GEORGE REDESIGNING BELLE HAVEN
ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Lester George of Colonial Golf Design Inc. in Richmond has been hired as the architect for Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria. The course is the oldest in the Washington area, having opened in 1923.

JACOBSEN INKS VA. PROJECT
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. — Rick Jacobson is designing an 18-hole upscale public golf course southwest of Dulles International Airport. Jacobson is a graduate of Florida Community College of Jacksonville, working toward his degree. His duties include preparation of detailed construction plans and specifications, perspectives drawings, photorealistic renderings, color presentations, and computer-aided design (CAD).

WALLEY FORMS DESIGN FIRM
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A new company focusing exclusively on design, consultation and development of golf-related projects has been formed here by Mark Walley, formerly a principal in the architectural landscape company of Bills/Childs Associates. Walley is in the process of signing several clients in the southeastern Michigan region. He intends to control the growth of Golf Services Group by selectively handling only projects to which he can devote appropriate personal attention. The firm is located at 206 S. Fifth, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

HURDZAN, COOK COLLABORATE AGAIN
PALM DESERT, Calif. — Golf course architect Michael Hurdzan is teaming with PGA Tour pro John Cook to design the new, public Desert Willows North Course here, the first of two 18-hole courses for the 540-acre Desert Willows development.

Ken Kavanaugh, an evolving style
A plus-1 handicap golfer, Ken Kavanaugh has been designing golf courses since 1985. His first experience in course design came in 1981 when he was project manager for Fred Enke Municipal Golf Course in Tuscon, Ariz. His Southwark Golf Club outside Houston opened to praise in 1989 as did Orchard Valley Golf Course in Aurora, Ill., host of the 1996 Illinois State Open. The Resort at Gold Canyon's 11th, 12th and 13th holes are ranked in Arizona's top 10.

PALMER PROMOTES CAD ASSOCIATE
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Eric Wiltsie has been named manager of computer design with Palmer Course Design Co. Wiltsie joined Palmer in 1989 and is attending Florida Community College of Jacksonville, working toward his degree. His duties include preparation of detailed construction plans and specifications, perspectives drawings, graphic and color presentations, and computer-aided design (CAD).
BRUTUS, Mich. — Construction is underway on Hidden River Golf & Casting Club here, situated on bluffs overlooking a mile of the Maple River, a pristine trout stream. The 240-acre site will accommodate an 18-hole public golf course, designed by Design 3, along with a log clubhouse-fly-fishing lodge and 12 residential units placed along the riverbanks.

Careful planning has been done with input from Trout Unlimited, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Michigan's Natural Heritage Program. Design 3's W. Bruce Matthews has wound the 7,220-yard layout along Maple River, through a pine plantation, hardwood forest and open grassland. The bentgrass tees, greens and fairways blend into the surrounding old pine stumps, river and cedars.

Some highlights include the par-4 12th hole traversing a 30-foot ravine to a green nestled in soft maples. The 7th hole, a 600-yard par-5, bisects a five-acre pond and the 5th green is placed next to the Maple River 175 yards from the elevated tees. Five sets of tees make the layout range from 4,800 to 7,220 yards.

The environmental quality of the site and Maple River will be improved by integrating buffer zones and retention basins which direct surface water away from the river. Water quality will improve by adding sand filters to the river in collaboration with Trout Unlimited. Wetlands and ponds left bordering the riverbanks were left intact to retain water temperature and protect endangered plant species.

Beaver, deer and other upland birds and animals roam the site.

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Brewer, Maine, and turn a coin or two profit — no sweat.

Now to my classmates: Hey, guys, where were you when I needed you — back in 1963 or '64? Huh? We had some threesomes you could have filled out nicely. Gee...

Some things are absolutely befuddling. Like my friend Jeff, if you have an explanation for these, please write me a note.

Go figure: A golfer was kicked off the membership roll at Riviera Country Club because he spoke publicly about the troubling course conditions. Yet O.J. Simpson is still an associate member there. (The ex-member has taken Riviera ownership to court.)

Go figure: Golfers enjoy two-putting (as opposed to three-putting) on smooth greens, but they demand greens that Stimp at 10 or 11 and that demand Tour-like proficiency.

Go figure: Some superintendents contend that most of their time is consumed by personnel management and paperwork, but "management" almost universally continues to be disregarded in turfgrass schools. (See story, page 13.)

Hurdzan busy

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championship Keystone Ranch course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr.

Back East, Hurdzan has been hired to design the third championship-caliber 18-hole golf course at Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst, N.C. Pinewild is in the sandhills of North Carolina and considered to be one of the finer golf facilities in the Southeast.

The 2,100-acre facility already features the 18-hole par-72 Magnolia Course designed by Gene Hamm, the 18-hole Holly Course designed by Gary Player, a nine-hole par-three Azalea Course and a three-hole Challenge Course used for practice.

"It's a professional honor to be selected to design a golf course in Pinehurst, the winter home of North American golf," said Hurdzan.