

# Quick Bites

## Chocolate connoisseurs

Attention chocolate lovers and Johnny Depp fans. A new movie will confirm what you already know: There's something magic about chocolate — and something very sexy about Depp. (Or is it the other way around?) The movie *Chocolat* opens Friday at Regal Cinemas.

At a recent screening, movie lover **Richie Pollock** of **Hollywood** said he attended because he's a chocoholic and proud of it. He can remember his first Tootsie Roll in Brooklyn when he was about 2 years old, he says. That was 48 years ago.

It's not just the chocolate, his wife/movie companion **Linda Pollock** says. It's the ritual he's built around eating it.

He freezes Hershey's Chocolate Nuggets, she says. Then, he takes a Sunkist orange and peels it slowly and perfectly. Then, he chews the chocolates on both sides of his mouth and pops an orange slice in between. "He's been doing it for our entire 28-year marriage," she says.

Chocolatier **Tom Ternus Jr.** understands the magic of chocolate and its addictive qualities. Like Juliette Binoche in *Chocolat*, Ternus opened a chocolate shop (1297 W. Palmetto Park Road) eight years ago in an area where he believed there was a void. In this case, in Boca Raton. His ad in the *Yellow Pages* for his shop, The Chocolate Truffle, reads, "Open 7 days. Call 24 hours for more information."

"No," he says, "We don't make midnight deliveries. But people can leave us a message with their order. That can be comforting."

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