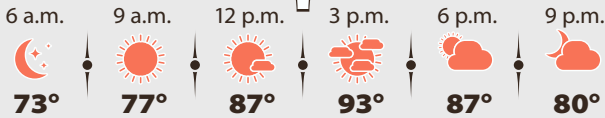




BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5
Sandy Denarski worked in accounting and financing for Johnson & Johnson for 37 years.



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



IN SPORTS | B1

Gamesmanship at the Ryder Cup has started without a shot being struck. The European and American captains took a couple of veiled jabs at each other.



IN LIFESTYLE | D1

See wildlife and plants and learn more about Silver Springs with a Glass Bottom Boat Tour between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Silver Springs State Park.

Learn about the springs and see ancient Native American and Spanish artifacts as well as underwater movie props. Tours last 30 minutes and run every 15 to 20 minutes, weather permitting.

IN NATIONAL NEWS | A2

SHOOTER KILLS 1 DETAINEE, CRITICALLY INJURES 2 AT TEXAS IMMIGRATION SITE

Authorities say a shooter opened fire from a roof onto a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement location in Dallas on Wednesday, killing one detainee and wounding two others in a van before taking his own life.

IN OUTDOORS NEWS

LIGHTNING SAFETY REMAINS CRUCIAL DURING RAINY SEASON

If you hear thunder, go inside or to a car as lightning can travel 10 to 12 miles away from a thunderstorm. **A17**

IN LOCAL NEWS

WHITE CANE DAY BRINGS AWARENESS TO VISION LOSS

New Vision for Independence will host a Close Your Eyes for White Cane Day event Oct. 15 at its Leesburg office. **C1**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Taylor Strickland

The fall entertainment season is underway, and with September being National Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Month, residents may want to take note of all the ADA-compliant services offered to help deaf and hard of hearing guests enjoy entertainment at performing arts venues around The Villages.

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Arnold Passes Baton At VHA Helping Hands



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Al Arnold, of the Village of Charlotte, is stepping down as president director of the VHA's Helping Hands program.

By **CHASITY BOATMAN** | Daily Sun Staff Writer

VHA Helping Hands is under new leadership. After nearly a decade of service, Al Arnold stepped down from his leadership role at the community-based medical equipment lending program serving residents of The Villages. On Sept. 1, longtime volunteer Marc Langroth took up the mantle as president director of the organization.

Arnold, a retired U.S. Army officer with 28 years of military service, began volunteering with Helping Hands after moving to The Villages in 2016. Starting as a driver, he quickly recognized the program's potential and applied skills honed in the military



Please See **VHA, A7** Langroth

KEY BUDGET FACTS

\$280M

Wildwood city commissioners unanimously approved the largest budget in the history of the City of Wildwood. A little more than half is dedicated to the \$150 million water reclamation facility. Other capital projects include a new substation for the Wildwood Police Department and improvements at Millennium Park.

\$2.83

The property tax rate for Wildwood residents for the third year in a row. The rate represents the lowest in the city's history, but because it is 4.7% higher than the rollback rate of \$2.70, it is considered a tax increase. A resident whose home has a taxable value of \$350,000 will pay \$990.50 in property taxes.

Wildwood Sees Its Largest Budget, Holds Line on Taxes

By **KEITH PEARLMAN** | Daily Sun Managing Editor

Wildwood city commissioners continue to balance the need for infrastructure improvements with the desire to keep taxes low. Commissioners on Monday night unanimously approved keeping the property tax rate for city residents at about \$2.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the third

consecutive year. The rate remains the lowest in the city's history, but is considered a tax increase because it is about 4.7% higher than the rollback rate of \$2.70. Commissioners also unanimously approved a final budget of \$280 million, the

Please See **WILDWOOD, A6**

NEWS, NOTES & HAPPENINGS

WEATHER NEWS

TROPICAL STORM HUMBERTO FORMS AS NHC KEEPS EYE ON WESTERN WAVE

A new tropical storm, Humberto, has formed in the Atlantic, and it's set to strengthen into a Category 2 hurricane over the next few days while following a track that keeps it out to sea.

The National Hurricane Center's latest forecast for Humberto shows the system on a northern curving track that steers it clear of most of the Caribbean.

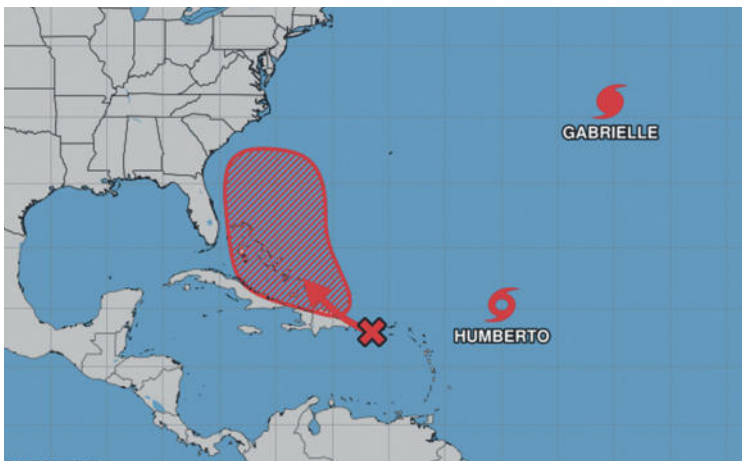
As of Wednesday, it had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Forecasters said they expect the tropical storm to strengthen into a hurricane as soon as Sunday.

But it's the other system in the Atlantic, the one west of Humberto, that's most worth watching for Floridians.

The hurricane center expects it to develop into a tropical depression around Friday or the weekend while it's over the Bahamas. It could be close enough to Florida to potentially send impacts.

As of Wednesday, the hurricane center gave that wave a 30% chance of development in the next two days and an 80% chance to develop in seven days. The next designated Atlantic storm name on the list is Imelda.

— Tribune News Service



National Hurricane Center

SCIENTISTS SAY STORMS MAY TRIGGER 'FUJIWHARA EFFECT'

With Humberto and a possible Imelda running parallel tracks in the Atlantic, it could be a setup for the "Fujiwhara effect" — when two nearby storms interact. "Sometimes if you have a strong storm and a weak storm, one will basically swallow the other up," said Phil Klotzbach, a senior research scientist at Colorado State University.



Make it a Great Day!

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BY THE NUMBERS

331.9M

America's national parks saw a record 331.9 million recreation visits in 2024, according to data from the National Park Service (NPS). That's an increase of 6.3 million recreation visits, or 2%, from 2023. NPS is responsible for 433 sites, including military parks, national memorials, national reserves and national parks, and 404 of those sites are included in this year's visitation figures. National parks remained the most popular type of site, making up 28% of all recreation visits, followed by recreation areas (16%) and memorials (12%).



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