

Mitsubishi bids to buy Oregon park site

SEQUIM, Ore. — Environmentalists were stunned by a surprise bid by Mitsubishi Corp. to buy part of a park site overlooking the Strait of Juan de Fuca for a resort and golf course.

The project is based on a complex land swap between the state and

Peninsula Partners, a limited partnership owned by the Japanese conglomerate and two resort management and construction companies.

State trade officials more than two years ago encouraged Mitsubishi to consider building a

resort. The idea stemmed from a strategy of increasing trade and tourism with Japan.

The deal had been endorsed by Gov. Booth Gardner and several state agencies, including the departments of Natural Resources and Trade and Economic Development.

Peter Lewis prepares way for community

ATKINSON, N.H. — Thanks to an adjustment in regulations, Peter Lewis is on his way to building a golf course and residential community here.

Trees are being cut down for greens and roadways. The first 18 holes on a 350-acre site on Providence Hill Road could be played by 1992.

A new law sets conditions that

could allow as many as one home per acre. A new provision would require space for individual septic systems for buildings should they

become necessary.

Lewis plans to build the development on a 350-acre site on Providence Hill Road.

Jones: Alabama course may be world's best

OPELIKA, Ala. — Golf Course designer Robert Trent Jones Jr. said the \$10-million 54-hole public golf course planned here will be the best in the world.

Jones, who designed three championship courses at Pebble Beach, gives the edge to Opelika, because of the land. "Just fabulous, very spectacular," he said.

The layout, due for completion in less than two years, will occupy 1,500 acres owned by the Opelika Water Works Board and leased to Sunbelt Golf Corp., a state corporation created to finance and operate these courses.

Every hole will overlook Lake Saugahatchee. One executive par 3 course will be lighted.

EPA tests landfill site

OAK LAWN, Ill. — The state Environmental Protection Agency will oversee additional tests to see if it is safe to build an 18-hole golf course on a closed landfill here.

Preliminary tests last summer showed potentially hazardous chemicals in nearby ground water, although later tests revealed they were below maximum levels allowed by the EPA.

The new tests will delay construction until 1992.

The site is bounded by Norfolk & Western and B & O railroads north of 103rd Street and west of Mayfield Avenue.

The site was a landfill during the 1960s. Waste materials include paint, chemicals, trash, construction debris, tires, household garbage, fuel and solvents.

They are buried beneath a layer of clay that is 30 feet deep in some spots.

The original tests concluded developing a golf course did not present significant hazardous potential. A course has been under consideration for many years.

Midland readies for five-year plan

MIDLAND, Mich. — The city will soon embark on a five-year, \$4.13-million renovation project of municipally-owned golf courses. Jerry Matthews & Assoc. of Lansing is the consultant.

The project includes drainage work on the front nine of Currie East in 1991; a new par-3 course and renovating the back nine in 1992; a new \$400,000 clubhouse in 1993; beginning work on Currie West in 1994; and a driving range in 1995. Currie West will be expanded from nine to 18 holes.

Work should start in August with everything completed by June of 1996. Nine holes should remain open at all times.



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