

City proposing 'admissions' tax

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — An admissions tax is being proposed for play at Rancho Solano Golf Course.

The Fairfield City Council informally agreed 3-1 to charge a \$5 admissions tax for all golfers, plus \$2 more for non-resident players. This includes Suisun City residents.

"I think the golf course should be self-supporting," said Councilman Garry Ichikawa. "We should not be paying a subsidy to the golf course. The most bang for the buck is through a tax instead of a fee increase."

Iowa community bumping up fees by mere pennies

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — In these days of \$100 green fees, a charge of \$4.30 for nine holes and \$6 for 18 is startling.

These proposed boosts in fees for city-owned Westwood Park Golf Course from \$4.20 and \$5.75,

scheduled to take effect March 15, 1991, and designed to generate \$23,000, didn't cause a raised eyebrow among course users.

Similarly, there was little fuss at slight rate hikes at a second municipal layout, Dodge Park Golf

Course. The new fee for 18 holes would be \$11, up from \$10.50.

The \$7 tab for nine holes would remain unchanged. Senior rates would be \$6, up from \$5.25, and league rates \$7, up from \$6.50.

Omaha, Neb., golfers, just

across the river from Council Bluffs and a five-to 10-minute drive from Dodge Park, favor Dodge Park for several reasons. Omaha courses can be crowded, Dodge Park is quickly accessible, and the price is right.

Course opening after gas leak forced three-year closure

GLENDALE, Calif. — Closed for nearly three years because of a methane gas leak, Glendale's public course at Scholl Canyon soon may be rebuilt.

The City Council will seek proposals from private companies to rebuild the site.

From 15 to 20 inquiries have been received from developers interested

in rebuilding and operating the course.

Estimated cost of developing a course on the site is at least \$3 million.

The city has constructed a new, enhanced methane gas collection system and improved the site by placing six feet of fill over the landfill.

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\$250M project will encompass three nine-holers

LOCKPORT, Ill. — Broken Arrow, the biggest single development ever broached here, will include three nine-hole golf courses and a 120-room hotel and convention center.

The \$250-million venture, which will take up to 10 years to complete, will embrace 1,500 housing units.

Vincent Solano Jr. said Robin Hill Development Co., which he heads with Ron Berns, will spend \$40 million to build the hotel and convention center, the golf course and make other improvements to Broken Arrow. The other \$200 million will come from other builders, developers and homebuyers, he said.

'Landfill' course moves closer to reality in Pa.

BALACYNWYD, Pa. — Another major step toward construction of an 18-hole golf course over a portion of Western Berks Landfill has been taken.

According to a feasibility study, project cost was estimated at \$4.9 million. By using land-fill labor and equipment, that figure was trimmed \$700,000.

The facility will be built on 170 acres of Western Berks Refuse Authority property. Between 60 and 80 acres contain buried waste.

Jerry D. Mobley, senior vice president of Chase Golf Management which did the preliminary investigation, said the terrain could prove a challenge, and that a large amount of top soil probably would be needed.

Bond to finance Arizona facility

ELOY, Ariz. — Preliminary planning and design has been initiated for an 18-hole par 72 golf course and practice facility here.

Overall master planning and design is being coordinated by Richard Emik Associates in conjunction with architect Forrest Richardson of Golf Group Ltd., Phoenix.

Construction, expected to begin next January, will be funded through a bond program.