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The world's emotional landscape
Study on emotions by researchers with Shelburne connection airs on VPT
by Danielle Prawley

Who is happy? How do you measure human emotion as determined by gender, geographical location, age, or by what the weather is like? Jonathan Harris, originally of Shelburne and his creative partner, Sepandar Kamvar, have come up with an innovative way to collect data from the internet and show the trends on a global scale. We wanted to try to humanize the web," said Harris.

Web-based emotional data
Five years ago Kamvar and Harris did not believe that the web would be used solely for commerce purposes. I thought differently," said Harris. They envisioned that the web would be used as a social tool whereby people from around the country and the world would communicate not just facts but emotional content. Their plan was to develop "techniques to extract human elements from the web," or www.wefeelfine.org, designed to scan the World Wide Web every five to ten minutes for the phrases, "I feel" or "I am feeling." Typically, these phrases are found in blogs across the world's many countries and cultures. Kamvar and Harris' program then automatically recorded the full sentence containing the phrase, and information from the blogger's profile such as the writer's age, gender, and geographic location. Additionally, Harris and Kamvar have co-authored a book on their findings to be published around the holiday season. The book will be called, "We Feel Fine: An Almanac of Human Emotion."

"It will be filled with several hundred illustrated spreads devoted to different feelings, cities, age groups, genders, holidays, and topics, exploring the emotional landscape of each," said Harris. "The spreads will consist of photographs and sentences from real people talking about their emotions, accompanied by highly visual statistical infographics that provide scientific insights into the world's emotions."

VSA benefit this Saturday at Shelburne Vineyards
The VSA (Vision, Strength, Access) Arts of Vermont has an ambitious mission: to make the arts accessible to all people, in particular those dealing with physical or mental disabilities. To promote the VSA and educate the people of Shelburne and surrounding areas about their programs, they will hold a benefit at Shelburne Vineyards on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ken and Gail Albert, owners of Shelburne Vineyards, are excited to offer the organization the use of the vineyard's tasting room as a gathering space.

"We believe in the work of this organization," said Gail Albert. Entertainment will focus on the arts, as well as food tastings from local producers and vendors. Vermont cheeses from Shelburne Farms and meats from Vermont Smoke and Cure are on the menu. Banet Michael Arnowitz will perform, as will the Amoeba Theatre Company. According to Marcela Fino, president of the VSA board of directors, the event also hopes to highlight one of VSA's newest programs, a horse therapy and arts program called Adaptive Horses and Arts (AHA), which serves children with disabilities in elementary and middle schools. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased by calling the VSA Events Executive Director Judith Chalmers at 695-7772.
MILESTONES
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ENGAGEMENTS
Kimball-Hathaway
Randall and Patricia Kimball of Williston and Lynn Barnes of Rutland announce the engagement of their daughter, Meagan Kimball, to Geoffrey Hathaway, son of Alan and Betty Hathaway of Shelburne. A May 2010 wedding is planned.

DEATHS
George Edward Little Jr. - Burlington
George Edward Little Jr., died at home on Feb. 2, 2009, following a battle with cancer. George was born in Burlington on Sept. 8, 1921, to George Edward Little Sr., and Susan Aurilla Mead Little. He attended Pomeroy and Adams grammar schools, and graduated from Burlington High School in 1939, where he lettered in track and played clarinet in the band. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1943, at UVM, George was editor of the Cynic, a member of Boulder Society and Delta Psi fraternity. That year he married the love of his life, Barbara Elaine Burns of Rutland, who survives him. George enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942, and went on active duty in 1943, going overseas to New Guinea. He served with the Air Force Reserve for over 20 years, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel. After attending printing school at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh in 1947, George went to work for the free Press Printing Company, leaving in 1959, with his father to start the George Little Press on Mechanics Lane and later on Pine Street. George served with distinction as a member of the Burlington Board of Aldermen (1961-1966), the Vermont House of Representatives (1969-1972) and the Vermont Senate (1983-1992). George received the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce's Thomas Chittenden Citizen of the Year award and the Lund Home's Father of the Year award. He was perhaps best known and will be most remembered for his devoted and tireless volunteer work and leadership on behalf of our less fortunate citizens and our community's nonprofit groups. Among his survivors is a son Thomas Arthur Little and his wife, Susan, of Shelburne. A service of thanksgiving and Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Feb. 6, 2009, in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m., on Feb. 5, 2009, in Coburn St. Palmer Funeral Home, 71 South Union Street, Burlington. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to ECHO at the Leachy Center, the Converse Home, the Visiting Nurse Association, or the charity of one's choice.

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nately 13 million entries at a rate of 18,000 records per day. What do you do with all of those "feelings"?
If you are Kamrar and Harri-
za, you study them, extract the information and data, ask the right questions, and make the connections. Do Europeans feel sad more often than Americans? Do women feel fat more often than men? Does rainy weather affect how we feel?

About two years ago, Chris Danforth, also a Shelburne resident, contacted Harris and Kamrar to see if he too could study the statistical data gathered from their website. Danforth is an associate professor at UVM in the department of mathematical and statistics. He has a PhD in applied mathematics and scientific computation. Danforth and his team pro-

The service is provided to assist you with the website. Love is in the air! Stop by the Nelson Children's room the week of Monday, Feb. 9, to decorate valen-
tines for friends and family. We'll be there helping you to create some heartwarming stop in on the big day (Saturday, Feb. 14) to decorate a valentine's cupcake.

Interested in books about Vermont or by Vermont au-
thors? Whether you are interested in Vermont history or people, or just want to find a great new local author or novel about our state, we would be glad to help you search for the very best book that suits your needs and interests. Our Special Collections include an assessment of vintage Vermont literature and historic items.

Reminder — The Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in obser-
vance of Presidents' Day.