



# Around Town

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## Music:

**Texas Music Festival**  
Rudder Theater. Rudder Box Office, 845-1234.

**Monday, June 21 - Andor Toth, violin.**  
Starts at 7:30 p.m. With Jeffrey Lerner, clarinet; William Pu, violin; Lawrence Wheeler, viola; Daniel Strba, viola; David Garrett, violoncello; Werner Rose, piano. Playing Handel, Creston, Finzi and Dohnanyi.

**"Downtown Sounds of Summer"**  
Carnegie Library Park in downtown Bryan. For information: Joe Brown, 361-3884.  
Friday - Karan Chavis and The Big Apple Trio. Jazz music. Starts at 5:30 p.m.

## Exhibits:

**"Shades of Eve"**  
Reynolds Medical Building lobby. For information: Kristi Hostman, 845-6237. Shown through June 18 - Artwork by Ramesh Perera.

**Perspective '93**  
University Center Galleries (MSC). For information: Catherine Hasted, 845-8501. Shown through June 30 - Flower artwork by A&M horticulture students.

**Chinese Snuff Bottles**  
University Center Galleries (MSC). For information: Paul McCann, 845-8501. Shown through August 29 - 130 ornately carved and decorated snuff bottles dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries.

## Jurassic

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slow, lumbering behemoths featured in such shows as "Land of the Lost," and "The Land that Time Forgot."

Director Steven Spielberg has created a masterpiece and milestone in the motion picture industry. Michael Crichton, who wrote the novel "Jurassic Park," co-wrote the screenplay for the movie. And it shows.

"Jurassic Park," the name of the fictional theme park featured in the movie, is the brainchild of developer John Hammond (Sir Richard Attenborough). Hammond's researchers extract dinosaur DNA from bloodsucking insects preserved in amber and make clones of the extinct creatures. Hammond has the massive "Jurassic Park" built to house the dinosaurs, and cater to jet-set tourists and their children.

But to gain more support from his investors, he must have the safety of the park certified by experts. Hammond collects mathematician Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum), paleobotanist Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern), and paleontologist Alan Grant (Sam Neil), to give their professional opinions on the park. When Hammond's computer system crashes, the scientists are treated to a tour of the park they'll never forget.

It's easy to forget the dinosaurs in "Jurassic Park" weren't real. These awe-inspiring monsters sprang from the minds of Spielberg's special-effects team.

Industrial Lights and Magic, the special-effects company founded by George Lucas to produce effects for the "Star Wars" films, created most of the lifelike dinosaurs in Jurassic Park. The simulated dinosaurs were a combination of computer graphics, rubber models, and hydraulic machinery.

Muscles ripple along the dinosaurs' flanks, the pupils of their eyes dilate and contract; one dinosaur even fogs a window with his breath.

While the essential plot line of the movie remains the same as that of Crichton's novel, Spielberg had to streamline the production, cutting out over half of the dinosaurs mentioned in the novel and some early episodes in the book.

Also, park developer John Hammond is not the same cold profiteer as his character in the novel. Hammond in the movie is more of a warm-hearted grandfather type, and this greatly reduces the tension between characters in the movie.

Hammond's personality, however, was only one of Spielberg's only attempts to make "Jurassic Park" into a "kinder, gentler" movie. People still get eaten - but only once on camera. And the movie doesn't have the sheer amount of blood and gore mentioned in the book. The only really nasty scene is a quick shot of a severed arm.

Even without the gore, "Jurassic Park" is a first rate sci-fi thriller.

## Concert

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performance. The trio's third movement - a sprightly, scampering scherzo - evoked particularly many smiles.

Even if chamber concerts aren't your usual cup of Dr Pepper, this movement could well charm you.

The first half of the concert featured works by Richard Strauss and Paul Hindemith. Though more difficult listening than the Mendelssohn trio, these works also proved rewarding.

Strauss' "Sonata in E-flat Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 18," played by Harth and Hester, had marvelous singing qualities. It well displayed the talents of Harth, who has been concertmaster for various major symphony orchestras and is an international concert and recording artist.

The "Sonata for Horn and Piano" by Hindemith showcased the skills of both French-horn player Erik Ralske and pianist Hester. It offered a refreshing break from the strings that tend to dominate chamber concerts.

Rudder Theatre's relative intimacy suited the program well, allowing the musicians' technique, interactions and expressions to be readily observed.

A recent summer "tradition" at Texas A&M University, the Texas Music Festival chamber series features nationally and internationally prominent classical musicians. The series continues June 21, June 28 and July 6.

Performers at the June 21 concert include pianist Werner Rose, coordinator of music at Texas A&M.

Barbara Gastel is an associate professor of journalism and of humanities in medicine at Texas A&M.

# New generation of men would rather change diapers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEVADA CITY - Six men sit cross-legged on a white carpeted floor. They are in the airy studio of a cedar house that hugs the flanks of the Sierra Nevada, and they are talking quietly and seriously about important things.

Big things. Things that could change the world.

Not once, in two hours, do they mention the war in Bosnia, President Clinton, the price of gold, "Jurassic Park," Charles Barkley, all-terrain vehicles or the San Francisco Giants.

No, for a full two hours and then some, they talk about fatherhood.

Actually, they talk about more than that. They talk about their children, their fathers, their wives and themselves. They talk about after-school soccer, about homework, about who cooks and who fixes the car. They talk about the struggle to balance work and family, about how much discipline is too much discipline.

They talk about things that men don't usually talk about.

Or do they?

There's a new man loping about the planet, or so it would appear from reading the literature. Psychologists talk about the "New Fatherhood," whose adherents universally ascribe to the following adage: When a man is dying, he never says, "I wish I'd spent more time at the office."

No, the new dad is the one you see with a

toddler at the playground, or standing up at the PTA meeting, or rolling Junior through the aisles of the supermarket. He's the one who misses days at work because a child is home sick; who dashes out the office door at the digital crack of 5 to make it to the day care center on time.

"Something has changed," says Jerrold Shapiro, a psychologist in Los Altos who has written two books on fatherhood. "Whether men have been enticed or cajoled, the fact is that we're around our kids a lot more."

"And," he adds, "when you're around your kids, you get to like it."

The evidence is both anecdotal and scientific. For instance, Redbook magazine recently conducted a random, national telephone poll of 420 fathers, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.8 percent.

-96 percent said they changed their babies' diapers. Two thirds of them thought their own fathers had skipped diaper duty.

-86 percent took their children to the doctor. Only half as many thought their fathers had done so.

-75 percent had left work to take care of their kids. Fewer than one-quarter thought their dads had done that.

And nearly seven out of 10 of the modern dads said they'd like the opportunity to stay home and care for their children while their wives worked. The pollsters didn't bother to ask about the previous generation. The question simply wouldn't apply.

Certainly, the men gathered at Troy Rampy's house, perched in the forested hills above Nevada City, have thought about it.

"There's a much more participatory parenting going on than there was when I grew up," says John Daly, a 48-year-old, tousle-haired real estate agent who speaks with the clarity and precision implied by his steel blue eyes.

"We fathers now are much more a part of the process than we were. Wives are working, fathers are working, and we have to share in the household duties. Probably most men and women will admit that women are still doing more of the household stuff, but I think the fathers are much more involved in the kids' lives. ... We're really taking on a lot more responsibility for the child-rearing."

It's true, as Daly says, that men haven't exactly shoved their wives out of the kitchen, laundry room or nursery.

"Our attitudes have changed," says Ron Levant, a psychologist in Brookline, Mass., who is co-chair of the Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity. "Our behavior has changed, but not that much."

In the 1960s, Levant says, men did virtually nothing in the way of household chores - about 1 hour a day, on average, compared to 8 hours a day for women.

"In the late '80s, the figures indicate that husbands put in about one-third of the total family work and wives put in about two-thirds. ... It's still far from 50-50."

## Young

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listener becomes reacquainted with the lyrics.

The new songs in the album sound surprisingly natural. "From Hank to Hendrix" is about the theme of legends of the past and present. Young adds just enough humor in the lyrics to keep this song from slowly becoming long-winded. His smooth, high-pitched voice flows along to the soft strokes of his

guitar and adds delicate energy to this simple song.

Whether you just want to reminisce, crave new Young songs or want to know more about this artist, his "Unplugged" album is sure to satisfy your individual needs.

I've missed this guy, and I am so pleased he decided to go "Unplugged." Like wiping the dust off an old record, Young has succeeded in allowing his fans the chance to relive the songs of the past, but without the scratches.

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