



## Referee Perkins Visits StarrVista

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Referee Perkins and event planner, Janet Collier. Great job Janet!

On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, Referee David Perkins visited with staff at Starr Vista. Referee Perkins discussed a variety of topics, and entertained

many questions from staff members. Referee Perkins began his discussion with some of his educational and training background. He then addressed numerous questions that were presented to him in respect to court proceedings, court staff duties, concerns regarding termination vs. escalation, what information he examines to propose termination, what are some of the areas that CMO's need to strengthen, and various other questions from staff. Referee Perkins does not have a regular

routine of meeting with CMO staff, but accepted this challenge to meet with our staff on our territory. Even though this meeting began quite late in the evening, and rounded out at 6:30pm, Referee Perkins' visit was appreciated. The meeting was quite informative, while providing a light-hearted environment which allowed everyone to feel comfortable. Much thanks goes to Referee David Perkins who made the effort to reach out to the staff that are on the front line with our youth.

## GM Fundraiser to Benefit StarrVista

GM R\*Works, a division of General Motors Corporation, chooses an organization to donate money to each month. In an effort to raise money for these organizations, the corporations sponsors a Jeans Day each month. The employees at GM R\*Works can wear jeans one Friday a month if they give \$10 to the chosen organization. StarrVista will be the recipi-

ent of the June fundraising effort by GM R\*Works.

GM R\*Works is a regionalized events, promotions and sponsorships marketing company. The employees of GM R\*Works attend different events across the country for the purpose of gathering information from the attendees (via surveys, both written and oral) of these events to gauge what impact events have

on people's purchasing decisions as it relates to the buying of vehicles. This information helps to better understand the correlation between the event and the impact the event has on their decision to purchase certain vehicles.

We thank GM R\*Works and their employees for their generous donation to StarrVista.

## *StarrVista's CSI (Crime Stoppers Initiative) Project*



In an effort to get our name out into the community and do

something positive for your youth, StarrVista's CSI: Crime Stoppers Initiative was created and will host its first mini youth conference to be held in partnership with the Salvation Army on Friday, May 16, 2003. The event will be held at Denby Children's home located at 20775

Pembroke in Detroit from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Shirley Atkins, who has spearheaded this project, is encouraging all StarrVista staff to attend and contribute to the festivities. In addition to staff, various judges, referees, county staff, and the other Care Management Organizations have also been invited. Lunch and prizes will be provided for participating youth. Entertainment will be provided by The Sanctuary "Say Yes" troop, Starr Commonwealth staff Will Davis, and dynamic speaker, Diane

Whitney will give a personal testimony of her plight with drugs. This year's awareness conference will be very informative and hopefully an 'eye-opening' experience for young attendees. Newly hired staff member, Lisa Gabler, has also contributed to the development of this year's project. Shirley has credited Youth Investment Counselor, Sherry Davis, with having created the spark for a positive event for StarrVista youth.

## *Youth Spotlight*

The Agency's business is invested in the lives of children and families we serve. This month we are spotlighting Derek F., his worker is Ms. Alana Hill. Derek came into our care in June 2001. Since being in our care, Derek has been compliant with program objectives and recently graduated from Vassar High School as an honor roll student. He was recently accepted at Wayne County Community College and plans on starting classes in spring 2003. Derek received letters of recom-

mendation highlighting his leadership abilities and responsible behavior from both teachers and workers at Vassar High School. He also received certificates from Clarence Fisher Leadership Academy in building maintenance and meat cutting. Derek F. is a remarkable young man who has learned from his mistakes and has made great strides towards his future. We congratulate Derek on his achievements!



## Employee Spotlight



StarrVista is pleased to highlight Ron Smith (YIC) as our March/April featured em-

ployee. It is befitting to honor Ron this month as April 26 marks Ron's two year anniversary with the Agency. Fellow co-workers as well as Ron have recognized his professional growth and the difference Ron makes with the youth he serves.

Ron earned his Bachelors degree in social work from Mercy College now University of Detroit—Mercy. Following graduation he worked for three years for the Federal Bureau of Prison in Milan as a corrections officer. He went on to be employed by the Washtenaw County Friend of the Court mediating visitation disputes and enforcing child support. After 10 years with Washtenaw County, Ron went on to work for ten years for the Catholic Social Service of Wayne County (CSSWC) as a licensing specialist and foster care worker. He also served as Chapter Chair for local 1640 while at

CSSWC.

Ron stated that he chose social work as a profession because it allows him to give something back. His philosophy of life is that "we are part of everything we touch."

Last year Ron married his long-time friend and partner in life, Mary Lynn Huffman, who is employed as a rehab counselor for the State of Michigan. In Ron's spare time he enjoys reading, walking, playing basketball and working in the yard.

## New Employee(s)

We welcome the following new staff members:

Ms. Marquise Mason joined StarrVista as a Youth Liaison on March 17, 2003. Marquise is presently attending Madonna University pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Social Work; and is excitedly awaiting graduation which takes

place in May, 2003. She enjoys reading, playing on the computer and spending a lot of quality time with her husband and daughter. If her schedule isn't busy enough, she is also an Assault response advocate for First Step in Plymouth, Michigan.

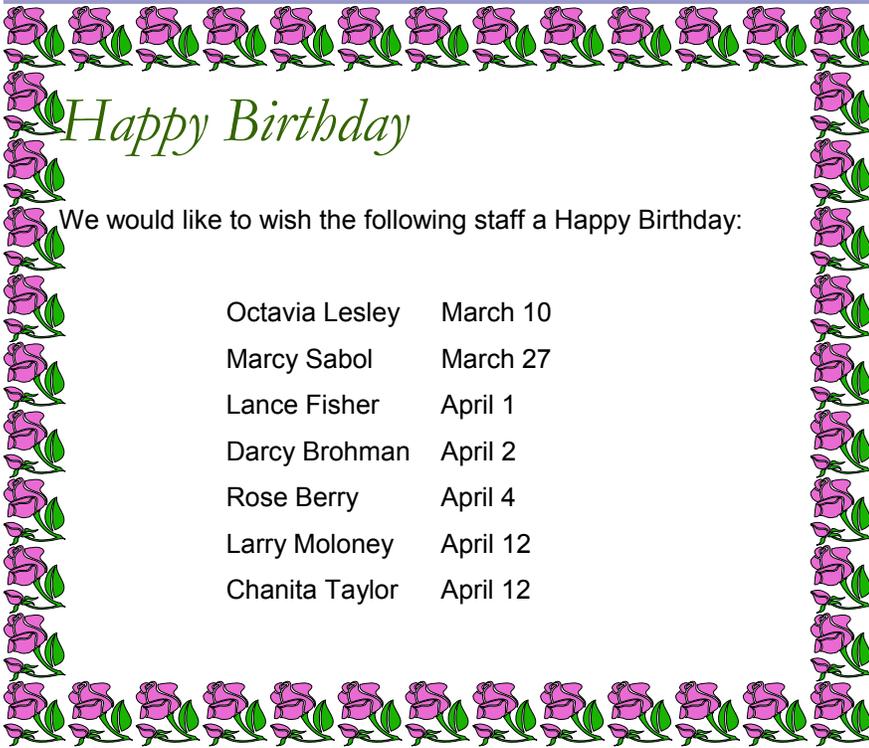
Mr. Keenan Johns also joined the StarrVista team as a Youth Liaison

on April 7, 2003. Mr. Johns was formerly employed with HISTAS as a Drug Screener for youth within the Juvenile Justice System. In his spare time, Keenan enjoys watching and playing sports, watching movies, and fine dining. He also enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

## Employee Activities Committee

Many of you answered the call to join and participate on the Employee Activities Committee. The first meeting of the group was held on Friday, April 4, 2003 whereby they established a proposed calendar for the year. The Committee shared the proposed calendar of 10 events with staff for feedback and you spoke up and told us what you wanted to do! And based on your feedback, the top 6 events that the Committee will focus on and organize for your enjoyment are: Bowling, Agency-wide Picnic, Attend a Local Theatre Event, Fall Harvest Potluck, Hayride, Holiday Party. Details on each event will be forthcoming.





## Happy Birthday

We would like to wish the following staff a Happy Birthday:

Octavia Lesley	March 10
Marcy Sabol	March 27
Lance Fisher	April 1
Darcy Brohman	April 2
Rose Berry	April 4
Larry Moloney	April 12
Chanita Taylor	April 12

## Training Schedule:

The following is the training schedule for the remainder of April:

April 15—Sex Offender Treatment Training (cancelled)

April 22—Team Primacy

April 29—The JAC academic testing staff.

All trainings will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

## To Your Good Health

### What Your Nose Knows: Allergy Season Is Here!

Warmer weather, more daylight and budding flowers are all reasons to get out and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine of spring. However, temperature changes and pollen-laden air may make you feel as if you'll be sneezing until September. Take heart, allergy sufferers: Although allergies are a seasonal fact of life, you can make yourself more comfortable.

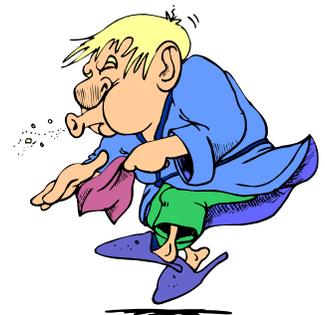
#### Follow these tips to minimize discomfort:

Stay indoors as much as possible when pollen counts are highest, normally between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.

1. Keep pollen outside by closing doors and windows and changing your air conditioning filter regularly.
2. Shower before bedtime. Washing your hair (especially if it's long) will remove the pollen and prevent you from breathing it in while you sleep.
3. Avoid wearing contact lenses. Contacts can trap pollen where you least want it – in your eyes.

Beware of other potential allergy triggers such as animal dander, household dust and mold.

**Enjoy Spring!**





# The Things We Watch

As the days grow longer and the sun begins to shine more, you've no doubt gotten your fill of cabin fever. So as we prepare for the season to come, let's pay a fond farewell tribute to all the wonderful shows that kept us occupied during the cold, wintry months.

Use the clues below to match up your favorite shows, past and current.

## REALITY

1. If you want to spend some time on an island eating grubs, you might be a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you want to get engaged to a total stranger voted for by your neighbors you wish to be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If you want to see young music hopefuls battle over perfect pitch notes, you might watch \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If your older sibling planted electronic eyes all over your house, you might be perfect for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Your teenager might want to stay with six strangers in a house nicer than yours, for a taste of \_\_\_\_\_.

## GAMES OF CHANCE

6. If you feel like running down an aisle way for a chance at guessing the price of things, then \_\_\_\_\_.
7. If you want to take a spin with Lady Lucky, you might try \_\_\_\_\_.
8. If you just got married and feel the need to share your embarrassing moments with others, try \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Perhaps you're privy to a lot of interesting and useless knowledge that would help you on \_\_\_\_\_.
10. If you're a quick thinking music buff, you might be perfect for \_\_\_\_\_.

## RETRO T.V.

11. Looking for an antique lamp at a bargain basement price, might lead you to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. If you need to go where you're fairly known, you might drop by \_\_\_\_\_.
13. If you find yourself with nothing to do, nowhere to go, and nothing to talk about, you could visit \_\_\_\_\_.
14. How about living out your fantasy of living on a deserted stretch of land in the ocean, known as \_\_\_\_\_.
15. You might visit the local burger joint for laughs with a smart-aleck waitress and find out \_\_\_\_\_.

## DRAMA

16. If you're fed up with everything and everyone, you might want to go away \_\_\_\_\_.
17. If you're a gambler and also enjoy the thrill of solving mysteries, you may be perfect for \_\_\_\_\_.
18. If you're studying to become a barrister, \_\_\_\_\_ may be a good case study.
19. If you've always wanted to drive a cab and protect others, you might be a \_\_\_\_\_.
20. How about a gig with the nation's leader and emergency meetings in \_\_\_\_\_.

## COMEDY

21. If you like saying 'Opa!' and don't mind you're family's busy-body personalities, you're in \_\_\_\_\_.
22. If you have a friend with a crazy dad, a neurotic mom, 3 kids, and a sense of humor, you may understand why \_\_\_\_\_.
23. If you like your humor down to earth and rich with wit, you might like \_\_\_\_\_.
24. If you enjoy fashion, models, jokes, and pranks you might go to an office when the boss shouts \_\_\_\_\_.

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25. When things aren't going so well, and you have nowhere to turn to, hopefully your \_\_\_\_\_ will be there.

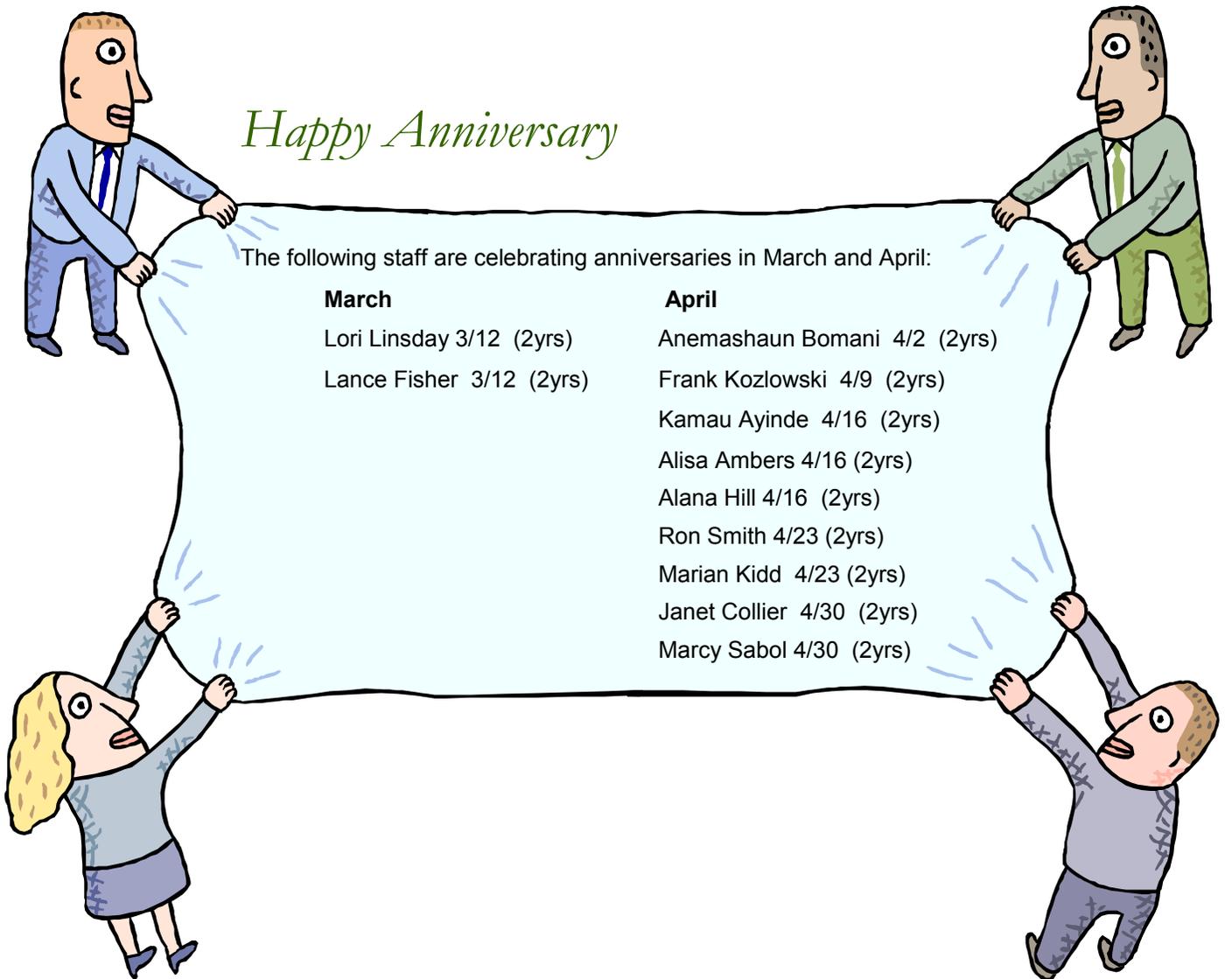
**SOME ANSWERS TO HELP YOU ALONG**

Everyone Love Raymond  
The West Wing  
Seinfeld  
The Newly Wed Game

Big Brother  
Name That Tune  
Wheel of Fortune  
Dharma and Greg

Sanford & Son  
Friends  
Married by America  
The Price is Right

Just Shoot Me  
Without a Trace  
Hack  
Survivor



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## Recipe Corner

*Its that time of the year again when everyone is getting their grills ready for some good summertime cooking. Following is a great grilling recipe for Salmon lovers. Bon Apetit!!*



### Grilled Orange-and-Bourbon Salmon

**The marinade/basting sauce for the salmon fillets is a study in contrasts: bright citrus and sweet, smoky bourbon.**

#### INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup bourbon  
1/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh chives  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
2 garlic cloves, chopped  
4 (6-ounce) salmon fillets (about 1 inch thick)  
Cooking spray

**YIELD:** 4 servings

**PREP TIME:** 1 hour 35 minutes

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Combine first 8 ingredients in a large zip-top plastic bag, and add salmon to bag. Seal and marinate in refrigerator 1-1/2 hours, turning bag occasionally.

Prepare grill or broiler.

Remove salmon from bag, reserving marinade. Place salmon on a grill rack or broiler pan coated with cooking spray. Cook 6 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, basting frequently with reserved marinade.

#### NUTRITIONAL INFO:

calories: 365 carbohydrates: 18 g cholesterol: 111 mg fat: 14.1 g sodium: 575 mg protein: 36 g calcium: 34 mg iron: 1.4 mg fiber: 0.3 g