

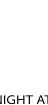
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### **Baby Boy Or Girl?** It Seems Harry and Meghan Don't Know Yet

Prince Harry and his wife Meghan have apparently chosen not to learn the gender of the baby they are expecting this spring. Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, told schoolchildren during a visit to Birkenhead on Monday that she doesn't know whether she is carrying a boy or a girl. Meghan also told one of the children that she is six months pregnant and expects to give birth at the end of April or in early May.

- The Associated Press

### **Backstage Pass**

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

# Take Advantage Of Continuing Learning At The Sharon

**By KRISTEN FIORE** | Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer

Looking for international entertainment, but without the long plane ride? Take a quick golf cart trip to The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center instead.

Friends Elizabeth White, of the Village of Glenbrook, and Beth Donahue, of the Village of Lynnhaven, are originally from New York.

They used to enjoy going to shows in the city, but it always was an all-day affair, involving transportation, parking and long lines in bad weather.

So they appreciate the ease of going to shows in The Villages.

**Savannah Center:** Particularly, the friends enjoy the range of multicul-1545 N. Buena Vista tural shows that The Sharon Blvd.

has to offer.

Both are international subscribers, meaning they have signed up for a number of the multicultural shows at the venue. At each show, they get their subscriber "passport" stamped and are served a special drink to go along with

"We thought, 'Why stop there?"" Donahue said.

So they decided to make a meal to go with each show as

For the Chinese Warriors of Peking show in November, they got together for soup dumplings and mandarin orange before the performance. They're already planning meals for the next shows — pork in lettuce leaves for the Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra; Sopa de Ajo, manchego and paella for Farruquito, the flamenco dancer; and ham for

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Friends Elizabeth White, of the Village of Glenbrook, and Beth Donahue, of the Village of Lynnhaven, enjoy the multicultural shows at The Sharon so much that they make a day out of it. They prepare a meal before each show to go along with the culture of the show.

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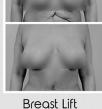
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#### **CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT**



HUGH GRANT

British actor Hugh Grant has a plea for the thief who broke into his car: Please return the script that was inside. Grant tweeted about the break-in late Sunday night. There were, he added, many weeks' worth of "notes and ideas."



JIMMY FALLON

Jimmy Fallon said a "Tonight Show" episode taped in Puerto Rico with "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda is a love letter to the island still in hurricane-recovery mode. The show aims to boost tourism.



LORETTA LYNN

Country music queen Loretta Lynn has big plans for her 87th birthday in the form of an all-star tribute concert. The singer-songwriter on Monday announced details of the April 1 show in Nashville, Tennessee. LONDON

### Van Morrison Sings At Friend's Funeral In Northern Ireland

Van Morrison has performed one of his bestloved songs at the funeral of his longtime friend, the historian and politician Ian Adamson. Morrison sang "Into the Mystic" — one of his most mysterious, evocative songs — at Adamson's funeral Monday at Conlig Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland. The funeral was also attended by Irish President Michael Higgins and ex-Formula One racing star Eddie Irvine.

- The Associated Press

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the Canadian Brass show.

"In New York, we'd make a whole day of it," Donahue said. "One of us would pick a show and a restaurant. Both of us believe that to have a vibrant community, you need a good performance venue that attracts different types of performances."

And with upcoming shows like the Vienna Boys Choir, the Havana Cuba All Stars and Murphy's Celtic Legacy, The Sharon definitely does.

White likes to travel and Donahue likes to cook, so it worked out.

"My husband and I have been to China, and we saw an acrobats show there," White said. "I have to say, the show at The Sharon was as good as the one in China."

White and Donahue joke that they came to The Villages to play pickleball but instead found themselves engrossed in all of the entertainment the community has

to offer.

They go dancing and attend multiple shows a week.

Donahue said she'd recommend the multicultural shows to anyone looking to expand their horizons.

"If you're interested in continued learning, then take advantage of these shows," Donahue said. "Just pick out one of them and try

The next multicultural show rolling in is the Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. on Jan. 24.

After that, famed dancer Farruquito will take to the stage at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5.

Tickets for all multicultural shows are available online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

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Flamenco dancer Farruquito
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