

NEWS IN BRIEF

EDINA, Minn. — The City Council approved expansion of city-owned Braemar Golf Course after receiving conditional approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The city must fill 4.9 acres of wetland between the current golf course and Interstate Highway 494 for new fairways to accommodate increased play.

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HOMOSASSA, Fla. — Michael Cook of Brandon faces two counts of unlawful killing of migratory birds by improperly applying the pesticide Nemacur 3 on June 10, 1991, at Sugarmills Woods Golf & Country Club here. Florida Game and Freshwater Commission officers claim an unknown number of woodpeckers and squirrels died as a result of Cook's action.

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ELYRIA, Ohio — Dan D. Smith seeks more than \$25,000 in compensation for foot and ankle injuries suffered July 14, 1990, when he leaped to avoid a car driven by foursome mate Chad Dubin at Sweetbriar Country Club. Smith said the golf club was at fault because an employee saw the foursome drinking but didn't stop them. Club rules prohibit drinking alcoholic beverages on the course. Smith also claims Dubin should have undergone a sobriety test to determine cart control capability.

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Golf Club has been fined \$3,000 for discharging sediment and wastewater into Fanno Creek without a permit. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) said the discharge occurred daily from March 16-19, 1992, during an operation to dredge a lake on club property. DEQ estimated at least 2.08 million gallons of the sediment-contaminated wastewater reached Fanno Creek. The creek was dark gray. Several fish surfaced for air and exhibited signs of distress, according to DEQ spokesman Ed Sale.

Golf Summit set for Oct. 21-23

JUPITER, Fla. — Golf Summit '92, the fourth in a series of biennial leadership conferences hosted by the National Golf Foundation, will be held Oct. 21-23 at the Marriott's World Center in Orlando, Fla.

"As in the past," said NGF President and Chief Executive Officer Joe Beditz, "the summit will provide members of the industry the opportunity to step back and objectively examine the state of the game and business of golf ... and to help determine what can be done, both collaboratively and individually, to enhance the growth and vitality of the game."

This year's Summit program will focus on four major issues within the areas of

NGF commissions environmental study

JUPITER, Fla. — The impact of environmental regulation and legislation on the cost of developing and operating golf facilities will be assessed by the National Golf Foundation in response to numerous golf industry inquiries.

Possible industry actions could follow this analysis.

Areas of concern would include use of pesticides and fertilizers and their effects on environment, water use, wetlands preservation, underground storage tanks, endangered species, preservation of wildlife and loss of "natural" land.

Questions to be asked by the consultant firm of Vinson & Elkins include:

(1) Which environmental concerns/issues do you consider an existing or potential threat to your industry or business?

(2) How do they affect you?

(3) Which ones are the most important/critical to you?

(4) What would you suggest be done (organizationally and/or individually) that is not being done now?

The findings of the study will be presented at the Golf Summit in Orlando in October.

facility and player development. Among them:

• **GOLF AND THE ENVIRONMENT** — This session will spotlight, among other things, the actions being taken to lessen the impact of environmental regulations on new and existing golf facilities. It also will take a look at what new initiatives are needed.

Some of the answers will be forthcoming in a special study on golf and the environment that was commissioned earlier this year by the NGF (see story below). The results of this study will be presented and discussed as part of this session.

• **NEW DIRECTIONS IN GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT** — There is every indication that real estate will no longer be driving as much of the nation's new golf course construction as it has in the past.

Summit '92 participants will be asked to focus on the question of what should be driving golf course construction in the years ahead and what can be done to stimu-

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Developer takes approval process to the people

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — Local ranch owner Marvin Wong may have devised an easier way to solicit development approval.

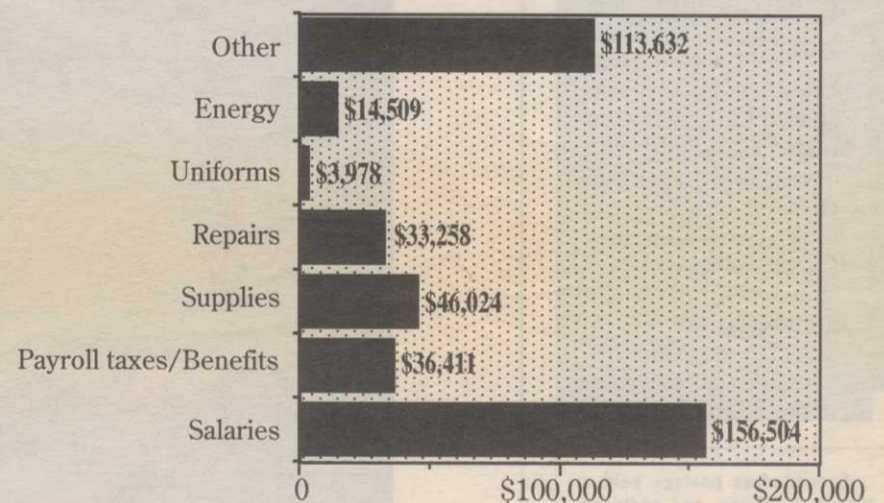
A measure allowing him to develop a golf course, hotel and homes on his 862-acre property will appear on the November ballot.

If supported, the ballot option would provide a swift and cheap answer to bureaucratic largesse.

The ballot question asks voters to approve a "proposed mixed-use development containing one or more golf courses ..."

If approved, no further voter approval would be required for the proposed development unless it involves onshore or off-shore oil.

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