

## Former Major League ballplayer opens new layout in Ore.

MONROE, Ore. — The 18-hole public Diamond Woods Golf Course, the newest layout in the Corvallis-Eugene area, recently opened its first nine holes and the second nine is scheduled to open in 1998.

The course, set on 168 acres, is owned by Jeff Doyle, a former Oregon State baseball player with the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

The story of Diamond Woods is a family one.

Doyle's brother, Greg, has worked at courses the past 17 years, including Trysting Tree in Corvallis and Pumpkin Ridge in North Plains, and the two of them collaborated on the building of Diamond Woods. Greg Doyle designed the course and the brothers teamed up to build it, with the help of friends and laborers. When fully opened, Diamond Woods will play to 6,919 yards from the back tees with a par of 72.

## Asian investors buy Hawaiian links

HONOLULU — The Ewa by Gentry golf course being developed on the Ewa plain has been purchased by a group of investors in Pacific Rim countries and will be completed in 18 months, according to the project manager, Jasper Hawaii Investments Inc.

Coral Creek Golf Inc., the

buyer, and Gentry Homes Ltd., the seller, did not disclose the price. Howard Kihune, a former member of the Maui County Council and local representative of Jasper, told the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* his company will be looking for other Hawaiian projects for Pacific Rim investors and lenders.

The golf course, Jasper's first venture, is part of the 1,000-acre Ewa by Gentry master-planned community being developed by Gentry Homes Ltd.

## Major changes for Idaho's Thunder Canyon

LAVA HOT SPRINGS, Idaho — Big changes are on the way for the public, nine-hole Thunder Canyon Golf Course.

Nine new greens, two new fairways and nine new tee boxes are just a few of the projects being undertaken this year, according to new manager Jim Maughan. The pro shop is also undergoing a complete renovation and plans are in the works for a new practice range.

The revised layout is expected to add considerable length to the nine-hole course, and increase par from 35 to 36. The new course will be completed for play by spring 1998. The course will remain open throughout the 1997 season while the work is carried out.

## Vegas track set for summer play

LAS VEGAS — The par-72, championship daily-fee course designed by Rees Jones for the Seven Hills master-planned community is set to open this summer.

Twelve holes will weave through the rugged canyons. The other holes are situated on plateaus offering expansive views of the Las Vegas valley and surrounding mountains.

When completed, Seven Hills will have 3,600 homes, parks, playing fields, trails, and other amenities. One-third of the 1,300-acre community will remain as open space. Seven Hills is a development of Forest City Enterprises; resort developer Terry Johnston; and American Nevada Corp., a Green-spun company.

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