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## John Deere looks skyward

By MICHAEL LEVANS

RALEIGH, N.C. — With its recent acquisition of Charlestown, Mass.-based Player Systems Corp., manufacturer of the SkyLinks golf course management technology that utilizes the global position system (GPS), John Deere has taken a long look up into the future.

"John Deere now has the ability to leverage the GPS technology across different applications," said Shawn Phillips, new general manager of Player Systems. "The GPS technology has been limited to the golf car.

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## Diggin' golf in Beantown

Golf and traffic benefit from Boston's notorious 'Big Dig'

By PETER BLAIS

BOSTON — Developer Charles Geilich and course architect John Sanford have coupled the interests of a major Boston road construction project and a nearby landfill closure to develop a 27-hole golf course in suburban Boston.

Boston's "Big Dig" project, a multi-

year undertaking designed to speed traffic through Massachusetts' capital city, planned to spend \$300 million to dispose of the millions of cubic yards of dirt excavated from the construction site.

Meanwhile, Quincy and Milton officials were planning to close their

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An aerial shot of the Quarry Hills site and the Boston skyline in the distance.

## La. to grow golf image

By PETER BLAIS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana officials plan to approach the state Legislature with a master plan to finance construction of seven to 10 courses throughout the Pelican State, making it more attractive to visiting and native golfers.

Representatives from Gov. Michael Foster's office, the state Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and golf industry representatives Thomas Martty of Martty Golf Management and Linda Curtis of The Sabine River Authority, which is building a new course, met to discuss the possibility early this fall and plan to meet again in November.

A joint commission which would research the state's golfing needs and the costs involved will likely be formed, according to tourism department

Communications Director Jennifer Romero.

"The state has put together a group of people interested in developing golf courses in Louisiana that is a very enthusiastic and committed group that wants to get something done," Martty said. "There is a pent-up demand for better daily-fee golf in certain areas of Louisiana."

Louisiana ranks 48th in

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## L-93 holds it own in NTEPs

By MARK LESLIE

BELTSVILLE, Md. — While the A and G series of bentgrasses have been grabbing the headlines the past couple of years, L-93 has quietly taken the grand prize in the final report of the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program tests for putting-green bents.

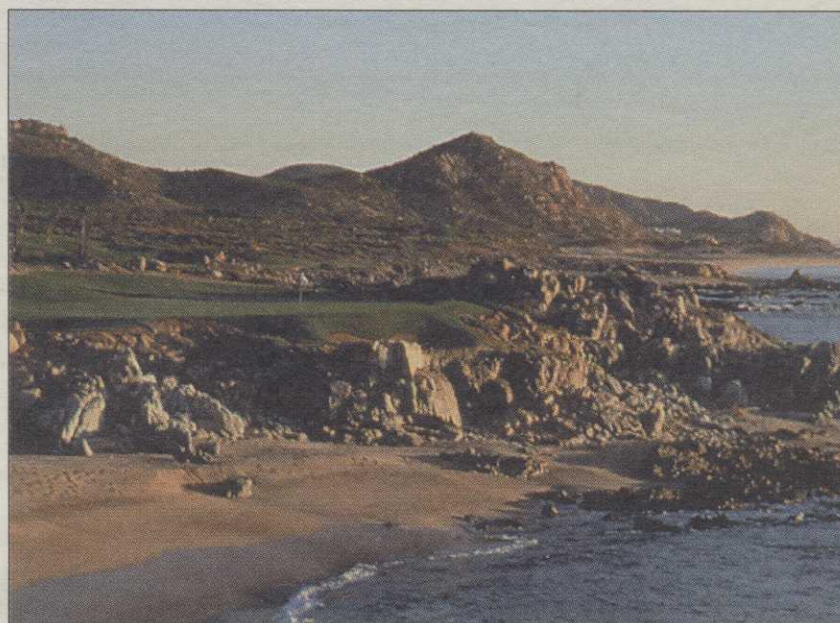


"L-93 has really taken off big-time," said Dr. Rich Hurley, director of research at Lofts Seed in Bound Brook, N.J. "We have good seed production, and superintendents are following the test results."

Those test results put L-93 atop Penn A-4, Penn A-1 by a mean average of 6.6 to 6.5 in the final results of the NTEP trials which began in 1993.

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### KOLLSTAR GOLF CO. UP TO A DOZEN COURSES IN EIGHT MONTHS



The Ocean Course at Cabo del Sol, Los Cabos, Mexico, is a KollStar-owned and managed property. To learn more about this fast-growing company, see story page 33.