

GD beating missiles into putters in California

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. — With the defense industry taking a downturn, General Dynamics is building a hotel-conference center here featuring a \$20 million public golf course designed by Arnold Palmer.

The 18-hole course will sit on 174 acres of a 380-acre site which city officials rezoned in June from industrial to mixed use of open space, commercial and industrial.

Officials hope the course will be "the catalyst" for other developments. City Planner Dan Coleman told the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*.

The entire project, which will take 10 years or

longer to build out, could create thousands of new jobs, according to a General Dynamics spokesman.

Construction should begin in the fall on the golf course, which will be the first daily-fee facility in the community.

Its only private course is Red Hill Country Club.

The property consists of approximately 300 acres of vineyards, five acres of unpaved city roads and 75 acres containing three buildings leased by Hughes Missiles Systems.

Water issues slow Colo. course

SILT, Colo. — Plans to build an 18-hole course here are in limbo because of difficulties surrounding water rights.

Developer R.M. Dixon has offered to donate 150 acres to the town for the course. However, he wants to lease the water rights to the municipality rather than donate or sell them.

The city must issue revenue bonds to pay for the proposed \$2.5 million course. But Silt officials say that will be very difficult

to do without ownership of the water rights.

Meanwhile, time is running out to get the bond issue on the November ballot. Without the referendum, construction could not begin next spring as originally planned.

If the city deal falls through, Dixon could seek a private developer to build the course. However, complying with local planning and zoning matters would take at least six months.

Neb. towns unite to build new nine-hole layout

FULLERTON, Neb. — Citizens, unite! is the call that has gone out to build The Loup, Cedar Valley Regional Golf Course here.

Golfers from four counties have invested \$200,000 and volunteered labor and machinery to begin construction and reduce another \$100,000 of the cost of the nine-hole course. Volunteers hope to do 50 percent of the heavy dirt work and 80 percent of the light dirt work, seeding and irrigation installation, financial adviser Mike Brooks of Genoa told *The Grand Island Independent*.

The 3,600-yard, par-36 track, designed by Marty Johnson of South Sioux City, will augment the existing Fullerton Golf Course, extensively damaged when the Loup River flooded last year. It is expected to open next June.

Other towns involved are Genoa, Cedar Rapids, Wolbach, Palmer, Clarks, St. Edward and Belgrade.

A limited number of memberships are being offered, for a minimum \$500 stock certificate. Hole sponsorships are being sold for \$5,000.

Tree removal a sore point at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Local environmentalists have balked at current Pebble Beach Co. plans to build a Tom Fazio-designed golf course, 350 housing lots and driving range, citing damage that would be caused by the proposed removal of 57,000 trees.

But Pebble Beach officials argue a tree-replanting program would mitigate the effects of the tree removal, according to Mark Stilwell, the company's vice president of real estate.

"You couldn't do any development without cutting down trees," Stilwell told the *Monterey County Herald*.

Stilwell also noted the current proposal is far smaller than the 890 lots allowed under plans approved by state Coastal Commission.

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