral branch. Mr. P then took a break from nestorations and jumped up to the right V where he currently is perched.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 13:03:46	1/13/2018	1:02:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	At 1:02, TFL departed the nest tree. Mr. P remains perched on the right V.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/13/2018 13:32:02	1/13/2018	1:05:00 PM	Mr. President	In and Around the Nest	It's been a busy day at the nest. TFL has flown and MrP soon after. Perhaps they are heading for the river to get some lunch. All of those nest renovations and mating can work up an appetite. Something large is flying around the area. I believe this is MrP who has landed on the Overhead branch. He is listening very intently to some noises below. Mr. Squirrel is that you? MrP flies quickly into the nest. Nothing there but the persistent chatter noises continue as MrP goes onto the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 13:57:04	1/13/2018	1:32:00 PM	Mr. President	perching	MrP continues to perch on the Lateral Branch and continues to look around, to the left, to the right, all around him, his feathers blowing in the wind. Off he goes at 1:47pm.	earlybird_AEF

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1/13/2018 14:18:52	1/13/2018	2:03:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Looks like someone did go fishing. MrP and TFL return to the nest with a nice big fish. MrP always the gentleman lets his Lady eat while he does some nest work. She doesn't seem to mind that one bit. TFL seems to have gotten her fill and steps aside. MrP takes a good size piece and off he goes to enjoy his meal elsewhere. Maybe just in case she changes her mind. TFL goes onto the Lateral Branch and cleans herself up by doing some feaking.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 14:20:13	1/13/2018	2:15:00 PM	The First Lady	Eagle Vocabulary	Feaking -- the act of rubbing the beak against a surface for cleaning or maintaining beak shape, often done after eating	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 14:32:15	1/13/2018	2:20:00 PM	The First Lady	perching	The gusty winds continue but TFL holds tight onto the branch with her strong talons... Avian talons work through a pulley system which can lock into place. The bird's foot closes and grasps automatically as the ankle and knee joints are bent. This grasp cannot be released until the limb is straightened again.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 15:04:51	1/13/2018	2:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP has returned from his lunch break and TFL joins him to help with the nest duties. He walks up the Right V Branch pulling a stick with him, struggling all the way. Hold onto that stick MrP. Don't lose that one. TFL returns to the Lateral Branch while MrP flies back into the nest to continue moving more sticks. MrP climbs onto the Lateral Branch and flies out of sight. A rustling noise and a shadow passing by have caught TFL's attention. Here comes MrP with a stick in his talon. Our stick warrior has gone above and beyond his duty today, bringing back stick after stick. He snuggles down into the nest bowl moving moss and grass around him. He and TFL will do this many times before the eggs are here to make sure it is a good fit. MrP joins TFL on the Lateral Branch and they mate once again. This has been quite a lively day for our famous pair.	earlybird_AEF
1/13/2018 18:00:13	1/13/2018	5:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	WOW, what a crop on Mr. P! His white blaze is showing indicating he has had a nice feast for himself! He doesn't stay long, but he treated us to a cameo appearance on this quiet, but chilly evening. Sleep well, Stickman!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/14/2018 7:23:06	1/14/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Mating	MrP and TFL have arrived together this morning. They begin their nest duties, aerating and fluffing. TFL goes onto what seems to be her favorite place to supervise, the Lateral branch. MrP wiggles down into the nest bowl and moves moss all around him. He stands up, makes a few adjustments to the grasses and wiggles himself down again. 7:08am He joins his Lady on the Lateral branch, TFL gives him a sweet call and they mate. Back into the nest MrP flies and begins to move a branch around that is in front of the V. This one seems a bit hard to move. Enough of that for the moment, MrP once again tries out the nest bowl. 7:16am TFL flies off as MrP watches.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 7:48:12	1/14/2018	7:24:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	It's chilly but sunny this morning, currently 16 degrees. MrP stands in the nest, craning his neck, looking all around and then flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 8:31:45	1/14/2018	8:02:00 AM	Sub adult	Arrival	We have a beautiful sub adult who has just arrived at the nest. It looks to be around three years old, perhaps a little older. She/he begins to move some fluff and sticks around. Tidying the place up very nicely for MrP and TFL. It goes onto the Lateral Branch, does some preening and gazes around the area. It continues to look this way and that, a gentle breeze blowing it's feathers. So gorgeous with the white feathers streaking through the black as if it visited a Hair Salon. Always a pleasure to see these visitors.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 9:00:48	1/14/2018	8:45:00 AM	Sub Adult	Perching	Our beauty continues to perch and watch. The caw of crows is heard nearby. That has sure gotten our sub adult's attention. No visual but the sounds are gradually fading. All is quiet now.	earlybird_AEF
1/14/2018 12:59:10	1/13/2018	12:49:00 PM	MrP and TFL	arrival / departure	MrP soars towards the nest and lands with TFL arriving just seconds later. MrP heads out to the Lateral branch to perch while TFL snuggles down for a quick comfort test. Within minutes, TFL flies off with MrP chasing after her. High pitched eagle chatter, which sounds like mating calls, is heard in the distance. I guess they wanted a little privacy this time. An eagle is seen flying across Cam B.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:15:03	1/14/2018	1:04:00 PM	Mr. President	arrival	MrP returns with a stick, quickly placing it before heading towards the V where a rather long, gangly stick is placed awkwardly. He works at placement and pruning; nipping, pulling and tugging away at the stick before deciding to take a break. He lies down for a bit of a rest. A shadow of a flying bird crosses the arboretum floor and TFL swoops around for a landing at 1:14pm.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:27:06	1/14/2018	1:16:00 PM	MrP and TFL	mating	Our twosome stand side-by-side in the nest while looking around their beautiful kingdom. They are absolutely stunning! Both appear to have nice sized crops and are relaxed. At 1:21, MrP starts squonking, TFL bows down and a successful mating occurs. Afterward, MrP hops up onto the right V and TFL decides it's time to perch on the Lateral branch, each relax in the sun while surveying the sights.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:38:39	1/14/2018	1:33:00 PM	MrP and TFL	departure	MrP hops down into the nest to do some light restorations. At 1:35pm, TFL takes flight. MrP keeps an eye on her from the nest bowl. He heads out to the rails, then departs at 1:37pm.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 13:54:00	1/14/2018	1:39:00 PM	MrP or TFL	perching nearby	One of our eagles is spotted perching in one of the trees directly in front of Cam B's left V branch. They fly off at 1:52pm.	freebird_AEF
1/14/2018 15:22:16	1/14/2018	3:15:00 PM	Arb Weather	Weather	It is a quiet, seemingly uneventful afternoon in the azalea section of the Arb. No one is on or near the nest, not an eagle, nor a hawk, raccoon, squirrel, cardinal or blue Jay. Not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse. Guess everyone is hunkered down watching football playoffs. Current temperature in DC is 27, going down to 17 tonight. Winds are 7 mph. Next few days will be more moderate with temps in the 30's.	kaco4_AEF
1/15/2018 7:16:43	1/15/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	MrP and TFL arrive together this morning and begin aerating the nest. TFL goes onto the Lateral Branch while MrP continues with the nest work. He wiggles down into the bowl, once now twice and moves the moss all around him. MrP joins TFL on the Lateral branch, she makes a sweet little chirping sound and they mate at 7:08am. MrP returns to the nest and tries out the nest bowl once again, throwing the fluff all around him. 7:12am TFL flies off which seems to startle MrP. He jumps up, wings outstretched, takes a look around and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/15/2018 10:10:46	1/15/2018	10:05:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	At 10:05 am, Mr. P arrived at the nest with a stick. He came in with a noisy entrance as he plopped the stick immediately in place in front of the V. He stood in the nest for a moment, looking all around his nest territory and then at 10:08 he flew off and beyond the PPT where he perched high in a tree, but too far to see him now.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:14:09	1/15/2018	10:13:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It is currently 22 degrees, cloudy and gusty. Today: Cloudy, High 33F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph., Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 26F. Winds light and variable.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/15/2018 10:23:34	1/15/2018	10:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr P comes back to the nest at 10:05 with a small stick. He moves it around the crib rails trying to find the perfect fit. Once it's in place, he goes to a very thick, long stick by the V and wrestles with it. He attempts to move it but it's just too much work and he's not in the mood to deal with it. After a few attempts at moving it, he drops it, still nudged in the V, then he jumps up to the Right V where he is currently perched and looking all around.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:25:10	1/15/2018	10:24:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	Mr. P departs the nest from the rear.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:30:24	1/15/2018	10:25:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival & Departure	Stickman is back with.....yep, ANOTHER stick! This makes 3 in a row, in very short time. He places the stick quickly then departs the nest at 10:28, through the V and across the road and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:47:38	1/15/2018	10:31:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival	Mr. P and TFL come in together, I think Mr. P called TFL for assistance this time with the big stick by the V, as they both worked at putting it in place. After the 100th failed attempt at it, Mr. P started dragging it up the left V LOL. I don't know where he thought he was going with it. Perhaps to do a return at the Stick Depot and get his money back. Nope. It slid back down and Mr. P gave up. TFL gave it a hot minute to give her go at it, but she gave up and back into the V it stayed. At 10:38 Mr. P departed the nest from the rear. TFL stayed and did some very light nestorations. At 10:40, Mr. P arrived again with another stick! Stick Depot is having their big sale today. He quickly places it. TFL jumps to the Lateral Branch to look pretty while Mr. P loafs around the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:50:48	1/15/2018	10:45:00 AM	Mating	Mating & Departure	At 10:45 Mr. P snuck up to TFL while she was perched on the Lateral Branch. He must have gotten bored with nest work. He inched closer to her and opened his beak to let out one quick, loud call. TLF went into position and lowered her head as Mr. P quickly mounted her and they mated. After a few long seconds, TFL said "enough" and nicely shoved him off of her and off he went departing the tree at about 10:46 LOL. I give this mating a 7 out of a possible 10. Good job.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 10:57:52	1/15/2018	10:52:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The sticks just keep on coming! Mr. P arrives back at the nest at 10:52 with yet another stick. WOW, he is really impressive this morning! Stickman places the stick and then decides to move it a bit here, and a bit there and finally it's in place just as he wants it. What is nice to see is that he is working on filling in that area by the Lateral Branch which was lacking in structure with the sticks compared to the rest of the crib rails. He is doing a great job at it and the entire nest is coming along beautifully. While he continues on with nestorations, TFL remains perched on the Lateral Branch, supervising.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:02:33	1/15/2018	11:01:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL departs the nest tree from the Later Branch at 11:01	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:06:35	1/15/2018	11:03:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival & Departure	TFL arrives right back to the nest with a pretty branch with a few leaves attached. It's a beautiful home decor piece that she bought at Stick Depot. Both her and Mr. P carry it around together in their beaks. Once placed, Mr. P starts to aerate the nest. TFL looks around for a moment or two and that at 11:05 departs the nest tree. Mr. P remains in the nest looking around.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:16:31	1/15/2018	10:12:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	At 10:12 Mr. P departs the nest tree through the V	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:32:28	1/15/2018	11:29:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	DC Chat is back again and you can find the schedule located on the main web cam page www.doeaglecam.org - Join us tonight from 6-8 pm four our Q&A session. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 11:36:32	1/15/2018	11:53:00 AM	DC Chat Schedule	DC Chat Schedule	You can find this season's live DC Chat schedule on the main web cam page www.doeaglecam.org -	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 14:49:44	1/15/2018	2:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	It appears TFL was flying in the nest territory and there was a subadult in the area as well. She did a fly by and chased that subadult off and she now is perched on the Lateral Branch sporting a nice crop on her. She appeared on edge but now seems to be more relaxed as she protects her domain from any unwanted visitors. You do not want to miss with the dive bomb queen!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 15:48:27	1/15/2018	3:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched	TFL remains perched on the Overhead Branch - she is looking all around, probably for the uninvited visitor to reappear - however, she does appear relaxed.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/15/2018 16:55:38	1/15/2018	4:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival & Mating	At about 4:30, Mr. P arrived at the nest and TFL immediate jumped down from the Overhead Branch. The two fussed with nesting material and then about 4:33 they mated in the nest. After the mating was done, TFL took off and Mr. P remained. He fussed more with the nesting material and then went down to the nest bowl to check it out. He squiggled and shimmied himself for about a minute. He then propped himself up and departed the nest tree after hanging around until 4:45 or so.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/16/2018 0:07:06	1/15/2018	12:06:00 AM	DC Chat	Feeding	DC Chat is live today from 10 am - 12 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/16/2018 6:33:30	1/16/2018	6:08:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The skies are still dark, the birds are still quiet but MrP is wasting no time this morning. He has already arrived and has started fluffing and aerating the nest. He has stopped his work for the moment and is standing quite still. MrP have you fallen asleep? No just listening and watching intently. He's standing in the middle of the nest, facing away from the V and is still as a statue. What is he hearing? The roar of the traffic, the hum of the train, all of these sounds very familiar to him, no nearby rustling noises are obvious. 6:27am He is still just standing, slowly moving his head here and there gazing out into the darkness. He doesn't seem to be on alert, just watchful.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 7:01:34	1/16/2018	6:31:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP is back to work in the nest. He moves a little fluff around and wiggles down into the nest bowl, plop goes his head and down go the tail feathers. He stands up, makes a few more adjustments and down he goes again, moving the grasses all around him. He stands up, walks around in a circle packing the moss down with his talons and tries it out once again. Now there is a rustling noise that seems to have caught his attention. He is standing in the nest and looking around. How handsome he looks with the IR light illuminating his white head and the white definition in his feathers.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 7:26:29	1/16/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	Another noise has caught his attention, he's craning his head and looking down. The sky is starting to lighten now. The temperature currently 29 degrees with a bit of snow expected tonight. 7:07am TFL has just joined MrP. She begins to help him fluff the nest. MrP tries out that nest bowl once again. I believe this is the fourth time. They continue to work side by side for a few more minutes and TFL flies to the Primary Perching tree. MrP watches from the V and continues fluffing the nest and moving sticks. MrP joins TFL and there is what looks like an attempted mating.	earlybird_AEF

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1/16/2018 7:54:30	1/16/2018	7:25:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching and Nest Duties	MrP and TFL sit contently together on the Primary Perching Tree, preening and watching their lovely surroundings. MrP flies off and returns to the nest and gets back to the nest work. He stops to watch TFL fly from the Primary Perching Tree and continues working. TFL flies in and joins him once again. Something has caught their attention. MrP goes onto the Lateral Branch, looks around and flies off. He quickly returns with a stick and they get back to work. TFL gives MrP a little nibble on his beak as if to say good job Dear and off she flies.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 8:04:10	1/16/2018	7:48:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP goes onto the Lateral Branch, takes a look around and off he flies to a nearby tree. He is quickly back but takes off again. This time he returns with a big stick, a really long stick, longer than the nest. Looks like he is going to just put that one down for the moment and work on another. This smaller one seems to fit nicely in the V Perch. TFL is back once again, helps a bit then flies up the Right V Branch while MrP continues in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/16/2018 9:54:37	1/16/2018	9:52:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Good morning! DC Chat is live today from 10am-noon. It's time to gather up your questions and join in the fun!	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 10:36:31	1/16/2018	10:25:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives and lands in the nest. It looks like he's brought some leftovers with him. This is the first time this season I've seen food at the nest. Must be a practice delivery run for days ahead. MrP engages in some light nestorations between looking outward, most likely for TFL. He hops up onto the right V branch for a better lookout view. At 10:34am, he makes his departure to branch in a nearby tree.	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 11:01:43	1/16/2018	10:50:00 AM	Mr. President	perching	MrP remains perched in a nearby tree. He looks very relaxed and cleans up after a good meal by doing some feaking and preening. Feaking is when an eagle rubs their beak against a surface in order to clean it. As we end this hour, it's good to know that we have some food in the nest and a full contented eagle perched nearby. I wonder what TFL will think of the gift awaiting her... that is, unless MrP decides to finish it off before she arrives.	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 17:03:09	1/16/2018	4:57:00 PM	Weather	Update	It's been a quiet hour at the DC nest. Current temperature is 39 degrees with calm winds. Winter weather advisory for snow is in effect from 9pm tonight until 9am Wednesday morning.	freebird_AEF
1/16/2018 17:29:56	1/16/2018	5:26:00 PM	Mr. President	arrival / departure	MrP arrives, lands in the nest, hops out to the lateral branch, then takes a leap and performs a beautiful swoop downward and outward away from the nest.	freebird_AEF
1/17/2018 7:00:57	1/17/2018	6:49:00 AM	Empty Nest	Vocalizations	Our First Family's home is indeed a "White Nest" this morning. A cascade of snowflakes are coming down, a lovely layer of snow has covered the area. The IR light gives them an illusion of shooting stars falling from the sky. Eagle vocalizations are heard in the dark but no sightings yet.	earlybird_AEF
1/17/2018 7:29:46	1/17/2018	7:22:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The snow has subsided, the sky is getting brighter, the birds are waking up. MrP has arrived at the nest, his talon prints the first in the snow. He starts to move some sticks, stops to look around and flies to the Left V Branch. One more quick look around and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/17/2018 9:54:44	1/17/2018	9:32:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP is perching on the Right V Branch, looking all around, perhaps waiting for his Lady to join him. He flies down into the nest and starts moving fluff around. It looks like someone has brought some fresh leaves and grass in this morning. TFL does indeed join him. They both start the nest duties, moving sticks and fluff around. TFL goes to The Lateral Branch while MrP tries out the nest bowl. 9:38am TFL flies off and soon after so does MrP. MrP returns, does some more nest work, flies up the Right V Branch once again and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/17/2018 10:28:06	1/17/2018	10:26:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Good morning, DC Eagle Family. Currently the temp is 25 degrees and cloudy. Today: Cloudy with snow showers mainly during the morning. High 29F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 40%. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 21F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 10:28:48	1/17/2018	10:28:00 AM	Video Clip	Head Over Heels!	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o8yvCaIegnM&feature=youtu.be	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 10:33:38	1/17/2018	10:32:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	DC Chat is live tonight from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 11:59:15	1/17/2018	11:58:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	As we head into the noon hour, the nest is void of our eagles. No sight or sound of them since earlier in the morning.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 12:37:45	1/17/2018	12:37:00 PM	Arrival/Mating/Departure	Mr. P and TFL	About 12:05 Mr. P enters the nest and a moment later TFL followed. They picked at nesting material and then at about 12:08 they mated. After mating TFL jumped to the Lateral Branch and realized she had some fluff stuck in her foot. She delicately removed strands of hay and then jumped back to the nest with the remaining clump and deposited on top of the other nesting material. She then too off to the rear of the nest. Mr. P lingered and did some light nestorations for a few moments then took off.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 12:38:23	1/17/2018	12:24:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	At about 12:24 Mr. P returned to the nest. He jumped up to the right V and stared out into his domain. His watchful eyes focused on all sights and sounds that encompass his home territory. He looks suave as his white crest blows in the wind. He remains perched on the right V as of 12:36.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 13:33:27	1/17/2018	1:20:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	At 1:20 Mr. P jumped into the nest and started to wrestle with the long stick by the V. He managed, with a big effort, to move the stick out from behind the V and relocate to the crib rails near the Lateral Branch. It was becoming too pesky so he gnawed off pieces of it to make it fit better. He seemed to be content (for the moment) as to where he placed it. At 1:25 Mr. P departed the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 14:16:03	1/17/2018	2:02:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival from Stick Depot	WOW, incoming! Stickman stays true to his name as he enters the nest with a pretty huge and thick stick! PLOP. He plops it down for a breather then picks it back up and drags it around the nest. A moment later TFL arrives with her own stick. Long, but not as thick. She moves it around trying to place it while Mr. P keeps dragging the big stick all over the place. Finally the big stick gets placed near the Lateral Branch which was a great spot! But boo, Mr. P decides he can't leave well enough alone and moves it to the other side of the nest. TFL then moves to the nest bowl and aerates and mixes up the nesting material making it more compound, while Mr. P fusses with a protruding crib rail that is sticking up.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 14:20:29	1/17/2018	2:18:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Departure	At about 2:18, both depart the nest tree.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 14:31:11	1/17/2018	2:20:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P arrives back at the nest with empty talons. He jumps to the nest and stands in the nest bowl for a moment before jumping to the Lateral Branch and starts fussing at a twig attached the branch. He manages to snap it off, but it drops to the ground. Mr. P decides to give it up and just perch for now.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 15:04:59	1/17/2018	3:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	About a half hour ago Mr. P departed the nest tree	FreeSoars_AEF
1/17/2018 18:24:09	1/17/2018	6:23:00 PM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Just a reminder that DC Chat is live tonight from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/17/2018 23:02:39	1/17/2018	10:00:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest/Weather/Environment	<p>On this windy January night, The First Lady and Mr. President spend these late night hours out of camera range, and the night is as quiet as the quietest of nights in the Arboretum tend to be. The sound of distant city traffic joins the brisk wind, and together they become a nighttime soundtrack akin to an owing river gently running over the rocky earth of its riverbed.</p> <p>At 9:50 p.m., and again at 10 p.m., the peaceful ambience is momentarily broken by a loud, echoing, sharp crack similar to the sound of fireworks. Yet, based on the apparent proximity of these abrupt reverberations to the Arboretum, a far more likely cause would be the sound of old tree limbs breaking, perhaps under the tread of a nocturnal creature or simply as part of the natural process of tree growth. In repeating what is a yearly prelude to spring, these sometimes-startling sounds might be considered a herald of sorts, foretelling vast seasonal changes and the creation of new lives and new stories soon to take place here, among the trees.</p>	liatfos_AEF
1/18/2018 7:22:51	1/18/2018	7:09:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	<p>As the sky brightens the sparkling snow in the sunlight greets us. A beautiful clear day this morning, currently 19 degrees. A perfect day for two eagles to take care of some nest duties. A perfect day for us to watch and enjoy their incredible journey. MrP is the first to arrive, but TFL quickly joins him. They begin to aerate the nest and relocate some sticks. MrP is struggling with a stick in the V. TFL tries to help but it looks like for now she will let him take care of it. If she doesn't like his placement she can always change it when he's not looking. We just won't tell him that. These two are quite a pair! TFL flies off the nest, MrP watches her departure and then off he goes.</p>	earlybird_AEF
1/18/2018 8:12:04	1/18/2018	8:00:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	<p>Good morning. DC Chat is live today from 8:00am-10:00am. Bring your questions and come join us. We would love to see you.</p>	earlybird_AEF
1/19/2018 7:22:30	1/19/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	<p>MrP has arrived at the nest. What a beautiful sight to see his magnificent outstretched wings as he flies in. He begins aerating and relocating some sticks. The snow has melted off the nest and fresh grass has been brought in. MrP flies up the Right V Branch and off he goes.</p>	earlybird_AEF
1/19/2018 11:14:06	1/19/2018	11:11:00 AM	Weather	Weather	<p>Currently a beautiful and sunny 46 degrees out. High will be near 50 with winds approx 5-10 mph. This evenings lows will reach 30 with light wind.</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 11:14:42	1/19/2018	11:14:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	<p>No sight or sound of our beloved eagle pair right now.</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 11:16:34	1/19/2018	11:15:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	<p>As scheduled, DC Chat is live between 6-pm this evening. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 13:39:21	1/19/2018	1:31:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	<p>Mr. P arrived to the nest with a big clump of fluff. He shuffled it around a bit and then fussed with a twig at the crib rails. It is so super quiet. The only sound heard was of Mr. P in the nest and one silent beeping sound from a truck in the distance. Mr. P departed the nest from the front at 1:36. He took a few flaps of the wings and then soared across the road. Just one, long smooth glide up and over the trees and out of cam view.</p>	FreeSoars_AEF
1/19/2018 14:44:40	1/19/2018	2:30:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	<p>It's a beautiful, sunny day at the Arboretum. All is still and quiet at the moment. I believe MrP has made only one other short visit since this morning. If I was free as a bird like MrP and TFL I would probably be doing some fine dining by the river on a gorgeous day like this.</p>	earlybird_AEF
1/19/2018 16:17:22	1/19/2018	4:08:00 PM	Mr. President	arrival	<p>MrP flutters into the nest. He moves some nesting material and digs around a bit. When he stops to look up, we have a great view of the handsome white blaze running down his chest. MrP doesn't really seem that interested in doing any work, instead he's taking a break sitting in the nest and checking out his surroundings. Almost out of boredom, he starts nipping at and moving some sticks around. There's one that's sticking straight up and rocking back and forth unsecured. He jiggles it around and it falls away towards the ground. Good job, MrP!</p>	freebird_AEF
1/19/2018 16:31:08	1/19/2018	4:18:00 PM	Mr. President	hanging out at the nest	<p>Still... quiet as a mouse, MrP stands still in the nest not making a peep... watching, listening and watching some more. Some rustling noises are heard but he stands firm in one place only moving his head seemingly unbothered. Aha! We have movement. At around 4:30, MrP does a crop drop. It does appear that his crop is quite full, so it must be siesta and digestion time.</p>	freebird_AEF
1/19/2018 17:02:43	1/19/2018	4:45:00 PM	Mr. President	at nest / departure	<p>The golden rays of evening sun shine on MrP's left wing. He still remains in the same position. More rustling sounds, this time it catches MrP's attention as he looks downward. I wonder if Mr Squirrel is busy doing some housework beneath the nest. Finally MrP moves and faces towards the sun. Time for a bit more fussing with some of the long grass strands. The nest and rails are looking awesome! MrP spins back around, climbs slightly up onto the left V then turns around and plops chest down into the nest bowl with his tail feather pointing up and outward. He looks so comfortable and quite proud of all his hard work constructing and preparing this new home for his offspring. He stands at 4:56, looking around, craning his neck upward when suddenly we hear, what I'm assuming is the stick that MrP dislodged earlier, fall down through the branches and to the ground. MrP goes to have a look and brings a long strand of grass with him onto the lateral branch. After tearing the grass strand into pieces, MrP departs from the lateral branch at 4:59pm.</p>	freebird_AEF
1/19/2018 17:57:07	1/19/2018	5:37:00 PM	Mr. President	raccoon	<p>At 5:32pm, the visiting raccoon was spotted under the nest. So that's what all that rustling noise was about earlier! MrP is in the nest and on guard. At 5:38, the raccoon decides it's time to split and scurries down the tree trunk. He stops part way down the tree, hesitates, then continues out of cam view for a few moments before being spotted once again farther down the tree. MrP leaned forward watching as the raccoon jumped from the underside of the nest onto the trunk of the tree to climb down. For a moment, I thought he was going after him but he did not. MrP has since left the nest. No sign of the raccoon at this point. Now that we've seen this play out, this may be the reason why MrP stood so still in the nest for so long this afternoon and why we haven't seen the squirrels lately. Message to raccoon: You little bandit! Find a different tree.</p>	freebird_AEF
1/20/2018 7:15:20	1/20/2018	6:53:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	<p>As the sun rises we wait in anticipation to see if one or both of our eagles will join us this morning. It is going to be another beautiful day, high near 60 degrees. I believe this is MrP who is perched in a tree nearby. Something has caught his attention and he comes flying like a bolt of lightning towards the nest and out of our view. Some scuffling noises are heard for a moment and then he lands in the nest. He is on full alert right now, standing still and looking all around. He walks over to the edge of the nest and onto the Lateral Branch, still looking downward. Up to the Left V Branch he goes and onto the Overhead. He is still intently looking around but seems more calm now. He rouses his feathers and does some preening.</p>	earlybird_AEF

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1/20/2018 7:36:28	1/20/2018	7:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	The Arboretum has become alive with the sound of birds on this beautiful sunny day. MrP continues to perch on the Overhead Branch and continues to watch the area and look down at the nest. He turns himself around to face the Primary Perching Tree, shakes his tail feathers and flies into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
1/20/2018 7:51:05	1/20/2018	7:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement and Departure	MrP returns with a stick, places it in the nest and that fast he's off again...Masters of Flight-Eagles can fly faster or slower by changing the position of its wings. For faster flight, an eagle turns the front edges of the wings into the wind and cuts through the air. For slower flight, an eagle turns the wide surface of the wings into the wind, this creates drag and slows the bird down. When an eagle first leaves the ground, it gains altitude by flapping its wings. The flapping motion causes air to flow faster over the top of the wings, which gives the bird lift.	earlybird_AEF
1/20/2018 18:16:11	1/20/2018	6:15:00 PM	Live Streaming	Live Streaming	AEF DC. We are still experiencing technical difficulties and we are working on a solution to have the live stream running. Thank you for your patience, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/23/2018 8:27:05	1/23/2018	8:22:00 AM	Empty Nest	Welcome Back	A warm welcome back to all our viewers. We are so pleased to once again be able to share this amazing family with all of you. There is rain in the forecast but nothing is going to dampen our spirits today. Our cams are up and running and now we're just waiting for our eagles to arrive.	earlybird_AEF
1/23/2018 8:57:50	1/23/2018	8:53:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The winds are howling this morning, there is rain in the forecast but it's expected to be a balmy 65 degrees. We are sitting on the edge of our nests waiting for MrP and TFL to arrive.	earlybird_AEF
1/23/2018 9:08:23	1/23/2018	9:00:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Want to learn more? Our DC Moderators are eager to give you all the updated information. Please bring your questions and join us on chat from 10:00am-12:00am today.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 6:33:30	1/24/2018	6:27:00 AM	Empty Nest	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The sky is still dark, no eagle sightings yet. It looks like TFL just might have breakfast waiting for her. MrP stopped by around 5:56pm yesterday bringing a fish with him. He had a nice full crop with that handsome blaze showing so my guess is it was intended for his Lady. Won't she be pleased to see that?	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 7:21:09	1/24/2018	6:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	It's going to be a sunny and breezy day with a high around 47 degrees. The winds have already started to pick up. Looks like this could be Mr. Squirrel who has stopped by. He doesn't stick around long. MrP has just landed on the Left V Branch. MrP has those eagles eyes on the nest, watching intently. He flies down into the nest, grabs the fish in his talon and starts to eat. I guess TFL won't be having breakfast waiting after all. Maybe I spoke too soon. MrP has finished eating and goes onto the Lateral Branch. There is still a nice big, juicy piece of fish left. Hurry home TFL. Breakfast awaits.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 8:17:23	1/24/2018	8:01:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP has returned with a thick stick. He places it between the Lateral and Left V Branch. That seemed to be an easy placement and it fits perfectly. He stops to look around the area and then back to work with some aerating. He climbs onto the Lateral Branch, rouses his feathers and gazes at his surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 9:13:26	1/24/2018	8:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL arrives to help MrP with the nest work. Both work side by side to get their nest ready for their future eaglets. TFL moves to the Lateral Branch, MrP flies off but quickly returns to the Left V and back into the nest. 8:35am TFL flies out of sight while MrP looks on.	earlybird_AEF
1/24/2018 16:02:41	1/24/2018	3:52:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P made a stop in at the nest. He stood around most of the time and then around 4:00 pm he departed from the rear.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/24/2018 19:04:28	1/24/2018	7:02:00 PM	Mr. P & TFL	Nest Visit	Mr. P and TFL spent time at the nest during the 5 pm hour. They stayed for around 45 mins or so. They did some light nestorations including stick placement and some aerating.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/24/2018 19:32:53	1/24/2018	7:32:00 PM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live tonight from 8-10 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
					Traffic, sirens, and the sound of faraway motorcycles filter into the wooded sanctuary of the Arboretum. It's a mild night by January standards at about 36°F/2.2°C, the week to come expected to resemble early spring with both snow and temperatures of nearly 60°F/15.5°F in the forecast. Muffled calls of animals, all neighbors of the eagles, are occasionally, briefly heard. At 9:50 pm, the Arboretum is dark and mostly silent, with the city lights shining in the background. The diligent nest-rail work of Mr. President is highlighted beneath the nighttime lights, with the rails to which he so carefully attends appearing to grow steadier even as they continue to rise with each passing day.	liatfos_AEF
1/24/2018 21:51:30	1/24/2018	9:55:00 PM	Empty Nest/Weather	Empty Nest/Weather	Pitch black sky, neighborhood lights shining through the magnificent Tulip Poplar tree, rustling noises nearby, the murmur of traffic, eagle vocalizations in the distance. Will our eagles arrive in the darkness or will they wait for first light?	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 6:39:22	1/25/2018	6:20:00 AM	Empty Nest	Vocalizations	The sky is getting brighter, the breeze is picking up, once again eagle squees are heard. It sounds like MrP might be announcing his arrival. He lands in the nest, starts moving fluff around and tries out the nest bowl. He makes a few adjustments with the grasses and wiggles down again. That seems to satisfy him for the moment. He walks over to the edge of the nest, gazes around and goes onto the Lateral Branch. Some rustling noises are heard, MrP crouches down and watches, does a little preening and looks around again.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 7:14:28	1/25/2018	6:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP flies from the Lateral Branch and lands in a nearby tree. He arrives back at 7:20am with a stick. He's moving it here, there and everywhere but it looks like he'll keep it between the Left V and Lateral Branch for now. The nest rails have been built up nicely. Off he goes again.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 7:28:00	1/25/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	DC Chat is about to begin. Bring all your questions from 8:00am-10:00am today. Our Moderators are ready and eager to give you the most updated information.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 7:55:01	1/25/2018	7:45:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	MrP arrived back with a talon full of fluff. He distributed it around the nest and that fast he was gone.	earlybird_AEF
1/25/2018 8:48:41	1/25/2018	8:31:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival with Fluff	We are being serenaded this morning by the sound of geese in flight. Some rustling noises and what sounds like cracking branches are also heard. It is a rather chilly morning, currently 20 degrees with a high of 52 degrees expected. MrP lands in the nest and begins aerating. He wiggles down into the nest bowl and moves some fluff around him. He stands up, moves to the V, looks around and tries out the nest bowl again. MrP goes onto the Lateral Branch, vocalizes, does some preening and rouses his handsome feathers. Is he waiting for his lovely Lady to join him? 7:13am He flies out of sight. Perhaps he has gone in search of her.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 7:16:48	1/26/2018	6:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure		earlybird_AEF

Timestamp	Date	Time	Which Adult or eaglet	Event	Description of Event	Posted by:
1/26/2018 8:07:58	1/26/2018	7:41:00 AM	Hawk	Perching	What looks to be a Hawk has just arrived on the Overhead Branch. Such a beauty, perching on the branch, gazing all around. It takes one more look and off it goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 8:38:32	1/26/2018	8:30:00 AM	Visitor	Perching	Thanks to Sue Greeley we now know that our beautiful visitor was a Red Shouldered Hawk. What a treat to see it this morning. Thank you Sue for helping us identify it.	earlybird_AEF
1/26/2018 11:08:40	1/26/2018	11:07:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently it is 41 degrees and sunny out. Today: Sunny. High 48F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 37F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	
1/26/2018 11:08:47	1/26/2018	11:04:00 AM	Mr. President	At the Nest	Mr. P visited the nest for a little stay during the 10:00 am hour. He stood around looking out into his domain, surveying his prime real estate. At around 11:00 am, he took off through the V and off to the right. One flap of the wings and a long, smooth soar out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:09:35	1/26/2018	11:06:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live tonight from 6-8 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:16:01	1/26/2018	11:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P came back to the nest and fussed with a few sticks before planting himself down into the nest bowl. He looked like a little boy sitting in a tub. There is a lot of fresh fluff in there, so I imagine he is questioning if he needs more. Who are we kidding? It's Mr. P...of course more is never enough! After a few minutes, he left the nest again.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:23:51	1/26/2018	11:23:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live tonight from 6-8 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready..... :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 11:35:40	1/26/2018	11:35:00 AM	Test	Test	Testing	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 12:07:21	1/26/2018	12:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P was back just a few moments ago. He checked out the nest bowl once again and then departed the nest at 12:05 pm.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 12:13:45	1/26/2018	12:13:00 PM	Test Photo	Test Photo	Test Photo	Freesoars_AEF
1/26/2018 12:17:08	1/26/2018	12:16:00 PM	test	test	test	test
1/26/2018 13:26:14	1/26/2018	1:25:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:48:28	1/26/2018	1:37:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mr. P and TFL	12:30-1pm: MrP was at PPT (Primary Perching Tree)...He flew off briefly towards the river. MrP returned to nest moments later and fussed about with fluff. He tracked TFL who arrived at 12:38, bonding on overhead immediately followed. Afterwards, Mr. P flew to the PPT and TFL stayed on the overhead. While perched on those branches, an eagle was seen flying in the distance! TFL eventually took off and Mr. P went to the Lateral branch. After a short perch there, he jumped into the nest and started to do some nestorations including move sticks and fluff around. He remains in the nest as of 1:48 pm.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:54:41	1/26/2018	1:54:00 PM	test	test	test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:56:28	1/26/2018	1:56:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 13:58:24	1/26/2018	1:58:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 14:06:30	1/26/2018	2:06:00 PM	test	test	test	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 14:07:50	1/26/2018	2:07:00 PM	testing	testing	testing	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 14:35:11	1/26/2018	2:34:00 PM	TEST	Feeding	TEST	FreeSoars_AEF
1/26/2018 17:50:41	1/26/2018	5:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P visited the nest, but just for a minute before departing.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 6:38:42	1/27/2018	6:18:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP comes soaring in through the dark with the howling wind blowing his feathers. He begins aerating the nest and wiggles down into the bowl, shaping it to fit his body. He walks around patting it down with his talons and tries it again. A good place to lie low in the wind. It must be comfortable because he's looking quite content. What sounds like a raccoon has caught his attention. But he still doesn't get up, just looking around very attentively.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:04:35	1/27/2018	6:37:00 AM	Mr. President	On Nest	Now he gets up, walks over to the edge of the nest and gazes out into the darkness. All seems to be fine at the moment, no more sounds from the raccoon. Hopefully that raccoon is getting the message that no one messes around with MrP's nest. He has turned himself around to face the nest, hunkering down from the wind but still listening and watching. The wind is so loud it's hard to tell what he might be hearing. Back to doing some nest work, then quickly back to the edge of the nest. He climbs onto the Lateral Branch and continues to look below.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:20:42	1/27/2018	7:04:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching and Departure	MrP continues to perch on the Lateral Branch and continues to carefully watch the area. He is looking quite dashing with his feathers all puffed out from the wind. 7:17am MrP takes a final look around and flies off with the wind.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:52:27	1/27/2018	7:31:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP and TFL have arrived at the nest with breakfast for two. Well... maybe just for one. It looks like MrP has brought this fish just for his Lady. She certainly looks like she is enjoying it. The fish is gone within minutes, TFL climbs onto the Lateral Branch and does some feaking. The hardworking MrP gets to work on the nest, fluffing and aerating. TFL comes back into the nest, checks things out, flies off to a nearby tree and that fast she is back with a stick. A little more nest work is done, TFL returns to the Lateral Branch and departs at 7:45am, MrP follows right behind her.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 7:54:37	1/27/2018	7:49:00 AM	The First Lady	Eagle Vocabulary	Feaking – the act of rubbing the beak against a surface for cleaning or maintaining beak shape, often done after eating.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 8:04:25	1/27/2018	7:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement	MrP has just arrived back to the nest with a stick. Now where to put it? He struggles with it until he finds the right spot, moves some more sticks and flies back out into his Stickdom at 7:59am.	earlybird_AEF
1/27/2018 10:57:21	1/27/2018	10:45:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating and Nestorations	A very busy morning at the nest and nestorations are in full swing. Stickman definitely took advantage of their weekend sale as he delivered numerous sticks this morning! Both Mr. P and TFL spent a lot of time working hard and gave a silly stick show as they battled back and forth where to place sticks. TFL is the head honcho in charge and at some point, Mr. P threw in the towel, held up his white flag and let his lady take over! Amidst all of this, they were also able to squeeze in a mating at 10:18 am. Currently TFL is perched on the Lateral Branch, swaying as the wind rocks her back and forth.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:01:51	1/27/2018	11:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Currently a beautiful 51 degrees. Today: A mix of clouds and sun. High 59F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Tonight: Cloudy with rain developing after midnight. Low 49F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 90%.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:12:31	1/27/2018	11:11:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	As scheduled, DC Chat is live today from 12-2 pm. Sign in at that time and have your questions ready! :)	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:45:11	1/27/2018	11:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Perched	TFL remains perched on the Lateral Branch for well over an hour now. She appears relaxed and enjoying the sunny, warm and windy day.	FreeSoars_AEF

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1/27/2018 11:46:44	1/27/2018	11:46:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	Mr. P has just arrived with some fluff and TFL immediately jumped down from the Lateral Branch to see his good.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 11:48:13	1/27/2018	11:47:00 AM	Mr. P and TFL	Departure	Well, that was a quick stop in at the nest. After a moment staring at the new fluff, both TFL and Mr. P depart the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 12:56:08	1/27/2018	12:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrial	Mr. P has arrived at the nest with a huge clump of fluff. He drops it in the nest bowl and starts to gaze out between the V and then looking to both his hide and left side as the wind blows his fluffy white crest. He looks like he just had his feather wash and blow out down LOL	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 13:04:10	1/27/2018	1:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	WOW...Mr. P just soared right off of the nest so elegantly. He paused, expanded is wings open and took off. It was a beautiful departure. His wings open completely showing off his incredible wingspan...and then...one swoop and up and away he flew. One long soar, smooth as butter. It appeared he went above the trees near the Primary Perching Tree and out of cam view. Wow, that was ah-MAZING!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 13:18:34	1/27/2018	1:16:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	Sneaky Mr. P is found perched hidden beyond branches in a tree adjacent to the Nest Tree. A rough guess would be about 20-30feet away, thanks to our great Cam Op and being a sleuth at finding him!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/27/2018 13:40:39	1/27/2018	1:40:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	As of 1:40 pm, Mr. P remains perched. Have a great afternoon, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
1/28/2018 7:37:11	1/28/2018	7:04:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	The chorus of birds are filtering through the air, the sun is rising. It is a mild morning, currently 50 degrees with rain expected. The sound of wings flapping is heard and a fly by is seen. 7:29am MrP comes swooping in full speed ahead under the nest. He looks like he is on the hunt for something. Up to the nest he goes, onto the Lateral Branch and then flies above out of view.	earlybird_AEF
1/28/2018 9:21:53	1/28/2018	8:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching	The sky is gray and it is now raining at the Arboretum. MrP flew by briefly and landed in a nearby tree. The tree is a perfect canopy to protect him from the rain. He perches for awhile, preening and gazing out at his domain. 8:59am He takes a last look around and flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
1/28/2018 15:53:26	1/28/2018	3:50:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	What looks like fresh golden leaves and moss are covering the nest, the nest rails are intricately woven in a symmetrical pattern, a barrier to keep MrP and TFL's future eaglets safely tucked inside. What a lovely nest they have created. Our eagles have been elsewhere most of the day. Most likely they have found a cozy place to shelter from the rain.	earlybird_AEF
1/28/2018 17:03:18	1/28/2018	5:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching Nearby	Geese sound off with their squonky honks in the distance. While they are unseen, I imagine they're flying off someplace in their usual wedge formation. A sense of serenity is created by the rhythmic slapping and popping sounds from the pitter patter of rain. No activity between 4-5pm at the nest. MrP has definitely proven his abilities with nest architecture; he is quite the hard worker. And by the size of some of those sticks, an impressive athlete as well. At 4:57pm, one of our eagles, appearing to be MrP, is observed perched in a nearby tree.	freebird_AEF
1/28/2018 17:18:48	1/28/2018	5:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP takes off from where he's been perched and lands in the nest before heading out onto the lateral branch. He's being very observant, bobbing his head about, listening and looking beneath the nest tree. At 5:13pm, MrP departs and lands at the Primary Perching tree. He stays only a short time, looking back towards the nest tree before departing at 5:14pm.	freebird_AEF
1/29/2018 6:44:45	1/29/2018	5:49:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Nest Work	MrP and TFL have arrived exceptionally early this morning. they begin to aerate the nest and move the fluff. One of them wiggles down into the nest bowl, not once but twice. A little more nest work is done, 5:57am TFL flies out into the darkness. MrP follows soon after, eagle vocalizations are heard nearby.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 7:19:31	1/29/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP and TFL have returned to the nest and together begin the nest work. TFL fluff's the nest while MrP moves a large stick around. MrP moves over to help with the fluff, TFL looks all around and flies off. MrP watches her depart and soars away.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 7:32:03	1/29/2018	7:17:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP has flown in with a huge stick, finds the perfect spot and off he goes again. He quickly returns with some fluff. It looks like TFL has just flown by. This seems to have caught MrP's attention and he flies again.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 7:52:32	1/29/2018	7:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	The sound of cracking branches is heard. Looks like one of our eagles is in a nearby tree. Here they come, one then the other each with a branch. MrP and TFL have put it in high gear today. TFL is doing some aerating, MrP is moving some sticks, gets a little too close to TFL and gives her a little poke. Whoops, she didn't appreciate that and she gives him a poke right back with her beak. 7:40am MrP flies off again. Perhaps to get more sticks? Yes he is back with yet another stick. Our stick warrior is outdoing himself today.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 8:03:59	1/29/2018	7:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	TFL moves onto the Lateral Branch, MrP continues with the nest work and then joins his Lady. 7:50am MrP gives her some sweet talking and they mate. He flies off and TFL continues to perch. TFL looks beautiful with the gentle breeze blowing through her feathers, one of the back feathers slightly dislodged from the prior excitement. MrP returns once again, yes you guessed it, with another stick.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 14:17:00	1/29/2018	2:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties and Eating	MrP has had a busy morning. He's back on the nest and hard at work. TFL arrives and digs into what's left of that juicy fish that was waiting for her. MrP knows how to treat his Lady. He is doing the aerating while she is enjoying her meal.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 14:25:06	1/29/2018	2:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mating	Looks like MrP went in search of more supplies. He returns with a stick and tries it out in several places. MrP and TFL continue to aerate and move some sticks around. They give each other that special look and they mate.	earlybird_AEF
1/29/2018 14:53:24	1/29/2018	2:25:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work and Departure	MrP flies off to a nearby tree, grabs what looks like a branch and returns to the nest like a rocket, full speed ahead. TFL joins him, checks out what he's doing and off she goes. MrP is looking around seemingly perplexed. Where did his Lady go? He continues to sit on the nest looking all around the area. Finally at 4:44am he takes off himself, perhaps in search of her.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 6:25:42	1/30/2018	5:55:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Sky still black as night, gentle snowflakes fluttering like feathers on the nest, the silence broken by the cries of a raccoon. Our eagles had already arrived by this time yesterday, will they arrive early again today? No eagle sightings yet but we watch and wait.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 7:22:49	1/30/2018	7:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Departure	It looks like the snow has stopped, just a light sprinkling on the ground and nest. One of our eagles is spotted on the Primary Perching Tree, sitting so elegantly, gazing all around. Another is on the ground perhaps gathering some grass and leaves to bring to the nest. That seems to be exactly what he was doing. MrP soars in with a talon full of fluff. 7:13am TFL joins him and starts to move the grass around while MrP moves a stick into the V Perch. TFL takes a look around, flies off from the nest and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF

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1/30/2018 7:37:02	1/30/2018	7:20:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP watches TFL depart and moves onto the Right V Branch. There are barely any traces left of the snow, it's currently 36 degrees with light winds. He gazes around his domain and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 10:43:13	1/30/2018	9:32:00 AM	Visitor	Visitor	A beautiful young eagle has arrived. Someone is not happy to have a visitor at their nest. Loud vocalizations are heard nearby. 9:31am MrP or TFL swoop quickly past the V warning the beauty that this is their territory. The sub adult holds it's ground, 9:33am, another attempt by one of our eagles, this time a dive bomb. Still it stays in the nest. 9:43am two more attempts, one of them talon to talon. 9:44am The sub adult has finally got the message and has flown from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
1/30/2018 10:56:30	1/30/2018	9:59:00 AM	MrP and TFL	At Nest	Everything is calm now. MrP and TFL have let the visitor know that company is not appreciated. The visitor is no longer in sight. MrP is back at work on the nest, TFL is perching on the Lateral Branch. 10:04 MrP joins TFL and they mate, strengthening their bond.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 6:53:38	1/31/2018	6:34:00 AM	Empty Nest	Vocalizations	Some rustling sounds below, raccoon chatter nearby, eagle vocalizations out of sight. The winds are calm, currently 20 degrees with a sunny day expected.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 7:20:35	1/31/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and Departure	MrP has arrived and begins to aerate the nest. He wiggles down into the nest bowl and moves some grass around. Just as he's doing that TFL flies in to help him out. Together they move some fluff around for a bit then TFL flies onto the Lateral Branch. MrP tries out the nest bowl once again and then joins TFL. He attempts to mate with her but it doesn't quite work out for him. Off he goes through the trees and out of sight. TFL returns to the nest and lowers her body into the bowl. It seems to meet with her approval. She goes back onto the Lateral Branch and soars away.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 8:00:39	1/31/2018	7:48:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a freshly caught fish. It looks like he has already eaten the coveted tail but it puts the rest aside, perhaps for his Lady's enjoyment. He works on the nest for a few moments and then flies through the V and out towards the Perching Tree area.	earlybird_AEF
1/31/2018 18:18:01	1/31/2018	6:15:00 PM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Bring your questions and come join us for chat from 8:00pm- 10:00pm tonight. We would love to see you there.	earlybird_AEF

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2/1/2018 6:53:37	2/1/2018	6:50:00 AM	Empty Nest	Cam A and Cam B	It's a quiet morning at the Arboretum, currently 38 degrees with a little rain then snow expected later. Cam A is down due to technical difficulties but Cam B is up and running. Our tech team is working hard to get both the cams working again. Thank you for your patience.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 7:32:24	2/1/2018	7:07:00 AM	Eagle	Fly by and Vocalizations	Beautiful sunrise this morning, hues of pink and purple. A fly by was just seen near the Primary Perching Tree. Eagle vocalizations are heard and another fly by, this time to the right of the V.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 7:59:04	2/1/2018	7:28:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Another quick fly by but much closer this time. No eagles as of yet have been seen in the nest. Please join us for chat from 8am-10am today.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 9:02:32	2/1/2018	9:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Just before 8:00 am, and again shortly after, an eagle was briefly visible in flight, seeming to soar effortlessly through the air behind the nest tree. So swift was the eagle's (or eagles') flight through the Arboretum that there was little chance of identifying which individual (or individuals) might have made these cameo appearances. On this cool morning, the first of February 2018, the Arboretum is dry, calm, and but for the typical background noise of the surrounding city, quiet. Even the occasional calls of nearby songbirds seem soft, abbreviated, especially when the requisite sirens of emergency vehicles begin to sound in earnest at 8:45 am. It's quite a wintery scene this morning: bare tree branches dance just slightly in a chilly, light wind while behind them, the sky remains a silvery-white rarely seen outside of this season. And, although the grass carpeting the ground far below the nest appears equally as representative of the winter as the sky and the trees, a closer look at the muddy grass -- and even a second and third look to be certain -- reveals a new presence, one which holds the slightest hint of light green. And that tiny, new growth -- nearly hidden amid the yearly signs of the enduring winter -- is perhaps a signal, at least for those who notice, that the season's change is not truly so far in the future.	liatfos_AEF
2/1/2018 16:10:27	2/1/2018	4:05:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Both Mr. P and TFL arrived at the nest in the 3 pm hour. Both came in with a fish. Both are still on the nest tree. TFL is in the nest munching on some fish, occasionally pausing and lifting her head up to look around while Mr. P is perched on the right V with all eyes on his home territory. Every now and then Mr. P peers down to check on TFL.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/1/2018 16:20:27	2/1/2018	3:20:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Both of our eagles are on the nest. TFL is eating a tasty meal while MrP is working on the nest. Not sure if that juicy morsel is fur or fin but she sure seems to be enjoying it. Looks like MrP needs a little break. He climbs up the Right V Branch and gazes around. TFL is finally finished and she moves over to the Lateral Branch. MrP returns to the nest and finds a piece for himself. That was so nice of TFL to save some for him.	earlybird_AEF
2/1/2018 21:05:07	2/1/2018	9:00:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfermf1_AEF
2/1/2018 21:21:40	2/1/2018	9:20:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfermf1_AEF
2/1/2018 21:46:11	2/1/2018	9:44:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfermf1_AEF
2/4/2018 18:36:06	2/4/2018	6:35:00 PM	Test	Test	Test	pfermf1_AEF
2/5/2018 6:30:51	2/5/2018	6:13:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	It is a chilly and breezy morning, currently 29 degrees. MrP has just flown in from the dark. He does some quick aeration and tries out the nest bowl. He stands up, walks around in a circle patting down the fluff and moves onto the Lateral Branch. Darkness surrounds him as he perches on the branch, his feathers blowing in the wind.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 7:15:48	2/5/2018	7:01:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	I believe this is MrP who continues to calmly perch on the Lateral Branch. One more look around and off he goes out of sight. 7:07am He returns to the nest and begins the nest work. TFL has now joined him and helps with the fluffing. TFL goes onto the Lateral Branch, MrP follows her and they mate. MrP flies off and TFL continues to perch.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 7:29:26	2/5/2018	7:18:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work	MrP arrives with a very long stick. He has placed it in the V with a bit of a struggle. TFL flies on over, takes a look and returns to the Lateral Branch. That stick does look like it might need some readjusting, it is hanging far out into the V Perch but for now it stays in place. 7:26am MrP is off again.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 8:03:14	2/5/2018	7:33:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns and presents TFL with his catch of the day, a nice juicy fish. TFL whistles her approval and without hesitation proceeds to eat. MrP flies up on the Right V Branch and keeps watch while she is enjoying it. He flies off perhaps in search of more sticks. It looks like that fish is gone. TFL goes back onto the Lateral Branch and does some feaking. MrP returns and yes he has another stick. He moves it around and then finds a few leftovers to eat. He tries once again to move that very long stick. This time it's even farther out into the V Perch. He leaves it there and joins TFL on the Lateral Branch and with a few sweet squeezes they mate again. MrP flies off and returns quickly with yet another stick. He places that one quickly and goes back to that very long stick. This one is proving to be a challenge but no doubt our Stick Warrior is up for it. Something seems to have caught TFL's attention. She flies quickly away with MrP following after her.	earlybird_AEF
2/5/2018 22:08:04	2/5/2018	10:07:00 PM	Test	Test	This is a test.	freebird_AEF
2/6/2018 7:05:18	2/6/2018	6:47:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	MrP arrives, starts aerating the fluff and wiggles down into the nest bowl once now twice. He is looking quite fabulous this morning with the wind ruffling his head feathers. It's a blustery 23 degrees with a little snow and sleet expected tonight. He stands up, gazes all around and moves over to do some nipping on a stick. He seems very attentive to his surroundings this morning stopping the nest work once again to look around. Off he goes to the Primary Perching Tree, rouses those beautiful feathers and flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF

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2/6/2018 8:00:43	2/6/2018	7:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	It looks like MrP has been down by the river. He returns with a nice big fish and two very muddy talons. It doesn't look like he's going to save this one for TFL. He grabs hold of it and starts chowing down. It doesn't take long for him to devour that juicy meal, his white blaze is bursting out from his full crop. He has even left a piece on the nest, perhaps for TFL. Up the Right V Branch he goes and out into the trees. Maybe he has gone off to clean those dirty talons and messy beak before he meets up with his Lady.	earlybird_AEF
2/6/2018 8:04:01	2/6/2018	7:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Eagle Vocabulary	Crop – widening in the esophagus where a hawk, eagle, falcon or vulture can store food.	earlybird_AEF
					<p>Everything is quiet at the nest before, almost precisely at 12 a.m. an eagle lands – with quite a thud – inside the nest. The thud is accompanied by the settling of feathers and within a minute, a second eagle arrives much more gracefully, though this eagle's feathers don't see to settle quite into place. After a few minutes, the first eagle to arrive in the nest turns at just the right angle to reveal dark feathers among his or her tail feathers, indicating their identity is neither of the nest's residents, but rather a visitor whose size appears quite close to that of the other eagle now in the nest. The identity of the second eagle takes a bit longer to discern, and still remains not wholly certain, but as the minutes pass, this eagle appears more like The First Lady than Mr. President, given her beak shape, size, and feathering.</p> <p>The two eagles in the nest spend minutes at a time, side-by-side, lifting and aerating the straw of the nest bed; then, suddenly, occasional nudges from the visitor irritate the (probable) TFL, who responds by turning her back, or with a glare. But, if this is indeed TFL, she doesn't seem comfortable. She spends most of her time standing still. She moves very little, but when she does, she moves into a position somewhere between standing and lying in the nest. Once, she tries sinking down entirely into the nest bed but is right back up again. She seems uncomfortable, but whether her with discomfort to the nearness of the visitor, who after about twenty minutes spent in the nest itself flies off to a nearby branch, still observing.</p> <p>The eagle in the nest spends the rest of the hour, nearly until 1 a.m., sitting or standing still in the nest, rarely even perching along the rails. At several points, her body nearly touches the nest bed, and she appears almost as if in labor – but, the visitor flies back to the nest, and within several minutes of the visitor's re-arrival, TFL (the likely TFL) flies up and out into the night. By 1 a.m., the nest is again empty, but the visiting eagle has returned to her previous perch on the branch beside the nest rails.</p>	
2/7/2018 1:38:03	2/7/2018	1:00:00 AM	Probable TFL and a Visitor	Visiting Eagle and Possible TFL "False Labor" (Probable TFL)		liatfos_AEF
2/7/2018 7:06:14	2/7/2018	6:18:00 AM	Eagle and visitor	Arrival	Eagle vocalizations are heard in the dark. The nest is empty now but an eagle has already visited earlier this morning. Squees continue intermittently, it sounds like someone is nearby. 6:41am An eagle, perhaps MrP has just arrived at the nest, a visitor following right behind. Some loud eagle chatter from the visitor and the other eagle flies off. Our visitor looks to be the same one that visited yesterday, a 4-5 year old eagle with some black sprinkling in it's white head feathers. He/she flies up the Left V branch, onto the Overhead branch and is loudly squeeing.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 7:38:29	2/7/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and Visitor	Perching and Nest Duties	The visitor continues to perch on the Overhead branch, preening and rousing it's feathers, looking quite comfortable there. Intermittent loud vocals continue from him/her, no sign of MrP or TFL. Raccoon chatter is heard nearby as if in protest of the visitor in it's tree. The visitor flies down into the nest, gazes around and moves onto the Lateral branch. A rustling noise below has caught it's attention but it remains perched. Loud squees continue as if calling for someone. Perhaps this beauty is looking for a mate. 7:26 MrP flies into the nest with a stick. The visitor lowers it's head, makes soft sounds and proceeds to nip at MrP's tail feathers. They calmly work side by side on the nest for a short while. MrP flies up the Right V branch, the visitor to the Lateral. MrP comes back into the nest and continues with the fluffing.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 7:54:24	2/7/2018	7:34:00 AM	MrP and Visitor	Nest Duties and Departure	The visitor returns to the nest, gently nips at MrP once again and softly squees. It moves to the Lateral Branch while MrP works on that long stick in the V. The visitor reaches around and tries to move some sticks from it's perch. MrP flies up the Right V branch, the visitor goes up the Left V. MrP flies off into the trees perhaps realizing that TFL will not be pleased with this situation at all. But our beautiful visitor follows after him.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2018 8:24:32	2/7/2018	7:59:00 AM	MrP and Visitor	Arrival and Departure	MrP returns with a stick. Eagle calls are heard out of sight. Could that be the visitor? Sure enough our young beauty has followed MrP back to the nest. MrP moves onto the Lateral branch, the visitor joins him there. MrP has gotten himself into quite a sticky situation now. He flies off again, this time the visitor remains perched. Branches are heard cracking nearby, MrP comes soaring back with a stick. He begins moving the stick, the visitor joins him and grabs an end to help. MrP flies back up the Right V branch and watches him/her working in the nest. Once again he flies away and once again the visitor follows.	earlybird_AEF

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3/1/2018 14:27:29	3/1/2018	4:26:00 PM	test	test	test	pfermf1_AEF
3/1/2018 14:48:28	3/1/2018	7:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	Test	Pwhite_AEF
3/1/2018 14:49:04	3/1/2018	4:48:00 PM	Mr. President	On nest	Mr.P is at nest	kaco4_AEF
3/1/2018 14:49:43	3/1/2018	1:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched on lateral branch	TFL spent the better part of two hours perched on lateral branch. Her time at nest and in nest area is increasing daily. Is this a sign of hopeful expectations?	
3/1/2018 15:22:48	3/1/2018	1:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched on lateral branch	The First Lady perched for quite a long time on the lateral branch. She is at nest or in nest area more and more. Is this a sign of hopeful expectations?	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/1/2018 15:31:52	3/1/2018	5:30:00 PM	Weather	Stormy weekend at Arb	Wet and windy weather is forecast for the DC area through late Saturday with win gusts up to 50 mph. Hunker down eagles!	kaco4_AEF
3/1/2018 15:46:08	3/1/2018	5:40:00 PM	Mr. President	Evening has arrived	Mr.P is perched in the ppt looking regal and well nourished. His white chest blaze is in view indicating he had a good dinner!	kaco4_AEF
3/2/2018 4:25:36	3/2/2018	6:13:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	As the saying goes "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb", the March winds are growling and howling today. Some morning rain and wind gusts higher than 50mph are expected. Hang on to your tail feathers MrP and TFL. It could be a bumpy flight. Nothing stops the ever diligent MrP. He has come soaring in through the wind, begins aerating the fluff and shimmies down into the nest bowl. He walks over to the V, gazes out into the dark and returns to the nest work. He jumps down onto the Lateral branch, takes a quick look around and flies towards the Primary Perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
3/2/2018 4:52:46	3/2/2018	6:47:00 AM	Mr. President	In Nest	Snowflakes are floating around in the wind, the nest is rocking and rolling, MrP flies into the nest but immediately departs.	earlybird_AEF
3/2/2018 5:09:38	3/2/2018	6:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Work	MrP is back with a huge Y shaped branch. He easily places it next to the Right V branch. Well... not so fast. He seems to be trying to pull it into the V Perch. It really doesn't look like it can fit there but the ever persistent MrP begins biting off some of the little branches attached to it. He's managed to pull it partially in the V and goes back to fluffing the nest. A quick fly by an eagle as MrP climbs up the Right V branch. It may have been TFL but it was too quick to know for sure. MrP flies off and there is eagle chatter in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/2/2018 6:43:42	3/2/2018	8:24:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival and Departure	I believe this is MrP who has just returned. A quick check on the nest then he climbs up the Left V branch. He perches for just a short while and with a strong gust of wind he flies into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
3/2/2018 9:21:25	3/2/2018	10:05:00 AM	Mr. President	Working on the nest.	Mr. President spent about 15 minutes in the nest arranging sticks and keeping the nest in a state of readiness.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 10:31:00	3/2/2018	12:26:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest check	Mr. President paid a very short visit to the nest, possibly checking to see if an egg had miraculously appeared.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 10:48:26	3/2/2018	12:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest work	Mr. President paid another brief visit to the nest. He did some aerating, re-impressed the nest bowl, tidied up a blade of grass or two and a stick or two. Finding everything satisfactory, he departed at ~12:42.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 12:43:50	3/2/2018	2:21:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest check	Mr. President stopped in for another 5 point inspection of the nest. He stayed about 20 minutes. TFL joined him for less than a minute at 2:37. Mr. President departed at 2:40.	DLoebel2016_AEF

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3/2/2018 12:45:32	3/2/2017	2:37:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest check	The First Lady made a very brief visit to the nest while Mr. President was doing his routine nest check. She stayed less than a minute.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 13:12:00	3/2/2017	2:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest check	Mr. President arrived shortly after his last departure. He perched on VRight for a while and then in the nest for a while. He did a wee bit of nest maintenance and departed at 3:09.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 14:32:40	3/2/2018	4:12:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest check	Mr. President does another nest check, staying perched in nest until 4:32pm.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 15:06:14	3/2/2018	4:42:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest check and stick delivery	Mr. President arrived with a nice long stick which he placed with his usual fastidious care. He conducted his routine maintenance inspection and perched in the nest for about 20 minutes, working hard to keep his balance in the mighty winds. He departed at 5:04.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/2/2018 16:09:17	3/2/2018	5:40:00 PM	Mr. President	Food delivery for TFL	MrP and TFL arrive, one after another, with MrP delivering a big fresh, wiggling fish. TFL squees and moves in to accept her gift from MrP. She immediately goes for the tail section and starts gobbling it down. MrP gently nudges his beak toward the fish but quickly understands that the fish is all for TFL and perches nest side. Around 6pm, TFL flies off, MrP grabs the small leftovers and departs as well. MrP never ceases to amaze me. What a wonderful mate to bring his Lady a good meal on such a stormy and windy day.	freebird_AEF
3/3/2018 5:24:55	3/3/2018	6:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Both on nest	Both spend some time on the nest pre sunrise	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 5:26:48	3/3/2018	7:21:00 AM	Mr. President	In with a stick	Attempts to place in V but goes overboard. Flies off	PWhite_AEF
3/3/2018 5:36:17	3/3/2018	7:25:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrives on overhead branch	TFL arrives followed by MrP	PWhite_AEF
3/3/2018 5:37:18	3/3/2018	7:27:00 AM	Mr. President	Working on nest	Both TFL and MrP working on the nest; crows loudly heard; TFL goes to overhead branch	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 5:38:35	3/3/2018	7:33:00 AM	TFL and MrP	Bonding	MrP leaves the nest, circles around in front of TFL; arrives on the overhead; bonding; MrP departs and TFL remains on the overhead branch	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 5:45:17	3/3/2018	7:42:00 AM	Mr. President	In with nesting material	MrP arrives with nesting material and works on the nest	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 5:52:03	3/3/2018	7:50:00 AM	TFL and MrP	Depart	First TFL from overhead followed by MrP from the nest depart the nesting tree and the nesting area	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 8:09:55	3/3/2018	8:15:00 AM	Mr. President	In with nesting material and sticks	MrP arrives with a large amount of nesting material, and a stick which managed to stay in the nest this time	PWhite_AEF
3/3/2018 8:10:58	3/3/2018	9:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Time on the nest	Both TFL and MrP spend time on the nest, testing the nest bowl, aerating; TFL spent time on the lateral branch. Both appear to have nice sized crops	PWhite_AEF
3/3/2018 8:46:04	3/3/2018	10:44:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP in with more moss and a very fresh, still moving catfish!	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 8:56:43	3/3/2018	10:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Feeding	MrP dines on about half the cat fish and has a very visible blaze; now working on the nesting material	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 9:42:46	3/3/2018	11:41:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival and bonding	Both arrive on the overhead branch with a bonding at 11:41 AM	Pwhite_AEF
3/3/2018 10:04:38	3/3/2018	12:00:00 PM	Chat	Saturday Chat	Chat is from noon to 2pm today. And TFL has decided to join us for the opening. Good afternoon, everyone!	freebird_AEF
3/3/2018 10:09:41	3/3/2018	12:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL is perched on the overhead branch relaxing and gazing about, while MrP is off doing who-knows-what! He left the nest about 15 minutes ago after bringing in a stick. What will he bring back this time? More sticks? Lunch? We'll have to wait and see.	freebird_AEF

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3/3/2018 10:13:26	3/3/2018	12:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL flies off.	freebird_AEF
3/3/2018 11:46:07	3/3/2018	1:45:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	What a difference a day makes. Yesterday the winds were growling and howling and today we have a nice breeze. It has been a gorgeous sunny day and MrP and TFL have been here several times busy with the nest renovations. MrP has left the remains of a nice juicy catfish on the nest presumably for TFL. Hopefully this will entice her to come back soon.	earlybird_AEF
3/3/2018 12:34:33	3/3/2018	2:09:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	MrP has just flown in and right behind him comes TFL. TFL digs into the catfish while MrP aerates the nest then climbs up the Right V branch. MrP gazes around his domain, almost as if he is on watch while his Lady enjoys her meal. TFL continues to eat but every now and then she stops to also scan the area. The closer it gets to egg laying the more cautious and protective they will be of their nest. TFL has finished eating, she moves some fluff, flies onto the Lateral branch and does some feaking. She cranes her neck looks to the right, then behind her, then to the right again. Something seems to have caught her attention but she continues to perch.	earlybird_AEF
3/3/2018 12:50:26	3/3/2018	2:34:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Eating and Departure	MrP flies from the Right V branch and lands back in the nest. He grabs a piece of the leftover catfish and off he goes to a nearby branch. How nice of MrP to wait until TFL had her fill. He is truly the ideal mate. TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch, her lovely feathers blowing in the wind. It doesn't take MrP long to finish that piece off. TFL takes a final look around and soars into the trees with MrP following after her.	earlybird_AEF
3/3/2018 14:00:09	3/3/2018	3:40:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with part of a fish in a bag. He must have gone to the market for this one. He looks at the fish, fluffs up the nest, looks at the fish, moves a stick... Between all that, he continuously has an eye out for TFL. "Look what I've brought you, TFL. A present, wrapped and everything." Quite proud of himself, he settles down for a second to check out the comfort of the nest bowl. Still on lookout for TFL, MrP hops over to the lateral branch.	freebird_AEF
3/3/2018 14:11:57	3/3/2018	4:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	Mr. P is perched on the lateral branch, sporting his white blaze. He is intently looking around, possibly trying to spot TFL, for whom he has brought in a fish...in a bag. It is a lovely sunny afternoon with lots of avian sounds nearby, especially blue jays, those tuneless yakkers.. Mr. P hops back into the nest, eyes the fish partially sticking out of the bag, and takes off.	kaco4_AEF
3/3/2018 14:19:53	3/3/2018	4:15:00 PM	The Beauteous Arb	Afternoon Arb View and Weather	The sun streams in discordant waves through our tulip poplar creating arcs and metallic orbs. A view of the nest reveals a fluffy golden nest bowl kissed by the wind and an incongruous bag with fish parts sticking out to the right of the bowl. The temperature in DC is currently 50 degrees with winds of 24 mph. Temps will remain around 50 for the nest few days with sunny skies.	kaco4_AEF

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3/3/2018 14:35:28	3/3/2018	4:25:00 PM	Mr.P and TFL	An Homage to a Persistent Pair	After observing our beloved couple this season, I must admit that the word persistence is how I would characterize their behavior. Be it eagle hard wiring, or feelings of duty and love, TFL and Mr.P keep at it...nest building and caretaking, bonding, hunting, and taking lots and lots of time to simply be in each other's company. Their persistence is a testament to what is most precious in nature, and a trait we humans could use more of. Are they happy? We cannot possibly answer that. But it almost doesn't matter whether they are. Their very existence with each other is proof of lives well lived.	kaco4_AEF
3/3/2018 14:41:28	3/3/2018	4:45:00 PM	Our Eagle Couple	Persistence Commendation	Found a quote so apropos of our eagles: "The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are first: hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; and third, common sense" Thomas Edison. [No pun intended on "stick-to-itiveness", but if the stick fits.....]	kaco4_AEF
3/3/2018 16:00:40	3/3/2018	5:30:00 PM	Both eagles	Feeding	Both TFL and MrP fly into the nest. TFL consumes the food in the plastic bag very carefully, pulling it out and eating it. She goes to the lateral branch, the flies off with MrP right behind her while a beautiful sunset shows with gold and orange in the sky on Cam B	Pwhite_AEF
3/4/2018 4:24:30	3/4/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	The sky is pitch black, the birds are already singing, it's going to be beautiful sunny day with a high of 50 degrees. The perfect day to lay an egg? We will have to wait and see. MrP and TFL have already been at the nest this morning working on the renovations. Everything looks ready from this vantage point, the nest full of soft and fluffy moss, the rails built up nicely around the perimeter, the nest bowl sharply defined. I believe this is TFL who is perching on the Lateral branch. She preens herself and gazes out into the dark. MrP is no where to be seen right now. Perhaps he is out getting provisions for the nest or breakfast for his Lady.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 4:38:59	3/4/2018	6:27:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating Sounds	The sky is beginning to lighten, TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch. MrP comes flying in and lands on the Left V branch and into the nest, TFL immediately follows. MrP begins fluffing the nest, TFL walks over to check out the plastic bag that had the fish in it yesterday. I think she was hoping for some breakfast but nothing is left there. She returns to the Lateral branch and at 6:33am flies towards the Primary Perching tree. MrP quickly follows and we hear what sounds like mating from afar.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 5:10:23	3/4/2018	6:49:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP returns to the nest, moves some fluff and walks over to the edge of the nest. TFL is down below on the ground. It's hard to tell exactly what she is doing, perhaps gathering moss, perhaps catching her breakfast. She flies over to a tree close to the Primary Perching tree while MrP looks on. MrP flies up the Right V branch as TFL flies back into the nest through the V. TFL goes onto the Lateral branch, MrP aerates the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 5:39:42	3/4/2018	7:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	TFL flies off into the trees and out of sight. MrP cranes his neck as he watches her depart. 7:15am MrP flies into the trees and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 6:20:09	3/4/2018	8:16:00 AM	Mr. President	In with a stick	MrP arrives with another stick, then jumps up the right V and perches for a bit	Pwhite_AEF

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3/4/2018 9:12:36	3/4/2018	10:06:00 AM	Both Eagles	Bonding, perching, nest maintenance	Mr. President and The First Lady arrived together at nest, The First Lady to the overhead and Mr. President to the nest. Mr. President joined The First Lady on the overhead and bonding followed. Mr. President departed, leaving The First Lady perched on the overhead surveying her domain. The First Lady departed just as Mr. President returned to the nest where he spent only a few minutes before flying off to join The First Lady.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/4/2018 13:23:35	3/4/2018	3:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duties and Perching	An eagle flies to a nearby tree. It could have been MrP because here he comes flying into the nest. He aerates and moves some of the fluff around the nest bowl. MrP climbs up the Left V branch, does some feaking, rouses his feathers and gazes out at this lovely sunny day. The remains of a fish is left in the nest. Lunch for TFL? I wonder?	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 13:43:53	3/4/2018	3:23:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP looks bathed in sunshine as he perches on the Left V branch, the call of a Flicker woodpecker can be heard in the distance, the buzz of an insect, some rustling sounds below. MrP calmly observes it all. 3:40pm Off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 14:28:06	3/4/2018	3:58:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP comes flying in with a nice fat fish. But does he eat this fish? No he does not! This delicious looking fresh fish might be meant just for TFL. Instead he eats the remains of another fish from earlier in the day, not so fat, not so fresh, probably not as delicious but enough to give him a full looking crop. He does walk over and give the new fish another look. It does look mighty tempting. He puts his talon on it but... Look out! That fish is still flipping and flopping around. Yes, this is a very fresh fish. How nice of him to save this one for his Lady.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 14:57:08	3/4/2018	4:24:00 PM	MrP and TFL	In Nest	Looks like MrP might be waiting for TFL to come and claim her prize. He's just standing in the nest, looking this way and that. No sign of her yet just some flying insects that seem to be annoying him. Some loud rustling below has caught his attention, he moves his head quickly and intently looks around. He begins to fluff the nest but stops again to look around. MrP is craning his neck, looking above. What is he seeing? TFL has come to claim her prize. She whistles her approval as she begins to eat that delectable fish.	earlybird_AEF
3/4/2018 16:11:25	3/4/2018	6:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL has been perching at the lateral branch for about an hour now. At 5:16pm, she and MrP had a quick little mating session before he flew off away from the nest tree. TFL has remained still, quietly perching nest side ever since.	freebird_AEF
3/4/2018 16:22:11	3/4/2018	6:18:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL departs the lateral branch at 6:18pm. She took a downward flight upon departure.	freebird_AEF
3/4/2018 16:28:07	3/4/2018	6:21:00 PM	DC Couple	Arrival / Departure	MrP flies in at 6:21, with TFL soaring in to join him at 6:22pm. MrP digs in the nest and TFL has the nerve to fly off. That's exactly what MrP's stance and look appears to say. "Hey! Get back here!" He keeps a lookout for her, then swoops off the nest and out of cam view. We hear mating sounds in the distance within seconds. I think he found her. They are most likely perching together somewhere nearby.	freebird_AEF

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3/5/2018 4:04:44	3/5/2018	5:36:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	MrP has flown in from the dark, begins aerating the nest and shimmies down into the nest bowl. 5:46am He takes a look around and flies back out into the dark. Eagle chatter is heard and MrP and TFL arrive together. Both are very busy fluffing the nest. TFL flies onto the Lateral branch, rouses her feathers and scratches her face with her talon. MrP works on some sticks near the Lateral branch, both stop and gaze out into the darkness. MrP joins his Lady and seems to want to mate but she doesn't seem interested and there is no attempt by him. They perch together, TFL reaches over to preen MrP. Such a sweet moment.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 4:23:06	3/5/2018	6:04:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	They continue to perch together on the Lateral branch. MrP preens himself as TFL looks on. They seem very content, every now and then giving each other a special look. TFL makes a few sweet chirps, MrP answers her with a few of his own. 6:18am MrP sweetly chirps at her once again and they mate. He flies off and she remains on the branch.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 4:31:53	3/5/2018	6:28:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL cranes her neck, looks around the area intently and flies off into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 5:06:18	3/5/2018	6:44:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement	MrP returns with a big stick and places it quickly in the nest. He moves some fluff, stops to take a look around and climbs up the Right V branch. Off he goes to the Primary Perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 5:57:31	3/5/2018	7:47:00 AM	Mr. President	Moss Delivery	MrP flies from the Primary Perching tree and returns to the nest with a clump of moss. He climbs up the Right V branch and looks out to the left of the nest and vocalizes. Perhaps a warning call, perhaps he's calling TFL. No other eagles are in our view. He departs from the branch flying over the nest and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 7:07:09	3/5/2018	8:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties/Departure	MrP and TFL return and do a little nest work. TFL moves some fluff and flies onto the Lateral branch. MrP finishes his aeration and joins her. He departs and flies in with a stick. TFL looks on while MrP moves a stick into the V Perch. 8:50am It looks like TFL has flown from the branch while MrP remains in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 10:27:42	3/5/2018	11:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives for a short visit to the nest, moves to the Right V branch and departs at 11:36am. He returns with a fish at 12:10am and dives right in. He leaves a nice piece on the nest, climbs up the Left V branch and gazes all around. Perhaps he's looking for TFL so he can share this fish with her.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 11:02:38	3/5/2018	12:53:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival	MrP and TFL are in the nest together. TFL is eating some of the fish MrP brought in earlier.	freebird_AEF
3/5/2018 12:04:54	3/5/2018	1:28:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching	Both of our eagles are nearby, MrP on the Left V branch, TFL on the Lateral branch. They seem to be tracking something from above. 1:48pm They have departed from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 12:30:29	3/5/2018	2:18:00 PM	Mr. President	Moss Delivery	MrP arrives with a large clump of moss. He places it in the nest and shimmies down into the bowl. He climbs onto the Right V branch, gazes around and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 13:24:41	3/5/2018	2:58:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL is eating on the nest as MrP flies in. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch and perches. 3:08pm TFL returns to the nest and together they aerate the moss. She returns to the Lateral branch, MrP continues fluffing and repositioning sticks. 3:19pm MrP has departed from the nest while TFL continues to perch.	earlybird_AEF

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3/5/2018 14:12:16	3/5/2018	4:04:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL lands on the Overhead branch, MrP comes soaring into the nest with a fish. TFL flies down and claims her prize, MrP departs. TFL finishes her meal and moves onto the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
3/5/2018 15:21:35	3/5/2018	5:13:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	At the 5pm hour, TFL is still calmly, quietly perched at the Lateral branch. She stares down at some rustling noises coming from below and then decides to do a little preening.	freebird_AEF
3/5/2018 15:40:51	3/5/2018	5:21:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP arrives and lands in the nest. With no time for lolly gagging around, he immediately gets to work aerating, making it nice and fluffy. TFL cocks her head and watches MrP. He stops working and seems to be finding little mini scraps of food and goes on a mission to find more. TFL is on to him, watching with that serious look that she appears to give. They lock eyes. MrP adjusts some sticks near the Lateral branch where TFL remains perched. Instead of joining her, he moves back to the nest, lowers himself, kicks his feet backwards in order to scooch himself snugly down into the bowl. Then back to work digging, while TFL stretches her wing and stays put, looking like the queen of her kingdom. At 5:31, MrP makes his move and walks onto the Lateral branch to sit next to TFL but she decides to fly over him and into the nest. He follows. TFL checks out the nest bowl and tries to nudge MrP out of the way as he digs. She joins in to fluff up nest material. MrP keeps nudging her away from the center. They work together to break up a clump of mossy grass material. MrP keeps lowering himself into the nest bowl, so TFL decides to go back out to perch. We need to advise MrP that at some point, TFL is going to need to gain access to the nest bowl. But he sure does love it!	freebird_AEF
3/5/2018 15:55:59	3/5/2018	5:41:00 PM	Mr. President	Busy at work	MrP gets a far way look on his face as he stares out from the V just as the ice cream truck starts playing its song. At 5:43, MrP departs. One minute later, he returns with a nice big and sturdy stick. Now to find just the right place to put it. He quickly finds a new home for the stick but has now decided to wrangle other sticks along the nest rail. At 5:49, MrP flies off once again.	freebird_AEF
3/5/2018 15:59:20	3/5/2018	5:56:00 PM	Chat	Monday Chat	Just a reminder that live chat will begin in just a few minutes. Monday night chat goes from 6-8pm ET. Gather your questions to ask our moderators and join in the fun!	freebird_AEF
3/5/2018 16:27:57	3/5/2018	6:19:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives at 6:19pm. He lands in the nest and immediately gets back to work. TFL hops into the nest at 6:21. She hovers over him as he digs at her feet. At 6:22, TFL flies off and MrP is hot on her tail after her. What appears to be mating sounds are heard in the near distance.	freebird_AEF
3/6/2018 4:07:44	3/6/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP and TFL arrive at 5:25am. They both seem intent on getting the nest ready for some eggs. They aerate, move some fluff and even grab a stick together to reposition. TFL has seemed much more interested this week in helping MrP with the nest duties. This could be a good sign that an egg is not far away. We will be sitting on the edge of our "nest" waiting in anticipation. TFL moves over to the Lateral branch, MrP does a face plant and shimmies down into the nest bowl.	earlybird_AEF

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3/6/2018 4:24:26	3/6/2018	6:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	MrP is on the nest, TFL on the Lateral branch, both gazing around at their surroundings. TFL joins MrP in the nest and they continue with the aeration. She returns to the Lateral branch, MrP joins her and vocalizes as if he wants to mate. She doesn't seem interested so they just perch side by side together. 6:16am TFL flies off as MrP watches from the Lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
3/6/2018 4:52:28	3/6/2018	6:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP cranes his neck and looks below, he looks behind him, but still continues to perch on the Lateral branch. It's another beautiful sunny day but a little colder with a temperature of 25 degrees. It is expected to get as high as 46 degrees but a little rain is possible this afternoon. 6:43am MrP flies off in the direction of the river.	earlybird_AEF
3/6/2018 9:02:39	3/6/2018	9:30:00 AM	Visitor	On Nest	We had another visitor at the "Nest and Breakfast" Inn this morning. MrP must have forgotten to put out the No Vacancy sign. This was a gorgeous subadult who looked to be close to 4 years. She/he had a beautiful head of white feathers with dark streaks through it and the beak was a mixture of black and yellow. We have been so fortunate to see so many eagles at the nest this year. Each stage of their growth as beautiful as the next. This beauty didn't hang around long, just checked out the nest, perched for awhile and was on her/his way.	earlybird_AEF
3/6/2018 9:10:26	3/6/2018	10:13:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival/Departure	MrP arrives at the nest with what looks like a talon full of reeds. He moves them around the nest, eats some leftover pieces of fish, moves up the Right V branch and flies to the Primary Perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
3/6/2018 9:20:39	3/6/2018	10:55:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	Both MrP and TFL are working on the nest renovations. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch while MrP aerates the fluff. He joins her on the Lateral branch and they mate.	earlybird_AEF
3/6/2018 11:07:54	3/6/2017	12:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duties	Mr. President dropped in for some nest maintenance. He flew to the PPT where he perched until something caught his attention and he flew off into the wild blue yonder.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/6/2018 11:57:02	3/6/2018	1:20:00 PM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Mr. President delivered a fairly flat UFO (unidentified furry object). He left it for The First Lady and flew off into parts unknown. The gift was successful in bringing The First Lady to the nest a few minutes later. She looked like she had to think about it a bit but she eventually dove in and made quick work of it. The First Lady moved to the lateral branch and Mr. President arrived immediately following, looking for leftovers one might presume. There were none. The First Lady joined Mr. President in the nest where both worked quite diligently on the nest bowl until Mr. President gave her the squeeze. The First Lady, having put in her 15 seconds of nest duty, moved back to the lateral branch to digest. Mr. President, having no such need to digest, continued working on the nest. Amazingly enough, the sticks closest to The First Lady needed the most attention and Mr. President worked his way to joining The First Lady on the lateral branch. Bonding ensues and Mr. President departs, leaving The First Lady perched on the lateral branch. Will he bring a stick, a fish, or some fluff?	DLoebel2016_AEF

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3/6/2018 12:18:02	3/6/2018	2:14:00 PM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Perching and nest maintenance	And the answer is, Mr. President returned with some fluff. He didn't stay long, just long enough to deliver his hallmark, post-mating nest gift. The First Lady departed for the PPT at 2:14 p. m. where she remains perched.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/6/2018 12:34:04	3/6/2018	2:26:00 PM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Bonding	Mr. President joins The First Lady at the PPT for bonding. Mr. President departs.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/6/2018 15:14:18	3/6/2018	3:28:00 PM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Nest maintenance, perching,	Mr. President arrived at the nest at about 3:28 p.m. The First Lady flew from the PPT to the nest to join Mr. President in some minor nest maintenance. She moved quickly to the lateral branch while Mr. President perched in the nest. While on the lateral branch The First Lady appeared to have a somewhat dazed and sleepy look, observed from about 3:36 p.m. to about 3:42 p.m. At 3:42 she flew into the nest and made talon contact and vocals with Mr. President, either trying to initiate mating or to evict him from the nest. She returned to the lateral branch and remained in the same state until she flew off at about 4:25 p.m. She was gone only moments and at about 4:28 p.m. she flew back into the nest. Mr. President did his usual squeeze on her but The First Lady held her ground for a few minutes. She moved to the lateral branch and began to look herself again, tracking things on the ground and in the distance. At present (5:12 p.m.) she is on the lateral branch and is showing perfectly normal perching and surveying behavior. She did attempt (unsuccessfully) to cast a pellet earlier this afternoon (~4:00pm) and she did consume a large portion of what appeared to be some sort of road kill, swallowing several long bits of bone. She may be digesting, she may need to cast a pellet or, she may be finally getting closer to giving Mr. President what he's been patiently waiting for.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/6/2018 15:40:29	3/6/2018	5:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	As of 5:30pm, TFL is perched nest side on the lateral branch. She appears a bit puffed up and pensive this afternoon as she sits quietly. What a stunning beauty she is -- resting on her favorite perch with spring buds displayed behind her on the Poplar Tulip tree branches (Cam A).	freebird_AEF
3/6/2018 16:06:05	3/6/2018	6:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching / Departure	TFL remains perched in the same spot as last posting. The wind has suddenly begun to pick up and TFL responds by doing a backward leg forward stretch yoga pose and finishes it off with the accordion spread wing. She preens feathers on her leg, front and back, then gives the contented tail wiggle at the end. She seems to spot something in the distance and departs at 6:03pm.	freebird_AEF
3/6/2018 16:23:05	3/6/2018	6:15:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Departure	MrP flies into the nest with TFL right behind. They both start fluffing and fussing with nest material. MrP still seems to have more control of the center of the nest. TFL moves in closer, then backs up and flies off at 6:17pm. MrP appears confounded by this move! Where did she go and why did she leave? He walks to the nest's edge, then flies off after TFL one minute later.	freebird_AEF

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3/6/2018 16:31:23	3/6/2018	6:23:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Departure	Well, guess who is back? Our beloved eagle couple! Both land in the nest one after another and begin digging in the nest bowl together. They look like such love birds right now. MrP is in the center of the nest as he watches TFL suddenly decide to fly off again at 6:24. Stunned, he sits there craning his neck and watching after her. Well, if you can't beat 'em, you may as well join them MrP, so he flies off to track down his woman once again at 6:28pm. I feel like I'm at a hotel with one of those rotating doors. What sounds like potential mating calls is heard in the distance at 6:29pm.	freebird_AEF
3/7/2018 4:30:29	3/7/2018	6:03:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	The nest bowl is covered in snow, the nest rails and branches lightly dusted. There was a rain/snow mix last night and it continues this morning. This should be clearing out soon and a high of 39 degrees is expected. I believe this is MrP who flies in from the dark and begins to aerate the nest and move the fluff. He has his work cut out for him this morning but he persists, pulling on the grasses to free it from the snow. He shimmies down into that wet, cold snow twice, moving the moss around him. Already there is a patch of grass showing in the nest bowl where he has cleared it. He looks quite bedraggled this morning, all wet from the rain with that spikey look going on. He stops to look around the area and tries out the nest bowl again. 6:26am He flies off but quickly returns with TFL.	earlybird_AEF
3/7/2018 4:48:49	3/7/2018	6:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching/Departure	MrP continues fluffing the nest, TFL moves onto the Lateral branch. MrP joins TFL and they calmly perch together, the rain pouring down on them. 6:36am MrP flies off, TFL craning her neck to watch him go. TFL sits regally in the rain as she preens herself and looks over her Queendom.	earlybird_AEF
3/7/2018 5:32:58	3/7/2018	7:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL perches on the Lateral branch, MrP has not yet returned. I wonder if he is out fishing for her breakfast. She just might be thinking the same thing. She crouches down her head, looking at something intently. Could it be MrP? No sighting from this vantage point. Hurry home MrP. Your Lady is waiting.	earlybird_AEF
3/7/2018 6:20:32	3/7/2018	7:48:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perches	TFL perches on the Lateral branch and does her morning stretches. She holds one of her talons up to rest it a bit and preens herself, still calmly sitting in the rain. 8:01 MrP flies by and returns to the nest, TFL joins him. No breakfast but they aerate the nest together. TFL moves back to the Lateral branch, she flies off to the Primary Perching tree, MrP follows her there. 8:08 MrP attempts to mate with TFL.	earlybird_AEF
3/7/2018 8:04:19	3/7/2018	8:30:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Perching	Mr. President and The First Lady are perched together at the PPT. Mr. President departed at about 8:40 a.m.. The First Lady finally cast the pellet she's been working on since yesterday. The First Lady departed at 8:47 a.m.	DLoebel2016_AEF

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3/7/2018 10:59:02	3/7/2018	11:06:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	MrP has been on the nest several times this morning getting the nest cleaned up after the snow. It looks like just about all of it has melted. 12:23pm MrP arrives at the nest, TFL lands on the Overhead branch. MrP flies up and perches with her, loud vocalizations by both of them. They fly down into the nest and do some additional aeration. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch, MrP joins her and they mate. 12:46pm MrP flies through the V and out of sight while TFL remains on her perch.	earlybird_AEF
3/7/2018 15:13:15	3/7/2018	5:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL is perched in her favorite spot when MrP flies in carrying a fish. She squees with delight, hops into the nest and claims her dinner. MrP gets to munch on nest material while TFL digs in to a nice fresh fish. MrP meanders over towards TFL casually, picks up a loose piece of fish and flies his little tail feathers off the nest. Very sneaky move, MrP. TFL was so entranced with her meal, she didn't even seem to notice. Well! That fish only took TFL about six minutes to eat. She does some feaking and then hops back onto the lateral branch, using larger branches to feak some more. Get that beak nice and clean, TFL!	freebird_AEF
3/7/2018 15:27:53	3/7/2018	5:14:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Departure / Bonding	MrP is seen flying below and across the nest area while TFL watches him. He loops back around and flies into the nest from the opposite side. MrP situates himself in the center of the nest and starts doing some serious digging. TFL moves to the V and flies off at 5:16. She lands on a tree near the nest tree but to the left of the primary perching tree. MrP takes off hot on her tail moments after her departure and upon arrival they immediately bond. They remain perched together; TFL relaxing and observing her queendom while MrP fervently nips, pulls and tugs at some small easily accessible tree branches, no doubt in hopes of adding them to the nest rails. Our beautiful couple remains perched together amidst their peaceful surroundings.	freebird_AEF
3/7/2018 15:37:03	3/7/2018	5:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Delivery of nesting material	MrP decides it's time to get some work done. He flies downward to the forest floor, picks something up then soars around ever upward until he brings some fluffy nesting material into the nest. He continues to sit in the nest while TFL remains perched at the nearby tree.	freebird_AEF
3/7/2018 15:49:11	3/7/2018	5:42:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Alert / Departure	MrP is looking at something and sounding off with eagle calls and chatter. TFL is now observing from her perching spot as well. MrP is highly attentive, keeping his eagle eye on something that's bothering him. He flies off at 5:42pm and TFL leaves her perching spot apparently heading the same direction as MrP. And... they're outta here!	freebird_AEF
3/7/2018 16:22:15	3/7/2018	6:19:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival / Departure	TFL returns to the nest, she looks around, everything is quiet and there's no sign of MrP. At 6:20pm she flies off.	freebird_AEF
3/7/2018 16:37:22	3/7/2018	6:29:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives and seems to be looking for TFL. With no sign of her, he departs at 6:31pm. Eagle calls are heard in the distance.	freebird_AEF

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3/8/2018 4:26:08	3/8/2018	5:56:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	MrP has arrived at the nest. He gets straight to work, aerating the fluff and lying down in the nest bowl. Some more aeration and he shimmies down in the bowl once again. He walks over to the edge and looks out into the darkness. TFL comes flying in and begins to help MrP with the renovations. She gives him a little wing nudge to move him out of the way and pushes her beak into the fluff to move it where she wants it. It seems that sometimes MrP gets just a little too enthusiastic when it comes to the nest work. TFL seems content with the way things are for the moment and moves onto the Lateral branch. MrP tries out the nest bowl one more time and moves closer to TFL.	earlybird_AEF
3/8/2018 4:38:32	3/8/2018	6:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	TFL continues to perch on the Lateral branch while MrP perches on the edge of the nest, both intently watching their surroundings. TFL rouses her feathers and preens herself, MrP steadfastly observes the area. It's a rather cold morning, currently 33 degrees. Sunny skies are expected with a high of 45 degrees. 6:24am MrP flies off into the trees. 6:32am TFL also departs.	earlybird_AEF
3/8/2018 8:01:24	3/8/2018	9:30:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Perching / Departure	As of 9:32, TFL is perched on the lateral branch. At 9:35, eagle calls are heard and the cam moves to find MrP perched on the right V branch. Both of them appear so relaxed, basking in the morning sun in the beauty of the Arboretum. MrP rouses up his feathers and around 9:43am, both eagles departed the nest.	freebird_AEF
3/8/2018 10:14:22	3/8/2018	11:23:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching	Mr. President paid a very brief visit at 11:34. He returned at 11:41 with a fish which he ate on a branch behind A. He remains perched where he ate.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/8/2018 12:38:34	3/8/2018	1:43:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mating	It's a partly sunny day, currently 45 degrees. TFL perches on the Lateral bench, MrP joins her and they mate. TFL enjoys this pleasant winter day, preening herself and gazing all around, MrP is elsewhere at the moment. TFL looks out into the trees and calls out a greeting as MrP returns to the nest with a stick. He places that one easily in the nest and moves some fluff around. TFL jumps right in the middle of all that to show him the way it should be done. As MrP aerates he looks sweetly up at her as if he's checking to see if she is pleased with his work. How could she not be MrP? The nest looks amazing.	earlybird_AEF
3/8/2018 12:56:01	3/8/2018	2:19:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP is standing in the nest and looking intently around. There seems to be something of concern out beyond the nest but it is not in our view. He has stopped all of his nest work and just watches the area. 2:34pm He departs.	earlybird_AEF

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3/8/2018 16:22:57	3/8/2018	6:13:00 PM	TFL & MrP	Arrival / Departure	At 6:13pm, MrP arrives at the nest. He nudges some nest materials but mainly, he appears to be looking for TFL. TFL joins MrP at 6:15. Both stand in the nest. TFL seems to want to push MrP away from the center, but he acts clueless and continues his aeration duties, so TFL half heartedly picks up nest materials as if she's helping. TFL uses the upper part of her body to nudge MrP back a bit. He keeps fluffing studiously. Then he wiggles himself down into the nest and looks at TFL as if to say, "Honey, it's just right. Come on, already." TFL pushes MrP farther back. And then, she turns away and flies off at 6:19. MrP goes after her immediately. "Get back here, young lady!"	freebird_AEF
3/9/2018 4:21:17	3/9/2018	5:55:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating/Departure	TFL is perching on the Lateral branch, MrP is lying in the nest bowl. This was exciting to see first thing this morning. For a second I thought it might be just the opposite. But no that wasn't the case, our MrP loves getting that nest bowl ready for his Lady and that was exactly what he was doing. MrP joins her on the branch and they mate. MrP moves back into the nest, TFL follows. They aerate for just a minute or two, I believe this is MrP who flies off, TFL gets back to aerating the fluff. She returns to her perching position on the Lateral branch. TFL calmly perches, rouses her feathers and does her morning preening all with the melody of birds around her. 6:11am She flies off into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 4:56:52	3/9/2018	6:27:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns to the nest with a fish. He's looking all around the area, presumably for TFL to come claim her prize. No sign of her yet. He gets back to fluffing the nest bowl but stops every now and then to check out the area. He climbs up the Left V branch and onto the Overhead. MrP rouses his feathers and preens himself all the while gazing out at his surroundings. He is one magnificent looking eagle, the golden sun shining down on him, a slight breeze ruffling his feathers. Come on home TFL. This handsome eagle and a fresh fish are waiting for you.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 5:24:26	3/9/2018	6:59:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching/departure	MrP continues to perch on the Overhead branch, continues to gaze out at his domain. 7:18am He stretches up his body, cranes his neck, looks to the right of him and flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 5:38:15	3/9/2018	7:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	Some updated information from our AEF volunteer team. MrP and TFL flew in together at 5:33am. Along with some morning nest renovations, TFL checked out the nest bowl and moved onto the Lateral branch at 5:38am while MrP continued to work in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 8:05:54	3/9/2018	9:00:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Perching, nest maintenance	The First Lady and Mr. President were both at nest at the top of the hour, The First Lady eating fish brought in by Mr. President earlier in the morning. The First Lady perched on lateral branch and made a few trips into the nest to fluff and test the nest bowl. She departed at a little after 9:00 and Mr. President followed. Mr. President arrived and perched on the NW branch for a while, shouting out at a fly by and resting his feet. He departed at 9:59.	DLoebel2016_AEF

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3/9/2018 13:19:29	3/9/2018	3:00:00 PM	Mr. President	On Nest	MrP made a brief appearance a short while ago. He seems to like to come and check out the nest from time to time throughout the day. He stood at the V, looked out at his domain and flew soon after. The breeze has kicked up a bit since this morning, the sun is shining and it's 48 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 14:05:45	3/9/2018	3:47:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Mating	An eagle just flew by and landed in the Primary Perching tree. It's hard to identify who it is but it takes off and both MrP and TFL fly into the nest and begin aerating the fluff. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch and is biting on a branch, MrP continues with the nest work. Both of them are gazing around the area. MrP gingerly climbs over the nest rails to join TFL and they mate. MrP flies off and TFL flies into the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 14:29:56	3/9/2018	4:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work/Departure	TFL has been very busy in the nest for the past several days. She's been spending more and more time there. She aerates the fluff and shimmies down into the nest bowl as we hold our breath.... She looks so comfortable. Could it be? Is this the moment we've been waiting for? Is it time to lay that egg?... No, not quite yet. She gets up and off she goes.	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 14:57:23	3/9/2018	4:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP has been perching in the Primary Perching tree for some time now, preening, rousing his feathers and gazing all around. This is a perfect spot to watch over the nest and it is a place in years past where they have perched often. He is still there, watching over his nest. Perhaps waiting for TFL? Does he know something that we don't know. Tune in for the next chapter of "When Will The Egg Be Laid".	earlybird_AEF
3/9/2018 15:13:24	3/9/2018	5:10:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP is seen chilling on the primary perching tree on Cam B. A sliver of his white blaze popping out likely due to a good sized crop. He seems to be keeping a look out. Maybe for TFL?	freebird_AEF
3/9/2018 15:38:33	3/9/2018	5:34:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Departure	MrP flies into the nest and TFL is on the upper branch perching. Surprise! I didn't know she was there. However, TFL flies off a minute later, MrP heads out after her and we hear what could be bonding calls in the distance. I guess they wanted a little privacy.	freebird_AEF
3/9/2018 16:28:04	3/9/2018	6:20:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Departure	MrP and TFL land in the nest together and immediately both go heads down to aerate the nest. In a matter of seconds, TFL takes a break from digging duties and flies off at 6:22. MrP is still content tidying up the nest bowl. A big gust of wind blows through and we see a quick flash of TFL flying below the nest on Cam B. MrP decides to follow her lead and departs at 6:24pm.	freebird_AEF

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3/10/2018 4:10:14	3/10/2018	5:53:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	5:21am MrP and TFL arrive at the nest. TFL is perching on the Lateral branch, MrP standing near her in the nest, both as still as they can be. Perhaps they are taking a little eagle nap, the sky is still dark. TFL moves into the nest and together they aerate the fluff. It looks like she may want to try out the nest bowl but instead she returns to the Lateral branch. MrP continues with the aeration, moves closer to the Lateral branch and slightly moves a stick. Some sweet chirps by TFL, MrP answers back with some squees of his own. He moves some sticks again and looks around the area. MrP joins TFL on the Lateral branch and they mate. He flies to the right of the nest and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 4:19:35	3/10/2018	6:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL turns herself around on the Lateral branch, gives a look behind her and flies in the direction of the Primary Perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 6:53:29	3/10/2018	8:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a slightly eaten fish. It looks like he may have already had a bite or two for himself. He gazes all around, presumably waiting for TFL to come and get her breakfast. As if on cue TFL flies in and begins eating. MrP tidies up the nest while she enjoys her meal. He takes a look out the V as if he might leave but no, he gets back to the nest work. Maybe he's waiting for some leftovers. Sure enough that's exactly what he was waiting for. TFL finishes up and MrP grabs the remaining piece and he skedaddles out of there. Clever MrP. TFL feaks her beak, flies through the V and lands in the Primary Perching tree. MrP joins her soon after and they mate. MrP flies off, TFL continues to perch.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 7:11:06	3/10/2018	9:00:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Perching nearby	MrP and TFL are seen perching, each one has their own cam. It looks like TFL is on the primary perching tree. I'm not sure exactly where MrP is located.	freebird_AEF
3/10/2018 7:34:43	3/10/2018	9:23:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrivals / Departures	MrP flies from his perching spot and returns to the nest. TFL tracks his whereabouts. After landing in the nest, MrP does an athletic wing flapping-walkabout up the left V branch. TFL flies across from where she was perched into the nest. MrP jumps down from the left V and joins her. Both start working industriously digging. TFL loses interest in aeration duty quickly but points out a stick that needs moving. MrP takes over, wandering around in a circle carrying the stick in beak, then places it at her feet. Hilarious! She seems okay with that. Enough nest duties, with that done, TFL departs at 9:28. We observe her flying outward, upward and curving around to the right. MrP flies off seconds later and he heads out in the opposite direction, to the left (from Cam B).	freebird_AEF
3/10/2018 9:56:54	3/10/2018	11:49:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Our beloved pair haven't been seen at the nest for awhile. They may be gallivanting around the area or sunning themselves by the river. Enjoy it while you can MrP and TFL. We are hoping that soon you will have some eggs to take care of.	earlybird_AEF

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3/10/2018 12:21:19	3/10/2018	2:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	The wind has really kicked up, MrP is rocking and rolling at the Primary Perching tree. It doesn't seem to bother him one bit, he might even be enjoying the wind surfing. He's been perched there for some time, at one point vocalizing at something. Could he have been calling TFL to join him? No sign of her yet. He preens himself, shakes those tail feathers and gazes around. 2:20pm He departs from the tree to parts unknown.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 12:48:12	3/10/2018	2:28:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	A nice headless fish awaits TFL. Add to that some humongous flies crawling on it and you have a delicious treat indeed. MrP waited for some time at the Primary Perching tree but he has flown now and TFL has not yet returned.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 12:50:31	3/10/2018	2:50:00 PM	Testing	Testing	Non informational	kaco4_AEF
3/10/2018 13:05:05	3/10/2018	2:47:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Eating/Nest Work	TFL comes flying in and starts eating the fish, MrP arrives right behind her. That fish is gone in a flash. It looks like there are no leftovers this time for MrP but he appears to take it all in stride. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch while MrP works on the nest renovations. TFL flies into the nest and joins MrP. Together they move some fluff in the nest bowl area. MrP flies off but that doesn't deter TFL. She continues to reposition the fluff and some of the smaller sticks and reeds. She moves onto the Lateral branch and perches.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 13:55:33	3/10/2018	3:11:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL perches on the Lateral branch looking out at the scenery. What a beautiful place to raise an eaglet or two. What a perfect day to lay an egg. We are all watching and waiting in wonder to see if this will be the day. TFL preens herself, her feathers blowing in the wind. She cranes her neck and looks behind her. She is very attentive, watching in all directions. She does several crop drops, rouses her feathers and continues to watch.	earlybird_AEF
3/10/2018 14:11:24	3/10/2018	4:02:00 PM	TFL	Departure	TFL departed from her afternoon preen and sheen session on the lateral branch. Where did you go, m'lady? Did you join Mr.P at the fish shanty for an earlybird special? It is such a beautiful, sunny afternoon. Hope you'll be back later for ice cream. And let's not forget to order eggs for an early breakfast!	kaco4_AEF
3/10/2018 14:34:12	5/10/2018	4:30:00 PM	Weather	Weather report	Current temperature at Arb is 47 degrees and sunny. Winds are 19 mph. Temps will go down to low 30s tonight and back into mid 40s tomorrow with clear skies forecast for the next two days. Magnolia blossoms are sprouting in the Arb and cherry blossoms are forthcoming within the next two weeks!	kaco4_AEF
3/10/2018 15:19:51	3/10/2018	5:14:00 PM	Mr. President	Calling out	Mr. P is perched high atop right V calling out repeatedly. A faint response can be heard in the distance. Is he asking for his lady to return with dinner or just get her lovely self back for a rendezvous? He has been going for at least three or four minutes.	kaco4_AEF
3/10/2018 15:37:49	3/10/2018	5:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched above nest	Mr. P continues to perch high atop right V branch calling out frequently in a high screechy tone. He is clearly concerned about something...or someone. His tone changes and has its usual tremelo. He flies into the nest and performs a little housekeeping and fluffing. Again he calls out, now clearly for TFL. The sun is going down and he remains in nest staring up at the sky.	kaco4_AEF

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3/10/2018 15:59:33	3/10/2018	5:47:00 PM	Mr. President	Chasing off visitor	The culprit and cause of Mr. P's distress is a young, maybe 2 and a half year old subadult, perhaps the same one from last week. He lands in the nest and Mr. P nose dives and drives him out. However that doesn't seem to be the end of it. Mr. P chases the visitor in a radius around the nest several times before the visitor finally departs. But P and the visitor continue to engage in non friendly conversation. Mr. remains perched on upper branch above V warning the visitor to keep his distance. The visitor makes plaintive, immature sounds back to Mr. P. Gosh, we need an eagle translator here!	kaco4_AEF
3/10/2018 16:18:13	3/10/2018	6:09:00 PM	Mr. President	Standing guard	MrP continues to hold vigil over the nest tree. The visitor is no longer in the tree but s/he is nearby as we hear the two of them continue their conversations. MrP's high pitched warnings continue to call out, while the sub-adult replies with deeper, lower pitched calls. The sun has set. MrP stands on the overhead branch looking off in the direction of his unwelcome guest. There's been no sign of TFL. Does she not know what's going on? Or could she be staying away as a protective measure during this mating season? There's so much we don't know but the cams sure are a wonderful learning experience as we get to witness the lives of eagles.	freebird_AEF
3/10/2018 16:40:19	3/10/2018	6:25:00 PM	Mr. President	Defender in Chief	MrP continues to protect the nest. Just moments ago, we saw a flash of a bird in flight behind MrP from the right side of Cam B to the left. It might have been the sub-adult. Shortly after, MrP jumped down into the nest rather than remaining on the overhead branch. He's still in guard mode but he isn't puffing himself up any longer. Slowly, he appears a little less defensive. It's quiet right now. The quietest it's been for the past 1.5 hours. MrP moves to the nest rails. He looks around, upward to where the young eagle had been perched earlier and outward. I'm not sure he has the sub-adult in his sight any longer. Oh yes, he does! At 6:36pm, MrP flies off. Eagle cries pierce the skies. It seems he spotted the sub-adult and is attempting to chase him/her off once again.	freebird_AEF
3/10/2018 17:04:43	3/10/2018	6:55:00 PM	Nest update	All is quiet	All has been quiet for some time now and MrP hasn't returned to the nest since flying off about 20 minutes ago. I can't help but think of what a fabulous mate and provider he is -- and such a magnificent fierce defender of the nest. Tonight, he has an even bigger piece of my heart.	freebird_AEF

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3/11/2018 5:46:21	3/11/2018	6:51:00 AM	MrP and Subadult	Vocalizations/Chase Off	Eagle vocalizations can be heard in the dark, out of our view. MrP arrives at the nest on alert, vocalizing at something. Another eagle can be heard chattering in the background. This does not sound like friendly chatter. MrP aerates the nest but the piercing, shrill shrieks continue. These sound like warning shrieks, "Stay away from my nest"! MrP tries to get back to the nest work but he stops again and again to warn the other eagle away. MrP climbs up the Left V branch and is screaming loudly, persistently, the other eagle answers right back. MrP flies onto the Overhead and the squeeing continues between MrP and the other eagle. We have not been able to locate him/her yet but obviously MrP knows exactly where it is. Our cam op has located the subadult, it is perching on the Northwest branch. 7:22am It looked like the subadult made a move to fly and MrP went after it. Loud squees that go on and on and on, no visual of either of them. MrP is seen on the Primary Perching tree, the subadult on another branch, one of them flies by. Now....Silence. No eagle sounds can be heard.	earlybird_AEF
3/11/2018 6:01:08	3/11/2018	7:39:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival/Departure	MrP returns to the nest. He looks fine, none the worse for wear. MrP is one tough eagle, strong and sure, always on the ready to defend his nest. He seems calm now, even gets back to the nest renovations, moving a stick around in the nest. Hopefully the young subadult has learned a valuable lesson and will not be back. 7:43am MrP departs, perhaps to get his breakfast. Defending the home front can work up an appetite.	earlybird_AEF
3/11/2018 10:32:53	3/11/2018	12:30:00 PM	Empty Nest	Tour of the Area	It's a lovely afternoon, partly sunny with a high near 50 degrees expected. There have been no sightings of our eagles yet this afternoon, but thanks to our cam op we are having a wonderful tour of the Arboretum and surrounding areas. It's so nice to see the flowers on our majestic Tulip Poplar tree begin to bloom, a sure sign that Spring is on it's way. A season of new growth, new beginnings and new life. Just what we all are hoping to see on our nest soon. Mr. Squirrel did pay a visit to the upper level earlier this afternoon. When the eagle's away, the squirrel will play. Don't get too comfortable Mr. Squirrel. This nest is already occupied.	earlybird_AEF
3/11/2018 11:10:45	3/11/2018	12:51:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP arrives at the nest and begins to aerate the fluff. It looks like he's had a good meal recently, the white on his chest is blazing through. He moves up the Right V branch and flies off to the Primary Perching tree. He feaks his beak, preens himself and rouses his feathers. He continues to perch and gaze all around the area. Everything is calm this afternoon, no sign of the subadult.	earlybird_AEF
3/11/2018 11:36:00	3/11/2018	1:25:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP vocalizes and flies from the Primary Perching tree and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF

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3/11/2018 13:26:43	3/11/2018	3:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	Mr.P is perched on the lateral branch, looking this way and that. He is sporting a lovely piece of beak bling that flutters in the breeze not seeming to bother him at all. He makes a yawning motion opening upper mandible widely but to no avail. With left talon he pokes at it and shakes it but still it clings to him. Now he preens back feathers and the little blung fluff is now attached to the inner psrr of jis lect win area. Guess he is relaxed, no longer on sentry duty, but enjoying his domain. He has earned his stripes! The Arb is stunningly quiet this afternoon. He makes yawning movement again...perhaps working on a pellet?	kaco4_AEF
3/11/2018 13:41:46	3/11/2018	3:30:00 PM	Mr. President	At nest	Such a handsome guy, our Mr. P. Still perched on the lateral branch. Some bling still sticks to his crown. He listens intently to avian sounds not far away. No eagle sounds. He hops over to the nest bowl and fluffs it up a bit. Oh! Arrival on overhead branch! It's TFL! Now she hops into the nest. Reunited after all that visitor hype earlier! She moves a little fluff and then hops over to her fave, the lateral branch. Now for her after noon preen and sheen!	kaco4_AEF
3/11/2018 13:45:01	3/11/2018	3:42:00 PM	TFL and Mr. P	Departure of both Mr. P and TFL	Hey, where did they fly off to?	kaco4_AEF
3/11/2018 16:01:33	3/11/2018	5:49:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival	MrP arrives and TFL joins him seconds later. She appears to carry in some fluffy grasses. MrP digs earnestly, while TFL dabbles at some light fluffing of nest materials. TFL leaps over the nest rails to the lateral branch while MrP continues nest duties. MrP dips down and burrows his chest into the nest bowl. TFL preens in the evening sun. Both our eagles look out over their territory. There are a lot of crunching noises going on beneath them. They're alert but not bothered. MrP flies off at 5:58pm while TFL continues to perch nest side.	freebird_AEF
3/11/2018 16:23:54	3/11/2018	6:19:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	MrP hasn't returned as yet and TFL remains perched in the same place on the lateral branch. We're seeing some gorgeous close ups of the Lady on cam A. It just feels so good to see her and spend some time in her presence. Bless you, TFL (she just had a good sized snite/sneeze). Teehee.	freebird_AEF

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3/11/2018 17:05:38	3/11/2018	6:54:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL, still perching on the lateral branch, is getting that "where fore art thou" look. She bobs her head forward and back. Where is that MrP? And where's my dinner? Honestly! And with that, at 6:54pm, she flies off. At 6:55, MrP flies into the nest. Did he bring anything with him? He did! He's carrying a fish his left foot. TFL flies back in at 6:58. Poor MrP was trying to get in a few bites, but when the Lady arrives, she grabs it and turns her back on him, tearing in to the smaller sized fish. Hmm... he considers his options but stands still behind and adjacent to her. He seems to know there's not enough for him, and yet, he's still hopeful for a small scrap. When he sees that there are no scraps for him to easily snag, he starts working on the nest rails. TFL is done eating. She feaks her beak along the rails and moves to the lateral branch. MrP moves over to check for scraps and indeed, there are none to be had, so he digs in the nest a bit. At 7:03pm, TFL flies off and MrP heads out one minute later.	freebird_AEF
3/11/2018 18:01:55	3/11/2018	7:35:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	MrP arrives for his nightly check on the nest. It seems to be his pattern to fly in just before dark and tidy up the nest. What a nice surprise to see TFL arrive with him. They begin aerating the fluff together, TFL trying her best to get close to the nest bowl. MrP seemingly quite oblivious, keeps digging in the nest bowl himself. A little wing shove by TFL does the trick and MrP moves slightly to the side so his Lady can get to work. She snuggles down a bit and keeps on digging. Just when we think this could be the moment, TFL flies off into the night, MrP soon follows. 7:46pm What sounds like mating is heard in the dark. Sweet eagle dreams MrP and TFL. Hope to see you bright and early in the morning.	earlybird_AEF
3/12/2018 5:16:45	3/12/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	MrP and TFL arrive at the nest and begin aerating the fluff. MrP moves under TFL to continue with the aeration, TFL steps aside and moves onto the Lateral branch. MrP walks over to the edge of the nest, near the Lateral branch, flies over to join TFL and offers to mate. TFL does not seem interested, She looks around seemingly trying to find a way off of the branch. Finally she flies over MrP and into the nest. He joins her and they aerate the nest again. 7:08am TFL flies off, MrP watches her depart. He climbs up the Left V branch and onto the Overhead.	earlybird_AEF
3/12/2018 5:29:41	3/12/2018	7:22:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP turns around on the Overhead branch to face the nest, takes a look around and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
3/12/2018 7:09:29	3/12/2018	8:52:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	MrP arrives on the nest, TFL lands on the Overhead branch. 8:54am MrP flies from the nest and heads for the Overhead, but just as he is about to land TFL flies down into the nest. Just a quick check of the nest by TFL and she departs. MrP sits in the nest, gazing around the area, perhaps wondering where in the world she went. 9:05am MrP takes off, maybe in search of his Lady.	earlybird_AEF
3/12/2018 7:47:07	3/12/2018	9:34:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement	MrP returns to the nest with a stick, a quick placement near the Lateral branch and he's out of there.	earlybird_AEF

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3/12/2018 9:55:20	3/12/2018	11:17:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	MrP is working on the nest renovations, TFL is eating a fish. MrP marches up the Right V branch and disappears from our view. TFL finishes up her delicious meal, saving the tail for last. MrP drops in with a stick and nonchalantly starts rooting around in the fluff. He may have been looking for some leftover tidbits but there didn't seem to be much of anything left. TFL feaks her beak and moves onto the Lateral branch but doesn't stay long. She returns to help MrP with the aeration, moves him out of the way to reposition some fluff and returns to the Lateral branch. 11:40am MrP joins her and they mate.	earlybird_AEF
3/12/2018 15:00:02	3/12/2018	4:50:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Tending nest	Shortly after 4pm, Mr. P arrived with a tuft of fluff, all fresh and lovely. The Mrs. followed in and took over cultivating the bowl. She spent over 15 minutes shaping and contouring and standing in or near the center of the nest. For a few very special moments, she scrunched down into the bowl and pulled fluff around herself. It is windy in DC, but these are definitely signs of a female eagle ready to assume her natural duties. She called out to the Mr. on two or three separate occasions, a short non vibrato sound. Again she stood in the center for a few minutes, the wind creating feather riffs in her crown. She called out once more and then she quickly and quietly flew off towards the river.	kaco4_AEF
3/12/2018 16:29:01	3/12/2018	6:14:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives. He sits looking out from the V, bobbing and weaving his head around while apparently look at or for someone. He elongates himself by stretching his neck upward in a very attentive fashion. Where is TFL? At 6: 27pm, MrP departs the nest, swooping downward, across his territory and out of sight.	freebird_AEF
3/12/2018 16:59:41	3/12/2018	6:36:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP flies back in with a nice fresh fish. That didn't take our hunter long to catch. Oh, how he wants to dig in and eat but he's resisting. He's so funny. He's tempted to eat but he's such a good mate that he moves away, waiting and looking for his Lady to arrive. Mr P has waited for at least 10 minutes now, so he drags the fish to the rails and it gives a wiggle. He tears off a bite. Might as well eat, I mean, we don't want to waste a good meal. He picks at it slowly and occasionally stops nibbling to look for TFL. At 6: 49, he walks away from the fish to aerate the nest. He's basically just removed the head, so he's definitely holding back from eating the whole thing. He wing hops up the left V at 6: 53pm and flies across the Arboretum to the primary perching tree, a favorite perching spot. The headless fish remains in the nest. MrP keeps watch over his territory and has a good lookout to see if he can spot TFL.	freebird_AEF
3/12/2018 17:25:31	3/12/2018	7:22:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure from PPT	MrP flies off from the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF

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3/13/2018 4:49:12	3/13/2018	6:35:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	It's a chilly morning, currently 33 degrees with sun and a high of 46 degrees expected. Looks like TFL still has the remains of a fish waiting for her. MrP brought it last evening and ate just a bit of it. Well, actually the whole head but that fish was so tempting that he just couldn't resist. Eagle chatter can be heard in the dark, perhaps someone announcing their arrival. MrP flies into the nest, TFL lands on the Left V branch. She flies down into the nest and claims the fish, MrP begins aerating the fluff. MrP stops and peeks under TFL's tail feathers checking out that fish. Are you hoping for a morsel MrP? Not so sure that's going to happen. This fish is all most gone.	earlybird_AEF
3/13/2018 4:56:55	3/13/2018	6:44:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	That fish was gone in a flash. TFL moves over to help MrP with the aeration. A little wing shove here and there so she can get in there to fluff also. It seems that they are pleased with their progress at the moment. TFL spreads her beautiful wings and flies out into the dark, MrP follows right on her tail feathers. 6:48am Chatter that sounds like mating can be heard in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/13/2018 5:40:54	3/13/2018	7:17:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work/Departure	MrP and TFL return to the nest and to the nest work. MrP fluffs, TFL eats some leftover tidbits of the fish. TFL reaches over to reposition some fluff and shimmies down into the bowl. What a lovely sight. It looks like a perfect fit. She stands up and watches as MrP flies off. She walks over to the edge of the nest, gazes out and flies off soon after.	earlybird_AEF
3/13/2018 7:21:05	3/13/2018	8:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work	TFL lands on the Overhead branch and vocalizes loudly. MrP arrives in the nest with fluff and distributes it around. TFL joins him and wants to help too. She loudly squees, gives him a beak nibble and wiggles her body around to move him out of the way. She moves onto the Lateral branch, MrP continues with the nest work and shimmies down into the bowl. MrP walks over near TFL. Both of them gaze around, TFL vocalizes again.	earlybird_AEF
3/13/2018 7:34:21	3/13/2018	9:22:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	TFL flies into the nest and moves some fluff. MrP pushes his way in to help and also moves some fluff while TFL looks on. Both of them are intently looking around, the wind has picked up, the nest swaying in the breeze. MrP jogs up the Left V branch and departs. TFL takes one last look around and she is also on her way.	earlybird_AEF
3/13/2018 8:05:39	3/13/2018	9:53:00 AM	Mr. President	On Nest	MrP returns to the nest. He stands in the nest looking around, crows can be heard nearby so perhaps that's what he's watching. The crows have gone on their way, MrP gets on with the nest work. Something above stops him again, but no sighting of what it might be.	earlybird_AEF

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3/13/2018 11:59:40	3/13/2018	1:05:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mating	MrP flies into the nest, looks all around and vocalizes. He flies off and mates with TFL on the Overhead branch. MrP departs but soon returns to the nest, TFL joins him and they work on the nest together. TFL has seemed much more assertive the last few days in how she wants the aeration done. MrP seems to realize this and moves over to relocate a stick. Finished with the nest renovations for now, TFL moves onto the Lateral branch and a short while later MrP moves onto the Lateral branch with her. She gives him a look, chatters at him and he answers her back. They both perch side by side, looking intently around. Both of them have been very watchful today, seemingly on alert. 1:47pm MrP departs and TFL flies soon after.	earlybird_AEF
3/13/2018 15:17:39	3/13/2018	5:05:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Nestorating	Our couple has been together on nest for the past half hour. Mr.P mostly digging around in the next bowl, reffluffing, as TFL looks on. He begins to move a very long rail stick out of its place in the side of the nest and Lady utters a short sound. In the next moment, Mr. P takes the stick in his beak and walks it partway up the right V. Lady goes over to the V to help in this endeavor. Mr. P walks back into nest with the stick now at a different angle and pushes the stick behind the V. He walks behind the left V and Lady takes the other end of the stick in her beak pushing her side to the back of the right V. Her side clears the back of the V. P struggles to keep hold of his side of the stick in back of left V and to pull it down towards the lower middle of V. It lands too close to the edge and falls over the side. P stares down after it for a moment, goes to the other side of the nest and flies off, leaving the Lady behind. This was such a lovely exercise in teamwork. Would that they had succeeded in beefing up that annoying V area!	kaco4_AEF
3/13/2018 15:30:41	3/13/2018	5:27:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched	Lady luxuriates on the lateral in the late day sun, eyes closing a bit. Is she waiting for a headless fish to be delivered? Stay lady stay, stay while the night is still ahead.	kaco4_AEF
3/13/2018 16:09:44	3/13/2018	6:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	In the 5:30-6pm time frame, TFL was perched on the lateral branch until MrP flew in with a delicious, headless fish. She gobbled it down while MrP fluffed up the nest and kept an eye on potential scraps. TFL returned to the lateral branch, engaged in some feaking to clean her beak, did a healthy PS then took off flying with MrP hot on her tail. Mating sounds were heard in the distance.	freebird_AEF
3/13/2018 16:55:57	3/13/2018	6:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives at the nest. After looking around a bit (presumably for TFL), he schooches his cute little self right on down into that nest bowl. What a perfect fit! He nibbles and distributes some dried reeds around the nest. He gets up, listening and looking outward intently. He seems so ready to have some eggs but TFL is no where to be found, so at 6:53pm, he flies off.	freebird_AEF

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3/13/2018 17:38:47	3/13/2018	7:29:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Departure	MrP comes in to do his final evening nest check. His interest lies beyond the nest though. It looks like he's tracking someone. At 7:32pm, he flies off. But lookee here! MrP and TFL both fly in to the nest one minute later. Unfortunately, TFL loses interest and heads off. MrP moves a stick along the rails, then flies off into the darkness at 7:36.	freebird_AEF
3/14/2018 4:52:24	3/14/2018	6:28:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	It is dark and quiet and still, only the monotonous hum of the traffic disrupting the silence of the morning. But out of the stillness, eagle chatter is heard. MrP and TFL arrive and begin aerating the nest. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch, MrP continues fluffing and hunkers down into the nest bowl, shaping it to his body. He shimmies down again but stays a little longer this time, moving the moss all around him. He walks over near the Lateral branch and gazes out into the dark as TFL preens herself.	earlybird_AEF
3/14/2018 5:04:34	3/14/2018	6:50:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work/Mating	TFL squees softly and returns to the nest. She aerates the fluff and shimmies down into the nest bowl, moving moss all around her. She does this two more times, each time repositioning the fluff. MrP moves a stick to the edge of the nest while TFL looks on. 6:58am TFL flies with MrP right on her tail feathers to a nearby tree where they mate.	earlybird_AEF
3/14/2018 5:56:11	3/14/2018	7:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	Both of our love birds have departed from the tree, perhaps they're off to get an early breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
3/14/2018 6:20:39	3/14/2018	7:55:00 AM	Mr. President	On Nest	MrP returns to the nest. I think someone's been down by the river. My what dirty feet you have MrP! TFL would appreciate it if you wiped them off before you enter the nest. There are some rustling noises nearby that seem to have caught his attention, he stands still and quiet near the V, moving his head in all directions. He moves up the Right V branch, perhaps to get a better view. His head feathers are all fluffed, he's crouching down to look below. It could be a squirrel or deer wandering around below, no way to tell from our vantage point. MrP takes a final look around and he flies off.	earlybird_AEF
3/14/2018 9:57:59	3/14/2018	10:56:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching/Departure	I believe this is TFL perching on the Overhead branch. She's calmly gazing around the area, the wind ruffling her feathers. It's windy and colder today, currently only 36 degrees with a high of 44 expected. She vocalizes and MrP answers back. She flies down into the nest, MrP follows right behind her. A noise from below seems to startle both of them. I believe this is MrP who walks to the edge of the nest, looks down, and moves onto the Lateral branch, TFL gazes out through the V. 11:40am They both depart from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/14/2018 14:42:29	3/14/2018	4:35:00 PM	Mr. P and TFL	At nest	Both of our pair have been at the nest for over an hour. Mr. P brought in a lovely fish, which he and TFL happily consumed. P left and TFL continued some nest neatening, even lying in the bowl for a few minutes. Currently TFL is perched on the lateral branch, in meditative pose. The nest bowl is perfectly contoured for a prone eagle. Tonight could be the ni-yi-yi-yi-yight! Well, we can hope it is!	kaco4_AEF

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3/14/2018 15:13:33	3/14/2018	5:00:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Nest Activity / Departure	MrP and TFL are both at the nest. They're very quiet, with TFL perched on the lateral branch and MrP in the nest. MrP goes out to join TFL on the lateral branch. He looks at her and chatters and she responds by flying over his head into the nest. He follows and starts working on fluffing things up. TFL joins in a little here and there but she seems somewhat distracted and flies off. MrP follows.	freebird_AEF
3/14/2018 16:04:34	3/14/2018	5:53:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP is back. His handsome white blaze is on display; a tell-tale sign that he's eaten well. A little fluffing, a little looking about -- he stands in the nest, then shuffles himself deep down into the nest bowl. He sure seems to want some eggs in that bowl. The wind blows and the tulip poplar sways and MrP is compelled to do some more housekeeping, followed by quiet time standing and looking outward at his territory.	freebird_AEF
3/14/2018 16:26:12	3/14/2018	6:09:00 PM	Mr. President	At nest	MrP is quite alert watching something below the nest. He moves to the rails, neck elongated, with his eagle eye focused on something. Oh MrP, you look so handsome. You're such a fierce protector... such a magnificent mate and provider and an amazing architect of your nest. How I honor and respect you, sir eagle.	freebird_AEF
3/14/2018 16:46:36	3/14/2018	6:44:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	After almost an hour of sitting quietly, observing his surroundings, MrP flies off.	freebird_AEF
3/14/2018 17:32:02	3/14/2018	7:25:00 PM	Mr. President	Nightly nest check	MrP arrives and immediately starts fluffing the nest, then nestles down into the nest bowl. Something captures his attention and he spins around to look. He heads over to the nest rails. With his nightly nest check completed, he flies off at 7:29pm.	freebird_AEF
3/15/2018 5:07:09	3/15/2018	6:41:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Mating	The rumble of nearby traffic, the sound of birds twittering, eagle chatter in the distance, the sky is getting lighter. The Arboretum is waking up. 6:53am More eagle squees and MrP arrives in the nest. He moves right to the nest bowl and begins aerating the fluff, stops to look around and TFL arrives. TFL gets to work moving the moss and sticks right alongside MrP. 7:02 am TFL flies off to a nearby tree, MrP follows and they mate.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 5:36:17	3/15/2018	7:11:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching	MrP and TFL perch side by side on a branch. It seems as if they are enjoying this crisp and breezy morning, preening themselves and every now and then gazing at each other. They calmly look around, nothing seems to be bothering them this morning, just hanging out like an old or young married couple. 7:25am TFL soars away and returns to the nest, MrP quickly follows. They fluff and move sticks but stop their work to intently observe the area. MrP flies off as TFL looks on. MrP quickly returns with a stick. TFL continues to fluff the nest bowl, MrP repositions some sticks.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 5:45:53	3/15/2018	7:36:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	TFL stands at the nest bowl watching MrP work. She moves onto the lateral branch, MrP climbs up the right v branch and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 6:07:18	3/15/2018	7:48:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the lateral branch, craning her neck and looking around, perhaps waiting for her breakfast to be delivered.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 6:11:15	3/15/2018	8:00:00 AM	DC Nest Q&A Session	DC NEST Q&A Session	Get your questions answered from 8:00am-10am today at our DC Nest Q&A session. We would love to see you there.	earlybird_AEF

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3/15/2018 7:25:35	3/15/2018	9:11:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with one of his specialties, a headless fish. This one seems to be meant for his Lady. He places it in the nest, moves some fluff and sticks and tries out the nest bowl. 9:16am He flies through the v and lands in the Primary Perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 10:51:22	3/15/2018	12:11:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP and TFL are both in the nest. How nice of MrP to bring a second fish, now they can enjoy a leisurely lunch together. TFL has quite an appetite today. She ate all of the first fish herself and even munched a bit on MrP's leftovers. It looks like she saved the coveted fish tail, perhaps she'll have it later for dessert. MrP has departed, TFL with her nice full crop moves onto the lateral branch and just chills for awhile.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 11:20:21	3/15/2018	12:58:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching	TFL is on alert, she vocalizes and tracks something out of our view. She flies from the lateral branch and lands on the overhead. MrP returns to the nest, TFL takes a look over her right wing to see what he is up too. MrP seems totally oblivious that TFL's eagle eyes are on him. He grabs up a piece of that fish and off he goes, quick as a flash. The old "snatch and go" maneuver. Enjoy your fish MrP.	earlybird_AEF
3/15/2018 15:42:30	3/15/2018	5:32:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival	MrP flies in to the nest and TFL follows right after him. They both start aerating together and TFL takes the spot closest to the nest bowl but MrP's digging inches him forward and gently nudges her off back to the rails a bit. MrP decides to lie down in the nest bowl. MrP! Come on, buddy! Let TFL in there. The wind gusts and TFL heads off to perch on the lateral branch. MrP stays standing in the nest looking outward and beyond.	freebird_AEF
3/15/2018 15:51:20	3/15/2018	5:43:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP flies off at 5:43. TFL remains on the lateral branch. She's looking upward as a bird calls out. TFL looks like she may be working on casting a pellet.	freebird_AEF
3/15/2018 17:04:00	3/15/2018	6:47:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	Those of us watching have enjoyed a beautiful hour of serenity with TFL. MrP has been gone, possibly doing some evening fishing, and TFL hasn't moved from the lateral branch. She's just been chilling out and enjoying the surroundings of her home... and possibly waiting for dinner -- not that she hasn't eaten well today already! MrP made sure of that, and it won't surprise me if he doesn't come back with another meal. I feel so blessed to have spent this hour with our Lady. She is a grounding force and one gorgeous eagle!	freebird_AEF
3/15/2018 17:36:51	3/15/2018	7:23:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Nest activity	Was that MrP that I just saw flying under the nest? A-ha! There he is. And he's picked up some fresh fluffy grasses and brought them home to the nest. TFL gives one of her yoga stretches while perched on the lateral branch, then joins MrP. She hedges her way toward the nest bowl but MrP doesn't make it easy. Such a silly eagle! TFL pushes forward and nudges him back, then she shows MrP how it's done and squiggles down into the nest bowl. After she stands back up, she lifts her wings, twitches her tail side to side and chatters loudly. MrP does nothing. Then TFL decides it's time to get out of there, she takes off and MrP makes a run for the rails and flies out of the nest after her. More loud chatter is heard in the distance.	freebird_AEF

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3/16/2018 5:06:15	3/16/2018	6:35:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties/Perching	It's another chilly morning, currently 35 degrees. It's expected to be a partly sunny and breezy day with a high of 46 degrees. Eagle chatter in the dark but no sightings yet. 6:47am Our dynamic duo has arrived and get right to work aerating the nest. TFL moves onto the lateral branch while MrP continues moving fluff. MrP tries out the nest bowl, stands up and moves some moss into the bowl. MrP moves ever so slowly towards the lateral branch, moving moss as he goes along. TFL chatters at him and nibbles on the back of his neck. MrP chatters back but no attempt at mating is made. They perch side by side gazing out at their surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
3/16/2018 5:34:18	3/16/2018	7:07:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	MrP and TFL continue to calmly perch on the lateral branch, MrP does several crop drops and then several more and more and more..... My goodness MrP, what have you been eating? MrP flies back into the nest, aerates the fluff and works on moving a stick. TFL returns to the nest and moves right to the nest bowl to reposition some fluff. She tries to help MrP with the Y branch but gives up soon after and moves back to the lateral branch. MrP shimmies down into the nest bowl and pulls some fluff closer. 7:31am TFL has her eagles eyes on something, craning her neck to get a better look. Off she goes with MrP right behind her.	earlybird_AEF
3/16/2018 7:44:35	3/16/2018	9:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	MrP and TFL return to the nest and aerate the fluff. TFL moves onto the lateral branch, MrP gazes out through the V. 9:20am MrP flies off and out of sight while TFL continues to perch. TFL preens herself, rouses her feathers all the while watching her surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
3/16/2018 10:01:01	3/16/2018	11:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Chasing off visitor	At 10:53am, MrP flew in with a fish. He landed in the nest, spun around and made some warning calls. A sub-adult, probably around 2 years old, was following MrP. MrP flies up to deter him but ends up flying past visitor, who then landed in the nest. MrP flew back around into the nest and confronted the sub-adult much like he did earlier this season. They both go over the side and out of sight. MrP returned to the nest within a few minutes and perched on the overhead branch, where we noticed what appeared to be some blood on his feet and white tail feathers. He did not seem to be in distress or injured. He flew back down into the nest, grabbed the fish and took it to a nearby branch where he likes to eat. Once he was finished eating some of the fish, he brought the remainder back to the nest and is now sitting perched relaxing on the lateral branch.	freebird_AEF
3/16/2018 10:25:33	3/16/2018	12:05:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP and TFL arrive in the nest. TFL is delighted to see a fish waiting for her and digs right in. MrP has already had a fish recently so he doesn't even try to sneak a nibble. We had some excitement on the nest earlier but all is calm now. TFL devours her fish and perches on the lateral branch. MrP aerates the nest, tries out the nest bowl and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
3/16/2018 11:00:38	3/16/2018	12:20:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the lateral branch, preening and rousing her feathers. She does seem to love perching here, watching and listening to all the sights and sounds of the area. 12:57pm TFL flies off into the distance.	earlybird_AEF

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3/16/2018 12:51:50	3/16/2018	2:50:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	At 2:25pm: MrP and TFL come soaring in one after another. They're snuggly close for a bit, working together in the nest. TFL flies over to the lateral branch to perch and MrP uses the V as his lookout post. MrP takes off at 2:30. 2:45pm: TFL lets out some loud squonks. Did someone just fly by? I'm not seeing anyone but TFL is alert and appears to be tracking something.	freebird_AEF
3/16/2018 13:06:55	3/16/2018	3:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	2:54: More squees from our Lady. Her head is turned around by 180 degrees as she tracks and lets out delicate, high pitched squees. The squees become louder as TFL turns herself around tracking. She calls out loudly and departs at 2:56. At 2:57, MrP flies in with a monster huge fish! TFL is flying in right behind him. She claims her prize and digs in. MrP stands to the side for two minutes. With no invitation from TFL to join her for lunch, MrP takes off.	freebird_AEF
3/16/2018 13:22:56	3/16/2018	3:19:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest activity	3:15: TFL eats to her fill and leaves the tail end of the fish lying in the nest as she heads out to the lateral branch to feak and perch. Hey, MrP! You better get back here soon, before she changes her mind.	freebird_AEF
3/16/2018 13:55:00	3/16/2018	3:47:00 PM	Mr. President	Grab-n-Go	MrP flies in with a stick. Bless his heart. He picks at the scales and small scraps left in the nest rather than eating the tail that's sitting right there in front of him. But then, he pulls one of our all time favorite moves that Liberty used to do. The old grab-and-go. Without even a blink from TFL, off he flies with the tail end to perch and eat elsewhere.	freebird_AEF
3/16/2018 14:13:37	3/16/2018	4:08:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Nest activities	TFL hops in the nest to place the new stick that MrP brought in earlier. MrP, who was perched nearby, flies in to help. He just can't help himself! They dig near one another in what appears to be a close, bonding fashion. As MrP gets into his nest duties, TFL stands back to the rail, and just like yesterday about this time, she opens her wings, shimmies from side to side and chatters at MrP. MrP doesn't pay much attention to it, and TFL goes back out to perch on the lateral branch while MrP continues to fluff the nest.	freebird_AEF
3/16/2018 14:15:42	3/16/2018	4:14:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Departure	TFL flies off at 4:13 and MrP is after her.	freebird_AEF
3/17/2018 5:26:26	3/17/2018	6:32:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	There are rustling noises and raccoon chatter below, the sound of branches crashing down from the side of the nest. I believe this is TFL who comes charging in and lands in the nest. She is on full alert, watching something below and flapping her wings. I believe this is MrP who tries to fly in the nest but crashes into some of the rails and keeps going. It was hard to tell if this was a deliberate attempt to scare something away. MrP returns and lands on the left v branch. He too is on full alert, watching below. He moves onto the Lateral branch seemingly to get a better view of down below. He jumps into the nest with outstretched wings and seems to startle TFL who also spreads her wings. TFL moves onto the Lateral branch, MrP remains in the nest. They seem much calmer now. TFL flies off at 6:50am, MrP soon follows. Eagle vocals are heard out of our view.	earlybird_AEF

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3/17/2018 5:51:15	3/17/2018	7:21:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP and TFL return to the nest. Everything is calm once again. They aerate the nest together, TFL moves onto the lateral branch, MrP continues with the nest work. MrP walks to the edge of the nest near the lateral branch and calmly gazes around. TFL flies back into the nest and helps with the aeration for a short while then back onto the lateral. 7:44am TFL flies off, MrP follows her and what sounds like mating is out of our view.	earlybird_AEF
3/17/2018 6:01:39	3/17/2018	7:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Activity	MrP returns to the nest with a stick. TFL flies in and grabs the stick to help. Both of them are working in the nest bowl, TFL squees, wiggles her tail feathers and gives MrP a nibble or two. MrP climbs up the right v branch, TFL shimmies down into the nest bowl. 7:57am Both of them fly off and eagle chatter can be heard.	earlybird_AEF
3/17/2018 6:31:12	3/17/2018	8:01:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP and TFL are busy at work this morning. MrP brings in a rather small stick, TFL a rather large stick. It doesn't take long to place them in the nest and TFL's on her way again. Back she comes with another stick, this time a smaller one. She slightly miscalculates her landing on the nest, instead she lands on MrP. Whoops! No harm done, MrP takes it all in stride. 8:14am TFL is off again.	earlybird_AEF
3/17/2018 7:03:32	3/17/2018	8:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL returns to the nest, moves some fluff and shimmies down in the nest bowl once again. She stands and watches as MrP repositions that huge stick that she brought. Look out MrP! The stick falls out of the nest. They both look down as if they can't believe what just happened. TFL gives MrP a look. MrP hightails it out of there. He might just be on his way to get another stick.	earlybird_AEF
3/17/2018 8:47:34	3/17/2018	10:00:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Perching	Mr. President and The First Lady were both at nest at the top of the 9:00 hour, with Mr. President working in the nest and The First Lady holding court on her favorite lateral branch. Mr. President departed early in the hour. The First Lady perched contently on her throne until she departed shortly after 10:00 a.m.	DarleneLoebel2016_AEF
3/17/2018 12:38:59	3/17/2018	1:19:00 PM	MrP, TFL and the Visitor	Update: Nest activity	At around 1:15pm, MrP had been standing quietly in the nest with a live fish he'd brought in. He just kept standing there, holding the fish with the same foot. At 1:19, it seemed apparent that the reason for his behavior was another eagle in the area, as MrP starting making a combination of whistling sounds, calls and chattering. This carried on until 1:57pm, when a sub-adult was seen doing a fly by on Cam A as he left the area. At the same time, TFL made her grand entrance swooping across the Arboretum towards the nest tree. She landed somewhere above the nest, made several loud calls and stayed put for a few minutes before flying into the nest and claiming the fish. MrP had removed the head for her earlier. After eating, TFL checked out the nest bowl, moved to perch on the lateral branch where she did some pruning and eventually flew off. 2:34pm: TFL returns to the nest, where MrP has been been fluffing and is currently back on the lateral branch to perch.	freebird_AEF

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3/17/2018 12:49:08	3/17/2018	2:43:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Nest activity	MrP makes his approach to join TFL on the lateral branch but she says, "Uh-uh, if you're here, I'm moving to the nest," and flies over his head. MrP joins her in the nest and they both do a little nest gardening together. MrP squiggles down into the nest bowl, TFL moves to the rails and gets ready to take off. She flies out at 2:46 with MrP seconds behind her and lo and behold... mating sounds are heard in the distance. These moves are becoming predictable!	freebird_AEF
3/17/2018 13:19:25	3/17/2018	3:10:00 PM	Mr. President	At nest vocalizing	MrP returned to the nest a few minutes ago and is once again standing guard at the nest calling out in a defensive manner. Within five minutes, MrP has calmed down but still stands at the V as a guardian to the nest. Don't we just love him?	freebird_AEF
3/17/2018 13:39:21	3/17/2018	3:36:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP flies off.	freebird_AEF
3/17/2018 16:11:43	3/17/2018	6:00:00 PM	Mr. President	At nest / departure	MrP is perched on the right V branch. He and TFL were both at the nest just about five minutes ago and TFL even brought some mossy grasses in this evening. It sounds like a hawk is in the neighborhood. MrP departs at 6:12pm.	freebird_AEF
3/17/2018 16:38:54	3/17/2018	6:16:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives back with more nesting materials. That nest looks so deep, soft and fluffy! After hanging around for a while, MrP departs at 6:27pm.	freebird_AEF
3/17/2018 17:28:38	3/17/2018	7:12:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Deliveries / Nest activity	More fluff! More grasses! MrP, you're even out doing yourself today... you handsome, endearing eagle, you. That's right... squiggle down into that nest bowl. Looks like your crop fits just right. Well, look here! TFL decides to join MrP at 7:18 and she's carrying a stick in with her! When was the last time I saw her bring in a stick? She then stands aside and supervises stick placement. They both dig in the nest bowl together, all close and cozy. TFL rubs her beak along MrP's back. Then she does her new wing-spread tail swinging dance for MrP... not once but twice. MrP keeps his head down low until she's finished. And then, like clock work, she flies out at 7:22. He starts to follow her but then rethinks things. He seems torn between following her and staying at the nest. He bobs and weaves his head tracking something. He's looking down as he draws near the rails and we hear a rustling sound. At 7:24pm, he flies off, most likely to join TFL. And ah yes, I think they've joined up; mating sounds are heard in the distance.	freebird_AEF
3/18/2018 4:59:21	3/18/2018	6:40:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/ Departure	MrP arrives with TFL right behind him. They move some fluff, TFL shimmies down into the nest bowl. She moves onto the lateral branch and departs. MrP does some additional aeration, tries out the nest bowl and also departs following the same path as TFL. Mating sounds are heard in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/18/2018 5:46:30	3/18/2018	7:28:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	I believe this is TFL who comes flying in with a talon full of moss, places it in the nest and wiggles down into the bowl. MrP arrives with a stick, they both work on the nest renovations. TFL flies off, MrP departs shortly after.	earlybird_AEF

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3/18/2018 5:55:39	3/18/2018	7:40:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP and TFL have been hard at work this morning. TFL is back at the nest once again and back at work on the nest. MrP brings in a stick and they both grab an end and move it together. A little hustling and bustling and tussling and they finally manage to place it near the v. Job well done. Off they go again.	earlybird_AEF
3/18/2018 6:45:20	3/18/2018	8:24:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL returns to the nest and helps MrP with the fluffing and a stick placement. She gives him a little beak nibble on his head, perhaps to remind him who is boss. They both stop their work and gaze around. All seems calm, TFL shimmies down into the nest bowl, not once but twice. She lounges there for a bit seemingly savoring the moment. 8:34am MrP departs from the nest, TFL soon follows. Eagle vocals can be heard in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/19/2018 5:06:48	3/19/2018	6:48:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Mating	It's a cold morning, currently 28 degrees with a wintry mix expected later tonight. MrP arrives at the nest, TFL soon after. They aerate the fluff, TFL tries out the nest bowl. Both of them seem to be tracking something. TFL flies to a nearby tree. MrP soon follows and they mate. They calmly perch together on a branch, TFL doing her morning preening, MrP keeping watch.	earlybird_AEF
3/19/2018 6:00:41	3/19/2018	7:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP returns to the nest and commences with the nest renovations, TFL watches him work from afar. 7:32am TFL departs from her branch, MrP departs from the nest soon after but quickly returns with a stick. He places it between the left v and lateral branch. TFL flies back to the nest and gives MrP a little wing nudge so she can get to the bowl to do some work also. Head to head they aerate the nest and move some sticks and fluff around. MrP takes a turn trying out the nest bowl. MrP steps away from the bowl and TFL shimmies down into it again. She moves some of the grasses and walks around in a circular pattern, stomping it down with her talons. 7:53am TFL flies off and MrP follows. Eagle squees are heard in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/19/2018 6:32:27	3/19/2018	7:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Stick Placement	MrP returns with another stick. This one seems a little harder to place because of the small branches attached. Of course this is no problem for MrP, he just snips off some of those branches with his beak and fits it in nicely to the right of the v. He watches the area, craning his head to the left and to the right. Does he see TFL nearby? Sure enough here she comes with a stick of her own. Teamwork at it's finest, or is it? They both grab an end, moving it this way and that but finally find a good spot for that one and move on to some others. TFL is struggling with a stick near the v, she appears to be a little annoyed with MrP for being in her way. She beaks him once or twice and he finally gets the message and moves up the right v branch. 8:19am MrP is off again. A short time later TFL departs also.	earlybird_AEF

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3/19/2018 11:35:10	3/19/2018	10:21:00 AM	Mr. President and The First Lady	Nest Duties, Mating, Perching	Mr. President and The First Lady arrived at the nest within minutes of each other about 10:20 a. m. and both set right to work on the nest. If they aerate anymore the fluff will begin to fly away and they will reach the squirrel nest in the sub basement (if there is one). The First Lady quickly got the squeeze and moved to her throne on the lateral branch. Mr. President soon mosied over to sit next to her and they mate. Mr. President flew off and returned with a big, branchy branch and The First Lady hopped in to help him place it. The First Lady spent some time having a lie down in the nest bowl, moving fluff all around her.	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/19/2018 11:45:36	3/19/2018	12:34:00 PM	Mr. President, The First Lady and a Sub-Adult	Sub-adult visit	Mr. President and a sub-adult are observed on Cam B, with Mr. President on the overhead branch and the sub-adult perched above Cam A on the VRight branch. A standoff lasting about 15 minutes ensues, with Mr. President calling incessantly but making no attempt to evict the visitor. At long last his calls are answered and The First Lady swoops in to the rescue. She drives the sub-adult from its perch and both The First Lady and Mr. President give chase. Mr. President and The First Lady return to the nest soon after where they spend quite a bit of time in the nest. At the time of this writing (1:39 p. m.), The First Lady is on her throne on the lateral branch and Mr. President is in the PPT. It is reassuring to see them defend the nest territory together, despite there being no eggs (yet).	DLoebel2016_AEF
3/20/2018 4:40:45	3/20/2018	6:36:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather Forecast	Rain from late Monday right until this afternoon, when it will change to snow and accumulate 3-6 inches before ending tomorrow afternoon.	earlybird_AEF
3/20/2018 6:10:11	3/20/2018	7:52:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival	March is always an unpredictable month here and today is no exception. The first day of Spring and we are expecting sleet and snow. The weather does not deter MrP and TFL from getting on with the nest duties. MrP flies into the nest, TFL to the overhead branch. MrP begins the aeration as TFL looks on, both a bit bedraggled from the pouring rain. MrP stands in the middle of the nest, gazing out into the area, TFL from above. 8:00am TFL departs from the branch, MrP continues to intently look around.	earlybird_AEF
3/21/2018 4:07:17	3/21/2018	1:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	I believe this was MrP who arrived very early in the morning for a brief visit. The area had a wintry mix throughout the night and it will continue into today. The ever diligent MrP did some aeration, trying his best to remove the snow and ice from the nest bowl. It looks like with the snow still falling, the nest bowl is once again covered. MrP will most likely come back this morning to clear it out again.	earlybird_AEF
3/21/2018 4:32:58	3/21/2018	6:20:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Gentle snowflakes are falling, the nest is covered with a carpet of glistening snow. Snow is expected throughout the day, heavy at times with an accumulation of 2-5 inches expected. It's a very quiet morning, only the peepers singing their spring song. With this early spring snowstorm even they seem to be confused. Some crunching sounds can be heard nearby, perhaps some deer foraging for something to eat. No sign of our eagles, perhaps they are hunkered down somewhere together keeping each other warm.	earlybird_AEF

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3/21/2018 5:21:47	3/21/2018	7:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	The Arboretum is alive with the sound of birds, eagle chatter is heard in the distance. MrP arrives in the nest, TFL flies to the Primary Perching tree. TFL flies in and joins MrP in the nest. She moves in close to him as he's aerating the nest bowl and vocalizes, MrP just continues with the housekeeping. 7:18am TFL flies off and MrP follows.	earlybird_AEF
3/21/2018 12:42:04	3/21/2018	2:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The snow continues to fall, it is indeed a snowy wonderland. MrP and TFL have been here several times today to check on the nest. TFL is enjoying a juicy fish while MrP sneaks a peek at it every now and then. MrP flies off, quickly returns with a stick and promptly puts it right on TFL's fish. I wonder if he's trying to tell her something. "I brought you this big stick, how about sharing that fish?" TFL pays absolutely no attention just gets on with eating her fish. Now that she's had her fill, MrP casually saunters over and gives a look but nothing is left. Sorry MrP. TFL moves onto the lateral branch, MrP gets back to work with the stick. TFL returns to the nest, helps with a stick or two and departs with MrP following right behind her.	earlybird_AEF
3/21/2018 13:14:50	3/21/2018	2:49:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns to the nest with another fish. Is this one for you MrP? It doesn't look like it. He flies off and leaves that fish behind.	earlybird_AEF
3/21/2018 15:01:34	3/21/2018	4:27:00 PM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP is back at the nest. Oh that fish looks so tempting, so tantalizing. He walks slowly around it, gazing at it all the while. Would TFL notice if he took just the head or one little bite? He picks it up with his beak and moves it just a bit and.....here comes TFL. Of course MrP always the perfect mate steps aside and offers it to her. And of course she accepts. MrP gets back to the nest work stomping down the snow with his talons. He's managed to make a nice bowl with the snow. He flies off to the Primary Perching tree but quickly departs from there and returns to the nest with some small sticks and grasses. 4:48pm TFL flies from the nest into the trees, MrP soon follows.	earlybird_AEF
3/21/2018 16:21:38	3/21/2018	6:10:00 PM	TFL and Mr. P	On nest	Our couple arrived perhaps 10 minutes ago to do their pre sunset nest check. Mr. P moved around some twigs and grasses he had brought in the late afternoon. As he moved some of the grasses around in the snow in the location of the nest bowl, which is currently obscured in a mound of snow that covers the entire nest floor, TFL gave out one or two tremulous bursts of sound. Not sure if she was displeased about something, or making a bonding request. Within two minutes, she took off from between the V limbs. Mr. P departed a few minutes after her.	kaco4_AEF

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3/21/2018 16:35:09	3/21/2018	6:30:00 PM	Weather Report	Conditions at the nest	The nest and surrounding area always looks serene and spectacular in the snow. In a rare snow event on the first full day of spring, DC received approx. 5 inches of snow. The temp is currently 34 going down to 32 this evening before temps go back above freezing tomorrow morning at 9 am. Precipitation has stopped but snow showers are forecast on and off until midnight. The winds are variable, between 13 and 18 mph. Big meltdown forecast for tomorrow as the cherry and magnolia blossoms try to resume their seasonal dignity and our eagle couple get reacquainted with their nest floor!	kaco4_AEF
3/21/2018 16:53:09	3/21/2018	6:40:00 PM	Our couple	On PPT	Mr. P came back to nest once again to tidy up. TFL was seen drying off and preening in PPT. Mr. P then flew over to join the missus. They are perched on same snow frosted branch, she facing the nest, and he, facing the city. Ah now Mr. P is preening and facing nest. The sound of a snowblower startup can be heard. Our couple perch silently looking around at different angles. Police or ambulance sirens provide the evening soundtrack as TFL preens her neck and wing feathers.	kaco4_AEF
3/21/2018 17:49:07	3/21/2018	7:15:00 PM	Our couple	Back at nest	Last check in for the night? TFL walked around site of nest bowl, pausing at nest bowl, seeming concerned that it was intact underneath that frozen white fluff. Mr. P surveyed entire nest area, looking to make sure no unexpected visitors were in his line of view. She flew and he departed shortly thereafter.	kaco4_AEF
3/22/2018 4:15:08	3/22/2018	5:46:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP and TFL have already arrived this morning. The nest is packed with snow, a few twigs, branches and grass lay on top where MrP and TFL placed them yesterday. MrP has his head under TFL trying to move some of the snow, she looking down to watch what he is doing. She gives him a shove with her body and gets in there to work also. TFL sits in the bowl area while MrP gazes all around. The bowl is still completely covered in snow but a high of 46 degrees is expected today so there should be a meltdown. TFL stands, takes a look out at the darkness and they both fly off. Eagle squees can be heard in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/22/2018 4:48:43	3/22/2018	6:45:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Inspection	A morning update ; 1:41am MrP and TFL made a quick visit to the nest in the wee hours of the morning. They inspected the surface of the nest, moved a twig or two and off they went.	earlybird_AEF
3/22/2018 5:15:20	3/22/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL arrives at the nest and looks around as if she might be waiting for something. I guess that something is MrP. He flies in with a stick and TFL grabs an end to help put it in the nest. TFL bites some of the smaller twigs off the branch and they place it a bit haphazardly. There's still too much snow to weave it neatly with the other sticks. 7:06am MrP flies off as TFL watches. She cranes her neck and intently looks around. 7:10am TFL also departs.	earlybird_AEF

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3/22/2018 6:10:07	3/22/2018	8:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns to the nest with a fish. He grabs it with his talon, moves it to the side and looks out into the trees. Is he waiting for TFL to claim her fish? MrP flies to the Primary perching tree and leaves the fish on the nest.	earlybird_AEF
3/22/2018 6:32:06	3/22/2018	8:17:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP flies from the Primary Perching tree and lands on the snow covered overhead branch. He calmly gazes around the area, perhaps waiting for TFL's return.	earlybird_AEF
3/22/2018 6:56:13	3/22/2018	8:32:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duties	MrP flies off, returns with a stick and places it quickly in the nest. He moves over to the nest bowl and walks in a circular pattern, stomping the snow down with his talons. He moves some sticks, stops and watches the area. No sign of his Lady, he grabs the fish and off he goes. He is back again, with the fish, but it is now headless. He eats a bit more of it and flies off again.	earlybird_AEF
3/22/2018 17:15:38	3/22/2018	6:08:00 PM	MrP and TFL	On Nest/Departure.	The snow on the nest has just about melted, the bowl area is fluffy with moss again. MrP and TFL arrive in the nest. There's a fish waiting for TFL and she doesn't hesitate. She does a little hop over past MrP and eats this one quickly. Now that she has a full crop she seems ready to get to work. They both do some aeration. TFL moves onto the lateral branch but doesn't stay there long. She moves back into the nest and helps MrP distribute some of the greenery that he brought earlier. They stop their work and gaze around the area. TFL gives MrP a soft chirp as they intently watch. He goes onto the lateral branch, perhaps to get a better view. 6:36pm MrP flies off into the trees. TFL continues to stand in the nest bowl and continues to look around.	earlybird_AEF
3/22/2018 17:23:57	3/22/2018	7:15:00 PM	The First Lady	On Nest/Departure	TFL has been on the nest for over an hour, much of that time she has just been sitting in the middle and gazing around. She gets up briefly, moves some fluff and stops to look around again. 7:19pm She departs and flies out of view.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 4:56:15	3/23/2018	6:36:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Mating	It's another chilly morning, currently 34 degrees with partly sunny skies and a high of 48 expected. MrP and TFL arrive and aerate the nest. TFL shimmies down into the nest bowl. She stands up and MrP gives her a gentle nudge out of the way so he can continue with the fluffing. TFL moves onto the lateral branch and gives a soft chirp. MrP walks to the edge of the nest and gazes around. He slowly makes his way onto the lateral branch and they mate. He moves back into the nest and flies off, TFL continues to perch.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 5:24:38	3/23/2018	7:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	MrP returns with some fluff and distributes it around the nest. He walks over near the lateral branch, TFL flies back into the nest. They both stand quietly and gaze around, MrP moves onto the lateral branch. TFL walks in a circular pattern around the nest bowl and shimmies down again. MrP flies back and moves a stick. They stop and watch the area. TFL looks at MrP and gives another soft chirp. 7:20am TFL flies off into the trees with MrP right behind her.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 5:48:44	3/23/2018	7:24:00 AM	The First Lady	Stick Delivery	TFL brings in a stick. She places it quickly in the nest and moves onto the lateral branch. She calmly perches, preening herself and basking in the sun.	earlybird_AEF

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3/23/2018 5:54:20	3/23/2018	7:45:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	TFL continues to perch on the lateral branch. MrP returns and he also has a stick. Another quick placement and he aerates the nest. 7:50am TFL flies off in the direction of the river as MrP watches through the V. He follows soon after.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 14:02:38	3/23/2018	3:30:00 PM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL is sitting in the middle of the nest. She has been in that same spot for quite awhile, looking very comfortable. MrP flew off some time ago, perhaps she's waiting for him to bring her a fish. 4:04pm TFL departs.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 16:15:59	3/23/2018	6:11:00 PM	DC Q&A Session	DC Q&A Session	Our DC Q&A session has already started but it's not too late to get your questions answered. Come join us from 6:00pm-8:00pm tonight.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 17:12:04	3/23/2018	6:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL is perching on the lateral branch. She has spent a lot of time at the nest today, working on the nest renovations or just hanging out and chillin'. She seems quite content, gazing around and enjoying the evening breeze. Every now and then a rustling noise is heard that catches her attention but she just gives it a glance or two. A squirrel begins to chatter below, that piques her interest a little bit more. She cranes her neck to look below but still doesn't leave her perch.	earlybird_AEF
3/23/2018 17:41:40	3/23/2018	7:34:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	After waiting patiently and hanging out on the lateral branch, TFL gets that wild and crazy look. Bobbing her head, spinning around on the branch where she's perched. Just then, MrP is seen flying across their territory towards the nest carrying a nice big fish. TFL lets out a tea kettle whistle, greets MrP in the nest and begins to gorge on her fresh fish. Great job, MrP! TFL keeps chomping away and MrP flies off at 7:36pm. Our cam op spots him at the primary perching tree; he's keeping lookout yet giving the Mrs. some space to dine alone. TFL is one hungry lady and I'm pretty sure MrP doesn't expect any leftovers.	freebird_AEF
3/23/2018 17:50:32	3/23/2018	7:46:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL is almost done eating that beautiful big fish that MrP brought her. She's definitely slowing down and taking more lady-like bites now that her hunger has been satisfied. TFL feaks her beak and flies off at 7:47pm. It looks like she may have left the tail. A nice big fish delivery like that calls for a mating session and the calls are heard in the distance.	freebird_AEF
3/23/2018 17:54:23	3/23/2018	7:50:00 PM	Mr. President	One fish tail to go	MrP arrives at 7:50. He spots the fish tail waiting for him and does the old grab-n-go. Off he flies to enjoy his snack.	freebird_AEF
3/24/2018 4:44:19	3/24/2018	6:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP arrives in the nest and takes a quick glance around. Everything seems to be in good order. But wait! What have we here? A piece of leftover fish. MrP says "That's all mine". He grabs that fish and he is gone.	earlybird_AEF
3/24/2018 5:28:58	3/24/2018	6:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating	There's a sound of breaking branches and one of our eagles flies past the left v branch. I believe this is TFL who arrives on the nest with MrP right behind her. They both seem on alert this morning, watching something below, flying on and off the nest seemingly tracking something. 6:54am TFL moves onto the lateral branch, MrP joins her. She vocalizes and gives him the sign that she would like to mate and he obliges.	earlybird_AEF

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3/24/2018 6:03:24	3/24/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP flies off to a nearby tree but returns soon after. He lands on the left v branch, still on alert and flies down to join TFL on the lateral branch. Both of them intently watch below, MrP moves back onto the left v branch to get a better vantage point. TFL returns to the nest, MrP returns to the lateral branch still watching below. MrP goes back to the nest and assists TFL with the aeration. She shimmies down into the nest bowl and moves some moss around her. A tapping noise seems to startle her, she jumps up to look out the v and vocalizes, perhaps in warning. She resumes the aeration and MrP joins her again. TFL moves to the lateral branch and flies soon after. MrP watches through the v as she departs and climbs up the right v branch and gazes around the area.	earlybird_AEF
3/24/2018 9:30:05	3/24/2018	11:21:00 AM	Mr. President	Flies to Nest Tree	MrP was perched on the primary perching tree when he suddenly threw back his head and screeched out some long calls and chatter. He then flew over to the nest tree and is currently perched on the overhead branch. Something was going on out there that he didn't care for. While he's on lookout duty and claiming his territory, things have been calm since his arrival back at the nest.	freebird_AEF
3/24/2018 9:47:49	3/24/2018	11:34:00 AM	Mr. President	Flies to Primary Perching Tree	MrP continues to be on lookout. He lets loose with some sharp squeees here and there. At 11:44, MrP returns to the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF
3/24/2018 12:12:29	3/24/2018	1:34:00 PM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP and TFL have both returned to the nest. They get on with the aeration, MrP giving TFL a little wing shove so he can do it his way, TFL giving a little wing shove right back. This doesn't seem to faze either of them, they both are determined to do it their way. TFL shimmies down into the nest bowl and moves some fluff around her. She looks right at home there as if it was made for her. But of course it was. MrP has worked long and hard to get it just right. Meanwhile MrP is moving some sticks around to build up the side rails. TFL watches his progress then moves onto the lateral branch. She has a long piece of grass or reed in her beak and brings it back to the nest. Once again she tries out the nest bowl, moving the moss all around. This seems to be a very good sign as this is happening more and more frequently. She moves out of the bowl and back to the lateral branch. MrP walks near the lateral branch and starts chattering away. She just gives him a look and gets back to her preening.	earlybird_AEF
3/24/2018 12:30:33	3/24/2018	2:05:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching/Departure	TFL continues perching on the lateral branch, MrP is still in the nest. What sounds like a helicopter flies overhead and TFL doesn't seem to like it one bit. Maybe it's just a little too close, maybe the paparazzi has found our famous couple. Whatever the reason she lets them know loud and clear that she is not happy. She looks up and firmly vocalizes her displeasure. Well, you told them pretty Lady. 2:11pm MrP departs from the nest, TFL follows shortly after.	earlybird_AEF

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3/24/2018 16:59:42	3/24/2018	6:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	On Nest/Perching	TFL has been sitting still in the nest for quite some time, gazing around and intermittently squeeing. 6:48pm She shimmies down into the nest bowl and stands up to move some fluff. She walks over to the edge of the nest just as MrP comes flying in and lands on the lateral branch. TFL moves back into the nest bowl, moves some fluff around and squees again. MrP comes into the nest to see what is going on. TFL tries out the nest bowl and again gets up. MrP pushes himself in closer to aerate, TFL pushes herself in to aerate also. 6:51pm They both fly off.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 5:13:11	3/25/2018	6:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	I believe this is MrP who arrives at the nest with TFL arriving soon after. They aerate the fluff and stop to gaze around. MrP moves onto the lateral branch, TFL shimmies down in the nest bowl and moves some moss around her. She follows this same pattern several times with intermittent squees. MrP remains on the branch, looking around intently especially down below. 6:52am TFL flies off. MrP turns himself and watches her depart. MrP continues to observe the area. 7:08am He takes his leave.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 5:50:16	3/25/2018	7:43:00 AM	Eagle	Vocalizations	Eagle vocalizations can be heard, perhaps one has landed on the overhead. A quick fly by as it departs.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 6:54:10	3/25/2018	8:40:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with one of his special treats, a headless fish. This one must be meant for TFL, MrP already has a nice crop, his blaze shining through. He picks it up with his talon and moves it to the edge of the nest, near the lateral branch. MrP does a little nest work and flies off through the V.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 9:40:24	3/25/2018	11:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP and TFL have returned to the nest. TFL has claimed the headless fish that MrP brought earlier. She finishes up her meal and moves to the lateral branch while MrP works in the nest. MrP joins TFL on the lateral branch in hopes of mating. He attempts to do just that but she shoves him off and flies back into the nest. TFL fluffs the nest as MrP returns with a stick. They work on the aeration, both trying to fluff the nest bowl. TFL goes back to perch on the lateral branch. MrP keeps on with the work at hand, aerating and moving some sticks. He walks over and watches out the v.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 10:07:43	3/25/2018	11:41:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching/Departure	It's a partly sunny day, currently 35 degrees but warming up to a high of 47. TFL continues to perch on the lateral branch and watches as MrP flies out the v. She seems quite relaxed gazing around the area, vocalizing briefly. A fly by and more chatter from TFL and MrP in the distance.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 12:16:32	3/25/2018	12:25:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mating	MrP and TFL have both been back working on the nest, aerating and building up the nest rails. TFL has tried out the nest bowl twice this afternoon, moving the moss all around her to make a warm and comfortable place to lay her eggs. 12:45pm They mate in the nest. MrP flies off and TFL perches on the lateral branch.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 13:08:18	3/25/2018	3:01:00 PM	Mr. President	Brief Visit	MrP stops in for a quick visit. He looks up in the sky as if he might be expecting TFL to fly in. No sign of her. He's off again	earlybird_AEF

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3/25/2018 15:09:26	3/25/2018	4:25:00 PM	Welcome DC6! Official Time 4:30pm	Welcome DC6!	*Official* MrP has left, TFL is standing in the nest, looking down every now and then. She seems completely focused on what's happening inside of her, her eyes are glazed. Could this be it? She moves some fluff and gently lowers herself down into the bowl, her body trembles slightly, she is softly panting. Her feathers are raised, she wiggles back and forth. She has instinct and experience to help her through this. This beautiful Lady knows exactly what to do. She stands up and looks down. There it is! A perfect egg. Welcome DC6! You did it sweet Lady! This is a beautiful moment in time for her, a beautiful moment in time for us.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 15:27:16	3/25/2018	5:20:00 PM	Bonus Chat	Bonus Chat	Come join us for a bonus chat to celebrate MrP and TFL's new arrival. We are open and ready to answer your questions.	earlybird_AEF
3/25/2018 15:42:15	3/25/2018	5:33:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	What a happy day! And how wonderful to see our Lady snuggling and squiggling down over that precious egg that she delivered this afternoon. At 5:33, she rises and looks down into the nest bowl at DC6 before lowering herself once again. I adore watching her pick up little pieces of nesting material and sprinkling it about. MrP has been looking beneath TFL's tail feathers for a while now, waiting for an egg. What a joyful surprise he has waiting for him back at the nest. Don't forget to bring a fish home with you, MrP!	freebird_AEF
3/25/2018 15:52:23	3/25/2018	5:42:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Speak of the devil! MrP arrives home with food. I think he knows without even seeing the egg. He's very quiet and gently walks around and slowly approaches TFL. She stays put while he aerates the nest off to her side but near her. He keeps looking down towards the nest bowl and giving sideways glances. Can I see the egg, please, my Lady? He walks around behind her, moving some sticks along the railing. She glances back at him. Is he trying to peek under those tail feathers again? Oh how he wants to see but TFL isn't budging an inch. MrP moves off to her side again, looks back at her and then flies off.	freebird_AEF
3/25/2018 16:18:28	3/25/2018	6:11:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL gets up, shows off her beautiful egg... drumroll please, and we have our first egg roll (first of many hundreds, no doubt!). She moves herself so the fish is right under her beak, just in case she feels like eating a snack, but ends up repositioning herself again and appears more interested in fluffing and caring for her precious cargo.	freebird_AEF
3/25/2018 17:16:02	3/25/2018	6:57:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL rises, rolls, and repositions herself. It's a calm evening. The heavy gusts of afternoon wind have subsided. TFL looks like a goddess as she incubates and looks outward towards the direction MrP often flies in from when delivering food. 7:04, TFL is back up and down.	freebird_AEF

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3/25/2018 18:32:18	3/25/2018	8:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	<p>And tonight, in a tall tree in the midst of Washington D.C., there is a long-awaited egg, eagerly -- perhaps even a bit impatiently -- anticipated by many, but by a certain male eagle most of all! Only left uncovered for seconds as Mr. President trades incubation duty with The First Lady, there's but a brief glimpse of this egg, but what a beautiful egg it is. Large and nearly-white, like most all Bald Eagle eggs, it has already been placed neatly and comfortably by TFL into the egg bowl which, over past weeks, was carefully constructed and tended to by the eagles (and perhaps slightly-obsessed over by MrP!).</p> <p>TFL is lying nonchalantly on nest, the newly-laid egg entirely covered by her thick, warm feathers; there's no visible hint of its presence when, at 7:49 pm, her mate arrives. After MrP lands on the edge of the nest, he lies beside TFL and together, they engage in a brief stick-moving session. Several minutes pass, and at last TFL stands, her beautiful new egg now visible, yet MrP acts as if it's been there for quite some time, almost as if he's thinking, "Of course there's an egg, I knew there was an egg all along!" When he walks around the edge of the nest to approach the egg from an angle he appears to find obligatory, ready to temporarily take over incubating from TFL, he keeps his talons clenched tightly together, keeping the egg well out of danger of their reach. Then, he gently plops his soft, feathery body down over the nest bowl, and with MrP now in place, TFL -- seemingly unfazed by her still-recent labor, having since both eaten and rested -- flies away, leaving a quite content Mr. President to relish in his much-anticipated role as egg-parent. He keeps the egg beneath him warm, even appears to partially roll the egg, or at least think about it, quite soon after TFL departs, then begins a lengthy routine of repositioning himself over the egg bowl: rotating himself counter-clockwise, he stands up, then lies down, then up again, then down, and all the while he continues to aerate and sculpt the soft bowl beneath him within which the egg remains nestled and safe, secured solidly within the larger nest, and kept warm under the body of one very diligent male eagle.</p> <p>It is a few minutes after 8 pm before MrP seems to at last be satisfied with his position and with the comfort of the tiny cup within which his egg rests. Then, at last, he ceases his up-and-down, circular repositioning; until 8:30 pm, he rests lying down over the egg while gazing off into the evening. Then, exactly at 8:30 pm, Mr. President rises, pushes his beak gently into the soft straw surrounding the egg and appears again to roll it, at least partially, before settling himself again over his new treasure.</p>	liatfos_AEF
3/25/2018 21:07:20	3/25/2018	11:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	Shhhh... all is quiet and TFL is sleeping soundly keeping DC6 nice and warm. Good night everyone and sweet dreams.	freebird_AEF

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3/26/2018 4:36:48	3/26/2018	6:00:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating	What a beautiful vision to wake up to. TFL lying in the nest bowl, her tail feathers softly blowing in the breeze, her precious treasure safely tucked under her. Her wings are slightly parted, her head resting on the nest, her eyes opening then closing, always aware of what's happening around her. It is a calm and peaceful morning, a joyous day for all of us, no doubt a joyous day for MrP and TFL.	earlybird_AEF
3/26/2018 4:57:11	3/26/2018	6:28:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Alert	TFL raises her head and makes some soft chirps. Something crashes on the side of the nest that startles her. She jumps up and squees loudly. MrP flies in and lands on the left v, both vocalizing a warning. MrP takes off, perhaps in pursuit of something. TFL briefly rolls her egg and settles down once again. She softly chirps several more times. MrP returns but quickly departs again. 6:42am TFL rolls the egg, aerates the area and shimmies down. She continues to softly chirp intermittently, MrP lands back on the left v branch, and takes off again. TFL continues chirping. MrP lands on the lateral branch and quickly leaves. He appears to be on alert about something.	earlybird_AEF
3/26/2018 5:19:45	3/26/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL continues softly chirping. It appears that TFL would like her break and MrP is all too happy to oblige. He lands on the left v branch and into the nest. TFL moves onto the lateral branch and flies off. MrP rolls the egg and aerates the fluff. He does a face plant and shimmies down on the egg.	earlybird_AEF
3/26/2018 6:12:44	3/26/2018	7:17:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubation	It is a beautiful sunny morning with a high of 50 degrees expected. A perfect day to incubate a perfect egg and that's just what MrP continues to do. He seems very aware of every sight and sound nearby. Even the smallest bird better beware of MrP. He will let nothing get near his new arrival. 7:17am, 7:25am, 7:30am, 7:42am, 7:47am, 8:03am He rolls the egg, aerates the fluff, does a face plant, shimmies down and pulls the moss all around him. Such a proud and devoted dad.	earlybird_AEF
3/26/2018 15:26:16	3/26/2018	5:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL remains on egg duty as MrP perches on the lateral branch. Then MrP decides to fly over to the primary perching tree at 5:09 to watch over his family and territory from there. It looks like he has a good sized crop with his handsome blaze in view. It's a beautiful sunny day and we can hear the wind whipping about.	freebird_AEF
3/26/2018 15:49:22	3/26/2018	5:39:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP returns to the nest and TFL decides it's time to take a break, allowing for MrP to egg sit. They've created a big soft egg bowl and we get a close view of the egg before MrP hovers over it. He looks down at the egg and ever so gently nudges it with his beak a couple times. Such a super sweet moment! The dichotomy between an adult eagle's gentle loving nature in comparison to their fierceness never ceases to amaze me.	freebird_AEF
3/26/2018 16:14:00	3/26/2018	6:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubation Duty	At 6:05, MrP aerates the egg bowl, flops his chest down and squiggles to get close and comfy, then draws nesting material up to his chest. All tucked in, MrP. And that's some handsome downy feather bling you're wearing today, Sir. Up we go again at 6:10. Time to rotate to face the opposite direction. Oh boy! Now you get to fuss with nesting material on that side. The sun is now shining on MrP's face, making him even more photogenic.	freebird_AEF

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3/26/2018 17:00:36	3/26/2018	6:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP is up, he rotates about 180 degrees, the egg rolls on its own as MrP moves. Back up he goes, a little nest nibbling, more rotation, hovering, aerating... all while that sweet little egg is just below his chest all warm and protected... finally, down he plops into position.	freebird_AEF
3/26/2018 18:03:51	3/26/2018	7:50:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating egg	TFL either has nasal congestion or is feeling warm or she likes to incubate with her beak parted. Or maybe she is excited cos the ice cream truck song is playing. It's a new one and rather annoying sounding. No egg rolls in the last ten minutes. She looks slightly to the left, and then slightly to the right, and then straight ahead at the V branches. Oh so lovely is the evening, when the ice cream truck bells are not so sweetly ringing....ding....dong...ding...dong...ding...dong...ding....ding....ding.	kaco4_AEF
3/26/2018 18:13:34	3/26/2018	8:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL spreads out her right wing not defensively but just to break up the monotony. The wind is picking up a bit and tosses her back head feathers. The temperature is currently 44 degrees F with winds between 9 and 12 mph. Skies are clear and dew point is 44 percent. Temps will go down to near freezing tonight and rise into the mid 40s again tomorrow and close to 50 on Weds. Spring weather is on its way and the Arb will be a blooming any day now with baby birds and flowers and tree blossoms.	kaco4_AEF
3/26/2018 18:28:09	3/26/2018	8:28:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	We just had a nice roll of the egg and a quarter turn of TFL herself before she shimmied down again into the nest bowl which looks deep and oh so protective of the treasure that rests at the bottom. Lots of birds and insects are serenading our lady in surround sound while a helicopter motor makes its way across the neighborhood. With eyes wide open, TFL takes it all in.	kaco4_AEF
3/26/2018 18:50:28	3/26/2018	8:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL was almost in head plant mode when she heard a slight popping or cracking sound, perhaps of a little critter scooting from here to there on one of the neighboring branches. Ah, all is quiet once again and TFLs head relaxes. She sleeps but awakens to chew on a small twig against a V branch. Turns head slightly and returns to facing V. Is fighting sleep. Wonder if Mr. P is perched above or in primary perching tree. Sweet dreams, lovely lady.	kaco4_AEF
3/27/2018 4:14:08	3/27/2018	5:57:00 AM	The First Lady	Sleeping	TFL is peacefully sleeping in the nest, she looks completely relaxed, her eyes closed, not a feather out of place. The sky is still pitch black but peepers can be heard singing their happy tune. Spring is here, a season of new life, just what we are experiencing with this little gem of an egg. A little peek would be so nice but TFL needs her rest, she has busy days ahead. So I'm keeping my voice very low, just whispering right now so I don't disturb this beautiful Lady.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 4:27:16	3/27/2018	6:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL slowly opens her eyes, raises her head and gazes out into the dark. There's a rustling noise nearby that puts her on semi alert but it's most likely only a deer or squirrel, nothing to be alarmed about. She stands and aerates the nest bowl. There's our peek! Thank you so much Lady. What a perfect egg, shining like a diamond in the nest. She gives that sweet gem a gentle roll and settles herself down again.	earlybird_AEF

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3/27/2018 5:00:42	3/27/2018	6:39:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL has gone back to sleep and thanks to our cam op we have located MrP. He is perched nearby keeping watch over his family. He flies into the nest, walks over to TFL and gives her a sweet look. "Do you need a break Dear"? TFL doesn't move immediately so he gets on with some housekeeping chores, all the while waiting for his turn. It doesn't take long, TFL does need a break. Off she goes through the v. MrP aerates the nest bowl, gently rolls the egg, does a face plant and wiggles down. There is a feeling of complete contentment watching him on the nest. This is what he's been working for all these many months. Enjoy MrP.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 5:27:00	3/27/2018	7:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP moves some moss closer to keep the egg nice and warm. He nibbles at some of the long reeds to break them apart and pulls them closer to him also. He hasn't slept on his watch, he is constantly gazing around to make sure everything is safe and secure. He carefully rolls the egg at 7:04am and 7:07am, each time aerating the fluff around it	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 5:40:17	3/27/2018	7:30:00 AM	Eagle Facts	Why Do Eagles Turn The Eggs While They Are Incubating Them?	The eggs are rolled over by either parent about every hour to 2 hours during the incubation period. The purpose of this roll is to make sure that the lighter yolk does not rise to the egg surface and the delicate blood vessels that cover the yolk touch and stick to the shell surface, killing the developing chick.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 6:33:26	3/27/2018	8:26:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubation	It is expected to be a mild day with a high of 48 degrees and a chance of a shower tonight. MrP continues to incubate with a symphony of birds for his listening pleasure. He has rolled the egg at least three more times, 7:41am, 7:47am and 8:26am. Each time he settles back down with a face plant and that cute little wiggle wiggle. That never gets old.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 6:50:07	3/27/2018	8:27:00 AM	Mr. President	Alert	MrP jumps up on alert. He stretches out his wings of protection and flaps them rapidly at something. He seems calm again but no! Out go his wings again in warning. Do not mess with MrP! What could it be? Someone has dared to venture to the upper level and it's none other than Mr. Squirrel. He didn't quite make it in the nest, just a few quick peeks from the side and he was out of there. Silly Mr. Squirrel, this nest is occupied. It's time to give up your thievery. No more fluff for you.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 9:51:23	3/27/2018	11:21:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP has been incubating the eggs since early morning. My guess, he's been enjoying every minute of it. It's TFL's turn now, she's just returned from her break. MrP flies off to the NW branch and then to the Primary Perching tree, all the while keeping watch over his family. TFL rolls her egg and settles in, moving some moss around to make it nice and cozy for her and DC6.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 9:59:38	3/27/2018	11:54:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	MrP has left the Primary Perching tree, perhaps to get his breakfast. TFL rolls her egg ever so gently, aerates the nest bowl and shimmies down again.	earlybird_AEF

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3/27/2018 11:19:29	3/27/2018	12:52:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Incubation	MrP arrives and saunters up to TFL. I think someone wants another turn at incubating that precious egg. He moves down by her tail feathers and starts moving some fluff. By accident, I wonder, but every now and then he gives her a little nudge with that fluff. Nice try MrP but TFL's not budging from that egg. He seems to have gotten the message, off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
3/27/2018 16:35:18	3/27/2018	6:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	Our eagles did an egg duty shift change around 3:15 this afternoon. MrP is hanging out at the primary perching tree and TFL is on the nest.	freebird_AEF
3/28/2018 4:13:47	3/28/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Update/Mating	Update 3/27/2018- 7:07pm MrP landed on the left v branch to give TFL her well deserved break. She didn't seem quite ready so he moved onto the lateral branch and flew off again. 7:10pm TFL appears to give this a second thought, a break might be nice. She departs and lands on a nearby tree where MrP joins her and they mate. It seems that the honeymoon is never over with these two. This only took a matter of minutes, the egg was in their view at all times. MrP and TFL will continue to mate throughout the year to strengthen their bond. MrP returned to the nest, ate some leftovers and settled down to incubate his egg.	earlybird_AEF
3/28/2018 5:08:55	3/28/2018	6:10:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Incubating	MrP and his precious egg are snuggled together on the nest, the nearby lights shining like stars upon them. Rain is falling, the raindrops aglow on MrP's feathers from the IR light. No peek of that beautiful egg just yet. TFL is perched at the Primary Perching tree, watching over her family to make sure all is well.	earlybird_AEF
3/28/2018 5:24:57	3/28/2018	6:25:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP carefully gets up and gently rolls his egg. He aerates the fluff which is now wet and soggy and shimmies back down. His eyes look heavier and heavier. Finally his head drops to the nest and he drifts off. 6:55am He rolls the egg and gives out a call, perhaps for a break. TFL continues to perch on the Primary Perching tree for a short while. 7:05am She flies in, aerates the nest, rolls her egg and settles down on it. MrP departs for the Primary Perching tree. 7:20am Another egg roll.	earlybird_AEF
3/28/2018 6:20:56	3/28/2018	7:41:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Moss Delivery	The rain has stopped falling, it's currently 42 degrees, a high of 59 is expected with a couple of showers. TFL continues to incubate and to get a few winks of sleep. She is always aware of what's going on around her, even a chickadee landing on a branch nearby gets her attention. She periodically rolls her precious charge and aerates the fluff. MrP arrives with a large bunch of moss. TFL helps to distribute it around the nest and in the nest bowl. MrP grabs up what looks like a small piece of leftovers and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
3/28/2018 6:47:11	3/28/2018	8:34:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives at the nest to give TFL her break. TFL moves to the lateral branch and off to the Primary Perching tree. MrP aerates, rolls the egg and shimmies down into the bowl. He pulls some fluff around him making a warm and comfortable protective covering for his treasure.	earlybird_AEF

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3/28/2018 12:46:24	3/28/2018	1:55:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL aerates the nest, rolls her egg and shimmies back down. MrP flies by, does a U turn and lands in the nest. He pulls and grabs at some of the larger sticks. They seem pretty secure just where they are. He tries to relocate one of the smaller sticks but TFL doesn't seem to approve the placement. She grabs it and places it in a different spot. MrP doesn't seem to approve of that. He grabs it up again and places it elsewhere. What we have here is the battle of a very small stick. It looks like this time MrP prevails. TFL moves onto the lateral branch and off she goes, leaving that stick just where MrP left it. Meanwhile MrP rolls the egg and wiggles down to incubate.	earlybird_AEF
3/28/2018 13:26:16	3/28/2018	2:44:00 PM	The First Lady	Welcome DC7! Official Time 2:46pm	*Official* TFL raises herself up and looks down. She moves slightly side to side, her feathers are raised. Something very special seems to be happening. She starts to pant softly, she has her full attention on something under her. There's just a slight trembling, just a slight movement of her body. She stands and moves slightly to the side and now we can see. Two precious eggs! Two times the sweetness! Two times the love!	earlybird_AEF
3/29/2018 5:01:39	3/29/2018	6:04:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Incubation/Perching	What a beautiful morning! MrP is sleeping on the nest with his two precious treasures tucked safely under him. The birds are singing in celebration, the peepers are croaking out a welcome. Welcome DC6 and DC7! We are all so happy to see new life in the nest again. We can all share in the wonder and joy as we watch MrP and TFL care for their eggs. We get a little peek as MrP rolls them at 6:04am, 6:41am and again at 6:54am. Ever so gently he uses his beak to roll them in unison. TFL is overlooking the nest from the Primary Perching tree. MrP gives a little chirp every now and then, perhaps to let her know all is well.	earlybird_AEF
3/29/2018 5:25:12	3/29/2018	6:57:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP gives out a call as he looks towards the Primary Perching tree. TFL arrives through the v. MrP carefully moves to the side and flies off to stretch his wings. TFL aerates the nest, rolls her eggs and shimmies down. 7:07am She does another egg roll, settles down again and moves some fluff around her. As she does some preening a feather gets stuck on her beak. She shakes her head several times before she finally gets it off. 7:14am She rolls her eggs again.	earlybird_AEF
3/29/2018 5:49:47	3/29/2018	7:22:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubation	TFL gives a soft chirp, her eyes are getting heavy, she lowers her head. Time for a nap? That doesn't last long. Time for another egg roll. A mother's work is never done. She carefully rolls one egg then the other, always making sure to aerate the fluff. She wiggles back down and once again it looks like she is going to nod off. A sound in the distance startles her awake but it quickly fades away. Our Lady is always very aware of her surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
3/29/2018 6:03:15	3/29/2018	8:00:00 AM	DC Q&A	DC Q&A	DC Q&A has just begun. Bring your questions and join us from 8:00am-10:00am today.	earlybird_AEF
3/29/2018 6:18:32	3/29/2018	8:10:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP returns to the nest with some fluff. TFL flies off as MrP gives his precious eggs a roll, aerates the fluff and shimmies down.	earlybird_AEF

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3/29/2018 13:56:14	3/29/2018	3:41:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's an unusually warm day for this time of year. MrP has been incubating and you can tell by his occasional panting that he is feeling the heat. But relief is on the way. He gives a few calls and looks around. No sign of TFL just yet. He moves over to the lateral branch and stretches out his wings to cool off. Back to the nest he goes. He must see his Lady nearby because he flies off. No sooner does he depart then she arrives. She rolls the eggs, aerates the nest and wiggles down to get all comfortable with DC6 and DC7.	earlybird_AEF
3/29/2018 15:42:48	3/29/2018	5:39:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	TFL gets up and decides it's time for a break. She flies off the nest. One minute later MrP flies in to take over egg duty. Look at you, proud papa! He carefully steps over the eggs and squiggles down.	freebird_AEF
3/29/2018 16:29:27	3/29/2018	6:29:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP is chilling out at the nest with the eggs. He stands up at 6:14pm. It looks like it's warm today. MrP is panting and leaving his mouth open in order to help cool off. While standing, MrP is giving the eggs a little air and before resuming position, he also gives them a little lovin' roll.	freebird_AEF
3/29/2018 18:30:13	3/29/2018	7:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Shift Change	TFL came back around 7pm to take over egg duty. She seemed refreshed and ready to snuggling in with the eggs. Just before 8pm, TFL lifted her beak to the skies and had quite a conversation chattering and calling out to MrP, all while remaining on the eggs. It's been quiet ever since.	freebird_AEF
3/30/2018 4:46:48	3/30/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Incubation/Perching	It's a mild and windy morning, currently 68 degrees with rain expected. TFL looks very relaxed, her head on the nest, her eyes closed. MrP is perched nearby on the NW branch keeping a close eye on his family. TFL raises her head and gives a little chirp and then several more. Her eyes just start to close again when she appears startled by something and raises her head to look out into the dark. All seems fine, her eyes get heavy once more.	earlybird_AEF
3/30/2018 5:05:28	3/30/2018	6:27:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL gently rolls her eggs, aerates the fluff and settles back down. Her squees get a little more persistent, it may be a request for a break. An animal cry is heard nearby. The winds are howling so it's not easy to hear or identify what it might be. MrP flies off in a flash as TFL looks around intently from the nest. TFL flies off onto the overhead where MrP joins her. They raise their heads and chatter a warning. This only last minutes, MrP flies down to the nest, TFL departs. MrP rolls the eggs, aerates the nest and shimmies down for egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
3/30/2018 6:03:28	3/30/2018	7:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubation	The nest is swaying in the wind, MrP continues with egg duty, periodically rolling the eggs and aerating the fluff. Egg rolls at 7:00am, 7:14am, 7:33am, 7:40am. He faces the v and gazes out at his surroundings, always keeping watch.	earlybird_AEF
3/30/2018 6:55:54	3/30/2018	8:41:00 AM	Mr. President	Vocalizing	MrP appears to be on alert, looking above and vocalizing strongly. Do not mess with MrP! Whatever it was seems to have gotten the message. MrP rolls his eggs and settles down once again.	earlybird_AEF
3/30/2018 8:04:13	3/30/2018	9:46:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mating/Shift Change	MrP flies from the nest and mating can be heard in the distance, they both return to the nest. TFL takes over egg duty, MrP departs.	earlybird_AEF

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3/30/2018 11:53:34	3/30/2018	1:29:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	The sky is cloudy, it's currently 64 degrees. TFL continues to incubate her precious treasures. She chatters as an eagle flies by. I presume this is MrP because within seconds of TFL flying off he flies in. These two are quite a team. MrP rolls his eggs, aerates the nest and settles in to incubate.	earlybird_AEF
3/30/2018 17:58:24	3/30/2018	8:00:00 PM	Mr. President	In ppt	Mr. P departs the primary perching tree where he had been roosting with a full crop, his white blaze glowing in the post sunset light. Not sure where he went but it doesn't appear that he went to relieve TFL, who rests on her eggs breathing softly and evenly.	kaco4_AEF
3/30/2018 18:04:43	3/30/2018	8:03:00 PM	The First Lady	In nest	Magnificent view on Cam B of nest with TFL's white head juxtaposed with the city lights of DC in the background as the sky remains blue for just a few more minutes in post sunset dusk. With our zoom, the Capitol building is aglow and appears to be just a mile or so away from our nest. (It is actually almost 3 miles away). Perspective is off, but what a surreal view!	kaco4_AEF
3/30/2018 18:15:54	3/30/2018	8:15:00 PM	Weather report	April showers	Temperature in DC is currently 51, going down to 37 degrees f. Winds are 14 mph. Tomorrow will be sunny and 60, and Sunday partly cloudy in the 50's. The first few days of April will bring showers with temps fluctuating quite a bit from high 30's to high 50's.	kaco4_AEF
3/30/2018 18:33:48	3/30/2018	8:26:00 PM	TFL	Egg Roll	TFL does a lovely roll of the eggs, moves her body about 30 degrees in a direction away from the left V branch, pulls a little fluff around herself, shimmies back down, and looks to her right and then straight ahead. Her right wing feathers stick up away from her side, a typical TFL repose position. Her eyes start to close but she decides to preen her back feathers a bit.	kaco4_AEF
3/30/2018 18:43:34	3/30/2018	8:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	The egg rolls are frequent tonight. TFL turns herself 90 degrees and rolls eggs under her in opposite direction from 10 minutes before. She is now back down and moving fluff around. Head is moving slowly downward towards fluff.	kaco4_AEF
3/31/2018 4:36:48	3/31/2018	6:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL rolls her precious eggs, does a wing stretch and gives out a call. She flies off and MrP quickly arrives for egg duty. He rolls the eggs, aerates the nest and settles down to incubate.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 4:51:11	3/31/2018	6:20:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP's egg duty is short lived this time. He gives out a chatter and within minutes TFL returns to resume nest duty. Egg rolls again at 6:26am and 6:29am.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 5:16:19	3/31/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Incubating	TFL continues to incubate, the hues of gold and yellow surrounding her from the bright morning sun. It will feel like spring today with a high of 61 degrees expected. TFL rolls her eggs, aerates the fluff and shimmies back down. As she is lying on the nest she moves some of the grasses around and bites on some sticks. She watches as an eagle flies by, presumably MrP because there seems to be no concern. Another egg roll at 7:08am.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 5:41:02	3/31/2018	7:16:00 AM	The First Lady	Vocalizations	The sounds of birds are all around, the raucous screech of a Blue Jay, the pleasant melody of the songbirds, the rat a tat of a Woodpecker. TFL is lying in the nest, her tail feathers in the v. She seems to be tracking something, her head slowly moving around. She vocalizes briefly but doesn't seem overly concerned, perhaps only a call out to MrP.	earlybird_AEF

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3/31/2018 5:56:25	3/31/2018	7:42:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL watches as MrP flies by the nest twice. She gives out a call and departs through the v. Eagle vocals in the distance as MrP arrives for egg duty. He aerates the fluff, settles down and looks through the v as he incubates.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 7:31:11	3/31/2018	8:48:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP departs through the v. We get a lovely look of the two eggs basking in the sun. 9:21am MrP and TFL return to the nest chattering away. MrP flies off while TFL rolls the eggs and begins her shift of egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 10:17:10	3/31/2018	11:52:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL is currently incubating her precious eggs. As you can tell by her panting it is another warm day. The nest holds heat, much like a compost pile, so it is warmer than the actual temperature. You may notice from time to time that MrP and TFL leave the eggs uncovered, they instinctively know to do this to prevent them from becoming too warm. No worries, our devoted pair are always perched nearby.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 10:20:18	3/31/2018	12:00:00 PM	DC Q&A	DCQ&A	Our DCQ&A session has just begun. Have your questions ready and come join us.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 11:01:20	3/31/2018	12:29:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL flies through the v, within seconds MrP arrives to begin egg duty. These two have it down to a fine art. They always seem to be aware of each other's location. MrP reaches out and moves some of the grass and sticks closer to him. 12:50pm He rolls the eggs and repositions himself with his tail at the v, a slight breeze ruffling his tail feathers.	earlybird_AEF
3/31/2018 14:16:19	3/31/2018	4:02:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a warm afternoon, the sun is shining and the breeze is blowing. MrP arrives with a talon full of fluff and a nice size crop. TFL flies out the v as MrP shimmies down for egg duty.	earlybird_AEF

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3/31/2018 20:53:33	3/31/2018	10:15:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating/On the Nest	<p>As March departs, still much more like a lion than a lamb (contrary to the saying), a soundly-sleeping eagle sleeps atop the nest, her body protecting and providing warmth to her two eggs nestled just beneath her body, slightly beneath the floor of the nest, tucked securely into the soft egg bowl of straw and grass which Mr. President and she long labored to create. The First Lady sleeps, as she often does, with one wing just a bit higher than the other, giving the spring breeze opportunity to play with her feathers; they rise and fall in the wind. It's nearly 9:30 when she rouses and rises, just enough to gracefully rotate her body about 30-degrees clockwise, simultaneously fluffing the straw around the very edge of the egg bowl, before shifting her weight forward, then settling herself very gently over her eggs.</p> <p>Though sirens shriek in the night and the wind continues its brisk springtime journey through the trees, The First Lady dozes lightly. Several times, she seems to nearly drift fully off to sleep: she slowly closes her eyes as her beak gradually nods lower and lower until the tip is resting within the top layer of the nest. Yet, her sleep cannot be quite so sound as it takes only one bark from a far-away dog for her to raise her head, eyes open, alert, a protective guardian over her eggs.</p> <p>At 10:15 pm, TFL appears to sleep, head lowered and eyes closed. She appears to sleep well, beak still planted into the nest in front of her; she dearly needs all the sleep she can get! In coming weeks, she will continue to incubate her eggs day and night, alternating nest-duties with MrP. And, then, it's quite likely the two eagles will again begin a new season of life as parents of two eaglets who will enter the eagles' world as two tiny, needy hatchlings, entirely dependent on their parents. And, it will be the diligent care and attentions of these experienced, once-again-new eagle parents that, by the end of summer, will have transformed two tiny, newly-born beings into young, strong, well-feathered fledglings who -- shortly after -- will take to the sky to soar beside their parents upon the thermals as independent, dark-feathered juveniles -- whose own journeys will have just begun -- gracing both earth and sky with their presence.</p>	liadan_AEF

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4/1/2018 4:57:42	4/1/2018	6:00:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubation	The sky is still black as night, it's a mild morning, currently 51 degrees. As TFL snuggles with her precious treasures she is surrounded by the melody of birds. Every now and then she opens her eyes, checks to see if all is well and nods back down again. She and MrP have two very special eggs in their baskets this early Easter morning, their very own DC6 and DC7. We get a quick peek at 6:25am when she gently rolls them. She shimmies back down and gives a call out through the v. Her head slowly lowers and she's back to sleep again.	earlybird_AEF
4/1/2018 5:16:32	4/1/2018	6:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL continues to incubate her eggs. She looks out the v and gives out another call, moving her head and scanning the area. I think the Lady might want a break but no sign of MrP just yet. 7:06am TFL gives a few soft chirps in greeting as MrP flies in. She carefully gets up, backs off of her eggs and departs. MrP wiggles down, pulls the moss around him and watches out the v.	earlybird_AEF
4/1/2018 6:10:55	4/1/2018	8:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubation	MrP continues to tend to his eggs, all the while watching his surroundings. There's a rustling noise below that seems to catch his attention every now and then but it doesn't appear to cause him any alarm. Egg rolls 7:21am, 7:50am.	earlybird_AEF
4/1/2018 8:09:46	4/1/2018	10:03:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubation	MrP rises, lifts his beak upward toward the skies and calls out, "It's time for a shift change!" He leaves the nest and within a minute, he returns. I guess TFL isn't ready to take over nest duty yet. Around 10:45, we get some great close ups of MrP resting. He looks like one tired eagle. Egg duty is hard work!	freebird_AEF
4/1/2018 9:01:10	4/1/2018	10:49:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Shift change	MrP does not like the rustling noises that he's hearing. He calls out in eagle chatter. At 10:54, he gets up and flies off toward the primary perching tree and beyond. Moments later, TFL is seen flying in from the same direction to take over egg duty. She settles in immediately, looking refreshed and content.	freebird_AEF
4/1/2018 9:32:04	4/1/2018	11:26:00 AM	The First Lady	Reacts to crows	TFL looks more than annoyed at the crows who had the nerve to stop by the nest tree as they were flying through and cawing loudly. She lowers her head, glares upward at them and gives them the old "stink eye" look that signals they should move on. They comply and TFL resumes normal posture.	freebird_AEF
4/1/2018 10:06:13	4/1/2018	12:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg roll	TFL rotates her position and rolls DC6 and 7 before settling back down.	freebird_AEF
4/1/2018 12:17:07	4/1/2018	1:43:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL looks out at the trees and chirps softly. She might be signaling MrP that it's time for her break. MrP wastes no time answering her call, just a quick stopover on the ground to get a stick and he arrives in the nest. TFL seems more than happy to have a chance to stretch her wings. Off she goes through the v. MrP rolls the eggs, aerates the fluff and settles down to incubate.	earlybird_AEF
4/1/2018 12:33:16	4/1/2018	2:13:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubation	MrP is looking very dapper this afternoon with a feather hanging on his beak. Quite a fashion statement. Or maybe not. It appears this bit of bling is a bit annoying for MrP. He shakes and shakes but he can't seem to shake it off. 2:13pm MrP rolls his eggs, bling still intact.	earlybird_AEF
4/1/2018 13:00:38	4/1/2018	2:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP continues with egg duty and continues to observe his surroundings. His eyes are getting heavy, they slowly close, but just for a minute. He quickly opens them, begins to move some nearby moss and stands up to aerate. He gets all comfortable with DC6 and DC7 and looks through the v. His eyes start to slowly close again. I think our hardworking MrP needs a nap. But not yet. Time for another egg roll.	earlybird_AEF
4/1/2018 16:13:04	4/1/2018	5:56:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change / Egg roll	After incubating for quite some time, MrP calls out for TFL to come home, then flies off. Sure enough... here comes TFL. She soars into the nest, does a quick egg roll and settles in over the eggs.	freebird_AEF
4/1/2018 16:21:44	4/1/2018	6:18:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg duty	TFL rises to nudge her precious eggs and rearrange her position. She then busies herself with tucking the eggs and herself in with nesting material.	freebird_AEF
4/1/2018 17:01:21	4/1/2018	6:45:00 PM	TFL & MrP	Shift change / Egg roll	TFL gets up. She's looks around before flying off through the V. We hear one eagle chattering. The cam op shows MrP nearby on the NW branch. He flies down into the nest and ever so gently tucks his talons under as a protective measure as he steps forward to cover the eggs. At 6:48, he gets back up to nudge and gently roll the eggs before resting in brood position again. MrP can't help himself, he's just got to have another look, so at 6:50 he rises again for another egg roll, then performs a tuck in with nesting material. During the process, he proceeds to look like a goof by getting some feathery down on the tip of his beak. Seemingly unaware of the downy bling, he carries on while appearing to have a fluffy white mustache. At 6:56, MrP is back up and it looks like he's tracking someone. A-ha! He's looking at TFL who is perched nearby. He flies off. TFL watches him, then decides she better get back to the nest to take care of the eggs. She does an egg roll and squiggles herself down. That was a short break!	freebird_AEF
4/2/2018 4:41:59	4/2/2018	6:00:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL is asleep in the nest, looking very relaxed with her head tucked in her wing. It's a cooler morning, currently 40 degrees with a high of 53 expected. Old man winter is not quite finished with us yet. Rain and snow showers are moving through the area but no accumulation of snow is forecasted.	earlybird_AEF
4/2/2018 4:49:38	4/2/2018	6:21:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL preens herself, rouses her feathers and gazes around. There is a lovely sheen on her feathers from the morning rain. 6:28am She rolls her eggs, aerates the fluff and repositions herself to watch out the v. Her eyes start getting heavy again and they close.	earlybird_AEF
4/2/2018 5:06:05	4/2/2018	6:37:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives in the nest and gives TFL a look as if to say "I'm here now dear. Fly off and enjoy your break". TFL gives him a look as if to say "I'm warm and cozy right here dear. Never mind that break". So MrP gets to work on the nest, aerating the fluff all around her tail feathers. Could this be a ploy to move her along? This isn't the first time he's done this and it usually seems to do the job. This time was no exception. She stands up and perhaps somewhat reluctantly flies off through the v. MrP, you are something else! These two never fail to give me a smile.	earlybird_AEF
4/2/2018 5:32:52	4/2/2018	6:38:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP wastes no time snuggling down on his eggs. Better hurry MrP, before she changes her mind. He positions himself so that he is facing the v and keeps a watchful eye on the area. Egg roll 7:08am.	earlybird_AEF
4/2/2018 5:51:59	4/2/2018	7:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP continues on egg duty with a few eagle naps here and there. 7:44am He rolls DC6 and DC7 and aerates the fluff. MrP shimmies down again once again and pulls the moss all around him.	earlybird_AEF
4/2/2018 16:27:40	4/2/2018	6:07:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	The 6 o'clock hour opens with MrP quietly resting on the eggs.	freebird_AEF

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4/2/2018 16:42:09	4/2/2018	6:36:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg duty	MrP rotates position, rolls eggs and shakes his tail feathers while shimmying back down. In this new position, he has an impressive wall of fresh grasses and fluff that he plays with. Up again a minute later to rotate position again and aerate the nest bowl. He does some gentle, nudging egg rolls just before settling back down. Muss with the fluff, MrP. Get it just right.	freebird_AEF
4/2/2018 17:07:48	4/2/2018	6:56:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change / Egg roll	MrP suddenly starts calling out with eagle chatter. He rises and flies off the nest. Within seconds, TFL is seen flying across from the direction of the primary perching tree to the nest tree. She immediately snuggles down into the nest bowl, appearing to be very content to be back. A stick in the V is bothering TFL, so she pulls it into the nest and it lands on top of her back. She gives it a look and seems to say, "Wait a minute... that's not right." As she rises, the stick slides off, so she aerates the bowl and shimmies back down.	freebird_AEF
4/2/2018 17:57:54	4/2/2018	6:56:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	The sun has set and TFL is all snuggled down into the nest for the night. Sweet dreams, TFL and MrP!	freebird_AEF
4/3/2018 2:13:05	4/3/2018	4:15:00 AM	The First Lady	On the Nest	Such a beautiful sight at 3:45 a.m.: The First Lady sleeps soundly while her warmth keeps the two precious, fragile eggs beneath her warm. Uncharacteristically relaxed for the season so far, she sleeps with both wings lifted just slightly off the nest floor, her head turned to nestle her beak snugly among the feathers of her shoulder and her back. For a moment, she awakens, pecking and preening the feathers near the base of her tail as if with great urgency; but, once finished, she quickly returns her head to tuck within her feather and falls back to her earlier, relaxed sleep. Perhaps her earnest stick-moving effort on Monday (which was quite well-accomplished, though had he been near, Mr. President would likely have been eager to lend his well-honed stick-moving "expertise") was a bit tiring, or (much) more likely, she is simply content to sleep in the darkness of this early-morning spring day. The First Lady sleeps through into the 4 a.m. hour, the dark feathers of her wings occasionally touched by the breeze; she and her eggs all rest securely in the nest. But for a slight, dull rush of distant traffic, the eagles' world is -- for now -- seemingly untouched and distant from the world of humans which surrounds it.	liadan_AEF
4/3/2018 5:29:07	4/3/2018	6:35:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating	It's a breezy morning, currently 43 degrees with a passing shower expected. I believe this is TFL who is looking relaxed this morning as she snuggles with her precious treasures. She rests her tail feathers against the right v branch as she gazes around, her eyes get heavy, then close. Intermittently she opens her eyes, scans her surroundings and nods off again. Egg roll. 7:16am	earlybird_AEF
4/3/2018 7:05:22	4/3/2018	7:56:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL gives out a call and flies off. MrP quickly arrives for egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/3/2018 7:20:40	4/3/2018	9:13:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL arrives at the nest for egg duty, MrP flies off. TFL rolls her eggs, shimmies down and pulls moss all around her.	earlybird_AEF
4/3/2018 23:02:29	4/4/2018	1:00:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll/On the Nest	The First Lady, occupied in energetic, late-night preening of the long, gorgeous feathers of her wings, concludes her grooming just before 12:30 a.m. She rises -- though she does not fully stand -- and is just high enough above the nest to give a brief glimpse of her two eggs as she lowers her head into the egg bowl to softly roll the egg on her left. She then shifts clockwise, just slightly, keeping her talons tightly-clenched, with each soft step appearing to be quite deliberately placed as far from her eggs as possible. She remains up for less than a minute, then, as she settles back into place, she shifts her weight to her front, leaning slightly forward. Grasping a bit of material wedged within the nest floor in her mouth, she then uses that material as a sort of anchor, holding onto it while shifting her weight back, to her body. This seems to give TFL even more balance and grace than usual, as she lowers her body back onto the nest and returning the full warmth of her body to the eggs tucked within the egg bowl. As 1:00 a.m. approaches, TFL appears to doze, but her head remains facing forward, her eyes quick to open at the slightest sound. At 12:50 am, a few brief, high-pitched sounds -- much like those of a raccoon -- echo in the the night. But, it's quickly obvious the source of these sounds pose no threat to either eagle or eggs, for it evokes no more than a brief, sharp-eyed glance from The First Lady before she again closes her eyes. Soon, her head begins a downward-drift, heading beak-first into the nest. All is well at 1 a.m. on this early, early morning for one magnificent, drowsy mother eagle who sleeps with her two eggs tucked safely in the warmth she provides.	liadan_AEF
4/4/2018 4:46:18	4/4/2018	6:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Duty	It's a chilly morning, currently 44 degrees with a high of 67 expected. Strong winds with a shower and thunderstorm could develop but for now all is calm. TFL sleeps peacefully on the nest her eggs safely tucked under her. Her eyes are closed, her head is bowed. She calls out softly but drifts off again. Another squeeze, slightly louder this time, and another. It appears that the Lady is ready for her break. MrP gives her a reply from a nearby tree.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 5:00:18	4/4/2018	6:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP flies from the tree in the direction of the nest. TFL stands, stretches her wings and gives her eggs a roll. MrP hasn't yet arrived so she settles back down. MrP is seen flying back to a nearby tree and then flying towards the nest once again. He seems to be very busy doing something. He finally arrives in the nest bearing gifts, a talon full of moss. TFL seems pleased, she reaches out to help him distribute the fluff. 6:43am TFL flies out through the v for her break. MrP gently rolls his eggs, snuggles down with DC6 and DC7, and carefully pulls moss in all around them.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 5:18:48	4/4/2018	6:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Bird Watching.	The wind is starting to pick up but MrP has that covered. He's tucked in the fluff all around him like a soft blanket. DC6 and DC7 will be warm and well protected from the wind and the expected shower. MrP intently looks above seemingly a little concerned about something. There's a bird high up in the right v branch making noise and MrP doesn't seem to appreciate it. He gives him the evil eagle eye. "Don't step any closer". Smart bird. He wastes no time flying away from there.	earlybird_AEF

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4/4/2018 5:39:39	4/4/2018	7:20:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg roll	MrP looks all relaxed now. He rolls the eggs, repositions himself so his tail feathers are now in the v and keeps watch. 7:31am Another egg roll and he turns himself around to face the v again. Something has caught his attention, he crouches his neck and tracks something above. A crow can be heard passing by. All seems fine now.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 6:37:55	4/4/2018	8:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP continues to gaze through the v while on egg duty. He calls out and changes position, this time facing the lateral branch. Egg roll. 8:55am.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 10:20:00	4/4/2018	12:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL is currently on the nest keeping DC6 and DC7 snug and warm. She rolls them, aerates the fluff and rotates her position to face away from the v.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 16:26:11	4/4/2018	6:02:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives at the nest with yet another talon full of fluff. He has built what looks like a blanket of soft and fluffy moss all around the perimeter of the nest bowl, a perfect solution to keep the strong winds away from DC6 and DC7. TFL has been incubating for awhile, still flies off through the v to stretch her wings. MrP settles down in the nest bowl, looking all warm and comfy. He stretches his neck to reach some of the fresh fluff and pulls it all around him.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 16:42:26	4/4/2018	6:07:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls	MrP continues to pull the fluff all snug and tight against him. He rolls the eggs at 6:07pm, 6:19pm, 6:24pm and 6:29pm. After each roll he aerates the moss, settles down into the nest bowl and pulls more fluff closer to him. He has built an impressive barrier to keep the cold and wind off of his precious treasures. Job well done MrP!	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 16:53:59	4/4/2018	6:42:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP keeps a watchful eye on the area. He tracks something up above but that seems to have gone by. He looks quickly to the left and to the right. A squirrel is chattering nearby so perhaps that is what he hears. Nothing seems of much concern to him. All is well.	earlybird_AEF
4/4/2018 17:57:05	4/4/2018	7:00:00 PM	TFL & MrP	Incubating / Shift change	MrP is still snuggled over the eggs at the start of the 7pm hour. He sure has created a fluffy nest with tons of moss and grasses to help keep everyone warm and cozy. He does an egg roll at 7:30, then draws nesting material up to his chest. At 7:41, MrP becomes alert, elongating and craning his neck while observing something. Since he's not "on alert" I'm guessing he's spotted TFL. He rises at 7:43, rolls eggs and fluffs up the egg bowl; and does another egg roll at 7:45. He just shimmies down and gets comfortable when TFL surprises him by landing on the left V branch. His wings protectively fold outward and he throws his head back chattering loudly, letting TFL know that she startled him and not to do that again. Up and off he goes at 7:46. TFL snuggles over her precious eggs immediately and takes the night shift as usual.	freebird_AEF
4/4/2018 19:00:22	4/4/2018	9:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating/On the Nest	The First Lady lies over the egg bowl, keeping her eggs warm on what is a fairly mild spring night in the Arboretum. She appears quite calm despite the late-evening traffic roaring in the distance, near-constant sirens of emergency vehicles rushing about the city, the occasional sound of a passing train's horn, and the quick, sharp gusts of wind. The most notice she pays is when a particularly strong wind gust pushes the entire Tulip Poplar into motion; as the nest – securely embraced by sturdy branches – moves along with the wind, she lifts her head for just a moment, looks around, then relaxes. At 8:45 p.m., TFL continues incubating her eggs, her head just inches from the V-branches and her wings held, as they often are, slightly higher than the nest floor and a bit wider than her body, allowing for excellent coverage of the egg bowl beneath her. Five minutes later, the wind now a bit calmer, TFL rises slightly above her eggs, her wings still held so long that they hide her talons as she carefully rotates her body 90-degrees counterclockwise, reaches down and softly rolls an egg with her beak, then slowly, gently continues rotating her body over the eggs until she's completed a nearly 360-degree turn. Then, she lies down again, first shifting forward to grab a bit of nest material, using it to balance her body when she shifts and settles herself back across the egg bowl again. By 9:00 p.m., she is dozing, neck relaxed, beak facing downward toward the nest, seemingly content and absolutely untroubled by the again-gusting wind.	liadan_AEF
4/4/2018 19:16:33	4/4/2018	9:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	About halfway into the first minute of the 9 o'clock hour, The First Lady performs a quick roll of one of the egg beneath her, utilizing her typical method of combined efficiency and grace. This roll is accompanied by a turn of about 180-degrees so that, when she lies down again, her tail and the tips of her wings come to a rest up against the V-branches, her head facing outward toward the surrounding night. She keeps her eyes open, for now.	liadan_AEF
4/4/2018 19:41:24	4/4/2018	9:35:00 PM	The First Lady	On the Nest/Incubating	After another egg roll at 9:28 pm, TFL continues incubating her eggs but, before she will sleep again, she preens her long, full feathers. With her head turned backward over her shoulder, she preens the thick feathers covering her left shoulder and her upper back, but, suddenly she stops. At 9:35 p.m., the drowsy eagle mother falls asleep right in the midst of preening, with her head and beak comfortable nestled into the tempting warmth of her own plumage.	liadan_AEF
4/5/2018 4:11:44	4/5/2018	3:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	In this early morning hour MrP has already arrived at the nest, perching on the lateral branch. He moves over into the nest, aerating the fluff and giving TFL a hint that he is more than willing to take his turn on egg duty. TFL rises slowly, stretches a wing and flies out into the night. MrP snuggles down with his treasures and pulls the blanket of moss around them. 3:45am He rolls the eggs, aerates the fluff and rotates his position. His eyes close and he nods off. Sweet eagle dreams MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 4:39:49	4/5/2018	6:18:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	It's a calm but cold morning, currently 35 degrees. MrP rolls the eggs, rotates his position to face the v and pulls the fluff around him. 6:24am He rolls his eggs again, this time rotating his position 180 degrees with his tail feathers now resting in the v. He stretches his neck, as if on alert and intently looks around. It could be something as simple as a songbird but MrP is always watching out for his family.	earlybird_AEF

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4/5/2018 5:04:34	4/5/2018	6:44:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP continues to incubate, his head lowered as he sleeps. Intermittently he opens them and checks out the area. All is well, time for a little more shut eye. Rustling noises can be heard below. I keep waiting for Mr. Squirrel to pop his head up, but no, it appears that Mr. Squirrel has finally realized that the upper level is permanently occupied right now. A large bird flies by quickly, perhaps only a woodpecker, but MrP lowers his head in a defensive mode. This only lasts briefly and all is calm again.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 5:19:22	4/5/2018	7:09:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	The nest is looking so beautiful right now, the golden hour, when all the leaves are ablaze in colors of yellow and gold. MrP gives us a quick peek of the eggs as he rolls them at 7:09am. He settles back down, facing the v once again and watches above as a crow passes by.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 5:56:25	4/5/2018	7:42:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls the eggs once then twice, aerating the fluff each time and rotating his position. He seems to be enjoying this special time with DC6 and DC7 and why wouldn't he. It is a glorious day, the sun is shining and the winds are light. What a difference a day makes when it comes to those strong winds of yesterday. But just when you think spring has sprung, old man winter sneaks up on you. Snow is in the forecast for Saturday.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 6:49:01	4/5/2018	8:26:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP is looking very relaxed as he continues to snuggle with DC6 and DC7. He stands up, stretches his wings and gently gives them a roll. He shimmies back down, pulls the moss around him and takes a little eagle nap. 8:43am He's up for another egg roll and settles back down again.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 7:20:23	4/5/2018	9:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Alert	MrP faces the v seemingly relaxed, just gazing around, when all of a sudden he opens his wings of protection and flaps vigorously. A large bird flies much too close to his liking, perhaps a hawk and MrP doesn't appreciate it one bit. It seems that all is secure. 9:02am MrP rolls his eggs and settles back down.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 8:32:06	4/5/2018	9:46:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL arrives to take over egg duty. MrP flies off to stretch his wings and perhaps to go catch some breakfast. Enjoy your break MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 10:26:31	4/5/2018	12:20:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL flies off. MrP arrives to take over egg duty. He rolls his eggs, shimmies down and pulls the fluff all around him.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 16:13:26	4/5/2018	6:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL gazes out the v as she incubates her precious eggs. Her feathers are illuminated in gold from the warm afternoon sun. The nest is warmer than the actual temperature so she is panting a bit but this is totally normal. She rises from the nest bowl, rolls the eggs and aerates the fluff. She rotates her position so her tail feathers are now resting through the v and settles back down.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 16:25:00	4/5/2018	6:13:00 PM	The First Lady	Vocalizations	TFL gives out a call and looks around. It's hard to tell if she's on alert or just sending a message to MrP that she's ready for a break. She doesn't seem concerned, just watchful as she gazes around.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 16:53:48	4/5/2018	6:31:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL gazes out at her surroundings, every sight and sound getting her attention. The rustling below, the crows passing by, the songbirds singing merrily. The rustling noise gets louder and she stretches her neck to take a look, moving her head side to side. She doesn't seem concerned, just checking everything out. 6:47am She rolls her eggs and settles down to watch out the v.	earlybird_AEF
4/5/2018 17:20:51	4/5/2018	7:04:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	We are treated to some amazing close ups of TFL with the golden evening sun shining upon her. For a while, it looked like she might slip off to sleep. But she stays awake and offers a great opportunity for some classic screenshots.	freebird_AEF
4/5/2018 17:55:15	4/5/2018	7:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg roll	TFL rises at 7:40 to fluff up the nest bowl and roll the eggs. Good job, mama! She snuggles back down. Sweet dreams, my Lady!	freebird_AEF
4/5/2018 18:01:36	4/5/2018	7:56:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty / Fly by	An adult eagle flies below the nest on Cam A. My bet is that it's MrP since TFL's feathers aren't ruffled by it.	freebird_AEF
4/5/2018 21:09:51	4/5/2018	11:00:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change	MrP arrives moments before 11pm. He lands in the nest and quietly moves toward TFL. TFL gets up, MrP walks toward the eggs to take over nest duty and TFL flies off through the V and away from the nest tree. At 11:05, TFL chatters out two separate callings. MrP listens but doesn't move.	freebird_AEF
4/5/2018 23:31:27	4/6/2018	1:23:00 AM	TFL & MrP	Shift change	MrP gets up from incubating, stretches, moves to the railing, calls out, then flies out through the V. TFL flies in from the side of the nest and we hear MrP chattering away from a nearby perch. TFL rolls the eggs and squiggles down with a shimmy, making sure her brood patch is snug against the eggs. Beak down in the nest, TFL rests over her precious cargo.	freebird_AEF
4/6/2018 5:33:22	4/6/2018	5:49:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating	I believe this is TFL who is on egg duty. It's going to be a spring like day, currently 42 degrees with a high of 69 degrees expected. There is some snow expected tonight and tomorrow but that's been downgraded to less than an inch. The symphony of birds already fills the air, something flies by that catches TFL's attention. She lifts her head and gives a look but doesn't seem too concerned. Her eyes slowly close, and her head lowers down, using that soft fluffy moss as a pillow. Another look around and she puts her head in her wings and nods off.	earlybird_AEF
4/6/2018 5:41:50	4/6/2018	6:18:00 AM	The First Lady	Eagle Chatter	An eagle chatters in the dark, TFL answers. No visual on the other eagle but there seems to be no concern from TFL. Perhaps it's MrP wishing her a good morning. TFL preens herself and keeps watch as she incubates her treasures.	earlybird_AEF
4/6/2018 5:56:37	4/6/2018	6:33:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL stretches her wings, moves onto the lateral branch and calls out. She flies off to the Primary Perching tree as MrP flies under and around the nest to meet up with her at the PPT. He quickly flies back to the nest for egg duty. He aerates the fluff and settles down facing the v. He has some of the fluff stuck on his beak that he keeps trying to shake off. But it's not going anywhere, anytime soon. Keep working on it MrP. He finally relaxes, lowers his head and takes a short nap.	earlybird_AEF
4/6/2018 6:22:29	4/6/2018	7:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP's nap doesn't last long. He tracks a bird flying by as he keeps watch over his eggs. He rolls the eggs at 7:20am, 7:31am and 7:38am.	earlybird_AEF

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4/6/2018 8:46:17	4/6/2018	9:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Alert	MrP has been on alert since 8:12am. His warning chatters got louder and more persistent as the morning wore on. 9:25am He rolls the eggs but is still on alert. 9:48am MrP takes off, perhaps in pursuit. Three eagles are seen in the distance, then two white heads are seen doing a flyby past the nest. MrP returns to check the eggs, then he's off again. 9:50am Finally TFL arrives at the nest, rolls the eggs and settles down. All seems calm now. 9:58am TFL calls out loudly one more time, perhaps in warning to anything else that was nearby. "Heed this warning. No one comes near this nest. All visitors will be evicted".	earlybird_AEF
4/6/2018 16:17:04	4/6/2018	6:03:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	About an hour ago, MrP arrived home with a nice big stick that some considered more of a branch. Rather than receiving praise for his impressive addition to the nest, an episode of stick wars ensued. MrP then tried to take over nest duty but TFL wouldn't budge and she still remains in place resting over the eggs. It's quite windy out so the nest tree is swaying and the nest itself is bobbing about. At 6:12, TFL lets out a couple light chatters. Maybe she's finally ready to take a break and is sending an invitation to MrP to come watch the eggs. It's 6:15 and no response from MrP yet.	freebird_AEF
4/6/2018 16:34:00	4/6/2018	6:21:00 PM	Mr. President	Flyby / Eggroll by TFL	An eagle, who I assume to be MrP, flies a little below the nest and across the grounds towards the trees to the right of the primary perching tree. It was so interesting watching him navigate the wind gusts in flight while he was in view. TFL does an egg roll at 6:26 then plops down and wiggles her brood patch over the eggs. MrP must have flown out and circled around back to the tree since he is spotted perching on the NW branch at 6:31. He looks down at TFL in the nest, almost like he's asking if she wants a break. TFL appears to be watching him. "Hang on MrP! Those a some big wind gusts, buddy, so clamp and lock those talons in place."	freebird_AEF
4/6/2018 16:45:09	4/6/2018	6:39:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure from NW branch	MrP flies off the NW branch, past the nest and beyond the primary perching tree, once again off to the right. TFL watches and stays snuggled down. TFL keeps look out. Where did that guy go? He sure looked like he had a good sized crop.	freebird_AEF
4/6/2018 17:57:49	4/6/2018	7:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	7:08pm: TFL rolls eggs and fluffs up the egg bowl. At 7:47, TFL rises and rolls her sweet eggs. We get the cutest view of TFL's tail feathers as she shimmies back down. Shake your bootie, TFL. She hears a noise that she doesn't like (what sounded like a metal ladder falling down), so she gets up once again to readjust her position.	freebird_AEF
4/6/2018 18:16:35	4/6/2018	8:04:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL incubates her precious eggs on this blustery early spring evening. The wind whips her lovely white head feathers up into peaks. She preens her chest and upper back feathers for several minutes and peers out into the dark abyss. So much of an eagle's daily life is spent in solitary activity. I am sure Mr. P is perched on the overhead branch or in or near the primary perching tree and may try to relieve TFL from her evening duties. She is becoming more reluctant to let him take over egg duty. But when the little ones arrive, mom will be happy to take more time away from the nest, just like human moms who need a break from the demands of hungry, needy newborns. In that, we are very similar.	kaco4_AEF
4/6/2018 18:28:22	4/6/2018	8:20:00 PM	Spring Climate	Things are blooming	Although our cams have not zeroed in on Arb nature changes, the cherry and magnolia blossoms are in bloom. Green buds on our tulip poplar abd other deciduous trees are starting to pop as well. Our eagles reside in the Azalea gardens of the Arb which will flourish in May and June. We recommend that when you visit DC, that you take an extra hour or two and drive to the arboretum in the spring. You won't be disappointed in the beauty of this park. You can also go online and take a virtual tour of the different sections to appreciate the sights that our eagle couple enjoy seeing each day.	kaco4_AEF
4/6/2018 18:40:04	4/6/2018	8:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Sleeping in nest	TFL fights off sleep. Her eyes are half closed and her beak is pointing down into the fluff bedding surrounding her. Does she dream of events that await? The weather in DC is a comfortable 64 degrees with winds at 12 mph. Showers are expected in the early morning which will end by 6 am. Skies will be cloudy tomorrow with temps in the low 40's. It will feel more like spring after this weekend with temps rising well into the 60's. Goodnight, sweetlady.	kaco4_AEF
4/6/2018 22:19:11	4/7/2018	12:01:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Shift change / Egg roll	Shortly before 11pm, TFL appears to need a break and starts throwing her back, beak upward, calling out to MrP, "Squee-squee, ka-ka-ka-ka-ka!" He replies with similar calls. I imagine their conversation is something like, "Hey honey, I need a break!" "Yeah babe, I'm right over here, you need a what?" "I need a break." "Oh... you're going to let me take care of eggs? I'm on my way." Over and over again, MrP (unseen and off in the near distance) and TFL carry on a conversation for a couple minutes. TFL lies back on the eggs and waits. It even seems that she gives into the idea that maybe there won't be a shift change. Then as quiet as can be, suddenly MrP lands in the nest at 10:57. He moves slowly toward TFL, stopping to aerate nest material here and there, letting her know that he's available to take over if she needs a break. He gets tangled with a large stick-branch that's moved into the nest from the rails, but gets around it eventually. Finally, TFL realizes this is her chance, she gets up, MrP starts moving in to take her place, and TFL flies off the nest. MrP settles in and has remained in place ever since. Oh wait. Just now, at 12:06am, MrP gets up, aerates, shifts position in the process, rolls eggs and settles back down. It's a windy night but the wind seems to have calmed down compared to what it was earlier. MrP has been opening his wings to his sides and allowing the breeze to ruffle his feathers. Now he tucks his wings more neatly down the center of his back and over his tail feathers. Good night, MrP and TFL (who I know is nearby). You are two wonderful eagle parents and a fabulous team. Sweet eagle dreams, everyone.	freebird_AEF

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4/6/2018 22:31:53	4/7/2018	12:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating/On the Nest	<p>Although the wind may blow noisily across the microphones attuned to the nest within the National Arboretum, for the moment it is a warm wind that lifts the feathers of The First Lady upward, then back down to her wings once again. As if portending warmer days soon to come, the clear sky and temperature of 65°F/18.3°C seem to betray no hint of the light snow predicted for the eagles' home only a few hours from now. But, the minds of The First Lady and Mr. President are most likely not on the weather; they have meals to hunt and eggs to incubate.</p> <p>After several minutes of sirens sounding loudly from emergency vehicles travelling the nighttime streets, The First Lady stands in order to roll the eggs resting in the egg bowl beneath her; perhaps it's the lighting or the camera angle, but as TFL carefully re-adjusts the soft material at the edge of the small cup within which her eggs securely lie, the location of the nest bowl seems as if it has shifted just slightly toward the center of the nest from where it originally was constructed. With enough rolling of eggs and softening of the inner edge, TFL and Mr. President very well may be moving their eggs' resting place -- and likely hatching place, when the time comes -- closer to mid-nest where eggs or young eaglets would be safest.</p> <p>TFL soon lies down again, and does so by plopping her body straight down over the egg bowl in a move that, while gentle, lends her the appearance of one very confident and quite comfortable female eagle. For now, she remains awake, eyes open, attentive, and looking slightly to her left, gazing out into the night where, in the streets, multiple sirens still ring in their mismatched cacophony of varying tones and speeds, as if competing to be heard. The closer it gets to 12:30 am, the more eagerly TFL seems to peer into the darkness. She shifts her gaze more sharply, now, looking up, down, a bit more left, appearing as if she is perhaps anticipating -- or at least hoping for -- the arrival of Mr. P, possibly eager either for a chance to allow her mate incubate the eggs for a bit, or else for a meal he might bring. At 12:30 am, despite the lack of an appearance by MrP, TFL drifts off into a light sleep, but her sleep is quickly broken by a sudden gust of wind. Eyes open, she once again looks out into the night.</p>	liadan_AEF
4/6/2018 22:58:48	4/7/2018	12:57:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating/On the Nest	<p>The First Lady did not remain awake for long; though the wind may have awoken her, it fails to keep her awake, and soon her head is nodding toward the nest. She holds her wings a bit closer to her body now, though they still provide more than ample coverage over and around the egg bowl. It's 12:33 am when TFL, with a quick, sudden movement, turns her head around toward her left shoulder, then falls asleep with her head and beak out of the wind, tucked deeply into the insulation of her own feathers. TFL appears to sleep quite well, her body completely still as she slumbers, even as the branches cradling her nest home sway softly in the wind.</p> <p>At 12:43 am, The First Lady still sleeps. The wind still blows, as well, and will soon bring cooler temperatures and a bit of snow and rain (or so say the humans who forecast such things!); but, the wind also serves another purpose tonight, and that is to draw attention to the young buds quickly growing upon the branches of this tall, Tulip Poplar tree. Somehow, in their motion, these newly-grown signs of life are more noticeable, dancing under the lights against the surrounding darkness. Three more minutes TFL dozes before she wakes up again, rises slightly over her eggs and lowers her head into the egg bowl once again. She may have rolled one or both, the view not being quite the right angle to be certain, but she quite obviously does a bit of fluffing around the edges of the egg bowl before she lies down again over her eggs. Like a rocking horse, she rocks forward, beak toward the floor of the nest, then rocks backward, settling her body over the eggs in their warm, secure resting place. As she settles into place, she nestles herself down comfortably in the straw, wiggling back and forth until her "bed" is just right. And, then, with her head facing just over 90 degrees to the left of the V-branches, a wakeful TFL gazes into the darkness of the warm Washington D.C. night.</p>	liadan_AEF
4/7/2018 4:49:56	4/7/2018	6:39:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	<p>It's currently 45 degrees with a shower expected early this morning. TFL flies off to the right of the v branch and into the trees. Some eagle greetings are heard between our pair and MrP quickly arrives. He lands on the lateral branch and flies into the nest. It's a cold morning so he wastes no time snuggling down with his eggs.</p>	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 5:35:40	4/7/2018	7:03:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	<p>The rain is lightly falling. MrP covers and protects DC6 and DC7 with his warm body. He gets up briefly to roll them at 7:03am and 7:25am. He wastes no time getting back on his precious treasures, pulling the moss close to his body to help keep them warm and dry.</p>	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 7:08:56	4/7/2018	8:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	<p>MrP continues on egg duty. As we watch the gorgeous MrP we also get a gorgeous tour of the area. Spring flowers are popping out everywhere, a beautiful array of colors for our viewing pleasure. MrP pays no mind to any of this, his sole concern is keeping his eggs safe and warm. He rolls the eggs and aerates the fluff quickly at 7:48am, 8:20am, 8:30am and 8:34am, always making sure to pull the moss close to him as he settles down.</p>	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 10:05:57	4/7/2018	12:00:00 PM	Live Chat	Live Chat 12-2pm	<p>It's 12 noon and time for Live Chat! Please join MrP, TFL and our moderators for a fun two hour live chat to get answers to your questions.</p>	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 10:09:25	4/7/2018	12:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	<p>As we open the noon hour, TFL is on nest duty, looking gorgeous as ever. We are being treated to some wonderful close ups of TFL.</p>	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 10:22:54	4/7/2018	12:14:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	<p>TFL rises and does an egg roll at 12:15, she looks down at her precious eggs and does a second egg roll at 12:16. We are gifted with close ups of TFL and the eggs on both cams. Absolutely stunning!</p>	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 10:58:45	4/7/2018	12:23:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Egg roll / MrP preening	<p>TFL rises for another egg roll at 12:23. Around 12:49, something catches TFL's attention, as she seems to be very observant. Lo and behold! Our cam op finds MrP preening to the right of the nest on Cam B approximately 5-10 feet away from the nest. He's tucked behind a main branch and we catch glimpses of him while he preens. Looks like he's being Mr. Peek-a-boo today!</p>	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 11:12:02	4/7/2018	1:08:00 PM	Mr. President	Flies to new location	<p>MrP leaves his preening spot and flies over to perch at the primary perching tree. TFL just relaxes in the nest watching. She does a crop drop and speaking of crops, it looks like MrP's is full by the amount of white blaze that's showing.</p>	freebird_AEF

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4/7/2018 11:33:22	4/7/2018	1:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching / Nest duty	MrP calls out and appears to be following someone who flew overhead. MrP must have scared whoever it was away because he's continuing to preen and chill on the primary perching tree (even gives us the contented shake of the tail feathers) and TFL is cool as a cucumber at the nest.	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 11:59:52	4/7/2018	1:40:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Incubating/Departure	TFL rolls those precious eggs and rotates her position so she is now looking out the v, perhaps to gaze at her handsome MrP. But wait! He's not there! Where did he go! That sly eagle, he snuck out when she wasn't looking, perhaps to get out of egg duty? No, MrP loves his egg duty. He must have just wanted to go stretch his wings, perhaps even to catch a fish for his Lady.	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 12:26:28	4/7/2018	2:11:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	It's been a chilly day, currently only 41 degrees with more rain expected this afternoon. There's a little breeze that every now and then ruffles up TFL's tail feathers but she doesn't seem to mind at all. She looks very relaxed and comfortable as she snuggles with her eggs. It's very quiet right now with only a few bird tweets as a pleasant backdrop. I wouldn't be surprised if TFL just nodded off for awhile.	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 12:43:47	4/7/2018	2:29:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL rolls her eggs, aerates the nest and walks in a circular pattern around the bowl before she settles down again. This is always a pleasure to watch, the gentleness and care she takes when rolling her treasures.	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 13:10:26	4/7/2018	2:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	Looks like TFL is getting her beauty sleep. Whoops! Sorry Lady, did I wake you? Maybe it was that pesky little squirrel nearby, scampering around and chattering away. Or maybe it's just time for an egg roll. 3:05pm TFL stands, stretches her wings and rolls her eggs. She wiggles back down, once again in a relaxed position and gazes out at her surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
4/7/2018 13:28:14	4/7/2018	3:19:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Shift change	MrP arrives at 3:19. He brings some fresh grasses with him and offers TFL a short stick. She doesn't seem impressed with the stick but lets MrP take over egg duty and departs.	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 16:45:04	4/7/2018	6:44:00 PM	The First Lady	Shift change / Incubation	Around 6:15, MrP let out several calls. He flew off the nest but returned. He resumed his position over the eggs. At 6:27, he got up again, called out, then flew off. TFL flew in right away. She wasted no time snuggling down over her precious babes. She looks quite sleepy and content to be back on the nest.	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 17:27:29	4/7/2018	7:14:00 PM	Mr. President	Shift change / On alert	TFL rises. She's letting out some soft chirps and looking around. She's potentially on alert. She flies off the nest. Someone flies to the overhead branch. At 7:16, MrP flies into the nest after landing on the overhead branch first. He seems very alert. A lot of rustling noises are heard and MrP does not like it. Is that something below or was that the sound of wings? MrP's focus is in one particular area. He's on the eggs and on guard. Not sure where TFL went at this point.	freebird_AEF
4/7/2018 17:47:03	4/7/2018	7:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Shift change / Egg roll	MrP remains alert and on the eggs. TFL returns around 7:40. She rolls the eggs and settles in. MrP is staring down below the nest and outward from the railing, then flies off. It seems that all is well.	freebird_AEF
4/8/2018 4:16:23	4/8/2018	5:45:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	What a treat to have both of our eagles at the nest this early Sunday morning. TFL in the nest keeping her eggs safe and warm. MrP on the lateral branch watching over his family. 6:03am We get a peek of the eggs as TFL rolls her treasures. MrP takes a look to make sure all is fine and flies out into the dark. TFL and MrP have a little conversation as he departs. I wonder if TFL is giving him her breakfast request? It doesn't look like he went fishing quite yet. Our cam op has found him perching in the Primary Perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
4/8/2018 4:31:19	4/8/2018	6:16:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure/Egg Duty	It's a chilly 33 degrees but expected to go up to 51 today with sunny skies. The birds are already chirping away as the sky starts to lighten. MrP flies from the Primary Perching tree, TFL naps as she continues on egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/8/2018 5:44:30	4/8/2018	6:58:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Duty	TFL rolls her eggs at 6:33am and shimmies back down. She positions herself so that her tail feathers are close to the left v and her right wing is slightly open. Her eyes are getting heavy, they close and she lowers her head until her beak is in the moss. 7:04am Another egg roll, this time she rotates her body to face the v.	earlybird_AEF
4/8/2018 5:54:14	4/8/2018	7:40:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL stands and stretches her wings. She gives out a call and flies off. MrP arrives to take over egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/8/2018 11:50:27	4/8/2018	1:39:00 PM	TFL & MrP	Shift change	TFL has been on nest duty for quite some time. Over the past hour, she has been vocal, from small short chirping calls to loud squees and chatters. She also seems more alert than usual. Maybe she's just trying to find MrP to take over nest duty. She stands over the eggs around 1:30 and starts calling out loudly. After several sets of calls, she flies off the nest and a minute later MrP flies in and takes over. He also remains very alert while resting on the eggs. We're not seeing much of a blaze on him, so maybe he wasn't ready to take over just yet. Either way, TFL needed a break and he complies.	freebird_AEF
4/8/2018 12:08:50	4/8/2018	2:01:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	MrP is incubating the eggs. Ever since he's arrived, he remains alert. Darting his head in different directions, on look out. His whole body language is compact and unrelaxed. But the cams have not found any reason for his behavior. We'll continue to keep a look out with MrP.	freebird_AEF
4/8/2018 12:24:54	4/8/2018	2:16:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	Without a peep, MrP unexpectedly flies off the nest at 2:16. We wait for MrP or TFL to return as we get a chance to look at their two beautiful sun-kissed eggs.	freebird_AEF
4/8/2018 12:34:06	4/8/2018	2:29:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	MrP returns to incubate eggs at 2:29.	freebird_AEF
4/8/2018 13:16:25	4/8/2018	3:07:00 PM	Mr. President	On nest	MrP continues to incubate the eggs but he also remains alert. He gets up at 3:07, he's looking at something, lifts his wings twice and flies off. He flies across the Arboretum and to the left from Cam B. One minute later TFL flies in to replace MrP. She gives the eggs a little roll and squiggles down into place. She appears more relaxed and settled than MrP.	freebird_AEF
4/8/2018 13:50:35	4/8/2018	3:47:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	TFL rolls eggs at 3:44 and another big roll at 3:45. Then she does a little housecleaning. You're such a good mama, TFL.	freebird_AEF

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4/8/2018 14:23:18	4/8/2018	4:09:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Duty	TFL continues to snuggle with her precious eggs and continues to watch the surrounding area. There is a constant rustling noise below that seems to concern her from time to time but no visual on what it might be. If we only had her eagle vision, we might be able to see exactly what it is, perhaps only a very busy squirrel. 4:14pm TFL gives her eggs a roll and aerates the fluff. Thanks for the peek pretty Lady.	earlybird_AEF
4/8/2018 15:01:37	4/8/2018	4:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL is looking more relaxed now. Her eyes are getting heavy, she lowers her head and it looks like she may be nodding off. But that doesn't last long, maybe it's just too nice of a day to take a nap. She gazes out at her surroundings. I wonder if she's thinking how lucky she is to have such a beautiful place to raise her eaglets. One more egg roll at 4:55pm. Enjoy this lovely day TFL.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 4:59:22	4/9/2018	6:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a cold morning, currently 36 degrees with a high of 47 expected. I believe this is MrP who gives out a call to TFL. She's been perching on a nearby branch so she quickly comes for her turn of egg duty. We get a glimpse of those beautiful eggs as they are rolled this early Monday morning. TFL rolls them again at 6:37am and 6:49am. She aerates the nest, plants her beak in the fluff and does that, oh so cute, shimmy, shimmy down again. She uses her body as a soft and warm blanket to keep DC6 and DC7 protected from the chill.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 5:23:38	4/9/2018	7:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL looks very relaxed as she continues with egg duty. It's a calm and quiet morning with just the chorus of birds filling the air. She pulls some moss closer to her as an extra shield to keep her eggs warm. Some rustling noises are heard nearby, perhaps some squirrels scampering around. We get another peek of the eggs as TFL rolls them at 7:20am.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 5:59:26	4/9/2018	7:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL now faces the v and gazes out at her surroundings. She turns her head to the right as her eyes start to close. She gets just a few winks of sleep before she opens them to check on things again. She looks out the v and gives out a call. She doesn't seem concerned, perhaps just hoping that MrP will give her a break. More vocalizations but no response back yet. She rolls the eggs again at 7:53am, rotates her position and settles back down. More chirps from her as she surveys the area.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 7:57:47	4/9/2018	8:18:00 AM	The First Lady	Mr. Squirrel Pays a Visit	TFL rolls her eggs and settles back down. She looks very calm when all of the sudden she spreads out her wings of protection. What is it TFL? We get a look from cam B and what do we see but Mr. Squirrel climbing up the nest. Not again Mr. Squirrel, there are no vacancies here. He quickly realizes that and scampers away. 8:32am All is well, TFL rolls her eggs again.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 8:01:22	4/9/2018	8:51:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL gives out a call and flies off at 9:04am. MrP answers the call and arrives for egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 12:20:10	4/9/2018	9:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP calls out and flies off at 9:50am. I believe this is MrP who a minute later, lands on the overhead branch, chatters, and flies right back to the eggs. 9:54am He flies off and TFL arrives soon after to take over egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 12:24:58	4/9/2018	1:55:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL rolls her eggs, aerates the fluff and settles back down. 2:14pm She flies off and MrP quickly arrives to have his turn at egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/9/2018 16:13:41	4/9/2018	6:04:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Incubating / Shift change	Welcome to Live Chat! At 4:24 this afternoon TFL returned to the nest and took over egg duty, where she currently remains to greet us to the opening hour of chat. MrP flies in with a gift of fresh moss (is that like bringing flowers for an eagle?). TFL decides this is her chance to take a break and flies off to the primary perching tree at 6:09. MrP rolls the eggs and lies down to keep them toasty warm. A perfect chance for TFL to get some preening in and we get to watch her on Cam B while she perches.	freebird_AEF
4/9/2018 16:41:53	4/9/2018	6:18:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Egg roll / TFL leaves PPT	While perching at the primary perching tree, TFL does a "shake-it-out-shimmy" dance in order to rouse up her feathers to help with her preening. TFL flies off from the primary perching tree at 6:20. MrP appears to be watching her, although cams have not found her yet. At 6:26, MrP rolls eggs again then squiggles down. Ah... a chance to relax with the kids. He tucks himself and the eggs in. Looks like TFL was able to ditch us. She must have needed some privacy.	freebird_AEF
4/9/2018 17:35:55	4/9/2018	7:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	Egg rolls at 6:47, 7:26, 7:28 and 7:29. It's a peaceful, quiet evening and MrP seems relaxed and enjoying his time on the eggs and fussing with nesting material. TFL is still on spa break. It's so precious when MrP rises to roll the eggs and we get to see all the downy feathering in the nest.	freebird_AEF
4/9/2018 17:58:25	4/9/2018	7:46:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	MrP starts calling for TFL and she arrives almost immediately. She starts adjusting a couple sticks while MrP continues to incubate. Well, he can't have that! Lol. He gets up and flies off and sweet mama is back home and snuggled down over the eggs. These are the moments that never get old. MrP heads over to the primary perching tree and is looking out over the city while TFL peacefully rests on the nest. MrP takes off from the primary perching tree but he doesn't really leave. He's having a good time flying around and hopping from branch to branch. Time for MrP to just have some good old eagle fun. TFL rolls eggs at 7:55 and 7:56.	freebird_AEF
4/9/2018 18:11:08	4/9/2018	8:02:00 PM	TFL and Mr. P	A typical evening in the Arb	Mr. P is perched in the primary perching tree, which stands approximately 60 feet away from the nest tree, off of Cam B. This tree is also a tulip poplar, but a shorter version. I wonder what the perspective is for Mr. P from there. Darkness is descending and he is no longer visible. It will get increasingly hard to find our eagles in this tree once the foliage becomes thick in late spring and summer. I have complete faith in our crafty cam operators who always manage to discover our eagle family hiding places, no matter the season or the climate. And our cams this year are sharper and have better zooming capability than last year.	kaco4_AEF

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4/9/2018 18:25:23	4/9/2018	8:15:00 PM	The First Lady	In repose	Sweet TFL snoozes as she performs night egg duty. I wonder if eagles snore or produce an audible breathing sound or pattern. It is so relaxing to watch the rise and fall of her back as she breathes in steady rhythm. Familiar siren sounds are heard and she opens her eyes momentarily. Ah, and now the ice cream truck sounds, with its odd mix of laughing voices, mechanical "being being" riffs, like a compressed spring being released, and a weird off tune melody reminiscent of If You're Happy and You Know It, but with a sinister touch. Perhaps this soundtrack would be better suited to a Stephen King movie. I certainly wouldn't want to buy my ice cream from a vendor playing this music! TFL doesn't seem to mind and continues sleeping. Finally, all is quiet. The lady rouses listening for the sounds of nature.	kaco4_AEF
4/9/2018 19:07:28	4/9/2018	8:57:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched in a tree west of nest	Well tonight we discovered Mr. P roosting in a tree southwest and to the far right of the V area of the nest and the primary perching tree, off of Cam B, a tree that stands in front of the view to the Capitol Building. We've not seen him here before, so it was exciting to find him happily perched and preening. We have temporarily dubbed this tree the Capitol Tree. Hope to find our eagles perched there again in daylight or at sunset. This tree has been featured by some of our expert cam operators at sunset when a spectacular view can be seen.	kaco4_AEF
4/10/2018 4:53:32	4/10/2018	6:20:00 AM	The First Lady	Vocalization	TFL is snuggled with DC6 and DC7, her tail feathers resting in the v. She gives out several calls, perhaps the Lady needs a break. I can just imagine her tapping her talons in impatience. "Where is he? I told him I had an early appointment to get these feathers done. I can't do a thing with them". Another call at 6:34am. MrP, you better shake those tail feathers and get yourself home.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 5:08:58	4/10/2018	6:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	It's a another cold morning, currently 38 degrees with a high of 56 and partly sunny skies expected. TFL gives her eggs a roll at 6:43am, 6:49am and 6:58am. Each time she aerates the fluff and shimmies her nice warm body down to cover her eggs. A warm up is forecasted, it could be in the 80's on Friday. It sounds like we will be going from winter to summer in a matter of days which is pretty typical of this area.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 5:39:39	4/10/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL seems very relaxed, the early morning sun warming up the area. She closes her eyes and drifts off to sleep. 7:33am MrP arrives bearing gifts, a fish for his Lady. Now that's the way to make it up to her for being late MrP. The perfect way to an eagles heart, a headless fish. Job well done!	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 5:46:05	4/10/2018	7:33:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL chows down on the fish as MrP rolls the eggs and settles down to incubate. The fish is quickly devoured and TFL flies off for her well deserved break.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 6:33:55	4/10/2018	7:49:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls the eggs again at 7:49am. We get a beautiful close up of him thanks to our cam op. Some have a feather in their cap, MrP wears a feather in his beak, a sign of a great achiever. Yes, that's our MrP. Nice touch handsome.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 7:09:29	4/10/2018	9:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	It's a calm and peaceful morning, MrP seems to be enjoying it as he tends to his eggs. He rolls them at 8:28am and 8:55am and then settles back down with them once again.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 8:05:55	4/10/2018	10:00:00 AM	Live Chat Q&A	Live ChatQ&A	Our Live Question and Answer session has just begun. Do you have some questions? Gather them up and come join us from 10:00am-12:00am today.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 8:33:47	4/10/2018	10:11:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP has been on egg duty for almost three hours enjoying this pleasant day. TFL arrives to give him a break, off he goes to stretch his wings. TFL rolls the eggs at 10:11am, 10:20am and again at 10:30am. She settles back down for her special time with her beauties.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 13:59:24	4/10/2018	3:45:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL gives out a call for her break. She flies out to the right of the nest as MrP flies in from the left. These two have it all together, that's for sure. MrP rolls his treasures and wiggles down for egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/10/2018 16:07:38	4/10/2018	5:57:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	TFL is currently on the nest. From what I gather, there were a lot of comings and goings at the nest around 5:30, so TFL must have taken over nest duty at that time. At 5:57, TFL calls out a few times and MrP answers from some perching spot in the area but so far, he's a no-show.	freebird_AEF
4/10/2018 16:49:38	4/10/2018	6:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL gets up to aerate the nest. She looks down at her two beautiful eggs and gives them a roll before wiggling back into place.	freebird_AEF
4/10/2018 17:29:48	4/10/2018	7:18:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating eggs	TFL has been on nest for two hours now. I suspect Mr. P will be flying in with dinner any moment now. Days are getting longer Sunset today takes place at 7:40 PM. Mr. P had better hustle back before it gets dark! TFL bides her time, with open beaked breathing. Outside temperature right now is a comfortable 50 degrees with low humidity and winds at 7 mph.	kaco4_AEF
4/10/2018 17:46:26	4/10/2018	7:34:00 PM	Mr. President	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Mr. P arrives to relieve TFL. But he brings new fluff instead of dinner. TFL tries to move a stick before taking off and Mr. P distributes his fluff equally around the eggs. The bowl is quite high, almost fortress-like. He does a roll of the eggs and settles down over them. He peers all around, not looking relaxed. Lots of bird calls can be heard both near and far. Sun is officially setting as our cam operator explores the neighboring trees, which are covered in light green and yellow buds and small leaves.	kaco4_AEF
4/10/2018 18:16:15	4/10/2018	7:55:00 PM	The First Lady and Mr. P	Perched on primary perching tree and in nest and then chasing out an intruder! the	Mr. P takes over nest duty and gives TFL a needed break. She heads over to the primary perching branch and preens at length. The glitter of oncoming city lights in the background are seen against the post sunset but still lit sky. Something quite different is taking place on the nest. Mr. P is loudly complaining and then stands on alert. There must be an intruder nearby! A minute later Mr. P flies off the back of the nest leaving the eggs unguarded! On Cam B an already flight bound TFL is chasing a white headed eagle towards the nest, a subadult near maturity. TFL then flies to the overhead branch of the nest tree while Mr. P continues to chase the visitor further away and towards the river. TFL hops down into the nest and resumes nest duty. What a power couple!	kaco4_AEF
4/11/2018 4:18:36	4/11/2018	6:00:00 AM	Cam A	Cam A	Good morning. We are aware that Cam A is streaming video from 4/9/2018. We are working on it and hope to have it back live soon. Cam B is currently streaming live so please enjoy watching MrP and TFL tend to their precious eggs on Cam B. Thank you for your patience and understanding.	earlybird_AEF

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4/11/2018 4:27:37	4/11/2018	6:19:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Roll/Perching	It's going to be another beautiful day, the temperature is expected to be close to 60 degrees and sunny. From our view on Cam B we see MrP all snuggled down with his eggs and TFL watching over them from the Primary Perching tree. MrP rolls his precious treasures at 6:15am and calls out a greeting to TFL at 6:21am.	earlybird_AEF
4/11/2018 5:09:39	4/11/2018	6:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls his eggs, aerates the nest and rotates his position so he's looking out the v. TFL is no longer in the Primary Perching tree, perhaps she's gone fishing. Another egg roll at 7:10am.	earlybird_AEF
4/11/2018 5:48:44	4/11/2018	7:20:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP looks very relaxed this morning. He nods off and takes a short nap but he's up again at 7:38am and 7:44am for another egg roll.	earlybird_AEF
4/11/2018 6:06:32	4/11/2018	7:48:00 AM	Mr. President	Tracking	MrP drifts off back to sleep again. Something startles him awake and he tracks something above. It sounds like a crow, just passing by. Looks like nothing to be alarmed about, he closes his eyes again.	earlybird_AEF
4/11/2018 14:16:21	4/11/2018	3:43:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	It's 55 degrees and the sun is shining on the handsome MrP. He's looking relaxed on this beautiful day as he tends to his eggs. He rolls DC6 and DC7 at 3:43pm and 4:00pm, aerates the fluff and repositions himself.	earlybird_AEF
4/11/2018 14:38:07	4/11/2018	4:22:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP continues on egg duty. It's warmer on the nest than the actual temperature so you may have noticed he has been panting. This is one way he cools himself off. A dip in the river wouldn't be a bad idea either, he might just do that when TFL returns. Another egg roll at 4:37pm.	earlybird_AEF
4/11/2018 16:18:45	4/11/2018	6:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Two egg rolls please	MrP rolls eggs at 5:39 and 5:46.	freebird_AEF
4/11/2018 16:32:53	4/11/2018	6:29:00 PM	The First Lady	Shift change	MrP flies off the nest through the V and TFL flies in from the opposite direction seconds later. She was obviously perched just off the nest. She looks refreshed and so pleased to take over nest duty and shimmies herself down into place.	freebird_AEF
4/11/2018 18:00:31	4/11/2018	7:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	TFL rolls eggs at 7:32pm. At 7:58, TFL is up to fluff the bowl. In the process she jiggles the eggs.	freebird_AEF
4/11/2018 18:07:59	4/11/2018	7:58:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Egg rolls / MrP spotted	MrP is spotted at the Primary Perching tree. Between the evening light and all the fresh spring leaves and buds, it's quite a beautiful sight. He looks antsy. He's not just remaining perched in one spot but moving about within the same area, facing one way then another. Meanwhile TFL is back up at 8:02 to do an egg roll, she shuffles side to side back down onto the eggs and tucks them in. MrP moves a bit further up in the Primary Perching tree and preens. TFL is still fussing with nesting material, then decides to preen as well. What a couple!	freebird_AEF
4/12/2018 4:36:54	4/12/2018	5:57:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Roll	MrP is looking very relaxed this morning, sleeping with his head in his wings. TFL is perched regally in the primary perching tree with the nearby lights surrounding her like stars. Eagle vocals are heard in the dark, it startles MrP awake but he nods back off. Intermittent chatter continues, MrP answers back. 6:11am He rolls his eggs, aerates the fluff and shimmies back down on his precious gems.	earlybird_AEF
4/12/2018 4:46:03	4/12/2018	6:21:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	More vocals in the distance, MrP keeps a watchful eye from the nest. 6:29am He flies off and joins TFL in the primary perching tree. Something flies above and they both give out a warning call. TFL departs from the tree and arrives at the nest. She rolls her eggs and settles down for her turn of egg duty, looking calm and relaxed. And might I add beautiful because she is that.	earlybird_AEF
4/12/2018 5:17:19	4/12/2018	6:50:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a cool morning, currently 38 degrees but expected to reach 75 degrees today with clouds giving way to sun. Something has caught TFL's attention. She stretches her neck and looks intently around. She stands up and walks over to the v to get a better look. 7:05am TFL rolls her eggs and settles back down. 7:10am She flies off and MrP immediately arrives. So that's who you were looking at pretty Lady.	earlybird_AEF
4/12/2018 6:03:08	4/12/2018	7:40:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	MrP continues tending to his eggs. He rolls them at 7:43am and again at 8:05am and positions himself so his tail feathers rest against the right v branch. He spends some time pulling the moss around and fluffing it up. MrP does like a tidy nest.	earlybird_AEF
4/12/2018 8:44:07	4/12/2018	10:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP rolls the eggs at 9:32am, 9:42am, 10:15am and 10:19am. He gives out a call to TFL at 10:29am and flies off. TFL quickly arrives and takes charge of the eggs. It looks like MrP is having a grand time flying around. Yes, I guess it does feel good to stretch your wings after staying in the same place for so long, MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/12/2018 16:41:05	4/12/2018	6:22:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's 76 degrees with blustery winds and sunny skies. MrP gives his eggs a roll and settles back down. 6:27pm He flies off and TFL arrives for egg duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/12/2018 18:39:17	4/12/2018	8:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL has been on nest since 6:30. Don't think she will be getting a break tonight. And there are no visible signs of Mr. P in the area of the nest. Current temperature is 72 degrees with southwestern winds of 16 mph, but appearing to be gusting at higher rates based on nest sounds and the whipping around of TFL's head feathers. She is sleeping on and off and appears to be quite content to be exactly where she is. Life is good.	kaco4_AEF
4/13/2018 4:29:20	4/13/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Thanks to our cam op we know that TFL was on egg duty early this morning. 5:09am She rolls her eggs, aerates the nest and settles down to keep her eggs nice and warm. 5:58am MrP arrives and TFL flies off for her break.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 4:45:32	4/13/2018	6:10:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure/Egg Duty	MrP is on egg duty chattering away. TFL is perched on the NW branch, perhaps he's wishing her a good morning. TFL seems to be enjoying her early morning preen, stretching her wings and grooming her feathers. She flies off at 6:26am. Time to get some breakfast TFL? MrP gazes through the v as he incubates the eggs. 6:40am We get a peek of the eggs as MrP gives them a gentle roll and aerates the fluff.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 4:48:04	4/13/2018	6:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Eagle Vocabulary	Preening – grooming of the feathers, pulling the beak down the feather to clean and straighten it; preening is a behavior of birds in a relaxed state.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 5:01:46	4/13/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	MrP is very attentive to every movement and sound as he cares for his treasures. He stretches his neck and looks around as rustling sounds are heard. It could just be a squirrel or a deer or even just a bird looking for nesting material. Of course none of them are welcome here and MrP will surely let them know that if they dare to venture on his nest.	earlybird_AEF

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4/13/2018 5:18:11	4/13/2018	6:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	It's going to be a mostly sunny day and warmer with a high of 82 degrees expected. It's a pleasant morning at 58 degrees. MrP tends to his eggs, rolling one of them, fluffing the nest bowl and rolling the other, fluffing the nest bowl again. Then he carefully lowers himself, with his beak in the moss and wiggles down to cover his eggs. He quickly looks above and with a head swivel, tracks something flying by. Whatever that something was, it was smart enough not to stop by for a visit. There is no welcoming mat out for visitors right now.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 6:17:37	4/13/2018	7:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	We are enjoying a lovely tour of the Arboretum. As we see the green foliage and flowers popping out everywhere, we are reminded of the stark contrast of just a short time ago. The bare trees, the snow covered nest, the ice hanging from the trees. It looks like Spring is finally here, a time of new beginnings and new life and that's just what we are looking forward to. It won't be too long now before we have two little eaglets tumbling around, two little heads bobbing back and forth trying to grab for food, two little bodies tucked safely under two very special parents. As we wait in anticipation, MrP, with care and devotion, rolls his eggs, covers them with his warm body and pulls a blanket of moss all around them.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 8:10:26	4/13/2018	9:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll/Alert	MrP rolls the eggs at 9:17am and again at 9:18am. MrP, always the perfectionist, I guess the second time he got it just right. 9:40am MrP on alert and in protection mode, wings outstretched. What did he see? A bird. A very small bird, partially seen on cam A. Even the smallest visitors aren't welcome here and MrP let that bird know just that.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 8:20:15	4/13/2018	9:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	After protecting the nest (from a tiny bird) MrP might just be in need of a break. Time to unwind and burn off some energy from that dangerous encounter. TFL comes to give her hero that well deserved break. MrP flies off all puffed up in pride as TFL adoringly watches him go.	earlybird_AEF
4/13/2018 15:53:53	4/13/2018	5:48:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change	TFL gets up from incubating and flies off. We've been watching MrP perched nearby, having a nice bouncy ride on a branch in the wind. He watches TFL leave and seizes the opportunity. In less than a minutes, he's at the nest and has taken over egg duty. Not sure where TFL went at this point.	freebird_AEF
4/13/2018 17:09:34	4/13/2018	5:53:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	We have an egg roll with a downward squiggle at the end: 5:53pm. MrP snites several times. "Achoo, achoo, achoo!" Bless you, MrP! I can't help but wonder if eagles can get allergies. There's a lot of pollen flying around in the wind today with all the trees in bloom. At 7:03, MrP gets up and repositions himself over the eggs, then gives a tuck in. It's currently 83 degrees at the Arboretum and MrP pants to cool himself down.	freebird_AEF
4/13/2018 17:45:47	4/13/2018	7:16:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change / Egg roll	7:16: MrP performs nest aeration, egg roll, then plops and wiggles down. Around 7:40, TFL is spotted on the NW branch and then flies into the nest. MrP doesn't get up immediately, but within a minute he flies off and perches at a tree just across from the nest tree. TFL takes over nest duty. MrP returns at 7:42. He seems to be on lookout as he stands at the rails and then flies out onto the Lateral branch before flying off again.	freebird_AEF
4/13/2018 18:04:25	4/13/2018	7:50:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	It looks like MrP is having fun flying around in this nice windy weather. He is seen perched on a branch at the nest tree, looking down at TFL in the nest. Then off he goes again. Good luck keeping track of him, TFL, he's here, there and everywhere tonight. 7:54: TFL is up, she rolls eggs and stands over them while doing some fluffing of the nest bowl. Since it's such a warm evening, she may be giving the eggs a little time to cool down. Another egg roll at 7:56 before TFL wiggles back down into position. Sweet dreams, sweet eagles.	freebird_AEF
4/14/2018 4:10:54	4/14/2018	5:36:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP is looking very relaxed with his head in his wings and his eyes closed. Something startles him awake, he gazes around and gives out a call. TFL arrives to take over egg duty as MrP flies out the v.	earlybird_AEF
4/14/2018 4:30:32	4/14/2018	6:16:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching/Departure	MrP has been found in the Primary Perching tree. He rouses his feathers as he watches over his family. 6:22am He flies off, perhaps to go get his breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
4/14/2018 4:43:48	4/14/2018	6:27:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	It's a mild morning, currently 67 degrees with a high of 87 expected. We get a peek of the eggs as TFL ever so gently gives them a roll. Looks like she might have some of the grasses stuck in her beak. She gives her head a shake, that seems to have done the trick.	earlybird_AEF
4/14/2018 5:31:52	4/14/2018	6:50:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Rolls	It's a beautiful time of morning, the golden sun shining down on TFL. She continues tending to her eggs. She rolls them at 6:52am, 7:20am and again at 7:23am.	earlybird_AEF
4/14/2018 6:17:44	4/14/2018	7:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Alert	TFL rolls her precious eggs, aerates the nest and does a wiggle, wiggle back down. 8:01am She is on alert. Somethings startles her, she quickly spreads out her wings in protection mode. No visual on what it might be but it didn't last long. 8:06am She is up and rolling her eggs again. She rolls them again at 8:10am and settles back down to watch out the v.	earlybird_AEF
4/14/2018 9:01:31	4/14/2018	10:07:00 AM	The First Lady	Incubating / Egg rolls	Egg rolls observed at 9:56 and a couple more at 10:04am. TFL is up at 10:33 and rolls eggs at 10:34. Rolls end with TFL squiggling down to tuck eggs snugly so they are warm and cozy. It's a beautiful day at the Arboretum. While it's still windy, the winds do not appear as strong as they have been over the past couple days. Aside from egg rolls, it's been a calm, quiet hour with TFL. No sign of MrP this hour.	freebird_AEF
4/14/2018 10:34:08	4/14/2018	12:24:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	TFL throws her back, beak to the skies and calls out several times before flying off the nest. She's definitely ready for a break. MrP flies in immediately to take her place, he has been sporting quite a dirty head the past day or two. I wonder what he's been into. He's panting, with wings spread open to help cool off, but he sure looks content to be on the nest.	freebird_AEF
4/14/2018 10:43:36	4/14/2018	12:33:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating / Egg roll	MrP aerates the nest bowl and rolls eggs at 12:34. We hear what sounds like a hawk screech in the distance. MrP settles back down over eggs, does a tuck in and cleans up the nest area. He's such a tidy eagle. More hawk calls. MrP is alert as always but completely unbothered by anything right now.	freebird_AEF

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4/14/2018 10:53:19	4/14/2018	12:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls	12:46: MrP is up. He messes with some clumping nest material, rolls eggs, aerates and lies back down. He's so fastidious that he cracks me up but it seems to make him happy and the nest sure stays clean because of it. He literally wrestles with a stick that had the nerve to fly up onto him while trying to move it. The stick ends up being broken into smaller pieces. Take that, stick! He rotates position and rolls eggs again at 12:49. More deep digging to maintain a nice fluffy nest bowl.	freebird_AEF
4/14/2018 13:47:08	4/14/2018	3:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a warm day, currently 82 degrees with some gusty winds. MrP is more than ready to stretch his wings and maybe even take a dip in the river. TFL arrives to let him do just that. MrP flies off and TFL settles in with her beauties. 3:29pm She gives her eggs a roll, tidies up the nest a bit and shimmies back down.	earlybird_AEF
4/14/2018 14:34:56	4/14/2018	4:28:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	TFL has been doing nest duty since 4 PM. She rolled those precious eggs at 4:19. Winds are brisk at the nest at 14 mph with gusts of 26 mph!. Looking at the nest from Cam B can be a little dizzying right now. Temperature is a mild 87, going down to 70 tonight. And another roll at 4:34!	kaco4_AEF
4/14/2018 17:12:32	4/14/2018	6:41:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	A shift change occurred at 6:41. MrP is currently on the nest at the top of the 7pm hour. And TFL can be seen preening on Cam B. From the sound of it, she got herself pretty dirty during her break. We don't know what she was up to but she must have done some eagle style four wheeling through the mud. The dirty splatters on top of her white head are impressive.	freebird_AEF
4/14/2018 18:09:21	4/14/2018	7:31:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Egg rolls / Shift change	MrP rolls the eggs after doing some aeration and changing position. 7:57: MrP gets up and rolls eggs again. He seems to be looking out at TFL, wondering if she's going to come back for the evening shift. Another egg roll at 7:58 and down MrP goes back into position over the eggs. TFL takes off from perching spot. MrP is watching. He chatters (so cute the way their tail feather wiggle when they chatter). Where did she go, MrP? She appears to be somewhere behind MrP since he keeps looking over his back. It looks like TFL must have landed on the Lateral branch when she flew over to the nest tree, as she makes a short hop into the nest. MrP departs at 8:04. TFL rolls eggs at 8:04 and takes over egg duty for the night.	freebird_AEF
4/15/2018 4:02:41	4/15/2018	5:57:00 AM	IR Cam A	IR Cam A	Good morning. Our IR on cam A isn't working properly at the moment so please enjoy watching MrP and TFL on cam B until this problem is resolved or the sun comes up. Have a wonderful day and thank you for your patience and understanding.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 4:17:31	4/15/2018	6:07:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	The temperature is going to be more comfortable today with a high of 58 but rain and drizzle is expected. TFL is snuggled all warm and cozy with her eggs. MrP arrives on the lateral branch and hops over to the nest. Slowly he walks towards TFL, ever so anxious at having his turn with those precious eggs. TFL, ready for her morning break, flies out through the v. MrP aerates the nest, rolls the eggs and settles down contently.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 4:43:38	4/15/2018	6:20:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP is looking very dapper this morning, sporting a feather in his beak. It blows back and forth in the breeze. I wonder if it tickles him when that happens? It doesn't seem to be bothering him so I guess the answer's no. He seems very relaxed as he gazes out the v, his eyes close and he takes a short nap. I love getting a glimpse of the eggs in the morning and MrP gives us just that at 6:35 as he gives them a roll. Thank you MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 5:03:43	4/15/2018	6:38:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP settles back down, his tail feathers resting on the v. He looks up in the sky and tracks something going by. The expression on his face from cam A is so cute as he watches above. He appears to be staring right at the cam, almost as if he's watching us, watching him. He rolls the eggs at 6:46am and rotates his position so he's facing the v once again.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 5:24:35	4/15/2018	7:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls the eggs at 7:07am and 7:17am. He pulls a blanket of moss all around him to keep DC6 and DC7 warm.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 6:15:43	4/15/2018	8:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	It's been a very calm and relaxing morning. So calm in fact that MrP has dozed off several times. It's always nice to see him enjoy a morning like this. Two more egg rolls at 7:36am and 8:10am.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 6:51:33	4/15/2018	8:41:00 AM	Mr. President	Alert	Just when you think all is calm, MrP goes in defensive mode. He stretches out his wings of protection and glares around. "Who dares venture near my nest"! A tiny voice answers, "It is I, just a wee little bird". MrP cares not if it is big or it is small. Nothing is welcome in his nest. Run along little bird.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 12:07:11	4/15/2018	1:30:00 PM	TFL	Egg Roll	TFL is hunkered down over her eggs as the tree rocks in the wind. She gets up briefly to give them a roll and snuggles down with them again. She's very attentive as she watches over the area, swiveling her head back and forth as she tracks something that passes by. It looks like the rain has cleared out for now but more is expected today with heavy rain and a thunderstorm possible tonight.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 12:28:19	4/15/2018	2:09:00 PM	The First Lady	Rain	The rain has begun again, TFL shelters her eggs with her warm body. The water glistens on her feathers as she shakes it from her head. Her eyes close, she lowers her head, and briefly nods off, perhaps this is a welcome relief from the heat of yesterday.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 13:04:28	4/15/2018	2:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL gives her feathers a good shake and rolls the eggs once again. She positions herself so her tail is now in the v and keeps watch over the area.	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 13:36:20	4/15/2018	3:19:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	This is what makes this pair so special. TFL has been tending to her eggs in the wind and rain for quite a long time. She is such a devoted and caring mom, she takes all of the bad weather in stride. Our wonderful MrP did something very special in this rain and wind too. He went fishing and caught a delectable fish for his Lady. I bet that was no easy feat with all of this wind and rain but that's how much he cares about TFL. MrP, you are such a sweetheart!	earlybird_AEF
4/15/2018 13:45:51	4/15/2018	3:25:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP has not only brought a fish for TFL but he's here to give her a break. Time for her to go dry out her beautiful feathers. MrP aerates the nest, gives the eggs a roll and settles down while TFL enjoys every morsel of that fish. That doesn't take long and she's off for her well deserved break.	earlybird_AEF

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4/15/2018 14:59:14	4/15/2018	4:26:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg roll	MrP remains on the nest and at 4:26, he does a mini egg roll. MrP repositions himself over the eggs at 4:56	freebird_AEF
4/15/2018 16:02:15	4/15/2018	5:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Mr. P departs from nest at 5:28. His takeoff was wind generated and funny to watch. Looked like levitation before his own wing power took over! It is rainy and windy in DC. Current temperature is 59 degrees going down to 47. Thunderstorm potential tonight and rain most of tomorrow with temps up to 57. Winds are 18 mph with gusts up to 25 mph possible. Stay strong, eagles!	kaco4_AEF
4/15/2018 17:08:55	4/15/2018	7:04:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	Two egg rolls by TFL, one at 6:47 and another at 6:57pm. Boy! Is it windy. And the wind is currently at TFL's back, making her tail feathers blow upward as if she were wearing a skirt when the gusts are large enough. It may be stormy and windy but TFL is like a magnet, hugging that nest and keeping the eggs warm and dry. The weather forecast indicates possible heavy rain overnight so the worst part of the storm may be yet to come. Hunker down, sweet eagles. You've got this.	freebird_AEF
4/15/2018 17:58:13	4/15/2018	7:51:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	TFL stands up, shakes off some of the rain and does two egg rolls within a minute. She aerates the bowl before shimmying back down.	freebird_AEF
4/16/2018 4:38:28	4/16/2018	6:24:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL is asleep, looking very relaxed with her head in her wings. MrP is seen on the ground near the nest, gathering up some grasses. MrP takes off and lands in the nest with a talon full of fluff. Both TFL and MrP look very wet from all the recent rain. TFL seems eager to take off to dry out her wings. She flies through the v as MrP rolls the eggs and settles down to brood.	earlybird_AEF
4/16/2018 4:42:44	4/16/2018	6:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Eagle Vocabulary	Brooding - readiness to sit on and incubate eggs. Incubation itself is the process of maintaining uniform heat and humidity of the developing eggs, usually accomplished by one or both parents sitting on the eggs at all times. After the hatch, the parent birds brood their young, keeping them protected from the elements.	earlybird_AEF
4/16/2018 4:50:39	4/16/2018	6:39:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP continues to shelter the eggs with his body. He hears a cracking noise that gets his attention but it doesn't seem of much concern to him. 6:42am He rolls the eggs, aerates the fluff and settles down once again, pulling the blanket of moss close to his body.	earlybird_AEF
4/16/2018 5:13:17	4/16/2018	6:51:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP tracks something as it flies by. TFL has landed in a nearby tree. She flies to the overhead branch, gives her tail feathers a cute little shake and moves down into the nest. It looks like MrP wants to stay right there on his eggs but TFL's not having it. She gives him a few nudges to get him moving and he does just that. He flies through the v, hovering briefly from the wind. Just as he leaves the rain starts pouring. TFL quickly covers her eggs with her body.	earlybird_AEF
4/16/2018 5:27:17	4/16/2018	7:25:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's going to be another windy day with a couple of showers. The temperature is now 57 degrees with a high of 58 expected. The rain will be clearing out tonight but it will be a cold 38 degrees. Don't put those hats and mittens away just yet.	earlybird_AEF
4/16/2018 5:49:15	4/16/2018	7:45:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	The rain is gone for now but another shower is expected soon. TFL enjoys this reprieve as she sleeps with her head in her wings. She wakes up and gazes out the v, a little bedraggled but always the beautiful Lady.	earlybird_AEF
4/16/2018 9:49:17	4/16/2018	11:12:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives at the nest, bearing gifts, a bouquet of fluff. Perhaps this is his way of wooing his Lady so he can get another turn with those eggs. That seems to have done the job, no argument from her. She flies off with the wind.	earlybird_AEF
4/17/2018 5:44:41	4/17/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	On Nest	It's a sunny and cool morning, currently 39 degrees with a high of 50 expected. MrP snuggles with his treasures, pulling the blanket of moss closer to his body. 6:46am and 6:52am He quickly gives the eggs a roll and covers them again with his warm body. As he gazes out the v, his eyes close, his head slowly lowers and he nods off.	earlybird_AEF
4/17/2018 5:58:56	4/17/2018	7:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP looks very relaxed until a crow passes by. He tracks it with his eyes as it lands on a nearby branch. Such nerve! On your way, silly bird. 7:26am and 7:55am He rolls his eggs, aerates the fluff and shimmies back down.	earlybird_AEF
4/17/2018 6:39:48	4/17/2018	8:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP gives out a call and looks around. TFL answers that call. She comes flying in and almost lands on MrP. Whoops! He lets her know he didn't appreciate that with a few vocals. MrP flies out the v as TFL gives her eggs a little roll and wiggles herself over them.	earlybird_AEF
4/17/2018 9:15:27	4/17/2018	11:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching/Egg Duty	MrP watches from the Primary Perching tree as TFL continues with egg duty. She gets up for a stretch, preens herself and changes position. 11:06am She gives the eggs a roll and gets comfortable with them again.	earlybird_AEF
4/17/2018 17:02:20	4/17/2018	7:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Egg rolls / Shift change	Egg rolls at 1:22, 2:09, 2:44, 5:54, 6:39 and 6:50. TFL flies off at 6:50 and MrP takes over egg duty at 6:52 and does an egg roll. TFL is on Cam B, perching on the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF
4/17/2018 17:17:24	4/17/2018	7:03:00 PM	MrP and TFL	TFL departs / MrP snoozes	TFL decides it's time for some private time and flies off from the primary perching tree at 7:01. MrP is serenaded by birds chirping their evening songs. It seems their songs have made him sleepy as he rests over the eggs and allows his eyes to close intermittently.	freebird_AEF
4/17/2018 17:34:24	4/17/2018	7:23:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	MrP wakes up and stands to aerate the nest. Good thing! I was about ready to take a nap. He gives a light egg roll and squiggles back down. Here's the MrP I know so well -- he's fussing with the distribution of nesting materials. From clumps to a single strand of grass. He's up again at 7:27, the eggs roll automatically when he rises, but he still gives them a nudge and tucks them down under before lowering himself. Up again to reposition and now it's time to fuss with the large strands of dried reeds.	freebird_AEF
4/17/2018 18:00:10	4/17/2018	7:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Slumber	MrP goes back into slumber mode and all is quiet and peaceful. The wind gusts occasionally and the fresh spring leaves rustle in the breeze. There is a symphony of birds in the distance creating a unified lulling sound. Good night, MrP and TFL. Sweet dreams.	freebird_AEF

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4/17/2018 18:29:24	4/17/2018	8:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	Mr. P is taking care of the eggies tonight. He gave them a roll at 8:02 and is now quietly in repose. It is novel to see him on the nest after dark. Typically it has been TFL on night egg duty. As darkness fell and before the IR light came on at the nest, our cam operator zoomed to the Capitol building dome shining brightly in the distance with what we believe is the Supreme Court Building to its front and left. Perspective is way off, but these iconic buildings are visible from our cams and provide an awesomeness to the nest surroundings. There is no doubt that our eagle couple live in DC land, just a few miles from our Legislators and Justices!	kaco4_AEF
4/17/2018 19:47:58	4/17/2018	9:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	<p>A sleepy-looking Mr. President drowns in the nest as he incubates the eggs which rest safely in the warm egg bowl beneath his body. With a noisy, feathered rush of wings, The First Lady's arrival at the nest is announced; she lands on the outside ledge of the nest, just on the other side of the V. Hearing his mate, Mr. President tilts his head upward, opens his beak silently, and looks far more like a hungry eaglet imploring a parent for food than he does the strong, regal raptor he is. The First Lady, however, has none of it. Her first priority is, of course, incubating her eggs, but she does a bit of staring at MrP first, then suddenly reaches down, grasps a downy feather (belonging to MrP -- and currently still attached to MrP) and tosses it into the air. Apparently, her message is well-understood, for MrP quickly rises before gently sidling away from the eggs on tightly-balled talons.</p> <p>TFL is right beside him as he moves away from the egg bowl, immediately lowering herself into the position MrP vacates over the top of the eggs. She does a bit of nest-material-fluffing, but -- still dissatisfied with facing out and away from the V -- she carefully turns herself until her head is about 35-degrees counterclockwise of the V. As TFL is settling into the nest, MrP perches for a moment on the nest rails; then, with an elegant extension of his wings, he is up, into the air, and flying. But, his flight seems to last only a rather short distance into the night. Within 2 or 3 seconds of his takeoff, the sound of MrP subtly landing seems to come from the left of the nest, just out of camera range. When compared to the noisy landing of TFL moments before, MrP is virtually silent.</p> <p>As the time at the nest approaches 9:30 pm, the sound of birds chirping quietly in the distance and the horn of a passing train resound in the night, their sounds, now, somewhat muted despite a quick northwest wind. The wind now carries less sound than it likely once would have, travelling through bare branches during the winter: high in the nest tree, surrounded by neighboring trees dotted with newly-budded leaves, the growth of these leaves affords the nest and its residents a multi-faceted, natural insulation from their surroundings, both aurally -- slightly dimming the often-heard urban din of the nearby human world -- and visually -- lending the nest increasing camouflage from the eyes of potential predators, should they exist.</p>	liadan_AEF
4/17/2018 20:01:03	4/17/2018	9:59:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating/On the Nest	The First Lady, having settled herself into the nest comfortably around 9:10 pm, appears to be quite content in her chosen place over the eggs because at 9:50 pm, she remains in that same location. She doesn't appear to sleep, despite her wings remaining in characteristic repose lifted up and slightly away from her body. Instead, she looks calmly into the surrounding trees, sometimes her interest is piqued by something or someone off to her right, and she gazes up and through the V-branches every so often. In the cool April night, even as sirens ring and wind gusts touch the feathers of her wings, she remains just where she has been for nearly the last hour. Just before 10:00 pm, a stronger gust of wind sways the tree and nest slightly, but watching TFL as she incubates her eggs, you'd not know it. Her expression remains restful, as if revealing her for the incredible, experienced mother eagle she is. Perhaps it's the nighttime calm that lulls her to sleep: at 9:57 pm, after gradually allowing her eyes to close, TFL's head begins a slowly-descending nod, beak toward the nest. By 10:00 pm, she has surrendered to sleep, eyes closed tightly, beak-tip resting on the nest, as the warmth of her body and her feathers lend their protection to her two precious eggs snug in their tiny nest-bowl dugout below her.	liadan_AEF
4/17/2018 20:18:53	4/17/2018	10:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll/Incubating	No matter how sound asleep an eagle parent may appear, at any moment, that parent must -- and will -- instantly awaken, as necessary. And, exactly at 10:00 pm, The First Lady does just this when she awakens from what appears to be a sound sleep in order to roll one or both of her eggs. Rising above the soft, neatly-formed bowl in which her eggs rest, TFL -- her strong talons curled into gentle balls -- turns clockwise, then delicately lowers her head to tend to her eggs. She carefully, as always, rolls one or both eggs, but her body is angled so her exact actions are hidden from view. She then fluffs the egg bowl just slightly before rotating a bit more to her right, and finally she lies down again. At 10:10 pm, TFL once again rests over the egg bowl, facing almost exactly 180-degrees opposite the direction she faced while she slept ten minutes ago. As the soft chirruping of other Arboretum residents and an occasional siren from an emergency vehicle accompany the nighttime darkness, the wind appears to grow softer, its gusts less intense and less frequent, and once again, The First Lady appears calm and comfortable, settled over the beautiful eggs she continues to incubate.	liadan_AEF
4/18/2018 4:30:48	4/18/2018	5:50:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL is sleeping peacefully with her head in her wings. She gets up to roll her eggs and aerate the fluff. Just as she gets herself settled down again, MrP lands on the right v branch chattering away. They have quite a discussion back and forth, TFL finally, perhaps reluctantly, flies off for her break. MrP rolls the eggs and shimmies down over them.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 4:49:16	4/18/2018	6:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP looks very content as he broods his eggs and gazes out the v. It's quiet and calm with just the birds singing their good morning songs. MrP rolls his eggs at 6:28am and again at 6:36am. He rotates his body so his tail is now in the v, a change of scenery is always nice. He stretches his neck to pull some fluff closer to his body to keep everyone warm. MrP is on a roll this morning, egg roll, that is. He rolls them once again at 6:42am and 6:51am.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 5:00:27	4/18/2018	7:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a sunny morning, currently 35 degrees with a high of 63 expected. Tonight it will go down to 49 degrees with some clouds.	earlybird_AEF

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4/18/2018 5:27:45	4/18/2018	7:05:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	The sun shines down on MrP, the green and lush foliage his backdrop. Spring has arrived at the Arboretum and it's a beautiful sight to behold. MrP continues to gaze out at his surroundings as he takes care of his eggs. He swivels his head with a cute little tilt as he tracks a bird flying above. It passes by so no need for concern.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 5:48:25	4/18/2018	7:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls the eggs again at 7:27am, 7:33am, 7:42am and 7:45am. As he aerates the nest he pulls up clumps of the fluff from the egg bowl area and moves it around to help dry it out and freshen it up.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 5:50:45	4/18/2018	7:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Eagle Vocabulary	What is an egg bowl? Prior to the female laying eggs, the male and female will gather lots of soft nesting material—grasses, Spanish moss, whatever is available, and build a 'bowl' or 'cup' inside the larger nest. This bowl/cup will be the area into which the eggs are laid, providing them with a soft cushion. After the eaglets have hatched, the sides of the bowl/cup will help keep them in one place where the parents can shelter them more easily.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 7:08:32	4/18/2018	9:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Alert	MrP continues tending to the eggs. He's rolled them, moved nest material and repositioned himself several times. 8:29am He goes in defense mode and stretches out his wings of protection. No visual on what it might have been but it's quickly over and MrP is calm again.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 15:40:44	4/18/2018	5:35:00 PM	Live Q & A Session	Live Q & A Session	Have some questions about our DC eagles? Come join us for our Live Q & A session tonight from 8:00pm-10:00pm.	earlybird_AEF
4/18/2018 17:16:08	4/18/2018	7:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	As of 7pm, TFL is on nest duty and recently rolled eggs. Not sure when MrP and she switched off today. The bright, luscious spring colors abound at the nest tree and surrounding area. It's absolutely gorgeous... as is our lovely Lady. It's a beautiful evening, only gentle breezes. There's no sign of MrP on cams, although we're looking to see if he can be found.	freebird_AEF
4/18/2018 17:39:34	4/18/2018	7:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	Wow! What a crop, MrP! We've finally found him chilling out by the Primary Perching tree with his white blaze is a'blazin' from a full crop. He's looking full and proud. It sounds like both our eagles have been a bit fussy today. Each of them have flung their wings outward in defense mode while on the nest, even though the team didn't see anything for them to be defensive about. It could have been song birds for all we know. Or possibly the hawk has come back to visit. MrP takes off from perching at the PPT around 7:38. It appears that TFL is tracking him.	freebird_AEF
4/18/2018 18:03:12	4/18/2018	7:42:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	TFL rises and stretches, she rolls eggs at 7:43, a little digging in the nest and a nice squishy shimmy back down over the eggs. TFL's back up at 7:50, a couple of egg rolls, more aeration and downward eagle she goes.	freebird_AEF
4/19/2018 4:58:26	4/19/2018	6:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a mild morning, currently 50 degrees, with sun and clouds. It should get to a high of 59 degrees with the wind returning. MrP arrives to take over egg duty as TFL flies off.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 5:22:21	4/19/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	We get a nice peek of the eggs as MrP gives them a roll. Two perfectly precious eggs. MrP aerates the fluff all around the nest bowl, plants his beak in the moss and wiggles himself down. He pulls some of the fluff closer to his chest and tosses some around each side of him. There is one particular clump that he doesn't seem too happy about. He moves it here and there, tries to break it apart with his beak, tries to shake it apart. This pesky clump is just not cooperating and we all know what a perfectionist MrP is.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 5:40:20	4/19/2018	7:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	Something above catches MrP's attention. He tracks it as it flies by but doesn't seem concerned. He rolls the eggs again and positions himself so he can look out the v. A gentle rain has started to fall in the area. It doesn't seem to bother MrP at all. He closes his eyes and takes a short nap. Another distraction from above that he carefully watches. It sounds like it may just be a songbird flying by but even the smallest birds get MrP's attention. No cause for alarm, back to napping.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 7:58:35	4/19/2018	9:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	The rain has cleared and the sun has come out but it will get increasingly windy. Natures way of drying everything out. MrP departs from the nest. TFL immediately arrives for her turn on egg duty. Egg roll at 9:56am.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 9:32:11	4/19/2018	11:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Duty	TFL continues to snuggle with her eggs. She appears very relaxed gazing around at her surroundings and getting in a quick nap or two. She rolls her treasures at 10:56am and again at 11:10am.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 9:51:53	4/19/2018	11:41:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	The wind has arrived and there may be a passing shower. It almost looks like it's snowing with the flower blossoms blowing around. TFL rolls her eggs and hunkers down to cover them. Hold onto your tail feathers pretty Lady.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 11:50:32	4/19/2018	1:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	It looks like we had a shift change sometime this afternoon. MrP is now on the nest tending to his eggs. He rolls them at 1:25pm and 1:43pm.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 12:15:12	4/19/2018	2:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP might be incubating the eggs but he's still doing busy work while he's lying there. He stretches his neck and reaches over to reposition some sticks. MrP does like his sticks and is always trying to find just the right spot for them. He also spreads around some fresh greenery that was brought earlier. 1:57pm He's up and rolling the eggs. MrP, you deserve a nap after all that work.	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 12:19:02	4/19/2018	2:15:00 PM	Eagle Facts	Why do Bald Eagles Bring Sprigs of Greenery to their nests in Spring and Summer?	Although no one knows for sure, some ideas by scientists are: -these may serve as an insect repellent -may be a clear signal to other eagles that this nest is well-tended so they better keep away. -may provide a bit of camouflage -may help to keep the nest clean. – PN	earlybird_AEF
4/19/2018 13:12:29	4/19/2018	2:58:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL arrives through the v. It looks like she wants to snuggle with her eggs. MrP appears ready to have his break and flies off. TFL shimmies down over DC6 and DC7.	earlybird_AEF
4/20/2018 4:31:37	4/20/2018	5:52:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	It's a cool 37 degrees this morning with sunny skies and a high of 58 expected. MrP looks out the v and gives out a call. He may be calling for a break but no response yet from TFL. He rolls the eggs at 6:00am and 6:04am, aerates the fluff and shimmies back down, pulling some moss around him.	earlybird_AEF

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4/20/2018 4:40:52	4/20/2018	6:25:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP looks relaxed as he continues on egg duty. He reaches out to reposition some sticks and fluff as he watches the area. His eyes close, he takes a short nap and wakes up to move some more moss. It looks like he may be trying to cast a pellet by the way he's shaking his head and moving his beak. Two more egg rolls at 6:29am and 6:37am.	earlybird_AEF
4/20/2018 4:43:27	4/20/2018	6:40:00 AM	Mr. President	Eagle Vocabulary	Pellet – indigestible food regurgitated by a bird; In the case of eagles, a pellet consists only of fur or feathers. Other raptors, such as owls, also regurgitate bones in their pellet along with the fur of animals they consume.	earlybird_AEF
4/20/2018 5:32:03	4/20/2018	7:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure/Return	MrP stands up, stretches his wings and flies off. He immediately returns and settles back down on the eggs.	earlybird_AEF
4/20/2018 6:16:31	4/20/2018	7:42:00 AM	Mr. President	A Visit by Mr. Squirrel	Just when you think the fluff is safe, who should pop his little head up but Mr. Squirrel. Oh no little Mister, don't even think about it. He cautiously climbs up the side of the nest, looks this way and that and climbs up a branch. I can just feel his anticipation, fresh greenery for his nest. But not so fast. Who does he see in the nest? You guessed it. MrP! Whoops! Back off the nest he goes, down one branch, then another until he is safely on the ground. Whew, that was a close call you silly squirrel.	earlybird_AEF
4/20/2018 14:07:14	4/20/2018	3:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's been a glorious day with the sun shining and a gentle breeze. The perfect day to be incubating two perfect eggs. 2:26pm TFL flies into the v and lets MrP know that she is ready to snuggle in with her eggs. MrP seems ready to stretch his wings and flies off. TFL gives her eggs a roll and shimmies down over them. She rolls her eggs periodically throughout the afternoon, the most recent at 3:35pm and 3:42pm.	earlybird_AEF
4/20/2018 17:10:05	4/20/2018	7:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg duty	MrP is chill-axin at the nest. It looks like he's gotten himself a new beauty mark on the top and center of his head. Oh good! They'll be easy to tell apart for a few days! It's a beautiful, serene evening at the Arboretum.	freebird_AEF
4/20/2018 17:36:21	4/20/2018	7:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg roll / Nest duty	MrP stands up and we get a good close up of his dirty feet. Hey! That's what happens when you're a hard worker. He aerates the nest, rolls the eggs and shimmies back down. They've built a lovely nest bowl with a cushiony wall of nesting material surrounding them. All tucked in, MrP still fusses with the grass and moss, adding even more to the inner and outer bowl, ensuring it's extra fluffy, soft, warm and cozy for the DC eggs. He's such a good, fastidious dad! We love you, MrP.	freebird_AEF
4/20/2018 18:22:31	4/20/2018	7:59:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg roll	MrP aerates and jiggles the eggs at 7:55, then gives them a nice big roll as they're tucked beneath him. Suddenly MrP looks alert. It seems he heard something that caught his attention but just as quickly he relaxes and continues to tuck in the little ones.	freebird_AEF
4/20/2018 20:08:45	4/20/2018	10:08:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls / Night shift	MrP is still on nest duty. TFL must be taking the night shift off. He gets up a minute or two after 10pm, goes to the rails and looks out, then hops back into the nest and back into position over the eggs. Egg rolls: 8:22, 9:10, 10:04.	freebird_AEF
4/21/2018 4:50:33	4/21/2018	6:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP relaxes in the golden sun this morning. He seems totally calm and totally in his element as he broods DC6 and DC7. He tracks a bird as it flies by, but doesn't appear too concerned. He rolls his treasures at 6:42am. We get a nice view of his tail feathers as he does that cute little wiggle and settles back down.	earlybird_AEF
4/21/2018 5:10:09	4/21/2018	6:54:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP has positioned himself so he is now looking out the v. What a lovely view and what a lovely place to bring up two eaglets. By my count, we should be on pip watch in about eight days. Such an exciting time for all of us. It always amazes me how efficiently the hatchling uses its egg tooth to work its way out of the egg and into the loving wings of its parents.	earlybird_AEF
4/21/2018 5:15:11	4/21/2018	7:11:00 AM	Eaglet Facts	Eaglet Facts	What is an egg tooth? An egg tooth is formed on the eaglet as it grows inside the egg. It is actually a sharp point on its beak. At the same time, the baby eaglet develops a 'hatching muscle' which actually tips the developing bird's head back. Once it is large enough, the egg tooth will come into contact with the inside surface of the egg. As the baby inside the egg moves around, this little egg tooth breaks through the shell, (called a 'pip') and after several hours or even a day or two, the baby emerges. If you are observing a nest with a camera and microphone, you can hear the tiny cheeps the eaglet makes even before it hatches.	earlybird_AEF
4/21/2018 6:43:18	4/21/2018	8:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP continues on egg duty. He's been busy moving moss, rolling the eggs and gazing around. TFL comes flying in through the v. They greet each other with some eagle chatter and MrP departs from the nest. TFL gets all cozy with her precious eggs, MrP can be heard chattering away in the distance. I guess he wasn't finished with their conversation yet. Enjoy your break MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/21/2018 10:06:33	4/21/2018	12:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty / Update	Between the hours of 10-noon, the nest belonged to TFL. It's been quiet while TFL caught up on some sleep after a night out. There were several egg rolls, some nest fluffing and a couple vocalizations. TFL is probably ordering breakfast. No sight of MrP since handing nest duty over to TFL around 8:30 this morning.	freebird_AEF
4/21/2018 10:08:58	4/21/2018	12:00:00 PM	Live Chat	DC Live Chat	Join us for Live Chat from noon to 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!	freebird_AEF
4/21/2018 10:40:28	4/21/2018	12:27:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change	TFL starts vocalizing. It sounds like wings flapping, as if an eagle is flying around and above and then landing for a bit. She's keeping an eye on things. She gets up at 12:29 and flies off through the V branches. MrP arrives to take over nest duty.	freebird_AEF
4/21/2018 11:07:37	4/21/2018	12:57:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls / Nest duty	Egg rolls: 12:57 and 12:59. MrP does a little housecleaning including stick placement. It's so funny the way he shakes his head side to side quickly as he tries to get a stick to fall into place along the nest railing.	freebird_AEF
4/21/2018 12:01:32	4/21/2018	1:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls	MrP seems to be watching a lot of activity. He's very alert and inquisitive, looking mutually upward and outward. He stands over the eggs and does some nest gardening, giving eggs a little breather of cool air before digging his beak into the nest and squiggling back down. Egg rolls: 1:28, 1:39. As the hour ends, MrP is relaxed and bathing in Spring sunshine.	freebird_AEF
4/21/2018 14:30:28	4/21/2018	4:22:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Shift change	MrP has had enough of egg duty. He stands in the nest and vocalizes loudly several times then without hesitation flies off at 4:22. TFL flies in one minute later and takes over, although she certainly doesn't appear to be settled in yet. She was probably enjoying some "me" time perching nearby.	freebird_AEF

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4/22/2018 5:03:24	4/22/2018	6:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a beautiful Spring morning, the temperature is already 42 degrees with a high of 65 expected with sunny skies. TFL softly calls for MrP, it sounds like she wants to go stretch her wings. MrP doesn't come immediately, perhaps he's off fishing. He finally arrives and TFL flies off. MrP tidies up the nest and wiggles down to cover his eggs.	earlybird_AEF
4/22/2018 5:10:40	4/22/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	MrP rolls his treasures, aerates the fluff and shimmies back down. He spends some time fussing with the fluff, pulling it close to tuck them all in. He gazes out the v, watching the area. You can always tell when something gets a little too close to the nest by his body language. He is always aware even when his eyes are closed.	earlybird_AEF
4/22/2018 6:09:45	4/22/2018	7:39:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	MrP has enjoyed a lazy morning, everything has been calm and peaceful. He rolls his eggs, aerates and settles back down. But no, that just doesn't feel right. He's back up and moving the fluff again. MrP, the perfectionist, needs it just right. Fluff, fluff, fluff. MrP is busy at work tidying up that nest. Let's try that again. Back down he goes. How's that working out for you MrP? Well.... let's try that one more time. Up he goes, rolls the eggs and does his cute little wiggle, wiggle down to cover them. He moves some more moss around, some more sticks around and finally seems to have it the way he wants it. It looks perfect. He deserves a nap after all that work. His eyes close, his head lowers. Sweet eagle dreams.	earlybird_AEF
4/22/2018 9:46:52	4/22/2018	11:19:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Alert / Shift change	MrP is startled by something. He gets up, flaps his wings, screams at a bird flying by and jumps out of the nest. That'll teach them for flying too close! TFL flies into the nest and squiggles down into position while MrP handles the flying tyrants.	freebird_AEF
4/22/2018 10:55:27	4/22/2018	12:11:00 PM	The First Lady	Alert / Hawks Flyby	TFL gets up to reposition herself and in the process one of the eggs gently rolls on its own. The wind has picked up, so there's more of a breeze. We hear a sound like a fan opening or closing quickly, like the sound of flapping wings. Maybe a bird landed on a branch nearby? TFL is keeping her eagle eye on things. At 12:17, TFL stands up and calls out while looking upward toward an upper branch. She rolls the eggs and lowers herself over them. She's keeping close watch though. Two birds are seen flying on Cam B behind TFL through the V. At least one appears to be a hawk. TFL repositions herself, keeping the unwelcome birds in her target. She gets back up at 12:23, aerates the nest and the eggs get jiggled in the process before she snuggles back over them. A sparrow flies by at 12:48 and TFL snaps at the air in response. Way to go, mama!	freebird_AEF
4/22/2018 12:20:33	4/22/2018	2:13:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg roll	TFL stands up, preens and looks outward. MrP has briefly called out a couple times over the past hour. She goes back to egg duty, rolling eggs at 2:15.	freebird_AEF
4/22/2018 13:02:08	4/22/2018	2:53:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg rolls	Nearby hawk calls pierce through the air. TFL rises, rotates and rolls eggs, then works at keeping the nest fluffy. The hawk calls continue to sound off in the distance; just as TFL continues to rotate in a circle, roll eggs and fluff the nest until she finally wiggles her brood patch over the eggs and settles in. She reaches out, grabs the beautiful eagle feather lying in the nest and nibbles on it.	freebird_AEF
4/22/2018 13:33:11	4/22/2018	3:23:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty / Egg rolls	Flapping wings are heard nearby and TFL is calmly looking above and staying in position over the eggs. She rises at 3:26, rotates and rolls eggs. That's such an impressive egg bowl, so deep, soft and cozy for her treasured eggs. TFL keeps watch above but does not seem the least bit threatened or bothered. She grabs hold of the nest with her beak and uses it as an anchor as she wiggles her way back into place to incubate.	freebird_AEF
4/22/2018 13:57:13	4/22/2018	3:34:00 PM	Mr. President	Eagle dive	It must have been MrP who we heard fly in and perch above and to the left of TFL on Cam B because an adult bald eagle just dropped down from above and then must have flown off below the nest. That was a pretty cool move. It honestly looked like he just dropped and fell. Who knows, maybe he's perched below on a lower branch. TFL is calm as a cucumber so all is well with the world.	freebird_AEF
4/22/2018 14:14:48	4/22/2018	3:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Flying Around	Where did you go MrP? That drop down was quite a maneuver, very impressive. Perhaps he's dropped down on the ground to get some moss for his Lady. It doesn't look like it. There he is....flying around the back of the nest on cam A and away he goes. It looks like MrP is having the time of his life flying in that wind. It makes me smile just watching him.	earlybird_AEF
4/22/2018 14:36:44	4/22/2018	4:18:00 PM	The First Lady	Fly Off and Return	TFL stands and carefully backs off of her eggs. She flies out the v and eagle chatter is heard. I fully expected this to be a shift change but as far as I can tell this is TFL who came right back. Maybe she just needed to feel the wind beneath her wings for a minute.	earlybird_AEF
4/22/2018 15:20:44	4/22/2018	5:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL continues with egg duty. She preens her lovely feathers and gazes out the v. She rolls the eggs at 5:15pm, fluffs up the nest and shimmies back down pulling the blanket of moss close to her body.	earlybird_AEF
4/22/2018 16:13:07	4/22/2018	6:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL departed at 5:47 and MrP took over. He gave out a great big yawn at 6:02 as he peers all around. He is mildly panting in the afternoon sun. Such a beautiful boy with pale yellow isises. Temperature in DC is 63 degrees with winds at 12 mph.	kaco4_AEF
4/22/2018 16:19:47	4/22/2018	6:15:00 PM	The nest	Architectural Perfection	Our volunteers all concur that the DC nest is looking goood! Crib rails are nice and high this year. The weaving of twigs behind the V is tighter and there are no loose, superfluous twigs in the V to cause little feet to get caught. The nest bowl is nice and fluffy and high. Our eagle couple have outdone themselves this season on the nestorations. This little family will be sitting pretty in their nest with all the pastel colors of nature in the Arb around them!	kaco4_AEF
4/22/2018 16:49:28	4/22/2018	6:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating and egg roll	Mr.P gently rolls them eggs at 6:36 and rotates his body 30 degrees before settling back down again. He reffuffs the moss with his beak pulling it in higher around him. The Arb is unusually quiet at this hour. One helicopter is heard in the distance. No other avian sounds are audible. There goes a warbler!	kaco4_AEF
4/22/2018 18:47:06	4/22/2018	8:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Mr. P performs a tah dah - - egg roll - - at 7:23. TFL flies in at 8:20 and relieves Mr. P. He departs and TFL takes over night duty. Sweet dreams, lovely eagles.	kaco4_AEF

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4/23/2018 4:15:26	4/23/2018	6:03:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a beautiful morning, currently 44 degrees with sunny skies and a high of 70 degrees expected. TFL is snuggled in, all cozy with her treasures. MrP arrives to take over egg duty. TFL seems to have no problem with that, she departs through the v. MrP gives the eggs a small roll and shimmies down to cover them.	earlybird_AEF
4/23/2018 4:57:14	4/23/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP seems very relaxed as he enjoys his time on egg duty. The sun is shining brightly and the birds are singing. MrP rolls the eggs at 6:18am, 6:33am and 6:52am.	earlybird_AEF
4/23/2018 6:00:06	4/23/2018	7:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	Each new day brings us one day closer to pip watch. By my count, we have six more to go. I can't wait, I bet you all can't either. MrP rolls his beauties at 7:16am and again at 8:00am.	earlybird_AEF
4/23/2018 18:21:25	4/23/2018	8:15:00 PM	General summary of nest activity	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Mr.P was on nest since 4 PM. He performed egg rolls at 6:04 and 6:26. TFL arrived with a fresh supply of moss in her talons and took over nest duty. The entire shift change took 17 seconds! This pair has their act down pat! And of course TFL did an egg roll at 6:49, as soon as she assumed nest duty, and again at 7:36. 'Rollin' rollin', rollin', keep those eggies rollin'...TFL still on nest at 8:00 PM.	kaco4_AEF
4/23/2018 19:22:54	4/23/2018	9:13:00 PM	The First Lady	On nest	Egg roll at 9:13. Current temperature in DC is 59 degrees with winds at 10 mph. Tomorrow our eagles will have a nature shower with feather, feet and talon wash with rain forecast for most of the day and moderate temps in the low 60's.	kaco4_AEF
4/24/2018 5:39:43	4/24/2018	7:24:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll/Incubating	The First Lady incubates her eggs this morning, wide awake and attentive. At 7:24 am (nest time), she efficiently rolls her eggs, fluffs the straw at the edge of the egg bowl, then settles back into place atop her eggs again. While she keeps the eggs warm, she glances around at her surroundings with interest, possibly looking for Mr. President and a breakfast delivery. The trees, the bushes, and the shrubs of the Arboretum have now bloomed into their early-spring colors: pastel greens against dark branches, pink blossoms above green grasses just beginning to sprout from the forest floor. And, as the vibrant life of the forest continues to return, it's quite likely that it won't be long before new life pips out from within the two beautiful white eggs over which TFL currently broods. 35 days generally being the time from laying to hatching of Bald Eagle eggs, and with TFL having laid this season's clutch of two eggs on the 25th and 28th of March, respectively, those 35 days will soon have passed and once again, TFL and MrP may become parents again.	liadan_AEF
4/25/2018 4:04:22	4/25/2018	6:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	The rain has passed for now but a shower is expected later this morning. The temperature is a comfortable 55 degrees with a high of 66 degrees expected. Tonight the clouds will be breaking and it will get down to a low of 49 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
4/25/2018 4:20:16	4/25/2018	6:05:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL is sleeping on the nest, her head elegantly resting on her wings. She is a little bedraggled and wet from the rain but nothing can take away from her beauty. The birds are singing in the background, a hushed chorus as the sky begins to lighten. The muted hues of gray, black and white from the IR light give the nest a magical appearance. We will be having some magical moments here in the not too distant future. Pip watch will begin in about four days.	earlybird_AEF
4/25/2018 4:43:43	4/25/2018	6:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP hasn't been seen yet this morning. But wait! There he is. He's on the ground, right below the nest, doing his little hop along dance. Gather some fluff, hop hop hop, gather some fluff, hop hop hop. He flies up and around and lands in the nest with a lovely bunch of green grass. TFL seems to be pleased and reaches over to help with the placement. Now that the nest has been tidied up TFL decides this is a good time for her break. She flies out the v as MrP shimmies down on their perfect eggs.	earlybird_AEF
4/25/2018 5:29:18	4/25/2018	7:09:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls his precious treasures, aerates the nest and wiggles back down to cover his eggs. He stretches his neck and with a tall flare to the side, reaches for the moss. He fluffs it up and pulls it all around him, tucking it in close to his body.	earlybird_AEF
4/25/2018 16:10:09	4/25/2018	5:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP has been on egg duty since he gave TFL her break at 4:16pm. He tracks something above, his beak raised to the sky, that cute tilt to his head. We can't see what it is but we hear the sound of a crow and the sound of a hawk. MrP likes to keep his eagle eyes on everything. He gives the eggs a gentle roll at 6:02pm and aerates the fluff.	earlybird_AEF
4/25/2018 16:53:28	4/25/2018	6:25:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP carefully rolls one of the eggs, the other rolls right along with it. He does it again at 6:39pm. One gentle nudge, two rolling eggs. It's really quite ingenious. It saves time and energy and gets the job done. It even gives him a little extra time for all that fluff tossing he likes to do. Toss it up, toss it down, toss it to the left, toss it to the right, toss it all around. I think he's managed to dry out that nest quite well with all that tossing. Job well done MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/25/2018 18:01:52	4/25/2018	7:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	-- 7:15, 7:24, 7:29 (twice), 7:31: Egg rolls -- MrP goes to battle with a fine, long, looping strand of dried grass. It keeps brushing up against his face and he keeps trying to move it out of the way by nipping at it. MrP looks surprised when it ends up looping over his head and around his neck. What happened, MrP?! He finally tames it and wrangles it back down into the nest. Staying in brooding position, he starts fussing with sticks, small ones at first that are lying in the nest bed but then he raises his game and body to reposition sticks along the rails. Up for more egg rolls at 7:29 and again at 7:31. He is certainly Mr. Fidget Bottoms tonight but he's totally cracking me up. At 7:43, MrP is up again but I'm not sure if he did another egg roll or not since then he's remained in place over the eggs. He appears to be waiting for TFL to return for the night shift.	freebird_AEF
4/25/2018 18:47:37	4/25/2018	8:46:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty / Catching a few winks	Aside from a few egg rolls over the past hour, MrP has ended his restlessness and is giving in to catching a few zzzzzs while incubating. He's doing the head lowering downward beak and giving in to allowing his eyes to shut. You are verry sleepy. Catch some winks, MrP. Shhhhhh.... no one disturb him.	freebird_AEF

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4/25/2018 19:00:18	4/25/2018	8:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	Wait! Do I hear wings flapping? MrP jolts awake and thinks he hears it too. He calls out. "TFL? Is that you?" After a few moments, she flies in all refreshed at 8:52. MrP is up and raring to go. Within a minute's time, he's flown the coop. He calls out once he lands, instructing TFL of his whereabouts. TFL wastes no time and snuggles down over her precious eggs. She's up at 8:54 to aerate the nest bowl before shimmying back down. Good night, sweet Lady.	freebird_AEF
4/25/2018 19:20:41	4/25/2018	9:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL took over nest duties at 8:53. She lies atop the eggs, on a nest bowl that is high and very warm. Even on a moderate evening as this, with a temp of 61 degrees, the nest bowl is warm, with all those layers of grasses that have absorbed the sun's rays. And the dew point is 82%, which makes the atmosphere a little sticky. Add to that the natural body temperature of a mature brooding eagle, which is 106 degrees Fahrenheit. Some discomfort perhaps. Eagles don't sweat, so they pant, hold their feathers away from their bodies, or perch in shade when they can. So if it appears that TFL is breathing heavily with beak parted, it is quite normal. TFL moves some fluff around and remains alert.	kaco4_AEF
4/25/2018 19:32:25	4/25/2018	9:26:00 PM	Mr. President	In primary perching tree	Our cam operator has found Mr.P off of Cam B, in the primary perching tree, now thick with foliage and obscured in darkness, just across the way from the nest tree, across from the Vs. The arb is alive with a chorus of insects, one species louder than the next. TFL remains awake and alert in the nest.	kaco4_AEF
4/26/2018 4:11:59	4/26/2018	5:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP and TFL have been very vocal this morning. There was a shift change at 5:35am when TFL came to give MrP a break. MrP has been very active since then, moving back and forth from the NW branch to the lateral, several times. He seems to be on the alert about something but no visual on what it might be. TFL continues to incubate, making soft, sweet chirps intermittently.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 4:28:48	4/26/2018	6:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Roll	MrP flies from the NW branch and lands in the Primary Perching tree. The perfect place to watch over his family. It seems that whatever he was concerned about is long gone. He takes a little "me" time as he preens his handsome feathers and chills on the branch. We get a sweet peek of the eggs as TFL gives them a roll. She gazes out the v at her handsome mate and then takes a little eagle nap. Shhhh.... She needs to get some rest before her eaglets arrive. Pip watch is only three days away.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 4:42:22	4/26/2018	6:24:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Alert	We'll, so much for a relaxing morning in the Primary Perching tree. MrP flies back to the lateral branch, all in a tizzy. Something has got him on edge and he and TFL let everyone know it with firm vocals. Off to the NW branch he goes again and intently watches the area. He flies up onto the overhead branch, takes a look from there and returns to the NW branch. TFL continues with more soft chirps but she does not move from her eggs. MrP has got this. No need to worry pretty Lady. She nods back off to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 4:50:26	4/26/2018	6:40:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Roll	MrP flies from the NW branch and back to the Primary Perching tree. TFL gives her two beauties a roll and settles over them with her warm body. MrP returns to the NW branch. He is sure getting his exercise today.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 5:03:15	4/26/2018	6:49:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest/Perching	MrP flies onto the lateral branch and into the nest. He slowly walks around TFL and stops to do a little aeration. If he was hoping for a turn at egg duty, he's not getting it just yet. TFL is not budging. He flies back to the NW branch, perhaps waiting for her to change her mind. MrP departs from the branch but he comes right back and continues to watch his surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 5:12:53	4/26/2018	7:06:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a sunny morning, currently 48 degrees with a high of 70 degrees expected. Tonight it will go down to 50 degrees and turning cloudy with rain continuing through tomorrow.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 5:39:57	4/26/2018	7:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Roll	TFL stands, stretches her wings and rolls the eggs. MrP wastes no time in flying down to the lateral branch, perhaps hoping to finally gets his turn back on the eggs. TFL appears to give him her answer with a few chirps and shimmying back down. He seems to get the message and flies back to the NW branch. Sorry MrP. Your turn will come.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 5:59:22	4/26/2018	7:42:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Roll	MrP flies off and perches in the Primary Perching tree. TFL rolls her treasures again and wiggles back down. 7:55am MrP returns to the NW branch.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 6:13:44	4/26/2018	8:00:00 AM	DC Live Q&A	DC Live Q&A	I hope you have your questions ready. Our live Question and Answer session has just begun. Please join us from 8:00am-10:00am today.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 6:18:28	4/26/2018	8:13:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It looks like TFL is finally ready to go stretch her wings. She flies off and MrP arrives immediately. If eagles could smile, I bet MrP would be grinning from ear to ear. Enjoy your precious eggs MrP.	earlybird_AEF
4/26/2018 17:13:58	4/26/2018	7:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	TFL has been on nest duty for quite a while. MrP shows up. He lands on the lateral branch, walks into the nest, gives TFL a chirp while she seems to ignore him. So he walks around her and hops onto the right V branch. He's so funny. He keeps looking down at her and she just keeps looking straight ahead as if he wasn't there. MrP is looking down and all around his territory. Looking good, MrP! Off he flies at 7:08, over to the primary perching tree. 7:11, MrP flies back to the nest tree and perches at the lateral branch. It sounds like he's been quite the athlete today. You da man, MrP!	freebird_AEF
4/26/2018 17:37:52	4/26/2018	7:13:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure to PPT	MrP is on the move again. Off he flies from the lateral branch to the NW branch. Ever since MrP landed on the NW branch, he's been looking over his shoulder in the same direction. He seems mesmerized, as does TFL. We hear little chirpy sounds and MrP makes his way back to the lateral branch. Could it be Mr Squirrel down under the nest? MrP checks that area out with a piercing look and a tilt of the head. Off MrP goes again back to the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF

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4/26/2018 17:57:00	4/26/2018	7:53:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest Activity / Incubating	Time for a little TFL yoga; she does a beautiful wing and leg stretch. While she preens, we get a good look at the eggs. Beautiful! And now the same stretch for the right side. MrP flies back in around 7:42 and perches at the NW branch again. He flies a bit farther up the branch, remains alert, glancing over at his beloved TFL and then outward and around his territory. MrP has been extra active all day and with pip watch starting this weekend, we can't help but wonder if they're starting to hear peeps or feel movement from the eggs. MrP is adorable, the way he keeps watching after TFL, and TFL so far remains steadfast in place, barely even looking at MrP. Excitement increases for us all as we head into the weekend looking for our first pip of the season. Wooohoo!	freebird_AEF
4/26/2018 18:33:48	4/26/2018	8:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating / Egg roll	MrP flies off the NW branch and we spot him flying beneath the tree. He lands back at the primary perching tree where he can keep his eye on TFL and his domain. TFL is up to do a bit more preening and to allow some fresh air and cooling for the eggs. They look perfect! TFL moves over them and gives a gentle roll then a little jiggle as she aerates the bowl. And down she goes, snuggling over her precious ones. Before it gets too dark, Cam B spots MrP still perching at the primary perching tree. He's preening away, rousing up his feathers and looking content. A symphony of crickets and other unknown critters fill the air. TFL lowers her beak to the nest as she settles in for the night knowing that MrP is perched just moments away keeping watch. Good night sweet eagles. If you only knew how many hearts you've stolen, all the love and well wishes that surround you, your nest and little ones. Sweet dreams everyone.	freebird_AEF
4/27/2018 3:51:31	4/27/2018	5:45:00 AM	Weather	Weather	There has been some heavy rain last night and into this morning. A little more rain is expected, but it should clear out with mostly cloudy and cooler conditions. The temperature is now 52 degrees with a high of 64 degrees later today. Tonight it will fall to 49 degrees with partly cloudy skies.	earlybird_AEF
4/27/2018 4:21:36	4/27/2018	5:51:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Duty/Perching	MrP is on the nest. TFL is perched in the Primary Perching tree watching over her family. The rain is falling but "poptent" has this covered. MrP's wings are outstretched over his eggs, keeping them warm and dry. He appears to hear something and turns his head to take a look but stays in place on his eggs. All seems fine. He gives his head a shake, the droplets of water cascading around him. He stands up, flaps the water off of his wings and gives his eggs a quick roll. More wing flapping as the rain gets heavier. He wastes no time in getting back on his treasures.	earlybird_AEF
4/27/2018 5:12:34	4/27/2018	6:53:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL arrives at the nest, ready to give MrP his break. MrP doesn't seem to mind that a bit this morning. He appears more than ready to go dry out his wings and flies off. TFL gives her perfect looking eggs a roll and covers them with her warm body. "Mombrella" is now on duty.	earlybird_AEF
4/27/2018 5:28:16	4/27/2018	7:19:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	The rain is still coming down but the wind has picked up. Once the rain stops, this should help to dry everything out. TFL stands and does the "shake, aerate and roll". Shake her wings, aerate that nest and roll those eggs.	earlybird_AEF
4/27/2018 5:59:03	4/27/2018	7:37:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL quickly tidies up the nest bowl and rolls her eggs once again. She does her shimmy sway down over the eggs, lowers her head and nods off.	earlybird_AEF
4/27/2018 14:58:38	4/27/2018	4:39:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	The rain is gone and the sun is shining. MrP looks relaxed as he incubates the eggs. TFL arrives through the v with a talon full of moss to freshen the nest. MrP flies off for his break as TFL settles down on her eggs. Looks like she left the fluff on the left v branch. I guess she'll take care of that later. She must have been so excited to cuddle with her eggs that she forgot all about it.	earlybird_AEF
4/27/2018 16:31:05	4/27/2018	5:46:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg roll / Incubating	TFL looks all aglow and bedazzled with the sun highlighting her feathers and the Arboretum is alive with fresh, bright green spring leaves and colorful flowers. The poplar tulip tree is displaying big beautiful buds. It seems so appropriate that they will soon pop open in bloom just as we await the hatching of DC6 and 7. TFL appears so serene and settled in. At 6:24 she gets up to do some nest fluffing and we get a peek at the eggs. She gives one of them a nice big egg roll and lowers back into place, then fusses over where to place nesting material. And then, TFL goes back into her zen zone.	freebird_AEF
4/27/2018 16:46:31	4/27/2018	6:34:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives with talons full of fluff at 6:34. He starts doing some aerating in the nest down by TFL's tail. That seems to be motivation for her to get up. She flies over to the primary perching tree a minute after MrP's arrival. Oh boy, oh boy! MrP moves in and wastes no time snuggling in with the wee ones. MrP is panting from flying in and his wing tips are perfectly crossed over his tail feathers. We watch his tail feathers bouncing with each breath, up and down and up and down. All the while, he has such a contented look on his face as he rests and looks around from left to right while lying in the nest. TFL flies off from the primary perching tree around 6:42.	freebird_AEF
4/27/2018 17:38:51	4/27/2018	7:12:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	Egg roll at 7:12. MrP is back up at 7:14 and we get some great close ups of the eggs. He does another egg roll at 7:15. Uh-oh. MrP is playing with another stick in the V. He's lost several sticks doing that, as they've fallen to the ground when he's tried to move them around too much. Oh that dam V! MrP's arch nemesis. It's always in the way of his sticks. He decides to play with a much smaller stick and forgets about the big one. He's back up at 7:18 for another egg roll, then shimmies down. The ice cream plays, "When you're happy and you know it" "(boing-boing)" in the background and it seems to be putting MrP to sleep.	freebird_AEF
4/27/2018 18:02:08	4/27/2018	7:47:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating	At 7:47, MrP is up. Instead of doing a traditional egg roll, he just steps side to side about a half dozen times and his movement makes the eggs move a little bit. He then shakes those tail feathers back down to position himself over the eggs. He is now in one of his classic poses. Lying over the egg bowl with his wing feathers crisply crossed over this tail feathers. He always looks so debonair when he does this, as his wing tips cross so perfectly, creating a v-shape reminiscent of tuxedo tails.	freebird_AEF
4/27/2018 18:24:28	4/27/2018	8:15:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP flies off the nest. He calls out and TFL takes over nest duty. She does an egg roll at 8:16 before settling down.	freebird_AEF
4/27/2018 18:59:46	4/27/2018	8:47:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating / Egg rolls	TFL rolls eggs at 8:47. Dig, dig, dig, and another nudge to the second egg. Back to incubating the little ones. TFL repositions and rolls eggs once again at 8:56.	freebird_AEF

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4/28/2018 4:25:40	4/28/2018	6:00:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	The sun is up, the birds are singing and TFL is incubating her eggs. What a lovely sight to wake up to. She's looking even more beautiful this morning as she's sporting a quite charming feather accessory on her beak. No doubt this will be seen all over the world and will become the "in" thing in all the upscale boutiques. But of course, our fashion diva is unaware of all the stir she is causing, she just continues with her normal routine, taking care of her precious treasures.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 4:37:56	4/28/2018	6:12:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It looks like our fashionista is ready to go show off her bling. TFL flies up to the overhead branch, takes a quick look around and departs for the Primary Perching tree. Of course MrP is waiting in the wings (no pun intended). He immediately arrives in the nest, does some quick housekeeping and rolls the eggs. He wiggles down and pulls the blanket of moss close to his body.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 4:49:53	4/28/2018	6:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Egg Duty/Perching	MrP amuses himself by fiddling with the sticks in the v. He has been rearranging these sticks for several days, he just can't seem to get them the way he wants them. I do believe the "P" in his name does stand for perfectionist, one of the many endearing traits about him. He wants everything to be perfect. Mr. Perfectionist. He gently rolls the eggs at 6:27am and 6:32am, each time aerating the nest and shimmy swaying down on his eggs. TFL has been enjoying her time off preening and rousing her feathers in the Primary perching tree. She flies off, perhaps to get some breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 5:05:12	4/28/2018	6:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Eagle Napping	This is my favorite part of the day when the sun shines over the nest and everything is illuminated in shades of gold. MrP seems to be enjoying it too. He closes his eyes several times and takes some short naps, even dropping his head down in the moss at one point. He is always aware of his environment, opening his eyes, checking to make sure all is fine, then closing them again.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 5:10:53	4/28/2018	7:05:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It is a partly sunny day, currently 45 degrees with a high of 75 degrees expected and a shower in spots this afternoon and this evening. Tonight it will go down to 42 degrees with patchy clouds and breezy conditions.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 5:43:19	4/28/2018	7:20:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Vocals	MrP rolls the eggs again. 7:29am He gives out a call and TFL lands on the overhead branch. 7:32am MrP gives out another call and TFL flies off.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 5:57:57	4/28/2018	7:39:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL returns with a little something to spruce up the nest, a bunch of leaves. It looks like she's ready to take over egg duty but MrP isn't having it. She walks closer and closer until she is right by his side. She gives him a look and starts to move the fluff around him, almost nudging him with her beak. He seems to get the message and somewhat reluctantly flies off. The interaction between them is so cute when it comes to shift change. They both love to cuddle with their eggs. It won't be too long now before they have two hatchlings to cuddle with. Pip watch will begin tomorrow.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 6:09:08	4/28/2018	7:43:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP flies back and lands on the lateral branch. He looks like he is watching something below but he doesn't stay there long. He departs and we find him perching in the Primary Perching tree. He looks relaxed now, preening himself and rousing his magnificent feathers.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 7:49:19	4/28/2018	9:45:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Bring your questions and come join us for our Live Question and Answer Session from 12:00pm-2:00pm today. We would love to see you there.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 11:42:19	4/28/2018	1:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives to give TFL her break. Enjoy your break TFL and MrP enjoy your time with those precious eggs.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 12:21:47	4/28/2018	2:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP rolls his eggs again at 1:55pm and 2:06pm. I almost didn't recognize him with those clean feet. The rain yesterday did wonders. Nature's way of giving MrP a bath.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 14:55:39	4/28/2018	4:42:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Sometime earlier there was a shift change and TFL has been on the nest since then. MrP arrives and is more than ready to watch over the eggs. TFL flies off as MrP settles down over them.	earlybird_AEF
4/28/2018 16:25:26	4/28/2018	5:59:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating / Alert	MrP is suddenly alert with an elongated neck. He tosses his head in the air and is following something, and lets out several sets of calls and chatter. MrP is responding to an eagle that flies past the nest on cam B, but way too close. The eagle is seen flying over to the treed area adjacent to the nest tree and in front of where the State Capitol is located. MrP remains quiet and alert, keeping his sights positioned in the area where we last spotted the visitor.	freebird_AEF
4/28/2018 17:38:14	4/28/2018	6:59:00 PM	Mr. President	Alert / Visitor at nest tree	MrP repositions himself. He's still super quiet and on guard, staring off and on lookout. His wings are partly spread open. Is this to cool himself or is this a protective stance? Our question is answered at 7:03 when an eagle flies over the nest. MrP's wings are spread as he hovers over the eggs to protect them. The visitor perches on the nest tree staring at MrP. He calls out squonky warning calls of distress. MrP rises but maintains his protective stance, uses his feet to tuck the eggs underneath him further and then lowers himself again. The visitor remains perched in the same spot. MrP keeps calling out. He rises slightly again at 7:10 and continues to call, warning the visitor to leave but s/he remains perched in the exact same spot. MrP continues vocalizing intermittent high pitched distress calls. He appears to be looking around for TFL while keeping his eye on the visitor. At 7:18, a gust of wind blows through and MrP cries out some more, flattening himself into the nest and lowering his chest down over the eggs. 7:28 and the drama continues. No sign of TFL yet. MrP continues to vocalize and hold his stance over the eggs.	freebird_AEF
4/28/2018 18:01:52	4/28/2018	7:51:00 PM	Mr. President	Defensive pose / Visitor	The stand off between MrP and the visitor has lasted about 50 minutes so far. He continues to cry out in defensive tones and maintains protective stance over the eggs while the visitor continues to stare down at him, looking inquisitive, casual and relaxed on the NW branch. At 7:53, MrP repositions himself carefully then shimmies back down.	freebird_AEF
4/28/2018 18:08:20	4/28/2018	8:03:00 PM	Mr. President	Visitor	At 8:03, we reach one hour of MrP holding his protective pose over the eggs while vocalizing defensively. No sign of TFL yet. The sun is setting and it will be dark soon. We all wish the visitor would just leave. Hopefully as it gets dark, s/he will.	freebird_AEF

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4/28/2018 18:23:53	4/28/2018	8:10:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating, Egg rolling, and Defending!!	Mr. P just performed an egg roll even as he continues to defend DC 6 and 7 with left wing outstretched and plaintive, screechy sounds of protest. Why? Because a visitor is perched on the NW branch, a subadult nearing maturity who looks like he/ she is staying for a while! S/he was first spied in the Capitol tree before 6 PM, but got brazen and came to perch in the nest tree shortly after 7 PM. TFL had better get her you know what back to the nest, right quick. Mr. P lets out an angry tremulous sound, does a half egg roll and shimmies down again. He is fiercely defending his treasures. Sun has set. The IR light is on, and the visitor perches in the same sphinx like pose as an hour ago. What nerve!!! Go away stranger!	kaco4_AEF
4/28/2018 18:37:05	4/28/2018	8:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Protecting nest from visitor	Mr. P continues giving intermittent defensive screeches while the visitor stays perched glancing down at the nest now. All will be bathed in darkness very soon. Will we have a battle in the black of night? TFL should be taking over for the night right about now. C'mon girl!! Step it up! Nest calling TFL!!! The visitor continues to peer down in the direction of the nest. Mr. P is quieter now. Now he gives his screech again. With all the trees in the Arb, why must the visitor hang in the nest tree?	kaco4_AEF
4/28/2018 18:48:53	4/28/2018	8:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating in defensive mode	Poor Mr. P sits on the eggs with left wing outstretched and eyes open wide in the direction of the visitor. It is dark and one can only speculate what the view is from Mr. P to the visitor. I am certain s/he is visible in shadow form. S/he is still motionless except for her head position. Will s/he fall asleep or stay vigilant? Is s/he prepared to fight TFL? We at AEF are glued to the cams, with wonderment and anxiety. The visitor changes position, turning around on the branch and stretching her/his wing. Mr. P responds with a tremulous sound. Now s/he is still again. What's your game, stranger?	kaco4_AEF
4/28/2018 19:11:03	4/28/2018	9:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Incubating and watching visitor	Mr. P maintains his position on the eggs, even performing an egg roll at 9:03. The visitor is still perched on the NW branch looking intently down at the nest. Still no sign of TFL. Peepers are a peeping and sirens are a sirening. All else is quiet. Even Mr. P has gone silent. Silent, but still on alert, eyes wide open.	kaco4_AEF
4/28/2018 19:30:55	4/28/2018	9:18:00 PM	Mr. President	Mr. President and the visitor	Mr.P does an egg roll at 9:19. The visitor changes position on the NW branch and stretches wings. Mr. P reacts by tremulous screams, and the visitor calls back in lower pitched sounds. The visitor preens for several seconds. Again Mr.P responds. All is quiet again. As long as the visitor remains stationary, Mr. P is quiet.	kaco4_AEF
4/28/2018 19:40:56	4/28/2018	9:38:00 PM	The visitor	Preening	The visitor is apparently relaxed and is doing a thorough body feather preening. Looks like s/he is planning to spend the night in the nest tree. Poor Mr. P won't get a wink of sleep tonight!	kaco4_AEF
4/28/2018 20:48:50	4/28/2018	10:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Visitor and Nest Activity	The winds pick up and it shifts the nest back and forth, along with the branch that the visitor is perched contently on. Just moments ago, Mr.P began to vocalize again as soon as the visitor did a long wing stretch. Mr.P is reminding this visitor to stay back. Any sudden movement by the visitor brings out Mr.P's vocals. At times Mr.P alternates his defense mode position by opening and closing his wings. His eggs are top priority, so he doesn't want to compromise incubating. There is no threat made by the visitor so Mr.P relaxes his wings at times. We do not know where TFL is at the moment, but we can assume she is not in proximity where she can hear Mr. P as he calls out. Currently it is a mild 62 degrees out and it is raining lightly. Winds are about 15 mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
4/28/2018 20:50:38	4/28/2018	10:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	At 10:45, Mr.P does a quick egg roll and resumes incubating with one wing out, as he maintains protection of the eggs and also remains in a slight defensive mode. The visitor remains perched above him, peering down. On occasion the visitor appears to be going in and out of a light sleep as its eyes continually open and close.	FreeSoars_AEF
4/28/2018 21:13:46	4/28/2018	10:55:00 PM	The First Lady	Visitor escorted out!	Near 10:55 pm, we could hear TFL talking to Mr.P! Finally some chatter! TFL's calls got louder and louder as if she was approaching the nest. We were all excited that we could hear her! The visitor went on alert immediately and now all three of them were calling out. Then, in one second, TFL came flying at the visitor like a speeding rocket, forcing the visitor to have no choice but book it off of the branch. She calls out: "BE GONE!!!" Visitor takes off as TFL chases him/her around. Hopefully out of the nest territory. Mr.P watched the action from the nest, without once getting up. He is now calm, cool and relaxed. His Lady Love came through as we expected her to! She has still not arrived back at the nest as of 11:10 pm, and quite possibly is still chasing the visitor around. We hope that the visitor retreats to another location for the night and gets some sleep. At the end of the day, no matter what occurs, all we want is peace and safety, for all eagles!	FreeSoars_AEF
4/28/2018 21:56:45	4/28/2018	11:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL posed in heroic diva position atop the overhead branch after driving out the unwelcome visitor from the nest tree and perhaps out of the arb completely. There appeared to be no direct physical confrontation, just a daunting chase. And then our beloved protectress assumed nest duty at 11:40, relieving a weary and nervous Mr. P. He is probably perched very close by. Sure hope our expectant parents get a restorative sleep. Who knows? We may be pippin tomorrow!!!	kaco4_AEF
4/29/2018 4:29:36	4/29/2018	5:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Peaceful Morning	A new morning has come and with it, peace and tranquility. Last evening's events kept us all on the edge of our seats, not knowing what the outcome would be. It gave us just a little glimpse into an eagle's world, their dedication and their determination to protect their offspring no matter what the circumstances. MrP was steadfast in his bravery, never leaving his eggs, keeping them warm and protected with his body, even rolling the eggs when needed. Our TFL was fierce and sure in driving the sub adult away. The sub adult seemed to mean no harm, perhaps was only looking for a mate or a comfortable place to spend the night. But of course MrP and TFL will take no chances, they will let nothing get close to their precious eggs. I didn't know it was possible but this morning I love them even more. I am so grateful to be sharing this wondrous journey with them and all of you.	earlybird_AEF

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4/29/2018 4:39:10	4/29/2018	6:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL spent the night on the nest, taking care of her precious treasures. MrP arrived at 4:41am to give her a well deserved break. He has been on a roll this morning. Egg rolls at 4:47am, 5:02am, 5:04am, 5:59am, 6:02am, and 6:06am. That's a whole lot of rolling. Talons crossed that he might be hearing something in one of those eggs. Pip watch begins today!	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 4:43:54	4/29/2018	6:39:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a partly sunny and breezy day, currently 45 degrees with a high of 58 degrees expected. Tonight we can expect clear skies and a temperature of 41 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 5:15:16	4/29/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Rolls	It's a lovely morning at the nest. The background is filled with shades of green, the pink, white and purple azaleas in bloom. MrP continues on egg duty. He is very attentive to everything that is going on around him, moving his head in all directions, stretching his neck to see in the distance. He crouches his head as something flies by, a pesky Blue Jay by the sound of it. A quick peek at the eggs as MrP rolls them at 6:59am and again at 7:04am. It looks like he might be finally getting some rest. His eyes close but just for a minute. He's up once again for another egg roll at 7:11am.	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 5:38:58	4/29/2018	7:18:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest / Perching	Oh my, the look on MrP's face is priceless. That pesky Blue Jay gang just flew by and he's not liking that one bit. I haven't seen them around for awhile. I think MrP can do without ever seeing them again. He gives out several calls and we see that TFL is perching on the overhead branch. He must have been wishing her a good morning. She's a vision of loveliness as she suns herself and does her morning preening.	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 5:54:52	4/29/2018	7:42:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP rolls the eggs and calls out to TFL. He departs as TFL flies down into the nest. She does an egg roll and shimmies down on her eggs, pulling that nice warm blanket of moss all around her.	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 6:26:53	4/29/2018	8:20:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL seems calm and relaxed as she broods her eggs. If she only knew how excited we all are to be on pip watch. She rolls them again at 8:08am and 8:19am. No sign of a pip yet.	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 7:00:08	4/29/2018	8:34:00 AM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	TFL tracks something above. She has the same endearing look on her face that MrP had while watching the Blue Jays. Seriously, could either of them get any more adorable. I think not. She rolls her precious gems at 8:42am and aerates the fluff. She looks like she's about to snuggle up with them again but she changes her mind. She stops and looks down at them and gives them another roll. Is she hearing something yet? No way to tell but we sure hope so.	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 10:15:41	4/29/2018	11:52:00 AM	OFFICIAL :: DC6	Pip in Progress	OFFICIAL :: Pip in progress :: 11:52am With TFL at the nest incubating over her beloved eggs and MrP perched nearby on the NW branch like the protective, proud papa that he is, a pip in progress is revealed. Woo-hoo! DC6 is breaking out!	freebird_AEF
4/29/2018 10:48:26	4/29/2018	12:32:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP departs from his perching spot at 12:38. TFL remains over the eggs. She gets up to aerate and jiggles eggs at 12:40, she shimmies down, up again and down with another shimmy. MrP returns to the nest and steps close to TFL, working with stick placement. It's so beautiful to see them together in the nest with their eggs especially now with a pip in progress. TFL gets up and allows MrP to take over egg duty. She flies off at 12:44 and MrP rests over his precious eggs that he so fiercely protected last night.	freebird_AEF
4/29/2018 11:02:42	4/29/2018	1:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls	12:48: MrP rolls, then jiggles eggs while fluffing the nest bowl, then another big roll before resuming position. It's interesting to note that volunteers have been seeing some change in MrP and TFL's behavior the last 2-3 days. MrP has been rolling eggs more often and there have been times that it's appeared both MrP and TFL have stopped to look down at the eggs as if they've felt movement or heard tiny peeps. MrP has also been staying closer to the nest during his breaks. Nature never ceases to amaze me; it's filled with miracles and unforgettable moments and it's such an honor to be able to watch the lives of our DC eagles unfold. We love you MrP and TFL. And before we know it, we'll have a precious little fluffy baby eaglet chick in the nest.	freebird_AEF
4/29/2018 14:02:41	4/29/2018	4:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg rolls / Incubating	It's another beautiful day at the nest. The sun is shining, the Arboretum is blooming, the wind is blowing, DC6 is working on making a pip and MrP is chilling out on nest duty. Over the past two hours, egg rolls have occurred at 1:32, 1:34, 2:16, 2:44, 3:18 and twice at 3:49.	freebird_AEF
4/29/2018 14:39:25	4/29/2018	4:14:00 PM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	It looks like MrP is getting some much needed rest although I'm not sure how he can sleep at a time like this. I know I'm not going to be getting any sleep tonight. My excitement has been building all afternoon. We really have a pip in progress. All those egg rolls this morning made me wonder and hope that maybe, just maybe he was hearing the soft little chirps of DC6. That little darling is busy at work, using his egg tooth to chip away at that egg. It's hard work but it won't be too long before she/he comes out into the world and into the loving wings of MrP and TFL. We get another peek at 4:32pm as MrP rolls his adorable eggs. What a beautiful sight!	earlybird_AEF
4/29/2018 15:01:22	4/29/2018	4:44:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off / Fish Delivery	As we wait for DC6 to come out into the world, MrP has been amusing himself with moving sticks and catching bugs. It's amusing just watching him. TFL flies in with a huge catfish. Wow, that is a great start to filling up the pantry. MrP flies off to stretch his wings as TFL settles down to enjoy some time with her eggs. Egg roll at 4:55pm and we get another look at the pip in progress. If you look very closely you might see the flap move just a bit. Come on out little one. We can't wait to meet you.	earlybird_AEF

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4/29/2018 16:54:41	4/29/2018	6:34:00 PM	MrP and TFLmou	PIP IS OFFICIAL/Switch off / Fish delivery	OFFICIAL PIP CALLED AT 6:34 PM!!!! At last viewing, a crack with a small hole in its center was visible on DC6. Pip is now official! Around 6:14, TFL rolls the eggs. MrP flies in at 6:31 showing off for TFL with his own big fish and immediately starts digging in to feed. TFL starts chirping softly at MrP, like "Hey, what are doing?" She tea kettles her way over to him and drags the fish out from underneath him. She pulls the fish away a foot or two and feeds. As she takes bites, the live fish's tail wiggles up and down like it's waving at her. MrP moves over to munch on TFL's fish but he only nibbles a few bites for a short time. TFL on the other hand continues to feast on MrP's fresh fish while MrP settles in over the eggs. TFL eats a large portion of the fish, then decides to take a nest break and flies off the nest at 6:42. She's spotted feaking on the NW branch where she perches after a big yummy serving of fresh fish. She takes off in flight at 6:47, most likely perching somewhere nearby.	freebird_AEF
4/29/2018 17:49:36	4/29/2018	7:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP goes into alert mode; his wings spreading out like fans being briskly flipped opened, as we catch a quick glimpse of a bird flying by the nest. He settles back down, remaining watchful. MrP stretches his beak over to the rails to grab some fresh moss to sprinkle around him and the little ones. He drags the leftover fish that he brought in over to the eggs (he also grabs a couple nibbles for himself... just a few) then he heads over to TFL's fish and starts eating along the rails. TFL returns to the nest at 7:35 and watches MrP chomping down on the fish she delivered earlier. She also spots the leftover fish that she ate before her nest break that MrP drug over to the eggs and she nestles down, seemingly unbothered by MrP having dinner. That fish was tough but MrP is tougher. He's had his fill and flies off the nest at 7:45.	freebird_AEF
4/29/2018 18:17:46	4/29/2018	8:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating and pip	Lovely mama in waiting, TFL, is on the eggs on this clear, cool night with a full moon beaming down. This is the perfect night for little DC6 to work its way out of his/her shell and into the loving embrace of Mr.P and TFL. Temperature is a comfortable 52 degrees F. with winds at 13 mph. This week will bring more summer-like temps, from 70s tomorrow and into the high 80's towards the end of the week. Our nest is developing a nice, thick canopy of spring foliage which will keep things cool for our family.	kaco4_AEF
4/29/2018 18:44:36	4/29/2018	8:20:00 PM	The First Lady		TFL isn't giving us much of an opportunity to see pip progress. Not taking our eyes off of Cam A view. TFL will want to see what is moving underneath her chest. Here we go. Ah! No. TFL blocks view, turning 40 degrees. Eggs visible. Pip visible. It looks similar to an hour ago. Two separate crack lines with a tiny opening in the middle. TFL settles down in rotated position and pulls in fluff around herself. She is definitely focused on movement underneath. Her eyes close briefly and we have a bit of a beak plant going on.	kaco4_AEF
4/29/2018 19:58:42	4/29/2018	9:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating	The First Lady dozes as she keeps her eggs warm; soon, she'll have at least one eaglet to keep warm! The tiny pip in one of the two eggs is exactly on-time: 35 days after being laid. It's almost as if this eaglet will take his or her punctuality quite seriously later in life! The amazing mother eagle that she is, TFL rests in her tell-tale manner over the nest bowl, her wings up and slightly extended so she is able to cover an even greater area in the nest, keeping the eggs in their soft straw beneath her completely hidden, warm, and safe. At about 9:30 pm EDT, The First Lady -- wide awake minutes before -- slowly closes her eyes as she falls asleep. Relaxed, her head nods closer and closer to the nest itself, but stops just short of a full "beak-plant" into the nest; instead, just the very tip of her beak touches one of the sticks that make up the innermost nest rails. The springtime echoes with the usual traffic and sirens, but tonight, they are joined by a much more delicate sound. It's a sound long-awaited, a softly-called, muffled, intermittent chirping. On this night, for the first time, the eaglet slowly pipping from one of the eggs beneath TFL lends a sweet, new voice to the evening chorus. Perhaps, by this time tomorrow, the voice will no longer be muffled by the egg, and the first eaglet for this beautiful eagle pair will have emerged into the world.	liadan_AEF
4/29/2018 20:10:28	4/29/2018	10:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Check/Incubating/On the Nest	It's about 9:35 when The First Lady rises to look at the eggs beneath her. She touches each with the tip of her beak gently, but does not roll either egg; she spends a bit more time looking closely at the egg from which her chick has begun to pip. She fluffs the material at the edge of the egg bowl, lifting and arranging the grass and straw with careful movements of her beak. Once satisfied, she settles softly back atop the eggs. She appears to drift quickly into a light sleep as she continues to incubate her eggs, providing them with the warmth and protection they not only need now, but will also need for some time as newly-hatched eaglets. At 10:00 pm EDT, TFL appears to be relaxed and content, once again resting over the egg bowl.	liadan_AEF

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					<p>Sometimes, for observers, time in the eagles' world may seem to pass slowly, almost unchangingly, from one day to the next. Then, there are times when time seems to soar at least as fast as the thermal air currents high above the nest. Today is very much the latter of these!</p> <p>It was 11:52 am when a pip-in-progress became apparent when a bump in the shell of the first egg laid by TFL signaled that a chick dwelling within had begun his or her journey out of the egg and into the wider world. From the outside, this appeared as a sort of bumpiness in the shell, a slight mark not yet a hole. It may have appeared small from the outside, but for the eaglet inside the egg, life was changing at a rapid pace. That pip-in-progress, a milestone that might barely be noted from the outside, was the first sign that the young chick inside had broken the inner membrane of the egg, and in doing so, had taken a very first breath of oxygen. But, with the shell not yet broken, the eaglet is able to do breathe a first breath because, within the egg itself, a bubble of air, ready and waiting for just this time and just this reason, is accessible as soon as that inner membrane breaks. And, at the same time the membrane breaks, the chick is able to absorb the yolk of the egg; the nourishment from the yolk, along with the breath of oxygen, provide a soon-to-be-hatching eaglet with the energy they'll need to achieve what comes next: a pip, and at last, hatching.</p> <p>To achieve a pip means the eaglet inside the egg has actually broken open the shell from the inside, creating either a small hole or crack. Today, at 6:34 pm, the eaglet whose pip-in-progress was first noted this morning successfully achieved a pip! This means that, with the assistance of her or his egg tooth, the chick inside the egg had successfully scraped and scratched at the inside of the shell and finally created a break in it. But the chick's journey toward hatching still must continue after that first pip, as they crack and chip away at the eggshell. Life may be changing greatly for the chick, but from a chick's point of view, one might think this may be a period in which time seems to pass quite slowly. As the chick continues to pip away at the egg, the young eagle's strength, determination, and endurance will be tested as they complete the work of hatching. Sometimes, an eaglet rests, intermittently chipping away at the shell, and sometimes they can be heard chirping from within the egg. But, gradually -- over a period that can last 48 hours or slightly longer -- the chick's efforts will come to fruition. It is then that she or he will, at last, fully emerge from the egg, a hatchling, and join the world in which he or she will dwell alongside their parents.</p>	
4/29/2018 20:57:03	4/29/2018	10:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Pip-in-Progress/Pipping Process Description		liadan_AEF
4/29/2018 21:04:40	4/29/2018	11:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Incubating/On the Nest	The First Lady's routine tonight seems little changed despite the chick slowly pipping away from inside of one of the eggs which she incubates. As usual, almost to the minute, TFL rises every half-hour to study her eggs carefully, rolling as needed, then fluffing the material around the edges of the egg bowl before lying down again. At 11:00 pm, all is quiet at the nest; not a peep, chirp, or even siren is to be heard as TFL continues to incubate her eggs. She sleeps soundly, her head turned around and nestled amongst the profuse, beautiful feathers of her left shoulder and wing.	liadan_AEF
4/29/2018 21:10:59	4/29/2018	11:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Vocalization	At about 11:05 pm, eagle chatter can be heard in the background. I am presuming it to be from Mr.P. TFL lifts her head up from the rested state she was in to take a look around to see if her attention was needed. The vocalizing in the background ceased in under a minute, and TFL relaxed again and continued incubation.	FreeSoars_AEF
4/29/2018 21:54:57	4/29/2018	11:44:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll & Fun Fact	At 11:50 pm, TFL raised herself up from incubating and stepped backwards away from the eggs. She paused for a moment and then did a little turn, shuffled both eggs back under her and resumed incubating. Bald eagle eggs are off-white in color and average about 3 inches long by 2 inches wide. The average weight is 4-4.5 oz. They are similar in size to a tennis or baseball. Eagles will hold most of their weight on their wings while incubating. They will typically wiggle down back and forth in rocking rhythm and settle down slowly onto them, propping themselves by their wings. You will often see them grasp moss by their beak when rocking back and forth, this could also be a way they maintain their balance and direction while nestling down onto the eggs. Upon hatching, the eaglet will only average about 4-5" and weight only a few ounces. Cute little fluff balls!	FreeSoars_AEF
4/29/2018 22:13:16	4/30/2018	12:04:00 AM	The First Lady	Goodnight DC Eagle Family.	While I sign off from my monitoring, I want to wish everyone a restful sleep and who knows, tomorrow we may wake up seeing a little egg tooth peeking out and working through the shell. It's an extremely exhausting effort for that little eaglet to undertake. I'd imagine it's as exhausting as it is for me walking up the stairs to go to bed. I often want to raise my fists up in the air and bounce on one foot to the other like Rocky when I get to the top. Lucky for him, he was in shape to do that. I, on the other hand, just want to crawl on the floor and collapse right there like a pathetic lump :) TFL, Mr.P and the their two bundles of love are safe and sound as I sign off.	FreeSoars_AEF
4/29/2018 22:14:43	4/30/2018	12:13:00 AM	The First Lady	Sleeping	<p>Rock-a-bye eaglets in the tree top When the wind blows the nest bowl will rock When the wind breaks the rocking will stop That is the time a Dramamine I won't pop</p> <p>Eaglets are in their shells, cozy and fair Mother sits a top them giving them care Forward and back, the nest will swing Though the eaglets are sleeping They hear what she sings</p> <p>Rock-a-bye eaglets, do not you fear Never mind, babies, mother is near Wee little talons, eyes are shut tight Now sound asleep you stay ...until you morning light.</p>	FreeSoars_AEF

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4/30/2018 4:04:37	4/30/2018	5:45:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL is resting comfortably on her eggs, DC6 and DC7 tucked safe and warm under her. She looks so peaceful and serene, as all new mothers do when they are anticipating having a sweet baby to care for. We are excitedly waiting for our first peek of the pip this early Monday morning. It is a chilly morning, only 33 degrees right now so that peek might be quick. It will warm up to a high of 70 degrees with sunny and breezy conditions. A perfect day for a brand new life to come into the world.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 4:24:44	4/30/2018	5:56:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP is spotted on the ground gathering fresh moss. He arrives with a talon full of fluff and proceeds to place it around the nest. TFL stays in place on the eggs but stretches her neck to reach out and help him. MrP walks over and grabs up the leftover fish from yesterday and begins to eat. TFL stands as if she was expecting him to take over egg duty, but no, right now MrP is enjoying that fish. She looks at him, she looks at the eggs, she looks at him again. Oh well, it looks like he's not quite ready yet so she rolls the eggs and shimmies back down. We did get a peek of the pip. The crack has become larger with some movement being seen. But we are not there yet. There is still work to be done, DC6 will be chipping away at it, little by little and resting in between. Finally MrP seems to have gotten his fill. He has left some of the fish for later, perhaps saving it for TFL or his soon to be hatched bundle of love. TFL moves to the lateral branch and off for her break. MrP wiggles down with his precious eggs.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 4:55:29	4/30/2018	6:20:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Pip Continues	TFL hasn't gone far. My guess is that she doesn't want to miss the big moment. We see her fly by and land on the NW branch. MrP greets her with some chatter as she returns to the nest and starts to chow down on the fish leftovers. She finishes her meal, moves to the lateral branch to do some feaking and flies down to the ground. We see her fly by several times until she arrives through the v with a bundle of fluff. She leaves the fluff on the nest and departs for the primary perching tree. MrP reaches over to pull the fresh green moss close to him and his treasures. 6:43am MrP rolls the eggs and we get a good look. There is a nice circular piece of the egg gone now and we can see that adorable little beak moving around. Hello precious one. We are so happy to see you.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 5:23:23	4/30/2018	7:10:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Roll	MrP continues on egg duty. He intently watches something above as it flies by. Crows can be heard so perhaps that's what it is. We get another look at the pip at 7:13am when MrP rolls the eggs again. Not much change from what we can see but it was another quick look.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 6:12:22	4/30/2018	7:32:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Duty	MrP moves some moss and some sticks nearby. All in a normal day's work. He gazes out the v, in a very nonchalant way, as if today was like every other day. As if nothing special was happening. We know better MrP. We know how hard you have worked for this moment, how many sticks you have brought, how much fluff you have carried, how many times you have aerated the nest, how eagerly you wait for your turn to care for the eggs. We know and we're right there with you. Soon MrP soon. He rolls his precious gems at 7:32am, 7:37am, 8:03am and again at 8:08am.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 7:54:47	4/30/2018	9:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Egg Rolls	MrP is still on the nest and tending to the eggs. Everything is rolling right along. Some of the egg rolls: 8:25am, 8:27am, 8:40am, 9:20am, 9:30am and 9:36am. We get a good look at the last one. It looks like DC6 is making progress. There is another piece of shell near the hole that is pushed outward and cracking. It shouldn't be too long before that hole is bigger and we'll be able to see even more of that little cutie.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 9:40:11	4/30/2018	11:37:00 AM	Mr. President	Incubating	Mr. P is still incubating and keeping the eggs nice and cozy. He draws in plenty of fluff tucking himself in. DC6 is a little demolition eaglet and working through the shell at his/her own exhausting pace. The progress is so much fun to watch! There is no pip in DC7 as of last view.	FreeSoars_AEF
4/30/2018 10:18:04	4/30/2018	11:53:00 AM	Mr. President	DC6 Hatching	This has been an exciting morning. We are all waiting in anticipation to see DC6 pop out into the world. MrP has been taking such tender care of his two precious eggs. He carefully stands and gently rolls them again. We get a good look and we see that sweet little darling! Half of the egg is off! He's wiggling around, trying to get loose from the other half. Almost a hatch! Come on out precious one, come on out and meet your Dad. He has been waiting so long to meet you. MrP rolls the eggs again. Not quite yet. Another roll. Soon MrP.... Soon.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 10:43:32	4/30/2018	12:16:00 PM	MrP, TFL and DC6	Official / DC6 Has Arrived at 12:16pm!	*Official* TFL flies into the nest. MrP departs but no doubt he will be back soon. We get another peek at those beautiful eggs. DC6 has arrived!!! TFL looks tenderly down at her new hatchling. Such a sweet moment and what a sweet little darling. We are all so happy to see you little one. You are so loved.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 11:14:22	4/30/2018	12:26:00 PM	MrP, TFL and DC6	Congratulations MrP and TFL	TFL continues to care for her newly hatched bundle of joy and her other precious egg. Little DC6 is worn out from all of that work and is getting some much needed rest. Proud Papa flies in with a stick to build up the nest rails. Doesn't his chest look all puffed out in pride? He tidies up the nest, cleaning up the old fish leftovers. Only the best for this little one. Fresh fish will be on the menu. MrP will see to that. MrP comes back and forth to the nest, making sure that everything is perfect. TFL continues to roll DC7 and keep DC6 warm and safe. Congratulations MrP and TFL! What a special moment for you and all of us.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 13:44:07	4/30/2018	3:00:00 PM	MrP, TFL and DC6	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	It's a lovely day at the Arboretum in more ways than one. The weather couldn't be more perfect. The temperature is a mild 65 degrees with sunny and breezy conditions. Of course the other lovely and more important thing that happened today is that DC6 has come into the world. And is that little fuzz ball a cutie! We just got another peek of him/her as TFL rolls the egg. DC6 is already a ball of fluff and is making the sweetest little chirps. We adore you little one! MrP and TFL seem quite smitten with him/her also. TFL with her tender looks and MrP gazing adoringly. MrP has been back and forth to the nest several times. I think he's eager for a turn to cuddle with DC6 and DC7. Finally at 3:25pm he gets that wish. TFL flies off to stretch her wings and MrP rolls the egg and does some housekeeping. He doesn't do his shimmy over them quite yet. It is warm on the nest and he may feel like they need a little cooling off time. It's amazing how eagles know instinctually to do this. He continues with some aeration and watches over them. Finally, when he feels it's the right time, he wiggles down to cover them.	earlybird_AEF

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4/30/2018 13:50:01	4/30/2018	3:46:00 PM	DC6	Week 1	What to expect in Week 1. Eaglets will double their weight in one week (from AEF documentation). It takes about 8 days for the eaglets to be able to fully see and takes several days for the eaglet to be more mobile so feedings may be a bit clumsy at first. For approximately the first two weeks after hatching the eagle(s) are unable to regulate their body temperature, the parents will cover/brood them to keep them warm and dry	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 14:05:35	4/30/2018	3:51:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	MrP rolls the egg and moves DC6 around as he aerates. DC6 is still very tired but he does a little wiggle dance as he's lying in the bowl. The nest bowl is so deep that we can barely see his little body and those sweet pink talons on cam B. But that won't last long. It's amazing how fast eaglets grow. MrP holds his wings out to get some cooler air circulating as he stays above DC6 and DC7. You can see by the way he's panting that it's very warm on the nest.	earlybird_AEF
4/30/2018 14:57:34	4/30/2018	4:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Brooding / DC6	A big warm congratulations to MrP and TFL! I'm so excited for them and their precious new eaglet chick, DC6. Admittedly, I've fallen in love all over again while watching the little one hatch, as I'm sure is true for many of you. At 4:15, MrP rises while staring down at his treasures. There's something so special about watching his adoring downward glances and gentle, maternal side. He rolls the remaining egg in the nest bowl and gently nudges DC6 in order to tuck his adorable hatchling down under. MrP aerates the nest again at 4:19, and we catch a brief glimpse of DC6 wobble and bobble about behind all that fluffy nest material. MrP allows for fresh air to reach the little ones but stands guard over them. He's built a protective wall out of the grassy nest material and once again, we spot DC6's white frothy head bobbing up and down behind it.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 15:04:45	4/30/2018	4:57:00 PM	MrP, TFL and DC6	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	At 4:29, MrP gives the egg another roll and checks on DC6 before wiggling back down. MrP lifts his body a bit to allow for more fresh air to reach the little ones. He can't help but continue looking down at this beautiful new life that TFL and he have created. MrP gets up at 4:43. And there's DC6! Oh my, what a white little fluff ball of cuteness! And one of his little feathers is sitting in the nest. It's so small and fluffy soft looking. MrP brings the baby a bite of food but DC6 is all snuggled down napping. Then DC6 wakes up and wiggles about opening and closing his beak, looking for food instinctively but MrP doesn't get to give DC6 his first bite of food at this moment. At 4:47, MrP and TFL have a conversation and TFL returns. She and DC6 both look at one another as she gently lowers herself into position and takes over nest duty.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 15:39:06	4/30/2018	5:36:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding attempt	TFL gets up and stares at her beautiful hatchling at 5:12. DC6 gets in some good wiggles and then, plo! Down to rest again. Digging out of that egg had to burn up a lot of energy for such a little one. TFL resumes brooding position. MrP arrives back home around 5:24 and he has brought a fish with him. TFL gets up and looks over towards MrP's direction. She snags a baby bite and heads over to the nest bowl, but she must have either eaten or dropped it. DC6 opens his/her beak several times. TFL makes several attempts to feed DC6 but drops something on the little one's head and gets involved in cleaning that up. Both she and DC6 keep trying. Finally TFL lowers and wiggles herself back over DC6 and 7. No observation of food or saliva being fed to DC6 as yet.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 16:04:52	4/30/2018	6:00:00 PM	The First Lady	2nd feeding attempt	MrP flies in at 5:38. He's looking towards the underside of the nest. We can't help but wonder if Mr Squirrel or some other critter is hiding under there. MrP is highly inquisitive. He goes out to the lateral branch to perch then flies out of view but could very well be perched at or near the nest tree. TFL begins another feeding around 5:48. She's such a good mom. Of course, DC6 is very wobbly so the feeding isn't as successful as TFL might like, but she does get DC6 to swallow some saliva. I adore the way TFL tries to clean food and saliva off DC6's head with little licks and nibbles. She also gives gentle nibbles to get DC6's attention which the hatchling responds to by opening his/her mouth and prepares him/her for the next feeding opportunity. I didn't see any food being swallowed by DC6, but s/he did have a hold of a bite of fish before TFL pulled it away, so potentially a little bit of that fish might have been eaten.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 16:21:16	4/30/2018	6:20:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Talk about great eagle parents! At 6:10, MrP arrives with another fish and I see at least two more at the nest. MrP decides he needs to make a meal out of some of this fish and TFL is keeping her eye on him. He soon gets the hint and moves over to an existing fish on the nest rather than eating any more of the fresh fish. He takes a few more bites, but not much. TFL gets up and we get to see little squiggle bottoms once again before TFL goes back to brood. MrP moves out to the lateral branch. And there's that precious little dandelion head of a baby peeking out from down below mama. It's enough to melt your heart. At 6:18, MrP flies away from the nest tree.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 16:45:25	4/30/2018	6:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding attempt	TFL is up at 6:31 and there is cute little baby face and the egg partially basking in evening sunlight. Another feeding attempt by TFL around 6:35. DC6 even had a little bite in his/her mouth but TFL ended up pulling it back out. No worries! TFL knows what she's doing and they'll have even bigger success soon.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 16:59:53	4/30/2018	6:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL rises at 6:53. We see no sign of a pip in progress yet for DC7. TFL offers some more food to DC6. S/he gets a bite of fish and saliva in his/her beak. It's uncertain how much was swallowed but another good attempt and TFL will keep at it.	freebird_AEF
4/30/2018 17:07:16	4/30/2018	7:00:00 PM	The First Lady	In nest with eaglet DC6 and egg DC7	TFL checks in on DC6 every 12 to 15 minutes, offering the newborn tiny bits of what looks like spring shad, which is a preferred choice over the perennially tough to chew, Anacostia catfish. DC6 is still very unstable and, in classic bobblehead manner, falls over before fish gets to mouth. He may have tasted a morsel or two. Give him/her a couple of hours and he'll get the hang—the stand up of it all.	kaco4_AEF

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4/30/2018 17:48:04	4/30/2018	7:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Nesting	TFL is comfortable, giving out a lite yawn and even closing eyes for a few seconds. It's almost time to attempt feeding the newborn again. Mr. P arrives at nest with a fresh headless fish. This one's for him. He chows down knowing nest duty is nigh. TFL follows his lead and gets up and off the bowl, helping herself to a largely uneaten fish from this afternoon. Enjoy your well deserved dinners. Oh my! Mom and dad attempt tandem feeding DC6 from opposite sides of the bowl! But the little one is stuck on his/her back. Struggling to get upright. From this view, one can see its belly button, a little yellow circle that was part of the yolk sack. More about exactly what an eaglet belly button is later. No matter, Mr. P tries to feed him/her a morsel from upside down position. Mmm, not sure he got more than a teaser. Ok. Mr. P says the show is over as he helps DC6 back on its tummy and nestles over him/her. We will try this again a little later. TFL flies off for her break. The pantry has three partial fish. Fish a plenty.	kaco4_AEF
4/30/2018 17:56:19	4/30/2018	7:48:00 PM	Both on nest	TFL arrives back at nest	TFL has arrived back at the nest wanting to see DC6. She had been perched on the NW branch for only 10 minutes. Mr. P rises and DC 6 attempts to lift his/her upper body, using DC7 as a crutch. Not much success. No more feeding attempted. TFL resumes nest duty. Not much of a shift for Mr. P!	kaco4_AEF
4/30/2018 18:19:12	4/30/2018	8:08:00 PM	The First Lady	DC6 inspection	TFL rises up to take a gander at her little eaglet but without any attempt at feeding. DC6 didn't protest and squirmed just a bit. S/he will get nourishment soon. TFL is back down in the nest bowl wondering why there has been helicopter noise in the skies nearby for almost a half hour now? TFL actually looked up wondering what bird was making all that racket! Whew! Major lie up on one of the local roadways to be sure. At 8:13 the noise was so loud it sounded like it was going to land in the arbl! Obviously something is going on in DC1! Whew! Finally it is quiet. And a curious Mr. P has just flown in! He gives the roosting TFL a look and then hops into the lateral branch. Methinks he would like some nesting time.	kaco4_AEF
4/30/2018 18:39:44	4/30/2018	8:20:00 PM	The First Lady	In nest	The IR light is on. The sun has set. Day is done. There is some rustling nearby. Looks like our Mr. P is now on the NW branch. At 8:30 he flies to the overhead branch. That may be as close as he gets to his babies tonight. TFL doesn't look like she is going anywhere. Mr. P obviously wants some nest time. Meanwhile in the nest, TFL is up taking another peek at DC6. She settles back down on eaglet and egg. Why can't these two adults share nest space tonight? Haven't they heard of the family bed? On the overhead still, Mr. P yawns and rests his feet. He is the night watcheagle.	kaco4_AEF
4/30/2018 21:06:02	4/30/2018	10:51:00 PM	The First Lady	Egg Roll	At 11:01, Mr.P can be heard chattering for a moment or two in the background. TFL perks up and looks around. After the chatter stopped (quickly) she did a slight egg roll and tucked the egg and DC6 back under her.	FreeSoars_AEF
4/30/2018 21:07:40	4/30/2018	11:07:00 PM	The First Lady	Goodnight, DC Eagle Family	Wow, what an incredible day! We all waited for this moment and it sure didn't disappoint. DC6 was a little demolition maker. Within about 2 hours we went from seeing a fairly good size crack to a brand spanking new beautiful eaglet! That is quite the feat! Speaking of feet, did you see those little, itty bitty ones? Those pink miniature legs and pale talons? So adorable. Just think, we have a long season to go and what a joy it will be to see this little one's personality come out. TFL tended quickly to DC6 and was so gentle and patient while feeding. It's hard to get food in that moving target! TFL gave the little one some saliva a few times, which among a few other things, also helps moisten the mouth and throat. DC6 weebled and wobbled and fell over after each attempt. The exertion is tiring so of course, s/he needs a moment or two to go back up and try it all over again. A tiny bite of fish may have made it into that beak! It's a pleasure watching TFL be a Mother again. It's like second nature to her. Mr.P was absolutely precious. For the remainder of the day he meandered within the nest territory twiddling his talons hoping to spend more time brooding DC6 and the egg (DC7)...That's our Mr.P! Everyone is exhausted. It's been a long and exciting day. TFL is sleepy and she has her bundles of love securely under her as Mr.P perches nearby keeping a protective eye on his family, and probably conjuring up some new ways to get some brooding time in! Sweet dreams, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF

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5/1/2018 4:17:52	5/1/2018	5:41:00 AM	TFL and DC6	Feeding	It's a chilly morning, currently 40 degrees. We are expecting sunny and pleasant conditions with a balmy 81 degrees. The birds are singing joyously, perhaps in celebration of the new life that has just come into the world. I'd be singing too if I could keep a tune. DC6 is the most adorable little thing I've ever seen. TFL is all snuggled in with DC6 and DC7. She gets up to give DC7 a roll and get a bite to eat. The pantry is full. I count at least four fish on the nest. DC6 pops his/her fuzzy little head out of the bowl. "What about me Mom?" TFL reaches over and attempts to give DC6 a few bites. It's slow going because she/he is still a bit wobbly and doesn't have much coordination yet. Not much got in but she/he will get there. TFL is a very patient and experienced parent.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 4:30:01	5/1/2018	5:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives to get his turn to cuddle with his sweethearts. TFL flies off for her break. MrP attempts to feed DC6 but doesn't have much luck. It's still a chilly morning and perhaps he thinks it's best to just get them warm for now. He settles back down over them with his nice warm body.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 4:42:32	5/1/2018	6:21:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL is already back. MrP departs from the nest, perhaps somewhat reluctantly. He does love to cuddle with his little ones. TFL gives DC6 a few taps on the beak and attempts to feed him/her again. Still not much luck but DC6 is looking much stronger this morning. She/he is holding her/his head up for longer periods of time and isn't tumbling over quite as much. Not quite as much but still a little tumbleweed. TFL rolls her egg and shimmies down on both of them. We can see little DC6 peeking out from under TFL, even giving her a bite on the feathers. So cute! Someone is not ready to settle down yet but mom knows best.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 4:48:35	5/1/2018	6:28:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP flies in and lands on the left v branch. MrP, are you already hoping for another turn with your precious ones? It doesn't look like that's going to happen. TFL stays in place, shielding DC6 and DC7 from the chilly morning. MrP seems to get the message and flies from the branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 5:17:40	5/1/2018	6:54:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	We just saw the most beautiful feeding by TFL. DC6 had a wonderful meal, many bites. Mom does it just right. She knows just how to tear off and offer tiny pieces. That little darling was able to hold his/her head up and reach for the food in TFL's beak. You did it little one!	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 5:33:25	5/1/2018	7:12:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a fresh fish and proceeds to eat. TFL is watching him as he chows down but she doesn't seem to mind. There are times when she will scold him or take the fish away but there are plenty of fish already in that nest. More than enough fish for a little eaglet. MrP gets his fill and even leaves some leftovers. Off he goes, perhaps to do more fishing. Proud Papa is doing a great job providing for his family	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 6:45:59	5/1/2018	8:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL rolls her egg and aerates the nest. You may have noticed TFL tapping on DC6's beak with her own. This is to get the eaglet's attention when it's feeding time. They can't see well until day 10 so this helps to focus them in the right direction. It always amazes me how much the parents instinctually know what to do. It looks like DC6 may have gotten a few more bites this time.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 7:18:13	5/1/2018	8:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP returns to the nest and has another bite to eat. He finishes up and grabs another fish. TFL has her eyes on him this time. You best not eat that one too MrP. It doesn't look like he's going to. He just moves it out of the way and begins to aerate the nest getting closer and closer to TFL. I think he just might be trying to tell her something. "I'd like a turn, please". She gives in and flies out the v. We can see DC6's cute little head bobbing up and down in the nest bowl on cam B. Adorable! MrP wiggles down and gets comfortable with his little family with what appears to be a look of contentment on his face.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 11:17:42	5/1/2018	12:00:00 PM	hiSummary of events from 9 am to 11:30. AM	Nest activities	Tuesday 8-12: DC6 is adorable and appears to have healthy vocalizations--peeps and is eating well. TFL fed DC6 and he/she got many yummy bites. MrP arrived at 9:05. He made one attempt at feeding which netted zero bites (but he looked good doing it). TFL arrived at 11:22 and is currently on nest. DC6 is adorable! Thank you to our observant cam op for providing nest observations!	kaco4_AEF
5/1/2018 12:37:25	5/1/2018	2:05:00 PM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	MrP returns to the nest, grabs up a fish and starts to eat. It was hard to tell if this was a leftover or if he just brought a fresh one. He seems to be enjoying it either way. TFL watches him eat as she broods DC6 and DC7. Just when you think this family can't get any cuter. MrP reaches over and feeds a bite to TFL. This is surely one of the most heartwarming things I've ever seen between these two. MrP, you are a sweetheart! He's finishes his meal and moves the fish to the side of the nest. He does like to keep things tidy. He flies off as TFL rolls DC7. We can see cute little DC6 in the nest bowl reaching out with his/her beak as if he/she is trying to grab for food. Such a smart little eaglet but Mom says not right now. She wiggles down with her shimmy shay to cover them but keeps her wings outstretched to let some air circulate. It is a summer like day, already 75 degrees and expected to hit 80.	earlybird_AEF
5/1/2018 15:21:20	5/1/2018	5:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Nesting	TFL sits atop eaglet DC6 and egg DC7 in the late afternoon sun. She looks surprisingly comfy and nods off for a few minutes. Her wings are slightly outstretched to keep her body temperature a little lower and the air a little cooler in the nest bowl. The pantry looks like it needs replenishing. I heard that the spring shad are abundant in the Anacostia. We've already seen perch, shad, and catfish in the nest. Let's see if we can guess what species Mr.P will bring for dinner. Temperature is a mild 83 degrees, going down to 57 tonight. Humidity level is a dry 13 percent, and winds are 7 mph. Heatwave coming Thurs and Friday when temps will reach 90 degrees. I hear a noisy blue jay very close to the nest.	kaco4_AEF
5/1/2018 15:46:50	5/1/2018	5:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Checking DC6 and rolling DC7	TFL rises for a quickie eaglet check and egg roll. She aerates the edges of the nest now on one side. DC6 is perky and lifts his/her head up high in anticipation of that yummy white stuff that yellow protrusion puts in its mouth. But even though DC6 rises up to greet mama, he/she gets no stuff! TFL rises again 3 minutes later and aerates fluff at edges of the other side of nest bowl. She rotates 40 degrees and stays slightly above bowl resting on her wings. She is up again two minutes later looking for scraps to feed the little one. DC6 sits patiently, trying to keep his/her head up. Mama is behind her and taps on the little one's beak to give him/her a morsel from behind. Ah, now DC6 turns around to face mom and looks intently at her. Feed me Mama! What? What are you doing? No food? Back down in the dark again? And it is too warm and squishy down here. Guess TFL expects a fresh fish delivery any minute now. That old remnant isn't good anymore. Sorry, DC6, you will just have to wait.	kaco4_AEF

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5/1/2018 16:54:27	5/1/2018	6:37:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding DC6 / Egg roll	TFL rises and little DC6 shoots upward then bobbles about in circles. Newly hatched eaglets are one of the cutest things in the world and DC6 is no exception. S/he moves to the side of the nest bowl closer to where the fish is that TFL is feeding from. Little smarty is catching on quickly. Yum! Fish bites! TFL is such a good mom. It amazes me how gentle eagle parents are with their big hooked beaks and how they manage to get food in that tiny little eaglet's mouth. But they do. This newly hatched eaglet phase is such a precious time and it's over so quickly. MrP lands on the overhead branch during feeding. He only stays a couple minutes before flying off. TFL continues on with feeding and clearing food and saliva off her sweet baby's head and face with momma eagle licks and nibbles. It appears that TFL keeps going back and placing saliva in DC6's mouth between bites. With the feeding over, TFL tucks her little sweetheart down under with some nest fluff. Adorable! Meanwhile, MrP (proud papa) is located at the primary perching tree watching over his beloved family. He's wearing his white tie tonight... and we know what that means. MrP had a good meal today.	freebird_AEF
5/1/2018 17:15:35	5/1/2018	7:07:00 PM	The First Lady	DC6 :: Feet to the skies	TFL is up at 7:07 and somehow baby goes upside down again with its little belly button and pink sweet feet facing the skies. TFL knows what to do, she inches closer and gently nudges DC6 upright, then resumes brooding position as we watch DC6 snuggle deeper underneath mama's fluff. Sigh. It doesn't get any better than this. Meanwhile, our handsome dad is basking in the evening sun with wings slightly spread open, cooling off at the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF
5/1/2018 17:55:45	5/1/2018	7:16:00 PM	Mr and TFL	Shift change / Feeding	TFL gets up and allows some fresh air and cooling off for DC6 and the egg. She flies off within a minute, then both parents immediately fly back towards the nest. TFL lands back in the nest and returns to brooding and MrP perches on the overhead branch, then onto the NW branch and over to the lateral branch before hopping into the nest. He starts to go for some fish but TFL drags it away from him. "Oh no you don't! Not this one!" she says. So MrP heads over to another fish. TFL decides it's time to feed DC6 an evening snack and busies herself with feeding. MrP is still at the nest and is now walking around the nest bowl. We see him on the other side of DC6. He's aerating the nest bowl and tossing fluff towards the bowl. TFL keeps feeding. She's letting DC6 nibble off a large piece of white fish meat that she's holding in her mouth. MrP is eyeing a piece of fish. With a sly look, he appears to be saying, "I'll pretend I'm cleaning the nest and get in a few bites before the Mrs. finds out." But he surprises us when we watch him trying to hand over tiny bites of fish to TFL to feed DC6. Oh my heart! What a beautiful family. Again he tries but TFL's at work with her own fish and doesn't notice, so MrP takes that as sign that he can eat. DC6 gets some good bites from TFL. MrP decides it's time to brood and starts inching in slowly, very slowly, making TFL back up a bit as he lowers himself into position over their precious little eaglet as TFL eats some fish for herself. He snuck in on you TFL! (Good job, MrP!) She moves to the lateral branch and takes this opportunity for a break. We watch her fly over to perch at the primary perching tree in one of their favorite spots. Nice and close yet perfect for a break.	freebird_AEF
5/1/2018 17:59:31	5/1/2018	7:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	MrP gets up to do some nest fluffing, rolls the egg and tucks the little one in. Good night sweet eagles and a special good night to you, DC6. You bring such sunshine to the world every day, just by being you!	freebird_AEF
5/1/2018 20:50:57	5/1/2018	10:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Goodnight, DC Eagle Family	As the 1st of May comes to a close, we were treated to another entertaining day at the nest. DC6 is getting stronger, bites are landing in the beak, head is more stable and eyesight is getting better each day. Not to mention how s/he is perfecting hammering it up for the cameras and giving us some adorable pictures to take! I wouldn't put it past some of you that you have more pictures of eagles saved on your electronic devices than you do of your pets, or even your own kids! Yup, me too! Hey, no shame in that! :) Back to the nest.... Doling Mr.P tap toed and danced around the nest with great anticipation of bonding time with DC6 as well as time incubating the egg (DC7). Well, he got his wish. Plenty of quality time today even if TFL didn't always make it easy for him. But does she ever make anything easy on him? At 10:24 pm, TFL is zonked out. Her head slowly bobs up and down a few times before she just lets it relax and closes her eyes. Her wings slightly opened as she broods DC6 and incubates the egg. It's such a warm night and the air is dry. Temp is 69 degrees with no wind. It will be near 90 degrees the next few days. Oh yeah, how could I forget! PIP WATCH for DC7 starts tomorrow, day 35!!!! Everyone got your glasses ready? Contacts in? Eyes moistened? Device screens clean? Neck brace on? Okee dokee...just going through the check list because come tomorrow, there will be a lot of eye and neck straining as we watch for a pip. The AEF will make an official announcement once one is seen.	FreeSoars_AEF
5/2/2018 4:23:27	5/2/2018	5:50:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	What a beautiful sight to wake up and see TFL feeding her precious charm DC6. This darling one is full of charm, a little fluffball with those cute pink talons and that tiny beak opening and closing to reach out for food. It was a joy watching her/him get some good bites this morning. MrP watches over them from the overhead branch. He flies off, perhaps to catch another fish for DC6. It looks like this little one is going to have a big appetite.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 4:42:03	5/2/2018	6:23:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/Feeding	MrP arrives with, yes, another fish. TFL flies off while MrP unzips the fish and has a few bites. It's always good to taste test the food before you give it to your little one, right MrP? MrP does a lot of taste testing. lol DC6 watches all of this, hoping for a few bites and proud papa is happy to oblige. MrP does a good job with the feeding and DC6 gets some good bites. MrP decides that's enough for now and wiggles down over DC6 and his egg, tucking them both in with the fluff.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 4:49:47	5/2/2018	6:42:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a sunny and mild morning, currently 46 degrees. A high of 91 degrees is expected today with the temperature falling to 64 degrees and clear skies tonight. It looks like the lazy, hazy days of summer have come early to DC.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 5:24:54	5/2/2018	6:53:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	MrP rolls the egg and tries to feed DC6 again. DC6 doesn't get much this time, maybe a bite or two but he/she has already been fed twice this morning so no worries. MrP settles back down with his treasures just as TFL returns to the nest. She brings a sprig of leaves to freshen the nest and looks like she wants to get back to DC6 and DC7. MrP doesn't seem inclined to let her. He rolls the egg, aerates the fluff and shimmyies right back down. TFL walks around him, taking a peek under him to check on things. He acts like she's not even there. TFL seemingly getting the message that MrP is not budging, flies off again. She is not gone for long. She returns through the v with a clump of green fluff and gives him a look. MrP just keeps on with the business at hand, reaching out and moving sticks and moss, sticking like glue on DC6 and the egg. We know how much MrP loves to take care of his little ones. What we seem to have here is a stand off. These two can be so funny sometimes. TFL patiently perches in the v perch and MrP continues to incubate.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 5:30:16	5/2/2018	7:20:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Finally MrP gets up to let his Lady have her turn with their beauties. He moves to the lateral branch and flies off. TFL rolls her egg at 7:22am and again at 7:27am, each time aerating the fluff and doing her shimmy sway back down to cover them.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 6:05:31	5/2/2018	7:49:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL stands and looks tenderly down at DC6 and her egg. She gives DC6 a few taps on her/his beak to get her/his attention. "Are you hungry little one?" She has DC6's full attention now and starts to feed her/him. What a nice feeding. DC6 is looking strong this morning and reaches out to get several good bites. Good job little one. TFL rolls DC7 and wiggles back down, pulling some of the fluff around her.	earlybird_AEF

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5/2/2018 10:42:29	5/2/2018	12:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Pip is Official!	*Official! We have a pip!!! DC7 is on the way! TFL just fed DC6 a good meal and as we were watching the feeding, a small hole was visible in the remaining egg. DC6 will be having a sibling in the not too distant future and TFL and MrP will have two darlings to care for. We are all so excited! We can't wait to see that sweet little face.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 13:21:30	5/2/2018	3:01:00 PM	Mr. President	On Nest	MrP has been on nest duty for about two hours. It's an exceptionally hot day for this time of year, already 87 degrees. MrP holds his wings out to get some of the cooler air flowing. There is a nice breeze so that should be helping. With the heat and the food on the nest, come the annoying bugs. He reaches over and snaps at one but I don't think he was fast enough. Hopefully MrP will get up soon and give us a peek of DC6 and the progress of DC7.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 13:42:57	5/2/2018	3:21:00 PM	Mr. President	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP tracks something above and gives out a call. TFL arrives to take over nest duty but MrP isn't sure he wants to get up. TFL gets really close and finally MrP stands and walks over to a fish. He starts to pull at the fish and passes small pieces to TFL who feeds them to DC6. One of the most endearing things to watch are the family feedings. We do get a look at DC7. The hole seems to be getting just a little bit bigger but hard to tell if there is any cracking elsewhere. Hopefully it won't be too long before he comes out in the world and into his parents loving wings. MrP flies off and TFL settles over DC6 and DC7.	earlybird_AEF
5/2/2018 16:26:13	5/2/2018	6:07:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL is on egg/nest duty. Soon we'll be able to just say nest duty! May I just say, "WooHoo!" So exciting to see DC7's pip and hatch progression. The little tyke's still got a ways to go but that pip is certainly getting larger. TFL is staring, almost mesmerized by a bee or fly on a piece of fish lying in the nest. And I guess there have been some beak snapping in response to bugs this afternoon. Earlier, MrP brought a fish in around 4:30 and he was handing pieces to TFL to feed DC6. That is so sweet how he does that! It sounds like DC6 had a really good meal and is now tucked down under in a food coma. Amazing how much contentment healthy, well fed little eaglets bring.	freebird_AEF
5/2/2018 17:16:36	5/2/2018	6:51:00 PM		Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL gets up to feed DC6 and we get to see DC7. From both cams, DC7's little beak is seen popping in and out of the pip hole as it wiggles some of the egg shell. DC6 gets some good bites of fish. How I love watching TFL's big beak gently pick up pieces of fish off her sweet, delicate little one so gently. DC7 continues to work his/her way out as we watch sweet peaks of beak bobbing in and out. DC6 falls belly first into the nest back into a fish coma. MrP flies in with a huge fresh fish and he places it on the nest rails right in front of TFL. How did he carry that thing?! Oh yeah, because he's amazing, that's how! TFL goes back to brooding and keeps glancing at the fish. Pretty impressive, right TFL? MrP heads up to perch on the overhead branch with his wings spread out batman style. It reminds me of our past DC kids hanging out on the same branch in the same stance. At 7:10, TFL flies off the nest and MrP takes off as well, but TFL flies back in immediately and returns to brooding. She must have just needed a quick outing to stretch her wings. She returns parting from her fly about and the heat of the day. MrP is observed perching on the overhead branch once again, watching over his beloved family.	freebird_AEF
5/2/2018 17:40:49	5/2/2018	7:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty / Peeks at DC7	TFL rises and heads over to the big... no, excuse me, make that HUGE... fish that MrP brought in. I think I hear her crunching over there. But we're treated with getting to observe DC7 wiggling and working his/her way out of the shell, and DC6, deep in slumber lying next to DC7. DC6 wakes up yawning and looking up at TFL. They exchange glances before she resumes brooding. TFL reacts with sudden movements and looks downward as our little wiggle worm beneath her squirms about. Such heart warming moments.	freebird_AEF
5/3/2018 4:21:27	5/3/2018	6:05:00 AM	MrP, TFL, DC6 and DC7	Official/DC7 Has Arrived at 4:13am.	*Official! MrP and TFL have a brand new hatchling! DC7 arrived this morning at 4:13am. Welcome to the world little one! TFL begins to feed DC6 and we get a good look at DC7. What a little sweetheart! She/he can barely get her/his head up yet but after watching DC6's progress, we know that it won't take very long before she/he is up and chirping for food. MrP arrives and gets his first look. He and TFL look tenderly down at their two precious gifts. So sweet to see this special moment. MrP and TFL's family is complete. Now we get to share in the joy and wonder of watching them grow. We are going to enjoy every minute of it. Our hearts are bursting with love this morning. Congratulations MrP and TFL.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 4:44:20	5/3/2018	6:20:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL continues to feed DC6. DC7 is wiggling around but hasn't built up enough strength yet to raise up her/his head. MrP walks over to check out another fish on the nest. It looks like he might be thinking about joining in the feeding but changes his mind. Instead the proud Papa wiggles down over DC7 as Mama gives some good bites to DC6. DC7 is still damp from the hatch and MrP, being the great dad that he is, realizes that and wants to keep her/him warm. MrP, we couldn't love you more. He is so eager to cuddle with his little ones. He moves over to cover both of them with his warm body and TFL flies off to stretch her wings.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 4:55:07	5/3/2018	6:25:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/DC6 Feeding	MrP aerates the fluff and offers DC6 some more breakfast. He just gets started with the feeding when TFL returns. She is such a good mom, she wants to be right there with them. She takes over the feeding and MrP flies off. The nest bowl is so full of fluff that DC6's face is almost buried in it. So cute to see that little face peeking out. TFL reaches over and around the fluff to give her/him some good bites. Our sweet DC7 is still resting, it was hard work getting out of that egg. It won't be too long before we see both of TFL and MrP's treasures bobbing around together.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 5:08:03	5/3/2018	7:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's going to be a sunny, hot and more humid day, currently 58 degrees. The temperature will rise to a steamy 92 degrees. Tonight it will be partly cloudy and 69 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 5:12:53	5/3/2018	7:10:00 AM	Live Q&A Session	Live Q&A Session	Have some questions? Do you want to know the latest updates of DC6 and DC7? Bring your questions and come join us at chat from 8:00am-10:00am today. We hope to see you there.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 5:52:53	5/3/2018	7:35:00 AM	The First Lady	DC6 Feeding	TFL stands and does a wing stretch. She offers DC6 some food and she/he gets a few good bites. DC6 uses DC7 as her/his own little pillow as he/she reaches for the food. DC7 says not so fast big brother/sister, she/he gets enough strength to lift her/his head and lays it on top of DC6. What an adorable picture. DC7 is getting stronger every minute.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 6:43:48	5/3/2018	8:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Eaglet(s)	TFL is on nest covering DC6 and newborn DC7. DC7's eggshell sits outside the bowl as a reminder that a recent hatch has occurred. In the wee hours of the morning, we had a hatch! While the world sleeps, our new eaglet peeps! Thanks to our awesome cam operators on the West coast who covered this event!!	kaco4_AEF
5/3/2018 6:54:32	5/3/2018	8:30:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Feeding	TFL gently lifts herself up to reveal two little pufferballs. DC6 is up with mouth open as his/her sibling tries valiantly to orient its body in the direction of mom and the aroma of fish. Not much luck. TFL feeds several small pieces of that very huge white, luscious bass caught late yesterday. TFL can't help but help herself to a few select pieces too. No luck for DC7 though. She got nothing, though there's plenty to spare. (A little Joni Mitchell allusion.) Feeding was cut short when Mr. Bass inched its way so close to the bowl that it made contact with the head of DC6 who went down into bowl as a protective measure. TFL moved the fish back and away from bowl, then peered in, probably puzzled by DC6 disinterest in feeding. TFL got back into brooding mode. Feeding will have to wait.	kaco4_AEF

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5/3/2018 7:12:13	5/3/2018	8:52:00 AM	Mr. President	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Mr. P arrives and stares TFL down. He wants to see the kids. She obliges and they both examine their brood. Then TFL flies off. DC6 is up and ready for action. DC7 is still trying valiantly to lift its head. Mr. P busies himself with aerating the bowl, probably a little anxious about feeding. Those first feedings can be daunting. The newborn will need some moisture or saliva from a salty liquid produced in the adult eagle's nare and fed to the newborn alone or with the first morsels of food. Mr.P decides to forego feeding and broods his babies instead, aerating fluff as he supports his body on his wing structures. DC6 is not having it and manages to get out in front of Mr.P's chest. Mr.P moves back a bit giving DC6 time in the open air.	kaco4_AEF
5/3/2018 10:00:58	5/3/2018	10:40:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/Feeding DC6 and DC7	TFL returns to take over nest duty. MrP doesn't seem inclined to let her. He just looks away and pretends she's not even there. He's not ready to get up just yet but TFL makes it clear that it's her turn. "Oh okay, I didn't see you dear". Proud and doting Papa finally gets up to go stretch his wings. TFL feeds DC6 and offers some to DC7. She/he is already able to hold his/her head up for short periods of time. Not easy yet, but getting there. DC6 gets some good bites and DC7 gets a bite too. Good job DC7! DC7 is still uncoordinated and the little tumbleweed tumbles backward. She/he is kicking those little talons trying to get up. TFL takes this opportunity to give her/him some saliva. It looked like she was able to get some in that little beak. DC7 does manage to right herself/himself but tumbles back again soon after. With a bit of kicking and wiggling DC7 once again manages to get herself/himself up. After all of this excitement it looks like everyone needs a nap and Mom seems to think the same thing. She tucks them both under her and no doubt they are fast asleep	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 14:30:38	5/3/2018	4:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL has been brooding for quite a while and has had only one break all afternoon. Even when Mr. P is brooding, TFL hangs around to assume feeding duties as needed. Our eagle eye cam operators concur that both babies ate well today. DC 7 took a few nice bites too. Nobody does it better than TFL! She has superb beak precision for instilling morselettes into the mouths of babes. Mr. P does not measure up in this department. Is it a female/male difference or just the way this family operates? At 4:10, TFL lifts herself up to aerate the babies. DC6 pops out to take a gander. Now TFL is up and off the bowl. And Mr. P flies in. Time for tandem feeding? No. TFL assumes feeding duties while Mr.P stands on a side rail. Oh.Hes back. Not to feed but to brood DC7 who did not get fed yet or won't be fed now? Looks like TFL flew off after giving DC6 a few morsels. P moves back a bit and DC6 pops out again. P sets about aerating fluff and resumes brooding. No babies are visible.	kaco4_AEF
5/3/2018 14:37:27	5/3/2018	4:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Brooding	Temperature today peaked at 91 and is going down to 68 tonight. Winds are currently at 12 mph but gusting at 18. The humidity is a comfortable 32. Tomorrow is another hot one but after Friday temps will go back to springing 70's. Much better for nesting eagles!! Mr. P continues to brood looking alertly in all directions. So far today our eagle family has been featured on CBS and NBC news segments as well as multiple online media sources. They are celebrities of the avian kind.	kaco4_AEF
5/3/2018 15:44:08	5/3/2018	5:28:00 PM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	TFL is brooding DC6 and DC7. We can see their little bodies tucked under TFL. It looks like they are sound asleep. This has been a busy day for both of them and for MrP and TFL. DC6 and DC7 have been fed some good bites today and both are getting stronger. MrP flies in, lands on the lateral branch, perches for a short time and then off he goes. Four minutes later he's back on the lateral branch again. He seems to be a bundle of energy today, actually for several days. I wonder if it is all of the excitement of having two new little ones to care for. They both have been spending more time together on the nest today. It seems like they are enjoying the time with their family. We sure are enjoying this time with them.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 15:57:48	5/3/2018	5:46:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Family Feeding	One of the eaglets peeks up at TFL with an adorable look. TFL seems to understand and gets up to feed them. She just gets started when MrP moves over to help. A family feeding. One of the most endearing things to watch. They both feed small bites to DC6 and DC7, then MrP starts passing food to TFL and she feeds it to her little ones. Pure sweetness.	earlybird_AEF
5/3/2018 16:32:37	5/3/2018	6:22:00 PM	MrP and TFL	At the nest with DC6 and DC7	TFL decides to take a break and flies off at 5:58 and returns at 6:04. MrP seizes the opportunity to snuggle close to his precious duo. When TFL returns, MrP continues to stand over DC6 and 7, while TFL stands on the other side of the eaglets. Our DC parents are super protective right now. They know how vulnerable their newly hatched eaglets are and the littlest thing can ruffle MrP and TFL's feathers. As I've observed off and on throughout the day, they equally seem to want to brood the babies and their tag teaming nest duties have been off the charts adorable and pretty hilarious too. Still standing over the kids, MrP slightly loses his balance by stepping a little too close to the decline in the egg bowl and teeters a bit, but he balances himself out with an open wing. TFL doesn't miss a beat. She gives him a look that says, "You better careful over there." MrP acts all cool but slowly walks away from the nest bowl and flies off at 6:18. TFL heads for the fish. With DC6 in a food coma, TFL takes the opportunity to feed a couple bites to DC7. She's such a good mama; my heart expands watching her. These two tiny eaglets look so adorable all nestled inside of that fully egg bowl. Such comfy beds have they!	freebird_AEF
5/3/2018 18:04:15	5/3/2018	7:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	Around 7:30, TFL feeds some bites of fish to DC6 while DC7 sleeps then, moves back over into brooding position. She has quite a technique, carefully scooping the little ones up over her feet and talons and then sort of smushing them together in the center. I just can't get over how cute these two little babes are. MrP is spotted at the primary perching tree swaying in the wind on a branch. It's been a quiet hour with a nice breeze blowing through the Arboretum. At 7:57 TFL gets up for a moment before snuggling back over the little sleepyheads. Rather than covering them up completely, she allows them to pop out like fluffy little slippers. Either TFL is restless or the DC duo is squirming beneath her and she responds by readjusting herself. DC6 decides to pop out from underneath one side of TFL, using the top of the nest bowl as a pillow, then chooses to crawl back under mama. MrP returns to the nest tree and perches on the overhead branch to watch over his loved ones for the night. This is such a sweet and fleeting moment. The hatchlings are only this little for a short time. What feels like the blink of an eye. I hope we all get a chance to soak in the opportunity to spend some time with them while we can. Sweet dreams!	freebird_AEF

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5/3/2018 22:18:08	5/3/2018	12:00:00 AM	The First Lady	On the Nest	<p>The temperature remains at nearly 80°F, even after 11 p.m. As a brisk wind tumbles through the trees, swaying branches and lifting leaves around her Tulip Poplar home, The First Lady rests, appearing quite content, confident, and even proud, as, for the first time in 2018, two newly-hatched eaglets sleep beneath her. For now, they sleep quietly, with their downy bodies nestled together, as if one adorable bundle of fluffy fuzz slightly visible beneath their mother.</p> <p>TFL leaves only the slightest area over her eaglets open to the night air. Each of her legs, talons balled and sunk deeply into the nest material, forms a firm boundary to the eaglets' sides, and her body itself forms a sort of barricade around them, both protecting and keeping them warm. Only a small portion of the chicks' small, mossy bed remains uncovered, and as it is located directly beneath her head, it too is extremely well-guarded. As TFL occasionally awakens, she examines her eaglets closely, then again lifts and fluffs the straw forming the front edge of the chicks' soft bed; in doing so, she not only ensures the egg bowl, in which the eaglets will temporarily dwell, remains soft, clean, and comfortable, but also reinforces the lofty barrier encircling that bowl, just high enough to keep her two young eaglets snugly within its confines.</p>	liadan_AEF
5/4/2018 4:18:22	5/4/2018	5:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/Feeding DC6 and DC7	<p>At midnight, all is quiet on the nest. The First Lady, DC6, and DC7 are all asleep.</p> <p>TFL stands, stretches her wings and gives out a call. It sounds like she may want a break. No response back from MrP just yet so she begins to feed her little ones. DC6 seems ready but DC7 isn't quite awake yet. DC6 gets the first bites and finally DC7 perks up and realizes it's time for breakfast. The two of them look like they're riding piggy back, DC7 on the back of DC6. TFL reaches over to give DC7 a bite. It's slow going this morning, neither of them seem fully awake yet. DC6 seems to have gotten her/his fill and puts her/his head down. TFL feeds DC7 a few more morsels as MrP arrives. He watches as TFL feeds them and decides it's time for him to brood. He may feel like it's a little too cool for them or he may just be eager to snuggle with his two treasures. TFL was still feeding, she just stands there with food in her mouth, giving him a look. He pays her no mind, just settles down and gets comfortable. He can be so funny sometimes. TFL seems to decide that she may as well take her break and flies off to the primary perching tree.</p>	earlybird_AEF
5/4/2018 4:42:31	5/4/2018	6:14:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/Feeding DC6 and DC7	<p>TFL doesn't take a long break. She is an amazing mom and doesn't want to be away from her little ones. She arrives through the v and takes a look around, making sure everything is fine. It is, Proud Papa has been diligently taking care of DC6 and DC7. MrP moves over and starts to eat some of the fish. We get a good look at our two fuzzballs. My goodness, they are messy this morning. The last feeding was done before the sun was up and it looks like they got more on their heads than in their mouths. It reminds me of two toddlers who were trying to self feed for the first time. Totally adorable! MrP flies off and TFL begins to feed DC6 and DC7 once again. They are wide awake now, DC6 almost jumping up to reach the food. Their cute little beaks open and close as TFL feeds them small pieces. This was a great feeding. They both got some good bites and have nice crops. Time for a nap. TFL gathers them together and covers them with her warm body.</p>	earlybird_AEF
5/4/2018 4:58:40	5/4/2018	6:52:00 AM	Weather	Weather	<p>The temperature is already 67 degrees and is expected to reach 92 degrees with sun and humid conditions. Tonight it will go back down to 63 degrees with a thunderstorm in spots. This heatwave should be ending tomorrow with showers and a high of 73 degrees. That will be a welcome relief for our DC family.</p>	earlybird_AEF
5/4/2018 5:23:13	5/4/2018	7:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding DC6 and DC7	<p>TFL continues to brood DC6 and DC7. There's some wiggling going on under TFL, it looks like someone is ready to get up. TFL feeds them again and they both get some bites. DC6 being the older of the two decides that some pecking is in order. Just a peck or two before TFL steps in to brood them once again. MrP returns and grabs up a fish, perhaps hoping that he can help out with the next feeding. TFL doesn't seem inclined to do that right now. They both spend some time together on the nest, gazing around the area and keeping watch over DC6 and DC7. 7:21am MrP departs from the nest.</p>	earlybird_AEF
5/4/2018 5:45:54	5/4/2018	7:28:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding DC6 and DC7	<p>DC6 is peeking out from under TFL. TFL gets up to feed them once again. This only lasted about three minutes. DC6 gave a peck on DC7 and she/he just stayed down after that. DC6 didn't seem that interested in eating, most likely still full from the last feeding so TFL stops and broods them again. Little DC7 looks out from under TFL. Some special looks between her/him and TFL and she decides to try feeding again. This time DC6 sleeps as TFL gives DC7 a solo feeding. DC7 got some good bites this time. Now that everyone is full, TFL settles down with them again.</p>	earlybird_AEF
5/4/2018 5:59:57	5/4/2018	7:50:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Duty	<p>TFL gets up to aerate the fluff. She puts some of it on top of DC6 and DC7. This may be her way to keep them shaded and cooler. It's going to be a very hot day today. So cute how DC6 pops his little head up out of the fluff. I don't think this curious little eaglet wants to miss a thing. But Mom knows best, little one. She covers them back over with her body, another way to keep the sun away.</p>	earlybird_AEF
5/4/2018 13:11:29	5/4/2018	2:53:00 PM	Mom and dad	Feeding	<p>Mr.P flies in and within a minute he pulls off pieces of a fish from earlier today and beaking them over to TFL to feed the kids. DC 6 gets the bounty, and is attempting to block 7's access to mom's beak. TFL outwits DC 6 by getting him/her to the side of the bowl away from the food and cornered by mom's body in order to give DC7 its share!! TFL spends at least five minutes on DC7 alone as DC6 squirms under her. Then TFL goes back to brooding the eaglets. It is a hot and sunny 89 degrees with 12 mph winds. Low of 62 tonight. Rain is forecast for parts of Saturday and Sunday with cooler temperatures.</p>	kaco4_AEF
5/4/2018 13:29:03	5/4/2018	3:27:00 PM	The First Lady	Aerating, Brooding	<p>TFL aerates one side of bowl, and then rotates her body 40 degrees or so to aerate the other side. One of the eagles pops its head out from underneath mama to get some fresh air. Ah, the breeze feels good on the head fluff! Don't forget! Chat is live tonight from 6 to 8 PM and Saturday From 12 noon to 2 PM. Get your questions ready and visit with us!</p>	kaco4_AEF
5/4/2018 13:45:33	5/4/2018	3:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding, Mr. P vocals	<p>DC6 is in front of mom and looks up at her expectantly, maybe hoping for a morsel. Nothing doing. DC6 peers out over the nest bowl looking in the direction of the infamous V. With head resting on the border of the bowl or on side of mom's wing, s/he gazes upon that side of the nest. Curious eaglet! TFL closes her eyes for a few minutes. Can't tell from this angle, but DC 6 is so still indicating s/he is now napping with head in the crook of TFL's wing while catching the sun and the breeze on his/her body. P calls out to TFL from above. What is he saying? TFL doesn't respond to him. Maybe he's complaining that it's his turn with the kids.</p>	kaco4_AEF
5/4/2018 16:07:29	5/4/2018	5:56:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	<p>MrP is brooding the chicks when TFL flies in at 5:57. MrP gets up and stops to wrangle his arch nemesis, the Dastardly Stick in the V, then flies off. TFL immediately starts feeding DC6. DC7 awakens, gets behind DC6 and shows interest in eating. We hear their sweet little peep, peep, peeps. DC6 puts his/her wing over DC7 and there our cuties sit together in the nest bowl waiting for the next bite. TFL decides meal time is over for the time being and moves over the chicks to brood.</p>	freebird_AEF

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5/4/2018 17:00:23	5/4/2018	7:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	The wind is whipping the nest about, to and fro. TFL is still brooding the little ones. DC6 appears to be having dreams of flight, with wings flapping on occasion. DC6, who is currently in front of TFL, just looked up at TFL and she returned his/her glance. They had a few moments of just staring at one another then TFL lowered her head and their beaks touched twice. It was one of those sweet little moments between an eaglet and their mom. TFL gets up and drags a piece of leftover fish closer to the nest bowl and starts feeding DC6. DC7's head rises. "What? Dinner?" DC7 is situated behind DC6 and waits patiently, and it pays off. With DC6's crop full, s/he does a face plant into the nest and TFL feeds DC7. With two satisfied eaglets, TFL heads back towards the nest bowl. She looks down at her sweet little babes. Off they go deep into slumber once again and TFL resumes brooding.	freebird_AEF
5/4/2018 17:28:24	5/4/2018	7:08:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change / Feeding one another	MrP flies towards the nest, he flies past, curves back around and enters the nest with a fresh fish. He leaves the fresh fish for his family, then digs up a partial old dried fish to eat for himself. This eagle dad is my hero -- he just couldn't be a better mate and provider if he tried! MrP pants and looks at TFL as if to ask for a chance to brood, then offers her a bite of fish, which she in turn holds in her mouth. She gets up, takes a bite of the fish, MrP takes a bite of the other fish and they both appear to offer their bites to one another. This is so cute! I feel like I'm watching the eagle version of Lady and the Tramp. They both nibble and eat and offer bites to one another, then TFL goes in for the steal and gulps down the tail of MrP's fish. TFL decides to give MrP some brooding time before dark and at 7:18, she flies off the nest. MrP had some food elsewhere for sure! His crop is stuffed full and his blaze is a-blazin! He looks down at his little ones and starts fluffing up the nest bowl. But something catches his eye. Oh! It's his arch nemesis, The Stick. He wrangles it around to his satisfaction, then heads over to his chicks who are sound asleep.	freebird_AEF
5/4/2018 17:40:16	5/4/2018	7:39:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL returns to the nest at 7:31. She looks sideways and down at MrP and he ignores her. He's not ready to give up his visit with the kids that fast. TFL stands beside him, looking down at their little family. Two proud parents and such great ones. These eaglets are very lucky. At 7:34, MrP gets up and relinquishes his position near the kids. Both MrP and TFL are eyeing the big fresh fish that MrP brought in just a little while ago. TFL moves in to brood over the babies and MrP jumps and swoops out of the nest. He heads over to a nearby tree at 7:36 to perch. Hidden in the bright green spring leaves of the tree, he's just a squeeze away.	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 4:21:27	5/5/2018	5:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding DC6 and DC7	TFL does her morning preening and gives out a call. No response from MrP yet. She stands and does a beautiful wing stretch. DC6 is the first to pop his/her head up. DC7 soon after. TFL starts pulling off small pieces of fish and feeding DC6. Feeding the oldest first can cut down on the sibling rivalry and this works perfectly. DC6 is at the front of the line, DC7 right behind him/her. DC6 gets some good pieces, the youngest DC7 tries to reach for some but Mom says not yet. DC7 is still a precious little tumbleweed. She/he falls over once or twice in her/his eagerness to get some fish. TFL reaches over DC6 and feeds DC7 some small bites and goes back to feed DC6 some more. DC6 gets her/his fill and settles back down to sleep. TFL takes this opportunity to feed DC7 some more bites. Now that everyone has gotten fed, Mom decides it's time snuggle up together again. She does her shimmy sway down over them and pulls the blanket of moss close to tuck them in.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 4:32:20	5/5/2018	6:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL just gets all comfy with DC6 and DC7 when MrP arrives with a fish. So that's where you were MrP. He's a great provider. Even at this early morning hour he was able to bring food home for his family. One of the advantages of having a later hatch is that the fishing is fine at this time of year. TFL flies off for her break, MrP unzips the fish to get it ready for the next meal. DC6 and DC7 aren't quite ready for that yet so he wiggles down and covers them.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 4:40:56	5/5/2018	6:30:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's going to be mostly cloudy and cooler with a shower today. The temperature is currently 67 degrees and will reach 72 degrees. Tonight it will go down to 55 degrees with spotty showers.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 4:54:46	5/5/2018	6:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Feeding	MrP gets up to feed DC6 and DC7. DC6 looks so cute with some fluff on her/his beak. MrP attempts to give them both a bite. DC7 reaches out and gives DC6 a peck. Their eyesight is still not very clear so it's hard to tell if she/he was just trying to grab some food or just trying annoy big sister/brother. Either way DC6 didn't appreciate it and pecked her/him right back. DC7 goes into the submission stance, a smart thing to do if you don't want to get pecked again. DC6 gets fed a little more until MrP decides it's time to brood them again.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 5:01:46	5/5/2018	6:49:00 AM	Mr. President	Feeding	DC7 must have let MrP know that she/he was still hungry. MrP being the great Papa that he is, says no problem. DC6 is still sound asleep so DC7 gets a nice solo feeding. Good job little one. You are doing well. Now, with a full crop DC7 is ready to join DC6 for a little shut eye.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 5:35:35	5/5/2018	7:19:00 AM	Mr. President	Feeding	MrP gets up to feed them again. DC6 is wide awake and ready to eat, DC7 is not quite ready to get up yet. DC6 gets some good bites and finally DC7 is up and ready to have some too. Once again DC6 is at the front of the line, DC7 behind him. DC7 tries her/his best to reach the food but she/he only manages to get one or two bites. She/he did just have the solo feeding so all is fine. MrP and TFL feed them often throughout the day so they have both been fed well.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 5:49:45	5/5/2018	7:40:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	MrP tidies up the nest with some aeration. It's amazing how much fluff they have added this year, a nice deep bowl and a warm blanket of moss to protect them from the elements. DC6 and DC7 wiggle around as MrP fluffs but it looks like neither of them are ready to get up just yet. MrP settles back down and pulls the moss all around them.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 6:07:41	5/5/2018	8:02:00 AM	Mr. President	Feeding	Another feeding at 8:02am. This time DC6 sleeps through it and DC7 gets some good bites.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 6:40:25	5/5/2018	8:32:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP loudly vocalizes. He seems to be upset about something. He flies off in a flash and TFL immediately arrives to take care of DC6 and DC7.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 7:36:54	5/5/2018	9:30:00 AM	Live Q&A Session	Live Q&A Session	Come join us for our Live Question and Answer Session from 12:00pm-2:00pm today. We would love to see you there.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 10:09:47	4/5/2018	12:09:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding / Update	We start out the noon hour with DC6 and 7 snuggled under TFL, lying on top of her feet like fluffy cotton balls. Just a bit earlier, MrP was at the nest passing food bites to TFL to feed the eaglets. Just before he left, he defeated his arch nemesis, The Stick. He moved it out of the V and onto the nest railing. From what I could tell, it's still hanging on the outer side of the rails but my guess is, it won't last long since the heavy end of the stick is facing downward. So...look out below! A feeding took place in the past hour and we got to watch our sweet little duo curled up sleeping together snug as two bugs in a rug. Live Chat has begun. Hope you come join us to get your questions answered!	freebird_AEF

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5/5/2018 11:02:05	5/5/2018	12:31:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL is craning her neck and looking around at 12:27. She seems to be watching something above her. While she's busy being a protective parent, DC6 and 7 don't have a care in the world. They dose in and out of sleep, safely tucked under their mom. TFL stops looking directly above and relaxes, so whatever was flying about overhead has moved on. The kids wake up and start wiggling around, so TFL gets up, does some gorgeous wing stretches and starts feeding DC6. DC7 is still trying to wake up and after about a minute into the feeding, DC7 turns to face TFL. She stays off to the side and a bit behind DC6. Soon, DC6 face plants into the nest bowl completely filled and satisfied and DC7 receives all the delicious fish bites she wants before passing out like DC6. Between TFL's wisdom to feed DC6 first and DC7's patience, both eaglets get fed well without any need for dominance. Well done DC eagles!	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 12:03:25	5/5/2018	1:57:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	It's been a wondrous, rather magical, two hours by my assessment. We've had a successful feeding and many opportunities to watch the eaglets brooding under TFL, or having nest material tossed over them while TFL takes a break and lets them cool off. It's a beautiful day in DC. Enjoy everyone!	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 13:06:00	5/5/2018	2:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest Duty	TFL stands in the nest and watches over DC6 and DC7. They both look full and content as they snuggle down in the moss. DC7 pops her/his head up to take a look around. It looks like she/he's wearing a fluffy bonnet because of all the grasses stuck to her/his head. So cute. TFL offers some food but DC6 is sleeping peacefully and DC7 doesn't seem very interested. They have both been well fed today and seem ready for a nap. TFL gathers them together and settles over them. It's not nearly as warm as it's been the last several days. It's a pleasant 70 degrees with cloudy skies.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 13:44:53	5/5/2018	3:25:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest Duty	TFL gets up to aerate the nest. She stands with her tail feathers in the v and gazes around. DC6 and DC7 pop their heads up in the moss to see what's going on. They seem to be expecting some food and each one wants to be first at the plate. DC6 pecks DC7 on the head and down he goes in the moss. DC7, not to be outdone, gives DC6 not one but two pecks on the head. I'd say they are well matched in this food fight. After all of that, they both don't even seem interested in eating. Silly eaglets. TFL flies off to the primary perching tree to take a bathroom break. She immediately flies back and settles over her little ones.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 14:12:24	5/5/2018	3:54:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding/Shift Change	DC6 has become a little squirm worm under TFL. TFL gets up to feed. DC7 says "No thank you, just let me sleep". DC6 has a good appetite now and is getting some good bites while DC7 sleeps away. MrP arrives with a Perch and begins to tear off pieces and pass them to TFL as TFL feeds them to DC6. DC6 gets her/his fill and falls fast asleep with DC7. DC7 wakes up and is now ready to eat. She/he gets a few bites and MrP decides it's time to brood while TFL flies off for her break.	earlybird_AEF
5/5/2018 16:16:24	5/5/2018	6:14:00 AM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL is at the nest. She rises and we see a puddle of fluffy white and light grey inside a fluffy nest bowl. It looks like DC7 is beneath a bunch of nesting material while DC6 gets some bites of food. TFL flies off the nest at 6:06 but returns immediately and goes back to brooding.	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 17:03:07	5/5/2018	6:54:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL helps uncover DC7 and we can now see both eaglets resting under her. Everyone is napping... even TFL is succumbing to closing her eyes.	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 17:17:06	5/5/2018	7:04:00 PM	TFL and MrP	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP arrives with a nice big fish. Our fish expert tells us it's a Perch. He passes bites over to TFL to feed DC6. TFL flies off for a break at 7:11. MrP scoops up both eaglets so that they're side by side, each looking out from under him.	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 18:21:23	5/5/2018	8:11:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	MrP meanders over to the fish to start feeding. TFL spots the activity and decides to end her break by flying from the primary perching tree over to the nest to intervene. MrP hands her bites to feed DC7. I saw DC7 receive at least two big bites of food. DC6, whose crop is huge, slept through the feeding. TFL flew off quickly in order to continue to enjoy some time off the nest. She is now perched on the overhead branch and MrP is still brooding the eaglets.	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 18:38:33	5/5/2018	8:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	MrP gets up from brooding and calls out several times. TFL remains calm and perched on the overhead branch. She keeps looking down at him in the nest. Our DC kids are snuggled up with one another. MrP heads over to the fish and starts taking little bites and looking up at TFL like he wants her to come down and feed the kids. No, that's not it. He wanted off the nest. TFL flies down from the overhead and MrP takes off immediately. TFL goes into brooding position.	freebird_AEF
5/5/2018 19:28:16	5/5/2018	9:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	Pretty mama TFL broods with eyes closed. She covers her little ones protecting them from the rain showers that recently started to fall. Her body is situated so that her tail is backed up in between the V branches. Her head is down level with her chest. Peepers can be heard chirping in the background and it is a very buggy night on the nest, probably due to the moisture in the compost from the recent rains. They are scampering hither and yon in the nest and up and down branches. They are particularly abundant around a nearby fish carcass in the nest. TFL doesn't appear to mind their presence. A dog bark and human voices can be heard in the distance. What a beautiful evening it is!	kaco4_AEF
5/6/2018 4:10:28	5/6/2018	5:40:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding DC6 and DC7/Shift Change	TFL gives out a call. MrP answers back from the primary perching tree. He flies over to the NW branch as TFL gets up. Our little cuddle buddies begin to stir. They are wide awake now and eager to eat. They sit side by side while TFL feeds them. DC6 and DC7 are both eating well. DC7, the youngest, grabs hold of DC6's beak and gives it a pull. Feisty little one. DC6 just shakes her/him off and continues eating. MrP arrives at the nest and TFL flies off for her break. MrP settles his warm body over DC6 and DC7 for some rest time.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 4:21:56	5/6/2018	6:15:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a cloudy day, currently 58 degrees with a high of 70 degrees expected and a chance of a thunderstorm this afternoon. Tonight it will go down to 57 degrees with a shower early.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 4:35:33	5/6/2018	6:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Duty	It's a calm and relaxing morning. DC6 and DC7 are cuddled under MrP. He gets up and takes a look around the nest. DC6 and DC7 don't seem ready to get up yet so he settles back down with them. He aerates the fluff and keeps watch over his little ones.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 5:07:00	5/6/2018	6:51:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	TFL returns from her break, lands on the left v branch and onto the lateral branch. MrP gets up as TFL moves into the nest. Another good feeding for DC6 and DC7 with DC7 getting the first two bites. MrP joins in to help, feeding the little ones and passing the food to TFL so she can feed them. They have been doing these dual feedings a lot this season and it's always a joy to watch. MrP flies off, perhaps to go fishing. He has kept them well stocked with food. TFL finishes up the feeding and then gulps down the tail for herself.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 5:51:39	5/6/2018	7:33:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding/Fish Arrival/Switch Off	MrP returns to the nest with a fish. TFL takes charge and begins to feed DC6 and DC7. We have the food train going, DC7 in the front, DC6 is the caboose. DC7 gets the first bites but DC6 gets some good bites too. MrP moves one of the leftover fish to the side of the nest, eats a bit and flies off. MrP is back and forth several times as TFL continues with the feeding. MrP decides it's time to brood their little ones so TFL flies off for a break.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 6:02:30	5/6/2018	7:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	TFL returns through the v with some greenery, gazes around and flies off. MrP tidies up the nest with some aeration as he broods DC6 and DC7.	earlybird_AEF

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5/6/2018 11:02:20	5/6/2018	1:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	MrP captures the attention of both eaglets when he gets up from brooding and goes over to the fish. He nibbles at the fish as if he's going to feed the kids but ends up going back to brood and DC6 and 7 go back to sleep. It isn't long that DC6 starts getting fidgety. DC6 wakes up 7 and both are looking adorably cute sitting together in the nest bowl looking around. DC7 nods back off while DC6 practices sitting up tall. DC6 makes an attempt to escape the nest bowl. MrP doesn't like that idea and responds by inching forward to cover DC6. His way of saying, "Stay put, little one!" Around 12:52, MrP calls out. It appears he's tracking something flying around or perched above the nest. He lets out a second round of calls.	freebird_AEF
5/6/2018 11:34:04	5/5/2018	1:16:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change / Feeding	At 1:12 MrP stands, looks down at the fish and vocalizes. He looks around and flies off. The two little peepers peep away and TFL flies in to take over nest duty. MrP flies in after TFL, then off again. MrP is heard in the distance chattering. TFL drags the fish closer to the kids and does a beak touching hunger test, then starts feeding DC6. DC7 has positioned him/herself behind DC6 and is getting some bites in by giving a peck at DC6 to stay down then uses DC6's body as a place to lean upon. DC6 then regains the main feeding position. Both eaglets are getting fed at the same time now. DC7 really knows how to position him/herself to great advantage. Both of them are confident and seem to be pretty equally matched for hatching about 56 hours apart. MrP arrives back. TFL has drug the fish close to the nest bowl and he sees that he's not needed to help with the feeding. He moves over to the lateral branch and then flies off. DC7 falls asleep on 6's back. DC6 eats a few more bites and nods off as well. And TFL has a few moments to herself to have some lunch.	freebird_AEF
5/6/2018 13:13:41	5/6/2018	2:40:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a fresh fish. AS he unzips it, he passes a piece to TFL who is brooding DC6 and DC7. TFL rises, pulls over a leftover fish and begins to feed DC6 and DC7. MrP grabs up another fish and begins to pass pieces to TFL who feeds them to the eaglets. MrP helps out with feeding the little ones also. TFL and MrP even manage to get some bites for themselves. Dinner for four. What could be more perfect.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 13:26:54	5/6/2018	3:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL continues with the feeding as MrP flies off. He returns quickly and TFL flies off for her break. MrP watches over them until TFL returns. He climbs up the left v branch and out of sight. DC7 pops his head up and looks around. TFL gives her/him a tap on the beak, perhaps to see if she/he is ready to eat. TFL must not think it's time yet. She gathers them together to brood and DC7 falls asleep next to her/his sibling.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 13:55:46	5/6/2018	3:38:00 PM	The First Lady	On Nest	DC6 looks like she/he's trying to escape from under TFL. So cute how her/his little wings are out and she/he's wiggling all around. This disturbs DC7 who pops her/his head up to see what is going on. DC6 gives him/her a peck on the head. "Go back to sleep little brother/sister". DC7 does just that but DC6 continues to squirm. It appears that DC7 has had enough of this and gives DC6 a peck or two. DC6 gives it right back and DC7 puts her/his head back down. We finally see what all the urgency was about with DC6 as he faces backwards and does a ps out of the nest bowl. Little DC6 just needed a potty break. Good job DC6. Your aim is getting much better.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 14:09:29	5/6/2018	3:57:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	DC7 is wide awake and hungry now. DC6 sleeps as TFL feeds some good bites to DC7. DC6 wakes up and wants some of that. DC7 doesn't seem to like that idea and gives her/him a peck. DC6 goes down but quickly bounces back up and Mom feeds them both. But their little disagreement doesn't end quite yet. A few more pecks between the two of them until TFL decides enough is enough. Time to put them in their separate corners until they cool off and she does just that. DC6 to the right of her talon, DC7 to the left. Once again we have perfect harmony. Mom's sure do know best.	earlybird_AEF
5/6/2018 16:20:09	5/6/2018	5:21:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL is feeding the eaglets as of 5:17. Both pick their heads up but DC 6 asserts its dominance by pecking at DC7 who puts his head down. DC6 gets many bits while DC7 waits. Now both are up with open beaks. 6 has a wing blocking DC7. Let's see what TFL does to out maneuver 6. 7 nips at 6's head but 6 is still getting fed. TFL gives 6 a meaty piece of meat that could choke a horse but pulls it out. 6 is STILL eating! Again 6 blocks 7 with its wing. Now TFL places fish piece in her beak and feeds it sideways to the right into 7's mouth away from 6. Ah! TFL focuses on 7. Lots of good white meat pieces of fish for 7! Back to brooding mode at 5:34. Feeding took almost 15 minutes! TFL aerates the nest a bit and then settles down again.	kaco4_AEF
5/7/2018 4:12:32	5/7/2018	5:44:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	It's a pleasant morning, currently 56 degrees and cloudy. The clouds will give way to sun and a high of 76 is expected. TFL is looking relaxed as DC6 and DC7 are tucked safely under her. MrP is perched at the primary perching tree keeping watch over his family. He flies over to the left v branch and gazes around. TFL stands up and does a big wing stretch. DC6 and DC7 pop up and look at TFL expectantly, waiting to be fed. Their little bodies quiver with anticipation as she starts to pull small pieces off of a fish. Both of them are hungry and both of them eat well. Just a peck or two to show who's boss. These two are so evenly matched that I'm not sure either of them can lay claim to that. It's really a pleasure to see how well they do get along and this should only get better with age.	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 4:19:15	5/7/2018	5:55:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP moves down into the nest and watches as TFL continues to feed their little ones. The fish is almost gone, TFL gulps down the tail herself. This is a perfect opportunity for MrP to snuggle with DC6 and DC7 and he does just that. TFL flies to the lateral branch and departs. MrP settles over DC6 and DC7 with his warm body.	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 4:32:18	5/7/2018	6:30:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	DC6 One Week Old	DC6 is already one week old today! Happy Hatch Day little one. Time flies by so fast when watching this sweet family. What to expect in Week 2. Nest exploration begins by scooting around on their metatarsi. White down is replaced by thicker grey thermal down. Not able to fully stand, they are able to sit up tall for feedings. Legs and footpads have changed to yellow and are no longer pink. Beak, leg, and footpad growth continues	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 4:55:32	5/7/2018	6:35:00 AM	Mr. President	On Nest	MrP stands up and this gets DC6 and DC7 all excited. They seem to be anticipating food but instead MrP aerates the nest. This sets them in a tailspin and they begin to have a pecking party. Just like two little kids who don't get their way, instead they decide to pick on each other. They go at it for a minute or so until MrP steps in to brood again. One minute they're bickering, the next minute they're best buds and cuddling together. Peace and harmony returns.	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 5:27:40	5/7/2018	7:07:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/Feeding	MrP gives out a call in the direction of the primary perching tree where TFL is perching. He stands and looks out towards TFL but she stays there for the moment. DC6 and DC7 are awake so he checks on them and gives each a tap on the beak to see if they are ready to eat. TFL flies in through the v and both TFL and MrP vocalize loudly. Something seems to have put them on alert and MrP quickly flies off. TFL watches him depart and then moves over to feed DC6 and DC7. They are both hungry again and TFL does a wonderful job sharing the fish between them.	earlybird_AEF

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5/7/2018 6:16:31	5/7/2018	7:55:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL is continuing to brood DC6 and DC7. One little head peeks out from under her with the sweetest expression. TFL tenderly looks down and gives a tap on the beak. That tiny beak opens up to tell Mom that s/he is hungry. TFL starts to feed DC6 first. DC7 has her/himself turned in the wrong direction but s/he quickly remedies that and starts to eat too. Both are getting fed well when MrP arrives with a fresh fish. He and TFL have a disagreement over a stick. She wants it near the edge of the nest, he wants it near the middle. Back and forth they go, she moves it, then he moves it, then she moves it.....and on and on. What we have here is a stick stand off. So funny, I think TFL finally prevailed. She grabs the fresh fish to continue feeding DC6 and DC7. MrP departs from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 13:45:54	5/7/2018	3:20:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP brings in another fresh fish. He has been outdoing himself with all of the fish he has been bringing to the nest. MrP starts tearing off pieces, and giving them to DC6. TFL doesn't seem to want it that way. She grabs the pieces from MrP and feeds DC6 herself. DC6 is up front and center, DC7 is partially buried in the fluff well behind DC6. DC7 wiggles his little body, trying to get closer. TFL seeing this reaches over and feeds her/him too. She pulls a fish closer to DC7 and continues to feed her/him as MrP feeds DC6. Nothing can be better than this. A sweet family feeding.	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 14:01:20	5/7/2018	3:34:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	Now that the two little ones are full and content, MrP moves onto the lateral branch. He returns to the nest and TFL flies off through the v. It looks like DC7 is ready for a nap but not quite yet for DC6. DC7 cuddles under MrP. DC6 has ventured just a little bit away. Not too far yet but enough to feel that bit of independence that comes with being a whole week old. It doesn't last too long. S/he moves closer and snuggles in with MrP.	earlybird_AEF
5/7/2018 16:27:06	5/7/2018	6:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Nap time at the nest	Sometime between the last log and now, MrP and TFL did a shift change. Around 6pm, TFL was wrapping up a feeding and she ended it by swallowing down a big of fish tail. Way to go, mama! Currently, DC6 is sunbathing in front of where TFL is brooding over DC7. The cam zooms in and DC6 suddenly wakes up as if the cam had surprisingly awoken him/her, which we know is untrue, but it seemed rather funny. Well folks, it looks we've gone from two eaglet babies to one toddler and one baby... all within one week! They grow up way too quickly. DC6's crop is nice and full and s/he goes back into a deep sleep... that is, between being suddenly awoken by either insects or foot stomping/wing flapping dreams. TFL is following a bee and her head is weaving and bobbing and zipping around in all directions, much like how a cat follows a bug. Very comical.	freebird_AEF
5/7/2018 16:58:50	5/7/2018	6:31:00 PM	MrP and TFL	MrP Arrival / Feeding	There's not as much sun on the nest now. DC6 gets up, moves a bit closer to TFL and faces her. S/he is met with a wall of nesting material and uses it as a pillow, then balls up for a moment and drifts off. Such a big little eaglet. DC6 plays with the grass and moss and we observe him/her preening. TFL careers her neck around as she follows something in flight, most likely MrP since she isn't having a fit. DC6 sits right in front of TFL, looking up at mama. S/he teeters as s/he stretches and stands with wings out, then lies back down with his/her face in the sun. Such sweet little babies, growing up each day before our very eyes. MrP is spotted perching nearby, watching over his family. TFL rises a bit as DC7 squiggles and squirms his/her way up to the edge of the nest bowl for some fresh air. TFL gets up. The sun is shining on DC7 while TFL stands next to the bowl, looking right and left at her kids. MrP flies to the nest tree to perch and look down on his family from the overhead branch. TFL offers food to both DC6 and DC7. MrP joins TFL in the nest. He grabs a fish that looks kind of dried out and well picked over and moves it to the nest rails. The he goes back and grabs another fish. This is a big one that was buried under some fluff. TFL wonders what he is doing. She takes over possession of the fish and continues feeding DC6 while MrP aerates the nest bowl and broods over DC7.	freebird_AEF
5/7/2018 17:16:02	5/7/2018	7:08:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL feeds DC6 and MrP is directly above DC6 watching closely. MrP sort of nudges his beak towards TFL like he wants her to feed him, but she doesn't. MrP wants to scoop DC6 underneath him to brood but each time he tries, DC6 maneuvers around the beak scoop. When DC6 is ready, s/he waddles toward MrP and tucks his/her head underneath him. TFL decides to take a nest break and flies off at 7:06. TFL is back with nesting material at 7:10. She stands in the V where she flew in. DC6 still only has his/her head under MrP. TFL turns around in the V and her tail feathers rest on MrP's head like a hat. She flies back off. We have DC6's backside sticking out in front of MrP and DC7's head popping out. What a couple of goofos!	freebird_AEF
5/7/2018 18:17:39	5/7/2018	8:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Aerating nest. Brooding	TFL spends a considerable amount of time digging out and refluffing the nest bowl. The little ones are set in pretty deeply into the bowl for the night and TFL broods as the sun sets. Pantry looks fairly sparse with only a couple of remnants. DC6 and 7 will be cuddle buddies for the night. Temperature is a comfy 71 going down to 55. Temps will remain in the mid 70's for the next three days. Perfect weather for spring fishing.	kaco4_AEF
5/7/2018 18:30:06	5/7/2018	8:21:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL moves back a bit exposing her sleeping pufferballs to the fresh night air. She has built up the straw fortress around them so they stay put for the night. It has been a milestone day for DC6, who discovered s/he can climb out of the nest bowl and get pretty far across the nest away from mom and dad. Let's see what travels are in store for tomorrow. Our eagle parents are super diligent and watchful and will be sure to protect the babies. TFL fluffs a little more and covers the babies. The IR light comes on and with it, that magical gray land of nest and arb dreamscape.	kaco4_AEF
5/8/2018 4:29:05	5/8/2018	5:46:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	TFL is standing in the nest, MrP is perched in the primary perching tree. TFL flies from the nest. MrP soon follows from the tree. TFL quickly returns to the lateral branch and back into the nest. DC6 and DC7 are awake and ready for some breakfast. The food train is ready, DC6 in the front, DC7 as the caboose. TFL begins feeding DC6 who gets a great feeding. She/he is able to move her/himself out of the bowl now and get close to Mom and the fish. DC7 still in the back of the line tries to reach for some but isn't having much luck. One cute little moment, DC7 takes a piece off of DC6's beak and eats it. That's one way to get fed, little one. Good job. TFL finally moves closer to give her/him a piece but it's long and stringy and hard for DC7 to manage. MrP arrives and they get the assembly line going. MrP tearing off the pieces, passing them to TFL and she in turn feeds the little ones. DC7 does get some bites now.	earlybird_AEF
5/8/2018 4:42:31	5/8/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	MrP, perhaps because it's a little chilly or perhaps because he loves to cuddle with his little ones, decides this is a good time to brood. He settles over DC7 with his warm body but the now independent DC6 says, "No thanks, I'll stay out here". TFL does a little housekeeping and flies off with the remains of a fish. She returns through the v with a lovely branch of green leaves. She must have thought a little freshening up was in order. They both get down to business aerating the nest and TFL gets a chance to eat her breakfast. MrP gets DC6 all tucked in under him now and TFL flies off to the primary perching tree.	earlybird_AEF

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5/8/2018 5:18:47	5/8/2018	6:56:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding/Shift Change	MrP relaxes in the nest with his little ones. He gets up to feed them and gives DC6 the first bites. DC7 reaches for some fish and gets a peck for her/his trouble from DC6. She/he is down in the submission stance until Mom comes to the rescue. The feisty little DC7 is bound and determined to get more fish this time. She/he crawls on top of DC6 and gets some good bites. DC6 finally has had enough of this and gets up to give DC7 another peck. DC7 goes down again but is up quickly. TFL continues to feed and they both get some additional bites. MrP has flown off so TFL fluffs the nest bowl and settles down with her little sweethearts.	earlybird_AEF
5/8/2018 6:10:25	5/8/2018	7:53:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	It's a beautiful morning, currently 54 degrees with mostly sunny skies and a high of 77 expected. TFL looks down at DC6 and DC7 as they wiggle all around. It looks like two little eaglets want to come out and play or more likely eat. She rises, fluffs up the nest bowl and starts to pull off small pieces of fish. TFL takes turns feeding them as they sit sweetly side by side. Such a joy to watch as they both are fed well.	earlybird_AEF
5/9/2018 4:13:55	5/9/2018	5:33:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding/Shift Change	It's a cool morning, currently 49 degrees with sunny skies and a high of 79 expected. MrP is brooding DC6 and DC7 and gives out a call. TFL lands on the lateral branch and moves into the nest. MrP pulls a fish out of the moss and begins to tear off pieces. TFL says "No thank you dear. I've got this" and takes it from him. She begins feeding DC6 and DC7 as MrP flies off to enjoy this beautiful morning. Both of the little ones are hungry and both are well fed.	earlybird_AEF
5/9/2018 4:35:22	5/9/2018	6:18:00 AM	The First Lady	Squirrel Alert/Feeding	TFL's all snuggled in with her little ones when she jumps up and flaps her wings. Who should be attempting to visit the upper level? It's none other than Mr. Squirrel. Now, now Mr. Fluff Snatcher. You know better than this. TFL is not tolerating any visitors right now. Mr. Squirrel scampers away, all the while chattering his annoyance. TFL keeps on watch for several minutes until all is clear and gets on with feeding DC6 and DC7 once again.	earlybird_AEF
5/9/2018 5:30:57	5/9/2018	7:17:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	DC6 and DC7 have had a nice nap but now they're starting to get a little antsy. TFL stands to fluff up the nest and then begins to feed them. DC6 and DC7 share a few pecks between them but it doesn't last long. DC6 is the first in line to eat, DC7 is lying down in the moss. DC7 wakes up and now is ready to get fed too. She/He wiggles her/his little body up closer to TFL and gets some bites too.	earlybird_AEF
5/9/2018 13:30:23	5/9/2018	3:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL gets up, stretches her wings on a side rail and then crosses over to a partial fish. The little ones were stretched out, basking in the delightfully sunny, cool air. Now they inch up towards mom. DC6 is being fed as 7 makes its way to the front. She also gets a few bites. No one is compelling. Each waits patiently for their turn! Impressive. Mom goes back and forth between them. Not sure when they last ate. 6 inches over more with open beak and cheeks. Hey, get back to me. Mom looks like she is at the end of this fish. The last piece is dark and stringy but TFL tries it out on DC6. Ah! Dad flies in with a headless fish - perch or shad? 6 emits a teakettle scream. Dad aerates what is fast becoming an open nest. The bowl is no longer distinguishable as such now that the little ones are moving freely about. The fluff is more level throughout the nest area. Dad steps out of nest and TFL pulls off lovely pieces for 6. And now 7. And now some for TFL herself. She continues feeding for a good 12 minutes until the little ones are satiated.	kaco4_AEF
5/9/2018 13:50:11	5/9/2018	3:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Mr.P	Mr.P arrives back on nest and lies on fluff near TFL watching, her last attempts at stuffing food into the babies. I suspect P wants his brooding time on nest when mom is done feeding. 6 starts toddling across nest to dad but goes back to mom for just one more bite. These kids have been eating for 20 minutes now! TFL chows down some too while dad waits his turn to brood. TFL stretches and, and, off she goes! The kids toddle, one at a time, over in the direction of the V where dad waits. They go over to him, not him to them!!! So smart they are! They are used to the daily routines and their nurturers. Now they are both spread out, in total contentment, in front of dad, in partial shade and protected by Mr.P.	kaco4_AEF
5/9/2018 16:14:02	5/9/2018	6:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	There was a switch off at the nest at 5:37pm. TFL is now tending to DC6 and DC7. It's so amazing to see how independent the little ones have become already. They are both sound asleep at the moment. DC6 cuddled up with TFL and DC7 cuddled up with a fish. I guess DC7 wants to make sure s/he gets some of that fish at the next feeding. They have been all over the nest today, like two little toddlers waddling around. It's so wonderful to see how they are thriving.	earlybird_AEF
5/10/2018 4:12:40	5/10/2018	5:37:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Switch Off/Feeding	TFL gazes around the area, perhaps looking for MrP. She moves to the lateral branch and flies off. MrP arrives and feeds the little ones. DC6 gets the majority of this meal but DC7 gets a few bites. TFL returns and grabs up the fish. MrP departs as TFL begins to feed DC7. DC6 is lying down at the moment so DC7 gets some good bites this time. DC6 wakes and TFL feeds both of them. By 6:02am the feeding is over and TFL gathers her two treasures together and covers them with her warm body.	earlybird_AEF
5/10/2018 4:34:16	5/10/2018	6:27:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a sunny morning, currently 61 degrees with a heavy thunderstorm possible this afternoon. Tonight there will be clear skies and a high of 60 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
5/10/2018 4:47:46	5/10/2018	6:29:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duties	TFL stands and intently looks around. MrP is spotted on the NW branch keeping watch. TFL flies off and out of our view. MrP moves to the left v branch and into the nest. No sooner does he land in the nest, then TFL returns with a lovely sprig of leaves. She arranges it in the nest and then takes a look out the v. It appears that she is about to depart but changes her mind and moves back towards her little ones. MrP, seeing this flies off, perhaps to do some more fishing and TFL settles down with DC6 and DC7 tucked under her.	earlybird_AEF
5/10/2018 4:50:58	5/10/2018	6:48:00 AM	Chat	Chat	Please bring your questions and join us for our Live Q&A Session from 8:00am-10:00am today. We would love to see you there.	earlybird_AEF
5/10/2018 5:25:32	5/10/2018	7:15:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	It looks like two little wiggle worms are waking up. TFL moves off of them to take a look. DC6 and DC7 both squirm around and glance up at TFL. Oh.. Not feeding time.. Never mind. They both put their heads back down and sleep once again.	earlybird_AEF
5/10/2018 5:52:49	5/10/2018	7:26:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL has some bites for herself while the little ones continue to sleep. DC6 wakes up just long enough to preen her/himself and falls back to sleep again. TFL has placed the sprig of leaves over DC6 and DC7, perhaps to shelter them from the sun, perhaps to protect them from the bugs. Both eaglets are awake and preening themselves. DC7 tries to move out from under the leaves. TFL remedies that situation and tosses some fluff on both of them. Our little independent DC7 is one week old today. Happy one week Hatch Day DC7. They cuddle together and nod off once again as TFL watches over them.	earlybird_AEF

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					TFL is on nest duty with the youngsters. Suddenly TFL sounds off like a tea kettle just getting ready to boil. Sure enough, MrP flies in with a nice big fresh catfish. He tries to bypass TFL and feed DC6 but she keeps intervening as if to say, "No, no, no... that's not how we do it!" TFL finally gets the feeding under control by placing herself between MrP and the eaglets. What she doesn't count into the equation is how bites MrP gets to eat when she's not quick enough to retrieve the next bite. Could these eagles be more entertaining? Could this family be any sweeter? I think not. The DC kids snuggle up together and doze off while TFL continues to try to feed them more fish. She's had the same bite hanging in her beak and has been waving it at them for about a minute before she finally swallows it. She flies off at 7:19 leaving MrP in charge. He tosses some nest fluff over DC6 and 7 and stands guard just behind them.	freebird_AEF
5/10/2018 17:28:1	5/10/2018	7:06:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of food / Shift change	Appearing restless, MrP flies off the nest at 8:04. TFL heads back to the nest from where she was perching at the primary perching tree. The little ones sleep through the entire comings and goings. TFL moves over to the fish. She's holding a bite in her beak and offering it to two little eaglets who are deep in slumber, so she finally swallows it. MrP has taken TFL's place at the primary perching tree. At 8:18, TFL decides it's time to settle in with DC6 and 7. She aerates the nest bowl and corals them together. After fluffing up the nest, TFL flies off unexpectedly. She ends up perching on the overhead branch and MrP flies in from the primary perching tree into the nest. TFL rouses up her feathers and preens on the overhead and our two special little eaglets criss cross necks and fall back asleep, with MrP as their protector right next to them.	freebird_AEF
5/10/2018 18:30:3	5/10/2018	8:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Double switch off	It's a pleasant morning, currently 54 degrees with a high of 81 expected. The sun is shining down on TFL and her little ones as she feeds them. DC6 is getting a good breakfast while DC7 has her/his head down in the fluff. DC7 finally pops her/his little head up and gets some good bites too. TFL tucks them in and pulls the moss all around them. MrP watches over them from the primary perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 4:16:55	5/11/2018	5:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	MrP flies over to get a little closer to his family, perhaps in the hopes that he will get a chance to cuddle with his little ones. He lands on the NW branch and gazes around. TFL departs and it doesn't take long before MrP flies into the nest. He begins munching on a fish but two little eyes are watching him. DC7 has woken up so MrP offers her/him a bite. DC7 doesn't seem interested so MrP starts fussing with the fluff and some long pieces of bark. He places the bark over DC6 and DC7 and settles down to brood over them. A blanket of bark. Interesting choice MrP. He can't seem to relax so he's up again, moving sticks and chowing down on the fish once again. He holds out pieces every now towards DC6 and DC7 but they are snoozing away.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 4:41:54	5/11/2018	6:17:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	The Arboretum is totally gorgeous right now. The vibrant greens of the foliage, the red, purple and pinks of the azaleas, the golden sun illuminating MrP and the nest. You couldn't ask for a more scenic view. DC6 and DC7 are still sleeping away, MrP, still up and busy with the fluffing. He gazes out at his surroundings, his beak all dirty from the moss. He stretches his neck and watches something out of our view and off he goes.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 4:54:09	5/11/2018	6:42:00 AM	Mr. President	Nest Work	Within a minute TFL returns to the nest. It's amazing how they have fine tuned the shift changes. No calls could be heard between them, yet they both knew exactly what the other was doing. They are the perfect pair.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 5:01:55	5/11/2018	6:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL is standing watch over her little ones as they sleep under the bark. Both of them wake up and have a pecking contest. DC6 wins this one as DC7 goes down. DC7, the ever feisty younger one is not quite ready to give up just yet. S/he gets up and they go at it again. Down goes DC7 one more time. The look on TFL's face as she watches this is priceless. Her head feathers are all fluffed out as she looks down on them with almost an expression of disappointment. "Now now you two. We will have none of that". She appears to decide that a feeding will calm these two down. It seems to do the job. DC6 gets a good meal, DC7, only a few bites, but s/he seems more interested in sleeping now. TFL tucks them both in for another nap.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 5:37:44	5/11/2018	7:12:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL continues to brood DC6 and DC7. They wake and DC6 decides to "peck" on her/his sibling. TFL puts her head between them and gets a peck from DC6. Uh oh. This appears to stop DC6 in her/his tracks. Sorry Mom. TFL takes it all in stride. MrP lands on the left v branch with a freshly caught fish. He tears off small pieces and passes them to TFL. They both feed DC7 while DC6 sleeps. DC6 wakes and they have a family feeding. DC6 and DC7 get their fill and nod off back to sleep. TFL flies off for her break as MrP aerates the nest.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 6:17:50	5/11/2018	8:03:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Switch Off/Feeding	TFL is serving as a parasol for the kids resting in front of her, with her wings halfway outstretched in the late afternoon sun. Now she is up and the kids are cheeping and looking around. There is a partial fish next to the bowl that looks pretty meager. Dad needs to freshen up the pantry. TFL digs out the bowl to keep the wandering eaglets in....not working. Both are on the move with mouths open, obviously hungry. Mom moves over closer to the rail opposite the V side in order to keep the eaglets in front of her and more centered in nest. This morning was hilarious when Mr. P took peeled pieces of tree bark and placed them on and around the kids to pen them in or perhaps to protect them from the heat of the sun. And we know about the fluff over technique. That has gotten old and no longer works. These eaglets are gonna be up and about and moving to the rails and there's little mom and dad can do except to be vigilant. Too bad there is no eagle play pen they can craft. 6 and 7 are more settled right now, sprawled out in front of mom and waiting for dinner to arrive.	earlybird_AEF
5/11/2018 14:35:2	5/11/2018	4:20:00 PM	The First Lady	Eaglet(s)	TFL continues to shade the eaglets. Every five minutes or so 6 is up, peering around with beak agape. Panting a little. Everything is fascinating, the movement of the leaves, a dandelion seed head floating by. Both are now up, toddling across the nest. TFL is growing impatient, up and looking in all directions for dinner delivery., still continuing to protect the eaglets from sun and wanderlust. The temperature is 84 with low humidity and slight winds at 8 mph. Tonight will be a very comfortable 64. Tomorrow is a hot one with a high of 92. Sunday will be rainy in the high 60's with moderate temps early in the week.	kaco4_AEF
5/11/2018 15:03:4	5/11/2018	4:44:00 AM	The First Lady	Shading Eaglets	TFL feeds DC6 from the new fish just brought in, while Mr. P feeds DC7 from the old fish. TFL is also helping herself to some nice pieces. It is pure perfection when mom and dad divide the labor. No pecking, no competition, no wing holds, no cheeping. Pure love. TFL finishes feeding 6 and herself and flies off for her r and r tree perching time. 6 turns around to face dad but stays next to Mr. Fish, nuzzling against a piece of bark. 7 is done and is now resting its head on the rail in front of the V. Seconds, anyone? Guess not. At 6:04 all is calm in the nest. Eaglets are satiated and dad is surveying the area around the nest.	kaco4_AEF
5/11/2018 16:09:3	5/11/2018	5:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Dinner is served/Fish Delivery	MrP flies towards the nest and appears to land on the overhead branch. TFL remains chill -- just hanging out with two passed out eaglets. And sure enough... there he is! MrP looks so proud and handsome perched above the nest in the evening light. He relaxes his right leg by letting it hang down in front of him and over the top of the branch. Looking like a cool dude there, MrP! TFL hasn't moved anything but her head as she looks down at the kids and then outward into the arboretum. Not a peep or squeal from anyone. Just a nest tree full of calm, cool and collected eagles.	freebird_AEF
5/11/2018 17:06:4	5/11/2018	7:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Perching overhead		freebird_AEF

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5/11/2018 17:43:4	5/11/2018	7:43:00 PM	MrP and TFL	At the nest tree	Both eaglets are trying to wake up but slump back downward to rest. MrP flies off the overhead branch around 7:25. He arrives back and perches above the overhead branch on a much smaller branch that is not a usual perching spot. After a few minutes, he returns to the overhead branch. The DC eaglets have woken up, they tried getting closer to TFL but she backed up closer to the rails. She moves forward and gives a pre-feeding test. "If I place my beak down to theirs, will they respond?" The answer is yes. Looks like it might be feeding time again but then again, TFL doesn't appear to be enthused about the idea. But TFL, if the kids come out of their food coma, they must be hungry again! The two kids do some light hearted tussling. MrP has now moved on to relaxing his left leg and foot.	freebird_AEF
5/11/2018 18:01:5	5/11/2018	7:59:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding / Shift change	TFL places a stick over DC7. She doesn't like that and responds by getting up and rolling it off. MrP lands in the nest at 7:50. He grabs a fish and the chicks peep. At first TFL watches but then moves in, waiting for MrP to hand her a bite to feed DC6 and DC7. MrP is being a renegade by feeding the kids directly and is not following the rules. TFL finally positions herself by stretching over the top of DC6 in order to grab bites from MrP. Now they're getting a nice rhythm. MrP hands a bite over to TFL to feed DC7 and MrP is feeding DC6. Well, it's not running that smoothly. TFL even tries to grab a hunk of fish from MrP because she's not really that happy with the way things are going and in fact, she does grab her own piece of fish and feeds DC7 bite after bite, while MrP does the same with DC6. I knew they'd work it out. They sure do make me laugh though! And this has been a great feeding. And even TFL gets to gulp down the tail end of the fish. TFL sees the opportunity for a break and flies off at 7:59. She's currently perched at the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF
5/11/2018 18:38:0	5/11/2018	8:36:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding / Shift change	TFL arrives back to the nest at 8:25. She spots MrP feeding one of the eaglets from the primary perching tree. Both parents are now feeding DC7 while DC6 sleeps soundly. The kids' crops are so big. DC7 can barely walk back to the nest bowl and immediately falls back into a deep slumber. Both MrP and TFL appeared to want to brood with the little ones but MrP takes the hint, after aerating the nest and tossing fluff at the little ones, he flies off around 8:30.	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 4:21:01	5/12/2018	5:53:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Shift Change/Feeding	TFL moves to the lateral branch and flies off. MrP arrives soon after and begins to feed the little ones. It looks like DC7 is first in line this morning, DC6 still sleeping. DC6 finally wakes and gets a few bites but doesn't seem that interested. As often as MrP and TFL feed them it's no surprise that they don't want to eat each and every time it's offered.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 4:33:59	5/12/2018	6:04:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Shift Change	Eagle chatter can be heard nearby and TFL returns to the nest with what almost looks like a small tree. Are you trying to get more shade in the nest TFL? She may not be able to plant it but she can use it as a canopy to protect DC6 and DC7 from the sun. She places it over her little ones and fluffs the moss. And fluffs and fluffs and fluffs. TFL is very busy this morning doing some spring housekeeping. MrP has already flown off during all of this, TFL gathers her two sweeties together and settles them down for a nap.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 4:49:38	5/12/2018	6:35:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL gets up to feed DC6 and DC7. DC7 gets the first bite but DC6 wakes and gives her/him a little wing shove to get to the head of the line. DC7 struggles to reach over DC6 to get some food but Mom makes sure they both get fed. DC7 finally manages to push her/his way up front. DC7 may be smaller but s/he's mighty. They cuddle up together with the leaves surrounding them and go off to sleep. TFL gets back to her spring cleaning, aerating the fluff.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 4:56:29	5/12/2018	6:50:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's going to be a hot one today. The temperature is currently 67 degrees but going up to a high of 91 with periods of sun. Tonight we can expect a high of 63 degrees with a thunderstorm and cooler conditions tomorrow.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 5:33:03	5/12/2018	7:11:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns to the nest with a fish. He opens it up as TFL looks on. DC6 and DC7 are still sleeping so MrP helps out with the spring housekeeping. He moves one of the branches of leaves into the v and grabs up the old remains of a fish skeleton and flies to the NW branch. He looks absolutely gorgeous as he preens himself with outstretched wings.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 5:49:05	5/12/2018	7:16:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Shift Change/Feeding	TFL flies off and MrP arrives soon after. Both little one are sleeping but MrP starts pulling apart the fish. He offers some to the sleeping DC7 and that is just fine with her/him. DC6 wakes up and wants some of that too. They both eat peacefully side by side until their crops are full. A cute moment when MrP offers them the coveted tail. He holds it in his beak, moving it back and forth between the two of them. "Anyone? No? Oh okay, I guess I'll have to eat it myself". MrP, you are adorable.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 5:59:38	5/12/2018	7:43:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Mr. President and The First Lady switch off	TFL returns from her break with a clump of grass. MrP helps distribute it around the nest and they do a little more tidying up. At one point MrP drops a small stick on DC6 and DC7 but TFL takes care of that. Both little ones have been well fed this morning and are ready to settle down with TFL. MrP has departed from the nest, perhaps to catch another fish for these growing eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 6:27:17	5/12/2018	8:23:00 AM	Chat	Chat	Have some questions? Come join us today for our Live Q & A Session from 12:00pm-2:00pm so we can give you the answers.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 10:10:0	5/12/2018	12:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	It's noon and a hot day at the arboretum. DC6 and DC7 are panting and opening their wings in order to cool off. Both are resting toward the inner rails with TFL rather than in the nest bowl. Our babies are growing up quickly, as we knew they would. DC6, being a bit more independent, has found a stick to rest his/her wing and head to the side of the V. S/he is currently napping. DC7, being two days younger, still hangs a bit closer to TFL but has been waddling around the nest exploring. After snuggling close to TFL for a while, s/he lies on some greenery TFL brought in this morning and gets closer to some sticks along the inner railing just in front of TFL.	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 10:46:3	5/12/2018	12:46:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	Both little ones have moved close to TFL and she's sort of pinned along the railing. They're each seeking shade and probably some mama time as well. DC6 keeps trying to venture farther out onto the railings but so far s/he hasn't found his/her 4-wheel drive gear to get over the obstacles. Here we go, folks! Just a hint of the beginning of meandering eaglets traipsing all over the nest. TFL knows what these two are up to and she moves out onto the railing to block DC6's attempts. She's a smart mama. And here we are lucky enough to be observing this family and the next phase of growth and learning with the DC eaglets. MrP and TFL have their beaks and talons full with these two. DC7 keeps nipping at DC6's tongue in a playful want-to-bug-my-sibling kind of way, then each of them tuck back under or close to mom. So precious.	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 11:46:0	5/12/2018	1:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	It's been peaceful watching TFL and the little ones on this breezy, hot and beautiful day at the arboretum. Both eaglets did a lot of squirming about between naps. TFL remains standing in the nest, looking out through the V and trying to stay cool with her babes. Her tail feather awning provides some nice shade when needed. We've gotten some amazing views of the outer surrounding area as well as the tulip poplar nest tree's buds and blossoms. And we've discovered that the primary perching tree is indeed a tulip poplar, just like the nest tree.	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 12:04:2	5/12/2018	2:01:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty / Feeding	DC6 and 7 are awake once again, peeping, wiggling and squirming about. TFL is now backed into the V with both little ones facing her. She hops over the kids and goes to the nest bowl, which is now in the shade and DC6 and 7 follow. TFL starts picking at the fish on the nest and offering bites. Looks like it's lunch time!	freebird_AEF

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					TFL is in parasol mode again, shading the eaglets from the late afternoon sun near the V rail. The eaglets are still getting their coat of down and don't yet have the ability to thermoregulate in the heat. Mr. P flies in at 5:11 and begins munching on catfish from earlier today. A minute later, TFL flies off. The eaglets inch over to dad, but dad continues to feed himself! One of the eaglets goes back to the V side and has his/her head up at the first rail of the V. This gets dad's attention and he moves over to shield the little one. The other eaglet follows so that both are at the rail. Dad goes back to the fish and now offers one piece to 7. Eaglets back again at rail, and Dad preoccupied with eating fish. Hmm.... Now dad is back again at rail with both in front of him. Is it 6 who is looking to climb up on the rail near the V? His wing arms are resting over the top! Mr. P stares at the kids, and then goes back to the fish. 7 follows him and waits for an offering. 6 finally comes off the rail. Now both are getting some pieces from dad. I am dizzy from all this eagle to and fro.	
5/12/2018 15:29:3	5/12/2018	5:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Shading eaglets		kaco4_AEF
5/12/2018 15:54:5	5/12/2018	5:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Flies off	Mr. P flies off at 5:41, leaving the kids alone at the V side rail. Two minutes later TFL flies in. Then Mr. P flies back in a couple of minutes after TFL with a fish bearing gash marks. P couldn't have caught the fish. Did TFL have it upstairs and relinquish it to Mr. P? Parents are looking intently off to the side. Now Mr. P is making screechy sounds to TFL. Both are on alert, and looking all around. Something is in the neighborhood. A visitor? Stay tuned The kids are out in the open, in between mom and dad. And a fresh fish sits uneaten. At 5:53 both parents are standing and staring, poised for action.	kaco4_AEF
5/12/2018 16:18:2	5/12/2018	6:03:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	MrP brought in a fish about fifteen minutes ago. Since then both TFL and MrP have just been standing in the nest and looking intently around. Were they concerned about something out of our view? Hard to say but all seems fine now. Both of the little ones were sleeping but now both are awake and hungry. MrP and TFL have one of their special family feedings. This time TFL feeds DC6 and MrP feeds DC7. DC7 gets a full crop and falls off to sleep. TFL finishes feeding DC6 and she too nods off. MrP has departed from the nest and TFL watches over her precious eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 16:40:4	5/12/2018	6:22:00 PM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL continues to watch over DC6 and DC7. It's a hot and steamy 90 degrees right now. DC6 has her/his head on the rails, perhaps to get a cooler air flow. DC7 sleeps near TFL, using her comforting body as her/his own personal sunshade. Both little ones look peaceful and content. Tonight a thunderstorm is expected which will bring a welcome reprieve from the heat.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 16:53:5	5/12/2018	6:45:00 PM	The First Lady	On Nest	DC7 sits up and looks at TFL. It's so cute the way they now sit up with their ever growing feet sticking out in front of them. It gives me a smile every time. As fast as little DC7 sits up, he flops back down and is fast asleep again. These two are so adorable.	earlybird_AEF
5/12/2018 17:15:4	5/12/2018	7:13:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	Our sweet DC eaglets are panting like puppies. It's so hot, isn't it, little ones? DC6 stands up and flaps his/her wings like a big eagle. Look at you, cutie! DC7 makes a half attempt to sit upright but then appears to melt back down into the nest. TFL continues to display what a great mom she is as she patiently stands in the nest all day protecting her precious babes. In a surprise move, DC7 impressively stands up and wingerizes like his/her big sibling then face plants. Time for a nap?	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 18:14:2	5/12/2018	8:14:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	At 8:05, TFL flies from the nest tree to a tree directly across from it, next to the primary perching tree. She perches and faces the nest. She flies back again. Where is MrP? TFL has been listening and looking for him for quite some time and has been on the nest all day. She would no doubt appreciate a break. To my knowledge, MrP hasn't been seen in the nest area since a fish delivery this afternoon. He really should come home and give his Lady a break. We'll see... he may be cooling off somewhere along the river. MrP, when you do come home, please bring a fish. The wind is picking up as the predicted evening thunderstorm begins to blow in to the area.	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 18:25:4	5/12/2018	8:25:00 PM	Mr. President	Fly by / Storm arrives	At 8:16, an adult eagle is seen flying by the nest. TFL doesn't vocalize, so I'm assuming it's MrP. He may be perched in a tree nearby. At 8:21, MrP flies by the nest tree again, heading to the right of the primary perching tree. Why he doesn't come home to visit is a mystery! Lightening flashes have begun along with clashing sounds of thunder. The storm has arrived. MrP may not be at the nest tree but it's good to know he's nearby.	freebird_AEF
5/12/2018 18:39:3	5/12/2018	8:32:00 PM	The First Lady	TFL hunkers down	The storm arises quickly. At 8:27, downpours of rain begin as TFL hunkers down to ride out the storm with DC6 and 7. DC7 remains lying out in the nest getting wet, while DC6 tucks under TFL. At 8:34, DC7 tucks under TFL to get dry and gain protection from the storm. Hang on TFL, it's going to be a bouncy-bumpy night.	freebird_AEF
5/13/2018 4:46:39	5/13/2018	6:07:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	Rain is falling, it's currently 63 degrees with a high of 72 expected. TFL is snuggled up with her precious little ones, her warm and comforting wings sheltering them from the rain. This is the ultimate in motherhood. A mother who cares not for her own comforts but for the well being of her young ones. A mother whose gentleness, care and devotion always amazes. She stands in that pouring rain and searches for some food for DC6 and DC7. There is a bony scrap and she attempts to feed it to DC6 while DC7 sleeps on. There's not much left so she gathers up her little loves and covers them again with her welcoming body. The eaglets reach up with their little beaks to let Mom know that they are still hungry. TFL pulls some leftovers out of the soggy moss and both DC6 and DC7 are fed this time. Once again she opens up her wings to protect them from the rain, always there for her little treasures. Happy Mother's Day TFL. Thank you for all of the joy that you have brought us.	earlybird_AEF
5/13/2018 4:56:18	5/13/2018	6:45:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Shift Change	MrP had been watching over his family on the overhead branch. He flew off and has returned with a fish. TFL stands and flaps the water off of her wings. MrP aerates the nest and stands by TFL's side as she covers DC6 and DC7 once again. TFL is ready to go stretch her wings and MrP is more than willing to tend to the little ones. TFL flies off as MrP settles over the eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/13/2018 5:23:13	5/13/2018	7:10:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Shift Change/Feeding	The rain has stopped for the moment, TFL returns to the nest. MrP flies off as TFL begins to feed DC6 and DC7. DC6 falls off asleep and DC7 gets a few more bites until TFL decides it's time to brood them again.	earlybird_AEF
5/13/2018 11:30:3	5/13/2018	1:10:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of food / Shift change	Around 12:50, TFL starts whistling while perching on the lateral branch. She whistles softly at first but after a few moments she sounds off like a boiling tea kettle. MrP arrives with a huge, meaty, headless fish. TFL joins MrP in the nest and moves into position to feed DC6 and DC7. MrP dances up onto the left V branch before flying off. TFL feeds the eaglets to their fill and there's still tons of fish left. At 1:18, MrP arrives in the nest with TFL arriving behind him at 1:20. At 1:22, TFL flies off and MrP moves into position to brood.	freebird_AEF

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5/13/2018 12:31:5	5/13/2018	2:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	TFL returns at 2:02. She lands at the nest rails with the fish directly in front of her and gives a chirp. MrP stays in place brooding while the eaglets continue napping. TFL whistle-chirps at MrP but he tries to ignore her, instead his gaze lowers as he looks down at the kids. TFL stands her ground and tells MrP, "whistle-whistle-chirp-chirp-chirp." Finally, MrP relinquishes his spot to TFL, eight minutes after her arrival.	freebird_AEF
5/13/2018 16:48:2	5/13/2018	6:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Depart and return	TFL is currently in charge of the nest. Looks like she's done a good job feeding DC6 and 7 to their fill. How do I know? Because they're both sound asleep, knocked out from a food coma once again. MrP and TFL are so great at providing for their eaglets: fill them up and let them sleep... just like all babies. While they sleep, TFL stands guard and we go on a journey looking for MrP on Cam B. If you're watching, you're probably as amazed as I am at all the tulip blossoms on the nest tree and surrounding trees in the area. Wow! What a sight. The tulip poplars are in full bloom right now. TFL does a beautiful upward leap. Her wings catch the wind and she swoops down through the V. She must have done a quick fly about because she lands back in the nest from the opposite direction from which she departed. She appears a bit sleepy and nestles back down with the little ones. At her initial approach, DC7 pops up like a little jack-in-the-box, seems to say, "Hi!" and then relaxes back into the nest and gives in to more slumber time.	freebird_AEF
5/13/2018 17:36:1	5/13/2018	7:33:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	DC6 and 7 have a bit of a tussle, so TFL stands almost as if to divert attention away from the current focus, and it works like a charm. TFL preens, DC6 seems intrigued and then starts preening his/her little wing too. At 7:11, TFL starts bobbing her head, she's following someone... she's starts whistling... you know what that means... here comes MrP with another huge fish in tow! Wow... another beauty. Way to go, master fisher eagle! TFL keeps chirping and whistling at MrP. He moves away from the new headless fish and heads over to what's left of the earlier fish. TFL isn't having it. She's not going to let him help with feeding nor feed himself. (In TFL's defense, MrP's crop is looking mighty fine, so no need to worry about him.) She drags the fish away from MrP. Now she has claimed both. MrP picks up a fish scale or teeny tiny scrap in front of him then gets to work aerating the nest while TFL tries to feed the kids but they aren't all that interested. Their crops are already stuffed. She holds out bites for them and they both look at her like she's crazy. Now she's gotten their interest and they start taking a few half hearted bites. At 7:20, MrP flies the coop as TFL continues to feed the kids, although she is actually the one getting a decent meal. She needs to eat just as they do, and all is well in the nest. TFL places a big piece of bark on top of DC6 to help hide him. There! Now everything is just right. Teeheehee. DC7 keeps chirping and wanting to snuggle with TFL but she's busy covering things up and moving sticks. Finally DC7 tucks under while TFL still fusses.	freebird_AEF
5/14/2018 4:18:46	5/14/2018	5:44:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL stands in the nest, gazing around. DC6 and DC7 are awake and TFL starts pulling apart a fish and feeding it to DC6. DC7 is turned in the wrong direction but it doesn't take her/him long to turn around and get some bites too. They sit side by side, using their best manners and have a good breakfast. TFL stretches her neck and looks out towards the trees. She moves up the left v branch and onto the overhead. She rouses her feathers and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
5/14/2018 4:48:58	5/14/2018	6:00:00 AM	Mr. President	Shift Change	MrP lands on the overhead branch and moves down into the nest. He aerates the nest and settles down over DC6 and DC7. He stays there for a short while and decides he needs a bite to eat himself. There's a beauty of a fish left from yesterday and he enjoys a nice meal with still plenty leftover for his little ones when they wake up. He goes back to brooding them and reaches around to reposition some small sticks and fluff.	earlybird_AEF
5/14/2018 5:07:19	5/14/2018	6:51:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding/Shift Change	MrP feeds DC6 as DC7 sleeps. DC7 wakes and wants some too. S/he wiggles her/his little body closer to MrP and gets several bites before TFL arrives on the lateral branch. MrP flies off and TFL takes over the feeding	earlybird_AEF
5/14/2018 5:54:16	5/14/2018	7:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching/On Nest	DC6 and DC7 are getting restless. DC6 pecks on her/his younger sibling for no apparent reason and DC7 lies back down. Both have full crops at the moment so TFL moves up the left v branch and onto the overhead. This seems to calm DC6 down. They both cuddle together and play with some twigs nearby. Best buds again.	earlybird_AEF
5/14/2018 16:13:2	5/14/2018	6:12:00 PM	The First Lady	At nest	Around 5:15, MrP delivered a fish. TFL is currently at the nest while both kids are passed out sleeping near the fish.	freebird_AEF
5/14/2018 17:11:5	5/14/2018	7:11:00 PM	TFL and MrP	Feeding / Storm arrives	TFL flies off at 6:34. She loops around and returns a minute later from the opposite direction. She seems to be on the lookout but maybe she just senses the storm coming in. The winds are picking up and the forecast is for a high wind thunder storm event for tonight. DC6 and 7 are awake. TFL moves over to the fish that MrP brought in about 1.5 hours ago. She picks at it and eats a dorsal fin. She begins to tear off bites and offers them to the little ones. There they are with big crops lining up side-by-side to be fed. We hear their occasional little peeps. The more TFL feeds them, the more engaged they become and both are getting a good meal. DC6 gobbles down a huge bite! I'm impressed and it's a reminder that they are getting bigger by the day. In fact, it appears that DC6 has pin feathers starting to come in. The rain starts falling. With crops full, both sweet little eaglets turn to TFL for cover. She settles down into the nest to brood as the rain begins to pour and the thunder and lightening arrive. She's such a good mom. She's transformed into a mombrella and has two stuffed babes tucked beneath her. And there's MrP on the overhead branch looking down and protecting his family rather than tucking himself near the trunk of a tree to stay dry. These two never cease to amaze me.	freebird_AEF
5/14/2018 17:23:1	5/14/2018	7:22:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Riding out the storm	TFL has the face of determination as she spreads her wings just enough to shield the rain from the kiddos. MrP flaps his wings while perching on the overhead branch. This is quite a downpour of rain and lightening flashes occur as often as every few seconds. TFL remains hunkered down and MrP continues to flap his wings intermittently, most likely to release some of the rain from accumulating on his feathers. If you happen to be watching and reading this, you may find some reassurance knowing that the nest tree is grounded, therefore protecting it from the lightening.	freebird_AEF
5/14/2018 17:48:4	5/14/2018	7:48:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Storm ends / MrP departs	TFL is focused and remains in place, barely moving. The feathers on her back are shiny wet with rain; in fact, it looks like she's wearing a wet suit. The rain stops blowing sideways, wait! It's actually letting up! MrP is no longer being blown around on the overhead branch and we can see him without everything being a blur! MrP flaps off some excess water from his wings and flies off while TFL moves from covering DC6 and 7 to flap her wings in an attempt to dry off. Wow! What a storm that was. I'm just hearing from a team member who checked the forecast, and it sounds like the worst of the storm is over. That's terrific news! Our DC family will still experience rain throughout the evening but nothing like what we just watched them encounter. All of us can breathe again. Time for a piece of chocolate.	freebird_AEF
5/15/2018 4:16:20	5/15/2018	6:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	What a difference a day makes. The skies are clear and the sun is coming out. Our DC family went through quite a storm last night but they handled it like champs. MrP watched over his family as he wind surfed on the overhead branch. TFL had her "mombrella" fully in gear, never moving from her little ones. MrP and TFL amazes us more every day. Today we are expecting clear conditions, currently 66 degrees with a high of 92 expected. With the heat comes another chance of severe thunderstorms tonight, with a high of 67 degrees.	earlybird_AEF

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5/15/2018 4:28:21	5/15/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Shift Change	TFL stands and stretches out her magnificent wings. It looks like a little drying out is in order after last night's storm. She rummages around the nest looking for some leftovers for her little ones. There doesn't seem to be much left but they may have already been fed very early this morning. TFL flies off and into the trees. MrP immediately lands on the lateral branch and into the nest. He too searches for some scraps and finds a small piece. It looks like MrP will need to do some fishing when TFL returns or she may even bring a fish back with her. DC6 and DC7 seem content just to cuddle under MrP and take a little snooze.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 4:58:35	5/15/2018	6:37:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Shift Change	MrP aerates the nest and departs. TFL flies in and lands on the overhead branch. She gazes around as she stretches out her wings to let them dry in the breeze. DC6 and DC7 wake up, preen themselves and go back off to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 5:39:25	5/15/2018	7:12:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL flies off from the overhead branch and out of sight. MrP arrives with a humongous fish. What a catch MrP! He begins tearing into it and feeding DC7 while DC6 continues to sleep. TFL returns, whistling with approval. MrP starts handing off pieces to TFL and she feeds DC7. She finally just pulls the fish out from under MrP and begins to feed them on her own. By now DC6 is awake and ready to eat also. MrP flies up and perches on the overhead branch as TFL continues to feed and feed and feed. DC6 and DC7 sweetly sit side by side in perfect harmony. One cute moment is when DC6 takes a piece off of DC7's beak and eats it her/himself. Finally at 7:34 both have bulging crops and are ready to settle down for another nap.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 5:54:15	5/15/2018	7:39:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	The wind blows as TFL settles down with DC6 and DC7. The gentle rocking of the nest lulls them to sleep. TFL pulls a clump of greenery out of the v and covers them with it. Sweet eagle dreams little ones.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 6:20:15	5/15/2018	8:12:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Shift Change	MrP arrives with yet another fish. All of this fishing can work up an appetite. He grabs up the leftover fish and chows down. TFL flies off through the v for her break.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 12:39:0	5/15/2018	2:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Eaglet(s)	DC6 had another milestone today. S/he crossed the threshold of the middle of the V and stood up on legs with wings supporting it there! Between 1:30 and 2 PM, DC6 went exploring! Right now, at 2:30, s/he is napping with head on the rail preceding entry to the V, with mom right behind, and DC7 right behind mom. It is a lively, sunny, windy afternoon perfect for napping and drying out the nest. There's still lots of the big leftover shad that P brought in at 7 this morning in the pantry when the little ones wake up hungry. Maybe Mr P, aka, Jonah, will land another whale of a fish today. There is a definite food benefit to having offspring in the spring when the fish are so plentiful. Maybe our eagle couple will want to have spring babies again same time next year.	kaco4_AEF
5/15/2018 13:51:0	5/15/2018	3:19:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	MrP arrives with another fish and begins pulling it apart. DC6 is first at the plate and gets the first bites. TFL meanders over to help out MrP. He does pass some pieces to her but not all of them. She reaches over to get some more and the adorably stubborn MrP seems to think he can do it just fine on his own. He continues to feed and only every now and then gives TFL a piece so she can help. TFL finally grabs the leftover fish and gets on with feeding DC7. TFL flies off as MrP takes over feeding both of them. TFL returns quickly and MrP departs from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 14:06:3	5/15/2018	3:50:00 PM	The First Lady	On Nest	It's a hot afternoon but a nice breeze is blowing. DC6 seems to have found a cooler spot on the nest to sleep. He moves over to the v branch and puts his head on the rails. That might just be the coolest spot on the nest with the air flowing through rails. TFL follows and uses her body as a sunshield as DC6 sleeps at the v and DC7 sleeps under TFL.	earlybird_AEF
5/15/2018 18:35:1	5/15/2018	8:10:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	On nest	TFL is back in the nest for the tuck in. DC7 is conked out on mom's right, while DC6 is still half sleeping, half still wanting to explore, to her left. It appears that earlier, TFL placed a thick piece of bark in front of the V as a minor deterrent. DC6 is now easily distinguishable from DC7, 6 being darker and having lost its newborn down. 7 still has some of the lighter down present, and is smaller than 6. 6 is definitely in sleepyville now. His/her crop is huge and very visible in side profile. TFL leaves the kids exposed to the night air a little longer. She stands patiently waiting as darkness descends contemplating when she will maneuver the babies under her for the night.	kaco4_AEF
5/15/2018 21:13:3	5/15/2018	11:00:00 PM	The First Lady, Mr. President, DC6, & DC7	On the Nest/In the Rain	With thunderstorms and rain continuing, The First Lady lies with both DC6 and DC7 tucked close beneath her body, shielded from the rain. Mr. President, in a sort of half-sitting, half-lying-down position, remains close to TFL and their chicks in the nest, his eyes open and alert, although he remains almost as motionless as The First Lady. Except for an occasional, slight resettling of feathers, a blink, or slight turn of a head, both eagle parents could appear to be sound asleep. For now, even the eaglets are mostly quiet; a bit of chirping emerges from their cozy, warm spot beneath their mother around 10:20 pm, but they soon fall silent. The sound of rain falling through the leaves of the trees, and an occasional rumble of thunder, replace the typical sounds of the human city, and the rain's falling creates a temporary illusion, as if the quiet and peace of the eagles' world on this rainy, warm night has temporarily spread to the world of the humans around them. But, at 11:00 pm, sirens ring and reveal the reality of the urban night. Still, the eagles are calm, silent; perhaps TFL and MrP await the rain's end for one or the other to depart. It is something incredible, though, being able to share such precious moments as these, with all four members of the family resting, together, beneath the storm.	liadan_AEF
5/16/2018 4:24:48	5/16/2018	6:15:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	It's currently 69 degrees with overcast skies. It's expected to reach a high of 74 with a chance of rain and thunderstorms. TFL is on the nest with DC6 and DC7. She flies off and out of our viewing sight. DC6 and DC7 cuddle together on the nest.	earlybird_AEF
5/16/2018 4:59:13	5/16/2018	6:50:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a fish. TFL grabs it up and begins to feed DC6 and DC7 as MrP flies off. DC7 steps up to the plate first but both are fed well.	earlybird_AEF
5/16/2018 5:22:40	5/16/2018	7:04:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	DC6 and DC7 have full crops now. TFL gathers them together to tuck them safely under her. No complaint from them. They are more than ready to get warm under TFL's feather blanket. TFL pulls the moss close to her body to give them an extra layering of protection. 7:15am She stands, flaps her wings and flies out of our view. Within three minutes she's back down in the nest and covering up her little ones again.	earlybird_AEF
5/16/2018 17:26:5	5/16/2018	7:26:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	At 6:25, TFL left the overhead branch and MrP landed there in her place. Shortly after, he jumped down into the nest to take care of the kids. As of 7pm it's raining and MrP is brooding over the little ones, trying his best to keep the little squiggle worms warm and dry. He looks like he's enjoying the snuggle session. He uses his beak to try to nudge DC6 back underneath him but they've gotten so big! He can't simply scoop them down under any longer. I believe it's DC7 who is completely covered and DC6 has his/her head tucked under with their back end sticking out. Lol. At least one of the DC kids is peeping and chirping away. MrP looks down at them and tries to cover them up even more.	freebird_AEF

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5/16/2018 17:48:2	5/16/2018	7:40:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	Around 7:26, TFL is spotted flying to the primary perching tree. And there she sits, perched and looking toward the nest. Maybe TFL should either go fishing or come home so MrP can before it gets dark. She takes off and lands at the nest at 7:30. MrP stands up and does several wing flaps to shake the rain off his feathers before flying off. TFL's two adorable chicks want to be fed. She finds a boney scrap and tries to pull tiny bites off to offer her babes. DC6 tries to eat it but spits it out. DC7 tries and s/he spits it out too. But TFL is so sweet and is trying her hardest to give them something. Maybe MrP will get lucky with fishing and be the big papa hero by bringing in a good meal before it gets too late. TFL gerates the wet nest (rain... rain... rain... and from what I'm hearing it's expected to last through Saturday) and our two little sweet damp eaglets shiver. The two youngsters try fitting together like puzzle pieces as best they can so they both get under TFL to get warm. We can see DC7's little foot standing on top of TFL's because this last time, DC6 got the prime real estate underneath mama. TFL says, "Give me my foot back!" She raises and lowers it several times to shake DC7 off. They all move around and start all over again with the tuck in.	freebird_AEF
5/16/2018 18:28:5	5/16/2018	8:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives back to the nest tree and lands on the overhead branch at 8:23. Two minutes later he departs and flies toward the primary perching tree then curves to the right and becomes obscured behind some trees on Cam B. TFL rests over her sweet sleeping eaglets.	freebird_AEF
5/17/2018 3:59:59	5/17/2018	5:35:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Duty	TFL rummages around the nest for some food. She only finds the same bony pieces she tried to feed DC6 and DC7 last evening. She gives one of them to DC6 but s/he spits it out. She tries with DC7 but s/he also can't swallow it. TFL taps them on their beaks and they show her that , yes, they are hungry. Sweet Mama wants to feed her little ones but there's nothing left. Fishing is not easy in the rain even for a fine fisherman like MrP. The rain has been relentless but for now there is a reprieve. The rain has stopped and the sky is starting to lighten. Soon MrP will be able to go fishing again. But for now TFL cuddles up with her little ones and MrP watches over them from the primary perching tree.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 4:10:23	5/17/2018	6:05:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a cloudy morning, currently 67 degrees. A high of 70 degrees is expected with showers and a thunderstorm possible. Tonight the heavy rain will come in once again with a high of 66 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 4:23:56	5/17/2018	6:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Duty	Light rain has begun to fall. TFL stoically covers DC6 and DC7 with her warm body. DC6 and DC7 huddle together under "mombrella" to keep dry. It's quiet at the nest, only the pitter patter of the rain and the soft chirping of birds can be heard as DC6 and DC7 sleep.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 4:49:37	5/17/2018	6:34:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Duty	TFL stands and flaps her wings to shake off the rain. She searches in the nest and again finds the bony remains of a fish. She again tries to feed it to DC6 and DC7 but they cannot swallow it. The rain is falling harder now so she gathers her little ones under her.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 5:49:42	5/17/2018	7:43:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP never lets his family down. It's pouring down rain and MrP still manages to bring a fish to the nest. The rain is coming down harder so he moves close to TFL to help cover DC6 and DC7. Breakfast will just have to wait a little bit longer.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 6:08:50	5/17/2018	7:51:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	The rain is slowing down, MrP flies off and TFL begins to feed the little ones. DC6 gets the first bites, DC7 is still hunkered down on the nest. DC7 is ready now and moves up to get fed too. This is a wonderful feeding. They both are getting some good sized bites and are using their best manners with each other. They have some nice full crops now and there's still leftovers for later. The rain comes down harder and TFL broods DC6 and DC7 once again.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 6:32:21	5/17/2018	8:19:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Shift Change	MrP returns with yet another fish. You are an amazing provider MrP! TFL stands, flaps her wings and moves up the left v branch. She flies off for her well deserved break.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 8:14:36	5/17/2018	9:34:00 AM	Mr. President	Feeding	MrP is still on the nest. He gets up and starts pulling pieces off of the half eaten fish. DC6 and DC7 wake up and have a little pecking disagreement. DC7 lies down in the submission mode, a smart move on her/his part to end the argument. DC6 gets the first bites but it isn't long before DC7 is right along side of her/him getting fed too. They both have bulging crops once again and cuddle with MrP and go back to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 9:16:27	5/17/2018	10:39:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding/Shift Change	MrP offers some fish to DC6 and DC7. DC6 is ready to eat again but DC7 is not interested yet. TFL arrives back at the nest with a sprig of leaves. She eats some fish herself while MrP broods the little ones. MrP departs from the nest and TFL proceeds to feed DC7. This time DC6 is not interested, s/he just had a good meal with MrP. DC6 finally lifts her/his head up for a bite or two but then just goes back to sleep. TFL finishes up with the feeding and broods them both again.	earlybird_AEF
5/17/2018 17:03:2	5/17/2018	7:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	At nest	The brooding parent, who I believe was TFL (although that's unconfirmed), decided they needed a break and flew off at around 6:30. While the eaglets don't really like their warm comforter to be taken away, the rain has lightened and they have thermoregulated so they are fine. Plus they have one another to snuggle with. Around 6:50, some flapping wings are heard nearby. My bet is that one of the parents is perched on the overhead branch or some other nest tree branch watching over the little ones.	freebird_AEF
5/17/2018 17:20:0	5/17/2018	7:11:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching / Departure	TFL is perching on the overhead branch. She flies down to the nest at 7:11. She obviously needed to step away for a bit, rouse up those feathers to shake off the excess rain and probably did a bit of preening. Now she's back in the nest aerating as the little peepers communicate with baby squees. They're telling her all about it. DC6 keeps covering DC7. DC7 tries to stand up but DC6 wants to stay close and keep DC7 warm. They decide to go into a yin yang position (heads to tail feathers) to keep warm. They are chirping like never before. TFL flies back off at around 7:14 and dips low towards the forest floor. Looks like someone brought in a beautiful tulip blossom with some greenery earlier. Nothing like having flowers at the nest to help make it feel homey.	freebird_AEF
5/17/2018 18:00:0	5/17/2018	7:56:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	TFL returns to the nest tree at 7:47. She stands in the V. Her head darts around in many different directions. I wonder if she's looking for MrP. DC6 is over DC7, keeping him/her warm and both chicks cheep and peep at TFL. It doesn't look like there's any fish on the nest. TFL keeps offering DC6 that same old boney fish scrap that she offered yesterday but once again, DC6 doesn't eat it (it keeps popping out of his/her beak). I can't help but think that TFL is looking for a fish delivery. DC6 starts heading for TFL by moving out of the nest bowl. She notices and moves closer. Even though she's distracted, she returns to brooding at 7:57.	freebird_AEF
5/17/2018 18:35:3	5/17/2018	8:22:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching nearby	MrP is spotted perching at the primary perching tree at 8:12. He flies off for parts unknown at 8:15. He's most likely perched nearby. One of our cam ops tries to find him but he's probably hiding behind leaves somewhere. Instead, we have a beautiful view of TFL brooding in the nest - surrounded by all the leafy trees, highlighted by the IR light, and the nest always appears to be suspended in air to me with this view. It's just spectacular!	freebird_AEF
5/18/2018 4:14:03	5/18/2018	6:00:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	Light rain is falling once again with a mild temperature of 67 degrees. Heavy rain and thunderstorms are possible for today and tonight. DC6 and DC7 are tucked under TFL, keeping warm and dry. The weather has been pretty miserable but both little eaglets sleep peacefully under TFL's wings.	earlybird_AEF

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5/18/2018 5:12:39	5/18/2018	6:59:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL stands and flaps the rain off of her wings. DC6 is awake and chirping away as DC7 sleeps on. TFL searches around for food. It looks like there's nothing left except some bony pieces from the day before. TFL does her best to break one apart and feed it to DC6 and s/he manages to get a little something. TFL flies off of the nest and DC6 and DC7 cuddle up together.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 5:25:35	5/18/2018	7:13:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival	TFL returns to the nest and immediately covers over DC6 and DC7 with her warm feather comforter as the rain continues to fall.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 6:08:22	5/18/2018	7:58:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL departs from the nest and out of our view.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 6:15:55	5/18/2018	8:07:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	It sounds like an eagle may be on the overhead branch but no visual at the moment. Perhaps TFL is up there drying out her wings. Sure enough TFL flies back down into the nest. She aerates the nest and broods DC6 and DC7 once again.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 6:41:19	5/18/2018	8:27:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP has arrived with a fish. Way to go MrP! Even with this rainy weather, you manage to provide for your family. MrP moves up the left v branch and flies off as TFL starts to feed the little ones. DC6 is the first to be fed but DC7 moves to the front of the line, right next to the fish. DC7 gets some good bites now. What a lovely sight to see those bulging crops again.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 8:36:37	5/18/2018	10:25:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Duty.	The wind is blowing and the rain is coming down harder now but the temperature is a mild 68 degrees. There have been a few reprieves from the rain when TFL left the nest briefly to get some sprigs of leaves. Nothing like some greenery to freshen up the nest and add some color. Both DC6 and DC7 are safely tucked under "mombrella" keeping warm and dry.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 10:37:4	5/18/2018	12:17:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	DC6 and DC7 just had another good feeding. DC6 didn't seem to want to share this time and gave DC7 a few pecks to keep her/him away. The little but mighty DC7 didn't stay down for long. S/he picked her/himself up and had a good meal too. Everyone was well fed and now are cozy under TFL.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 13:17:5	5/18/2018	3:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Rain rain rain	"Rain rain rain....I don't mind....the weather's fine." What else can our Beatles, oops, eagles say about it? Weather report says high probability of showers until 5 PM, Saturday! DC6 and 7 have been under mom for hours today, except for feeding. Two fish have been brought in by Mr. P today, the first around 8:30 and the second at 10:30 am, and the eaglets have eaten well. Crops are full and all is well at the nest of our first family.	kaco4_AEF
5/18/2018 13:38:3	5/18/2018	3:22:00 PM	The First Lady	Flies off nest	The rain has obviously subsided for a bit as TFL has just flown off nest. Perhaps she wants to get under a tree canopy to preen her drenched feathers. The winds will act as nature's blow dryer. The kids are up. DC6 looks ready for action. So curious, looking all around, with head stretched up like an ET periscope. 7, not as interested. 6 settles back down and they now huddle together in what is probably the only dry patch on the nest floor. At 3:34, Mom is back and maneuvers the eaglets back under her. Her head feathers are as wet as they were before she left.	kaco4_AEF
5/18/2018 16:12:5	5/18/2018	5:45:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP brings in a beauty of a fish. TFL flies in and takes over the feeding as MrP departs. DC6 comes to eat first, DC7 stays to the side and politely waits for her/his turn. It doesn't take long for DC7 to step up and get his/her fair share too. TFL takes turns feeding each of them until they get their fill. The rain has started again so TFL rounds up her little ones and tucks them in.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 16:20:2	5/18/2018	6:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP brings in yet another fish! Wow! MrP you have outdone yourself this evening. Even in the pouring rain you were able to bring in two fish within twenty minutes of each other. DC6 and DC7 are still sleeping peacefully under TFL, still with full crops but when they wake up there will be plenty of fish to go around.	earlybird_AEF
5/18/2018 18:19:5	5/18/2018	8:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL remains brooding over DC6 and DC7. She looks a bit bedraggled from all the rain, but the kids are tucked under and being kept warm. I think of how warm and cozy my goose down comforter is and imagine TFL is supplying that same type of warmth to her little eaglets. Plus, there's good news in the forecast, which indicates by Sunday morning we'll see a drying trend. TFL seems more relaxed knowing there's a whole fish sitting on the nest in case anyone gets hungry. Thanks to MrP, who is certainly being a fabulous provider and helping his family get through this wet and wild weather.	freebird_AEF
5/18/2018 18:56:5	5/18/2018	8:26:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	The rain and wind subside and TFL decides it's time for a feeding. It's dark out and the kids seem clueless, as if they can't see her, so TFL gets to eat a bit, which is well deserved. TFL continues to offer bites and DC6 eats while DC7 does a PS and sits on the sidelines. Maybe DC7 is waiting for DC6 to get his/her fill before joining in. DC6's crop is huge. TFL moves the fish closer to the nest bowl. DC6 eats to his/her fill. DC7 is having a harder time seeing TFL. She moves around the nest and finds the earlier fish from today. She patiently makes sure that DC7 finds her beak and gets fed well with some nice big juicy bites of fish. DC6 is sound asleep while DC7's crop becomes filled so large that it reminds me of Santa's belly. Lol! What a good mom TFL is! Just short of a 30 minute feeding, TFL goes back to brood over her precious babes at 8:52.	freebird_AEF
5/18/2018 19:12:5	5/18/2018	9:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL has such a look of determination on her face as she finds a way to tuck both eaglets underneath her. Hang in there TFL. You're a patient, devoted and all around wonderful eagle mom. We'll see improvement in the weather in the next 24 hours.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 4:17:53	5/19/2018	5:50:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL feeds her precious little ones. They both eat a nice meal and she saves the tail for herself. It's currently 58 degrees with a high of 72 and periods of rain, mainly early, expected. Tonight, 69 degrees and a thunderstorm or shower is possible in the area. Tomorrow it should be 84 degrees with clouds and sun and only a shower or thunderstorm expected in the area once again. So there is light at the end of the tunnel. It will be so nice to see this sweet family basking in the sun once again. For now, TFL settles over her little ones and pulls some leaves around her to keep them dry and warm.	earlybird_AEF
5/19/2018 4:45:20	5/19/2018	6:34:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	Light rain continues to fall but DC6 and DC7 are safely tucked under TFL. Our sweet Lady rests her head in her wings and nods off for a short while. She has done an amazing job caring for her little ones through all of this rain. DC6 and DC7 start to chirp and squirm under her. TFL wiggles around to make it more comfortable for them and taps them with her beak for reassurance. All's fine little ones. Mama is here.	earlybird_AEF
5/19/2018 5:37:47	5/19/2018	7:20:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	The rain is still falling, DC6 and DC7 are getting restless under TFL. We can see them peeking out from other her feathers. So cute! They amuse themselves by playing with the leaves and sticks under TFL. She stoically shelters them from the rain, looking down to check on them every now and then.	earlybird_AEF
5/19/2018 6:07:44	5/19/2018	7:45:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL continues to brood DC6 and DC7. She's been tracking something out in the trees but no visual on what it might be. Perhaps MrP is out there watching over his family. It looks like DC6 and DC7 have fallen asleep once again.	earlybird_AEF

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5/19/2018 10:12:3	5/19/2018	12:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Update / Feeding / Shift change	At 10:32, MrP delivered a big, beautiful fish. He didn't stay long, it was one of his famous drop and run moves. TFL fed the little ones a bit before departing at 10:51. At 10:56, MrP took over nest duty and fed his family some more of the fish. TFL is currently still on a break and she's most likely perched nearby drying off, preening herself and hopefully getting in a nap. MrP is brooding over DC6 and DC7. The little squirm bugs have MrP occasionally jolting in response to their movements as they sleep.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 10:31:5	5/19/2018	12:16:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest duty	DC6 and DC7 squiggle around enough that MrP gets up. Both chicks stand, open up their beaks and do a crop drop before lying back down. Both eaglets have nice big crops. While DC6 shows off his/her wing flaps and pin feathers, DC7 still wants to sleep. They are now back in slumber. MrP continues to stand guard while perching on the overhead branch with open wings. He looks like someone placed him on a clothesline to dry off. The rain has stopped for the time being.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 10:55:5	5/19/2018	12:50:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	At 12:50, MrP flies off the overhead branch. DC7 is partially covering DC6 as they both rest in the nest bowl.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 11:17:2	5/19/2018	1:11:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival	At 1:11, MrP arrives and lands on the overhead branch. Two minutes later we see a flash of MrP flying off and then back again, perching on the overhead with open wings and looking down at the nest.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 11:53:2	5/19/2018	1:52:00 PM	The First Lady	Fly by	After a well deserved three hour break, TFL is seen doing a fly by behind where MrP is perched on the overhead branch at 1:43. She flew toward the nest tree and to the right of MrP. It sounds like another rain shower is passing through the area. TFL has not returned to the nest as yet but she's apparently nearby. MrP remains on the overhead branch keeping watch over his precious family.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 12:01:2	5/19/2018	2:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP flies off the overhead branch at 1:54.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 12:25:4	5/19/2018	2:11:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP is found perched and preening just behind the right V branch. Thanks to the cam op's search, we can rest assured that at least one of the parents is close by watching after the eaglets. We knew one of them would be because they're such great parents, but it's always nice to see it for ourselves. That's some serious rousing and preening going on! The skies have lightened, the rain has stopped for now and a variety of birds' songs fill the fresh spring air.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 13:00:5	5/19/2018	2:47:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrivals / Departures	All refreshed and preened after a four hour break, TFL flies in carrying small sticks to the nest and starts moving them around. MrP flies off his perching spot now that he's no longer needed to stand watch. Wait! TFL flies back off again. She returns moments later with another stick. DC6 squeezes at her. Off she goes again. It must feel so good to be flying around and getting some exercise after being nest bound for so many days. Now MrP arrives with another stick and flies off again. It's a busy "come and go" afternoon at the DC nest!	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 15:00:0	5/19/2018	4:28:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Fish delivery / Feeding / Activity	MrP flies in with a fish around 4:25 and TFL follows him into the nest. The eaglets squeal and squeal with delight. MrP departs, leaving TFL to feed the little tykes. DC7 moves right next to TFL and gobbles up big plentiful bites of fresh fish. DC6 stays in the nest bowl facing TFL and is also getting fed well but this time, DC7 has the advantage. DC7 by far gets the majority of the meal and his/her crop is so full, s/he can barely walk. DC6 seems impressed as s/he lies in the nest bowl, sizing up DC7's crop by giving sideways and upward glances. DC7 moves toward TFL and lies down at her feet. TFL jumps up on the left V and flies off. DC7 stumbles back into the nest bowl to nap with DC6. TFL flies back into the nest but she's restless. Seeing the kids are lying down for a nap, she moves to the V and flies off again. At 4:46, TFL brings a huge clump of fresh greens and starts aerating the nest. Two minutes later, off she goes again. The eaglets are relaxed and slumbering. At 4:56, TFL returns with another stick. It's time to do some nest cleaning! So, off she goes again.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 18:06:3	5/19/2018	8:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Fish delivery / Feeding	TFL delivered a fish at 7:40 this evening and fed both eaglets. MrP was perched on the overhead branch, watching over the little ones while mama went fishing. He left at 7:49. DC6 and DC7's crops are even fuller than they were before. They head back to the nest bowl to snuggle and take another nap.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 18:40:5	5/19/2018	8:38:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival / Feeding / Departure	Around 8:27, MrP lands in the nest and tries to feed the little ones. The kids whistle and chirp louder than I've ever heard. It looks like DC7 is completely sacked out but MrP is convincing DC6 to eat. TFL hops down into the nest and gives MrP one of her looks. He quiets her by passing a bite of fish to her. She holds it in her beak with no one to feed it to until DC7 lifts his/her head. MrP keeps feeding DC6 until TFL grabs the fish from his clasp and drags it away. She looks at him as if to say, "You know that's my job. What do you think you're doing?" MrP climbs up the left V and flies to the overhead branch. He flies off the nest tree at 8:36. With the two little ones awakened with the hopes of more food (amazing they can stuff any more into their crops), TFL continues to feed them until MrP departs.	freebird_AEF
5/19/2018 18:52:1	5/19/2018	8:49:00 PM	The First Lady	Brooding	TFL has settled into brooding position. Both eaglets are completely passed out in a food coma, maybe having dreams of swallowing a whale. Lol. Rain is currently falling, but it's not heavy like it has been and it's so nice to see the weather has shifted for the most part and tomorrow should be a beautiful day with a high around 85 degrees.	freebird_AEF
5/20/2018 4:10:35	5/20/2018	5:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	TFL perches on the lateral branch, MrP at the primary perching tree, watching over his family. TFL departs from the branch, MrP flies over to the overhead branch and into the nest. MrP feeds DC6 as DC7 sleeps on. TFL returns to the nest and takes over the feeding and MrP flies off to the NW branch. DC6 eats a good meal, even trying to swallow the tail. S/he can't get it down yet so TFL gulps it down herself.	earlybird_AEF
5/20/2018 4:26:44	5/20/2018	5:52:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Renovations	TFL finishes feeding DC6, flies off and returns quickly with some sticks. She flies off again and returns with some leaves. She departs from the nest once again. Wonder what she'll bring back this time? It looks like some renovations are in order after all of that rain and she has been a busy eagle this morning. DC6 and DC7 sleep in a cuddle puddle through all of this. It's a mild 69 degrees with cloudy skies so there's no need for a parent to be brooding them right now. The temperature will go up to 84 degrees today with only a thunderstorm in spots.	earlybird_AEF
5/20/2018 4:52:05	5/20/2018	6:32:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL perches on the overhead branch preening herself. DC6 and DC7 are busy preening themselves in the nest. There's a lovely carpet of green leaves on the nest and the little ones amuse themselves by pulling on the sticks and leaves.	earlybird_AEF
5/20/2018 5:06:49	5/20/2018	6:55:00 AM	DC6 and DC7	Week 2	DC6 and DC7 have already passed their two week mark. They have grown and developed so much in this short amount of time. What to expect in Week 2. Nest exploration begins by scooting around on their metatarsi. White down is replaced by thicker grey thermal down. Not able to fully stand, they are able to sit up tall for feedings. Legs and footpads have changed to yellow and are no longer pink. Beak, leg, and footpad growth continues.	earlybird_AEF
5/20/2018 6:23:19	5/20/2018	8:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	On Nest	DC6 and DC7 look content as they sleep. MrP has been back and forth to the nest, checking on things. TFL returns with a large bunch of grass to freshen the nest. DC6 and DC7 wake up and she gives them each a tap on the beak. It appears that they are both ready to eat. TFL flies up to the overhead branch and gazes around, perhaps waiting for MrP to bring in a fish.	earlybird_AEF

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5/20/2018 6:57:00	5/20/2018	8:39:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a fish. TFL flies down from the overhead branch and begins to feed her little ones. DC7 is first in line, getting some nice big bites. DC6 moves next to DC7 and TFL feeds both of them. Now that they both have full crops, TFL distributes the new grass around the nest as DC6 watches her work. DC7 is curled up with the remainder of the fish and is fast asleep. MrP has already flown off during the feeding.	earlybird_AEF
5/20/2018 11:13:2	5/20/2018	1:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Update: feeding / Nest duty	At around 11:20, MrP brought the tail end of a fish to the nest. He didn't stay long before flying off. TFL fed both eaglets. Since then, the little ones have been explorers and TFL has remained on the nest relaxing and keeping an eye on things. Currently, at 1:10, TFL appears a little drowsy but her chirping, squiggly, wiggly adventurers keep her awake.	freebird_AEF
5/20/2018 11:49:5	5/20/2018	1:43:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching / TFL at nest	MrP is found perching at the primary perching tree. His white blaze is on display, affirming that he's had a good meal recently and the spring sunlight shines through the leaves, highlighting his right wing and parts of his head and beak. He looks quite debonair. Meanwhile, back at the nest, TFL and the DC kids are all zonked out, catching some zzzzz's.	freebird_AEF
5/20/2018 12:33:5	5/20/2018	2:20:00 PM	DC7	Nip and roll / TFL departure	It's been very quiet and serene at the nest as we watch TFL and the two kids hang out, mostly just staring off or napping. And we still have MrP on cam B as he relaxes, perched on the primary perching tree. DC6 and DC7 are side by side near the V looking out from the rails. DC6 is panting in order to thermoregulate their body temperature. DC7 looks over at DC6, leans toward him/her and softly nips at DC6's tongue. DC6 doesn't pay much attention to such silliness and continues to pant. His/her tongue moves slightly in and out with each pant. DC7 reaches for the tongue again. This time DC6 moves away a bit. The third time DC7 goes for his/her sibling's tongue, s/he gets it in his/her beak and really nips it. DC6 pulls away, shaking his/her head appearing to say, "Ouch!" DC6 moves away from DC7. DC7 decides to back out of his/her V railing spot and ends up rolling backward with feet up. With a quick recovery upright, the little nip and roll episode ends. At 2:26, TFL flies off through the V. MrP is on it. He stretches his neck upward watching her leave and continues to watch the nest from his perching spot.	freebird_AEF
5/20/2018 12:51:0	5/20/2018	2:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival / On alert	We hear wings flapping and a loud bird call that doesn't sound like our eagles. The little ones do their sweet little eaglet baby chirps and continue to hang out along the nest rails. TFL flies in and lands on the overhead branch. We're not sure where MrP went but TFL is busy tracking something and is on alert. With wings dropped and spread, with the spring leaves, clouds and sky as a backdrop and the sun shining on her, she looks stunning. Like a beautiful eagle goddess.	freebird_AEF
5/20/2018 13:16:0	5/20/2018	3:15:00 PM	The First Lady	On watch	TFL has fixated her eagle eye on something below the nest that has her on alert. Our two eaglets are side by side to the right of the V, looking over the edge of the nest and out into their world together. That is, between being lulled back into slumber.	freebird_AEF
5/20/2018 17:43:5	5/20/2018	7:43:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	Another muggy day here in DC brought DC6 and DC7 to hover around near the V to seek some respite from the heat. Sandwiched between the left and right V, they quite possibly gave myself, and oh, a thousand others some anxiety! But no worries. These two are maneuvering around like the rover does on the planet Mars. It's safe to say that there is more water on the DC nest, than there ever will be on Mars, thanks to consistent rainfall we have had for over a week. While here in the DC area the rain was much needed, it sure is never fun to see the DC eagle family drenched day in and day out. At 7:21 pm, Stickman came through and delivered a whopper of a fish. TFL is now feeding the babies and she can't tear into it faster than they have their beaks open. "Ma, right here! See, my beak is open. You tear fish, I eat" says DC7. TFL rips and pulls and DC7 is all nom nom nom....DC6 decides to just observe until s/he gets going and some mini tug o' war goes on with bites of fish. DC7 will grab and then DC6 will grab and back and forth a piece goes. Both are getting filled crops, that's for sure! DC7's crop is nearly the size of his/her tush! The two have nearly obliterated the once big fish! Immediately after the entire fish was consumed (tail went down the hatch by TFL) She 86'd the nest right through the V. Off she went while the little ones wait for her to get back with some Turns.	FreeSoars_AEF
5/20/2018 17:49:2	5/20/2018	7:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Bedding delivered	Well, TFL certainly did NOT go get Turns, she instead went quickly to Stick Depot (They close at 8pm on Sundays) to get a talon full of fresh grass. She quickly sprinkles them all over the center of the nest bowl as if it were tinsel being tossed on a Christmas Tree. The little ones duck for cover as TFL decides she also would like to sprinkle some of that grass on top of THEM. They're all like "What the hay, Momma! We like our cool hairstyle right now, don't mess with it, it's in style, geesh" a moment or two later, up she jumped to the overhead branch.	FreeSoars_AEF
5/21/2018 4:26:33	5/21/2018	5:57:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Nest Work	It's a lovely day. The birds are singing, a breeze is blowing and the sun is shining. This beautiful morning must have put TFL in the mood for spring cleaning. She is a bundle of energy, going back and forth bringing leaves and sticks to the nest. MrP perches on the overhead branch watching her work. Isn't that a change of pace? It's usually the other way around. DC6 and DC7 seem happy and content as they cuddle together in the middle of the nest. They play with some of the sticks and leaves that Mom just brought reminding me of toddlers, putting everything in their mouths. TFL snuggles with them and then flies up to the overhead branch. MrP has already flown off, perhaps he went fishing.	earlybird_AEF
5/21/2018 4:42:46	5/21/2018	6:20:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives at the nest with TFL whistling her approval. He has been fishing and has brought back a freshly caught fish for breakfast. TFL moves down from the overhead branch and takes charge. She feeds the little ones as MrP departs. DC6 and DC7 are hungry this morning. The youngest DC7 grabs for the fish, getting the majority at first. When it comes to food s/he's not one bit shy. DC6 seems to be content with just getting a bite or two here and there. Finally DC7 gets her/his fill and zonks out in a "food coma". DC6 enjoys a solo feeding from TFL. TFL moves up the left V and onto the overhead branch. She watches over her little munchkins as they peacefully sleep.	earlybird_AEF
5/21/2018 5:37:22	5/21/2018	7:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP brings in yet another fish. He begins to feed DC6 while DC7 sleeps. TFL returns with some more leaves. DC7 is now awake and TFL grabs up the fish and begins to feed her/him. DC6, who had gone back to sleep, pops her/his head up and is ready for a second helping. They both eat very well and nod back off. MrP has already left the nest, TFL flies off after the feeding. But she is back in a flash with, you guessed it, more leaves.	earlybird_AEF
5/21/2018 6:00:27	5/21/2018	7:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Work	TFL departs again, quickly returns with another sprig of leaves and flies off to the NW branch. She preens herself in the morning sun.	earlybird_AEF
5/21/2018 16:58:3	5/21/2018	6:46:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	Love all the fresh greens in the nest! MrP brought that in this afternoon. It looks neatly cut and trimmed, as if they're getting ready for a stir fry for the next fish delivery. Speaking of fish delivery, one occurred at 5:46. Both eaglets were fed and it looked like DC7 got the tail! It's a beautiful overcast and beautiful evening at the arboretum. The little ones are napping away; DC7 is currently napping on the greenery while DC6 has chosen the side rail where the lateral branch is located. Lol! Both eaglets stretch their left legs and wings at the same time. Adorable! TFL is perched on the overhead branch.	freebird_AEF

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5/21/2018 17:14:4	5/21/2018	7:14:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Entertaining themselves	The DC kids are both sitting up facing one another. They preen away, share back and forth glances, then DC7 does a little wing flapping before sitting up tall to show off his/her huge crop. It looks like DC7 has had a spurt of growth the last 24 hours and is enjoying sizing up DC6. DC6 tries to play with DC7's toes and a tussle ensues. DC6 loves to play with sticks. S/he nibbles on one while DC7 naps. Uh-oh... DC7 keeps trying to dominate DC6 but so far, s/he isn't winning. A quick peck or two and the argument is over and they move on once again. It's so interesting watching their instinctual behaviors and personalities.	freebird_AEF
5/21/2018 17:41:2	5/21/2018	7:29:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Fish delivery / Feeding / Parents come and go	MrP arrives with a headless fish in tow at 7:16. TFL lets out her famous whistle and jumps down from the overhead branch into the nest. MrP freezes, steps back then moves to the V branch and flies off. It's a rather small fish and is completely devoured by both eaglets within five minutes. TFL gave each of the DC kids a chance for the tail but it ended up in her beak and we watched as it slowly disappeared further and further into her beak until – gulp and it was gone. Good for you, TFL, you need to eat too! TFL moves to the lateral branch before flying off at 7:22. MrP departs the primary perching tree where he'd flown to perch after the fish delivery. At 7:25, TFL brings in nesting material. The DC twosome serenade her with their sweet chirps. She departs again at 7:28. A minute later, TFL returns with a three pronged stick and even gets it looped around and a bit tangled under her wing. Nothing serious... just a comical moment. Smarty pants that she is, she places it in the V. And the stick actually looks like it may be a deterrent for the kids. She flies up to the overhead branch satisfied. MrP is found perching on the NW branch where he's most likely been relaxing and preening since leaving the primary perching tree earlier.	freebird_AEF
5/21/2018 17:58:5	5/21/2018	7:48:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Branching / Departure	TFL seems to spot something and departs the overhead branch in pursuit. MrP remains calmly perched on the NW branch and the little ones are zonked out in dreamland.	freebird_AEF
5/21/2018 18:28:4	5/21/2018	8:26:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Nest activity / Perching together	TFL brings a beautiful branch full of stems and green leaves. She stares down at it, thinking, then readjusts a stick before hopping out to the lateral branch. TFL ends up perching on the overhead branch and at 8:22, MrP joins her and they exchange some soft chirping sounds. MrP then raises his beak to the skies and chatters a conversation with TFL. She just looks at him and then down at the nest. MrP moves a bit closer to her and there they are. Together with their precious little ones below. Such an iconic symbol of devotion, dedication and family.	freebird_AEF
5/21/2018 18:55:0	5/21/2018	8:54:00 PM	DC Couple	Perching together	TFL sure knows how to rouse up those feathers. Shake it out, mama! She and MrP continue to share the overhead branch like two love birds. And below, the kids have a quick disagreement... so minor it doesn't even catch MrP or TFL's attention and then they snuggle up together afterward. MrP takes his turn to rouse things up a bit. What a great end to an eagle day as we watch night fall upon the nest with the entire family together. Sweet eagle dreams to all.	freebird_AEF
5/21/2018 22:10:4	5/22/2018	12:00:00 AM	Mr. President & Eaglets	On the Nest/Near the Nest	Mr. President sleeps as he perches while DC6 and DC7 sleep quite peacefully in the nest quite near him. For now, neither eaglet tries to wake the other; both lie sleeping with heads down, bodies flat to the nest, the smaller sibling, DC7, the closer of the two to the camera. DC7's down also serves as a distinguishing feature, being a bit darker down the back and wings than DC6 at the moment. It's a warm evening, thunderstorms in the area but none overhead, with the bright lights of numerous planes passing in the distance around 11:30 pm. And, except for waking up slightly just a few times, usually to nip at the itch of insects, the three members of the eagle family visible from 11 pm - 12 am are content simply to sleep.	liadan_AEF
5/22/2018 4:12:22	5/22/2018	5:55:00 AM		Perching/Sleeping	DC6 and DC7 look so cute this morning sleeping tail to tail on their bed of leaves. TFL and MrP worked hard yesterday bringing leaves and grasses to the nest and it appears that the little ones are appreciating it. They look quite content as they wake up, peck and pull at the sticks and foliage and nod back off again. TFL perches on the overhead branch gazing out at her domain and keeping watch over her family.	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 4:38:05	5/22/2018	6:33:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a partly cloudy morning, currently 65 degrees with a high of 77 expected and a thunderstorm possible. Tonight the possibility of thunderstorms continue with a temperature of 65 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 4:47:25	5/22/2018	6:43:00 AM	DC6 and DC7	Week 3	DC6 has already turned 3 weeks old, DC7 will reach her/his 3 week mark on Thursday. What to expect in Week 3. At about three weeks they are 1 foot high and their feet and beaks are very nearly adult size. Talons should have turned almost entirely black. Shedding of the white natal down continues, disappearing from the head last. Pinfeathers start growing out late in week three. Some standing may be seen. Beak, leg, and footpad growth continues.	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 5:01:11	5/22/2018	6:50:00 AM	The First Lady	Lazy Morning	It continues to be a lazy morning at the nest. DC6 and DC7 have not moved from their sleeping spot in the middle of the nest. They wake up on occasion, preen themselves, amuse themselves with sticks and fall back off to sleep. One sweet moment was when DC7 used DC6's talon as a pillow. DC6 didn't seem to mind, s/he just reached over and preened her/his younger siblings head.	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 5:17:09	5/22/2018	6:59:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives with a fish. That wakes our little chatterboxes up. TFL whistles her approval and DC6 and DC7 squeal with delight. MrP flies off as TFL starts to feed her little ones. DC6 is first to the plate but DC7 is not far behind. DC6 stays in the center of the nest, DC7 gets right up next to TFL. It is amazing to see what big bites they can handle now. This is a sweet feeding, no aggression by either of them. TFL offers the tail to DC7. DC7 tries to swallow it not once but three times and finally s/he manages to get it down. That's the second one in two days for her/him. Good job DC7!	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 5:36:36	5/22/2018	7:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Work	TFL flies off and returns with a large bunch of greenery. She attempts to cover DC6 and DC7 with it but they don't seem thrilled by the idea. She finally just cuddles with them herself and moves it all around them. That appears to be just fine with DC6 and DC7 as they fall off to sleep. But that doesn't appear to be fine with TFL. Once again she moves the grass on top of them but these little wiggle worms are not having it. They chirp their annoyance and wiggle right out of it. Finally TFL moves up the left v branch and onto the overhead as DC6 and DC7 go back to sleep.... on top of the greenery. These two are just too funny!	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 6:38:51	5/22/2018	8:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Nest Work	TFL flies off and quickly returns with some leaves. She aerates the nest and repositions some sticks, at one point placing one on DC6. Whoops! DC6 just keeps her/his head down until TFL removes it. TFL moves up the left v branch and back onto the overhead branch and keeps watch.	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 9:41:03	5/22/2018	11:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Rain	Here comes the rain and here comes TFL to the rescue. She flies down and shelters DC6 and DC7 with her big "mombrella" They're getting a little big to fit under her but DC7 still manages it while DC6 just gets her/his head under her. TFL opens up her wing and gets most of DC6 under her too. What a sweet Mama.	earlybird_AEF

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5/22/2018 13:57:3	5/22/2018	3:37:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives at the nest with a fish. TFL and the little ones squee with joy. TFL jumps right in and tends to the feeding. MrP departs from the nest. DC6 starts chowing down first, DC7 politely waits his turn but begins to be fed too. DC6 gets his fill and politely declines another piece. What nice table manners these two have. TFL continues to feed until both of them have full crops. She flies up to the overhead branch as DC6 and DC7 sit side by side gazing out at their surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
5/22/2018 17:04:5	5/22/2018	6:56:00 PM	Parent	Departure	A parent flies off from the overhead branch towards the primary perching tree although they are no where to be found. The DC eaglets are snuggled together in the center of the nest, head to tail.	freebird_AEF
5/22/2018 17:36:3	5/22/2018	7:15:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a headless fish and TFL follows him in to the nest whistling and squeeking at him. They appear to have a stand off. TFL claims the fish and MrP flies up the left V and onto the overhead branch before departing. She wastes no time and starts feeding DC6 who happily gobbles up yummy fish bites. DC7 stands off to the side watching for the time being. DC7 moves closer to TFL's side and a bit behind her. So far, TFL and DC6 are getting their fair share. DC7 tries for a bite but TFL realizes it's too big, so like any good mom, she eats it. DC7 is now doing a good job jumping in and grabbing bites. It seems that TFL was very hungry, so she ate a good portion of that meal. So far, she's left a nice sized tail sitting in the nest. She decides to work the sticks a bit and tries to place one in the V but one of the V limbs or the other gets in the way. She ends up letting it go and it lands in the nest, partially on top of the kids. At 7:30, she climbs up the left V to the overhead branch.	freebird_AEF
5/22/2018 17:56:5	5/22/2018	7:50:00 PM	The First Lady	At nest	TFL returns to the nest and starts moving sticks around some more, including the one she had laid over the kids earlier. It's raining, so she also drags a huge clump of moss over closer to the kids. DC6 wastes no time and tucks head first under TFL's belly. It's so nice to see her still mothering them like this... still wanting to be their protector and mommberella. Our two little babes are sound asleep.	freebird_AEF
5/22/2018 18:43:5	5/22/2018	8:42:00 PM	The First Lady	In the nest	The pitter patter of light rain continues as the night settles in over the DC nest. TFL's precious ones are tucked under or soundly sleeping. We get a beautiful view of the nest on Cam B. It looks like a suspended woven basket in the sky amidst a backdrop of softly highlighted spring leaves from the IR light. It's moments like this that create a sense of peace and make the DC nest feel almost magical.	freebird_AEF
5/22/2018 18:49:1	5/22/2018	8:45:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching at the overhead	TFL returns to the overhead branch where she shakes out her feathers and glances back towards the nest at her sleeping eaglets. And there we are, looking at the most amazing nest perching view that I know of. TFL looking outward at the city lights and the endless sky. Sigh. It doesn't get much better than this.	freebird_AEF
5/22/2018 22:00:2	5/22/2018		hiOn the Nest	On the Nest	With one parent perched nearby on the overhead branch, the sweet, sleeping DC6 and DC7 remain safely protected, as always. With tonight's temperature just below 70F degrees, both appear to sleep deeply in what is likely comfortable night air touched by a soft breeze. Neither sibling seems to be bothered by insects tonight. As they rest, they shift slightly a few times: DC7 at one point tries to turn his or her head backward to rest on his shoulder, before falling asleep again after such effort! DC6 moves the most while asleep, stretching out a leg occasionally, sometimes accidentally kicking the smaller DC7; DC7's reaction is a complete non-reaction, as the little eagle's sleep continues, undisturbed. DC6 seems to alternate between sleeping and waking for about ten minutes until at last discovering a satisfactory sleeping spot, and so with head slightly propped up on twigs to the inside of the V branches and a left wing outstretched to one side, the larger sibling settles back into a deeper sleep. At the approach of midnight, a parent -- most likely The First Lady, whose tail can be seen just within camera range -- remains perched on the overhead branch; it's a wonderful spot for a parent to doze, as it gives a view from which she can easily watch over her eaglets, and which gives her an ideal vantage point from which to peer into the surrounding trees. At midnight, both eaglets sleep peacefully.	liadan_AEF
5/23/2018 3:53:40	5/23/2018	5:28:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL perches on the overhead branch. She flies down into the nest and begins to feed DC6 and DC7 the remainder of the fish from yesterday. DC6 gives DC7 a peck and s/he lies down. TFL feeds DC6 most of the fish and eats the tail herself. By now DC7 is up and moves closer to get some food. But by the time s/he makes her/his way close enough it is all gone. The sun is up so it shouldn't be too long before MrP brings a fresh fish for breakfast. TFL aerates the nest and flies back up to the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 5:07:21	5/23/2018	7:00:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest/Perching	It's a mild morning, currently 64 degrees. We are expecting a partly sunny and humid day with a high of 80 degrees. TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch. DC6 and DC7 look content as they amuse themselves with sticks and leaves.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 6:24:09	5/23/2018	8:01:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives with a fish. TFL flies into the nest as MrP departs. Both eaglets are up front and center. DC6 gets the first bites and gobbles them down. DC7 gets a large piece that's too hard for her/him to handle and drops it. DC6 pecks DC7 down into submission and continues getting fed. DC7 has learned how to be patient. S/he waits for DC6 to get a few more bites and moves in, right next to TFL. Now DC7 is getting some of that fish. TFL moves back and forth between them, each getting their fair share. She feeds them until they can't take another bite. We now have two very full eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 6:35:05	5/23/2018	8:23:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL tidies up the nest. DC7 follows her around in an attempt to stay in her shade. The day is warming up. All of them are panting to cool themselves down. DC6 goes into the shade of the V and settles down for a nap. TFL flies off the nest leaving DC7 exposed to the sun again. But there's more shade to be found. S/he toddles over and finds a cool spot right next to the right V branch and falls off to sleep too	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 6:45:41	5/23/2018	8:32:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL returns through the V, right where DC6 is sleeping. She has a bunch of greenery in her talons and she just perches there for a minute, the greenery hanging over DC6 who is chattering away. TFL leaves it there and moves into the nest. DC6 doesn't move out of that spot but uses the grasses as a cool cushion to sleep on. DC7 continues to sleep right next to her/his sibling as TFL watches over them in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 7:08:56	5/23/2018	9:02:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP returns with yet another fish, sporting his fabulous white blaze. His family serenades him with whistles and squeaks as he arrives. It's so nice to be appreciated.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 7:17:38	5/23/2018	9:09:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	MrP departs from the nest as TFL begins to feed the little ones. DC7 gets the first bites this time, DC6 moves out of the V and comes to join them. Another nice meal for both of the eaglets.	earlybird_AEF

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5/23/2018 13:24:4	5/23/2018	3:00:00 PM	Mr. President	On Nest	It's a warm 81 degrees, DC6 and DC7 sleep in separate corners of the nest. They just had a very good meal about 30 minutes ago and they have some enormous crops. TFL made sure they were both fed very well. When they were finished MrP came by and took out an old bone. He just returned to tidy up the nest again. He finds another bone and drops it over the side. So cute to see DC6 take a feather out of MrP's beak and DC7 trying to grab his tail feathers. They are so adorably precocious at this age. DC6 and DC7 sit together, chattering away as they look out beyond the nest. MrP continues with the nest work, repositioning some sticks in the V. When he's finished he sits with his tail in the V perch and watches over the little ones.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 13:33:4	5/23/2018	3:28:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	TFL returns with some more greenery. MrP chatters about something and flies off. TFL moves up to the overhead branch and does some afternoon preening.	earlybird_AEF
5/23/2018 18:24:1	5/23/2018	7:56:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Fish delivery / Feeding / Departure	TFL's food whistle sounds, loud and clear, as MrP arrives with a headless fish. MrP wants to help feed but soon after arrival, TFL drags the fish away and starts feeding DC6. MrP flies to the right V. He's panting from his catch and flight but he looks so proud and healthy. He flies off. DC7 stands to the side waiting for DC6 to eat, and that's exactly what DC6 does. Sweet little DC7 starts to get closer to TFL, to her side and near her tail. DC7 gets closer yet, patiently waiting for his/her turn. Step by step, inch by inch, DC7 sees that DC6 isn't "as" interested in eating as before. Now if TFL would just notice DC7. DC7 makes his/her first move. It's the dart and dash feeding technique. Wise mama that she is, TFL turns to face DC7. There's still a nice sized fishtail left in the nest. DC6 lies down with a full crop while DC7 begs mama for more bites. She complies. Gotta love her and our little DC7. DC7 keeps squeezing and asking for more bites. TFL seems to want to leave the tail. DC6 watches while lying down and looks over at DC7 and TFL with his/her head turned sideways. But TFL keeps feeding as long as DC7 keeps taking bites. DC7's crop grows and bulges outward. And finally at 8:22, with a snack still left in the nest, DC6 and DC7 conk out. At 8:23, TFL departs through the V.	freebird_AEF
5/23/2018 18:35:1	5/23/2018	8:29:00 PM	The First Lady	Bark delivery	TFL returns with a nice big piece of bark. She tosses it in the nest and DC6 looks at her and the bark as if wondering what s/he's suppose to do with that. Lol. TFL flies up to the overhead branch to perch. She looks magnificent! And the little ones sleep.	freebird_AEF
5/24/2018 5:04:46	5/24/2018	6:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Greenery Delivery	It's a sunny morning, currently 56 degrees with a high of 84 degrees expected. TFL has been busy decorating again this morning, bringing various bunches of greenery into the nest. She fluffs, she moves it around, she tosses it on the little ones as DC6 and DC7 watch in fascination. The two of them have been so cute together this morning. DC6 tapping DC7's beak with her/his own, just like TFL does to them. DC7 reaching over to preen DC6's feathers. TFL finishes up with her nest work and perches on the overhead branch. The two little cuddle buddies snuggle together.	earlybird_AEF
5/24/2018 6:02:35	5/24/2018	7:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Beautiful Morning	DC6 and DC7 amuse themselves with the sticks and leaves. They seem to be enjoying themselves in the morning sunshine. They wander together over to the side of the nest and look out at their beautiful surroundings. DC6 gives DC7 a little shove out of the way and moves into the V branch. DC7 finds another comfortable spot and they both fall off to sleep. TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch watching over her two eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/24/2018 7:17:01	5/24/2018	8:54:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives to a chorus of whistles. TFL seems very pleased to see that delicious fish that MrP just delivered. He flies off as TFL begins feeding DC6 and DC7. What a pleasant feeding. TFL is so good at sharing the fish with both eaglets and they were so good at taking turns. Both of them now have very full crops. DC6 moves back into the V and DC7 is right beside her/him. They both nod off as TFL helps to shade them with her body.	earlybird_AEF
5/24/2018 7:37:42	5/24/2018	9:24:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with yet another fish as TFL whistles her approval. This one will be saved for later. DC6 and DC7 are both still asleep. MrP moves up the left v branch and flies off. TFL remains in the nest with her two eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/24/2018 11:49:2	5/24/2018	1:42:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding Update	TFL has spent much of the day on the nest shading DC6 and DC7 from the warm sun. 10:54am MrP brought another fish and there was another good feeding by TFL for both DC6 and DC7. It was nice to see TFL enjoy some of the fish too.	earlybird_AEF
5/24/2018 14:53:2	5/24/2018	4:40:00 PM	The First Lady	On overhead branch	TFL is happily perched on the overhead branch, preening in the shade while keeping an eagle eye on the kids below, who are walking around the nest, hopping to and fro from one rail edge to the other, without relief from the sun. No shady spots at 4:45. They are panting in the heat while staring out over the rails. 6 lifts his wing arms for ventilation. Now 6 makes quick work on down feet to the V side of the nest and stands in the middle. That area provides ample shade early in the day, but isn't as inviting right now. 6 ambles over to the other side to his/her buddy. 7. Meanwhile TFL fans out her wings to cool off upstairs on the overhead.	kaco4_AEF
5/24/2018 15:30:1	5/24/2018	5:02:00 PM	Weather in DC	Summer weather	Weather is currently sunny and dry at 86 degrees going down to mid 60's tonight. Tomorrow will be similar. Rain Saturday and Sunday...again! Don't forget to join us in our Live Q&A Friday from 6 to 8 PM and Saturday from noon to 2 PM.	kaco4_AEF
5/24/2018 17:07:0	5/24/2018	7:06:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Fish delivery / TFL departs	6:55: MrP arrives with a live fish. From the sound of it, this is number four. Wow, MrP, way to go! The tail curves upward and flaps. TFL sounds off from the overhead branch before MrP arrives but she must be full since she just finished a feeding a wee bit ago. She seizes the opportunity for a break and flies off across the arboretum toward the primary perching tree. DC6 is completely in a food coma but DC7 perks up and watches MrP work at eating the head of the fish. Both eaglets sit up and show off their big fluffy velvet cushions for crops. MrP picks up the fish, relocates it, then stands on it to show the kids, who are both awake and watching, how to carry around a fish, stand on it and tear off bites. Hmmm... pretty cool, Dad! It's almost like the eaglets are watching TV after a big meal... in other words, they seem quite entertained watching their dad at work.	freebird_AEF
5/24/2018 17:34:1	5/24/2018	7:32:00 PM	Mr. President	Feeding	Around 7:07, the kids pick up their crops and lumber closer to MrP, who continues to work on eating the fish. Now that the head has been removed, he tears into it to give DC7 some bites. DC6 joins in. These are more like nibbles from MrP but it's sweet; as stuffed as our DC kids' crops are, it sure looks like they're enjoying having a relaxed feeding with MrP and spending some time with him. MrP tears off a portion of the fish collar and DC6 plays with it. This has been such a peaceful feeding and the kids continue to give MrP their full attention as they relax, observe and receive consistent bites of fresh fish. DC7 is fading quickly with a super full crop. S/he keeps trying to get back up and engage some more but ends up lying back down. DC6 gives MrP some of the cutes gazes, as s/he looks upward at him waiting for the next bite. MrP keeps on delivering. MrP is getting plenty to eat too, so much so that he's now wearing a wide white tie tonight (his blaze is showing really well!). So adoringly, DC6 lies back down and DC7 tucks and turns his/her head to look up at MrP and sweetly peeps and chirps a conversation at him. MrP looks down at his precious kids as he listens. Everyone is at peace and resting and MrP looks very proud. From start to finish, the feeding lasted 35 minutes.	freebird_AEF

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5/24/2018 17:45:2	5/24/2018	7:33:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching / Watching the kids	The "Big Crop Family" is full and satisfied. MrP flies off at 7:33 and is quickly spotted perching next to the NW branch on the opposite side of the nest as the V. The kids tried a little wing flapping and bobbed around while they stood up and conversed with one another. Now they are as relaxed as ever having out side by side. They preen, look around and doze in and out of sleep.	freebird_AEF
5/24/2018 18:19:5	5/24/2018	8:09:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	TFL arrives back at the nest and perches on the overhead. She calls out with eagle chatter then gives a snite. Bless you, TFL. MrP does a fly by underneath the nest as he departs from perching nearby and watching over the kids. TFL checks out the nest with two sleeping babes and the new fish. She takes a couple bites and holds them in her beak as an offering. Finally DC6 wakes up and waddles over to her to get a few bites. DC7 slowly turns him/herself around to face TFL and inches forward to join in the feast. Only a few bites are exchanged and TFL eats a bit but she leaves the tail for later and starts cleaning up the nest before climbing up the left V and taking her place on the overhead branch.	freebird_AEF
5/25/2018 4:07:48	5/25/2018	5:49:00 AM	The First Lady	Beautiful Morning	It's a beautiful morning at 56 degrees with sunny conditions. DC6 and DC7 sit up and face each other, their adorable overgrown feet sticking out in front of them. DC6 begins to preen him/herself and DC7 watches with that cute little sideways tilt of the head. DC6 reaches over in an attempt to preen DC7. DC7 gives her/him a little beak nudge to tell her/him it's not appreciated and s/he can do it all by her/himself. TFL had flown off from the overhead branch but she returns now with a bunch of greenery to freshen up the nest. She spreads it around the nest and as she flies out the V, DC6 tries to grab hold of her tail feathers. "Stay and play with us Mom". But TFL has more important things to do at the minute. She flies back up to the overhead branch and keeps a lookout for MrP. Breakfast should be delivered soon.	earlybird_AEF
5/25/2018 4:24:21	5/25/2018	6:08:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	DC6 and DC7 play tug of war with what looks like a piece of bone. So cute how they each grab an end to pull it and then pass it back and forth. These two are a delight to watch, so curious and playful as they interact. Just like all young ones, one minute they're playing and the next minute they're asleep. They nod off almost simultaneously head to head in the nest, all cuddled together. Just like all young ones, that doesn't last long. DC7 gets up and chirps softly up to Mom, perhaps asking when breakfast will be served. No answer yet so s/he gets on with some more preening and then falls back to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
5/25/2018 5:20:07	5/25/2018	7:01:00 AM	The First Lady	Feeding	DC6 and DC7 are awake and hungry. They chatter up at TFL to let her know they are ready for breakfast. She flies down and grabs up the fish bone that they were playing with earlier. She pulls it apart and feeds her eaglets. TFL aerates the moss with DC6 and DC7's help. So sweet how they mimic everything that she does. They flop themselves right down into that soft mound of fluff and watch TFL move back up to the overhead branch. I can only imagine how they are wishing they could do that too.	earlybird_AEF
5/25/2018 6:08:17	5/25/2018	7:54:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch, preening herself in the morning sun. DC6 and DC7 have been napping for quite awhile, DC6 in the V and DC7 right next to her/his sibling. They start to get restless, waddle around the nest and then end up back at the V area. DC7 puts her/his head down, using the rails as a pillow and falls back to sleep, DC6 gazes out through the V and eventually falls back to sleep too.	earlybird_AEF
5/25/2018 14:06:5	5/25/2018	3:50:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives with a beauty of a fish and begins to feed the eaglets. DC6 steps up and gets the first bites. DC7 stands back and patiently waits her/his turn. TFL isn't quite as patient. She wants to do the feeding and moves in to do just that. MrP knows when it's time to go and he flies off. Finally DC7 makes a move and gets some bites too. These two little ones have big appetites. It didn't take long for this fish to disappear.	earlybird_AEF
5/25/2018 17:21:2	5/25/2018	7:17:00 PM	MrP and TFL	TFL departure / MrP perching	Earlier this afternoon, I'm told both MrP and TFL chased after something. TFL left the overhead branch after being focused. MrP was on lookout in the same area. At that time, he was perched on the NW branch and took off in pursuit. TFL then returned to perch at the NW branch. I began watching and saw TFL on the NW branch, the kids in the nest together and MrP flying onto another branch near TFL. He then began to vocalize. Both parents seemed to be on guard and keeping watch. TFL swooped down from her perching place and flew off. DC6 woke up chirping and observant while DC7 continued sleeping. MrP still remains perched in front of the NW branch.	freebird_AEF
5/25/2018 18:00:0	5/25/2018	7:59:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching / Nest duty	MrP is spotted with his white blaze. He's perching back on the NW branch keeping an eye on the kids who are snoozing away, stretched out with heads resting along the rails.	freebird_AEF
5/25/2018 18:51:5	5/25/2018	8:51:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching / Arrivals / Departures	MrP flies around and about from the NW branch, to the nest, back to the NW branch and onto the overhead branch. At 8:38, TFL lands in the nest with more greenery. The kids are up and chattering. Food, mama? No, little ones, not this time. TFL climbs up the left arm of the V. She and MrP stare at one another while he stays in place on the overhead branch. TFL flies off but it sounds like she lands nearby. We're just not able to see her right now. MrP flies off the overhead and one of the parents flies into the nest and starts aerating and moving some sticks. DC6 beaks as a request to be fed. The parent picks up something in the nest and DC7 follows them around and takes it. The little ones are up looking for dinner but as far as I can tell, there is no fish on the nest tonight. The DC kids still have food in their crops; all is well.	freebird_AEF
5/25/2018 19:02:5	5/25/2018	9:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perched	Looks like our family is in place for the night. The kids toddle around the nest and then go back to sleep and MrP and TFL are sharing the overhead branch as they often do at the end of the day. Makes for some nice bonding time and a great way to end the day.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 4:10:38	5/26/2018	5:55:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a mild 73 degrees and clear. This afternoon a temperature of 88 degrees is expected with a thunderstorm in the area. Tonight a thunderstorm is still possible at 71 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
5/26/2018 4:20:56	5/26/2018	5:55:00 AM	The First Lady	Vocals	TFL vocalizes on the overhead branch. Perhaps that was MrP who answered her. DC6 and DC7 are awake, preening themselves and gazing around. It doesn't take too long before DC7 falls back to sleep. DC6 rummages around the nest and continues with her/his preening.	earlybird_AEF
5/26/2018 4:38:56	5/26/2018	6:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding/Shift Change	MrP arrives with a fish. TFL begins the feeding as MrP moves up the left v branch and onto the overhead. MrP seems to be on alert about something. He flies back and forth to the nest several times looking intently at something below. TFL continues with the feeding through all of this. Both DC6 and DC7 both get a good meal. TFL flies off as MrP stands watch on the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/26/2018 4:50:08	5/26/2018	6:38:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Alert	MrP and TFL return to the nest. TFL has some nesting material that she spreads around, moves some sticks and aerates the nest. MrP steps in to help her tidy up the place. TFL flies off and soon after MrP departs. MrP quickly returns and TFL is right behind him. They both look intently below. Something is there and they are not happy about it. DC6 and DC7 lie flat as a pancake, chattering away and watching all of this. TFL flies up to the overhead branch while MrP continues to watch below.	earlybird_AEF
5/26/2018 5:02:50	5/26/2018	6:50:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure	MrP is still standing in the nest and intently looking below. TFL flies off from the overhead branch and out of view. DC6 and DC7 are awake and amusing themselves with some nesting material. DC6 reaches over and nibbles MrP's talons. MrP doesn't seem amused and flies up to the overhead branch. DC6 and DC7 fall back to sleep.	earlybird_AEF

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5/26/2018 10:14:5	5/26/2018	12:00:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Update	At 7:45am MrP delivered a fish and there was a feeding. TFL kept flying back and forth. Both of our adults have been vocal and alert, bothered by something in the area this morning. MrP in particular has been flying in and out, and back forth. It appears that DC7 also caught a glimpse of whoever is flying around. Our eagles keep hearing something under the nest, and I guess that's been going on since around 8am nest time. I remember last night, it seemed that they were on a low level alert and one volunteer witnesses MrP and TFL riled up around 3am this morning. On a lighter side note: earlier this morning DC6 was playing with something in the nest. MrP took it from him and DC6 chased MrP across the nest to get it back. (Love the comical stuff.)	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 10:45:0	5/26/2018	12:08:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching / Alert	TFL is on overhead branch and MrP is perched on the NW branch. TFL flies off the overhead but it looks like MrP who flies into the nest and is looking below where they've been hearing noises all morning. MrP is now perching on the lateral branch; not sure where TFL is at this moment. Both eaglets move toward the V, they look out and chirp. MrP is very animated and we get some stunning close ups of his handsomeness. Meanwhile the eaglets chirp a sweet song. At 12:30, MrP flies off the lateral branch and back into the nest, staring downward once again. He decides to move some sticks and aerate a bit while he's in the nest and the kids navigate toward the V. MrP wing flaps his way up the right V branch. The kids keep chitter-chattering. He joins them again in the nest. You'd better go get a big fish, MrP, if you expect to keep up this energy level. At 12:36, he flies over to the NW branch to perch for a minute before flying back to the nest and staring downward, below the nest once again. His head bobs, his body dips, his wings open. He stands in the nest looking outward now. He's tracking something again that's flying around the area, weaving and bobbing to try to keep it in view. MrP vocalizes as TFL returns to the overhead branch; he flies off the nest at 12:41 to perch back on the NW branch.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 11:00:2		12:46:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching / Alert	Back to the nest MrP goes, staring over the rails. Wings open and close as if to say, "Get out of here!" It seems an animal of some kind is under the nest and then something else may be flying around the area, both keeping MrP on alert with his attention divided. We can hear something rustling below and TFL lets out a couple squonks from the overhead branch. MrP lurches forward with wing flaps again. TFL sounds off again. This is very dramatic! Lol. MrP heads to the lateral branch. This entire time, the kids don't have a care in the world... they continue to chill out and nap.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 11:37:0	5/26/2018	1:08:00 PM	DC family	Nest activity	I'm happy to report, at this time, things have calmed down and both parents have been relaxing at their perching stations. MrP flies off the lateral branch while TFL remains steadfastly perched on the overhead. DC6 has been trying to stay cool in the V and DC7 is doing the same but to the right of the V. MrP returns to the nest at 1:11 and is back looking downward for a few moments before flying off again. DC6 has left the V and has gone to the opposite side rails where MrP just departed from. MrP is back. We hear a loud rustling sound and DC6 is looking below at MrP's side, trying to help him solve the mystery. Our cam op zooms in, trying to find the critter and we see a stick wiggle. MrP is in and out of the nest and the underside still has his attention. DC6 finally decides to return to the V and now it's DC7's turn to try to help and DC6 decides to help by doing a PS on MrP's wing.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 11:59:3	5/26/2018	1:50:00 PM	DC eagle family	Nest activity	DC6 lumbers over to join DC7 and MrP. MrP heads over to perch on the lateral branch. His focus is still under the nest but so far, the critter hiding in the cupboard below the nest remains a mystery. And while MrP has scurried about from branch to branch to nest and back again, with full focus and attention, TFL has remained perched on the overhead branch. And the two kiddos are hanging out together along the nest rails in the shade chirping sweetly and enjoying their day. Bravo to MrP for being such a fierce protector of his family. Now I hope he can just relax a bit, go do some fishing and get a good meal so he's energized for the next adventure.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 17:17:5	5/26/2018	6:55:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Feeding	TFL brings a nice large fish in around 6:55 and our two hungry DC chicks start gobbling down big bites. MrP has been flying back and forth and bothered all day. He flies off to the primary perching tree, then flies back to the nest. TFL whistles. He moves to the NW branch. Poor MrP. TFL and the eaglets continue to feed. MrP flies back across to the PPT. I seriously wish he'd just go fishing, take a break and get something to eat. Now he's back in the nest, back to the NW branch, back to the nest. He spots a boney scrap that was too large for DC6 to eat. Rather than eating it himself, he tears meat off it and feeds DC6. What a dedicated eagle dad. TFL continues to feed DC7. Bite after bite. MrP finds another scrap, he offers it but both eaglets are facing TFL. Both eaglets' crops are stuffed again. TFL didn't eat, she fed the eaglets and even gave the tail to DC7. Maybe now that MrP has tasted a bit of fish, he'll be inclined to go fishing and take a break. I hope so but he flies back to the PPT and perches. TFL flies to the overhead and we see them facing one another from tree to tree.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 17:39:2	5/26/2018	7:38:00 PM	Mr. President	Here, there and everywhere	MrP flies back into the nest around 7:16. Both eaglets are filled to the rim with big bulging crops. MrP looks around for scraps but he really isn't finding any. He takes the little tiny boney scrap over to the NW branch. I thought he was going to eat it, but he drops it instead. TFL looks very relaxed on the overhead and MrP continues to be focused on the critter under the nest. He just keeps flying around as the winds pick up and an evening storm begins to blow into the area.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 18:00:4	5/26/2018	7:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching on overhead	The rain has begun. TFL remains on the overhead and she's keeping an eye on her two well fed sleeping beauties below. The kids don't seem the least bit bothered about sleeping in the bit of rain that's falling. They've already grown up so much! As of 7:48, it's been about 10 minutes since MrP flew off. Hopefully, the next time he returns he'll be wearing his blaze... and even better yet, he brings a meal back with him. That said, the kids are fed and TFL may have eaten down by the river before returning home with a fish for the kids since she was gone for around 3 hours this afternoon.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 18:49:5	5/26/2018	8:45:00 PM	Mr. President	On guard	TFL starts whistling, clucking and squonking as she remains perched on the overhead branch. MrP flies back to the tree, then into the nest from a nearby branch and heads to the spot he's been watching all day under the nest, then back he goes to perch and watch some more, then back into the nest. TFL continues to do occasional vocalizations and joins him moments later. She lands in the center of the nest. MrP flies back out to the branch then back again. If this under the nest visitor would just move on, it would certainly be helpful. So far, we haven't spotted it.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 19:05:3	5/26/2018	8:52:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Working as a team	TFL heads out to the lateral branch and looks under the nest from there. MrP returns to one of the nearby branches he's been going to off and on all day. Both MrP and TFL are now a team, zoning in on the mystery guest. MrP jumps out and flaps his wings. TFL flies in from the lateral branch and joins MrP. They both flap their wings several times. Both of them have had enough and are asking the visitor to leave. MrP starts beaking down into the rails and TFL flies up from below, hanging on to the railings as she lands in the nest. Again, they open their wings, dance around the nest and flap. Get out! You're not welcome here! (Whoever you are.) MrP remains in the nest and TFL is back to perching on the overhead branch.	freebird_AEF
5/26/2018 21:16:2	5/26/2018	11:03:00 PM	Mr. President	On watch	We have watched and waited patiently but we still haven't confirmed who is hanging out beneath the nest. MrP is standing guard while perching on the lateral branch and trying to catch a few winks of sleep and TFL is tucked in on the overhead. Both eaglets are relaxed and sleeping.	freebird_AEF

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5/27/2018 4:03:56	5/27/2018	5:46:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Departure/Perching	It is a quiet morning at the nest but MrP still seems concerned about something. He perches on the lateral branch, looking intently below and flies off. Only the tips of her tail are visible at the moment but it appears that TFL is perched on the overhead branch. Some vocals have been heard by one or both of them but it's hard to tell which one at the moment. DC6 and DC7 are awake, preening and gazing around.	earlybird_AEF
5/27/2018 4:21:12	5/27/2018	6:09:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching/Eaglet Play	Thanks to the cam operator, we can indeed see that this is TFL perching in all her majesty on the overhead branch. It's a cloudy morning so the muted shades of gray and blue are her backdrop this morning. She seems calm and relaxed now as she preens herself and watches over her eaglets. DC6 and DC7 seem to be enjoying each other's company this morning, playing with some sticks and tapping each other on the beak. We have had some precious close ups of them that will make your heart melt. They do get more adorable every day.	earlybird_AEF
5/27/2018 4:28:08	5/27/2018	6:22:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch. MrP has been gone from the nest for over thirty minutes so perhaps whatever has been agitating him is long gone. He may be out getting breakfast, no doubt his two growing eaglets hope so.	earlybird_AEF
5/27/2018 4:54:29	5/27/2018	6:40:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Stick Play	So cute to see how DC6 and DC7 are interacting this morning. They really have been best buds, playing with sticks and nesting material. But like all siblings, they do have their little spates, this time initiated by the youngest. DC6 was playing with a stick and DC7 decides the best way to take it from her/him is to nibble on her/his head. Uh Oh, DC6 didn't seem to appreciate that one bit and gives DC7 a peck to tell him just that. DC7 gets the message and meanders away. It was over that fast and they're back to being buddies again.	earlybird_AEF
5/27/2018 5:59:27	5/27/2018	7:35:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish. TFL flies down to take over the feeding and MrP flies off. This is a sweet feeding. Both eaglets step up to the plate and both are fed well. So cute how they both try to get a piece that's stuck on TFL's beak. Nice to see that TFL was able to get a piece too. It didn't take long for that fish to be gone. TFL moves onto the lateral branch and departs. DC6 and DC7 now with very full crops, contently settle down for a nap. TFL returns with a huge bundle of greenery. She tidies up the nest as DC6 and DC7 look on.	earlybird_AEF
5/27/2018 7:35:16	5/27/2018	9:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Panting Contentedly	DC6 and 7 sit looking out a side rail while TFL sits atop the overhead branch with wings outstretched. Sparrows and wrens sing loudly nearby. Both eaglets are sporting their receding white birth fluff caps. Their bodies are covered in gray down coats and pin feathers. Their feet, well, we know the feet are oversized and clownish. This is an awkward, transitional phase, for sure, but DC6 and 7 are sublimely beautiful to us. In fact, DC6 turns one month old tomorrow! Temperature is a comfortable 77, going up into the mid 80s. Thunderstorms and heavy rains are forecast for this afternoon. TFL on the overhead is watching the rain clouds accumulate, sensing a storm coming.	kaco4_AEF
5/27/2018 11:32:3	5/27/2018	1:30:00 PM	DC family	Update	Around 10:30, MrP brought in a second fish and the DC kids had their second meal of the day. To my knowledge, MrP hasn't come back to the nest since. At the top of the 1 o'clock hour, DC7 was resting out in the V. DC6 came along and pushed his/her way in. It took quite a bit of energy and determination but DC7 was able to pop it into 4-wheel drive and power his/her way out of the V and is now resting along the rails just to the other side of the right v branch. TFL has been perched on the overhead for quite some time and things are peaceful at the nest.	freebird_AEF
5/27/2018 12:12:1	5/27/2018	2:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	Around 1:54, wing flaps are heard and TFL has left the overhead branch. She returns quickly and goes back to perching on the overhead. It appears she's tracking something. The little ones peep, then go back to sleep.	freebird_AEF
5/27/2018 13:24:4	5/27/2018	3:22:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure / Arrival	TFL flies off at 3. Both eaglets stand tall watching her soar across the arboretum and out of view. DC6 is busy pestering DC7 and doing the cute head tilting thing. Meanwhile, TFL returns to perch on the overhead branch at 3:18.	freebird_AEF
5/27/2018 17:01:5	5/27/2018	6:43:00 PM	The First Lady	Food delivery, feeding and contentment	TFL brought in a fish at 6 PM. Mr. P had brought in two fish earlier today and was not seen for hours. TFL fed the kids to satiety and full crops, and Mr. P made a brief appearance at 6:24, sporting his white tie of belly contentment revealing he took his dinner alone down by the river. We have seen a shift in feeding responsibility this week, with Mr.P taking less responsibility. TFL seems to prefer being the sole provider of the meals to the eaglets. She has the routine down to a perfect science. And this is the second day in a row that she brought in the dinner entry. Oh, she brings in a second fish at 6:50! A dessert dish! The kids are eating into oblivion! We are still waiting for the rain to come. Maybe the storm will pass by this part of DC. Forecast still calling for thunderstorms at 8 PM. Flash flood warning in effect for parts of Maryland.	kaco4_AEF
5/28/2018 4:21:15	5/28/2018	6:05:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Week Four	DC6 and DC7 sleep peacefully in the nest, a parent watching over them from the primary perching tree. DC6 is one month old today, DC7 in just a few days. They are growing and developing so fast. What can we expect to see. Week 4 Standing increases. Attempts to pick at food (not self feeding). Beak, leg, and footpad growth slows. May notice pin feathers emerging. Wing growth is increased by the end of week four. Sibling Rivalry is decreasing, if more than one eaglet.	earlybird_AEF
5/28/2018 4:40:08	5/28/2018	6:22:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching/Preening	TFL flies from the primary perching tree and lands on the overhead branch. She preens her feathers and gazes around the area. It's a cloudy morning, currently 61 degrees with a high of 75 expected. DC6 preens her/himself in the nest while DC7 sleeps on. So cute to see DC6 fall asleep with her/his head back in her/his wings, just like a big eagle. I want to savor every moment of this, they are growing right before our eyes. Each stage in their development is a delight to watch.	earlybird_AEF
5/28/2018 5:10:41	5/28/2018	6:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Quiet Morning	The chorus of birds was deafening early this morning but it has become muted now as TFL perches on the overhead branch. DC7, not to be outdone by her/his older sibling now sleeps with her/his head back on her/his wings, DC6 moves closer to cuddle with DC7 and nods back off. The arboretum is unusually quiet, just the sound of the wind rustling through the trees. All very peaceful and relaxing for two sleeping eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
5/28/2018 5:23:30	5/28/2018	7:11:00 AM	The First Lady	Rain	The peaceful morning has been disrupted by the rain. TFL flies down and aerates the fluff. Small chirps can be heard in protest as DC6 and DC7 hunker down. TFL stands close by in protection and support. "All's fine little ones. Mom is here".	earlybird_AEF
5/28/2018 5:52:31	5/28/2018	7:43:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	It appears that TFL is tracking something nearby. She doesn't seem alarmed so perhaps it's MrP. She reaches over to preen or pull something off of DC6's feathers. DC6 stands and reaches out with her/his beak as if anticipating a feeding. There doesn't appear to be any food on the nest. TFL flaps the rain off of her wings and flies off. Maybe TFL is on her way to the river.	earlybird_AEF

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5/28/2018 6:31:40	5/28/2018	8:05:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives with a catfish. TFL flies in right behind him, whistling away. She grabs the fish and starts to feed her little ones. DC6 is the first to be fed and gets the majority of this meal. DC7 gets some large pieces that are hard for her/him to swallow but s/he does get some bites. TFL takes her time and gets every tiny morsel off of the bones and then departs from the nest.	earlybird_AEF
5/28/2018 12:27:1	5/28/2018	2:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Update	Update: MrP has delivered three fish today and both eagles have been fed well. At one of the feedings, DC7 was the lucky winner of the coveted fish tail. Good job DC7!	earlybird_AEF
5/28/2018 16:36:0	5/28/2018	6:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Fish deliveries	Update: Fish #4 was delivered right around 5pm. Both eaglets were fed, although DC6 got the larger portion. What a great way to start off the 6 o'clock hour with MrP delivering the fifth fish of the day. TFL is on the overhead branch and we hear her whistling tea kettle slowly whistle to a full boil. Once MrP brings the fish in to the nest, TFL claims it and starts feeding DC6. DC7 stands to the side waiting for his/her turn. DC7 is starting to make his/her move. S/he has slowly moved in from behind TFL and is now close to her side making it easy to reach out and grab bites without engaging with DC6 too much. MrP amazingly flies in again with fish #6! TFL whistles her approval, hovers over the new fish and claims it. MrP backs up and looks down at her like, "Really woman?" She says, "Be on your way" but MrP moves over to the fish that TFL was feeding to the kids. MrP feeds some bites to DC6 and then gobbles the rest down. He deserves it, by golly! But TFL lets him know she's not particularly in agreement with his decision. DC7 turns to face TFL and the new fish. MrP departs and TFL does some nest cleaning. DC6 snaps at DC7 a couple times but then succumbs to his/her huge crop and lies down watching DC7 eat. And DC7 eats! Wow, does s/he! DC7 probably eats about 85% of fish #6, with DC6 getting a few bites here and there and TFL getting a nice big portion of the tail for herself. We currently have two stuff-cropped eaglets in the nest who can barely move. Time... for... a... nap... Waddle-waddle-flop-down. DC6 has his/her head resting on a V branch and 7 is behind DC6 playing with sticks and greenery. Both are now in a food coma.	freebird_AEF
5/28/2018 17:49:1	5/28/2018	7:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Nest duty	TFL departs the overhead branch around 7pm and the cam finds her tucked away behind leaves either on or near the NW branch. She's definitely tracking something below. The tips of TFL's feathers are highlighted so beautifully in the evening light. At 7:45, TFL returns to the overhead branch. The little ones with the huge crops are up for moments at a time before they allow the weight of their crops to lower them back down to rest.	freebird_AEF
5/28/2018 19:04:5	5/28/2018	9:03:00 PM	Mr. President	Fish #7 arrives	Bless his little eagle heart, at 8:42pm, MrP brings a 7th fish to the nest. This one is headless. TFL softly whistles with approval and delight. She almost seems surprised. MrP heads up to the overhead branch and TFL covers the fish with nesting material and does some fluffing in the nest bed. The kids' crops are still stuffed, so having a meal in the pantry is a bonus. TFL looks up at MrP perching above and vocalizes what sounds to me like sweet eagle chitter chatter. She does this a second time. She seems quite pleased. Did MrP impress her? I'm impressed! She remains in the nest with the little ones and does seem somewhat tempted by the fish but so far, she's saving it for later.	freebird_AEF
5/28/2018 20:08:4	5/28/2018	9:15:00 PM	DC7	Possible casted pellet	It appears that DC7 was working on casting a pellet tonight. At this time, there's no confirmation that the pellet was cast but DC7 is now sleeping and seems to be doing fine.	freebird_AEF
5/29/2018 4:27:42	5/29/2018	6:05:00 AM	The First Lady	Morning	It's a cloudy morning, currently 66 degrees. The nest has an almost magical quality with the surrounding green foliage obscured by fog. TFL is perched on the overhead branch, DC6 and DC7 are preening themselves in the nest. DC6 is the more active one this morning, poking his/her beak around in the fluff and pulling it up as if to aerate it. DC7 sits up on his bottom, preens him/herself and watches DC6. Soft chirps can be heard by DC7 as s/he looks up at TFL. S/he lies back down and twiddles with the leaves and grass nearby. Both eaglets seem content as they nestle back down in their bedding of leaves.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 4:39:57	5/29/2018	6:31:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Vocals	Eagle chatter can be heard. MrP is found on the NW branch and seems to be warning something to stay away. DC6 and DC7 are still lying down in the nest but both simultaneously turn their head in MrP's direction. More eagle vocals from TFL, who still perches on the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 5:04:24	5/29/2018	6:47:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	Intermittent eagle squees continue from one of the parents. MrP has left the NW branch. The little ones sweetly play together in the nest. DC6 reaching over to preen DC7's head and giving what looks like beak to beak kisses. DC7 just looks like s/he wants to sleep. DC6 looks wide awake. S/he sits at the V and looks out into the big world beyond.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 6:00:15	5/29/2018	7:46:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL quietly perches on the overhead branch. DC6 sleeps in the V while DC7 preens her/himself and gazes around. Soft chirps can be heard occasionally from the two eaglets. DC7 has found something in the nest, perhaps a bone and nibbles on it. MrP hasn't been seen for awhile so perhaps he's out fishing for their breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 6:47:34	5/29/2018	8:41:00 AM	The First Lady	Update Feeding	Update: TFL fed DC6 and DC7 a fish at 5:37am. DC6 got the fish tail and all of the fish except a couple of bites for DC7.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 6:50:22	5/29/2018	8:48:00 AM	Chat	Chat	Bring your questions and come join us for our Live Q & A session from 10:00am-12:00am today.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 10:03:0	5/29/2018	11:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a catfish and TFL feeds the eaglets. DC6 was the first one at the plate and was a bit aggressive trying to keep DC7 away. But DC7 gets in there and gets fed too. Both were fed well. MrP has flown off. TFL watches over her little ones from the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/29/2018 17:23:3	5/29/2018	7:23:00 PM	Update	Feedings	Earlier this afternoon MrP brought in two fish and TFL did the feedings. From what I can gather, it appears that both eaglets were fed but DC7 got fed more fish than 6 out of the two meals.	freebird_AEF
5/29/2018 17:27:4	5/29/2018	7:24:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At 6:53, TFL starts whistling and sure enough MrP drops by with another fish delivery. DC7 is first to get to TFL and gets several bites before DC6 stretches and waddles his/her way over. MrP does some nest cleaning before flying up the left arm of the V. Off he goes at 6:55. DC6 moves in closer, even though TFL is making sure to feed DC7 first. DC7 is a smart cookie. S/he gets close to TFL's beak facing away from DC6. Both kids are being fed now side-by-side. DC7 is still in the best feeding position and is receiving much more of the fish than DC6. It wasn't a real big fish and it appears that it's already gone and DC6 barely had any at all. So, there you have it! TFL heads up to the overhead branch to feak and perch. DC6 is searching for scraps while 7 moves toward the V to lookout with a full crop. TFL departs over to the primary perching tree at 7:09.	freebird_AEF
5/29/2018 17:39:1	5/29/2018	7:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	TFL arrives home with a long train of greenery. Seriously! Some of it is in the nest but the majority of it is hanging out over the edge and downward. The DC kids are resting alongside one another, napping or chitter chattering and sitting up, looking up at their parent on the overhead or looking outward at the scenery.	freebird_AEF

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5/29/2018 18:07:4	5/29/2018	8:55:00 PM	Eaglets and TFL	Resting	It has been a Roman eating feast for DC7 today having consumed the major part of two fish this afternoon and his share of a morning fish. After an uncomfortable period last night passing a pellet, s/he has a hale and hearty appetite. DC6, not so much. Am wondering if there's a pellet to be cast out by him/her. Even his/her crop is down in size. 7's crop is gargantuan! Black feathers looking like paint brush tips are emerging from pin feathers on the bodies of our eaglets, especially at the bottom of the wing area, at the area of the tail, and in scattered places on the back. Such a beautiful sight. TFL stands atop the overhead, watching the clouds roll by.	kaco4_AEF
5/29/2018 18:23:2	5/29/2018	8:10:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Hanging out on the rails	DC7 is napping with his head overlapping the V. His/her eyes open and he looks up above. 6 tries to find a comfortable position on a side rail, and nibbles at the wood opening of a twig. TFL is still on the overhead enjoying her evening stretch and meditation. The weather is humid with a temperature of 79 going down to 69 tonight. More showers possible tomorrow and Thursday.	kaco4_AEF
5/29/2018 18:51:5	5/29/2018	8:25:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Huddling in the V	DC7 was resting solo in the V and along came DC6 to share the space with him/her. Looks like they are snuggled together with 6 directly behind 7. Nah, 7 is not in a snuggling mood. S/he backs up to get 6 off his back area. 6 skies a loose twig on the other side of the V and grabs at it, thoroughly annoying 7 who then nips playfully at 6 and sits back out of the V. Then 6 backs out of V completely, but then suddenly makes a leap over 7 to get into the front of the V. 7 isn't going to compete. He lets 6 have the V and moves to the side of the V, making little squeaky sounds of protest. 6 buries its head in the V, finding a comfortable position for a few minutes or more.	kaco4_AEF
5/29/2018 19:29:2	5/29/2018	9:15:00 PM	TFL and Mr.P	Our couple in repose	TFL was joined by Mr. P on the overhead branch 15 minutes ago. They are standing side by side, looking thoroughly content and happy to be in each other's company. Mr. P stretches out the front of his left foot showing how relaxed he is. I would like to believe they appreciate the fruits of their labor, all the weeks spent building a beautiful and sturdy home, and then creating beautiful, healthy eaglets to nurture and develop. Even if it is only a glimmer of reflection. They have to know how important they are to each other, to their offspring, and to nature.	kaco4_AEF
5/30/2018 4:26:43	5/30/2018	6:09:00 AM	The First Lady	On Nest	TFL perches on the NW branch and flies over to the lateral. DC6 and DC7 chirp away, perhaps anticipating breakfast. DC7 sits up, faces TFL and chirps louder. TFL moves into the nest and rummages around. DC6 gets right up to TFL's beak but she has no food yet. It looks like everyone will have to wait for MrP to bring home a fish. TFL moves up the left V branch and onto the lateral.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 4:40:32	5/30/2018	6:30:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	DC7 searches around the nest and picks up a little piece of something. DC6 waddles over and wants to check it out too. It could be a small piece of bone or just some nesting material. Whatever it is, it doesn't keep their interest for long. DC7 goes back to sleep, DC6 moves to the other side of the nest and preens her/himself and does a face plant down in the nest. But not for long. DC6 is up and preening her/himself again and then with a cute little tail wiggle s/he lies back down.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 4:54:32	5/30/2018	6:51:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's another foggy morning, currently 71 degrees with a thunderstorm possible. Tonight a thunderstorm is again possible with a temperature of 69 degrees.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 5:14:46	5/30/2018	7:07:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	The fog has started to lift and the visibility is much better. DC6 and DC7's chirps get louder and more persistent. TFL flies off from the overhead branch, perhaps in search of breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 5:43:31	5/30/2018	7:32:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	DC6 moves over to cuddle with DC7. So sweet to see DC7 preen DC6 and give her/him some beak taps. They snuggle down in the nest together, wing tip to wing tip, almost as if they're holding hands. They are a joy to watch this morning.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 5:54:03	5/30/2018	7:48:00 AM	The First Lady	Delivery of Leaves	TFL returns to the nest, through the V with a bunch of leaves. Our chatterboxes let her know they're not too happy with that delivery. "Where's breakfast Mom?" TFL flies off again.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 7:21:03	5/30/2018	9:01:00 AM	The First Lady	Grass Delivery	I believe this is TFL returning to the overhead branch. She departs again and quickly returns with a clump of grass. She moves up the left V branch and back onto the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 9:54:34	5/30/2018	11:30:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish and TFL is right behind him. DC6 and DC7 are squealing with joy. They are two hungry eaglets. MrP moves up the right V branch as TFL begins the feeding. DC7 stands back and patiently waits for DC6 to get fed first. DC6 gets a nice solo feeding for about four minutes and DC7 says "My turn!" and jumps right in there. They both are fed very well and this time TFL scores the tail. Nice to see her get a little something. This Mama gives her all to her little ones but she needs to eat too.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 10:00:5	5/30/2018	11:48:00 AM	The First Lady	Greenery Delivery	TFL flies off but not for long. She returns with another sprig of leaves. She sure does like to spruce up the place. Nothing like a little greenery to give the place that Home Sweet Home feeling. She spends a little time hanging out with her young ones and then back up to the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
5/30/2018 16:54:5	5/30/2018	6:53:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Shift change	MrP lands in the nest, and TFL who is perching on the overhead branch, sounds off in a high pitched vibrato like an opera singer. She must have thought he brought a fish in but soon discovers that was not the case. Next thing we know, MrP flies off the nest and TFL has vanished from the overhead branch. The little ones have been making peeling calls off and on over the past hour or more. It certainly seems they've been begging for food. MrP hops in the nest; he must have been perching nearby. He has a good white blazing crop on him. "Hey! MrP! What's up? You ate and didn't bring dinner? Don't get yourself in the dog house, buddy." He flies over to perch on a nest tree branch to watch over the kids. My bet is that TFL went fishing.	freebird_AEF
5/30/2018 17:03:3	5/30/2018	7:03:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching at PPT	MrP joins the kids in the nest and they go up to him looking for food. He gives an innocent, "I think it went that a way" kind of look. He climbs up the right V and flies over to the primary perching tree where he shows off his handsome white tie blaze. "Oh MrP, you shouldn't be wearing that white tie without bringing dinner home!"	freebird_AEF

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					TFL flies in with a fish! Yeah, mama! DC6 is being a little extra possessive, leaving DC7 out of the feeding equation for the moment, but I can see those little wheels turning. DC7 steps along the railing to get closer to TFL. And TFL seems to be luring DC6 farther to the right, making room for 7 to possibly get in. DC7 maneuvers his/her way to the other side of TFL along the rails and starts popping his/her head in for quick bites. MrP joins them for a few minutes, then departs. TFL moves farther away from the rails, giving DC7 more room but 7 ends up under TFL's tail and jolts forward for bites from underneath her. So far, 7 isn't having a lot of luck but s/he is getting some good bites in. Now TFL is passing some bigger bites to DC6 to keep him entertained and that gives her time to feed 7 some nice juicy bites of fish. She even keeps recycling the same bite to DC6 even though s/he was unable to eat it prior. Finally DC7 spits out the boney morsel that TFL has passed to him/her and starts getting more big fishy yummy bites. The fish is gone rather quickly and TFL picks up and eats the gristly pieces that her little ones were unable to manage to swallow. DC7 keeps me in stitches as s/he continues to park under TFL and poke through for the bites of leftovers that TFL is finding in the nest. MrP is back and he aerates the nest. DC6 just lies there, satisfied and watching DC7 with TFL. TFL whistles as MrP grabs a bony scrap that the kids were unable to swallow and he flies off with it. TFL climbs up the left V to do some feasting. She looks like a proud mama. She flies up to the overhead branch to perch. What an entertaining feeding. And by the way, the tail end of that fish was passed back and forth between DC6 and 7, and I'm happy to report, DC7 was the victor!	freebird_AEF
5/30/2018 17:41:1	5/30/2018	7:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Fish delivery / Feeding		
5/30/2018 17:48:4	5/30/2018	7:47:00 PM	MrP and TFL	At nest tree	Both eaglets relax. DC6 is asleep in the V, totally passed out. DC7 is in the nest playing with sticks and leaves. MrP flies into the nest and TFL remains on the overhead branch. One or both of them keep squonking and MrP is giving a laser focused look over the railing like he did the other day. It looks like he's hearing something beneath the nest again.	freebird_AEF
5/30/2018 17:52:2	5/30/2018	7:51:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Perching	MrP flies over to the NW branch to perch and TFL flies over to the primary perching tree. Both kids are sleeping next to one another in the nest.	freebird_AEF
5/30/2018 18:22:0	5/30/2018	7:59:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrivals and departures	MrP flies in to the nest. He sure seems to be bothered by something under the nest again. Oh dear. He ends up flying back to perch on the NW branch and TFL is still on the primary perching tree. DC6 decides to bug DC7 a bit. S/he stands up and weaves and tries to bob at 7 a bit but DC7 is able to easily avoid any pecks and they both mellow out within a minute and lie back down. MrP flies back into the nest at 8:09 and stands along the railing, looking down at the kids and around the area before heading back to perch on the same branch he flew in from. He's back almost instantly and stares down in that same area as a few days ago, trying to see who is making noise by peeking through the nest rails under the nest. MrP walks around the nest like a lawyer deliberating in a court room, then starts aerating. The little ones look up to him and start with peeps and peals. "How about a fish, Dad?" Then they return to sleep. MrP is up on the right V before taking off at 8:15. He flies over to join TFL at the PPT. The kids are zonked out. MrP flies back to the nest tree at 8:20. I believe he returned to the NW branch.	freebird_AEF
5/30/2018 19:00:4	5/30/2018	8:43:00 PM	MrP and DC6	Nest activity / DC6 walking	At 8:33pm, DC6 stood up to do a PS then walked all the way across the nest to the V fully standing on his/her feet every step of the way. That's the first time I personally have seen this little one do that. Congratulations DC6! Both of our eaglets are growing up so fast! MrP is having another night with the critter hiding in the cupboard beneath the nest. Lol. He flies in around 8:43 flapping his wings at it. I've yet to catch a glimpse of what it is. MrP flies up to the overhead branch at 8:53 to perch. He has taken TFL's favorite spot right at the top of the branch.	freebird_AEF
5/31/2018 4:18:16	5/31/2018	5:57:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching/Departure	It's a foggy morning, currently 70 degrees with a shower and thunderstorm around. I believe this is TFL perched on the NW branch and MrP on the lateral. MrP flies off and TFL moves up to the overhead branch. DC6 and DC7 are awake, preening themselves and gazing around. They go back off to sleep as TFL watches from above.	earlybird_AEF
5/31/2018 4:49:24	5/31/2018	6:41:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	It's been a very quiet morning, DC6 and DC7 sleep peacefully side by side. TFL flies off from the overhead branch and out of our view.	earlybird_AEF
5/31/2018 8:01:20	5/31/2018	9:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At approximately 7:50, Mr.P brought in a partially consumed, fresh fish to the nest. Ahem, a look at Mr.P revealed a white chest blaze, so he did a taste test before final delivery. TFL set to feeding the eaglets while Mr. P looked on. It is misty today with comfortable temp of 71, going up to 84 with afternoon showers. The Arb is more verdant than ever!	kaco4_AEF
5/31/2018 10:02:1	5/31/2018	11:40:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	While Mr. P was perched on the NW branch, after bringing in his partial catch, TFL went fishing and delivered a second meal to the nest at 10:30ish. DC6 was getting most of it, and not letting 7 get any, but 7 finally got into the mix. 7 got a huge piece which 6 immediately tried to take. The piece then fell into the nest rails, and 7 was looking for it. TFL rescued the wayward piece, and fed it to 7! At times, DC7 is so quick on the take, knowing that 6 is at the ready, that 7 loses his/her beak grip and, whoops, down goes the fish bit. He/she is a fast one, and knows how to out maneuver 6. Both are smart, healthy, and very well nurtured!	kaco4_AEF
5/31/2018 17:41:0	5/31/2018	7:39:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	First rain storm alone	Our DC eaglets have their first experience alone in a rain storm. There's even lightning passing through. I guess an 84 degree, hot and humid day is as good as it gets for their first drenched experience alone. TFL was keeping them dry a bit earlier but when the rain lessened, she headed for the overhead branch. I'm not sure if she's still there or perched elsewhere. DC6 and 7 snuggle together and ride out the passing storm.	freebird_AEF
5/31/2018 18:03:0	5/31/2018	8:02:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Sleeping together	The rain has either stopped or has lessened greatly. The DC kids are sleeping and don't seem bothered in the least bit by being wet or the occasional lightning flashes. The rain probably feels good since it's such a hot and humid day. I believe it's DC6 who has his/her wing over DC7 as they both sleep. Our little sweethearts are growing up more and more each day.	freebird_AEF
5/31/2018 18:12:2	5/31/2018	8:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrives	TFL flies in to the nest to check on the kids and the three of them snuggle together. Both little ones do their best to tuck under TFL.	freebird_AEF

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6/1/2018 5:07:28	6/1/2018	7:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivered a fish at 5:50am. TFL flew down from the overhead branch to feed the kids. MrP aerates the fluff and flies off. DC6 was the first to get fed and kept DC7 away from much of the feeding but DC7 did get some bites.	earlybird_AEF
6/1/2018 5:27:20	6/1/2018	7:08:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers another fish. Although DC6 again tries to keep DC7 away from the feeding, this time s/he's not having it. DC7 moves in and gets a good feeding from TFL. TFL tends to some housekeeping and flies up to the overhead branch. DC7 sits at the V branch and looks out at the world that s/he has yet to explore. DC6 wanders over to DC7 and begins moving a stick on top of her/him. DC7 grabs hold it and together they place it in the V. Good job little ones. DC7 moves out of the V and back into the nest. TFL squeals from the overhead branch as DC6 and DC7 gaze at her with a cute little tilt of their head. "What's going on Mom?"	earlybird_AEF
6/1/2018 5:33:53	6/1/2018	7:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	Intermittent vocals continue from TFL as she perches on the overhead branch. She flies off and out of our view.	earlybird_AEF
6/1/2018 6:15:57	6/1/2018	7:58:00 AM	Mr. President	Alert	TFL has not yet returned, she may just be out of our viewing range. DC6 and DC7 have taken a nap and now sit gazing out beyond the nest. It's a warm morning, already 71 degrees with a high of 89 degrees expected so they are panting already. MrP arrives back at the nest and is looking under the nest. Once again, something under there seems to be bothering him. He flies on and off the nest in an agitated state. No visual on what it might be but MrP has his eagle eyes on it.	earlybird_AEF
6/1/2018 10:37:19	6/1/2018	12:30:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	11:13am: TFL delivers a catfish. She doesn't feed the eaglets immediately. MrP is still flying back and forth seemingly on the hunt for something under the nest. TFL whistles as he comes back into the nest and continues as he leaves. They both seem on edge right now. Mr. Squirrel, if you are under that nest, this might be a good time to find other accommodations. MrP is in no mood for visitors. MrP returns several times. Finally TFL gets down to business and begins to feed DC6. DC7 stands down after being pecked by DC6. S/he waits patiently at the V for the perfect opportunity to get in there. TFL keeps holding out pieces in DC7's direction and finally DC7 takes her offer and gets a solo feeding. DC6 has a full crop and now so does DC7.	earlybird_AEF
6/1/2018 16:33:37	6/1/2018	6:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL is perched on the lateral branch, DC6 is in the V and DC7 is sleeping along the rails close to where mom is perched. TFL leaves the lateral branch at 6:23 and is spotted at the NW branch a few minutes later. The eaglets are letting out pealing calls for fish..	freebird_AEF
6/1/2018 17:07:59	6/1/2018	7:07:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching on overhead	TFL is now located on the overhead branch. She's keeping watch for MrP and appears to be waiting for a food delivery. If she wants a fish, she may have to go get it herself tonight. DC6 still has claim on the V and his/her feathers are really coming in making for a dark head with dandelion feathers at the crown and a beautiful dark circular pattern on his/her back. You can really see it when s/he's lying down with the dark feathered wing tops folded close to his/her body. Sweet DC7 is to the left of the V. Both eaglets keep looking up at mom perched above.	freebird_AEF
6/1/2018 17:36:27	6/1/2018	7:11:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Food delivery / Feeding	We start to hear squeals start low and increase in volume; almost like someone is say, "Whereeeeeee...." And it's in response to the much awaited fish delivery. MrP arrives with a big beautiful fish. You're such an awesome dad, MrP! Nice and big and spotted with some yellow colored skin and pink meat. Yum! TFL squeals with delight and flies down into the nest. MrP gathers his breath, panting away from the fishing expedition and delivery. TFL looks quite pleased. Once MrP flies out to perch, TFL moves into position to feed the kids. DC6 is getting fed first while DC7 positions him/herself at a 90 degree angle to 6 (tails almost toughing). DC7 keeps an eye on the feeding, calculating when to start making his/her move. TFL tears off nice big bites and DC6 gobbles them down. TFL even takes a few for herself. DC7's patience pays off. She moves in closer to TFL and dashes in for yummy bites. Both kids have a run in with a bony bite that was too big to get down and TFL pulls the bite out of both of their mouths. Now that it's taken care of, DC6's crop is so full, s/he isn't the least bit interested in eating any more and has moved to the V to rest its crop and 7 no longer feels the need to dash in to get bites; s/he relaxes and enjoys a private feeding with mom. Now we're hearing the chortling, chirpy-chirps of satisfied eaglets. All the while, MrP has been perched above his family while they eat. How I love these eagles! And may I just say, these crops are so huge, it's almost embarrassing! Lol. TFL flies off for a break and MrP remains perched on the overhead branch.	freebird_AEF
6/2/2018 5:00:18	6/2/2018	6:18:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival	It's a sunny morning, the chorus of birds fill the air. The distinct whistle of the Great Crested Flycatcher is heard and sure enough we see not one but two of them fluttering around. Their main diet is in fact flies and other flying insects so having them around is a good benefit for the eagles. DC6 and DC7 sleep through all of this but I believe this is TFL who lands on the left V branch. She's only there a short while and then flies out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 5:10:38	6/2/2018	6:39:00 AM	The First Lady	Greenery Delivery	TFL returns to the nest with some greenery. DC6 and DC7 wake up and greet her with some chirps, perhaps in disappointment that she didn't have a fish. I haven't seen any feedings yet this morning but they still have crops from the huge meal they had the night before. Of course, try to convince them of that. They are growing eagles and just like growing children, they are always ready to eat. TFL moves up to the overhead branch, perhaps waiting for MrP to bring breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 5:28:46	6/2/2018	7:11:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch. She stretches her neck and seems to track something. Does she see MrP? She softly chirps. They get louder and more persistent. The whistling begins. MrP lands on the overhead branch with her but there's no breakfast. She doesn't seem so pleased about that. "Where's our breakfast Dear?" MrP decides he best not hang around. Off he goes, hopefully down to the river.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 5:52:17	6/2/2018	7:43:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	DC6 and DC7 chitter chatter from the nest. DC6 is snuggled up at the V, DC7 meanders around the nest with a sprig of leaves hanging out of her/his beak, trying to find just the perfect spot to put it. I guess this one is going to be an interior nest designer like TFL. We know how TFL loves to decorate with the greenery.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 6:31:29	6/2/2018	8:11:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP has indeed delivered a fish. This time TFL whistles with delight as MrP proudly shows her his catch. TFL flies down into the nest and starts to feed her kiddos. DC6 is first at the plate but DC7 isn't far behind. Wow! DC7 is going to town, getting right in there and getting the majority of this fish. DC6 has a look of disbelief on her/his face, DC7 can put down some food. DC6 gets back in there towards the end and has a tug of war with TFL for the fish tail. I think Mom won that one. DC6 and DC7 both have nice crops now. They look like the blow up balloons that you see floating in a parade. Adorable to see! TFL flies off as the eaglets twitter in contentment.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 6:38:24	6/2/2018	8:32:00 AM	The First Lady	Greenery	TFL returns to the nest with some greenery. Oh My! DC6 and DC7 are so stuffed, they don't even bother getting up. TFL distributes it around the nest and flies over to the NW branch.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 6:56:04	6/2/2018	8:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL has flown to the overhead branch and perches with her wings slightly outstretched to cool off. It isn't expected to be as warm today with a high of only 79 degrees with some showers and a thunderstorm possible. DC6 and DC7 are cuddled up together sleeping off all of that fish.	earlybird_AEF
6/2/2018 10:16:21	6/2/2018	12:13:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	First Pellet Castings	Update: After review of video, we have the official first pellet casting dates and times for both eaglets. 5/25 at 1:18pm - DC6 casts first pellet 5/29 at 10:55am - DC7 casts first pellet	freebird_AEF
6/2/2018 10:23:42	6/2/2018	12:18:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival / Departure	TFL flies in was a little trinket of some sort to add to the nest. DC7 moves over to be closer to TFL and plays with a stick. It looks like a beautiful day at the arboretum (at least for the moment since it appears the forecast might include showers and a thunderstorm) and TFL has things to do. She heads off again only moments after arrival.	freebird_AEF

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6/2/2018 10:52:25	6/2/2018	12:43:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	One of the parents (the tail appears to be TFL's) flies to the nest and lands on the overhead branch and DC6 responds by watching, opening wings and opening and closing his/her beak. Now s/he stands in the nest, looking up and giving little pealing calls. "My crop is not stuffed like a pin cushion, when is the next food delivery?" No reply, so DC6 heads off to the rails to join DC7 to look out at their home territory.	freebird_AEF
6/3/2018 4:27:31	6/3/2018	6:15:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	It's a cloudy and breezy morning, currently 73 degrees with a high of 68 degrees expected and heavy rain. DC6 and DC7 are awake and wandering around the nest. DC6 finds some nesting material in the V and grabs it up in her/his beak. DC7 reaches over as if to play a little tug of war with it but doesn't quite get a hold of it. They both lie back down and fiddle with the leaves and sticks nearby. A parent was in the nest around 5:40am checking on things but no sign of one now. We have no visual on the overhead branch this morning so TFL could very well be perching in her favorite spot to keep watch over her kiddos.	earlybird_AEF
6/3/2018 4:44:56	6/3/2018	6:28:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish, TFL arrives right behind him. MrP flies off as TFL begins to feed her eaglets. DC6 steps up to get fed first but DC7 moves closer to get some fish too. A nice meal for both of them. TFL moves to the left V branch and departs. DC6 and DC7 settle down in the nest for a little rest time.	earlybird_AEF
6/3/2018 4:56:22	6/3/2018	6:48:00 AM	The First Lady	Greenery Delivery	TFL returns to the nest with some greenery. DC7 reaches up with her/his beak to check out TFL's beak. "Is there more food?" No food, just some lovely long stems to freshen up the nest. TFL flies off and DC7 moves some of the greenery around to help out Mom and then goes back to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
6/3/2018 6:23:07	6/3/2018	8:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Rain	The rain has started, the wind is blowing. DC6 and DC7 huddle together on the nest trying to keep dry.	earlybird_AEF
6/3/2018 10:02:56	6/3/2018	11:56:00 AM	The First Lady	Update	Update: The rain has been falling much of the morning. TFL returned to the nest around 10:00am to shelter DC6 and DC7. They are getting so big now but sweet Mama did her best. She briefly flew off when the rain had subsided but was quickly back at 10:30am. TFL attempted to feed DC6 and DC7 some leftovers from earlier. There wasn't much there but it appeared they got a few bites. The rain began again and TFL has been covering her precious eaglets ever since.	earlybird_AEF
6/3/2018 13:12:44	6/3/2018	3:04:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Food delivery / Feeding	TFL sets off the high pitched food siren "ssssqueeeEEE- squeeEEE" as MrP delivers a fish. DC6 is first up while 7 waits for DC6 to slow down. DC7 gets several bites but DC6 gets the majority of the meal, and TFL slurps down some scraps. She then flaps her wings and hops up onto the left V branch. DC7 snuggles next to 6 and TFL flies off at 3:09. The wind gently rocks the nest and rain continues, although it has let up some and the skies have lightened up as well... at least for now.	freebird_AEF
6/3/2018 13:23:47	6/3/2018	3:22:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Snuggling	DC7 is so cute and funny. S/he tries his/her best to squeeze under DC6. For a few moments it works and when DC6 moves, 7 chitter chatters at DC6, telling her/his sibling all about it. "Hey! You're bigger and older than me. C'mon, be a sport and cover me up." DC7 doesn't give up and keeps trying to tuck under 6. They end up side by side and close to one another.	freebird_AEF
6/3/2018 13:56:31	6/3/2018	3:55:00 PM	The First Lady	Covering eaglets	TFL is back at the nest as the next batch of stormy weather blows in. Pellets of rain fall, the wind picks up and TFL hovers over her two sweet babes, covering them as best she can. She gets that steely look on her face that she seems to get when she hunkers down and takes care of business. Love this mama.	freebird_AEF
6/3/2018 16:27:19	6/3/2018	6:24:00 PM	The First Lady	Covering DC kids	TFL continues to be super eagle mombrella, covering the DC kids as best she can. The rain has been relentless at times today. If you happen to tune in and only see DC6, don't worry. DC7 is tucked underneath TFL and DC6 rested on top of 7 -- making DC7 the warmest and driest one of the bunch right now. Way to go, little one.	freebird_AEF
6/3/2018 18:40:59	6/3/2018	8:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Quick break to PPT	The rain subsides a bit and TFL flies over to the primary perching tree after flapping her wings to shake off some water. She may be looking for MrP in hopes of a meal before dark. Besides that, it must have felt good for her to stretch and fly after being in the nest as mombrella all afternoon. The kids huddle together. TFL flies back to the nest one minute later, aerates for a few moments and then offers herself once again as a wind and rain guard to DC6 and 7. She keeps looking in the direction that she often looks when searching for MrP. So far, he's a no show.	freebird_AEF
6/3/2018 19:04:31	6/3/2018	9:01:00 PM	The First Lady	Holding down the fort	The eaglets are restless and TFL looks down at them like, "Uh boy... I'm going to have my talons full with these two tonight," especially given they've all been huddled together today, and while they're fine, they are also use to eating well before they call it a night. TFL continues to look outward. It would be nice for MrP to at least come home (with or without fish) and give her a well deserved break. She gets an urge and flies up the left V. She's looking out, then flies up to the overhead branch to perch. Time for a break either way. The rain appears to have stopped. She hangs her wings open to dry and preens while keeping watch over her family. The kids join in and they have a preening party, that is, before they both tuck their necks onto their backs like big eagles and go to sleep.	freebird_AEF
6/4/2018 4:05:25	6/4/2018	5:55:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	It's a pleasant morning, currently 57 degrees with a high of 77 degrees and periods of sun and clouds expected. 5:33am TFL flies off from the overhead branch. DC6 and DC7 sleep peacefully in the nest with an occasional chirp coming from one or both of them.	earlybird_AEF
6/4/2018 4:28:18	6/4/2018	6:10:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	DC6 and DC7's chirps become more persistent as they preen themselves. It sounds like the little darlings are ready for breakfast. TFL has departed some time ago, perhaps she's gone to give MrP their breakfast order. With all the rain yesterday, it wasn't a good fishing day but this morning the skies are clear. It looks like TFL has been out fishing. She arrives through the V with breakfast. DC6 is the first to be fed, DC7 stands back and waits his turn. DC6 isn't in the mood for sharing this morning. DC7 only manages to get one bite, with the rest going to DC6. Hopefully MrP will deliver another fish soon.	earlybird_AEF
6/4/2018 4:37:28	6/4/2018	6:29:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL moves up to the overhead branch and flies off again. DC7 searches around the nest and manages to find one piece of fish. S/he quickly gulps it down. Good job little one.	earlybird_AEF
6/4/2018 7:19:29	6/4/2018	9:07:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	8:16am I believe this is TFL who delivers another fish. DC6 holds DC7 off for most of this meal, DC7 does get some bites but not much. DC6 grabs up the tail and mantles it. TFL takes it back and feeds DC6 some more. TFL flies off to the primary perching tree leaving the tail behind. DC7 hunts around the nest, finds the tail and gobbles it down. Good for you DC7! I'm so proud of you!	earlybird_AEF
6/4/2018 13:36:40	6/4/2018	3:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Around 2:30, MrP brought in another fish and DC6 got to eat it all. Sending out good vibes that another fish comes in soon and DC7 gets it.	freebird_AEF
6/4/2018 17:57:18	6/4/2018	7:51:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival	TFL flies to the overhead branch. She's panting from the fly-in and looking in the direction that MrP often flies in from the river. Both kids chirp a bit but remain lying down and napping.	freebird_AEF
6/4/2018 18:30:26	6/4/2018	8:05:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched atop overhead branch	TFL is in resting position on overhead when Mr.P flies in with prey. TFL flies into nest. Very strange. No one is offering any to the kids. The fish is a partial one and doesn't look like fresh catch. Ah, there we go. 6 is getting first dibs, and second, and third. Shutting 7 out. 7 is up but not demanding a share. In fact he/she walks to the other side of the nest. 7 must be planning a way into the action. 6 is hungry because he/she is showing aggression towards 7. Indeed, 6 just devoured the tail!! Huge piece! Mom grabbed it back but s/she got it anyway. C'mon, 7, assert yourself!! S/he won't even come close to the feeding area. Now TFL is eating morsels, but nothing given to 7. Here comes 7. Feed me mommy!! All that is left is a piece near the front end. TFL gives one piece to 7!!! And a bony second. 7 sneaks up in front of 6 and gets a couple more pieces. Yes! Steals a few more. Good going, 7! The majority of the remainder went to 7. Hope Mr. P catches his own lovely fresh fish soon. Today was not a bountiful one.	kaco4_AEF

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6/4/2018 18:56:19	6/3/2018	8:35:00 PM	The First Lady	Back on overhead	TFL is back on overhead after unloading the meat from the partial fish. Mr. P is also visible in the PPT but then joins TFL on the overhead for a couple of minutes. He then jumps into the nest to break up one tiny bit left of the fish, probably hoping to get a couple of bites for himself. 7 gets most of it. Then P eats a bony morsel not fit for the eaglets. 7 grabs it from dad but cant make a go of it. P gets it and one can hear the cracking of bones as he breaks it into edible bony morsels. 7 squeals this whole time like a sporadic tea kettle and gets to eat some bony stuff too. P then flies off. 6 gives 7 a coy look as if to say, sorry I was unpleasant tonight, but that's the way the fish crumbles. The IR light switches on, and 7 starts fluffing up the nest, readying for bedtime. Our eaglets are sporting crops, so they should sleep well tonight. They are side by side, with heads in opposite directions, staring out into the oncoming night. Such beauties of nature. 6's emerging tail feathers get nibbled by 7 just before 7's head hits the moss. 6's left wing gently spreads over onto 7's side. Both have their eyes closed now, their bodies indistinguishable from one another.	kaco4_AEF
6/5/2018 4:16:16	6/5/2018	6:00:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Perching	Morning Update 5:19AM MrP and TFL perch together in the primary perching tree. 5:28am MrP flies off and out of our view, TFL flies to the overhead branch. 5:36 TFL departs from the overhead branch.	earlybird_AEF
6/5/2018 4:26:59	6/5/2018	6:05:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	It's a clear and sunny morning, currently 62 degrees with a high of 79 expected. DC6 and DC7 look like two little sun kissed angels as they lie basking in the sunshine. They cuddle together, preen their feathers and amuse themselves with the nesting material nearby. DC7 looks up and chirps intermittently. Two eaglets in waiting. For breakfast, that is. MrP and TFL have flown off, hopefully in search of that breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
6/5/2018 4:54:40	6/5/2018	6:36:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL delivers a beautiful fish. Both DC6 and DC7 are up front and center, ready to get fed. DC6 tries to keep DC7 away but DC7 is not having it this morning. S/he pushes her/his way in there and grabs piece after piece. DC7 hasn't had much food for the past several days but s/he's getting it this morning. This is beautiful to see. They both are fed well but DC7 actually gets more than her/his fair share, never giving up until the last morsel was gone. That's the way to do it little one.	earlybird_AEF
6/5/2018 6:19:35	6/5/2018	8:00:00 AM	The First Lady	Sweet Siblings	TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch. DC6 pecks softly at DC7's beak and nibbles on his talon in a playful way. "Come on little brother/sister. Let's play". DC7 gives her/him a little beak bite back. Two siblings, just enjoying each other's company this morning. They gaze out together at the world beyond. "One day, we will be out there flying together, just like Mom and Dad". Not yet little ones.....not quite yet.	earlybird_AEF
6/5/2018 14:24:53	6/5/2018	4:20:00 PM	Parent	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	There have been three fish delivered and three good feedings this afternoon. Both eaglets look stuffed and ready for a nap. It's so great to see both of them with full crops.	earlybird_AEF
6/5/2018 18:42:40	6/5/2018	8:34:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Hanging out	Over the past two hours, it's been pretty quiet and low key at the nest. TFL has remained perched above on the overhead branch eagle sitting and MrP has been off doing his own thing. DC6 and 7 have basically been sleeping comfortably, digesting some of the food in their enormous crops. At 7:51, DC6 ventures over to the leftover fish in the nest, places his/her right foot over the tail end and successfully nips, tears and nibbles some tiny bites.	freebird_AEF
6/5/2018 19:08:33	6/5/2018	8:53:00 PM	Mr. President	Attempt to eat leftovers	MrP arrives in the nest and goes for the leftover fish but TFL quickly flies down from the overhead branch. She whistles at MrP while he quickly grabs a few bites of fish and then she gently, but firmly pulls the fish away from him and gives him a look like, "Go get your own fish! This one is for the kids." Still tempted, he meanders back over towards her and the fish and she tilts her head sideways, looking up at him from under his chest. She nips at the air, as if she were going to nibble at MrP. This clearly communicates that this leftover is already claimed. MrP bows his head, moves back to the rails and flies off two minutes later, then he returns just minutes after to perch on the overhead branch. Once TFL and the kids finish off the leftovers, TFL flies off to perch at the primary perching tree at 8:59. And our DC eaglets nestle together to rest.	freebird_AEF
6/6/2018 4:16:52	6/6/2018	5:55:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	It's a perfect morning, the nest is drenched in sunshine. DC6 and DC7 look like two little golden nuggets as the sun shines down on them. TFL perches on the overhead branch. It's always comforting to see her there first thing in the morning and know she is keeping watch over her young ones. Those young ones are chirping away. Cheep, cheep, cheep. "Feed me, feed me, feed me". TFL keeps her eyes on the horizon. "Where is that mate of mine. Do I need to go catch a fish myself?" I think I might even see her tapping her talons in impatience.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 4:33:35	6/6/2018	6:18:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Playtime	DC6 and DC7 are so cute together. DC6 sure does like to peck on her/his sibling in the early mornings. Not in a mean way but in a "let's play" way. S/he just gives her/him a nudge here and there and DC7 gives her/him a look like "I'm sleeping here". Sometimes DC6 is just too hard to resist and DC7 does get up to "play". They pull on sticks together, pass nesting material back and forth and have a little beak tussle. These are the special moments I will remember. All eaglets have their disagreements and the older one usually prevails but for the most part these two sweethearts are best of friends.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 4:56:39	6/6/2018	6:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the overhead branch. I would be remiss this morning if I didn't mention how gorgeous she looks as she preens herself in the sunshine. The rays of the sun shining down on her, illuminating her feathers in the golden light. She looks like a Queen perched upon her throne as she waits for her knight in shining armor.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 5:15:57	6/6/2018	6:58:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL's knight in shining armor has arrived with his bounty. DC6 and DC7 squeal with joy as they see the fish delivered. TFL flies down to feed her eaglets and MrP flies off. It looks like MrP has enjoyed some of this fish already but there's plenty for the young ones. Both of the eaglets dive right in. They use their best table manners and nicely share this meal right down to the last morsel, DC7 getting the tail. All that can be heard now is the silence of contentment.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 5:28:06	6/6/2018	7:16:00 AM	The First Lady	Greenery Delivery	TFL departs from the nest after the feeding but quickly returns with a talon full of greenery. DC6 and DC7 greet her with some chirps. No, not another fish yet. She places her lovely bouquet at the V, checks on the young ones and off she goes again.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 5:43:01	6/6/2018	7:37:00 AM	Parent	Perching	Someone has found a good hiding spot behind the leaves. Our cam operator has found one of the parents perched on the NW branch. The leaves are so dense it's hard to identify which one it is but it's nice to know s/he is watching over the little ones.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 5:58:13	6/6/2018	7:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Wing Flapping	TFL flies back to the overhead branch. DC6 practices some wing flapping, strengthening those muscles for the first flight. "Look Mom. I can do it too". "Good job DC6. You will be joining me here soon enough."	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 9:45:36	6/6/2018	11:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update: TFL delivers a fish at 9:50am. DC6 doesn't want to share this one so DC7 just stands back and bides her/his time. The fish is about halfway gone before DC7 makes her/his move but what a move it is. S/he saunters over to TFL, makes a quick grab and scores the tail! Yes! S/he keeps snatching bites and ends up with a nice crop. DC6 had pretty much backed off by this time, perhaps in admiration of DC7's skillful maneuver. All in all it was a nice feeding for both eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
6/6/2018 12:12:13	6/6/2018	1:41:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL perches on the overhead branch. She seems to be excited about something. She starts to softly squeal. It gets louder and more persistent. What is going on? What does she see? She is tracking something but our cam op can't find it. The whistling starts and who should fly in but MrP with a fish. TFL flies down in the nest, MrP is off to the primary perching tree. DC6 and DC7 are chitter chattering with anticipation. DC6 is on one side of TFL, DC7 is on the other. This makes for a perfect meal. DC7 hesitates just for a short while but quickly joins in. They are both fed well and DC7 gets the tail again. It didn't take long for this fish to disappear. We have two happy and full eaglets once again.	earlybird_AEF

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6/6/2018 17:14:35	6/6/2018	7:11:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Update :: Feedings	Since the last log post, it appears two more fish were delivered, one after another, and both DC kids stuffed their crops even more than they already were. Currently, it looks like TFL is on the overhead branch and both kids are sleeping off the abundance of food in their crops.	freebird_AEF
6/6/2018 18:00:36	6/6/2018	7:45:00 PM	Mr. President	Fish delivery / Feeding	TFL whistles as MrP delivers another -- yes! you heard me right -- another fish. This one is a good sized headless fish with pink meat. We see MrP's blaze as his crop bulges from being full. MrP hangs out and aerates the nest for a few minutes then flies off and TFL gets down to the business of feeding. DC6 sits and watches while DC7 eats. DC6 is only interested in a few bites, leaving the majority of this feeding for DC7. After the feeding, TFL flies off to the NW branch to perch and feak her beak. MrP and TFL are such amazing parents. I feel very honored to watch how capable they are at providing for all their eaglets' needs and for the loving care they exhibit to their young and to one another. Across the arboretum, we see MrP perched at the primary perching tree, looking across the way and watching his family.	freebird_AEF
6/6/2018 18:59:20	6/6/0008	8:56:00 PM	DC eagle family	Night time update	It's been peaceful and quiet since the last feeding. TFL is perched at the primary perching tree facing the nest and MrP is eaglelet sitting on the overhead branch. The kids have basically just been sleeping since the last feeding. How I love this family. Good night, dear DC eagle family, and sweet dreams.	freebird_AEF
6/7/2018 6:32:32	6/7/2018	8:23:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	It's been a peaceful morning at the nest. TFL flew from the overhead branch at 6:49am and MrP was seen on the NW branch at 7:02am. DC6 and DC7 have been wandering around, amusing themselves with sticks and nesting material, even finding a stray feather to play with. It's so cute how they can walk around now. The temperature is a mild 64 degrees right now so it's a perfect day for two eaglets to explore the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/7/2018 6:45:49	6/7/2018	8:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Perching	MrP perches in the primary perching tree. How handsome he looks sporting his white blaze. The eaglets are lying in the nest. DC6 at the V, DC7 at the other side of the nest using the rails as a pillow. Little squees can be heard from them periodically. The squees of the eaglets and the chirping of the birds make a pleasant melody throughout the area.	earlybird_AEF
6/7/2018 6:53:41	6/7/2018	8:49:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Week 5	DC6 and DC7 are both 5 weeks old now. What to expect in Week 5. Although sibling rivalry has decreased, competing for food will continue throughout the rest of their lives. Playing with sticks. Fully standing. Aware of the world outside the nest. Tracking of things flying	earlybird_AEF
6/7/2018 10:18:05	6/7/2018	12:15:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	10:32am Update: TFL arrived at the nest with a whopper of a fish. MrP arrived right behind her with another fish. DC6 tried to keep DC7 from eating but DC7 is getting very clever. S/he has learned to wait and then make her/his move and that's exactly what happened. They were both fed well. There was even some extra for MrP and TFL.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 4:33:45	6/8/2018	6:30:00 AM	Parent	Update Arrival of Prey/Feeding.	Update: There were two additional feedings last evening at 6:40pm and 8:47pm. Both eaglets ate well.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 4:53:08	6/8/2018	6:50:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	It's a sunny morning, currently 65 degrees. A parent was on the overhead branch and flew off at 5:43am seemingly in the direction of the river. DC6 and DC7 have spent their morning preening their feathers and exploring the nest. You never know what tidbit you might discover. DC7 lies sleeping now, DC6 is cuddled up against the right V branch and poking around in the nesting material.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 5:27:56	6/8/2018	7:12:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Casting a Pellet	DC6 is full of energy this morning. DC7 just wants to sleep. DC6 is like the pesky older sibling picking at the younger one. He tries allopreening DC7 but s/he is just not in the mood. DC6 gives her/him little pecks and nudges and looks at her/him with a cute little tilt of the head. DC7 just moves away and falls back to sleep. Finally DC6 settles down at the V. DC7 starts opening and closing his/her beak in a gagging motion. S/he seems to be trying to cast a pellet. It looks so uncomfortable when they do that, kind of like a cat with a hairball, but it does come out at 7:18am. That must feel so much better.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 5:40:42	6/8/2018	7:18:00 AM	DC7	Eagle Vocabulary	Pellet -- indigestible food regurgitated by a bird; In the case of eagles, a pellet consists only of fur or feathers. Other raptors, such as owls, also regurgitate bones in their pellet along with the fur of animals they consume.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 5:58:25	6/8/2018	7:50:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Wingerclizing	DC6 has been very active this morning, moving sticks and nesting material. S/he has done some beautiful wingerclizing, exercising her/his wings with a little bounce in her/his step.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 6:07:30	6/8/2018	7:55:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish and begins feeding the eaglets. TFL arrives soon after and takes over the feeding. Both eaglets are getting good bites and sharing nicely. It doesn't take long for that fish to be gobbled up and TFL flies off.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 13:17:29	6/8/2018	2:41:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL flies in through the V with a fish. TFL seems a little concerned about something below. It sounds like some kind of machinery, she cranes her head to take a look but seems to think it's no threat. DC6 and DC7 have been watching TFL and when she starts pulling the fish apart DC6 is first to get fed. DC6 would like to enjoy this fish solo and gives DC7 a peck to let her/him know it. But DC7 has other plans. Clever DC7 sneaks under TFL and gets to the other side of her. Both of the eaglets get fed well, one on each side of TFL. DC6 and DC7 settle down for a nap with their full crops. TFL perches on the overhead branch and watches over them.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 13:28:39	6/8/2018	3:17:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Another fish delivery, this time by MrP. TFL flies in to do the feeding. Can DC6 and DC7 still be hungry after just devouring a fish? Yes they can! They both dig right in and have another good meal.	earlybird_AEF
6/8/2018 17:01:00	6/8/2018	7:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	From 6-7pm, TFL has been perched on the overhead branch and our two eaglets are comfortably resting together near the V.	freebird_AEF
6/8/2018 18:16:25	6/8/2018	8:05:00 PM	TFL and Eaglets	Hanging Out	TFL perches atop the overhead branch. She has been there for a couple of hours. Mr. P's whereabouts are unknown at the moment. Odds are that he is out fishing, or perched in a tree nearby the nest. DC6 and 7 sit at the rails to the left of the V. 7 is seriously preening. At on point s/he stands tall and wingerclizes, looking very grown up! All those new tangled feathers are probably prickly and itchy. 7 still has a little wisp of white on the back of his/her head, like a decorative crown. 6 playfully nibbles on a blade of grass, still green from today's delivery and glances at 7 briefly. 7 is still sporting a rather robust crop. 6, not as large. Both eaglets were well fed today. Temperature in DC is 79 going down to 69. This weekend will be in the 80's with a chance of ... yes ... rain showers both Saturday and Sunday.	kaco4_AEF
6/9/2018 4:23:36	6/9/2018	6:17:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	It's a cloudy morning, currently 70 degrees, a high of 82 is expected with showers and thunderstorms. DC6 and DC7 are doing their usual morning routine of preening and exploring the nest. A parent flew from the overhead branch at 4:47am, perhaps on their way to catch a fish before the rain comes in.	earlybird_AEF
6/9/2018 5:46:32	6/9/2018	7:45:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	DC6 and DC7 cuddle together near the left V branch. Both have been wingerclizing this morning, DC6, being the older one is just a little more coordinated but DC7 is doing well. Before we know it they'll be hovering above the nest. That is always exciting to see. No sign of MrP or TFL since very early this morning. They could be perched nearby but no visual on them.	earlybird_AEF
6/9/2018 12:20:30	6/9/2018	2:19:00 PM	Update	Feeding	There were two feedings earlier today. One around 10am and the second one about 30 minutes later. During one of the feedings, MrP delivered a big catfish and fed both eaglets. DC6 claimed the tail but to my knowledge, all-in-all it was an even feeding. Around 1:45, TFL flies off the overhead branch and departs the nest. At 2:06, she flies into the nest and gobbles up some leftover scraps. DC6 gets up and TFL feeds him/her a couple small bites. Then DC6 picks some small bites out of the nest to feed him/herself. TFL flies off with a final scrap without looking back. Meanwhile, DC7 shakes his/her head and behaves as if s/he may be preparing to cast a pellet.	freebird_AEF

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6/9/2018 13:08:46	6/9/2018	2:39:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL flies in with a fish and starts offering bites. DC6 lies comfortably within beaks' reach and gets fed while lying in the nest. Sort of like being fed breakfast in bed. As mentioned earlier, DC7 may be working on a pellet seems disinterested in the feeding. S/he remains resting at the V. TFL pulls off the tail and offers it to DC6 but it's a bit too large, so she gulps it down, then continues to tear off bites and feed 6. TFL then returns to the overhead branch to perch. Sweet DC6's crop is full and s/he's satisfied, while poor little DC7 hangs his/her head into the V waiting to cast that pellet. Don't worry, DC7. You'll get that pellet up soon!	freebird_AEF
6/10/2018 4:22:37	6/10/2018	6:15:00 AM	Parent	Morning	It's a mild 70 degrees and cloudy conditions with showers and a thunderstorm possible. A parent keeps watch from the primary perching tree as DC6 and DC7 lie sleeping in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/10/2018 5:12:41	6/10/2018	6:58:00 AM	Parent	Fly Off	It's been a very lazy day for DC6 and DC7. They continue to sleep, only waking up now and then to preen. The parent, who had been perching in the primary perching tree has flown off.	earlybird_AEF
					MrP delivers the partial remains of a fish. TFL flies in to do the feeding as MrP departs. DC6 is aggressive this morning, s/he pecks DC7 and grabs her/his head. DC7 takes refuge in the V branch. DC6 gets all of this fish, grabbing up the tail from TFL and moving to the other side of the nest. TFL goes after it and DC6 snaps at her. TFL prevails, feeds DC6 more bites and then DC6 swallows it down. DC7 chirps away but gets nothing from this meal. TFL flies off and brings back some greenery. DC7 quickly scurries over seemingly in anticipation of more food but it is not to be. TFL departs, DC6 and DC7 lie back down in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/10/2018 6:28:01	6/10/2018	8:06:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update 9:13am MrP delivers a fish and feeds the eaglets. This was a good sized fish, much better than the last one. This time both DC6 and DC7 were fed.	earlybird_AEF
6/10/2018 9:27:44	6/10/2018	11:23:00 AM	Mr. President	Update: Arrival of Prey/Feeding	DC7 has been doing some wingercizing, snuggling with DC6 and vocalizing pealing calls for another meal (most likely) over the past hour. DC6 had more of the morning meals and is relaxed and snoozing off. DC7 did get some of the last meal, as stated in the log post above, but s/he wants more. At least, that's my interpretation. TFL is on the overhead branch looking toward the river where MrP often flies from with a meal.	earlybird_AEF
6/10/2018 10:54:37	6/10/2018	12:48:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	DC7 activities	TFL departs the overhead branch. Has she gone fishing for her squeezing little DC7? Stay tuned and we'll see.	freebird_AEF
6/10/2018 11:11:40	6/10/2018	1:07:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	DC6 and 7 are on a mission to move a small 3-pronged stick in varying places in the nest. It's pretty adorable watching them mimic their parents' behaviors as they learn and grow. Both eaglets are more active today and appear to be on lookout half the time and playing with sticks or practicing other growing up activities. What doesn't change is DC7's peals. Those sweet high-pitched whistle resounding youthful squees that often sound like, "Please, please, pleaseeeeee" to me.	freebird_AEF
6/10/2018 11:33:31	6/10/2018	1:31:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Squees and activities	2:06: TFL flies in with a fish and both eaglets rush to her squeezing wildly. DC7 positions him/herself in front of DC6 and gets some good bites in until DC6 gives 7 a head butt and pushes him/her forward toward the nest rails. DC7 gets a bite that's too big and drops it down into the nest railing. MrP flies in with another fish. Yay, MrP! The kids scream but don't know that MrP has a fish to share since their backs are turned to him. DC7 grabs the fish away from TFL and tries to eat a huge tail end but it's way too big and 7 drops it on the railing. TFL grabs it off the rails and starts feeding 6 again. DC7 is oblivious to MrP's fish and continues to try to sneak in to get fed by TFL. MrP drags his fish farther away from TFL and the kids. Since TFL and the kids are not acknowledging MrP's fish, he decides to fly off with it. But TFL is wise to his ways and is looking around trying to spot him as her fish gets eaten. Will she go steal his fish? Wouldn't that be amazing if she did? TFL flies off. DC6 didn't get a lot of the previous fish so lets wait and see what happens next. TFL doesn't seem to know where MrP went. She's perched on the NVV branch looking for him. Maybe he'll eat the head and bring it back. The eaglets continue to whistle and squeal as they search for scraps to eat. TFL flies off the nest tree. The fish arrives back to the nest at 2:18. TFL tracked MrP down and took the fish back. Lol! DC7 is on one side of TFL and is seriously interested in getting bites and 6, who must be pretty full by now, stands on the other side and calmly waits for a bite here and there while watching 7 get fed. DC7 keeps dashing in and basically shares the fish with TFL. Well done, madame! And lovely to see both eaglets well fed and sassy. TFL hops up to the left V and onto the overhead branch. And just like that, TFL and the DC kids relax and it's once again quiet at the nest.	freebird_AEF
6/10/2018 12:32:24	6/10/2018	2:15:00 PM	MrP and TFL	The saga of two fish deliveries	4:53pm: MrP delivers a fish to the nest and TFL flies down from the overhead branch for the feeding. MrP then flies off at 4:54. Both eaglets are getting fed. DC6 downs a huge tail! Like, I can't believe how big that tail was and how aptly 6 was able to swallow it. TFL continues to feed DC7. It's amazing how quickly fish are devoured at the nest these days. Our eaglets are quickly growing -- sprouting up like two constantly hungry and growing teenagers. DC7 has sure become vocal in the past week, but for now, the nest is once again quiet as filled crops pacify our beautiful feathered duo.	freebird_AEF
6/10/2018 15:17:32	6/10/2018	5:13:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At 7:43 MrP arrives with a fish and begins feeding DC6. DC7 steps aside and waits. 7 tries to get in for some bites but there's no way around DC6, so s/he just faces the rails. DC7 moves behind 6 hoping to get in but doesn't see an opportunity so s/he heads out to the V then along the nest railing behind MrP. DC7 looks under MrP's tail to see if s/he might be able to sneak in from underneath but that doesn't work either. Finally, with DC6 satisfied, DC7 is able to get in for a short feeding with MrP. DC7 has a problem with a bite of food but manages to get it out of his/her mouth on its own and then pulls meat off. Good job, DC7! DC7 tells MrP all about wanting more food and MrP flies off at 8:18pm.	freebird_AEF
6/10/2018 18:21:45	6/10/2018	8:21:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Good evening, DC Eagle Family. It's a cool 67 degrees and overcast here in DC. Very comfortable for the eaglets, who are currently lounging side by side with their heads down as their feathers blow in the breeze. Being an eaglet is exhausting. Sleep, wait for food, walk a few steps, sleep, wait for food, walk a few steps....Good grief that's quite an active day. No wonder they need to sleep, wait for food, walk a few steps....They have to rebuild stamina to continue to sleep, wait for food and walk a few steps :) All is serene at the nest for the moment. DC 6 and 7 look so peaceful.	FreeSoars_AEF
6/11/2018 16:17:38	6/11/2018	6:16:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Napping	Mr. P or TFL arrived on the Overhead Branch a moment ago. I am unable to decipher as only the tip of the tail is in view. Most likely it was TFL.	FreeSoars_AEF
6/11/2018 16:43:38	6/11/2018	6:42:00 PM	Mr.P or TFL	Arrival	It's a partly sunny morning, currently 58 degrees with a high of 78 degrees expected. TFL perches on the overhead branch, DC6 and DC7 are lying in the nest. DC7 is looking up at TFL and being very vocal this morning. It appears that someone is ready for breakfast. DC6 watches this with a cute little tilt of the head and gives DC7 a few beak bumps. DC6 gets up and stretches her/his wings as DC7 looks on and nibbles at her/his talons. More beak play, some wing flapping by DC6 and s/he snuggles down with DC7. TFL rouses her feathers and waits, presumably for MrP to bring home breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
6/12/2018 4:20:49	6/12/2018	6:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Morning	TFL flies from the overhead branch at 6:43am. Is she on her way to get breakfast? By the sound of the eaglet's squees this morning, they sure hope so. She returns at 7:07am but not with a fish. DC6 and DC7 rush over to see what she brought but to their dismay it's only greenery. TFL departs from the nest again. Can't wait to see what she brings this time. DC6 and DC7 wander around and explore the nest. So cute how DC6 and DC7 move the greenery around. DC7 makes her/himself a nice bed of it and snuggles back down. DC6 finds a small piece of leftover bone and tries to get some meat off of it. DC7 goes over to take a look and grabs it away. DC6 says not so fast little sibling, that's mine and takes it right back. It didn't seem to be anything there to eat but they seemed to have fun with it.	earlybird_AEF
6/12/2018 5:30:16	6/12/2018	7:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure/Return		earlybird_AEF

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6/12/2018 5:45:40	6/12/2018	7:29:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Fox Frolicking	Well isn't this cute. There are at least three foxes frolicking down below. They have sure caught DC6's attention. S/he has her/his eagle eyes on them as they run around and play near the benches. DC7 is totally oblivious to the whole thing and continues to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
6/12/2018 6:37:43	6/12/2018	8:20:00 AM	Live Q & A Chat Update	Live Q & A Chat Update	Our regularly scheduled Question and Answer chat will pause after the Tuesday, June 12 session and resume Monday, June 18. This is to allow our volunteers to attend the Chatters Reunion in Pidgeon Forge, TN. Our cameras will continue to be live streamed and we will continue to post on the Event Log. Bring your questions and join us today from 10:00am-12:00pm for our final chat before the reunion and we hope to see you back on Monday, June 18 at 6:00pm-8:00pm.	earlybird_AEF
6/12/2018 13:22:51	6/12/2018	2:49:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	I believe this is TFL who delivers a whopper of a fish. This one might be considered a double whopper. It's a beauty! Both of the eaglets quickly scurry over to get fed. They both are getting fed well before DC6 gives DC7 some pecks and DC7 heads for the V. DC6 is getting a solo feeding while DC7 gives sideways glances to see if s/he can make her/his move. DC7 steps out but goes right back in. Finally DC6 looks nice and full and there's plenty of fish left. DC7 steps out of the V again and moves closer. S/he jumps right in there and starts grabbing food. Success! DC7 gets fed well while DC6 is now only interested in a bite here and there. Even a peck by DC6 doesn't stop DC7 from eating now.	earlybird_AEF
6/13/2018 4:11:06	6/13/2018	5:23:00 AM	Parent	Departure	One of the parents is perching on the overhead and watching over DC6 and DC7. S/he flies over to the primary perching tree as DC6 stands and looks on. Twenty minutes later the parent departs from the PPT and out of our view.	earlybird_AEF
6/13/2018 4:24:20	6/13/2018	6:12:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Interaction	It's an overcast morning, currently 68 degrees with a high of 85 degrees expected and a chance of a shower or thunderstorm in spots. DC7 has been up and windercizing, DC6 is lying down and preening her/his feathers. Intermittent squees can be heard from them as they wait for breakfast. DC7 lies down next to DC6 and they have a little beak play, tapping each other's beak almost as if they're giving each other morning kisses. They play tug of war with some nesting material and pass it back and forth. They are so cute in the morning when they interact together like this.	earlybird_AEF
6/13/2018 5:17:43	6/13/2018	6:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish and feeds DC6 and DC7. Both eaglets are fed and MrP gets some bites too.	earlybird_AEF
6/13/2018 9:17:35	6/13/2018	11:04:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Update: Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update: 9:54am MrP delivers a fish and TFL arrives right behind him to do the feeding. TFL whistles away and stands over the fish until MrP departs. Good to see DC7 get a good feeding since s/he didn't get as much at the last one. DC6 wasn't as interested this time but s/he did get some good bites and the tail. Both eaglets now have some beautiful bulging crops and are ready to settle down for a nap.	earlybird_AEF
6/13/2018 11:38:33	6/13/2018	1:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Update: Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update: MrP delivers another fish at 12:20pm. He starts to pull it apart but stops and intently looks around. DC6 moves closer to him and gives some chirps. MrP continues to watch the area. DC6 goes back into the V, DC7 continues to lie in the nest. Ten minutes later MrP begins to eat the fish himself. DC7 moves closer and reaches out to get some fish but MrP continues to eat himself. DC7 gets even closer and finally MrP decides to share the fish. TFL arrives and takes over feeding DC7. DC6 doesn't seem that interested yet but it doesn't take long before s/he wanders over to get a bite or two. TFL enjoys some fish herself and flies off the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/14/2018 17:17:38	6/14/2018	7:16:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Update :: Fish deliveries	Around 10:30 this morning, our DC eaglets received what we believe to be their first non-fish meal. It looked like a squirrel was delivered to the nest. The kids initially seemed unimpressed but eventually DC7 warmed up to the idea of eating it, while DC6 passed on the opportunity. Then around 3:15, a parent delivered a fish.	freebird_AEF
6/14/2018 17:20:46	6/14/2018	7:19:00 PM	Eaglets / TFL	At nest tree	Both kids are hanging out in the nest. DC6 is showing what a big eagle s/he is by perching along the railing while DC7 naps in the nest with one leg all stretched out. Meanwhile, TFL perches open-winged and relaxed on the overhead branch.	freebird_AEF
6/14/2018 18:14:09	6/14/2018	7:40:00 PM	Eaglets / TFL	Nest activity	TFL who is perched above, and both kids in the nest, all seem to be looking in the same direction. DC7 still has a few dandelion fluffs in his/her head while all of DC6's downy head fluffery has disappeared. Whatever had the DC family's attention has gone. DC6 stares up at TFL on the overhead and we hear soft, lulling chitter chatters rising from the nest.	freebird_AEF
6/15/2018 4:35:56	6/15/2018	6:24:00 AM	The First Lady	Morning	It's a pleasant morning, currently 68 degrees with sunny conditions. TFL perches on the overhead branch, her feathers illuminated from the sun. She rouses her feathers which gets the eaglets attention. They start chirping as they look up at her, perhaps letting her know that breakfast would be appreciated. DC7 snuggles back down in the nest, DC6 is up and active moving sticks near the V and gazing out at the surrounding area.	earlybird_AEF
6/15/2018 5:01:29	6/15/2018	6:54:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	DC6 and DC7's squees get more persistent. TFL flies from the overhead branch and out of our view.	earlybird_AEF
6/15/2018 5:07:13	6/15/2018	7:05:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Week 6	DC6 and DC7 are now both six weeks old. What to expect in Week 6. The eaglets are very nearly as large as their parents. Dark juvenile feathers will begin to grow in. While downy feathers are excellent insulators, they are useless and must be replaced with juvenile feathers before an eaglet can take its first flight, some 10 to 14 weeks after hatching. Proficient in standing and walking. Tearing own food or attempting to. Imitating parents by moving sticks. Growth is now concentrated on feather growth.	earlybird_AEF
6/15/2018 5:56:49	6/15/2018	7:45:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	DC6 and DC7 perch together on the nest rails and gaze around. If we only knew what they were thinking, what they are watching. They have become so curious about everything, accomplishing more each day. They are so aware now, even a bee buzzing by catches DC6's attention. My what big eaglets you have become. They balance themselves beautifully as they preen their feathers. DC6 does some wingercizing across the nest as DC7 looks on. DC6 perches on the nest rails and flaps her/his wings. It's those moments when you hold your breath and say careful little one. But you know that this is how they learn, what they need to experience to make that first flight. So we sit back and observe and learn from them. When the time is right and they soar to the skies we will be like proud parents cheering them on. But not yet little ones, not quite yet.	earlybird_AEF
6/15/2018 14:05:32	6/15/2018	4:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Update: Feedings	Update: There have been at least two feedings today. During the 10:00 hour they were served a fish head. Yum. During the 1:00 hour they were fed a beauty of a fish, all parts included. DC6 and DC7 seemed to have enjoyed both meals.	earlybird_AEF
6/16/2018 4:48:03	6/16/2018	6:33:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	The area is anything but quiet this morning with the serenade of birds and the sounds of urban city life nearby. The sun is shining down on DC6 and DC7 as they lie in the nest. DC6 preens her/his feathers and puts her/his head back down. DC7 raises her/his head, gazes around and gives a few chirps. S/he moves a stick, repositions her/himself and settles back down. A parent perches in the primary perching tree watching over them.	earlybird_AEF
6/16/2018 5:09:48	6/16/2018	7:00:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	On Nest	DC6 does some wingercizing over to the edge of the nest. S/he looks out into the big world beyond. DC7 continues to lie in the nest, looking through the V and chirping intermittently. No sign of the parent now, perhaps s/he has gone off to go fishing.	earlybird_AEF
6/16/2018 5:47:56	6/16/2018	7:39:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	DC6 perches on the nest rails as DC7 continues to lie in the nest. It's really amazing to see how well DC6 can balance her/himself as s/he leans over and looks below. S/he looks so much more mature with all of the dark feathers coming in, no longer a "toddlers" scooting around the nest but a beautiful "teenager" ready for new adventures.	earlybird_AEF

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6/16/2018 16:57:44	6/16/2018	6:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Update :: Feeding	5:50pm: MrP delivers a fish. DC6 steals the fish, mantles over it and was actually self feeding. DC7 was trying to get in there to snatch some bites. It appears that 7 did get some. At one point D7 steals the fish but doesn't know what to do with it and DC6 steals it back. The DC kids stole the fish from one another several times until DC7 snatches it and s/he begins to self feed. In the end DC6 ate more of the fish but DC7 got the tail. And they ate every bit of it on their own! Quite the milestone. Our baby eaglets have grown to young eagles who are learning many lessons and discovering their independence.	freebird_AEF
6/16/2018 17:26:22	6/16/2018	7:25:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Hanging out at the nest	Both eaglets are being much more observant of their surroundings over the past couple days, and they were treated with another visit from the fox family this afternoon. There's been a lot of preening, sleeping and standing in the nest and along the rails, along with some nice wing flapping. Just two kids chilling out, waiting for the next parental visit, fish delivery and life's next adventure.	freebird_AEF
6/16/2018 17:42:30	6/16/2018	7:41:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	DC6 is having quite a good time wingericizing. After several displays, s/he relaxes next to DC7 along the railing. They both look all around; up, down, twisty head sideways... they're just taking it all in. Every now and then they wobble, bobble and weave their heads about while following something in the distance. Love that!	freebird_AEF
6/16/2018 18:12:28	6/16/2018	7:52:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with another fish and starts feeding DC6 while DC7 squeezes away like an alarm system. So far, DC6 is getting the large share of the feeding. DC7 is getting a few bites and now begins to take a mantling position while approaching MrP to be fed more while DC6, who is most likely full, lies down next to MrP. Now DC7 is getting some good bites. In the end, MrP does an amazing job and both 6 and 7 are well fed for the night.	freebird_AEF
6/17/2018 13:06:47	6/17/2018	3:04:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Sunday morning update: MrP delivered a fish and DC6 mantled and claimed it.	freebird_AEF
6/17/2018 13:15:05	6/17/2018	3:08:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	2:19: MrP fish delivery DC6 mantles and claims the fish, then stands near it whistling like a teapot, so MrP takes over and digs in to feed. DC7 immediately turns his/her tail toward DC6 when 6 claimed the fish but is now watching MrP from the backside, calculating a possible move. DC7 tucks his/her head beneath MrP's chest, standing alongside DC6 and jumps in to grab bites. S/he places his/her talons on the fish but MrP drags it away, closer to the rails. This move leaves DC6 behind and currently disinterested while DC7 enjoys a solo feeding, and 7 is wasting no time gobbling up as much fish as fast as MrP can dish it out. Minutes later, DC6 arrives, grabs the fish tail and drags it away from MrP. MrP stands back along the rails and admires 6's self feeding while 7 squeals. DC6 drags it farther away and MrP follows along, holds down the fish and starts picking at the upper body, offering bites to 6 and 7, while 6 self feeds at the tail. MrP drags the fish away from 6 once again and continues to pull off bites, feeding both kids, but mainly 7. MrP is doing such a great job making sure that 7 gets plenty of this fish. Both eaglets are on either side of MrP, looking at one another as if a mirror image, both dashing in to get bites from his beak. One for you and one for you... The squeezes subside and the feeding slows down a bit as crops are filled and eaglets are satisfied. I remember when 6 and 7 would struggle to swallow any bony bite offered to them. They are much wiser now. When MrP offers a bite that's a bit too large and bony, both eaglets put it aside, not wasting their time with it and looking for meaty bites instead. We're now down to the vertebrae of the fish and still MrP tries to pull as much meat off as he can to feed the kids. From my perspective, both eaglets were fed well at this feeding but DC7 got more than 6.	freebird_AEF
6/17/2018 13:20:10	6/17/2018	3:16:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	2:48: TFL fish delivery MrP departs off one side of the nest and TFL flies in from the opposite direction with a nice meaty looking fresh fish. She wastes no time and pulls off some huge strips of pink meat and DC7 is right there to eat more while 6 relaxes near the V along the railing. TFL also eats some fish for herself. DC7 is stuffed and moves over to join 6 near the V, then moves into the V, while DC6 lies down in front of TFL for intermittent bites. Just topping off the crop the bit. Lol. Both kids are completely satiated and now work hard at relaxing and digesting all that food. And TFL gets to enjoy what remains of the fish. TFL departs at 3:06pm and after all that squeezing during both feedings, the nest now seems as quiet as a mouse.	freebird_AEF
6/17/2018 16:37:07	6/17/2018	6:23:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Lazing around	At this time, we have a parent on the overhead, DC7 in the V and DC6 in the nest along the nest railing. 7 decides to join 6 in the nest still wearing his/her cute little beak feather, then starts wingericizing. DC6 continues to rest and 7 may be feeling a little restless, standing and looking out into the world and then up to the overhead branch. More wing flapping and 6 says, "Knock it off."	freebird_AEF
6/17/2018 18:07:25	6/17/2018	8:07:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	It's been a lazy, quiet 2-hours with TFL remaining on the overhead branch and both eaglets mostly napping. Suddenly, DC6 who was in the V, comes into the nest for some wing flapping, then returns to stand in the V. DC7 responds by stretching out his/her right leg and wing. Now that 6 has gone back to the V, 7 decides it's time to practice some wing flaps. Both kids are awake now, probably looking for a final evening fish, as if they didn't eat enough earlier. Lol.	freebird_AEF
6/18/2018 4:08:04	6/18/2018	5:56:00 AM	Parent	Perching	It's going to be a hot and humid day, currently 74 degrees and expected to reach 95 degrees. A parent was perching on the overhead branch and flew to the primary perching tree at 5:08am. The eaglets are awake and looking in that direction. DC7 calls out with sweet little squees. Two foxes are below, having a grand time below rolling and tumbling around.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 4:25:12	6/18/2018	6:06:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	The eaglets are getting more active this morning. DC6 finds a piece of fish bone and tries to get some meat out of it. DC7 flaps her/his wings as s/he moves across the nest and into the V. DC7 finds a piece of bone too, grabs it up and takes it to the other side of the nest. It's a pleasure to see how well they are doing at self feeding.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 5:55:16	6/18/2018	7:29:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival	TFL arrives on the left V branch. DC6 and DC7 quickly scamper over in anticipation of eating. No food delivery yet. TFL moves up to the overhead branch and gazes around, perhaps waiting for MrP to bring in breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 9:54:55	6/18/2018	11:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Update: Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update: TFL delivers a whopper of a fish at 10:55am. DC6 does a beautiful mantle over the fish and claims the prize. TFL looks for an opportunity to retrieve it but DC6 is not giving it up. TFL flies up to the overhead branch, DC7 squeezes her/his dismay. DC6 gets down to business and self feeds while DC7 looks on. DC7 casually saunters over and they both share the fish for a period of time. DC6 finally has had enough and wanders away. DC7 takes charge and does a nice job of self feeding. TFL flies back down into the nest and feeds both eaglets.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 10:08:32	6/18/2018	11:55:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives with a fish. DC7 is first at the plate and ready to eat again. DC6 doesn't seem as interested and stands back. Another nice meal for DC7 and DC6 finally comes to get a few bites too. DC7 tries to eat the tail but it's a little too big for her/him to handle. MrP gulps it down himself and flies off.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 12:47:46	6/18/2018	2:14:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers another fish this afternoon and starts to feed the eaglets. TFL arrives and pushes her way in, whistling all the while. "I'll take care of this Dear". MrP gets the message and flies off. TFL begins to feed them but DC6 has other ideas. S/he grabs up the fish and moves to the other side of the nest. Good job DC6! S/he is getting better at this every day. TFL's not going to let her/him get away with it this time. She takes it right back and feeds both of them.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 12:54:51	6/18/2018	2:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP is back with another fish already! Wow! You are a fine fisherman MrP and you are outdoing yourself today. This time DC6 isn't interested and stays in the V. They have been fed very well today and s/he is probably full at the moment. Lucky DC7 gets a solo feeding with MrP saving the tail for himself.	earlybird_AEF
6/18/2018 17:36:38	6/18/2018	7:36:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL departs the overhead at 7:19, while our DC eaglets lounge around the nest like two divas waiting for room service.	freebird_AEF

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6/18/2018 19:03:51	6/18/2018	9:02:00 PM	TFL / DC6 and 7	Arrival / Nest activity	Over the past hour the DC kids have just been hanging out together. They seem to have come to a very nice place as comrades. They're both standing side by side on the railing to the right of the V. DC6 moves from the railing and does what reminds me of a Freedom-style body flop down in the nest, but soon rises and moves to the V. The kids play beaky games. Suddenly a parent, flies by and away from the nest. They land on the primary perching tree. The kids appear as surprised as I was. No sign of a fish. The parent, who I believe is TFL, flies back to the tree and perches on the overhead. 6 and 7 chortle and chatter little chirps while looking up at mom. "No fish?" They were certainly expecting dinner but unless MrP shows up with one, our eaglets will need to wait for breakfast. They look like they're still sporting good crops, so they'll be just fine.	freebird_AEF
6/19/2018 4:12:05	6/19/2018	5:53:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP brings in the catch of the day and what a beauty it is. Catfish for breakfast. Both eaglets look at him, squeezing away. MrP doesn't stick around, he moves up the right V branch and gives out a call. The eaglets look in the same direction calling out too, presumably to TFL. DC6 gets impatient and starts to dig in but TFL arrives and takes over the feeding. DC6 gets the first bites but DC7 joins right in. It doesn't take long for this fish to disappear, TFL moves up the left V branch and out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
6/19/2018 4:44:22	6/19/2018	6:22:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Nap	It's a sunny morning, currently 79 degrees with a high of 90 degrees expected later. DC6 and DC7 look so sweet as they lie sleeping, using the rails as their pillow. DC6 stretches out her/his right wing right over DC7. DC7 doesn't seem to appreciate it and gives it a little nibble. DC6 pulls it back in and repositions her/himself. These two siblings are getting along so well now. Ah yes, they may have a minor annoyance here and there but they have become best buds. The interaction between them is so endearing.	earlybird_AEF
6/19/2018 4:59:15	6/19/2018	6:45:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	DC7 is up and about exploring the nest. S/he finds a bony leftover and attempts to get some meat from it. DC6 continues to snooze away. It looked like s/he may have been trying to cast a pellet earlier but no success as far as I could tell. DC6 gets up to check out what DC7 is doing. It doesn't seem to interest her/him, s/he wanders over and perches in the V. DC7 moves closer and perches on the nest rails near DC6. They both gaze out at that big new world they have yet to explore.	earlybird_AEF
6/19/2018 17:14:09	6/19/2018	4:07:00 PM	The First Lady	Fish delivery / Feedings	A fish was delivered by TFL around 1:15 and both eaglets got a fair share. Then a storm blew in that brought gusty winds and heavy rain. TFL stood at the side rails with the little bit of leftover fish. DC6 belly flopped down into the nest bed and DC7 stood at opposite side rails from TFL. DC6 looked like s/he had a great time. S/he kept getting up, flapping her wings and flopping back down and she gifted us with a beautiful wing drop that made me think of Freedom and Liberty's rain dance. Currently the kids are on their own at the nest tree, just hanging out. DC6 has decided it's time for a snack and is self feeding on a piece of fish that TFL left behind. DC7 is busy preening. DC6 grasps the leftover in his/her talons and walks across the nest like a big eagle.	freebird_AEF
6/19/2018 17:48:13	6/19/2018	7:31:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The whistling begins. MrP makes his appearance with a big fish. He stands in the nest, then TFL flies in through the V and MrP wing walks up one of the V branches and flies off to perch at the primary perching tree to watch TFL feed. As soon as TFL appears, the kids whistling and squees become LOUD. She stands at the fish to see if one of them will mantle and claim it but they stand and whistle at her, so she starts feeding them; one of either side of her. She lifts a bite from the fish and one or the other eaglet jumps in for the bite. TFL keeps cool and makes sure everyone gets a fair share. Boy! Our eaglets are noisy! TFL moves the fish to DC6's advantage and 6 tries to pull it away while 7 tries to go between TFL's legs for a bite. DC7 is back in the game. It's been 7 minutes and we're almost down to the tail. DC6 has an advantage again. Drat! Says DC7. We're down to the tail end. 7 is trying to get some but 6 gets the tail and tries to swallow it down but it's too large so TFL and 6 play ring around the rosie to try to get the tail but 6 still has it and is trying to self feed. TFL grabs what is left and gobbles it down. It was a good feeding for all (well, TFL didn't get that much) but DC6 was the biggest winner on this round of "Feed those eaglets."	freebird_AEF
6/19/2018 17:59:31	6/19/2018	7:51:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching on overhead	TFL wing walks up the left V, feaks and flies up to land on the overhead. Both eaglets stare up, keeping an eye on her. I think it's TFL who lets out a loud squonk. MrP is no longer at the primary perching tree.	freebird_AEF
6/19/2018 18:19:53	6/19/2018	8:18:00 PM	Fox kits	Playing	DC6 and 7 are sound asleep but wake up and are alert when they hear TFL fly over to the primary perching tree. Then they doze back off with 7 using 6's tail as a feather pillow. DC7 is up and walks across the nest with wings spread. S/he moves to the railing and seems interested in something. It's the foxes! They're playing around and having some foxy fun.	freebird_AEF
6/20/2018 4:52:57	6/20/2018	6:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	DC6 and DC7 lie sleeping in the nest. TFL was perched earlier this morning on the lateral branch but she has since flown off. The eaglets start squeeing with excitement as MrP arrives with breakfast. DC6 and DC7 line up in front of him as he begins to tear off pieces of the fish. Happy whistles and chirps echo throughout the Arboretum. MrP does a wonderful job feeding both of them.	earlybird_AEF
6/20/2018 5:14:29	6/20/2018	6:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Full Crops	Finally both eaglets are full. DC7 steps away first, DC6 soon to follow. MrP rummages around and eats the remaining leftover tidbits in the nest. DC6 and DC7 look on, squeezing their indignation. "We might be too full to eat another bite but that's our fish. Wait until we tell Mom!" MrP just continues with the clean up and soon flies off. Now the only sounds that can be heard are the echoing of the birds throughout the Arboretum. DC6 and DC7 are quiet....for now.... But just wait until the next feeding.	earlybird_AEF
6/20/2018 6:15:41	6/20/2018	7:56:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Attentive Eaglets	DC6 and DC7 have spent the better part of this hour watching the world beyond the nest. They are now so attentive to everything around them. Everything is new and fresh to them. They doze off from time to time but not for long. It's like they're little kids and don't want to miss a thing. Their curiosity is contagious. If we could only see what they are seeing. If we could only know what they are thinking. We will never know all the answers but it sure is a joy watching them experience it.	earlybird_AEF
6/21/2018 4:45:38	6/21/2018	6:15:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	It's a mostly cloudy morning, currently 73 degrees. The temperature is expected to reach 84 degrees today with partly sunny and humid conditions. TFL and MrP were perched earlier on the overhead branch and primary perching tree but they have since flown off. DC6 is up and doing some morning preening. DC7 lies in the nest with her/his head in her/his wings. DC6 rummages around the nest and finds some leftovers and self feeds. S/he gets a burst of energy and starts wingerizing, barely missing DC7 who still lies in the nest. DC7 gets up now and does some preening. It's getting harder and harder telling these two apart. They are close in size now and their feather coloring is changing every day.	earlybird_AEF
6/21/2018 4:52:33	6/21/2018	6:47:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Week 7	DC6 was 7 weeks old on Monday, DC7 is 7 weeks today. They have accomplished so much in this short amount of time. What to expect: Weeks 7-8	earlybird_AEF
6/21/2018 7:13:24	6/21/2018	9:12:00 AM	Parent	Update: Arrival of Prey/Feeding	At about seven to eight weeks old, the appetites of the eaglets is at its greatest. The parents will hunt almost continuous to feed them, meanwhile at the nest the eaglets are beginning to stretch their wings in response to gusts of wind and they may even hover for short periods. The eaglets grow stronger.	earlybird_AEF
6/21/2018 15:19:27	6/21/2018	4:33:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update: Fish delivery and feeding at 8:33am. Both eaglets were fed well. MrP delivers a fish and begins to feed the eaglets. DC6 gets the majority of this feeding but....6 minutes later TFL arrives with a fish. TFL gets bragging rights this time. This fish is huge! DC7 is up front and center, s/he gets fed very well. DC6 gets some bites too but DC7 gets the majority of this whopper. The fish is gone, the eaglets have big crops but yet they are squeezing away. They are still hungry! Wow! These two have bottomless crops today. They are ready for round two. TFL moves over to the remains of the fish that MrP delivered and begins to feed both of them again. They eat and eat and eat. This was a 30 minute feeding. That's a lot of fish. Finally they get their fill and step away. TFL gets to enjoy a little quiet time and the rest of the fish. She flies off to a branch nearby and DC6 and DC7 sit on the nest in contented bliss.	earlybird_AEF

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6/21/2018 17:57:18	6/21/2018	7:56:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Chilling out	Our two stuffed eaglets have been relaxing the past hour. DC6 has been belly planted in the nest bed and DC7 rotates between standing and lying next to his/her sibling. TFL is perched nearby doing some relaxing herself and showing off just what a gorgeous eagle lady she is, when she isn't hiding behind greenery. All is well at the nest.	freebird_AEF
6/22/2018 4:07:40	6/22/2018	5:52:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Activities	It's an overcast morning, with only a high of 70 degrees expected later with occasional rain and drizzle. DC6 and DC7 are being playfully cute this morning. They lie in the nest together grabbing hold of nesting material and playing tug of war with a bone. With the cooler conditions and a gentle breeze blowing they look quite content. A parent was on the overhead branch earlier and has since flown off. DC7 preens her/his feathers now while DC6 snoozes away. Not to be outdone DC6 wakes up to preen her/his feathers. The nest gently rocks as they both fall off to sleep.	earlybird_AEF
6/22/2018 4:47:48	6/22/2018	6:37:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Wingercizing	DC6 is up and wingercizing as DC7 looks on. S/he's doing a beautiful job hopping and flapping. It won't be too long before the hovering begins. DC7 keeps her/his eagle eyes on DC6 as the hopping gets closer and closer. But no harm, all is well.	earlybird_AEF
6/22/2018 5:16:19	6/22/2018	7:04:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Rain	A light rain has begun to fall. The raindrops look like sparkling diamonds on DC6 and DC7's feathers. It's only fitting since they are our perfect gems. It must feel refreshing after all of the past hot days. DC6 and DC7 sleep right through it with their head in their wings. They are big eagles now and are getting accustomed to all kinds of weather.	earlybird_AEF
6/22/2018 6:05:03	6/22/2018	7:59:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Sleeping	As the 7:00am hour comes to a close the rain continues and DC6 and DC7 sleep on. No food deliveries as of yet but the eaglets seem content with that at the moment.	earlybird_AEF
6/22/2018 12:14:23	6/22/2018	2:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	Update: 1:32pm A fish was delivered and both eaglets were fed.	earlybird_AEF
6/22/2018 16:31:33	6/22/2018	6:10:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	A fish is delivered to the nest at 5:41pm. MrP brings it in and TFL flies in right after him. MrP quickly exits the nest to allow TFL to feed the eaglets. Then, at 6:10, MrP flies in delivering a second fish. The kids line up to eat. DC6 is toward MrP's tail and s/he nibbles at MrP's tail feathers. DC6 has now moved forward, so that s/he can get some bites, but so far, DC7 is by far getting the majority of this feeding. 7 squeals and whistles between bites while 6 patiently waits. MrP starts taking some bites for himself and 7 squees loudly with disapproval. DC6 has finally made his/her way close to MrP and is now being fed and 7 stands to the side, having had lots of big juicy bites and a good sized crop to show for it. DC6 lies down like a dove next to MrP as s/he gets fed. And our vocal DC7, serenades them with eaglet squees. 17 minutes after delivery, the fish is gone and MrP starts picking around the nest to see if there are any worthy scraps. MrP picks up a big bony scrap and flies off with it.	freebird_AEF
6/22/2018 16:57:04	6/22/2018	6:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL arrives with another fish at 6:40. The kids are back up and telling mama all about it. Once again 7 is first in line but TFL isn't making it easy for these two to get bites, there may be a lesson in there or she knows that this is the third fish and if they don't try hard enough to eat, then she'll eat it. Both DC's get a bite here and there but TFL holds the bites farther away from them to make them reach for it more than usual and she gets to eat some of this fish. Either way, the three of them huddle and enjoy dinner together. By 6:52, the fish is all but gone (TFL is finding a scrap to pull meat off here and there).	freebird_AEF
6/23/2018 4:24:22	6/23/2018	6:00:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Antics	DC7 is trying to sleep but it's not easy with DC6's antics this morning. DC6 wingercizes across the nest and lands right on DC7. DC7 seems to be fine just a little annoyed. DC6 gives her/him some good morning beak pecks and moves over to the edge of the nest and looks down. S/he reaches over and pulls a piece of bark from the side of the nest. So cute how s/he puts both talons on it and balances her/himself. Looks like DC6 has found her/his own little surfboard. Well, not for long. S/he starts shredding it apart with her/his beak. Great practice for self feeding. DC7 wants a piece of that action too and pulls and pokes on it with her/his beak. DC6 says no way and promptly lies on it. Silly eaglet.	earlybird_AEF
6/23/2018 4:34:29	6/23/2018	6:12:00 AM	DC6	Trying to Cast a Pellet	DC6 starts shaking her/his head and making a gagging motion. It looks like s/he is trying to cast a pellet or perhaps s/he swallowed a piece of the bark. Poor thing. It does look uncomfortable. Although it lasts for several minutes, from my vantage point nothing appears to have been cast out. S/he seems fine now, perching on the nest rails and peering out at the surrounding area.	earlybird_AEF
6/23/2018 5:21:06	6/23/2018	7:06:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Sleeping	DC6 and DC7 are so precious this morning as they sleep with their head in their wings. It's moments like this that you want to hold onto forever. They are so sweet as they cuddle up together. Thanks to our cam op we are seeing close ups of DC7's gorgeous pin feathers. They truly look like a work of art.	earlybird_AEF
6/23/2018 5:29:42	6/23/2018	7:07:00 AM	DC7	Casting a Pellet	DC7 wakes and starts the same gagging motion that DC6 was doing earlier. This didn't last as long and some yellowish liquid was cast, perhaps a pellet that was not fully formed because of their fish diet.	earlybird_AEF
6/23/2018 7:44:58	6/23/2018	9:45:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	DC6 amuses her/himself by shredding up more of his "barkboard". It doesn't look like there's much left to surf on. S/he goes back to edge of the nest and leans over to take a look, perhaps to find another piece. No luck finding any. DC7 has been having a "squeathon". S/he does seem to be the more vocal of the two and she's letting us all know it this morning. There hasn't been any food deliveries yet so that is most likely what it's all about. No sightings of the parents this morning, hopefully they'll return soon with breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
6/23/2018 12:21:27	6/23/2018	2:20:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	It's been a quiet at the nest the last two-plus hours. Still no sign of parents as of 2:16. The kids have basically either been lying in the nest resting or standing around looking out, although there's been a little wingercize here and there. DC7 continues to vocalize, calling out for brunch (since breakfast has passed). DC7 did cast up more yellow bile at 12:58 but 7 also appears well and behaving normally and his/her latest PS looked healthy white. The kids continue to wait and keep watch for their parents.	freebird_AEF
6/23/2018 13:37:31	6/23/2018	3:29:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL finally brings a fish to the nest. It appears to have no tail. DC6 charges full speed ahead to claim it and shows off a beautiful mantle, which s/he holds for a couple minutes before dragging the fish across the nest and starting to pick at it. TFL remains perched on the left arm of the V watching. DC6 starts slow and is having a bit of a hard time getting to the meat but is working at it. Meanwhile, DC7 stands off to the side along the rails whistling and squeezing. TFL takes off at 3:35.	freebird_AEF
6/23/2018 14:01:28	6/23/2018	3:52:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	DC6 is doing a great job pulling bites off the fish. It looks like a catfish, so this is no small feat since they tend to be tough. DC6 seems to want to take a break after all that pulling and tugging. TFL flies down from the overhead, 6 mantles but TFL moves the fish and starts feeding both eaglets. Both are getting fed well. TFL finishes the feeding at 3:54. DC7 is still squeezing away, "More, more, more!" as she follows TFL around the nest as TFL picks up scraps. TFL climbs up the left V and it appears that she heads up to the overhead branch to perch. DC7 moves to the V to look out. Both eaglets are still restless but finally start to settle down. Great job by DC6 mantling and self feeding, and to TFL for a successfully taught lesson.	freebird_AEF
6/23/2018 17:02:18	6/23/2018	6:55:00 PM	The First Lady	Update: Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update: TFL delivers a fish at 5:44pm. This one was a grab and gulp frenzy with DC7 at the head of the table. It was noisy and fast and both eaglets were fed well.	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 4:12:48	6/24/2018	6:00:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Sunshine	What a difference a day makes! The sun is shining once again on the DC nest. It's so good to see DC6 and DC7 drying out and basking in the golden sunshine. They look beautiful this morning with their feathers illuminated in shades of gold. The temperature is 72 degrees and it will go to a high of 88 but there's only a chance of an afternoon thunderstorm in the area. Our sun kissed darlings lie contently in the nest, gazing around as the birds serenade us with their morning songs.	earlybird_AEF

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6/24/2018 4:28:31	6/24/2018	6:10:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	DC6 wakes up and looks like s/he's ready for some fun. S/he reaches over and allopreens DC7's head. "Come on little sis/brother, let's explore the nest". DC7 just shakes her/him off and goes back to sleep. DC6 lies down her/himself and fiddles with the nesting material nearby. S/he's very observant this morning, looking intently all around. I wonder if it's the birds s/he sees or perhaps a parent. S/he sits up and looks all around. Seriously, could s/he get any cuter this morning. I think not.	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 5:40:48	6/24/2018	7:27:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	This has been a lazy morning for our eaglets. For the better part of an hour they have been snoozing away. DC7 has finally awoken, moves to the V and begins to squeeze. MrP arrives on the left V branch with a full crop but no fish for DC6 and DC7. They are not happy about this and they let him know it. He flies off to the primary perching tree as the eaglets are calling for him to get them breakfast. MrP perches with his wings outstretched and his blaze glowing.	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 6:02:53	6/24/2018	7:53:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival/Departure	MrP flies from the primary perching tree and lands on the nest rails. DC6 and DC7 rush towards him hoping for breakfast but it is not to be. He moves up the V branch and flies out of sight. The "squeezeathon" continues at the nest. The eaglets are hungry.	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 7:09:26	6/24/2018	8:53:00 AM	Parent	Arrival/Departure	DC6 and DC7 squeeze even louder. A parent quickly flies into the nest and just as quickly flies out to the left and below the nest. S/he returns and lands on the right V branch and flies off again. I believe it was TFL because I didn't see MrP's white blaze but it was so fast that I couldn't be sure. 8:59am A parent flies to the primary perching tree. No food deliveries as of yet.	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 9:07:38	6/24/2018	11:00:00 AM	DC6	Official: DC6 Branches!	Official: DC6 branched at 9:32am today! Congratulations DC6. Way to go!!!	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 9:10:30	6/24/2018	11:00:00 AM	DC6	Eagle Vocabulary: Branching	Branching -- is a behavior common in eaglets just before fledging. Branching is when the eaglet(s) leave the actual nest and move to any limb near the nest of it's own accord, doesn't matter if they've hopped, walked, or flew. This is a developmental milestone and usually happens at approximately 9-10 weeks old. This behavior serves to strengthen flight muscles and accclimate the eaglet to life outside the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/24/2018 11:09:49	6/24/2018	1:09:00 PM	DC6	Congratulations!	Congratulations to DC6 for branching this morning! So fun to watch the DC kids meet their milestones and explore -- and the views are so much better from a branch!	freebird_AEF
6/24/2018 11:33:41	6/24/2018	1:24:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL arrives with a fish and both kids go bonkers with squeals as they line up to eat. DC6 is pulling off huge chunks of fish and self feeding and being fed by TFL. Meanwhile, MrP is flying all about as if there might be a visitor in the area. DC6 is good and hungry and isn't letting 7 get many bites but DC7 still manages to get a few. This fish is all but gone within minutes. After flying in, out and around the nest several times, MrP has perched at the primary perching tree to oversee his family territory. DC7 grabs a food scrap of some sort. TFL follows 7 and is now pulling meat from the bone scrap and feeding him/her some bites. This meal was not nearly enough as far as the kids are concerned and DC7 lets out peals for more food, in fact 7 looks right into TFL's face and squeals. TFL is busy looking around, then flies off at 1:29. She does not join MrP at the PPT, so maybe she's gone off to perch elsewhere or perhaps has gone back to do some more fishing.	freebird_AEF
6/24/2018 12:08:25	6/24/2018	1:49:00 PM	DC Family	Nest activity	Both parents return to the nest before departing. They fly off after something, back in. Now MrP flies off on his own through the trees after someone while TFL watches and tracks. Someone is perched below the nest. TFL keeps looking downward. The kids squeeze loudly (well, most likely DC7, right? Lol.) DC7 lies low squeezing, then jumps up toward the rails in a mantled position squeezing more loudly. The entire family is on alert but 7 is the only one vocalizing from what I can tell. MrP is found perched nearby. He flies over to a new perching spot. TFL flies off and MrP flies down into the nest, onto the lateral branch, then off to the PPT. DC7 calms down and starts chirping instead of calling out. We still are not sure what has caused all of this activity but things are calm at the nest once again.	freebird_AEF
6/24/2018 14:07:20	6/24/2018	4:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	In nest	DC7 emits short teakettle calls in between some wingerizing. A parent must be in the vicinity and the kids haven't eaten since 1ish. 7 is hopping about with wings spread while 6 is resting on its laurels from this morning's branching maneuver. S/he is content just to lie in afternoon repose. The nest is finally dry and temperature is 86 going down to 69 tonight, with light winds of 7 mph and humidity at 53 percent. DC7 continues to call out for attention. My, my, we have a whiner in the nest! 6 is no longer able to rest and stares blankly out the side of the nest. A pan out of nest area reveals nothing unusual in the area. Now 7 stands in the V peering out and whining. C'mon folks, I'm a hangry! No response is heard.	kaco4_AEF
6/24/2018 14:30:03	6/24/2018	4:20:00 PM	Mr. President	Perched	Mr.P is visible on the nw branch looking intently around but not responding to the incessant whining of DC7. Maybe they are all waiting on TFL to bring in a family dinner. P preens a bit so is obviously not too concerned about the nest noise or anything unusual going on. Mr. P then flies over to the PPT and begins preening again but also looking out for ... a returning TFL? I don't believe it! It is raining again in the Arb. Steady raindrops can be seen and heard. Should only last for a bit. Just showers. And 7 has gone quiet for a few minutes!!! 6 nibbles on a rail twig, looks back at the now quiet 7, and continues resting.	kaco4_AEF
6/24/2018 15:10:46	6/24/2018	4:50:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Mr.P and eaglets	DC6 is up from resting and hops around with outstretched wings. Finding a small piece of buried fish carcass, s/he bites off a couple of pieces. 6 is exhibiting feeding independence while 7 shows dependent complaining! Suddenly Mr.P flies into the nest causing screaming from both eaglets and body skirmishes. The kids have attacked Mr. P's feet, thinking he has a fish in his talons! P quickly exits to the lateral branch and then to NW branch. Foolish Mr. P probably wanted to munch on the carcass bones in the nest. The kids were furious that dad came into the nest empty handed. Looks like our Mr. P left the area. Silly dad eagle had better rustle up a juicy fish right quick!! The eaglets are now perched next to each other peering out with open beaks.	kaco4_AEF
6/24/2018 15:59:25	6/24/2018	5:52:00 PM	Mr. President	Flies into nest with dinner!	Again, in the same hour, Mr.P flies back into the nest with a half eaten fish to a noisy, attacking pair of hungry eaglets. He backs up, looks around and quickly hops back up to the lateral and then into the NW branch. The eaglets fight it out, and 7 does a super mantle, getting fish away from 6. 7 gets 4 minutes worth of bites before 6 inches in and wrestles fish from 7. 7 hops onto a side rail and 6 has now been chowing down for over 6 minutes while 7 has resumed his/her teakettle whine. A second fish delivery would be lovely right now. And where is the mama? Sorry family, I'm going into my kitchen to saute some meatballs for my Italian dinner. I'm getting an appetite just listening to you. Hoping for a nice second fish dinner for you very soon!	kaco4_AEF
6/25/2018 4:32:00	6/25/2018	6:25:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Beautiful Morning	It's a beautiful morning with sunny skies and a temperature of 65 degrees. DC7 has been the more active one this early morning, wingerizing and prining her/his feathers. At least I think it was DC7. lol It is getting harder and harder to identify them and with the sun glare it's even more challenging. DC6 has been the sleepyhead this morning, head in her/his wings and sleeping peacefully. DC7 has joined her/his sibling and nods off too.	earlybird_AEF
6/25/2018 5:39:22	6/25/2018	7:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Wingerizing	The eaglets have been sleeping for the better part of an hour. DC6 is now awake and full of energy. S/he does some beautiful wingerizing and jumps right on DC7 who was still lying in the nest. DC7 doesn't appreciate that and reaches around to beak her/him. All seems fine. DC7 gets up and moves to the other side of the nest out of harms way. One good identifier this morning, DC6 has some feather "bling" on her/his beak. Now that they're both up I can see that I was correct about who was who early this morning. Now if only that feather bling would remain on DC6, it would make it so much easier. DC7 is doing some beautiful wingerizing now. It's a nice breezy day, the perfect day to practice.	earlybird_AEF

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6/25/2018 5:55:33	6/25/2018	7:46:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	DC6 perches on the nest rails. S/he leans over the side and pulls up some nesting material with her/his beak. S/he starts shaking her/head like s/he might be trying to cast a pellet. It could be pellet or s/he's trying to remove the feather from her/his beak. Her/his head was down so it's hard to tell if a pellet was cast. DC7 lies in the nest squeeing intermittently. DC6 moves closer and snuggles down with DC7.	earlybird_AEF
6/25/2018 6:15:07	6/25/2018	7:55:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Tracking	DC6 and DC7 both look above and track something. Could it be a parent? The cam moves up to take a look but nothing is visible from this vantage point. DC6 moves over to the edge of the nest and perches on the nest rails. S/he leans way over trying to reach a small leafy branch but can't quite get there. DC6 and DC7 are getting more bold and adventurous every day. Just as they should be.	earlybird_AEF
6/25/2018 9:26:02	6/25/2018	10:36:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	It's been a rather quiet morning at the nest but the squees start to reach a crescendo. TFL has arrived with breakfast. Our two happy eaglets are more than ready to chow down on that delectable looking fish. And chow down they do! Both eaglets are fed well by TFL. DC6 manages to snatch a small piece towards the end and does a great job of self feeding as TFL continues to feed DC7. TFL flies off and lucky DC7. There's a small piece left for her/him to self feed too. Now our eaglets are full and content and ready to get on with their morning explorations.	earlybird_AEF
6/25/2018 9:47:36	6/25/2018	11:24:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Well this is a bountiful morning! I believe this is MrP who arrives with another fish and this one is a whopper. He flies off and the eaglets just stand there and look at it. They have both just been fed very well so they are probably not that hungry yet but this fish is irresistible. DC6 takes a few nibbles but doesn't seem that interested. That's fine with DC7, s/he grabs it and starts to self feed. This fish isn't pulled apart yet, which would make it much easier to eat, so DC7 starts pulling meat out of the mouth. What a smart eagle you are DC7.	earlybird_AEF
6/25/2018 10:05:07	6/25/2018	11:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	The fish that MrP delivered is still intact, not much of it has been eaten. So there should be plenty for later. But guess what?! TFL delivers another fish! Did I say this was a bountiful morning? Three fish in just over an hour. Yes that would be considered bountiful. DC7 rushes right over to TFL. Feed me. Feed me. TFL is happy to do just that. She feeds DC7 while DC6 tries out some self feeding on the other fish. It doesn't take long for DC6 to realize that it's much easier to get fed by Mom. S/he moves over and gets fed too. There is so much fish that even TFL gets to share in this meal too.	earlybird_AEF
6/25/2018 16:50:37	6/25/2018	6:47:00 PM	Mr. President	Mini-feeding	Update :: At 3:43, MrP stopped by the nest for a short visit with the kids. He brought a messy looking scrap of fish with him. I believe it was DC6 who lined up to join him in a few nibbles while DC7, and his/her full crop, seemed disinterested. The mini-feeding only lasted a few minutes and MrP departed at 3:49.	freebird_AEF
6/25/2018 17:25:07	6/25/2018	7:23:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	The DC kids are chilling out at the nest and making me laugh just by being the adorable eaglets that they are. A little gazing out into the Arboretum, some wingerizing and head tilting as they expressively watch one another. It's so wonderful to see them getting along so fabulously; they have become best buddies. TFL was perched on the NW branch during the 6 o'clock hour but has been gone for some time now.	freebird_AEF
6/25/2018 18:02:48	6/25/2018	7:38:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL arrives with what appears to be half of a catfish, the half with the head, and the kids line up to eat. Squeeee! TFL digs in and starts distributing bites. DC6 decides s/he really likes this fish and keeps 7 away as much as possible at first. But 7 definitely gets his/her fair share. TFL sees to that. DC6 picks up scraps and carries them around to different areas of the nest like little treasures, then focuses back on TFL for more bites, while 7 just sticks with TFL, nabbing bites when they're available. TFL is serenaded by her two offspring throughout the meal; sometimes with chirpy chatters and other times with high pitched siren sounds. TFL flies off at 7:57, the DC eaglets go quiet and seem quite satisfied after their evening snack. Way to go, TFL!	freebird_AEF
6/26/2018 4:33:00	6/26/2018	5:55:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Golden Morning	The nest looks like a beacon of light in the sky as the sun shines down on it. The intricately intertwined side rails are bathed in brilliant golden hues, the branches splashed with the same color. Even the leaves in the background are aglow. The eaglets sleep on, unaware of how gorgeous they look as the sun smiles down on them. Our two golden nuggets shining in the light. Every day bringing a feeling of sunshine and light to us as we watch them grow. Shine on little ones, shine on.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 5:29:20	6/26/2018	7:06:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Wingerizing	DC6 and DC7 have been lounging around for the better part of an hour. It's a beautiful morning, only 66 degrees with a high of 82 expected. DC6 stretches out her/his wing over DC7. It almost looks like s/he's giving her/him a good morning hug. This disturbs DC7's beauty sleep and s/he gets up to stretch her/his wings and do some wingerizing. That doesn't last long and s/he's back down next to DC6. DC7 picks up some nesting material and with a little beak play DC6 reaches over to take it away. Some playful beak bumping back and forth and DC6 gets up and does some wingerizing her/himself. Jumping and flapping with gusto, feeling the wind beneath her/his wings. A stick must have got in her/his way because s/he stops to move it to the side. S/he lies back down and allopreens DC7. DC6 can be so "touchy, feely" in the mornings. It's so sweet to watch.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 6:19:21	6/26/2018	7:50:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	DC6 and DC7 continue to lie in the nest, cuddled together but each facing the opposite direction. Each on the lookout for a parent? I wonder...DC7 intermittently calls out, perhaps in the hopes that MrP or TFL will bring home breakfast. DC7 has spent some time preening her/himself and DC6 has spent some time allopreening DC7. DC7 gets up and practices some more wingerizing, strengthening her/his wings in preparation for the big day. DC6 finds a bone and runs around the nest with it hanging out of her/his beak. It doesn't look like there's any meat on it but s/he sure seems to be having fun and it's adorable to watch. They both stand at the side of the nest, looking out into the trees and up at the sky. Some pesky crows can be heard, perhaps that's what they're watching.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 7:38:03	6/26/2018	9:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Self feeding	Update 8:39am I believe this is TFL who delivers a beauty of a fish. DC7 grabs it and does a beautiful mantle over it. Well done DC7! S/he just stands over it and squees for awhile, perhaps hoping that a parent would help. But no, this time s/he's on her/his own, TFL just perches on the right V branch. DC7 finally starts to self feed and does an excellent job of it. DC6, with his back turned watches all of this and waits for her/his turn. 8:44am DC6 makes her/his move and steals the fish. Beautiful maneuver DC6! This fish was big and there's plenty left. DC6 digs in and has a nice meal too. DC6 finishes and steps away. DC7 takes this opportunity to steal it back and self feeds again.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 7:51:19	6/26/2018	9:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Self feeding	MrP delivers another fish! Both eaglets rush towards him. Look out MrP! DC7 grabs his talon and hangs on. That's not the fish, silly eaglet. MrP doesn't stick around, he quickly high tails it out of there. DC7 once again is the first one to grab the fish and self feed. DC6 once again stands back. DC7 steps away but DC6 doesn't seem interested as of yet. But the day is young. Can't wait to see who goes for it next. They have both done such a beautiful job self feeding this morning.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 8:23:34	6/26/2018	10:00:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Rest Time	DC6 and DC7 are cuddled up together in blissful contentment. They've had two fish deliveries in an hour and have showed off their skills at self feeding. What a joy to see what they've accomplished. DC7 rests her/his head on the left V branch, DC6 right beside her/him. All is quiet at the nest. At least for the most part. DC7 wouldn't be DC7 without a squee or two or three or... DC7 is our little chatterbox and we wouldn't want it any other way.	earlybird_AEF

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6/26/2018 8:46:55	6/26/2018	10:26:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Self Feeding	DC7 seems mesmerized by the fish that's left. S/he is just standing and staring at it. Should I or shouldn't I give it another try? DC6 has no problem making up her/his mind. S/he walks over and digs right in. DC7 stands to the side and watches as DC6 gets some nice chunks. So cute how DC6 tries to pick up the fish in her/his talons practicing the skills for the future. DC7 moves closer to the fish and finds some tidbits around the nest to munch on as DC6 steps aside. DC7 grabs up the fish and s/he starts to self feed. DC7 is doing an amazing job getting those big chunks too. But... here comes DC6 in for the steal. DC7 tries to hold on but not this time. S/he chatters her/his dismay as s/he steps aside and DC6 begins to feed again.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 8:51:30	6/26/2018	10:48:00 AM	Chat Open Live Q&A	Chat Open Live Q&A	Our Live Question and Answer Session has already begun. Bring your questions and come join us from 10:00am-12:00pm today. We would love to see you.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 9:21:50	6/26/2018	11:05:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL arrives with, yes, another fish! DC6 and DC7 start squeeing with excitement. My goodness, you'd think they haven't already had two fish delivered today. This time TFL stays and feeds them. DC6 and DC7 seem delirious with happiness. Nothing like Mom doing it for you. This is a wonderful feeding. Both eaglets are getting fed well.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 9:46:56	6/26/2018	11:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Details of the 11:05 feeding - DC6 gets the prime feeding spot but 7 is right in there grabbing bites from underneath TFL's head... that is until DC6 uses his/her wings like a fan, opening and closing them to tell 7 to back off. But DC7 is back, calculating the next opportunity. 7 decides to try slurping up a string of fish innards, so s/he looks like s/he has a spaghetti noodle hanging out his/her beak. DC7 is having a hissy fit while looking up at TFL, "Feed me, feed me, feed me!" Lol. "Enough waiting," says 7, and s/he grabs the fish tail and drags it away. It's unclear whether 7 drug the tail away for later or if s/he ate it but 7 is back begging TFL for more food and DC6 has moved away from the feeding satiated and content. TFL keeps picking at the fish head to feed 7 and DC6 looks over the top of his/her right wing at DC7 as if she were more dignified than how 7 is behaving. DC7 still has claim on the tail that s/he stole earlier and is picking away at it. DC6 could care less and moves over to take in the view. TFL comes over to help 7 with the fish tail. She takes it from him/her and DC7 pulls it away from TFL and gulps it down like a big eaglet. Things quiet down as TFL moves over to the NW branch to perch. TFL looks so satisfied. She glances back at her precious offspring with what appears to be pride, and then she flies off, leaving two chitter chatterly appeased eaglets to relax and digest all the fish they've eaten this morning. We spot TFL once again on the primary perching tree before she departs.	freebird_AEF
6/26/2018 10:14:00	6/26/2018	11:52:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with... wait for it... yes -- another fish!!!! He lays the headless fish in the nest and goes over to a leftover scrap. DC7 immediately starts squeeing and heads over to MrP. MrP feeds DC7 some of the fresh fish while 7 lies alongside him. DC6 considers joining in on the feeding but stays perched along the nest railing next to the lateral branch observing the activity. Finally, DC7 has had his/her fill and moves to the V, still whistling with delight as MrP enjoys the rest of the fish. MrP's white blaze is displayed, confirming that he too has eaten well this morning. He flies off at 12:09 and everything goes still. Suddenly the world seems at peace for this moment.	freebird_AEF
6/26/2018 13:26:02	6/26/2018	3:12:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	In nest	It is a lovely afternoon in the nest: breezy, partly sunny and comfortable for napping. It was a three -- or was it four? -- fish morning and our very well nourished babies are very content. 6 sleeps with his/her head against the left V branch, while 7 does a bit of hopping and wingercizing. In this light, their coloring is the same, with very few characteristics distinguishing them. 7 has some white tipping on his/her left wing bottom and a tiny bit of white at the bottom of the tail. This year our eaglets look remarkably the same. And 7 has just about caught up in size to 6. 7 now sits squarely in the V, looking out on the arb kingdom. A pan out of nearby trees and branches shows no other wildlife. Parents are well obscured right now.	kaco4_AEF
6/26/2018 14:07:41	6/26/2018	3:54:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL brings in fish. 6 is getting fed from one side and 7 is trying to self feed on the other. 7's kettle calls seem to indicate that he is getting short shrift. 7 gets a few nice bites from mom but 6 keeps grabbing fish from mom's beak. Then 6 literally grabs the entire fish remainder and downs it!!! Only a morsel remains so TFL eats a bite or two and 7 gets a morsel while still complaining. Thank goodness fish are plentiful and our babies are both amply fed.	kaco4_AEF
6/26/2018 16:47:24	6/26/2018	6:25:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Self Feeding	Update: 5:31pm TFL comes flying into the nest and what does she bring? Fish number 5! The fishing is good today. DC6 and DC7 greet TFL with squees of joy. TFL appears to be concerned about something. She looks intently around the surrounding area for quite awhile. Neither DC6 or DC7 have mantled this one. They just stand back and wait to see what TFL is going to do. She finally moves up the left V branch and perches there. DC6 is the first to go for the fish and self feed. S/he eats for a bit, walks away and comes back for another try. DC7 just stands to the side. They have both been fed well today and don't seem all that interested in another fish right now. But yet, DC6 keeps going at it. DC6 finishes and moves over to the nest rails. There's still plenty of fish left. Looks like they both can have a snack later.	earlybird_AEF
6/26/2018 17:39:12	6/26/2018	7:37:00 PM	TFL and the DC kids	Hanging out / Feeding	TFL has been perched above the nest for some time. She looks outward, then downward at her precious eaglets. She decides to fly down into the nest with her babes. They were so quiet and even now all we hear are gentle, relaxed whistles coming from them as she feeds DC6, who lies down right in front of TFL and gobbles down little offerings of fish. DC7 remains at the nest rail watching, probably wondering if s/he can squeeze more fish into his/her crop. It's so peaceful and such a treat to see the three of them hanging out together. With crops filled, 6 and 7 are not rushing TFL or begging her for anything and she gets to eat the remainder of the fish. It's just a peaceful, quiet and sweet moment between our DC mama and the little sweethearts.	freebird_AEF
6/26/2018 18:02:25	6/26/2018	8:02:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL finishes up the fish. No need for a mess to be left over night in the nest. DC6 sits at TFL's feet watching while DC7 heads toward the V for a bit. With both kids standing, TFL flies off the nest. The wind is picking up and the kids practice some wingercizing but DC7 has decided it's time to lie down and relax while 6 flaps and hops about the nest strengthening his/her wings and enjoying the wind.	freebird_AEF
6/27/2018 4:31:26	6/27/2018	6:06:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	It's a cloudy morning, currently 71 degrees with a high of 80 expected. Looks like DC6 and DC7 are going to get an early breakfast this morning. MrP has arrived with a fish. The eaglets don't rush him this time, they just welcome him with some squees and wait to be fed. DC6 gets fed first, DC7 stands back and watches. TFL has been looking on from the primary perching tree and she now flies in to take over the feeding. I love the squonk sounds she makes to let MrP know that she's got this. She begins to feed DC6. DC7 still stands back. DC7 finally makes her/his move but there's not much there. DC6 quickly gobbles down the tail which only leaves a small piece left. TFL pulls that apart and this time DC7 goes for it. S/he gets about 5 good chunks before DC6 grabs it up and takes it to the other side of the nest. TFL says "No, that's not happening" and retrieves it. She continues to feed them and both eaglets get some more bites. TFL flies off, DC6 and DC7 settle down and get comfy in the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/27/2018 5:35:48	6/27/2018	7:25:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	DC6 sleeps peacefully in the nest, DC7 is perched on the nest rails and has been spending much of the morning preening her/his feathers. DC7 looks around and gives out a squee every now and then. So cute how s/he raises her/his head with a little tilt and tracks something in the sky. Maybe a parent is flying by on their way to the river. I don't think DC7 would mind one bit if fish number two was delivered right about now.	earlybird_AEF
6/27/2018 6:16:45	6/27/2018	8:10:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Rest Time	DC7 joins DC6 for some rest time. They cuddle together, near the V, using the nest rails as their pillow. The gentle breeze and hushed tones of the birds are so soothing as they nod off to sleep.	earlybird_AEF

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6/27/2018 6:35:47	6/27/2018	8:15:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	The hushed tones of the birds are interrupted by the squees of the eaglets. Happy squees. MrP delivers another fish and TFL is right behind him. MrP departs as TFL begins the feeding. DC6 is first to get fed again, DC7 waits her/his turn. DC7 finally joins in and they both get fed. DC6 snatches the tail and goes to the other side of the nest. TFL goes after her/him. A little back and forth between them with the tail until TFL gulps it down. TFL flies off. No visual on where she went but the eaglets look up and chitter chatter so she may be on the overhead branch. DC6 and DC7 perch on the nest rails and gaze out at the area.	earlybird_AEF
6/27/2018 9:21:13	6/27/2018	11:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Official :: New names	Congratulations to DC6, who is now called Victory and DC7, whose name is now Valor. And thanks for all the viewers who helped name our DC kids by voting in the naming contest. These are strong names and will serve these two well.	freebird_AEF
6/27/2018 9:28:08	6/27/2018	11:21:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a fish and resounding squees are heard throughout the land. Victory and Valor move close to be fed, with Valor getting the majority of bites. Go baby, go! Was that the fastest feeding ever? Within three minutes, Valor consumes almost every bite MrP offered and MrP quickly downs the tail for himself before flying off. And just like that, the kids are quiet again.	freebird_AEF
6/27/2018 10:00:32	6/27/2018	12:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Some light rain has moved into the arboretum. Both eaglets engage in some wingercizing and then Victory belly flops down into the nest to relax while Valor stands along the railing peering outward. The rains starts up again and lessens to a sprinkle as we move toward the top of the hour. What a lovely, serene way to spend an hour.	freebird_AEF
6/27/2018 10:13:02	6/27/2018	12:05:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	In nest	Victory and Valor, aka DC6 and DC7, are doing their usual routines. It is raining softly but steadily in the arb. With their feathers wet, it is becoming clear that Victory's feathers are lighter and duskier/grayer than Valor's. Oh my! Rain is picking up. Victory just marched with outspread wings catching the drops across the nest. His/her head is always bent down in the moss, looking for a lost morsel or two among the grass and twigs. This is a great afternoon for a rain dance. Haven't seen one yet with our eaglets. Victory moves a few little twigs around and digs with beak into the wet moss, while Valor stands atop some side rails looking out. Rain continues pretty heavily. Now Victory is stock still staring out. Our expert cam operator has zoomed in on the head and neck feathers of Victory. Big drops cascade down, drenching his/her head, but sitting in beads on his/her back. Vi Tory continues to lie in the best in front of V. Valor stands.	kaco4_AEF
6/27/2018 10:39:39	6/27/2018	12:18:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Playing in the rain	It has been a 3 fish day so far. Our eaglets are sure getting a drenching, but are well nourished. One wonders how raindrops feel on feather heads and torsos and backs. Victory inches closer to Valor and then is up and, yes, hops around with rain catcher and deflection wings wide open. That's the way to handle a rainstorm!!! Eagles were made for rain dancing! The rain sounds like it is lightening up a bit as Valor comes off the rail and into the nest. C'mon Valor. Spread your wings and dance! No, s/he remains serious and stiff. Victory stands on a side rail, preening. Our birds are now side by side on a rail near the V, drip drying a little. How appropriate it is for our eaglets to be named Victory and Valor since they require these qualities to rise to the challenges of the V branch intersection. Victory and Valor vanquish the V!!!	kaco4_AEF
6/27/2018 13:16:22	6/27/2018	3:10:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At 2:38, TFL flies in through the V and delivers a fish. Victory claims it and Valor sits to the side squeeing... loudly. Lol. TFL remains in the V waiting to see if Victory will self feed but ends up moving into the nest when s/he barely picks at the fish. TFL has one eaglet on either side and both are being fed well. The squeeing never ceases during this feeding. Both kids want more and TFL works hard tearing fish off bony areas to feed them. At 3:06, TFL flies up to the overhead branch to perch.	freebird_AEF
6/27/2018 16:22:26	6/27/2018	5:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At 5:55 MrP delivers a fish and TFL flies in immediately after. MrP makes room for her and departs quickly. TFL tries to feed both eaglets but Valor steals the small sized fish and attempts to self feed. TFL tries to take the tail end back but Valor grabs it and gulps it down. That was a huge gulp and it took two tries before the fish tail slid all the way down into Valor's crop. My goodness! TFL departs immediately. From the time MrP flew in with the delivery and TFL flew out after Valor downed the fish was only about 5 minutes. If that! Valor is practicing his/her quick wit, fast moves and ability to swallow huge pieces of fish. Way to go, Valor, that was impressive!	freebird_AEF
6/27/2018 18:25:37	6/27/2018	8:22:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Victory plays in the wind; flapping his/her wings and even catches a little bit of air. Now it's time to belly flop into the nest bed and start playing with small sticks. Ahhh... off to the V goes Victory to relax, using the nest rails to place his/her head and keep an eye on things. Meanwhile, all Valor can do is stand around and try to digest that huge fish tail that s/he ate earlier. I take that back, Valor decides maybe a nap is in order and lies down next to Victory, and Victory moves a bit closer to his/her sibling. Both doze off. Zzzzzzzzz.	freebird_AEF
6/28/2018 5:09:05	6/28/2018	6:47:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish and TFL follows him in to do the feeding. Victory rushes over to get fed, Valor remains in the V where s/he's been perching for awhile. TFL gulps down the tail herself and continues to feed Victory. Valor shows no interest in eating. TFL finishes feeding Victory, moves around the nest picking up scraps and flies off. Valor continues to quietly perch in the V.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 5:39:33	6/28/2018	7:30:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	Valor has been unusually quiet this morning. S/he moves out of the V and is perching quietly on the nest rails. Victory has been doing some wingercizing, moves into the V and back out on the nest rails. Valor moves back to perch in the V.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 6:02:15	6/28/2018	8:00:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	Valor moves over and joins Victory on the nest rails. They look so cute as they perch together side by side and gaze out at the big world. A world they have yet to explore but oh how exciting that will be. That time will come before we know it. Both of them are now eight weeks old. How sweet of Victory to allopreen Valor. The interaction between these two is a joy to watch.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 6:51:06	6/28/2018	8:45:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Weather	It looks like the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us. The temperature is expected to be in the nineties most of this week. The eagles are very adaptable to the weather and are used to temperature differences. They'll most likely spend more time on the nest rails where it's cooler and pant to stay cool in the warm weather.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 7:56:50	6/28/2018	9:50:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Butterfly Visit	All is quiet and peaceful at the nest. Victory and Valor have spent the better part of an hour watching over their surroundings. A brave butterfly ventures on the nest and catches Victory and Valor's attention. They tilt their heads back and forth tracking it. It's so much fun watching them experience new things. Their curiosity can be contagious. Victory lies down in the nest close to Valor. Too close for Valor, it seems. Victory allopreens Valor and pulls on her/his tail. Valor says no thank you and moves away and into the V. These two can be so funny together.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 12:42:25	6/28/2018	2:33:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Self Feeding	Update 1:40pm: MrP delivers a fish to the nest. Victory immediately mantles and grabs MrP's talon. Silly Victory, the fish is behind you. Although Valor sees the fish s/he makes no attempt to approach it. Finally Victory turns around and sees it. Victory doesn't hesitate in the least. S/he grabs it up and does a good job at self feeding. Valor shows no interest and goes back to the V to perch.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 13:31:57	6/28/2018	2:54:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers another fish. This time all talons are intact. lol Victory is the only one who's interested in getting fed. S/he gobbles down the tail and gets some good bites. MrP eats the rest of the fish himself. Valor perches in the V and makes no attempt to eat.	earlybird_AEF
6/28/2018 18:06:42	6/28/2018	8:05:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	It's been pretty uneventful at the nest over the past hour. Victory lies down in the nest and has begun vocalizing occasionally, calling out squeeful requests for food. Meanwhile, sweet Valor stands along the railing quiet and subdued.	freebird_AEF

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6/28/2018 19:06:32	6/28/2018	9:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	TFL does a fly by and is currently spotted at the primary perching tree. Victory responds by chirping and getting restless. Still restless, Victory wanders around, collecting pieces of bone or nest material and moving them about. Valor lies down in the nest along the railing. Victory... s/he's got all kinds of energy. S/he wanders around with open wings, perches along the railing -- all while Valor gives in to sleep. Valor has been standing for many hours and finally, s/he's decided to call it a day and starts to doze off. Our little busy body, Victory, continues to wingerize and chirp pretty little songs. Valor gives Victory a look like, "Watch where you're going. Do you want to?" when Victory almost steps on him/her. Lol, Victory has currently joined Valor and is resting in the nest bed. Valor is all tucked out and asleep, beak down. Wishing you sweet dreams dear eaglets, and hoping both of you enjoy a delicious breakfast in the morning together.	freebird_AEF
6/29/2018 4:20:42	6/29/2018	6:00:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	Victory perches on the nest rails, Valor lies in the nest, head down and sleeping. Victory cranes her/his head around looking for a way to get off the nest rails without stepping on Valor. Well s/he moves off and yes, steps on Valor. Valor is not pleased and lets her/him know it with a few pecks. This doesn't deter Victory from attempting to allopreen Valor. Have I mentioned how "touchy, feely" Victory can be in the mornings. It can be really adorable but Valor wants no parts of it on this morning. Wings start flapping, beaks start pecking as Valor says "No". Twice this happens until Victory finally lies down beside Valor. In the midst of all of this Valor has been squealing. S/he was so quiet yesterday but today s/he seems to be her/his usual "squeeful" self. That's music to my ears.	earlybird_AEF
6/29/2018 4:29:25	6/29/2018	6:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Interaction	Victory and Valor continue to lie on the nest, cuddled up beside each other. They're so cute and playful together. Passing sticks back and forth, digging in the moss, beak bumping each other. Finally they nod off. Victory with her/his head lying on Valor's wing, Valor using the nest rails as her/his pillow.	earlybird_AEF
6/29/2018 4:56:11	6/29/2018	6:45:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nuthatch Visit	Victory and Valor are still lounging around in the nest. It's going to the perfect day to do just that. The temperature is expected to reach 93 degrees with sunny, hot and humid conditions. What I believe is a nuthatch stops by to wish them a good morning. They raise their heads to take a look but don't seem that impressed. "Fly off little bird, we need our beauty sleep".	earlybird_AEF
6/29/2018 5:23:28	6/29/2018	7:15:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	Victory wakes and does some wingerizing. Valor gets up shortly after and does her/his morning preening. They both look out at the horizon with Valor squealing intermittently. "Where's Breakfast?" Valor's squeals get louder and more persistent. I think it's a safe guess that someone's hungry this morning.	earlybird_AEF
6/29/2018 6:47:01	6/29/2018	8:11:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	A fish is delivered by a parent. Victory and Valor scramble to get control of the fish but the parent ultimately is able to do the feeding. Both eaglets are in a good position to eat. Although Valor is squealing loudly and has her/his beak right in there s/he only gets a few bites. S/he seems very hesitant to grab the fish even after Victory steps away. Victory gets the tail and some good bites, the parent getting the rest.	earlybird_AEF
6/29/2018 10:14:32	6/29/2018	12:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At 11:40, TFL delivers what looks like a large cat fish. Valor screams with interest and heads for the fish. Valor positions on one side of TFL and Victory on the other. Victory gets a few bites but is disinterested, so Valor is having a private feeding with TFL while Victory perches along the side rail and observes. TFL eats quite a bit of the fish, to be fair, it looked pretty tough with lots of bone and gristle. Valor wants more and stays close to TFL even though there's not much fish left to be had. It's good to see Valor have his/her appetite back. Valor walks away squealing and complaining that there wasn't more to that meal. TFL acts like any mom whose kid is complaining, as if she doesn't hear a thing. With the fish completely eaten, TFL flies off at 12:02. Valor got some good bites from TFL.	freebird_AEF
6/29/2018 10:20:14	6/29/2018	12:15:00 PM	The First Lady	On alert	At 12:05, TFL, who is obviously perched nearby by the volume, calls out with chatters and both kids are looking in the same direction. I'm assuming it's TFL who flies by the nest three times, squonking and chattering. Valor engages in low level whistling sounds and both kids stand side by side. TFL is found perched at the nest tree. Something is ruffling their feathers. We hear other bird calls in the area and TFL remains alert but stationary and hasn't vocalized in a while.	freebird_AEF
6/29/2018 10:41:36	6/29/2018	12:22:00 PM	The First Lady	On alert	TFL continues to stand guard at the nest tree and we can hear other vocalizations and calls nearby. It sounds like at least one is an eagle, which could be MrP but we're unable to see what's going on. Valor opens his/her wings and walks back to the nest rail whistling and watching. TFL is moving her head around as if she's tracking something and she flies off at 12:36. Things seem to have calmed down at the nest now.	freebird_AEF
6/29/2018 13:43:59	6/29/2018	3:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Update: MrP delivered a fish at around 11:00am. Victory was the first to grab this one and self feed. Valor finally got her/his chance at 11:12am when Victory stepped away. Valor was self feeding for a good fifteen minutes before Victory grabbed it back. Victory stepped away once again at 11:35am and Valor took this opportunity to get some more bites. Not five minutes later, TFL brings in a fish that freebird_AEF observed and reported on earlier. Our eaglets have been fed well today.	earlybird_AEF
6/29/2018 14:37:48	6/29/2018	4:25:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	In nest	Well it has been another 3 fish day so far, and our eaglets are standing or lying near the V trying to stay cool. Victory is an habitual belly in the nest type, and Valor prefers standing. Temperature right now is 92, going down to 71 tonight. The next two days will be challenging, in the mid 90's, and it will be dry and 90ish all the way through to Saturday, when rain is predicted. Tune in on July 4th after 8:30 PM for the Capitol area fireworks display, visible on our high res cams!	kaco4_AEF
6/29/2018 15:04:34	6/29/2018	4:50:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Standing in nest	Both eaglets are standing side by side on a rail opposite the V, where neighboring foliage offers shade. Valor props open a wing with a foot and balances on the other foot. An occasional whistle can be heard from Valor, so our birds are aware that dinner hour is nigh. Sun will set tonight at 8:38. At 4:56, a fish is brought in by Mr. P??? Victory grabs the whole back of the fish, tail included, leaving Valor at the mercy of the parent, who is eating remaining pieces from the front. Ah, I see Valor got fed a few pieces too. Yet s/he continues wailing. In a DC minute, the fish is vaporized! Ok, we need another delivery. Valor is loud and clearly unsatisfied. Victory is still chowing down on the portion s/he took for him/herself. Valor makes no attempt to challenge Victory.	kaco4_AEF
6/29/2018 16:06:37	6/29/2018	4:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish to the nest at 4:55. Valor gets lots of good bites and Victory wins the tail.	freebird_AEF
6/29/2018 16:21:50	6/29/2018	6:07:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor, our little squeeze baby, is sounding off at regular intervals. "Food, food, food!" And Victory is chill as usual, relaxing at the rails next to his/her sibling. A parent is perching on the overhead branch, looking stunning with the blue sky and puffy white clouds rolling by in the background. The whistle-like squees coming from the nest sound similar to a radar siren sounding off.	freebird_AEF
6/29/2018 17:42:16	6/29/2018	7:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL has been spotted on the primary perching tree, basking in the evening sun on one of her favorite perches. Meanwhile, our eaglets stand together on the nest rails between the lateral branch and the posts, looking out into the world, and of course vocalizing loudly at times. Around 7:28, they go wild. There's a fish in the nest! MrP doesn't stay long. He's a wise eagle; he makes room for the rumble between the kids and he flies up onto the right V branch. Valor screams, mantles and claims the fish right off the bat, then drags it away to eat. Valor displays a beautiful mantle position and is self feeding like a champ, while Victory finds scraps in the nest and carries them around. At 7:32, Victory's had enough. S/he goes over to Valor and literally grabs and pulls the remaining fish out from under him/her, then heads to the other side of the nest to feed. There wasn't a lot of fish left, but what was left is gone within a minute. Great job for both of our DC eaglets. Way to go! Now that the new fish is gone, Victory finds the earlier leftover and works on pulling bites off it.	freebird_AEF

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6/29/2018 19:12:45	6/29/2018	9:12:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Good night	Things have been pretty quiet over the past hour (between 8 and 9pm). Valor's vocal attempts to convince MrP and TFL they should bring another fish, didn't manifest anything. Finally, they both decide to relax and settle in for the night and all is quiet. TFL has been spotted back on the primary perching tree where she's keeping watch. Good night all. Good night sweet eagles!	freebird_AEF
6/30/2018 4:17:15	6/30/2018	5:55:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Activities	Both our eaglets are wide awake and doing their morning preening. Victory on the nest rails, Valor in the nest. Valor's squeaks can be heard echoing throughout the Arboretum. "Mom, Dad, we're hungry!" No reply from the parents yet. Victory is full of vim and vigor, wingerclimbing across the nest and jumping on the nest rails. S/he grabs up the leftover fish head and trots all around the nest looking so proud. S/he spots an insect flying and her head goes around and around following it. Victory is so full of confidence and courage, just as an eagle should be. You can feel her pent up energy today as s/he hops across the nest, flapping her/his wings, ready to experience new adventures. The world is yours for the taking sweet Victory.	earlybird_AEF
6/30/2018 5:07:26	6/30/2018	6:47:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Activity	The sun is shining brightly this morning, it's currently 66 degrees with a high of 97 expected. Valor perches in the V, Victory at the opposite side of the nest on the nest rails. Valor stoically watches in the direction of the primary perching tree, perhaps a parent is perched there. S/he changes position, moves into the nest and vomits a liquid like substance, perhaps an unformed pellet. Valor moves to the side of the nest and gazes around. Victory is full of curiosity peering over the nest with that cute little tilt of the head. I wonder what they see?	earlybird_AEF
6/30/2018 6:00:14	6/30/2018	7:23:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Wingerclimbing	Victory has been doing some beautiful wingerclimbing this morning, hopping from the nest rails and back into the nest. This time s/he miscalculates and jumps on Valor who was perching in the V. It appears that Valor falls into the V perch but catches her/himself with her/his wings. S/he shakes it off and moves into the nest to lie down. Victory continues with the wingerclimbing and this time jumps onto the left V branch with both talons firmly planted on the branch. S/he turns her/himself around and moves back into the nest.	earlybird_AEF
6/30/2018 11:41:08	6/30/2018	1:12:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Valor is in the outer section of the V and Victory is in the V closest to the nest. They suddenly begin squealing loudly. Valor hops around Victory to get into the nest just as MrP delivers a fish. Valor immediately mantles and claims the fish, then surprisingly, steps back and lets Victory have it. Victory drags it to the nest rails and digs in while Valor returns to the V for a few minutes. Valor seems to have second thoughts and heads back to the nest and over to where Victory is eating and tries to get the fish back. Several attempts are unsuccessful but Valor keeps trying and after many attempts gets the fish away from Victory and drags it to the opposite side of the nest, assumes an amazingly strong mantle and takes his/her turn at feeding. A couple minutes later, Victory returns for the steal but is unsuccessful. Valor does a wide spread wing mantle and keeps Victory away. Valor is getting down to the head and Victory stands to the side watching and finally decides to hop on the nest rails near where Valor is eating. Victory bends down from the nest rails hoping to get a nibble or maybe to check how much is left, then stands above on the railing, staring over Valor's shoulder and watching him/her eat. Finally, with only the head remaining, Victory has had enough. S/he squeals and grabs the head away from Valor. Valor's cool with that and gives a look like, "Good luck, buddy! That's one tough fish head." Victory is now working on it, dragging it around the nest and seeing what s/he can get off it and Valor calmly moves over towards the V to take in the view, and glance back to watch Victory tackle the head.	freebird_AEF
6/30/2018 11:58:10	6/30/2018	1:53:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Feeding	Victory gets tired of working on the fish head and Valor sneaks back in to nibble and practice pulling meat off the head. But Valor doesn't work at it for very long and goes to the railing next to the V. Victory takes his/her place in the coveted V spot and uses it as a lookout.	freebird_AEF
6/30/2018 12:27:05	6/30/2018	2:20:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL brings in a huge fresh fish, all in tact, and starts feeding the kids as they stand side by side squealing with delight. Both eaglets are getting fed. Valor is currently positioned closest to TFL.	freebird_AEF
6/30/2018 12:41:26	6/30/2018	2:40:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL continues to feed. Valor bypasses TFL's feeding by self feeding when it suits him/her. Victory is more chill, s/he lies in the nest and waits for TFL to provide bites. TFL loses control of the tail and it lands on Victory's left wing/shoulder area. Victory excitedly squeals, gets up, grabs the tail and takes off with it. TFL is in pursuit but Victory says, "No way, mama. This one is mine... all mine!" And swallows the tail down. TFL heads back to where the fish was, finds a few little scraps to nibble on, takes a tiny piece from the nest and flies off with it leaving both eaglets behind to chitter chatter. Our DC eaglets were fed equally and well. The feedings sure go fast these days. That fish was gone in about 7 minutes... and it was a biggie. Great job, TFL!	freebird_AEF
6/30/2018 13:28:25	6/30/2018	3:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Gazing Around	Victory and Valor have recently had a good meal and are settling down for a siesta. It's a very warm afternoon but there is plenty of shade on the nest right now and a gentle breeze helping to keep them cool. The siesta doesn't last long, these two don't want to miss a thing. They are so interested in everything, the birds, the squirrels, even the bugs seem to fascinate them. They sit side by side and gaze around. Two contented eaglets enjoying each other's company and the world around them.	earlybird_AEF
6/30/2018 16:09:53	6/30/2018	6:04:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL in with a good sized catfish. Valor is right in there getting first dibs while Victory inches in from the other side of mom. Valor is getting some juicy bites from a judicious, egalitarian and wise TFL. Victory squeals in protest that s/he is getting shortchanged! Valor steps back for a bit and lets Victory get full attention. It looks like Victory has traveled with a chunk to munch on by him/herself. A camera closeup reveals Victory pulling out meat from the fish segment s/he has. This fish is a big fish. Plenty for two growing eaglets.	kaco4_AEF
6/30/2018 16:20:51	6/30/2018	6:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL is now chowing down while Valor complains. Victory hops back into the nest and watches mom feasting. S/he grabs a nice piece from mom's beak and Valor gets another bite too. Now TFL takes more for herself. Victory goes back to the morsel left from earlier and then runs in and gets mom's last few bites. Five or six bites. Nice meaty bits! No bones or skin. Pure meat. Nice!	kaco4_AEF
6/30/2018 16:38:43	6/30/2018	6:30:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	In nest	After a nourishing dinner, Victory and Valor relax, with Valor lying in the V and Victory standing near a side rail. There is a pleasant breeze rustling the nearby foliage as the sun goes down. The current temperature is 92, going down to 73 overnight. Sunday through Tuesday will be challenging with temps reaching the mid to high 90's with no rain forecast until Saturday. TFL perches on the overhead branch with wings spread, catching the breeze. All is well in the Arb.	kaco4_AEF
6/30/2018 21:58:39	6/30/2018	11:53:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Sleeping	Valor and Victory are sleeping peacefully. Victory is lying down while Valor is near the V and upright. They pant and keep their wings open to cool off as the heat here in DC is persistent so expect those batman stances to continue! The fresh fish from the river will give their mouths a nice splash of coolness which I am sure they appreciate in this heat. At 81 degrees and muggy, it's just plain blech out! Sweet dreams, DC Eagle Family.....	FreeSoars_AEF

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7/1/2018 17:05:04	7/1/2007	7:02:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Victory is lying down to the left of the V resting while Valor stands in the V vocalizing sets of squees. It looks like TFL who is on the overhead branch perching.		freebird_AEF
7/1/2018 17:24:04	7/1/2018	7:08:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor continues calling out. It truly seems that s/he is hoping for an evening fish. Loud squees are followed by chitter chatters. Meanwhile, Victory is napping away as cool as a cucumber. Valor lies down but still calls out. "MrP, where are you? Is there no one to bring another fish? I will surely perish over night if I don't get more food." Lol. Update :: It sounds like there was some great wingerizing going on earlier today and at least two fish deliveries with both eaglets being fed well.		freebird_AEF
7/1/2018 17:50:51	7/1/2018	7:49:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Victory wingerizing	Victory is busy wingerizing from one side of the nest to the other and accidentally lands on Valor. Valor did not like that, s/he stands up and the eagles have a bit of a rumble, wings flapping and beaking at one another. Nothing serious... Valor just didn't appreciate being stepped on with those big feet and talons. Victory out does Valor and Valor takes a defensive pose, but within minutes, they've both forgotten the whole thing and move on.		freebird_AEF
7/1/2018 18:56:45	7/1/2018	8:56:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor continues to call out and looks up at TFL while squeeing. TFL is still perched on the overhead branch with her back to the nest. Victory tries a different approach than squeeing at TFL. S/he looks up at her on the overhead and sings her a little Lady Chatterly eagle song. Soft, melodic chirps rise up to TFL, who just preens and appears to ignore it. Victory can take a hint, s/he moves to the other side of the nest but then looks back at TFL and gives it another try. Chitter chattering a lovely soft song. Meh. TFL pays no attention. Victory, I love your song and think you're absolutely adorable. I'd feed you if I were your mama. Teehee.		freebird_AEF
7/1/2018 19:08:56	7/1/2018	9:03:00 PM	Victory, Valor & TFL	Good night	It's getting dark and both eaglets are quiet and lying down in the nest together. They were side by side for a few minutes and exchanged some gentle beak kisses, or at least, that's how it appeared. TFL remains perched above. It looks like there's a nice breeze blowing and the DC nest and eagles are looking gorgeous in the IR light. Sweet dreams to our cherished eagle family.		freebird_AEF
7/2/2018 4:27:48	7/2/2018	6:06:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers a fish, Valor mantles and gains possession of it. Beautiful job Valor! Victory moves over to take a look and Valor just steps aside and lets her/him have it. Sweet Valor, when it comes to getting a fish you're not supposed to share. Valor squees all the while Victory eats the fish. I think s/he might just be having second thoughts about this decision. Victory is really digging in and doing a good job at self feeding, not paying a bit of mind to Valor. 6:20am Victory steps away from the fish to move a stick. Valor makes her/his move and gains possession again. Valor self feeds with no confrontation at all from Victory. Victory just goes about her/his business of tidying up the nest and munching on an old bone.		earlybird_AEF
7/2/2018 4:52:50	7/2/2018	6:30:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Self Feeding	It appears that Valor is having a little trouble now getting the meat out of that fish. There's only the head left so he picks it up and trots around the nest with it, softly squeeing. "I could use some help here! Mom...Dad...Anyone?" No one comes to the rescue this time so he starts to dig in again. It's tough going, it looks like a tough catfish head but s/he does well. Victory meanders around the nest, amusing her/himself with nesting material, jumping on the nest rails and lying in the nest. Finally Valor has got her/his fill and lies down in the nest. Victory says "Okay, I'll have another try at that fish now", munches on it for a few minutes and then goes back to perching on the nest rails. So now Valor moves over to get another turn at eating. They have gone back and forth several times with not a bit of aggression from either of them. This has been the nicest morning seeing the two of them getting along so well and sharing the fish. I didn't think that I could love them more but after this morning my heart is filled to the brim. You two are the sweetest!		earlybird_AEF
7/2/2018 5:23:27	7/2/2018	6:53:00 AM	Wild Turkey?	Visiting Bird on Ground	Our cam op has spotted a large bird pecking around on the ground near the nest. It looks like it might be a Wild Turkey but I'm no bird expert so I can't be sure. You never know what you're going to see here next!		earlybird_AEF
7/2/2018 6:09:49	7/2/2018	7:34:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers another fish. This time he stays and feeds the eaglets from the leftover catfish head. Valor gets the majority of this feeding, Victory is up front too but doesn't make much of an attempt to eat. MrP flies off, leaving the new fish intact. Victory, wearing some feather bling this morning, takes a turn at the fish but doesn't get far and steps away. Valor steps in to take her/his turn but here comes MrP with a squirrel. It looks like they're having a smorgasbord this morning. Once again MrP stays to feed them and feed them he does. Both eaglets are eating well and seem to be enjoying this special treat.		earlybird_AEF

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7/2/2018 6:28:55	7/2/2018	8:15:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	Finally both eaglets have got their fill and step away. MrP is now able to enjoy some of that squirrel himself. You deserve it MrP. That was a beautiful feeding. Victory and Valor chitter chatter as MrP flies off. "Thanks Dad for that delicious breakfast". Victory moves over to check out the remaining squirrel and self feeds. Looks like s/he's doing a great job at it. Valor perches in the V and chills for awhile. So nice to see both of the eaglets start their day with full crops.		earlybird_AEF
7/2/2018 18:09:53	7/2/2018	7:53:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival / Valor squees	Victory is having a great time wingercizing. S/he's landed at least once a couple feet up on the left V branch while gaining some lift during flapping. Valor watches and appears to be taking notes and seems quite impressed. We see a flash of white as a parent flies by and onto the overhead branch. It sure looks like MrP's tail feathers. Will there be no dinner or will TFL be the super hero tonight? We'll know soon. Valor has been very vocal ever since MrP flew in. I mean... louder than usual. Like he's seriously asking for dinner, not just making a polite request. Lol. MrP looks over his right shoulder down at Valor screaming. The look on his face is priceless. TFL usually doesn't look back. She just ignores them but MrP looks back several times as if he doesn't know what to think. Dear Valor, I don't know if your request will be met tonight. It looks like TFL might have taken the day off and MrP doesn't seem to be going anyway any time soon.		freebird_AEF
7/2/2018 19:06:16	7/2/2018	8:55:00 PM	MrP, Victory and Valor	Good night	Valor quiets down, for the most part by 8:30 and gives in to the fact that s/he most likely needs to wait for breakfast. The squees turn into night time chitter chatter and chortles as Valor looks up at MrP, who remains perched on the overhead branch. The sun has set and night is falling, the IR light flashes on on Cam A and our DC family is quiet. We only hear the buzzing electrical sound that bugs make when they try to cool off on summer nights. We witness the evening enchantment of the nest and territory while bathed in the IR light. And it's time to wish our eagles a safe night and sweet dreams.		freebird_AEF
7/3/2018 12:31:45	7/3/2018	1:49:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The arboretum is filled with a symphony of squeals. They get louder and louder. Valor has spotted TFL. Victory doesn't quite see her yet. Victory walks around in a circle in the middle of the nest, looking in all directions. "What's going on Valor?" It takes but a minute and s/he sees what Valor has already seen. TFL with a fish! They both rush towards her. Valor grabs TFL's talon, Victory grabs the fish. Victory does a beautiful mantle and claims the fish. Valor realizing s/he got the raw end of this deal squees with disappointment. TFL stays but just a few minutes, sees that Victory has things under control and moves up to the overhead branch. Valor waits and watches as Victory self feeds. Finally, eight minutes later Valor moves in for the steal. Success! Valor now has possession and chows down. TFL flies back into the nest and offers Victory a bite or two from a leftover piece, then returns to the overhead branch. Valor continues to eat while Victory just hangs out near the lateral branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/3/2018 12:57:09	7/3/2018	2:33:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	Valor steps away from the fish just as TFL returns to the nest. Smart Mama gave both of her eaglets a chance to feed themselves and now she's back to help. Valor is up front and center and gets some good bites. Victory isn't quite as close but does get a few bites. Victory doesn't seem as interested and steps away, perhaps because s/he's still full from feeding her/himself. Sweet Mama moves the fish a little closer and offers some to Victory. "Come on over Victory, there's more than enough for both of you." Victory does get some more bites and so does Valor, squeezing the whole time. The fish is finally gone, TFL tidies up and flies off.		earlybird_AEF
7/3/2018 13:11:45	7/3/2018	3:05:00 AM	Valor	Official: 12:06pm Valor Branches	Official: Update 12:06 Valor took a big step today and branched! Beautiful job Valor! Congratulations!		earlybird_AEF
7/3/2018 15:35:33	7/3/2018	5:00:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish and then flies up onto the right V branch to get out of the way. Victory gets it first, then Valor claims it and now Victory does a sneaky move and grabs and pulls the fish from underneath Valor. MrP departs at 5:08. Valor squeals with discontent while Victory feeds. Victory gulps down the tail as Valor tip toes over to work on the leftovers.		freebird_AEF
7/3/2018 16:56:45	7/3/2018	6:20:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor vocalizes and then digs in to work on pulling meat off the fish head for a while before heading back to stand at the rails like Victory, trying to catch a breeze while on lookout. And then... they both go quiet. Relaxing, perching along the nest rails near one another and staring outward near the posts on the opposite side of the V branches.		freebird_AEF

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7/4/2018 5:10:04	7/4/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The squeeing begins before we see MrP. He comes flying in with a fish and promptly moves up the right V branch. Smart thinking MrP. Much easier on the talons that way. Valor gains possession and mantles over it. Victory edges her/his way in. "Come on Valor. How about letting me have just a bite. A teeny tiny nibble?" Valor says no way and holds on for all it's worth. Victory is persistent and slowly steps closer and makes in for the steal! Off s/he goes with the fish. Valor says not so fast. Not five minutes later Valor jumps up on the nest rails, flaps her/his wings and jumps down to claim the fish again. That was one beautiful maneuver! What a give and take this morning! Victory moves over to the V but keeps watch over her/his shoulder as Valor chows down. Victory moves over and around Valor and onto the lateral branch. S/he's now very close to Valor and moves onto the nest rails, just a little bit closer. Look out Valor Big sister/brother is coming. Victory watches and waits.....		earlybird_AEF
7/4/2018 5:36:15	7/4/2018	7:14:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Self Feeding	Valor continues self feeding. S/he's doing such a good job this morning, pulling off some nice chunks and eating quickly before Victory gets her/his chance to take it again. Victory still perches nearby, head turned away as if s/he doesn't have a care in the world, as if her/his mouth isn't drooling in anticipation at getting that fish back. We know better. Here s/he comes, a nice bob and weave and Victory wins back the prize. What an amazing Independence Day! How wonderful to see how independent these two have become. Valor watches from the V perch as Victory eats. Victory finally has her/his fill and steps away. Valor moves back in the nest and checks for leftovers. S/he's in luck, there's still a nice piece of fish left. S/he begins to eat once more but not for long. It seems that both of the eaglets have eaten just about all they can for the moment.		earlybird_AEF
7/4/2018 5:56:19	7/4/2018	7:37:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	Victory and Valor seem to have grown overnight. They are both such beautiful eaglets, accomplishing more and more each day. How amazing to see Victory casually perching on the lateral branch this morning like it's an everyday occurrence. So confident and self assured. It was so wonderful to see Valor branch for the first time yesterday. Valor looks like s/he wouldn't mind joining Victory on the lateral branch. S/he perches on the nest rails nearby and checks it out but doesn't seem ready quite yet. Victory moves further up the branch. "Come on little brother/sister. I'll make room for you". Valor says not just yet and lies down nearby.		earlybird_AEF
7/4/2018 6:55:31	7/4/2018	8:41:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Activity	Victory appears ready to get off of the lateral branch and back into the nest. Valor blocks her/his way and they give each other some beak bumps. Victory looks all around, weighing her/his options. How to get off of that branch with Valor right in her/his path? Conundrum! Victory looks to the left, s/he looks to the right and goes for it, jumping to the right of Valor and onto the nest rails. Victory is yours! Beautiful job Victory! A big sigh of relief can be heard by all. At least by me. lol		earlybird_AEF
7/4/2018 10:04:59	7/4/2018	11:43:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Valor starts squeeing loudly as MrP is seen flying across the Arboretum toward to the nest with a fish. Valor does a beautiful mantle, claims the fish and digs in. Victory stands aside watching and whistling. Valor stops eating and squees at the fish, maybe asking to be fed by a parent rather than having to self feed? S/he walks away and over near where Victory stands. Victory takes the opportunity to move in and Valor chases after Victory, wings spread and vocalizing in complaint, but then walks away chattering and whistling while Victory gets a turn to self feed. Victory picks the fish up and moves it closer to where Valor is standing and Valor squees away but hasn't made a move or attempt to steal it back. Victory wraps up his/her feeding and leaves some behind. Valor takes another go at it and successfully pulls meat off the fish. They have a nice game of team tag feeding going on. Valor picks the fish up and moves it across the nest and continues to feed.		freebird_AEF
7/4/2018 10:17:18	7/4/2018	12:09:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Feeding	I can't help it! Valor reminds me of a little monkey the way he grabs that fish and moves it around the nest. Just the funny and adorable way eagles walk makes me giggle. Valor moves the tail end back near where Victory is perched along the nest railing and gulps the tail down. Way to go V & V! That was a great feeding and you both did it all on your own. Such big eagles. There's a nice breeze at the nest as our two eaglets stand side by side near the lateral branch. The forecast predicts a high of 92 degrees with isolated thunderstorms. There's a really nice breeze blowing through the area right now, helping to make the heat and humidity more comfortable.		freebird_AEF

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7/4/2018 10:33:38	7/4/2018	12:31:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Victory moves to the lateral branch to perch. MrP and TFL did such a nice job of placing sticks so that the lateral branch is easy to gain access for V & V. Victory, I'm sure, is getting some nice breeze by perching on the lateral branch and new downward views to enjoy. Such big eaglets! How wonderful watching their natural progress. Victory feels confident enough to preen while perched off the nest. After preening, s/he wiggles his/her tail with contentment. That's right little buddy, you should feel proud of yourself!		freebird_AEF
7/4/2018 10:54:31	7/4/2018	12:50:00 PM	Victory	Branching	Victory continues to push him/herself and inches out further onto the lateral branch. S/he seems enchanted with all the new sights to be seen from the branch. Valor remains at the nest rails near the posts. Both have found the shady areas to rest. Victory is doing great with branching, even with the gusts of wind, and s/he inches out even a bit further. Well, look at you, Victory! You can even do a PS now from the branch! Valor decides to lie down in the nest near where Victory is branching. Victory is being a cool little eaglet, even relaxing one leg. I must say that I'm quite impressed. And now Victory is even assured enough that s/he catches a few moments of shut eye.		freebird_AEF
7/4/2018 18:09:30	7/4/2018	7:05:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL flies in with a fish. She stands at the railing while Valor squeals. She gives V & V a moment to see if one of them is going to mantle and claim the fish. When neither do, she starts to feed them. Suddenly TFL, Victory and Valor have a 3-way tug of war, Valor grabs the fish, drags in away, displays a strong mantle and begins to eat. Victory stands nearby watching, then hops out onto the lateral branch to watch. This is a good sized fish and there should be enough for both of them. It looked like Valor ate most of the fish but left a good portion for Victory to finish off.		freebird_AEF
7/4/2018 18:20:57	7/4/2018	7:55:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP shows up with another fish and TFL flies in right behind to feed our eaglets. MrP, being a wise eagle, departs immediately and is found watching the commotion at the nest from the primary perching tree. TFL continues to feed V & V and get some bites in for herself as well. Victory gets his/her fill and walks away. Valor is there till the end, whistling at TFL and helping her pick at bones for more bites. TFL glances over at Valor almost like she's saying, "Are you kidding? You're still hungry?" Lol. But she's such a good mom and instinctively, she must know that her time to feed her beautiful offspring is winding down. Valor keeps squeezeing with his/her head under TFL's tail feathers — and then, just like that, TFL flies off at 8:13 and heads over to the NW branch to perch. Both kids head over to stand at the nest rails near the posts where they watch TFL. MrP remains cooling off with wings spread at the primary perching tree. What a dashing eagle you are, MrP! And what a stunning lady you are, TFL. Everyone is quiet. There's still a nice breeze helping to cool off our family on another hot and humid day. Fireworks sound off in the distance. Maybe one or both parents will stay close tonight due to the extra noise.		freebird_AEF
7/4/2018 19:02:31	7/4/2018	9:00:00 PM	The First Lady	TFL, the 2 V's and fireworks	We're hearing and seeing a lot of large personal fireworks going off in the DC area on Cam B right now. TFL remains on the NW branch, which I think is just adorable that she wants to watch after the kids. Victory and Valor are perched quietly and barely moving as they watch the fireworks displays about town. Every now and then, they look back at TFL, almost as if for guidance and assurance, just like my kitty does with me. Hey, if mom's okay and unbothered by all the lights and noise, then everything must be okay!		freebird_AEF
7/5/2018 5:14:23	7/5/2018	6:45:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	It's a another warm and sunny day, currently 80 degrees with a high of 90 expected. Victory seems very comfortable as s/he perches on the lateral branch. S/he's gone back and forth from the branch to the nest several times, flapping her/his wings as she goes. Valor has been spending her/his morning on the nest, finding leftover bones to nibble on. Victory and Valor rush over as MrP arrives with a fish. He says "See ya!" and skedaddles out of there. They both watch him go, squeezeing their disappointment. "Where's the fish?" Valor turns around and what does s/he see? The fish! It was right behind you all the time, silly eaglet. Valor self feeds with Victory watching all the while. Valor does a good job pulling the fish apart and getting some good bites. Victory finally gets her/his chance and gets a good meal also.		earlybird_AEF
7/5/2018 5:47:43	7/5/2018	7:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Sibling Disagreement	Victory finishes eating and with a hop, skip and a jump moves over and around Valor to return to the lateral branch. S/he promptly gives a beak peck to Valor. "Why didn't you move out of my way?" Valor gives it right back and with wings flapping they have a little sibling disagreement. It lasts but a minute and they both go to their separate corners. These two can be so funny sometimes. It doesn't take long for Valor to move closer to Victory once again. S/he lies down near the lateral branch and fiddles with some nesting material. "Want to play Victory?"		earlybird_AEF

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7/5/2018 6:00:27	7/5/2018	7:51:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	9 Weeks Old	Both of our eaglets are now 9 weeks old. It's amazing to see how much they have accomplished in just nine short weeks. The self feeding, the branching, the wingercizing and the interaction between the two of them have been a joy to watch. We know the time is getting near when they will be off on their own and exploring the world and having new adventures. But these memories will be forever in our hearts. We love you little ones.		earlybird_AEF
7/5/2018 14:38:29	7/5/2018	4:01:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL delivers a fish. Both Victory and Valor go wild (as usual) and TFL flies up the left V branch to perch on the overhead. Valor claims the fish and wastes no time digging in. Victory stands to the side and does some wing flapping before heading to the V to watch. Each time Victory flaps and moves around the nest, Valor looks up and squees, "Don't get any ideas. This is my fish!" Victory now stands in the outer V looking in, then hops back in the nest. Victory flies up the left V branch with wings flapping, then back down to the base of the V. Off we go with massive wing flapping around the nest and cute head tilting looking up at TFL. "Mom, would you go get a fish for me?" Valor looks up at Victory and squees, "Knock it off with the wing flapping! I'm trying to eat over here." Lol. I'm surprised how Victory hasn't even tried to steal the fish from Valor even though s/he keeps looking over at it with desire. Victory may be getting ready to make a move but no, s/he heads for the V again. Valor squees at what's left of the fish and looks up at Victory and TFL, but s/he also backs away. Both eaglets are squeeking loudly and then... Whomp! Landing right over Valor's head with a big wallop into the nest comes TFL from the overhead. She has to negotiate getting the fish from Victory, who grabbed it and tried to take it for him/herself. Once TFL has it, she immediately starts feeding Victory. Squeals of delight ring through the air. It's a squee fest! Victory seems to get more of this feeding with TFL, which is great since Valor ate a good amount of the fish when it was first delivered. Time to clean the nest up. TFL searches around for leftovers. She looks upward then hops up the left arm of the V and both Victory and Valor chitter chatter and chirp loudly. The DC kids begin to settle down but still chatter. Victory finds a scrap, picks it up and hops across the nest while Valor heads to the side rails to look out, continuing to look up and converse with a TFL perched above. Well, that was exciting! Victory opens up his/her wings, spins in a circle in the nest and heads out to perch on his/her new favorite spot, the lateral branch. TFL has departed the overhead branch.		freebird_AEF
7/5/2018 17:04:02	7/5/2018	6:33:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP flies in and drops a fish in the nest, then climbs part way up the right V branch to watch. For two solid minutes, Victory and Valor stand there looking down at the fish, squeeking away with all their might. I wonder if they might be singing a song to it and what song it might be. Lol. MrP remains perched, looking over his shoulder down at the fish. He looks tempted to take it if they don't want it. Victory walks over to the fish and half heartedly starts nibbling at it. Finally, just as I thought MrP might fly down to reclaim it, TFL flies in to save the day and feeds her squealing little babies. Both squee with delight and the fish is gone within five minutes. TFL even gets some bites, then she wing walks up the left V branch and hops over to the overhead where she's currently perched. A wing flapping tussle occurs at 6:56 and TFL looks back at the kids over her shoulder to check on them. They break it up within seconds. Our beautiful Victory heads back out to perch on the lateral branch and Valor is back on the nest rails perching at the nest. TFL looks like a goddess with her wings spread open and relaxed in a downward pose. And once again, all is peaceful and quiet at the nest.		freebird_AEF
7/5/2018 17:07:22	7/5/2018	7:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Post dinner antics	Looks like both eaglets got a fair share of dinner from TFL. Victory did some after dinner wing dancing with exuberant flaps and hops, right atop Valor, who had to turn his/her back to avoid a frontal assault! Victory took one or two small steps up the left V branch and then proceeded to the beloved lateral branch. Kudos to Mr. P for paving the way from the nest to the lateral branch with perfectly woven branch connectors. Valor is sporting a very prominent crop and stands quietly in the nest. TFL is perched atop the overhead branch with outstretched wings, observing an almost clear blue sky. She must be aware of the beauteous scene surrounding her. The temperature is 88, going down to 76. Rain tomorrow will be followed by an exquisite weekend of sun and low humidity with temps in the 80's. Perfect weather for branching and nest dancing.		kaco4_AEF

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7/5/2018 17:32:52	7/5/2018	7:21:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	After dinner	Valor had been standing on a side rail, strengthening his/her foot muscles and then performing some lovely up and own hopping maneuvers. S/he now lies on the nest floor, gazing out and munching on a nearby twig. Victory maintains his/her position on the lateral branch with one foot extended in front of the other, a resting pose. I feel like singing Some Enchanted Evening. Uh oh. Victory upsets the serenity by literally jumping from the lateral and toppling into Valor who had been so comfy. Well Valor jumped back at Victory who ran back to the lateral. valor remains standing, wondering whether the nest floor is safe from obstreperous siblings.		kaco4_AEF
7/6/2018 4:18:47	7/6/2018	6:18:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	It's a clear morning, currently 80 degrees. Showers and thunderstorms are possible today with a high of 86 degrees. There's a nice breeze blowing as Victory flaps her/his wings and perches on the lateral branch. It seems this has become Victory's favorite perching spot, much like it was TFL's before she had two little ones to care for. A place to get away from the bugs and the extra warmth of the nest. Valor perches on the nest rails, preening her/himself and keeping watch over the area. We hear a beautiful melody from her/him as she squees her morning songs.		earlybird_AEF
7/6/2018 5:28:35	7/6/2018	6:52:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	TFL is greeted with happy squees as she arrives with a fish. To their delight she stays to feed her young ones. Both eaglets are being fed well, Victory grabs the tail to self feed while TFL continues to feed Valor. This feeding was super fast. TFL flies off as Valor wingercizes and looks on as Victory chows down on her/his piece. Valor saunters over and reaches around Victory to snatch a leftover piece and takes it to the other side of the nest to eat. Valor wanders over again, maybe just maybe s/he can score one more piece. Victory says not so fast and heads for the V. Valor has become quite the good scavenger and finds one more piece to eat.		earlybird_AEF
7/6/2018 5:47:37	7/6/2018	7:37:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Contentment	All is quiet at the nest, even Valor has stopped squeeing for the moment. Our full and contented eaglets gaze peacefully around the area, Valor in the nest, Victory on the lateral branch. Victory is busy preening and rouses her/his feathers. S/he does some lovely wingercizing as s/he perches on the branch. What a brave and beautiful eaglet you have become Victory!		earlybird_AEF
7/6/2018 12:17:13	7/6/2018	1:17:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish, both Victory and Valor squee loudly (especially Valor, of course). He starts to feed his eaglets as they are each positioned on either side of him. Then Valor pulls a large hunk of the fish off and drags it away. Valor munches down on his/her piece and MrP eats the smaller piece of the fish he was left with, after giving a bite or two to Victory. Victory walks by Valor squeeing, as s/he is the only one without fish, then heads out to the lateral branch. With MrP's piece of fish eaten, he moves toward Valor and finds another piece of fish (it looks like it was a leftover piece lying near the rails, or had also been divided from the current fish) and he starts feeding our eaglets. Lots of squeeing ensues and Valor still seems to be getting the most bites. My... how things have changed. Remember when Victory was more assertive at feedings? Valor seems to have learned many good lessons and has become more dominant by grabbing fish, mantling and even getting the most bites during many recent feedings I've observed. Valor goes back to eat the piece that s/he'd torn off earlier and MrP starts eating the other piece. Victory gets a few bites from MrP before heading back onto the lateral branch. Poor Victory. S/he's branching alone and watching MrP and Valor stand side by side, each facing Victory, and each self feeding. What the heck?! Now that MrP is done with his second piece of fish, he moves in to eat the piece that Valor has been working on and had stolen earlier and Valor gives way, then scurries around chattering at him. Victory heads back into the nest to protest and gets close to MrP to be fed. MrP offers a few bites here and there. Valor stands at the nest rails complaining, then heads back in towards MrP and tries to get some more, which MrP begins to distribute once again to both eaglets. Victory stands to the side and watches MrP eat, waiting for an opportunity to get fed. MrP has a nice full crop and Valor returns to the nest rails to squeal about how unfair that feeding was and Victory heads back out to the lateral branch. Valor bounces toward MrP and takes a scrap away from him and MrP's response is to back away and then... he's outta there. See you later, MrP! That was a wild feeding! The kids chitter chatter in conversation about it before both quiet down. Victory shuffles over to perch farther out on the lateral branch and Valor stands at the nest rails on the opposite side of the nest.		freebird_AEF

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7/6/2018 13:37:23	7/6/2018	3:10:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	It almost seems as if Victory and Valor haven't moved from their positions since I monitored early this morning. Victory on the lateral branch, Valor in the nest, exactly where they were when I signed off earlier. But I see from freebird_AEF's excellent entry that they have both been fed not too long ago. Victory seems to love the lateral branch but I have a feeling that Valor would like to give it a try too. S/he appears to be checking it out as s/he stands near the bottom of it. "Should I or shouldn't I join Victory or that branch?" Give it a try Valor, we know you can do it. No.. s/he's not ready yet....not just yet.		earlybird_AEF
7/6/2018 14:10:34	7/6/2018	3:45:00 PM	Victory	Perching	Victory continues to perch on the lateral branch. She does what almost looks like a lovely pirouette as she turns around, using her wings for balance and faces the other direction. She reminds me of a ballet dancer, so graceful and majestic. Once again s/he does a beautiful spin and back again. What an amazing performance Victory!		earlybird_AEF
7/6/2018 14:46:13	7/6/2018	4:09:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL delivers a nice sized fish! Both kids greet her with joyful squees and line up for bites of food as she tears into the fish. Somehow, the tail is ripped off and Valor tries to swallow it but it's too big. Now Victory has it and tries swallowing it but instead carries it off to the nest rails. TFL takes it back but Valor goes in for the steal and takes off with it. Valor keeps the tail tucked underneath his/her talons while being fed bites by TFL. Valor tries again to swallow the tail but it's still too large. Now Victory takes possession of the prized tail and s/he tries to gulp it down but is unsuccessful. TFL gets it back. She half swallows it, then decides to approach it differently and tears off some bites. Valor joins in and tears a few bites off the tail as well and finally it's small enough to get down. Valor makes the final move, takes the tail and Valor is the winner! (This feeding is like calling a basketball game, for goodness sakes!) Now that the tail is gone, and Valor's crop is stuffed, and there's only one piece of fish left in the nest, the kids calm down and focus on TFL and wait for bites. Valor is the first to step away while Victory continues to takes bites and hangout with TFL. They both find scraps to nibble on once the fish is gone. At 4:30, TFL departs, and shortly after Victory heads back to the lateral branch and Valor perches along the rails by the posts. Valor eventually lies down in the nest to rest that big crop, then heads back to the nest rails to perch.		freebird_AEF
7/6/2018 16:14:36	7/6/2018	6:08:00 PM	TFL, Victory & Valor	Nest activity	We start out the 6 o'clock hour with TFL perched on the overhead, Victory on the lateral branch and Valor lying down in the nest. It's currently 85 degrees with 5 mph gusts and partly sunny.		freebird_AEF
7/6/2018 16:41:24	7/6/2018	6:20:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL dives down from the overhead branch and departs the nest.		freebird_AEF
7/6/2018 16:54:52	7/6/2018	6:51:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Quick tussle	Victory opens his/her wings while on the lateral branch, then flies in to the nest, wings flapping. Valor doesn't appreciate it and the two of them go beak to beak for a quick tussle. Valor backs off and it's over as quickly as it started. Victory returns to the lateral branch to perch.		freebird_AEF
7/6/2018 17:12:42	7/6/2018	7:04:00 PM	Valor	Wingercizing	Wheweee! Valor does some wingercizing. With Victory out on the lateral branch, s/he has the entire nest to him/herself. Beautifully done!		freebird_AEF
7/6/2018 18:29:10	7/6/2018	8:16:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Evening Exercises	Victory is bopping around from lateral branch to nest and back practicing his/her jumps, hops, and wing flaps. Valor is in his/her usual position standing on the sticks of a side rail. Victory is also using a large stick near the V for foot strengthening. S/he jumps over to Valor's side but leaves when Valor gives him/her the stank eye. Oh my, now Victory crashes into Valor sort of on purpose. Valor steps away and turns his/her back to his/her sibling. Victory is so full of vim and vigor and Valor, well, Valor is full of valor and quiet courage. Two very different personalities but each healthy and spectacular. Wow, am loving the pantaloons on Victory, who has just hopped back on the lateral until sundown.		kaco4_AEF
7/7/2018 4:15:56	7/7/2018	6:05:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Wingercizing	It's a mild morning, currently 69 degrees with partly sunny skies, less humidity and a cooling breeze. What a nice reprieve from the heat for the eaglets. Victory is taking full advantage of the wind, wingercizing her/his magnificent wings all over the nest. S/he is feeling the wind beneath her/his wings this morning, getting some high jumps up and down on the nest rails. Valor squees her/his encouragement. "Go Victory Go"		earlybird_AEF

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7/7/2018 4:33:38	7/7/2018	6:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest Interaction	Victory finally winds down and cuddles up with Valor in the nest. The interaction between these two this morning is absolutely adorable. They pass nesting material back and forth and play tug of war with a stick as the sun beams down on their precious faces. I'm beaming just watching them. The wind fluffs out their feathers as they preen themselves. Both put their heads back in their wings, almost in unison and fall off to sleep. It's been much too hot recently for them to enjoy each other's company like this. What a treat to see them snuggle up together on this pleasant day.		earlybird_AEF
7/7/2018 17:41:17	7/7/2018	7:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival without prey	TFL lands in the nest... excuse me! Without a meal?! That's some dangerous business arriving without food. Both eaglets crowd around her squealing. She quickly makes her way past the kids and Valor starts to chase after her so she heads out to the lateral branch and then flies off. Now Valor sounds the alarms. "Squee... squee... squee..." They both lie down together and regroup.		freebird_AEF
7/7/2018 17:52:41	7/7/2018	7:49:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Morning Update	8:40am :: MrP delivered a fish this morning at 8:40 and a parent was seen feeding Victory and Valor.		freebird_AEF
7/7/2018 18:11:02	7/7/2018	8:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL is perched at the NW branch. Victory and Valor are lying next to each other in the nest. Valor lets out occasional sets of squees. A constant reminder that they are waiting for an evening delivery.		freebird_AEF
7/7/2018 18:42:22	7/7/2018	8:38:00 PM	Mr. President	Fly by	MrP flies past TFL on the NW branch and away from the nest. I didn't even know he was around. Maybe he's gone fishing. Lets wait and see. Victory is on the lateral branch and Valor is in the nest.		freebird_AEF
7/7/2018 19:26:45	7/7/2018	9:22:00 AM	MrP, TFL, Victory and Valor	Good night	No fish delivery from MrP but we had some fun watching our two eaglets nibble, beak and preen one another. Victory had some nice wingercizing and even played "jump over Valor" successfully... although Valor wasn't a big fan of that. There were a couple light tussles, just like two teenagers playing around and harassing one another. And now, V and V are falling asleep snuggled side by side with TFL tucked in on the NW branch for the night. Sweet dreams, dear beloved eagles. Sweet dreams, MrP, where ever you are!		freebird_AEF
7/8/2018 17:55:54	7/8/2018	7:53:00 PM	Update	Sunday update	7:08 a.m. Victory branches further up the left v branch to where his/her tail was the only thing displayed on the cam and then wing walked back down and into the nest. Way to go, Victory! You've got this branching thing down. TFL delivered a fish around 10am. She did a drop and go. Victory and Valor didn't make much progress on their own, so TFL returned and fed them.		freebird_AEF
7/8/2018 18:16:46	7/8/2018	8:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Victory wing walks up the left v, hangs on and flaps like crazy. This intrigues Valor and s/he walks across the nest and stands at the base of the v looking up inquisitively. Victory tries to do some leaf pruning but is having a hard time reaching them. Down below, Valor decides it's time for some wingercizing. Victory heads all the way up the left v, to where the branch goes vertical. S/he starts flapping his/her wings and for a moment, I thought s/he was going to start up the vertical part of the branch but some leaves capture his/her attention and s/he stops to beak at them (Is this similar to stopping to smell the flowers for humans?) Victory actually does it! S/he wing walks a couple feet above where the branch goes vertical, then calmly and confidently walks down the branch. Way to go, Victory! The entire time, Valor is resting in the nest. Valor turns around and starts to rise as if saying, "Don't bug me!" when Victory gets too close. Victory picks up a small leaf in the nest and walks out to the lateral branch and then hops back in the nest, back out, back in... and hippity hops with wings a flapping back up the left v branch to perch.		freebird_AEF
7/8/2018 19:07:45	7/8/2018	9:07:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity / Good night	Victory climbs even further up the left v branch. All the way to where it Y is. S/he perches for a couple minutes and makes it look so easy to climb back down. Victory has this sideways walk when coming down the branch that seems to work very well. I couldn't help but remember Liberty perched up on that same Y, waiting for Freedom to return after his/her first fledge. Victory tries lying down, but that's no fun! S/he keeps wingercizing all over, jumping over the top of Valor and landing on either side. After a lot of wingercizing, Victory goes back out to the lateral branch to perch, then finally as the IR light turns on, s/he begins to hang out in the nest. S/he's such a busy body tonight, carrying things around, up, down, back up again, trying to preen or beak at Valor. Victory does another jump up on the v branch, the right one this time then jumps back into the nest. Valor flashes one of those "settle down" looks. Such fun to watch them this evening. Good night, sweet eagles. MrP and TFL, sweet dreams where ever you are. I'm betting they needed some time to themselves today after TFL spent the last 3 or 4 nights at the nest tree watching over the kids during all the firework activity. Sweet dreams, everyone!		freebird_AEF

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7/9/2018 9:38:35	7/9/2018	6:10:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	A fish was delivered to the nest at 6:10am. Valor mantled and was ready even before the parent landed. S/he claimed the fish and self fed. Victory wasn't able to make the steal and self feed until 6:45. Both eaglets did a great job at self feeding		freebird_AEF
7/9/2018 12:35:37	7/9/2018	1:54:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish and is immediately surrounded by two squealing eaglets. He gets out of there as quickly as possible. Victory claims the fish. It's fully intact and has not been unzipped and Victory isn't sure how to get it open. Valor heads over to try and help and they both whistle, pull and tug at the fish. Victory continues to work at it but isn't having much success and Valor moves aside. Valor calls for some help (or another fish) and Victory stops often to look up to see if a parent might be handy. Victory begins to have some success getting small bites down near the tail. It's been 25 minutes since the delivery and Victory continues to make progress. Valor begins trying to steal. First two attempts are unsuccessful. Then Valor makes an impressive move. S/he takes a mantling position, spreads wings, moves in walking sideways and in front of Victory, pushes Victory backward, leaving the fish for Valor to claim. Victory has been eating, tugging and pulling at that fish for quite some time, so s/he didn't argue about it and just moved back. There still seems to be a fair amount left for Valor to munch on and Victory moves out to the lateral branch to perch.		freebird_AEF
7/9/2018 13:14:30	7/9/2018	3:03:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Hanging Out	It is easy to tell our eaglets apart when one is above midway up the left V branch and the other is eating morselettes from the nest floor. Victory on V branch, of course, happy to stay in one position looking out on this new vista. One can only imagine what the eagle eye can see from branches of the tulip polar tree! Wish we could all be DC Arb eagles for a Day to experience what they do. I'd give up all my creature comforts to be in their talons just for a while. The weather is simply perfect: 87 going down to 67 tonight. Low humidity of 29 percent. The next few days will be high 80's and dry. Showers predicted for Thursday. Victory and Valor: These are a few of the best days of your lives! We will cherish them for you.		kaco4_AEF
7/9/2018 13:34:27	7/9/2018	3:25:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	In and above nest	Victory remains midway up the left V and Valor now stands in a shady spot on a large branch near rail opposite the V. Every five minutes or so s/he gives his/her signature whistle call. The last fish delivery was at 1:55 by Mr. P. Victory claimed it but Valor got a nice share. So it is a little early for dinner, little Valor. How about taking a siesta on the lateral branch? The only problem with hanging out on the branches is that you may end up being last to the nest dinner table! My observation for the day is a comparison of the temperaments of the eaglets. With each year, our brood appears more composed. This is probably a reflection of the more polished parenting skills of TFL and Mr. P. In addition, the later season hatchlings provided a greater bounty of fish as well as warmer weather for earlier movement and independence for the eaglets. I am so proud of the achievements of our First Family of the Arboretum. They just keep getting better and better.		kaco4_AEF
7/9/2018 15:46:01	7/9/2018	5:43:00 PM	Parent	1 fish or 2 fish?	4:30 Another food delivery this afternoon. 5:10 TFL (I think) flies in and I'm not sure if she brought another fish or if she's feeding them leftovers. It looks like it might be a new fish. It's hard to see without zooming in and from the current angles. Either way, she's currently feeding Valor mainly. When she tries to pull up a piece of fish, Valor has his/her talons in it and Valor's leg rises with the fish. Victory snags a piece and takes off with it. The kids are acting wild and unruly this afternoon. No manners at all. Both eaglets are being fed. TFL hip hops out of the nest and up the left V branch. Wait! Did I see a yellow tail? Was that MrP? Not sure... lets stick with TFL... just as I'm not sure if she flew away or is on the overhead.		freebird_AEF
7/9/2018 16:12:59	7/9/2018	5:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	It's been confirmed. TFL was the last parent to visit the nest. We just got a close up on Cam B, just before she flew off.		freebird_AEF

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7/9/2018 18:06:02	7/9/2018	8:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	The last two hours have been lovely. It's a beautiful breezy evening and Victory has not let us down. S/he's been wingercizing, hopping and wing walking up both the left and right V branches, side walking or sliding back down into the nest... it's just been a lot of fun to watch this energized young eaglet exploring new boundaries and calculating his/her next adventure. Valor has also partaken in some wingercizing but often relaxes in the nest warning Victory not to step on him/her. They are maturing quickly at this stage as their personalities shine through and I love watching their little wheels turn, figuring out their next move, behind those gorgeous eagle eyes. Stay tuned and enjoy. This phase can go quickly as we observe them reach milestone after milestone.		freebird_AEF
7/9/2018 18:45:43	7/9/2018	8:13:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Evening Activities	Both eaglets are standing in the nest. Victory is pulling on the very long, thin branch that used to lie parallel to the V but now is perpendicular to it. It is Victory's favorite toy right now. Valor stands on a side rail, preening. Victory now lies in the nest with spread wings, ready for an early evening sleep? Valor continues preening with occasional wing flaps. Valor hops into the middle of the nest. S/he nibbles on a short stick or two, and then nibbles on Victory's tail. Oh! Mr. P flies in with a fish. He drops it in between the two eaglets and Victory mantles and claims it. Victory has been chowing down for five minutes while Valor looks on intently, waiting for the right moment to get an edge in. Valor finally gives up and walks to the other side of the nest. C'mon Victory, you've had your fill by now! Nope. Victory eats up every morsel. It was a small catfish. Only enough for one. Valor goes into the V and glances back at the still munching Victory. Victory trots off with the carcass but leaves a morsel or two behind. Valor gets a tiny taste.		kaco4_AEF
7/10/2018 8:21:51	7/10/2018	10:15:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	At or about 6:43 am, one of our parents delivered a fish but quickly departed for the safety of its talons. Valor mantled and claimed this one. Victory got some leftovers once Valor stepped away. Chat is going on right now. Won't you join us with your eagle questions?		kaco4_AEF
7/10/2018 12:56:31	7/10/2018	2:51:00 PM	Update	Feeding Updates	There were two additional feedings at 11:01 and 11:54 and Valor got both of them. At the 11:01 feeding Valor ate while Victory stayed on the lateral branch. At 11:54 feeding, Valor ate but there was plenty of fish left from the second feeding and Victory self fed on the leftover fish. The delivering parent did not stick around for either of the feedings.		freebird_AEF
7/11/2018 9:52:13	7/11/2018	11:51:00 AM	Morning Update	Feeding	Two feedings. 6:22 MrP delivers, Valor claims it, Victory gets what's left after Valor steps away at 6:43. 7:43 TFL delivers a fish and feeds them. Current temp at the nest is 88 degrees. High of 90, low of 69 with sunny skies.		FreeSoars_AEF
7/11/2018 16:22:30	7/11/2018	5:39:00 PM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	A fish was delivered at 5:39pm. It looks like Victory's new found adventures perching above the nest are having a bit of an effect on claiming fish and meals. Victory will figure it all out soon enough. Meanwhile, Valor munches down and enjoys the delivery without anyone barging in. Victory suddenly squees and flies down into the nest. S/he is trying to get some food but so far Valor isn't letting him/her in. Eventually, Victory heads out to perch on the lateral branch and waits. Victory flies back into the nest and rushes toward the fish. This time Valor moves aside lets Victory enjoy what's left of the fish.		freebird_AEF
7/11/2018 16:31:18	7/11/2018	6:28:00 PM	Victory	Feeding	Valor starts squeeing and decides s/he wants more fish. Valor rushes Victory, who is busy eating, but Victory says, "No way, buddy. You already ate most of it!" and Valor heads back to the nest rails watching. Victory picks up the scrap and runs back and forth across the nest, eats more, runs back across the nest, eats more. Why do they always remind me of little monkeys when they do that? Then Victory grabs the leftover with his/her talons, then carries it back in his/her beak while running around some more with wings open. It looks like Victory is having some good fun with this meal.		freebird_AEF
7/11/2018 17:29:49	7/11/2018	7:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL flies in with a fish. Both eaglets squeal with delight. Valor gets to TFL first but Victory grabs the fish and claims it. TFL doesn't stay in the nest for long. She gets out of the way, heads up the left V branch and perches on the overhead, looking down observing her offspring in the nest. TFL's expressions crack me up as she continues to watch. Victory leaves the fish, flaps his/her wings and Valor wastes no time moving in. Now Valor is eating the fish while Victory moves out to the lateral branch. Victory rapidly heads up the left V, flapping wings wildly and squealing, as if having a temper tantrum. Victory now perches on the left V squealing loudly at TFL as she just looks the other way as if not hearing a thing. Lol. Now Victory turns around to squee at Valor but Valor keeps eating. It's almost like Victory is saying, "Won't anyone listen to me?!" Victory continues a chitter chatter conversation with TFL who continues to look the other way. Oh Victory... you're too much and so much fun to watch!		freebird_AEF

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7/11/2018 17:45:59	7/11/2018	7:36:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	Valor still has the fish head in his/her talons but s/he and Victory squee back and forth with one another. Valor is in the nest and Victory on the left V. Valor walks away from the fish. TFL is keeping a close eye. Will she fly off with the head? She makes her move but Valor meets her head on and TFL begins pulling meat from the head and feeling bites. TFL looks around for leftovers but the kids are really good at finishing things up these days. TFL flies up to land on the left V, feaks and flies onto the overhead. Both kids chitter and chirp in the nest. Valor heads to the nest rails and Victory to the lateral branch. Sigh. And that's a wrap... it's quiet.		freebird_AEF
7/12/2018 7:31:56	7/12/2018	9:16:00 AM	Morning Update	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish at 6:01am. TFL follows him in. Valor mantles and is very aggressive and pushes Victory away. TFL moves up the right V branch and flies off. At 6:14am Valor steps away from the fish and Victory gets her/his turn. At 6:24am, it appears to be TFL who drops off a fish and moves up to the left V branch. Victory scores that fish so s/he now has both. Valor looks up at TFL and complains. At 6:29am TFL flies off. Victory steps away and Valor gets to eat. At 6:55am, it looks like TFL who arrives with another fish and feeds both.		freebird_AEF
7/12/2018 7:35:20	7/12/2018	8:44:45 AM	Victory	Possible fledge	It appears that Victory may have accidentally fledged at 8:44 this morning. The cams are looking for him/her and there may be some folks at the Arboretum available to check on things from the ground. Remember, it's only a fledge if the eaglet leaves the nest tree.		freebird_AEF
7/12/2018 7:38:35	7/12/2018	9:25:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL comes in with another fish... the 4th of the morning! She carefully tests whether or not Valor will allow her to feed him/her. It's safe, so she is feeding. The team believes they hear Victory and for a moment, both TFL and Valor turn their heads in the same direction appearing to listen. TFL departs at 9:42am.		freebird_AEF
7/12/2018 9:46:39	7/12/2018	11:15:00 AM	Victory	Misstep	Victory was full of energy and confidence this morning as s/he pranced and danced up and down the branches. It felt like this might be the day that she took the big leap and flew off to explore the Arboretum. S/he didn't take that leap but a misstep instead and accidentally fell off the lateral branch. The Arboretum staff is on the ground and will let us know if they spot Victory. Valor perches on the side rails and looks around. S/he cranes her/his neck and looks up in the trees and down below. S/he may have spotted the Parents or even Victory whereas we haven't been able to yet. There's no way for us to tell at the moment but we know an eagle's eyesight is three to four times stronger than ours so it's entirely possible.		earlybird_AEF
7/12/2018 10:22:16	7/12/2018	12:10:00 PM	Valor	On Nest	Valor has been lying calmly and quietly in the nest. S/he's now awake and perching once again on the side rails. Squee! Squee! Squee! Yes that's the Valor we know and love. It wouldn't be the same without that beautiful serenade.		earlybird_AEF
7/12/2018 11:21:55	7/12/2018	1:18:00 PM	Victory	Accidental Fledge	Around 1:06pm: It looks like we have an accidental fledge. Victory was spotted by ground crew flying back toward the nest.		freebird_AEF
7/12/2018 12:14:15	7/12/2018	1:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Perching	We find MrP perched high in a tree looking down and Valor is looking in the same direction, toward the parent. Valor moves around and keeps opening his/her wings and is now looking down below the nest, and then outward by the lateral branch, possibly tracking Victory. MrP flies from where they were perched toward the nest and Valor acts excited, flapping wings. And we wait...		freebird_AEF
7/12/2018 14:19:28	7/12/2018	4:04:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Valor has been so quiet the last hour but the crescendo of squees begins. Louder and louder and louder. TFL has arrived with a fish and Valor is right there to claim his prize. Valor mantles over it and continues squeeing. TFL just stands quietly and looks around. Is she hoping that Victory will follow? We sure would love to see that. It isn't uncommon for a fledgling to follow a parent back into the nest when food is involved. And we sure know how much these two love their food. TFL waits but it doesn't appear that Victory is coming this time. Maybe another time soon. TFL flies off, perhaps to catch another fish to feed Victory off of the nest. Valor digs in to that delectable fish squeeing all the while.		earlybird_AEF
7/12/2018 14:38:04	7/12/2018	4:25:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	Valor chitter chatters as s/he steps away from the fish. S/he has eaten quite a bit but it sounds like s/he would like some help. TFL must have been nearby because she flies in and grabs up the fish. She feeds Valor as she helps herself to some too. So nice of Mom to join Valor for dinner. We hope that Victory will join them for the next.		earlybird_AEF
7/12/2018 14:53:35	7/12/2018	4:49:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL flies off after feeding Valor but she hasn't gone far. She perches on the NW branch scanning the area and watching over Valor. Perhaps Victory is not that far away and she's watching over her/him too.		earlybird_AEF

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7/12/2018 15:49:51	7/12/2018	5:41:00 PM	Valor	Nest Activity	The wind has really picked up over the past half hour. TFL is perched on the NW branch and Valor is playing in the wind and enjoying some wingerizing. TFL keeps lookout from above and glances down at Valor's activity. All I can say is, have a great time playing in the wind but don't get yourself blown out of the nest, Valor. That's the last thing we need! Lol. So far, Victory has not been spotted by cams.		freebird_AEF
7/13/2018 4:22:05	7/13/2018	6:05:00 AM	Valor	Nest Activity	Valor is so adorable this morning. S/he's found a fluffy white feather and has been carrying it around like s/he's just won a prize. So active and curious, reaching way over the nest and trying to reach a stick. I think our sweet little one wants to play and might be missing Victory but s/he seems to be doing a good job of amusing her/himself. S/he perches on the nest rails, scanning the area and doing her/his morning preening. It sounds like s/he may be hungry. The squeeathon has begun.		earlybird_AEF
7/13/2018 4:32:49	7/13/2018	6:20:00 AM	Valor	Fly By	Something has sure gotten Valor's attention. We see a brief fly by as Valor's squeals echo through the area. S/he seems excited about something, perhaps it's a parent or even Victory. All is calm and quiet now. Valor lies down, nestles her/his head between the V branches and nods off.		earlybird_AEF
7/13/2018 4:42:20	7/13/2018	6:33:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Thanks to the Arboretum staff we have some wonderful news to report. Our sweet Victory has been spotted. S/he is perched in a tree about 80 feet from the nest tree. S/he appears calm and content and enjoying her/his new freedom. MrP is perched nearby watching over her/him. What a great Dad!		earlybird_AEF
7/13/2018 5:29:35	7/13/2018	7:20:00 AM	Valor	Wingerizing	It's a sunny morning, currently 72 degrees with a high of 89 expected. Valor has had a nap and is full of energy. S/he's doing some beautiful wingerizing, back and forth in the nest, up and down on the side rails. S/he just did an amazing leap from the rails all the way across the nest and landed right in the V. Great agility and coordination. I think someone might be trying to get her/himself ready to join her/his sibling. Practice makes perfect Valor. You're almost there.		earlybird_AEF
7/13/2018 8:48:43	7/13/2018	10:30:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Valor whistles and squeals as TFL delivers a fish. So sweet of TFL to stick around and help her/him out with the feeding. TFL and Valor have a little pull and tug going on with the tail. Valor wins this one but TFL tries to get it back twice. Valor holds firm and says it's all mine. TFL steps away and flies off.		earlybird_AEF
7/13/2018 15:20:47	7/13/2018	4:31:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Fish/Feeding	So good to see MrP arrive at the nest. Valor sounds happy to see him too. MrP has brought a fish to the nest. Valor mantles over it squeeing away. MrP flies off to the NW branch as Valor starts to dig in. This one seems a little hard for her/him to pull apart and s/he looks up at dear old Dad for some help. But Dad says you can handle this Valor and calmly perches on the branch. Valor steps away from the fish and finds a leftover piece. This seems much easier to pull apart. Valor finishes off this piece and looks up at MrP again squeeing away. MrP remains on the branch. Finally Valor starts prancing around the nest, flapping his wings, trying to get MrP's attention. You are adorable Valor but it doesn't look like he's coming to help. He knows you can do this. In the midst of all of this TFL arrives with another fish. Valor rushes toward her and this time s/he gets some help. How sweet to see the two of them share a meal together.		earlybird_AEF
7/13/2018 15:58:18	7/13/2018	5:52:00 PM	Chat	Moderated Open DC Chat	Hey everyone! Come join us tonight from 6-8pm. Tonight we'll be shaking it up and doing a moderated Open Chat. Bring your questions and comments for the mods.		freebird_AEF
7/13/2018 16:41:09	7/13/2018	6:07:00 PM	TFL and Valor	At nest	TFL is currently on the overhead branch and Valor is in the V chirping and chattering at TFL while looking out for Victory. TFL turns her head, apparently listening to what Valor has to say.		freebird_AEF
7/13/2018 17:05:24	7/13/2018	6:40:00 PM	Victory	Returns to Nest	Valor lets out some sharp squees and opens his/her wings. She's tracking someone that's moving around. Last look at TFL, she didn't seem bothered at all. Could it be? We hear squeeing coming from off the nest. Valor is calling out. And whomp! Just like that, at 6:47, Victory flies down into the nest from a perch above. They both mantle and it's a bit crazy for a moment and then they both go quiet. Victory goes to the nest rails and into submission. Victory slowly begins raising his/her head upward. Victory tries to look at Valor and Valor squees a warning but all is well, folks. They'll get over it in no time. Valor cocks his/her head to the side and takes a closer look at Victory. Valor, that's your sibling. Remember? And just like that, at 6:59, Victory spins around, heads toward the center of the nest and grabs a leftover and starts pulling away at it, trying to get some food. Let the reunion begin. And welcome home, dearest Victory!		freebird_AEF

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7/13/2018 17:21:19	7/13/2018	7:09:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Reunion / Activity	Victory flaps his/her wings, jumps a few steps up on the left V branch and hops right out onto the lateral branch. You don't scare me, lateral branch! When Victory comes back into the nest and stands next to Valor, Valor gently does a beak nibble. That was sweet but then it's followed by Valor telling Victory to settle down. Lol. They now stand side by side looking at one another. It's so good to see them together again but I can't help but sense Victory's wild side. S/he's tasted freedom and the feeling of flight and is busy flapping and jumping about the nest. A nice big fish sure would be nice about now. Victory wing walks up the right V squealing and vocalizing loudly. "Fish! Fish! Fish! Fish!" S/he then flies to the left V branch from the right. This is one rambunctious fledgling! Valor shows Victory some wingercizing moves. Victory doesn't seem impressed and goes to perch in the outer V, looks right up at TFL and squees loudly. TFL looks down, like you crazy kid! All the while, Valor stands at the nest rails taking it all in. Victory takes flight with a big gust of wind. It blows him/her upward and backward to the other side of the nest. Wow! No problem. S/he flies back to the left V. And sweet Valor does some wingercizing and catches some air too.		freebird_AEF
7/13/2018 17:46:18	7/13/2018	7:28:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Nest activity	Victory is back in the nest picking at some scraps while Valor watches from the rails. Victory looks up at TFL with sweet resounding chirps, as if asking very nicely, "Could I have a fish, pleeeeeeze!" She then squees and flies back up the right V. TFL is keeping an eye on this little wild thing. Victory makes his/her way up and around the Y branch on the right V. S/he is now ready for the next step to try to get to the overhead branch to perch with TFL but slides back down onto the lower right V. Victory protests that the cupboards are bare and flies over to perch on the left V branch. Valor blinks and watches, all chill, like what's all the fuss about? Victory continues vocalizing and Valor is lying in the nest relaxing and even nodding off here and there. These two characters couldn't be more different.		freebird_AEF
7/13/2018 18:04:32	7/13/2018	8:01:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Activity / Sweet dreams	Victory is definitely having a bit of a tantrum and TFL responds with a relaxed wing stretch. Valor does a crop drop and calmly watches. Time to turn down the sound as Victory relentlessly calls for fish, then suddenly flies down into the nest bed toward Valor. S/he approaches Valor slowly and starts nibbling on his/her feathers then plops down beside Valor so they're face to face, and they playfully beak at one another. Awww... heart melt time. And suddenly it's quiet. I guess all the adventure finally got to Victory and s/he decides it might be time for a rest in the comfy nest bed with his/her sibling. The sun has set and it's been a busy day. It's comforting to know that Victory is back home safe and sound for the night and resting beside Valor. Lets drink it all and enjoy these two together because they are growing quickly and there's no telling how many more opportunities we'll get to share with the two of them before one or both fly off into their own lives. Sweet dreams, sweet eagles.		freebird_AEF
7/13/2018 20:10:37	7/13/2018	10:00:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Sleeping	10pm nest time and Victory finally comes in from the lateral branch, lies down next to Valor and does a head tuck onto his/her back. Valor is currently sleeping beak down as they nestle alongside one another.		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 4:11:19	7/14/2018	6:00:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Nest Antics	What a joy to wake up this morning and see both Valor and Victory. Valor lies in the nest, trying to get some shut eye, Victory is full of his/her usual energy and playfulness, allopreening Valor's tail feathers and wingercizing all over the nest. Of course this disturbs Valor who gets up and gives her/him a little peck. "I was trying to sleep here". That doesn't slow down Victory at all. Like a bolt of lightning s/he charges up the left V branch and gazes all around. The next thing I know s/he is out of sight. I'm not able to see the overhead branch but s/he may very well be up there. I can hear sounds of jumping and wings flapping and Valor is all eyes looking up in that direction. By the sound of it Valor would like Victory to come back down. Squeal! Squeal! Squeal! Come on back down Victory. I missed you.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 4:31:04	7/14/2018	6:12:00 AM	Victory and Valor	At the Nest	Valor lies in the nest, squeeking and gazing around. S/he continues to look above so it's possible that Victory is high up on the left V branch or on the overhead but s/he cannot be seen. I could hear sounds earlier from her/him but not now. If Victory is still above s/he's being very still. It wouldn't be unusual if s/he took off for another adventure again already. The squeeking continues. Is that Valor or Victory, I cannot be sure. Valor is usually the noisy one but Victory was quite chatty when s/he came back yesterday. The mystery continues.		earlybird_AEF

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7/14/2018 4:50:10	7/14/2018	6:35:00 AM	Valor	Wingercizing	Valor has repositioned her/himself and seems much calmer. S/he fiddles around with some nesting material as s/he lies there. No sounds at all from Victory. S/he may very well have gone off somewhere to stretch her/his wings. Valor looks gorgeous in the sunlight as s/he wingercizes around the nest. S/he gets some good air as s/he flaps her/his wings, grabbing a big stick and balancing on it. Up and down on the side rails s/he goes and right onto the left v branch with both talons planted. You are doing a beautiful job this morning Valor. It won't be too long now before you can fly the skies with Victory.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 5:27:02	7/14/2018	7:07:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The sound of Valor's squeals fill the air. Do we hear Victory squealing too? I believe we do. MrP comes flying in with a fish. Victory comes flying down right behind him from the direction of the overhead branch. Were you up there all the time Victory? It sure looked like it. Wings spread and feathers fly. MrP gets out of the way and moves to the lateral branch. Smart move MrP. Valor has the fish but Victory pushes her/himself in and claims it. Valor perches on the side rails waiting for her/his turn as Victory self feeds. MrP flies off.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 5:46:18	7/14/2018	7:30:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Self feeding	It's so nice to see Victory enjoying the fish. All of that flying around and exploring the world beyond can work up an appetite. S/he picks it up with her talons and moves a little closer to Valor. Valor waits in anticipation. "Can I have a turn"? Victory gets her/his fill and steps aside. Valor says thank you very much and gets some of the fish for her/himself.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 6:02:00	7/14/2018	7:45:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Self feeding/Perching	Valor continues to enjoy the fish, Victory moves to the lateral branch. Victory looks all tucked out. It's been an exciting few days for her/him. S/he closes her/his eyes and drifts off to sleep. Seeing her/him like this is just melting my heart. So calm and peaceful and relaxed. We missed you little one.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 6:15:41	7/14/2018	7:55:00 AM	Victory and Valor	On Nest	Valor finishes eating and moves onto the side rails. Victory follows and lies down beside her/him. They reach towards each other with some beaks kisses. I think Valor has missed Victory as much as we have. They have been so sweet together this morning, even sharing the fish. I love watching their silly antics. They can always make me smile. These are the special moments that will be stored in my heart forever.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 6:35:06	7/14/2018	8:09:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Well, look at you Victory! Aren't you a pretty sight to see. S/he has moved up the left V branch and onto the overhead. What a majestic picture of her/him gazing out into the trees. A whole new world is out there for her/him to explore. S/he has experienced just a small part of it, there is so much more yet to come. What an adventure you will have. It's always bittersweet when you leave but we are thrilled for you. No matter how far you go, no matter what path you take, our hearts will always be with you.		earlybird_AEF
7/14/2018 9:22:33	7/14/2018	11:02:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Our two tea kettles begin to boil. Their whistles begin slowly and get louder and more rapid. MrP arrives with a nice sized plump and meaty looking fish. Yum! Both kids squeeze wildly. Victory, who is perched on the overhead branch, jumps down into the nest and the kids have a tussle over who gets it but Valor was there first and keeps his/her claim. MrP escapes with his talons in tact -- barely! Valor gets first dibs and is digging in to a fresh fish brunch (say that fast five times). Victory heads out to the lateral branch but jumps back in with soft squeezes asking Valor to share. After circling around Valor hoping to get some fish, Victory heads to the outer V to perch and think over his/her strategy. Maybe some wing flapping will distract Valor? How about wing walking up the left V? While Valor stops momentarily to glance back at Victory, neither of those tricks work. Hmmm... Valor continues feasting while Victory takes in the view.		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 9:43:05	7/14/2018	11:36:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Feeding	Victory jumps back into the nest from the overhead branch. Soon after, Valor gives way and it's Victory's turn to eat but Valor didn't leave much behind. Still, Victory is enjoying what's left. Valor moves to the V and looks out at the view.		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 9:57:22	7/14/2018	11:34:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Now it's TFL's turn to bring in a fish. Way to go, mama! Valor is in the V and Victory in the nest, both charge forward but Victory is the winner and this fish is claimed. Victory continues to squeeze, circle around the fish and mantle. After a few minutes, Victory finally begins to dig in. TFL moves up to perch on the overhead branch while Valor, with a nice full crop from the previous meal, relaxes in the V.		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 10:15:13	7/14/2018	12:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	TFL decides to head down to the nest to feed bites to the kids. Victory eventually moves out to the lateral branch and Valor over to the V. TFL gets to enjoy some of the fish for herself. There's quite a bit of chitter chatter going on between Victory and Valor but it's a sweet moment seeing the three of them together at the nest.		freebird_AEF

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7/14/2018 17:14:52	7/14/2018	6:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL comes flying in with a fish and the crowd goes wild, "Squeeee..." She backs up to the rails as one of the kids charge toward her. Cute little renegades. There's the usual food frenzy that takes place and Valor is the winner. Victory stands to the side talking about it, loudly and expressively. A bit of an eagle fit takes place before Victory settles down and perches at the nest rails waiting for his/her turn. TFL is perched on the overhead. Victory challenges Valor by moving towards the fish and both eaglets open their wings. No contact is made and Valor maintains possession of the prize. Victory hasn't given up and extends sideways glances as s/he moves closer, mantles a couple times then retreats to side rails before coming back in screaming. "Step away from that fish." Valor stops eating and indeed, steps away from the fish, politely leaving a good sized head portion for Victory to eat.		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 17:48:16	7/14/2018	7:38:00 PM	TFL, Victory and Valor	Feeding / Nest activity	Valor takes the fish tail and carries it around and Victory satisfactorily goes to perch on the lateral branch where s/he shows off his/her beautiful open wings. S/he then wing walks up the left V branch whistling and chortling. And look at Victory go! S/he flies from the left V branch over to the overhead where TFL is perched. TFL calmly looks at Victory while Victory makes a big deal with all of the vocalizations. I can't decide whether Victory was asking for permission to perch with TFL, just excited that s/he flew there or if s/he was telling TFL to get off the branch. Either way, they're sharing the space but Victory continues to carry on with the vocals. I wonder if s/he wants the spot where TFL is perched. That is the prime spot after all. And below, sweet Valor is looking up at Victory and TFL perched above. "Hey you guys! What are you doing up there?"		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 18:29:22	7/14/2018	7:48:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL leaves the overhead branch and flies down into the nest. She takes the fish from Valor and starts to disassemble the last edible bits from the head with Valor receiving bites. Victory is on the overhead branch and doesn't like that one bit. Victory really starts squealing when MrP arrives with another fish. Oh goodness! We have the entire family at the nest tree! MrP hightails it out of the nest and onto the left V branch as Victory stands at the right V branch protesting. With two eagles already in the nest, Victory takes the plunge and lands on the side rails while MrP says, "This is chaos, I'm outta here" and flies off to a quieter, safer place. TFL feeds Valor until Victory takes off with the fish and starts to self feed. Valor situates him/herself at the V and chirps away. Meanwhile TFL continues to tear apart a bony scrap and Victory dines on MrP's fresh fish. Once TFL is done with the small leftover, she heads over to Victory's fish where she begins to tear off bites for Victory and herself. This catches Valor's attention. A feeding? Valor appears to debate whether or not s/he can squeeze a bit more fish down but decides against it. TFL is hungry and knowing both her offspring have been well fed, she's enjoying most of the meal with no protests from the kids. Victory heads out to perch on the lateral branch. At 8:24, TFL flies up to the overhead branch.		freebird_AEF
7/14/2018 20:07:08	7/14/2018	10:06:00 PM	Test	Test	Test		kaco4_AEF
7/15/2018 4:32:19	7/15/2018	5:57:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Valor has been active in the nest, wingerclizing and playing with sticks. S/he finds a large one and stands on it like it's a surfboard. Valor looks toward the overhead branch and calls out. Victory is perching there and s/he answers back. The squees get louder and louder as MrP does a drop and go with a fish. Valor has the advantage because s/he's in the nest and mantles it. Victory quickly flies down but too late, Valor has it and holds on tight. Victory isn't giving up that easy. S/he watches and waits until five minutes later s/he makes her/his move and grabs the fish away. The two of them play a great game of keep away this morning. The fish goes back and forth and they both get a chance to eat.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 4:45:08	7/15/2018	6:26:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching/Self feeding	Valor has the fish now and is chowing down. It's been pulled apart nicely so it's much easier to eat. Victory says that's fine with me, I've had my fill and moves up the right V branch. S/he does some feaking and flies back up to the overhead branch. It's truly amazing how easily it seems to be for her to fly up there now. S/he appears to be thoroughly enjoying her/himself as s/he gazes all around with the breeze ruffling her/his feathers.		earlybird_AEF

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7/15/2018 5:00:15	7/15/2018	6:44:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Wingercizing	Valor is feeling that breeze too. S/he finishes up her/his meal and wingercizes all around the nest and ends up at the V. Victory from above, jumps and flaps her wings in the wind. Valor says I can do that too and does some hovering as s/he wingercizes around the nest again. Up and down the side rails and across the nest. Beautiful job! Go Valor Go! A stick seems to be in her/his way. So cute how s/he stops and moves it to the side. The runway must be clear at all times. It looks like the foxes have returned. They're frolicking together near the benches. Victory and Valor pay them no mind this morning. They're too busy feeling the wind beneath their wings.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 5:11:47	7/15/2018	7:04:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a pleasant morning, currently 74 degrees with scattered clouds. There is a chance of a thunderstorm late in the afternoon and again tonight.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 5:25:42	7/15/2018	7:15:00 AM	Valor	On Nest	Valor says Whew, it's time to take a break and promptly lies down. It's hard work being a big eaglet sometimes. All that wingercizing can be exhausting. That doesn't last long. S/he gets up and moves to the side rails to do some preening and perhaps fox watching. S/he's looking over towards the bench area where they were. I can't see them at the moment but s/he may be able to.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 6:08:15	7/15/2018	7:48:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Victory continues to perch on the overhead branch. It's so cute the way s/he tilts her/his head and watches the birds. S/he starts squeeing with excitement. It gets louder and louder as TFL arrives with a fish. Once again Valor claims the prize. Valor seems to want some help but TFL flies up to the overhead. "You need to try this on your own Valor". Valor stands over the fish and continues to squee. Victory jumps off the lateral branch in Valor's direction. S/he reaches under Valor and....Gotcha! Victory pulls the fish right out from under Valor. It's adorable how s/he holds it in her/his talons and prances around the nest like it was his/her catch of the day. Valor looks on as Victory begins to self feed.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 6:44:16	7/15/2018	8:26:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP arrives with a partial fish. TFL comes in right behind him and attempts to feed Victor and Valor as MrP departs. Valor says no thank you, I can do it myself and steals the fish. TFL moves over to the leftover catfish and feeds Victory. Both Valor and Victory end up having a piece of fish to self feed. All three of them enjoy the remainder of the fish together.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 7:00:38	7/15/2018	8:40:00 AM	The First Lady	Tidying the Nest	It's so cute the way Victory and Valor chitter chatter as TFL moves around the nest cleaning up the leftover pieces. You'd think by the sound of it they hadn't just been fed. TFL just continues with the work at hand, tidying up the nest and eating the remaining tidbits as she goes. She flies off at 8:48am and with that comes silence. Victory perches on the lateral branch, Valor in the nest, both gazing out and enjoying the sights and sounds of the Arboretum.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 16:13:53	7/15/2018	6:00:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Wingercizing	Victory has spent just about the whole day on the overhead branch. S/he seems to be enjoying her/himself, wingercizing in the breeze and watching the comings and goings in the area. This gives Valor the whole nest to her/himself. S/he has been wingercizing all over the nest getting some good height and jumps. S/he just did a beautiful jump across the nest with wings flapping and landed with both talons on the left V branch. They are both progressing so well, each at their own pace, just as it should be.		earlybird_AEF
7/15/2018 17:03:18	7/15/2018	6:35:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives with a fish and makes a fast escape. Victory comes flying down from the overhead branch but Valor already has control of it. Victory moves to the lateral branch and squeezes his/her annoyance. S/he moves close and flails her wings at Valor but Valor holds firm. Back to the lateral branch s/he goes. S/he gives it another try, jumping close, flapping her/his wings and squealing loudly. But Valor says no. Victory seems totally frustrated now and complains all the way up the left V branch and onto the overhead. S/he continues complaining as s/he perches. Valor just keeps eating as if s/he doesn't have a care in the world. Victory has a misstep and falls off the overhead branch. The sounds of wings flapping can be heard. Our sweet Victory knows how to fly so all should be fine.		earlybird_AEF

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7/15/2018 17:30:12	7/15/2018	7:28:00 PM	Victory	Flying adventures / Feeding	Shortly after Victory's fall, we see him/her fly off to the right on Cam B. Valor completely forgets about the fish head and seems to be tracking Victory's movements and lets out squees now and then. A second fly by is seen as Victory flies under the nest from right to left on Cam B. And we find Victory directly under the nest just before s/he takes off to another nearby perch hidden behind leaves. Victory is having fun flying around beneath the nest. S/he is perched beneath the V, then is seen flying off towards the primary perching tree. We find Victory's little face peering out from behind the leaves on the primary perching tree. Seems that s/he's having a blast flying around and finding new places to explore. Valor stands in the nest quietly watching. Victory looks like s/he's contemplating his/her next move. Sure enough, Victory flies back to the nest tree, then jumps down into the nest where s/he claims what's left of the fish. And that's how it's done! Bravo, Victory!		freebird_AEF
7/15/2018 18:58:32	7/15/2018	8:57:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity / Good night	Victory has been perched on the OH (overhead) branch for quite a while. The two V's seem to be tracking something flying around and possibly perched in the area. Maybe a parent? Victory practices his/her balance on the OH and moves toward the leaves before landing on the left V, then back to the overhead. Dusk is upon our eagle family, with sunset at 8:33pm, and things have gotten quiet at the nest aside from the electronic sounds of the cicada. It's now getting dark and time to say good night to everyone and our eagles. Sweet dreams!		freebird_AEF
7/15/2018 19:10:59	7/15/2018	8:56:00 PM	Victory and Valor	In and Above nest	The IR light is on and Cam A reveals a standing Valor, alone in the nest, atop some side rail branches. Cam B reveals Valor's sibling, Victory, looking regal while perched on the overhead branch. S/he has not yet slept overnight on the overhead and hopefully will come down, albeit in the near dark, just past twilight, to join Valor to lie again together in the nest once more. We shall see. Victory has had quite a day with new falls and flying adventures. S/he preens and looks completely confident and comfortable on the overhead branch. Our precocious youngster!		kaco4_AEF
7/15/2018 19:24:41	7/15/2018	9:15:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Evening Activities	Valor dozes while standing at the edge of the nest, with head bowed. S/he may be reluctant to lie in the nest alone without Victory. It does not look promising for Victory to climb or hop or fly down into the nest in total darkness. These weeks have elapsed so quickly and although fledge time is close at hand, I so want things to stay just the way they are for a little bit longer. Let it linger.		kaco4_AEF
7/15/2018 19:51:54	7/15/2018	9:40:00 PM	Valor and Victory	In Repose	Valor is now lying in the nest near the V with beak planted in the sticks and wings spread. Victory remains standing on the overhead, with eyes open, preening and gazing into the night. Blinking lights from distant airplanes adorn the sky and below the city lights and sleepy rooftops wink at the young Victory. Goodnight all.		kaco4_AEF
7/16/2018 4:46:01	7/16/2018	6:35:00 AM	Valor	Perching	How exciting to see Valor perching on the lateral branch this morning. S/he looks quite at home there gazing all around. A whole new world has just opened up for her/him. The skies the limit Valor. It won't be long now before before you're perching on the OH (overhead) branch with Victory. What a view you'll get from there!		earlybird_AEF
7/16/2018 5:03:29	7/16/2018	6:54:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	Victory is looking beautiful this morning as s/he enjoys the view from the OH branch. The sun shines down on her/him, illuminating her/his feathers in shades of gold. Valor continues to perch on the lateral branch, stretching her/his wings and calling out her/his order for breakfast. It's amazing to see both of them perching on a branch. Amazing and wonderful!		earlybird_AEF
7/16/2018 5:20:47	7/16/2018	7:04:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Wingercizing/Perching	Valor moves back in the nest and picks up some scraps from the nest. It must not be something to eat because s/he puts it right back down. Victory wingercizes and moves around on the OH branch. Valor does some wingercizing her/himself and moves right up the left V branch. S/he hasn't made it very far up yet but s/he seems to be thinking about it.		earlybird_AEF
7/16/2018 6:07:58	7/16/2018	7:50:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Nest Activity	Victory flies over to the left V branch and moves back in the nest. S/he finds a leftover piece of fish and tries to get some meat out of it without much luck. She moves around Valor to get on the lateral branch but that doesn't last long. S/he flies over and around Valor, gets back in the nest, back up the left V branch, back down again and up the right V branch. A big flying leap and s/he's back in the nest again. Valor has been watching all of this activity and decides to show off her/himself with a big leap across the nest and right back next to Victory. "What do you think of that Victory"? They give each other some beak bumps. "Good job Valor".		earlybird_AEF

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7/16/2018 6:20:44	7/16/2018	8:05:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	Valor moves back on the lateral branch. Victory gets all excited, jogging up the left V branch and onto the OH branch, squealing all the while. It looks like there may be a parent perching in the PPT and Victory is letting her/him know that breakfast would be appreciated. Soft chirps continue but the parent stays in the tree watching over them. 8:15am The parent flies off perhaps on the way to get breakfast.		earlybird_AEF
7/16/2018 6:48:30	7/16/2018	8:29:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The squeals begin, Victory and Valor see MrP before we do. This time Victory is able to get in the nest before MrP arrives with a fish but still isn't able to capture it first. Such a smart eagle to have figured that out already, just not quite fast enough. Valor mantles and makes her/his claim as Victory tries her/his best to push her/himself in. Valor is able to self feed for about five minutes before Victory is able to make the steal. Victory steps away and Valor says, sure, I'll have another go at it and begins to dig in again.		earlybird_AEF
7/16/2018 12:25:28	7/16/2018	1:52:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish and flies off. Valor is the first to grab it but Victory pushes her/his way in. A little scuffle ensues and Valor walks out the winner. Victory stomps up the V and flies to the OH branch. This is the second fish that Valor has scored today and Victory is not one bit happy about it. But no worries Victory. There was plenty of the last fish left after Valor finished with it and you were able to get a good meal too. We'll just wait and see what happens this time. It looks like Valor has had her/his fill and steps away. Are you coming down Victory? Victory is more than ready and comes flying down to have some of that delicious fish. So nice to see both of them with full crops.		earlybird_AEF
7/16/2018 17:18:02	7/16/2018	6:09:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	The 6 o'clock hour begins with Victory on the OH branch and Valor relaxing in the nest. Victory flies down to the nest and out to the lateral branch. Both eaglets are getting antsy. Valor vocalizes and Victory does some wingercizing. Victory hops out onto the lateral branch and Valor stands at the nest rail looking like s/he may join him/her. They share in several sideways tilting head looks... which always makes me laugh. Victory hops from the lateral, over Valor, onto the left V branch and over to the OH branch just as easy as could be. Victory looks beautiful in the evening sunlight as s/he perches near the end of the OH branch where all the green leaves are located. Victory watches the leaves wiggle about in the wind, turns his/her head sideways and leans forward nipping at them. I can't help but think of Liberty and how s/he use to prune the leaves in that area. Isn't it wonderful to be present in the moment but also remember those who came before? Having a sense of history of the nest makes it all the more special.		freebird_AEF
7/16/2018 17:40:52	7/16/2018	7:40:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	We get a great view on Cam A of Victory on the overhead from a different perspective with the Arboretum and beyond as a sunlit backdrop. Meanwhile, Valor is busy wingercizing across the nest; here, there and everywhere. And then, plop! Break time for Valor with wings spread out away from his/her body to help cool off. Victory is busy playing out in the greenery on the OH branch. S/he grabs a hold of a smaller branch with green leaves and wingercizes. S/he just seems to be having a fabulous time, wings flapping, held wide open, moving about from side to side and finally perching at the highest peak of the branch. The favored spot of all the DC eagles.		freebird_AEF
7/16/2018 18:18:56	7/16/2018	8:02:00 PM	TFL (I think)	Arrival of Prey and by whom	As the sun slides behind the clouds and prepares for night fall, Valor vocalizes. "Where's dinner?" Silence. No parent shows up. Hmmm... what's up with that? Another call... still nothing, no one. A third and a fourth loud piercing vocalization... still no response. A-ha! A parent must be in view. Victory flies down to the nest in preparation of a delivery. Very good Victory! You've learned well. So far there's no sign of a parent but the twosome stand at the nest rail side by side looking inward waiting. They move to opposite sides of the nest and suddenly at 8:02, I think it's TFL who drops off a fish. Victory is on top of it. S/he claims the fish but leaves it when a low flying plane loudly passes overhead. Both of them freeze, watch and listen. It doesn't take long before Valor claims the fish and starts feeding. Victory stands to the side unbelievably quiet, giving Valor space and time to feed. All in all and now that they're older, these two are often very polite feeders, giving one another feeding time before they slyly try to steal a meal, just like Victory is trying to do now. So far, Valor still has possession and s/he mantles, giving him/herself space to feed. Both eaglets turn to the side and squee. A parent must be nearby, sure enough we see one on the OH branch. Victory squees and Valor mantles and continues to feed.		freebird_AEF

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7/16/2018 18:36:07	7/16/2018	8:21:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Feeding	Valor still has the fish while Victory perches on the side rail. Victory keeps looking up at TFL squeeing. Valor has done an amazing job on consuming the fish and has had possession for 25 minutes. Finally at 8:27, having had his/her fill, s/he backs away and Victory jumps in to feed on what remains. Valor does cute little chirpish chatters as we watch TFL fly off the OH branch, to the NW branch, then back to the OH branch again. Valor returns to his/her chitter chatter and Victory continues to feed. Looks like only the head is left now, as Victory picks it up and moves the remains around the nest. Such lucky eaglets are these! With two parents who watch over and feed them abundantly. Finally done eating, Victory excitedly chatters and wing walks up the left V branch. It seems s/he wants to fly over to the OH branch, but I believe TFL is there, so for now, s/he stays put. Valor perches quietly on the railing next to the lateral branch.		freebird_AEF
7/17/2018 4:20:46	7/17/2018	6:03:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	It's a cloudy morning, currently 78 degrees. Valor is perching on the lateral branch doing her/his morning preening. As s/he rouses her feathers some of them gently float off in the breeze like fluffy snowflakes. S/he's very vocal this morning, her/his squees echoing through the trees. Victory can be heard on the overhead branch, jumping and wingerizing. It sounds like s/he may even be pruning the leaves on the branch. So nice of her/him to help out the Arboretum groundskeepers.		earlybird_AEF
7/17/2018 5:23:49	7/17/2018	6:21:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	A parent delivers a fish. It was such a fast drop off that I'm not sure which parent it was. Valor was in the nest first and claimed the fish. But no worries, 4 minutes later Victory was able to steal the fish. But no worries, 6 minutes later Valor was able to claim the fish again. But no worries, 12 minutes later Victory was able to steal the fish back. That fish made the rounds this morning. They passed it back and forth several more times. What an amazing accomplishment. It wasn't too long ago that they had to depend solely on the parents to feed them.		earlybird_AEF
7/17/2018 6:24:24	7/17/2018	8:20:00 AM	AEF Update	AEF Update	AEF is aware of the foreign object that was brought into the nest last night with a fish delivery, and that object has been torn up. We will continue to watch for other foreign objects and advise as we obtain more information.		earlybird_AEF
7/17/2018 9:57:35	7/17/2018	11:54:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Quiet at nest	It's been quiet since 10am, aside from a few loud vocalizations. Victory entertained us for a while this morning with some excellent wingerizing from the OH branch... even getting a bit of air and hovering above the branch upon occasion. Valor is chilling out on the rails just above the lateral branch. That's about it! Have a great day, everyone!		freebird_AEF
7/17/2018 13:44:08	7/17/2018	3:15:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Rain Dancing	Victory and Valor seem to be enjoying the rain as it comes pouring down. Victory has been doing some beautiful wingerizing on the OH branch, Valor in the nest. Victory gets a little too excited and comes flying down right on top of Valor. Whoops! Valor is not too pleased and there's a little bickering between them. Valor finally puts her/his head down, "Okay I've had enough". The spat doesn't last long at all. The rain pours down even harder and they flap their wings even more. These two are feeling the rhythm now. They flap, they jump, they bow to each other, they dip their wings, all with the sound of thunder as their drumbeat. They look like they are having the time of their lives. So are we, just watching them.		earlybird_AEF
7/17/2018 14:09:09	7/17/2018	3:48:00 PM	Victory and Valor.	Nest Activity	The rain has been coming down in buckets, it looks like our dancing duo have had enough. They look plumb tucked out and a little bedraggled as one perches on the lateral branch and the other on the nest rails. Bedraggled but oh so adorable!		earlybird_AEF
7/17/2018 18:36:25	7/17/2018	8:30:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Perched	It is becoming a tradition! At sunset, Victory perches atop the overhead branch and Valor stands on a nest side rail. Both are busy preening and repositioning all those feathers that were drenched in this afternoon's downpour. The nest is probably still damp. A close look at the nest floor reveals a trove of fish bones. I don't recall them being so prominent. Perhaps the parents throw them overboard under normal circumstances, but lately TFL and Mr. P try not to be in the nest much, especially when they deliver fish. It is mostly a drop and go routine. The cicada bugs are chirping at a deafening volume, drowning out any avian sounds nearby.		kaco4_AEF
7/17/2018 18:55:14	7/17/2018	8:45:00 PM	Arb General	Weather	A pleasant cooling front arrived after today's rain event. The temperature is a comfortable 81, going down to 62 tonight. Temps will be in the mid 80's for the remainder of the week with cool evenings in the 60's. I wonder if our eagles noticed an unusual flight pattern of man-made birds flying nearby a little over half hour ago. We believe it was the Thunderbird aircraft display at the Nationals Washington baseball stadium where the all-star game is being played tonight. Now all is quiet. Even the cicadas have simmered down a bit. Our birds are still preening and drying off.		kaco4_AEF

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7/17/2018 19:15:08	7/17/2018	9:15:00 PM	Valor	In nest	Finished with his/her preening session, Valor lies in the nest, battling the bugs that are happily zipping about the damp nest floor. Valor shakes his/head to disspell them. Not working out Valor gets up and walks to the side rail on the opposite side of the V. S/he preens and tries to doze off. Victory stands in repose on the overhead. Goodnite sweet birds.		kaco4_AEF
7/18/2018 4:22:55	7/18/2018	6:00:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Nest Activities	Victory has been flying back and forth between the OH branch and the left V branch while Valor's been perching on the lateral branch. Victory comes down to the nest for a visit and Valor doesn't seem very happy about it. S/he comes off the lateral branch with wings flapping and pushes her/him across the nest. "I need my space!" Victory says "Wow, I didn't know" and puts her/his head down. Victory finally goes over to perch on the lateral branch while Valor watches from the side rails. Valor may not be too pleased about this either. The lateral branch has been her favorite perching spot for the last few days. Victory decides it might be best if s/he just moves right back up on the left V branch and away from Valor. Someone doesn't seem to have gotten up on the right side of the nest this morning. Maybe once Valor gets breakfast s/he'll be in a much better mood.		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 4:41:44	7/18/2018	6:14:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Fish drop off by MrP. Victory quickly comes down from the left V branch but Valor makes the catch. MrP moves over to the lateral branch and gazes around vocalizing at something out of our view. Victory walks over to him squeeing his annoyance. "Where's my fish"? MrP knows when to make his exit and flies off to the PPT. Victory flaps his wings in hopes of getting that fish for him/herself but Valor says "No way". Victory in a bit of a huff moves onto the lateral branch and then back on the left V branch to watch from there. Valor is chowing down and doesn't seem to be ready to give that fish up anytime soon. Victory gives one more little squeee, just so Valor knows s/he's not happy and flies up to the OH.		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 5:10:33	7/18/2018	6:40:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Self feeding	The crescendo of squees begins again. Victory comes flying down from the OH branch perhaps in anticipation of another fish arriving. Sorry Victory. It doesn't look like that's the case. Victory looks over towards the NW branch and calls out. Perhaps a parent is now perching there and that's what has them all excited. Victory has had enough. S/he's hungry too and would like some of that fish. S/he jumps at Valor with wings flapping. Valor hangs tough and doesn't let go. Victory tries it again but still Valor holds on. One more try and Victory scores with a small piece. S/he gobbles that down and tries again. S/he manages to get another piece. Success! Valor may have gotten the majority of this fish but Victory did manage to get some bites too. Through all of this we can see a parent fly by from the direction of the NW branch. S/he may just be on her/his way to catch another fish for these two growing eaglets. For now, we have peace and serenity once again, in a nest way up high in a Tulip Poplar tree.		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 6:15:17	7/18/2018	7:40:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Nest Interaction	Victory and Valor lie cuddled together in the nest. This doesn't happen as often anymore since they've both branched out. It's so special to see it this morning. It's hard to believe that just an hour ago they were battling it out for a fish. So proud of them for the way they've mastered the art of stealing but so happy to see the sweetness of the two of them right now. They gaze at each other with a cute little tilt of the head and give each other some beak bumps. They move around some nesting material and pick up some sticks. It's always so cute when they each grab an end and tug on it. Much like TFL and MrP do when they were getting the nest ready for their arrival. Just a short eleven weeks ago when they both hatched, only three days apart. Who can forget that first wonderful week? Little tumbleweeds barely able to hold their heads up, barely able to see. The wonder and excitement we all felt seeing them for the first time. And now look at all they've accomplished. So proud of you little ones!		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 6:39:36	7/18/2018	8:28:00 AM	Valor	Perching	Valor is reaching new heights this morning. S/he has reached the notch in the left V branch and seems to be enjoying the view. How high will s/he go?		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 8:42:50	7/18/2018	10:31:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	I believe this is TFL with a fish delivery. This time Victory is in the nest and has the advantage. S/he mantles it quickly as Valor makes her/his way down the left V branch. Victory digs in as TFL flies off.		earlybird_AEF

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7/18/2018 10:59:36	7/18/2018	12:24:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	It's so sweet to see Victory and Valor perching on the lateral branch together. The peaceful silence of the afternoon is broken by the squees of the eaglets. TFL has brought in a humdinger of a fish. This one is huge. Valor moves off the lateral branch and is ready to have some of that delicious fish. Surprisingly Victory stays put on the lateral branch. It appears that s/he's still full from the last fish. Our sweet TFL stays to do the feeding. She feeds Valor and gets to enjoy some of it herself. They have a little tug of war with a piece. I think TFL won out on that one. Victory finally moves off the lateral branch and grabs a small piece for her/himself but quickly returns to the branch. Victory and Valor chitter chatter as TFL finishes off the fish herself and flies off. Valor rejoins Victory on the lateral branch and they continue to enjoy the view and bask in the afternoon sun.		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 16:50:53	7/18/2018	6:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Valor has gotten even higher on the left V branch this afternoon and Victory has managed to get to the top of the left V branch where we can barely see her/him. Here comes MrP with a fish. Now this should be interesting. How will they both get down and who will get to the fish first? Valor's squeals get louder and louder but s/he doesn't move off the branch. Victory, on the other hand takes a flying leap and lands on the fish. Wow! That was spectacular. MrP flies off as Victory digs into the fish. Valor continues to squeal intermittently but still doesn't make her/his way down.		earlybird_AEF
7/18/2018 17:31:56	7/18/2018	7:05:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor finally comes down and feeds on what's left from MrP's earlier delivery. Meanwhile, Victory looks stunning on the OH branch, especially with the blue sky and puffy white cloud backdrop. After a snack, Valor heads out to the lateral branch to perch. Victory relaxes open winged and takes an occasional snooze on the overhead while Valor is alert and looking around. It's got to be so enjoyable feeling more of a breeze and looking at the world from a perch rather than the nest. Victory jumps down into the nest from the OH branch and nibbles on bone scraps.		freebird_AEF
7/18/2018 18:00:22	7/18/2018	7:46:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Both of the Vs are in the nest together; nibbling, picking at things and tossing stuff about. Valor rushes back to claim the lateral branch -- his/her new favorite spot. Victory continues to play, moving sticks and seriously just having fun being a goof! There goes our wing walker Victory, up the left V. S/he looks down at Valor with tilted, sideways head positions and Valor looks up reflecting many of the same mannerisms. They just fill my heart and make me laugh at the same time. Who knew eagles were so cute? They both seem to be thinking, "Look at you! And look at me! We're big eagles now." Suddenly, Valor jumps into the nest, wing walks up the left V and perches next to Victory for a moment before hopping back down to the nest. Here comes Valor again... back up the left V, then back to the nest. Let's play! Up the left V again, back to the nest. Wheeee! This is fun. Now up the right V Valor goes. Look at me, Victory! And Victory sizes up Valor's accomplishment. Back to the nest and plop! Down for a rest. Time to relax and recharge.		freebird_AEF
7/18/2018 18:31:39	7/18/2018	8:11:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Victory flies down to the nest and snuggles next to Valor. Awww... nibble, nibble, nibble goes Victory to Valor. "Can I preen your wing feathers? Can I give you a stick?" Victory gets up and repositions him/herself at Valor's tail feathers and Valor tries to keep an eye on Victory. Victory nibbles at some of Valor's wing tips. That's enough of that! Valor stays close but moves, facing Victory. Victory gets up to reposition and Valor gets up too as if to say, don't even think about it, I'm watching you! Victory lies down and so does Valor. Now there's a stick between them, like they each have their own little bed space. Victory is restless and goes to the nest rails, hops over Valor and heads out to the lateral branch and Valor continues to rest. It's been a thoroughly enjoyable, peaceful and playful one and a half hours at the nest this evening with the two Vs. Enjoy the rest of the evening, sweet eagles and cam viewers!		freebird_AEF
7/19/2018 4:03:17	7/19/2018	5:49:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Possible Departure	Victory and Valor have been very loud and active this morning. Valor has been wingercizing all over the nest and finally stops to perch on the lateral branch. Victory jogs up the left V branch, opens her/his magnificent wings and takes off. Where did you go Victory? All I could see is that s/he flew up and to the left of the branch. I'm not sure if s/he has gone to the top of that branch or has flown completely from the nest.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 4:21:20	7/19/2018	6:06:00 AM	Victory	Arrival	What a beautiful sight to see as Victory returns to the nest! S/he had flown off of the left V branch and out of our view. This was no misstep, it was a deliberate take off. S/he comes flying back, past the nest, makes a loop and lands in the V perch. Beautiful flight, beautiful landing. I am in awe watching this. We knew s/he could fly but this time she made the choice to do it. I'm so proud of you!		earlybird_AEF

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7/19/2018 4:49:26	7/19/2018	6:25:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	It's a beautiful sunny morning, currently 73 degrees and reaching a comfortable 85 degrees. A perfect day to fly around and do a little sightseeing. Victory moves to the top of the left V branch and flies over to the overhead branch. I wouldn't be surprised if s/he decides to take another trip around the area. There's so much to see, so much to explore. S/he looked so confident as s/he flew by and landed back at the nest. Valor continues to perch on the lateral branch. This could be the day that s/he takes the leap of faith and flies out to the overhead or even beyond. Each day is filled with new surprises with these two. How exciting to go on this journey with them.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 5:27:45	7/19/2018	7:08:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL arrives with a fish and moves onto the left V branch. Valor jumps off the lateral branch and mantles over it, Victory comes flying down from the overhead. There's a flurry of feathers and wings and pushing and shoving. Victory comes out the winner and gains control of the fish. Valor squeezes her/his disappointment but stands to the side. TFL doesn't stick around, she flies into the trees. 7:21am Valor says it's my turn and snatches it away.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 6:00:10	7/19/2018	7:54:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	Our DC Live Q&A Chat Session is from 8:00am- 10:am today. Bring your questions and please come join us.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 6:23:11	7/19/2018	7:58:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Wingercizing	Victory has been patiently waiting for another turn with that fish. S/he finally gets her/his chance and moves in for the steal. Valor is so not happy about this and tries to distract Victory with some wingercizing. Victory isn't going to fall for that. S/he just picks up the fish and trots around doing a little wingercizing her/himself. It almost looks like a parade with both of them following each other. Valor tries one more time to grab that fish but finally gives up and moves back to the lateral branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 6:29:23	7/19/2018	8:20:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Self feeding/Perching	Valor comes charging off the lateral branch and gets the fish once again. Victory seems okay with that and flies up to the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 7:28:49	7/19/2018	9:02:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	MrP delivers the second fish of the morning. TFL arrives right behind him and feeds Victory and Valor.		earlybird_AEF
7/19/2018 14:35:37	7/19/2018	4:25:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Perched	Our youngsters are enjoying a lazy afternoon. Valor is perched on the lateral in partial shade. He periodically jumps into the empty nest for jumping and wing exercises while Victory is parked forever and a day atop the overhead also periodically walking the plank and spreading wings. Right now he is munching on the leavesgrowing in a clump on a small offshoot at the far end of the main branch. What gorgeous weather in the Arb. Temperature is a comfortable 86 degrees with dry, 33 percent humidity. Tonight will be a crisp 62.		kaco4_AEF
7/19/2018 15:04:16	7/19/2018	4:54:00 PM	Victory	Flying to New Branch Above Right V	Nah, nah, we see your tail! You can fly, but you cannot hide. Our crafty cam ops will find you. Victory flew from the overhead branch to the right fork above the left V. He is nestled in a lovely thick and shady canopy of leaves. And he is munching on them!		kaco4_AEF
7/19/2018 18:34:17	7/19/2018	8:30:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Playtime	Victory flies down into the nest to play pick up sticks and does a belly flop. S/he's been busy up on the OH branch wing walking and flapping; s/he even came down to the nest a while back to help loosen a big stick to the point it was acting like a seesaw. When Victory returned to the OH, Valor hopped in the nest and escorted the wiggly stick closer and closer to the rails until it finally dropped off the side and went crashing to the ground. Definitely an offspring of MrP's. Lol. Valor joins Victory in the nest from the lateral branch. They play with sticks and nesting material. Beak to beak, face to face. I think Victory might be enamored with Valor's beak bling. "Let me pick that off for you." As Victory nips towards Valor's face. Valor gets back up, stretches and flaps his/her way back to the lateral branch. Just a quick visit to say hello. Victory is up. Time to play with more sticks! Victory loves to pick sticks up with his/her beak and then drag them around by the feet. Such fun! Valor wants to play and joins in. They both open their wings and it's almost like they're having a tussle but they're just playing. So funny how their relationship has grown. Victory goes out to Valor's favorite lateral branch. Valor says, "That's fine. I'm playing with your stick." Here we go again as Victory flies in to the nest to reclaim the stick. They are just like two kids having fun and doing a little rough housing. Victory heads up the left V branch and Valor returns to the lateral branch.		freebird_AEF

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7/19/2018 19:03:49	7/19/2018	8:55:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Perching at nightfall	Victory is now perched way up on the left V branch in the leaves and where s/he's doing some pruning. The IR light turns on down at the nest where Valor is perched on the lateral branch comfortably. It doesn't look like a dinner delivery is happening tonight, so things should be pretty wild in the morning when breakfast comes flying in. Valor heads into the nest and snuggles down. (Satisfied sigh.) Victory may be staying perched up above in the treed canopy for the night, and Valor says, "That's okay. I love having the bed all to myself!"		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 4:24:26	7/20/2018	5:45:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Arrival	The Arboretum is just waking up, the hustle and bustle of the morning traffic can be heard in the distance, the birds are singing merrily. It's a pleasant morning at 72 degrees with a gentle breeze. Valor is perching on the lateral branch and Victory..... Wait! Where is Victory? S/he's not in the nest, s/he's not on the lateral branch, s/he's not on the overhead. Here s/he comes, flying in from the left of the nest looking absolutely gorgeous and confident. Our sweet Victory has been out doing a little exploring this morning. The landings aren't always the easiest to learn at first and this time it's no exception. Victory comes flying in through the V, bumps the branch and stumbles in. Not the most graceful of landings but s/he made it back to the nest safely. Valor has a hissy fit and goes after her/him. S/he may very well have been expecting breakfast, there's no way to be sure. Valor flaps her wings and rushes up to Victory, checking to see what's under her/him. Nothing is there. No fish. Valor is still not happy and pushes Victory to the edge of the nest. Victory just hangs her/his head down and gives Valor a look like "What's the problem here"? Finally Victory moves onto the lateral branch and Valor joins her/him there. All seems fine now.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 4:45:16	7/20/2018	6:12:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory moves up to the overhead branch. S/he doesn't seem ready to settle down this morning. You can just feel her excitement, s/he's already been out and about once this morning and s/he can't wait to try it again. S/he trots around on the overhead branch, flaps her wings, looks to the left, looks to the right. Is her/his flight path clear? It is and s/he's off!!! Such a graceful take off, flying to the right of the nest and out of sight. Our sweet Victory is on her/his way to have exciting new adventures. Enjoy this special time Victory. We'll be waiting for your return.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 5:03:02	7/20/2018	6:52:00 AM	Valor	Perching and Pruning	Valor seems ready to explore this morning too. S/he climbs all the way up the left V branch and into the v section. S/he goes even higher and prunes the leaves. How nice of you to help Victory with the pruning Valor. Victory might be a little too busy right now on her/his new adventures to finish the job.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 5:41:53	7/20/2018	7:24:00 AM	Valor	Perching	Valor continues to perch high up in the branch, looking quite comfortable there. It's like s/he's been doing this her/his whole life, no big deal. S/he preens her/himself, calls out intermittently and finds a stick to play with. Whoops! Did you lose your stick Valor? No problem. There's plenty more to choose from.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 6:28:59	7/20/2018	8:24:00 AM	Chat Window	Chat Window	It's an exciting time at the DC nest! We don't want any of you to miss a thing. We are now posting the latest updates in the chat window for your convenience. We will continue to post more detailed entries here.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 6:47:01	7/20/2018	8:33:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Victory has returned to the tree and is perching on a branch. I believe this is TFL who delivers a fish. Victory flies down and mantles over it, Valor remains high on the left V branch. This is the first time that Valor has reached this height so it may take her/him a little more time to figure out how to get down. But we have all the confidence in the world in you Valor. We know that you can do it.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 7:09:58	7/20/2018	8:56:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Fly Down	Valor squees from the branch above. "I'm hungry. Save some for me"! We watch and we wait. Come on down Valor. You've got this. Finally.....s/he takes a flying leap and lands in the nest. Yay! The landing was a little rough but s/he doesn't care. S/he wants that fish. S/he rushes over and snatches it away from Victory. So nice to see both of them have a good breakfast.		earlybird_AEF

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7/20/2018 10:01:00	7/20/2018	11:35:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	Victory and Valor seem to be enjoying this breezy afternoon as Victory perches on the lateral branch and Valor perches on the left V. It must feel much more comfortable getting away from the heat of the nest and those pesky bugs. Victory stretches her/his wings and flies over to the left V branch next to Valor. Valor doesn't seem too pleased about this and squeezes her/his annoyance. "You're crowding me out here." Victory gets the message and flies up to the OH branch. Victory is feeling the wind beneath her/his wings now, flapping her/his wings as if s/he's about to take off at any moment. Valor squeezes and moves a little further up the left V. S/he stumbles just a bit but quickly regains her/his balance. S/he quickly jogs down, makes a fast jump on the right V and back to the nest to do some wingercizing. S/he's really getting some good height as s/he flaps her/his wings and hovers. S/he moves over to the lateral branch as Victory continues to perch on the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 10:19:35	7/20/2018	12:02:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL delivers a fish. Valor comes rushing off the lateral branch and mantles over the fish. Victory says not so fast and flies down from the OH branch and claims it for her/himself. Valor circles her/him, waiting and watching as s/he eats. Valor is bound and determined to get that fish back. Finally s/he charges at Victory. Victory tries to hold on but no, Valor has snatched it away. Victory moves to the lateral branch as Valor enjoys the fish.		earlybird_AEF
7/20/2018 16:15:28	7/20/2018	6:00:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Perching at Friday Night Chat	Welcome chatters! It's time for Friday's 6pm DC chat and we start the hour with Valor on the left V branch and Victory high in the treed canopy of the CamB branch just to the left of the V. The CamB branch is where Victory spent last night and it has become his/her new favorite perching spot. It always reminds me of a garden balcony. Valor is vocalizing, ordering what s/he and Victory want for dinner. Squee-squee-squee-squee. Which I'm pretty sure translates to, "We'll take fish and more fish, please."		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 16:59:10	7/20/2018	6:45:00 PM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	A parent flies in and out of the nest so fast, we just see a blur of white as they high tail it out of there while the two V's both come jumping down into the nest. It doesn't look like much food was delivered but Valor stakes claim and holds a sturdy mantle, maintaining possession. Victory is not happy about it one bit and vocalizes his/her complaints from the lateral branch then hops into the nest and flies up along the left V and to the overhead to perch.		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 17:26:02	7/20/2018	7:00:00 PM	Victory	Departure / Fly by	Victory remains on the OH branch as Valor makes his/her way up the left V. Victory opens and flaps his/her wings while squeeing. "Hey! We ordered more than that little morsel for dinner. C'mon!" Then Victory flies off the OH branch at 7:07pm, across the way towards the Primary Perching tree. Both eaglets are heard squeeing. We see Victory do an overhead fly by, Valor squeezes and tracks Victory then jumps down into the nest wingercizing and catching some air. Valor heads up the left V to perch and squeezes outloud and Victory is heard squeeing back in the distance.		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 18:06:45	7/20/2018	7:30:00 PM	Valor	All by myself	So... there's Valor, all alone at the nest tree, looking out, trying to find Victory or one of the parents but from my eye, there is no one near. The wind picks up and Valor does a sideways walk down the left V and lies down in the nest. Valor perks up and listens as s/he hears Victory squeeing in the distance. Valor calls out, then climbs part way up the left V. Victory's vocalizations are still heard in the distance and Valor returns to the nest, weaving and bobbing his/her head listening. It's 7:55 and we haven't heard Victory vocalize for several minutes now. Valor stands in the nest looking around silently. At 8:05, still not a peep from Victory and Valor is now lying down in the nest.		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 18:17:16	7/20/2018	8:08:00 PM	Victory	Squeezes get closer	At 8:08, Victory is heard again. Still distant. S/he continues to let out several sets of calls. Where are you, Victory? Valor quietly stays down in the nest and listens. More calls and Valor answers, "I'm over here!" Victory sounds a bit nearer, and nearer yet. At 8:16, still no sight of him/her yet.		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 18:27:45	7/20/2018	8:18:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Victory's return	Victory's calls get louder. I almost thought s/he might fly in to the nest for a moment. And then quiet again. At 8:22pm, Victory returns! S/he lands on the right V branch, then hops down into the nest. Valor just laid there and watched, then gets up to stretch. Afterward, they have a slight open wing scuffle before Valor turns around and plops back down.		freebird_AEF
7/20/2018 18:40:34	7/20/2018	8:28:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching at the PPT	TFL is seen perched at the PPT and Victory has a fit. S/he vocalizes loudly and climbs the left V as if to tell TFL, "You know we're hungry. What do I need to do to get someone to deliver a fish around here?" Meanwhile, Valor preens in the nest, then lies down. Victory climbs up to perch at the CamB branch in his/her favorite canopy and continues to vocalize. Victory looks directly over at TFL and squeals. TFL knows what's going on but calmly stays perched, looking back toward the nest.		freebird_AEF

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7/20/2018 19:02:50	7/20/2018	8:45:00 PM	TFL, Victory and Valor	Good night	Hopes for dinner fade like the light of day, and night settles in over the Arboretum. Victory has quieted down significantly. Valor heads out to the lateral branch to perch while Victory remains high above on the CamB balcony branch. Now that our DC siblings are reunited and TFL has arrived and is watching over them from the PPT, it's time to say good night. Sweet dreams to our sweet eagle family.		freebird_AEF
7/21/2018 4:06:28	7/21/2018	6:00:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's an overcast morning, currently 74 degrees. The highs will be in the mid seventies with rain expected today and rain showers throughout the week.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 4:13:32	7/21/2018	6:07:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	Victory and Valor seem to be enjoying the cooler temperatures this morning. Victory is perching on the cam B branch and Valor on the left V branch. Valor has been very vocal and now climbs to almost the top of the branch and marches back down to the center. Her/his agility and coordination is already much better than yesterday. S/he is climbing up and down with ease today.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 4:48:58	7/21/2018	6:31:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	Victory flies down into the nest and rummages around for some scraps. There's not much but s/he manages to find a morsel or two. S/he marches up the right V branch, moves back down, jogs up the left V branch, sidesteps her/his way back down into the nest, climbs up the left V branch again and flies up to the OH branch. Victory is full of her/his usual vim and vigor this morning. Valor a bit more laid back. "I'll stay right here on the left V branch and keep a watch for Mom and Dad. You can stay all the way up there if you want Victory. I'm much closer to the nest when the fish comes".		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 5:20:52	7/21/2018	7:01:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory continues to perch on the OH branch. S/he's been restless all morning, s/he's feeling the wind beneath her/his wings, the urge to fly. S/he opens up her/his beautiful wings and there s/he goes! Fly baby fly! It must feel so free to be able to travel wherever you want to go, to see the sights that you want to see. S/he flies right to the primary perching tree. A place that s/he's quite familiar with but from afar. A place where her/his ever watchful parents have perched throughout her/his life to watch over their little ones. A place that s/he's always been able to see but never was able to visit. But now sweet Victory, the world is yours to explore.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 5:35:34	7/21/2018	7:22:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Victory continues to perch in the ppt. S/he looks beautiful as the sun shines down on her/him and the wind ruffles her/his feathers. It's a glorious sight seeing her/him preen those lovely feathers and flap her/his wings in the breeze. S/he seems so confident and sure of her/himself. S/he reaches out to pull some leaves off the tree. I wonder if s/he's doing a taste test. Which leaves are sweeter, the nest tree or the ppt? My guess is the leaves on the ppt. Nothing could be sweeter than being able to fly over and explore that tree.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 5:57:10	7/21/2018	7:30:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies off and out of sight. Thanks to our cam op we can now see her/him peeking out from a tree to the left of the ppt. It looks like s/he's playing Hide and Seek. We see you Victory.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 6:11:02	7/21/2018	8:03:00 AM	Valor and Victory	Perching/Arrival	Valor continues to perch on the left V branch, squееing intermittently. S/he marches down to the nest and gets some good height as s/he wingercizes. S/he seems to be feeling the wind beneath her wings this morning too. Valor moves back up the left V branch just as Victory arrives back at the OH branch. I bet Victory can't wait to tell Valor about her/his new adventures.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 6:43:24	7/21/2018	8:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish. Valor makes the catch but Victory snatches it away.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 6:57:32	7/21/2018	8:49:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Another fish delivery. Valor mantles and holds on tight this time. So nice to see Victory and Valor each having their own fish to eat.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 7:04:38	7/21/2018	9:02:00 AM	Chat	Chat	Bring your questions and come join us for our Live Chat Q & A Session today from 12:00pm-2:00pm.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 9:22:49	7/21/2018	11:16:00 AM	Parent	Update: Arrival of Prey	Update: 10:30am There was an attempted food delivery by a parent. Victory and Valor rushed over to claim the prize. In their excitement they knocked the parent off the nest and it looked like the prey may have gone with him/her. The parent was fine but the look on the her/his face was priceless. These two are getting mighty rambunctious.		earlybird_AEF
7/21/2018 10:08:28	7/21/2018	11:56:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Victory and Valor are perched on the lateral branch together, but then Victory decides to hop in the nest and climb up the left V. While watching Victory move up and down the left V and showing off his/her amazing wings, we have close ups of sweet Valor on Cam A. Even drenched, our eaglets are so beautiful. Victory returns to the nest bed, wingercizing and catching some air and Valor squees, "Knock it off" from the lateral branch before joining Victory in the nest and showing off some wingercizing and dips. Valor returns to the lateral branch and Victory picks at some leftovers in the nest. Valor continues to flap his/her wings out on the lateral branch. Victory lies down in the nest, Valor wing walks back to the nest, flapping away.		freebird_AEF

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7/21/2018 10:26:08	7/21/2018	12:11:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor finds a leftover and pulls at it then does a little more wingerizing before heading out to the lateral branch again. Victory is now perching on the left V. Oh, Victory, you're such an adventurer! S/he flaps his/her wings wildly then flies down into the nest. The rain is coming down steadily. Both eaglets have stood quietly for a while, Victory still in the nest and Valor on the lateral branch. Rain... rain... rain!		freebird_AEF
7/21/2018 10:45:35	7/21/2018	12:34:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Valor heads in from the lateral branch squeeing when s/he sees Victory nibbling on a scrap. Valor tries to pick at it with no gratification and moves on to a second scrap in the nest. Must be lunch time and with no fish in the nest, Valor is looking for a snack. Victory is now on the lateral branch. Valor starts squeeing as we see a parent fly below the nest. Valor is actually pulling off some bits of food from the small leftovers while Victory heads out a bit further on the lateral branch and flaps away.		freebird_AEF
7/21/2018 11:05:59	7/21/2018	12:48:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity / Nap time	Valor returns to the lateral branch to join Victory who is already perched there. The two perch side by side. Valor hops back into the nest to wingerize. Valor flaps and hops about then joins Victory once again on the lateral branch. Victory is relaxed and getting a little shut eye and Valor decides to take a nap as well.		freebird_AEF
7/21/2018 11:32:30	7/21/2018	1:22:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Eaglets on a rainy day	The wind and rain are not letting up. It looks like this is going to be a very wet day for our DC eaglets. Valor goes to perch along the nest rails by the posts and Victory stays in place on the lateral branch. Valor jumps and flaps about the nest for a bit and ends up along the rails on the opposite side of the nest to the lateral branch. S/he seems restless. Kind of like a kid who wants to go out and play but is stuck indoors because it's raining outside.		freebird_AEF
7/21/2018 11:58:25	7/21/2018	1:46:00 PM	Weather Update	Wind and Rain	The weather forecast calls for heavy rain at times this afternoon into this evening with a possible thunderstorm. One to three inches of rain are expected with localized totals over four inches possible. It's currently 66 degrees with winds from the NNE at about 8 mph. It doesn't appear that V&V will be up to much activity today as they hunker down and ride out the wet and breezy weather, but we'll keep an eye on them. You never know when a fish might arrive!		freebird_AEF
7/21/2018 15:46:19	7/21/2018	5:30:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Perched in the rain	Our youngsters are perched side by side on the lateral branch as the rain falls steadily on and around them. The wind gently rocks the heavily leafed branches in front of them. There is a Zen like stillness in this natural setting, where nature and its creatures are at one with each other. Our birds stand like stone sculptures overlooking everything and nothing at the same time. The hypnotic rocking movement of the nest and the steady sound and rhythm of the rain is utterly entrancing.		kaco4_AEF
7/21/2018 16:10:22	7/21/2018	5:55:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Rain maneuvers	Victory has shpikes (nervous energy or) restlessness and hops into the nest to do some wing dancing. S/he stands on the nest rail looking out beyond. Valor remains on the lateral, totally complacent. The rain is picking up in intensity. Mom and dad are most likely hunkered down in a thickly canopied tree not too far away. Dinner will be delayed or perhaps not delivered any time soon. The forecast is calling for steady rain through 8 PM and intermittant rain through 11 PM and into Sunday morning.		kaco4_AEF
7/21/2018 16:31:17	7/21/2018	6:25:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Squeeing in the rain	Both kids are calling out and jumping into the nest. A pan out to the ppt is murky, so a parent sighting is a possibility, but cannot be confirmed. All is quiet again with Valor on the lateral and Victory standing on a nest rail. It is going to be a very long night!		kaco4_AEF
7/22/2018 4:01:35	7/22/2018	5:54:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a mild morning at 65 degrees with scattered clouds. A high of 81 is expected today with a shower and thunderstorm around. Tonight it will go down to 73 degrees with a chance of a shower and thunderstorm continuing.		earlybird_AEF
7/22/2018 4:18:35	7/22/2018	6:03:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	The morning is still and quiet, only the birds serenading us with their morning melodies. Victory is enjoying the view from the OH branch while Valor perches on the lateral branch. Valor is looking very handsome as s/he sports some feather bling on the right side of her/his beak. How sweet to see both of them sleeping with their heads back in their wings. They are no longer our little ones. They have grown into beautiful eagles who will be going off on their journey soon. But for now we savor this moment, hang on tightly to the time we have left with them, store these memories in our hearts.		earlybird_AEF
7/22/2018 4:39:33	7/22/2018	6:22:00 AM	Valor	Wingerizing	Valor is waking up. S/he wingerizes on and off the lateral branch and moves up the left V branch. S/he calls out her/his order for breakfast. No response yet from MrP or TFL. Yesterday was not a good day for fishing with all the rain. Hopefully today will be much better. MrP is probably at the river right now looking to make the catch of the day.		earlybird_AEF

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7/22/2018 5:34:03	7/22/2018	7:21:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Victory continues to perch on the OH branch and bask in the morning sun. Her feathers look golden as s/he preens them from bottom to top. S/he seems so relaxed and content as s/he gazes around. S/he does some small jumps as s/he wingercizes on the branch, in perfect control and coordination. What a lovely sight to see.		earlybird_AEF
7/22/2018 10:49:52	7/22/2018	12:23:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The squeeking begins, Victory comes flying down from the OH branch, Valor from the left V branch. MrP is on his way with a fish. They both rush towards him to claim the prize. What a gorgeous mantle by Victory as s/he gains control. Valor steps aside and waits his/her turn.		earlybird_AEF
7/22/2018 11:03:55	7/22/2018	12:42:00 PM	Victory and Valor.	Self feeding	Victory seems to be getting her/his fill and lets her/his guard down for just a minute. A little sidestep by Valor and success, s/he's got the fish. Beautiful job by both of them.		earlybird_AEF
7/22/2018 18:13:32	7/22/2018	7:58:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Perching	Valor is perched on the lateral branch and lets out a loud set of squees. Victory is perched high above on the left V branch. Valor shows off his/her wings when s/he jumps into the nest and opens them wide for all to admire, then steps back out to perch on the lateral branch. Victory moves to the leafy canopy on the CamB branch.		freebird_AEF
7/22/2018 19:02:22	7/22/2018	8:14:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Good night	Valor starts squeeking and runs into the nest. S/he's in a hunched position and seems to be tracking something. When nothing happens, s/he appears frustrated and steps back out to the lateral branch squeeking with open wings. S/he possibly saw a parent flying nearby and was hoping for a delivery. Valor calls out with several strong sets of squees, letting parents know it'll be dark soon and if they're going to bring food, they need to get on it... now! All the while, Victory quietly remains high above the nest on lookout. Things have been quiet for quite some time. Both eaglets are tucked in at their perching spots as we say good night.		freebird_AEF
7/23/2018 4:19:09	7/23/2018	5:46:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Morning	It's a breezy morning with showers expected. The temperature is currently 79 degrees with a high of 82 later today. Victory comes flying in with the wind. It was hard to tell if s/he came down from a higher branch or had been out for a morning sightseeing excursion. Valor rushes towards her/him, most likely in hopes of breakfast but that is not to be. Victory moves over to the lateral branch but quickly returns to the nest and finds some leftovers to munch on. Valor squees her/his disappointment and moves up the left V branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/23/2018 4:39:36	7/23/2018	6:20:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	Victory has settled down in the nest for some rest time. Valor is full of energy this morning. S/he does some beautiful windercizing, hovering high above the nest. S/he jogs up the right V branch and gazes around. Victory picks up a piece of bone and it gets stuck in her/his beak. S/he shakes and shakes her/his head until finally it blows away in the breeze. S/he marches up the left V branch and flies over to the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/23/2018 5:57:31	7/23/2018	7:48:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Perching	The rain has been coming down. Victory continues to perch on the OH, Valor has moved to the lateral branch. They have been quiet and calm throughout it all. It sounds like the rain might be slowing down. Hopefully they'll get a break here soon and TFL or MrP will be able to bring them breakfast.		earlybird_AEF
7/23/2018 7:25:07	7/23/2018	9:04:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The rain has stopped for the moment and here comes MrP with breakfast. Victory is on the OH branch and can't make it down quickly enough. Valor comes flying off the left V branch and mantles it. Victory squeals his frustration as s/he moves up the left V branch. Valor pays her/him no mind and just keeps on eating. 9:09am Victory comes storming down and makes the snatch. This time Valor squeals her/his frustration and marches up the left V branch. Now, now you two. Everyone got a turn. We'll just have to wait and see how long it takes Valor to get it back.		earlybird_AEF
7/23/2018 10:19:15	7/23/2018	12:19:00 PM	Test	Test	Test		FreeSoars_AEF
7/23/2018 12:59:38	7/23/2018	2:32:00 PM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	A fish was delivered by a parent. It may have been TFL but I couldn't be sure. Victory mantled it and made her/his claim. Valor wasn't too happy about that but s/he was able to have seconds on the last fish so I wouldn't be surprised if s/he gets a turn with this one. 2:55pm. No sooner said than done. Valor moves on in and says my turn. Victory doesn't seem to have a problem with that and just steps away.		earlybird_AEF
7/23/2018 15:52:40	7/23/2018	5:50:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey/Feeding	Update 4:01pm TFL delivers a fish. It looked like Victory mantled the fish but TFL stays to help out with the feeding.		earlybird_AEF

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7/23/2018 16:57:12	7/23/2018	6:55:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity	Both eaglets are in the nest together. Valor was lying down when Victory came in from the lateral branch and plopped down next to Valor. After some close face-to-face time, Valor gets up and stands in the nest. There's a break in the rain and the wind seems to have calmed down for the moment. Valor returns to where Victory is and lies down next to him/her. There they are -- beak to beak and they spend the next couple minutes nibbling and gently beaking playfully with one another. It's absolutely adorable... that is, until Victory has enough, squees, rises and Valor squees right back at Victory. Within moments, Victory lies back down next to Valor... just not as close as before. And it looks like it's nap time! Zzzzzzz...		freebird_AEF
7/23/2018 17:41:24	7/23/2018	7:31:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival / Perched NW branch	At 7:31pm, the two Vs start squeeing. Valor gets up, heads to the rails and goes into a mantle. We find TFL perched on the NW branch. Valor remains standing along the nest rails staring at TFL. "Could it be? Could it be, mom? Is there a fish? Fish? Is dad coming with a fish? Huh, mom? Huh?" And TFL glances back with a calm, cool, collected look. Victory stays chill down in the nest, adding to the vocals but in a relaxed state.		freebird_AEF
7/23/2018 17:59:02	7/23/2018	7:42:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	While Valor remains alert and squeals, Victory gets up, repositions him/herself, lies down in the nest bed and preens. TFL departs the NW branch at 7:51pm. Valor heads out to the lateral branch. Maybe TFL went fishing. You never know!		freebird_AEF
7/23/2018 19:08:45	7/23/2018	8:08:00 PM	Eaglet(s)	Nest activity / Good night	Victory heads up the left V. Valor stays perched on the lateral branch. Here comes the rain! The two Vs are perched, flapping up a storm (teehee) as the rain pours down. Valor heads for the nest and Victory remains on the left V. The lighting is outstanding right now. Sun rays beaming down onto some of the leaves, landscape and the city backdrop, but raindrops on the cam lens blurs our view. Golden, glowing reflections shine from the sun in the cityscape and Valor returns to the lateral branch. The rain starts up again. The tree sways with the wind. Victory looks like a pro perched on the steep left V. Valor is doing a fabulous job negotiating the wind on the lateral branch. Victory is ready to relax. S/he wing walks partway down the left V then flies down into the nest with the wind pushing him/her to the nest rails on the opposite side. Then, plo! Down s/he goes. Valor opens his/her wings to feel the wind currents. As of 9:07pm, Valor remains perched on the lateral branch.		freebird_AEF
7/24/2018 4:38:53	7/24/2018	6:00:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Victory is being quite the chatterbox this morning. S/he perches on the lateral branch squeeing away. I had to look twice, Valor's usually the more talkative one. Our sweet Victory might be feeling the call of the wild, feeling that urge to go out and soar with the wind. S/he flies over to the left V branch and then over to the OH branch. It's another windy morning and it looks like s/he's having the time of her/his life wingercizing in the breeze. I bet s/he'd like nothing better right now than to take off with the wind.		earlybird_AEF
7/24/2018 5:06:24	7/24/2018	6:20:00 AM	Valor	Perching	Valor has been lying in the nest, sleeping in this morning. Valor seems to be the more laid back one who likes to get her/his beauty sleep. S/he wakes up and does some beautiful wingercizing, hovering as s/he goes and marches up the right V branch. Valor has gotten very nimble and quick when it comes to going up the branches. S/he just hasn't found the courage to make it to the OH branch yet. S/he seems to thinking about it this morning as s/he looks up at Victory perching there. In her/his own time s/he'll get there. S/he wingercizes back down into the nest and behind the right V branch. It looks like s/he's just hanging onto the edge by her/his talons as the winds howls. S/he lets out a little squeee, "Look at me!" We're looking Valor. Now what are you going to do? S/he edges her/himself around and into the V perch. You did it Valor! What a little daredevil you've become.		earlybird_AEF
7/24/2018 5:22:59	7/24/2018	7:13:00 AM	Victory and Valor	12 Weeks Old	Victory was 12 weeks yesterday, Valor will be 12 weeks on Thursday. They are accomplishing more everyday. What to expect in the next 12-14 weeks. Once the eaglets have fledged they may remain around the nest for four or five weeks, taking short flights while their primary feathers grow and strengthen. Their parents will still provide all of their food. The juvenile fledglings, with the exception of their color, look similar to their parents, but are nothing like them in behavior. The juveniles now have to learn to hunt, and they only have what's left of summer to learn. After that, they're on their own. The first winter is the most dangerous and difficult part of an eagle's life.		earlybird_AEF

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7/24/2018 6:26:27	7/24/2018	7:55:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Pellet	The rain has been steadily falling, it's currently 75 degrees. It's expected to reach 80 degrees today with showers lingering today and tonight. Victory remains on the OH branch, Valor perches on the lateral. Valor has been working on casting a pellet and finally a liquid like substance is expelled. It always looks so uncomfortable when they do that, it must feel so much better when it's finally been cast. No feedings as of yet this morning but hopefully there will be a break in the rain soon and MrP or TFL will be able to deliver breakfast.		earlybird_AEF
7/24/2018 8:49:13	7/24/2018	10:30:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Victory is perched on the Left V and Valor on the right. They both seem very alert and squee upon occasion in anticipation of breakfast. MrP is seen flying toward the nest and delivers a fish at 10:32 and Valor jumps down from the Right V to claim the prize. Victory, who is perched on the Left V, remains in place, allowing Valor to take care of opening up the unzipped fish. MrP doesn't stay long and flies off. Valor almost acts as if s/he wants to be fed, licking and nibbling at the fish for the first few minutes. Then s/he gets to work, unzipping the fully intact fish on the underside just below the head. Victory remains perched but keeps an eye on things. This is a good sized fish and Valor is being given ample opportunity to relax and enjoy his/her portion of the meal.		freebird_AEF
7/24/2018 9:03:46	7/24/2018	10:54:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Victory's turn to eat	At 10:54, Valor walks away from the fish, having completely unzipped the belly and eaten his/her fill. Victory starts to squee and gets ready to fly into the nest. S/he really tried to find the best place to land but unfortunately for Valor, Victory lands partially on one of his/her wings. No problem, Valor just dusts him/herself off, and gives Victory the same courtesy to enjoy breakfast alone in the nest by moving to the lateral branch. Neither eaglet is that enthusiastic about this fish. It appears to be quite tough. Victory doesn't eat very much, so there's plenty of leftovers.		freebird_AEF
7/24/2018 10:09:02	7/24/2018	11:48:00 AM	Parent	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The two Vs begin to squee and Victory (who is perched next to Valor on the lateral branch) moves to the nest. And sure enough! It appears to be TFL who barely gets to land in the nest, close to the nest rails, to deliver a partially eaten fish before flying off. Valor jumps in and grabs the fish TFL delivers and digs in. Victory starts to eat some of the leftover fish from earlier but doesn't eat that much, while Valor enjoys the new catch of the day.		freebird_AEF
7/24/2018 14:03:50	7/24/2018	3:41:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Nest Activities	The wind continues to howl this afternoon with some light rain to add to the mix. Victory and Valor have been spending some quality time together, cuddled up and shielding each other from the wind and rain. It's so special to see them like this. They're getting more and more independent and spending more and more time perching on the branches so it's really a treat to see them interacting in the nest. There hasn't been a food delivery since around noon but they still have plenty of leftovers to snack on as they get hungry. Every now and then they appear to get all excited as they look out beyond the nest. They could very well be seeing a parent flying by or perching in a nearby tree. Victory and Valor may be getting more independent but Mom and Dad still watch over them and will continue to do so until they fly off on their own. Victory and Valor may be big in size but they are still their little ones.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 4:30:24	7/25/2018	6:17:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Misstep	Victory has been perching on the OH branch, Valor on the lateral branch. Victory is doing some beautiful wingercizing when s/he has another misstep and oversteps the OH branch. S/he has a quick recovery and flies seamlessly to the primary perching tree. That was a beautiful flight!		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 4:59:58	7/25/2018	6:52:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Victory continues to perch in the ppt. S/he looks right at home there, jumping around on a branch. It looks like s/he wants to play some hide and seek. S/he's moved farther up the branch and is obscured by some leaves. Our cam op is making some adjustments to see if we can find her/him. Come out, come out, wherever you are!		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 5:21:26	7/25/2018	7:14:00 AM	Valor	Perching	Valor moves off the lateral branch and rummages around for some leftovers. S/he finds a piece and munches on that for awhile. S/he jogs up the left V branch and looks out towards the primary perching tree. Do you see Victory? I bet you do. Give us a clue Valor.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 5:29:28	7/25/2018	7:19:00 AM	Victory	Perching/Departure	Ah Ha! We found you Victory! You are still perching in the tree. But not for long. 7:22am S/he flies off and returns to the nest tree to perch on the Cam B branch. Welcome back Victory. Job well done!		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 5:51:53	7/25/2018	7:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	The squeals begin, breakfast must be on the way. MrP flies in, drops off the fish and says, "See you later." Valor mantles and claims her/his prize. Victory hangs tight for just a few minutes hoping to get the steal but no such luck. S/he moves up the left V branch to wait for her/his chance at that fish.		earlybird_AEF

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7/25/2018 6:06:08	7/25/2018	7:52:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Self feeding	Victory and Valor seem to be tracking something out of our view. They call out as if they might have seen a parent flying by. This distracts Valor who was eating the fish. Victory comes flying down, almost on top of Valor and snatches the fish. Valor just can't believe it. "No fair." Victory's response, "You snooze, you lose Valor." Valor moves onto the lateral branch as Victory enjoys her/his breakfast.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 8:03:56	7/25/2018	9:50:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Update 9:18am Valor gets all excited when a parent flies by. S/he moves off the lateral branch and mantles in the nest. To Valor's dismay, the parent does not deliver a fish. Sorry Valor but all is not lost. MrP does deliver a fish at 9:37am. This one appears to be just a fish tail portion and Valor doesn't seem interested. That's fine with Victory. 9:42am S/he flies down from the OH branch and enjoys it her/himself.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 12:35:04	7/25/2018	2:06:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory is perching on the OH branch and flies off towards the primary perching tree. It was a very beautiful and deliberate take off. No misstep this time. It appeared that Victory was just waiting for the weather to improve before s/he went exploring. Our cam op has found her/him perching in the ppt. S/he looks so cute peeking through the leaves. S/he's becoming quite the adventurer, each time finding a different place to perch. What a thrill to see her/him doing so well.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 12:51:52	7/25/2018	2:39:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Arrival	Valor has been watching all of this from the lateral branch. S/he cranes her/his neck and is tracking something. Victory comes flying in but doesn't get a nice welcome from Valor. It appears that Valor thinks Victory has a fish and rushes at her/him like they do when a parent arrives. Victory isn't sure what's going on and just hangs her/his head until Valor calms down. Finally peace and tranquility is back. Victory moves over to the lateral branch and Valor joins her/him there. Best buds again.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 13:07:07	7/25/2018	2:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL delivers a huge fish and Victory makes the catch. TFL flies up to the OH branch as Victory chows down. Valor looks up at TFL and squees for some help. "How about coming down and feeding both of us." TFL pays her/him no mind. 3:04pm Victory gets her/his fill and steps aside. Your turn Valor. Enjoy.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 16:36:28	7/25/2018	6:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	Update: TFL perched on the OH branch as both Victory and Valor had a chance to eat. S/he flies down to the nest at 3:32pm to help out with the feeding and to have a bite or two herself. What a sweet Mama.		earlybird_AEF
7/25/2018 16:56:15	7/25/2018	6:38:00 PM	Victory and Valor	Perching	The rain has continued off and on throughout the day. Tonight we're still expecting showers and thunderstorms but relief is on the way. Tomorrow the clouds will be breaking for some sunshine. It will be so nice for our eagle family to have a sunny day to dry out. The rain has stopped for the moment. Victory is perching on the OH branch, Valor on the lateral branch. Victory is preening her/his feathers, Valor gazing around and enjoying the view, perhaps hoping for one last fish delivery before they settle down for the night.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 5:28:56	7/26/2018	7:22:00 AM	Valor	Accidental Fledge	Official: Update 1:06am Valor slipped off the lateral branch and had an accidental fledge. S/he has not been located yet but we believe s/he is not far away. We've been hearing intermittent squeeing and as we all well know, Valor sure does like to chat. Rest assured the parents know where s/he is and will be watching over her/him.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 5:45:02	7/26/2018	7:32:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Update 6:27am MrP delivered a fish with TFL arriving not far behind. Victory mantled and made her/his claim as MrP flew off. TFL moved up the left V branch and seemed to be listening to something below. We had no visual on what she may have been seeing but we could hear what sounded like squees nearby. She flew off shortly thereafter. 7:30am TFL is now perching on the OH branch. Victory is in the nest enjoying some more of the fish.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 6:02:32	7/26/2018	7:45:00 AM	The First Lady	Vocalizations	TFL continues to perch on the OH branch, Victory finishes eating and moves up the left V branch. The sound of squees is deafening, as if it's in stereo and coming from two different directions. Victory and Valor may very well be communicating with each other and with the parents. The sounds are almost simultaneous so it's hard to tell where each is coming from. But oh my, it is loud!		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 6:13:46	7/26/2018	8:03:00 AM	Valor	Searching	Our cam op has been searching diligently for Valor. No luck yet. The foliage is quite dense this time of year so it may take awhile to find her/him. The Arboretum staff is also out and about looking for her/him.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 6:46:36	7/26/2018	8:39:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	Victory has finally quieted down and is lying in the nest. S/he must have wore her/himself out with all of that squealing. TFL flies off from the OH.		earlybird_AEF

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7/26/2018 7:46:04	7/26/2018	9:30:00 AM	Valor	Valor has been located!	Today is Valor's 12 week hatchday. What an exciting day it's been for her/him and for us. We have great news to report. Valor has been located on the ground. The USFWS was called to observe and Valor is looking fine. S/he's still wet from last night's rain so s/he may need to dry out those beautiful wings before s/he attempts to fly back to the nest. This is the perfect day to do that. The sun is shining again on our eagles. Congratulations Valor! You did it! The world is now yours to explore.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 8:02:57	7/26/2018	9:50:00 AM	Victory and Valor	Beautiful Day	It's a beautiful day with the sun shining and a mild temperature of 74 degrees. Both of our eaglets are now fledglings, both of them now will be able to feel the joy and freedom of soaring in the skies. This is a special time for all of us. We all wait in anticipation of seeing Valor return to the nest. Oh, what stories s/he will have to tell. Victory will be getting an earful when Valor returns. Hurry home Valor. We can't wait to see you!		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 11:11:57	7/26/2018	12:54:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory takes a quick trip around the block. S/he flies off of the OH branch to the right of the trees, disappears behind the trees and lands right back on the OH branch. Well, that was quick. I wonder if s/he saw Valor along the way.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 13:45:55	7/26/2018	3:30:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	I believe this was MrP who delivered a fish to Victory at 3:17pm. He stayed to eat the leftovers as Victory ate the new fish.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 13:54:30	7/26/2018	3:46:00 PM	Valor	Perching	Update: Valor has been spotted by the ground crew. S/he has made a beautiful flight and is perching in a Sycamore tree which is not far from the nest. Such wonderful news!		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 17:53:46	7/26/2018	7:50:00 PM	Updated Information	Updated Information	It's an exciting time at the DC nest! We don't want any of you to miss a thing. We are now posting the latest updates in the chat window for your convenience. We will continue to post more detailed entries here. Also please go to our AEF Live Nest Cams Facebook page to keep up to date on the newest AEF information. This is the only Official AEF page where you'll get the most accurate information.		earlybird_AEF
7/26/2018 18:32:04	7/26/2018	8:10:00 PM	The First Family	Summary of Events	It has been a most unusual day. Valor had an accidental fledge, falling from the lateral branch after midnight, on the same date as his/her twelve week hatchdate, and spent a good deal of the day on the ground near the nest tree, drying off from the drenching rains of the night before. With the urging of Arboretum staff, Valor scampered from the shaded area into the sun. With a little more coaxing, at or about 2 PM, s/he flew about fifteen feet up into a sycamore tree nearby where s/he spent the remainder of the day. Staff observed that s/he appeared healthy and alert, and none too pleased to be in the presence of humans! We have no knowledge of TFL or Mr. P providing food to Valor. Staff at the Arb will provide an update early tomorrow morning. Have a safe and sweet sleep, Valor.		kaco4_AEF
7/27/2018 10:44:30	7/27/2018	12:35:00 PM	The First Family	Current Status	Arboretum staff observed Valor this morning approximately 70 feet up in a tree near the primary perching tree. Although not confirmed, our cam ops believe they have spotted a parent in a nearby tree. Arb staff will be back this afternoon to photograph Valor from the ground. Due to the heavy foliage in the area, our cameras are unable to locate Valor. Meanwhile, Victory is perched on the lateral branch and enjoyed a morning fish delivery by himself. Weather is hot, hot, hot, going up to 91 and humid with intermittent showers. Stay tuned for updates throughout the day.		kaco4_AEF
7/27/2018 15:02:19	7/27/2018	4:53:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a partially eaten fish around 4:40pm. Earlier, Victory flew to perch at the PPT. Since no one is at the nest tree, MrP starts enjoying what's left of his catch of the day. It appears that he gulps down all of the fresh fish just as Victory flies back to the nest squeeing. With Victory's appetite enticed by the delivery, s/he starts working at eating the fish head that's been sitting in the nest from an earlier delivery. MrP can be such a tease! Lol. Cams have not been able to track down Valor as yet.		freebird_AEF
7/27/2018 15:22:08	7/27/2018	5:07:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Victory wing walks up the left V to perch on the OH branch. Victory is squeeing consistently. What does s/he see? A-ha! Another fish! It's a big, plump one and fully intact. Victory flies down to the nest and TFL flies off. Victory takes his/her time and enjoys this fresh tasty meal.		freebird_AEF
7/27/2018 16:03:01	7/27/2018	5:47:00 PM	Victory	Perching Lateral branch	It's 5:47 and Victory finally walks away from the fish. It looks like just the head is left. That was a relaxed 40 minute feeding. S/he quietly and slowly moves over to the lateral branch to perch and digest the meal.		freebird_AEF
7/27/2018 16:26:55	7/27/2018	6:19:00 PM	Victory	Perching on OH branch	Victory flies from the lateral branch, into the nest and perches up on the leftV. S/he appears to be tracking something. S/he wing walks further up the left V as the wind picks up, then flies to the overhead branch and flaps his/her wings while holding on to the branch, and rotating and repositioning him/herself several times. It has begun to rain as a storm moves in.		freebird_AEF

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7/27/2018 16:39:19	7/27/2018	6:28:00 PM	Weather	Update	The DC area is under thunderstorm watch until 10pm this evening. We can expect to see rain showers and some wind gusts.		freebird_AEF
7/27/2018 17:09:41	7/27/2018	6:41:00 PM	Victory	Alert	Victory is still perched on the OH branch and we see an eagle flying through the area, presumably one of the parents. Victory begins to vocalize every now and then in a high pitched whistle. S/he is tracking something and his/her head feathers begin to rise. S/he rouses his/her feathers with a fixed visual focus. S/he chitter chatters. Victory lets out some loud squees. Something is going on. S/he then sounds off loudly as our cam op continues to search the area.		freebird_AEF
7/27/2018 18:09:35	7/27/2018	7:18:00 PM	Mr. President	Nest visit / Sharing a fish head	MrP is found as our cam op follows Victory's focal point over the past 45 minutes or so. MrP is perched in an area I've never seen him perched before. Near a roadway. MrP leaves his perching spot at 7:25 and Victory whistles some more. S/he flaps and chatters while looking down in the nest. Victory squeals as MrP arrives for a visit. S/he flies down in the nest and MrP feeds Victory some of the fish head (sneaking some bites for himself, of course). MrP continues to finish up the fish head and Victory lies down in the nest chattering at MrP. Victory settles down and watches MrP eat. S/he tells MrP all about his/her day in a one-way dinner conversation. Victory decides s/he wants more food or attention, lies down next to MrP and squees loudly. About 7:55pm, MrP departs and Victory wing walks up the left V. We find MrP perched on the PPT looking back toward Victory. Victory flies up to the OH branch and looks back toward MrP.		freebird_AEF
7/28/2018 4:16:10	7/28/2018	5:57:00 AM	MrP/Victory	Perching/Departure	Sweet Victory is perched on the OH branch, singing with the birds this morning. What a lovely tune Victory and what a nice way to wake up. S/he sees MrP perching in the PPT and seems anxious to get his attention. "Good morning. The sun is up. How about some breakfast here?!" 6:02am MrP flies from the tree, perhaps he's going off to get breakfast. This gets Victory even more excited and s/he squees some more. S/he just doesn't seem to be able to contain herself. S/he wants to fly! First things first. Do a little wingerizing to warm up those magnificent wings, take a look around to make sure the flight path is clear and then Take Off. Beautiful departure in the direction of the PPT. Fly baby fly!		earlybird_AEF
7/28/2018 4:45:19	7/28/2018	6:26:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Searching	The hunt is on. Where did you go Victory? Where did you spend the night Valor? We have two very curious and confident fledglings now and they could be anywhere. The world is theirs to explore. But still...we hope they haven't gone that faraway yet. Our cam op is searching the trees. So many of the branches look just like eagles. It's funny how many times we all get excited, thinking we see one of them when it's only the limb of a tree. Nature is an amazing thing. The fledgling's dark colors blend perfectly with the trees. A perfect camouflage.		earlybird_AEF
7/28/2018 5:28:54	7/28/2018	7:12:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Thanks to the diligent work by our cam op, we have found Victory! S/he's peeking out of a small window of leaves in the PPT. What a perfect place to hide from us. What a clever eagle. S/he looks like s/he's having a great time playing on the branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/28/2018 8:15:02	7/28/2018	9:49:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish to an empty nest. He enjoys some solo dining until Victory arrives a minute later. Victory takes charge of the fish and self feeds while MrP eats some of the leftovers. MrP departs from the nest at 10:02am. Victory flies up to the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/28/2018 10:03:49	7/28/2018	11:56:00 AM	Live Chat	Noon - 2pm	Victory has been searching and listening to sounds since last log entry. S/he flies up to the OH branch to perch and have a better lookout. It's now noon and live chat has just begun. Come join us for some fun as we continue the search and have your questions answered by our team of mods.		freebird_AEF
7/28/2018 11:36:38	7/28/2018	1:18:00 PM	Victory	Flight and Return	After remaining quietly perched on the OH branch for more than an hour, at 1:18 Victory seems to be tracking or searching for something. She flies off the OH branch to the right, loops back around, flies over the nest, loops back around above the nest tree again then flies in and lands in the V. A stick drops to the forest floor and Victory starts rearranging sticks in the V. S/he walks into the nest, then out to the lateral branch to perch. Victory appears restless.		freebird_AEF
7/28/2018 13:30:23	7/28/2018	3:06:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	TFL arrives with what appears to be half a fish and Victory flies down from the OH branch to claim it. TFL quickly jumps out to perch on the Lateral branch. She looks so stunningly beautiful and it's wonderful to see her hanging out at the nest tree with Victory for a while. Victory, being all chatterly, leaves the fish and decides to join TFL on the Lateral branch. And there they are side by side.		freebird_AEF

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7/28/2018 14:08:18	7/28/2018	3:55:00 PM	TFL and Victory	Perching	TFL flies from the Lateral branch at 3:55. Victory chatters loudly, looking back in the direction TFL departed toward. S/he then spins around on the branch, chirping and looking downward. S/he squees and flies into the nest, flaps his/her wings and squees some more. TFL is found perching on the NW branch behind some leaves in the shade. She still keeps a watchful eye on Victory. Victory jumps back out to perch on the Lateral branch and continues conversing with TFL.		freebird_AEF
7/28/2018 14:41:01	7/28/2018	4:22:00 AM	TFL and Victory	On watch	We hear a squee. Victory is on the Lateral branch looking outward and TFL remains on the NW branch where she is more visible. Victory does some wing flaps and squees. TFL looks focused. Victory spins around to face the opposite direction. Victory chatters back toward TFL. Victory chatters more loudly, flies into the nest and considers eating some of the fish but s/he seems distracted. Instead, s/he squees and flies up the Left V. Victory vocalizes loudly and moves to the OH branch. We hear a sound... possibly like wings flapping in leaves. TFL and Victory remain alert and observant.		freebird_AEF
7/28/2018 16:24:38	7/28/2018	5:19:00 PM	TFL and Victory	Perching / Feeding	Victory lets off a set of loud squees while continuing to perch on the OH branch then s/he turns from looking outward to facing the nest. Both Victory and TFL appear to be tracking something again. Victory squees and chatters at TFL while his/her head bobs around in different directions. What or who are you looking at, dear Victory? Victory continues to squee loudly from the OH branch and TFL takes off from the NW branch and flies into the nest. Victory squeals at her while TFL slowly steps toward the fish that she delivered earlier. Victory joins TFL in the nest and TFL begins to feed her bites. They share the meal. It seems that TFL was waiting for Valor to arrive and has now decided it's time to eat. TFL departs the nest at 6:05 to perch back on the NW branch and Victory is currently back on the Lateral branch.		freebird_AEF
7/28/2018 18:14:09	7/28/2018	7:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching/Departure	It's a pleasant evening at the nest with a soft breeze and a temperature of 85 degrees. The birds are singing in hushed tunes as they get ready to settle down for the night, the monotonous buzzing sounds of the cicadas fill the air. TFL is enjoying some quiet time perching on the OH branch, Victory is relaxing in the nest. There haven't been any updates on Valor's location today. We hope with this lovely weather that s/he'll be flying back soon. Victory looks up at TFL and softly chirps. TFL seems to see something of concern and flies quickly towards the ground. No idea what she may have seen, perhaps just a squirrel scampering by. This gets Victory all wound up. S/he flaps her wings and quickly jogs up the Left V and onto the OH branch. "Where did Mom go?"		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 3:51:32	7/29/2018	5:34:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Morning	It's a quiet morning, the sky is still dark, the birds still sleep on, only the cicadas are serenading us this early Sunday morning. The nearby lights are twinkling through the trees, shining down on our sweet Victory who is still perching on the OH branch. Early mornings bring new hope and new beginnings. My hope, this morning is that Valor stops by today to at least say good by before s/he goes off on her/his exciting journey. We know we can't keep you forever little one, but we want to wish you well before you take off to explore the world, to have new adventures. We are so happy for you, this is what we've hoped for, that you would grow up to be a strong and healthy eagle who would soar the skies and make us all proud. But not yet.... Not just yet. Come on back, just one more time.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 4:16:40	7/29/2018	6:03:00 AM	Victory	Perching	The skies are bright, the birds are singing merrily. Victory is awake, making sweet chirping sounds and bouncing on the OH branch. S/he gives a little shake of her/his tail feathers, does her/his morning preening and bounces some more. It's another lovely morning, no rain in sight and a mild 71 degrees. The perfect day to fly around and do some sightseeing.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 4:40:32	7/29/2018	6:26:00 AM	Victory	Flying	Victory flies off from OH branch, quickly returns and lands on the Left V branch and back up to the OH branch. 6:32 Another quick trip around the block by Victory and s/he's back to perching on the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 4:57:45	7/29/2018	6:50:00 AM	Victory	Flying	Once again, Victory flies off and returns in a flash. S/he looks so comfortable flying now and her landings are spot on. It's a magnificent sight seeing how accomplished s/he's become.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 5:31:35	7/29/2018	7:22:00 AM	Victory	Flying	Victory is all excited and begins squeeking. S/he seems to be tracking something beyond the nest. S/he flies off for the fourth time this morning but is back in the blink of an eye. S/he may have seen a parent and was anticipating a food delivery but that hasn't happened yet.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 8:40:18	7/29/2018	10:36:00 AM	Victory	Perching below nest	Victory is spotted approximately 10-15 feet below the nest. We catch glimpses through the leaves. Peek-a-boo, sweet eagle!		freebird_AEF
7/29/2018 9:43:29	7/29/2018	11:39:00 AM	Victory	Moves / Found	Victory flaps wings and moves a bit from his/her perching spot but is once again found.		freebird_AEF

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7/29/2018 10:04:25	7/29/2018	11:47:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Vocalizations	We hear light squees and then they get louder. Initially, we thought some were coming from off nest, but after review, it appears all vocalizations were coming from Victory.		freebird_AEF
7/29/2018 11:27:20	7/29/2018	12:58:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP arrives in the nest with a fish. Victory leaves his/her perching spot and moves elsewhere but has not gone to the nest as yet. We hear loud squees. In flies Victory to claim the fish and MrP hightails it out of the nest and moves to perch at the NW branch. He appears to be looking downward an awful lot. Victory digs in to eat. S/he enjoys the fish so much, s/he even starts nibbling on a leftover piece lying around in the nest. MrP remains stationed on the NW branch and continues looking below the nest before flying off at 1:17pm. Immediately after, we spot a parent at the PPT and Victory heads out to perch on the Lateral branch.		freebird_AEF
7/29/2018 11:53:10	7/29/2018	1:50:00 PM	Parent	Departure from PPT	Parent who was perched at the Primary Perching Tree flies off.		freebird_AEF
7/29/2018 12:52:39	7/29/2018	2:28:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish at 2:28. Victory comes in off the Lateral branch to claim it. MrP moves to the Lateral branch and looks below the nest, then flies off. At 2:32pm, MrP arrives with more fish and starts offering bites to Victory and Victory squees with delight. MrP departs and Victory goes back to the Lateral branch to perch.		freebird_AEF
7/29/2018 14:04:06	7/29/2018	3:30:00 PM	Victory	Perching	What a beautiful wing stretch as Victory perches on the lateral branch. S/he's been quite the adventurer today, flying here and there several times. S/he casually perches with one foot hanging down in a rest position and watches all the comings and goings around her/him. It looks like s/he might be winding down after such a busy day, her/his eyes seem heavy at times as if s/he might nod off any minute. Another wing stretch and then two, maybe now s/he can settle down for a little nap. But no, there's something interesting happening behind her/him. S/he turns around and takes a look to the right. S/he seems to be tracking something. What does s/he see? Is it MrP, is it TFL, maybe Valor or just another bird passing by? Victory goes up the Left V branch to get a better view. S/he's getting excited about something. S/he flies up to the Cam B branch and gazes all around.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 14:27:12	7/29/2018	4:12:00 PM	Victory	Perching	Victory continues to gaze around from the Cam B branch, looking beautiful as her/his feathers are tipped in gold from the afternoon sun. S/he perches with the pale blue sky as her/his backdrop and the vibrant green leaves surrounding her/him. S/he still attentively looks around as if any minute s/he might fly with the wind. But for now, some preening is in order. S/he must look her best, just in case s/he decides to go out for an evening fly about.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 16:19:04	7/29/2018	6:17:00 PM	Valor Update	Valor Update	Valor Update from Dan Rauch (DOEE) I spent part of the afternoon looking for Valor (dc7) again. No luck. Even with Mr. P delivering lunch and DC6 eating and vocalizing, DC7 was a no show. I thought I heard some immature raptor calls from a section of woods that is on the southern border of Arboretum, but I took a look and did not hear it anymore. We will give it another try tomorrow morning.		earlybird_AEF
7/29/2018 16:58:04	7/29/2018	6:39:00 PM	Victory	Flying	Victory continues perching on the Cam B branch but now s/he's feeling the call of the sky, s/he's feeling the wind under her/his wings. S/he prances on the branch, s/he flaps her wings, s/he takes a careful look around and off s/he goes. We see her/him flying by several times. It was quick, s/he was back in a flash but it looked like s/he was having so much fun.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 4:10:00	7/30/2018	6:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The nest is empty on this cloudy Monday morning. The last sighting we had of Victory was at 7:42pm last night. S/he had flown over to the PPT and had moved onto a branch and out of our view. We will just have to wait and see if our sweet Victory comes back to the nest this morning.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 4:37:35	7/30/2018	6:20:00 AM	Eaglet(s)	Fly by	We may have just got a quick peek of one of our eagles flying out of the PPT. It was very fast and we could only see through a small window to the left of the PPT but it may have been one of our fledglings.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 5:44:08	7/30/2018	7:30:00 AM	Victory	13 Weeks	Happy Hatchday Victory. Today s/he is 13 weeks young. How exciting for her/him to have a sleepover somewhere away from the nest. What a strong and confident eagle you have become. Where are you now? Did you fly down to the river to watch MrP or TFL catch your breakfast? We hope to see one of them bring in a fish very soon with you following right behind them.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 5:54:53	7/30/2018	7:52:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	No sign of Victory or Valor yet this morning. Just a brief fly by that may have been Victory leaving the area early this morning. We watch and wait and hope that they will be back for at least one more visit. We have no way of knowing for sure where they are at the moment but one thing is for sure. Wherever they are, no matter how far they travel, our hearts will always be with them.		earlybird_AEF

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7/30/2018 6:48:06	7/30/2018	8:36:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival of Prey and by whom	MrP delivers a fish to the nest. He looks around and waits. No one comes home to eat. Finally MrP grabs the fish in his talon and flies off to the right of the nest and through the trees.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 8:47:14	7/30/2018	10:21:00 AM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	This time TFL arrives with a fish and once again no one comes home to eat. TFL tilts her head and looks all around, she stops and listens intently. No sounds from her young ones, not a squeee. TFL moves onto a branch, takes one more look around and flies off leaving the fish behind. Just in case..... Maybe they'll stop by one more time. We are still waiting and hoping.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 10:15:28	7/30/2018	12:01:00 PM	The First Lady	Waits / Begins to Eat Fish	TFL is spotted perching on the NW branch at 10:40am. S/he perches quietly and patiently while she waits to see if either Victory or Valor show up to eat the fish. Finally around 11:50, after craning and bobbing her head for one final look and scan of the area, she flies into the nest and begins eating the fish. It's quite breezy. TFL takes her time eating and continues to look around between bites. Often stopping for minutes at a time, giving ample opportunity for either of the two Vs to show up and claim the fish. These are celebratory but also bittersweet moments as we watch a parent waiting at the nest alone, searching for their fledglings and finally giving in to eating the meal they brought for them. MrP and TFL are awesome eagle parents, willing and eager to care for their precious ones as long as they are needed. We'll continue to keep watch to see if either of the fledglings return and if there are future food deliveries.		freebird_AEF
7/30/2018 13:29:43	7/30/2018	3:15:00 PM	The First Lady	Perching	TFL perches on the NW branch. She was perching here earlier, presumably waiting to see if Victory and Valor were coming back to the nest to have some of the fish that she had brought earlier. She finally had a bite to eat herself and left the nest around 1:39pm. Is this where she's been since then, watching and waiting to see if Victory and Valor were coming home? It's possible but we just don't know. What we do know is that's she's a great Mom and always looks out for her young ones.		earlybird_AEF
7/30/2018 15:18:14	7/30/2018	5:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	After spending much of the day at the nest tree, TFL flies off. We love you, sweet mama!		freebird_AEF
7/30/2018 15:22:32	7/30/2018	5:20:00 PM	Valor	OFFICIAL :: Latest Valor Update	OFFICIAL: AEF DC - Valor was found on the ground in the neighborhood behind the Arb. Dan Rauch (DOEE) assisted Animal Control in catching up Valor, and the bird was transported to a local wildlife rehabilitation center. The veterinarian on staff examined Valor and reports that there are no obvious injuries, problems or any specific news, and he is now resting for the night. AEF will report updates as they are obtained.		freebird_AEF
7/31/2018 5:08:54	7/31/2018	6:57:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	It's a quiet morning at the nest, no squees or calls out for breakfast. Just the sounds of the birds happily singing their good morning songs, the hum of the train and traffic in the distance. Neither MrP nor TFL nor Victory have visited the nest as of yet this morning. We're so happy knowing that Valor is in good hands and will be getting all the care s/he needs. Updates will be posted as soon as we hear anything more on the status of her/his condition.		earlybird_AEF
7/31/2018 5:45:52	7/31/2018	7:45:00 AM	Chat Q & A	Chat Q & A	Please come join us for our Chat Q & A session from 10:00am-12:00pm today for the most accurate and updated information.		earlybird_AEF
7/31/2018 8:58:36	7/31/2018	10:56:00 AM	Empty Nest	No Activity	It's been another quiet hour between 10 and 11am with no sightings of any members of our DC eagle family. We will continue to keep an eye on things and report any observed activity.		freebird_AEF
7/31/2018 9:32:15	7/31/2018	11:15:00 AM	The First Lady and Victory	Arrival	TFL lands on the OH branch. We hear squealing! Victory is that you?! More squealing. There you are! S/he's perched under the nest. Aren't you a beautiful sight! We are so happy to see you! TFL flies into the nest and looks down. She moves over to the NW branch. More squealing from Victory and s/he flies through the V. Our young beauty is hungry. S/he grabs up the fish and chows down. TFL watches over her/him for a minute and departs from the branch. Victory trots over to the edge of the nest and watches her go. Victory doesn't seem ready to follow her yet. S/he gets back to that fish. More squees and whistles from Victory. Music to our ears!		earlybird_AEF
7/31/2018 9:48:11	7/31/2018	11:33:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Victory seems to have gotten her/his fill for the moment. S/he moves onto the lateral branch and gazes around. My goodness s/he's talkative today. If we could only understand what you are saying. What adventures you must have to tell!		earlybird_AEF
7/31/2018 10:03:43	7/31/2018	11:52:00 AM	Victory	Perching	Victory gets all excited and even louder, if that's possible. S/he charges up the Left V branch and flies over to the OH branch. S/he looks beautiful as s/he preens her/himself with the wind ruffling her/his feathers. Oh Victory! If you only knew how much we have missed you!		earlybird_AEF

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7/31/2018 14:11:55	7/31/2018	3:55:00 PM	The First Lady	Arrival of Prey and by whom	Victory has had a busy afternoon, flying on and off the nest several times. 3:37pm S/he flies off the OH branch and out of sight. 3:55pm TFL arrives with a fish. She stands quietly in the nest and looks all around. "Where are you Victory? It's time for dinner." No sign of Victory. S/he just must be having too much fun flying around.		earlybird_AEF
7/31/2018 14:26:29	7/31/2018	4:16:00 PM	The First Lady and Victory	Arrival	We hear the squees before we see her/him. Victory must be hungry after all. TFL steps aside and Victory claims the fish. Enjoy Victory.		earlybird_AEF
7/31/2018 17:15:17	7/31/2018	7:12:00 PM	TFL / Victory	At the Nest / TFL Departure	After munching down on the fish delivery, Victory sports a healthy sized crop. S/he lies down for a while and rests in the nest while TFL perches on the OH branch. Victory moves to the Lateral branch chirping away, then returns to the nest bed once again. Victory is being very vocal, chitter chattering and walking about the nest like a little busy body. At 5:44, TFL flies off the OH branch as Victory claims a perching spot on the Lateral branch. Victory goes still now that TFL has left. S/he just quietly perches with one leg hanging down over the top of the branch in a relaxed state. Our sweet little Victory peacefully naps, and I must say, it's so nice to have him/her home again. For however long that may be, it surely feels like a blessing.		freebird_AEF
7/31/2018 17:28:27	7/31/2018	7:18:00 PM	Victory	Roosting	Victory is perched so comfortably on the lateral branch. His/her left foot rests sideways on the branch with curled talons, a trick learned from TFL. Bottom of foot gets a break in this position. Victory has been at the nest most of the day, with food deliveries and visits from TFL. One can only imagine what our family is feeling right now in the absence of Valor. Even though s/he was just outside the arb area before being rescued, Mr.P and TFL were certainly aware of Valor's presence nearby, less than a mile away. Now they have no sign of him/her. We are counting the days until our family is reunited. Victory is perched with eyes closed the faint trill of the ice cream truck and assorted avian melodies in the background.		kaco4_AEF
7/31/2018 18:02:55	7/31/2018	7:54:00 PM	Victory	Departs overhead branch	At or about 7:50 Victory hopped from lateral branch into nest, up the left V and then onto the overhead branch. All of that took a DC second or two, and in another DC second, s/he flew toward the NW branch. At this time, her/his whereabouts are unknown. All is quiet at the nest. Not a creature or critter is in sight.		kaco4_AEF
7/31/2018 18:27:05	7/31/2018	8:05:00 PM	Victory	Roosting at top of tree branch	Our crafty cam op discovered Victory high atop a branch to the right of the right V, off of Cam B, next to a big leaf cluster but with an exquisite view of the arb and river. Sun will set at 8:20, just 7 minutes from now. Oh where will you go now, my little one, for your restful sleep, now that the day is almost done? At 8:23, Victory remains on this chosen branch. The bough rocks and the leaves rustle, but our Victory stands rock steady.		kaco4_AEF
7/31/2018 19:00:22							
7/31/2018 19:20:42	7/31/2018	9:00:00 PM	Valor	OFFICIAL AEF Valor Status Report	This report was originally posted on our AEF sites at 5 PM today. Please check back tomorrow for new information VALOR UPDATE 7/31/18 - The information has been obtained from the veterinary staff and USFWS: Radiographs revealed no broken bones, initial blood work showed nothing abnormal. Gender blood work will be performed. Valor will be transferred to another rehabilitation center that has a large flight run, this will allow him/her to gain strength and confidence in flying. Valor will be fitted with two bands, one from USFWS (silver) and one that signifies the Chesapeake Bay region (Purple & White). We expect Valor to be released back in the Arboretum in about a week.		kaco4_AEF

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8/1/2018 4:19:44	8/1/2018	6:05:00 AM	Victory	Departure	It's always a good morning when you wake up and see one of our beautiful eagles at the nest. After waking up yesterday to an empty nest this makes today all the more special. That was a reminder for all of us to cherish every day we have left with them. It appears that Victory spent the night on the CamB branch. A storm blew through but s/he stayed perched in place throughout all the wind and rain. Our Victory is a big eagle now, ready to take on the world and one little storm doesn't bother her/him one bit. S/he's enjoys some leftover fish and then moves up to the OH branch. S/he gazes around, gives out a call and then flies off into the sky.		earlybird_AEF
8/1/2018 6:14:25	8/1/2018	7:53:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Brief Visit	All's quiet at the nest. Victory hasn't returned yet and no sign of MrP and TFL this morning. Victory may have caught up with them at the river, we hope that's the case. They may all be enjoying a leisurely breakfast by the river's edge. Wouldn't that be a sight to see. It appears that someone is taking full advantage of the empty nest this morning. Mr. Squirrel has just made a brief appearance, just a quick scamper up the left V branch. Not yet Mr. Squirrel. This family has not yet left for their summer vacation. You'll just to have to wait a little while longer. And don't even think about taking any of MrP's fluff!		earlybird_AEF
8/1/2018 10:31:08	8/1/2018	10:25:00 AM	Victory	Arrival	At 10:05am, sweet Victory arrived at the nest, calling out occasionally, perhaps ringing for room service from either Mr.P or TFL. S/he is currently perched on the Overhead Branch letting out the overly embellished and dramatic "feed me!!!" squeaks.. It's a misty morning with slight breezes. It's 80 degrees, cloudy, with winds at 12 mph. Chance or rain and thunderstorms later in the day. Winds topping at 20 mph with a high of 88.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/1/2018 10:50:49	8/1/2018	10:41:00 AM	Mr.P or TFL	Arrival of Prey	Victory's cries get louder and louder as TFL or Mr.P approaches the nest. Victory jumps down from the OH branch ready to mantle whatever is being served. Fresh fish it is. Mr.P or TFL then jumps over to the Lateral Branch, as Victory cries for them to scram. Victory works at his/her meal little by little, with small cries between bites. Unable to identify which parent due to cam view.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/1/2018 11:04:26	8/1/2018	11:00:00 AM	Victory	Self Feeding	Appears that Victory may need some assistance by TFL or MP on this fish! The cries get louder and louder with what appears to be frustration by Victory as s/he nibbles and pecks at the fish, unable to really dig in there. Hopefully, s/he will tear into it and get it going. Sorry, Victory, looks like you're on your own. You can do it!		FreeSoars_AEF
8/1/2018 11:25:43	8/1/2018	11:23:00 AM	Victory	Self Feeding	Victory has managed to make a good dent in his/her fish. Continuing to pick and pull at it, s/he has gotten some good bites in, and at this rate, it looks like that fish will be all gone soon.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/1/2018 11:31:48	8/1/2018		Victory	Perched/Perching	Welp, Victory had enough fish. A nice chunk of it remains for a snack later. After giving it a nice go, and getting some good bites, Victory jumps to the Lateral Branch and preens.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/1/2018 15:07:52	8/1/2018	3:00:00 PM	Victory	Self Feeding	It's a pleasant afternoon with gusty winds and a temperature of 75 degrees. Victory has enjoyed some time perching on the lateral branch and now s/he's having a bite to eat. MrP brought a fish earlier and there's still plenty to snack on. It must be quite tasty because s/he's been chowing down for quite awhile.		earlybird_AEF
8/1/2018 15:22:53	8/1/2018	3:15:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	It looks like Victory did a good job eating that fish. There's only a small piece left but still enough to save for later. S/he moves back on the lateral branch and perches once again. With the nest rocking and rolling from the wind, it looks like s/he's on an amusement ride. Wheeeee! That looks like fun!		earlybird_AEF
8/1/2018 17:28:11	8/1/2018	5:00:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory has been perched on the Lateral branch for some time now. S/he's just relaxing and enjoying the breeze and sway of the nest tree. At 5:26, Victory starts flapping, catches some nice air in the wind and makes his/her way over to the Right V, then to the Left V and up to perch on the OH branch.		freebird_AEF
8/1/2018 18:13:56	8/1/2018	5:29:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory flies over to perch at the PPT.		freebird_AEF
8/1/2018 20:32:54	8/1/2018	8:30:00 PM	Victory	Vocals	We hear Victory squee in the distance at 7:28, around 8:10 and 8:30pm. While we do not have a visual on his/her location, we know that s/he is perched somewhere nearby.		freebird_AEF
8/1/2018 21:01:16	8/1/2018	8:55:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory has been spotted in a tree to the left of the primary perching tree.		kaco4_AEF
8/2/2018 6:24:32	8/2/2018	6:15:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory is already out and about enjoying this pleasant morning. 5:56am S/he dropped down in the nest, pranced up the left V branch and flew over to the OH branch. 5:59am S/he spread her/his magnificent wings and flew to the left of the nest and out of sight. Have a wonderful time Victory.		earlybird_AEF
8/2/2018 8:28:20	8/2/2018	8:15:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Brief Visit	It's a cloudy morning, currently 76 degrees with a chance of showers and thunderstorms today. Victory hasn't returned yet from her/his morning excursion and no sign of MrP or TFL. But dear old Mr. Squirrel has made another appearance. He's climbed far up the left V branch and is munching away on something. He sure is a persistent one. He's probably already moved his furniture back in his Nuthouse.		earlybird_AEF
8/2/2018 13:33:57	8/2/2018	1:24:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Update: 10:24am It was so nice to see Victory return to the nest. Every day we have her/him with us now is a gift, it won't be too long before s/he goes off on her/his exciting journey. S/he looks so beautiful as s/he perches on the OH branch and gazes around. We'll store each and every one of these memories in our heart. You are and always will be our Sweet Victory.		earlybird_AEF
8/2/2018 14:24:17	8/2/2018	2:19:00 PM	Valor	Update	Update: Today, Valor was transferred to another rehabilitation center for continued observation and care.		earlybird_AEF

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8/2/2018 16:46:46	8/2/2018	4:37:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory is perched at the OH branch and has been for some time now. S/he was wincerizing and enjoying some good wind gusts and rain in the last hour. The rain stopped for a while but another shower has currently blown into the area. How we treasure these moments and this beautiful eaglet... knowing what a strong flier s/he is and how s/he could take off at any moment to soar into his/her next adventure. But for today, at this very moment, there s/he is... gracing us with his/her beauty and in true Victory form, squeezing out to place an order for a fresh fish dinner.		freebird_AEF
8/2/2018 17:03:06	8/2/2018	4:53:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies off the OH branch at 4:53pm. Thanks for spending some time with your fans, Victory. I hope you get that fish dinner and return to visit us again tonight!		freebird_AEF
8/3/2018 6:25:28	8/3/2018	6:20:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The wind is blowing through the trees, the birds are singing in hushed tones, the traffic is humming nearby, but no sign of our eagles this morning. It appears that Victory slept elsewhere last night, perhaps s/he's perching in a tree nearby with MrP and TFL. What a lucky eagle to be able to soar the skies with Mom and Dad. How lucky we have been to watch this magical journey unfold. We hope that our sweet Victory returns one more time. We will always be hoping for that. But for now we wait....		earlybird_AEF
8/3/2018 6:30:54	8/3/2018	6:30:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's a breezy and overcast morning, currently 74 degrees. Today we're expecting a high of 81 degrees with showers and thunderstorms possible.		earlybird_AEF
8/3/2018 7:45:20	8/3/2018	7:38:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	There's our beauty! Victory has just flown in with a flourish and landed on the OH branch. S/he calls out sweetly. "Good morning fans!" We are your fans Victory and it's so good to see you this morning!		earlybird_AEF
8/3/2018 8:11:33	8/3/2018	8:05:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory perches quietly on the OH, the wind gently rocking the branch as s/he gazes around. S/he seems quite content, not calling out for breakfast at the moment. Perhaps s/he's already eaten elsewhere with MrP or TFL.		earlybird_AEF
8/3/2018 14:00:49	8/3/2018	1:11:00 PM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered	TFL arrives with a Moby Dick sized catfish. She's unzipped the belly and stands in the nest waiting and watching for a sign of Victory. Let the squees begin! We hear Victory's squeals ahead of his/her arrival at 1:17pm. S/he lands on the fish. TFL steps back as Victory squawks at TFL and claims the fish. At 1:19pm, we see another adult eagle do a fly by. One has to assume it was MrP since TFL watches with no reaction. Our hungry little Victory continues to squee away in delight while digging into the fish. TFL heads out to perch on the Lateral branch. Victory continues to vocalize and works on feeding but s/he seems to feel threatened and mantles the fish. Through it all, TFL remains calm, so MrP's presence must be ruffling Victory's feathers, although we don't see him on cams I suspect he's perched somewhere nearby. Victory continues to move the fish around with sets of calls between bites. Calm down, youngster. MrP won't steal your fish. At least, I don't think so anyway. TFL cracks me up as she perches with a look like, what's all the fuss about? And then she stares ahead almost like she's thinking about all the chores she has to do this afternoon and the grocery list for the trip to the store. Lol. Meanwhile, Victory continues to feed and set off siren calls intermittently. At 1:46pm, TFL moves to the left V, then lands in the nest, only to be chased away by Victory. Way to go, Baby! Back out to the Lateral branch for you, TFL. Nothing like being evicted from your own nest! Now Victory stands over the scraps and stares at them. "I don't want it but I don't want Mom to have it either." TFL waits patiently. Victory talks to the scraps in squees and chatters while keeping guard.		freebird_AEF
8/3/2018 14:58:12	8/3/2018	2:33:00 PM	TFL & Victory	Nest Activity	Victory continues to squee, standing in the nest next to the Lateral branch where TFL is still perched. The squeeing becomes more persistent and I can't help but wonder if we have a visitor in the area. TFL moves over to perch on one of the posts across from the V and looks below the nest, then flies up to the Left V and Victory heads more toward the center of the nest. But whatever got TFL riled up, she seems to settle down and heads into the nest. She's able to navigate toward the remaining fish until Victory charges her twice and claims the fish head once again. TFL returns to the Lateral branch.		freebird_AEF
8/3/2018 16:55:36	8/3/2018	4:51:00 PM	Victory	Stand off with TFL	After a very catty Victory told TFL to scram after the fish delivery. Things have settled down. TFL is perched in a relaxed position on the Lateral Branch dangling one foot out. Victory is in the nest and the two share glances back and forth to one another. Victory is claiming the nest as his/her own and does not appear to be happy that beloved Momma is infringing on his/her pad. Victory is giving her the stank eye from the nest LOL. Hey, Victory, don't bite the beak that feeds you!		FreeSoars_AEF
8/3/2018 17:07:00	8/3/2018	5:01:00 PM	The First Lady	Tug O' Fish	Oh gosh this is hilarious. At about 5:01 TFL scampers across the Lateral Branch to try to get a the fish. Victory says: "you best not, go near it, Momma!" TFL tries and finally gets a hold of it. Victory moves at her and grabs the fish from her beak. TFL attempts again, and Victory grabs the fish, moves away and mantles it. I'm cracking up. This is such a funny exchange. After Victory takes the fish away from TFL, she goes back to the Lateral Branch. It was hard to judge whether or not TFL actually wanted the fish, or just wanted to feed her sweet baby! Either way, TFL can forge a path, but it will get covered back up again. Try as she might, her little wrangler is not backing down.		FreeSoars_AEF

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8/3/2018 17:13:01	8/3/2018	5:08:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched/Perching	At 5:08, TFL goes up to the Overhead Branch while Victory remains in the nest. At 5:11 TFL turns about and PS's down below into the nest, just a short feather away from nailing Victory with it. There was no nice forewarning "Look out below!!!" from Momma. No way was she going to be that nice. Remember that show in the 80's on Nickelodeon when they would dump the green slime on people? That's what it reminded me of. I can't stop laughing. I think she did that intentionally ;) I have come to the conclusion that she really wants that fish.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/3/2018 17:23:59	8/3/2018	5:15:00 AM	The First Lady	Attempt at stealing fish	Oh, my cheeks hurt from smiling so much. TFL jumps down from the Lateral Branch and into the nest. She eyes the fish.....She really, really wants that fish! She stays on one side of the nest, while Victory is on the other side. They have a stare down for a moment. She eases upon approach, tip toeing and inching closer to it. Ba bam! Victory forges at her and mantles. Poor TFL, 2 strikes so far. After Victory mantles, TFL flies out of the nest and into an adjacent tree. She is surrounded by foliage and all you see is her beautiful white head and bright eyes. She side eyes the nest. She is doing some reconnaissance, planning for the 3rd attempt at getting that fish! Finally exhaustion for protecting his/her fish hits Victory. S/he splats her body down on the nest. Lying right in front of her prized fish. This is just hysterical.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/3/2018 18:19:11	8/3/2018	6:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Feeding	So, that's that. Momma didn't get the short end of the stick after all. She really just wanted a bite for herself and to feed her baby. TFL flies back into the nest to a whaling Victory. S/he lets out loud squees as TFL claims the fish and takes a few bites. Victory moves towards her and TFL begins to feed him/her. A few times during a tug o' war, they each had a chunk and were eating side by side. It was very endearing. So, after all that drama, they're both finishing up the last bits of the fish. It's been a very entertaining couple of hours.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/3/2018 18:21:35	8/3/2018	6:17:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	At 6:17 pm, TFL departs the nest and Victory jumps up to the Lateral Branch.		FreeSoars_AEF
8/3/2018 18:52:03	8/3/2018	6:46:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory is now relaxing and digesting that big fish brought in by TFL as s/he perches on the Lateral branch. S/he certainly showed a sassy side today; chasing TFL around the nest, shooing her off to the Lateral branch and even off the branch itself, giving her a squeeful of attitude and being a food bandit. It was all so comical and precious to watch. Victory, my dear, you have grown to be an eagle to be reckoned with. MrP and TFL have taught you well.		freebird_AEF
8/3/2018 19:52:23	8/3/2018	6:50:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory rattles with soft lyrical chatter as s/he moves from the Lateral branch to the nest, wing walks up the Left V and flies to perch on the OH branch. His/her wings hang open to dry from the rain. At 7:05pm, Victory starts to squee and opens his/her wings as a parent flies by close to the OH branch where Victory is perched. The parent perches at a tree nearby.		freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 6:44:57	8/4/2018	6:32:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	The nest is empty this morning but we find our sweet Victory perching in the primary perching tree obscured by the fog. As the sun breaks through, her/his feathers are illuminated in a hazy glow as s/he preens. S/he gives out a good morning call and continues with her/his preening. Good morning Victory. We're so happy to see that you're still close by.		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 7:45:37	8/4/2018	7:30:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory continues to perch at the ppt. S/he keeps looking down and appears to be tracking something. It's a squirrel! What are you thinking silly squirrel? This can't be Mr. Squirrel. He's much smarter than this. The squirrel comes closer and closer, Victory is watching and waiting. The squirrel gets to the curve of the branch and sees Victory. "Eagle! Run!" Victory jumps forward, just a tad, and that squirrel kicks it in high gear and he's out of there!		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 7:59:29	8/4/2018	7:50:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory walks up the branch and disappears behind the leaves and fog. As far as we can tell s/he's still in the ppt, no sign that s/he flew off.		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 8:09:49	8/4/2018	8:06:00 AM	8/3/2018 Update for Valor	8/3/2018 Update for Valor	Update on Valor. Please show kindness and respect to Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc. they are doing everything they can to help Valor. Also, please do not call or message them for answers, they not only have Valor to care for but many others. Thank you! Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc. Valor arrived yesterday at TSBRR. We are sorry to report that his condition is very poor. This young bird is severely underweight and anemic; he shows signs of long-standing nutritional and developmental issues. We will continue to do our best and we will post an update on Monday.		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 8:37:09	8/4/2018	8:06:00 AM	Victory vs. Mr. Squirrel	The Chase	Oh my! Mr. Squirrel almost had a close encounter of the eagle kind. Victory comes zooming in from the ppt in hot pursuit. Look out Mr. Squirrel! Didn't I tell you not to move in yet? Victory quickly flies in and lands on the left V branch, Mr. Squirrel scampers up the right V branch, Victory jumps over to the right V and jogs up the branch. Is Mr. Squirrel trapped! No way! Our clever Mr. Squirrel charges up the branch and out of Victory's clutches. Good try Victory. You are honing those hunting skills.		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 8:46:49	8/4/2018	8:17:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies off to the ppt, perhaps in wait for MrP or TFL to bring home a fish. It looks like s/he won't be having squirrel for breakfast this morning.		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 9:05:25	8/4/2018	9:03:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory returns to the OH branch but doesn't perch long. S/he flies off in the trees and out of view.		earlybird_AEF
8/4/2018 9:38:05	8/4/2018	9:22:00 AM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered	TFL delivers a fish to the nest but Victory is no where to be seen. Sweet Mama watches and waits, standing guard over the fish until Victory returns. 9:32am Victory flies in, squealing her/his delight. Breakfast is served.		earlybird_AEF

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8/4/2018 12:04:44	8/4/2018	12:00:00 PM	TFL and Victory	Perched/Perching	TFL currently remains perched on a branch at the nest tree after being run off the nest by Victory at 11:01am. No fish for you, mama! Just now TFL's body language insinuated to Victory that she was going to fly over to the nest and Victory started squeeing his/her discontent with that idea. Victory came into the nest from the Lateral branch and TFL stayed put. Who's the boss here? It really is fun to watch these two and observe eagle behavior.		freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 12:08:50	8/4/2018	12:00:00 PM	Saturday Chat	Chat	Chat has begun! Come join us between noon and 2pm with your questions and comments.		freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 12:34:34	8/4/2018	9:51:00 AM	Mr. President	Prey Delivered	Update :: We have great news! After reviewing video, we see that MrP delivered a fish at 9: 51am while TFL was perched on the Lateral branch. Way to go, MrP and wonderful to see you.		
					TFL flies into the nest and Victory squeals and follows her in from the Lateral branch. TFL gets a fish tail and Victory grabs it from her beak and swallows it down. TFL gingerly moves toward some fish sitting on the opposite side of the nest. It's like a dance between these two with TFL trying to get to the fish and Victory defending his/her prey. TFL scores and is able to swallow a good sized portion of fish, bone and gristle before offering bites to Victory. TFL feeds Victory but then Victory decides to grab the fish head and moves it away. TFL slowly moves toward Victory. We can all tell she's contemplating making a grab for the fish but Victory squees "no way" and TFL backs up, pauses at the nest rails, evaluates the situation, then flies back over to the NW branch to perch at 12:20pm. Victory nibbles at the remaining piece of fish and walks around with it in his/her talons, moves it around, plays with it, all while TFL looks from her perching spot, appearing to be coming up with a new plan of action. It seems Victory wants that piece, whether it's now or later. We'll see. TFL hasn't given up yet. At 12:25pm, TFL flies into the nest and grabs the fish. She's met with Victory who grabs it away from her and mantles over it. TFL grabs it back and starts pulling off bites to feed Victory. With TFL positioned on the nest rails near the Lateral branch, she feeds Victory. This is so sweet to watch. TFL tears away at the fish head, pulling off meaty bites for Victory. Victory gets the majority of the leftover fish head but TFL gets some bites in as well and finally Victory settles down and lets TFL stand in the nest with him/her. TFL does one final patrol to make sure there's no remaining fish.		freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 12:44:54	8/4/2018	12:11:00 PM	The First Lady, Victory	Feeding			freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 12:49:53	8/4/2018	12:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL departs at 12:35pm. She dips down in a beautiful flight and soars across the Arboretum. Victory goes silent and stares out through the V before heading to the Lateral branch to perch.		freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 15:38:54	8/4/2018	3:30:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory has been perched on the overhead branch for quite a while.		kaco4_AEF
8/4/2018 16:38:19	8/4/2018	4:24:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory perches on the OH branch, does a quick two step, looks to the left, looks to the right and off s/he goes to the ppt. It never gets old seeing her/him fly. Such a magnificent eagle!		earlybird_AEF
					Victory returns to the nest, flying in and landing on the lower Left V. At the same time, we see a resident squirrel race down the Right V to escape. With the squirrel safely tucked under the nest, Victory immediately lies down to rest for a minute then gets up and looks over the side of the nest as if tracking someone. The squirrel? A parent? Your guess is as good as mine. At 7:42, Victory flies off in the direction of the NW branch to either perch or leaves the area. Our cam op is currently looking to see if we can locate him/her. "We were never able to locate Victory. S/he must have flown off to perch somewhere other than the nest tree or immediate area. But we did enjoy a beautiful tour of the nest and surroundings. Good night everyone!		freebird_AEF
8/4/2018 20:02:58	8/4/2018	7:37:00 PM	Victory	Arrival, Departure	Victory arrives at the nest. Well... not in the nest but under the nest. What are you doing down there Victory? We can see her/him flapping her/his wings than, poof, s/he's gone. Time to play a little hide and seek again? Come out, come out wherever you are! We find her/him once again, this time in the ppt. S/he moves up the branch and behind some leaves. You're getting good at this game.		earlybird_AEF
8/5/2018 6:15:48	8/5/2018	6:03:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory has not been seen for awhile, perhaps s/he's out doing some sightseeing on this beautiful morning.		earlybird_AEF
8/5/2018 8:02:06	8/5/2018	7:58:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest			earlybird_AEF
					Victory flies into the nest like a pro. S/he heads out to the Lateral branch, as quiet as can be, until deciding to sound off loud squees. Where's breakfast? S/he climbs up the Right V, flies to the Left V, vocalizes two more sets of three squees and heads up to the OH branch to lookout. "Squee-squee-squee, squee-squee-squee. What about me? Momma can't you see? Your babies hungry!" Victory rouses up and does some preening to pass the time, then looks around as if to say, Hey, where is everybody? The sets of squees continue intermittently. And there's our majestic Victory perched on the iconic OH branch with that gorgeous DC backdrop. Sigh. Makes my heart melt.		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 10:58:21	8/5/2018	310:44:00 AM	Victory	Arrival			freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 11:19:18	8/5/2018	11:05:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	A Northern Flicker perches above and keeps Victory company with a little conversation before diving down in front of him/her. Victory stares off towards the river and remains quiet for some time. It seems s/he has settled in on the OH for now and waits.		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 11:49:09	8/5/2018	11:31:00 AM	Victory	Departure, Perched/Perching	Victory remains on the OH branch continuing to call out three sets of squees intermittently. Where did those parents go, Victory? Well, maybe it's time to go track someone down. At 11: 46am, Victory departs.		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 12:01:09	8/5/2018	11:50:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory is flying around the area and lands at the PPT. My gosh, s/he's a stunning eagle!		freebird_AEF

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8/5/2018 12:34:25	8/5/2018	12:15:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	We hear some interesting, bird call, whistle-like sounds in the area and Victory is aware and watching from the PPT. The sounds pass and Victory relaxes on the PPT once again. That's right, Victory. Show us what a big eagle you are with that relaxed leg hanging over that branch.		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 12:58:17	8/5/2018	12:53:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies off the PPT. An eagle can only hang around and wait for so long, you know! Sheesh!		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 14:09:04	8/5/2018	1:56:00 PM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered, Departure	TFL arrives with a fish. She doesn't waste much time before starting to eat it herself. What? Victory, hurry home, quick! Well... too late. Within minutes the smaller sized fish is gone. Well gee, TFL. Nice to have you stop by the nest to have lunch with us. Still no sign of Victory as TFL feaks her beak and makes sure she's picked up any scraps. She stands in the nest, looks around for a minute then flies off. Buh-bye!		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 15:36:03	8/5/2018	3:26:00 PM	Victory	Arrival	Victory arrives and lands on the OH branch. S/he squees loudly... I mean really loudly. Poor thing is more than ready for a meal and is letting MrP and TFL know s/he's serious about getting fed. Victory perches on the OH with wings dropped and open... a silhouette we see each season as our eaglets mature into fledglings.		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 16:41:43	8/5/2018	4:37:00 PM	Victory	Departure	After remaining perched for over an hour, Victory flies off the OH branch at 4:37 and heads toward the river (to the left on Cam B).		freebird_AEF
8/5/2018 17:36:19	8/5/2018	5:15:00 PM	General	Empty Nest	Avian sounds can be heard all around the nest. The leaves rustle in the tropical-like afternoon breeze. The Arb is a lush and fertile land mass west of the Anacostia River that is replete with 7000 kinds of plants on 446 acres with hundreds of thriving bird species either visiting or nesting year round. Our eagle First Family has just about the best natural real estate birds can possibly have in the DC area. Currently no one is at the nest or in the viewable distance.		kaco4_AEF
8/6/2018 6:34:30	8/6/2018	6:25:00 AM	Eagles	Vocals	The nest is empty, Victory may have slept elsewhere. We can't see our eagles but, yes, we can hear them. Somewhere out of our view, our eagles are chatting. What a beautiful sound to hear this morning!		earlybird_AEF
8/6/2018 10:30:10	8/6/2018	10:24:00 AM	Victory	Arrival	Our Victory has arrived at the nest and is being quite vocal in his/her request for breakfast. Parents were in tow on the overhead less than an hour ago, so food delivery should be soon.		kaco4_AEF
8/6/2018 10:43:46	8/6/2018	10:27:00 AM	MrP and TFL	Arrival/Departure	Update: 7:17am I wonder if a squirrel has nine lives like a cat. Mr. Squirrel sure seems to. He just had another close call with MrP and TFL. Our silly Mr. Squirrel scampers down the Left V branch when who should come flying in but MrP. Look out Mr. Squirrel, MrP is on the hunt. Double trouble for Mr. Squirrel. TFL charges in, startles MrP and Mr. Squirrel. MrP flies off towards the PPT, Mr. Squirrel almost flies himself as he gets out of there. TFL checks out the nest, sees that our resident squirrel has left the building and moves up to the OH branch. MrP joins her and they have a little sweet talk back and forth. 8:01 TFL flies off, MrP soon follows.		earlybird_AEF
8/6/2018 10:57:14	8/6/2018	10:57:00 AM	Victory	Arrival	Update 10:22am: Our sweet Victory has come back to spend some time with us. It's so wonderful to see you this morning. S/he stops by in the nest and rummages around for leftovers. There doesn't seem to be any scraps left so s/he moves onto the Lateral branch and gives a call out for breakfast. No response from Mom or Dad. Off s/he goes to the NW branch. Maybe Mom and Dad will see me here.		earlybird_AEF
8/6/2018 11:59:35	8/6/2018	11:45:00 AM	Victory	Prey Delivered	Happy 14 week Hatchday Victory. I wonder how you spent this special morning? By the look of those dirty feet, you may have been down by the river. Just like dear old Dad, his feet are always dirty. Victory flies off from the NW branch and onto the OH. Squeel! Squeel! Squeel! It sounds like Victory is ready for some birthday fishcakes. The squees get louder and louder and louder. MrP has arrived with a beauty of a fish and Victory couldn't be more pleased. S/he digs in with some sweet thank you squees as MrP flies up to the OH branch. Thanks Dad. Our wonderful MrP flies off.		earlybird_AEF
8/6/2018 15:27:29	8/6/2018	2:19:00 PM	Victory	Departure	After quietly perching on the OH branch, Victory flies off toward the left on Cam B. Around 3:15pm, a thunderstorm rolls into the area. Skies are grey and lighting has dimmed as several claps of thunder are heard nearby.		freebird_AEF
8/6/2018 17:41:00	8/6/2018	5:38:00 PM	Mr. President	Departure, Arrival	Some adult chattering has been going on around the nest tree over the past 20 minutes or so. MrP is spotted flying from the nest tree (most likely had been perching on the NW branch out of cam view) to the PPT. At 5:37pm, he flies from the PPT to perch on the OH branch.		freebird_AEF
8/6/2018 17:52:10	8/6/2018	5:42:00 PM	Mr. President	Parent Feeding	MrP flies down into the nest and starts feeding on the fish that Victory left behind. He enjoys the fish snack and flies off at 5:49pm.		freebird_AEF
8/6/2018 18:53:04	8/6/2018	6:09:00 PM	Mr. President	Arrival, Departure	More eagle chatter is heard in the area. At 6:30pm, MrP returns and perches on the Left V. He looks around almost as if he's waiting for someone to arrive. He perches with wings partially open and dropped to help cool down and relax. He's so handsome tonight wearing his blaze. He flies down into the nest. Is there any more fish left? A-ha! Yes indeed there is! He picks at and wrestles with a tough portion of the fish where there isn't much meat in the offering, tossing aside the bone and gristle. Taking little nibbling bites, pulling and tugging, trying to get meat off that tough ol' catfish head. MrP waddles his way across the nest to perch at the Lateral branch. Does a little feaking, a little browsing of his surroundings while the cicadas sing their song. And in the blink of an eye, he departs at 6:48pm. Thanks for stopping by again and spending some time with us, MrP!		freebird_AEF

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8/7/2018 6:11:39	8/7/2018	6:06:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	It's a partly cloudy morning, currently 76 degrees. We're expecting a sunny, hot and humid day with temperatures in the low 90's. The nest is quiet this morning, only the sound of birds filling the air. No sign of our eagles yet.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 6:45:42	7/7/2018	6:18:00 AM	Mr.Squirrel	Visit	Mr. Squirrel has stopped by for another visit. It seems that no matter how many times he's chased off, he still keeps coming back. That's okay with me Mr. Squirrel. I love seeing you here. I'm just not so sure that Mr.P and TFL will agree with me on this one. He's been busy this morning, scampering up and down the branches. He's found some tasty tidbits to munch on, it looks like the buds from the tree. Well, look at that. He's brought a friend, perhaps a new roommate. How nice that when MrP and TFL go off for their well deserved vacation that this nest will be occupied once again.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 8:27:51	8/7/2018	8:16:00 AM	Eagle	Fly By	Some eagle vocals are heard nearby. Mr. Squirrel comes charging down the Right V branch as an eagle flies by. The eagle, perhaps Victory, flies around and through the trees several times.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 8:39:41	8/7/2018	8:29:00 AM	Victory	Fly By	Eagle squees are heard again and another fly by. I believe this is Victory who flies under the tree.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 8:43:49	8/7/2018	8:39:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory departs from under the nest tree and flies off to the left on Cam B.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 9:04:01	8/7/2018	9:02:00 AM	Valor	Valor Update 8/6/2018	<p>Valor update</p> <p>Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc. 18 hrs -</p> <p>First, as nature lovers ourselves, we truly appreciate everyone's concern for the eaglet "Valor" that is in our care. We are blown away by how many of you have shown your support not only for this eagle, but for all our wild patients. As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of the community, and we deeply appreciate your support of our work. Please know that our 40+ years of wildlife rehabilitation experience guides us every day in giving the best possible care to every bird we receive.</p> <p>We know that many are concerned about the prognosis for this eaglet. We are doing all we can, but despite intensive medical treatment and nutritional support over the past three days, Valor has shown no improvement and his prognosis remains guarded. We are still waiting for the results of all the blood tests.</p> <p>We do not want to mislead anyone about this bird's condition. We know his decline may seem sudden to many people. As many of you have already noted, wild animals are adept at hiding injury when faced with predators---like humans. It is not unusual for a wild bird to appear bright and alert while in hand only to display its true condition when housed away from people.</p> <p>We will continue to update as we can, and we appreciate your understanding that we do not have the resources to reply to any questions on social media or by phone. Our staff and volunteers are working hard to give quality care to the 130 patients we currently have at our center. Thank you so much for your interest in our native wildlife and wildlife rehabilitation. We encourage anyone interested to learn more about our field and the difficult work done every day by rehabilitators. You can learn more at https://www.nrawildlife.org/page/What_Is_WLRehab</p>		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 11:20:48	8/7/2018	11:15:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Victory hasn't returned to the nest as of yet this morning. S/he showed off her beautiful flying skills earlier today as s/he flew in and around the trees. S/he didn't stick around long but headed in the direction of the river. That's the perfect place to be on a hot and sultry day like today. I wonder if s/he caught up with MrP and TFL and they're having a quick dip in the cool and refreshing water.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 11:59:53	8/7/2018	11:53:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	There are no eagles on the nest but we're getting some wonderful close ups of the nest. It's amazing how they weave the branches together to make a sturdy barrier for their eaglets. We have now seen firsthand how strong they actually are. Victory and Valor often used the nest rails to perch on and the branches never faltered. MrP and TFL are master builders when it comes to making the nest safe for their little ones. It is truly a work of art.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 12:25:36	8/7/2018	12:13:00 PM	Mr. President	Prey Delivered	The sound of squees echo throughout the Arboretum. MrP arrives with a fish and Victory is right behind him. Way to go Victory! Follow the fish! You are learning well.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 12:33:18	8/7/2018	12:26:00 PM	Victory	Self feeding	It's so funny how one minute Victory acts all grown up and independent and the next minute s/he acts like a little one again. S/he did a masterful job following MrP in with the fish but now s/he squeals away for some help getting this fish started. It doesn't seem like help is coming anytime soon. Dig in sweetie. That fish is all yours.		earlybird_AEF
8/7/2018 14:17:10	8/7/2018	1:35:00 PM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered	TFL brings in another fish delivery at 1:35pm. Victory eats a bit then perches on the Lateral branch. S/he has since moved to the OH branch Thanks for hanging around and spending time with us today, precious one.		freebird_AEF

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8/7/2018 20:39:13	8/7/2018	8:15:00 PM	Arb	Nest Tour	Our cam operator is treating us to a panoramic view of the tulip poplar nest which we have visited and grown to love every day. No one from the First Family is in its vicinity right now, but all the signs of eagle lives well lived are there: fish bones and trampled on nest beds, branches from nest rails that have seen better days, and the familiar white streaks on the lateral and V branches. Well worn and familiar and endearing pieces of the First Family abode. You done good, TFL and Mr.P, from the first stick to the fresh grass and leaf vines so artfully added for effect. Your teamwork and bonding were exciting to watch. The belated egg laying added a new dimension this season, but went on without a hitch. Two perfect eaglets emerged during a season of mild sunshine, plentiful shad, perch and catfish, and doting parents. It was idyllic at that tulip poplar tree. An unforgettable season that will be remembered with love: Mr. President, The First Lady, Victory, and Valor. You are the heroes of the 2018 DC season.		kaco4_AEF
8/8/2018 7:11:03	8/8/2018	7:00:00 AM	Farewell to Valor	Farewell to Valor	The nest is empty this morning and so are our hearts. We are feeling such a sense of loss, how and why did this happen? We mourn the passing of our precious Valor but we will always cherish his memories. From the moment he peeked out of that egg, he captured our hearts and never let go. How could we not love that adorable ball of fluff? We watched him grow and flourish, we couldn't get enough of him. We will remember the special times, in the early morning hours when he and Victory romped around in the nest together, playing tug o war with the sticks, cuddling together, and oh those sweet beak kisses. They had become best buddies, there was no doubt. This filled my heart with joy to see how well they got along, the bond they had formed. Thank you little buddy for all of these sweet memories and so much more. When I look up in the sky I will think of you as you soar with the angels. You are gone but never forgotten. You are forever in my heart.		earlybird_AEF
8/8/2018 7:43:12	8/8/2018	7:35:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Visit	The sun has come out, it's currently 75 degrees. The temperature is expected to reach 91 degrees with a heavy thunderstorm possible this afternoon. We haven't seen any of our eagle family yet but Mr. Squirrel has come for a visit. He's been very busy at work on the renovations in the lower level. I suspect that if he hasn't already, he will be moving back in his Nuthouse very soon.		earlybird_AEF
8/9/2018 7:31:02	8/9/2018	7:30:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The nest is empty once again, only Mr. Squirrel scampering around, a sure sign that our season is close to coming to an end. We watch and we wait. Will MrP, TFL and Victory stop by for one more curtain call? Will we have a chance to say good by? We are still hopeful. We did hear squees nearby yesterday that sure sounded like our sweet Victory. S/he was our healing light on Tuesday after Valor's passing. S/he perched on the OH branch for several hours with her/his wings extended like angel wings. The perfect tribute to our little buddy Valor who was and always will be our precious angel. We basked in her/his beauty and her/his calmness, our hearts overflowing with love for both of them. Thank you Victory. It's as if you knew that we needed your presence just one more time. If that was the last time, we wish you a fond farewell. You have filled our hearts with so much happiness and so much joy! My life is so much richer having had you and Valor in it. I still have hope that I will see you one more time. So I will watch and wait.....		earlybird_AEF
8/9/2018 9:06:07	8/9/2018	9:03:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Victory must be having the time of her/his life this morning, flying around and making new discoveries. No eagles have been at the nest yet but who could blame them. It's a beautiful day, with sunny skies at a comfortable 75 degrees. How exciting it must be to go on new adventures and soar the skies with Mom and Dad. We are so happy for you Victory! You are such a strong and confident eagle. Enjoy your time in the sun!		earlybird_AEF
8/9/2018 12:15:31	8/9/2018	11:35:00 AM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered, Squees	Finally! After a quiet day yesterday and this morning, TFL arrives with a fish. My goodness... what a sight for sore eyes. The Lady of the nest looks strong, healthy and so gorgeous (as always). She looks around then starts to eat a few bites. She pauses and looks around again. She continues to munch on the fish between outward glances. TFL stops eating for a prolonged period, listening intently. Is that a squee that she hears? If so, it doesn't sound very close. After waiting for several minutes, TFL begins to dine again. After finishing off the fish, she does a little feaking, stands waiting and looking, gracing us with her presence for a bit longer, then flies off across the Arboretum. Wait! Squees at 12:09. They sound rather close. TFL must have flown near where Victory is perched. She flies out of sight and the squees begin to sound more distant and stop. While I was wishing for a visit by Victory, as I'm certain we all were, it seems that s/he is closer than we think, just out of cam view and hidden in the trees nearby. S/he may have followed TFL. Maybe they've gone to perch together or have headed down to the river so TFL and/or MrP can treat Victory to a riverside lunch.		freebird_AEF
8/10/2018 6:06:44	8/10/2018	6:04:00 AM	Cams	Cams	We are experiencing technical difficulties with both cams. Thank you for your patience.		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 6:57:39	8/10/2018	6:56:00 AM	Cams	Cams	Cams are up and running again!		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 7:10:33	8/10/2018	7:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	The sun is shining this morning, it's currently 76 degrees. We are expecting a sunny, hot and humid day with temperatures near 91 degrees. The nest is empty, no sign of our eagles or even Mr. Squirrel as of yet. Just a bird stopping by to wish us a good morning.		earlybird_AEF

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8/10/2018 10:09:33	8/10/2018	9:33:00 AM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered	TFL flies in through the V with a fish. Hello beautiful. It's so nice to see you this morning. She waits and she watches. No sign of Victory. But our sweet TFL isn't giving up just yet. She continues to quietly look around. "Come on home Victory. Breakfast is ready." But still no Victory, not a squee can be heard, just the drone of the cicadas filling the air. Oh Mama! You are being so patient waiting for your little one. Our hearts are filled with so much love for you this morning. Twenty minutes later, TFL has yet to touch that fish. She continues to watch and wait. Finally she steps away and begins to aerate the fluff, but stops once again to look around. Thirty minutes later, she still hasn't moved, she still watches and waits.....		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 10:23:42	8/10/2018	10:10:00 AM	The First Lady	Eating	There has been no sign of Victory. TFL continues to stand in the nest and gaze around. Where are you sweet Victory? Have you left on your new journey? Are you out there exploring the world and experiencing new adventures? How exciting that must be! It doesn't look like Victory is coming home for breakfast.10:16am Finally TFL begins to eat the fish. She has waited so long and she deserves a nice meal too. But still, she stops to look around as she eats. Just in case her precious Victory returns.		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 10:43:22	8/10/2018	10:40:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL finishes the fish, feaks her beak, takes one more look around and flies off.		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 14:36:10	8/10/2018	2:06:00 PM	Victory	Arrival	The sweet sound of squees are echoing in the Arboretum. Our sweet Victory is back! Well, look at you beautiful, you look amazing! By the looks of that full crop, you have been eating well. S/he looks around with the cutest expressions on her face. Simply adorable. S/he starts rummaging in the nest, a bite to eat would be just perfect now. Lucky for you TFL has left a little something, just for you. Victory digs right in, how nice to see you eating on the nest again. We have missed you so much. S/he prances up the Right V branch, flies over to the Left V branch and up to the OH branch. Squee! Squee! Squee! I'm back everyone!		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 14:57:01	8/10/2018	2:40:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory looks gorgeous as s/he perches on the OH branch, the baby blue sky and powder puff clouds as her/his backdrop. It sounds like someone is still hungry. Squee! Squee! Squee! No answer yet from MrP or TFL but one of them was seen flying by just as s/he arrived. Perhaps they have gone off to get her/him a fresh fish.		earlybird_AEF
8/10/2018 17:16:44	8/10/2018	4:52:00 PM	Victory	Departure, Flight	Victory patiently remained on the OH branch until 4:52pm, when s/he took off over the treetops in the foreground of the OH branch (Cam B). Victory curved right, then to the left. S/he circled in flight several times off in the distance above the OH branch, showing off some big wide circles and some smaller, tight ones, all the while wings fully spread while gliding and rising in currents of air. It was a beautiful flight and we were blessed to watch. Now lets hope that Victory decides to come back to visit... maybe following a parent in with a fish? We can always hope! Regardless, it was such a gift to have her home for several hours today. Thank you, Victory! We so needed to see you and spend some time in your majestic presence. You, my dear one, are a divine blessing and a strong, thriving, gorgeous eagle. We love you.		freebird_AEF
8/10/2018 18:57:30	8/10/2018	6:26:00 PM	Victory	Arrival, Vocals	Squees are heard at 6:26pm and Victory returns to the nest by flying in through the V. S/he's searching for food, digging around and picking up scraps. With no food in the pantry, Victory squees again and heads out to the Lateral branch. S/he still vocalizes occasionally but also appears a bit tired and rests. MrP or TFL, come visit your little one, and bring a fish while you're at it.		freebird_AEF
8/10/2018 19:35:32	8/10/2018	7:31:00 PM	Victory	Vocals	Victory moves from the Lateral to the OH branch. S/he continues to vocalize. Calling out to MrP and TFL, "I'm hooooome! Where's dinner?"		freebird_AEF
8/10/2018 19:53:59	8/10/2018	7:40:00 PM	Victory, Parent	Vocals, Flight	Victory squees wildly and flies across the Arboretum toward the PPT and returns to the nest. A parent is seen doing a fly by and lands at the PPT. Victory heads out to the Lateral branch and continues squeeing and appears to be tracking something. Victory moves from the Lateral to the NW branch and continues calling and looking outward. At least we know that a parent is aware that Victory is at the nest tree. We no longer see a parent at the PPT and Victory is facing toward the river calling out. S/he may be hoping for a fish delivery. You know what they say... the squeeing eaglet gets the fish.		freebird_AEF
8/10/2018 20:12:59	8/10/2018	7:55:00 PM	Victory, Parent	Arrival, Departure	At 7:54, Victory squees loudly and mantles. At 7:55pm, s/he flies down to the nest. A parent flies into the nest and from the sound of it, it seems they arrived without a fish because Victory is very vocal. The parent has since flown off and Victory has followed. Hopefully, Victory will pester them and get the meal s/he's been calling for.		freebird_AEF
8/10/2018 20:41:37	8/10/2018	8:24:00 PM	Mr. President, Victory	Arrival, Departure, Perched/Perching	Squees are heard in the distance. We see a parent at the PPT and Victory perched above vocalizing his/her discontent of not being served dinner. The parent who appears to be MrP flies off and Victory follows. MrP flies to the nest tree to perch on the OH branch and Victory lands in the nest squeeing loudly and continuously. Victory jumps up to the OH branch, mantles and squees loudly. S/he approaches MrP and he takes off after moving to the left as far as he could go while Victory continued moving toward him. Victory remains on the OH branch and waits. Meanwhile, it's a beautiful scene on Cam B at the nest tree tonight. Victory is still scoping out the territory to see where MrP might have gone. Victory is restless and takes off at 8:34pm. S/he loops around and returns to the nest at 8:35. Listen to your Auntie Freebird and stay put, little one. Your parents know where you are right now and it will be easier to bring a meal to you in the morning. Victory must have heard me (lol) and s/he lies down for a rest, but not for long as s/he rises and heads out to perch on the Lateral branch.		freebird_AEF

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8/11/2018 6:07:23	8/11/2018	5:54:00 AM	Victory	Self Feeding	What a beautiful sight! Our sweet Victory has spent the night at the nest. S/he calls out good morning as s/he perches on the Lateral Branch and moves into the nest. There must be something here to eat! S/he rummages all around and finds a leftover bone. S/he's a big eagle now, self feeding is no problem for her/him. S/he pulls and picks at the bone and goes onto another piece. I sure hope you got a little something to help fill that crop. It's still a little early yet for MrP or TFL to go fishing but hopefully they'll bring back something soon.		earlybird_AEF
8/11/2018 6:23:41	8/11/2018	6:08:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory begins to squeee and squeee and squeee, the noise vibrating throughout the Arboretum. It is loud, I mean really really loud. I can't imagine what the neighbors think. What's with all the commotion Victory? AH HA! Now I see. A parent is perching in the PPT and Victory is letting him or her know that s/he's ready for breakfast. Victory flies over at breakneck speed, squealing as s/he goes. The parent takes off in the other direction as Victory lands on the branch. I sure hope the parent is on the way to go fishing. This little one is hungry!		earlybird_AEF
8/11/2018 6:37:20	8/11/2018	6:35:00 AM	Weather	Weather	It's an overcast day, currently 78 degrees. We can expect the temperature to reach 89 degrees with a possible shower or thunderstorm around. Tonight it will go down to 71 degrees with a thunderstorm still possible early.		earlybird_AEF
8/11/2018 6:50:32	8/11/2018	6:36:00 AM	Victory/Mr. Squirrel	Perched/Perching	We have one hungry eagle perching in the PPT and who should pay a visit to the nest but none other than our very own Mr. Squirrel. Oh my! This can't be good. What are you thinking silly squirrel? Mr. Squirrel just goes about the business at hand. He's hungry too and there's some delicious Tulip seed pods on this tree and he intends to eat them. He's scampers up the Left V Branch until he's just out of our sight. But we can hear him munching away and see his discarded pieces float down past the nest. Our Mr. Squirrel is living on the edge this morning.		earlybird_AEF
8/11/2018 7:07:40	8/11/2018	7:00:00 AM	Victory/Mr. Squirrel	Vocals	Victory squees from the PPT. Mr. Squirrel climbs down the Left V Branch, over to the Lateral Branch and out of sight once again. Mr. Squirrel had to have heard Victory so you would think he'd high tail it out of there. But no. Not our Mr. Squirrel. We can still hear him munching away up in the nest tree. Obviously the Tulip Poplar flowers are a delicacy that he just can't resist.		earlybird_AEF
8/11/2018 7:14:40	8/11/2018	7:07:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory departs from the PPT and flies in the direction of the nest. But, no sign of where s/he went.		earlybird_AEF
8/11/2018 8:05:15	8/11/2018	8:00:00 AM	Chat	Chat	Come on over and join us today from 12:00pm-2:00pm for our Live Chat Q & A Session. It was so nice to see Victory yesterday. We would love to answer any questions that you may have about Victory's return or any other questions that you may have.		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 6:38:26	8/12/2018	6:37:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	It's a cloudy morning, currently 75 degrees with a high of 86 degrees and a shower or thunderstorm expected later today. Our nest is empty this morning, none of our eagles have been seen since early yesterday. But we wait and we watch.....		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 7:09:14	8/12/2018	6:47:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Eating	Well, our nest is not so empty after all. Mr. Squirrel has arrived for breakfast. He scampers straight up the Left V Branch and onto a branch just out of our view. The pickings must be good up there, we can hear him munching away. Not much for table manners, are you Mr. Squirrel? Didn't your Mama ever teach you to chew with your mouth closed? And my goodness! Please put your leftovers in the proper receptacle. There will be no littering in the Arboretum!		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 12:12:09	8/12/2018	11:40:00 AM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered	TFL arrives through the V Perch with a fish. Where oh where is Victory? Mama is so patient, she stands over the fish and looks all around. No sign of Victory, not a squeee. TFL continues to wait, she doesn't take even a bite of that fish. She wants her little one to come home to eat. So she waits some more. But still no sign of her precious Victory. Finally TFL waits no more. She starts to eat the fish but stops between bites to look around and check. Maybe just maybe Victory will come home yet.		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 12:30:41	8/12/2018	12:17:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched/Perching	TFL finishes the fish and feaks her beak on the V branches. She looks around and waits some more. She moves over to the Lateral Branch, opens up her wings to cool off and intently looks around. But still not a peep from Victory.		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 12:48:37	8/12/2018	12:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Perched/Perching	TFL flies over to the NW Branch. "Maybe I can see Victory from here." She continues to watch and wait. Perhaps our sweet Victory is down by the river with MrP and has already had a nice juicy fish. We sure hope that's the case!		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 13:18:19	8/12/2018	1:04:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL takes a final look around and departs from the NW Branch.		earlybird_AEF
8/12/2018 14:20:17	8/12/2018	2:00:00 PM	The First Lady, Victory	Perched/Perching, Fly by	First, there's a flutter of wings on Cam A. Then Victory flies from beneath the nest tree, makes a large curve left toward the PPT. She appears to land but we're not sure yet exactly where s/he's perched but we can hear the squees. What a beautiful sound! Victory calls out loud and strong. TFL is spotted perched at the PPT at 2:12pm. Fantastic! They've found one another.		freebird_AEF
8/12/2018 14:56:14	8/12/2018	2:30:00 PM	The First Lady, Victory	Perched/Perching	TFL continues to perch at the PPT, looking upward or downward when Victory squees, so Victory is probably perched on a nearby branch, most likely behind the foreground of leaves. Now Victory has gone quiet for some time while TFL preens and continues to relax. She's being so casual about it all. TFL must be pleased to reconnect with Victory after arriving at the nest tree several mornings with a fish and waiting for an hour or so before eating the fish and departing. More squees, more preening. Doesn't The First Lady look gorgeous? I feel comforted knowing that they've found one another and I can't help but believe that Victory has a fish delivery in his/her near future.		freebird_AEF

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8/12/2018 15:23:46	8/12/2018	2:57:00 PM	The First Lady, Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory starts squeeing consistently and TFL stares upward or downward as she tilts her head observantly. It feels like one of them are going to make a move. Maybe Victory was moving around where s/he's perched. TFL stays put and watches one of her downy feathers float by. Victory goes back and forth from being quietly perched to squees. Patience, dear Victory. TFL knows what you need. I have every confidence that she will take good care of you.		freebird_AEF
8/12/2018 15:41:20	8/12/2018	3:24:00 PM	The First Lady, Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory is spotted perching at 3:29pm. Victory is actually perched above TFL. If you're looking on Cam B right now you can spot Victory moving behind the foreground leaf and branch. On Cam A, Victory is located a bit to the right and two horizontal branches above TFL. Amazing cam work!		freebird_AEF
8/12/2018 16:18:33	8/12/2018	4:06:00 PM	The First Lady, Victory	Departure	At 4:06pm, TFL flies off to the left on Cam A. Victory departs the PPT one minute later and it sounds like s/he lands somewhere on or near the nest tree... either that or flew past it. Victory squees at 4:19, so we know s/he is somewhere nearby.		freebird_AEF
8/12/2018 16:59:26	8/12/2018	4:45:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies from a perching spot from behind the Right V of the nest tree on Cam B, across the Arboretum, with her flight becoming obscured behind the Left V foliage. It's hard to tell if she's perched nearby or has left the area. We'll listen for squees. So far, no vocalizations have been heard. And we have a rain storm that's moved in, so where ever Victory is, s/he'll probably stay perched for the time being.		freebird_AEF
8/12/2018 18:13:53	8/12/2018	6:13:00 PM	Victory	Vocals, Fly by, Perched/Perching	A distance away and covered over by the sound of rain, Victory is still heard squeeing. S/he's out there! Lets all start a fish chant so that when the rain eases up, TFL brings some food. And at 6:13pm, Victory flies from the left on Cam B, s/he flies close to the nest then curves left and heads over to perch back at the PPT. Go Victory!		freebird_AEF
8/12/2018 19:11:41	8/12/2018	6:59:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory remains perched at the PPT. She calls out while the wind and rain continue. Hang in there, baby. The skies look like they might be lightening up a bit. Victory moves onto a branch just below where s/he was where the leaves provide better shelter. A parent is seen flying by and we still hear Victory's squees but we lose sight of him/her.		freebird_AEF
8/13/2018 6:20:31	8/13/2018	6:13:00 AM	eagle	Vocals	The sky is cloudy this morning but our smiles are bright. Eagle whistles and squees can be heard in the distance. Our eagles are not far away.		earlybird_AEF
8/13/2018 8:10:50	8/13/2018	8:01:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Happy 15 week Hatchday Victory! We know that you're not too far away, we heard you calling out this morning. Our cam op has been searching but we still haven't found you. You've been so quiet for the last 50 minutes, perhaps you've gone down to the river to find Mom and Dad.		earlybird_AEF
8/13/2018 8:36:31	8/13/2018	8:13:00 AM	Victory	Vocals	We can hear the squees again! Victory is playing a good game of hide and seek this morning. We just cannot find her/him. It would be so nice if MrP or TFL brought in a fish, right about now. I bet that would bring Victory out of hiding.		earlybird_AEF
8/13/2018 13:53:27	8/13/2018	1:09:00 PM	MrP and Victory	Prey Delivered	The sound of squees gets closer and closer. MrP arrives with a fish and here comes Victory! Yay! That's the way to do it! Victory lands in the nest, MrP takes a few steps back to get out of her/his way and moves to the Lateral branch. Victory squeals with delight and looks all around. "Is this all for me?" It sure is baby, dig in! MrP flies off and Victory begins to chow down. S/he stops every now and then, looks around to make sure all is fine and goes back to eating. It's so good to see her/him with a full crop. S/he gets her fill, prances up the Left V Branch, feaks her/his beak and flies over to the OH Branch. How beautiful s/he looks! How wonderful it is to have her/him back at the nest!		earlybird_AEF
8/13/2018 14:17:48	8/13/2018	2:12:00 PM	Victory	Departure	The call of the sky beckons. Victory departs from the OH branch and flies out of sight.		earlybird_AEF
8/13/2018 18:09:19	8/13/2018	5:48:00 PM	The First Lady	Prey Delivered	TFL flies in with a huge fish. Our fish expert says it's a carp. TFL looks around for Victory, but we all know from past experience that TFL can't resist eating this fish if Victory doesn't show up fairly soon. TFL takes some bites and stops to wait again. She's still panting from her fishing expedition and flight back to the nest. So far, TFL and Victory's timing has definitely been off! Come on, Victory. Head home for a second meal and a visit with your mama.		freebird_AEF
8/13/2018 18:30:43	8/13/2018	6:12:00 PM	The First Lady	Waiting for Victory	It's been almost 30 minutes before TFL takes some more bites. She appears to wonder how long she's suppose to wait and I can almost hear her say, "Where is that kid, anyway?" (Probably off with MrP having some fun.) TFL continues to only take a couple bites at a time and then stop for several minutes in between. I've got to give TFL so much credit. She hasn't given up on feeding Victory. Not one bit. And she's showing such great restraint as she patiently waits. We love you TFL! And you are one gorgeous, devoted eagle.		freebird_AEF
8/13/2018 18:44:27	8/13/2018	6:30:00 PM	The First Lady	Waiting for Victory	"Well, as long as I'm here, I might as well dig up some sticks and clean this place up a bit." TFL keeps one foot on the fish and digs around it. Now she's even covering part of the fish up with dirt. Could this be a new strategy? Will she leave a gift for Victory? Hmmm... lets roll the fish around and sprinkle it with a little of TFL's special nest seasoning. Yum! Now I think some of the bugs even might be confused, wondering where the fish went now that it blends in with the nest so well. TFL... you're too much! You're definitely cracking me up. It's now 6:42 and TFL hasn't had a bite since camouflaging the fish, but still... she waits.		freebird_AEF
8/13/2018 19:00:46	6/13/2018	7:00:00 PM	The First Lady	Still waiting	This is quite the waiting game. It's been over an hour now since the fish delivery. TFL doesn't seem the least bit interested in this fish but she does seem interested in waiting for Victory to return home.		freebird_AEF

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8/13/2018 19:48:50	6/13/2018	7:32:00 PM	The First Lady	Departure	The amazingly majestic TFL finally begins eating the fish at 7:22pm, after waiting for Victory for 1 hour and 34 minutes. This is the longest I've seen her wait this season. She hesitates again for a few moments, then begins eating towards the tail end. This transition time can be pretty emotional; watching TFL doing her very best to support and provide for her offspring until the very end. We observe her waiting, listening and watching for Victory and it tugs at our hearts, but surely makes us love her all the more. She's such a good mama. I only wish Victory would have shown up and seen what a humongous fish TFL delivered tonight. She moves over to the V and does some feaking to help keep her beak sharp and clean while the fishtail remains in the nest like a little gift waiting for Victory. With the sun going down, our beautiful TFL climbs up the Left V branch, looks around the Arboretum one last time before flying up to perch at the OH branch. We observe The Lady in all her grandeur with a beautiful scenic backdrop of blue sky and clouds. She is still looking intently for any sign of Victory, waiting... with no sign she flies off at 7:32pm. Her love, patience and devotion as a precious, wonderful eagle mom has moved me. I just can't express the love I feel for this eagle right now.		freebird_AEF
8/14/2018 6:27:30	8/14/2018	6:00:00 AM	The First Lady	Perched/Perching	The sky is just beginning to lighten, TFL arrives and looks around the nest. There are still some leftovers from yesterday and she sure would like a bite or two. She eats the fish, prances up the Left V Branch and onto the OH Branch. The birds serenade her as she gazes all around her Queendom. She is the beautiful Lady of the Arboretum, the faithful companion of MrP, the devoted mother of DC1, Freedom, Liberty, Honor, Glory, Victory and Valor. She is a dedicated caregiver, always at the ready whenever her young ones need her. Now she quietly watches and waits for her sweet Victory.		earlybird_AEF
8/14/2018 7:00:38	8/14/2018	6:34:00 AM	The First Lady	Departure	TFL continues to perch on the OH Branch looking intently around, the golden sun shining down on her. She glows like a welcoming beacon of light as she waits for her precious one. Where are you Victory? Mama is waiting. We know that this season is slowly coming to an end. We know that Victory will be leaving us soon. We know that Victory is a strong and confident eagle who will do well when s/he takes on the world. But these moments do pull at our heartstrings, we can't help but feel a little bit sad for us. But surely not for this sweet family. MrP and TFL have been wonderful parents, with their care and guidance, Victory is more than ready to start her/his journey. TFL cranes her neck, takes a final look around and flies off into the sky.		earlybird_AEF
8/14/2018 14:08:22	8/14/2018	1:39:00 PM	Victory	Vocals	Several sets of squees are heard nearby. Time for a little game of hide and seek with Victory as we wait to see if s/he flies in to the nest or anywhere nearby. Squees continue. Some of them sound quite serious. I imagine Victory flying around, having some adventures and suddenly realizing s/he's getting hungry. S/he heads toward the nest tree and finds a favorite place to perch and starts calling out a fish delivery. "Hey! I'm near the nest. I am really, really hungry and would like to place a rush lunch order, please. I'd like a headless fish, fresh from the river. Make it a double. And hurry! When I see you arrive, I'll rush to the nest to thank you." Lol. Well, no quick response by a delivery service and it sounds awfully quiet now in the nest area. It's likely that Victory has moved to a new location or has headed out to track down a parent. Carry on. We'll keep our eyes and ears open.		freebird_AEF
8/15/2018 7:04:28	8/15/2018	7:00:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	It's a lovely, clear morning at 73 degrees. There's a feeling of calm and peacefulness as we take a tour through the trees. No sign of our eagle family this morning. But the day is still young.		earlybird_AEF
8/15/2018 8:05:46	8/15/2018	7:48:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Visit	Mr. Squirrel must have overslept this morning. He finally made an appearance but quickly scampered out of sight. We hear you munching away, where did you go? It seems that he's playing a little hide and seek this morning, but he's no match for our cam op. You have been found, little Mister, way up on the Right V Branch. But he's a smart one. He goes even further up the branch, well out of the cam's view. Well done Mr. Squirrel! You won this round of hide and seek but we'll be expecting a rematch.		earlybird_AEF
8/15/2018 12:16:20	8/15/2018	11:56:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	There's our beauty! Our sweet Victory has just flown by and landed in the Primary Perching tree. S/he looks calm and content, preening her/his feathers and gazing around. What a special treat to see her/him again today.		earlybird_AEF
8/15/2018 12:42:30	8/15/2018	12:17:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory calls out a greeting. S/he looks so fit and strong. Mom and Dad must be feeding you well off the nest. S/he's so curious as s/he perches on the branch, watching everything that goes by. So cute how s/he tilts her/his head almost upside down to see what's flying by. We just want to sit back, bask in her beauty and soak in this moment. Each and every minute we have with her is a gift now.		earlybird_AEF
8/15/2018 12:52:56	8/15/2018	12:40:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory moves up the branch. S/he's obscured by some leaves but s/he gives out another call so we know s/he's still there. There's a rustle of leaves, the sound of something landing on a branch and we find our beauty perching on the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
8/15/2018 13:58:52	8/15/2018	1:44:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory seems to be tracking something in the sky. S/he cranes her/his neck, takes another look and departs from the OH branch.		earlybird_AEF
8/16/2018 6:32:55	8/16/2018	6:31:00 AM	Weather	Weather	Our current temperature is 73 degrees with partly cloudy skies. It's expected to be a sunny, hot and humid day with a high of 92 degrees. No sign of our eagle family as of yet.		earlybird_AEF

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8/16/2018 7:17:42	8/16/2018	6:41:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Visit	Our fearless Mr. Squirrel has dropped in for breakfast. He's high up in the nest tree again. That must be where the eating is good. What a big appetite he has! Almost thirty minutes later and he's still eating. Finally he comes down the Left V branch, but he disappears again. This little guy is quick and he's great at playing hide and seek. No wonder MrP can never catch you!		earlybird_AEF
8/16/2018 7:30:59	8/16/2018	7:30:00 AM	Chat	Chat	Chat will begin in thirty minutes. Bring your questions and come join us for some lively conversation about our sweet eagle family.		earlybird_AEF
8/16/2018 8:26:08	8/16/2018	8:24:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Close ups	I hope some of you have been able to watch the cams this morning. We have just had some of the most adorable close ups of Mr. Squirrel. We do miss seeing our eagles but, oh my goodness, Mr. Squirrel is so much fun to watch! He sits on the branch holding onto one of the seed pods with those cute little paws of his. The expressions on his face as he eats is priceless. He appears to be in total bliss. He has this beautiful nest condo all to himself this morning and an all you can eat buffet to boot. You are one lucky little squirrel!		earlybird_AEF
8/16/2018 16:07:22	8/16/2018	3:55:00 PM	Mr. President	Prey Delivered	At 3:35pm, we hear squees sounding off like an alarm. They fade in and out, then draw nearer, nearer, nearer until... MrP lands in the nest with Victory right behind. Victory's arrival pushes MrP back a bit. While Victory mantles the fish, MrP backs up and gets out of the way. He flies up onto the Right V branch to perch momentarily before flying off. Victory holds the mantle and the squees become quieter, more like whistles, then s/he finally starts munching on the fish. Within about 10 minutes, the fish is gone and our gorgeous, healthy, stunningly beautiful Victory stands in the nest satisfied and looking out -- from his/her home, sweet home, looking out into the Arb and beyond. S/he walks out to the Lateral branch and does some feaking. And there's our beloved fledgling, perching at his/her favorite first perching spot. Welcome home, Victory. We are so grateful to see you. We are so grateful to see MrP. And thankful that he brought you a fish and led you home to be with us for a little while. You look fabulous, my dear!		freebird_AEF
8/16/2018 16:57:08	8/16/2018	4:08:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	So far, Victory remains quietly perched at the Lateral branch and is even being serenaded by the ice cream. Victory just relaxes, all big eagle chill-like with one leg hanging over the branch. Victory glances back at the nest. "Maybe I'll hang around for a while and see if either of the folks bring another fish. That last one was only big enough for a snack!" Victory wing walks up the Left V at 4:41, then flies over to the OH branch.		freebird_AEF
8/16/2018 18:07:14	8/16/2018	5:05:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	At 5:06, a bird dive bombs Victory while perching on the OH branch. Victory responds with open wings and squees of disapproval. Knock it off, little bird. Victory does not appreciate such nonsense, not one bit. The bird seems to get the message and moves on. At 5:30, Victory is still in place on the OH. S/he continues to look to the left (from Cam B), in the direction of the river and golf course. Victory squees, "Hey! Is there anyone coming to visit? With another fish? I'm still here!" Victory actively looks around as if tracking someone flying overhead, then settles back in, looking to the left once again. I don't know where your parents are but we're all here, Victory. Loving every minute with you and grateful for your presence. We never know when you will be on your way, heading out on your great new adventures. You are treasured and loved, young eagle, and that love will be with you always.		freebird_AEF
8/16/2018 19:20:57	8/16/2018	7:09:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory has been perched with us for over three and a half hours. S/he mainly perches quietly, although s/he vocalizes occasional sets of squees. All in all, Victory is comfortable and relaxed hanging out at the ol' nest tree.		freebird_AEF
8/16/2018 20:25:31	8/16/2018	7:35:00 PM	Victory	Spending the night	Nightfall will be approaching soon. Victory lets out more vocalizations and it feels that s/he is getting a little fidgety. Maybe s/he's deciding where to overnight. At 7:52, Victory leaves the OH, flies down to the nest and then upward to the Cam B branch to perch on what I think of as "the balcony." Now, it's almost 8:30 and the IR light has come on. It looks like Victory has chosen to stay home. Bless his/her sweet little eagle heart and we just couldn't be happier to have him/her spend the night with us.		freebird_AEF
8/17/2018 5:52:46	8/17/2018	5:40:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Our sweet Victory did indeed spend the night at the nest! S/he perches in the "balcony" her dark body a silhouette against the gray hues of the early morning sky. S/he's very quiet and still, the sun has not come up yet. The only sounds that surround her are the hum of the morning traffic and the constant drone of the cicadas. S/he stretches out her/his wing, calls out softly and gazes out as the sun starts to rise.		earlybird_AEF
8/17/2018 6:17:44	8/17/2018	6:00:00 AM	Victory	Departure	The sky is beginning to lighten, Victory calls out again and flies over to the OH branch. S/he does her morning preening and tracks a plane as it goes by. The stillness of the morning is gone, the birds are singing merrily and so is Victory. Someone sounds like they're ready for breakfast. S/he flies down into the nest and finds some leftovers to munch on. 6:13am Victory grabs up a piece of bone and departs from the nest.		earlybird_AEF
8/17/2018 6:55:30	8/17/2018	6:30:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Eating	No sooner does Victory leave than who should show up but Mr. Squirrel. I can just imagine him, waiting in his Nuthouse and tapping his little paw in impatience. When will Victory leave? It's time for my breakfast! He finally gets his chance, scampers up the OH branch and finds some of those delectable seed pods. Yummy!		earlybird_AEF
8/17/2018 8:50:21	8/17/2018	8:17:00 AM	Victory	Arrival	Victory returns and perches on the OH branch. How lovely s/he looks with the sun beaming down on her/him.		earlybird_AEF
8/17/2018 10:48:28	8/17/2018	10:36:00 AM	Victory	Departure	What a beautiful sight seeing Victory depart from the OH branch and fly in the direction of the river. I hope MrP and TFL are waiting there with breakfast for you.		earlybird_AEF

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8/17/2018 13:43:31	8/17/2018	1:40:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Update: Victory flies to the PPT at 12:06pm. S/he continues to perch on a branch looking quite lovely as the wind ruffles her/his feathers.		earlybird_AEF
8/17/2018 17:51:55	8/17/2018	5:39:00 PM	Victory	Arrival	At 5:39, Victory arrives at the nest and digs around, finds a bone, carries it out to the Lateral branch, drops it and watches it fall. S/he then moves back to the nest and flies up to the OH branch to perch and preen.		freebird_AEF
8/17/2018 18:49:48	8/17/2018	6:29:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory remains at the OH branch and calls out... then quietly preens. S/he looks like a little sleepyhead as his/her eyes slowly open and close. So adorable and so loved.		freebird_AEF
8/17/2018 19:31:04	8/17/2018	7:23:00 PM	Victory	Who's on first?	At 7:23 pm, after a nice, long visit, Victory departed the nest tree and out of cam view. Oh, but wait, at 7:23 and a half, Victor decides home is where s/he wants to be and back s/he comes to the Overhead Branch LOL. Did s/he actually fly away from the tree, or jump higher up in the tree then back down? Hmmm not so sure, but nonetheless, s/he is in perfect view again on the Overhead Branch. I'm A-OK with that! The longer we see her/him, the longer we can love on him/her! Won't you stay awhile, Victory? We are not done loving on you!		FreeSoars_AEF
8/17/2018 19:48:49	8/17/2018	7:45:00 PM	Victory	Perched/Perching	At about 7:45, Victory jumped from the Overhead Branch to the branch seen on Cam B. You can see his/her tush and tail! :)		FreeSoars_AEF
8/18/2018 6:15:51	8/18/2018	5:57:00 AM	Victory	Perched/Perching	Victory has once again slept on the nest tree and we're not complaining one bit. It's so nice to see her on this early Saturday morning as s/he perches on the Cam B branch. The skies are beginning to brighten and Victory is on the move. S/he quietly flies into the nest and rummages around to find some leftovers. There's not much there, only some bones that s/he can pick at. S/he stops to track something in the sky, no idea what s/he sees. S/he moves some sticks out of her/his way and lies down in the nest. This doesn't seem quite comfy enough. S/he moves some more sticks around, repositions her/himself and lies down again. No, this just isn't doing it. Finally she trots on over to the Lateral branch and perches there.		earlybird_AEF
8/18/2018 6:26:10	8/18/2018	6:14:00 AM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies off of the Lateral branch and out of our view. It doesn't take long for our cam op to find her/him on the NW branch. S/he looks like s/he's having a great time jumping and flying on and off of the branches. S/he finally flies off, out of our sight once again.		earlybird_AEF
8/18/2018 6:54:43	8/18/2018	6:28:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel and Friend	Scampering	It looks like Mr. Squirrel might have company for breakfast this morning. An adorable black squirrel has just stopped by for a visit. Mr. Squirrel is busy scampering up and down the branches, perhaps gathering up the provisions for their meal together.		earlybird_AEF
8/18/2018 12:22:20	8/18/2018	11:46:00 AM	Victory	Arrival	Victory arrives back to perch at the nest tree after having been gone several hours. S/he quietly perches at the OH branch. Hello gorgeous. I see that you're showing off some downy beak bling this morning. Victory squees for breakfast... errr, I mean lunch since it's now 12:13pm. S/he continuously looks over toward the river, most likely waiting and watching for some sign of MrP or TFL. Victory, we're all cheering for you to get a fish delivery. We're right here with you.		freebird_AEF
8/18/2018 12:39:52	8/18/2018	12:32:00 PM	Victory	Departure	Victory flies off and we catch a couple of circular flight patterns as she soars high in the sky and beyond the Arb before s/he disappears.		freebird_AEF
8/19/2018 7:04:56	8/19/2018	7:00:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Visit	It's a cloudy morning with a temperature of 73. A high of 82 degrees is expected today with a chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. Our eagles have not arrived yet this morning but Mr. Squirrel has been keeping us amused. He's quite the little character with those silly expressions of his as he stops on the Right V branch and looks in the cam. I guess he was just checking to see if we were paying attention. Oh we are Mr. Squirrel! You can count on that.		earlybird_AEF
8/20/2018 6:46:43	8/20/2018	6:40:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Visit	It's a cloudy morning, currently 72 degrees. The sun should break out later today with a temperature of 81 degrees expected. Our eagles have not returned yet but Mr. Squirrel is here once again this morning. He's brought along a buddy or could it be Mrs. Squirrel? I guess we'll never know because he's not talking. They looked like they were having a fun time chasing each other up and down the branches. Too bad they didn't stick around longer.		earlybird_AEF
8/21/2018 6:21:01	8/21/2018	6:03:00 AM	Mr. President	Arrival	What a nice surprise to see MrP arrive at the nest! He flies in and inspects the nest. Are you looking for a bite to eat MrP? There doesn't seem to be anything left except some dried up old bones. There sure are plenty of those. Someone hasn't been keeping up with the housekeeping. Hint, Hint. I believe that's your job. You are such a great provider, and master builder, and Dad and mate to TFL so I guess we can give you a pass on this one. We do love you MrP and are so happy to see you this morning!		earlybird_AEF
8/21/2018 6:32:43	8/21/2018	6:06:00 AM	Mr. President	Perched/Perching	MrP finishes checking out the nest and flies off through the V. He makes his way over to a tree near the PPT and perches on a branch. He quietly watches the area as the wind whips all around him.		earlybird_AEF
8/21/2018 6:50:21	8/21/2018	6:35:00 AM	Mr. President	Departure	MrP preens himself, departs from the branch and disappears out of our view.		earlybird_AEF
8/21/2018 7:47:28	8/21/2018	7:27:00 AM	Mr. Squirrel	Eating	MrP has not been spotted again, perhaps he's off getting some breakfast. I have been hearing some lip smacking that surely isn't one of our eagles. There's only one very entertaining and engaging critter that comes to mind when I hear that munching sound. None other than our resident Mr. Squirrel. He finally makes his way down from the top of the tree and moves up on the Right V branch for a selfie. Yes, you are adorable little guy.		earlybird_AEF
8/21/2018 8:28:29	8/21/2018	8:13:00 AM	Hawk	Perched/Perching	We have another visitor at the nest. A hawk is perching on the OH branch. What a beauty! Mr. Squirrel knows when it's time to skedaddle. He sure doesn't want to mess with Mr. Hawk. 8:18am The hawk flies off.		earlybird_AEF

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8/22/2018 6:49:31	8/22/2018	6:40:00 AM	Resident Squirrel	Naming the Resident Squirrel	Our resident squirrel has been in and out of the nest again this morning. He's pretty much taken over this nest condo and we think it is only fitting that we finally give him a name. It has to be something special for this adorable and fearless fluff snatcher, something that describes his cute and perky personality and appearance. We feel that we have found just the perfect name. Mr. Squirrel will forever be known from this day forward as Nutterbutter. As I'm posting this Nutterbutter peeks his head up from the side of the nest and looks this way. Was that a nod of approval that I see? I wonder.....		earlybird_AEF
8/22/2018 9:35:58	8/22/2018	9:32:00 AM	Valor Necropsy Results	Valor Necropsy Results	Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc. 20 mins Dear friends, we know many have been waiting to hear the results of the necropsy report for Valor. We received the report yesterday, and the findings confirm several things. First, Valor was indeed male. Second, West Nile Virus had caused severe softening and swelling in one area of his brain; this accounts for his neurological symptoms. Some evidence of parasites in the gastrointestinal tract was found, but this is very common in wild birds, and in this case, likely had little to no effect on his condition. Finally, tests for Influenza A as well as multiple toxins were negative. Being trusted to care for our native wildlife is a privilege, and we thank you all again for your concern, care, and support.		earlybird_AEF
8/22/2018 13:15:06	8/22/2018	12:44:00 PM	Parent	Fly By	We just had a quick glimpse of a parent flying by the nest!		earlybird_AEF
8/23/2018 6:45:28	8/23/2018	6:42:00 AM	Cams	Cams	We are having some issues with both cams this morning. We hope to have it resolved soon. Thanks for your patience.		earlybird_AEF
8/23/2018 6:52:00	8/23/2018	6:47:00 AM	Weather	Weather	The cams are down at the moment but the weather is fine. It's a clear morning, currently 66 degrees. We are expecting a pleasant afternoon with sunny conditions and a high of 80 degrees.		earlybird_AEF
8/23/2018 7:31:59	8/23/2018	7:23:00 AM	Birds of the Arboretum	Empty Nest	Cam A is up and running again! We are still having some technical difficulties with Cam B but are hoping to get that resolved soon. The nest is empty this morning but sit back and enjoy the lovely serenades of the Birds of the Arboretum. We will be featuring some oldies but goodies for your listening pleasure.		earlybird_AEF
8/23/2018 8:03:12	8/23/2018	7:50:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Visit	Cam B is back now and we've had a visitor or two. Nutterbutter stopped by to get his picture taken. He seems to be enjoying his new found fame. We also had one of the soloists from the Birds of the Arboretum fly in and perch on the Lateral branch for a short while. He didn't give us a one bird performance yet but perhaps that will happen later in the day.		earlybird_AEF
8/24/2018 7:30:52	8/24/2018	7:15:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	It's another pleasant morning, currently 65 degrees. We're expecting a sunny day with a high of 84 degrees. The nest is still empty this morning, even Nutterbutter hasn't come up for breakfast. I think we might see him yet. There are just too many seed pods left for him to devour. We can hear some crackling noises from time to time, perhaps that is Nutterbutter. Did you sneak past me little mister? It could be. He can outrun an eagle so we know he's fast and cagey. There are some pieces of pod bits falling from the top of the tree. Ah Ha! You are up there! I'm onto you little tree climber. You won't get past me again.		earlybird_AEF
8/24/2018 7:45:33	8/24/2018	7:26:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Scampering	Nutterbutter has finally made his appearance, but it's fast and swift. Down the branch he comes, scampering as fast as those little legs will take him. I almost missed him again, he never did come into the nest.		earlybird_AEF
8/24/2018 19:10:37	8/24/2018	7:00:00 PM	Nest Tree, Arboretum	Evening Tour and Thoughts	Our cam op takes us on a journey surrounding the nest tree and around the Arboretum. The wind gusts blow through the area, tossing branches and leaves about as if they were dancing in the breeze. We're enjoying a perfectly blue sky and watching puffy white clouds slowly float by. We're so lucky to have this view... with the nest tree located atop a hill allowing us, and our eagles, to see for miles and miles, over the green tree tops and beyond to the horizon. Our cam op places Cam B such that it gives us a view of the arch that the left and right V branches create as they grow toward the center of the nest and above the OH branch. I'd never really noticed the double arch that's created by the two Vs and the OH branches before. While there's still a carpet of greenery formed by the trees in the distance, when we look closely at trees adjacent to the nest, we see leaves beginning to turn color as the first signs of autumn set in. At 6:40pm, we witness small birds darting, soaring and diving as they capture bugs for their evening meal. Then we move for a closeup of the nest and observe the green grasses growing in one section before moving over to the twiggy boneyard in another area of the nest. I don't know about all of you, but I love the close ups of the bones. Their structure is so interesting and I can't help but think of how precious nature is... as are our DC eagles. Unfortunately, the only birds seen from 5:30-7pm are small birds. Even the squirrels have chosen not to make an appearance. It's been a quiet serene evening at the nest as we think about MrP and TFL. Wondering if they might be perched nearby, tucked behind greenery, or down by the river together. And we can't help but wonder about Victory. Is s/he still in the area being taught to hunt and fed by MrP and TFL, or has s/he gone off on his/her own adventure? We'll continue to keep a lookout for all of them while cams are still active in hopes to catch just one more glimpse. Sweet dreams everyone.		freebird_AEF

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8/25/2018 7:21:04	8/25/2018	6:58:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Visit	It's a pleasant 68 degrees with sunny skies and a high of 82 degrees expected. There have been no eagles sightings but Nutterbutter has come for breakfast. He's really making himself at home this morning, climbing all over the V branches, the Lateral branch and above on the OH branch. He even has the nerve to plop himself down in the middle of the nest and have a bite to eat. Seriously Nutterbutter! Are you that confident that MrP or TFL won't be stopping by to check things out? You are one bold squirrel. I do love your spunk!		earlybird_AEF
8/25/2018 7:57:41	8/25/2018	7:55:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	We hear the birds singing merrily, the hum of the traffic nearby, the train roaring down the tracks. All sounds that we've become accustomed to hearing, that we've almost taken for granted. But not this morning. This is a time to breathe it all in, to embed it in our memories. Victory has been gone now for one week. We know not if s/he's still flying around in the nearby area with MrP or TFL or if s/he has gone off on her/his journey. What we do know is that MrP and TFL have prepared her/him well. They have set good examples as they nurtured their young ones, providing ample food and protection. Victory is a strong and confident eagle who has had the benefit of the guidance of two outstanding parents. We know not if that was the last sighting of Victory as she flew off into the distance on August 18. If so, what a fitting departure. To see her/him fly off with such beauty and grace gave all of us the confidence that s/he would do well. We will miss you sweet Victory. We will always hope to see you one more time and today is no different. But, if you have gone off on your worldwind tour, just know that no matter how far you go, no matter what path you take, a piece of our heart will always be with you.		earlybird_AEF
8/26/2018 6:45:48	8/26/2018	6:34:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Weather	There are scattered clouds this morning, currently 68 degrees. We're expecting sunshine and more humid conditions with a high of 89 degrees. No sign of our eagles but Nutterbutter has arrived. He scurries up the Lateral branch and out of our view. No doubt, he's up there having a bite or two or three to eat.		earlybird_AEF
8/27/2018 6:58:14	8/27/2018	6:30:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Weather	We're expecting hazy, hot and humid conditions for the next few days with temperatures in the mid nineties. There have been no eagle sightings but Nutterbutter and a friend have already been up bright and early this morning scavenging around for something to eat.		earlybird_AEF
8/27/2018 7:08:46	8/27/2018	7:00:00 AM	Victory	Happy Hatchday!	Today is a special day for Victory. S/he's now 17 weeks young. Happy Hatchday Victory! I hope you're out there enjoying some delicious fishcakes in celebration.		earlybird_AEF
8/28/2018 6:04:19	8/28/2018	5:45:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	The morning is quiet and still, the silence only broken by the soft drone of the cicadas. We're expecting another hot and humid day with a temperature near 94 degrees. The nest is empty, except for an occasional moth fluttering by, it's wings glowing in the IR light. We still watch and wait in the hopes that one of our eagles will come to say a last good by.		earlybird_AEF
8/28/2018 11:43:55	8/28/2018	11:33:00 AM	Victory and MrP	Hunting	I have some happy, happy, happy news! Did I say happy?! Although we haven't seen our DC eagle family on cam, Victory and MrP are still in the area! Victory was seen flying through Kingman Island, hunting alone, MrP followed about 10 minutes later. We are so proud of you Victory! We knew you were ready and you've just proven it. You've got this sweet Victory. Way to go big eagle!		earlybird_AEF
8/29/2018 6:57:38	8/29/2018	6:45:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	It's another hot and humid day with temperatures expected to reach the mid nineties. There haven't been any eagle sightings but there's been some rustling around the nest. The drone of the cicadas is so deafening this morning, that it's hard to hear anything, but I did get a quick glimpse of the black squirrel under the V Perch. No sign of Nutterbutter yet but he may be down in his Nuthouse, lounging around on this very warm morning.		earlybird_AEF
8/29/2018 7:14:23	8/29/2018	6:58:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Visit	Well, there's our little tree climber, he finally came up to see us. It looks like Nutterbutter is on his way up a branch to get some breakfast at the "All you can eat Buffet." I hear tell they have some fabulous Tulip Seed Pods on the menu. He's even taken a breakfast companion along with him, his treat, of course. Here they come back down the branch and back up another. A little after breakfast scampering is always good for the waistline after such a big meal. And it's always good entertainment for us!		earlybird_AEF
8/29/2018 7:32:54	8/29/2018	7:30:00 AM	DC Chat	DC Chat	This season seems to have flown by. Please come join us for our last chat at 8:00pm this evening. We would love to answer your questions and hear your comments as we reminisce about this sweet eagle family.		earlybird_AEF
8/30/2018 6:35:19	8/30/2018	6:28:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	It's already 84 degrees this morning with a high of 90 degrees expected and a chance of a thunderstorm later. The Singing Cicadas and The Birds of the Arboretum have all joined together in chorus to wish us a good morning. It's a very soothing and peaceful sound as we look in on the nest, still hoping that one of our eagles will stop by. The nest looks almost like a summer garden now, with tufts of greenery growing throughout it. As we gaze at this very special nest, we are filled with love for this very special eagle family.		earlybird_AEF
8/31/2018 6:38:57	8/31/2018	6:32:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Weather	It seems that we'll be having a short reprieve from the heat for the next couple of days. It's expected to only reach the mid eighties with a chance of a few showers. Nutterbutter has just popped in to wish us a good morning and scampers up the Right V branch for some breakfast.		earlybird_AEF

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8/31/2018 18:27:47	8/31/2018	6:07:00 PM	Visitor	Arrival	An eagle arrives and lands in the nest at 6:07pm. Our first thought was it was MrP, but as the cam op gets online to zoom in and the eagle moves to branch, we realize we've got a visitor! Welcome to MrP and TFL's lair, handsome. This eagle looks to be about 4 years old with an almost all white head, except for some dark marbling and streaks. His/her beak is mostly golden yellow but still displays some grey markings and splotches. This alert eagle makes me wonder if someone else is in the area as it perches, dipping and bobbing his/her head as if tracking. The wind blows, the branch bounces as this beauty takes a ride and break from his/her adventures. S/he flies back to the nest at 6:17 and keeps looking down at all the bones and greenery in an intriguing fashion. "What is this mess I've flown into? And look at all these greens growing. Is this a boneyard or a garden?" Either way, it needs some cleaning, and our new friend picks up and moves a stick around. S/he has a gorgeous white tail with some paint strokes of dark grey running down the center. Just beautiful!		freebird_AEF
8/31/2018 18:39:24	8/31/2018	6:28:00 PM	Visitor	At Nest	Our new friend remains very alert yet relaxed in the nest. S/he looks so healthy and inquisitive. Don't get any funny ideas sweetheart, this nest belongs to a famous couple that you may have heard of before: Mr. President and The First Lady. But you're welcome to stay a while and visit with us... in fact, please do. It's wonderful seeing an eagle in the nest again!		freebird_AEF
8/31/2018 18:57:23	8/31/2018	6:04:00 PM	Visitor	At Nest	Oh my goodness! Look at you! Our cam op zooms in to the stunning coloring on our friend's head feathers. The dark streaks are gorgeous! Our young, alert friend appears to be getting a little tired, as his/her eyes soften and slowly close a few times. Seems s/he is settling in and getting more comfortable. Stick around, baby and catch some zzzzs. It's all right with us! We haven't seen any of our DC eagles here for over a week now.		freebird_AEF
8/31/2018 19:28:07	8/31/2018	7:07:00 PM	Visitor	At Nest	An hour after hanging out at the nest tree, the visiting eagle lies down in the nest. It's quite windy out, you've got nowhere special to go; take a load off and relax for a while, my friend. S/he stands up at 7:12, picks up a bone scrap, tosses it down, picks it up again and drops it, picks at the nest, then stares straight down. I swear, there's a squirrel under there that our new friend is hearing and giving the same looks at MrP would give. Intrigued by the V, the visitor meanders over and pulls on what appears to be the cable line. It doesn't budge and the youngster ends up landing on its tail feathers in the nest. Lol. Back to the V to work with more sticks, with some playing with bones and scraps in between stick play. This eagle not only knows how to entertain itself, it's entertaining us as well! Looks like it's time to lie down again, relax and play with more sticks.		freebird_AEF
8/31/2018 19:51:56	8/31/2018	7:29:00 PM	Visitor	Departure	Our bright orange footed visitor stands again. His/her feet are so clean! You could teach MrP a thing or two about clean feet. After standing a while, s/he lies back down again. But not for long. S/he's back up after seemingly hearing something beneath the nest. Those squirrels drive eagles crazy but sure are entertaining to those of us watching. With no further rustling noises, the sub-adult moves over to pick up a stick and gives us the one wing, one foot eagle yoga stretch, then hops over to perch on the Lateral branch. At 7:43, our newly found friend flies off from the Lateral branch and out of view. What a wonderful visit! It's as if I really needed to see an eagle in the nest one more time, and what a beautiful sub-adult this was. Thank you so much, sweet eagle. What a delightful and fun gift you were to us this Friday evening.		freebird_AEF
9/1/2018 6:30:38	9/1/2018	6:10:00 AM	Subadult	Perched/Perching	Our gorgeous sub-adult is perching on the Lateral branch this morning. It appears s/he's been here since around 3:49am. S/he looks quite content as s/he sleeps with her/his head in her/his wings. Now, don't get too comfortable here, my beauty. This nest condo has been taken but it sure would be nice if you would stay awhile. We've missed having an eagle in this nest and we love having you stop by for a visit. S/he preens her/himself as the wind ruffles her/his feathers and gazes around. S/he's very alert and attentive to everything around her/him as the sky start to brighten.		earlybird_AEF
9/1/2018 6:54:05	9/1/2018	6:26:00 AM	Subadult	Departure	The sub-adult stretches her/his wings, takes another look around and moves into the nest. "Hmmm..., a little breakfish would be nice. Any leftovers around here?" S/he rummages around and finds an old bone. Hard to believe that there's any meat left on it after Victory's voracious appetite but our beautiful visitor does seem to get a few bites. But wait... something below seems to have caught her/his attention. Something or someone under the nest. It seems that our resident squirrel and a buddy are scurrying around down below. Nutterbutter, now is not a good time to come out for breakfast. Stay right in that little Nuthouse of yours until the all clear sign is given. I think, for once, Nutterbutter might be taking my advice. Our smart little tree climber stays in place. The sub-adult moves up the Left V branch and almost out of our view. 6:36am S/he departs from the nest. Perhaps s/he's off to get her/himself some breakfast. Come on back soon, you hear.		earlybird_AEF
9/1/2018 7:00:18	9/1/2018	6:49:00 AM	Nutterbutter	Arrival	Our lovely sub-adult has flown off and who do you think comes into the nest, not 10 minutes later? You guessed it! None other than our best buddy with the big furry tail and the big appetite. Good morning Nutterbutter. You sure didn't waste any time making your way up here.		earlybird_AEF
9/2/2018 6:44:29	9/2/2018	6:31:00 AM	Empty Nest	Beautiful Morning	It's expected to be a humid afternoon with highs around 90 degrees. Our nest is empty but the view is gorgeous! As our cam op pans around we see the beautiful skyline lit up in shades of blue, orange and yellow. The trees below are a lush and vibrant green with barely a leaf moving. The morning is still and quiet, even the birds are singing in hushed tones this morning.		earlybird_AEF

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9/2/2018 7:12:15	9/2/2018	6:45:00 AM	Nutterbutter and Friend	Frolicking	Nutterbutter and a buddy have made their appearance this morning. So cute to see them frolicking on the branches below the nest and then chase each other up to the top of the tree. There's a lot of crunching going on up there, it sounds like someone is getting a good breakfast. Nutterbutter makes his way down to the V Perch, rummages around and then scampers up to the OH branch. He perches on the branch and preens his feathers, no wait... preens his fur lol, taking extra care with that big and bushy tail.		earlybird_AEF
9/3/2018 6:50:23	9/3/2018	6:42:00 AM	Empty Nest	Weather	Happy Labor Day! The heat is on! We're expecting a hot and steamy day with temperatures in the mid nineties. This trend will continue for the next few days. The perfect day to go for a swim. I wonder if our eagles are down by the river doing just that.		earlybird_AEF
9/4/2018 21:17:28	9/4/2018	9:11:00 PM	Official Update	Cam Stream Ending	Well, we knew it had to happen sooner or later... and so the time has come for the 2018 season to end. A parent has not been spotted at the nest since 8/21, and Victory was last seen on 8/18 leaving the nest tree and soaring high in the skies before flying out of sight. Therefore, the cam stream will end on Thursday, 9/6, at 11:59pm. While ending a season is always bittersweet, it is time — and before we know it, next season will be upon us. Thank you all for being part of this journey. The entire DC team wishes you well and looks forward to meeting up with all of you, Mr. President and The First Lady once again for the 2019 season at the DC nest.		freebird_AEF
9/6/2018 14:50:53	9/6/2018	2:45:00 PM	DC Eagle Family	Season's End: Memories and Gratitude	Well, here we are DC Eagle Family. Another chapter has closed. This season was so bittersweet. We embraced the dawn of a new day in the life of Mr. P and TFL. For three seasons we have watched Mr.P's and TFL's little family grow. Mr. P enlightened us with his typical nest building creations as TFL often side eyed him and dictated orders. They built up their little fortress for their babies as we eagerly awaited eggs. Our hearts fluttered with joy when two eggs arrived! With the crack of one egg, we got a glimpse of Victory. Slowly but surely Victory made his/her way into the world. Soon after, Valor arrived. Mr. P and TFL had two more precious eaglets. During the season we saw so many funny antics by the two of them. They loved to play with sticks, they appeared to be stimulated by their surroundings, and they made their milestones one by one. We fell in love with them, and it was easy to recognize that Victory and Valor fell in love with each other as well. They followed each other around the nest, beak kissed, played with nest material together and when one would squee, the other would squee right back. They were as close as close could be. Sadly, our darkest hour came when we lost our precious Valor. Our hearts were shattered. As an eagle community we rallied around one another for love and support. Valor's sweet face is etched in our minds. We will forever love him. There is a song that I love, called "Angels Among Us" by Alabama and there is a line that goes like this: "I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from somewhere up above. They come to you and me, in our darkest hours, to show us how to live, to teach us how to give, to guide us with a light of love" - I think we have our Angel in Valor. That sweet little one is soaring up above us and circling each of us. I have no doubt that Victory is out there thriving under the care of Mr. P and TFL. When I really think about it, all of Mr.P's and TFL's offspring are so lucky to be have them as parents. They are the glue that binds the family and they are the ones we wait for each and every season. They somehow provide us all with a bit of comfort. I want to thank all of the AEF Staff and the DC Team Volunteers for showcasing another stellar season. It takes an entire team to run this nest and I have to say, each staff member at the AEF and each DC volunteer work around the clock to give everyone the ability to fall in love all over again with TFL and Mr.P. I am proud to be a part of that. Until next season, DC Eagle Family, always remember this..... Everything is right in the world when we have Mr.P in it.		FreeSoars_AEF

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9/6/2018 15:01:00	9/6/2018	3:00:00 PM	To Our DC Eagle Family	End of Season	<p>Here we are — another amazing season ending with our beloved DC family. As it closes, I can't help but reflect on everything that's happened. In many ways, this has been a season unlike others. We've witnessed TFL laying eggs late in the season compared to the prior two years, and her "mating dance," which we'd never seen before. There were more eagle visits at the nest tree, including one who appeared to have her eye on MrP while TFL was out and about. Tsk, tsk. We saw resident squirrels (including Nutterbutter) drive MrP batty a few times and a raccoon who tried to make the tree a regular stop. And sadly, we lost one of our beloved eaglets, sweet, loving and adorable Valor, to West Nile Virus. A heart breaking event for us all.</p> <p>As the season ends, I am reminded how lucky we are to be witnessing the daily lives of bald eagles together. I'm grateful for the educational and social experience the cams provide, as each one of us has become an integral part of a family of eagle watchers. We share our joy, love and astonishment of the eagles with one another, just as we share our tears. From AEF founder, Al Cecere, to those who work for AEF, to the volunteers and all of the viewers, the eagles bring us together as one big family. Additionally, the cams provide such valuable information. They show us how strong and fierce bald eagles can be, yet how gentle and caring they are with their offspring — and how fragile their lives can be. Hopefully, teaching us the important role humanity plays in protecting them by providing a safe environment for them to live, thrive and survive in.</p> <p>Time for thanks: To the DC team: From our fearless leader and liaisons to the moderators, cam ops, videographer extraordinaire and fellow monitors — you're the best and I'm proud to work with you. I was so impressed with how we supported one another during the time Valor was picked up from the ground and through his passing. Thank you all for being so present. It helped me get through that difficult time more than you know. And Crystal, I will never forget how you were there for us; how you spent several days supporting the team and helping us through our sadness. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.</p> <p>To MrP and TFL, we love and adore you! Thank you for showing up for a third season at the DC nest, for being our teachers and for being my first eagle family to watch. Enjoy your time off doing whatever your hearts desire. All I ask, Dear Ones, is that you both return safe and sound to the nest for next season.</p> <p>To Victory, I'm so proud of you! You are a gorgeous, strong, healthy juvenile and I'm honored to have watched you grow from a wee little eaglet to such a big, beautiful eagle. I'll always remember you soaring from tree to tree in the Arboretum and particularly that last flight as you soared and circled higher and higher in the sky before flying out of sight. I'm sending prayers to help keep you safe, well fed and healthy.</p> <p>To Valor... baby there are just no words except how special you were to me and how much I continue to love you. I believe in my heart that you are alive in spirit, soaring high in the heavens with all our love upon your wings. Thank you for all the laughs and adorable antics. You are and will forever live in my heart and in the hearts of many others.</p> <p>To all the viewers: Thank you from all of us! You are part of the DC family and we love and appreciate you all. I look forward to sharing next season with you!</p>		freebird_AEF

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9/6/2018 15:09:14	9/6/2018	3:05:00 PM	Our DC Family	Season Finale	<p>It seems like only yesterday when I was welcoming our friends old and new to the premiere of our 2018 nesting season. The time has gone by so fast, it's hard to believe our season finale is almost upon us. It's a time to reflect on all the sweet memories we shared.</p> <p>From the moment Mr. President and The First Lady returned to the nest we were captivated by the camaraderie between them as they worked together on the nestorations. MrP's architectural skills were outstanding, TFL's supervising skills were exceptional. It always gave me a chuckle watching MrP place the nest rails in just the right position as TFL looked on from the Lateral branch, giving her nod of approval. But the moment MrP turned his back, she would jump in there and change it to her liking. Of course, MrP did exactly the same thing when she wasn't looking. They are the perfect couple, totally adorable in every way.</p> <p>We sat on the edge of our seats, waiting to see if they would lay eggs this year. The suspense was intense, would they, or wouldn't they? Well, much to our relief and excitement, they did! It was one of our happiest days when TFL carefully stood up and let the whole world see that one perfect egg. Our happiness wasn't any less when a few days later, egg number two arrived.</p> <p>We waited and we watched as the days slowly went by. We were mesmerized by MrP and TFL's total dedication and gentleness as they rolled their precious treasures over and over again. Finally, the day was upon us when we had our first pip and soon after a little fuzzball of love. DC6 had arrived! We were instantly and completely in love. How could anything be this adorable? Soon after we had another sweet bundle of joy. Precious DC7! Two healthy hatchlings. Two times the cuteness, two times the love.</p> <p>MrP and TFL were the most wonderful of parents. They carefully and patiently fed their little tumbleweeds as their heads bobbed around, as their tiny beaks opened and closed. And we were right there with them shouting at the screens, "Grab the food, little ones!" They were finally able to do just that and do it well.</p> <p>Victory and Valor. Perfect names for two strong and sure eagles. Victory was the more active one, Valor a bit more laid back, but they both reached their milestones, just as they should. Victory was the quiet one, the older sibling who loved to tease the younger one. Valor was the more vocal one. Oh my, was he loud! The sound of his squees would echo throughout the Arboretum. How I miss that sweet sound.</p> <p>Our little buddy Valor, our shining star now flies with the angels. He touched so many lives in his short life. His memory fills us with so much joy and love. We still mourn his loss but rejoice in what Victory has accomplished. Our sweet Victory, so able and confident who has now gone on his/her exciting journey to explore the world. How proud we are of him/her! Our hearts overflow with love for these two precious eagles.</p> <p>The nest is empty, only the memories still linger. The lights will be dimming, the curtain will be closing. This is a time for Mr. President and The First Lady to take a bow as we give them a round of applause. What magnificent parents they have been!</p> <p>Thanks to all of you who have followed the Event Log and have joined us on this magical adventure. It has been such a pleasure sharing this sweet family's life with you. Until next season....</p>		earlybird_AEF

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9/6/2018 15:21:36	9/6/2018	3:19:00 PM	Farewell to Eagle Season	Reflections of Gratitude	<p>Once again, we have to bid you farewell for now. This season began with our main characters, Mr. P and TFL, performing nestorations that included the usual branch tugs of war and placement decisions and revisions. Next was a very long, elaborate, and creative bonding process (Mr. P's incoming landings directly onto a perched TFL on the overhead branch come to mind). We also had numerous visitors to the nest area, including raccoons, squirrels, and immature eagles. In particular, the nubile subadult who had her eye on Mr. P, is most noteworthy. (According to our recent observations, she is still in town!) We breathed a sigh of relief at the belated egg laying, having almost resigned ourselves to the idea that there would be no kids this season. We adored the hatching and endless feedings (remember those huge shad? What a fishing season for our eagles!), the sheltering, and doting on and of DC6 and DC7. Then we shared the milestones and achievements of Victory and Valor and their precious weeks of sharing the nest in sibling rivalry and togetherness, perching, sleeping, preening, wingercizing, branching, both together and separately -- these two exquisitely beautiful eaglets whose lives took two very distinctly different paths, and whose ultimate destinations will remain unknown to us. We will miss both of them dearly, but the memory of them will live on through all of us for as long as we live.</p> <p>Thank you to my fellow volunteers: The DC-AEF liason, ITechs, administrators, videographer, log monitors, chat moderators, and remote cam operators. Our team this year was devoted, caring, creative, and helpful. And thank you for understanding when I was unable to fulfill my duties. You all picked up the slack so willingly. I love and appreciate your collective intelligence, humor, and flexibility and look forward to next season's activities.</p> <p>We are all of the same human fabric: a captive audience to these miracles of nature who grace us year after year with their presence. And we all have the unique privilege of viewing them for many seasons more. Mr. P and TFL are the eagle bastions of the Arboretum kingdom who keep us under their spell. I look forward to enjoying another year with all of you starting...well sometime in the fall, as eagle returns to the nest are not yet known!! The interactions with you, the viewers, make this entire experience so much richer! Your posts, comments, and participation in chat is what makes the season flow and keeps us in the know and on our toes! We will keep striving to do our best. Hope to see you all back in the fall!</p> <p>I leave you with a favorite quote from the author, Rachel Carson, on the wondrous persistence of nature and our need to observe it:</p> <p>"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."</p>		kaco4_AEF