

Around Town

A colorful statement, and sparkly Webb at Norton

He decorates the way he dresses — colorfully — and somehow, **Carleton Varney** brings it all together into statements that are filled with life.



Varney

In the week before Valentine's Day during a reception at **Pioneer Linens** in West Palm Beach, Varney, appropriately in pinks and reds with a touch of blue wrapped in a spectral tie, had a few more statements about his style and his career.

Many in the audience had heard the stories before — as clients, as readers of his equally colorful books or as viewers of his **Home Shopping Network** shows — including **Minnie (Pulitzer) McCluskey** and artist **Alice Ludwig** of North Palm Beach, who's done some decorating herself. She's quite proud that she beat **Sting** at Scrabble while doing his home in London.

For what it's worth, Varney has decorated Earth ... Europe, Asia, the Americas, you name it. Given a great boost by decorating the Carter **White House**, he livened up the legendary **Greenbrier** in West Virginia, the **Grand Hotel** on Mackinac Island and is no stranger to the Palm Beaches, having done grand manses such

as **Amway** founder **Richard DeVos'** sprawling estate in Manalapan, **The Brazilian Court** and **The Breakers**.

In the works: **The Colony**. "Head to toe," Varney said of what he calls the "truly the one iconic hotel in Palm Beach."

Society jeweler **David Webb**, who has helped decorate **Jackie Kennedy**, **Doris Duke** and a few ladies who live along the beach, is the subject of an exhibit at the **Norton Museum of Art**, while another exhibit is featured separately in "To Jane, Love Andy," a study of **Andy Warhol's** work and his relationship with '60s supermodel and Palm Beach resident **Jane Holzer**.

They put the "pop" in Pop Art, from the iconic Campbell's soup cans to silent movies with actors who barely moved. The Warhol paintings that Holzer bought and the Chanel and Courrèges dresses she wore half a century ago add that extra special dimension to the show.

In addition to the special exhibits, the Norton's permanent collection has some timely pieces, in particular **King Pyrrhus**, painted in 1656 by Dutch artist **Ferdinand Bol**. It was a gift to the Norton in 2007 by **Valerie Delacorte** in memory of her husband, **George T. Delacorte**, who founded **Dell Publishing**.

Pyrrhus was a Greek general who twice defeated Roman

Laugh with the Library

Delray Beach Marriott, Delray Beach – Jan. 31



Delray Beach Library Director Alan Kornblau (left), co-chairwoman Heidi Sargeant, master of ceremonies Paul Castronovo and co-chairwoman Becky Walsh share the stage during the the Delray Beach Library's eighth annual fundraiser. The event raised nearly \$85,000 for the privately supported library. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

armies, but lost so many troops in the process, that the victories were hollow. Hence the term "pyrrhic victory." Bol's Pyrrhus stands in defiant profile, hands planted against breastplate, head wrapped in a turban and topped by a crown.

Before World War II, it was owned by a Dutchman, **Marcel Wolf**, but as the Nazis took over Europe, they conspired to steal as many great works of art as possible.



Göring

Hermann Göring, Hitler's No. 2 man, decided he wanted **King Pyrrhus**. Perhaps he noticed the resemblance, but



King Pyrrhus, the 1656 painting that Nazi Hermann Göring coveted, now hangs at the Norton Museum of Art.

regardless, he had it stashed in his private horde at **Carinhall**, his country residence northeast of Berlin. As the war began to turn against the Nazis, they made plans to hide what they could and destroy the rest. They were thwarted by members of the U.S. Army's **Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives** program, better known now, thanks to the new movie, as the "monuments men."

After the war, the painting was returned to Wolf. In 1960, he put it up for auction in London. A New York gallery bought it and sold it to the Delacortes, who happened to own a winter home in Palm Beach Gardens and developed a relationship with the Norton.

George died in 1991, and in his memory Valerie gave the Norton five Old Master paintings and \$1 million. In 2008, she stunned museum officials with a "monumental" gift of 66 European sculptures and paintings by **Rembrandt**, **Rubens**, **Tiepolo** and others, including **King Pyrrhus**. It hangs in the Delacorte Gallery on the third floor.

Now anyone can see it.

Bruce Helander could be considered the Santa Claus of art, not because he gives things away, but because, like the old Ray Stevens song declares, "He's everywhere! He's everywhere."

Working in several media but best known for his collages, his talent is on display in more than 50 museums including the Guggenheim, the Smithsonian and the Norton, and in the collections of major patrons and the likes of **Dennis Hopper**. **Ken Moffett**, former director of the **Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art** once said, "If

there was a Pulitzer Prize for collage, Helander would surely win it."

Born in Kansas, he earned a masters

degree at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design and later served as its provost and vice president of economic affairs before moving to West Palm Beach in 1982. He sets up exhibitions for other artists, writes books, and contributes to magazines and websites such as **The Huffington Post**.

Helander also has caught the attention of the **Florida Division of Cultural Affairs** ... officially. In a few weeks he'll be inducted into the **Florida Artists Hall of Fame**. The only other inductee this year: rock legend **Tom Petty**. Those nominated but not selected included West Palm Beach wildlife artist **Janet Heaton** and Jupiter street painter **Jennifer Chaparro** and singers **Pat Boone** (who was born in Jacksonville) and **Bobby Goldsboro** (born in Marianna).



Helander

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A year after the Florida Legislature established the Hall of Fame in 1986, **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings**, **John Ringling** and **Ernest Hemingway** became its first inductees. The roster, now at 55, includes **Jimmy Buffett**, **Ray Charles**, **Tennessee Williams**, **Zora Neale Hurston**, **Edward Villella**, and Palm Beach countians **Mel Tillis** (singer), **Burt Reynolds** (actor), **Laura Woodward** (artist), **Ralph Norton** (arts patron), **Addison Mizner** (designer) and **Jackie Brice** (artist).

Despite recent cold spells, Delray's restaurant scene has been hot ... literally. In early February, **32 East** owner **Butch Johnson** was awakened by a 4 a.m. phone call from the company that monitors alarms at his popular Atlantic Avenue eatery. Fire!

Within minutes Delray firefighters were on the scene and quickly located and doused a small blaze inside a wall near the wood-burning pizza oven.

"It was spontaneous combustion," Johnson said. "Some material that had been in the walls for years just heated up over time and finally caught fire. It was so close to the pizza oven that no one ever noticed. We didn't have any major damage, but we closed for five days and took the opportunity to clean the place up a bit."

L.L. Bean may be a legend in retailing, but the Bean name didn't help his granddaughter's foray into Delray's restaurant scene. Despite offering fresh seafood from the icy waters of Maine, **Linda Bean's Perfect Maine Lobster** never caught on and shuttered after four years on the southeast corner of Atlantic and Second.

But Delray restaurants don't stay empty for long. Area restaurateur **Gary Rack**, who recently opened **Racks Fish House + Oyster Bar** in the old VFW club just behind Bean's, has bought the space.

"We have a plan," Rack's General Manager **Richard Combs** said of what will be the fifth restaurant in the group that includes **Table 42** and **Racks Downtown Eatery + Tavern** in Boca and **Racks Italian Kitchen** in North Miami Beach. "It's a new concept but we're not ready to divulge it yet. We'll reveal more in about six weeks, and we hope to be open in late August or early September. I can say that it will be novel for Delray."

After working in restaurants for decades, including the popular Renato's in Palm Beach, **Henry Lowenberg** decided to follow his dream and buy one. He and wife, Pamela, found just what he wanted in Delray just south of Atlantic on Federal. Once a two-story frame house with metal roof and a big porch, it most recently had been **Café Loredana**. The Lowenbergs renamed it, naturally, **The Porch** and brought along **Willie Lopez** as chef to whip up fresh seafood and wood-fired pasta and pizza.

Now the Russian national soccer team knows how the **Denver Broncos** feel. On Feb. 8 at **FAU Stadium**, the U.S. women stomped them, 7-0 — an embarrassing differential in international soccer — and several top Americans, including **Abby Wambach** and **Megan Rapinoe**, former members of the now defunct Boca-based **Magic Jacks** pro team, didn't play until late in the game.

Although the stadium holds more than 30,000, FAU officials were tickled that the game attracted 8,857 fans. The game was the third collaboration by the university and US Soccer, and Athletic Director **Pat Chun** expects more. "They came to us," Chun said. "They know we have a great stadium, they get a decent crowd and we make a little money."

Anyone who thinks a university survives off tuition fees and ticket sales has no hope of passing the FCAT. Every little bit helps. That's why Chun is also thrilled that the stadium will host a football bowl game next winter, and National Lacrosse League's Florida Launch will call the stadium home. "It's summer rental," Chun said as he and acting President **Dennis Crudele** entertained trustees, boosters and local government leaders in the President's Suite.

Some also speculate that the stadium might offer a perfect temporary home for **David Beckham's** new Major League Soccer franchise, until he builds his stadium in Miami — that is, if he can raise the money to build it.

Crudele, incidentally, will stay on in an advisory position to help incoming President **John Kelly** settle in, but he'll leave no later than December, because he is enrolled in the state's deferred retirement option program.

The next big event in the stadium will be FAU's **Making Waves Gala** in the **Greenberg Tower**. The fundraiser provides scholarships and support for veterans and first-generation students. Tickets are \$150 and sponsorships already have raised nearly \$500,000. Auction items include hot laps in a Porsche at Sebring Raceway, an Oceania Cruise and a \$10,000 Saks gift card.

Incidentally, three members of the U.S. womens soccer team made Rantsports "25 Most Beautiful Women in Sports": goalkeeper **Hope Solo** and forwards **Sydney Leroux** and **Alex Morgan**, plus Jupiter Island's recovering skier and Tiger Woods' muse, **Lindsey Vonn**.

Here and there:

Boca's **Festival of the Arts** kicks off March 6 with a concert by **Itzhak Perlman** at Mizner Park Amphitheatre and closes with **Forte**, the operatic trio that won *America's Got Talent* on March 15. In between, something for everyone — **Bill T. Jones** and **Arnie Zane Dance**

Company (March 7), jazzman **Arturo Sandoval** with **Monica Mancini** and the **Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra** (March 8), author and historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** (March 13) and **Cirque de la Symphonie** acrobats with the festival orchestra (March 14). For tickets and info, go to festivalboca.org.

Missing the festival will be **Steve Maklansky**, who suddenly resigned Jan. 31 as director of the **Boca Raton Museum of Art** after 2½ years. The four-paragraph news release praised Maklansky's efforts to attract new supporters, new audiences and new money and wished him "success in all his future endeavors." However, it offered not a hint of the reasons for his departure, which sources in the area art community suggest

were not his own — that he was fired, because he was not a good fundraiser and had not lived up to the board's expectations.

Meanwhile the museum's board of trustees has appointed **Irvin Lippman** as interim director. Lately residing in Fort Worth, Texas, Lippman served as executive director of the **Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale** from 2003 to 2012.

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? To the old saw "practice, practice, practice" add money, money, money. Especially for **Dimensional Harmony**, the **Boynton Beach High School** chorus that just won the state high school competition and hopes to enter national events in Atlanta, Tennessee and New York. Total cost could exceed \$60,000.

In 2010, **Dimensional Harmony** topped 1,000 U.S. choirs to win a *Today* show competition, and in 2008 at Carnegie Hall it backed up Broadway singers and **Van Halen**. Its first goal this year is to raise \$5,000.

With the help of the **Delray Beach Republican Club**, the choir will perform at 3 p.m. March 15 at the **Church of the Palms** in Delray. Ticket donations start at a meager \$25 and include a reception. To help, call Boynton Beach High School at 752-1200.



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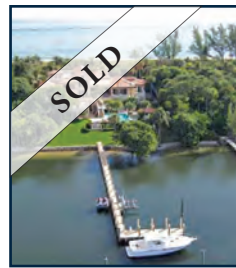
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