

Hawaiian island residents divided over resort plan

HANA, Hawaii — The first golf course proposed for Hana may not get off the ground.

Opponents have filed a civil lawsuit seeking to void earlier county approvals and to stop any work from being completed. The suit claims failure to adopt conditions to protect human and non-human resources in Hana, failure to allow public participation in the approval process and failure to require a proper environmental analysis.

Proponents claim the course is a necessary amenity that will attract visitors and ensure the financial health of Keola company, Hana's major employer.

The lawsuit claims that some council members received large campaign contributions from individuals connected with the project.

N.Y. airport may host public course

STEWART AIRPORT, N.Y. — Fairways soon may share space with runways at Stewart International Airport.

Stewart's land-use committee at a recent meeting seemed receptive to developing a public golf course on part of its 8,000 acres.

Mac Zeger of Newburgh presented the committee a petition containing 2,000 signatures favoring a course at Stewart. He added that a private backer is ready to put up \$4.5 million for the project.

Local golfers still are upset over the 1987 closing of the Newburgh Country Club near Stewart, which featured a 141-acre public course.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TWIN CITIES, Neb. — Expansion of Gering Golf Course to 18 holes is under research committee study. The city would need to purchase land owned by Harrison Nelson on the south side of Country Club Road. Two hundred persons have signed a petition requesting course expansion.

SULPHUR, La. — Clearing has been completed for the golf course complex at Park Site 11, and seed may be planted in July or August, according to architect Dave Roberts. The complex eventually will include a hotel/convention center. He said the actual opening of the course would be delayed until 1995.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The nine-hole Clearcrest Pines will become 18 holes in late fall of 1995. The site had been Clearcrest Country Club, but now will offer public golf. The course is owned by Gun Club Inc. Ron Pritchard is the architect.

College track delayed by wetland issues

LUDINGTON, Mich. — If environmental guidelines are met, a golf course proposed for West Shore Community College can be built here.

Representatives from Resource Management Group Inc. outlined three items for implementation. They include avoiding wetlands, streams and the South Branch of the Lincoln River during construction; that areas not essential to play be treated as wildlife habitat

and maintained in a natural or enhanced/managed site; and that best management practices be implemented in construction, maintenance and operation of the facility.

About 35 acres of the 185-acre site are regulated wetlands.

The course originally was proposed to the college last February as a "resort-style" 18-hole course on 180 acres of college-owned land.

Armco Steel sells Hills' Shaker Run

MIDDLETON, Ohio — Shaker Run golf course has been sold to a Cincinnati-based partnership for \$6 million.

Cincinnati developers David Brooks and Nick Bauer are the controlling partners. Other general partners are Pat Crooks and Bob Howard of San Francisco.

Armco Steel placed the 18-hole course, set on 538 acres in Turtlecreek Township in Warren County, on sale last year.

Shaker Run, designed by Arthur Hills and opened in 1979

for use by Armco employees, "just was not part of the core steel business," a company spokesman explained.

Long-range plans include building a new clubhouse and adding nine holes in 1995. Short-range plans include enclosing the dining areas in the clubhouse.

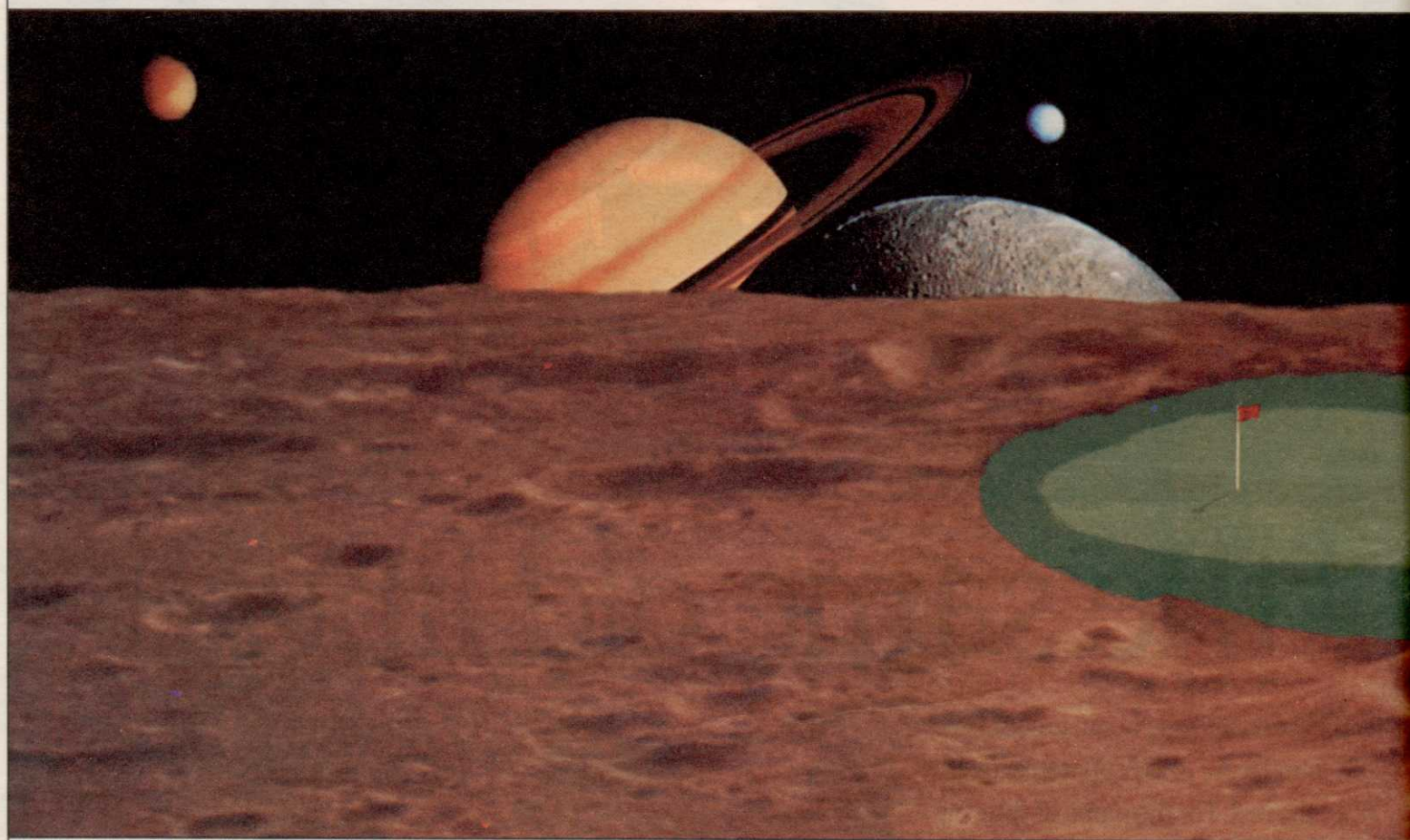
A 3,000-square foot pavilion for outings and awards ceremonies will be built near the 115-acre lake. The course will be re-manicured and the computerized two-pipe irrigation system expanded.

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