

The official JAMBs* JOKE BOOK

*Jurassic Armored Mud Balls

Certified fun by the
S2115 & H3438
"Working Group"

Why a Joke Book? *Learning is fun and if you "get" the joke, you understand the concept!*

"Jurassic Armored Mud Balls are REAL!"



Prof. Richard Little

These rare, ancient geologic "sedimentary structures" are only easily seen in Massachusetts' Conn.

River Valley and will hopefully be officially recognized as the

Massachusetts State "Sedimentary Structure".

They are in the same rock layers as Podokesaurus, our State Dinosaur. The State Geologist and many others, confirm they are indeed rare and worthy of recognition! You can find out more, including a

short movie, at <https://ArmoredMudBalls.rocks>.



They formed in a flood! The rare Jurassic armored mud balls formed as floods eroded mud banks and rolled hard mud downstream. The mud balls became rimmed (armored) with pebbles and then quickly buried before these delicate features dried and fell apart. Next they were deeply buried, turned to stone, and eventually, luckily, 200 million years later, a rock quarry happened to remove them so they could be found.



★ WHY WILL JAMBs

NEVER DISAPPEAR?

THEY WILL ALWAYS BE "A-ROUND"!

(JAMB from Turners Falls, dime for scale)



★ Suggested redesign of the Massachusetts State Flag,

Now, someone make up a good State JAMB motto!





PROTECT our SECOND AMENDMENT* RIGHTS!

*Check the US Constitution to learn more

Mud Balls must be **ARMORED**!

"HERE'S MUD IN YOUR **i**"

A Jurassic drinking phrase
that is mis-spelled

Classic geology story: the bottom
bread slice was deposited first....

**PB & JAMB
SANDWICH:**



Why do JAMBs cry at weddings? *They are very "sedimental"!*

What do JAMBs fear the most? *Erosion.* A big JAMB party? *JAMB-o-ree*

After the JAMB-o-ree: *A traffic JAMB* JAMBs favorite music? *Rock & Roll, the Rolling Stones*

JAMBs evening wear? *PaJAMBas*

JAMBs candy: *Ferrero Rochers*



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Has a JAMB ever won the Mass lottery? *No (Don't laugh. That is not a joke.)*

JAMBs favorite stew? *JAMBAIaya*

Favorite ice cream flavor: *rocky road* Favorite donut: *jam(b)*

Favorite dog: *rocker spaniel* A fleeing JAMB criminal: *a JAMB on the lam*

What do you call a JAMB that's lost it's armor? *Bald*

The cleanest JAMB.....*On the beach, they are really washed up.*

JAMBs in ART and HISTORY

The Thinker: *"I wonder how they form!"*

And why is my seat so uncomfortable?"



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**“JAMBmerican”
Gothic:**



Mona Lisa:

**“Only I know where
the JAMBs are in the landscape”**

**Washington crossing the Delaware: “Look: mud is tumbling
and getting armored”**



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**The Scream: “my
armored mud ball
collection was stolen.”**

**Van Gogh “JAMBY
NIGHT”**



“AMBs on the FAN!”

Ansel Adams

Sisyphus

**(or is it Prof.
Little)...**

**pushing a
JAMB for
eternity.**



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AND DON'T MISS: JAMBs IN POETRY ...next...

Mary had a little JAMB. It was pinned on her collar. And every where that Mary went, people offered her a dollar. Mary said she'd never sell, something that could so easily rupture. It's a Massachusetts' symbol – a Jurassic Sedimentary Structure.

There was an old man who lived on a fan. He found AMBs all across his land. Many he collected, but some he rejected: too bland.

Jack & Jill went up the hill to look for Armored Mud Balls. Jack fell down, rolled round & round, covered with mud and pebbles. Jill rolled too and quickly discovered: they had become deeply enarmored.

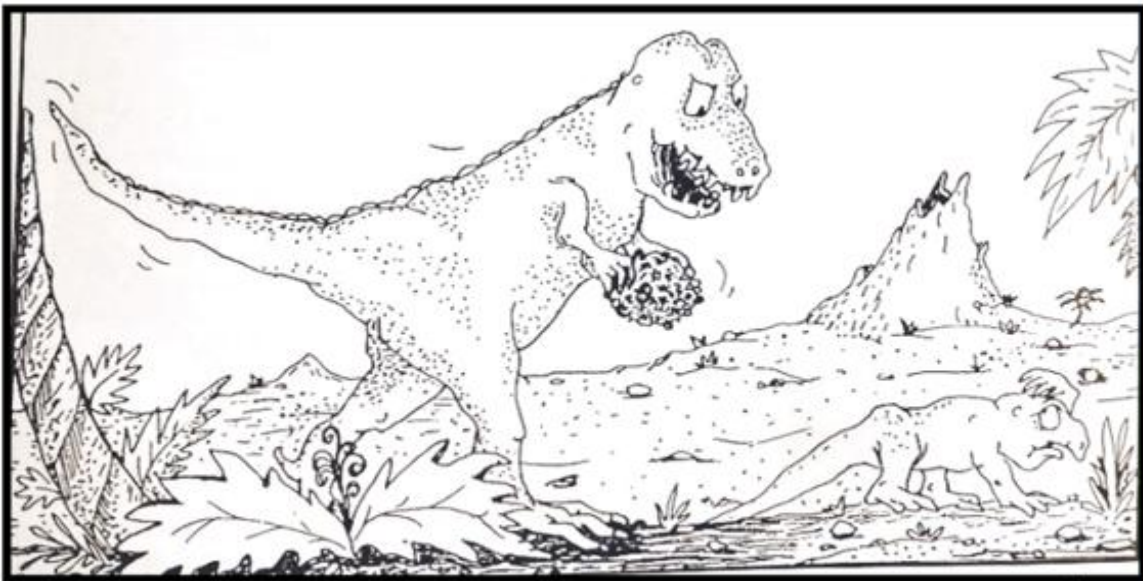
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What did the new AMB say to the Jurassic AMB? "I am bigger, better, and younger than you!"

Reply: "Sonny – you are going to crack up and blow away as soon as the sun comes out! But I'll still be here because I'VE BEEN LITHIFIED."

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New ARMORED MUD BALL CREATION THEORY: **DINOSAUR BULLIES!**

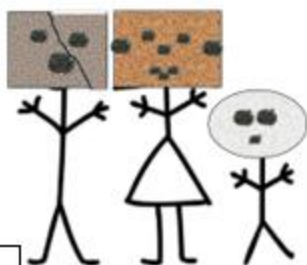
Cartoon by Diane Crane (c. 1980)

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Heartwarming Tale of 2 AMBs: The Jurassic flood was a traumatic event. It tumbled two mud balls downstream and buried them together. Traumatized, these two small balls were very fearful. They were buried together, paralyzed in their gravelly stream bed. But they soon bonded together, cemented their relationship, and felt stronger. When the next flood came, they eroded and rolled downstream, happily discovering they were a little bolder (“boulder”).

The JAMBs “quarry-block” Cartoon Family: JAMBO, JAMBI, & JAMBINA

[Who wants to make a cartoon series??]



JAMB at the jamb, 2nd Congregational Church,
Greenfield MA

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CONCLUSION We hope the JAMB Joke Book has been fun. Please note these important facts. Jurassic Armored Mud Balls are: (1) real geologic “sedimentary structures” (2) Rare and only easily seen in Massachusetts (a few other world places are very remote) (3) Documented by our State Geologist (and others) and referenced in the geologic literature as well as Wikipedia (4) Found and on display in public places such as Greenfield Community College’s Geo Path, Turners Falls Great Falls Discovery Center State Park (picture), and



area museums and even a shopping center and church entry (5) JAMBs are intriguing and fun! Bills are in the 2024 – 2025 Legislature to make the JAMBs our official State Sedimentary Structure. That way they will be celebrated and remembered as an important part of Massachusetts history. “SAVE THE JAMBs” and learn more at <https://ArmoredMudBalls.rocks>

The JAMB Joke Book was mostly written by Richard and Suzanne Little, on a cold day in Dec. 2025. Submissions and questions / comments are welcomed!! Send to ArmoredMudBall@gmail.com Prof. Little often gives public talks, but you can see him anytime on the “Geology with Richard D Little” You Tube Channel. “Rock On” *[credit: Prof. Little & JAMBs cartoons by Nick Bertozzi and Lily Dandrow]*

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Many thanks to our Massachusetts' legislators and their staff for promoting this project.

In the Senate the lead sponsor is **Sen. Jo Comerford** and in the House, **Rep. Susannah Whipps**. For the 2025 – 2026 Legislative Session the bills are **S2115 and H3438**.

HELP save the JAMBs from being neglected and forgotten!

Please contact your Massachusetts Legislators with a supporting comment. Every contact helps and it is so easy to do, especially via legislators' websites.

Send a contribution for materials, postage, and other expenses (not salaries, we work for free) to the Go Fund Me "Save the Armored Mud Balls" site

(<https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-armored-mud-balls>)

Wear your JAMB "merch" -- see the <https://ArmoredMudBalls.rocks> website.

SAVING THE RARE JURASSIC ARMORED MUD BALLS IS IMPORTANT FOR PRESERVING SUCH AN INTERESTING PIECE OF GEOLOGIC HISTORY, NOT ONLY FOR MASSACHUSETTS BUT FOR THE WORLD. THEY CAN ONLY BE EASILY SEEN IN THE RED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN THE TOWNS OF TURNERS FALLS, GILL, GREENFIELD, AND DEERFIELD.

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