

## N.C. plan needs builder, operator

KINSTON, N.C. — This small city about 50 miles inland from the North Carolina coast will soon be getting its first 18-hole golf course. But not everyone agrees on who should build and run it.

The city of 26,000 has been studying the need for a public course for the past year and looked as if it were headed for a municipal course until a local resident, Judge Rodney Goodman, announced he was interested in building a privately-financed public course. The mayor and City Council said the

private sector initiative was a good idea, though some fear it could become a private layout.

Doug Spear, the consultant working for Goodman, said the proposed course, Timberlake, would open as a daily-fee operation and likely remain so.

Construction on a city-owned or privately built course is scheduled to start in late summer. Spear said if the city decides to go ahead with building and running its own golf course, Goodman's Timberlake proposal would probably be delayed.

## Raddison comes to La.-Texas border

TOLEDO BEND, La. — The Toledo Bend Reservoir area that divides Louisiana and Texas south of Shreveport has long been called "the sleeping giant." But that name won't fit much longer.

An 18-hole golf course, a 100-room Radisson Hotel and condominiums are currently under development. The project also includes plans for a marina, conference center and large fishing pavilion.

Over the next five years there are also plans for 200 miles of walking, biking and horseback trails.

The massive Toledo Bend Reservoir was created 25 years ago by damming up the Sabine River which forms the boundary between Texas and Louisiana. There are already more than 60 campgrounds, RV parks and marinas and 333 housing developments scattered along the shoreline.

## Suit can't stop Mississippi state park project

McCOMB, Miss. — The state is moving ahead with construction of a golf course at Percy Quin State Park in southern Mississippi despite a lawsuit aimed at halting the work.

Bob Tyler, director of parks for the state Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, said work on an 18-hole golf course and smaller par-3 layout is on track, including the cutting of timber. The park is about 60 miles south of Jackson near the Mississippi-Louisiana border.

Meanwhile, a group of citizens and park users has asked the Pike County Chancery Court to prohibit the clearing of forest on 320 acres of park property. Malcolm Allen, a Pike County businessman and a leader of the opposition to the project, said the group is trying to stop the cutting. Allen said there has been no environmental study.

The opposition has also had its share of intrigue. Pike County Circuit Judge Keith Starrett initially signed a letter with Allen's group in late February asking the state wildlife agency not to cut any timber and to hold a public hearing. Since then, Starrett said he signed the letter by mistake. He said he opposes wholesale clear-cutting but wouldn't be opposed to minimal cutting for fairways.

## Gregg's Landing receives okay

VERNON HILLS, Ill. — With a name good enough for a network cult series, a luxury golf course and residential development to be known as Gregg's Landing will be built on one of the last remaining large tracts of open space in central Lake County north of Chicago.

The Vernon Hills Village Board recently gave unanimous approval to a plan by Zale Cos. of Buffalo Grove for a maximum of 2,130 homes and townhomes on 1,110 acres of former Cuneo Farm land. Expected to attract about 4,200 residents, the development would increase the population of Vernon Hills by about one-third. An 18-hole public-access golf course designed by Dick Nugent and Associates will be located within the development. The course will be run by the village.

As part of an agreement with the village, the Zale group has promised to donate \$1 million each year for two years to a local school district. It will also pay for widening streets and improved traffic signals. It is also supposed to donate roughly 300 acres of open space to the village including land for parks, two lakes and the golf course.

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