

## IN BRIEF

**ROME, N.Y.** — A nine-hole golf course at the former Griffiss Air Force Base that sat unused last year will spring back to life this summer. Delta Knolls, a group that operates another course here, recently agreed to a 5-year lease with the Griffiss Local Development Corp. to manage the nine-holer. The course was maintained but not used since the base closed last fall.

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**LAMPASAS, Texas** — In 1948, the 9-hole Hancock Springs Golf Course was built in Hancock Springs Park for about \$10,000. Now, almost 50 years later, the city is celebrating the completion of a \$600,000 project that created nine new holes and a new clubhouse. Members of the Lampasas Golf Association were given first crack at the new nine. Of 200 members, 149 played, according to golf course manager Van Barry.

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**TOLEDO, Ohio** — Bedford Hills Golf Club, which already has an 18-hole course, recently opened a new 9-hole layout just north of the Ohio-Michigan line. Designed and constructed by course superintendent Bob Rutter, the new side, called the "Irish" nine is connected to the old 18 by a tunnel underneath Jackman Road.



### BEFORE AND AFTER

*What a difference a little bunker work makes! At left, the finishing hole at the California Golf Club of San Francisco before a recently completed restoration by Nickels Golf Group. Above, the finished product. Nickels, based in San Rafael, Calif., handled the design and construction.*

## Violence, death pull plug on Mexican project

**TEPOZTLAN, Mexico** — The developer of a controversial golf course and housing development in the colonial town of Tepoztlan canceled the project after violent confrontations that left one protester dead.

Francisco Kladt, head of the development firm of Grupo KS, indicated the investors in the proposed \$311 million project just outside Mexico City decided to cut their losses because of an increasing climate of violence.

Hundreds of opponents of the project, which included plans for 800 homes and a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, clashed with police earlier this spring as they tried to deliver a signed petition to Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo.

One member of the opposition Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) was killed and several other protesters seriously injured after police stopped them on a road about 40 miles south of Mexico City. Many of the protesters were Indians and peasants from towns that would be affected by the development project.

The state government said  
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