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she said.

Nazarian was born in Erevan, Armenia in 1946. He entered the Academy of Arts of the Artistic-Theatrical Institute of Erevan in 1969 where he studied for three years. In 1971 he moved to Poland and attended the Polish Academy of Arts in Warsaw where he obtained his diploma in painting. He was sponsored by Lloyd Shin Gallery from 1988 through

• His art can be viewed at his Web site www.nazarian.com

• Some of his selected works can be purchased at an online art dealer's Web site: www.yessy.com.

• Nazarian art custom-made on canvas of an image and size selected by customer available through Grant Sterling. Visit their Web site at www.grantsterling.com.
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1996. The sponsorship ended due to financial trouble that Lloyd Shin Gallery underwent.

Nazarian is currently seeking a new art dealer to sponsor him.

"The act of painting is a

cleansing process. It becomes a prayer to God," said Nazarian.

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★ LONERS

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Campau said she felt she would have been in good hands.

"I think it's ideal," Campau said. "I've never lived anywhere where they had a program like this."

The volunteers make about 30 to 40 calls a day. If no one answers, police are called to

have an officer go out to the home.

The program saves about two lives a year on average, Fish said.

Not all cases are that severe. Volunteer Geri Keenan recalled an elderly woman who fell and broke her heel. Keenan drove her to a doctor.

"This is your extended family," she said.

Because of his heart condition, Fish is now on the loner

list himself.

"They always save my call for last," he said. "They give me a full report."

He still looks forward to making the calls every week. For Fish, it's a pleasure, not a job.

"My dream is still to be calling when I'm 100," he said.

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★ BETTY

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lift and was proceeding on its own onto the shoulder of the road. I stopped the car. A woman in front of me had seen what happened, stopped, and walked back to offer help. A woman behind me also stopped to help, and a police car driven by North Port Officer Dennis Gonthier pulled up behind me.

Together the three of them lifted the scooter onto the lift on the rear of my car, when I discovered that the jolt of the accident had caused the rod that clamped the scooter to the lift, to work again — kind of like my usual method — kicking whatever doesn't work to fix it. Anyway, I went on my way to Access Able, they fixed both lift and scooter, and that was that. But thanks to Lady Luck, or her other name, 'God' — no one was hurt, and everyone on the road avoided my errant

scooter. Officer Gonthier directed traffic around us, and the two ladies kept standing between me and passing cars.

When everything was under control again I found that the ladies had driven off before I had a chance to find out who they were, or to thank them. If you women

are reading this, please call me at 426-4544 and tell me who you are. You surely did your good deed for the day and I would like to offer my sincere thanks. You and Officer Gonthier are my most recent reasons to be thankful on this Thanksgiving Day.

Betty Balkwell is a longtime resident of North Port.

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