

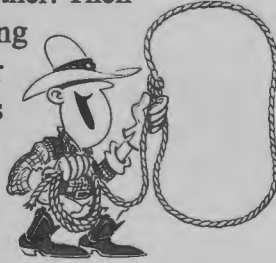
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DINOSAURS ALIVE?

Recently on *Bill Nye The Science Guy*, an old movie clip of cowboys lassoing a dinosaur was shown. In museums that display dinosaur fossils, you might find a picture of a man and a dinosaur together. Then the question is asked, "What is wrong with this picture?" The answer always given is, "Man and dinosaurs never lived together." According to evolutionary thinking, dinosaurs evolved about 200 million years ago, and all died off about 70 million years ago, and man only evolved a few hundred thousand years ago. So man and dinosaur could never have lived together. We like to ask, "Do we know that for sure and could dinosaurs really still be living today?"



□ Things have been found living that evolutionists have said were extinct for millions of years. For example, in 1938 a fisherman caught a fish off the coast of Madagascar. A lady bought the fish and took it to a scientist. The scientist was amazed. The fish was a **Coelacanth** (SEE-la-kanth.) Why was he so shocked? The Coelacanth was supposed to have become extinct 70 million years ago. Therefore most evolutionary scientists would say that coelacanths and people never lived at the same time. Tell that to the local fishermen who have been catching them for years! They call them Kombessa.

□ Natives living near the Likouala swamp (a huge swamp in the Republic of the Congo in western Africa), tell of a creature named Mokele-mbembe. Their story of the creature fits the description of a small apatosaurus-like dinosaur. Marcellin Agnagna (a biologist) and another trained scientist say they actually saw Mokele-mbembe in 1983!

□ In 1856, some men were digging a tunnel in France. They blew up a huge rock with gunpowder. When the smoke and dust cleared, they found a huge bat-like creature, that began flapping its wings, but soon died. A scientist looked at the creature and said it was a **pterosaur** (a flying reptile which was assumed to have died out about 70 million years ago). It had a wingspan of 10 feet.

□ In 1977 a Japanese fishing boat, off the coast of New Zealand, pulled in a smelly, rotting carcass of a strange animal about 32 feet long and weighing about 4,000 pounds. After taking skin, tissue samples, and photographs of the "monster," the fishermen threw it back overboard before it could contaminate all their fish. Japanese scientists believed the creature was a **Plesiosaur**, a marine reptile that supposedly became extinct 70 million years ago! Western scientist are saying it was a basking shark, but it is hard to imagine that experienced fisherman couldn't tell the difference. After all they were there and saw it!

□ For the last 1,400 years, there have been over 11,000 sightings of a creature that lives in Loch Ness, a lake in northern Scotland. "Nessie" is reported to be about 20 feet long, with a serpent-like neck, fat body, and flippers on its sides. Many think "Nessie" might be a Plesiosaur!

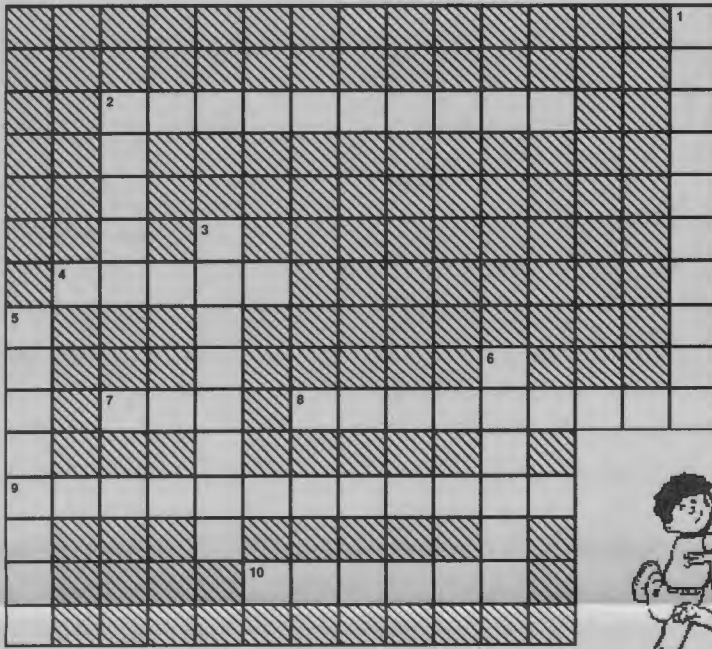


□ From British Columbia in Canada, reports have come of sightings of "Caddy", a creature that looks like a Cadborosaurus. A young 9 foot "Caddy" was found in the stomach of a whale!

□ In 1987, a Canadian Eskimo found an **unfossilized** dinosaur bone on Bylot Island. Scientist identified the bone as part of the lower jaw of a duckbill dinosaur!

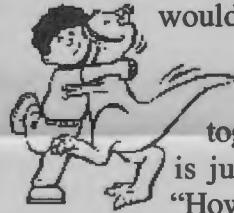
□ In Alaska dinosaur bones of horned dinosaurs, duckbill dinosaurs, and small carnivorous dinosaurs were found. The bones were so **fresh** that they were mistakenly thought to be bison bones until 20 years later.

These are just a few of the claims of "long-extinct" creatures that may still be around. You may send for references on any of them. Since we didn't see them, we can't say they're true. Until we actually lasso a dinosaur, we can't say for sure they are still alive. At the same time, we **can't** say that they all died out 70 million years ago, and didn't live at the same time as man.



idea before? Your friend, Thomas Umstadd (age 12) Austin Texas.

Dear Thomas: Thanks for the letter. A lot of questions have been asked about the movie (and book) Jurassic Park. One of the questions asked is, "Can dinosaurs really be made from 100 million year old DNA found in a bug?" No way! First of all, no dinosaur DNA has been found in any insects trapped in amber. Even if they did, the DNA would be destroyed after 10,000 years (according to Bryan Sykes, a molecular biologist from Oxford.) Science today cannot bring a creature back to life using DNA. Scientist Russell Higuchi says that would be like taking an encyclopedia, written in a language you barely understand, tearing it in tiny pieces, and then trying to put it back together in the dark--without hands! Jurassic Park is just fiction. A question I would have to ask is, "How can you tell that a fossilized egg had no water



in it?" It is now a rock. So you can only guess about the water content. Possibly, they made their guess by looking at reptile eggs today. I don't know much about reptile eggs (except I like them sunny side up) so I can't say for sure. But if their guess is right (we will never know until we find a fresh dinosaur egg) then I think your hypothesis is great! I don't know if anyone has thought of it before, so let's say that you are the first!

That is until we are proven wrong. Ha! Love Ya, Eugene

ACROSS

- 2 Fish fossil that wasn't dead after all
- 4 Island where Canadian Eskimo found unfossilized dinosaur bone
- 7 Bill ... Popular evolutionary scientist on TV
- 8 A flying reptile
- 9 Bone that has not yet turned to rock (fossilized)
- 10 Name of creature seen in Loch Ness

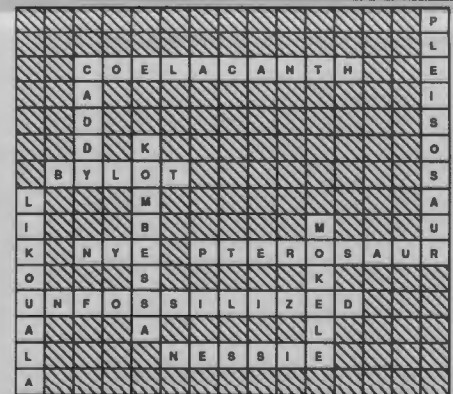
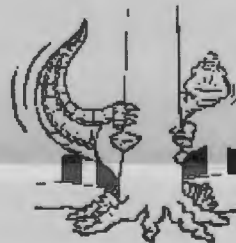
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- 1 A marine reptile
- 2 Name of creature named after a Cadborosaurus
- 3 Native name for a Coelacanth
- 5 Name of swamp where Mokele-mbembe lives
- 6MBEMBE. A dinosaur-like creature living in Congo swamp

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ASK EUGENE

Dear Eugene: I have been reading Jurassic Park and I have a question. In Jurassic Park when they went to the room where the dinosaurs would hatch, the room was kept at 99 degrees Fahrenheit and a relative humidity of 100%. The tour guide told them that it was kept hot and humid because dinosaur eggs had large amounts of yoke but no water, so they had to get the water from the outside (pages 105-106.) So I was thinking that before the flood the mist came up from the earth and watered the plants and also the dinosaur eggs. Then after the flood the dinosaur eggs did not get that water so they died off except in rain forests and in the sea. What do you think? Is this a plausible hypothesis? Has anyone suggested this



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