

## 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 re-

mains 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 wet-

lands 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 *Brazosport Facts* of Clute, Texas, 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.

## 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. Williams, Gill and Associates of River Falls, Wis., developed the master plan for the course renovations.

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. In addition, a golf learning center and driving range eventually will be added. An automated irrigation system is also scheduled to be installed this fall.

The final phase of the plan calls for construction of a nine-hole, executive-length, par-3 course.

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

## 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.

Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Pete Dye and Tom Fazio have all signed on to design a course for Father Leo Armbrust and his Renaissance Village. Armbrust, a Palm Beach County priest and team chaplain for the Miami Dolphins, has been working on the project for seven years.

Nicklaus, Palmer and Player will combine with Dye and Fazio to design the layout. The course and clubhouse operation will help support the medical and psychological treatment of 150 juveniles and provide training in agronomy, landscaping, culinary arts, club management and other jobs.

The site will be chosen this summer, with groundbreaking expected sometime in 1998. The estimated cost of the project is \$5 million.



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