R.T. Jones Jr. course proposed

CLEARLAKE, Calif. — A golf course would be a primary feature of a proposed "very exclusive" 520-acre housing and resort complex southeast of Clearlake.

Sandra Bonner, city planning director, said, "The Robert Trent Jones golf course will attract people who travel all over to play his courses."

The planned Provincalia project would also include tennis courts, swimming pool and restaurant on the banks of Cache Creek. The project — deferred three years — is aimed at drawing tourists from the Napa Valley.

It would have 480 homes for middle-income and semi-retired persons.

Developer Agustin Rosas-Maxemin is working with representatives of Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s architectural firm on a championship course to take advantage of existing topography while moving a minimal amount of dirt.

Liberty State Park battle continues in Jersey

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — It wasn't exactly "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death," but the thunderous opinions of 66 speakers debating for 4-1/2 hours at a public hearing the merits of an 18-hole golf course in Liberty State Park had overtones of Patrick Henry.

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Even Peter Ylvisaker, the usually soft-spoken president of the Liberty State Park Development Corporation, raised his voice a notch or two. He delivered an impassioned speech in favor of the corporation's proposal to develop a 150-acre public golf course, 40 acres of picnic and playground areas, nine acres of ball fields and a 35-acre wetlands preserve in the park.

Anti-golf activist Sam Pesin declared the golf course will take about 50 percent of the park's usable open space for 2 percent of the people.

The Department of Environmental Protection planned to accept written comments until Sept. 25 Gov. Christie Whitman is expected to make the final decision.

The Development Corporation has proposed selling \$20 million worth of tax-exempt bonds to fund the improvements.



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Golf projects set to come on line in Washington

WENATCHEE, Wash. — A new 7,268-yard, 18-hole golf course and the expansion of Quincy Valley Golf Course from nine to 18 holes are in the works in the Quincy area.

Jim and Mary Thomsen's new layout should be ready for play in 1995. Amenities would include a clubhouse, driving range and possibly a putting course. The as-yet-unnamed course, expected to cost more than \$1 million, will be semiprivate, with public play on a space-available basis. Bart Treece Jr. is project engineer.

Quincy Valley's new nine should be ready for play next spring. The property is owned by Lenora and Chuck Anabel, along with son Ron.

Cimarron Trails set to open all 18 holes this fall

PERKINS, Okla. — The \$2 million Cimarron Trails Golf Course will be at its full 18 holes late in September. The first nine opened earlier in the month.

The course, designed by Kevin Benedict and developed by Craig Metz, is laid out over 181 acres of rolling terrain along S.H. 33 on the north edge of Perkins.

The multi-level clubhouse should be completed by mid-October, said golf pro Jeff Holt.

GROUND BROKEN FOR MINNESOTA TRACK

OWATONNA, Minn. — Ground was broken June 16 for \$2 million Hidden Creek Golf Club.

Don Loken Excavating is the primary contractor. Favored by the weather, Loken's forces are ahead of schedule. The driving range already has been constructed.

Randy Nelson is the course superintendent and Jim Deutsch will be the club professional when at least the first nine opens in June.

The course is nearly 7,000 yards from the longest tees.