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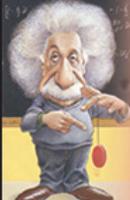
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Mandt, Sache Salon, survive despite slow economy, construction

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Sache Salon and Spa, located in downtown Oregon, offers all of the usual salon services, as well as a full service spa, and a little something extra. As an Aveda Concept Salon & Spa, Sache provides its cuts, colors, perms, nail care, makeup services, waxing, facials and massages with a social conscience.

Owner Lisa Mandt explained that while most bottles can be recycled, the caps generally aren't. Sache is collecting bottle caps to send in to Aveda to be recycled into new bottles and caps, and offering customers who bring in caps a coupon for \$5 off their next salon service.

"We try to get people environmentally aware of what we need to do. We do Earth Month where we raise money for countries that don't have access to clean water. We also have Breast Cancer Awareness month where we donate a portion of the proceeds from a certain product to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation," said Mandt. "Aveda's really conscious about their packaging. We try to recycle everything."

Mandt was happy to keep the salon's affiliation with Aveda when she purchased it a year and a half ago, but she did have some redecorating to do. Today the main salon is open and airy, with honey-toned wood floors and walls painted in warm and soothing tones. The spacious waiting area features a plush loveseat and armchair, and a table covered with magazines. The remodeled spa area features intimate rooms designed for waxing, massages, manicures and pedicures.

Sache's downtown location at 108 Janesville Street is convenient, now that last year's construction is over. Mandt took over the salon just before construction started.

"It was a rough time," she said. "Everybody in the area got a hit a little bit. Business was down about 20 percent but things picked back up."

Even as business has improved, Mandt continues to work to entice customers to the salon. In light of the current economy,

Sache is offering weekly specials, designed to make their services a little more budget friendly.

Mandt and her seven employees strive to make everyone who comes to the salon feel special. They provide complimentary stress relieving scalp, neck and shoulder massages and hand treatments with the purchase of some services. They also offer free makeup touchups after most services.

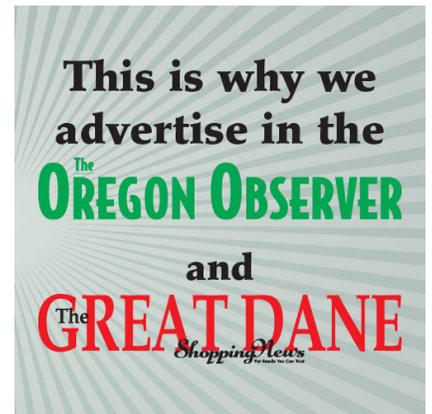
Along with a new owner, the salon has acquired some new services. Gel nail enhancements are now offered. Additionally, the spa's massage therapist (who is also a chiropractor) will soon be teaching classes to people who want to learn how to give friends or family members massages at home.

In addition to running the salon, managing her employees, and worrying about construction, Mandt is busy keeping track of upcoming beauty trends. The makeup looks for fall, she noted, include metallic eye colors, smoky eyes and soft lips, while rich colors, lots of curls, loose waves and loose buns will be hot in hair.

Sache Salon and Spa is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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