

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Bunny snatched: Record-holding giant rabbit stolen in U.K.

LONDON — Police say one of the world's biggest bunnies has been stolen from its home in central England.

Darius, a Continental Giant rabbit, disappeared from his enclosure in a backyard in the village of Stoulton over the weekend of April 10, the West Mercia Police force said. They did not elaborate on why they thought it was a theft instead of an escape.

The force appealed for any information about or sightings of Darius, who is gray-brown and 4 feet, 3 inches long at full stretch. He holds the Guinness World Records citation for the world's longest rabbit. Rabbits of his type are known to weigh about 15 to 20 pounds.

Owner Annette Edwards, a large-rabbit breeder and model, urged the culprit or culprits to return Darius to his home 100 miles northwest of London, saying it was a "very sad day."

She initially offered a 1,000 pound (\$1,370) reward, but tweeted April 13: "Please Please I am so upset Can you bring my Darius back I am putting the reward up to 2,000 pounds (\$2,748)."

'Godzilla' shark discovered in New Mexico gets formal name

SANTA FE, N.M.— The 300-million-year-old shark's teeth were the first sign that it might be a distinct species.

The ancient chompers looked less like the spear-like rows of teeth of related species. They were squatter and shorter, less than an inch long, around 2 centimeters.

"Great for grasping and crushing prey rather than piercing prey," said discoverer John-Paul Hodnett, who was a graduate student when he unearthed



West Mercia Police via AP

West Mercia Police are appealing for information after Darius, the world's largest rabbit at 4 feet, 3 inches long, was taken from its enclosure in the garden of the property in Stoulton, England, overnight on April 10, 2021.

the first fossils of the shark at a dig east of Albuquerque in 2013.

This week, Hodnett and a slew of other researchers published their findings in a bulletin of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science identifying the shark as a separate species.

He named the 6.7-foot monster *Dracopristis hoffmanorum*, or Hoffman's Dragon Shark, in honor of the New Mexico family that owns the land in the Manzano Mountains where the fossils were found. Hodnett says the area is rife with fossils and easy to access because of a quarry and other commercial digging operations.

The name also harkens to the dragon-like jawline and 2.5-foot fin spines that inspired the discovery's initial nickname, "Godzilla Shark."

The formal naming announcement followed seven years of excavation, preservation and study.

The 12 rows of teeth on the shark's lower jaw, for example, were still obscured by layers of sediment after excavation. Hodnett only saw them by using an angled light technique that illuminates objects below.

Hodnett is now the paleontologist and program coordinator for the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission's Dinosaur Park in Laurel, Maryland. His fellow researchers come from the New Mexico museum, as well as St. Joseph's University in Pennsylvania, Northern Arizona University, and Idaho State University.

The recovered fossil skeleton is considered the most complete of its evolutionary branch — ctenacanth — that split from modern sharks and rays around 390 million years ago and went extinct around 60 million years later.

Back then, eastern New Mexico was covered by a seaway that extended deep into North America. Hodnett and his colleagues believe that Hoffman's dragon shark most likely lived in the shallows along the coast, stalking prey like crustaceans, fish and other sharks.

New Mexico's high desert plateaus have also yielded many dinosaur fossils, including various species of tyrannosaurus that roamed the land millions of years ago when it was a tropical rain forest.

— Associated Press

Pandemic changes sister's personality

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are best friends. She has always been caring, empathetic and passionate about helping others. Now, however, COVID has turned her into a real piece of work.

Since the pandemic began, she has become selfish. She interrupts other people to talk about herself and complains nonstop about how COVID has ruined her life, as if the rest of us weren't experiencing this too.

She shouts at me when the Wi-Fi stops working and refuses to do basic household tasks. At first I tried to be patient because I understand it's a reaction to an incredibly stressful time. However, after 10 months of this, I'm at my wits' end.

We live together, go to college together and share the same friends. How can I tolerate her self-centeredness until the pandemic

is finally over? And what if this new version of her never goes away?

— IRKED IN IDAHO

DEAR IRKED: I wonder if the friends you share with your sister are having the same reaction as you are to being interrupted and having their conversations hijacked. If the answer is yes, a group intervention may jolt her back to reality and help her recognize how obnoxious it is.

It goes without saying that when you can make other living arrangements you find a roommate more compatible than your sister. If you do, your relationship with her may improve because you will be exposed to her less often.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two children. We have been married for 14 years, the last six of which have been sexless and loveless. We tried counseling, and I have threat-

ened divorce, but nothing has changed.

After I realized that I couldn't change him, I changed myself. I started having sexual relations with other men. He recently found out about my affairs but hasn't said a word about it to me. I'm to the point that I wish he would divorce me, but he acts like nothing is wrong! What do you recommend I do next?

— LOOKING AHEAD

DEAR LOOKING AHEAD: It's time to decide what YOU want to happen. Do you want a divorce? Is the status quo acceptable? If it's the latter, do nothing different than you have been doing. However, if it isn't, talk to your husband about what you are thinking.

You need to figure out why the change in your marriage happened and if it can be fixed. If it's possible to repair your marriage, counseling would be an option. However, if it's not, it might be time for you to talk to a lawyer and arrange a divorce.



DEAR ABBY

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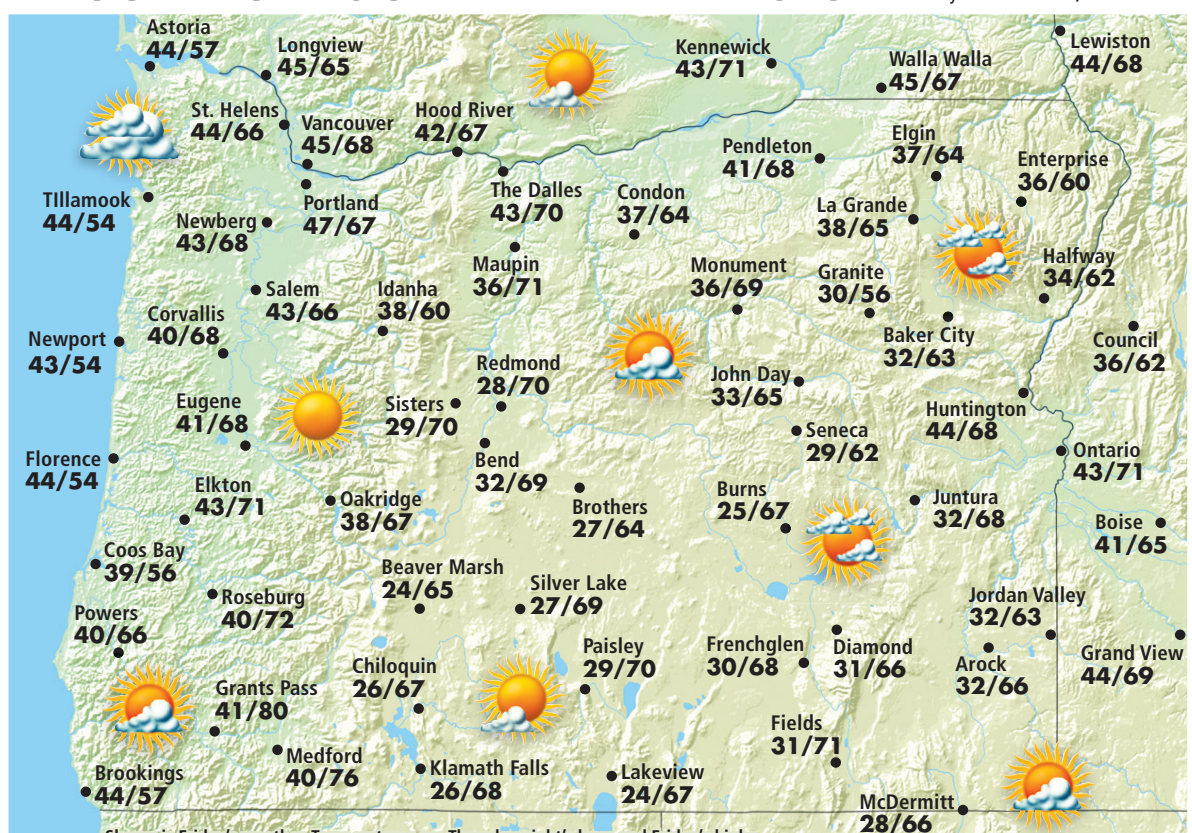
	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Mainly clear	Partly sunny and pleasant	A morning shower; cooler	Rain, mainly early	Showers possible
Baker City	32	63 40	58 38	52 32	52 30
La Grande	38	65 43	57 39	50 34	55 34
Enterprise	36	60 42	56 39	47 32	49 35

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC			TUESDAY EXTREMES		
TEMPERATURES			NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High Tuesday	Baker City 61°	La Grande 62°	Elgin 66°	High: 99° El Centro, Calif.	
Low Tuesday	22°	25°	27°	Low: -8° Walden, Colo.	
PRECIPITATION (inches)			Wettest: 2.52" Orlando, Fla.		
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	OREGON	
Month to date	Trace	0.02	0.15	High: 76° Salem	
Normal month to date	0.52	1.00	1.33	Low: 21° Prineville	
Year to date	1.09	5.71	13.32	Wettest: 0.17" Klamath Falls	
Normal year to date	2.72	5.23	9.03		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.1
Evapotranspiration	0.14
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	23% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	99% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	59% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	94% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	65% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	99% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	6460 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	36 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	206 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	774 cfs
Minam River at Minam	610 cfs
Powder River near Richland	178 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Astoria	57/45/c	53/42/r	Lewiston	68/46/pc	61/47/c	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Bend	69/40/pc	55/34/c	Longview	65/44/c	55/42/r	38 30	59 39
Boise	65/48/pc	61/46/c	Meacham	64/43/pc	55/39/c	MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Brookings	57/45/c	50/44/r	Medford	76/49/pc	59/43/r	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Burns	67/35/pc	57/35/sh	Newport	54/42/pc	51/41/r	51 40	66 40
Coos Bay	56/42/c	51/41/r	Olympia	61/41/c	52/40/r	EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Corvallis	68/44/pc	55/43/r	Ontario	71/43/pc	66/45/sh	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Council	62/37/pc	51/40/sh	Pasco	72/48/pc	65/46/c	44 30	58 34
Elgin	64/41/pc	55/39/sh	Pendleton	68/46/pc	57/45/r	WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Eugene	68/46/pc	56/44/r	Portland	67/47/c	60/44/r	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Hermiston	72/50/pc	65/46/sh	Powers	66/46/c	53/42/r	59 40	68 44
Hood River	67/45/pc	54/43/c	Redmond	70/41/pc	57/35/c	THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Imnaha	62/44/pc	60/39/c	Roseburg	72/46/pc	60/44/r	Partly sunny; nice	Partly sunny
John Day	65/43/pc	55/38/c	Salem	66/45/pc	55/43/r	63 40	65 43
Joseph	59/40/pc	56/36/c	Sokane	60/46/pc	52/39/sh	63 40	65 43
Kennewick	71/49/pc	65/45/c	The Dalles	70/49/pc	59/42/sh		
Klamath Falls	68/39/pc	52/36/sh	Ukiah	63/36/pc	52/35/c		
Lakeview	67/38/pc	52/33/c	Walla Walla	67/47/pc	57/44/sh		