

Business Notes

Creatures pet shop caters to the needs of people and their pets



Ben and Lisa Edgar with Einstein, their Moluccan Cockatoo.

Californian named to lead PCC

Dr. Jess Carreon, superintendent and president of the Rio Hondo Community College district in Whittier, California, has accepted the position of President of Portland Community College. Pending contract negotiations, the board will make the formal appointment at their meeting on May 17.

Carreon earned a doctorate in higher education from the University of Southern California, a master's degree in man-

agement from the University of California, Irvine and a bachelor's degree in history from San Diego State University.

He has been president of Ventura College in Ventura, California and assistant superintendent and vice president of instruction at El Camino Community College district in Torrance, California.

Dan Moriarty, president of PCC since 1986, will retire June 30.

Women's health fair, fashion show

The annual Women's Health Fair and Community Fashion Show, sponsored by the Women's Health Awareness Committee will be May 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Helens High School Commons.

The Health Fair will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.,

followed by Dr. Mark Livingston, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., who will present tips on how to help a friend through breast cancer. The Community Fashion Show will be from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For more information, call Doreen at Columbia County Public Health, 503-397-4651.

NV car club invites attendance

Nehalem Valley Speed & Beauty car club is meeting every Tuesday evening in the Delemos garage, with various hands-on learning projects. The emphasis is on basic mechanics, as many young fellows actively participate in these endeavors.

The club is open to any and all who want to learn more about and "play" cars.

For more information, call 503-429-4074.

If you're tired of having to go out of town to get pet supplies, you can now eliminate that chore. Ben and Lisa Edgar have opened Creatures, a full line pet store that has just about everything you may need - treats, shampoos, toys, cages, beds, leashes and much, much more. They stock feed for birds, reptiles, ferrets and rodents, in addition to the more usual dog, cat and rabbit feed. In spite of the variety they carry, if they don't happen to have what you want, they will cheerfully order it for you.

The Edgars have been breeding and hand feeding exotic birds for some time. They also have a breeding program for reptiles, rodents, and rabbits. "We have most any kind of

pet available," the Edgars say, through their association with a large network of breeders. Their goal is to beat, or at least compete with, Petco and other out-of-town pet stores.

Business is nothing new to either Ben or Lisa, who have more than 20 years of retail experience and have, as Lisa says, "learned much about proper and superior customer service." Their four children help with the store, too. At this time, Ben is continuing in his position as assistant produce manager at the 185th Ave. Safeway. Lisa also works part time as director of Vernonia Cares.

Though their shop is packed to the rafters with pet supplies, the Edgars have been running Creatures out of their home for a couple of years, so they are delighted to be in a commercial building. They also do a lot of business on-line, selling birds for people all over the United States. The address for their website is www.creatures-pets-hop.com.

Creatures is located at 715 Bridge Street, in the Joy Theater building. The hours are 10 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, closed Sunday.

"We invite everyone to come in and browse," said Lisa, "or give us a call at (503) 429-PETS."

Dep't of Revenue needs addresses

The Oregon Department of Revenue wants to be sure it has the correct addresses for the federal retirees waiting for refunds of Oregon state income taxes paid on federal pension benefits received for tax years 1991 through 1994. The refunds are scheduled to be released after July 1, 2001.

Federal pensioners who have moved since filing Form 40F need to provide updated addresses and name changes. The information should be mailed by May 18.

Address changes should be sent to Address Change, Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 14600, Salem OR 97309-5049. Correspondence sent to the department should include the proper Social Security number for identification purposes.

Addresses also may be changed by calling the department toll free at 1-800-356-4222 (Oregon only). Outside Oregon, the number is 503-378-4988. Spanish speakers may call 503-945-8618. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired only), the toll-free number within Oregon is 1-800-886-7204. The Spanish and TTY numbers are answered by machine; a representative will return the call.

Business Expo will aid the hungry

Area businesses and organizations are invited to show the public what they have to offer in merchandise, services or community endeavors and, at the same time, help raise funds for Vernonia Cares, the emergency food bank in Vernonia.

Vernonia Cares will host a Business Expo on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Washington Grade School. Space may be reserved for your products, brochures, posters, business cards - or whatever you want to display to promote your busi-

ness. The \$25 fee is tax deductible.

Though designed primarily for businesses, organizations are also invited to join in the event and let people know what your organization has to offer. Publicity and advertising will be handled by Vernonia Cares.

For more information, or to reserve your space, contact Lisa Edgar at Vernonia Cares, Inc., 503-429-1414, at her home 503-429-4013, or by e-mail: edgar@vernonia-or.com

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