

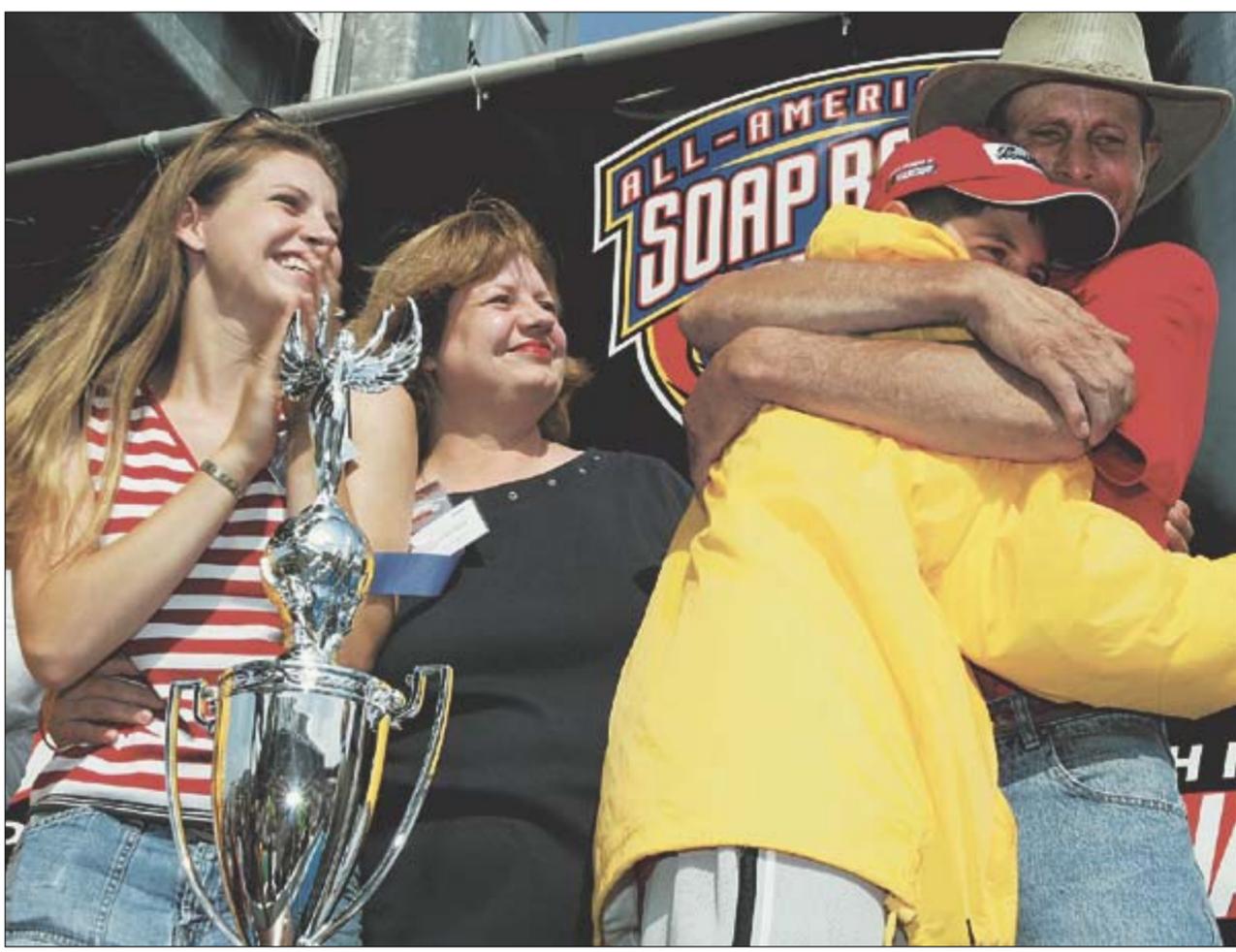
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Racing in an initial All-American Soap Box Derby heat are (from left) Matt Squeglia, Hayden Abler and Wolfie Ruddell. Matt won.

Teens from Stow, Mantua give area first pair of derby wins since 1994

RACERS CROWNED



Tyler Gallagher, 14, of Mantua hugs father Dan and wishes him a happy 53rd birthday as the racer accepts his trophy in the super stock division. With them in the winners' circle are Tyler's sister Shannon, a former racer, and his mother, Bobbie.

All-American titles bring tears, birthday wish for father

By Sandra M. Klepach
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In six years of racing, Stow teen Stephanie Inglezakis had never won an All-American Soap Box Derby heat. So when she won four to claim the masters division world championship Saturday, there were no words. All she could do was cry. "I didn't expect to win," Stephanie, 16, later confessed. "Then I crossed the finish line, and they're all running to me and giving me hugs." For the first time since 1994, two Akron-area racers became world champions Saturday at the 68th All-American Soap Box Derby.

It was also a first for Ohio racers to win top honors in the three races for local derby winners. Stephanie, her mother, Lori, and her grandpa, Dick Groves of Tallmadge, took six months to build her derby car. "Refuse to Lose - that's what I always call her," Groves said. "Her brother (rally champ Nick, 13), he'll go down the hill and play. But Stephanie, she's always in it." For her win, Stephanie will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and two round-trip airline tickets. Derby week had been so busy for the Gal-

lagers of Mantua that they'd skipped out on gifts for patriarch Dan's 53rd birthday. But no gift was needed after he heard his son, Tyler Gallagher, 14, wish him a happy birthday in the winners' circle. Upon winning in super stock, Tyler first thought of his "family - all the hard work they put in to get me here," he said. Something must be in the water in Mantua. Neighbor RickiLea Murphy won the same race last year, and Tyler's sister Shannon placed fourth in the same division in 2002.

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Compassion of strangers buoys Becky

Survivor of acid attack says others' warmth, prayers like being 'hugged by the world'

By Kim Hone-McMahan
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It was a miserable day to host a yard sale. The mercury hovered near the 90-degree mark and beneath the clear mask and head-to-toe pressure garments, the heat was oppressive. Still, Becky Slabaugh was happy to help. For the past five days, Becky's story had dominated the front page of the Beacon Journal. By now, thousands had read about how she was coping after her husband, Bill, held her down a year ago and sprayed her with nitric acid, causing burns to about 50 percent of her body. So when treasure hunters wandered up to the Springfield Township home of her daughter, Erin Bur-



Becky Slabaugh discusses the emotional week a Beacon Journal series ran about her acid attack.

toft, they recognized Becky from the photos. When I prayed for you this morning, God told me I was going to meet you, a stranger said to her. At first, the woman told Becky she had driven past the sign advertising the sale, but something had nagged at her to turn around. And then, in the midst

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What motivated British bombers?

Search on for what caused young men raised far from Muslim world to make decision to kill

By Amy Waldman
 New York Times

LEEDS, ENGLAND: Mohammad Sidique Khan was never on the corner. In a neighborhood where many young South Asian men had lost their way, or founded into drug dealing, Khan's peers admired his focus on family, work, working out and Islam. The discipline of Khan, 30, was shared, and not just with his friends Shehzad Tanweer, 22, and Hasib Mir Hussain, 18, who joined him on a murderous assignment in London on July 7. The three men and Germaine Lindsay, 19, detonated four bombs that killed 56 people, including themselves. Khan, Tanweer and Hussain were part of a larger clique of young British-raised

South Asian men in Beeston, a neighborhood of Leeds, who rejected what they came to see as a decadent, demoralizing Western culture. The group embraced an Islam whose practice was often more fundamentalist than their fathers' and always more political. In many ways, the transformation has had positive elements: The men live healthier and more constructive lives than many of their peers here, Asian or white, who have fallen prey to drugs, alcohol or petty crime. Why Khan, Tanweer and Hussain crossed a line that no one had before, how they and Lindsay linked up, or whether their plot was homegrown or steered from

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No money down
 Many home buyers take easier route; financial responsibility is key.
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From Browns Camp
 New deal will give Kellen Winslow chance to earn back lost money.
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Former grid star suspect in killing

Buchtel standout with Pitt scholarship wanted in deadly shooting outside Canton store

By Richard Koonce and Bob Dyer
 Beacon Journal staff writers

A former star quarterback at Akron's Buchtel High School is the suspect in a Canton shooting in which a 17-year-old was killed outside a convenience store. Canton police on Saturday issued a warrant for the arrest of Steve Walker, 19, a 2004 Buchtel graduate who accepted a football scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh.

Walker is the suspect in the shooting death of Michael Cheek, who died from a single gunshot wound late Friday night, police said.



Steve Walker

The shooting occurred about 10:40 p.m. in the parking lot of the Hall of Fame Fuel Mart in the 700 block of Sherrick Road S.E. after the two had exchanged words in the store, police said. "Based on information that we have, those two had words or some kind of argument on the property before the shooting occurred," said Lt. James Cole of the Canton Police Department. "At this time, the motive is still unknown."

Cheek was transported to Aultman Hospital in Canton, where he died a short time after the shooting, Cole said.

The weapon was a small handgun, he

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Look at 24-hour bike ride

What is it like to bike as many laps as possible in 24 hours on a 12-mile course over and across obstacles that would make the timid cyclist cringe? Riders found out this month at the Vulture's Knob Race Course near Wooster. Beacon Journal photographer Karen Schiely captured the event. See her story and photos in Community Extra, plus extra pictures with the story on Ohio.com.

Today's weather

Mostly sunny **85°** High
65° Low
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