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Estelio Breto helps granddaughter Alexia Breto learn how to fish at a fundraiser for the Florida Fishing Academy.

# Group puts ethical angle on fishing

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Pablo Ruiz said he had caught "the biggest" fish of the day: a 3-foot catfish in a pond at Caloosa Park. "I love fishing," the 10-year-old said Saturday as he tied fresh bait to a circle hook. "They taught me in school. They taught me all about tying knots and releasing the fish."

Ruiz is a student with the Florida Fishing Academy, a nonprofit organization that runs a program to teach children to be ethical anglers: Catch and release; use circle hooks; only take what you can eat; and care for the environment where the fish live.

On Saturday, Ruiz attended the academy's Fishing Fair, a fundraising event that featured fishing, bounce houses and raffles. The fundraiser aimed to collect \$5,000 to rehabilitate a building at Boat Club Park in Boynton Beach where the academy hopes to conduct classes.

And though the funds came up a bit short, the dreams are big.

"I'd like to see this program as an educational supplement in the school system," said Rich Brochu, who started the program as a part-time hobby three years ago but has made it his full-time job. "If children are going to take up fishing, we want to make sure they do it right."

Brochu, whose wife Nicole Brochu is an editorial writer for the *Sun Sentinel*, said the program helps middle-school-aged children appreciate na-

ture and science. First-timer Katie DiViney, 4, had already learned some of the basic lessons Saturday.

"If it's a little fish you have to put it back because his body is too small and there's not enough to go around for everyone to eat," she said. "My favorite part is reeling them in."

For more information about the Florida Fishing Academy, visit [www.floridafishingacademy.com](http://www.floridafishingacademy.com).

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# Delray weighs event vs. costs

percent decrease in tax revenue and officials said they already have been criticized for sponsoring other tennis events.

The city's budget task force said last year that such sponsorships are costing the city about \$2 million a year because of a 25-year agreement with Match Point. The agreement makes the city responsible for cleanup, security, prize money and maintaining the center to ATP standards.

The city also sponsors the Chris Evert Pro/Celebrity Classic and other tennis tournaments.

The Community Redevelopment Agency

picked up the \$500,000 sponsorship for the International Tennis Championships in February so that the city wouldn't have to slash jobs as part of budget cuts.

Elected officials have said the economic impact of such events outweighs the costs. But that mantra might be changing in today's economy.

"The timing is not the greatest," said Mayor Woodie McDuffie.

Baron offered Tuesday to loan the city the first year's sponsorship money. City officials told the budget task force to look at Baron's proposal.

However, Baron does

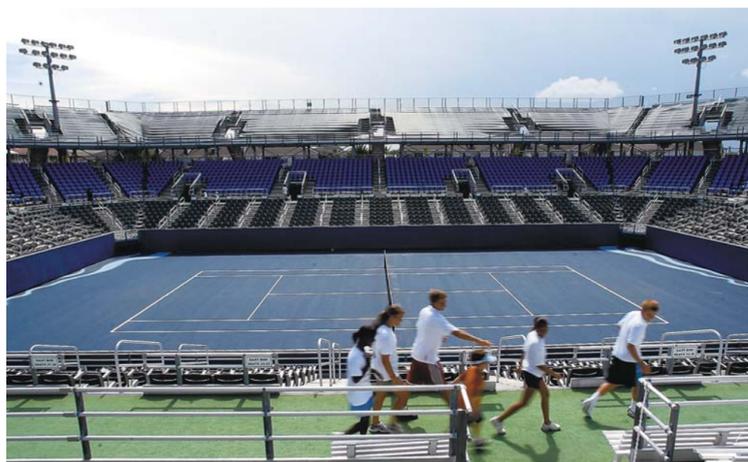
not have much time. He said he has until June 23 to respond to the ATP about bringing the event to Delray Beach.

He plans to meet with the city budget task force Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Baron said in an interview Friday that the proposal could fall apart and that he could take the event somewhere else, such as the Bahamas.

The ATP, or Association of Tennis Professionals, organizes some of the world's main tennis competitions for men.

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Youths jog at the Tennis Center in Delray Beach as a part of a summer program.

## Digest

STAFF REPORTS

### WEST BOCA Crash kills driver, 62

A 62-year-old Boca Raton man was killed in a crash Friday night on Glades Road and Diego Drive North, deputies said.

Robert Kostenbauder was driving his Ford Mustang west on Glades Road, west of Boca Raton, and lost control, leaving the road and crashing into a tree, the Sheriff's Office said.

The accident may be weather-related, investigators said.

Kostenbauder was taken to the Delray Medical Center where he was pronounced dead, deputies said.

### DELRAY BEACH Two solar panels stolen

A man had two solar panels delivered from China only to have them stolen from his outside his home, police said.

The engineer, 41, had seven solar panels stored in boxes in the 4600 block of Pinegrove Drive, police said.

On Tuesday, he reported that two, one costing \$1,650 and the other \$1,980, were stolen.

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**12 Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk**  
The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens. Free for members/\$5 nonmembers, reservations not required, 5:30-8:30 pm, 4000 Morikami Park Road, 495-0233

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