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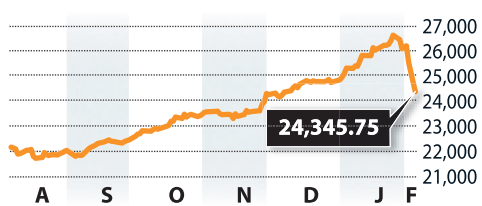
MIA BELLA CELEBRATES 1 YEAR IN FRUITLAND PARK

One year ago, a warehouse in Fruitland Park was transformed into Mia Bella Salon and Spa. Owners Danielle Daugherty and her mother, Dawn Coulliette, excitedly recognized the salon's success by hosting a one-year anniversary celebration Thursday. Mia Bella opened Feb. 1, 2017, with Daugherty and one other hairstylist. **C6**

MARKET NEWS

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 1,100 points Monday as stocks took their worst loss in six-and-a-half years. **Full report, C7**

Dow Jones Industrial Average



Dow



- 1,175.21
Close:
24,345.75

Nasdaq



- 273.42
Close:
6,967.53

S&P 500



- 113.19
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2,648.94

VILLAGER ARRESTED FOR LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT

A Villager was arrested Friday afternoon and faces pending charges of leaving the scene of an accident and driving under the influence. **Public Safety, C4**

TOP OF THE NEWS

THE VILLAGES HEALTH HOSTS FREE CLASSES WEDNESDAY

Space is available for courses on a variety of health topics.

The Villages Health will hold classes on understanding hypertension, understanding cholesterol, exercise and physical activity, and getting a good night's sleep Wednesday at Mulberry Grove Care Center, 8877 SE 165th Mulberry Lane. The classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Visit thevillageshealth.com/learning-center to sign up for any of the workshops.

— Ciara Varone, Daily Sun



Talking With ... Dave Towle, the senior weather forecaster for AM-640 WVLG, on what to expect.

Interview, C3

Our Town

WHERE WE LIVE AND WHO WE ARE

Enjoy Talented Tenors, Plus Support Education

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Staff Writer

Kaitlyn McMonigle grew up in Ocala and loved music and performing from a young age. In 2010, she won the Opera Club of The Villages' Harold S. Schwartz Music Scholarship, which helped catapult her into a tremendous music education and fruitful singing career. Eight years later, McMonigle is returning to The Villages to perform in "Three Tenors Plus One," the show that raises money for the scholarship she won. "It's such a privilege and honor to be a part of the fundraising efforts of the very same scholarship organization that helped fund my musical ambitions," McMonigle said. "This scholarship can make a world of difference for a talented high schooler who wants to pursue a musical career."

The Opera Club established the Harold S. Schwartz Music Scholarship in 1997 and started putting on "Three Tenors Plus One," the following year. Over the past two decades, the show has grown in size and scope, and has found a home at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Please See **TENORS, C10**



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Maestro Bill Doherty, left, and Fernando Varela entertain the crowd, Feb. 26, 2016, during the Grateful Hearts concert. Doherty and three other talented tenors will perform "Three Tenors Plus One."

THREE TENORS PLUS ONE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Opera Club of The Villages will have a fundraiser on Feb. 17 to benefit The Harold S. Schwartz Music Scholarship.

Performance times: 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. It will feature entertainment by Bill Doherty, Todd Wilander, Marcel D'Entremont and Kaitlyn McMonigle.

Ticket prices: They range from \$20 to \$40, can be purchased at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

THE HAROLD S. SCHWARTZ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

To honor the founder of The Villages and his love of music, the Opera Club of The Villages established the Harold S. Schwartz Music Scholarship Program. The goal of the scholarship program is to encourage and support music students in developing their talents and achieving their educational goals. Since 2005, the program has awarded more than \$378,000 in scholarships to students in Lake, Marion and Sumter counties. Applications have been sent to qualifying students and auditions will be held on April 7.

THE VILLAGES OPERA CLUB HAS MADE AN IMPACT

The Opera Club of The Villages also has other programs that have helped bring music education to the tri-county area.

Make Music program: This program funds private music lessons at The Villages Charter Middle School. The Music Assistance program partially pays for private music lessons at xThe Villages High School.

The Oscar Feliu Award: The award is \$3,000 for one or two students who have flourished in the music program.

THIS & THAT

Historic SpaceX Rocket Launch Expected to Happen Today

The year was 1967. Future President Ronald Reagan was sworn in as governor of California. The Beatles released their classic album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." And NASA launched the most powerful rocket to fly successfully, the Saturn V. More than 50 years later, SpaceX is gearing up to launch the most powerful rocket since Saturn V when the Falcon Heavy rocket takes off from Kennedy Space Center. The rocket can lift into orbit more than 54 metric tons, comparable to an airplane stocked with passengers, crew, luggage and fuel, according to SpaceX. The launch raises the possibility of future missions with human crews, possibly to the moon or Mars.



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Moment of Zen
Palm trees stand silhouetted by a beautiful pink sunset.

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SILVER SPRINGS' BLACK HISTORY IS SUBJECT OF PROGRAM

Registration is open for the presentation "Remembering Paradise Park," which looks at a section of Silver Springs open to African-Americans in the era of segregation. The park was open from 1949 to 1969. The presentation is at 1 p.m. Thursday at The Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Road. To register, visit sumterpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar.

LARGE HIKING GROUP TREKS GREENWAY TRAIL

A group of 44 hikers from the Hiking Group of The Villages hiked more than 6 miles Wednesday along the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway. The hike took them west of the Shangri-La Trailhead through a new tunnel under County Road 484, said trip leader **Don Valcheff**, of the Village of Pinellas. "Many new hikers were amazed with the scenery and elevation changes," he said.

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TENORS

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This year, the show is at 3 and 7 p.m. Feb. 17. Tickets, which range from \$20 to \$40, can be purchased at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

Gerri Piscitelli, president of the Opera Club, said they use the word "Opera" to keep the art alive, but the show has something for everyone.

Singers will perform operatic classics, but also selections from Broadway shows.

"People will be dazzled by the ability and sheer joy of a wonderful evening," Piscitelli said. "They will be happy to hear songs they haven't heard in years. People in The Villages enjoy things that are familiar to them, and I think they will be treated to that in this concert."

Besides enjoying an astounding performance, audience members also will make a difference for students in the tri-county area.

Music Matters in Education

"As monies for education have dried up, courses and curriculums have had to be eliminated, and art and music are the first things to go," Piscitelli said.

While private schools often are able to pull their programs together through donors and fundraising, public schools do not have that same advantage, Piscitelli said.

"We would like to help the students in these three counties in which The Villages resides," Piscitelli said. "The way we do that is to establish a concert as a fundraiser."

High school seniors who plan to major or minor in music in college are eligible to apply and audition for the scholarship.

The top winner receives \$12,000, and other monetary prizes follow in the form of \$10,000, \$8,000, \$6,000 and sometimes \$1,000.

Former winners have gone into music direction, digital music, music education and more, Piscitelli said.

Previous scholarship winner

Cole Bushman is now the band director at Tavares High School, and he said winning the Harold S. Schwartz scholarship got him to where he is today.

Because of the scholarship, Bushman's first year at Stetson University was free.

"Without this scholarship to fuel my fire, I would not be able to come back to my hometown to do what I love every day — teach music and positively influence lives," Bushman said.

Bushman said music education is essential for younger generations.

"Music is more than just notes on a page," he said. "Music teaches students discipline, teamwork and tenacity. Above all else, a music classroom can become an outlet for a student who may not have anything else in their lives."

Pauline Pan, Opera Club scholarship co-chairwoman, said in the 21st century, music is a discipline.

"It's not just a bunch of nice notes and pretty songs," Pan said. "It's for that reason that we want to help those who

seek to get a wider horizon in an education they normally wouldn't have."

The Opera Club has been able to raise extra money and establish programs beyond the Harold S. Schwartz Scholarship.

The club's Make Music program funds private music lessons at The Villages Charter Middle School. The Music Assistance program partially pays for private music lessons at The Villages High School.

Additionally, the group established an Oscar Feliu Award for The Villages High School in honor of Feliu, who was The Villages' music director and who helped establish the Harold S. Schwartz scholarship.

The Oscar Feliu Award is \$3,000 for one or two students who have flourished in the music program, although they do not have to be headed into music-related careers to win the award.

Pan said the group must raise \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year to keep these programs going.

"Three Tenors Plus One is very important to us because it's one of our few fundraisers,"

Pan said. "There are not so many big stages in the United States, so it's good that we're able to offer the artists this big venue. It wouldn't be possible without the Villagers."

McGonigle said music education is an empowering gift.

"We need more empathy in this world, and I believe music brings out the most evolved versions of ourselves, as musicians and listeners alike," she said.

The Tenors

The Opera Club invites different tenors to perform in "Three Tenors Plus One" every year.

Bill Doherty, music director at St. Timothy Roman Catholic Church, is a member of the Opera Club and has been involved in the show for years.

Doherty has performed all over the world — twice for the pope. He also is a celebrated teacher throughout Florida and New York.

He performs in the show, acts as emcee and also is a big part of scouting the rest of the talent for the show.

One of the tenors in the show is Marcel d'Entremont, from Nova Scotia.

"Bill heard him perform, and he was extraordinary," Piscitelli said. "He reminds a lot of people of Mario Lanza."

D'Entremont has performed throughout Canada and has a long list of achievements, including placing in several national competitions and appearing in multiple operas.

The third tenor, Todd Wilander, is in the Metropolitan Opera and has performed all over the United States and Europe in various operas.

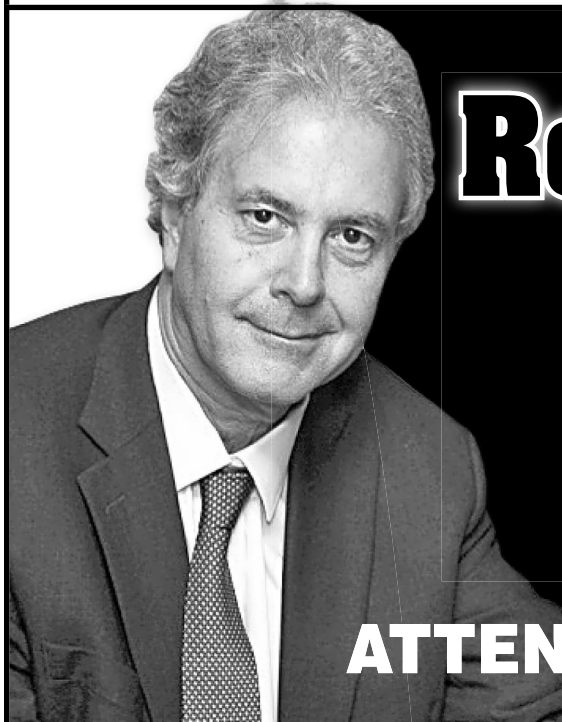
He also has appeared with a dozen orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, BBC Radio Orchestra, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Kansas City Orchestra.

McMonigle is the "plus one."

At age 13, she began classical voice training under Doherty and decided to pursue opera.

"Bill was instrumental in my early training and helped me advance quickly to an advanced level vocally at such a young age," McMonigle said.

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