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Tournament draws archers of all ages

On Saturday, 35 archers from throughout Florida, ranging in age from 15 to 91, participated in the Classic 600 Round Invitational Tournament.

Local C1

Polo fan saddles up to play the game

Sales manager Jeff Zimmerman, who has been a fixture in The Villages for a long time, has taken up a new hobby – playing polo.

Sports B1

America's Healthiest Hometown

NEW CARE CENTER WELCOMES PATIENTS



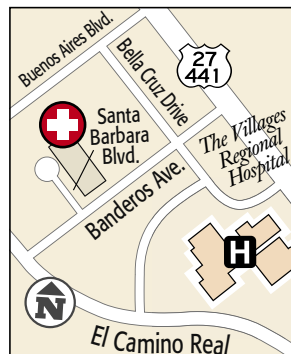
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Dr. Saul Rosenblum, center, the medical director for Santa Barbara Care Center, cuts the ribbon for the new facility. Rosenblum and his staff were joined by medical professionals from USF Health and representatives from UnitedHealthcare for the grand-opening celebration.

Santa Barbara becomes second primary care facility to open in The Villages

(Part of an ongoing series on The Villages' efforts to become "America's Healthiest Hometown.")

Santa Barbara Care Center
1575 Santa Barbara Blvd.



Daily Sun

By **LARRY D. CROOM**
DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

THE VILLAGES Santa Barbara Care Center is open for business and the facility's medical director couldn't be happier.

"It's like the first day of school again," Dr. Saul Rosenblum said. "The notebooks are clean. You've got a brand-new pencil in your hand. There's great teachers. Everything is just abuzz here with excitement."

That was definitely the

of patient-centered medical home, is part of The Villages Health, an innovative primary-care-driven initiative that's sweeping through Florida's Friendliest Hometown.

Santa Barbara became the second primary care center to open in The Villages, just 10 months after Colony Care Center opened in the south end of the community.

Rosenblum said he's confident that his center will provide the same high level of care as patients have enjoyed at the Colony center and at the Bellevue Care Center, which used to be called Family Doctors of Bellevue before the practice

See **SANTA BARBARA**, A8



"You couldn't ask for a nicer facility. It's been built to take care of the patient. It's not the traditional office model."

—**Dr. Saul Rosenblum**, medical director

Villagers, friends never left the Bronx

Fran Kilgore is proof you can take the kid out of the Bronx, but you can't take the Bronx out of the kid.

Especially when the gal is hanging on like a barnacle to memories from her youth in New York's northernmost borough.

That's why Fran is in Lake George, N.Y., this weekend, catching up on bygone days with 25 pals from the old neighborhood.

And we're not talking college buddies – or even high school classmates. Fran goes waaaay back.

"Most of us have been together since the second grade, but some even since they were younger," said Fran, who serves as host for a reunion of Bronx buddies each winter. "Many lived on the same street since they were about 3 years old."

Fran actually organizes two reunions. One up North,

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National focus



J. Scott Applewhite / The Associated Press

House approves back pay for furloughed workers

The government has failed to keep the doors open and has told federal workers to stay off the job as the political parties fight over spending and health care.

Now Congress and President Barack Obama are sending this message to the 800,000 sidelined government employees: We don't know when the impasses will end but you will get reimbursed for lost pay once the government reopens.

With the partial shutdown entering its fifth day, the House passed a bill Saturday that would make sure the furloughed workers get paid for not working.

House Speaker John Boehner, asked whether Congress was any closer to resolving the impasse, replied: "No." Aides close to Boehner say he has not figured out how to end the gridlock.

—The Associated Press

Florida focus

Wildlife officials: Autumn is when bears are more active

It's fall, which means there will be more sightings of Florida's largest land mammal.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hosted an event Friday morning at the Naples Zoo to provide information about how bears are more active this time of year. The commission also highlighted what to do and not to do when humans encounter bears.

During the event, wildlife

officials placed bear-resistant garbage cans in a bear display. The FWC will also launch a new website where residents and visitors can document their encounters or bear sightings.

FWC biologists estimate that there are between 2,500 and 3,000 black bears in Florida. It's the only species of bear found in Florida.

—The Associated Press



Rich Pedroncelli
The Associated Press

Inside today's Daily Sun

Extreme weather around the nation

Residents in Louisiana prepared for Karen, while parts of the Great Plains dealt with heavy snow and tornadoes.

Nation A3

Shutdown impact: The services affected

Tourists and homebuyers are among the hardest hit, but mail is still being delivered, and Social Security benefits continue to flow.

Washington A9

String of attacks in Iraq leaves 66 dead

Dual suicide bombers, one in a Sunni neighborhood and one in a cafe north of the capital, killed at least 66 people.

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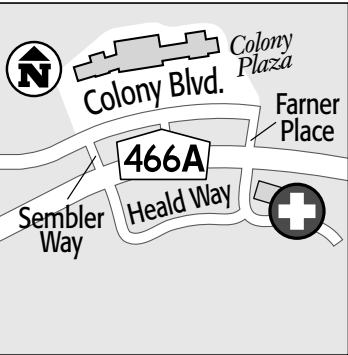
America’s Healthiest Hometown

Three new primary care centers will join Colony Care Center and Sanata Barbara Care center. The centers will be open weekdays at 7:30 a.m. with the last patients seen at 5:30 p.m.

Opened December 2012

Colony Care Center


280 Farner Place



November 2013


Pinellas Care Center

2485 Pinellas Place




Spring 2014

Mulberry Grove Care Center



Spring 2014

Lake Sumter Creekside Care Center



SANTA BARBARA, from A1

joined forces with The Villages Health.

“We have the same aspirations, quality people, quality physicians, quality nurses, quality staff here,” he said. “You couldn’t ask for a nicer facility. It’s been built to take care of the patient. It’s not the traditional office model. Everything is open and for the comfort of the patient.”

Rosenblum said he’s confident his staff will learn from those working at the other centers as well.

“Medicine is constantly a learning journey,” he said. “Once you think you know it all, you’re short-changing your patient. So there’s always learning in terms of delivery of medicine. But the goals and the values have to be there to promote that. And that’s been established here from the get-go.”

Dr. Joe Hildner, chief medical officer of The Villages Health and the founder of Family Doctors of Belleview, said the opening of another care center in The Villages clearly sends a very positive message to patients.

“No longer is it just a neat idea about maybe one day becoming the healthiest hometown,” he said. “We are on the way.”

Dr. Elliot Sussman, chair of The Villages Health, said he could see the excitement on the faces of patients as they came in for their first appointments.

“They were beaming, kind of looking around,” he said. “This is where they were going to be having their medical home. This is where their

physician, their nurses, their physician extenders were going to be. What a difference it can make in people’s lives.”

Hildner said he’s been quite impressed with the medical professionals who work at Santa Barbara, and he’s looking forward to working alongside them in the effort to change health care.

“Really, it’s a great team and they’re not doing this to buy groceries,” he said. “They’re doing this because they were called to – and you can just tell that.”

That couldn’t be more true for Rosenblum, who along with his wife, Audrey, relocated to The Villages from Auburndale, N.Y., where the 59-year-old was a partner in a highly successful medical practice. Rosenblum said the decision hinged largely on the fact that he had always hoped for an opportunity like The Villages Health offered.

“It took 30 years for me to find people who are building the system that I would liked to have been in,” he said. “There were dreams, but now there’s reality.”

And that reality, said Sussman, became clear when Rosenblum told him what his wife, Audrey, said as they walked through the doors of the new care center together last week.

“She said, ‘Saul, you haven’t been this excited about medicine for the last 20 years,’” Sussman said. “That says it all.”

If you have a health care question you’d like to have answered in future stories, please email it to larry.croom@thevillagesmedia.com. You can also send your question to the Daily Sun, 1100 Main Street, The Villages, FL 32159, Attn.: Larry D. Croom.

CORSAIR, from A1

and the other in The Villages, where she winters in the Village of Liberty Park.

Wherever Fran is, the Bronx is with her.

Nearly 60 years have passed since Fran and her pals romped through Van Cortlandt Park, yet her memories resonate like the noon whistle at the Bronx Zoo.

Fran keeps those precious slices of the good life alive through a network of childhood friends – some living New York, New Jersey and South Carolina, and a number she’s reconnected with in The Villages.

“We don’t see each other as old but as how we were so many years ago,” said George Murray, of the Village of Bonnybrook.

Perhaps I’d feel the same way if I’d grown up like Fran, inhaling the aroma of breadsticks baking at the Stella D’oro bakery next door.

“We haven’t lived in the Bronx for 50 years, but it’s still ‘home’ – it was a wonderful place to grow up,” said resident Kathy O’Leary, of the Village of Glenbrook, whose husband, Tom, also is a product of the Bronx.

Fran didn’t know Tom and Kathy as kids; they met 50 years later in The Villages.

Fran tells the story. “About four years ago, I was attending a Bronx Club meeting and was talking to a fellow from Polo Ridge. After hearing his background and making him take off his glasses, I said, ‘You’re Tom O’Leary. We started second grade as new students together.’”

Tom and Kathy have been attending Fran’s reunions ever since.

The O’Learys aren’t Fran’s only “discovery.”

She also found Jo Reilly.

“By accident I danced with her at Tierra del Sol,” Fran said. “And when she heard where I lived, she literally dragged me over to her husband, whose family I remember well.”

Obviously, Fran has a knack for spotting Bronxites.

She also uses the Internet.

“Through Facebook, we had reunited with a woman we hadn’t seen in about 55 years who worked as a counselor for the (U.S.) armed forces and is now an author,” Fran said.

And the circle widens.

They call themselves The 238th Street/Florida Syndicate. And they exist to celebrate the special place that weaned and shaped them.

“There were probably

1.3 million residents of the Bronx in the ‘40s and ‘50s, and it seemed to me like I lived in a small town,” said Tom, whose family owned the candy store at West 238th Street and Broadway. “Everyone knew one another because we attended the same schools, playgrounds, churches. I walked to grade school, high school and college, and greeted the same people every day.”

“I lived in a 90-family, five-story apartment house among a very diverse ethnic group,” says Kathy. “Everyone got along very well and helped one another whenever there was a need. I believe it made me who I am today – a person able to relate easily to people.”

And no one can relate to another child of the Bronx like another Bronxite.

The first reunion occurred 19 years ago with a dinner organized by Murray and Jack Flanagan in Rockland County, N.Y.

For the past few years, reunions have been held at resorts at Lake George, the Catskills or in Pennsylvania – and The Villages.

“Many of our friends are full-time Florida residents who make the trip to The Villages, or up North, just to share in the camaraderie,” Fran said.

Those unable to travel will

gather Feb. 28 for a reunion in The Villages. But they don’t have to wait until February to get news from back home.

“Twice a year I do a newsletter with local news from our area,” Fran said. “I track down stories that I know the ‘Gang’ would enjoy.”

The six-page newsletter is part reminiscence (I saw Lucille Ball at the Paradise Theatre) and part breaking-news bulletin (“local schools may be closing”). There’s also information about anniversaries, deaths, trips, births of grandchildren and so on.

Of course, the printed word is no substitute for sitting around and shooting the breeze about days gone by.

And what days they were.

“The neighborhood boys fought among themselves, resolved their differences, but banded together when someone from outside the neighborhood dared pick on one of us,” Tom said. “We stayed out and played all day long, but were instructed to come in for dinner when the streetlights came on in the evening.”

Sounds to me like a pretty good way to grow up.

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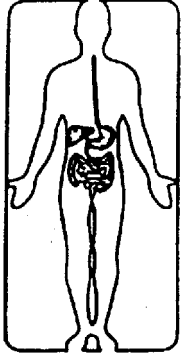
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