

# User fees increase as some parks close

Examples of parks deterioration:

■ Park staffing is down from 700 in 1976 to a bit more than 500 currently. Some managers have been assigned two or more parks.

■ The Legislature has increased user fees faster than inflation. Daily vehicle permits have gone from \$2 in 1980 to \$3.50 last year and \$4 this year. Annual permits have gone from \$7 to \$18. Camping permits have gone from a range of \$2 to \$6 a night to \$6 to \$14.

■ Last year, DNR officially shut down 23 state forest (rustic) campgrounds, many of which had been unused because they were so wooded ground. The campgrounds had contaminated wells or needed new outhouses, access roads, bridges or camper pads.

■ Interpretive programs by naturalists were practically ended. State parks are administered by

the Department of Natural Resources, which also is responsible for air quality, hazardous waste management, contaminated site cleanups, water quality, ground-water protection, dam safety, wildlife management, fisheries management, oil and gas development, sand dune management, conservation law enforcement and the state fair.

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2 groups push it

Michigan United Conservation Clubs started the push in January 1993 for better financial understanding for the 100 state parks.

MUCC's plan: a penny hike in the sales tax for one year to set up an endowment fund whose interest earnings would replace tax money from the general fund.

Spano said MUCC and Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, of which she is a member, "raised awareness of the fact that our state parks were deteriorating.

But we were not going to be able to do this on our own."

MUCC's plan would have produced \$15 million a year in interest revenue, more than double the general fund support of state parks.

MUCC's idea was shoved aside in Engler's and the Legislature's preoccupation with school funding and property taxes. With the Dec. 24 agreement on school taxes, lawmakers are free to take on — and take over — the parks initiative.

It's a crucial year because 1994 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the State Parks Commission. It is also an election year. MUCC has been harshly critical of Engler on parks funding and reorganization of the Natural Resources Commission.

Plan unveiled

Now lawmakers have unveiled a 12-part legislative package to improve state parks.

The key measure is taking \$40 million from sale of the Accident

Fund, a state-owned workers compensation insurance business for 80 years. Engler won a bruising battle last year to sell it. His 1995 budget message in December proposed that \$40 million would be the first step toward the \$700 million endowment fund under House Bill 5084.

Next would be a constitutional amendment to stop a \$20 million "diversion" of Michigan Land Trust revenues into the Michigan Strategic Fund.

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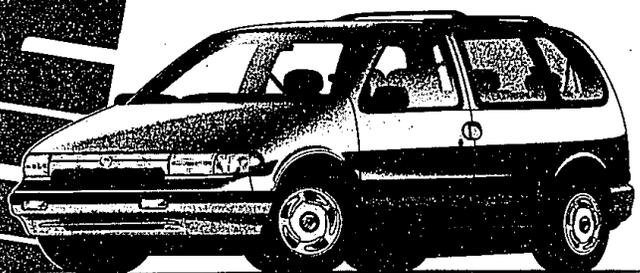
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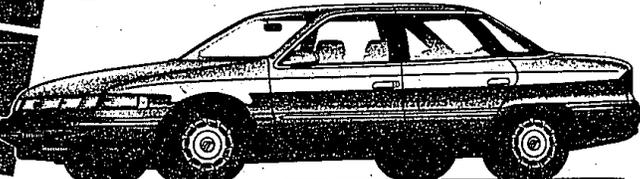
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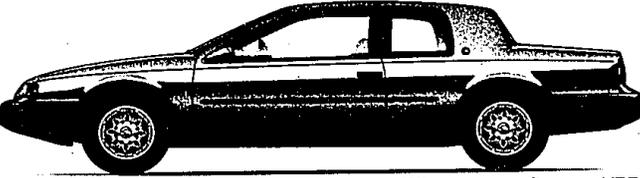
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