

Thunderstorms

Today's high: 88 Tonight's low: 72

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## **College thrives with help of volunteers**

Villagers Betty Wharton, Nancy Matis and Pat Greenwald are among more than 60 volunteers at The Villages Lifelong Learning College.

Local C1

## Resident discovers a new medium

Millie Patterson, of the Village of Sanibel, has dabbled in many mediums since arriving here six years ago and Zentangle may be her favorite.

**Lifestyles D1** 

#### **Only in The Villages**



Madelaine 'Tiny' Cazel competes in the 2009 National Senior Games at Stanford University. Cazel is among the 127 Villagers competing this month in Cleveland.

## 'Tiny' leads big, talented field to National Games

adelaine "Tiny" Cazel spent her Saturday like thousands of other greatgrannies, watching her children's little shavers do



their best to hit, catch and throw a baseball.

Next weekend, the kiddies will do the cheering as "Tiny" tosses the grandma persona aside, laces up her running shoes and again proves she is one of America's finest senior athletes.

Cazel leads a contingent of 127 Villages athletes to Cleveland for the 2013 National Senior Games, a two-week showcase of 10,528 athletes from all 50 states (about the same number London hosted for the 2012 Summer Games) that begins Friday.

"I'm here in Chicago, just resting," said the 75-year-old Villages resident who has won more than 100 Florida State Senior Games medals and was named Florida's Female Athlete of the Year in 2003.

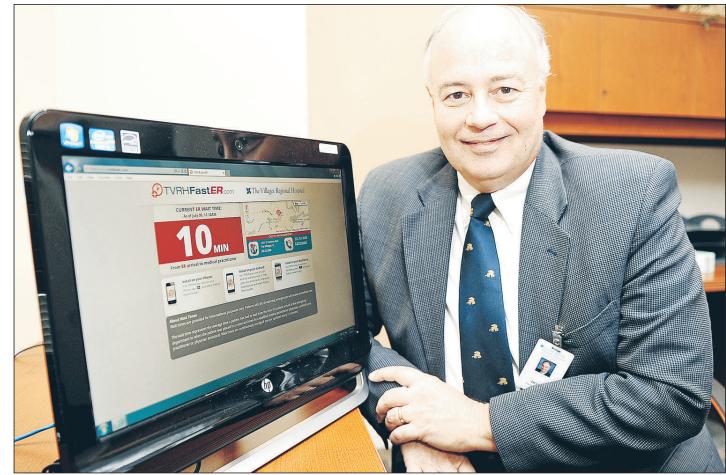
She needs the rest. Cazel has spent a good part of the year training; her knee is hurting; she's committed to compete in six events – and she has a big bull's-eye on her back.

Cazel's been a favorite in every National Senior Games she competed in. And this will be her fifth. And possibly

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**America's Healthiest Hometown** 

## Wait times go digital



Bill Mitchell / Daily Sun

Don Henderson, president and CEO of Central Florida Health Alliance, displays the new website that offers up-to-date emergency room wait times at The Villages Regional Hospital.

## Villages Regional Hospital wants patients to be seen within 1 hour

By LARRY D. CROOM / DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

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

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he time it takes to see a doctor at The Villages
Regional Hospital is now at your fingertips.
Making emergency room wait times available by mobile application has been a top
priority for Don Henderson, president and CEO of
Central Florida Health Alliance.

"By pushing this out to the public it makes us a very transparent, very customer-friendly organization," Henderson said.

Emergency room patients can now see the time it will take from registration to the doctor's knock on their door. "Some hospital systems use time to triage," Henderson

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#### At your fingertips

The Villages Regional Hospital ER wait time is now available at tvrhfaster.com. It works on Android, BlackBerry and iPhone devices. A similar website is also available for Leesburg Regional Medical Center at Irmcfaster.com.

### **Around town**

Villages wait times can also be seen on an electronic billboard near Bealls Department Store on U.S. Highway 27/441.

### Also inside

Santa Barbara Care Center doctors patiently waiting for construction to finish **Story A5** 

## Florida focus

## Zimmerman found not guilty in Sanford shooting

Neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman was cleared of all charges Saturday in the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teenager whose killing unleashed furious debate across the U.S. over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

The verdict: Zimmerman, 29, blinked and barely smiled when the verdict was announced. He could have been convicted of seconddegree murder or manslaughter. But the jury of six women, all but one of them white, reached a verdict of not guilty after deliberating well into the night Saturday. The jurors considered nearly three weeks of often wildly conflicting testimony over who was the aggressor on the rainy night the 17-year-old was shot while walking through the gated townhouse community where he was staying.

The defense: Defense attorneys said the case was classic self-defense, claiming





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Left: George Zimmerman, right, is congratulated by his defense team after being found not guilty late Saturday night.

Right: Demonstrators outside the courthouse react after hearing the verdict of not guilty. For more see Page A3

Martin knocked Zimmerman down and was slamming the older man's head against the concrete sidewalk when Zimmerman fired his gun.

"We're ecstatic with the results," defense attorney
Mark O'Mara said after the verdict. "George Zimmerman was never guilty of anything

except protecting himself in self-defense."

The prosecution: State Attorney Angela Corey said after the verdict that she believed second-degree murder was the appropriate charge because Zimmerman's mindset fit the bill of second-degree murder.

"We charged what we believed we could prove,"

Corey said.

Outside the courtroom:
Martin's mother and father
were not in the courtroom
when the verdict was read;
supporters of his family who
had gathered outside yelled
"No! No!" upon learning of

the not guilty verdict. Rosie Barron, 50, a

Rosie Barron, 50, a resident of Sanford, stood in the parking lot of the courthouse and wept.

"I at least thought he was going to get something, something," Barron said.

-The Associated Press

## Judge to decide if airlines owe WTC

A judge will soon decide whether owners can seek billions from airlines.

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## Farm bill doesn't end food stamps

Democrats angry, but bill leaves \$80 billion-a-year program untouched.

Washington A8





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## AMERICA'S HEALTHIEST HOMETOWN

A weekly report on The Villages' efforts to become "America's Healthiest Hometown" compiled by Daily Sun Ombudsman Larry D. Croom Email larry.croom@thevillagesmedia.com. Or call him at 753-1119, ext. 9366.

Dr. Saul Rosenblum, medical director of the Santa Barbara Care Center, talks about the ongoing construction.

Ready to help you heal

Santa Barbara Care Center doctors patiently waiting for construction to finish

#### **Primary care centers** in The Villages

**Colony Care Center** Opened December 2012 Santa Barbara Care Center Opening October 2013 **Pinellas Care Center** Opening November 2013 **Mulberry Grove** Opening February 2014 Lake Sumter Creekside Opening March 2014

## **Fixing health care: All** about Dr. Christopher Pead

Primary care doctors have been recruited as part of an initiative to revamp health care right here in Florida's Friendliest Hometown. The Villages Health is partnering with USF Health to bring in family doctors and specialists who will work as a team, all in the best interests of serving patients. This weekly feature will introduce these innovative doctors who have joined this effort.

#### Why did you decide to become a primary care doctor?

I've always enjoyed puzzles and science and reasoning things out. In primary care medicine, you get exposed to everything. You never know what's coming through that door. So being there and trying to puzzle it out and figure it out always been a challenge. It's challenged me on a personal level and it's also nice to be able to have that personal human interaction with people.

#### What is your favorite thing about being a family care doctor?

The human interaction. Being able to, at the end of the day, say I've done some good in the world. I feel that I've done more good than bad over the course of my career, and I think there are a lot of professions it's kind of hard to say that.

#### What is your personal philosophy on health care?

As with so many things in life, Benjamin Franklin said an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Anticipating problems that will come up in a person's health is important

Care Center: Sharon Morse Building (Santa Barbara in October) **Age:** 46 Undergraduate: University of South Florida **Medical school:** da College of Medicine Internship, residency: Tallahassee Memorial Family Practice Residency Program

so that we can hopefully come up with a solution before it becomes a more significant problem. So that's why it's important to come to the doctor and do regular health maintenance and screening tage of your doctor's knowledge so that they can hopefully keep you from getting

Next week Find out all about Dr. Brooks Betts, a physician who is a Villager and practices at the Colony Care Center.

The Villages Health on the recruiting trail

## What excites physicians about coming here?

Doctors that find our project attractive are the ones that really enjoy getting to know their patients. They don't want to have their hand on the doorknob when the patient is asking that next question. In fact, many have said, 'I have wanted to be able to take the time and treat patients the way I would like to see my mother treated. I just was never allowed to.' So when they discover that we're not only allowed to, but it's

your job to do so, they're like, 'where do I sign. I've wanted to practice like this my whole career."

> Dr. Joe Hildner, chief medical officer, The Villages Health



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and get evaluated. Take advaninto issues down the road.

> So far, three physicians are scheduled to join Rosenblum for the opening of the new facility. Those include: Dr. Christopher Pead, who has been practicing at the Sharon Morse Building as part of the Dr. Lori Wemlinger from

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this will be a great experience."

r. Saul Rosenblum is counting the

"The facility is just spectacular,"

days until he can see patients at

the Santa Barbara Care Center.

said the new medical director. "We're looking

to quickly get where we want to be. I think

The center, located at 1575 Santa Barbara

Blvd. near The Villages Regional Hospital, is set

for an October opening. It will join the Colony

and Belleview facilities as patient-centered

medical homes under The Villages Health's

uled to be up and running by March 2014.

umbrella. Three other centers are also sched-

Belleview Care Center team; Bloomington, Ill.; and Dr. Naseer Masoodi, a geriatrician from Dowling Park. Sylvia Wallace, a nurse practitioner, will also be on the staff.

Kathy Lieffort, senior vice president of operations for The Villages Health, said the new doctors are ready to go work.

"All of them are excited to go to a beautiful new center and meet wonderful new patients," she said. "These fine physicians will make a difference in the community for

the patients they serve."" Rosenblum agreed.

"I think we have a great cast of physicians coming in," Rosenblum said. "And we have a great supporting staff."

Rosenblum is coming to The Villages from a successful practice in Auburn, N.Y. He and his wife, Audrey, purchased a home in The Villages about a year ago and initially weren't thinking about moving to the community for several years. But a few conversations with Villages Health officials changed

that schedule dramatically. "There's such a gathering of great medical minds in terms of how to put together a system that finally works," Rosenblum said. "And to implement it is just so exciting. I can't wait."

**To learn more** 

■ The schedule for patient appointments at the Santa Barbara Care Center will begin in mid- to late August. Potential patients should continue to read the Daily Sun for future announcements.

■ Residents will also be able to learn more about the Santa Barbara Center and The Villages Health by attending The Villages Homeowners meeting on Sept. 11. It will be held at La Hacienda Recreation Center in the Carmen Miranda Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Rosenblum said he really wasn't sure what to expect when he first visited Florida's Friendliest Hometown.

"From the minute I drove in, I was wowed by the culture that's being developed here," he said. "It's clean, it's neat, it's active. The people stop and say hello to you. And there's a culture here where people promote activity, interaction, participation.

It's wonderful." As a physician, Rosenblum said it's his top priority to really get to know his patients. And, he added, having the time to do that is one of things he is looking forward to the most.

"I've always enjoyed people and I've always enjoyed kind of a boots-on-the-ground perspective of life," he said. "There's nothing more than that than primary care medicine, where you deal with people from all aspects of their life - social, medical, financial. There's all these concerns that seem to come into the office and are part of the equation that has to be dealt with that

day. I enjoy that."

Dr. Elliot Sussman, chair of The Villages Health, said he feels fortunate to have Rosenblum onboard as medical director.

George Horsford / Daily Sun

"I also see Saul as one of our leaders, essential to helping shape and build the culture of The Villages Health," Sussman said. "He is a superbly trained general internist with deep clinical experience. His patients will absolutely love having him as their physician and they will laugh at his keen, understated sense of humor."

As The Villages Health initiative moves forward, Rosenblum said he believes the changes in medicine that are happening here will be viewed with interest by others across the country.

"I think that anybody who thinks outside the box is always being watched," he said. "We're thinking outside the box on this one for a solution to a problem that is terribly defeating America's financial stability. This could potentially change health care delivery in America."

## WAIT, from A1

said. "But we feel like the entire process needs to be properly reported in order to give the true and accurate picture to the public."

Knowing that full picture can help residents make more informed decisions, since wait times fluctuate with patient loads throughout the day. For ranged from 10 to 24 minutes in the morning and from 2 to 4 minutes in the evening.

represent his goal of keep-

moving. "Generally we're shooting

for less than an hour," he said. "And then for the entire emergency room visit, especially for patients who are going to be sent home and not kept overnight. We're trying to make the process less than 3 hours."

Villager Diane Spencer, who serves on the CFHA board of directors, praised the new tool.

"It's so cutting edge, and since everybody in The Villages uses cellphones, it's perfect," she said. "It's really just another example, recent wait times tool to help people maintain their health and let them know what's going on."

Villager Don Hahnfeldt, Henderson said those times who serves as vice chairman of the board, agreed the tech-

among residents.



Bill Mitchell / Daily Sun

The Villages Regional Hospital has placed an electronic billboard near Bealls Department Store on U.S. Highway 27/441 that displays current emergency room wait times.

ing emergency room traffic nology would be well received times with real data rather said. "We want them to hold than rumor or word of mouth us accountable and this is one "They'll able to track wait on how we're performing," he method we're able to help

them do that."

Henderson said the wait times, digitally displayed in large white letters over a red rectangle, are possible because data is tracked in an electronic medical record system.

"It enables us to get real-time reporting of where the issues are and perhaps where there might be a logiam or backlog so that the management can move quickly to resolve the issue," Henderson said.

An expansion underway soon will double the number of ER beds to 64 by January 2015.

In the meantime, Henderson said his staff is preparing for the return of thousands of effort includes additional staffing and a revamped patient facilities every 15 minutes.

flow system that fast-tracks patients with minor ailments.

"(They) will be sent in a different way with their own dedicated doctors and nurses to take care of them, so the patients who are more seriously ill can get also prompt attention," Henderson said. "The patients that are not so ill or have a minor illness can be seen quickly, given the appropriate treatment or medications, as the case may be, and then discharged back to their homes."

ER wait times are also improving as more patients with minor ailments use the hospital's urgent care center across the seasonal residents. He said that street. The hospital provides a shuttle service that runs between