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Q: You see it all the time on television. One of the PGA Tour players replaces his ball on the putting surface in front of the object he used to mark it. What would happen if in windy conditions the ball moved to a new position



GREAT ESCAPES FOR FALL



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The St. Regis hotel in New York City might have been the birthplace of the Bloody Mary, but it's the iconic company's new **St. Regis Punta Mita**, 45 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, that should go down on the record as the spot where the drink was perfected. Embodying the atmosphere of the resort by highlighting the St. Regis's rich history and blending it with a sense of the Riviera Nayarit's burgeoning vitality, the Agave Bloody Mary is the perfect fusion of the traditional brunch drink with enough agave nectar to get you going before 18 holes on either of two Jack Nicklaus-designed courses at St. Regis guests have access to at the private Punta Mita Golf Club. By the time you reach the 17th hole on the new Bahia course, with the waves crashing along your left side the entire way from tee to green, chances are you'll be ready for a second one. stregis.com/puntamita



Ultimate Maui

Nestled above the white sands and gentle blue waters of Wailea beach on the island of Maui, Wailea Beach Villas is one of the newest and most luxurious oceanfront residential-resort-vacation experiences on Maui. Members of **Ultimate Escapes** can book their ticket to paradise in Gardenia 208 at Wailea Beach Villas, a three-bedrooms/three-bath luxury suite with spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific and the islands of Lanai, Kahoolawe and Molokini. Members are not limited to Maui, of course: **Ultimate Escapes** offers 150 luxury homes (and an 80-foot yacht) world-wide, including Mexico, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe, including premier golf destinations such as Wailea, Maui, where three world-class courses await. Three distinct tiers of membership are offered, and each tier offers five plans to deliver the best flexibility. The initial buy-in fee ranges from \$70,000 to \$450,000 (this fee is 80 percent refundable upon resignation) with \$8,000-\$49,000 of annual dues for 14-60 days. ultimatescapes.com

Two-Hours from Paradise

More than 500 years after Christopher Columbus first sailed his fleet into the Caribbean there's still a largely unexplored island. Roatan, located 35 miles off the coast of Honduras, thrills visitors with uncrowded sugar sand beaches that bump up against the world's second-largest coral reef. Accessible via non-stop flights on Continental from Houston, the good news for Texas golfers is that the 40-mile-long by five-mile-wide island is also home to Pristine Bay Resort's Pete and Perry Dye-designed course, **The Black Pearl**, scheduled to open in January 2010. The par-72, 7,157-yard layout starts at the ocean's doorstep, rises into the island's rolling foothills and then takes golfers on a wild ride back to the seaside clubhouse. The Black Pearl will



feature one of Dye's signature island greens, and 14 holes will offer stunning vistas of the ocean and the Meso-American Barrier Reef. The 120-room, five-star Resort and Spa at Pristine Bay is also scheduled to open in 2010, but there are plenty of nearby accommodations available now. pristinebayresort.com