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success in the ring have given him the inner strength to stand on his own and overcome any self-doubt.

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"My friends think I took the ensy way by being a boxer, not being a doctor, lawyer or businessman," he said. "They ask "Why do you do that? Why do get hit?" "At the beginning of my career, it was really hard. When you don't have confidence and people ask those questions, you ask yoursel? Why do I do this? Now I don't care. I tell them 'I'm going to be there whether you are or to be there whether you are or not."

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"I can count on one hand the number of times my friends have been to the gym. My brother (Greg) is my biggest fan. He and his friends are more into it with me. They're always there for me; they're my team."

Johnson hopes to capitalize on Detroit's future in gambling casi-nos to promote future fights and make Tuesday night fights at Chene Park a regular event. More fights are slated for July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 15.

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RUMBLE ON THE RIVER: At the top of the card Tuesday will be a pair of 12-round MABO championship bouts. Comp 'Honey Bee' Beasty of Detroit (New Champions) will fight Syd 'The Juneau' Vanderpool of Ontain Championship bouts. On the Championship bouts of the Championship will fight on the Championship of the Championship of Young the Championship of Young the Championship of Young the Championship of Young and NBJ Junior welterweight champion Mapolic Theodomy. NBJD light heavyweight championship of Young and NBJ Junior welterweight championship of Young and NBJ Junior welterweight championship of Young and NBJ Junior welterweight championship of Young and Young and Young the Young t

Cobras capture tourney title

The 14-year-old NFWB Cobras won the championship of the Great Lakes Classic in their age division May 23-24 in Canton Township.

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The Cobras opened with a 10-0 victory over Livonia Travel as Kevin Gigana and Joe Armao combined for a two-hit shutout.

NFWB had outstanding defonsive plays by Armao, who made an over-the-shoulder catch in left field, and Michael Baltus, who executed a double play at third base. Scott Duschinsky was solid behind the plate.

Gary Rosenberg pitched a three-hitter against the Wayne Bandits in the next game, which the Cobras won, 7-4. He also led the offense with three hits. Briandhas and Baltus chipped in two apiece.

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BASEBALL

game, but NFWB was on the losing end of a 12-11 score with the
Windsor Titans.
A second loss would have
meant elimination, but the
Cobras rallied for a 6-2 win over
Bloomfield Baseball.
Brad VanGorder ignited a
three-run rally in the sixth
inning by stealing home. Johnson pitched a complete game.
The Cobras played errorless
ball in the quarterfinals and
defeated the Columbus (Ohio)
Cobras, 6-3. NFWB had eight
hits to support the combined
pitching of Darren Dickow,
Armao and Masaru Saito.
Rosenberg's three hits powered the Cobras to a 14-9 victory
over Lincoln Park in the semis.

Baltus, VanGorder and Jason Berthiaume added two hits each David Hoffman started on the mound; Saito pitched four innings of middle relief and Dickow was the closer.

The Cobras continued their torrid hitting in the championship game to defeat the 13-year-old NFWB Cobras, 7-6. Gignac and Johns had three hits each, Jeff Vieder two. Rosenberg pitched five innings to earn the win, and Dickow shut the door for the second straight game.

Rosenberg was named the most valuable player and earned a spot on the all-tournament team with Baltus, Vieder, Armao and Johns.

The 14-year-old Cobras are managed by Dennis Baltus. The coaches are Mark Rosenberg, Doug Johns and Ken Gignac.

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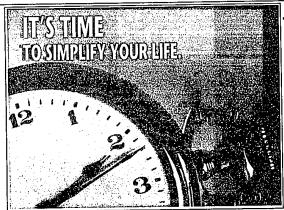
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