

Kan. town to build links near dam site

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Part of a 1,700-acre expanse of federal land near the Clinton Dam could soon be turned into a golf course — although it's unclear whether it's a city-built municipal course, a privately-built public-access course, or a fully private course.

The city has been considering using the land near Clinton Dam for a public golf course since the mid-1980s, but has failed so far to act on it. It has also talked about building campgrounds, bike paths, picnic shelters and athletic fields.

Now, however, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which own

the land and offered to lease it for \$1 to the city in the past, may open the search for recreational developers to private groups.

Some city officials are concerned that private development could hurt the city's chances to develop a public golf course and recreational area. But others say a privately built course, as long as it was open to the public, may be a better solution for at least part of the prime land. A study session on the Corps' land is expected in February.

FSU offers new mgt. program

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State University is now offering a professional golf management program.

The program started this fall in the university's hospitality administration department in the college of business. It makes FSU the fifth university in the United States to offer a certified management degree program in golf. The others are Mississippi State, Penn State, New Mexico State and Ferris (Mich.) State.

Professor Robert Brymer directs the program. Students are required to take two years of liberal arts studies and both business courses and hospitality administration for one year. The focus is on club management, landscape and turfgrass management, human resource management and cost control systems. Students must complete a workshop covering rules, teaching methods, club repair, golf car maintenance and management.

Additionally, applicants must have a handicap of 8 or lower or pass a players examination administered by FSU.

Dispute slows Calif. project

ORINDA, Calif. — A golf course development including 225 homes called Gateway Valley is at the center of a legal dispute with two citizens demanding a review of a recently-approved development plan.

The District Attorney's office is looking into city deliberations with Gateway Valley property owner Pacific New Wave Corp. The complaints allege the city violated public meeting laws when its negotiators secretly crafted a plan to prevent a \$90 million lawsuit developers filed against Orinda after voters overturned the first development plan approved by the city. The amended plan and development agreement were then unanimously approved by the City Council in November.

Tenn. state park courses up for grabs

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — The battle of Tennessee state parks?

Opposition to the state's plan to build a golf course at Panther Creek State Park has led local officials near other state parks to offer their parks for the course.

Panther Creek is one of four state parks picked as sites for new 18-hole golf facilities. However, opposition has been building in Morristown about the proposal.

The other proposed golf course sites include Natchez Trace, Chickasaw and

Cumberland Mountain state parks.

The most active campaign to lure a course away from Panther Creek is in Franklin County, where former county commissioner Frank Sanders wants state officials to move the course to Tims Ford State Park.

Nearby Rock Island State Park is also ready to make a pitch.

State Parks Director Gerald McKinney said any decision to move the location of the golf course would be left to the recommended developers, Golf Services Group of Houston.

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