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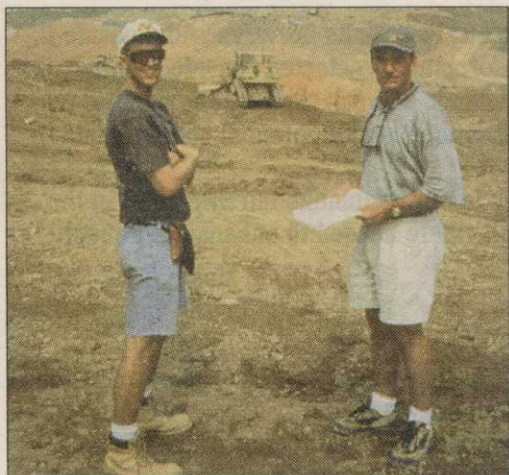
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Doug Nickels (right), of Nickels Golf Group, and shaper Cliff Hamilton on the fairway at Club 200. See story page 33.

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Texas seeks shelter from the heat

By MARK LESLIE

DALLAS — A typical day in August: The heat climbs to 101 degrees at noon, reaches 104 around 4 p.m., drops back to 101 at 7 p.m., and slowly descends to 90 by midnight. The low for the day is 82, recorded at 3 a.m. Water levels on Falcon and Amistad lakes along the Rio Grande are 50 feet below normal; boat ramps look like they are sitting on a cliff.

With four to five hours above 100 degrees nearly every day from July deep into August, and with an inch or so of rain in more than two months, Texas cooked on a high simmer — to the point that lives were in danger when precautions weren't taken.

That's the human side.

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N.C. State/Fazio next with research & teaching course

By MARK LESLIE

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State University is on the verge of building an 18-hole golf course on its Centennial

Campus here that will serve as a research, teaching and extension facility.

The Tom Fazio-designed course will be part of a hotel conference center complex that will be developed and operated by private enterprises, according to Dr. Charles Peacock of the Department of Crop Sciences and NC State's point man on the project.

The private companies

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Golden Bear Inc. hits hard times

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — At the beginning of July, Donald Trump dismissed Jack Nicklaus' construction company, Paragon Construction, from the job of building Trump's \$40 million resort just South of Palm Beach International Airport.

That was just the beginning of Golden Bear Inc.'s trouble.

At the end of July, Golden Bear said that it would restate its 1997 results after discovering that former managers of Paragon deliberately falsified reports, misrepresented

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GOTTA HIT IT FAR AT CINNABAR

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Cinnabar Hills Golf Club's #8 is a dramatic 222-yard par 3 perched atop the Canyon course. See story page 30.

Creative management ideas abound at PGF

By PETER BLAIS

The "Build It And They Will Come" philosophy may work in the Iowa ballfield business. But in golf, it takes efficient management and creative marketing to get golfers past the bag drop area as the speakers at this year's Management/Marketing Track of the Public Golf Forum can attest.

Six management/marketing sessions are on the line-up card at this year's *Golf Course News*-sponsored business conference and expo for superintendents, owners, managers and developers of public-access golf facilities on October 26-27 at Rancho Las Palmas Marriott Resort in Palm Springs, Calif. The Management, Development

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GLOBAL GOLF: NEPAL'S 'NEW MONUMENT'

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Proof that golf is truly global can be found here in the King of Nepal's 800-acre, walled hunting park which also contains the Royal Summer Palace. A staff of women plant a green blade by blade on the King's new course (above). The organic matter consists of composted rice husks and fresh, local elephant manure, the latter being collected daily from the jungle by a team of 60 laborers.