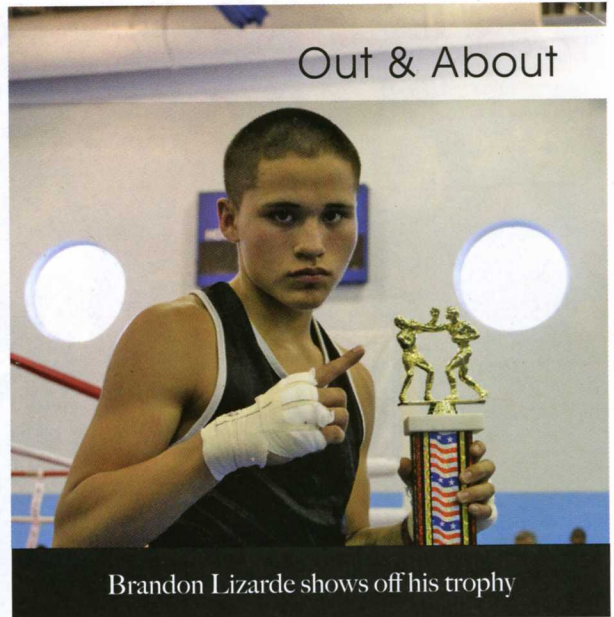
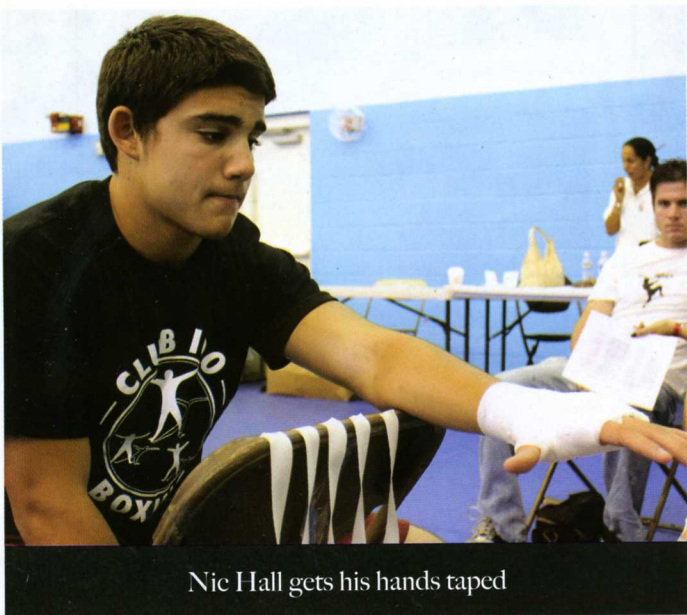


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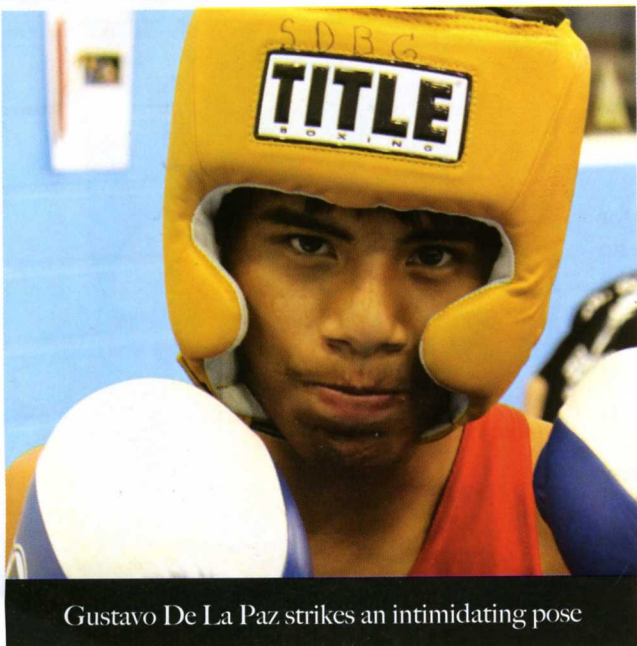
Brandon Lizarde shows off his trophy



Nic Hall gets his hands taped



Two Junior Olympic fighters face off



Gustavo De La Paz strikes an intimidating pose

Boxing Brings Hope

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In early April, forty-four competitors gathered at the West Jupiter Recreation Center for the 4th annual Junior Olympic Boxing Tournament, hosted by Club 100 Boxing. Serving ages 8 to 17, this program has given local students a place to shine. "Boxing gives the kids adult role models and keeps them off the streets. They work out five days a week and we keep track of their grades at school as well as offering tutoring," said Leigh Coburn, founder of Club 100 Charities.

Club 100 Boxing partners with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office PAL boxing program and is held at the Cabana Colony Youth Center in Palm Beach Gardens. The program is completely funded by the local community and has a volunteer-based staff. Thanks to coaches and volunteers like Afshin Motedaciny and Anita Suarez, who volunteer over thirty hours a week as boxing coaches, students learn their worth and gain pride that will last a lifetime.