Weed selected to design Jacksonville layout

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.—Weed Design has been selected to create an 18-hole course within a limited real-estate development on Fleming Island, south of Jacksonville, Fla., along the banks of Black Creek, a tributary of the St. Johns River. It is called The Golf Club at Fleming Island Plantation. The owner-operator is Landscapes Unlimited of Lincoln, Neb., with the assistance of Centex Homes.

"We must really give the owners a great deal of credit in this development," said architect Bobby Weed about his latest design. "The golf came first. We routed the course before anything else was done on the property. Most every fairway is single-wide. There will be limited real estate near the golf course."

The 18-hole, 6,800-yard, par-71 course will have three holes that play along the water. Vegetation includes mature hardwoods native to North Florida. The routing will preserve much of the natural setting and provide habitat for wildlife. An abundance of Florida wildlife has already been spotted during staking and routing of the course. The Golf Club of Fleming Island Plantation is slated for completion in the fall of 2000.

Golf planned for Chicago parcel

CHICAGO — The heirs of the late Alexander MacArthur have accepted the bid of a developer who plans to build a golf course on the former farm property in Barrington Hills.

The winning bidder purchased 390 of the 430 acres of the Strathmore Organic Farm. The bidder was a major developer of golf course communities.

The property is zoned for single-family homes on five-acre sites. Development plans must still be submitted to the village for approval. The property can accommodate up 75 homes. The sale is scheduled to close Feb. 16.

SCOTTSDALE'S PALM VALLEY GOLF CAMPUS OPENS

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Phoenix-based SunCor Resort and Golf Management's new Palm Valley Golf Campus recently opened to the public. The Palm Valley Golf Campus offers a nine-hole lighted pitch-n-putt golf course, a lighted driving range and a short-game practice area. The entire golf campus was designed by Senior PGA Tour player Hale Irwin.

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Idaho planners consider Black Rock golf plan

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Black Rock Investments Inc. is seeking preliminary approval for the Club at Black Rock, a 650-acre development that would feature a world-class golf course near Rockford Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene, according to The Spokesman-Review.

The Kootenai County Planning Commission is considering zoning changes and preliminary approval for the plan. The Kootenai County Commission makes the final decision.

Along with 381 homes and the golf course, the plan includes a clubhouse, equestrian center and convenience store.

The would-be developer is Marshall Chesrown, who summered in the area as a child and grew up in the Spokane Valley. Chesrown made his money acquiring and selling the Colorado National Speedway and six Denver auto dealerships.

Previous plans for a golf course and development were voted down by the planning commission.