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**Reaction to Gulf mixed...**

BY MARK LESLIE

As the Persian Gulf crisis turned 1 month old, investors, builders and architects in the U.S. golf industry reacted with varying degrees of caution and optimism.

The length of the crisis is crucial to deciding its impact, everyone agrees. Michael Hurzdan, an architect based in Columbus, Ohio, predicted an "incredible impact" from the crisis and hardened back to the Arab oil embargo of 1974 when the golf construction "virtually dried up."

"I think this situation is so unsettling that developers in the U.S. who have not already committed (to a project) are going to wait and see. I think that some of those who are committed and who are on the fine edge are going to say, 'Hey, I'm going to cut my losses and stop right now.'" Perry Dye, president of Dye Designs in Denver, Colo., and of the Golf Course Builders of America, said: "We're in the recreational, extra-dollar industry. We're the first to go and the last to come back. But until it happens we won't feel it."

Dye said developers whose projects have been in the permitting process are on the fine edge and some are going back to the drawing board. "There are a lot of questions: Will there be the anticipated tax dollars to help support a course? Will there be RKIs (Revolutionary Killers) that can destroy the grass?" he said.

**...as Supers, others fear domino effect**

BY MARK LESLIE

The domino effect of an oil shortage would be felt in construction and a range of operations on a golf course, superintendents and others say.

"I'm dead budget-wise," lamented Dan Jones, superintendent at Banyan Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. "If I were to cut back on an environmentally sensitive stretch of Panhandle shoreline, even the governor and cabinet shoot down a golf course development on an environmentally sensitive stretch of Panhandle shoreline, even..."