



BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5
Reece Torrey served in the U.S. Air Force and worked for Eastman Kodak Company.

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OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES | A4
Senior writer Veronica Wernicke shares observations from a day in The Villages.



IN SPORTS | B1

Kyle Busch wins the pole for Sunday's Daytona 500, putting the veteran driver in position to break an 0-for-20 streak at 'The Great American Race.'



IN LIFESTYLE | D1

Head out to Spanish Springs Town Square from 5 to 9 p.m. for nightly entertainment featuring Billy Buchanan & His Rock N' Soul Revue.

Buchanan, who plays acoustic guitar, and his Rock N' Soul Revue, a six-piece band featuring keyboards, sax, guitar, bass and drums, perform soulful music from the 1950s through the 1980s.

IN NATIONAL NEWS | A2

TRUMP INSISTS TO NETANYAHU THAT U.S.-IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS CONTINUE

The president said after his hours-long private meeting with Israel's prime minister that he insisted on continuing negotiations with Iran as he pushes to reach a nuclear deal with the country's leaders.

IN WORLD NEWS

RUSSIA: WILL STICK TO NUCLEAR TREATY LIMITS IF U.S. DOES

Although the New START treaty expired Feb. 5, Moscow indicated it was ready to stick to it for another year. **A10**

IN NATIONAL NEWS

JAMES VAN DER BEEK, OF 'DAWSON'S CREEK' FAME, DIES AT 48

Van Der Beek was famous for his roles in many coming-of-age films at the dawn of the millennium. **A15**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Taylor Strickland

Most people know "Kim's Convenience" as the hit Canadian sitcom streaming on Netflix, but fewer have seen the original play the five-season series is based on. Featuring a family-run, Korean-owned convenience store in Toronto, the play is the third show in The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol's 10th season.

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Golf Tournaments Raise Cash for Nonprofits



Rachel Govola | Daily Sun

Villagers Deni Elwood, from left, Annie Lombardi, and Betsy Nolan watch as Jan Lathouwers celebrates her shot on the green during the annual Villages Honor Flight golf tournament fundraiser in 2025. This year's tournament, which is one of Villages Honor Flight's biggest fundraising events, takes place May 1 in Summerfield.

By VERONICA WERNICKE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Local residents regularly hit the tees to play golf and, every once in a while, they get to do it for a good cause.

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 150 recently hosted its annual golf tournament fundraiser to raise money for its mission of supporting disabled veterans in the community.

For those who missed this tournament, there are a couple of other golf tournament fundraisers coming up to benefit local

veteran groups.

The Lake & Sumter Counties Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America has its annual event April 10 and Villages Honor Flight's is May 1.

These are big fundraisers for the organizations and raise thousands of dollars each year to support their missions.

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MENTAL HEALTH

76%

The Rosengren Trauma Clinic, operated by UCF RESTORES, has treated over 2,000 PTSD patients using exposure therapy and virtual-reality exercises. The clinic estimates 76% of first responder patients see their symptoms fall below the diagnostic threshold after treatment, along with 67% of military/veteran patients.

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Florida residents experiencing a mental health crisis can call or dial 211 to find resources and referrals for treatment. The service is operated by the United Way and is available 24/7. For more information, visit fl211.org. You can also seek help by calling the National Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 988.

Law Enforcement Reflects on Mental Health Awareness

By FRANK DIFIORE | Daily Sun Staff Writer

Local law enforcement are building their capacity to protect sworn officers' mental health as a recent study highlights the risks they experience.

Roughly 444 Florida law enforcement and corrections officers died by suicide between 2013 and 2023, according to a study published in January by the Florida

Department of Law Enforcement. Federal and state funding for trauma treatment opened doors for local departments in recent years, allowing them to partner with certified professionals and train first responders to recognize the signs in their

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INSIDE TODAY'S DAILY SUN

TEST YOUR NEWS IQ

A POWERFUL ROCKET, HEALTH CARE ADDS JOBS, AND A BROTHERLY OLYMPIC TEAM

1. Europe is planning to launch its powerful Ariane 64 rocket, named for its four boosters, for the first time. The rocket will launch from a spaceport in which country? **Page A19**

- a) Belgium
- b) Norway
- c) Italy
- d) French Guiana

2. According to a new Labor Department report, the health care sector accounted for what percent of new jobs in January? **Page A14**

- a) 10%
- b) 25%
- c) 60%
- d) 75%

TRUE OR FALSE

3. The FDA plans to reassess the common preservative BHA, which is used in foods such as potato chips, cereals, frozen meals and meat products. **Page A14**



4. Which aircraft carrier did the U.S. recently move into the Middle East region? **Page A16**

- a) USS George H.W. Bush
- b) USS Theodore Roosevelt
- c) USS Gerald R. Ford
- d) USS Abraham Lincoln

5. Which U.S. Olympic hockey player doesn't have a brother who also is on this year's team? **Page B4**

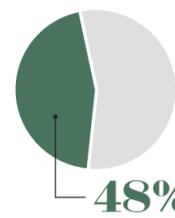
- a) Brady Tkachuk
- b) Charlie McAvoy
- c) Jack Hughes
- d) Jeremy Swayman



Make it a Great Day!

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BY THE NUMBERS



Nearly half of U.S. adults incorrectly think that the benefits of taking aspirin every day to reduce the chance of heart attack or stroke outweighs the risks, according to a survey by Annenberg Public Policy Central. The American Heart Association no longer recommends a daily dose of aspirin for adults over the age of 70 because the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding outweighs the benefits.

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CONVENIENCE

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Directed by Yong Suk Yoo, The Studio production of “Kim’s Convenience” runs through March 14.

“Kim’s Convenience” is Ins Choi’s 2011 Toronto Fringe Festival Award-winning play about a Korean immigrant family running a convenience store in Toronto’s rapidly developing and increasingly gentrified Regent Park neighborhood.

“‘Kim’s Convenience’ is a show that represents our present,” said Whitney Morse, co-founder and consulting artistic director of Significant Productions, the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that operates The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center and The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol. “‘Kim’s Convenience’ deals with more modern themes of gentrification and the tension between generations in immigrant families, but it’s also a universal story of love, tension, legacy and financial struggle.”

From the release of Korean pop star PSY’s “Gangnam Style” in 2012 to the 2025 release of Netflix’s “KPop Demon Hunters,” which recently won Best Animated Motion Picture and Best Original Song at the Golden Globe Awards and is up for two Academy Awards nominations, interest in Korean stories is at an all-time high.

Although no specific date is given for the play, it clearly takes place prior to the current Korean pop culture wave. There are no mentions of the seemingly obligatory topics found in most Korean stories popular in North America today, such as K-pop, BTS, Blackpink, Korean dramas, skin care, H Mart or cosmetic surgery.



Juyeon Song, left, and Prentice Myles star as Janet and Alex, respectively, in “Kim’s Convenience.”

As a result, both the play’s setting and characters come across as far more human and relatable.

As Mr. Kim’s neighborhood slowly cedes to gentrification, the aging entrepreneur, played by Studio newcomer Song Kim, receives an unexpected offer for his property.

The play centers around Mr. Kim’s decision to keep either the cash or his business, and his complex relationship

with his daughter, Janet, played by Korean-born actress Juyeon Song, and his wayward son, Jung, played by a Korean-American actor whose stage name is Ian.

“I have a very special place for this play because as an actor, I rarely get to tell the story of Korean immigrants, and I, myself, am a Korean immigrant,” Ian said. “I immigrated here when I was here



Juyeon Song, left, and Song Kim star as Janet and Mr. Kim in “Kim’s Convenience,” running through March 14 at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol.

for 16 years, and then I went back to Korea, so I could really relate to the story and all the conflict I had going on in the States.”

Subplots include the budding romance between Janet and a police officer named Alex, played by Prentice Myles, and the connection between Jung and his mother, who is referred to as simply “Umma,” the Korean word for “mom,” in the script. She is played by Texas-based comedienne and billiards instructor Saja.

Designed by Joshua Gallagher, the set for “Kim’s Convenience” looks like a standard American convenience store, distinguishable only by the Canadian and Korean flags hanging in the corner and a welcome sign that includes Korean. Its aisles are filled with familiar product names like Listerine, Scope, Vaseline and Crest, and a water stain blooms

from one of the makeshift tiles in the ceiling.

Eagle-eyed audience members may note a set of framed photos behind the store counter, but what they may not know is that the people in the images are not actors. They are Song Kim’s old family photos, taken in front of their own convenience store.

“My parents owned a convenience store when I was growing up,” he said. “For me, there were even so many more personal connections with the story, so I gave the photos to the set designer, and he was very kind to include that.”

“Kim’s Convenience” was also especially personal for a few audience members, such as Village of Buttonwood resident Ruth Park, her husband, John and their son Andrew. She and her family were among the few

who could be heard laughing through the Korean dialogue, which although sparse, is just as punchy as the rest of the script.

“We’re Korean American,” Ruth said. “I came to the States in 1963.”

The vast majority of the audience was not Korean or Korean American, but they were huge fans of the TV series, including Debra McGuff, from the Village of Liberty Park.

“I watched the series on Netflix, and I loved it,” she said. “I had a tough relationship with my father, so it brought tears to my eyes. They were fabulous.”

“Kim’s Convenience” runs on select nights through March 14. Tickets start at \$40. To purchase, go to thevillagesentertainment.com.

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