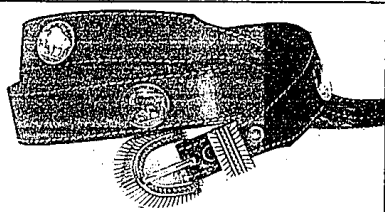


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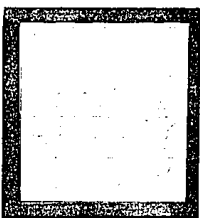


Money to waist

Yes, these are real U.S. American Indian-head nickels that decorate this leather belt. It's made of genuine leather, and the decorative silver-colored metal buckle gives it a southeastern flair which is a great look for jeans or summer khakis. Black or brown. \$35 at BIP/New Man, Somerset Mall, Troy.

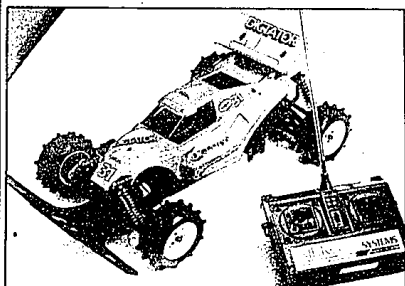
Pretty baby

Of white stamped metal sculpture with pink or blue ultraviolet, this baby photo album is further complemented with alphabet, numbers and flowers on the cover. Inside, 10 enclosed plastic pages can hold 80 photos of your favorite little darlin'. \$60 at Encore at LaMirage, Southfield.



Flower power

"Color time" with this unique clock consisting of three multi-layers. The small layers is the second hand; middle layer is minute hand; and largest layer is hour hand. Set clock using color you like best. A whimsical yet serious attempt at beauty with function. \$45 at Encore at LaMirage in Southfield.

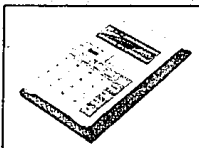


Prix-tense

This digital proportioned radio-controlled four-wheel drive vehicle comes just in time for the Detroit Grand Prix. With a 23 mph speed, this sophisticated adult toy measures 18 inches and weighs three pounds. Dual high torque motors and differential gearing on both axles. \$249 each or \$449 a pair at Sharper Image, Somerset Mall, Troy.

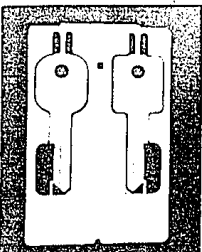
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STREET WISE

Band of steel

The calypso sound of Hugh Borden's Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will kick off the sixth season of the Summer Nights concert series at the Troy Hilton this Friday night. The event will start with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., and there will be no cover for the season opener. The summer lineup includes Top 40, Jazz and '60s rock 'n' roll. The concerts will be every Friday night, with free admission until 7:30 p.m., \$5 afterwards. (Troy Hilton, Maple and Stephenson, Troy; 583-9900, Ext. 503.)

Devine design

So maybe that velvet painting of Elvis fighting a bull on the deck of a sailing ship didn't quite give your living room the lift you hoped it would. Perhaps it's time to get some better ideas on home decor by paying a visit to the Detroit Symphony Designers' Showhouse in Bloomfield Hills.

The house will be open to the public starting Thursday and continuing until Sunday, June 28. Tickets are \$8 for gatehouse admission, \$6 presale. Tickets are available from designers and Ticket Master outlets. (Designer's Showhouse, 1773 Heron Ridge Drive, Bloomfield Hills; 851-6963.)

International auction

The International Institute will raise money for its programs with International Auction '87, 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the Federal Mogul Corp. in Southfield. Admission is \$15, which includes entertainment and ethnic food. Among the items to be auctioned will be trips to Greece and London, dinner for 12 prepared by Chef Duglass in his home, Oriental rugs, ethnic art and lavender jade. (Federal Mogul Corp., Northwestern Highway at Lahser, Southfield; 871-8800.)

Running wild

Over hill, over dale, you can hit the dusty, gravelly, wood-chippy trail Saturday in the ninth annual Cranbrook Run. Patterned after European trail runs, the run follows a hilly course of scenic woods, streams, cascades and towering pines on the Cranbrook Institute of Science property. The run will include at 10K, 5K and 200-meter events. Check-in time will be 8:15-4:5 a.m., with the adult run at 9 a.m. and the children's run at 9:45 a.m. The fee is \$8.50, with an additional \$2 fee for late registration. (Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; 645-3230.)

Golden pondering

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will present "On Golden Pond" this weekend. Ernest Thompson's comedy-drama concerns an aging professor, his wife and their family as they come together at the family's Maine lakefront home. The play will be offered at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for the play itself are \$5, \$3 for seniors. (Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia; 591-6400, Ext. 265.)

A lot o' fun

Sure and ya don't have to wait until St. Paddy's day to do a wee bit of Irish celebratin' or write with a phony Irish accent, for that matter. The Detroit riverfront will be wearing the green this weekend as the Irish take center stage in the Hart Plaza ethnic festivals. The blarney runs Friday through Saturday. (Hart Plaza, Woodward at Jefferson, downtown Detroit.)

Steppen out

With the strains of Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild" wailing in the background, he straddled his bike and set out to find America. Then he realized that even adding on a couple of his personal days and some of his accumulated sick time he wouldn't have enough vacation time to see anything farther west than Des Moines.

So he decided to stay home instead and see Steppenwolf in concert. The late '60s hard rockers will appear at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Pine Knob. Tickets are \$12.50-16.50. (Pine Knob, Sashabaw Road at I-75, Clarkston; 625-0800.)

Going Hungry

Hokay, dahlin', maybe zat Irish Festival doesn't turn you on. Zeg maybe a Hungarian fest is more your bowl of goulash. Bad Zsa Zsa Gabor imitations aside (or did that sound more like Eva?), there will be a Hungarian Festival this Friday through Sunday at Yack Arena in Wyandotte. (Yack Arena, 3131 Third Street, at Zureka Road, Wyandotte; 246-4515.)

Rivertown reverie

"Springtime in Rivertown" and Michigan's Sesquicentennial are celebration themes for the third annual Rivertown Festival 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the courtyard and six-story atrium of Stroh River Place in Detroit. Special features of the festival include riverboat tours, a variety of entertainment activities and a showcase of area businesses and developments. Admission price of \$25 covers food, drinks and entertainment.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used by the Rivertown Business Association to further enhance the Rivertown area. (Stroh River Place, on St. Antoine between Jefferson and the Detroit River.)

Gershwiner Hard

"Your dad is rich, and your ma is good lookin'." No, that's not a description of Jim and Tammy, it's part of the lyrics to George Gershwin's "Summertime" from his classic opera "Porgy and Bess." The Michigan Opera Theatre will present "Porgy and Bess" Wednesday through Sunday at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10-40. (Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; 874-SING.)

currency

Hard rocker Eddie Money, whose latest album, "Can't Hold Back," is at best seller, also will be coming to the Knob. Money will appear at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$12.50-16.50. (Pine Knob, Sashabaw Road at I-75, Clarkston; 625-0800.)

Got something interesting in the works? Drop a line to Richard Leck, Street Wise, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Loud rocker pays center a quiet visit

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

Let's say you were the hottest rock star in the U.S.A., one with a chart-topping album and a series of sold-out concert dates coast-to-coast. And let's say you popped in at a local community college to film a video spot for MTV.

You'd expect big crowds, right? That wasn't the case Wednesday when Schoolcraft College received a visit from Jon Bon Jovi.

Few people caught a glimpse of the lion-tressed rock star or his band mates when they popped in on the Radcliffe Center in Garden City.

"They were in and out before anybody knew they were there," Schoolcraft president Richard McDowell said.

NOT THAT McDowell would have

recognized the five spandex-clad rockers with the south Jersey accents anyway.

"My children had to tell me who they were," he laughed. Elsewhere, Bon Jovi is big news. His face has graced the cover of the Rolling Stone, and he's enough for any rock star. His band's album "Slippery When Wet" recently reached the top of the Billboard charts while spinning off three hit singles.

And it's fair to guess that more than a few Schoolcraft students and alumni attended Bon Jovi's recent series of sold-out Detroit appearances.

Bon Jovi personnel hand-picked the former junior high for their promotional spot, McDowell said.

"They knew what they were looking for and we had what they needed," he said.

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