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Clouds of gray ash rumbled down the slopes of Indonesia's most volatile volcano Saturday in its most powerful eruption of a deadly week.

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Chas Henry, a punter thrust into kicking duties, drilled 37-yard field goal in overtime to lift Florida over Geo

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Painter says his ideas come from God

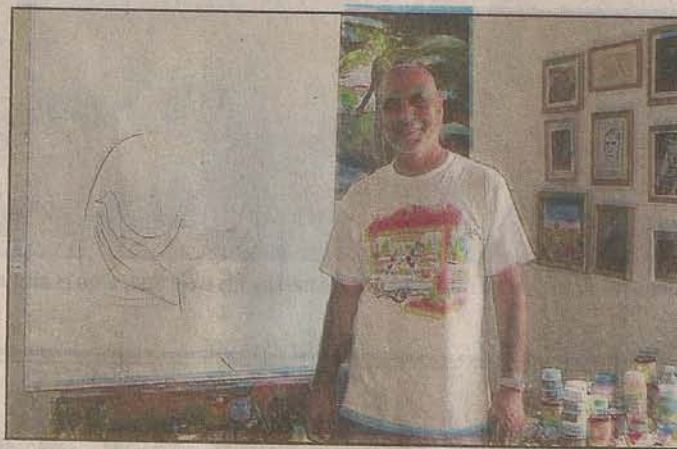
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NORTH PORT — Growing up in Armenia, Iszchan Nazarian was surrounded by the works of the world's greatest artists, architects and sculptors. Among them were Nazarian's favorite artists, Picasso, van Gogh and Michelangelo.

"My ideas come from God, the creator of everything. The ideas come like pictures," said Nazarian, 65, who has been painting for most of his life. "I listen to religious music and music from the great composers Beethoven and Mozart."

While Nazarian doesn't have a favorite color, his palette does run the gamut from the very bold and bright to the very subtle and subdued. Most of Nazarian's



Modern-day artist Iszchan Nazarian finds inspiration in the great painters of the Renaissance.

work is created in acrylic paints, but every once in a while the artist will throw in a dab of oil paint. "I prefer using acrylic paint because I am too impatient and I can't wait for it to dry," smiles Nazarian, who then admits, "But I add oils in

my painting because they have a certain color that I want to use."

Nazarian does most of his painting at his studio at 207 Ortiz Blvd. in Warm Mineral Springs. From floor



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North Port artist Iszchan Nazarian hand-carves religious figures from the trunk of an alder tree.

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