

## Golf course 'yes'; water park 'no'

WEST NEW YORK, N.J. — Resident have no problem with a golf course project proposed for the nearby waterfront. But they aren't thrilled with ARCORP Properties' plan to include a water park. "It's like hanging a Rembrandt in McDonalds," resident Susan Flynn told the *Jersey Journal*.

Flynn, whose main complaint centers around noise pollution (falling water, traffic), said she didn't have a problem

with the golf course. In fact, she proposed building a country club on the site. But ARCORP wants to build a water park with a Caribbean theme and a nine-hole golf course on the 62-acre parcel. The developer anticipates an average daily of use 8,300.

The golfcourse/water park idea is the latest from ARCORP, which earlier in 1992 proposed building a campground. But residents opposed that, too.

## Concern for flight patterns hinders KC course project

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Working under the belief that federal agencies "can never be too careful," the Federal Aviation Administration is examining the potential hazard of building a golf course next to Downtown Airport.

"There's a possibility, if the golf course is not constructed right, a golf ball could get in the way," Don Sechrest told the *Kansas City Star*. Sechrest has proposed an 18-hole public course on a 145-acre alongside the airport.

"You never know — there have

been some deadly bird strikes," said FAA Spokeswoman Sandra Campbell, in all seriousness.

Sechrest has submitted piles of paperwork aimed at easing the FAA's concerns. The studies ranged from a "pitching wedge trajectory height map" to a chart depicting "golf ball trajectory effect on air navigation," according to Todd Sechrest, a Sechrest vice president who helped prepare the data. The studies suggest that a golf ball, under ideal circumstances, could ascend as high as

100 feet, while flight paths over the proposed course could bring aircraft as low as 60 feet.

Campbell said the FAA should issue its decision by mid-February. But that's not the end of it.

Don Sechrest, whose group would design, build and manage the course, must still gain approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources because the project lies in a flood plain and could be considered a natural wetlands area.

## Golf/housing developments all the rage in Idaho Panhandle

BLANCHARD, Idaho — While residential golf course projects have developed something of a bad name in some parts of the country, they are booming in the Panhandle of Idaho.

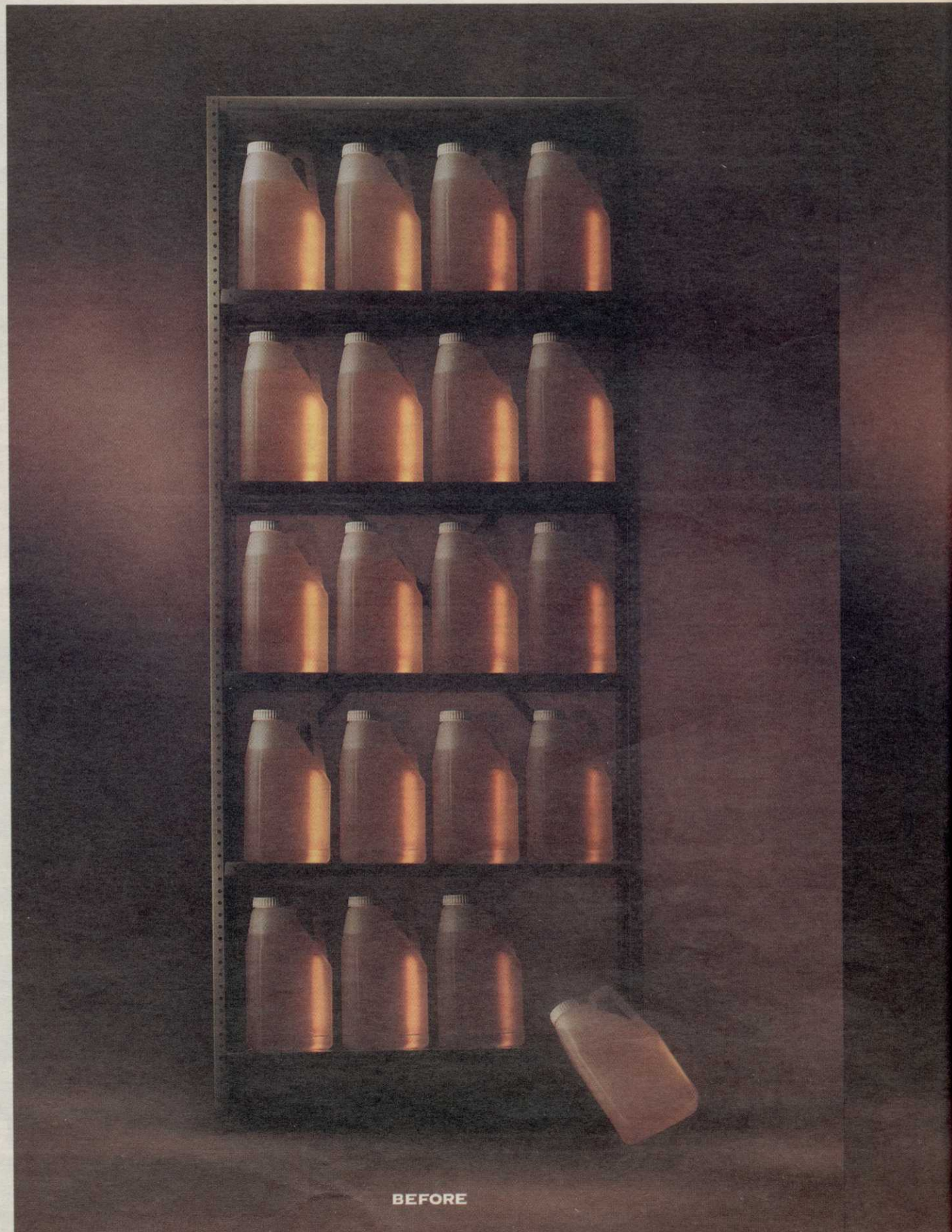
As part of a five-year expansion plan, an \$8 million condominium development is underway at Stoneridge Golf Course near the Bonner County town of Blanchard. Included in the expansion is the development of 200 residential lots.

Meanwhile, farther north in Bonner County, Priest Lake Golf Course has asked county planners to approve an expansion from nine to 18 holes. The proposed expansion would be financed by the sale of 80 or more residential lots. This spring, Post Falls developers plan to begin construction on an 18-hole golf course and 320-lot subdivision. A California developer has also indicated he plans to build a golf course surrounded by several hundred homes on the west shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene at Rockford Bay.

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