

## **BRIEFS**

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Gallery Golf Club is on schedule to open in late November or December. The John Fought/Tom Lehmann design is part of the 300-home Dove Mountain master-planned community at the base of the Tortolita Mountains. The private, 18-hole club will be operated by O.B. Sports. Crown Golfwas the course builder for developer Palos Verde Partners.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A complete renovation of The Diplomat Resort & Country Club course was scheduled to begin in September, according to project manager Ed Bergman. Architect Joe Lee is overseeing the project. The course has been closed since April in preparation for the arrival of contractor Newgent Golf of Kissimmee. The renovated course should be ready for play by late spring or early summer 1999.

SOUTH BERWICK, Maine — The Outlook Farm Golf Course under construction here is on target to open its first nine holes next June and the second nine by August. Architect Brian Silva designed the 18-hole track for developer Tim Flynn. Frank O'Dowd is the course builder.

## Environmental group may buy proposed Mich. course land

GLEN ARBOR, Mich. — A land conservation group has offered a deal that could end a 12-year battle over a proposed golf course along the Crystal River, according to the Associated Press.

Under the plan, the Homestead Resort would sell 180 acres of riverfront property and wetlands to the Nature Conservancy.

The Washington, D.C.-based group eventually would sell the land to the federal government for inclusion in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

The Homestead in 1986 proposed building a championship course along the river. The plan has been held up by regulatory reviews and court battles. Opponents have complained the course would damage the environment next to the national lakeshore.

In a prepared statement, resort officials said the proposal was being discussed but that "neither a formal agreement nor a decision on a sale has been reached."



**GOLFING ON MAIN STREET IN THE BIG APPLE** 

Architect Ronald S. Cutlip recently took golf to the streets of Midtown Manhattan. Cutlip teamed with David Murbach, director of the Annual Rockefeller Center Flower and Garden Show, to build a putting green in the middle of America's largest city. Also sponsoring the project were the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Asociation and LRS Golf, a course contractor from New Philadelphia, Ohio. The \$62,000 project was patterned after the Road Hole at Scotland's St. Andrews and the 16th hole at Augusta National. The green was torn down after the show ended, but during its brief life was featured on CNN, WNBC, The Today Show, Home & Garden TV, News 12 Westchester, French and Russian television, The Golf Channel, Sports Illustrated, New York Newsday, The Daily News, Golf Digest Japan, Met Golfer and New York magazines. The New York City-based Cutlip, 38, is currently working on two golf course projects in Ohio, Briar Hill in Millersburg and Crystal Springs in Hopewell.

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