

DESIGN ROUND-UP

Brauer active in Metroplex; Sky Valley mess settled

ARLINGTON, Tex. — Jeffrey D. Brauer has completed two upscale, public golf courses within the Metroplex that will be ready for play in 1995. **Cross Timbers** Golf Course, in the city of Azle, is a 6,780-yard course located in a wooded setting with rolling hills and limestone outcroppings. **Tangleridge** is a 6,810-yard layout in the city of Grand Prairie. Tangleridge was inspired by the work of legendary British golf course architect

Alistair Mackenzie (1870-1934) and features numerous multi-lobed sand bunkers.

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VALLEJO, Calif. — **Sky Valley** San Francisco, L.P. and its general partner, Misawa Homes of America Inc., the owner of approximately one-half of a 1,339-acre subdivision located here, known as "Sky Valley," has settled all claims with the master developer, Sky Valley Limited Partnership. The settlement

comes almost two and a half years after the parties began litigation over breach of contract and construction claims in excess of \$100 million in Solano County Superior Court. The two parties were eventually moved into binding arbitration starting in November 1993. Under the terms of the settlement, the parties will move forward and complete the development, which includes an 18-hole golf course designed by **Arnold Palmer**.



A TREASURED POSSESSION

The Treasure Island Golf, Tennis and Recreation Center has opened in Treasure Island, Fla. The center features a nine-hole par-3 golf course with two ponds, sand traps and manmade grass hazards. The course is situated on the intracoastal waterways of Tampa Bay.

Jacksonville loses circa 1920s Ross golf course

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King of Neptune Beach, president of Ft. George Island Golf Association, Inc.

Supporters of the course hope to find more supportive listeners in the new Cabinet which includes four new members who stepped into their jobs on Jan. 3. Any member of the Cabinet can offer a motion to rescind a previous action of the Cabinet.

The Cabinet's vote was on the so-called 210 Plan which requests \$4 million to build the infrastructure for such "passive recreation" as hiking and bird watching.

"We have an abundance of nature trails in Duval County. There are 58,000 acres of state park adjacent to Fort George Island, and we only want 67 acres for greens, tees and fairways," King said. "Plus, their plan asks for another \$4 million ... and we already have \$2 million to restore the golf course."

Opponents, said golf course architect and Jacksonville resident Bobby Weed, "used the same old, typical environmentalists' fear and sensationalism tactics about the water, contamination, leaching."

Billy Arnold of Friends of Fort George Island told the Cabinet the 250-acre island is too small to support both a golf course and state park, according to *The Florida Times-Union*.

Golf historians have pointed to the fact that nine of the course's 18 holes were designed in the 1920s by Ross, one of the most famous course architects in the world.

The island had been clearcut and turned into a cotton plantation long ago, and construction of the course rejuvenated it. Now, a treasure will be lost, they say.

The state bought the island in 1989 and gave Jacksonville an interim-use agreement allowing the city to continue operating the golf course property.

But in 1991 Mayor Ed Austin said the course was too expensive to maintain, and it was closed.

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