Expansion postponed at Texas facility

MIDLAND, Texas — City officials have postponed plans to build an additional nine holes at Hogan Golf Course, raising questions whether construction will ever begin.

In March 1995, the city adopted a $1 surcharge on green fees at the course specifically to finance construction of a nine new holes.

Money collected to date was to be coupled with dollars from a spring 1997 bond issue to fund the expansion.

The city had planned to use about $750,000 of the $4.75 million from bonds issued in the spring. Now, the city is claiming that higher-than-expected construction costs and new priorities for the bond dollars have forced the golf project to be put on hold.

Assistant City Manager Rich Menchaca said the city does intend to build the new nine. It just won't be able to begin this spring. He said the city could issue bonds for the project in 1998 or 1999.

Dallas firm to expand services

DALLAS — Club Technology Corp. (CTC) has acquired two companies in order to expand its services to private clubs.


CTC will use its new resources to develop, implement and manage its Wide Area Electronic Data Management And Processing Network. According to Chief Executive Officer Don Williams, client clubs “will be able to select fast, responsive hardware for all their point-of-sale locations, including space-saving touch screens, and laser check printers. Their accounting offices will have equipment capable of running a full complement of Microsoft Office and Windows-based solutions.”

There is a small, one-time installation and training fee for the service. Thereafter, Williams said, “Each club’s cost is only a few dollars per member per month.”

Vegas’ Desert Inn faces remodel

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The Desert Inn Golf Club, which recently underwent a major redesign, is facing more changes.

Director of Golf Dave Johnson said the 1st and 9th holes will be changed by spring. The 1st hole will go from a par 5 to a par 4, with the tee box moving up about 60 yards. This change makes way for a new golf shop that will just cut into the area now serving as the 1st tee.

The 9th hole will be switched from a par 4 to a par 5 and will play to 540 yards with the green being pushed back.

The changes will be completed before the PGA Tour’s Las Vegas Invitational in October.

Eastwood cleared to build Calif. links

MONTEREY, Calif. — Monterey County supervisors have approved actor Clint Eastwood’s plan to build an ultra-private subdivision, 18-hole course and equestrian center called Canada Woods.

The Board of Supervisors imposed a list of 160 conditions Eastwood must meet. Opponents say the project has received special “fast-track” treatment in deference to its owner. Eastwood’s attorney told the Associated Press that the county and the developers carried out every procedure required by law.

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