### San Diego course openings put city on development map

SAN DIEGO - It's been a while since San Diego county got a new golf course, but the drought will soon end with a flurry of new openings.

- A 27-hole facility designed by Ted Robinson and his son, Ted Robinson, Jr., is scheduled to open in Mission Valley in late November. The course was built on the former site of the Stardust par-3 course and driving range. Cushman Associates is developing the as-yet-unnamed course.

- Encinitas Ranch, a new 18-hole municipal course built on a former flower farm in Encinitas, is scheduled to open in March 1998. JC Resorts is the developer of the course, which will be situated on a bluff with views of the Pacific Ocean from nearly every hole.

Meanwhile, the new Carroll Canyon Golf Center has opened across from the El Camino Memorial Park. Carroll Canyon is a full-service lighted practice center that offers two unique attractions: a rough-lined 18-hole putting course with holes ranging from 30 to 165 feet, and a practice area with a chipping and putting green and another green that allows shots of up to 75 yards from grass and three bunkers.

#### CALIF. ARTIST CREATES MOUNTAIN MASTERPIECE AT PALM DESERT

PALM DESERT, Calif. - The new Desert Willow Golf Course features an unusual sight - 19 steel "mountains" created by a local artist. Allen Root used 23,000 pounds of steel to create the mountains, which attached to gaps in the course's perimeter wall. The rust-colored mountains, which cost \$180,000, are part of the city's outdoor public art program. Seventy permanent artworks and sculptures have been added throughout Palm Desert since 1986.

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## Arizona high school students construct their own golf course

PEORIA, Ariz. - After nine months of hard work, students at Peoria High School just outside Phoenix now have what they are billing as the only public high school golf course in the state, and maybe the country.

Students in the school's agriculture and building trades and their supervisors built a short, two-hole golf course with bunkers and two greens covering 10,000 square feet. The small course will serve as a training ground for students who will take the school's first golf course management classes in the 1997-98 school year. The program was started with a \$105,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Education.

John Mulcahy is the chairman of Peoria's vocational educational department and heads its award-winning agriculture program. He applied for the state grant after learning that turfgrass management is one of the fastest-growing horticulture jobs.

Along with the golf course management class, another class will focus on turf management while a third will teach students how to operate and maintain golf course-related maintenance equipment like sprinkler systems and mowers.

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