

ODDS & ENDS

Associated Press

Man beats odds of catching blue lobster, donates to science

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — A New Hampshire lobsterman has joined an elite club after catching a rare blue lobster.

The Portsmouth Herald Greg Ward initially thought he had snagged an albino lobster when he examined his catch off the coast Monday where New Hampshire borders Maine. The Rye lobsterman quickly realized his hard-shell lobster was a unique blue and cream color.

The oft-cited odds of catching a blue lobster are 1 in 2 million. But no one knows for sure.

Ward says the lobster is unlike anything he's ever seen.



Rich Beauchesne/Portsmouth Herald

A rare blue lobster caught by local lobsterman, Greg Ward, is on display at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, N.H., on Tuesday.

He gave the rare crustacean to the Seacoast Science Center in Rye to study and put on display.

Center aquarist Rob Royer says Ward's blue lobster will go on display in the "exotic" lobster tank once it acclimates to the water.

Trooper reels in massive 650-pound tuna during fishing trip

RYE, N.H. — A New Hampshire state trooper reeled in a big fish — a massive 650-pound tuna.

Nick Cyr says he was reading a book on his boat with two lines out Tuesday in Rye when the tuna bit one of the lines. He tells WBZ-TV he could immediately tell it was a big fish, the biggest he's reeled in in a decade of tuna fishing.

Cyr says the fish spun the boat in circles and dragged it for about 2 miles. After a 90-minute tug-of-war, Cyr managed to reel in the 9-foot fish.

He says the big check he received for the tuna will help finance what he calls his low-stress hobby of fishing.

London Zoo welcomes a new kind of visitor: Robotic dinosaurs

LONDON — London Zoo is welcoming a new star attraction this summer: robotic



AP Photo/Caroline Spiezio

A tour guide poses with a replica of a T. Rex in London Zoo's new Time Travel Safari exhibit named Zoorassic Park in London, Thursday. The six-week exhibit opens Saturday and features robotic dinosaurs from the Mesozoic era.

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Visitors will see robotic replicas of Mesozoic-era dinosaurs, including T. Rex and Triceratops, which lived approximately 65 million years ago, at a "time travel safari" exhibit named Zoorassic Park. The robots make sounds and motions that mimic the real-life dinosaurs. Some even drip water out of their mouths or spray it at passers-by.

Information about the dinosaurs' massive extinction is dispersed throughout the display at the zoo in north London. At the end, visitors are "transported" back to modern times with a video on endangered species, recent extinctions and conservation efforts.

The exhibition opens Saturday and runs until Sept. 3.

Self-described drug dealer calls 911, reports stolen cocaine

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. — Calling 911 to report a stolen bag of cocaine probably wasn't the best idea for a self-described Florida drug dealer.

But Okaloosa Sheriff's officials wrote on Facebook that 32-year-old David Blackmon did just that on Sunday morning.

The post says Blackmon called 911 to report a robbery in Fort Walton Beach. Blackmon told the responding deputy that someone entered his car and took \$50 and about a quarter ounce of cocaine from the center console.

The report says the deputy spotted some cocaine and a crack rock on the console and a crack pipe on the floorboard by the driver's side door.

Blackmon is charged with possession of cocaine and resisting arrest without violence. He was released from jail on Tuesday, but records don't list a lawyer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Knappa Rural Fire Protection District — Needs volunteer fire-fighters. Training provided. For information, contact any of the active personnel or call Chief Paul Olheiser at 503-458-6610.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman — Certified ombudsman volunteers advocate for the rights, care and dignity of the elderly and disabled living in licensed long-term care facilities. Many residents have no one to watch out or speak up for when things go wrong. Volunteer Ombudsmen talk to the residents, investigate complaints, and work to resolve problems. Flexible schedule, four hours a week, mileage reimbursement available. Training is provided. For information, call 800-522-2602 or go to www.oregon.gov/lto

Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program — Adults needed to mentor

elementary and middle school students once a week during lunch. For information, call Mary Jackson at 503-440-0368 or email lunchbuddies.mp@gmail.com

NorthWest Senior & Disability Services — Needs dishwashers and volunteers to serve and clean up weekdays at a meal site, and drivers for Meals on Wheels. For information, contact Candy Foster at 503-738-9323.

Providence Seaside Hospital — Needs volunteer drivers for Community Connections, a free program that transports people to services and appointments related to health and well-being in the Portland-Metro area. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (503) 717-7171 or email Alana.Kujala@providence.org

Providence Seaside Hospital — Needs volunteers who enjoy meeting, interacting with and helping people. Opportunities are available in the hospital gift shop, café, and as greeters and for spiritual integration. For information, call (503) 717-7171 or email Alana.Kujala@providence.org

River Song Foundation — Looking for people to assist with Trap/Neuter/Release/Feed (TNRF), especially in the Seaside and Knappa/Svensen areas. TNRF involves setting and/or monitoring traps, and daily feeding of cats and maintenance of any shelters, and is a proven, science-based method that along with spay/neuter programs is the only effective and humane way of ending cat homelessness and suffering. Call 503-861-2003 for information and to volunteer.

Seaside American Legion Veterans' Assistance & Rehabilitation — Volunteers needed to help knit/crochet items for hospitalized vets and cut coupons for military families. Donations of fabric/cyram especially welcome. Group meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at 1315 Broadway, Seaside. For information, call 503-738-5111 and leave a message for Marilyn Faulkner.

Seaside Downtown Development Association — Volunteers needed to help with local events happening throughout the year. For information, call Sarah Dailey at 503-717-1914 or email director@seasidedowntown.com

Seaside Museum and Historical Society — Volunteers needed to help as docents, maintaining and creating exhibits, and various events throughout the year. Small and large

projects available. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Call the museum at 503-738-7065 or email seasidemuseum@hotmail.com

Start Making a Reader Today — Needs volunteers to read to students one-on-one for one hour a week at local elementary schools. To volunteer, call 503-391-8423 or go to www.getsmartoregon.org

Svensen Congregate Meal Site — Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. To volunteer, or for information, call Debbie Dunaway at 503-791-7298 or 503-861-4202.

Titanic Lifeboat Academy — Volunteer to help care for animals and assist with sustainable living projects; minimum commitment of four hours per week requested. Some training provided. For information, contact Caren Black at 503-325-6886.

Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thrift Store — 600 Broadway, Seaside. Needs volunteers interested in improving the welfare of animals. For information, call 503-738-7040.

Veterans Services Officer of Clatsop County — Seeking volunteer drivers to transport veterans from Astoria to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland using the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van. To volunteer, call 503-298-8757 or email clatsopvso@gmail.com

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Volunteers needed to help with Meals on Wheels and in the dining room Mondays or Thursdays. For information, contact Barb Balensifer at 503-861-1341.

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