

Hon gets council approval for coastal course

TORRANCE, Calif. — The City Council has approved conditions for developer Barry Hon to build 83 homes and a golf course on coastal land near the San Pedro border.

However, the Coastal Commission, which has final authority over shoreline development, must consider the project. Opponents intend to appeal council action.

Theme park may become course

MIDLAND, Texas — An abandoned canyon may become a golf oasis called Emerald Island Executive Golf Facility.

Paul Hart and Jody Hughes envision Midland's Wild River Canyon as an 18-hole, par-3 executive golf course flanked by a driving range, miniature golf and a clubhouse.

Once a theme park of water rides, the 33-acre fenced-in pit now is a dumping ground. Hart and Hughes are negotiating with the city of Midland, which owns the canyon.

Council approves golf community

MORENO VALLEY, Calif. — A 3,038-acre community here featuring two 18-hole golf courses, has been approved by the City Council.

Moreno Highlands will include 7,763 homes, business and village centers, a park and up to 10 school sites.

Corrections

Because of a reporting error, a story appearing in the July issue of *Golf Course News* ("AGC deals with lease problems in Oceanside") contained some misinformation. American Golf Corp. reported net revenues of \$49,753 for 1991, according to AGC's Steve Schroeder, regional superintendent for San Diego County.

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In the same issue, a chart appearing on page 5 of the July issue was incorrectly attributed. The information was supplied to *Golf Course News* by the National Golf Foundation.

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Because of misinformation supplied to *Golf Course News*, there was a misleading statement contained in the development brief, "Ravines Fix-up Underway," which appeared in the August issue. Design plans for the greens renovation program at Ravines Golf and Country Club were supplied by Mark McCumber and Associates. The program is being executed in-house by the golf course superintendent, Keith Smith, and his staff.

Roberts opens consulting business

Dr. Eliot Roberts, who retired in June as executive director of The Lawn Institute, has established a consulting business with his wife, Beverly.

Rosehall Associates, headquartered in Sparta, Tenn., will specialize in the biology of turfgrass and soils, and the comparisons of landscape plants on the quality of the environment.

The winner of numerous

national and regional awards, Roberts directed The Lawn Institute for 10 years before his retirement. He was head of the University of Florida's Department of Ornamental Horticulture from 1967 to 1970 and chairman of the University of Rhode Island's Department of Plant and Soil Science from 1970-82. He also taught at Iowa State University.

Prospects brighten for Palm Springs golf resort project

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Joseph Solomon's hopes to develop a \$960 million luxury hotel and golf resort here are brighter.

He and partner Brian Adler signed a long-term lease for part of the project with Eddie F. Brown, U.S. Interior Department assistant secretary.

An 18-hole Jack Nicklaus golf course is the intended centerpiece of Canyon Park Hotel & Spa, a complex of 350-room luxury hotel, 50-room spa, 350 estate-type homes,

retail stores and restaurants.

City officials have pinned hopes for rejuvenating Palm Springs' luxury resort image on the project, which Solomon said would generate more than \$2 billion in property, sales and bed taxes for the city, county and other governments during 40 years.

The Interior Department became involved in the project last October after Solomon and local Bureau of Indian Affairs officials deadlocked over the deal.



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