

Japanese pay \$7.6 million for course site

Japanese investors have paid \$7.6 million for 140 acres in New Hempstead village in New York for a proposed golf course attracting Japanese and Korean travelers.

Having bought the land through U.S. Bankruptcy Court in White Plains, Three Little Willows Corp. has already embarked on plans to sell memberships in the course to business travelers.

The court trustee conducting the sale said Three Little Willows plans to sell memberships through Kyowa Bank's corporate clients in Japan and Korea.

New Hempstead Mayor Stanley Teich, for one, relishes the idea of the land being a rest-and-relaxation stop, saying it "will provide a reputation for the village on a worldwide basis."

Herschel Greenbaum, attorney for losing bidder Komi Associates of Japan, said a soft real-estate market and high interest rates made the land more attractive for a course.

He explained: "Recreational facilities do not fluctuate the same way as houses. If there's a demand for a golf course, there's a demand for a golf course."

He added that higher profits that might come from home sales would be offset by the amount of time it would take to win approval of such a development. New Hempstead officials had earlier proposals for housing developments on the land.

Holes relocated for airport expansion

Livermore, Calif.'s Los Positas Golf Course is relocating several holes to make way for an expansion of the city's airport.

The 36-hole course is being moved west to make room for the enlarging of the airport's main runway from 4,000 to 5,250 feet. The expansion takes in an area that included six holes.

Five new lakes, more undulations, 500 more trees and enlarged greens will make the course more challenging. The relocated course should open in June. Temporary tees have been built allowing play to continue during construction.

Hawaii taps Horita to build Kapolei

The state has selected Horita Corp. to develop Kapolei Golf Course in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Horita will pay the state a \$25 million lease premium and 10 percent of the annual gross sales. No memberships will be sold and most rounds reserved for Hawaii residents. Horita's proposal beat out those of Watt Corp, Zane Development Inc. and the Odakyu Group.

Forest district to move holes

Illinois' DuPage County Forest Preserve District has purchased two parcels of land south of the Wood Dale Golf Course, leaving just a half-dozen of the original 22 lots it hoped to buy.

Once the remaining parcels are purchased, the district plans to move several holes to allow for better flood control along Salt Creek.

Connor moves Golf forms office

Golf forms, the golf course architectural firm headed by Edward H. Connor III, has moved from Casselberry, Fla.

Its new headquarters is 4601 So. Atlantic Ave., Suite 108, Ponce Inlet, Fla. 32127.

Frisco considers public course

San Francisco, Calif., Mayor Art Agnos is asking his city's public utilities commission to review plans for a \$6.5-million public golf course to be built on watershed property near Woodside.

Though Woodside officials oppose the plan, San Mateo County has been leading the support for the course and has been asked to turn its files and list of backers over to San Francisco.

San Francisco owns the site and, according to San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Board President Mary Griffin, has a "good working relationship" with the federal agencies involved.

First, the Golden Gate National Rec-

reation Area advisory board must issue a permit because it holds recreation easements on the watershed land.

An environmental impact report must also be prepared and environmentalists satisfied that the course has merit.

Officials have been reviewing a new South County golf course for two decades but had not found the right site.

Agnos indicated in 1988 that the city-owned land could be used.

Woodside residents are concerned that a new course would lead to more development of the area and that the 23,000-acre watershed should remain off-limits to public use.

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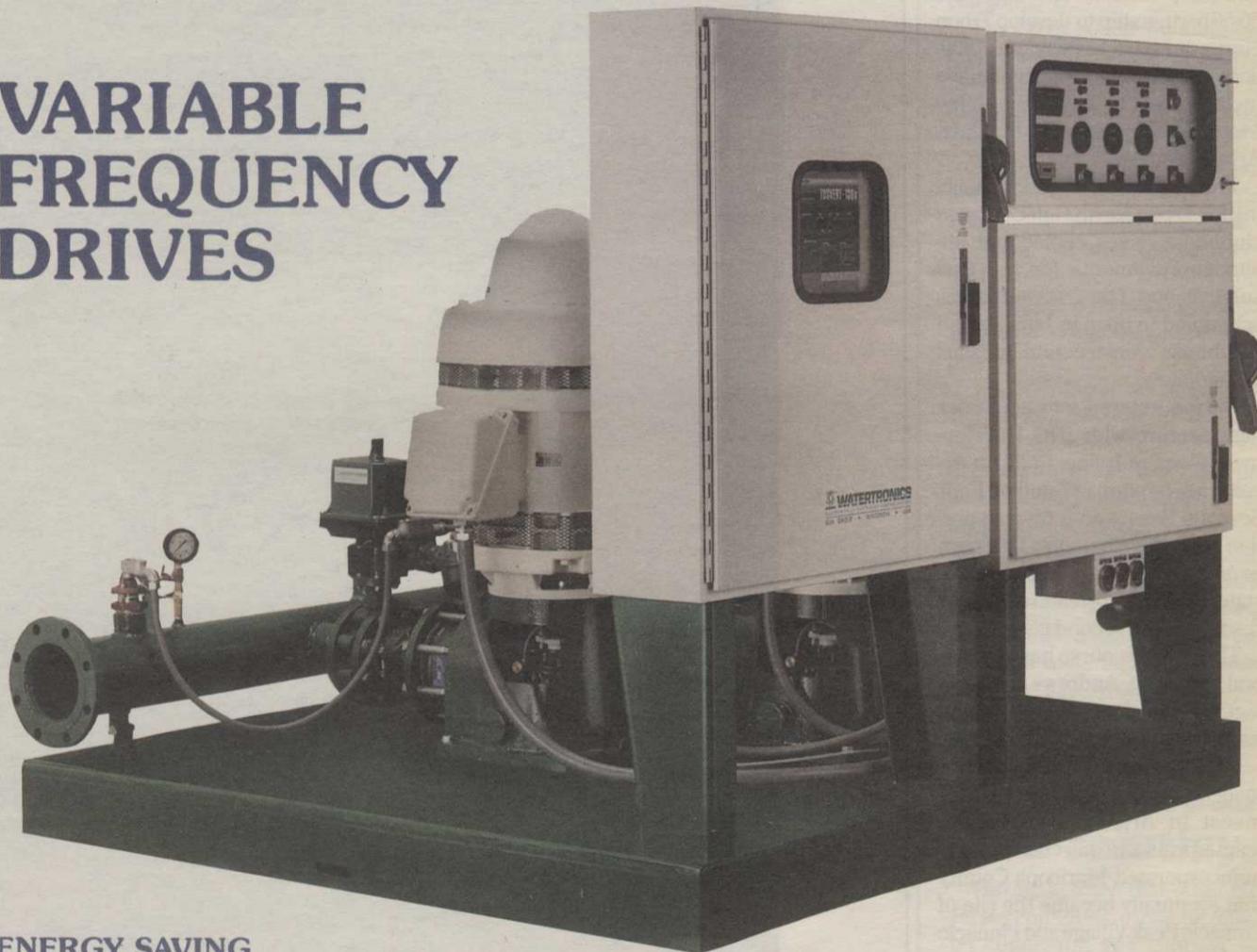
Landmark inks pact with Buie

Landmark Club Management has signed a long-term agreement with Buie Corp. of San Diego to manage Buie's 18-hole Temeko Country Club in Rancho, Calif.

Landmark will supervise the golf along with the food and beverage operations. This is Landmark Club Management's first management contract that has come entirely outside Landmark Land Co., Inc.

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