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## Michigan project

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The Little Traverse Conservancy, for instance, was very helpful."

Little Traverse helps organizations obtain land for public parks, which Bay Harbor developers have agreed to do, according to Little Traverse Director Thomas Bailey.

"They went to the local government and state agencies, unrolled their plans on the table and basically said, 'Here's what we want to do. What do you think?'"

"They asked for input and then followed through with everyone's suggestions. So often, developers

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say they are going to do this and that, but when it comes down to details, they are very vague. David Johnson and CMS were always open with everyone."

Bailey said he was also very comfortable with Boyne's involvement, calling it one of the area's most successful resort operators.

"They are local folks who do quality work," he said.

The project was so well received that no one responded during the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers required comment period, Kershner added.

"The Corps' people said they couldn't remember that ever happening before," he said.

The final two administrative details were ironed out July 11.

First, the state approved final closure plans for the plant and agreed to indemnify developers against any possible future lawsuits related to the closing, Kershner said.

Second, the developers finalized the purchase of another 750 acres from plant owner Holnam Inc., the largest cement manufacturer in the country, he added.

The course will work its way over varied terrain. Seven holes (one more than Pebble Beach, Kershner said) will play along two miles of shoreline. Another five will work their way in and around

the former quarry. Several holes will travel up and over covered kiln dust piles as high as 150 feet, while others meander through a forested area called The Preserve.

Construction of The Coastal 9 was scheduled to begin in July and open in early 1996. The Quarry and The Preserve 9s will open the following two years. All 27 holes will eventually be private, although they will be open to public play until a certain membership threshold is reached.

Hills was selected to design Bay Harbor for several reasons, Kershner said. Developers wanted a widely known architect because of the relatively isolated

location and the need to sell house lots (25 have already been sold at \$500,000-plus each). Hills was among a handful of designers making that initial cut.

Hills was also a favorite of CMS's chairman, who is a member of the Hills-designed Club at Pelican Bay in Naples, Fla., Kershner said. Finally, Boyne is building a Hills-designed course and "it made a lot of sense to have him work on this one while he was in the area," Kershner said.

Ironically, Hills had visited the site long before a course was planned and felt it would make a great location for a golf facility, Kershner added.

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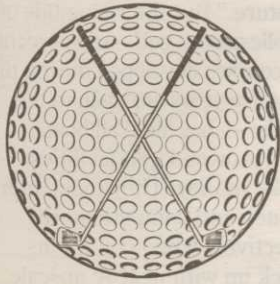
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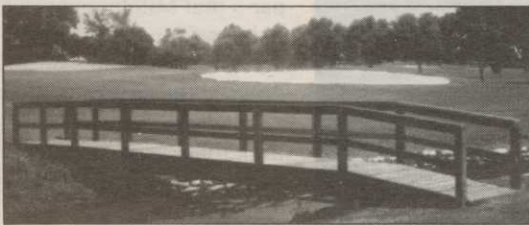
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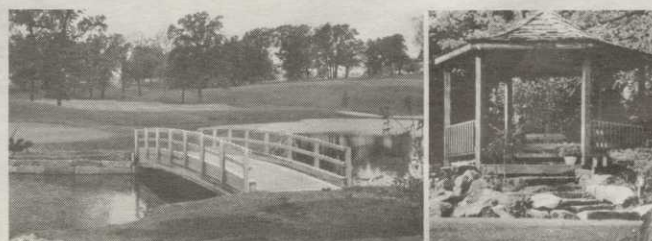


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even most bureau-brokers, because I believe most do wear white hats.

But Jonathan H. Adler declared: "Most classroom environmental information, including most that is listed at the EPA clearinghouse, comes from literature and teaching guides drafted and distributed by the major environmental groups."

But, that was more than two years ago and Carol Browner seems bent on rectifying the situation. Let's give her the benefit of the doubt. Remember, the EPA-ites in the past have not even believed in deadlines. Now they have one — Sept. 30 — set by their own commander.

"When you consider that EPA deals with the two most process-oriented professions — science and law — it's almost a wonder we ever get anything done," defended EPA golf liaison officer Mike Scott. "And at the same time, it's a testimony to the competence and diligence of EPA employees that we work relatively fast, given the fact that we're dealing in the context of law and science. It's not like dealing with economics, particularly monetary policy where things come and go in 30-day cycles, you can move pretty quick."

The EPA may never get down to those 30-day cycles to get things done. But what Browner has done is a step in the right direction.

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A leader in the turfgrass industry said New Zealand and Australia use the United States as a "dumping ground" for bad grass seed. On hearing this, my wife said: "And we've given them Coca-Cola, blue jeans and The Grateful Dead. You reap what you sow, don't you?"



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