Workers fight to keep jobs

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Three Middlesex County parks employees are fighting efforts to dismiss them for alleged mismanagement of funds at Tamarack Golf Course.

Parks superintendent David Campion, golf pro Edmund Heuser and Clubhouse Manager Frank Giampietro are contesting their dismissal, which stemmed from a 34-page report filed by County Counsel Edward Gross. The report alleges the Tamarack trio ran the course contrary to the formal policies of the freeholder board, costing the county hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenues.

Gross' report also alleges that revenues for between 10,000 and 20,000 rounds of golf remain unaccounted for. This prompted the freeholders to ask the county prosecutor's office to open the investigation, which resulted in Gross' report.

"Everything my client did was with the full knowledge and approval of his superiors," Heuser's attorney Robert Adochio told The (Woodbridge) News Tribune. "They [freeholders] have to show good cause why he's being dismissed, and I don't think there is any."

A hearing is scheduled for this month.

Goforth loses Council backing

MOLINE, Iowa — Plans to build a golf course and upscale residential neighborhood here have stalled after issues of tax sharing muddied the water.

The Goforth Group, a Chicago development company, had planned to create a golf course and high-income housing development in an unincorporated area of Rock Island County, south of Moline. Goforth wanted to share with Moline the property taxes paid by homeowners within the development.

Goforth also wanted Moline to annex the land and guarantee that quality city services — water and sewer — would be provided.

However, the two-thirds majority needed to approve the measure no longer exists on the City Council. Alderman Barbara Sandberg is one of the dissenters. "I guess I just have some philosophical problems with sharing property taxes," she told the Quad-City Times.

The proposed agreement calls for all costs incurred by the city to be covered completely during the first six years of the agreement. For 20 years thereafter, Goforth and the city would split revenues.

Forecast to hold two-day golf range seminar

SAN DIEGO — Forecast Golf Marketing and Financial Systems of Richmond, Va., has announced a second golf range development seminar to be held here Nov. 16 and 17.

Scott Marlowe, president of Forecast, said: "We have put together a program which is the 'meat and potatoes' of golf range seminars. "Our seminar participants receive the knowledge they need to see them through the entire process of developing a successful golf practice range."

Forecast's seminar program covers all aspects of golf range development.

Day One of the two-day program provides discussions on the planning and market research that must be done to properly qualify a site, establish the project's feasibility, and what the developer should spend on the project to maximize his return on investment.

The second day covers the actual development, construction and operation of the range facility. Specific areas that are discussed include market analysis, site selection, sales forecasting, feasibility, pro forma financial statements, warranted investment level, business plan, facility configuration, zoning and environmental issues, construction, equipment, and financing.

The seminar will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel at Horton Plaza.

The fee for the entire seminar is $295. For more information about the seminar call Forecast at 804-379-5760.

City proposes 13 new holes

HURON, S.D. — The Huron Golf Commission hopes to take advantage of the city's proposed airport renovation to expand adjacent Meadowbrook Golf Course to 18 holes.

The runway extension, which is awaiting federal funding, will claim five holes. The City Council has budgeted $300,000 to build 13 new holes on nearby land.