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Mary Shara shows her quilt, which she calls 'Forming of a Nation,' on Friday at her home in the Village of Santiago.

MASTERPIECE OF STITCHERY Villager's quilt chosen to appear in American Quilter's Society show

By APRIL TOLER
DAILY SUN

THE VILLAGES – It was more than 20 years ago when Mary Shara's interest in quilting was sparked after seeing one of a friend's finished masterpieces.

Intrigued with the idea and having learned to sew as a fifth-grader, Shara was confident that she, too, could master the art of quilting.

"I took up quilting as a retiree 27 years ago," the Village of Santiago resident said. "It was like a whole new world had opened up."

Fast-forward almost 30 years and not only has Shara become an avid quilter, she has achieved recognition at the national

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Mary Shara works Friday on a quilt at her home in the Village of Santiago. Shara's interest in quilting goes back decades.

Soma, Japan

JAPANESE REPORT NEW EXPLOSION AT NUCLEAR PLANT

Soldiers, officials along northeastern coast warn residents of another tsunami

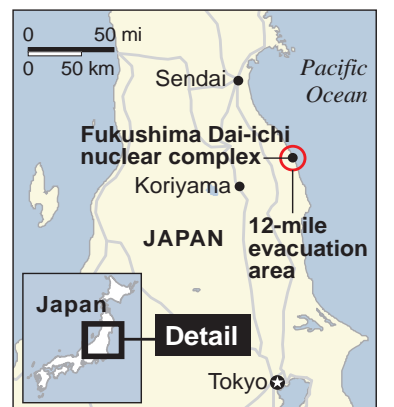
By ERIC TALMADGE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soldiers and officials along a stretch of Japan's northeastern coast warned residents that the area could be hit by another tsunami today and ordered them to higher ground.

But the Meteorological Agency said there was no risk of another deadly wave.

The warning came as an explosion rocked the nearby Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. The blast was felt 30 miles away by Associated Press journalists in the coastal town of Soma, where residents fled the town for safety after being herded quickly through muddy, debris-strewn streets.

TV footage showed a massive column of smoke belching from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant's No. 3 unit, about 125 miles north of Tokyo. Japanese officials said they



SOURCE: ESRI AP

believe it was a hydrogen explosion similar to an earlier one at a different unit in the facility. The problems at the plant stem from failed cooling systems caused by damage from Friday's earthquake and tsunami.

After the latest explosion at the plant, the Tokyo Electric Power Co. said 3 people were injured and were 7 missing.

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Washington

Mourners pay respects to last US WWI veteran

110-year-old will be buried on Tuesday

By BEN NUCKOLS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – Wearing a black POW-MIA beret and a vest emblazoned with "Vietnam Veteran," Charles D. White stood and saluted the flag-draped casket holding the body of Frank Buckles, the last American veteran of World War I.



Buckles

White, who walks with a cane, then turned around stiffly and marched away.

Buckles will be buried Tuesday with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Visitations were being held Sunday and today at Joseph Gawler's Sons Chapel in

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Mark DiOrio / Daily Sun

Mickey Harrell, a San Antonio Villas resident, and Village of Hacienda West resident Helen Carr attend the Mansfield, Ohio Reunion on Sunday at Pimlico Recreation Center in The Villages.

The Villages

Reunion brings former, current Ohioans together in Villages

By JESSICA SHUMAKER
DAILY SUN

THE VILLAGES – Friendly chatter and the intoxicating aroma of fried chicken both filled the air of Pimlico Recreation Center Sunday as a group of old acquaintances assembled.

Around 100 people from The Villages, other parts of Florida, and even some from well beyond, journeyed to the Churchill Downs room for a tradition 10 years in the making – the annual Mansfield, Ohio Reunion.

According to Al Cortelezzi, who oversees the coordination of the event, the reunion has grown exponentially since the first meeting occurred. He said what started the reunion was the fact

'We just like to see people we knew in our former life.'
— Phyllis Neumann
Village of Santo Domingo resident talking about how she and her husband, Mike, look forward to the Mansfield, Ohio Reunion each year

that people from Ohio began packing up and moving south.

"We all came down here," Al said. "There were 23 families (from Mansfield) in 2001."

As the group enthusiastically embraced a new life in The Villages, the Ohioans

realized something was missing – fellowship with other Mansfield residents.

"When we came here, we never saw each other because of all of the different activities," Cortelezzi said. "What we said was, 'Let's get together, where we can socialize and have some fun.'"

Sunday marked the tenth anniversary of that first reunion, and the event has quickly become a favorite.

Phyllis Neumann, who came with her husband, Mike, said the reunion is one the two look forward to each year. While they didn't come from Mansfield, they were nearby, in Lexington.

"We just like to see people we knew in our former life," Phyllis, a Village of Santo

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