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– The Associated Press

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# **Energetic Audience Soaks** Up Sunshine at The Sharon

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The curtains opened to reveal a giant disco ball, a psychedelic backdrop and a thunderous beat that made the crowd go

The legendary KC and the Sunshine Band brought a taste of the '70s to The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center on Thursday night, and the audience couldn't get enough.

The band grew popular in the '70s and has since sold more than 100 million records and won nine Grammy nominations, three Grammy Awards and an American

Music Award. The group opened the show with some of their most popular songs such as "Get Down Tonight," "(Shake, Shake, Shake Your

"You know, I'm 67 years old now," said Harry Wayne Casey, the lead singer in the band. "What the hell happened? I



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun Harry Wayne Casey, better known as lead singer KC of the popular 1970s band, performs Thursday at The Sharon. His band has sold more than 100 million records since its heyday.

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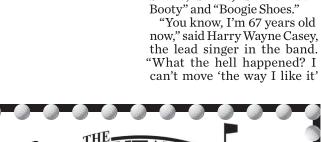


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RITA MORENO

Rita Moreno's portrayal of Anita in the classic 1961 film "West Side Story" won her an Oscar. Now, she has a different part in a remake directed by Steven Spielberg.



MAC MILLER

Spotify has released a couple of new tunes from the late rapper Mac Miller. A recording of his song "Dunno" and a cover of Billy Preston's 1974 hit "Nothing From Nothing" are part of a Spotify Singles playlist that came out Tuesday.



AZIZ ANSARI

Aziz Ansari has scheduled his first stand-up tour since being accused of sexual misconduct. The comedian will make stops in a number of cities for in 2019, beginning in February in Boston, he announced on social media.

NEW YORK

### Once a Sensation, 'Walking Dead' Is Now Just Another Show

At some point, a television sensation becomes just another show. The numbers illustrate how that's become the case with AMC's drama, "The Walking Dead." The zombies are taking a break at the halfway point of their ninth season, following an episode on Sunday that was seen by 5.1 million people. The Nielsen company said that at a similar point last year, the midseason finale reached 7.9 million people.

— The Associated Press

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and personal with the audience throughout the show.

"I've gained weight and I thought, 'Oh, I'm going to have to rename the group to KFC and the Sunshine Band," he said.

Casey assured the room that everything about the show was live, and while he may joke about being old, he still has the voice and energy that made the group successful.

group successful.

"We enjoy the concerts here at The Sharon," said Stan Neu, of the Village of Fernandina.

"KC and the Sunshine Band is a big name. There are some good tribute bands, but it's nothing like the real thing."

Mandi and Steve Sellars, of Ocoee, were absolutely ecstatic to be at the show.

Steve first saw the band when he was 16 and they performed in front of the castle at Magic Kingdom.

"It was just high-energy and very entertaining," he said. "And the band was incredible."

Steve has seen the band about five more times since then.
"The music makes you feel

good. It's funk," Mandi said. "It makes you want to dance." And dance they did.

Most audience members (some of them dressed in bell-bottoms, vests and hippie headbands) spent a majority of the show on their feet and dancing as the band played a collection

of old hits and Christmas songs. The show was high-energy,



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Harry Wayne Casey, center, entertains the crowd during KC and the Sunshine Band's performance of "Boogie Shoes" on Thursday at The Sharon.

colorful and packed with instruments and dancers clad in neon feather boas and ruffled bell bottoms.

On a dark and chilly night, The Sharon was full of sunshine.

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