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Type	Open			Under Construction		
	1991 YTD	1990 YTD	1990 Yrend	1991 YTD	1990 YTD	1990 Yrend
Daily Fee	48	—	166	340	—	301
Municipal	13	—	37	88	—	71
Private	27	—	86	189	—	184
N/A	—	—	—	3	—	4
Totals	88	82	289	620	511	560

Source: NGF

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High Court ruling said 'scary'

By Peter Blais

The recent Supreme Court ruling freeing local governments to impose pesticide regulations that conflict with federal law could severely restrict the use of golf course chemicals, according to a Golf Course Superintendents Association of America official. "It scares the hell out of me. It's

another step toward more regulations," said Charles Passios, government liaison to the GCSAA board of directors.

"It means superintendents are going to have to be more pro-active than ever, participating in the process and taking a lead role to make sure our concerns are heard when towns want to pass regulations."

In the case of the Town of Casey, Wis. v. Ralph Mortimer et al, the court ruled unanimously June 21 that the language of the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act does not allow it to pre-empt locally passed regulations. The decision overturned a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling that FIFRA

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Major changes expected in revisions of wetlands laws

By Mark Leslie

Wetlands preservation regulations that have handcuffed golf course developers and created long, expensive waits for approvals are being rewritten — and loosened extensively — on two fronts.

A revision of the much-maligned federal wetlands delineation manual — used by the Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection

Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Soil Conservation Service since 1989 — is under review and is said to more narrowly define what constitutes a wetland. Further up Pennsylvania Avenue, congressmen have answered the call of voters and drafted legislation to correct deficiencies they see in the wetlands protection system.

Some conservationists are

angry. Linda Winter, director of wetlands programs for the Izaak Walton League, said a scientifically sound definition is "being thrown out and ignored for political reasons."

One EPA ecologist resigned and another asked that his name be dropped from the credits of the revision.

But others are looking forward to changes.

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First facilities open for handicapped

By Mark Leslie

Two golf facilities built especially for the physically challenged will open within the next month, marking milestones for the country's millions of handicapped people.

In Akron, Ohio, Edwin Shaw Hospital is completing the first course in the country designed especially for handicapped golfers. Dedi

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End of drought won't solve Calif. woes

By Peter Blais

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Water will continue to be in short supply for many years in California because of the seven-year drought, increased demand from a growing population and environmen-

tal concerns, according to a Southern California water expert.

"We are going to see changes in our landscapes and maybe in our lifestyles if the shortages are severe enough and long enough,"

Coachella Valley Water District water management specialist Dave Harbison said during a recent water management seminar sponsored by the University of California, Riverside Cooperative

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