Minn. pol suggests kids' course

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson is proposing a 27-hole championship course for children in Blaine, a town just north of the Twin Cities.

The proposed $9 million National Youth Golf Center would be partly state-funded and built next to the existing National Sports Center in Blaine. Tee distances would be set up to accommodate younger players, although the course would be regulation length to allow adults to play with children. Children would be given priority for tee times and the course would be used for training and also youth tournaments.

If approved by the Legislature, construction could start later this year and the course could be open for play by 2000.

Under Carlson's plan, the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commis-

TPC track likely for San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The PGA Tour has asked La Cantera Development Company to add a few more holes to its existing course and consider building a Tournament Players Club (TPC) track.

La Cantera Golf Club hosts and sponsors the Texas Open, an annual PGA Tour event.

According to the San Antonio Express-News, the PGA Tour wants to alleviate the long walks and noise associated with the fifth, sixth, seventh, eight and ninth holes by building additional holes on the south end of La Cantera. The fifth through ninth holes sit along La Cantera Parkway and the seventh overlooks "The Rattler" roller coaster at Six Flags Fiesta Texas amusement park.

The Tour also reportedly wants La Cantera to explore the possibility of building a new TPC course adjacent to the existing course. TPC courses are owned, operated or licensed by a subsidiary of the PGA Tour and designed by Tour members in consultation with established architects.

If a TPC course were built at La Cantera, it would most likely become the new site of the Texas Open and insure the event would stay in San Antonio.

NH FACILITY MAY ADD NINE

FRANKLIN, N.H. — The new owners of Mojolaki Country Club are considering a nine-hole expansion to the original Wayne Stiles design. Gil Lambert bought Mojolaki for $800,000 in early January. Lambert said he will begin renovations to the clubhouse immediately and undertake a feasibility study for the nine-hole expansion.

OKLAHOMA CITY club names new general manager

OKLAHOMA CITY — Thomas Barnard, who has managed golf clubs in three different states, has been named general manager of the new Gaillardia Golf and Country Club.

Barnard, 48, was most recently general manager at Spanish Hills Golf and Country Club in Camarillo, Calif.

He also headed the Villas and Golf Club at Grand Cypress Resort, managed the Melrose Club on Daufuskie Island, S.C., and oversaw Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

A native of Saginaw, Mich., Barnard held marketing positions at Boca Raton Resort and Club as well as at Grand Cypress Resort in Florida. He was also part of the preopening management team at Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

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