

# passion for life

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**N**ORTH PORT — Iszchan welcomes a visitor into his studio. He captures life on canvases and tapestries that speak to viewers — "Life is my world and the sun shines with wonder," said Nazarian, who has been painting for half a century. His range from peaceful to dramatic in his gallery, forcing the viewer to stop and take notice. "I cannot say with words I can't capture with form, shape and perspective," said Nazarian.

His art is on display at various museums in Russia, Poland, Switzerland and Italy; but viewers don't have to travel overseas to see his artwork. He has a studio in North Port displaying his paintings, tapestries and ceramics. The public is welcomed to tour his studio by appointment.

"Life inspires me," said Nazarian of his artwork, as he stands in his Warm Mineral Springs studio.

"The Springs give him power," his wife, Elizabeth, explains. It is his fountain of youth and therefore his art becomes stronger and stronger,

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Sun photo By Danielle Wishka

Kevin Kepner, member of the Neighborhood program, holds the video camera used to tape children, teens and elderly with Alzheimer's in an identification program he started in the Neighborhood program a year ago.

# Putting the 'giving' into Thanksgiving

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**N**ORTH PORT — He is known by many of his fellow Neighborhood Watch members as the "man behind the camera."

But Keith Kepner doesn't spend his time taking pictures of wildlife or picturesque scenery.

His pictures help save lives.

A year ago, Kepner brought the Child ID Video Program to the Neighborhood Watch Organization. With just one video camera in hand, Kepner started filming children, teens and even elderly adults with Alzheimer's.

The tapes are five minutes long and are given to parents to keep in case their child is abducted or away.

"I hope they never have to watch the tapes," Kepner said. "But if they do, they can help bring their child home."

Kepner's father participated in the program in Zephyrhills, Fla., as a Mason.

"I thought it was a great thing to do," Kepner said Wednesday at his North Port home.

Kepner broke his neck in a fall last year.

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# White fined \$500 for campaign violations

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**N**ORTH PORT — The chairwoman of a North Port political committee will pay a \$500 fine for an incorrect treasurer's report.

Florida Elections Commission found probable cause for the fine against Linda White, founder of People's Choice and chairwoman of the North Port Citizens for Tree Preservation political committee, with

violating state statute by verifying a treasurer's report as true, correct and complete, when it was not.

"The only thing we're guilty of is sloppy bookkeeping," White said. "There was no intent to commit any violations."

The complaint against White was filed by Linda Marks, who, according to FEC records, works for a children's shelter, which receives charitable contributions.

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## **NORTH PORT**

Government offices, including the clerk's office, are closed Thursday and Friday for the holidays.

Community centers and clubs and groups have no events scheduled for Thursday due to the holiday. There are no calendar events will be held on Thursday.



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# Reaching out makes day of giving

"Today is Thanksgiving, the time we pause to consider the blessings for which we have to be thankful."

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## Second-graders' tips on cooking turkey

Perplexed by confusing recipes for the perfect turkey? Unsure how to wow them with your culinary skills on Thanksgiving?