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Sumner Wiyall was a pilot for more than 30 years and got into flying thanks to his mom.

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12 p.m. 91°
3 p.m. 95°
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9 p.m. 82°

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Senior writer Summer Jarro shares observations from a day in The Villages.



WORLD NEWS | A2

NORTH KOREA SAYS U.S. SCALING BACK MILITARY DRILLS CHANGES NOTHING

North Korea said President Donald Trump's decision to scale back military exercises with South Korea does not change what it sees as the provocative nature of the drills, diminishing chances that diplomacy will resume between Washington and Pyongyang.

NATIONAL NEWS | A14

SCREWWORM CONCERNS PUT TEXAS PET ADOPTIONS ON HOLD

Most states have restricted movement of animals from infested parts of Texas amid efforts to halt the spread of the New World screwworm.

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By James Dinan

Regency fans rejoice! Significant Productions, the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that operates The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center and The SigPro Studio recently announced the theme for the 2027 fundraising gala, and it is bound to be the talk of the town.

In the spirit of Jane Austen, "Bridgerton" and all the other Regency romances out there, SigPro will host a Regency-themed ball at The Sharon. "The Grand Regency Gala" will feature fine dining, parlor encounters and period-appropriate entertainment.

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Villagers Prepare for Walk to End Alzheimer's



Daily Sun file photo

Dale Finck, from front left, of the Village of Alhambra, and Sharon Kearns, of the Village of St. James, participate in the 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's at The Villages Polo Club.

Teams participating in the upcoming event already have raised more than \$77,000 for the Alzheimer's Association.

By CHASITY BOATMAN
Daily Sun Staff Writer

The colors of flowers tell a story.

Blue represents someone living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. Purple honors someone who died from the diseases. Yellow recognizes a caregiver. Orange represents someone supporting the cause. Together, the flowers form the Promise Garden, a powerful

centerpiece of the Walk to End Alzheimer's and a visual reminder that behind the disease are families, caregivers, friends and communities bound by personal experience.

The garden will bloom again Oct. 24 at The Villages Polo Club as local residents gather to remember those lost to the disease, honor those living with Alzheimer's and support efforts to find better treatments and, ultimately, a cure.

"Alzheimer's disease is no longer something people are as willing to

discuss privately or dismiss as simply a consequence of growing older," Jeff Gower said.

Gower was a member of the Rotary Club of The Villages for about a decade when then-president Jeff Cohen asked him to develop a community service project focused on Alzheimer's disease.

"It was quite clear to me, with a growing senior population of over 100,000 people, that we needed to

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LOCAL NEWS

Strada Emerges As Likely Victor In District 11 GOP Primary

By FRANK DIFIORE
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Businessman Joe Strada is expected to win the Republican Primary for Florida's 11th Congressional District pending a possible machine recount.

His closest opponent, former Lake County Property Appraiser and state legislator Carey Baker, called Strada late Tuesday night to concede the race and offer his congratulations. He acknowledged state law requiring the machine recount if the final vote totally came to a difference of .5% or less, but said Wednesday he expects the results to stand.

"I'm proud of the campaign. I'm grateful for my supporters," he told the Daily Sun. "I am grateful that everyone stepped up. I still love my community and I love my country. And I will continue to support that. I still have my business. This is the path that

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SPORTS NEWS | B1

BUFFALO READY TO RETURN TO GRIDIRON AS NEW SEASON DAWNS

The Villages High School returns a number of key players, and adds exciting new additions as it readies to face Zephyrhills.

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UPCOMING CONCERT BENEFITS SPANISH PLAINES HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

John Truth & Reflexx returns to the Savannah Center for a night of music, community and philanthropy.

HEADLINES & DATELINES

STATE NEWS

MESMERIZING JELLYFISH TAKE CENTER STAGE AT 1ST U.S. MUSEUM DEDICATED SOLELY TO THE FLOATING PREDATORS

The floating tentacled predators pulse and swirl in hypnotic patterns in the dark museum space, lit primarily by images projected on the walls and the glowing light from the saltwater tanks.

The private Jellyfish Museum in Pompano Beach, just north of Fort Lauderdale, is believed to be the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to the translucent invertebrates and one of the few such spaces in the world, according to the city and the museum's founders.

The nearly 10,000-square-foot Jellyfish Museum houses roughly 20 unique species of jellyfish found in Florida waters and other parts of the world. Different species can be rotated through the museum's 21 tanks. Some current occupants include Japanese sea nettles and moon jellyfish.

— The Associated Press



A Japanese sea nettle is displayed at the Jellyfish Museum, a facility that is home to about 20 unique species of jellyfish found in Florida and other parts of the world, Friday in Pompano Beach.

Lynne Sladky,
The Associated Press

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TODAY'S TOP PICK: PAINT AND SIP AT THE LEGACY RESTAURANT

Enjoy a lunch platter while Kathy Hodge Rolfe leads a step-by-step painting demonstration.