

Minn. pair plan Miss. golf resort

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Marlin Torguson and Allen Kokesch, two Minnesota-based gambling entrepreneurs, will build a golf course, hotel and entertainment resort complex around their casino in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

In addition to the hotel plans, Torguson, president and chief executive officer of Casino Magic, said the company is in the final stages of negotiations with the Arnold Palmer Design and Management Co. for design of an 27-hole championship golf course and 18-hole putting course adjacent to the casino and hotel.

"There are 14 golf courses here, and 5,000 hotel rooms on the Gulf Coast," Torguson told the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. "It's similar to Florida with its tourism and convention business."

Hilton Head may get new layout

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Talk of building a golf course in the Sea Pines Forest Preserve has surfaced again, as 172 acres of the 600-acre preserve has become available for recreational use.

Some golf enthusiasts argue a new golf course is needed to relieve overcrowding at Sea Pines courses. Nature lovers, however, want the ecological treasure — whose trails date back to Civil War horse-and-buggy days — to remain undeveloped.

The new golf course will be discussed in future planning and zoning board meetings. The issue of building a golf course in the preserve first stirred controversy in 1988.

Geneva Nat'l set to start building

MADISON, Wis. — Officials at Geneva National Golf Club hope to begin construction this fall on a scaled-down version of a Gary Player course delayed two years by environmental concerns.

Spokesman John Jachna said the club is awaiting Department of Natural Resources approval for construction of a nine-hole course entirely out of wetlands. The Player course was to have been 18 holes.

Jachna, however, indicated the club is looking into buying land north of the existing development for another nine-hole layout.

Opponents of Ky. course hopeful

COVINGTON, Ky. — Opponents of the proposed \$960,000 nine-hole expansion of Devou Park Golf Course have organized in the hopes of reversing the city's decision to expand the golf facility.

The city commission approved the expansion in early May, citing the need to bring people and money to Devou.

Opponents are worried the expansion might ruin Devou's natural setting and interfere with other park activities.

One of the opponents, the

Devou Park Advisory Board, has passed around a petition as a sign of defiance to the expansionary plans.

Two planning bodies — the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission and the Kenton County Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission — will hold hearings to address some of the opponents' concerns.

In particular, the boards will examine how much open space the plan displaces and how much it would disturb hillsides by inducing erosion.

Calif. ponders tighter water rules

CONCORD, Calif. — To promote more water recycling, county supervisors are considering tighter water-efficiency rules that could affect existing and future golf course developments in the area.

The Supervisor's Water Committee has discussed a proposal that would require builders to install separate pipes for tap and recycled water if there exists a practical source of recycled water.

This provision would be

aimed at golf courses, parks, industrial park landscaping and shared areas or front yards of residences in large subdivisions.

Sunne McPeak and Tom Torlakson of the Water Committee also said they would look at requiring builders to use recycled water for dust control during construction if a nearby source of water exists.

They will hold more discussions before making a final decision on the proposal.

