

SEE AND BE SCENE

Yaniv Raz returned to his hometown of Boca Raton this summer to shoot portions of *Son of Mourning*, an independent film he wrote and directed. As he wrote the film, which is a comedic look at how quickly heroes are made and destroyed, Raz envisioned various Palm Beach locations. The most important to him—for sentimental reasons—was his own childhood home. He brought the crew and equipment into his parents' home, but not before sending his mom and dad on vacation in the Florida Keys. "It was difficult to watch a jib arm with all kinds of heavy equipment hanging over my parents' piano in the middle of the living room," he laughs. —*Liza Grant Smith*

RAZ'S PRODUCERS WANTED HIM TO SHOOT IN NEW MEXICO OR CANADA, BUT HE INSISTED ON FILMING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY.

MAKING HISTORY

As a fifth generation Palm Beach County native, **Harvey E. Oyer III** has a commitment to preserving the area's history. The establishment of the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum in the restored County Courthouse recently earned him the title of Trustee of the Year by the Florida Association of Museums. Thanks to a grassroots campaign, Oyer raised more than \$8 million and got the county commission to vote unanimously to restore the building. "I think on some fundamental level, everyone can agree that a better understanding of where we've been promotes a better future for where we're going," he says. —*L.G.S.*



GROUP DYNAMIC

Bored with the Palm Beach County social scene, **Nicole Flier** decided to create her own fun. With best friend Lori Ludwig, she founded South Florida Very Innovative Professionals (SFVIPs), a social networking group for young professionals, which hosts local monthly happy hours. To attract members, Flier says they relied on a very simple principle: Good people keep company with good people. "It was a domino effect. We started the group with our friends, and then hoped that their friends would invite [their] friends." To expand beyond the happy hour concept, Flier and Ludwig came up with other events, including a scavenger hunt and a bowling bash. The concept is obviously working: The membership has grown to more than 800. —*L.G.S.*

FLIER AND LUDWIG GIVE ALL OF THE PROFITS FROM SFVIP EVENTS TO AREA CHARITIES.

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