

## GolfCorp undertakes major overhaul of Fresno operation

FRESNO, Calif. — Thanks to a \$1.5 million overhaul by GolfCorp, the public, 18-hole Airways Golf Course has begun a new life.

The tree-lined layout north of the Fresno Air Terminal was designed and built by Bert Stamps and opened in 1950. But the heavily-played track fell on hard times in the 1980s and early 1990s. There were even reports it would be demolished for airport expansion.

GolfCorp, which now manages the city-owned course, spent \$1.5 million on a new 8,800-square-foot clubhouse and various course improvements. The course has a new watering system that has softened fairways, tees and greens. Some holes have been reconfigured and livened up and the course is now a par-70. Airways hosted a clubhouse dedication and tournament in early September.

## Bates/Couples open Calif. track

SAN JUAN BATISTA, Calif. — A San Jose-based commercial developer recently opened 18-hole public San Juan Oaks Golf Club near San Juan Batista.

The course, which sits on about 200 acres, was designed by PGA Tour player Fred Couples and architect Gene Bates. It was developed by

Brandenburg Staedler & Moore and a Japanese group called the Nikko Group, which owns two golf courses in Japan and several shopping centers in California.

San Juan Oaks, located just over the Santa Clara line in San Benito County, is the third public course in the county.

Scott Fuller, vice president of Rancho San Justo Co., the management firm that Brandenburg and Nikko formed to operate the golf course, said the area is ripe for a top-notch public facility like San Juan Oaks that offers private club-style course conditions and other amenities for public course prices. Greens fees range from \$33 to \$55.

## Developer joins Hawaiian study on environment

KANEOHE, Hawaii — The state Commission on Water Resource Management fined Pacific Atlas (Hawaii) Inc. \$29,000 this year for unauthorized alterations to a stream channel associated with its expansion of the Bayview Golf Course on Oahu.

But instead of paying the fine, the company has agreed to join the commission in a \$100,000 research project on the existing environmental quality of Kaneohe Bay's stream and marine habitat. Pacific Atlas will pay \$25,000 toward the study, while the Department of Land and Natural Resources will provide \$75,000 in matching federal money.

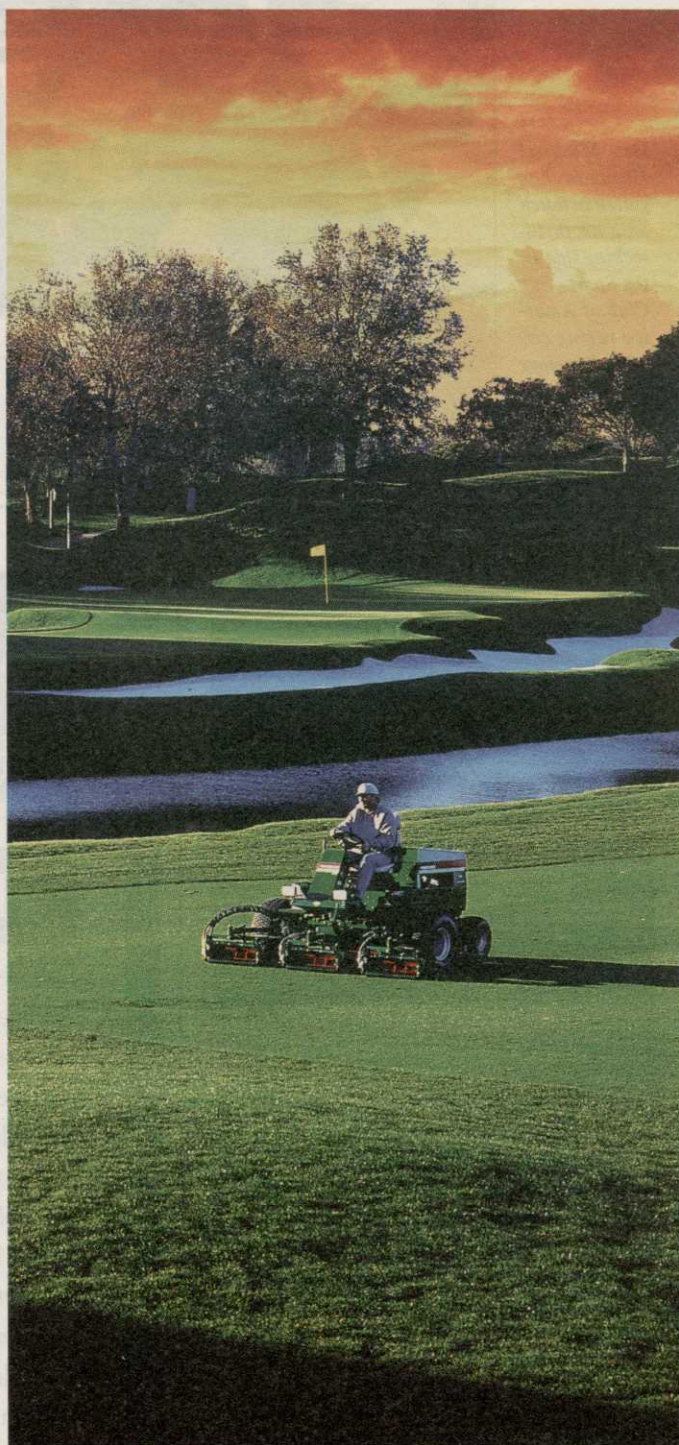
The commission fined Pacific Atlas after finding 29 violations in its after-the-fact application for stream alterations. The commission said the alterations included temporary bank stabilization, development of channel outlets, removal of mangrove from the stream and installation of 26 drain outlet pipes along the Kaneohe and Kawa streams. The golf course is scheduled to re-open late this year.

### WORK FINALLY BEGINS ON CALIFORNIA COURSE

LANCASTER, Calif. — Eighteen months after the groundbreaking ceremony, work has finally started on a nine-hole, par-3 course next to the Lancaster Business Park. Lancaster Golf Course Center Inc. is grading 20 acres of city land, where the firm plans to spend up to \$2.4 million to create a golf course, driving range, clubhouse, pro shop and parking for 110 vehicles. Developer Steve Oh said the project should be complete by fall 1997. The course will be Lancaster's first.

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