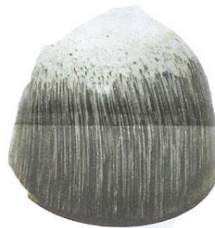


FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE



COURTESY OF
NORMAN LOVE CONFECTIONS

Norman Love's new confection features milk chocolate champagne filling enrobed in dark chocolate.

National limelight shines on local businesses

Norman Love Confections and The Sandy Butler received some national publicity in recent weeks.

Mr. Love's artisanal chocolates were the Snack of the Day on the "Rachael Ray Show" on Dec. 16.

"This is the most lovely Snack of the Day this year," Ms. Ray said. "They look like little Christmas ornaments."

Meanwhile, Mr. Love designed a custom chocolate for O, The Oprah Magazine's staff holiday party. In keeping with the lavender and cherry red color palette, he created a lavender and white tear drop with a red stripe filled with fresh banana ganache (editor Gayle King's favorite flavor). Two of the pieces from his BLACK dark chocolate line also were served.

For those who haven't been to Mr. Love's Chocolate Salon in Fort Myers recently, there are some new flavors including champagne, vanilla latte, coconut truffle and caramel apple. It's at 11380 Lindbergh Blvd., Fort Myers. Call 561-7215 or visit online at www.normanloveconfections.com.