GPDPS awarded for reduced number of lives lost in fires

The Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS) was presented a Life Safety Achievement (LSA) Award for 2001 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI).

The award was announced by Roy L. Marshall, director of the RFSI.

For nine years, the LSA Award has recognized the fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. GPDPS qualified for this award in 2001 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during that year.

Although residential fires in the United States account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths. RFSI is committed to reducing that number. A total of 1,106 fire departments in the United States and Iceland received the 2001 LSA Award.

"Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can signifi-

cantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires," Marshall said. "Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The LSA Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those ef-

RFSI is a public interest group whose mission is to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries. RFSI advocates the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and teaching people fire-safety.

RFSI assists fire departments with implementing residential sprinkler/smoke alarm programs on a local basis. RFSI's membership includes the United States Fire Administration, the National Assoc. of State Fire Marshals and private industry/associations with an interest and commitment to residential fire safety.

RCC DEPOT program relocates

Rogue Community College's Diploma Equivalency Program for Outreach Teens (DEPOT) has been relocated to the K Bldg. Learning Center on the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass.

DEPOT had been located in Downtown Grants Pass.

The program for teenagers will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The program will continue serving 16-to-20-yearolds "in a structured setting" for GED preparation.

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The Illinois Valley Learning Center at the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby will continue to provide English as a Second Language classes, GED preparation, basic skills, and brush-up for college placement tests.

The center is open 16 hours a week. The fall term schedule is 3 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, phone 592-2103 or (541) 956-

West Nile; Quoth the raven

A raven found in northeastern Washington state has tested positive for West Nile Virus and is one more sign that it's only a matter of time before the disease comes to Oregon, according to public health officials at the state Dept. of Human Services (DHS).

"It's clear that West Nile is on its way, but that does not mean people should panic," said Emilio DeBess, state public health veterinarian in DHS. "Because mosquito breeding season is over in Oregon, we probably won't see the virus until next spring."

Many species of birds, along with horses and other animals, may become infected and die from West Nile Virus. The disease spreads to humans through the bites of infected mosquitos, DeBess said.

He said that most West

Nile infections are mild, with fever and flu-like symptoms. More severe infections may cause inflammation of the brain, but rarely death.

"People can take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito-borne diseases, and it doesn't hurt to start now," DeBess said. He advises:

*Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding.

*Because mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, avoid playing or working outside at these times.

*When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts and other protective clothing.

*Wear insect repellant that contains DEET.

*Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace

screens that have rips.

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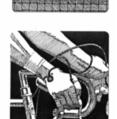
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Triva Time by Walter Bramch

- 1. What religious book begins: "I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents ..."?
- 2. What writer moved to Vermont after the Soviet Union threw him out in 1974? 3. What sauce is made by the
- McIlhenny Company of Avery Island, La.? 4. In what kind of building was
- Andrew Jackson the first president to be born? 5. Who gave sports fanatic Fidel Castro a satellite dish so he could
- watch U.S. baseball games? 6. Who gave the first televised presidential press conference in the
- U.S.? 7. Who co-starred with Humphrey Bogart in four movies during the
- 1940s? What former actor said in 1979, "Liberalism is no longer the answer.
- It is the problem"? 9. What beverage did Louis Pasteur first pasteurize in 1864?
- 10. What is the term for the side of a right triangle opposite the right

angle? Trivia Time Answers

1. The Book of Mormon; 2. Alexander Solzhenitsyn; 3. Tabasco; 4. A log cabin; 5. Ted Turner; 6. Dwight Eisenhower; 7. Lauren Bacall; 8. Ronald Reagan; 9. Wine;

