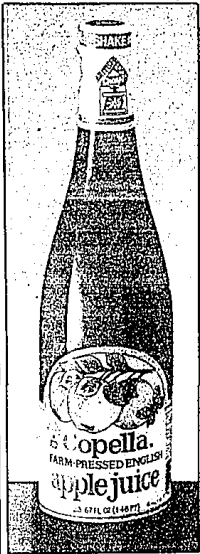


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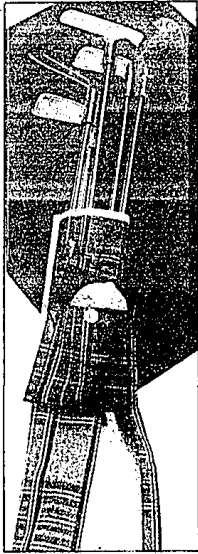


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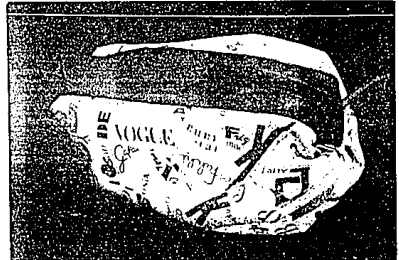
Great pretender

It's finally here — an all-natural non-alcoholic drink that doesn't leave you wanting. This non-carbonated farm-pressed apple juice by Copella comes in a green-tinted wine bottle. Great plain, on the rocks and also perks up your favorite summer cocktails. \$2.99 at Merchant of Vino stores.



Fore! juniors

Watch out, Jack Nicklaus. With prize money what it is these days, youngsters are starting to learn the game of golf at a younger age. This spiffy junior golf suit comes with a sturdy plaid shoulder bag filled with the works: irons, putters, tees and balls. Great for the backyard. Designed for kids 4-9 years of age. \$10 at R.G. Crumbenatcher, Birmingham.

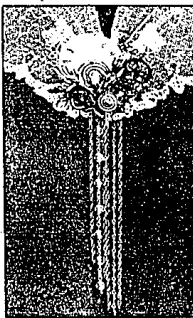


Name dropper

Can't make up your mind which designer purse to go with? How about this Carlos Falchi with the names of lots of other gauche labels imprinted on fine white leather — just in case one designer goes out of style. \$175 at Quintessence, Southfield.

Timely beauty

It's called Maximal Art and if you look closely you can see that watch parts are at the heart of this necklace. All elements are antique pieces. \$150 at Maggie and Mo, 880 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.



Frozen moments

Ceramic beans pouring from a can with a spoon fall in the artery category of "Pot Art Still Life." For the busy yuppie, guy or gal, it may be the only food in the house. Comes in breakfast coral, too. \$35 at Luv & Specialty, Birmingham.



STREET WISE

Red-hot bluegrass

No, we're not talking about the stuff you have to mow every week whether you like it or not, even though you would rather be inside watching the Tigers even if it means sitting through Sparky Anderson's pitches for every product but feminine hygiene sprays.

No, we're talking about the music: hot pickin' and toesome grinnin' and all that good-time down-home stuff. We're talking about the WDET Bluegrass Festival, the annual benefit for the public radio station scheduled for noon to 7 p.m. Sunday at Meadowbrook.

This year's lineup includes the Chenille Sisters. Hot Rize with Red Knuckles and the Trailblazers, the Texas Tony Rice Unit and blues performer Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown. Tickets are \$9.50 in advance (with a \$1.20 discount for FM 102 members), \$12.50 at the gate. Children under 12 free. (Meadowbrook Festival, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel roads, Rochester, 571-4146.)

Running wild

Over hill, over dale, you can hit the dusty, gravelly, wood-chippy trail Saturday, June 6, 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 8:15-4:55 a.m., with the adult run at 9 a.m. and the children's run at 9:45 a.m. The fee is \$9.50, with an additional \$2 fee for late registration. (Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; 645-3230.)

At your leisure

OK, so you've become bored with making kazooz out of chili peppers and have finished all the pages in your Masters of the Universe coloring book. Maybe it's time you got yourself a new hobby.

You can check out all sorts of hobbies at the Plymouth Train and Hobby Show scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Among the items on display will be model trains, dolls, doll houses, coins, baseball cards, toys, radio-controlled toys, miniatures, stamps, slot cars and comic books. Admission is \$2. (Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, east of Sheldon, Plymouth; 455-4455.)

Heavy mettle

(loud) (loud) ad, striking with force on the organs of hearing, strongly audible; said of a type of music commonly performed on stage by guitarists, lying flat on their backs while wiggling their feet in the air. See also heeaaay metal.

Some experts in loud, Ron Jovi, will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Joe Louis Arena in downtown Detroit. The opening act will be Cinderella, whom we understand also are loud practitioners. Tickets are \$17.50. (Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center, Detroit; 567-8000.)

Toronto in focus

The conversation took place at an after-hours Toronto pub — somebody's back porch — where the Blue flowed as freely as the stream of low-life characters. "Hey," said a Torontoan to a group of misplaced Michigan tourists. "This guy here is from Detroit, eh?" "Yeah, but I haven't been back in a few years," said the "Detrolter," fingering the knife he keeps in his boot. "Are the subways still running, eh?"

That quaint night spot is sure not to be on the itinerary of the photographers' Toronto weekend tour being sponsored by the Scarab Club Photography Group for Friday, July 31, through Sunday, Aug. 1. The highlight of the trip will be the opportunity to photograph the colorful Caribana Festival. Individual photographic instruction will be provided by group leaders and professional photographers Jim Klein and Dennis Cox. The total cost of the trip is \$169. Payment is due by Saturday, June 27. (For more information, call Klein at 831-5334, Cox at 581-0116 or Berkley Tours and Travel in Southfield at 559-8620.)

Jazzing things up

Jazz will fill Orchestra Hall in Detroit at 8 p.m. Wednesday during the Jazz for Life benefit. The proceeds will go to fight infant mortality in Detroit. The scheduled lineup of performers includes the Branford Marsalis Quartet, Sonya Robinson, David Grisman, and the Jimmy Wilkins Orchestra. Tickets are \$15 and \$30. (Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit; 833-3700.)

Golden pondering

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will present "On Golden Pond" this weekend and next. Ernest Thompson's comedy-drama concerns an aging professor, his wife and their family as the come together at the family's Maine lakefront home. The play will be offered in dinner theater at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with tickets \$12.50. The play also will be performed at 7 p.m. this Sunday and Sunday, May 31, and at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6. 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.)

Where wolves?

The answer, in Michigan anyway, is Isle Royale, which contains the state's only wolf population. This national park also is home to moose, fox, loons and some beautiful wildflowers. The Living Science organization will be sponsoring a series of trips to the island June 28 to July 5, July 19 to July 26 and Aug. 16 to Aug. 23. The group will be hiking as many as eight miles a day. For more information, call 348-1985 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Rabbits breed like, well, rabbits

We had not seen cottontail rabbits in our yard for several months. Then a few days before Easter we saw two of them. It was perfect timing for my wife and I to discuss the arrival of the Easter Bunny to my daughter.

One rabbit chased the other for a while, but they spent most of their time feeding on some of the grasses. They were probably a pair that had completed their courtship in March and were awaiting the birth of their young.

During the 30-day gestation period of the female, she will search for a suitable location to build a nest. She digs a shallow depression in the ground and lines it with fine grasses and some fur she plucks from her belly.

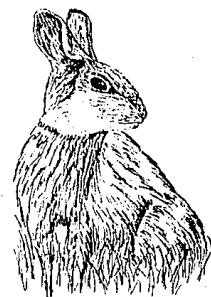
When the three-to-five rabbits are born, they are naked, blind and weigh about three-quarters of an ounce. Young born to hares have fur, open eyes, and are able to leave the nest immediately.

THE MOTHER RABBIT will return in the morning and at dusk to nurse the young in the nest. When she leaves, she covers the nest with leaves from the surrounding area. Only a small amount of fur that can be seen indicates where a nest is located.

Though she only returns to nurse a couple of times per day, the young grow rapidly. By the sixth day their eyes are open, and by the 15th day they may leave the nest for short periods. After 22 days they are independent of the adults.

Cottontails are at the northernmost part of their range in Michigan. They are found in both the upper and lower peninsulas in open shrub land areas. After the lumbering era in Michigan, shrub land increased, and likely the cottontail rabbit population did too.

Cottontail rabbit a quick breeder



nature Timothy Nowicki

Since we know we have rabbits in our yard, we have erected a fence around our garden. Cottontails are notorious for eating favored garden vegetables, but nearly half of their

natural diet consists of grasses. To eat grasses and other plants, rabbits have an extra pair of "teeth" behind the two enlarged upper front teeth.

clarification

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