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Out There

\$10 bucks well spent

Give 'em the finger
 Remember mood rings? We found an updated version—and this time you're the one in control. Buy a pack of **Switchrings** and you'll get one double-sphered plastic ring and four interchangeable wedge-shaped inserts that can be switched on a whim. The inserts come in a variety of colors, some with graphics (like centipedes, skulls, butterflies, cannabis leaves) and gems. Risky ring wearers can order the random package, which is a grab bag of themes—but there's no guarantee what kind of mood that would evoke. Available at www.switchring.com; \$10.—Kevin Aeh






Have veggie oil bus, will scavenge Ambient rock band the Constants will roll—or maybe slide—into Chicago in its 66-passenger school bus to play the Note Thursday 30. The group from Boston converted the bus to run on vegetable oil to cut the cost of touring, which it's been doing for seven months in support of its new release, *The Murder of Tom Fitzgerald* (Radar Recordings). While a friend's mom stockpiles oil from a Chinese restaurant in Montana to help the musicians through the long drives in the Northwest, they usually scavenge waste from town to town. "We either Google high-end Japanese or Italian places and call ahead, or head downtown and talk to managers," Will Benoit says. "In worst case [scenarios], we just go out after shows and find greasetraps." They shouldn't have a problem finding greasy fuel to filter at North, Damen and Milwaukee Avenues. See [Music listings](http://www.radarrecordings.com/artists) or visit www.radarrecordings.com/artists.—LP

What Would Oprah Do?

Past quotes offer clues to how she'd weigh in on current events

How do you keep from getting fat around the holidays?
 "Now, I've read in your book that you said if I just replaced coffee with green tea instead, that I could lose ten pounds in six weeks...I'm gonna do that. Okay. That is so good! Whoa! That is great."**
*In an interview with Dr. Nigel Perricone on The Oprah Winfrey Show, November 10, 2004.

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