

Water pact reached on El Chorro

MORRO BAY, Calif. — An official from the county's Department of Parks presented a preliminary report on the environmental impact of a proposed 18-hole golf course seven miles east of Morro Bay.

Ray Festa of the county's Department of Parks told the Morro Bay Task Force that a joint powers agreement on water had been reached with

the California Men's Colony for 280 acre feet of treated effluent.

As part of the proposal, ponds will be built to hold the water that will, in turn, irrigate the course.

With construction slated to begin in January 1995, the course will be located at the El Chorro Regional Park. Fourteen bids for course design have been received.

Laredo officials hope management contract will accommodate growth

LAREDO, Texas — Looking for a management firm to generate more revenues at Lake Casa Blanca Golf Course, the Webb County Commissioners Court will soon select one of the five finalists for the position.

All five finalists share a common goal crucial to the future of the course's financial well-being: To promote youth involvement in the sport and to enhance junior golf programs.

Several Laredo citizens feel golf

can accommodate the growing number of people coming into town. "It's getting to the point where this city is expanding... We're starting to have more people moving in," Richard Perez told the *Laredo Morning News*. "We have to start paying more attention to the recreational activities that the city can provide."

Under Carlos Guerra, the course's current operator, the course has incurred deficits for the last several years.

Casino seeks tax break on golf project

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — The Hancock County Board of Supervisors voted to accept Casino Magic's proposal for a contribution in lieu of property taxes on the casino's planned hotel and 18-hole golf course.

The county has agreed to sponsor an industrial development revenue bond issue up to \$100 million to finance the new construction. Department of Economic Development regulations, which govern the bond issue, mandate a 10-year tax exemption for the project. The proposal calls for the casino to contribute five percent of taxes for five years, then escalate contributions by five percent each year for the next five years.

Banff developer defends hotel & golf proposal

BANFF, Alberta — A local man's plan to build a 473-room hotel here and an 18-hole golf course near Canmore doesn't threaten other tourism projects proposed for the area, according to developer Hal Walker, president of Canmore Alpine Development Co. (CADCO) and developer of a \$162 million project.

Walker does not view his complex as competition to Gary Charlton's plan to build a nearby 18-hole golf course.

Charlton has received regulatory approval for his \$123 million venture, while CADCO must wait for the Town of Canmore to make minor amendments to its bylaws.

Once fully approved by Banff's planning boards, both projects still need major investors before construction begins.

Water use up at Utah course

SALT LAKE CITY — Owner David Bingaman used a million gallons of water daily to keep the fairways at Stansbury Golf Course green over the three summer months.

While Bingaman realizes that's "as much water as some towns use," he told the *Salt Lake Tribune*: "As long as golfers and the public in general demand a certain level of excellence, you have to keep it that way."

Although Utah's annual average precipitation is 13 inches, each Utahnite uses 218 gallons daily — more than double the nationwide average — for domestic purposes.



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