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Armand Lee Smith
was born March 31, 1950 in Delano, Calif. to Lloyd Wesley Smith and Juanita June Smith. He grew up in Bakersfield, Calif. He later moved to Oregon to be close to his family.

Armand’s hobbies included cars, hunting, fishing and music just to name a few. He could be found in his recliner every evening listening to his favorite groups and he enjoyed playing a game he called “Name That Tune and Who Sang it.” He enjoyed Elvis, the oldies, country and western and swing. He would go on annual fishing trips in the fall to the coast with his good friend Sean Malloy, or they would go find a lake any chance they got. In May 2017 he and his wife Louise moved to Naalehu, Hawaii, where he would go out ocean fishing or sit on the lanai with a drink in his hand and a smile on his face watching the ocean below. Armand died at the age of 68, July 17, 2018, in Tripler Army Medical Center on the island of Oahu. He never lost his sense of humor while in the hospital and enjoyed making the staff laugh.

Armand is survived by his wife, Louise; five brothers, Lloyd, Steve, Ken, Jack and Michael. He is also survived by his children, Johnathan, Pauline, Nicolas, Brian and Cynthia; and the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Armand left behind many friends who he looked upon as family. I would like to believe that Armand is now sitting with his mother enjoying a cup of coffee and smiling down on all of us. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Tripler Army Medical Center, Fisher Houses, 317 Krukowski Road, Honolulu, HI 96819. They provide housing for the military family members who have someone who is a patient in Tripler Army Medical Center.

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To: Forestry Office
I have noticed that in the last decade the forest fires are much worse, more destruction, tragic, consuming more acreage and at a huge cost (dollar-wise); all have gone up. What has gone down, however, is the amount of fire watch towers, from 400 to 40. Maybe a little “low tech” but eyes out there watching all the time and calling the smallest bit of smoke in, I think, has saved a lot. Please consider that arm of awareness more valuable than you might have thought.

Sincerely,
Skye Dillon
Cave Junction

Letter
God gave us all this choice land we call America and then blessed it with abundance. In 1776, our founding fathers gave us the constitution as a way to preserve a nation and protect its citizens. It is a wonderful document and had we as a people all lived its concept we would not have become one of the most corrupt nations in the world. How did this happen ???

Fifty years ago a law was passed banning prayer in public schools. Basically the schools had to comply because it was “the law” and the government said if they didn’t comply there would not be any federal money for education. Sound like blackmail?? Not too many years went by and another law was passed, this time the law banning the “Pledge of Allegiance” in public schools. With those two laws, America began a rapid decline into nationwide corruption in all aspects of our lives. It is in all forms of government,

beginning at the city level, continuing through county, state and certainly in all breaches of federal government. The corruption and much of the power is in our banking system. Control the money, control the people.

Money and power is a very dangerous combination and will usually lead to total corruption. America was told several years ago that our constitution would hang in the balance. Today, we have a president threatening our rights to free speech. If we lose that right, he will be one step away from revoking our right to bear arms. If that happens we will be a nation living under the leadership of a dictator.

Let’s put God, prayers and respect back into our lives. Let’s all stand up for what is right. Just because it’s “the law,” doesn’t mean it’s right. As a private citizen, many of us do obey the law, but isn’t it time we started revoking some of man’s laws and start obeying God’s laws? I love my country, but I fear my government.

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen
Carolyn S. Hansen
Cave Junction

Getting ready for Labor Day Parade
I’ve been to many, many parades in my life, starting in 1938 at the Gage County Fairgrounds in Beatrice, Nebraska for the Parade of Race Cars. Other parades include the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California, San Diego’s Fourth of July Parade representing the Navy and the 1950 Philadelphia State Fair Parade. My most recent parades have included participating in parades right here in Josephine County and Cave Junction - riding on horseback, Bowman Archery Club, tractor entries,

WWII veterans’ float and many others. I could tell you many stories and share memories about each and every parade that includes time spent with family and facts that I learned. And, along with a good time, many trophies and ribbons were won.

Since I have participated in parades all over this country, I am here to tell you that one thing that really bothers me about parades in Cave Junction is throwing candy to the children during the parade. It is very distracting to have children fighting for candy, running out on the pavement to get the candy or crying because they didn’t get candy. Some people spend a lot of time on their floats and entries and it is a shame that the children are not looking at the parade entries, but instead worried about getting their candy.

Why can’t we pass out candy at the park during the Labor Day Festival? Why can’t parades be about families interacting with their children and discussing the entries. How about this, “Hey, son, look at that old Model T Ford – you’re great, great great-grandpa came to Oregon in a car like that one;” or “Look at the dresses those women are wearing. I’ll bet they made their own dresses.”

I think the city should draw up a set of rules as follows: time of set up, etc., spacing of entries is very important for exposure and no candy! There are many parade rules available for guidance such as the Redwood City Parade rules, Grants Pass’s Boatnik and others.

Let’s focus on what is really important – the children. Let’s not deprive our young ones of the wonders of a parade. Let’s have a parade without candy!

Rocky Jones
Cave Junction

After 28 years Jett Sett is now the Tangle Tamer

By Laura Mancuso
IVN Editor

After 28 years, three landlords and a room full of memories, Kathy Jett has made a big change in her life. As of Aug. 1, Jett Sett hair salon, located at 219 S. Redwood Hwy., was sold to Denise Krska.

“It was just time,” said Jett. For the last three years, Jett and Krska have been discussing the possibility of the change of ownership. And then one day, Jett just popped into Reflections beauty salon where Krska was working and said, “It’s time!”

After that, Jett and her husband Howard along with Krska and her husband Jeff sat down for a meeting to talk about the business. When Howard said to Jett, “I would love to have you home another day,” it sealed the deal.

Jett ran a very successful business and credits Howard - “He has always let me be me.” Jett and Howard have been married for 48 years, meeting in the area where Jett went to a private beauty college in 1960 and has been styling hair every since.

“Growing up in L.A. was wonderful with all the studios,” said Jett when reminiscing about the past. “I can remember my aunts who were night clubbers and at 10 years old they asked me to style their hair.”

Other fond memories of hers was working at the Marina Del Ray hotel in California as a hair stylist in the ‘60s and working with MGM Studios during beauty school. But, her best memory was buying Jett Sett and Jett has thoroughly enjoyed her ownership, mainly because she loves people and styling their hair. “It’s been an amazing experience ... some of my clients stayed with me for 27 years ... it never felt like a job.”

Both Jett and Krska agreed that the process of

changing ownership of the business has been “a smooth transition.” Jett has been very busy distributing the collection of masks and hats that she displayed on her walls, all promised to her clients about five years ago. All of her salon decorations, including the house plants, were gifts from her clients throughout the years.

If you’re worried that you won’t see Jett again, don’t worry. She will still be styling hair on Mondays and Fridays at the new salon called Tangle Tamer. In her extra time she looks forward to spending more time with her family and enjoying her home in O’Brien, where she has resided for 35 years.

And when it comes to Krska, Jett can’t think of anyone she would have rather sold her business to. “She is such a nice lady.”

Krska, who moved around a lot when she was a child due to her dad’s job, graduated from I.V. High School in 1983. She then completed beauty school at the Artistic School for Hair Design in Grants Pass the same year, and has been in the Valley ever since.

Specializing in traditional hairstyling, doing

haircuts, perms, colors and highlights, Krska is willing to take on some new clients and “will arrange for special appointments after hours if needed.”

She also expressed how excited she was about her new business: “We got painting done and new decorations; it’s nice because what we have is specifically set up for hair.”

When Krska is not cutting hair she is focused on her family. She and Jeff have three children: Winona, 26, who is married to Michael, and are stationed in a Washington Army base; Kenneth, 25, who is currently in the Army; and her youngest Joseph, 15, who currently goes to I.V. High School.

Another thing Krska does outside of her salon is ride her horses. Currently, she has three horses that she likes to take trail riding.

She often rides with her girlfriends at Westside Trail, Lake Selmac, poker runs and the beach. Krska has had horses for most of her life and her motto is “Has horses, will work!”

Tangle Tamer’s new hours will be Monday – Friday with Krska working Monday thru Thursday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (and Jett working Monday and Fridays). You can call her for an appointment at 541-592-



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Laura Mancuso (left) gets a birthday hairstyle by Denise Krska while Kathy Jett styles one of her longtime customers Monday, Aug. 20.

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