Football festivities lead up to The Big Game

Even if you're watching Super Bowl XLIV on a big-screen TV, you can get in on plenty of live action with a host of events planned for the greater Fort Lauderdale area. For more visit southfloridasuperbowl.com or www.sunny.org/sports/superbowl.

Battle of the Beauties, 2-6 p.m. Jan. 29, Ocean Manor Resort Hotel, 4040 Galt Ocean Drive, Fort Lauderdale, \$10, 305-360-3732, www.battleofthebeauties.net. Features 26 Pro Bowl Cheerleaders in an AFC vs. NFC battle; also VIP gala and youth football clinic.

Pro Bowl practice, NFC at 9 a.m., AFC at 10 a.m. (gates open 7:30 a.m.), Jan. 30, Lockhart Stadium, 1350 NW 55th St., Fort Lauderdale, \$5 parking, www.lockhartstadiumftl.com.

Pro Bowl, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31, Dolphin Stadium, 800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com, nfl.com/probowl.

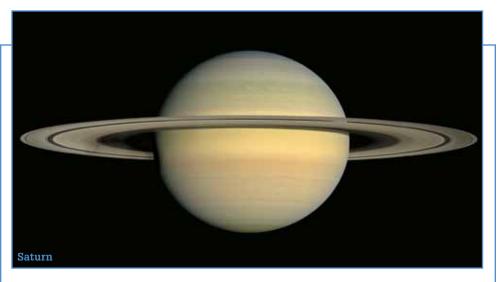
NFL Alumni Player of the Year Awards Dinner, 6 p.m. Feb. 5, The Westin Diplomat Golf Resort & Spa, Hollywood; table of eight, \$10,000 (plus NFL legend and guest); 800-878-5437, ext. 212; www.nflalumni.org.

2010 Super Bowl Breakfast, 8-10 a.m. Feb. 6, The Westin Diplomat Golf Resort & Spa, Hollywood; priority table of 10, \$2,000; corporate table of 10, \$1,500; 800-416-9472, www.superbowlbreakfast.com. Presentation of Bart Starr Award for outstanding character and leadership, with past and present NFL greats.

Taste of the NFL, 7 p.m. (6 p.m. VIP) Feb. 6, Broward County Convention Center; \$500, VIP \$600, corporate table of 10, \$6,000; 952-835-7621, www.tasteofthenfl.com. Food and wine gala featuring top chef from each NFL city paired with a current or alumni NFL player.

Super Bowl Saturday Night, 4-10 p.m., Feb. 6, Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd. Free concert with two main acts, topped off with fireworks display.

—Elizabeth Rahe



When worlds collide

It's an entertaining – and eye-opening – collaboration of science and art. The Houston Symphony has teamed with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and producer/director Duncan Copp for the multimedia presentation *The Planets – An HD Odyssey* at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and the Broward Center. A film featuring the latest planetary exploration images accompanies the symphony's live performance of Gustav Holst's suite, *The Planets*. "The music was the driving force behind the production," Copp says. "The pacing of the film and selection of images were formed by the music. It's a synergy really, a true marriage of two art forms." The production also includes interviews with Houston Symphony conductor Hans Graf and prominent planetary scientists. More extensive interviews appear on a companion disc to the project's DVD. To see the trailer visit www.houstonsymphony.org.

The Planets – An HD Odyssey: Jan. 30, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach, 561-832-7469, www.kravis.org; Jan. 31, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale, 954-462-0222, www.browardcenter.org.

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Delray Beach tennis championships draw legends and current stars

Tennis legends join current guns in the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships Feb. 20-28. John McEnroe, Mats Wilander, Pat Rafter and Guillermo Vilas headline the eight-man round robin of seasoned players for the inaugural ATP Champions Tour event. In the ATP World Tour event James Blake and Tommy Haas will challenge last year's singles winner, Mardy Fish. Bob and Mike Bryan will be returning to defend their doubles title. "Delray Beach is going to be one of the few ATP cities in the world where fans can see multiple generations of tennis stars sharing the same stage during the same week," says tournament director Mark Baron.

Special events and offers include Kidz Day, Ladies Day

Luncheons, VIP Dining and a chance to show off your game on Stadium Court with ATP players.

Delray Beach International Tennis Championships, Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center, Feb. 20-28, 561-330-6000, www.yellowtennisball.com.

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