ARCO's coastal Calif. project hits troubled waters

NAPLES, Calif. — Atlantic Richfield Co.'s attempt to convert oil facilities into golf courses near Goleta has met with trouble.

County supervisors last August voted to allow Arco to build an 18-hole course on 250 acres of coastal land in the Naples area. The \$10 million development would include a separate nine-hole course, clubhouse and parking space.

Now, the Californial Coastal Commission wants to examine the project more closely

Surfriders object to the project. They fear golf course operators will not permit them to cross to get to beaches near Naples Reef.

And, it was noted, errant golf balls might pose a threat to harbor seals.

Illinois track ready for June opening

WINFIELD, Ill. — The 18-hole public golf course and clubhouse here will open by June 1.

That's the latest word from Michael Beaulieu, land development consultant for Klein Creek golfcourse. Seeding and earthwork has been completed, as are ponds on the site that act as storm water management features.

The amount of water retention Klein Creek provided on the site exceeds by more than one-third the amount required under the DuPage County storm water management ordinance.

Pebble Beach sues over copycat holes

HOUSTON, Texas—The famed par-5 14th hole at Pebble Beach, Calif., stands alone in links lore. Owners wish to keep it that way.

They've filed a lawsuit charging Tour 18 officials with trademark infringement in copying the 14th — and advertising that fact.

Tour 18 officials don't deny such attempt at duplication. All their 18 holes are intended re-creations of a famed hole in the United States. They note the replica can't be totally true. For example, there is no ocean near Tour 18. At best, theirs is a reasonable facsimile, they say.

Sawgrass' 17th to be replicated in NY

NEW YORK CITY — Eighteen Construction Co. is replicating the 17th hole at The Players Club course at Sawgrass in the middle of Long Island's Hertland Golf Park.

The hazardoushole surrounded by water is part of a nine-hole executive track, with each hole a replica of famous par 3's around the country, including the 7th at Pebble Beach and 12th at Augusta National.

Pennsylvania landfill could become site of golf links

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, Pa. — These days, mention of a proposed course is often accompanied by "site of a landfill," or "former garbage dump." The space squeeze seems to have forced golf courses into unenviable positions where sights — and smells — are involved.

This may not be as bad as it appears on — or under — the surface. The York County Solid Waste Authority is testing a process that eventually could open acres of county landfill for an 18-hole golf course.

Moreover, it may help solve nagging drink-

ing water problems still facing a few neighbors

The process involves digging up longburied trash, trucking it to the Lancaster County incinerator for burning, then burying the ash in an active part of the York County landfill here.

Dave Vollaro, an engineer with the Authority, said one of the benefits of removing the unlined section of the landfill is that it would allow development of a golf course on the site.

The golf course could include water haz-

ards that would actually help clean the remaining toxins in the soil, he said.

Water from the ponds would seep through the soil, taking contaminants with it. Underground pumps connected to filters would constantly filter the groundwater, as they do now. Eventually, all contaminants would be filtered out of the site.

"The golf course is the best idea as far as being made to look like it never was a landfill," said township supervisor William T. Streett. "It would make all property in the township more valuable."

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