

## Dispute may split Houston course into two nine-hole tracks

HOUSTON — A dispute between a concessionaire and the city of Bellaire may split the municipal 18-hole Houston Hills course into two nine-hole layouts. One would be overseen by Bellaire and its selected operator and the other by the city of West University Place.

John Pape, city manager for Bellaire, told the *Houston Chronicle*, "Our portion can be effectively utilized as a nine-hole course. We are

prepared to operate it that way."

The potential split was prompted by a lawsuit filed earlier this summer against Bellaire by Houston Hills Corp., the company that manages the course for both Bellaire and West University Place. It accuses the city of breaking its contract and civil fraud. But Bellaire officials say the company has not followed through on certain aspects of its agreement.

## Shell buys Corpus Christi facility

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A group of investors headed by Shell Land Management Co. Inc. have bought the Kings Crossing Golf & Country Club as well as the surrounding residential community.

Shell Land, which has several other properties on the Southside and along Saratoga

Boulevard, bought the approximately 865-acre far-Southside golf course community for an undisclosed price.

The country club will still be called Kings Crossing Golf & Country Club, according to Ben B. Wallace, president of Shell Land, and will retain all 85 of its current employees.

## ClubCorp could relinquish Philly track operations

PHILADELPHIA — Golf Corp., the Dallas-based management group, is looking to get out of the Philadelphia's municipal golf market.

According to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, ClubCorp subsidiary Golf Corp., which took over Philadelphia's six municipal courses nine years ago, is looking to sell the 14 years left on its contract to the Meadowbrook Golf Management Co. of Chicago for a reported \$5.5 million.

Golf Corp. says it wants out of the deal so it can leave the daily-fee golfing business to concentrate on its resorts and private clubs scattered around the country.

The deal needs the approval of the Philadelphia Park Commission, whose members have been negotiating with the two companies behind closed doors for months.

## State approves 27-hole facility in suburban Boston

QUINCY, Mass. — A group of developers have gotten the go-ahead to build a public golf facility on two contiguous landfills in the neighboring towns of Quincy and Milton located just south of Boston.

The developers, Quarry Hills Associates of Quincy, recently got approval on their environmental impact report from the state's environmental affairs office.

Part of the facility, to be called Quarry Hills, will be supported by fill from the massive Central Artery roadway and tunnel project currently under construction in downtown Boston.

Quarry Hills will include a 27-hole golf course, 25,000-square-foot clubhouse, driving range, softball and soccer fields, basketball courts and other recreational amenities. Construction is expected to start later this summer with the entire project scheduled for completion in five years.

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