

What do goats like to munch on?

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Here are some favourite questions from past quizzes.

1. What are Bert and Ernie to each other? Are they relatives or just really good friends?

—Talia Kerch

Bert and Ernie are the famous roommates on Sesame Street. Bert, of course, is the pointy-headed, one-eyed, pigeon-lover, while Ernie's the round-headed one who loves to bathe with his rubber ducky. They've been on the show since the start in 1969. As for being relatives:

- (a) They're identical twins.
- (b) Bert is Ernie's father, which Ernie found out after becoming a Jedi.
- (c) Bert's sister Gert's mole is Ernie's Uncle Stewie's second-cousin's wart twice removed.
- (d) They're not. They're just friends.

2. Where are tears kept in your body?

—LaQwana Whitaker

The story of tears is:

- (a) when it rains, any water that gets in your ears drains into tear pipes and fills up little tear tanks above each eye.
- (b) when your forehead sweats, the water gets soaked up by your eyebrows into their roots, and that's where tears are stored.
- (c) there's no storage — special membranes, kind of like filters, under the eyelid let water right out of the blood without letting any cells sneak through.
- (d) toward the top and the outside of each eye, just under the bone around the eye, is a special organ called the lachrymal gland whose job is just to make tears.

3. Why are some belly buttons "in" and others "out"?

—Michele Repetto

Inside the mom, a baby gets its food and even its oxygen through a tube called the umbilical cord. When the baby comes out, the cord gets clamped and cut. The end of the cord falls off after a week or two, leaving an "innie" or an "outie" belly button. The difference comes from:

- (a) where the doctor cuts the cord.

(c) where cells in the cord's end just happen to die, because the body can't give them enough nourishment.

(d) the baby's weight — if it's skinny, it won't get an innie.

4. Is it true that goats eat anything?
—Peter Borrer

No. That's a myth. Goats, like many animals, are curious and playful. They'll tug clothes off a line. But that doesn't mean they'll eat clothes. They'll pick up tin cans and play with them, maybe nibble on the labels. But that doesn't mean goats have iron stomachs. Goats are actually picky eaters. They don't go for any old garbage. They usually chow down on:

- (a) hay, grains, grass, and leaves or other parts of plants.
- (b) rocks, nails, bottles, old shoes.
- (c) grilled goat-cheese sandwiches with pickles and mustard.
- (d) worms, crickets and caterpillars.

Answers: 1 (d), 2 (d), 3 (c), 4 (a).

PokéROM collectibles

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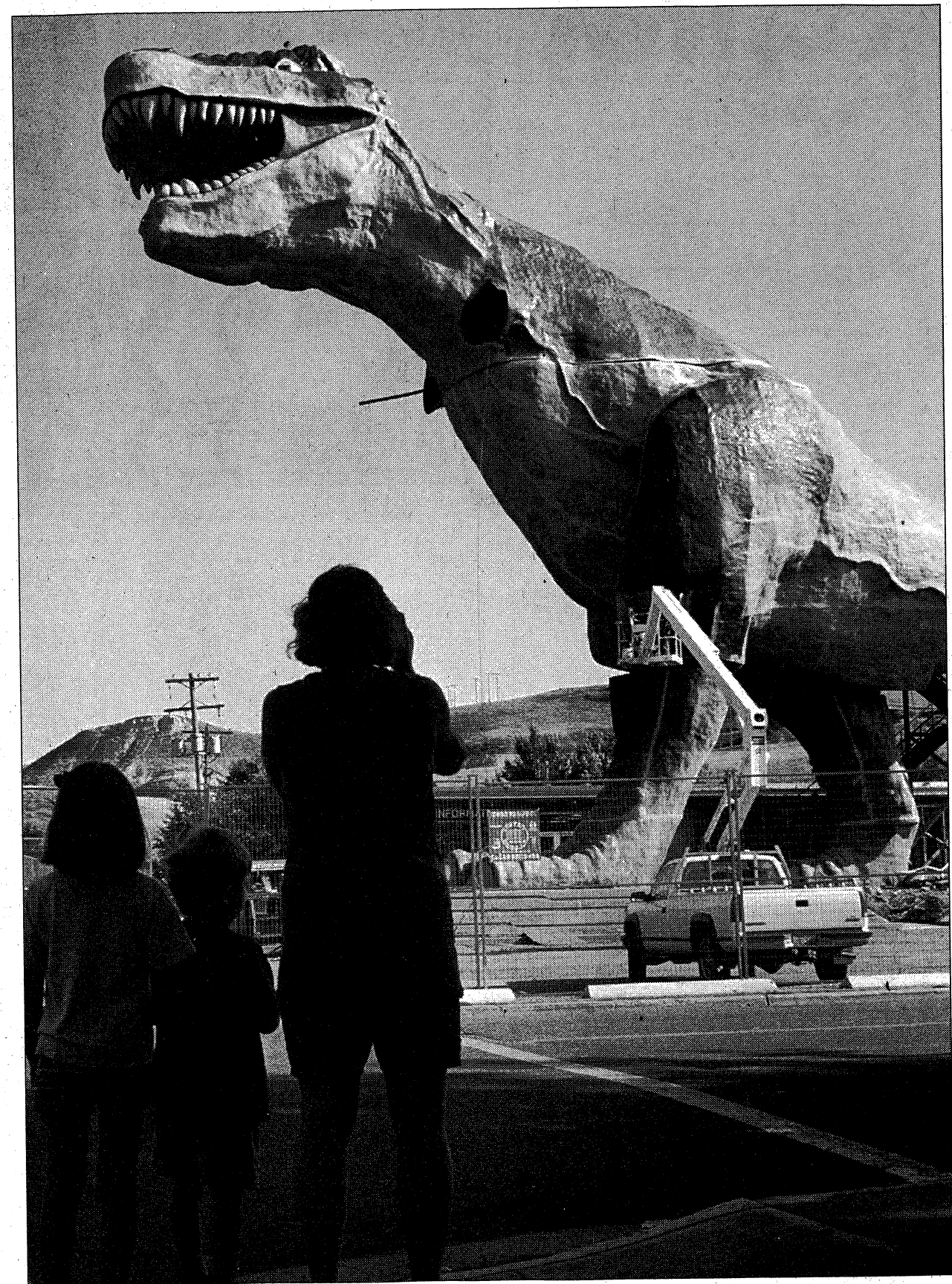
What: PokéROM, 10 collectible, card-shaped, mini CD-ROMs each featuring a different character, on the face of the disk and in the educational games, which have skill levels for first through fifth grades. Young Pokémon "trainers" can also print pictures and search for Pokémon in their "natural habitat."

Why: Challenging questions, backed by the philosophy "It's just as important to train our brain as it is to train our Pokémon," plus clear, easy-to-follow audio instructions and individualized log-ins for households with more than one child.

Why Not: Do kids really need another Pokémon collectible? The format is fairly unsophisticated, while the "natural habitat" element will appeal only to the youngest players.

Details: Made by Mattel Interactive,

Move over, Godzilla



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Bev Franchuk takes a picture of the world's largest complete dinosaur being constructed in Drumheller, Alberta while her children Rebecca, left, and Scott look on. The Tyrannosaurus Rex is 95 feet high and holds eight to 12 people in its mouth, which serves as a viewing area. The \$1-million project will open in mid-September.