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STATE SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS: Cabrini High School pitcher Kaitie Osburn hugs catcher Amanda Chidester after she struck out the final batter in a 1-0 victory Friday over Bay City All Saints in the Division 4 state semifinals at Bailey Park in Battle Creek. It was the 73rd straight win for Cabrini, which will play for its second straight state championship at 11 a.m. today. **HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF COVERAGE, 10-11B**

Summer bummer: Jobs are scarce

Determined students try hard to find work

By DARRELL HUGHES AND ALEJANDRO BODIPO-MEMBA
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITERS

You'd think posting resumes on the Internet, going door-to-door at malls and combing through online message boards would land most young people a summer job.

Mahmuda Matin sure thought that would be the case. But in an economy where thousands of laid-off workers are also searching for employment, Matin is still jobless.

"The economy is down right now. ... It's hard for businesses to pay extra people," said the 19-year-old Wayne County Community College student.

That's the stark reality facing young job seekers this summer — especially if they haven't started looking yet.

■ Job-hunting pointers, 7A

More than 314,800 Michiganders ages 16 to 19 are expected to look for work in June, July and August. Michigan's Department of Labor & Economic Growth estimates that summer unemployment for teens will be 21.5% in 2007, compared with 19.3% five years ago.

"The youth unemployment

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Congress pushes to delay passport rule

By TODD SPANGLER
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation Friday delaying until June 2009 a requirement that land and sea travelers to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda show a passport upon their return.

A day earlier, a Senate com-

mittee stuck the same provision into a bill. But the delay is not a done deal yet.

The Department of Homeland Security wants to require the passports by Jan. 1, 2008, and said Friday that it's still planning to do so.

But with bipartisan support in the House and Senate, it's looking like the government's plan could be in trouble, meaning you might

not need a passport coming back from Windsor for a while longer.

Fueling legislative worries is the backlog in processing passports, which is so bad that last week, the department relaxed rules for air travelers to some countries, saying they could return to the United States without a passport until Sept. 30 — as long as they can show they applied for one.

Ethan Allen officials cleared

Families say decision in deadly boat accident is 'a slap in the face'

By NAOMI R. PATTON
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News that Shoreline Cruises and its captain would not be charged with criminal negligence in the October 2005 Ethan Allen capsizing left Trenton resident Jean Siler resigned.

"They just managed to come out of this smelling like a rose," said Siler, who survived the accident, which killed 20 people, 19 from Michigan.

On Thursday, a grand jury in Queensbury, N.Y., that was examining the Ethan Allen's capsizing concluded that Shoreline Cruises and boat captain Richard Paris could not be charged with criminal negligence. It said the capsizing could not have been anticipated.

The grand jury also created a report with a list of recommendations for improving boating safety after the 2005 cruise line tragedy when the Ethan Allen overturned on Lake George.

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Jean Siler, shown after the accident, wanted someone held accountable.

State GOP sets new goal: Oust Stupak

By TODD SPANGLER
FREE PRESS WASHINGTON STAFF

With the Democrats in the majority, U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak of Menominee has enjoyed high visibility in Congress this year. Now, some Michigan Republicans are targeting him in next year's elections.

Whether they can succeed remains to be seen. Stupak represents Michigan's sprawling 1st District, composed of the Upper Peninsula and a swath of the northeastern Lower Peninsula — and since first being elected in 1992, he has defeated all comers.

But the state Republican Party says next year will be different.

Michigan GOP Chairman Saul Anuzis said Stupak, chairman of the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, is part of the Democratic leadership — and that links him with Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

"He has moved over to voting more with

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Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, has been undefeated since 1992.



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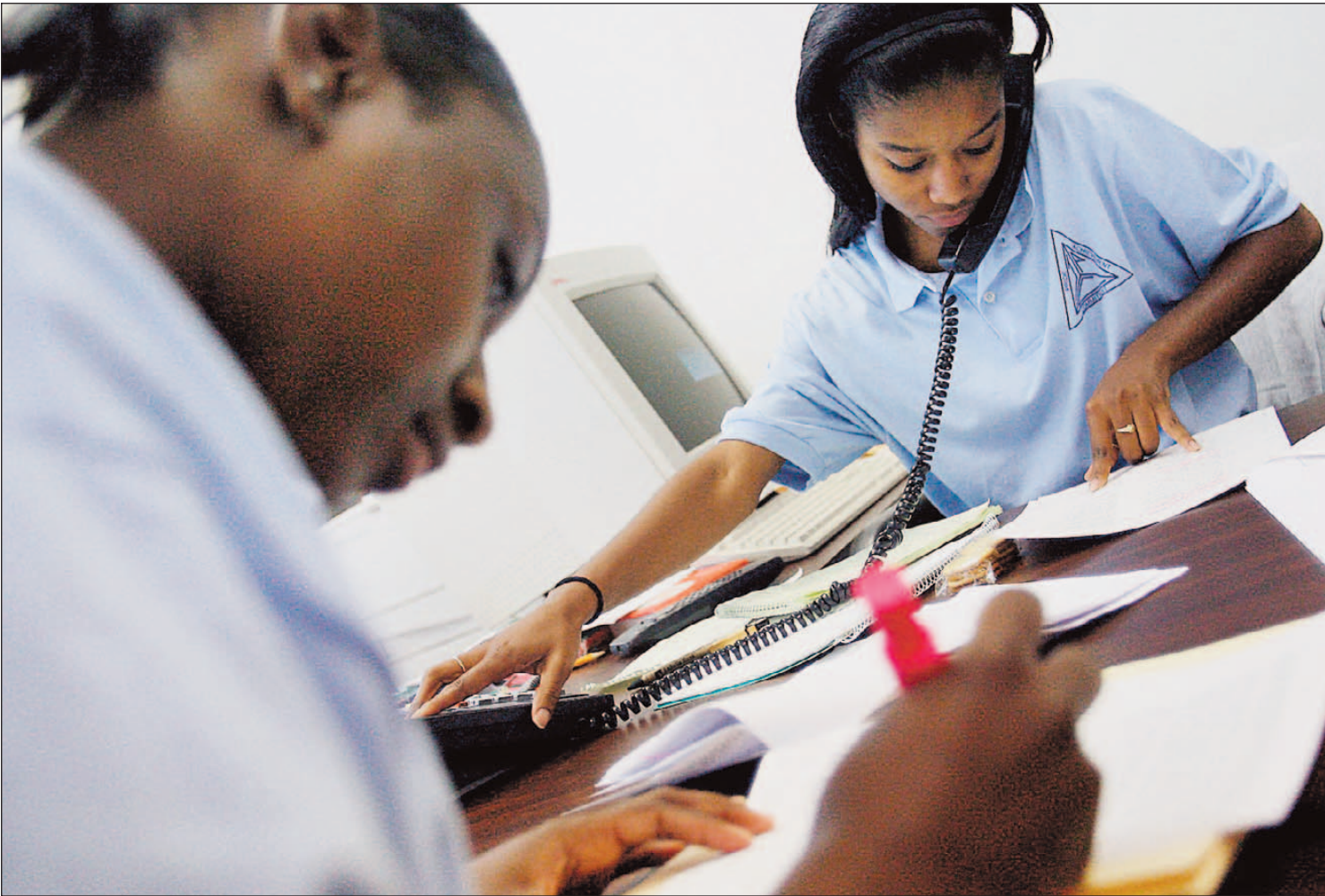
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Oakland University senior Taneya Johnson, 22, left, and Michigan State University junior Sierra Gardner, 20, both of Detroit, complete employment paperwork for the police cadet program at the Detroit Police Academy on Friday. Johnson started looking for her summer job last year.

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rates are always above the rate for adults during the summer months," said Bruce Weaver, an economic analyst with the department. "The outlook is also directly related to the level of job creation in industries that generally employ teens."

Smith North, who will graduate from Detroit's Renaissance High School next week, said he's applied for jobs at the Detroit Zoo, Sam's Club, Meijer, Target and McDonald's.

"I haven't been getting any call from jobs I applied to," said the 18-year-old. "Maybe I'm not the right person for the jobs."

But experts say prospective candidates are finding themselves at a disadvantage because they're in the same job pool as seasoned professionals.

"College students are competing with people who already have their bachelor's and master's," said Taneya Johnson, a 22-year-old student at Oakland University who has a job with the Detroit Police Department's Junior Police Cadet Program.

That's why Johnson started looking for her 2007 summer job at the end of 2006.

"It's hard to find summer employment in May, June and July," said Sgt. Curtis Perry,

Looking for a summer job?

It's getting late in the season, but there is still a chance to find something. Here are several tips young people can use to find summer employment:

- Visit local businesses.
- Talk to school guidance counselors.
- Use newspaper want ads.
- Let friends/neighbors know you are looking for work.
- Think about self-employment: lawn service, pet sitting, etc.
- Search the Internet for summer-related employment sites such as www.groovejob.com, www.collegegrad.com, www.coolworks.com or www.coolsummerjobs.com.

who heads the cadet program, which employs more than 1,000 high school and college students each summer. "Most employers have already got their system in place and have things worked out by then."

The college and high school workforce is generally affected first when the economy sours. And, in light of the tough job market, students need to keep a few things in mind, experts say.

For starters, they need to remain flexible.

"I encourage students not to focus so much on the auto industry and the Big Three and

If you're getting ready to interview for a summer job, here are some tips on how to prepare:

- Dress appropriately.
 - Be on time for the interview.
 - Bring information needed to complete an application.
 - Have a reference list.
 - Maintain a positive attitude.
- For more information on a summer job search, call 800-285-9675 to be connected to the nearest Michigan Works! office.
- Sources: Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives, Labor Market Research & Forecasting Section.

look at other industries," said Kimberly Streeter, summer employment and internship coordinator at Wayne State University.

Wal-Mart, for instance, is always looking for workers, said spokeswoman Jami Arms.

"Three-fourths of the store managers started at Wal-Mart in hourly positions," Arms said in a statement.

Second, young job seekers should be open to commuting, career consultants say.

"Many of the youth in Detroit will have to seek employment opportunities outside of

their immediate communities," said Ronald Copeland, a vice president with CareerWorks Inc. in Detroit.

Last, young people must make a good impression. That means dressing up for interviews and communicating well.

"Practice with yourself in the mirror," said police cadet Johnson.

Despite the obvious difficulties facing students looking for work in tough economic times, there looks to be a silver lining.

A recent survey of public and private employers found that nearly a quarter of all the places hiring in Michigan expect to expand their workforces in June, July and August.

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey, released this week, is a quarterly report that measures employers' intentions to increase or decrease their ranks. The report, which polled 14,000 employers in 460 markets across the nation, found that job prospects in Michigan appear best in the non-automotive manufacturing and services industries.

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STUPAK | GOP mounting effort to unseat lawmaker

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the kind of San Francisco Democrats than with the people in northern Michigan," said Anuzis, referring to Pelosi's California district.

As evidence, the state GOP is bringing out the big guns against Stupak. Karl Rove, President George W. Bush's political adviser, will be in Marquette June 23 to campaign against the congressman.

Stupak, a former State Police trooper and lawyer, says it's all bluster.

"They can't win on the merits; they can't win on the personal attacks," he said.

Stupak wondered aloud how his positions against gasoline price gouging or the continuation of the Iraq war could possibly hurt him in his rural district. And he has been described as an abortion opponent and pro-gun rights Democrat before.

Republicans are focusing at least part of their attack on Stupak's vote against a GOP-led call for a House investigation of

Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., who was indicted on corruption charges. But Stupak supported a Democratic-sponsored bill calling for any indicted House member to be investigated.

Meanwhile, Stupak's prospective Republican challenger — state Rep. Tom Casperson of Escanaba — says he believes he is a better fit for northern Michigan because Stupak seems to think government "is the solution in a lot of cases."

Casperson defeated Stupak's wife, Laurie, in a state House race in 2002. He hopes to make a decision by fall on whether to run for Congress.

A lingering question is whether Stupak might consider running for governor in 2010. He said that's too far out to speculate — but he is planning to run for re-election next year.

"All this wishful thinking... that I'm going to vacate the seat is just wishful thinking," he said.

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In the report, which requires a new 174-pound weight standard, the grand jury also recommended certifying every public vessel in New York for stability and structural integrity every 10 years, making training mandatory for crew members, especially for emergency situations, and requiring life jackets — not just seat floatation cushions.

"The conclusion of the grand jury is that the issue of stability was the primary factor in the capsizing of the Ethan Allen," the report reads. "In light of the new weight standards, the Ethan Allen was grossly overcrowded."

Ronald Zdrojewski, who lost family in the accident, called the recommendations weak.

"At the onset I didn't think anything was going to happen," said Zdrojewski, 63, of Redford Township.

Losing his father-in-law and stepmother-in-law, William and Caryl Gilson, left him "really broken up ... and angered at the same time."

"There was not a thing I could do about it," he said.

The 40-foot Ethan Allen carried 47 passengers and the captain when it suddenly tipped over on a clear, sunny day, sending screaming tourists into the Adirondack lake on Oct. 2, 2005.

When a stability test was conducted on Ethan Allen's sis-



October 3, 2005, photo by AMY LEANG/Detroit Free Press

The Ethan Allen sits submerged in Lake George, N.Y., the day after the accident, which killed 19 Michigan senior citizens on a tour. A grand jury said Friday that the boat company could not have foreseen the capsizing.

ter ship, investigators concluded that only 14 passengers could safely ride aboard the boats, according to the report.

To this day Siler, 79, "can't get near the water at all," not even her brother's pool, she said.

She said she thinks about the accident a lot. Siler — who as a Red Cross volunteer found herself at the scenes of the Oklahoma City bombing, in New York City after the 9/11 attacks and in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina — calls the Ethan Allen accident "one of the worst things that ever happened to me."

Among the grand jury recommendations:

- Every public vessel should be certified for stability and structural integrity prior to service

and every 10 years.

■ Before a cruise begins, all public vessels must have the number of crew members on board as required by the inspection certificate. Any owner who violates the law will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

■ All vessels must be equipped with the proper number of life vests.

■ The state inspector should conduct unannounced and undercover inspection of public vessels.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board say they believe the 40-foot boat was rocked by a wake from a passing boat or multiple boats. The grand jury heard conflicting testimony from survivors — some said there was no wake, others said it was 6 to

8 inches.

In 2006, the NTSB concluded that the Ethan Allen was dangerously unstable and should have carried only a quarter of the passengers on board. Although the Ethan Allen was certified to carry 48 passengers plus two crew, tests aboard its sister ship revealed that only 14 passengers could fit safely. State and federal weight limits have since been modified.

This past March, Shoreline Cruises and Paris each pleaded guilty to a single misdemeanor charge, admitting there were not enough crew members aboard the Ethan Allen. State navigation law required at least two crewmen, but Paris crewed the boat alone.

In court papers, Shoreline and Paris denied any negligence, maintaining that a sudden wake swamped the boat.

Paris and the boat company were fined \$250. Paris also agreed to serve more than 200 hours of community service in lieu of 15 days in jail.

"I would just like to have seen them face up to their responsibility for what happened," Siler said.

Janet Gilson-Zdrojewski agreed. "It's a slap in the face," she said, exasperated. "But what's done is done."

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