Bay area courses recovering

A 95-day miracle
And he could have done it faster, says developer

Flymo makes triumphant return to U.S.

Irrigation systems, greens major victims of quake

 Builders mark PGA for honors

New Courses
Boom continues throughout country

New Products
Companies introducing mowers, equipment

In the aftermath of an earthquake that turned some San Francisco area communities upside down, Northern California golf course superintendents braced for the predicted next trembler and worked to get their courses back in shape.

The major problems at the courses were damage to clubhouses and other structures, breaks in irrigation systems, cracks on greens and other victims of the Oct. 17 earthquake’s effect on the region’s golf courses.

Cenvill Development Corp. real-estate project in Illinois has drawn astonishment in the golf industry. "That’s absolutely fantastic," said Golf Course Builders of America Executive Director Don Rossi. "It’s a quality golf course that’s a tremendous effort."

Rossi stressed that he’s not impressed with speed unless the work is high-quality, and the principals involved insist the Carillon development’s golf course in Plainfield, Ill., is top-notch.

Cenvill Director of Golf Dan Jones declared, "This is no risky-dinky course. It’s an excellent product."

Steve Balogh of Kenova Construction in West Palm Beach, Fla., who coordinated... Continued on page 26

Flymo mower is making a triumphant return to U.S. largely banished from U.S. golf courses in the mid-1980s, the Flymo mower is making a triumphant return heading into the 1990s, thanks to a safety device developed by a Florida distributor.

The Flymo, a walk-behind mower that rides on a cushion of air, has long been one of the most popular means of grooming around bunkers. But injuries have often occurred because of severe conditions and operator carelessness, according to Precision Small Engine Co. owner Andy Masciarelli, one of Flymo’s major U.S. distributors.

"People would slip while working along a... Continued on page 24

Evolution of U.S. Golf Facilities by Type
Source: NIGF

The Oct. 17 earthquake dropped DeLaveaga Golf Course’s 18th green and collar eight inches along a 50-foot, four-inch crack.

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The view north from the tee of the par-3 8th hole at Washington Green Spring Golf Course in Washington, Utah, shows the contrast between red desert sandstone and golf turf that enhances a breathtaking view.

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