Appeals in Cincinnati has ruled that lands permit for Homestead developer not the Environmental Protection Agency or Michigan Department of Natural Resources must grant a wetlands permit for Homestead developer Robert Kuras to build an 18-hole course near Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore have won the project. It means Kuras would likely have to spend many years and thousands more dollars obtaining Corps approval. It also overturns the state's approval of the project.

MASON, Ohio — An annexation petition filed with Warren County commissioners could lead to Mason's newest golf course on 300 acres north of the city. Campbell-Rhein Development Co. wants to build upscale homes around a golf course similar to those around the Golf Course at King's Island. Scot Lahrmer, Mason city manager, said the development would improve on the city's thoroughfare plan.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Spectrum Communications has been selected by the U.S. Golf Association to handle a communications program to enhance the environmental image of golf. Spectrum's program will target course superintendents, architects, developers, regulatory officials, environmental groups, golfers and the public.

RIPLEY, W.Va. — Pro golfer Gardner Dickinson has taken over design of Sycamore Creek Golf Course here, boosting the initial nine-hole venture to 18. Keith Marks, Dickinson's former associate, is the property owner. Marks and Dickinson envision course opening in the fall of 1995.

ROSES ARE RED...

Roses may be a common sight around the golf course clubhouse, but the Oregon Golf Club outside Portland proves the "queen of flowers" can be a visual accent and different sort of hazard on the course itself. All-America Rose Selections, a non-profit association of rose producers, recently honored this landscaping achievement by presenting the Oregon Golf Club with the Grand Prize for a commercial development in its national 1994 Landscape With Roses Contest. Designed by PGA player Peter Jacobsen and golf course architect Ken Kavanaugh, Oregon Golf Club features 3,500 rose plants at various locations throughout its 176-acre layout situated atop Pete's Mountain in West Linn. The 12th hole at the Oregon Golf Club utilizes more than 3,000 roses to provide golfers with a challenging and breathtaking hazard.

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