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## A perfect picnic takes planning

If you're planning to go downtown on July 1 to view the spectacular fireworks display, invite friends and impress them with a clever, creative picnic supper. These picnic ideas work just as well in your own backyard, at the neighborhood park or on the grounds of the Meadow Brook Music Festival. Just choose a theme and a basket and you're halfway there.

Local expert and innovative hostess Sharron Kozma demonstrated some summer picnic and patio party motifs recently at a Hudson's stores.

She donned a red bandanna-print apron for her western-themed get-together. "This is the direction to go for summer entertaining — western style," she said. Kozma chose a large oblong basket

lined in red gingham (\$29.99) and tied authentic blue and red bandannas to the handles for decoration. She also included a wide-striped tablecloth on which to sit or to display the goodies. Terry dish towels, again in a bandanna print, double as thick, absorbent napkins.

The menu includes New Mexican Chile from The Brown Adobe (\$7.50), Lone Star Grill blue corn chips (\$5.95) and corn bread muffins in cactus shapes. Bloody Marys add more spice to the roundup of piquant flavors.

**Americana Accents**

Another shallow basket, woven in reds and blues, holds gingham placemats, spatterware dishes and bandanna-patterned mugs.

**Bandanna hit**

"What a fun picnic to go on," said Kitty Flynn of Redford as she admired the colorful display. "I bought the bandanna dinnerware for my kids for their patio cookouts."

The salsa and chips were particularly well received. "The best salsa I ever tasted," said Kathy Schutto of Livonia. Cathleen Hurst fell in love with the cast iron corn bread pan that produced the perfect little cactus muffins. The theme continues with acrylic dinnerware and serving pieces in the fruit motif, including a pitcher for a citrus punch and an ice bucket to fill with fruit salad.

A recommended Weight Watchers dish is strawberries and balsamic vinegar. Three cups of giant luscious strawberries are splashed with one-half cup Calavita brand vinegar and sprinkled with fresh ground black pepper. Transport in the center of the lined ice bucket, remove at the picnic site and fill with ice.

A pasta dish tossed with a fruit vinaigrette and crispy fried chicken complete this enticing picnic menu.

**Good for kids**

"The food and the table are so pretty," said Diane Pizell, a Weight Watchers cooking demonstrator. "The fruit theme is my favorite," said Trudy Costello, who praised the recipes, especially for children who are bombarded by junk food.

An event outing, such as Meadow Brook, requires a bit more sophisticated picnic planning. After all, you may refer to the evening as dining al fresco instead of merely eating outside. Hudson's has just the right basket — an understated wicker hamper with two wine bottle carriers attached. Included are a striped cloth, corkscrew, cutting board, wine glasses, plates and silverware. Tuck in pretty metallic gold placemats, a loaf of French bread, a Silver Palate pasta dish topped with a splash of blueberry chutney, assorted cheeses and a box of Franco chocolates.

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Tying one on: Franklin Dohanyos of Royal Oak models an official Jurassic Park tie in the Adamo Collection Shop on Maple in downtown Birmingham.

## Jurassic jazz brings in dino-dollars



Everywhere you shop today you run into a pterodactyl, brachiosaurus or T-Rex. There's no escape from The Marketing of Jurassic Park!

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

And you thought they were extinct. Dinosaurs have invaded our malls and mainstreets by the millions, in plastic packages, on shirts, in kits, on caps and even airing-out patio lights. It's Jurassic Jazz. It's fun stuff that has the retail industry chucking

all the way to its third quarter earnings.

"We've always sold a lot of dinosaur toys," said a salesclerk at Kaybee Toys in the Oakland Mall. "But now that the movie is out and there's a big dinosaur exhibit at the zoo, the kids want even more dinosaur stuff." Kaybee's got the stuff, too. There

are items like the motorized Bump and Rear line of dinosaurs (\$12.99), dinosaur pencil toppers (\$1.99), dinosaur stamp and ink pads (\$2.99) and the official Jurassic Park Merchandise Line like the JP Splitter Watch, JP playing cards, JP colorforms, JP collectible figures and trading cards, JP wallets, JP bookbags, JP hats, JP coloring books and JP T-shirts, priced at \$2.99 to \$9.99.

No dino-devotee's music collection would be complete without the original sound track CD or cassette by John Williams, retailing for \$16.99 at Harmony House. The sound track in-

cludes the film hits "Theme from Jurassic Park," "My Friend, The Brachiosaurus," "Incident at Isla Nublar" and "T-Rex Rescue."

"Be sure to notice the music of the raptors," JP director Steven Spielberg writes on the back cover. "Also the haunting and ennobling sounds of the brachiosaurus."

At the A.J. Cheers shops, there are foam-filled dinosaurs, inflatable dinosaurs, bean bag dinosaurs and pleatrol dinosaur wall charts. There are official JP shirts complete with vis-

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## Stelline of Somerset is summer magic

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

"I've heard Stelline's at night is really glamorous," said a resident of Birmingham enjoying lunch at the new restaurant in the Somerset Collection.

Assistant manager Andy Gezell

was quick to agree.

"Oh, yes," he said. "When the sun sets behind the glass rotunda it's beautiful. The candles on the table flicker and the atmosphere is — well, yes, you might say glamorous."

"Oh ple-a-se, give me a break," said Neil Miller, also trying Stelline

out for the first time. "This is not a Michigan. This is Troy, Michigan."

Miller and his associate Mark Baumkem, local attorneys, ordered a grilled vegetable sandwich and a "chicken cesare salad." They described their entrees as "fine," but

Baumkem questioned the wisdom of "using a mayo sauce" on the entree of someone who just ordered a vegetable dish.

"It's OK," he said. "But someone who ordered this type of entree might not want mayonnaise."

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**LIFE EXHIBIT**

Photography from LIFE magazine as well as local photographers Monte Nagler, Tony Spina, Glen Cain Moon and Robert Stewart. Photo fantasy area where shoppers can have their pictures taken in exotic settings. 8 a.m. - 1-7 p.m. Through June 27. Oakland Mall, John R/14 Mile. 953-6000.

**GOLF EXHIBITS**

Pro demonstrations, video-taped lessons, chance to play Pebble Beach course on interactive golf simulator. Drawing for Florida Golf Weekend. Coincides with PGA Seniors Golf Tournament through June 27. Mini golf green in center court. Pro shops set up with clothing and gift golf merchandise. Pro champion Jay Lumpkin, demonstrates swings and other techniques every two hours beginning at 1:30 p.m. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Southfield. 593-3546.

**BOOK BENEFIT**

Each Jacobson's store will sell "Songs of My People" (\$24.95) a book depicting black contemporary life as seen through the eyes of 43 African-American photographers. Proceeds go to the Detroit Art Museum's a Friends of African and African-American Art. Coincides with museum's exhibit black-and-white photo exhibit co-sponsored by Time Warner Inc. through Aug. 29. 644-6900.

**BIRTHDAY BASH**

A June birthday entitles you to a mail-sponsored birthday party, Saturday, June 26, featuring free cake, shows, balloons, music and prizes. Registration now through June 25. Chance to win a trip to Disney World. Pick up a birthday card/application at mall management office. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

**TIFFANY GLASS**

The Mole Hole hosts a Meyda Tiffany lamp exhibition featuring over 75 stained glass lamps and lighting fixtures through July 5. Collection includes Victorian, Nouveau, Deco and nostalgic styles, many handcrafted from original turn-of-the-century molds. Register store hours. Downtown Birmingham, Maple/Woodward. 644-8233.

### ADDED ATTRACTIONS

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Amateur's black and white entries accepted through July 16. Prints must be 8 x 10 or larger. Photos must be mounted, matted or both. Grand prize \$300. Show runs July 20-25. Unlimited entries, \$4 fee per entry. Application form must accompany each photo. Available at mall management office. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

**NORTHLAND EVENTS**

Day-long event for Hudson's shoppers. Complimentary 2-minute eye makeovers by Estee Lauder experts in Cosmetics Dept. Mr. Dan distributes samples of his color 6-7 p.m. In Marketplace, Artists Benjie White Jr. (2-5:30 p.m.) and Virgi Grady (6-7 p.m.) autograph pieces purchased from their collections in Global Bazaar Shop. Designer Bea Iga demonstrates fashions with Afro-American flair. 4-9 p.m. In Global Bazaar Shop. Northland Mall, Eight Mile/Greenfield. 446-6000.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

**READING PROGRAM**

Co-sponsored by World Book Encyclopedia and PATH. Through June 27. Details at the booth in center court. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

**ORGAN FAIR**

Weekend-long events for organ music lovers. 2 p.m. Seers court, Big Band Workshop. June 26 at 1 p.m. Pieta Fracalanza is featured. Youth concert at 5 p.m. On June 27 a senior concert at 2 p.m. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

**FARMERS MARKET**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Village Commons Parking Lot. One-half mile east of Farmington Road on Grand River. Repeated Saturdays through October. Downtown Farmington. 474-3440.

**VANDERBEAR VISITS**

Muffy Vanderbear meets fans and poses for pictures at F.A.O. Schwartz during regular mall hours. Refreshments and raffles included. Co-sponsored by North American Bear Company of Chicago. Repeated on Sunday. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Cookidge. 643-4554.

**PUPPET SHOW**

Johnson Marionettes present "The Human Planet" starring Applause from TV's Minky's Movie Party. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Stage near Crowley's. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

**STORYBOOK SUNDAY**

Dave Lockhart of WHIC radio will read "Charlie Caterpillar" and "Humphrey the Lost Whale" 1 p.m. Center court. Children can earn reading points for gift merchandise. 99-cent meals at participating restaurants. Fairlane Mall, Michigan/Southfield. 693-3330.

**CLASSICS AND CROSSBARS**

Noon to 2 p.m. Co-sponsored by WQRS. Brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill. Tickets \$20 per person. Available at concierge desk. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Cookidge. 643-6360.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

**PRESSURE SCREENING**

8-10 a.m. Jacobson's Court. Blood pressure screening plus walking tips for when it's hot outside, courtesy of Sotabard Hospital. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh. 482-1100.