

## Pete Dye to redesign military track in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — As part of the nationwide shutdown of U.S. military bases, the state of Indiana will be taking over the Fort Benjamin Harrison golf course June 1 to begin renovations designed by golf course architect Pete Dye.

Believe it or not, Dye — internationally known for his demanding tournament courses — has called the 6,935-yard Fort Harrison course "too tough" for the average player. Plans call for taking out at least five holes and re-routing much of the course using some of the terrain which was included in the original nine-hole

layout. The course was reworked to 18 holes in 1972 by former local architect Bill Diddel.

The course's current back nine will shut down June 1 and the entire course will be closed July 9 so that work can begin. Many of the club's approximately 700 members are unhappy with the decision to close down and change the course.

As part of the closing, the state will also acquire a building that housed the Officers and Civilians Club and nearby single officers' quarters. Those are expected to be turned into public dining and lodging facilities.

## So. Maine becoming golf mecca

YORK, Maine — It might not be Hilton Head, but this small historic Maine coastal town is on the verge of a veritable golf explosion.

First came a proposed 18-hole public course to be called The Ledges. Now come plans for a nine-hole, executive links-style course and 20 homesites at the Highland Farms property on Cider Hill Road.

The Highland Farms site is about two miles east of The Ledges. The two proposed courses would give the town its

first 27 holes of public-access golf in decades. The private York Golf and Tennis Club was established in the early 1900s.

The two courses should bring additional tourism to York, according to Ken Giles, a real-estate developer in York who is the driving force behind the newly-announced Highland Farms proposal.

The proposed Highland Farms golf course, restaurant and housing are still under review by the town's planning board. But a permit has been issued to open a pro shop and driving range which will be run by John Stacy, the former assistant pro at York Golf and Tennis.

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## Westchester County buys IBM land for course

NEW CASTLE, N.Y. — Westchester County has announced a preliminary agreement to buy 194 acres in New Castle from IBM for a new county golf course.

The \$10 million package includes \$5 million for land and closing costs and \$5 million to develop the 18-hole golf course.

The land, called Hudson Hills, was originally a farm, then the site of a private golf course earlier in the century. IBM bought the site in the mid-1980s to possibly build a second research complex, but it scrapped the plan in 1992.

Westchester County Executive Administrator Andrew O'Rourke said there is a tremendous demand for another public golf course in the County.

The county currently has five courses with the last one, Dunwoodie, being built in 1955. The plan requires approval by the county Board of Legislators.

## New municipal links planned near Boston

WALTHAM, Mass. — The rolling, scenic grounds of the Metropolitan State Hospital may soon be the site of a golf course.

A recently released draft of state legislation spelling out how the 338 acres should be used contained several provisions for a course. If the legislation passes, the town would have first crack at buying a site for \$600,000.

If Waltham cannot come up with the funds within six months, the state may, within five years, sell or lease the site to a developer for a public golf course.

If the site is not developed as a golf course within eight years of the legislation's passage, it will become a part of the Metropolitan District Commission's reservation on the hospital site.