

## Smaller, smaller and smaller

# Campers follow lead set by autos

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The recent camper and RV show at the W. Eight Mile Army showed the industry is finally coming to its environmental senses.

For years, we watched campers and RVs repeat the errors of the automobile industry in the 1950s and '60s—bigger and bigger, more and more elaborate, higher and higher price tags. The trend in the auto industry was reversed by the energy crisis that began in 1974.

But the camper and RV people didn't catch on until this year.

Most pop-up campers have been in the 1,400 pound and up class. The 1978 show came up with a couple of models which could be pulled by compact and sub-compact autos at great gasoline savings.



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One nifty little model tips the scales at less than 800 pounds. It stands 40 inches high, which means that you can see over the top in your rear-view mirror.

The only bad note was a continuation of the trend to sell lots of options on campers and cheat on some

of the basics. Last year I was annoyed to find beds of 44- and 46-inch widths being touted as capable of sleeping two persons. Standard is 52 inches. This year, I found a 42-inch-wide bed touted as a double.

Such a bed could handle two 3-year-olds, but not two adults, not even if they cuddle. Take a tape measure along when you shop.

CAMPING FEES are up this year in Michigan state parks. The new schedule:

•\$5 a night per site in all campgrounds with modern facilities, including electrical service, whether or not you use the electricity.

•\$4 a night at sites with either flush toilets and no electricity, or vault toilets and electricity.

•\$2 a night where there are no modern facilities and in areas used by

backpackers.

•\$10 a night for trailside cabins in the Pictured Rocks and Wilderness state parks.

•\$15 a day for frontier cabins.

•\$2 per six persons a night for "organization" camping such as scout or church groups.

ALMOST HALF of all Americans hunted, fished or took part in some wildlife-related recreation as of 1975, according to the U.S. Interior Department.

The every-five-years survey found 95 million Americans age 9 and older were active outdoors.

This included 20.6 million hunters, 53.9 million anglers and more than 49 million who observed wildlife.

The last category is new. The environmental movement has brought forth many outdoors lovers who aren't hunters or anglers.

The estimates were based on telephone interviews with 106,000 households in 50 states, and detailed questionnaires were completed by more than 20,000 persons.

Hunters numbered 11 per cent of the population (down from 12 in the 1970 survey). Anglers remained constant at 29 per cent.

Hunters spent \$5.8 billion and anglers \$15.2 billion to pursue their interests.

The most significant change was a threefold increase in the number of persons who photograph wildlife—from five million in 1970 to 15 million in 75.



Tropical flowers... just as we saw them on those trend-setting Parisian runways. And just as Glen of Michigan shows it here.

From George Matyas shapes—not much more than a drawstring or tuck. And chintz—softened by a rosy glow of colors. The shirred-shoulder overshirt, '36; and side-slit skirt, '36. Both a-bud on sunset and desert tan cotton, sized 4 to 14.

The nubby terry blouse, in desert tan or white, polyester and cotton, sizes 4 to 14, '22.

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## County offers rides to work

Oakland County has taken a novel approach to cutting its welfare rolls.

The Department of Social Services, under a \$5,000, county-funded pilot program, will provide bus tickets to welfare recipients who have been offered employment but have no private means of transportation.

The program is designed to eliminate a loophole through which welfare recipients could refuse job offers and remain on the welfare rolls. A lack of transportation had been considered a legitimate reason for turning down employment.

The plan, approved last week by the county board of commissioners, would provide welfare recipients bus tickets until they received their first pay-

checks. It was approved on a 15-7 vote.

Commissioners in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area voting for the program included: Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills), Dennis Murphy (R-Novi), Alex Perinoff (D-Southfield), Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield) and John Peterson (R-Rochester).

Voting against the program were: Henry Hoot (R-Troy), Ralph Moxley (R-Birmingham) and Robert Page (R-Birmingham). Commissioners Paul Kasper (R-Bloomfield Hills), John McDonald (R-Farmington) and Joseph Montante (R-Orchard Lake) did not vote.

Commissioner Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield Township) was absent.

Hoot said the program set a "bad precedent."

"The next thing you know, we'll be passing a resolution calling for us to buy them alarm clocks," he said.

Commissioner William Patterson (R-Clawson) added, "They're getting enough as it is."

Pernick, the board's major advocate of social service programs, said the program would help "to break the cycle of people finding it more desirable to stay on welfare than to accept employment."

"The average person receives \$5,000 in aid. If we help only one person get off the welfare rolls, we will have recovered our investment."

## Public gets preview of clean water plan

The public will get a preview next week of three more chapters of a clean water plan being developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

A town hall meeting for the north and west suburbs will run 8-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in Northland Inn, 21000 Northwestern, Southfield.

SEMOG's General Assembly last year approved the first two chapters, covering goals and management system. SEMOG is the designated planning agency under a federal Water Pollution Control Act, a law that sets a 1983 goal of making all waters swimmable and fishable.

"WE'LL BE LOOKING at a total of 78 recommendations on the management of residuals waste, non-point pollution and the development of new and

existing facilities for wastewater treatment," said Richard N. Cogger, who chairs SEMOG's Council on Environmental Strategy. Cogger is mayor of Lathrup Village.

"That's a lot of material. So we're structuring the meetings in a way that will enable citizens to understand and discuss just the items of interest to them individually."

Tuesday's meeting, part of a series throughout the seven-county region, is an informational session rather than a public hearing.

Public hearings will be scheduled in April.

AFTER THOSE hearings, SEMOG's General Assembly, composed of representatives from 131 member governments, will adopt a plan. The plan will be forwarded to the state for approval.

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