

## WELLINGTON STUDENTS GET HEALTH TIPS

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The Wellington Elementary School Health and Safety Fair held Feb. 22 offered free health evaluations and information by a variety of professionals. A chiropractor, dentist/orthodontist, podiatrist, nutritionist, psychotherapist, pediatrician, audiologist, physical therapist and optometrist were on hand for the day, talking to children, providing mini-exams and giving out free goodies.

Materials were also distributed by Alpha Care, Wellington Regional Medical Center, the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, Parents of Near Drownings, Acme's Safety & Security Citizen Advisory Committee, 911, Emergency Medical Services, Growing Together, Global Relationship Center and McGruff the Crime Dog.

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Pahokee High School alumnus Claud Bailey Jr. is now an Army Colonel and Deputy Commander of the Second Recruiting Brigade, overseeing operations throughout the southeastern United States.

Bailey shared his success story with Pahokee High School students Feb. 26 on behalf of the Army's "Stay in School, Stay Off Drugs" program.

\* It's Foreign Language Week at Wellington High School. The school will present a teleconference with the United Nations and a Spanish movie called The Milagro Beanfields War. A unique dinner on Tuesday allowed students to sample foods from around the world.

On Saturday, WHS students will participate in the Foreign Language Fair to be held at Palm Beach Gardens High School.

Top French student Deborah Titre spent a weekend in January at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Fort Lauderdale immersed in French.

She watched French films, ate French food, played the game of "boules," cooked crepes and made Mardi Gras masks. A prerequisite was that all participants spoke only French for the entire two days.

The WHS French Club sponsor is Therese Gauthier.

The WHS Academic Team finished in first place in the Academic Competition for Excellence, beating its nearest competitor by 44 points.

Team members are Robin Valenza, captain; Andrew Kirk, Chris Chopin, Kerri James, Lauren Cornella and Swami Balasubramonian.

Ann Henderson is team sponsor.

WHS is sponsoring a series of teleconferences open to the public on its 10-inch, square projection screen in the 250-seat lecture hall. Teleconference topics are:

\* The paintings of Andrew Wyeth, Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

\* Greenpeace, Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

\* Grand Canyon National Park, Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

\* Sen. Bob Graham, date and time not yet confirmed.

\* There will be an audience question and answer session as part of each conference.

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Gwyn Littell has been named Outstanding Volunteer at Wellington Landings Middle School, enabling her to be nominated for Outstanding Volunteer of the County.

A luncheon held in recognition of the school volunteers was hosted by John Hawes, Joan Hinton, Donna Carbone, Thuy Le, Tiffany Cook, Andrea Read, Veena Chin-Sang, Valentina Eckert, Krista Fisher, Lindsey Hemingway, Heather Hopson, Jennifer Richards, Stephanie Staats and Alicia Stutsman.

The luncheon was coordinated by Assistant Principal Patricia Bagan.

\* New Horizons Elementary School will be formally dedicated Friday beginning at 10 a.m.

The school is at 13900 Greenbriar Blvd. in Wellington.

\* The Friends of Wellington Regional Medical Center auxiliary is offering a number of scholarships to local college-bound high school seniors who will be studying a human health care field, display good scholarship and demonstrate financial need.

To obtain an application, write: Alan Herzlin; Cornerstone Unit; Third Floor; WRMC; 10101 Forest Hill Blvd.; West Palm Beach, Fla., 33414.

The deadline for applications is Friday, April 10. All finalists will have an interview with the scholarship committee in May.

- Caption: PHOTOJodie O'Keefe from the Wellington Rehab Center (left) helps Catherine Spilos during Wellington Elementary School's Health and Safety Fair.
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## NICKLAUS MAKES HIS MARK ON EQUIPMENT

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Local knowledge:

Another Jack Nicklaus landmark has become a part of Palm Beach County, and this one is not a golf course.

The Nicklaus Golf Equipment Company off Interstate 95 just north of Blue Heron Boulevard opened for business last week. The 18,000-square-foot building will eventually include a 2,500-square-foot showroom and a hitting net to sample the new line of Nicklaus clubs.

There will be no retail sales, but the public is invited to test the N-1 driver and irons that will be on display at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando Jan. 30-Feb. 2.

Nicklaus recently taped a commercial at Bear Lakes Country Club, and will first use the clubs in competition at the Senior Skins Game Jan. 30-31. He was especially impressed with a prototype insert in the face of an N-1 5-iron. During a break in shooting, he hit two shots more than 200 yards with that club.

"It's a different type of metal that reacts differently to heat and cold," said Bob Kelly, the company's chief executive officer. "It's some type of memory metal that was never used in the face of a golf club. Jack tried hitting balata and hard balls, and was amazed of the feel coming the face, even hitting the rocks (surlyn-covered balls)."

Nicklaus was so surprised with how far he hit those shots that he had to pace the yardage off himself, holding up a foursome of ladies day competitors in the process. They didn't seem to mind. It's not often that Jack Nicklaus asks if he can play through.

\* Going on to that great golf course in the sky: The golf community was saddened by the death of Howard Derrick, a club-maker and senior amateur who recently died at his home in West Palm Beach. Derrick was 67. Derrick won the over-60 age division of this year's Palm Beach County Senior Amateur Championship.

Some of his friends are saying he died of a broken heart. His passing comes three months after the death of his wife, Sally. Those who knew him were shocked because they had played golf with him in the days leading up to his death, and he never looked or played better. He regularly shot in the mid-70s and played to a 3 handicap.

\* Apologies are in order: It was in this space that Buffalo Bills rookie John Fina was inappropriately referred to as the fiance of Michelle McGann, the up-and-coming LPGA star from Riviera Beach. The couple was never engaged, just dating. But that relationship has ended-- and as one could say, it's his loss.

McGann's career is on the verge of skyrocketing. People magazine, Golf and Golf Illustrated have done features on her this year and Sports Illustrated has one in the works. Since going to International Sports Management in Boynton Beach, McGann has signed a deal with Sonni Hats in California, and is close to finalizing agreements with a diabetic food company, a cosmetics company and a clothing company. Her appearance fee is up to \$7,000 a day.

"We have exploded in the endorsement market in the last three or four months," said Seymour Cohen, president of ISM. "Just so much is happening."

\* Noteworthy: Add former U.S. Amateur champion Bruce Fleisher to the growing ranks of touring pros who make Palm Beach County their home. Fleisher, a Miami native, has moved to Palm Beach Gardens and will represent BallenIsles on the PGA Tour. . . . Barb Bunkowsky will host her second Charity Pro-Am to benefit the Nelle Smith Residence for Girls on Jan. 15 at Bear Lakes. McGann, Beth Daniel and JoAnne Carner have committed. Entry fees range from \$250 to \$1,800. Call Michelle Dryer at 863-6904. . . . Pro-am and corporate sponsorship packages are available for the Palm Beach LPGA Classic, Feb. 1-7 at Wycliffe Golf and Country Club in Lake Worth. Call the tournament office at 495-4653. . . . **An interesting celebrity mix of Larry Laoretti, Bucky Dent and former Secretary of State Alexander Haig have committed to play in the eighth annual Growing Together Celebrity Pro-Am Classic Jan. 18 at Atlantis. Call Aureus rep Dan Orawe at 626-1414. Entry fee is \$250 and includes gifts, lunch, a buffet dinner and a golf show by Wally Armstrong.**

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