

Edgewood declared off limits to golf

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Golfers who for 30 years pressed for a county course may not be teeing it up here in the near future.

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission recently declared Edgewood County Park a natural preserve, in effect nullifying a hoped-for golf course there.

The declaration prohibits any significant development at the 467-acre park near Redwood City. The preserve designation is not permanent because the Board of Supervisors can vote to overturn it.

Supervisors have taken the first step toward an alternative course plan. They've agreed to spend up to \$150,000 to study six potential golf course sites. The board has authorized \$3 million from the proceeds of the sale of the county's property off Polhemus Road near San Mateo to develop a public course.

The county bought Edgewood in 1980 and sought to develop a golf course there. But discovery of 11 rare and endangered plant and animal species blocked development.

Airport authority reroutes course

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Springfield Airport Authority will change the design of two holes to preserve 6.25 acres of wetlands and avoid possible Army Corps of Engineers objection to its proposed golf course.

The airport authority plans to avoid construction delays and environmental conflicts by leaving the wetlands intact and re-locating the two holes.

The Sierra Club opposed the original plan because clearance

of large trees from the wetlands would threaten the brown creeper, a bird on the state endangered species list. The Illinois Legislature helped the golf course avoid another possible snag by allowing airports to use their land for non-aeronautic purposes.

Though financing the \$3 million project still is up in the air, First Golf Corp. of Denver has been signed to design and supervise course construction.

Environmentalists delay Blue Ridge

LINVILLE, N.C. — Environmental concerns have delayed completion of Blue Ridge Country Club, centerpiece of a \$15 million project.

The Environmental Protection Agency recently accepted the developer's plan to correct problems with stream and wetland preservation. Violations were not considered deliberate.

The developer also has corrected erosion problems that led to seven violations cited last spring. State regulators have not decided whether to impose fines.

The course, designed by Lee Trevino, was supposed to be completed by late summer or early fall.

Coal mine hot topic in Calif. community

BRENTWOOD, Calif. — A Brentwood coal mine abandoned for more than a century is generating some heat between city planners and would-be developers.

A.G. Spanos Land Co. of Stockton wants to transform the site into a golf course and 1,000 homes. City officials favor preserving the site as an historic landmark.

The City Council adopted an environmental impact report recommending site preservation. The city must annex and rezone the Spanos land, then review development plans for the subdivision.



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