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AURORA, Colo. — U.S. Home Corp. has broken ground at Heritage at Eagle Bend. U.S. Home plans to build an 18-hole course designed by Arthur Hills and Associates along with more than 2,400 residential units and a 30,000-square-foot, lodge-style clubhouse and community center on the 4,000-acre property located south of Denver.

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CHESAPEAKE, Va. — The 45-hole, Cahoon Plantation golf complex is on schedule to open its new 18-hole, par-3 course in October and the 27-hole championship course by spring 1999. Ault, Clark & Associates designed the golf complex and SAJO Construction built it for owner Wallace Cahoon. The course features bentgrass tees, greens and fairways.

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KINGSTON, Mass. — Construction is underway on what will reportedly be the first course in Massachusetts to irrigate with effluent. Indian Pond Country Club will be the primary site for disposing of treated wastewater from the town’s planned treatment facility. Damian Pascuzzo designed the 18-hole, semi-private layout, which is scheduled to open sometime in the year 2000. Fred Tonsberg is the developer.

University of Arkansas upgrades turf management program

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The University of Arkansas is looking to expand its program for training turf professionals, according to The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. Mike Richardson, chairman of University of Arkansas’ turf sciences program, said the university has added a full major in turfgrass management.

Lying in the temperate zone, Arkansas can be a challenging place to grow grass. It’s this balancing act between warm- and cool-season grasses that makes Arkansas a good place to teach students how to care for turf, Richardson said.

Students will be required to undertake internships at the area’s golf courses. The program officially starts this fall. The university surveyed turf-industry employers to find out what skills would be most important. As a result, three areas will be emphasized: basic agronomy, agriculture machinery and business management.

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