

Irrigation school opens

The Professional School of Irrigation has opened in Chantilly, Va., offering courses covering installation, design, sales and marketing, and trouble-shooting.

P.S.I., terming itself "a hands-on school specializing in training people," offers one- to two-week classes combined with extensive field training so students can practice what they learn in the classroom.

More information is available from Garry Brewer at 703-648-0020.

Major resort picks Weston

The Pickering Group has chosen Roy F. Weston Inc. to play a key role in creating a billion-dollar Victorian-style resort and conference center, The Resort at New Morgan, to be located in Berks County, Pa.

Weston was awarded a contract to provide services during the planning phase for the 4,200-acre center and the newly formed Borough of New Morgan. Weston's major responsibilities include functioning as comprehensive program manager for resort development.

Weston will assist The Pickering Group's representative in day-to-day integration, control and administration of all ongoing work at the site to minimize time and expenditures and maximize results and progress.

Weston will also be responsible for a solid waste system, the energy use plan; institutional, financial and legal planning and other developmental assignments.

Recreational facilities will include a golf course at the resort site.

Green Section signs on experts for conferences

April will be a busy month for the United States Golf Association's Green Section conferences.

First date is April 5, at Lakeside Country Club in Houston, Texas.

"The Most Common Mistakes Golf Course Superintendents Make" will be the topic of Jim Moore, USGA Green Section

director.

Seattle, Wash., Golf Club will host a regional conference site April 10.

Among subjects will be "The Superintendent's Relationship with the Green Committee," with Jeff Thomas, superintendent at Walla Walla, Wash., Country Club; "USGA Research: The Payback Has Only Begun," led by Larry Gilhuly, Western Region director from Tuslin, Calif.; "The Traps of Bunker Restoration and Construction," by John Steidel, golf course architect from Kennewick, Wash.; and "An Alternative to Golf Cars," with Gilhuly and John Ford, superintendent at Tacoma Country and Golf Club.

Dr. Tom Watschka of Penn State University's Department of Agronomy will speak April 11 at Oakmont, Pa., Country Club.

"Are the Pesticides We Are Using Contaminating Our Ground Water?" will be his subject.

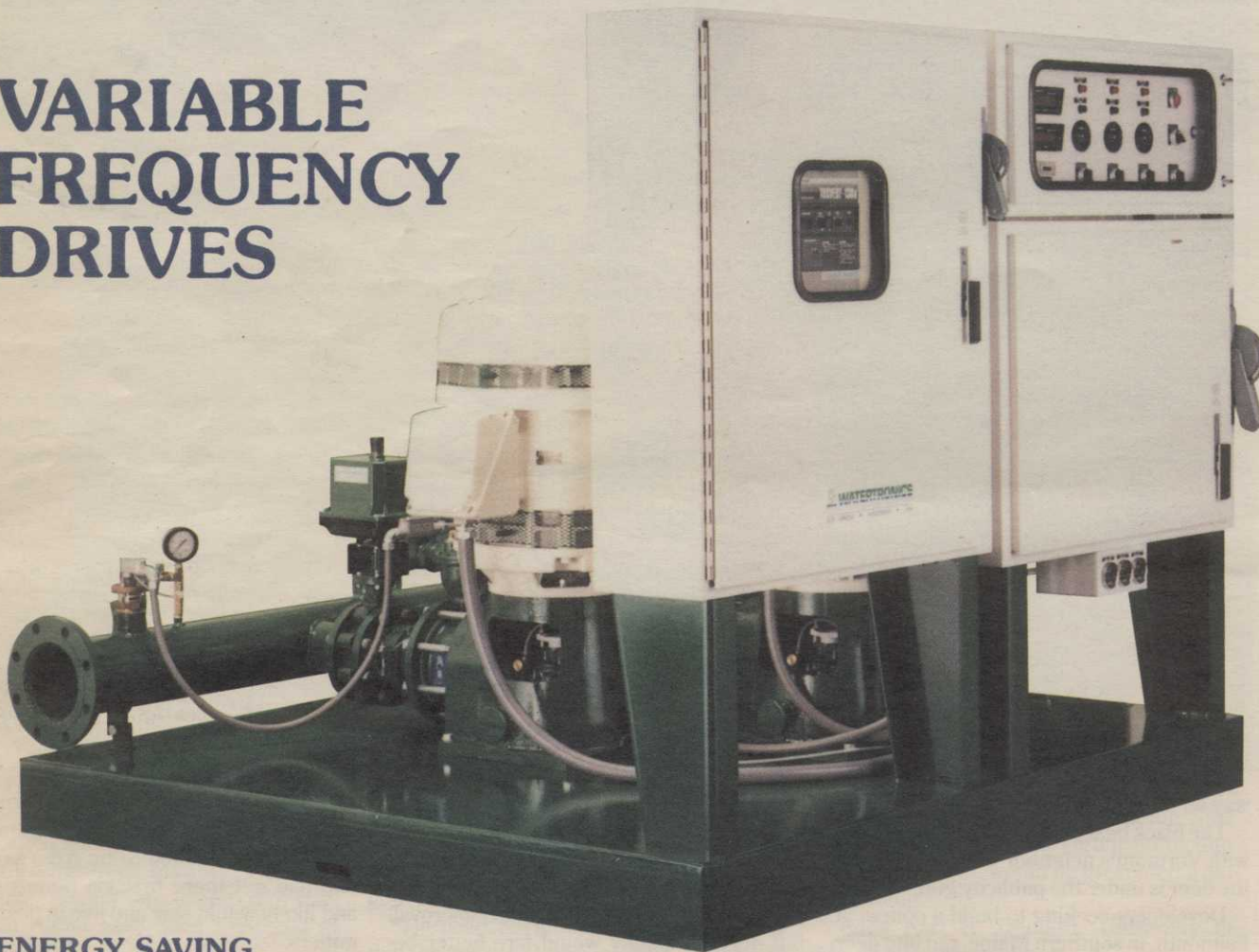
Conferences are scheduled April 20 at Troon GCC in Scottsdale, Ariz., and JDM Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Arizona speakers and their topics include Tom Hoogheem of Monsanto Country Club in St. Louis, Mo., "Understanding Golf Course Environmental Issues"; Paul Vermeulen, agronomist from Tuslin, Calif., "Bunkers — A Superintendent's Hazard"; and Carla Sasso, contributing editor of Southwest Lawn & Landscape, Las Vegas, Nev., "Focusing on Future Irrigation Technologies."

Tim Hiers, golf course manager at John's Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla., will talk at JDM on "Golf Course Construction and the Superintendent."

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The Agricultural Engineer's "AE 50" award for outstanding innovation in engineering has been awarded to Amiad U.S.A., Inc., Irrrometer Co., Inc., McDowell Manufacturing Co. and Motorola, Inc.

Amiad won the honor for its three-mode filter for low-volume irrigation, Irrrometer for its remote tensiometric sensing stations, McDowell for its pressure-locked irrigation pipe coupling, and Motorola for its multimode irrigation telemetry system.

ASAE also honored agricultural engineering Professor Allen Smajstrla of the University of Florida with its Nolan Mitchell Young Extension Worker Award.

The award is presented to an ASAE member, under age 40, who has made "unique contributions to agricultural engineering."