

Living like a million



Lillian and Joe McCoy pose in the pool area behind their \$2.3 million home in the Sanctuary in Boca Raton.

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Boca's mystique drawing millions into mansion market

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Like many couples, Tom and Shelly Burger wanted a house when they moved to suburban Boca Raton from New York three years ago.

"We knew we were moving down here," said Shelly Burger, "and we wanted to build from scratch, because we knew what we wanted."

Did they ever! The Burgers' home-sweet-home has everything from a state-of-the-art stereo system with five-foot tall speakers and a large-screen television set, to an elegant, wood-lined library straight out of the 19th century. Outside is a pool, hot-tub and sauna combination, complete with a wooden

bridge walkway between two fountains. The home itself overlooks not one but two golf course waterways.

The price tag on the Burgers' dream bungalow? A cool \$3 million — plus.

"We're really just regular folks," insisted Shelly Burger, during a tour of her 13,000-square-foot mansion.

Regular folks? Not really. Wildly extravagant? Not by Boca Raton standards.

Robin Leach, the hyperbolic host of *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*, would have a hard time overstating the current boom in luxury homes currently going on in greater Boca Raton.

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Shelly Burger lounges on the sofa at the foot of the bed in the master suite on her \$3 million home.

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