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Belt break: Josh Haron, who is the only white belt in the children's class, takes a breather from an exercise.

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The technique is called Hynun Dae Mo Do, meaning modern martial arts which is a derivative of several techniques.

"We teach new students comprehensive techniques, including a redefined, body-friendly style based on tradition," president and chief instructor Cal Weaver said.

Cal is a second-degree black belt. Belts run one through nine, and nine is the top.

"When we do our sparring drills, it's a light contact or no contact kind of drill, a blocking drill to keep from being hit," Cal said.

There's some hand-on grips, particularly in women's self-defense. Kids learn techniques which can help prevent abduction.

"We want the students to be as safe as possible," Cal said.

The experienced student can avoid the surprise factor.

"For people who train at it all the time, it's a programmed response," Cal said. "It becomes a reflex after a duration of training, a programmed response."

Combs is preparing to test for his second-degree black belt. Dora is one step away from first-degree blackbelt.

"I've got about nine years under my belt," Cal Weaver punned.

For their grand opening, Certain Victory also offers short-term programs for students who are interested in "sampling" the course content.

"Certain Victory is the English translation of the Korean form 'Pit Sung,' which had been our motto, which means 'never give up' and to us, it signifies our de-



Chop instructor: Cal Weaver is an instructor and partner at Certain Victory Martial Arts in Farmington Hills who joined others in keeping the karate school going.

'We were taught to never give up, so we didn't.'

Debra Weaver

termination to succeed with our school," said Chris Ostrander.

Cal said that Ostrander "has a youthful energy that comes across," making him an excellent kids instructor.

Combs is an engineer for General Motors. He pioneered the development of the school's patch, which touts the virtues "honor, focus, confidence and discipline."

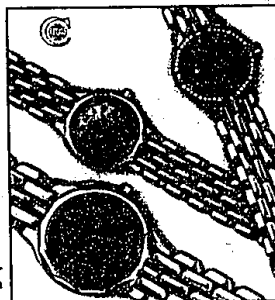
Weaver also works in personnel

recruitment, finding computer programmers for companies. By day, Ostrander is a waiter at Bill Knapp's.

Classes for adults and kids over 5 are offered six days a week. All instructors are first-degree black belt or higher.

"The more a student learns, the less they have a need to show it off outside of class," Cal Weaver said.

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