

OREGON CITY CONSIDERS COURSE UPGRADE

GILROY, Ore. — The city wants a premier 18-hole course to replace the municipal nine-hole track here. City Administrator Jay Baksa has briefed city councilors on the status of talks with the Milpitas-based home building giant Shapell Industries about its proposed upscale golf course. The 18-hole facility would be part of an exclusive hillside 853-unit residential development. There would be no developments until a golf course feasibility study is completed in September.

Virginia soybean farm on the decline mulls golf conversion

HARTFIELD, Va. — A vast soybean field soon may become the Plankatank River Golf Club.

Brothers John and E.G. Fleet, grain and dairy farmers, are looking to the future. Partners in an agricultural equipment dealership their father started in Middlesex County, they have decided to turn a declining dairy business into a strengthened family enterprise.

They are converting a tract of bean fields and forest into a par-72 golf course.

The brothers' 120-head dairy herd is the only one in Middlesex and one of only two or three remaining in the Middle Peninsula-North Neck region. The dairy soon may dissolve, but the

brothers feel a golf course is as close to agriculture as they can get. They view the course as a natural transition between agriculture and the waterfront development around the rural peninsula's tidal waterways.

G. Aston Carlton, a golf course designer from Manassas who is working for the brothers, said his projections show the course will become profitable by the third year. By then, he expects to see 28,000 rounds of play each year, about half its capacity.

Carlton and partner Algie Pulley have designed a course that could be the centerpiece of a development with 50 to 80 homes.

Resort project in limbo pending investigation

BUCK LAKE, Miss. — Two proposed golf courses are part of a 2,000-acre Buck Lake resort project whose future may be imperiled because one of the developers is under investigation.

Minneapolis-based Gaming Corp. of America lost its license to run the Winnebago Nation's Ho-Chunk Casino near Wisconsin Dells on July 9.

The Wisconsin Winnebago Gaming Commission concluded that principals of GCA and Golden Nickel had misled the tribe.

Barges of the project's first unnamed casino are on site and under construction. Plans include three separately themed casinos, two golf courses, hotels, a dozen restaurants, townhouses and an apartment complex.

The first casino project is on schedule for completion in early 1995. The site would be the closest casino development to Memphis. When complete, in 2000, it would be one of the biggest, at an estimated \$460 million.

Testimony by the tribe indicated a company official plied members of the tribe's business committee with drinks when they visited New Orleans in March 1993 while the Winnebago management contract was being considered.

The commission alleged the same Golden Nickel official offered to provide prostitutes to the visiting Winnebagos while a detective agency hired by GCA probed for scandal.

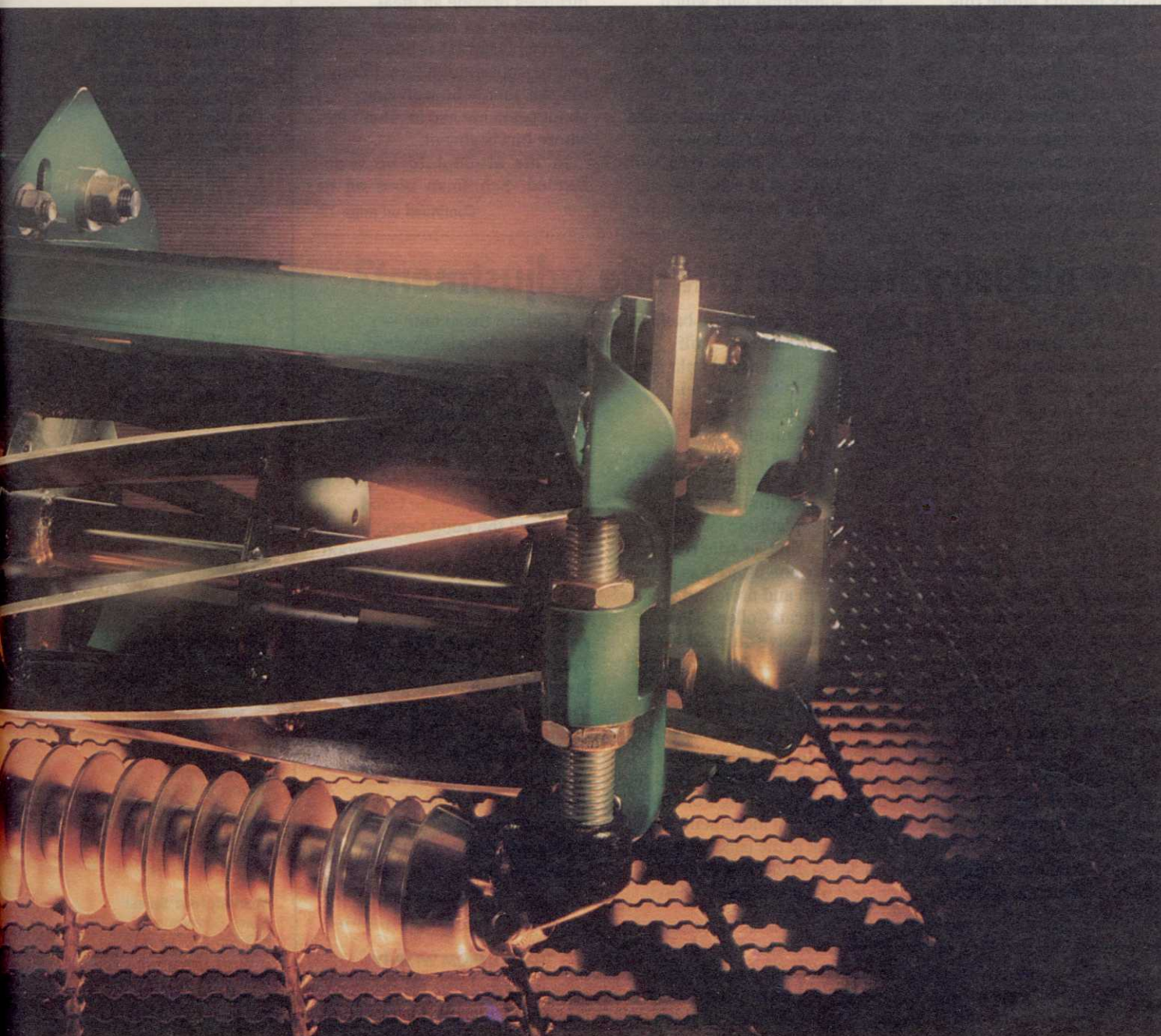
Maryland county okays course/park

PISCATAWAY, Mo. — A \$7 million project that would include a golf course and 108-acre public park has received county Planning Board approval.

The board unanimously approved preliminary designs for the Villages at Piscataway, a 1,140-house development earmarked for 879 acres at Floral Park and Piscataway roads. The land also would encompass more than 200 acres of open space for homeowners' groups, and a 12-acre parcel for an elementary school.

RESIDENT OPPOSES MAINTENANCE EXPANSION

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Sea Pines Co.'s plan to build a golf course maintenance facility has drawn objection from Sea Pines property owner Elizabeth D. Watson. She claims the company reneged on its promise to maintain nearly 1,300 acres of open space. Sea Pines plans the building on nearly 1-1/2 acres near Ocean Golf Course. The lawsuit seeks to keep the company from building it or cutting trees and filling lagoons to build it.



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