

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20-26, 2007 A GUIDE TO THE GREATER FORT MYERS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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>>THE HOW & WHERE TO BRING IN 2008

It's that time of year again: where we take stock of the old year and vow to make the new one better. It's also a time to drink, party, celebrate, revel, feast, toast, sing and dance.

And, if you're looking for a place to do all of that, we've done most of the work for you. *Florida Weekly's* New Year's Eve party guide lists your favorite restaurants and night spots and tells you what they're doing to celebrate 2008.

So eat, drink and be merry, because election day is just a month away. And we'll have plenty of time to be depressed after that. — Cheers.

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WEEK at-a-glance



Paella challenge

Chef Gloria Cabral-Jordan out-dueled Chef Shannon Yates in the battle of the paellas at Toro last Sunday. **C26** ▶



Zap! is back

Florida Rep's theater series for children and families opens Jan. 5. **C4** ▶



The Golden Compass

Another holiday season failure says film critic D.N.A. Smith. **C11** ▶

Black is back and he's angry

Furious comedian returns to the Mann Hall

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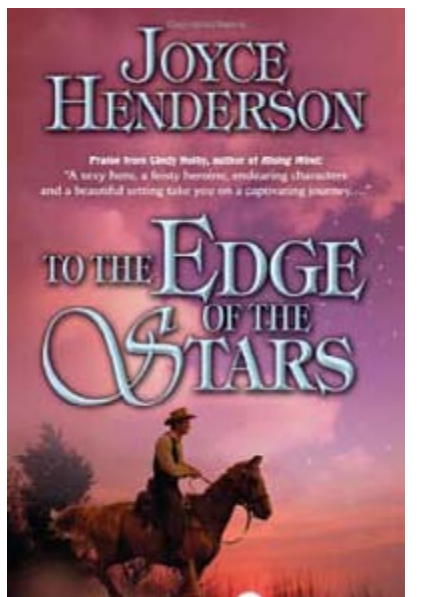
Watch comedian Lewis Black on-stage and you half expect that at any moment now, his head will explode. His eyes bulge, his voice grows louder, a vein starts pulsing in his temple. He's the Joe Cocker of comics, with his spastic gesturing and herky-jerky movements. His hands twitch. He jabs the air with his index fingers as if poking stupidity in the chest. He starts to sputter. He's practically foaming at the mouth.

☰ If you go ☒

>>What: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29
>>Where: The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 8099 College Parkway SW
>>Cost: \$56 and \$66
>>Information: Call 481-4849

He rants about Bush and his ineptness. He rants about the ineptness of Bush's administration. He rants about global warming. He rants about Iraq. And the audiences laugh. They laugh because finally, someone is telling the truth. Someone is standing on stage giving voice to all

SEE BLACK, C12▶



Love Texas-style

Fort Myers author Joyce Henderson has penned a charming romance novel says FW's Prudy Taylor Board. **C5** ▶