

BRIEFS

BOSTON — A judge will be asked to appoint a monitor at Haverhill Golf & Country Club in Boston to ensure that the club complies with Massachusetts anti-discrimination laws. Nine women recently won a \$1.97 million verdict against the club after a jury unanimously decided they were unfairly denied "primary memberships" that come with choice starting times and greater access to the club. The club will appeal, and officials say they won't change club policies until the appeal is decided.

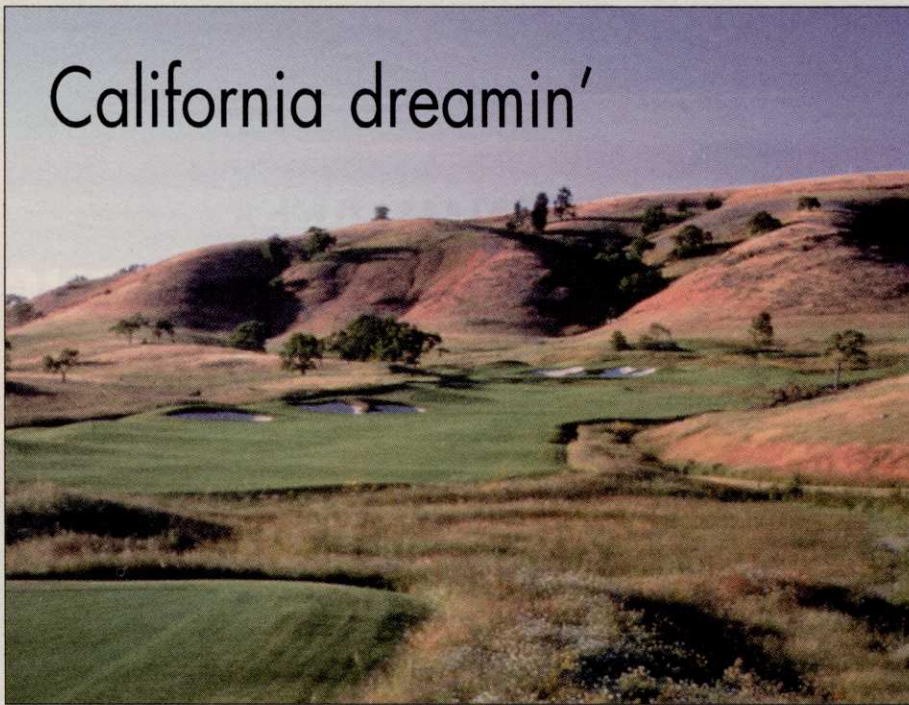
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DETROIT — Workers installing a sprinkler system on the 18th hole at Detroit Country Club discovered a human skull three feet underground. Police then found a second skull and other remains. Investigators are determining whether the bones are linked to an unsolved crime or if they've come upon an old Indian burial ground.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Weed Design has been selected to create an 18-hole course within a limited real-estate development on Fleming Island, south of the city. 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.

California dreamin'



SAN JOSE, Calif. — CordeValle Golf Club opened recently to members and their guests. CordeValle is located just south of San Jose, Calif.

The course was developed through a collaboration by the Haas & Haynie Corp., which created The Estancia Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Hix Rubenstein Companies, a Los Altos-based development company specializing in golf-related resort and residential development.

CordeValle is built on 1,700 acres of picturesque California countryside and caters to a membership comprised primarily of high-profile business leaders from the Silicon Valley region. CordeValle includes an 18-hole course designed by architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., as well as a club, spa, and resort-style accommodations managed by Auberge Resorts.



Schrickel develops plans for design scholarship tour

By ANDREW OVERBECK

WILDENBRUCH, Germany — Bettina Schrickel, graduate student at the British Institute of Golf Course Architects (BIGCA) and design associate with the Ronald Fream Design Group Ltd., has founded the Grand Tour Scholarship. The travel scholarship will be awarded to four golf course architecture and turfgrass students each year. Participants will visit 40 of the top-100 U.S. golf courses including Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif., Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles, Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan., East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa., and The Country Club in Brookline, Mass.

The Grand Tour Scholarship was inspired by Schrickel's own two-month journey to more than 40 U.S.

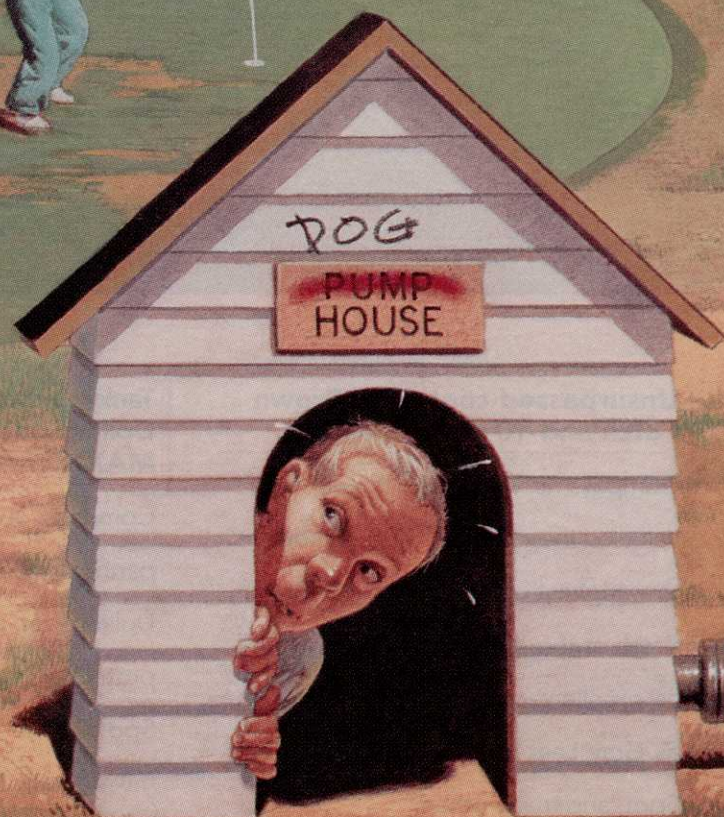
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ClubLink enters London, Ontario golf market

KING CITY, Ontario, Canada—ClubLink Corporation has entered an agreement to purchase all the assets of Greenhills Golf & Country Club in London, Ontario, from the Simpson family and related corporations. The transaction is dependent on certain third-party conditions.

Greenhills features an 18-hole course that winds through mature forest and valley lands on

London's southwestern perimeter. The club also includes a clubhouse with banquet seating for 200, a nine-hole academy course, the Greenhills Golf Dome for indoor practice, a pool, eight indoor tennis courts and five outdoor clay courts. The tennis facilities will be leased back to the Simpson family.

"We are pleased to make our

initial acquisition in London, a strong financial and manufacturing center for economically vibrant Southwestern Ontario," said Bruce Simmonds, president and chief executive officer of ClubLink.

"By way of its proximity to the western edge of the Greater Toronto Area, London represents a natural extension of

ClubLink's clustering concept."

London is less than one hour from ClubLink's Heron Point Golf Links, on the western periphery of the Greater Toronto Area where the majority of ClubLink's other golf course are located.

As part of the agreement, Sonar Corporation will provide marketing and consulting services to ClubLink. The princi-

pals of Sonar are Don Simpson and his sons David and Craig. David was president of Greenhills and Craig was a standout with the NHL's Edmonton Oilers.

Sonar will continue to own and operate 18-hole daily-fee Bear Creek Golf & Country Club in nearby Strathroy.

Scholarship tour

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golf courses in spring 1999. Rain Bird International will sponsor the scholarship during its first year.

"I consider this journey to be one of the most educational and beneficial experiences of my life. Having seen all these extraordinary and beautiful places, and being guided by wonderful and knowledgeable people, I soon decided that I would like to share this experience and enable future students to follow in my footsteps," said Schrickel.

"Traveling and studying the world's finest golf courses is a valuable experience and compliments a thorough education."

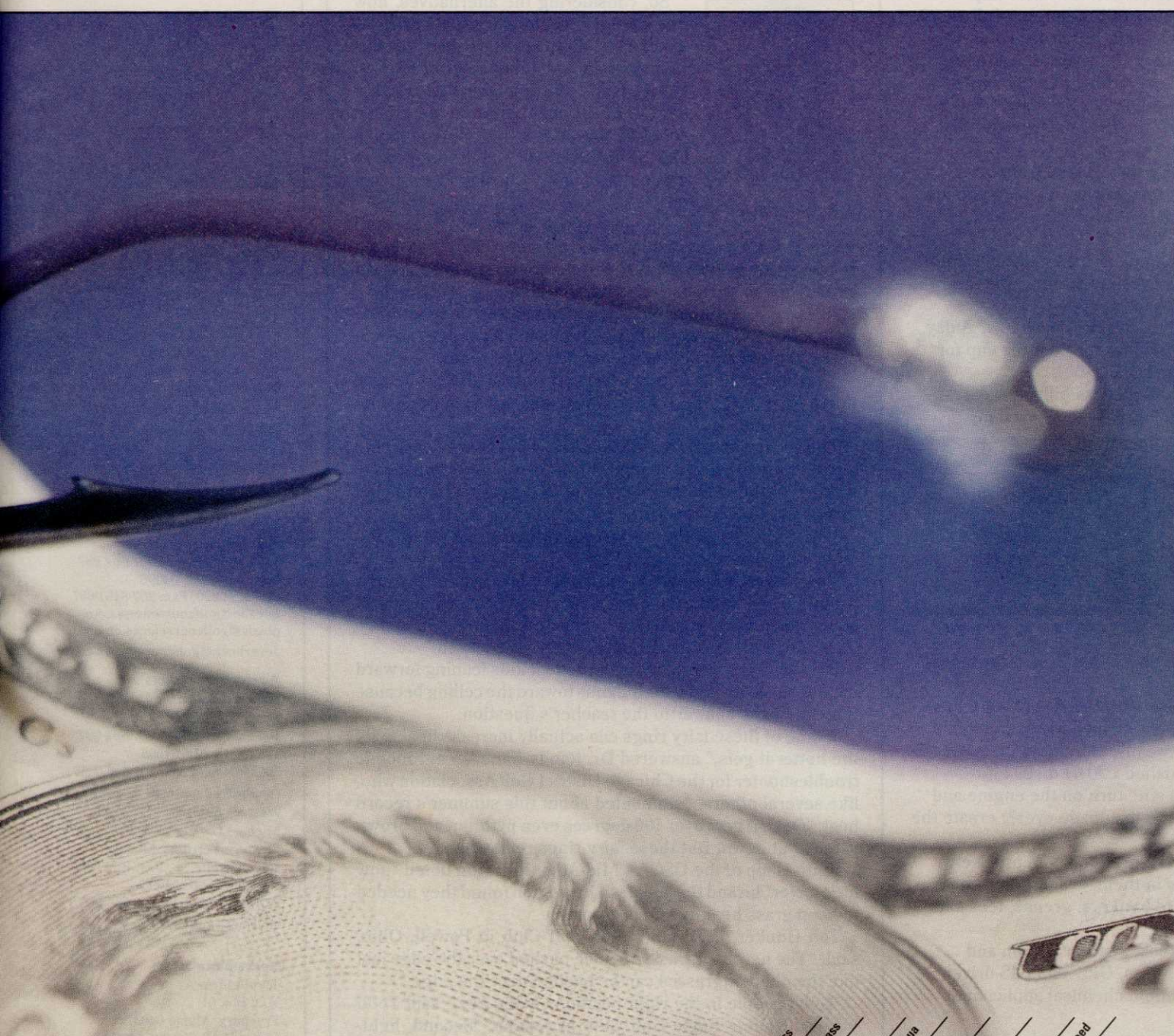
However, the program will not be an extended vacation, according to Schrickel. "Successful candidates will be those who can prove significant efforts and success in their field of study. The aim is to enable students to walk and study the golf courses; playing them is rather out of the question," she said. "It is a great privilege that scholarship candidates can get access to the mostly private golf clubs where visitors are not normally welcomed."

Both study tours will take place annually in April. The Western route leads to 18 golf courses in three weeks; the Eastern route includes 22 golf courses in four weeks.

Golf course architecture and turfgrass students from all over the world are invited to apply for the scholarship. Applicants shall be at least 21 years old and prove significant efforts and results in their educational career path in either golf design or turfgrass management.

For further information and application forms, contact Bettina Schrickel in Germany, fax: 49-33205-64035.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 30. Successful candidates will receive the Scholarship Route Book four weeks prior to departure, which includes detailed route plans, golf course descriptions, hotel recommendations and safety advice. Airplane tickets, rental cars, travel expenses and cellular telephones for the duration of the journey will be provided. Applicants must be in possession of a valid passport and an international drivers license. It is the responsibility of students to obtain a tourist visa for the United States and full health and travel insurance individually prior to departure.



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