

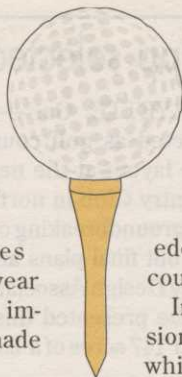
## Central Calif. city hires new operator

LIVERMORE, Calif. — The city has signed a two-year contract with Springtown Full Service Golf to operate Springtown Municipal Golf Course. Under the direction of managing partner Les Edwards, the new company takes over a nine-hole operation plagued by controversy.

The city canceled a month-to-month contract with Keith Boam, who ran the course for seven years. The city claimed Boam did

not perform needed repairs. Under Boam's management, however, the course did increase revenues and rounds, turning a \$50,000 profit last year.

The new contract requires Edwards to invest \$10,000 every year to spruce up the facility. Major improvements, however, cannot be made without the city's consent.



## Hawaii toughens development rules

HILO, Hawaii — The Hawaii County Council has opted for the *status quo*, backing away from a new proposal that would have given developers unprecedented latitude in building new golf courses.

Instead, the council placed provisions in a proposed new zoning code which require golf course developers

to get "use permits" from the county Planning Commission for each golf course proposal. These permits would be gained via public hearings — the same system now used.

Mayor Stephen Yamashiro's administration had proposed dropping the use-permit requirement. Under that plan, the county planning director, who is appointed by the mayor, would have had the power to approve golf course proposals without public hearings. Many residents sharply criticized the proposed change and the council eventually adopted stiffer provisions to keep the use-permit requirement intact.

## Reno university to build new course

RENO, Nev. — The University of Nevada at Reno will build an 18-hole public golf course to be called Wolf Run Golf Club.

The course, located south of Reno, is scheduled to open for play in June 1998. The university's booster organization, the Wolf Club, is putting up half the \$6 million with Golf Vision Development putting up the other half.

The two groups have agreed to a plan which will allow the Wolf Club to own the course and lease the club's operation back to Golf Vision Development. Lou Eiguren, a former golf professional at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course and Olympic Golf Club in San Francisco, will be Wolf Run's director.

Eiguren helped design the course. Blueprints call for one green to be fashioned in the shape of a wolf's paw. Certain tee boxes will take the shape of the state of Nevada.

The course will also serve as the home for the university's men's and women's golf teams.

## New course on tap for Georgia city

COLUMBIA, Ga. — Nearly 30 months after closing Victory Drive Golf Course, the city is ready to start work on its long-promised replacement.

A new, nine-hole public course designed by the architectural firm DeVictor Langham of Roswell, Ga., will be built at the Oxbow Meadows recreational area off South Lumpkin Road. In addition to designing the nine-hole layout, DeVictor Langham will also draw a master plan for an additional nine that will someday create a full, 18-hole layout.

The city closed the Victory Drive course when work began on the South Commons softball complex. The anticipated opening date of the Oxbow Meadows Golf Course is September 1998.

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