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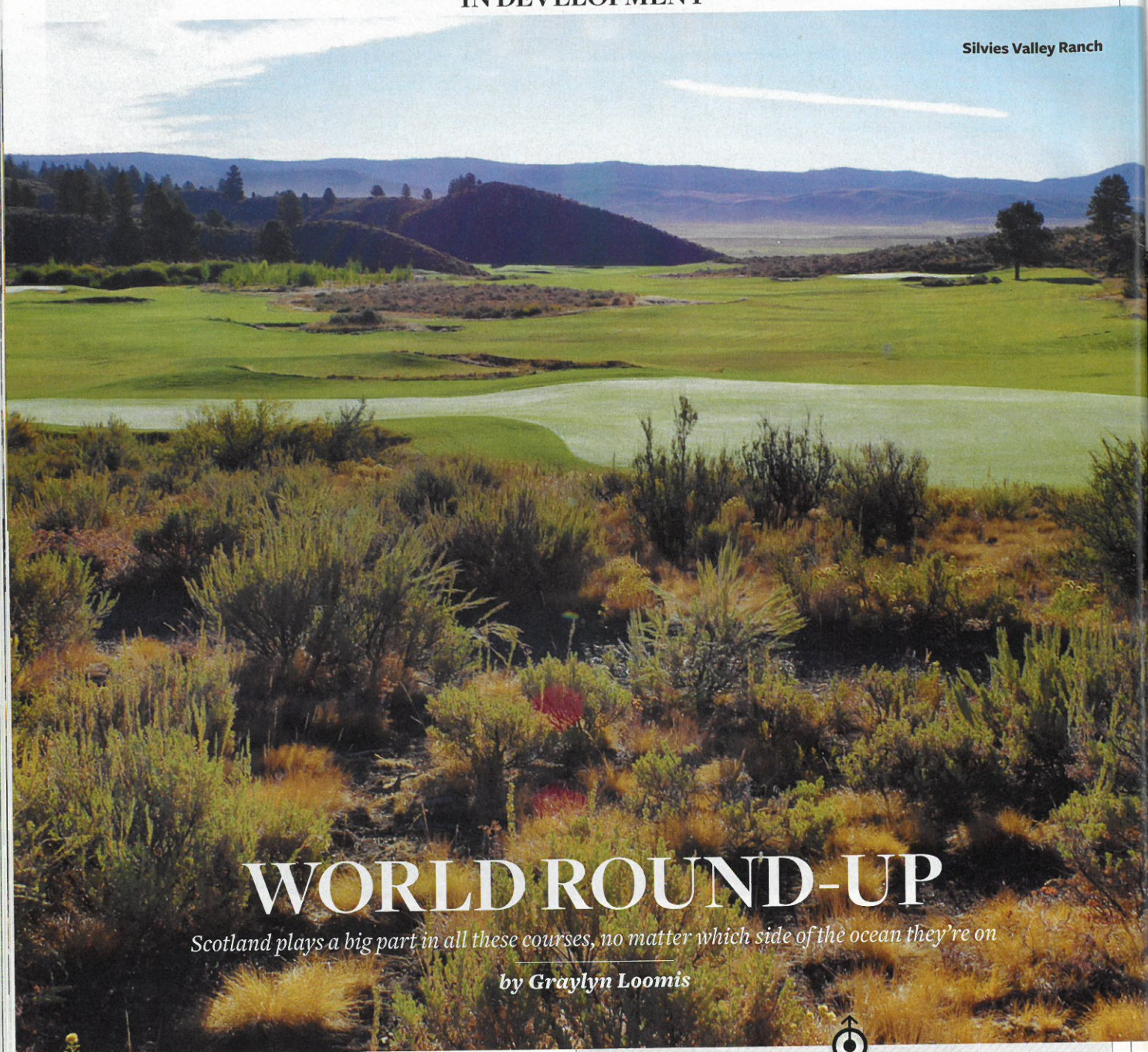
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WORLD ROUND-UP

Scotland plays a big part in all these courses, no matter which side of the ocean they're on

by Graylyn Loomis



SILVIES VALLEY RANCH

Silvies, Oregon

This reversible Dan Hixson-designed course, set to open in July, is built on a working ranch that dates back to 1883. The layouts are named Hankins and Craddock, after the pioneer families who originally settled on the site; the routing will reverse direction each day to vary the experience for visitors who will encounter more than 100 bunkers but no water hazards. "Our goal was to create the most unique golf design in the world," says Hixson, "providing dozens of golf rounds that are fun, challenging, and picturesque. We were inspired by the purity of Scottish links, allowing for true personal connections as you play, and I think we achieved that."

ARDFIN ESTATE

Isle of Jura, Scotland

This new golf course in the Inner Hebrides is nearing completion. Designed and built by Bob Harrison, the force behind the project is Australian hedge fund manager Greg Coffey, who is already in for a reported £55 million, much of that spent on shipping in sand, gravel, and other material to make Jura's mountainous, rocky landscape more conducive to golf. The course features dramatic views of the water and bold use of the undulating landscape, particularly on the back nine. Jura is accessible only by ferry, and it is unclear whether the course will be open to the public.