

ANNIVERSARIES

George and Peggy Harris of F'ton Hills

George and Peggy Harris, residents of Farmington Hills since 1951, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1944.

They have two children, the Rev. Suzanne (Charles) Paul of Farmington Hills and William (Garneth) Harris of Denver, Colo.

They have three grandchildren, Coreen Paul Elroy, Vincent Paul and Sara Paul. During 43 years in Farmington Hills they have been involved in numerous civic and

church organizations. Peggy Harris is an active member of St. Alexander's Church in Farmington Hills, where she oversees the Community Food Cupboard and SOS program.

She retired from the Farmington Cleaners in 1982 after 25 years. George Harris is retired from Schoeb Equipment Company and is a volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels. They will celebrate their anniversary on a cruise to the Bahamas.



St. Vincent de Paul to hold coat sale

It takes the sale of approximately 200 coats to send a child to summer camp or the sale of 10 coats to feed a family of four for a day. It may not be a full-course meal or a London Fog coat, but it still provides warmth and hope to meet the challenges of the coming day.

During the past year, people have donated more than 28,000 winter coats to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Those coats will go on sale Feb. 1-4 at 16 outlets and at the main warehouse on Gratiot in Detroit.

Proceeds from the sale go to fund St. Vincent de Paul's summer camps on Lake Huron, the organization's Food Depot and employment placement program.

The sale is the first of five 99-cent sales the nonprofit agency has scheduled for 1994. Sweet

shirts and sweaters will be sold two for 99 cents Feb. 8-12, shirts and blouses two for 99 cents Feb. 15-19 and pants and slacks two for 99 cents Feb. 22-26. Bicycles also will be sold, starting at 99 cents, March 1-5.

There will also be three specialty sales. Its fur, leather and overcoat sale will be Feb. 5 at its main warehouse, 2950 Gratiot, and at 15725 Grand River, both in Detroit, 1337 24th, Port Huron, and 28477 Telegraph, Flat Rock. Golf and sporting equipment will be sold March 19 and push lawnmowers and summer furniture April 5-9 at the main warehouse.

St. Vincent de Paul is the largest recycler of its kind in the metropolitan Detroit area. Detroit-based, the nonprofit organization employs more than 100 people. It has 16 retail outlets and 29 trucks

that answer calls daily to pick up donated items, traveling from Monroe to Ann Arbor to Port Huron.

It prides itself on prompt service and recycling ability. It also is known as a "collector's paradise." It has one store devoted to books and records and another will soon be directed toward frames, oil paintings and prints.

St. Vincent de Paul contributes more than \$1.5 million in goods through social service and parish organizations. It also gives away, at no charge, more than \$3.5 million worth of food, appliances, furniture and clothing to families in need throughout southeastern Michigan. It also runs two summer camps for disadvantaged children and a free employment agency.

The society is unique in that it

has an entrepreneurial and a social service side. A majority of the organization's income is generated through the resale of recycled/donated items.

In addition to the main warehouse and the stores on Grand River and in Port Huron and Flat Rock, St. Vincent de Paul stores can be found at 5200 E. McNichols, 5840 W. Fort, 14074 E. Seven Mile and 14922 Kercheval, all in Detroit; 501 Gratiot, Marysville; 27114 Michigan Ave., Inkster; 107 S. Main, Capac; 8138 Nine Mile, Oak Park; 23746 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores; 24021 Van Dyke, Centerville; 14049 Nine Mile, Warren; 19310 Ecorse Road, Allen Park; and 12354 Fort, Southgate.

For more information about the 99-cent sales or the St. Vincent de Paul stores, call 567-1910.

Organ transplants: the life-saving gift

By ETHEL SIMMONS
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Two years ago, Cornelius McLaurin, 44, of Rochester Hills was dying of a lung disease called sarcoidosis. A Pontiac policeman, he had retired and was on the waiting list for an organ transplant. Six months later, he was the first patient in the Michigan-Ohio-Indiana area to receive a double lung transplant.

He believes he was blessed in receiving the life-saving transplant, without a long wait. "It does work," he said. "I have my family. I can see my kids again. I can breathe. I've got another chance of life."

The transplant was performed by Dr. Michael Deeb at the University of Michigan Hospital. McLaurin's donor was a 36-year-old man who died in a car accident. "A lady received his heart. She's doing fine," McLaurin said.

Although he has high blood pressure problems, as well as a lot of side effects from the medication he takes daily for his lung condition, McLaurin wants to go back to work. "The whole objective of the transplant is to allow the recipient back in the work force. If I don't go back onto the police force, I'd like to re-train for another occupation."

McLaurin wants to spread the message that a lot of people are waiting for organ donations that could save their lives, but many individuals who could be donors unreasonably fear the organ removal procedure. "You're declared brain dead before they even do that," he stressed.

As soon as she can find a donor, Danita Foster of Southfield will receive a new kidney. The single 32-year-old woman, who lives with her brother and his wife, hopes to get a kidney

within the next few months. "It won't be long now," Foster said.

She has had high blood pressure since the age of 25, and when her kidneys started to go bad, she was told she needed a transplant.

"I was kind of scared," she said. "My father was a kidney patient and had a transplant but it didn't work." That was around 1975, and he died at the age of 42.

Foster has been on kidney dialysis since June 1989. Because of uncertainty about having a transplant, she didn't put her name on the waiting list for a kidney donor until a year ago.

New unemployed, Foster used to work as a medical assistant at a clinic in Southfield. She said the only complaint she hears from other patients on dialysis is that they are overly tired. "On the days of dialysis, they are too tired to work," she said.

When builder George J. Coughlin Jr., 27, died last spring in a car crash, his father, George Coughlin Sr. of West Bloomfield, was asked by a nurse at the hospital whether he wanted to donate his son's kidneys.

Coughlin agreed because he thought it was something his son would have wanted to do. A kidney was donated to a heavy equipment operator who was on dialysis. After receiving the kidney, "He no longer had to rely on that. The kidney worked perfectly," Coughlin said.

For information about becoming an organ donor, contact The Gift of Life, organ procurement agency of Michigan, in Ann Arbor at 973-1677 or 1-800-482-4881.

Agencies issue call for more volunteers

Looking for something to do that's rewarding and benefits others?

Volunteer opportunities can be found throughout the metropolitan area. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve as community representatives while Family Service Detroit and Wayne County is in need of vol-

unteer perinatal coaches.

The duties of a Kidney Foundation community representative include acting as a liaison between the foundation and the community, presenting NKF educational campaigns, attending area health fairs, conducting speaking engagements and coordinating fund-raising events.

No experience is necessary, and

schedules are flexible. For more information, call Michael Hart at (800) 482-1455.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is a member of the United Way of Michigan and an affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation.

Family Service is seeking volunteers for its Parent-Infant Beginnings program. Volunteer per-

inatal coaches are trained and supervised by professional staff to provide encouragement and guidance to expectant parents in Detroit.

Coaches are matched with parents and work with them during pregnancy and throughout the baby's first year.

For information, call Cherie Turmon at 886-4949.

NEW VOICES

TODD DOCKUM and **CAROL GRIFFITH-DOCKUM** of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **MARISA MAURINE DOCKUM** Dec. 29 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

ALLAN and **RONDA THOMAS** of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **BRADLEY KEITH** Nov. 30 in Providence Hospital Birthing Center in Southfield. Grandparents are Ronald and Elizabeth Thomas and Raymond and Marilyn Grimsley, all of Livonia.



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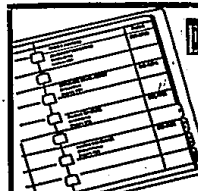
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