

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**BUCK LAKE, Miss.** — An 18-hole golf course will accompany first-phase construction of a \$700 million casino resort here in north Tunica County, about 18 miles south of Memphis, Tenn. With its favorable ruling on behalf of BL Development Co. — a firm jointly owned by Grand Casinos and Gaming Corp. of America — the Mississippi Gaming Commission has cleared the way for 3,300 slot machines, 150 table games and two hotels totaling 900 rooms.

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**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.** — Preliminary drawings for an 18-hole municipal course here should be ready by mid-August. Architect Keith Foster is developing the plans for the city. A referendum is scheduled for November when voters decide whether to approve a bond issue to finance the course. If the bond issue is approved, construction of the regulation-length layout could begin next spring. The Renizon Corp., an Englewood, Colo.-based golf-advisory firm, is assisting the city with the project.

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**PIERRE, S.D.** — Construction is underway on the Dunes Golf Complex near Fort Pierre. The facility includes a nine-hole executive course, driving range, clubhouse and housing development along the Missouri River. The range should open in the spring and the course by early summer. Developer Tipp Hamilton designed the course.

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**SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y.** — Developer Robert Rubin plans to build two 18-hole golf courses and an unspecified number of homes on 521 acres overlooking Peconic Bay. Rees Jones will design the two layouts, one public and one private. Construction could begin as early as next spring. The site is home to an automobile racetrack. Rubin bought the property at an auction two years ago. He had planned to continue it as a racetrack, but ran into significant opposition.

**EXPLOSIVE BACKDROP?**

Mount St. Helens, the dormant volcano that blew its top in 1986, provides the backdrop for Washington state's newest golf facility, Tri-Mountain Golf Course, named for its clear-day vistas of mounts St. Helens, Hood and Adams. This William G. Robinson design, located in the southern Washington town of Ridgefield, opened for play July 1.

**TEEN FELLE BY ON-COURSE TEMPER TANTRUM**

**GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y.** — A teenager who slammed his golf club against a bench in frustration over a bad shot was killed when the three-wood's sharp, broken shaft snapped back and pierced his heart. Jeremy Brenno, 16, was playing golf with friends at Kingsboro Golf Club here on Saturday, July 9, when he struck the bench near the sixth tee. The broken club shaft struck him in the chest and the youth was pronounced dead at an area hospital three hours later, according to the Fulton County Sheriff's office.

## Georgia flood waters ravage area courses

### Macon, Albany regions the hardest hit

By PETER BLAIS

**ALBANY, Ga.** — Golf courses along the Flint and Ocmulgee rivers suffered damage ranging from extensive to minor from the 500-year flood that ravaged southern Georgia in early July.

Those bordering the Flint, particularly near Albany in southwestern Georgia, were hit particularly hard, with several courses still underwater a week after the worst of the flooding occurred.

Water lapped at the roof and the tops of at least two flagsticks at Radium Country Club, according to Darren Garner, assistant pro at Double Gate Country Club, located on higher ground 20 miles from Radium. Calls to the Radium course and course officials had not been returned by press time.

An employee at the city recreation department said the staff had been unable to evaluate damage at Turner Field Municipal Golf Course because high water made it impossible to reach the facility.

Calls to the American Legion Golf Course and various Legion posts were not answered. Garner reported that large parts of that facility were also underwater.

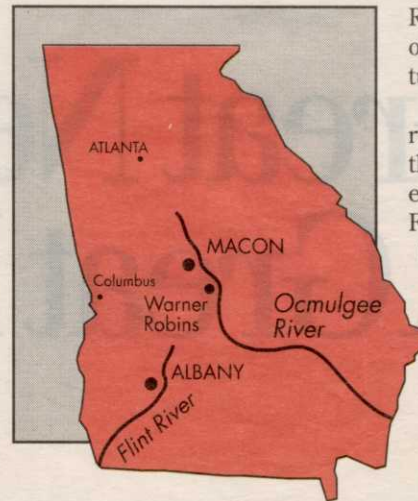
Courses along the Ocmulgee in the central part of the state fared better and should bounce back with little permanent turf damage, according to United States Golf Association Green Section agronomist Pat O'Brien.

"The big problem is cleaning the mud left on the turf when the creeks rise," said Pat O'Brien, director of the USGA's Southeast region. "Most courses will hose the mud off and be back in business. And that bermudagrass will grow back, especially when we start getting some of those 90-degree days in a month or so."

Six of the 27 holes at The Landing's Golf Club in Warner Robins were underwater for several days. Waist-high water covered holes 3 through 7 on the new Creek 9 while the entire 4th hole on the Tressel 9 suffered a similar fate.

"It looked like the Ocmulgee River out there," said maintenance worker Jeff Shaw, comparing the flooded fairways to the river that

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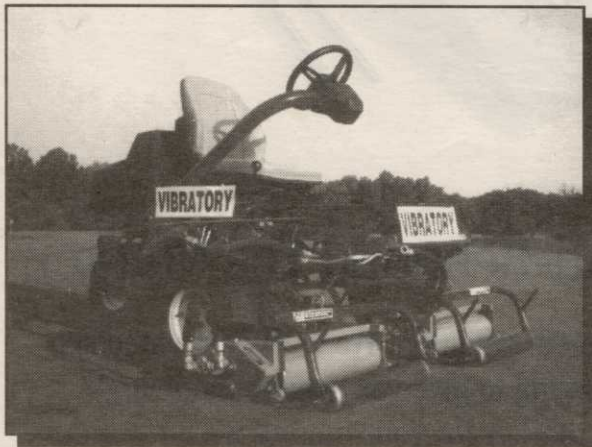
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