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Pete Dye book, 'Bury Me in a Pot Bunker,' expected in Nov.

Golf course architect Pete Dye — whose designs include PGA West, Crooked Stick, HarbourTown, Casa de Campo and Kiawah's Ocean Course has written a book with Mark Shaw that will be on the book stands in November.

"Bury Me in a Pot Bunker," a 224-page hardcover book, promises to be a reader's full-

course meal: An appetizer of biography; a main dish of design philosophy; and a dessert of how to play Dye's courses.

Published by Addison-Wesley of New York City, the six- by nine-inch book will sell for \$23. People may order it by calling 800-358-4566.

Houston's Memorial Park faces major facelift

HOUSTON — Mayor Bob Lanier, the Houston Parks Board, Inc. and the city's Parks and Recreation Department have unveiled plans for a comprehensive overhaul of historic Memorial Park Golf Course and its clubhouse facilities.

The city will begin a \$4.4 million construction effort to restore the 18-hole course, originally designed in 1935 by John Bredemus. City improvements to begin in August will include substantial drainage work, new greens, tees, fairways, an irrigation system, cart paths, reforestation, revised lake configurations, and an enlarged and revised parking area.

The course will close on Aug. 1 for about one year during construction. The driving range will remain open.

"The city is committed to bringing the course back up to standard and maintaining it in the future," said Lanier. "In addition, the drainage work being done will benefit not just the golf course but will improve use of the park in

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The mayor, concerned with the deteriorating conditions of the course, charged Houston Parks Board member Nancy Reynolds one year ago with the task of developing a plan for renovation and restoration of the course and the clubhouse, taking into consideration the historical significance of both.

Planning for course and clubhouse improvements has been a joint one-year effort of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and a Houston Parks Board subcommittee chaired by Reynolds. The Memorial Park Golf Course Task Force is composed of noted community leaders and representatives from a variety of golf organizations including the Houston Golf Association, Pan American Golf Association, Lone Star Golf Association, Houston Golf Association and Texas Golf Hall of Fame.

More than 80,000 rounds of golf are played annually at Memorial Park, according to city records.

In a separate, complementary effort, the Houston Parks Board announced plans to mount a \$1 million private fund-raising campaign to finance a new 5,000-squarefeet clubhouse, course beautification and landscaping, support for the city parks department's junior golf program, conversion of the existing clubhouse building to a golf museum, and establishment of a capital improvement endowment. Course architect is Finger Dye

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Maxwell forms multifaceted firm

JACKSON, Miss. — Frank M. Maxwell Jr. has formed the Maxwell Golf Group, Inc. (MGG) here, to provide feasibility studies, financial analysis for new golf course





nance services, and management of course operations.

Maxwell was golf and grounds superintendent at the Country Club of Jackson for 10 years. He worked for The Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass, Fla., and has more than 14 years experience in private, public and resort golf maintenance, construction and operation.

He has been an active with the Louisiana-Mississippi Golf Course Superintendents Association, Mississippi Turfgrass Association, and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Brett Matthews, a CPA with Matthews, Hearon and Cutrer here, is vice president and principal with MGG.