

## Environmentalists delay Calif. course

GOLETA, Calif. — Supporters reportedly outnumbered opponents 20 to one at public hearings, but two environmental groups have sued to stop construction of a golf course here.

Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council and Citizens Planning Association filed suit in Superior Court in late September, effectively halting construction until after the scheduled court hearing next February.

Having won approval, by a 3-2 vote, from the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, Dos Pueblos Golf Course Partners had planned to break ground on the 18-hole course in No-

vember, according to managing partner John O'Shaughnessy.

The suit alleges construction of the \$15 million project will include "massive grading," bury marshlands and destroy about 1,500 feet of Devereux Creek.

O'Shaughnessy told the *Santa Barbara News-Press* that this would be offset by creating new wetlands, enhancing some marshes and planting thousands of trees.

If the suit can be settled this winter and grading begun by April, the course would not be ready to open at least until mid-1995.

## Ore. developer plans \$25m resort

SHADY GROVE, Ore. — All systems are go for a \$25 million golf resort development on a 390-acre site beside the Rogue River.

Rogue Development group has proposed an 18-hole golf course and resort here in Southern Oregon. Eventual construction will include more than 600 homes and a 95-room hotel, according to local developers Carl Taft and Robert Bellamy Jr.

Initially, the project will include construction of a semi-private golf course south of Long Branch Creek on river's west bank. Cupp

Designs and J. Michael Poellot Golf Design Group have both been approached regarding design contracts.

"It could be the nicest golf course in Oregon," said Bellamy, who added that one of the designers told him, "The site is really awesome."

This proposal adds to a mini-development boom in the Rogue Valley, where golf courses are planned or under construction in the nearby towns of Ashland, Medford, Central Point, Eagle Point and Grants Pass.

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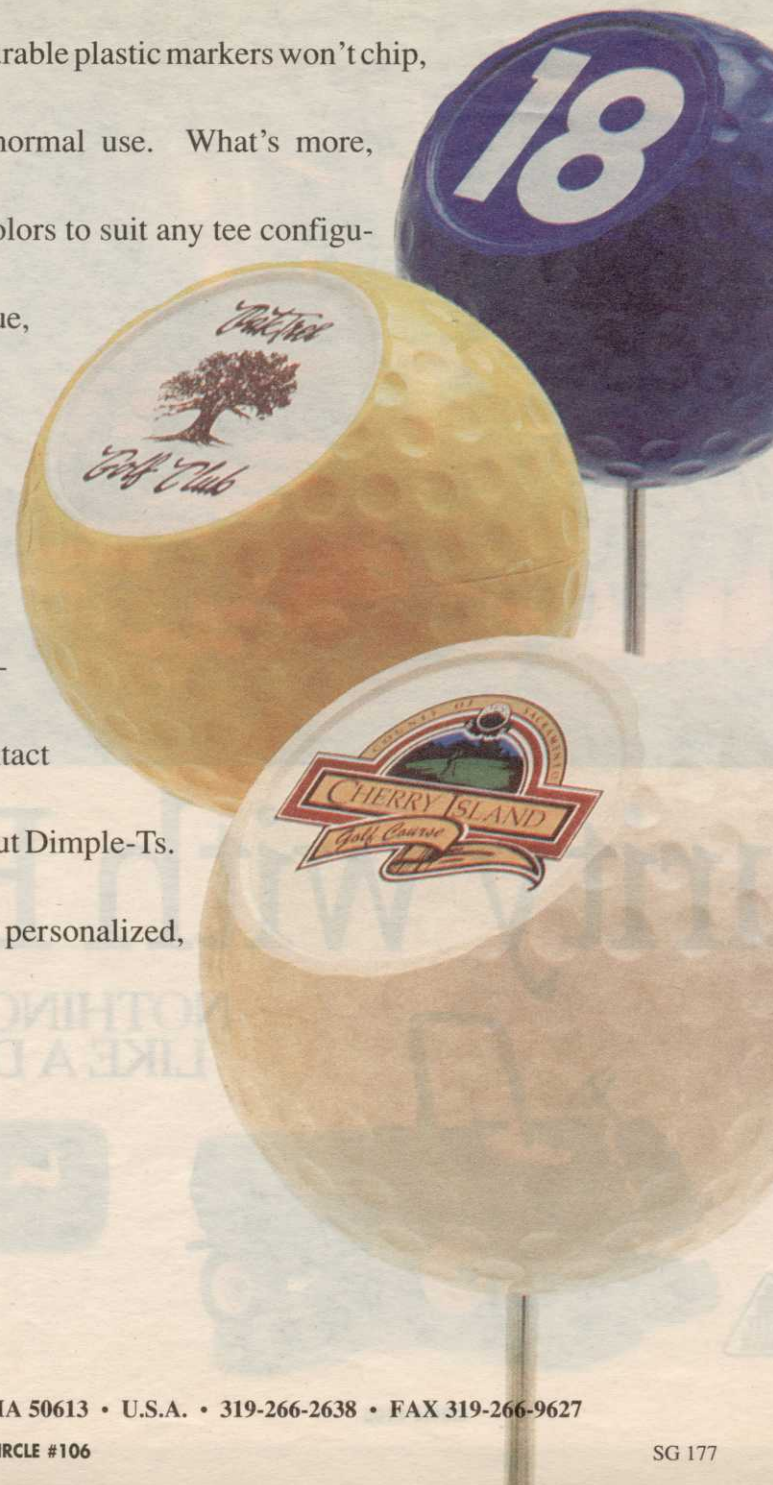
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## Va. Interstate park could host new public track

CLINTWOOD, Va. — An 18-hole golf course could loom in the future for Breaks Interstate Park.

The Breaks will receive \$100,000 a year for the next three years from the Coalfield Economic Development Authority to enhance tourism.

The 1993 General Assembly approved legislation allowing Dickenson and Buchanan counties to use CEDA money to fund improvements at the park. Dickenson will use the funds in a high-profile marketing campaign.

The Breaks is one of only two interstate parks in the country and attracts 386,000 visitors a year. Officials hope to eventually attract 2 million a year.

Meanwhile, \$6 million to \$8 million in improvements are planned, including an aerial tram and charlift, a board walk through the gorge called the Grand Canyon of the South, a conference center, dinner theater and motel.

## Proposed course will help Minn. area's tourism

PRIOR LAKE, Minn. — City officials hope the area's reputation as a burgeoning entertainment region will be enhanced by a \$300 million development that includes a golf course.

The 300-acre golf course is already under construction and should be playable by the end of next summer.

Developer Richard Burtness won city and Metropolitan Council approval to proceed with the project which will include a Radisson hotel, shopping center, and more than 500 homes and villas near Mystic Lake Casino.

Burtness told the *Minnesota Real Estate Journal* that his project, called The Wilds, sits on "the best land in the metropolitan area and we hope to be a cornerstone of the recreation business here."

Jeff Brauer of Golfsapes in Arlington, Texas, is teaming with touring pro Lanny Wadkins to design the golf course.