

Another 9?

San Marino's growth hinges on landfill

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Golfers will be able to double their duffs on a municipally-owned golf course soon.

Farmington Hills wants to buy 92 acres of vacant land near St. Marino Golf Course, which will expand from nine to 18 holes under the plan. Cost of the land is \$4.5 million.

Before the deal is final, though, the city will have an environmental study done on 23 acres of landfill on the property.

"Obviously, we know it's there and the seller knows it's there," said Steve Brock, Hills assistant city manager. "We don't anticipate finding anything that would

preclude us from doing the deal."

Expansion of the golf course — which was site of extensive vandalism spree during two nights last year — fulfills a promise made during the last three parks and recreation millage campaigns.

The hold-up has been finding adjacent land, said Dan Potter, Special Services director. The land owned by Eleven Pines Joint Venture is on the south-west corner of 11 Mile and Halsted, which is across the street from San Marino.

"We feel we'll be able to tunnel under that and be able to access those nine holes on the other side," Potter said. "You see golf

courses all over that are connected with bridges or by tunnels."

The site has other potential benefits, namely a pond, that will enhance the course's design, city officials said.

Some 40,000 rounds are played on the nine-hole course annually. That number could easily double with expansion, Brock said. While that means more swings on the course, the expansion is likely going to increase the number of customers at the course's On the Tee restaurant.

"I think business would grow extremely if they added another nine holes," said Doug Fletcher, assistant manager.

2 reappointed to history board

Donald Munter and Keith Grattan were reappointed to the Farmington Historical Commission during Monday's city council meeting.

Both will serve three-year terms, to expire in March 2001.

'You're looking swell ...'



STAFF PHOTO BY BETAN MITCHELL

Well, 'Hello, Dolly!' Marcy Ribits (center) captures the stage as Dolly, with her co-star, Karl V. Hinbern and the chorus in the background during a dress rehearsal of the Mercy High School production of 'Hello, Dolly!' which will be produced March 27-29 at the Farmington Hills school. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door. Students get a discount. Call 476-8020 for reservation.

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ARTHRITIS OF THE ELBOW

No joint escapes arthritis. Osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and psoriatic arthritis all can attack the elbow joint.

Pain is the first indication that your elbow has arthritis. Aching occurs when you reach out with your arm, or come to your hand to bring up something so light as a spoonful of soup.

Next you find movement impaired. Usually your elbow joint freezes looking your arm in the fixed position. In time, your biceps muscle develops a tendon contracture.

Elbow involvement in gout is different. In such cases the texture of the arthritis is sudden pain in the elbow joint, and subsequent swelling around the elbow and forearm. The experience mimics an infection or colic, making you believe your need antibiotics, not medication to treat inflammation.

In cases, rheumatoid, and psoriatic arthritis, treatment used for the other involved joints is key to success in controlling the elbow involvement. In gout, the physician needs to drain the elbow joint of uric acid, and then inject a steroid preparation if treatment is to prevent the elbow from locking.

If medical therapy fails, the option of elbow surgery remains. However, surgical techniques and replacement joint design are still evolving. Therefore treating with medication and joint injection, and by using physical therapy to reverse contractures, remains the major approaches to elbow arthritis.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

BAD HABITS

For many parents, thumb-sucking is a visible sign that their children may need braces. Yet, tongue-thrusting is a potentially more damaging habit that is more difficult to eliminate, and parents are rarely aware that it is occurring. This problematic behavior is thought to have its origins in bottle-feeding without the benefit of an orthodontic nipple. Bottle nipples of traditional design extend too deeply into the mouth and have holes that are pierced too generously. As a result, they encourage the bad habit of thrusting the tongue forward between the front teeth during the act of swallowing. As a result of the repeated pressure exerted upon them, the front teeth may fail to meet when the jaws are closed to create the malocclusion known as open bite.

If your child is a tongue thruster or a thumb sucker, it would be a good idea to have an early evaluation by an orthodontist to determine if damage has already occurred, and to what extent. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child visit an orthodontist by age 7 — or earlier if an orthodontic problem is detected. To schedule a free initial consultation, call THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman (422-8885).

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in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

TEETHING AND TEMPERATURE

Is there a correlation between teething and fever in your children? Some experts say that any elevation of temperature during teething is due to an unrelated illness, while others believe that teething may lower a baby's resistance to infection-causing bacteria and viruses. Then again, there is a theory that at about the same time that babies begin to teethe, they outgrow the protective immunities gained in utero. A 1993 Israeli study, the only one to be conducted while teething actually occurred, showed that 19 down to 4 days before tooth eruption, babies' daily temperature average 98.6 degrees. The study went on to show that, over the next three days, their temperatures averaged 99.7, and on the day that the tooth appeared, 25% of the babies had temperatures over 100.4, seemingly arguing in favor of a teething fever link.

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