### Gaming legislation could encourage Miss. layout

ABERDEEN, Miss. — If Mississippi state law can be changed to allow gaming on the waterfront, a \$75 million casino resort may sprout in this Northeast Mississippi city.

An 18-hole golf course is planned in the latter

The resort would be called the Aberdeen Lodge and Resort Casino, along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Project opponents doubt the gaming casinos will be legalized during the current legislative

Currently, state law allows gambling only on the Gulf Coast and on navigable waters of the

Mississippi River.

Indian reservations, not subject to state law, also may opt to allow gambling.

Aberdeen isn't the only Mississippi community eyeing gaming as a method of introducing other non-controversial recreational pursuits.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission recently awarded a gaming license for Bally's Saloon & Gambling Hall in Tunica County. The "hook" for gaming companies is that they plan golf courses, hotels, water parks and restaurants in surround-

This poses interests attractive to the public apart from the moral question of gambling.

## Oaks may fell Calif. project

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. -Devotees of the mighty oak and those favoring a golf course are at loggerheads in this suburban Los angeles community

A proposed 18-hole golf course would consume 50 acres of an oak tree area termed significant environmentally.

The Newhall Land and Farming Co. has been at odds with a Santa Clarita environmental group intent on protecting "Santa Clarita Valley's last remaining oak tree savannah.'

That Newhall Land intentionally moved planned homes out of the tree area and intends to replant 88 percent of the oak trees uprooted by the project hasn't appeased opponents of the

An alternative plan that would move the development north, completely out of the significant environmental area, has gained environmental group acceptance but would mean curtains for the golf course part of the develop-

Fla. country theme

park may host golf

No more fiddlin' around.

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. -

After surveying five Florida sites, country singer Charlie

The 3,000-acre site would be 20

A 36-hole course would be in-

There would be country music

Western World is expected to attract 2.3 million annually. Target date for the grand opening is

the fall of 1997.

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million Oz project.

Oz park would

include golf holes

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - A golf course would play a prominent role in a proposed Wonderful World of Oz theme park.

Landowners whose property may be taken, either by negotiation or eminent domain, are look-

velopment that would incorporate hotel, lake and a recreational ve-

The city council approved an

ordinance giving the city power

of eminent domain within the en-

terprise zone created for the \$440

necessary financing to build the

R.I. developers zero

BURRILLVILLE. R.I. — Backers of a proposed 18-hole golf course and clubhouse bordering Harrisville and Mapleville are a step nearer development.

The Northern Rhode Island

State approval is the next step

Golf Investors Inc. and Steere Farm Associates have received

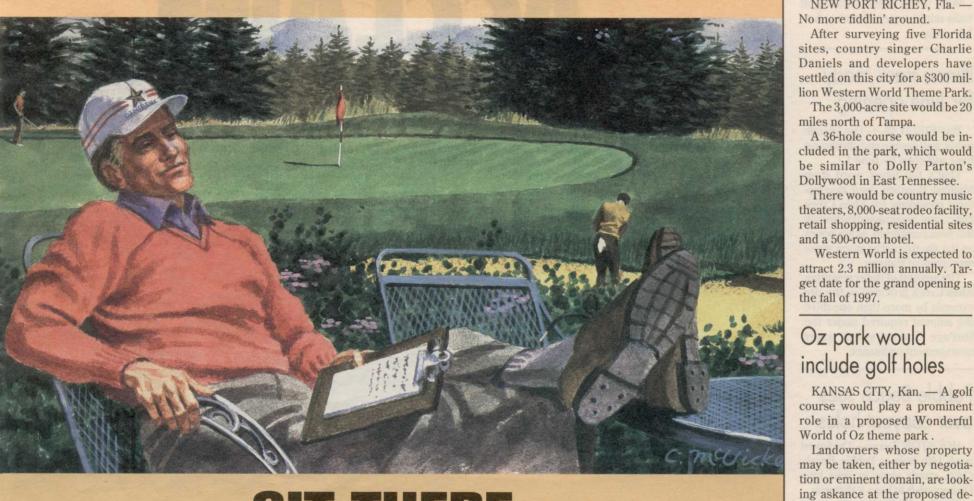
zoning board approval.

for the hoped-for course.

in on new layout

Developers have not raised the

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