

## Course project softens blow of plant closure

RICHLAND, Wash. — Jobs at the new Horn Rapids Golf Course and Industrial Park may diversify the economy in this atomic town that is expecting to lose its primary employer upon completion of the Hanford nuclear reservation cleanup.

The new golf course and community — located across the street from each other — hope to attract people who work in the Tri-City area and lure companies like Boeing Co., Microsoft Corp. and Honeywell Inc. to replace the possible loss of 16,500 high-paying jobs from Hanford.

The golf course should play a large

role in the city's economic future because city officials envision people who live around the course working at an industrial park across the street.

The Horn Rapid development is the first effort to decrease Richland's dependence on the U.S. Department of Energy and Hanford. It plans to launch other developments near Battelle-Northwest.

Richland also owns 5,000 to 6,000 acres, thousand acre tracts and single lots, that they plan to use in the future development of the area, said Bill King, deputy city manager for community development.

## Booming Arkansas village eyes sixth course

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — The Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association (HSVPOA) Board of Directors has approved an amended offer for the future development of the village's sixth golf course.

The board, by a five-to-one vote, accepted developer Cooper Communities Inc.'s offer of 450 acres of land on which to build the course, architectural services worth \$94,000, and a four-year, interest-free, loan of \$1.3 million to meet construction costs.

In return the HSVPOA is to provide water and sewer services to certain Hot Spring Village subdivisions.

The amended version was completed Tuesday in last-minute negotiations.

"People asked 'Why the hurry?' But the

fact is that there is no hurry now," board member Ed Hearn told *The Sentinel-Record*. "We've secured the financing, but we're under no obligation to build the new golf course now or ever."

The association negotiating committee — Keith Brown, Hearn and Keith Endquist — had been hindered by dissent among the villagers because of cost.

Those in favor cited the growing demand for golf and decreased availability of tee times, as the retirement-based boomtown continues to grow by an estimated 1,000 residents a year.

Former vice president of HSVPOA Sam Harris told *The Sentinel-Record* he personally hoped the board would delay the action on the new course.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Local businessman Homer Scott Jr. is planning to develop an 18-hole golf course and subdivision on 608 acres near Big Horn. Scott presented plans to the Sheridan County Planning Commission in early June to build the course on the old Power Horn Ranch site. The golf course was compatibly zoned and met with no opposition. However, Scott had to file a request for zoning variance regarding the density of the proposed residential development.

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**HILTON HEAD, S.C.** — Construction has begun here on the retirement community of Sun City which will feature three golf courses, homes and recreation buildings. The developer, Del Webb, plans to have most of the clearing finished for the first golf course by March of 1995.

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**LAS VEGAS, Nev.** — Mt. Charleston Alpine Golf Resort is awaiting county approval to begin grading for a new 9-hole golf course. The \$35 million project calls for a future 132-suite hotel, an alpine village, skating rink and retail space. The course will be constructed by the resort's parent company and is scheduled to be completed later this year.

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**BRADENTON, Fla.** — Lakewood Ranch, the facility being developed here by the owners of the Schlitz Brewing Co., will include two golf course villages. Approved by both Manatee and Sarasota counties, the 20-year master plan calls for five residential villages in the development. The Country Club village will feature a 27-hole golf course and its sister village, Greenbrook, will sport an 18-hole public golf course.

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**GREENVILLE, Mich.** — Glenkerry Golf Course is scheduled to open its first nine holes by July of 1996. The developers, David and Kathy Klein — who are also owners of nearby North Kent Golf Course — are purchasing 290 acres of land from the city of Greenville for the \$1.6 million Glenkerry development. The course, designed by Warner Bowen and Sons, will be an 18-hole facility by the summer of 1999.

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**ABOITE TOWNSHIP, Ind.** — Chestnut Hills, an \$18.5 million development featuring a Fuzzy Zoeller golf course, will soon bridge the Aboite River here. The development will be built on 435 acres — containing woodlands, a creek, a river and five lakes. Owned by local businessman Gary Probst, Chestnut Hills will be a public golf course, with memberships available.



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