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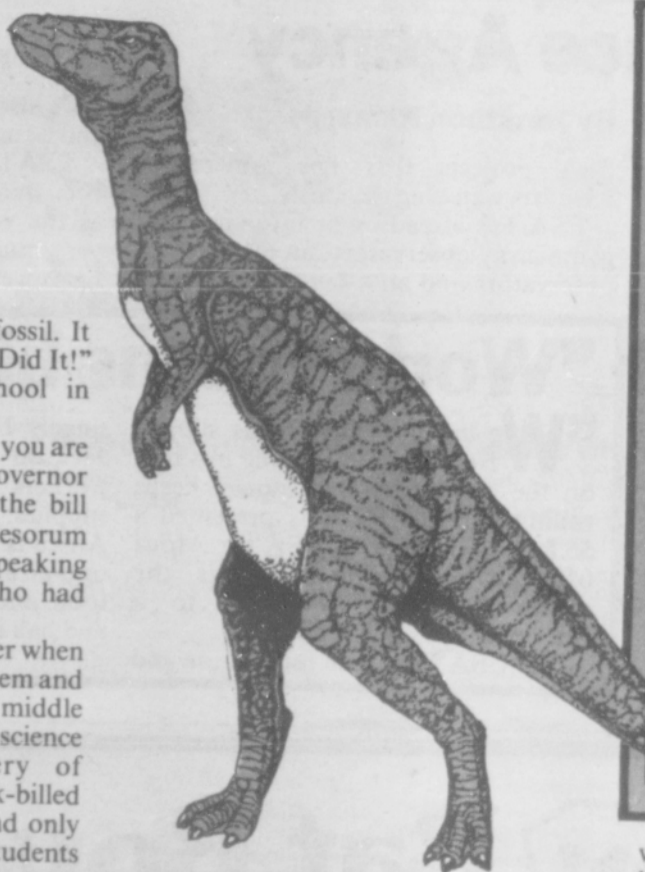
By Molly Searl

Montana now has a state fossil. It became official at a "We Did It!" ceremony at the middle school in Livingston, Montana.

"With the signing of this bill, you are now a part of history," said Governor Ted Schwinden as he signed the bill that made the Maiasaura peeblesorum Montana's state fossil. He was speaking to the sixth grade students who had worked to get the bill passed.

The project began last October when Ben Veach of the Yellowstone Gem and Mineral Society visited the middle school. He told the sixth grade science classes about the discovery of maiasaura peeblesorum, a duck-billed dinosaur whose fossils are found only in Montana. Veach asked the students to sign a petition to have Maiasaura peeblesorum named the state fossil. That was the start of something big.

The students not only signed the petition, but also wrote to other schools and gathered more petitions. They took a bus trip to the state capitol where they sang songs and read poems they had



**Maiasaura
Peeblesorum**

Volunteer librarian **By Dianne L. Beetler**



Thirteen-year-old Billie Chelina of Altona, Illinois, loves books and hopes to be a librarian someday. Since second grade, Billie has been helping the local librarian check out books, reshelve books, photocopy papers, type cards for new books and even dust the bookshelves.

"Working in the library looked like fun, and I asked what I could do to help," Billie said.

Not long ago, librarian Janice Larson was attending a meeting and left Billie in charge at the check out desk. "We had just received a new shipment of books," Larson said. After the meeting she discovered that Billie had already put on the dust jackets, inserted the cards and shelved an entire shipment of new books.

"I couldn't have an adult helper that would do any better," Larson said. "She knows as much about the library as I do."

written. They even delivered home-baked dinosaur cookies to the state legislators.

After the bill was passed by the state House of Representatives and the state

Senate, Governor Schwinden took it to Livingston so he could sign it in front of the students.

Their science teacher, Helen Peterson, told the audience, "They lived their history lesson." Judging from the proud and happy faces at the ceremony, it is one history lesson they'll never forget.

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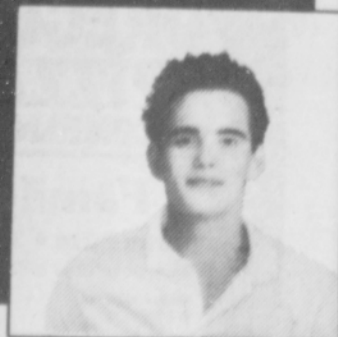
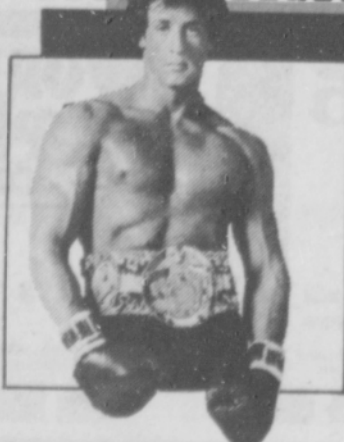
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