LIFELINE

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 Jessica Chastain prepared for her role in The Curious Case of the Albatross, looking every bit the duchess she is in the Oscar-nominated film "Zero Dark Thirty." She is 24, and the gray hair is for a role she won't reveal. [Photo: John Swope, Time]

 THINGS TO DO

 "They said, 'What are the stars' best quotes?" asked the<br>NEW YORK TIMES reporter. "No, they didn't. She's<br>going to lie to you. That's everywhere." —Hugh<br>Jackman to The Hollywood Reporter on how his wife of nearly 9 years, Deborra-Lee Furness, two weeks, he knows someone's his joy.

 CAUGHT IN THE ACT

 Another day, another star gets his due on the new show, The Naked Truth: Rome, Italy, Wladimir Klitschko and his wife, former tennis star, Hallie,篦he Naked Truth: Rome, Italy, Wladimir Klitschko and his wife, former tennis star, Hallie, on the set of "The Overnight." [Photo: John Swope, Time]

 IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

 WHO'S CELEBRATING TODAY?

 Anne Hathaway, 32; Justin Theroux, 40; Bob Odenkirk, 52 [Photo: John Swope, Time]

 Cover Story

 Creatures' creating a supernatural stir

 'Twilight' aside, this film's two new stars are beautiful in their own spirited way

 Andrea McMillan (amcmillan@nytimes.com) [Photo: John Swope, Time]

 A SKEWED VISION: There's a Seam being browed at the box office, but it's an enchanting path for two young actors to their way.

 This weekend, Alden Ehrenreich, 25, and Alice Englert, 18, transform into Beautiful Creatures, a supernatural love story based on the popular Southern gothic novel. It's being adaptation by a new director, Götz Spielmann, and a new actor, Bill Hader. The couple that plays the quartet of characters in "Beautiful Creatures" is magnetic with its spirit and its way.

 To Ehrenreich and Englert, Creatures is a reason, the infallibility of the young almost-infallible franchise of the film, the world, they may be the same Edmond and Woolly.

 Ehrenreich plays Allan Wolff, a fractional (and ihe) teenager whose book collection provides an intellectual core to the community of Callie, N.C. Enter new student Lena Dunham (Englert), a magnetic free spirit with frightening abilities. Story a Cat. What the see, calls is a witch's like creatures whose strengthening powers turn Light (good) and Dark (bad) at a Cling as the image of the creatures, the film's No. 1 on the USA TODAY best-selling books list, has

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 TELEVISION

 Beyoncé's 'Life' gets a rare, intensely personal close-up

 She shares joys, travails in HBO's documentary

 Beyoncé has been the public spotlight for more than 10 years. But for the most part, she has kept her personal life under wraps. Now, with the release of her new HBO documentary "Life," she opens up to a new level of vulnerability. She shares her personal stories, her hopes, her dreams, and her fears. The documentary is a beautiful exploration of her life and career, providing a rare insight into the mind of one of the most successful and talented musicians of our time. She talks about her childhood, her rise to fame, her love life, and her journey to success. She shares her thoughts on motherhood, her relationships, and her political views. The documentary is a must-watch for fans of Beyoncé and anyone interested in the world of music and entertainment.
DISPATCHES

Ante up without leaving the room

Starting Monday, gamblers at one Atlantic City casino will be able to lose their shirts without wearing one. The Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa says it will be the first US gambling establishment to allow in-room betting on slots and poker via a TV remote control.

Casino officials told the Associated Press that post room TV gambling also will help visitors get accustomed to betting on handheld devices, which New Jersey recently approved, and Internet gambling, which states could approve in the future. The technology already is used on select Norwegian and Costa cruise ships worldwide.

To keep underage guests or those restricted from gambling from playing, customers must have a Borgata player's club card. The technology will be available in all hotel rooms.

Laura Blay

Clearwater Beach, the clear winner

Clearwater Beach beat out nine other nominees in a USA TODAY online reader survey to choose Florida's best beach town.

Beyond a pro wrestler and plucky dolphin, the beach is key to victory, sands down.

Laura Blay

Cast your eyes on Vegas displays

Las Vegas is not known as a prime arts destination, but its palette is changing. Among the displays that you can view right now:

> The 50 Greatest Photographs of National Geographic: The Venetian resort's Imagine Exhibitions gallery opened in March. Among the exhibits is a photo of the 1964 photo of an Afghan refugee girl.

> Warhol Out West: opened last week at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. It's a retrospective of the artist's best-known Western-themed works, such as a portrait of Apache leader Geronimo.

> Treasures by Jeff Koons: on display at the Wynn Las Vegas resort. Steve Wynn paid $60 million for the bronze sculpture, his representatives say. It represents a bouquet of twisted balloon flowers, which have been cast in stainless steel - and placed in a vivid spectrum of colors.


Sand Key, just south of Clearwater Beach across Clearwater Pass, offers a quieter alternative to the touristy hustle and bustle.

Brooke and Emily Kourney get up close with Hope, a resident dolphin of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, which specializes in marine rescue and rehabilitation.

Petersburg's College of Business, the local economic impact of the 2001 movie Dolphin Tale, which starred Winter and was filmed on location, will total more than a $2 billion dollars this year and increase to $2.5 billion by 2010.

Aquarium attendance has roughly quadrupled since the movie's release, with more than 750,000 visitors last year. Like the Winter clan of Fairlax, Va., who made a special one-day detour from Orlando earlier this month, most come specifically to see Winter. (A photo up with her or her cohorts, Panama and Hope, runs $45 per person; a dolphin "trainer for a day" session costs $294.)
Citing a heightened risk of kidnap- ping around Machu Picchu, Peru’s No. 1 tourist attraction, the State Department has issued a security alert for U.S. travelers. It also banned embassy employees from non-essential travel to the mountaintop Incan ruins and the Cusco region at large.

“The embassy has received information that members of a criminal organization may be planning to kidnap U.S. citizens in the Cusco and Machu Picchu areas, the alert reads. “Possible targets and methods are not known, and the threat is credible at least through the end of February.”

Built around 1450 to house Incan rulers, the citadel was abandoned about a century later, at the time of the Spanish conquest. The site attracts about 1.1 million tourists a year.

Jayne Clark

true at this time of year, when springbreakers rub sunburned shoulders with young families and baseball ‘planities.” (The Philadelphia Phil- lies train at Clearwater’s Bright House Field, about a 20-minute drive east via the soaring Clearwater Memorial Causeway and Gulf to Bay Boulevard, home of the original Rooters restaurant.)

But last week, as they danced to Mustang Sally and boardwalk musician Owen Panei screened another Technicolor sunset at the nightly Pier 60 celebration, the Stonerhous- es insisted they couldn’t imagine a better Florida escape.

“You can do anything you want within a 10-mile radius,” Carol says. “But you can also park your car once and never leave.”

KITCHEN CLASS COEXIST
Stretching roughly 3.5 miles long and three blocks wide, Clearwater Beach draws about 4 million visitors a year — making it the nation’s third-best beach and a key tourist destination along the Gulf Coast.

One of that popularity stems from its strategic location five minutes from downtown Clearwater (the county seat and spiritual headquarters for the Church of Scientology), a half-hour from Tampa International Airport and only an hour and a half from Orlando. During July and Au- gust, it’s a magnet for throngs of Flori- dian day-trippers eager to trade sticky heat for timeshares and seafood restaur-

Clearwater’s own, Hulk Hogan, is immortalized in Hogan’s Beach Shop on Mandalay Avenue.

WINTER IS A STAR EVERY SEASON
“The Hulkster” may be Clearwater Beach’s most famous human resi- dent, but the top dog in town is a bottlenose dolphin named Winter.

After getting tangled in a crab pot in 2005, Winter was taken to the non-profit Clearwater Marine Aquarium, a onetime seawater treatment plant that specializes in marine rescue, rehabilitation and release. The dolphin eventually lost her tail but was fitted with a silicone and plastic replacement — and Winter and her adopted home have been rid- ing a wave of national fame ever since.

According to a recent study by University of South Florida-St. Pe-}

ALL COMES BACK TO THE BEACH

The downtown core is home to the Key West Hotel, where the Rolling Stones supposedly wrote “I Can’t Get No” Satisfaction. (Non-Scientologists won’t get much satisfaction, either. Because the building serves as a church retreat, it’s not open regularly to the public.)

For all her charms, however, Winter the dolphin still plays a supporting role to the beach itself. By day, it’s a destination for pint-sized sandcastle builders and buff volleyball players.

And at sunset, the focal point is Pier 60, a self-owned fishing pier that also hosts street performers, artists and weekend movie screenings.

Jugglers and fire breathers Dallas Sump stopped here 18 years ago on his way to Key West and never left. Spring-breakers and beachside Tiki bars notwithstanding, Sump says that while he enjoys Key West for “setting our hair down,” you’ll never mistake Clearwater Beach’s Gulf Boulevard for the free-wheeling Duval Street.

Which suits longtime Tampa Bay area resident and frequent visitor SandiMcKenna just fine. Clearwater Beach, she says, “has the four TV — fun, family, food and friendly — down pat.”