

NATIONAL NEWS



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CITIES PREPARE FOR MORE UNREST AS TRUMP URGES NEW YORK TO ACT

As more demonstrations took place around the country and cities girded for more protests, President Donald Trump amplified his comments from Monday, when he threatened to send in the military to restore order. He asked New York to call up the National Guard as New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio extended an 8 p.m. curfew for the rest of the week. **A9**

NATION & WORLD REPORT

Nation: Scientists are testing monkeys, ferrets and other animals as they work on a COVID-19 vaccine. Such tests show how the body reacts in ways studies in people never can, researchers said. **A3**

World: The Taliban in Afghanistan still maintain close ties with al-Qaida despite signing a peace deal with the U.S. in which they committed to fight militant groups, a U.N. report released Tuesday said. **A16**

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Faces in The News Carole Baskin

The founder of Florida-based Big Cat Rescue Group was awarded ownership of an Oklahoma zoo made famous in Netflix's "Tiger King."

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INSIDE THE ISSUES SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY

Drive-In Concerts Coming to Polo Club



Michael Johnson | Daily Sun

Lead singer Martyn Jenkins performs as Freddie Mercury with Absolute Queen. The band will kick off The Villages' drive-in concert series at The Villages Polo Club.



Amy Harris | Invision

Clint Black performs at LP Field during the 2011 CMA Music Festival. He will perform in The Villages on July 24.

LINEUP

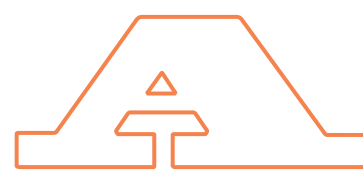
- July 20:** Absolute Queen
- July 21:** The Atlantic City Boys
- July 22:** California Transit Authority
- July 23:** The Australian Bee Gees Show
- July 24:** Clint Black
- July 25:** TBA

SAFETY MEASURES

- » All vehicles will be parked 6 feet apart
- » No more than two people per vehicle
- » No one is permitted to sit outside of their car
- » All restroom areas will have hand-sanitation areas

Tickets go on sale Thursday for a series of fan-favorite acts.

By **KRISTEN FIORE**
Daily Sun Senior Writer



Acclaimed tenor Fernando Varela sees music as one of the most powerful mediums in the world, and he said The Villages knows that better than anybody.

So Varela's arts outreach organization, Victory Productions, has partnered with The Villages Entertainment to put on a drive-in concert series at The Villages Polo Club.

The shows of the series are slated for July 20 through July 25, and tickets go on sale through The Villages Box Office

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PET-SAVING FUNDRAISER

BIRTHDAY AT YOUR HUMANE SOCIETY/SPCA

The no-kill shelter celebrates its birthday with "\$38 for 38 years."

As Sumter County's oldest and largest no-kill shelter, YOUR Humane Society/SPCA began a fundraiser in May to celebrate 2020 as its 38th year with a \$38 for 38 Years campaign. It has raised nearly \$4,000 to go toward pet food, humane education, disaster preparation, spay/neuter assistance, and adoptions. The shelter attributes its growth and achievements over the last 38 years to the support of local community. The goal is to raise \$5,000. Visit bit.ly/38For38Years to donate.

—Julie Butterfield, Daily Sun

THAT'S AMAZING!

FIRST U.S. GOLD COIN MIGHT FETCH \$15 MILLION

One of the world's most coveted coins is coming to the market. The Brasher Doubloon, the first gold coin struck in the U.S., is being offered at a \$15 million asking price, according to adviser Jeff Sherid. His firm, PCAG Inc., is marketing the coin on behalf of a collector identified as a former Wall Street executive.

The doubloon is dated 1787. Metalsmith Ephraim Brasher, George Washington's neighbor on New York's Cherry Street, privately minted a small batch of the coins and punched this unique version with his hallmark "EB" on the eagle's breast. The soon-to-be president almost certainly handled it, according to John Albanese, founder of a coin-grade verification service.

—The Associated Press

RESOURCES & REOPENING

Coronavirus: How America Is Moving Toward Normalcy

New York will allow summer day camps to open at the end of the month as the coronavirus crisis wanes, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Tuesday. A spokesman for the governor said formal guidance will be forthcoming this week that will provide details about safety measures and other steps camps must take. "Our young people have experienced both the trauma and the boredom of all these weeks of lockdown," Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, D-Brooklyn, said in response to Cuomo's decision. "They deserve to enjoy a safe summer filled with fun." Schools have been shuttered since mid-March as the city became the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. The day camp decision comes after New York City already canceled all city-run camps; the state has yet to make a determination on sleep-away camps.

—Compiled from wire reports

HOW THINGS ARE REOPENING IN HAWAII

Hawaii is lifting the 14-day quarantine for people traveling between the state's islands June 16. A separate 14-day quarantine requirement for travelers arriving from out of state remains, but Gov. David Ige is aiming to announce a target date for easing restrictions next week. Attorney General Clare Connors said people flying inter-island should expect to have their temperature taken at the airport and plan to answer some questions about their health and where they will be staying on their visit.

HOW THINGS ARE REOPENING IN ILLINOIS

Chicago is going ahead with plans to loosen restrictions today on restaurants, hotels and many more businesses in exchange for holding down crowds and following social distancing and other new rules. In making the decision, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she relied on local chambers of commerce and business owners. Restaurants will be limited to outdoor dining, with the city closing some streets for additional dining space. Offices have to close high-traffic common areas and space out work stations.

LOVIN' THE LIFESTYLE

Behind the lens with a Daily Sun photojournalist. **C1**



from the front page



Michael Johnson | Daily Sun

Guitar player Eddie Biss impersonates legendary Queen rocker Brian May as a member of Absolute Queen.

sanitation stations, and food trucks will follow safety guidelines as well.

Tori Hilding, The Villages Polo Club event manager, said the polo field is a good venue for the events since it is a fully open-air facility.

"We can host many outdoor events with the proper social distancing requirements needed at this time without adding to the stress of keeping everyone safe," Hilding said. "We have 15 acres of space on each polo field to allow for large events to be held here while keeping 6 feet between each golf car."

The event is sponsored by

T&D Concrete and The Villages Golf Cars. While there will be a section for regular cars, there also will be a package that includes a golf car rental provided by The Villages Golf Cars for those who do not have one, Russo said.

The idea of hosting concerts at the polo field is something Varela and Russo had been brainstorming for a while, and they thought that now would be the perfect time to bring the idea to life.

"Where else in the world could you gather over a thousand golf cars to drive in for a concert?" Varela said. "Only in The Villages. We want to send a

positive message to the nation and show we're being responsible and careful, but still having a great time doing it."

Varela and his team have worked tirelessly on the production elements of the concerts to create an experience people will love.

The acts will perform on a 40-by-40 stage and there will be two 20-by-20 video screens.

"We'll have cameras on the artists like you'd see in a stadium or an arena, and ample sound coverage so it's not too loud in any one area, but evenly covered," Varela said. "Having produced concerts and events in The

Villages for a little over 15 years now, we definitely understand our audience and what they like."

Entertainers are eager to get back to entertaining, and audiences are eager to be entertained.

"In a time when we probably need music the most, not being able to share it has been difficult," Varela said. "But we're going to be safe and have a good time, which is what The Villages is all about."

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CONCERTS

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on Thursday. Cost of tickets range based on the performer and are priced per car.

The series opener will be the high-energy Queen tribute group, Absolute Queen, followed by concerts featuring the Atlantic City Boys, California Transit Authority with Danny Seraphine, The Australian Bee Gees Show and Clint Black.

A sixth act will be announced soon.

"We all just want to get back to doing what we love, which is entertaining people," Varela said.

But they're going to do it safely.

"Each day will be a separate act and everyone will be able to watch from their car," said Brian Russo, director of entertainment. "Golf cars will be parked on the field, based on which zone they purchased a ticket for, and will be spaced 6 feet apart. Each zone will be general admission so we can park people as quickly and safely as possible."

In addition to these safety guidelines, cars are limited to two people each, no one will be permitted to sit outside of their car, and everyone will be required to remain in their vehicles unless they are using the restroom or getting concessions.

All restroom areas will have



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FERNANDO VARELA



PREMIER MEDICAL SUPERHEROES

A team that prays together stays together. Say a prayer for the Premier Medical COVID-19 special ops team. Every day they go into assisted living buildings, nursing homes to do COVID-19 testing. They are being sought after by major companies in Florida to test communities and at risk senior facilities in Covid-19 hotspots throughout Florida. Not all heroes wear capes. With the coronavirus crisis looming over the community, our heroes wear scrubs.



COVID-19 has posed an interesting challenge for society: what are you willing to endure to ensure the safety and well-being of your neighbors? For some, that means cancelling your weekly group bingo game, or golf game and for others, that means marching right into the frontlines and facing the danger head on.

As the first medical practice in Central Florida to offer coronavirus testing, Premier Medical Group knows that stepping up for the community exposed them to many risks and also much public scrutiny.

With a majority of The Villages' Community being elderly and more susceptible to the virus, it is important that someone rise to the occasion though it would mean fighting a dangerous battle with limited supplies to treat those stricken by the illness. Thank you very much for your hard work dedication and limitless passion for your job.



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Sumter County Extends State Of Emergency 7 More Days

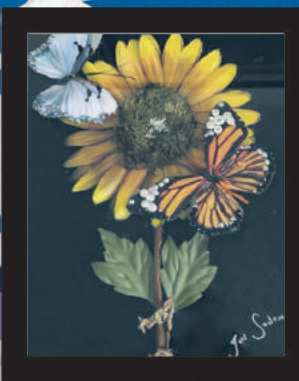
Out of precaution, the Sumter County Commission extended the state of emergency in light of the COVID-19 health risk during Tuesday's special meeting.

Chairman Steve Printz first declared the emergency March 17, with the endorsement of the commission and its emergency policy group — elected and appointed officials collaborating under the county's emergency management plan.

State law requires the commission to renew any local state of emergency in seven-day increments.

The original state of emergency activated the county's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which will remain in effect until the commission terminates the emergency.

— David R. Corder, Daily Sun



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