FRISCO, Texas — Many specimen trees will be planted and an environment will be created "that is very dramatic and exciting," said Tom Fazio of the 18-hole Stonebriar Country Club. He will design in this Dallas suburb. "Stonebriar gives us a great opportunity to produce an outstanding golf course," he said. The 7,045-yard, par-72 course, which will be Stonebriar's second 18-hole layout, will cover approximately 160 acres and include a practice range, chipping area and putting green. It is expected to be completed by fall 2000. It will be accessible to club members and their guests and guests of the planned Westin Stonebriar Resort Hotel. Stonebriar's original course, designed by Ken Dye, will remain private. Rockford's plan significant improvements through the entire course, including new tees, greens, sand and grass bunkers and irrigation. The goal is to make the course stand out in Vail valley's increasingly competitive market. It is anticipated that it will take approximately three to four years to complete the work, not including the work currently underway at the practice range. The remodeled practice range includes a new 10,000-square-foot putting green, 5,000-square-foot chipping green, 30-station tee line; two new grass tees and target greens. DRIP: LANDS VAIL JOB

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VERONA, N.Y. — Sandstone Hollow Golf Club, a par-3 nine-hole track at Turning Stone Casino Resort in Verona, N.Y., has opened. The dramatic course was designed by Nick Smith and Warren Henderson. Former Golf Course Superintendents Association of America President Joseph Baily is the superintendent.

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RTJ II designs private golf club in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Golf course designer Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s newest Las Vegas creation, Southern Highlands Golf Club, is expected to open in December. "Now we are creating the golf course's personality," Jones said as he fine-tuned it in September. "You can only do so much at the drafting table or computer terminal. Unless you visit the course while it's being built, you can't really get a sense for how it will relate to its surroundings and the various natural conditions that exist, like prevailing winds, mountain views, etc. In many ways this is the most exciting and

America's oldest course adds nine

DORSET, Vt. — Like many private golf clubs with a strong sense of history and tradition, change does not come quickly at Dorset Field Club here. Therefore, it's big news that after 113 years of operating as a nine-hole course, the southern Vermont club has added another nine holes.

Dorset's move to 18 became official in mid-July, when the new holes opened for play. But why did it take so long for Dorset to make the move? Dorset Field had just bought an adjoining plot of land when course architect Steve Durkee approached the club in 1995 with his plans for expansion. The members were convinced that the move to 18 holes was needed, and that Durkee was the right man for the job.

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The par-3, 17th "Peninsula," sets against the city backdrop. The tee takes a commanding view of the valley below. At 251 yards from the back tee, many rounds may be saved or lost here.

Harbottle, Zoeller team up in Reno

RENO, Nev. — Designed by John Harbottle with assistance from PGA Tour star Fuzzy Zoeller, The Challenge at ArrowCreek Golf Club has opened as the city's newest private course. The Challenge is part of a 36-hole development by Jeff Dingman. ArrowCreek's other course, The Legend, which is open to the public, was designed by Arnold Palmer.

"What makes The Challenge unique," said Harbottle, "is the character of its bunkering and the deep canyons which plays along and across several holes on the back nine."

The course lays out on more than 200

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The Northeast Golf Co. has been retained to provide master plan services for the Putterham Meadows Golf Club here. Improvements to the drainage system, irrigation, tees, greens and bunkers will be considered within the master plan.

Putterham Meadows is located adjacent to The Country Club, host of the 1999 Ryder Cup matches. Construction of the proposed improvements will begin following the Ryder Cup in October.

Meanwhile, Northeast Golf has completed the routing phase for the Housatonic Rapids golf course project in Sherman, Conn.; has begun construction at Stryker's Pass, a new 27-hole course project in Sherman, Conn.; and has begun construction at Stryker's Pass, a new 18-hole championship and 9-hole pitch-and-putt courses, designed by Robert McNeil of Northeast Golf, will be built by Turco Golf Course Construction.

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CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Putterham Meadows is located at Stryker's Pass, a new 27-hole daily-fee facility in Lopatcong, N.J.; and the shaping of Skyview Golf and Country Club in Sparta, N.J., is nearly complete.

At Housatonic Rapids the owners are considering a semi-private operating structure. The site is approximately 15 miles north of Danbury. Development is pending zoning approval from the town.

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