

Arts Center flap underscores inequalities

FRIDAY

THE NORTH PORT SUN

OUR TOWN



Sun photo by Sarah Coward

A RIOT OF COLOR

North Port resident Iszchan Nazarian combines the styles of Rembrandt, Picasso and Dali, as well as a self-portrait—a child in a Florida State T-shirt representing the artist being taught by the masters—in a recent painting at his home on Ortiz Boulevard. Nazarian's gallery will be open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at 207 Ortiz Blvd. in North Port.

Thaxton discusses life as board member

By WARREN RICHARDS
SARASOTA COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

ENGLEWOOD — After observing the county commission for 20 years, Thaxton thought he was prepared to take over two years ago.



THAXTON

"My first impression is so different from what I expected," Thaxton said. "It's not one of those peculiar things that happen at the airport. It just keeps happening."

Thaxton talked with the county commissioner during a monthly meeting of the Alliance of Associations That Support the Bay Community.

Besides his day job, Thaxton also takes on the personalities of his fellow four commissioners during their interactions between them.

Four tasks consume most of his time, Thaxton said: constituent services, meetings and visitors.

"Taking care of constituents is the most important of anything I do," he said. "Sure, people complain and moan, but I don't regret the thanks I receive every day."