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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

GOLDSBERRY RONALD E		Symbol				ng	Issuer				
			UNUM	UNUMPROVIDENT CORP [UNM]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check an applicable)				
2200 01111				Day/Year)				_X_ Director	give title 0	0% Owner	
3290 CHES	STNUT DRIVE		08/19/2	005				below)	below)	other (specify	
	(Street)		4. If Ame	endment, Da	te Origina	1		6. Individual o	r Joint/Group F	iling(Check	
			Filed(Mor	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BLOOMFII	ELD HILLS, M	II 48302							by One Reporting by More than One		
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if 'Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock								39,950 (1)	D		
Common Stock								6,800	I	By Family Limited Partnership	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.											
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date Unde (Month/Day/Year) (Instree		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Unum Corp Deferred Comp Plan Dividend	<u>(2)</u>	08/19/2005		A	30	(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	30	\$ 19.64

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GOLDSBERRY RONALD E 3290 CHESTNUT DRIVE BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302	X						

Signatures

By: Christopher A. Parrott on behalf of 08/22/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This amount includes: deferred share rights 21,501 shares; and shares owned (direct) outside of any plan 18,449 shares.
- (2) Conversion is one for one.
- (3) Exercisable at termination.
- (4) Not applicable.

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