

\$100M Indian center in Tulsa would include golf course

TULSA, Okla. — A golf course, hotel and museum are part of a proposed \$100-million American Indian center in Tulsa, designed to honor tribal cultures.

Tulsa has the largest American Indian population of any city except Los Angeles, and is home to natives of 60 tribes. At one time, Tulsa was the meeting point of lands controlled by three major Indian nations — the Cherokees, Creeks and Osage. The world-class institute will

study and celebrate Indian cultures, and is planned by the National Indian Monument and Institute. It's negotiating to purchase a large tract of land in northwestern Tulsa.

The project would include recreational grounds, a visitor center, museum, conference center-hotel, golf course, library-archives, studios, and research facilities. It is being planned by leaders of various tribes, including Cherokees, Creeks and Delaware.

Superfund site considered for Colo. course

Former paper mill land also possible for Kalispell 9-holer

Support for a plan for a world-class golf course at what is now a Superfund site in Anaconda, Colo., seems to be gathering momentum.

The course, which would incorporate ruins of the Old Works, would be built by ARCO and possibly be designed by a group working with Jack Nicklaus.

After the course's design and construction, ARCO would either lease or sell the course to the city. ARCO-funded feasibility studies indicate a course would make money.

Meanwhile, in Kalispell, Colo., the City Council has agreed to discuss building a second public golf course in partnership with the Kalispell Golf Association.

The association already has a management agreement for operation of the city-owned Buffalo Hill Golf Course.

The new course may be sited at a 55-acre mill site owned by Montana Forest Products. At one time, the association wanted to expand Buffalo Hill to 36 holes from its present 27, but had trouble finding room to grow.

No one has put a price tag on the new project. Golf has become a significant part of the Flathead tourism industry, generating millions annually for the local economy, according to the Flathead Valley Golfing Association.

Whispering Hills refinancing OK'd

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A plan to refinance Whispering Hills Golf Course on the east side of Indianapolis has been approved.

The 20-3 vote allowed for a refinancing plan totaling \$3.5 million for the public golf course, which was supposed to include 80 new homes and be built for \$2.85 million. This is the second time the city has refinanced the debt on the course. Refinancing costs could climb to more than \$600,000.

The course opened nearly two years behind schedule, which caused slower-than-expected development in the surrounding areas and less tax revenue to repay the bonds financing construction. Eighty new homes in a special taxing district were needed to break even, and only 72 have been built.

In addition, Whispering Hills Golf Course is not expected to be able to pay from operating costs until next year. It lost \$35,000 on operating expenses in 1991 and figures to lose \$12,000 in 1992.

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