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Lecinda Sue (Kmetko) Mitchell

March 2, 1944-May 31, 2019

Lecinda Sue (Kmetko) Mitchell (March 2, 1944), following several long battles with cancer, died at home in Keizer, on May 31, 2019. Thomas Mitchell, her husband of more than 55 years, and children Jason Mitchell and Leslie Mitchell, were by her side.



L. Mitchell

Born in Ravenna, Ohio to Keith and Wilma (Biles) Kmetko, the family then moved to Tucson, Ariz., in the 1950s and eventually settled in Phoenix where she graduated from Carl Hayden High School in 1962. She excelled at math, studied dance with her twin sister Linda and younger sister Nancy, and enjoyed cheerleading and pom pom groups throughout high school. Her positivity, enthusiasm and loyalty carried through her adult life and were reflected in the support and love she showed to her family and friends.

In December 1963, she married her high school sweetheart in front of family and friends in Phoenix, Ariz. After the arrival of son Jason, the family of three moved to Fullerton, Calif. for the birth of daughter Leslie. From there the family moved to Tacoma, Wash., and eventually in Tigar, Ore. in 1981. In 1993 she moved to Salem with husband Tom to help run the moving and storage business they purchased. In 1998, they built their dream home together in Keizer. Thanks in part to her financial and bookkeeping skills, they sold the business and retired in 2013.

Cindy, as family and friends knew her, loved Christmas, home decorating (she was a champion wall paper-er), dance and arts and crafts of all

sorts. She was known to crochet afghans for all those she loved. Some of her favorite pastimes include doting on her grandchildren, and telling people about her daughter's dental practice and enlightening people to the existence of Pink Martini (the band her son works for). She supported numerous political and social causes. She was quick to smile, and guests in her home were typically well fed.

She is survived by her husband Thomas (Keizer, Ore.), son Jason (Portland, Oregon), daughter Leslie (Tualatin, Ore.) as well as grandchildren Parker, Riley, and Lillie, and son-in-law Nick. Her sunbeam presence will never be forgotten.

James Terence Havel

September 15, 1942 - May 24, 2019

James Terence Havel died on May 24, 2019 in Portland after a brief illness. Jim was born in 1942 in Detroit, Michigan.



Jim Havel

Jim dedicated his life to public service. He was a Committee Administrator for the State Senate for 12 years. He served on the Salem-Keizer School Board. He later moved to Washington D.C. where he was instrumental in

creating the Americans with Disabilities Act and was national vice president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. In 1996, Jim published his 2-volume book, *US Presidents and the Elections; A Biographical and Historical Guide*.

Jim is survived by his wife, Roberta Feinstein Havel, their daughter Lianna Havel; his three children from his first marriage; Julie Long, Emily Havel and Jay Havel. Service has been held. Contributions in his name may be made to the ACLU.

Robert Ruhr

Aug. 7, 1941 - June 3, 2019

Robert "Bob" Bernard Ruhr, age 77, of Keizer, passed away on Monday June 3, 2019. A memorial service will occur Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1375 Lockhaven Dr NE, Keizer, OR 97303. Arrangements with Howell, Edwards, Doerksen Funeral Home of Salem.

Dean Veneman

Sept. 2, 1956 - May 5, 2019

Dean Veneman passed away Sunday, May 5, at his home in Salem.

He was born in Salem Sept. 2, 1956, to Orville and Maebelle Veneman.

Veneman graduated from McNary High school 1974. He held many different jobs during his life, but mostly worked for himself as owner of Dean's Landscaping and Dean's Installation.

He is survived by his brother Rick Veneman of Turner; sister Sally Teel of Modesto, Calif.; brother-in-law Alvin Lute of Salem; seven nieces and five nephews and several great nieces and nephews; and his



D. Veneman

dogs that he loved so much, Marley and Velvet.

Veneman was preceded in death by his father and mother, sisters Linda Coiteux and Dorothy Lute and niece Bobbie Lynn.

A Celebration of Life is slated for June 23 at Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse 1916 Icabod Street N.E. in Salem from 1 to 3 p.m.

Thai restaurant opens in Sandy River Center

By HUNTER C. BOMAR
Of the Keizertimes

Bai Bua Thai Kitchen, located at 5133 River Road N, opened its doors to the Keizer community in late May.

This is Vichuda Stine's fifth Thai restaurant, and when asked what makes her restaurant unique, she said, "The price is not overpriced, the portion is not bad, and you can eat my food every day. I want people to feel like they can eat Thai food anytime."

So far, the most popular dishes Bai Bua serves have been the apple catfish, param lemongrass chicken noodle and the spinach peanut noodle.

Stine said that the menu has a good variety and that the dishes have spices like they do in her hometown of Bangkok, Thailand. The mee hang egg noodle salad, Stine said, reminds her of her childhood the most.

She added that though there are many spicy options, there are many mild dishes as well, including the eggplant mango and teriyaki.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4



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Pad Thai prepared by Bai Bua Thai Kitchen now open on River Road N.

p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and is open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

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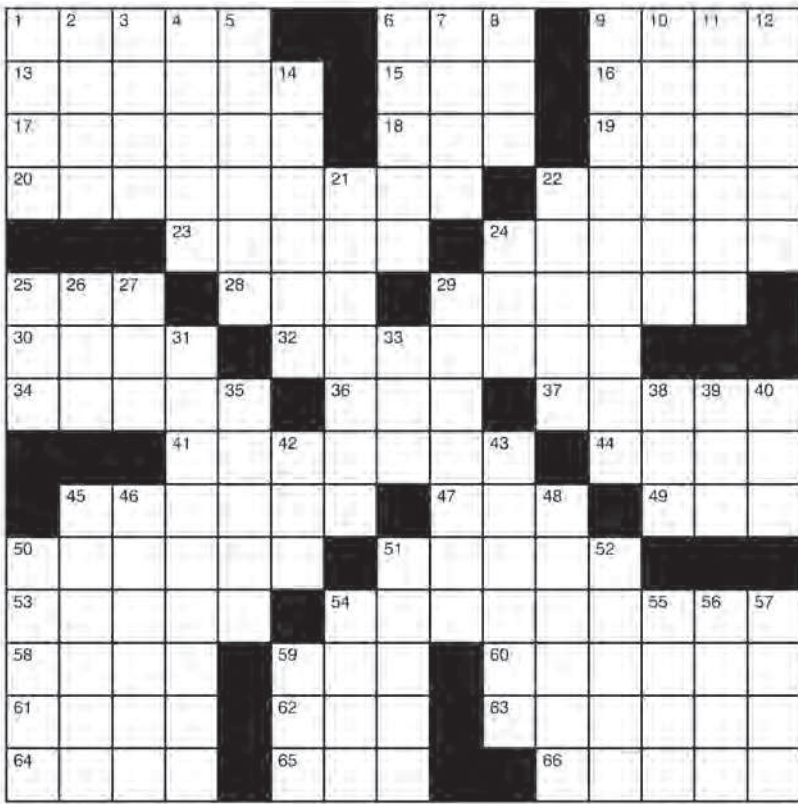
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