

## ID theft bills aimed at aid for buyers

Two bills to protect consumers from identity theft passed the House Floor last week that will increase penalties for those trying to perpetrate fraud.

Both bills, sponsored by House Majority Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend), passed with bipartisan support and are headed to the Senate.

"Oregon has seen a dramatic increase in identity theft over the past two years, and I thought it was important to bring forth legislation that would protect Oregonians from these crimes," Knopp said.

House Bill 3318 increased the penalty for unlawful production of identification cards, licenses, permits, forms or camera cards. They will now be punished by a maximum of five years imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, or both.

Currently, identity theft is a Class A misdemeanor, House Bill 3318 will change it to a Class C felony. The bill passed with a 54-0 vote.

House Bill 3316 passed the House with a 48-1 vote. It permits merchants who accept credit cards or debit cards to require that the card holder provides identification. Currently, some merchants are not allowed to require identification due to contracts with the card issuer.

"Both of these bills are designed to protect the consumer," Knopp said. "We want to make sure people are protected from identify theft and have recourse if they are victims of this type of crime."



**FIFTH-WHEEL FIRE** - Illinois Valley Fire District volunteer and staff firefighters responded on Saturday, May 3 to a mid-morning alarm at 600 Pinewood Way. Firefighters found that a blanket had burned and that a TV and VCR were damaged by fire of unknown origin. The fifth-wheel was unoccupied, and the property owner is Pat Woods, said the fire district. No estimate of monetary loss due to damage was available.

## OSU, others look at cancer compounds

Three major research programs at Oregon State University (OSU) are joining forces under a new five-year, \$6.8 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to identify how well some natural dietary compounds can prevent cancer in animals, humans and even fetuses.

This "program project" is one of a select few funded by this federal agency each year. It will help scientists from OSU's Linus Pauling Institute and the Marine Freshwater Biomedical Sciences Center work more effectively with other programs at the university to scientifically demonstrate the value - or perhaps even risks - of using certain

foods or supplements in the fight against cancer in the United States and around the world.

Among the compounds of particular interest are chlorophyllin, a derivative of the natural chlorophyll found in green vegetables; the polyphenols found in green or white tea; and indole-3-carbinol, a phytochemical found in many vegetables.

The wide-ranging research efforts will explore the value of these compounds in different forms of cancer, including colon, liver, lung, and stomach cancer.

The principal investigators in the project are professors Rod Dashwood and professor David Williams, and George Bailey.

One of the projects that has already attracted international interest is Bailey's work with chlorophyllin. In an earlier study in China that was published in the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences," researchers showed that inexpensive daily supplements of chlorophyllin could greatly reduce the DNA damage caused by aflatoxin contamination in the diet.

This is a major health problem in some parts of the world, including parts of China where one in 10 adults die from liver cancer. Evidence suggests chlorophyllin supplements could cut the mortality rate by more than half.

Now, in combinations of animal, laboratory and human tests, researchers want to find out how natural chlorophyllin acts compared to the supplement chlorophyllin, what mechanisms are involved, and what types of cancer might be affected - among those of interest are liver, colon and smoking-related lung cancer.

And they will explore how different chemopreventive agents would work together, such as chlorophyllin and antioxidants.

In other research, Dashwood's project will examine the cancer preventive effects of green and white tea, both of which appear to lessen the risk of colon, small intestine and stomach cancer in animal studies.

Researchers want to know how the polyphenols in certain types of tea work to prevent DNA damage from mutagens, and whether they can also help prevent previously mutated cells from progressing into cancer, especially in the gastrointestinal tract.

In a third study, Williams will take the study of carcinogens even further, examining their effects on a human fetus.

"We already know that fetuses can be fairly vulnerable to the toxic effects of carcinogens, which can cause cancer or birth defects and may relate to some miscarriages," Williams said. "So the question becomes, can we protect fetuses from chemicals that might cross the placental barrier?"

Williams will study chlorophyllin, both caffeinated and decaffeinated green tea, and indole-3-carbinol in his studies.

In all this research, the scientists say they will examine not only the potential benefits of foods and supplements but also possible risks.

It may even be, the scientists said, that the same compound that has a benefit for an adult may interact quite differently with a fetus, or that people with certain genetic makeup may be more predisposed to cancer than others and could therefore benefit from different nutritional approaches.

The long-term goal of this research, the scientists say, is to provide scientifically credible information about the types of diet, lifestyle changes and supplements that may provide optimal health and protect against disease.

## RCC's Randy Wade cited for organizational skills

Randy Wade, an instructor and department head with Rogue Community College's (RCC) Business Technology Department, has been named recipient of the 2003 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award.

The college's Teaching and Learning Committee selected Wade to receive the honor. He was among a field of six instructors nominated by faculty, managers, and staff. Criteria included full campus involvement, teaching impact, and encouraging open access.

NISOD, which emphasizes "the importance of teaching excellence in open-door settings," is in its 24th year of recognizing outstanding faculty members in community colleges worldwide.

Also nominated were Niki Coulter, Connie Denham, Bob Hutsell, Dennis Kimzey, and Chip Phillips. The group will be honored at a reception

starting at 3 p.m. May 23 on the RCC Riverside Campus, Building F-1, Medford.

Wade has taught at RCC for 18 years, coming from Emporia State College in Kansas. He will attend the annual NISOD conference May 25-28 in Austin, Texas.

In nominating Wade, RCC instructor Marie Mueller cited his respect for the value of education and for his colleagues. She also noted his commitment to professional growth and college committees, adding that students and faculty seek out his advice.

"He understands how the classes combine to provide a well-rounded degree or certificate and is able to share that concept. Even his jokes are relevant," Mueller said.

"As a teacher you know what you do is important, and you do it because you love it and for the students," Wade said. "But it's nice to have peers recognize your work. 'I can't imagine doing anything other than teaching.'"

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\*Cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, hamburger, turkey & cheese sub, ham & cheese sub, Chef salad, Mandarin chicken salad, vegetarian pizza, pepperoni pizza, nachos, spaghetti & breadstick  
**FRIDAY, MAY 9**  
\*Cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, hamburger, turkey & cheese sub, roast beef sub, Chef salad, Mandarin chicken salad, Hawaiian pizza, pepperoni pizza, beef tacos, hot dog & fries  
**MONDAY, MAY 5**  
\*No classes  
**TUESDAY, MAY 13**  
\*Cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, hamburger, turkey & cheese sub, roast beef sub, Chef salad, Mandarin chicken salad, sausage pizza, supreme pizza, beef & bean burrito, rib-b-que & potato wedge  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**  
\*Cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, hamburger, turkey & cheese sub, veggie sub, Chef salad, Mandarin chicken salad, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, taco salad, chicken nuggets

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**  
\*IVHS Spring Concert 7 p.m.  
Boys golf at Running 'Y' 10 a.m.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 10**  
\*Girls softball at Henley Noon - Doubleheader  
\*Boys baseball vs. Henley - Doubleheader Here - Noon  
\*Track at Mazama 10 a.m.  
**MONDAY, MAY 12**  
\*Boys golf at Running 'Y' Noon  
**TUESDAY, MAY 13**  
\*Girls softball vs. Lakeview Here - 4:30 p.m.  
\*Boys baseball at Lakeview - Here - 4:30 p.m.  
\*Boys golf at Grants Pass 1 p.m.  
\*Fishwatch to Forks State Park - 11:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**  
\*ROTC Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m.  
\*OSSOM meeting - ROTC Lunch  
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