

## Controversy stymies Detroit's Humbug Island plan

DETROIT — Controversy is swirling around Humbug Island, where the developer Made in Detroit has proposed construction of 350 houses, golf course and marina.

While the plan has the support of government and business leaders, it has drawn wide criticism from conservation groups and recently a lawsuit from the Michigan Department of

Environmental Quality over protection of nearby Humbug Marsh.

The lawsuit alleges that the developers illegally cut down brush in a state conservation easement on the 400-acre island that is reportedly the last surviving marsh on the American side of the Detroit River. Made in Detroit has since submitted a new construction proposal.

## Golf in World of Oz park

DE SOTO, Kan. — California-based Oz Entertainment is pushing forward for the development of the Wonderful World of Oz theme park complete with a golf course, water park, hotel and movie studio.

The company originally planned to build on a site in Kansas City, Kan., but is now negoti-

ating to develop the project on the 9,000-acre Sunflower Ammunition Plant in De Soto.

However, the \$618 million project faces major obstacles in the eyes of many financial and industry experts. In order to break even, they project that the park will have to draw 2.1 million people per year to a facility that is more than 200 miles from Kansas City.

Oz Entertainment is currently working with the Kansas Development Finance Authority to finance the project.

## Wis. developers may have half year wait ahead

VERONA, Wis. — Madison Golf Development Group's plans to build a 27-hole course here may be on hold for as much as six months while officials rewrite the town's land-use plan.

In addition to the course, the 970-acre project will include 42 houses and a clubhouse.

The planning problem exists because the land sits on the Verona-Montrose township line and will require rezoning in order to move forward. Madison Golf officials are reportedly willing to wait until town officials complete the work.

## Geese flocking to Illinois links

WILLOWBROOK, Ill. — In a recent report, the Dupage County Environmental Commission documented local concern over the nuisance created by Canada geese, which are reportedly wreaking havoc at area golf courses, schools and parks.

According to the commission, the best way to combat the problem is to stop creating habitats that geese favor — such as the large areas of mowed grass leading up to open ponds featured on many golf courses.

The commission is planning an upcoming conference to discuss solutions to the problem.

## KROEGER PLANS PAR-3 COURSE

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Rick Kroeger, president of Kroeger Worldwide, a golf construction and consulting firm, is planning a nine-hole, par-3 course here in his hometown.

The 50-acre, \$400,000 project will include a driving range, ski hill and ice rink.

The proposed course will be aimed primarily at beginning golfers.

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