Texas lawsuit set for February

LAKE JACKSON, Texas — A federal judge has set the Lake Jackson golf course lawsuit for trial in February 1998 after attempts to resolve the year-long case reached an impasse.

Until the environmentalists' lawsuit against the city of Lake Jackson is resolved, the proposed 18-hole golf course remains on indefinite hold.

Environmentalists, led by the Houston Audubon Society and the Sierra Club, filed the lawsuit almost a year ago to stop the golf course being built on city property west of Lake Jackson next to Wilderness Park. They contend that building a course will result in harmful losses of wetlands and forest and will adversely affect migratory songbirds and wildlife.

The city contends that it has revised its plan for the course in order to reduce the acres of wetlands affected and that it has made a conscientious effort throughout the process to satisfy environmental concerns. It has also proposed doubling the size of Wilderness Park to more than 1,000 acres to offset the golf course project. But the two sides have been haggling over the lawsuit for nearly a year without being able to reach a settlement.

According to the Brazoria County Board of Commissioners, the February 1998 trial will be tried in a maximum of five days, with each side having two-and-a-half days to argue its point. It will not be a jury trial. The judge will decide the case.

Fla. priest's golf dream a reality

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — A Catholic priest's dream to build an 18-hole course in a vocational village for troubled youths is materializing with the help of a collection of legendary golfers and architects.

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Williams, Gill to renovate Ill. course layout

GRAYSLAKE, Ill. — The Lake County Forest Preserve District plans to renovate and expand the 18-hole Brae Loch Golf Course near Grayslake.

The proposal includes lengthening the 18-hole layout and improving tee boxes and greens. An adjacent 55 acres of farmland near Center Street, owned by the forest preserve district, will become part of the redesigned golf course.

Because the 47-year-old municipal layout is a forest preserve golf course, the renovations will be paid for by profits from the course. The project, which would proceed as profits allow, could take eight years to complete.