NEWS IN BRIEF

MIAMI — Golf at sea? Well, Royal Caribbean Cruises says it will unveil a complete (if miniaturized) 18-hole golf course aboard one of its new cruise ships, due to debut in the Caribbean come May. The first-ever course of its kind will reportedly feature sand traps, trees, Scottish heather and, presumably, lots of water hazards. There’s no word yet on yardage.

MARION, Iowa — A proposed golf course and housing development here would create about $1 million per year in property taxes and $500,000 for the Linn-Mar school district. The proposed $20 million Hunters Ridge project will include a daily-fee, 18-hole golf course and housing development here in property taxes and $500,000 for the Linn-Mar school district. The proposed $20 million Hunters Ridge project will include a daily-fee, 18-hole golf course and 100 townhouse units. The project is being undertaken by a private partnership involving local businessmen Bob and Dave Verhille, Ralph Blackford, and George Powers.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Burns Park now has a full, 18-hole golf course to complement another 18. A new nine-hole course, under construction for 30 months, has been added to an existing “short nine” to create a par-71, 6,300-yard layout. In the spring, builders will finish sodding and installing cart paths. The new nine cost about $200,000 and was funded by the city of North Little Rock and the Burns Park men’s golf association.

AUSTIN, Texas — The city will spend $100,000 to study pollution from golf courses. The city has hired Spectrum Research Inc. of Duluth, Minn., to perform the work. The project will include evaluation of city golf course management practices and recommendations to minimize pesticide and fertilizer pollution of waterways on and off the city’s six municipal golf courses. Private courses are also likely to participate in the study.

Survey: Safe chemical use a public concern

There’s no question in the minds of consumers about the benefits of specialty pesticides, but there are concerns about their responsible use, according to results of a public opinion survey commissioned by RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment).

The study — conducted by Charlton Research Co. of San Francisco — assessed public attitudes toward the value and risk of specialty pesticides and was conducted among the general public, rather than consumers who specifically purchase and use pesticides.

The Charlton survey consisted of both qualitative and quantitative research. Eight focus groups were conducted at four different locations: Pittsburgh, Seattle, Milwaukee and Birmingham. Each group comprised adults of mixed age, gender, area of residence and education. Each discussion lasted 90 minutes to two hours.

Quantitative research included a telephone survey of 1,000 adults, 18 years and older, and consisted of 83 questions. Each phone interview lasted approximately 22 minutes.

Key findings showed:

• Many Americans clearly see the benefits of pesticides and are willing to balance their personal and environmental health and safety concerns with these perceived benefits.

• The most trusted sources of information on pesticides are local government agencies: extension services, poison control centers and departments of health.

• Professional applicators are thought to be safer with the pesticides they apply, even though they are thought to use stronger pesticides than homeowners.

• The majority of people use some form of pesticides, with controlling household insects/rodents ranking first with 64 percent. Garden care/outdoor home care排名第二 with 48 percent, while lawn care ranked third with 30 percent. One in 10 respondents

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TERRAVITA GC UNVEILED IN THE ARIZONA DESERT

A late-afternoon sun frames the 9th hole at Terravita Golf Course. Opened for play last month in North Scottsdale, Ariz., this Cape/Nash design is the first project of its size to be developed under the City of Scottsdale’s Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance governing desert development. Paul Elwes is the new superintendent and Phil Green the director of golf.

Steve — Took your advice and called Southern at 1-800-233-3853. Thanks a lot! The crew now looks professional in their new uniforms from Southern. Also bought their new Surveyor and flagsticks and added their embroidered checkered flags. They’re easier to see than!
In search of the better idea

By TERRY BUCHEN

BELTON, Mo. — Nels A. Lindgren, CGCS, golf course superintendent here at the Loch Lloyd Country Club, grew in this tournament-caliber golf course in 1989 and hosted a Senior PGA Tour event at the Loch Lloyd Country Club, was designed by Don Sechrest and built by Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. I like to tour other superintendents' maintenance facilities as I always learn at least 10 new ideas on how to operate a modern, functional, efficient maintenance building operation. I was at the Waukesha Expo Center. The clinic is the largest equipment show and service clinic on March 15 and 16, here at the Waukesha Expo Center. The exhibit also showed all three sides of a tournament supplies, irrigation pipe, irrigation spools of wire, etc. The racks had brackets welded to them and bolted to the outside of the building. Because of their additional height, they needed this extra strength. Foam markers are common on boom-type golf course sprayers to show the operator where he/she has sprayed and where he/she hasn’t. The markers are becoming more common for use with tractor/truckster-mounted rotary and oscillating fertilizer spreaders. Lindgren has mounted a Richway Foam Marker on the front of a turf tractor and has two hoses out in front (in-between the front wheels). He uses a red piece of rebar steel for weight. When his personnel fertilize wheel track to wheel track, a foam spot is left in-between each wheel mark. For added insurance, a green dye could be added just in case the foam disappears during a hot, sunny day while the spreader is being filled up with material. Electric switches, which operate the marker, are located on the dash board and the 12-volt electrical is hooked up to a spare fuse.