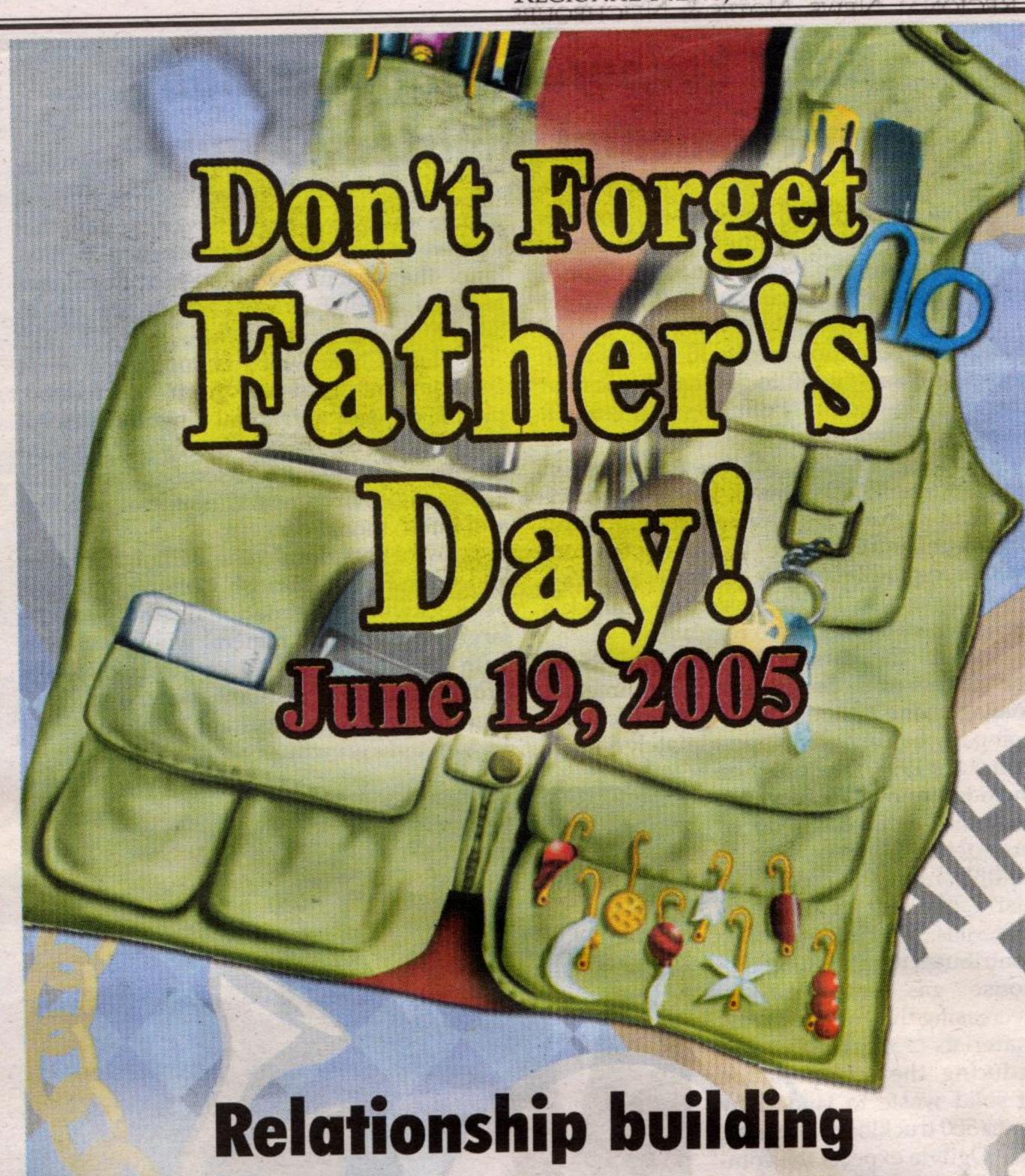


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heirs is the ultimate buddy story, father and son working together to restore a classic car. Busy local Re/Max agent Steven Porter spends his off time with his son, Compass sales rep Brandon restoring their 1979 Corvette Coupe. After years of waiting for the perfect project car, father and son discovered the car through an acquaintance in November 2003. Their project has been two years in the making. Commitment and teamwork has helped them bring their classic muscle car back to life.

"Brandon is young and I work long hours, so this was a good opportunity to get together and talk and hang out. It was also a great way to bring our friends together and it

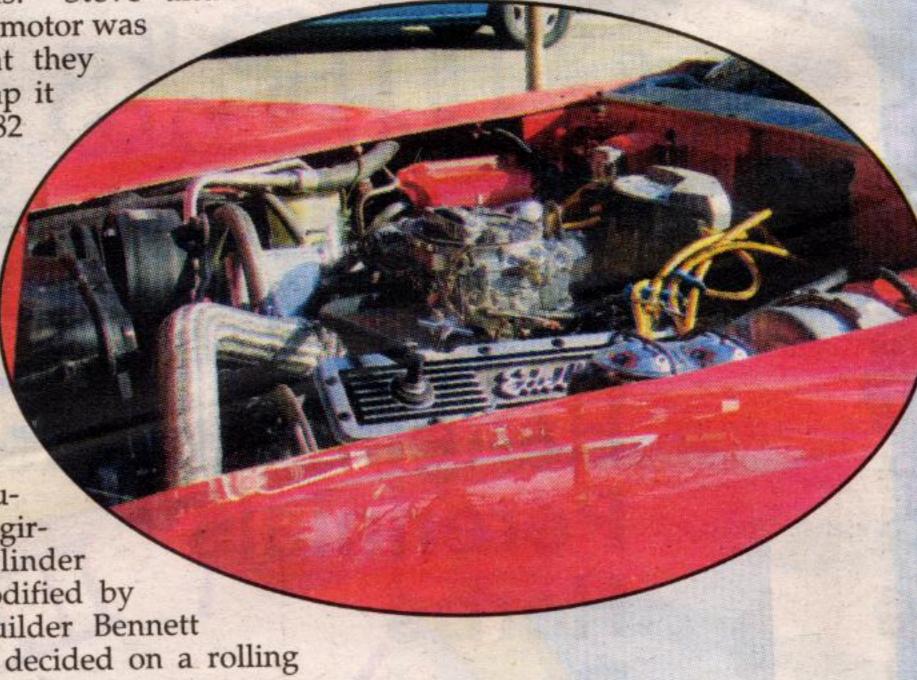
gets us out of the house," Steve said.

When they first purchased the 1979 Corvette it needed more then just TLC. The engine was blown and the car suffered from shoddy bodywork and repairs. "After surveying the vehicle it was found that many of the original parts were either missing or modified," Steve explained. "The decision was made to not restore the car to an original numbers Corvette, but to restore it to its original look with some per-

formance modifications." Steve and Brandon discovered the motor was so badly damaged that they made the choice to scrap it in favour of a 1976 L82 350 CID Corvette motor Steve had found.

The motor was not the only thing modified for this 1979 Corvette. Both Steve and Brandon modified the Mid Performance L82 Cam Shaft, added a double roller timer chain, aluminium roller rockets, gir-

dle, and had the cylinder heads performance modified by NASCAR Race car builder Bennett Motor's in Elora. "We decided on a rolling



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