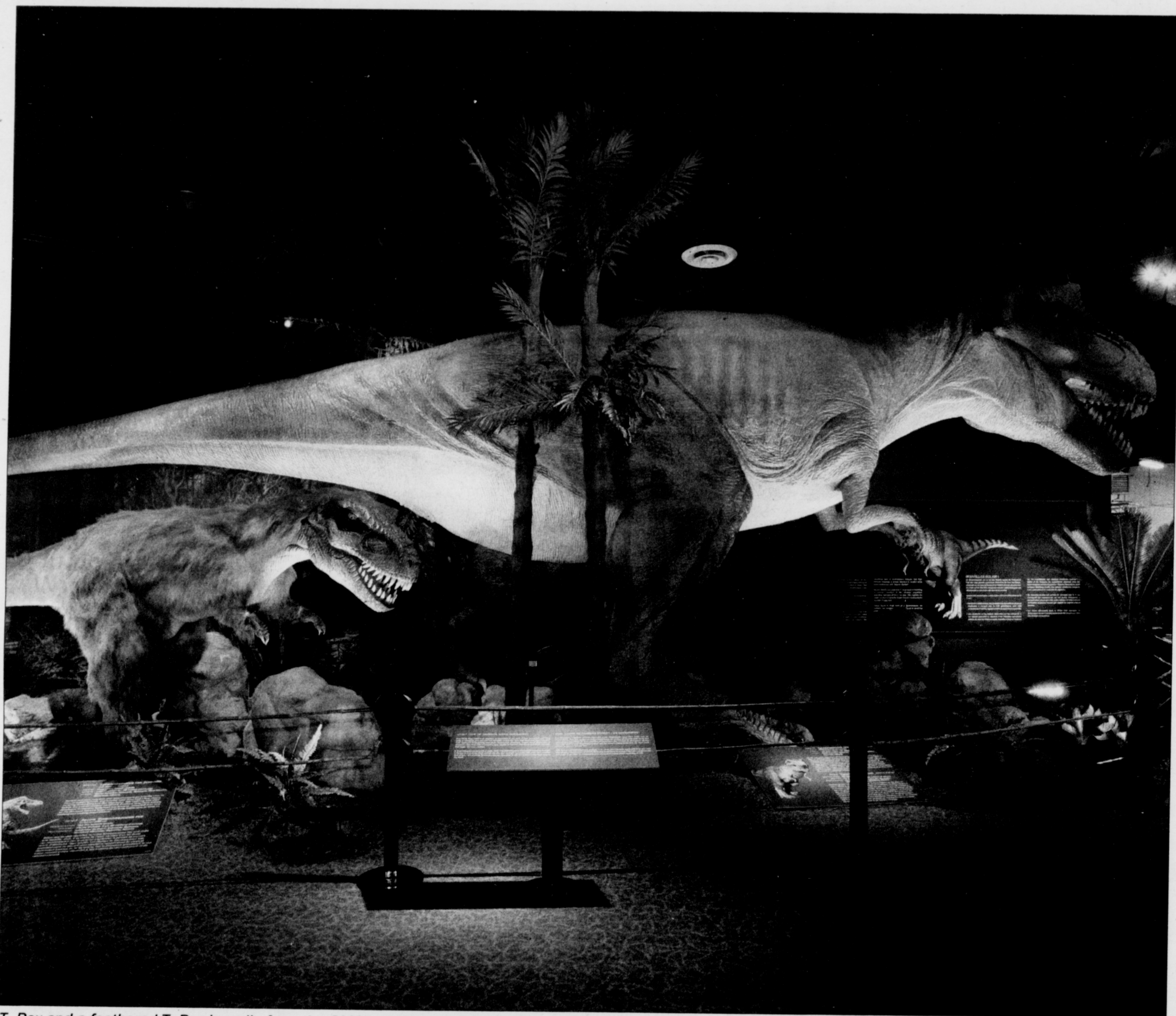


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T. Rex and a feathered T. Rex juvenile from the OMSI summer exhibit *Dinosaurs Unearthed*.

Dinosaurs Unearthed Summer exhibit roars to life

Stare the mighty T. rex in the eye this summer at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)—and it might just blink back. Featuring animatronic dinosaurs and complete skeletons, *Dinosaurs Unearthed* uses the latest in fossil evidence to take a captivating look at the dinosaurs' fascinating—and feathered—history.

Set amongst naturalistic indoor

landscapes, 15 animatronic models will challenge guests' understanding of how their favorite dinosaurs lived and looked during prehistoric times. Now believed to have had feathers, scientists understand that some dinosaurs are the ancestors of modern birds.

"Dinosaurs are intriguing subjects that provide rich opportunities for science learning," says Nancy Stueber, OMSI President.

"This exhibition is a tremendous opportunity to learn about the latest scientific findings while igniting our imaginations as the creatures seemingly come to life. We couldn't be more excited."

For many, the exhibition's feathered *Tyrannosaurus rex* juvenile will be the most striking dinosaur. Long considered the quintessential reptilian dinosaur in appearance, scientists believe

the predator may have been covered in downy protofeathers from the time of its hatching through adolescence.

Other guests may find the awesome size of the 15-foot tall *Gigantoraptor* to be the biggest surprise, especially when they realize the specimen from which the model is based had not yet reached its full size at the time of its death.

Dinosaurs Unearthed is de-

signed to appeal to guests of all ages, capturing the human fascination with dinosaurs at a time in history when paleontologists are uncovering and identifying new species at an unprecedented rate.

Dinosaurs Unearthed runs through Sept. 2. Admission for adults is \$13; youth (3-13) and seniors (63+), \$9.50. For more information, call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.