

Palm Springs layout hits snag

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — A \$10 million redevelopment subsidy for a planned residential and golf course project has encountered resistance.

Harold Schoenfeld, former superintendent of the Desert Sands Unified School District, led opposing residents demanding that the city prevent payment of taxes to the contractor and recover any funds already allocated. Payment also is requested for legal expenses.

Schoenfeld said the \$10 million

financing plan was "an illegal gift of public funds" that violated the state constitution.

The Reserve at Hidden Valley would include 250 homes and 21 golf holes on 600 acres north of Ironwood Country Club, south of the Living Desert preserve and east of Portola Avenue.

The City Council approved the \$60 million project 4-1 in November 1992. The plan included \$10 million in redevelopment funds to reimburse the Lowe Reserve Corp. for a flood gate at the country club.

Ky. course wins local court approval

COVINGTON, Ky. — Delays in the Devou Park Golf Course expansion have proved costly to opponents and proponents alike.

The city's plan to add nine holes to the Devou Park links met injunction opposition by a citizens group, which could lose the \$25,000 cash bond posted to file an injunction recently overturned by Kenton Circuit Court Judge Douglas Stephens.

Stephens ruled that Covington's plan to add nine holes violated neither the spirit nor the

letter of the deed restrictions on the property.

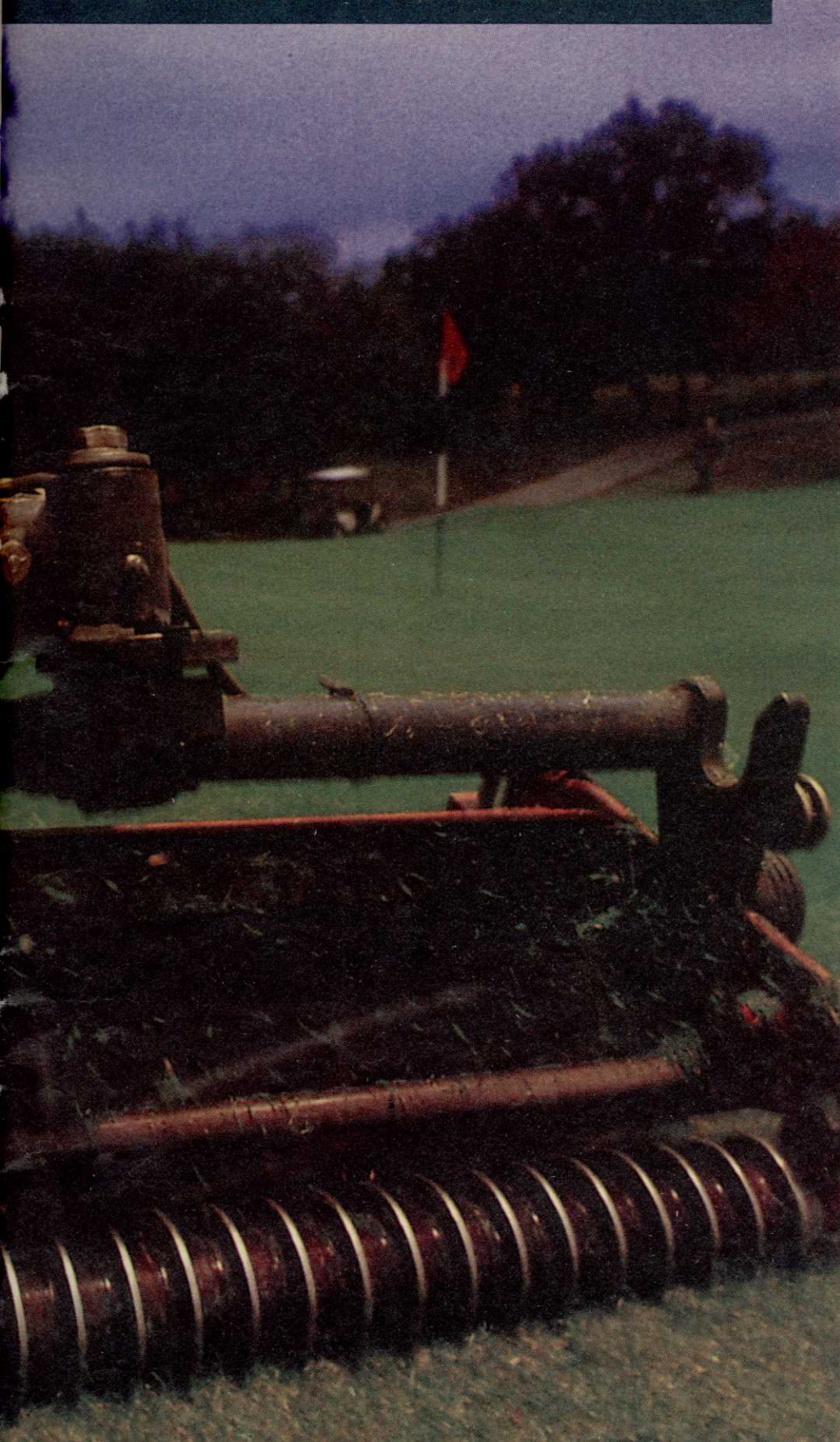
Some opponents favor pursuing the case. Others are weighing future costs, estimated at \$20,000.

The city hasn't escaped, claiming \$100,000 in losses from an injunction that stopped construction planned to start Aug. 1. City attorney Joe Condit said the city lost \$10,000 in legal fees and a projected \$85,000 in revenue because it lost a season of golf.

The course was to open next summer. Construction now will start in March.



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Tenn. track still a good year away

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The privately operated Cotton Creek public golf course should be in use by the summer of 1995.

The Memphis-Shelby County Land Use Control Board has endorsed the Office of Planning and Development's support for the project.

Judd Lindsay, Cotton Creek developer, said the course will require 16-18 months for construction. The application calls for an 18-hole par-72 course, lighted driving range and pro shop.

The site is a 193-acre wooded tract on Collierville-Arlington Road, just north of Collierville.

Collierville plans a municipal course in competition with Cotton Creek. No one from the city contested Cotton Creek's application.

Calif. developer buys Fla. track

OCALA, Fla. — It's a long drive from California to Florida, but Los Angeles-based Manoucher Sarbaz plans golf course investment in the Sunshine State.

The Pico Investment Co. president recently bid a winning \$7.5 million for Golden Ocala, a 297-acre golf course and driving range northwest of Ocala. Sarbaz will upgrade Ocala's 18 holes, with its replica holes, and keep it public.

Ocala was built for \$31 million and last appraised at \$1.26 million. In 1992, gross income was \$954,505.

Ohio worker faces penalties

HAMILTON, Ohio — A former Weatherwax Golf Course employee faces more penalties.

Fired for stealing \$300 from the cash register last September, James C. Daley has admitted additional thefts the past two years.

Daley was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$1,000 for his most recent misdeed. Police declined to name the amount Daley took.

The golf course record system since has been revised.