

Kansas towns could nix golf deal

GIRARD, Kan. — A pair of Kansas municipalities have balked at partnering with Kansas Golf Management (KGM) to develop a \$5.9 million golf course project. The latest "nay" was uttered by the Crawford County Commission here.

"It's wonderful if [KGM] wants to build it, but only if they put up their own money — not the taxpayers' money," Commissioner Pat Barone told *The Morning Sun* of Pittsburg.

The KGM proposal was similar to a plan presented to the Frontenac City Council in May. No action has been taken since the City Council met with its bond consultant in executive session on May 16.

KGM's \$5.9 million course plan calls for financing under a lease-purchase type arrangement or some manner of revenue bond. County liability — in either case — would be limited to \$500,000 for one year, the developers said.

Fla. resort gets preliminary OK from planners

PERDIDO KEY, Fla. — Developers of Lost Key Resort Country Club have received preliminary approval of plans for 18 holes and 337 housing units here.

The okay for Lost Key turned heads because nearly 20,000 people signed petitions opposing an unrelated Pensacola Beach golf development last year. The Audubon Society, League of Women Voters and *ad hoc* Save Our Beach committee all fought the doomed project.

However, County Attorney David Tucker said the only thing preventing the Pensacola Beach course was a 1985 agreement that requires the property remain as "unimproved recreation. There is no similar document regarding Perdido Key," he added.

The Perdido Key site lies just south of mainland Escambia County across the Intracoastal Waterway. Several residents have expressed fears the course will harm wetlands, the Old River and Gulf of Mexico. But Bromfield Nichol, a Pensacola engineer heading the permit process for Lost Key, said the course will not harm nearby waters.

Huizenga's sports complex receives special tax levy

MIRAMAR, Fla. — The state legislature has created a special governmental district to oversee development of Blockbuster Park, a 2,500-acre sports and entertainment complex that would include two championship golf courses.

In addition to the 6-percent state sales tax, the special district could levy a 1-percent tax inside developer H. Wayne Huizenga's complex. The bill must still be approved by Broward and Dade counties and Miramar.

Wayne's World will also include a baseball stadium for the Florida Marlins, hockey arena for the Florida Panthers, a theme park and television studio.

Discrimination bill dies in Ohio Senate

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio House bill that would prohibit membership discrimination at private golf clubs appears to have died a slow death, though supporters can resume their fight, from scratch, in 1995.

Unless the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee moves House Bill 190 from a crowded agenda and approves it for a vote by the full Senate, the proposal will die. While it will technically survive until Dec. 31, the bill was not addressed before summer recess and there is no guarantee of a second 1994 session.

"I suspect it might be difficult to have a hearing

on it because of the priorities involved," Sen. Betty Montgomery of Perrysburg told the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. "We're dealing with some major criminal issues in the judiciary. I suspect that death and destruction will take a higher priority than tee times."

The proposal would prohibit clubs from reserving choice tee times for male members. It would also forbid golf, swimming, yachting, and other clubs from rejecting members or restricting their privileges on the basis of race, sex or other "arbitrary" classifications.

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