Judge approves Eastwood's plans for coastal Calif. project

CARMEL, Calif. — Clint Eastwood is closer to getting his golf course built. A Monterey County judge recently approved an environmental impact report for Eastwood's Canada Woods project, saying it would make a better development than the housing subdivision previously approved for the site.

Eastwood's Canada Woods east of Carmel will include an 18-hole private golf course, a clubhouse with suites, an equestrian center and 34 estate-style homes on 1,060 acres. The Sierra Club had sued to stop the project in June, saying it would harm some of the last stands of coastal prairie grassland and Monterey pine savannah. But Superior Court Judge Richard Silver ruled against the environmental group.

San Antonio adds pair of courses

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The San Antonio public-access golf scene will add two more potential gems later this fall to boost its already growing reputation as a major golf destination.

The Bandit, an 18-hole daily-fee layout designed by Keith Foster, is scheduled to open Nov. 1 at Lake McQueeney. And Canyon Springs, another 18-hole daily-fee course designed by former Gary Player Design Associate Tom Walker, is also set to open in early November in north-central San Antonio.

Meanwhile, Universal City residents recently approved funding for a $5.5 million, 18-hole course at the Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center designed by Ken Dye Jr., and the Tapatio Springs Resort and Conference Center is looking to add nine holes to its current nine-hole executive layout.

"The statement that I made in 1990 that there would be 20 new courses in the next 10 years is going to be true," Jack Parker, co-owner of Tapatio Springs and The Quarry, told the San Antonio Express-News. "My feeling is that the resort traffic and the tourism traffic makes it possible for San Antonio to continue its expansion of golf courses."

Officials opt to delay opening of Mo. facility

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — City officials and Evergreen Alliance Golf Ltd. officials have decided to delay the opening of the new 18-hole daily-fee Adams Pointe Golf Course until spring 1998.

Adams Pointe was originally scheduled to open Oct. 1. But Blue Springs Mayor Greg Grounds said the delay will give the course's bermudagrass plenty of time to establish a strong root system over the winter and allow contractors time to complete the clubhouse.

Adams Pointe has already been rated one of the toughest courses in Missouri. The slope rating of the course is expected to be around 140 to 141.

Irrigation and drainage upgrade Washington layout

MARYSVILLE, Wash. — The 70-year-old Cedarcrest Golf Course, a municipal layout that suffered from many of the ailments typical of its kind, has reopened after a 15-month renovation.

Few significant changes were made to the layout — there's one new hole and revisions to two others — but the most critical changes may be a new drainage and irrigation systems.

The new Cedarcrest has not grown substantially in distance, even though there are new tee locations on every hole. The course will measure 5,811 yards from the back tees.