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New restaurant concept fits Orlando to a T

The Buzz

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News this week that Chicago-based **Levy Restaurants Inc.** has partnered with **Steve Schussler**, the creator of **Rainforest Cafe**, has hospitality insiders wondering whether Schussler is bringing his latest act to town.

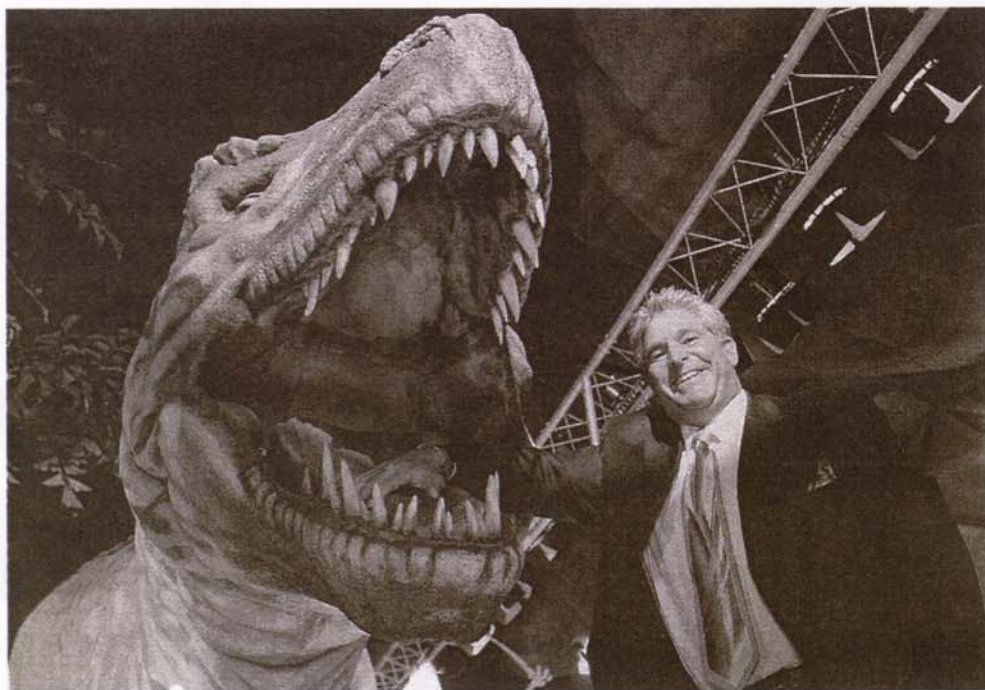
No need to wonder any more. Schussler says he's buying a house and bringing his new over-the-top themed restaurant to Orlando, the capital of themed restaurants.

Schussler's new concept, **T-Rex Restaurant**, will open its first location in Kansas City, Mo., early next year, followed by another in the Mohegan Sun casino near Norwich, Conn., in 2008.

T-Rex Restaurant is larger than life, with animated dinosaur figures, a paleontology lab and an ice cave. It's geared toward families and includes a retail shop. Levy will develop the menu and operate the restaurant with Schussler providing creative guidance.

The partners have plans for six more tourist-oriented locations, including Orlando. Schussler won't say where or when, and as of now, "I don't have a deal with Disney."

However, with Levy operating two Downtown Disney restaurants and managing **Wolfgang Puck's** restaurants in the same Disney retail center, and Schussler's love of and extensive relationships with Disney, all signs point in that direction.



Steve Schussler is coming to Orlando, but when his prehistoric friend will arrive — and where — remains unknown.