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Vehicles

"This bill is asking the education department to do the DMV's job," Stamm said. "The DMV is in a much better position to make sure drivers are insured than we are.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Patti Milne, R-Woodburn, told the House Education Committee at a public hearing that she is not trying to make things difficult for education officials and believes this bill could be implemented simply.

'We aren't stating hard and fast rules on how schools will implement this," Milne said. They can just do it in the easiest way.

Other members of the committee agreed that implementing the bill would be worth any extra work because they would like to do anything they can to decrease the number of uninsured drivers. The committee voted unanimously last week in favor of the bill, and the House should vote on the bill sometime this week

Milne also told the committee that the bill will be especially helpful to the problem of uninsured drivers because it targets the 16 to 25 age group, which she says has the highest number of uninsured drivers.

Stamm is not convinced that young drivers, especially University students, are any more likely to be uninsured that other drivers. He said he requested a copy of statistics supporting Milne's claim but never received them.

"Supporters of the bill tried to make it sound like I was in favor of uninsured drivers; that is not so," Stamm said. "I would just like to see something in place that works."



Jimbo (from left) sits with his 15-year-old son Gabe and friend Ed at the Centennial Car Camp, an experimental three-month legal campsite for Eugene's homeless, which closed Monday.

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He said no lawmakers have shown any reluctance to deal with him because of the charges.

They are waiting to see how the matter plays out before the Senate ethics committee, which is investigating the allegations, he said.

Packwood said he would not rule out support of tax increases, as long as they were offset by larger spending cuts.

But he predicted the budget as passed Thursday by the House would be defeated by the Senate. And he remains a strong opponent of President Clinton's budget plan.

"I want to defeat the whole budget if I can," he said.

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But some campers bathed in a shower that a friendly camper allowed others to use.

The camp had no filter system for the camper shower, so often dirty, soapy water was dumped into the McKenzie River, Dritz said.

The number of campers fluctuated between 55 and 75, Dritz said. Most were singles of the ages 31 to 45. according to a city council newsletter. Fifteen were children.

"Most guys are out here because they're heartbroken. The women are here, well, for several reasons," said T.J. Alterholt, 36, a homeless man who temporarily finds residence at the car camp.

Alterholt was still learning the lay of the land and hopes to get a job soon. He said he wished the churches that come to donate food at the camp would offer church sessions as well

'What's missing here is our spiritual welfare. We're walking wounded," said Alterholt, who planned to have a Bible group of his own.

Flynn said although she receives about \$111 a month in food stamps, she was unable to purchase other necessities, such as personal hygiene products, rent, clothes, alcohol and cigarettes

'Food stamps don't cut it all the time," Flynn said. Bartering food stamps in exchange for the other essential items is a way of life for the campers

With so few resources in their community, sharing is a way of life. Flynn said the living arrangements almost required the campers to combine resources, a problem that seldom allows individuals to escape their homeless situation.

"You have to share, they'd give it to you if they had it ... so everybody's broke," Flynn said. "It's hard to get

"People out there are very cooperative," Dritz said. They are living under a lot of stress and (are) very helpful making the camp work well and avoiding any problems.

Paid and unpaid White Bird workers monitored the camp around the clock. People like Hermes Solomen, an 18-year-old White Bird volunteer, ensured that campers were safe and hospitable to each other.

The police have been called three times since the opening of the camp, according to a The Register-Guard

ET ALS

MISCELLANEOUS

LaVerne Krause Gallery will begin Sana Crusoe's installation class today and will run it through Friday. The gallery will have a reception tonight from 7 to 9. For more information, call 346-3610.

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