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THE WEATHER TODAY, C2

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71°	81°	85°	79°

Wind Challenges Leaders at Sawgrass

Holmes, Stanley go into final round of Players Championship tied for lead. Sports, B1

TOP OF THE NEWS

RANSOMWARE CYBERATTACK SEEKS CASH FOR DATA

A global cyberattack had technicians scrambling to restore systems.

Computer systems at almost all of the United Kingdom's National Health Service trusts were reported to be back to normal Saturday after being especially crippled by an international cyberattack.

Security agencies around the world continued to assess the cyberattack, which targeted computer systems at homes, businesses and government agencies in nearly 100 countries.

European Union law enforcement agency Europol called the scale of the global assault "unprecedented."

World News, A5

NORTH DAKOTA HAVING AN UPTICK IN OIL ACTIVITY

Two years after the state's oil bonanza fizzled to a lull, North Dakota is experiencing a boomlet that has pushed daily production back above 1 million barrels daily.

National News, A7

US RETAIL SALES REBOUNDED IN APRIL AFTER SLOW WINTER

The Commerce Department said Friday that retail sales increased 0.4 percent in April from March. Sales ticked up just 0.1 percent in March and fell in February.

Economic News, A18

THE DIGIT

488

beehives

A Montana beekeeper has recovered 488 hives worth $170,000 that were stolen from him in California in January, thanks to an agricultural sting operation.

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Top of the News

INSIDE THE ISSUES SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY

Some Moms Are Just a Door Away

A recent study found more children are living closer to their mothers.

By CIARA VARONE
Daily Sun Staff Writer

THE VILLAGES

It's a comforting call for a child, music to a mother's ears, and like many good songs, overplayed at times.

"Mom?"

Amanda Peterson, who lives with her mother, Dore Via Dumas, in the Village of Belle Aire, is grateful she is able to say it every day.

"No matter good day, bad day, any day, my mom is always there," Peterson said. "I can trust her with anything. She helps me with anything. I mean she's 100 percent my person to count on."

With people, especially women, living longer overall, studies show more members of Generation X, like Peterson, will have more time with their moms than previous generations.

A study by the United Nations found those 80 or older made up 14 percent of the older population globally in 2013. It projected that by 2050, there will be 392 million people in this age group, more than

Please See **MOMS, A26**

David Vece & Terry Vece

David Vece can smell his mother's cooking all the way from his Village of Sanibel home. "It's true, he can smell the food I'm cooking," said Terry Vece, of the Village of Bonnybrook. For David, being close to his parents in retirement was a no-brainer. "That's an Italian thing, you're always close together," he said. "We're always here on Sunday to eat pasta." While they are not in each other's back pockets, they will be celebrating Mother's Day together, Terry said. "As long as everyone I love is around me, I don't care what we do," she said.

— Valentina Boré, Daily Sun

Marge Need & Nancy Fay

"According to my mother, we are 14 villas away from her," Nancy Fay said. "She counted." Together with boyfriend Don Dunbar, Fay joined Marge Need in the Village Alhambra in 2015. "She's in a house, we're in a villa." Mom is delighted to be so close to her daughter again. "We do a lot of stuff together," she said. "I love it!"

— Greg Williams, Daily Sun

June Lee & Linda Buch

Linda Buch knew she wanted to get out of the Chicago cold. With her mother, June Lee, living in The Villages since 1986, she already had a destination. Buch moved here in 2002, with Lee moving in with the Buchs about four years ago. "I'm living with a saint and a saint's helper," Lee said. "I'm just grateful."

— Michael Fortuna, Daily Sun

Joan Fisher & Lynda Colavecchio

Village of Hadley resident Joan Fisher has a best friend in The Villages, and it's her daughter, Lynda Colavecchio, of the Village of Liberty Park. "She's my rock," Fisher said. "I can depend on her for anything." Colavecchio gets choked up speaking about her mother. "She's got a spirit that keeps on going. She's had a lot of ups and downs in life, but through it all, she's shined through."

— Kristen Fiore, Daily Sun

Mary Antonelli & Robert Antonelli

Village of Buttonwood resident Robert Antonelli and his mom, Mary Antonelli, of the Village of Mallory Square, said they have always lived about 3 miles away from each other. And that is not ever going to change. "I think it's her cooking that keeps me close to her," Robert said, laughing. "She makes the best homemade spaghetti sauce in the world."

— Lisa Lawson, Daily Sun

Suanne Cole & Virginia Smith

After Suanne Cole's father died, she invited her mother, Virginia Smith, to come live with her and her husband, Bob, in the Village of Collier. "She's been a blessing to us," Suanne said. Virginia missed friends and neighbors, but Suanne's neighbors and friends invited her into their social group. Now, they joke that Virginia has a street full of daughters. "I feel loved and wanted," Virginia said.

— Amber Hair, Daily Sun

Betty Stange & Elizabeth Dickau

Betty Stange will celebrate her 100th birthday May 25, with her daughter, Elizabeth Dickau, of the Village Rio Grande. Betty was a World War II mechanic and pilot. Now her days are more serene. "We do all kinds of things together," Dickau said. "We have a garden home with a lot of flowers around our patio. We like to sit outside and look at the flowers and listen to the birds."

— Frank Ross, Daily Sun

Debbie Langmeyer, Alice Klosterman & Lisa Miller

Alice Klosterman, of the Village of Piedmont, will have a couple of extra reasons to smile this Mother's Day. She and two of her daughters, Lisa Miller and Debbie Langmeyer, will all be together on the holiday for the first time in years. Miller moved to the Village of La Belle nearly two years ago, and Langmeyer followed suit recently by moving to the Village of Fenney. "It's just wonderful having them here," Klosterman said.

— Mackenzie Raetz, Daily Sun

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Thinking of Mom

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American version of Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914, it was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908. Today, almost 85 percent of men and women celebrate the holiday dedicated to honoring their mothers. Here's a look at the National Retail Federation's survey for Mother's Day this year.

$23,600,000,000

The total amount expected to be spent on gifts and dinners for Mother's Day, which is a record high for the survey's 14-year history.

113 Million
cards exchanged annually makes Mother's Day the third-largest card-sending holiday in the U.S.

68.5%
the percentage of people who plan to purchase flowers on Mother's Day

37%
the percentage holiday chats with Mom cause phone traffic to spike by annually in May

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three times the present number.

"We increasingly have this group of elders who reach what we refer to as very old age (85 or older)," said Kathrin Boerner, associate professor of gerontology at McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston. "This is one of the fastest growing age groups."

This population is predominantly female.

According to the UN's study, there were 85 men per 100 women 60 years old or older, and 61 men per 100 women age 80 or older in 2013.

In her research on centenarians, Boerner and her collaborators noticed a new phenomenon led by this growing demographic.

For years, researchers have studied the sandwich generation, who are mostly middle aged, stuck in the middle caring for both their children and parents.

Nearly half of adults age 40-59 have a parent age 65 or older, and are either raising a young child or financially supporting a grown child, according to Pew Research Center.

But researchers are taking notice of what some have coined boomerang seniors, who have moved to be near their aging parents.

Barbie Smerecki, activity director at Buffalo Crossings assisted living, said though this does hold true for some of her residents, The Villages has a different trend.

"The children live here in The Villages, and they move their parents here to be closer," she said.

Either way, this trend of living closer together is expected to continue as baby boomers age into their 80s.

Seniors in their late 70s and early 80s — an age group that typically hasn't been expected to provide care, and instead is often on the receiving end — are caring for their parents who have lived into their late 90s.

"We will see that scenario a lot more in the future than we have thus far," Boerner said.

On the topic of Mother's Day, Boerner emphasized one takeaway from her research: Women make up the majority of caregivers.

"When you do research on caregiving, the majority is always mothers, both on the caring and the receiving side," Boerner said. "We think of mothers as mothers of children, but we don't think much about the fact that mothers do a lot more than that."

Though the overall birth rate is down, more millennials are becoming moms.

There were 16.2 million millennial mothers in 2015, accounting for 82 percent of all U.S. births, according to Pew.

But they are waiting longer to have kids compared to previous generations.

Forty-two percent of millennials were moms in 2014, while 49 percent of women in Generation X were moms when they were 18-33.

The average age of a woman's first birth was 26 in 2013, up from 21 in 1970.

Increased lifespans also mean more time spent with grandchildren, sometimes while living under the same roof.

Of the 65 million grandparents in the United States in 2012, 7 million lived with at least one grandchild, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Grandmothers make up 64.2 percent of these.

Peterson said she was lucky to experience this for a time as a child while living with her mother and her grandmother, Dorothy Williamson McGehee Via.

"I couldn't be the person I am without my mother, without my grandmother," Peterson said. "I've had a lot of strong women in my life, and I'm very fortunate for that."

Both Dumas and Peterson are happy to have lived together for nearly two years. It's a different experience from living with her mother as a child.

"To get to know your parents as an adult and become friends with them is a luxury that I'm sure my brothers are envious of," Peterson said. "I'm not sure who helps whom in this relationship, because I think we both help each other."

Though Peterson said she may eventually remarry and move outside of her mother's home, she would never live more than an hour away. Dumas jokes that if that doesn't happen, though, they'll happily be dubbed Widow Dumas and her spinster daughter, along with their cats.

"I'm thankful I get to see my mom every day," Peterson said. "I wouldn't be where I am without her."

MOTHER'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD

The holiday is celebrated around the globe, each with its own traditions. Here are a few countries:

Thailand: Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit.

Ethiopia: Families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration.

Germany: During World War II, Mother's Day traditions took on political significance as a day to honor women for producing children. Medals were awarded, based upon how many children were in the home. After the war, gifts and cards were given.

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