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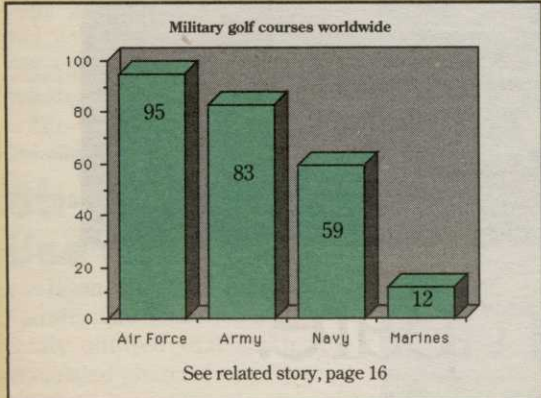
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Rains deluge courses

BY PETER BLAIS

First Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina, then the San Francisco earthquake, then record-low temperatures in December throughout much of the United States, then, most recently, spring flooding in the south central Midwest.

It's been a tough past few months for the nation's golf courses.

Record April and May rainfalls swelled rivers and left entire courses under water in Arkansas and Texas. Some weren't expected to re-open until mid-June.

In Little Rock, Ark., Rebsamen Park and Burns Park municipal golf courses were completely flooded during the first week of May, according to Arkansas State Golf Association President Charles Wade. The back nine at Maumelle Golf and Country Club was

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A tractor bulls through flood waters at Rebsamen Park Municipal Golf Course in Little Rock, Ark.
Photo by Tanga Dreher

Jobs galore for grads

BY PETER BLAIS

At Michigan State University, Assistant Professor John "Trey" Rogers has a list of 77 assistant superintendent job openings for this year's 44 graduates of the school's two- and four-year turf management programs.

At Pennsylvania State University, 20 of this year's 36 turf management graduates had already accepted jobs as of mid-April, according to Professor Joseph Duich. Another six were nego-

tiating with employers and Duich had little doubt the rest would find employment.

At Texas A&M University, instructor Wallace Menn estimates the school has received three times as many job offers as it has graduating students (45) of the four-year agronomy with turf management option program.

At California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, Professor Kent Kurtz

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Vegas debates effluent use

BY PETER BLAIS

The Colorado River Commission is considering stopping the use of effluent to water Southern Nevada golf courses, a move that could threaten development in one of the fastest-growing areas of the country.

The amount of drinking water southern Nevada is allocated from the Colorado River is determined, to an ex-

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The floating 4th green at Coeur d'Alene is a monument to engineering and innovation. Courtesy of Scott Miller Design

Miller tests waters with floating green

BY BOB SPIWAK

When the golf course opens next summer at Idaho's Coeur d'Alene resort, it's going to make a big splash. Golfers, playing the 14th hole, will make a lot of smaller splashes. The course will feature the world's first

floating island green.

Coeur d'Alene is in the panhandle of northern Idaho, tucked between Washington and Oregon. Surrounded by mountains, and on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene, the town was once a timber community. It has evolved into

a recreational area and when land became available at the site of an old mill, local developer Duane Hagadone saw it as an ideal place for a golf course to accompany his hotel resort on the lake.

Hagadone was certain of one thing:

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