

## Fremont has difficulty building courses

### Coalition prefers open space and trails to public courses

FREMONT, Calif. — This golf starved city is having major problems developing a golf course.

With 170,000 people and no 18-hole facility, the city is trying to build a course below Mission Peak and another at Central Park.

A local group is trying to bring the Mission Peak course before voters in November. The City Council, which will decide the

course's fate, favors the project.

The Fremont Coalition for Open Space and Trails needs 12,000 of the city's 82,000 registered voters to sign a petition prohibiting golf courses on the 900 acres of hillside land where Chico-based Golfco would help the city develop an 18-hole course. The group has six months to gain the signatures.

Coalition members oppose a golf course on the preserve land that includes hiking, bicycling and horseback riding trails up Mission Peak.

The Central Park course is

threatened by the Army Corps of Engineers, which says the project could destroy wetlands. The city will spend \$18,000 on a wetlands report that will delay the project another four months. If more than 10 acres of wetlands are found, the city will need a permit from the corps and EPA approval. EPA approval could take another year.

The city wants to build a par-3, 18-hole course on 30 acres of Central Park's vacant land. An adjacent parcel is available that could allow for par-4 and par-5 holes.

## Jackson, Miss., man named Fertilizer Institute president

DALLAS, Tex. — Charles R. Gibson recently was elected chairman of The Fertilizer Institute.

More than 1,000 industry representatives attended the association's annual meeting.

Gibson is president of FirstMiss Fertilizer, Inc., Jackson, Miss.

Charles E. Seaton, president, Kaiser Estech, Savannah, Ga., is TFI's new vice chairman. Gary D. Myers, Washington, D. C., was re-elected president and chief staff officer for the Institute.

Also elected to the executive committee were: Fritz W. Corrigan, president, fertilizer division, Cargill, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; Robert W. Honse, vice president, agricultural operations, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Mo.; Rene Latiolais, president and CEO, Agrico Chemical Company, New Orleans, La.; Chuck Merrill, senior vice president, nitrogen group, Unocal Corporation, Los Angeles, Calif.; Allen C. Merritt, vice president fertilizer and chemical division, Gold Kist, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., and Rich Stegmann, president, Lange-Stegmann Fertilizer Company, St. Louis, Mo.

John Anderson, president and chief executive officer, Cominco Fertilizers of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, who is immediate past board chairman, serves as ex-officio member.

Other Washington staff officers re-elected were: Ron Phillips, vice president, public affairs; Ford B. West, vice president, government relations, and P. Whitney Yelverton, vice president, administration and secretary/treasurer.

## Irrigation liability policy available

Irrigation design liability is now covered by the Irrigation Association's Business Insurance Program, underwritten by Fireman's Fund/FAMEX.

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Thomas M. Tumilowicz of the PDP Group, the sponsoring agent, can be phoned at 800-666-4005.

## Course, land finds interest

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The owner of a St. Johns County subdivision reportedly wants to sell the residential development's nine-hole golf course and enough land to expand it to 18.

Julington Creek owner General Development Corp. of Miami said a national golf company is interested in buying the course and completing it within a year.

About 100 homes have been built at the 4,500-acre development. General Development's financial woes have concerned residents who feared the course and other amenities would not be completed.

The company filed for Chapter XI protection from creditors last April and some top level managers have been charged with fraud. A Miami bankruptcy court must approve any sale.

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