

## Members weigh class action suit over maintenance

SHORT HILLS, N.J. — East Orange Golf Course members who feel trapped by what they claim is sadly neglected course maintenance are weighing a class action law suit against East Orange to recoup 1993 membership dues. Annual dues range from \$100 to \$450.

The City of East Orange contends that it cannot afford to spend \$1 to \$3 million to upgrade the golf course, especially when there would be little benefit to East Orange residents, and that \$500,000 is appropriated annually for the golf course.

## Mass. public course plan draws raves

WALTHAM, Mass. — Conversion of 70 acres of the former Metropolitan State Hospital's 360 acres into a nine-hole public golf course has drawn strong endorsement from city officials.

Said Mayor William Stanley: "People are breaking down the doors to play golf. There are more golfers than there are courses and driving ranges." Stanley said he expects a golf course to be a money-maker for the city: "Even if the city has to pay the state for the land, a golf course would over time bring funds into Waltham."

The property was abandoned last year, when the state shut down the mental hospital.

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## New PGA Hall to open in Sept. '95

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The planned World Golf Village, located along Interstate 95 between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, soon will welcome PGA World Golf Hall of Fame material now housed at Pinehurst, N. C.

The PGA of America has maintained full financial control of the World Golf Hall of Fame since 1986, but the facility steadily has lost money.

The International Golf Mu-

seum and Hall of Fame, its formal name, is scheduled to open in September 1995.

Developer Jim Davidson hopes to start building a bridge and ramps on a new I-95 interchange, the project's first step, by Oct. 15. Beyond a planned resort hotel, phase one of the project will include a golf course, PGA Tour Productions headquarters, wide-screen theater and a majority of the exhibits in the hall of fame.

## Turf war taking shape at Fort Ord

SEASIDE, Calif. — A Vietnam veterans group prefers parley to turf war with Seaside City Hall over possession of two Fort Ord golf courses.

David Pollock, president of the Vietnam Veterans of Monterey County, said that, under the McKinney Act, his group can claim Bayonet and Black Horse golf courses as a representative of the homeless.

If the group is successful, Pollock said, it would get the property for free.

If Seaside gets the courses, it

would need to ask for a five-year lease, Pollock said, and eventually it could cost the city \$20 million to acquire the golf complex.

The courses will be declared surplus next March.

Pollock wants his group to own the two golf courses so that revenue could be used to fund housing for homeless veterans and to establish a job-training program.

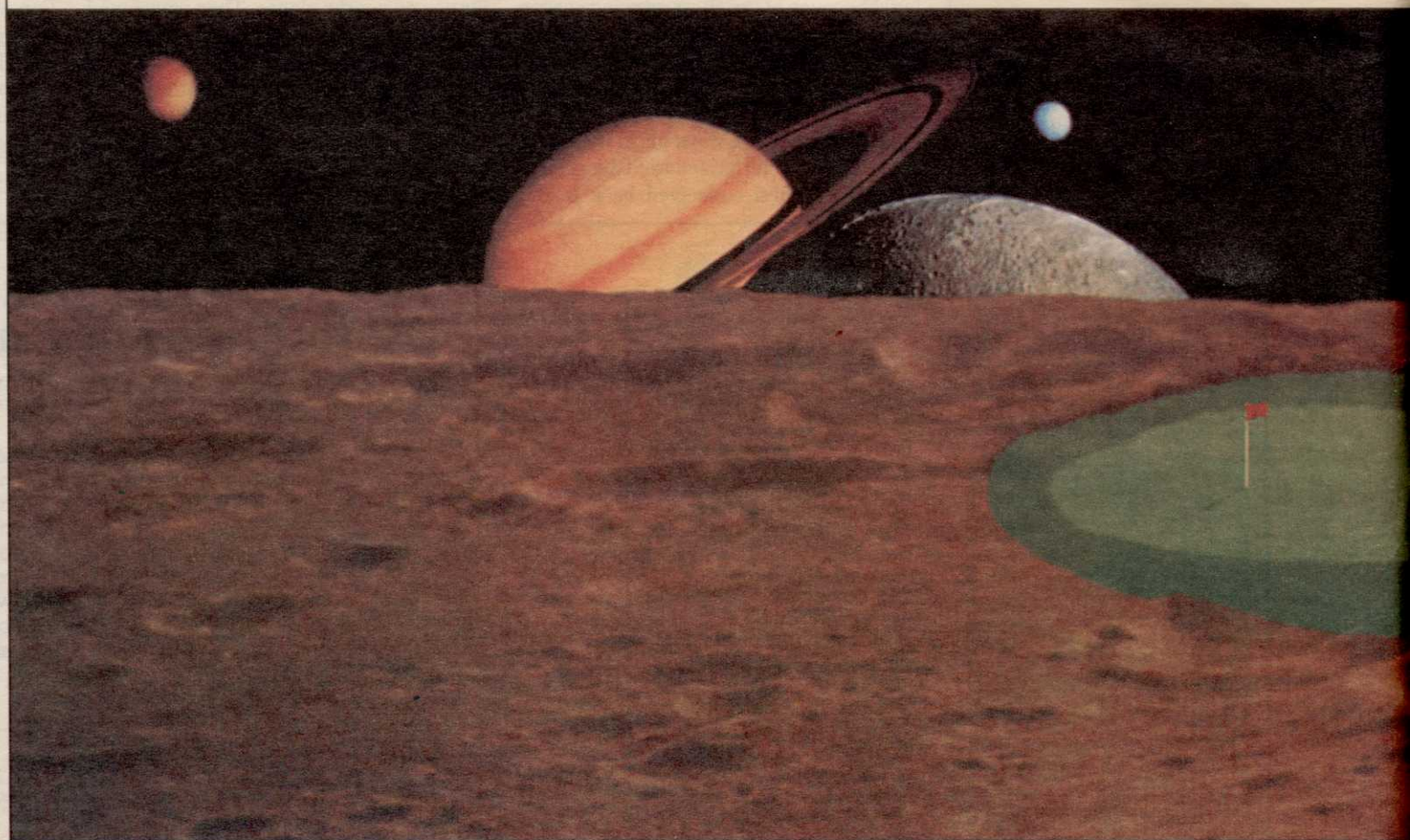
Vice president of a local manufacturing firm, Pollock is interviewing golf management firms in case the veterans get the property.

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