

## BRIEFS

**LANCASTER, S.C.** — A proposed development on 6,200 acres along the Catawba River here has suffered a setback after developers pulled out of the \$20 million project citing unexpected costs. The project was to include homes, apartments, golf courses and recreation centers for an estimated 20,000 people. Regional Property Corp. of Charlotte, N.C. and Burton-Katzman Development Co. of Bingham Farms, Mich., decided to pull out of the project when they discovered that it could take eight months and \$1.5 million to get permission from Duke Energy to build on a piece of waterfront property at the site. County officials are looking for new developers. The county has offered a \$4.5-million grant to run water and sewer lines to the property.

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**GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — The Michigan Golf Foundation (MGF) announced plans for Golf House Michigan, a family-youth golf center and nine-hole training course adjacent to the Huron Meadows Golf Course. Plans are to develop the 80-acre site into a learning center for Michigan's 25,000 junior golfers. The proposed \$8-million project will also house the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame and serve as a turfgrass research center for Michigan State University and the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation.

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**CARVER, Mass.** — Developer Charles Caranci has received approval from town officials to build an 18-hole, par-3 course here. This will be Caranci's second par-3 layout in the area. He built and operates the Squirrel Run Country Club in Plymouth. The 36-acre site will include the course, clubhouse, pro shop and pub. Caranci expects construction to take about one year.

## Dye course, learning center planned for World Golf Village

By ANDREW OVERBECK

**PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla.** — The PGA Village here, formerly known as "The Reserve," is expanding its golf offerings to include the first PGA learning center and an additional 18-hole, Pete Dye-designed course.

The PGA opened the original two Tom Fazio courses here in 1996. With this expansion, the PGA aims to create an international golfing, educational and training center.

According to Rick Martino, the learning center's director of instruction, the facility will be a unique educational and training center. It will have the standard swing analysis and teaching tools, but will also offer conditioning, wellness, and nutrition classes. The center, which is due to open in

January 2000, will be aimed at everyone from beginners to professionals.

"The point of this center," said Martino, "is to mix all types of instruction with playing situations. The more you can make practice like a playing situation, the more you will improve."

And when it comes time to play, golfers at the PGA Village will have three different style courses to choose from. "You will be able to come out of the clubhouse and play a different course during a three-day stay," said Bill Cioffoletti, director of golf operations. "With the Dye course, I can get golfers to Scotland in two minutes."

The south course is a Florida wetlands type of facility, the north course offers a Carolina feel, and the new Dye course will be a links style layout.

"Standing on the tee, it will be a well-defined golf course," Cioffoletti said. "There is no rough. Basically you see fairway into wetlands or fairway into transitional areas and sand and pine straw rough. There are also plenty of grass bunkers. It is a low-lying links style course."

While Scottish in terms of design, the course will not have a typically Scottish name. It has tentatively been dubbed "The Big Mamu" after the 90-acre wetland that dominates the property.

The Audubon-certified golf course is already well into construction. Clearing began in January and the grass-in is slated to start early this summer. The course is scheduled to be opened in tandem with the learning center in January 2000.

## Developer buys Va.'s Stumpy Lake

**NORFOLK, Va.** — The City of Norfolk has sold the Stumpy Lake Golf Course and more than 1,000 surrounding acres to a local developer who tentatively plans to build a retirement community and another golf course along the shores of Stumpy Lake.

Under the terms of the agreement with the city, Transamerica Services Inc. paid \$6 million for the property and will pay an additional \$2 million if it is allowed to develop up to 500 acres on the property.

The sale and proposed development has riled local environmentalists who claim that of the 1,440 acres of land at Stumpy Lake, 940 are wetlands. Activists are concerned that dredging and filling of wetlands will upset the delicate balance of the Stumpy Lake ecosystem, which, according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, has 53 species of birds and six species of snakes within a mile of the property's center. Golfers report seeing deer, packs of foxes, blue herons and bald eagles around the course.

Transamerica Services is working to set up a pre-application meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers, which would ultimately approve any work at the site.

## Iowa layout named to National Register of Historic Places

**CHARLES CITY, Iowa** — Wildwood Park and Golf Course built in the late 1920s and early 1930s has been named to the National Register of Historic Places, according to the *Charles City Press*.

The course, parts of which were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration during President Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930s, has long been the focal point of this small community and is the first course in Iowa to achieve such recognition.

"The architecture is old," admitted Wildwood Golf Club superintendent, Richard Wynn. "It features old push up greens, small tees, and unwatered fairways. But it is a very challenging parkland course."

However, Wildwood is known for more than its picturesque vistas, dense woods, and tight lies. During World War II, it served as a prisoner of war camp for German prisoners who were forced into farm, canning, brick and tile labor.

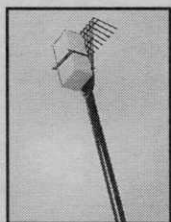
Charles City residents wanted to preserve Wildwood for its historical value and uniqueness as well as its role as the center for recreational activity in the community.

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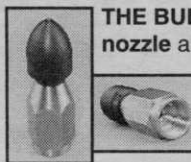
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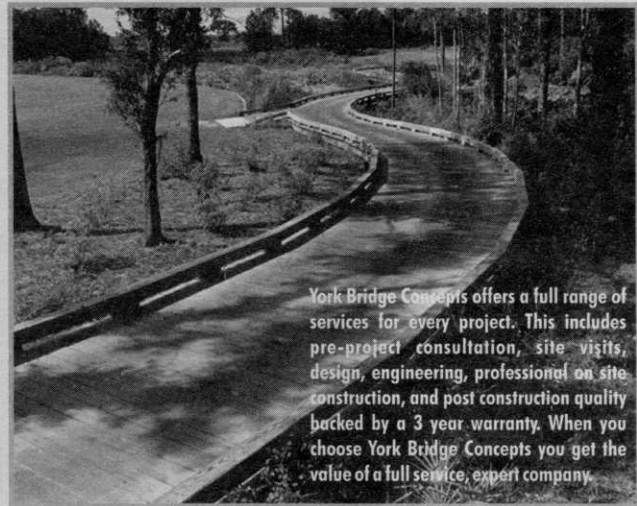
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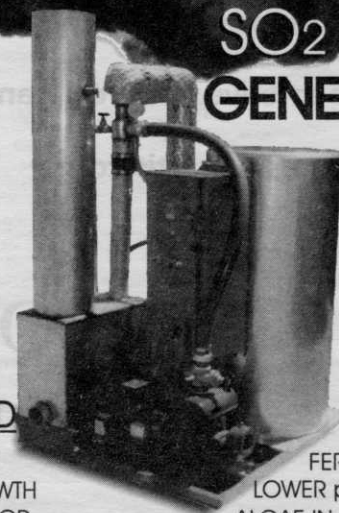


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