



POLISHED IMAGE: Salon owner Katie Cazorla, right, and her mobile spa, above, come to Natick next week.

Talk to the hand (experts)

For manicurists, a little hand holding goes a long way

By JILL RADSKEN

Just call her Dr. Manicure. Katie Cazorla, the star of "Nail Files," a new reality TV show set to debut next month, comes to town next week with her mobile spa truck. And local nail techs hope the TV Guide Network show — the first for the industry — will give viewers insight into the nonstop dramas of the salon scene.

Think "In Treatment"

meets "Tabitha's Salon Takeover."

"Being in the nail business is like seeing a therapist without seeing a therapist," said Nancy Le, lead nail tech at Bliss Spa at W Boston.

"The sense of touch can really open up a person," she said, noting that clients have shared a range of emotions — joy to sadness — at her table.

"It can get deep like a divorce or caught the hus-

band cheating, or it can be basic like, 'I'm going on a date tonight,'" she said.

From her flagship shop, the Painted Nail in Los Angeles, Cazorla said the let-it-all-out nature of the business prompted her to rename her techs "nail therapists." She recalled that one regular client gossiped about her daughter's preschool on camera, and then feared it would make the final cut.

Faina Fedosik has been

pampering fingers and toes for 15 years at Gretta Cole in Wellesley, and has heard her share of confidences. "It's like a big, huge family. I have 99 percent standing appointments. They feel comfortable talking to me about anything," Fedosik said.

The Russia-born emigre has hours of stories, from helping clients plan surprise parties to supporting others through bouts of depression. She laughed

about one customer's husband, who lamented the salon's frequent line items on the family credit card statements.

"Gretta Cole. Gretta Cole. It's cheaper going to a therapist," Fedosik said. — jill.radskan@bostonherald.com

Katie Cazorla and the mobile spa truck will be at Natick Collection on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are first-come, first-served. For more information, go to facebook.com/tvguidenetwork.



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STYLE CALENDAR

■ In the mood for a Hub-cation? Check out the Mandarin Oriental's new "Summer in Style" shopping package. The Boylston Street hotel is steps from Copley Place, the Prudential Center and just a short walk from Newbury Street. The package includes a slew of goodies, including discounts at the hotel's spa and hair salon, a bejeweled Jay Strongwater frame and a chance to shop privately (with light refreshments) at Neiman Marcus' Silver Key Room, and deals at such high-end stores as Frette, Bally, La Perla and Cynthia Rowley. The offer, which starts at \$495 per night, begins June 9 and continues through Sept. 8. You also get a free pair of tickets for Boston's Duck Boat tour, post-shopping day cocktails and breakfast at the hotel's Asana restaurant the next

morning. Cha-ching. For details and reservations, call 617-535-8880.

■ The South End's Mohr & McPherson has a less-well-known Cambridge location (151 Alewisy Brook Parkway; 617-520-2112). Sad news: It's closing. Good news: The fine home goods store is having a liquidation sale, with discounts of 30 percent to 80 percent off all merchandise, including furniture, carpets, upholstery and more. The sale runs until the last item goes. The flagship Boston location (460 Harrison Ave.) is still open and going strong.

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