

## Pro chosen to manage N.Y. munis

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Monroe County will turn over operation of its three public courses in January 1997 to a golf pro at one of the facilities.

A county search committee chose Jack Tindale Inc. over five other groups that submitted proposals to run the courses. Tindale is a golf pro at Genessee Valley Park, one of the three

public courses now operated by the county Parks Department. Tindale will take over as operator of the Genessee Valley Durand-Eastman and Churchville Park courses in January. Last year, the county-owned courses brought in \$1.5 million — not enough to cover the bills, according to the county which had to chip in \$100,000 to balance the books.

## Surprise federal immigration raid depletes Ill. course staff

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — The Palatine Park District lost 21 workers — many of them golf course workers — following a summer immigration raid by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization (INS).

A total of 21 workers, most of them from Mexico, were deemed illegal aliens by the INS during an early summer raid. As a result, they were removed from their jobs and either sent back to Mexico or granted deportation

hearings. Park district officials said they believe they were given falsified documents by the workers.

INS officials said the park district cooperated with the raid, which was prompted by an anonymous tip.

The district has struggled to recover from the sudden loss of so many trained workers, according to golf course manager Raul Zaldivar. He said many replacement workers did not work out and that operations have suffered as a result.

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## Marriott's Azalea Course reopens on Mobile Bay

POINT CLEAR, Ala. — Marriott's Grand Hotel on Mobile Bay has reopened its 18-hole Azalea Course at The Lakewood Golf Club. The Azalea is one of two championship courses at the elegant 150-year-old resort that is popular for vacationing Southerners.

Fully restored, the Azalea Course now has Tifdwarf Bermuda on all greens. Two of the greens were completely redesigned and several of the bunkers and tees have been renovated. The 8th and 12th holes were also significantly redesigned to improve their play.

The Azalea Course, opened in 1947, originally was a nine-hole course designed by Perry Maxwell. In 1986 Ron Carl designed a second nine, bringing it up to a full 18-hole layout.

Lined with magnolias and oaks, and full of wildlife ranging from herons to alligators, the Azalea Course has won several awards from golf and vacation magazines.

### NINE TULSA-AREA COURSES GO SPIKELESS

TULSA, Okla. — Nine public golf courses here have announced a uniform ban on metal spikes effective May 1, 1997. The announcement was made Aug. 28, during a press conference at Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla., one of the courses that has adopted a non-metal spike policy. The other Tulsa-area courses that will implement the ban are Bailey Golf Ranch, La Fortune Park Golf Course, Mohawk Park Golf Course, Page Belcher Golf Course, South Lakes Golf Course, Spunky Creek Country Club and WhiteHawk Golf Club. It is estimated that approximately 545,000 rounds of golf are played annually over those nine courses.