

AGC holds L.A. mayor to "privatization" campaign promise

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif. — The proposed privatization of Los Angeles municipal golf courses has prompted a substantial mailing campaign.

More than 200 city leaders were the subject of lobbying efforts launched by American Golf Corp. (AGC) as it attempted to persuade them to support its takeover of the Los Angeles city golf courses. Mayor Richard Riordan's campaign promises called for increased privatization of city services.

The letters, sent by Joseph Guerra, vice president of AGC, urged the business leaders to contact their city councilors and voice their support for Riordan and the privatization process. Unfortunately, this year's budget will not reflect his efforts.

"I think, from the point of view of the mayor, it did not make sense to take on the debate over privatization when he is trying to craft a creative budget," Richard Lichtenstein, a political consultant for AGC, told the Woodland

Hills (Calif.) *Daily News*.

Riordan's budget, released in April, called for increased revenue from city golf courses next year, without spelling out how money would be raised. The mayor formally proposed only one privatization program, involving parking enforcement in West Los Angeles.

The mayor's only hint at golf course privatization has been a tentative proposal to seek private bids on the operation of Hansen Dam Golf Course in Pacoima.

IDAHO PROJECT OKAYED

POST FALLS, Idaho — Prairie Falls Development has been granted a conditional-use permit for an 18-hole golf course, driving range and clubhouse here. The permit allows construction of the course on 120 acres over the next five years. City building officials will review designs for the course and driving range. A 112-lot subdivision on 37 acres of adjacent land has also been approved.

S.C. judge clears way for course on ghost roads

NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C. — Several abandoned roads and streets here may soon become fairways. An Aiken County judge has cleared the way for developers to proceed with construction of a golf course on the site of several abandoned byways here.

The B-T Design Group in North Augusta has won the right to take title of the land after the judge overruled a number of private citizens who opposed the street closings. The judge ruled the citizens did not have legal standing to raise questions about the land matter.

The order, signed by Master-in-Equity Robert Smoak, allows B-T Design Group to take title of the land in the 5th Street Bridge area of Hamburg and develop a golf facility.

Developer, Colo. city discussing municipal project

CANON CITY, Colo. — The developer of Four Mile Ranch and the city council here have agreed to continue negotiations for a municipal golf course.

The site in question, 200 acres in the Four Mile subdivision, was donated by a local farmer to Canon City for the golf course. However, the city council fears the project, in its sixth year, will not attract enough investors.

"I think we should go ahead and negotiate further, but when it comes down to a final absolute guaranteed contract, I still want to see the color of the money," Councilman Glenn Vaughn told the *Daily Record*.

Lancaster, N.Y. plan still on hold

LANCASTER, N.Y. — No action has been taken on the Fairway Hills development application to build a nine-hole golf course.

The planned course is part of a development of more than 400 houses to be built over several years on 200 acres.

Yorkton Lancaster Developments of London, Ontario, Canada, is the developer and hopes to begin major construction next year.

TRI VALLEY OPEN FOR PLAY

GARDEN, Mich. — The first nine holes at Tri Valley Golf Course here opened this spring after a one-year delay.

Owners John and Lana Lucas said the development plan includes a clubhouse and plans for a restaurant. The back nine holes should be ready for play by the fall of 1995, they said.



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