PRIME TURF TO REP STRANTROL 810
LOCKPORT, I1. — Prime Turf, the midwestern distributor of the pH-con- trol chemical pHairway, has been named by Stranco as its exclusive re- presentative to the turf industry for the Strantrol 810 pH control system. Stranco’s experience in water treat- ment is substantial, with more than 20,000 pH control systems in use world- wide, including the Strantrol 810, de- signed specifically for course irriga- tion systems. The Strantrol 810 is avail- able for immediate shipment worldwide by calling Prime Turf at 708-301-1110.

COMINGS AND GOINGS...
Versa-Lok Retaining Wall Systems has moved its headquarters to 6348 Highway 36, Oakdale, Minn. 55128. The firm may now be reached by phone at 1-800-770-4525 or 612-770-3166; by fax at 1-612-770-4088; or via the Internet at http://www.versa-lok.com/wall. Aqua Control, Inc., manufacturers of aerators and decorative fountains, has also changed addresses. The firm may now be reached by post at 201 Walnut St., Peru, Ill. 61354; or by phone at 815-723-0019.

NEYMAN JOINS LEBANON TURF
LEBANON, Pa. — Gary Neyman has been named product group manager for Lebanon Turf & Products, a division of Lebanon Seaboard Corp. Neyman will be responsible for sales and mar- keting of Country Club, Country Club², NY-PRO and IsoTek31 Pro- fessional Turf Products. Prior to joining Lebanon, Neyman served as product line manager for Vigoro Professional Products of Winter Ha- ven, Fla., where he was responsible for product development, new product introduction, and marketing of Vigoro’s ParEx Turf Product line, and as territory manager, where he was responsible for sales of ParEx and Woodace products.

A BRIDGE TOO FAR?
Hardly. There are so many bridges at Arnold Palmer’s soon-to-be-opened course in Biloxi, Miss., the developers incorporated them into the name: The Bridges at Casino Magic. Due to open this fall, Constructed by York Bridge Concepts of Tampa, Fla., the serpentine bridges span 4,000 feet of wetlands, while more than 6,000 feet of timber retaining wall elevate fairways, tees and greens above the wetlands. “I don’t think I’ve ever seen or designed a course with the amount of bridge this one has,” said Palmer designer Harrison Minchew. “We’re very happy with the job (York Bridge) is doing not only on the Casino Magic course but on our Cherokee Run (Georgia) and Last Key Plantation (Florida) projects as well.”

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ADVANTA WEST NAMES NEW GM
ALBANY, Ore. — Advanta Seeds West has announced the appointment of David Holman as general manager. He will join the firm this month from Plants Genetic Systems (Canada) Inc. and brings with him extensive experi- ence in the overall management of seed and seed-related activities. Holman has also worked internation- ally with Conti Seeds (now Zeneca Seeds) and InterMountain Canada.

Ransomes continues sponsorship strategy
LINCOLN, Neb. — Ransomes has been named an official supplier to the PGA European Tour. Under the agreement, Ransomes, Cushman and Ryan turf equipment becomes a “preferred maintenance product” of the Tour. Additionally, the company’s products will be recommended for use at all PGA European Tour venues for the next three years.

The agreement encompasses both the European Tour and European Senior Tour. Combined, both tours hold 50 tournaments, including the British Open Golf Championship and the Volvo PGA Championship.

As a preferred Tour supplier, Ransomes will make equipment available, as required, to help prepare Tour venues prior to all events. Ransomes will also hold special equipment seminars for tournament directors. In addition, the firm will co-sponsor the annual PGA European Tour Greenkeepers Conference and be in- volved in the presentation of confer- ence sessions and educational papers. “As a world-class supplier of golf course maintenance equipment, Ran- somes is delighted to be extending major support to the tournaments compris- ing the PGA European Tour,” says Ransomes’ Group Chief Executive, Peter Wilson. “This agreement further reinforces Ransomes’ total commitment to the golf industry, highlighting the renewed confidence being placed in the company and its line of products.”

With St. Andrews, Gleneagles and Pebble Beach already committed exclusively to Ransomes,” Wilson concluded, “this latest award demonstrates once again that we now have the full range of equipment.”

EPA amends a pair of worker protection laws

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced plans to ease its regulations in two turf- related areas: the instances when decon- tamination supplies must be kept at a treated site, and the use of languages other than Spanish on worker notifica- tion signs.

The amended regulations will take ef- fect later this month, 60 days after their public announcement in the Federal Register which took place in late July.

The first amendment, which should affect the sod growing industry, has de- creased the number of days — from 30 to 7 — that decontamination supplies (soap, water and paper towels) must be avail- able to workers entering treated fields. This applies only to turf treated with low toxicity pesti- cides, defined by the EPA as those having a restricted entry interval of four hours or less.

Prior to this amendment, EPA required that decontamination supplies had to be available when- ever a worker performed any activity in a pesticide treated area, or where entry had been restricted within the past 30 days.

In the second amendment, which should affect any golf course or business operating in widely bilingual regions, the EPA agreed that employer could replace the Spanish language on required warn- ing signs with another language tailored to suit the tongue most used by workers in that location. The English portion of the sign must remain.

Previously, the EPA allowed only En-
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**EPA amends WPS, heaps praise on Monsanto Corp.**

The Green Chemistry Challenge was announced in March 1995 by President Clinton and Vice President Gore as part of the Administration’s Rebuilding Environmental Regulations initiative to promote pollution prevention and industrial ecology. EPA, working with partners from industry, the states and other federal agencies solicited nominations for the Challenge in October 1995. More than 70 entries were reviewed by a technical panel selected by the American Chemical Society.

**Jacobsen assists course in need**

FRANKVILLE, Wis. — Fire not only destroyed the maintenance facility at South Hills Country Club late Thursday night, July 11, it destroyed most of the firm’s turf care equipment therein.

However, the next morning Jacobsen Division of Textron, Inc. and neighboring superintendents were there to help.

Much of the machinery destroyed was Jacobsen mowing equipment used to maintain the greens, tees, fairways and roughs at South Hills, an 18-hole daily-fee course west of Racine where Jacobsen is headquartered. Accordingly, members of the Jacobsen test department provided South Hills interim use of a Greens King V triplex greens mower, a Tri-King triplex trim mower and a Turfcat out-front rotary and LF fairway mower.

"I’m impressed that Jacobsen was so eager to help — they helped me get back on my feet," said South Hills superintendent John Syty, who added that area superintendents also offered their assistance. "I thought it was excellent. I never expected help that fast."

**U.S. Battery adds Dura, Budwick**

CORONA, Calif. — U.S. battery Manufacturing Co. has announced the addition of George Budwick and Jim Dura to its 2000 staff. Budwick has been hired as the vice president of sales for all East Coast and European battery distribution. He comes to U.S. Battery with more than 25 years of sales and marketing experience in the areas of distribution and marketing, both in the United States and internationally.

Dura has recently been hired to assume the position of vice president of manufacturing for the company’s Augusta, Ga., manufacturing plant. He has spent most of his working career in the battery industry and brings to U.S. Battery more than 28 years of experience in lead acid battery manufacturing.

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