

Sun City residents will have input in course design

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. — In a novel concept, a Sun City West residents' golf committee will help in the design of a new course.

Webb Communities architects will work with a special recreation centers committee to design a proposed 18-hole championship course for its 880-acre expansion area.

The committee would be dedicated to designing a course with minimal maintenance, to keep down costs and fees.

Ancient Indian tribe land may ax project

No one has the right to desecrate one's culture,' says Muwekma ancestor

FREMONT, Calif. — A proposed 18-hole golf course covering 250 acres has three-member majority backing on the Fremont City Council, but the chairwoman of the Muwekma Tribe may have federal and state laws on her side.

Rosemary Cambra's Ohlone Indian ancestors may have lived on the site and probably buried their dead nearby. "I have been told by the elders of my tribe and others that no one has the right to desecrate one's culture," declared Cambra.

Only evidence at the moment of this possibility is a patch of stone with holes used for grinding acorns. The grinding stone could spread up to a mile under its grassy cover.

The environmental impact report on the golf course includes a provision for hiring a consultant to look into archaeological aspects of the site, according to Assistant City Manager Douglas Eads.

A finding of human remains probably won't stop development

of the golf course. The California Environmental Quality Act that calls for study of archaeologically sensitive sites also allows for mitigation if remains are found.

Ohlones considered most likely to be descendants of those buried on the site are expected to decide on how to handle a discovery of remains.

Ohlone Andrew Galvan supports a golf course if and when remains are found and handled correctly. Cambra said she has no position on the development.

Tortoises, ospreys and scrub jays will be protected, Ware promises

SEBRING, Fla. — Stressing that Highlands Lakes, a golf course community near Sebring, had revised development plans to create a 16-acre area of forest to help preserve gopher tortoises, scrub jays and ospreys, architect Jack Ware of Jupiter persuaded zoning commissioners to agree to rezone 99 acres within a 365-acre development.

The 595 single-family homes surrounding the 144-acre, 18-hole golf course are part of the development that is 52 percent open space.

Highlands County Audubon Society President Hank Kowalski said the group did not endorse the development, although the concept seemed good.

Ware said the developer met all mandates set by state agencies regulating game, fish and the environment. Water management regulations are being complied with as well, he said.

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Former gravel pit drawing crowds

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — The weather has been on the dreary side, but golfers have flocked to the new West Ridge Golf Course.

The first nine opened April 29 and the driving range May 5. The second nine opening was delayed until June 1, barely in time to accommodate anxious swingers.

West Ridge, once a large gravel pit containing dilapidated mining structures, now features rolling hills and an Oquirrh Mountain backdrop.

A \$4.2-million bond was used for the development launched three years ago.

The golf staff is in place. Mike Richards is the professional, Devin Dehlin and Tom Davidson his assistants, John Brubaker the superintendent and Kip Dimmitt the starter.

City officials play catchup to demand

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Rochester and Sioux City are smaller cities than Sioux Falls, yet each has several golf courses. The municipally owned Elmwood and Kuehn courses soon may have company.

Aware that Sioux Falls is growing fast, city officials agree the time is right for construction of another municipal course. They've talked with local developers about the possibility of building a course on land straddling Minnesota Avenue a quarter mile south of 57th Street.

Cost likely wouldn't exceed \$4 million.

The developers have suggested that the Kemper Lesnik Organization, which owns the Continental Basketball Association Skyforce, design the course, serve as construction managers, and possibly manage it.