

LPGA project hits environmental snag

DAYTONABEACH, Fla. — The development plan for the Ladies Professional Golf Association project has cleared state growth-management regulations, but Indigo — the plan for the master community surrounding it — is a mare of another color.

The Indigo amendment, addressing more than 15,000 acres of land that primarily extend west of 11th Street, was found not to be in compliance. The city is well into construction of the LPGA's championship public golf course, expected to open next summer.

The state Department of Community Affairs cited as major problem areas:

- The Indigo amendment does not adequately ensure protection of environmentally sensitive areas within the project, such as Rima Ridge;
- The amendment could promote urban sprawl by allowing leapfrog westerly development of Indigo after 2010 no matter how far along LPGA is;
- And the department suggests development instead should be regulated to flow east to west.

Farm towns cooperate on course project

LEIGH, Neb. — It has been long-held tradition that farm neighbors and nearby townspeople pull together to build homes for those in need. Now four area towns have combined to lend helping hands for a nine-hole golf course southwest of Leigh.

The towns of Clarkson, Creston, Howells and Leigh have pooled their manpower and equipment, dubbed the project the Club 91 golf course, and plan to "tee it up" next

spring, or at least by June.

Greens, irrigation systems and fairways are about set, and seed should be planted before the fall. More than 80 people have pitched in.

The course is located on 75 acres of land donated by Frankie and Darlene Charipar of Leigh in memory of son Rick, killed in a tractor accident.

Project coordinators reached their \$165,000 fundraising goal over a two-month period last year.

Court allows free play for course employees

PORTLAND, Ore. — Operators of Progress Downs golf course were cleared of charges they improperly allowed free play for part-time course marshals and starters.

A Multnomah County Circuit Court jury returned a verdict in favor of Double Eagle Golf Inc.

The city had charged that Double Eagle had allowed \$2,600 in free golf to starters and course marshals since it began requiring Double Eagle to keep records of free golf last May.

Double Eagle operates the municipal course under contract with the City of Portland. The jury ruled that the city had breached its contract with Double Eagle concerning course maintenance and development.

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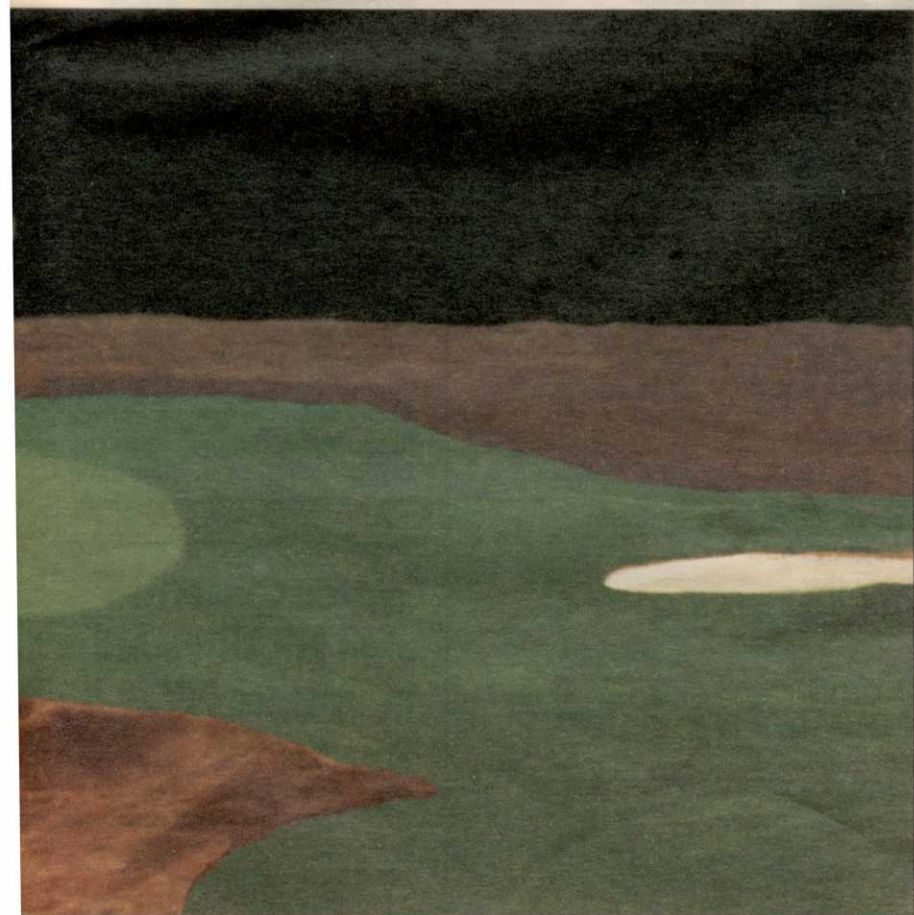
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Destination resort planned for Santa Rosa Island, Fla.

PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. — A first-class destination resort and golf course on 372 acres here to encourage year-round tourism business has been proposed by the Santa Rosa Island Economic Development Council.

The plan recommends building a golf course if it can be done in conjunction with a destination resort and if it's environmentally and economically feasible.

A study indicated that initial economic impact of a 250-room or larger resort and golf course on Santa Rosa Island would include: \$73.7 million to \$84.7 million for construction; creation of 1,375 to 1,581 jobs, and one-time additional lease revenues to the island authority of \$1 million.

Jackson to design Greer (S.C.) course

GREER, S.C. — Greenwood developers John Harrison and Danny Brothers soon will begin work on the residential community phase of Willow Creek Golf and Country Club, a planned 27-hole championship golf course on 600 acres in Spartanburg County.

The layout, which will include swimming and tennis facilities, will be at the intersection of Highways 101 and 417, six miles south of the BMW site. There will be about 450 single-family homes in the \$150,000-\$200,000 range.

Tom Jackson of Taylors will supervise course design and construction, and the overall land plan. Another Jackson design, The Cliffs Golf and Country Club, was recently unveiled in nearby Landrum.

Woody Morgan and Ed Phillips, both of Hartsville, are the course developers.