Audubon secures financial backers

By MARK LESLIE
SELKIRK, N.Y. — In its quest to develop perhaps 100 golf courses, the Audubon International Golf and the Environment Land Trust has found a number of individuals and two major federal government agencies offering land, and a partner has stepped forward to finance, develop and operate those facilities. Contracts could be signed by the end of this year.

While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Reclamation (BLR) are offering up tracts of land across the country, a newly created firm, The Golf Company, has stepped forward as Audubon International's (AI) colleague. The partnership promises to be the Continued on page 34

Fertilizer may reduce runoff, improve water

By LARRY LENNERT
MILWAUKEE — While Americans for years have feared that turfgrass fertilization may harm groundwater, lakes and streams, groundbreaking new research shows that a dense, well-fertilized turf actually reduces nutrient runoff and may lead to improved water quality.

Prevailing wisdom has been that runoff during rains carried dissolved nitrogen and phosphorous from turf fertilizers into Continued on page 23

Gagliardi highlights track

By PETER BLAIS
OAKBROOK, I11. — He's started his own business, but that just means any renovations to the golf courses he operates will be of even greater importance to Gregg Gagliardi, one of the high-profile Management/Marketing Track speakers scheduled to take the podium during the 1997 Public Golf Forum, scheduled for October 27-28 at the Oak Brook Hills Hotel & Resort here.

Superintendents, owners, operators and developers from throughout the country will attend the Golf Course News-sponsored forum aimed at Continued on page 37

DON'T GO LEFT
The 17th at Half Moon Bay was not designed for those who pull the ball. Natural land forms and the Pacific Ocean serve as the backdrop for this new Arthur Hills design. See story on page 31.