New Jersey community plans major recreation complex

WEST DEPTFORD, N.J. — The township plans to build a golf course, skating rink, community center, marina, bicycle trails and amphitheater on 1,100 acres off Crown Point Road that the community hopes to acquire from Tenneco Inc.

Purchasing the property, which has an estimated value ranging from $3.5 million to $8 million, would involve a combination of state Green Acre funds, proceeds from the settlement of a federal Superfund lawsuit in Mantua, a land contribution from a private wetlands preservation group and township funds, according to a report in the Cherry Hill Courier-Post.

Construction work could begin in April.

Lightning claims S.C. golfer's life

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — A man died on the 13th hole of a golf course when he and his wife apparently were struck by lightning, according to authorities.

Matt Griffith, an assistant professional at the golf course, said lightning apparently hit a tree before striking the couple's umbrella. Griffith said the course sounded a loud horn to warn players to leave the golf course because of the rough weather.

The couple reportedly left the course for the clubhouse at the first sign of bad weather but returned after the first threat passed. When the weather threatened again, the couple hid in a wooded area instead of trying to make it back to the clubhouse.

Rulewich to turn Jersey landfill into golf facility

MORRIS COUNTY, N.J. — A former sand and gravel quarry off Berkshire Road will become the county's fourth public golf course by the year 2001.

Architect Roger Rulewich has been hired to design the $7 million Berkshire Valley Golf Course layout over the badly eroding 367-acre site.

The county park commission purchased the property for $375,000. It will cost another $4 million to clean the site before construction can begin.

In addition to the 18-hole, 6,500-yard layout, a practice facility and clubhouse are also planned.

Former NFL kicker to build Pa. links

HALFMOON TWP., Pa. — Former National Football League placekicker Chris Bahr is part of a development team planning to build an 18-hole, public golf course here.

Partners Bahr, Pennsylvania State University professor Fariboz Ghadar and landowner John Simpson envision a $4 million course on 160 acres of Simpson's land. The partners will present a preliminary plan to the township in October. If all goes as planned, the course could be ready for play by the year 2000.

Casper Designs Calif. track

LINCOLN, Calif. — Work has begun on the Lincoln Hills Golf Course here. Billy Casper and Greg Nash designed the 18-hole layout, located just northeast of Sacramento. Plans are to open the 6,927-yard course by fall 1999. The greens will be planted in bentgrass and the fairways with ryegrass.

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