

Support growing for Liberty Park plan

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Linking construction of a golf course at Liberty State Park with the landscaping of 195 acres of open space there has been endorsed by the Jersey City-based Peoples Park Coalition.

The Coalition said the proposal, which includes ballfields, bike paths and a lawn for picnicking and viewing harbor events, was workable.

The plan was first proposed back in September as a way to open an area off limit to the public since the park first opened back in 1978.

The concept calls for a 150-acre public golf

course to pay for surrounding landscaping.

Scott Wether, Department of Environmental Protection and Energy commissioner, last year rejected a golf course plan that provided no linkage.

A 14-member task force has been working on the project since August. New York planner Geoff Roesch devised the latest plan in cooperation with the task force.

The state budget crisis had some considering closing the entire park. That was avoided, but forced officials to look for other sources of revenue to help keep the park open.

Environmental review officials clear the way for golf community

CAMAS, Wash. — Clark County's environmental review officials have cleared a proposal to build both a 266-lot subdivision and 18-hole golf course near Camas.

Developer Vanport Manufacturing Inc. of Boring, Ore., plans to use chemical pesticides on the golf course only as a last resort. Vanport's proposal also contains a spill control and counter plan for handling and storage of golf

course chemicals.

Constructed wetlands, to filter storm water before discharge into Dwyer Creek, would be combined with the golf course and could be used as a water hazard.

Storm water treatment ponds would not be located within natural wetlands.

The golf course would be constructed in two nine-hole phases, and include a clubhouse or recreation center.

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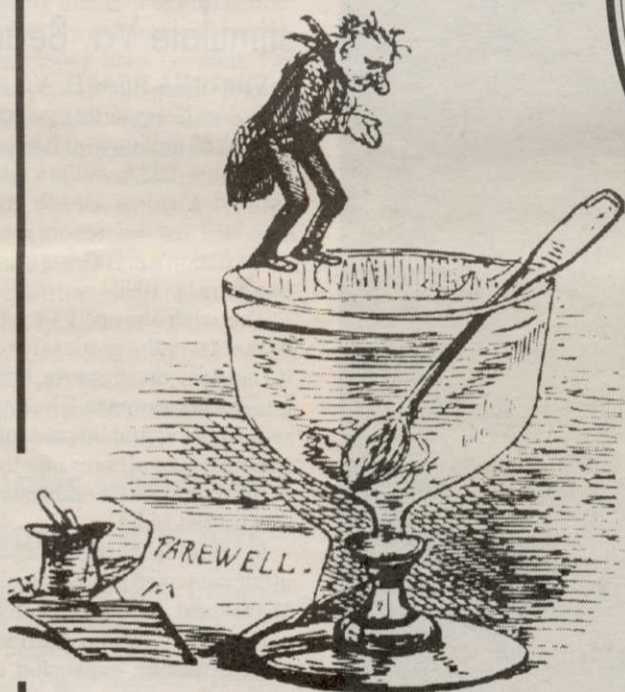
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Greek owners plan to begin construction at Afton Mtn. in '93

WAYNESBORO, Va. — A country club and PGA championship golf course would comprise 203 acres of a proposed 898-acre, \$275 million development at the foot of Afton Mountain.

The Greek owners of the Bruchem property, wedged between U.S. 250 and I-64 east of Waynesboro, hope to begin construction in 1994. The development is planned to be phased in over 20-25 years.

Components other than the golf course include parks/recreation/open space; single family dwellings; hotels and restaurants; corporate research park; retirement village; lakes, water and rights-of-way; and health spa/medical resort.

Owners are Liberty Holdings Inc., of Piraeus, Greece.

Rezoning is seen as current priority.

Developer hopes media campaign halts opposition

PLEASANTON, Calif. — The developer of a planned southeast Pleasanton golf/housing project has hauled out the public relations driver to blunt neighbor opposition.

Applicant Chang Su-O Lin thinks a media blitz may counter referendum effort.

City Council members, on a 3-2 vote, upheld its decision to approve 86 houses and an 18-hole golf course on 562 acres adjacent to Kottinger Ranch.

Mayor-elect Ben Tarver, with Dorothy Scribner in the voting minority, said he had the support of the majority of the new council to kill the project on the basis of signatures gathered — rather than letting it proceed to a costly special election.

Project protesters cited traffic increase and environmental damage from the course and offered to drop referendum efforts if only homes are built.

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