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**Thanks for tuning in to Pat Magee's CANDYMAIL ...** Please visit <http://www.patmagee.com/IndustryEvents.aspx> ... And check out the link to **Savage Bros. Co.** which launches its new Web site with easy navigation and graphics of candymaking and baking equipment along with a featured machine and show dates.

**O'ahu Hosts Western Candy Conference ...** The lush Hawaiian island of O'ahu is the site of this year's Western Candy Conference where conferees will gather from March 24-28 at the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa. The conference will offer a variety of business sessions that focus on issues of concern to the confectionery industry including an update on commodities, candy taxes, trends in snacking, and current and future economic challenges. Suppliers will showcase their products and services at a tabletop exhibition, and several social events will give manufacturers and suppliers an informal opportunity to network. For more information on the conference, contact Mark Tuerffs, S&S Flavors, Inc., at 714.524.0550, [mark@ssflavors.com](mailto:mark@ssflavors.com), or visit [http://www.westerncandyconference.org/2010\\_Conference.html](http://www.westerncandyconference.org/2010_Conference.html).

**Chocolate Tech Course Begins . . .** Richardson Researches, Inc. resumes its Chocolate Technology Course at the University of California at Davis, CA, July 26-30. The class offers tempering, enrobing, and chocolate panning "which is always loads of fun," according to founder, Terry Richardson, who adds, "All of our classes are structured to give a hands-on experience for the attendees" ... More information on the course can be found at [www.richres.com](http://www.richres.com), and to register please contact Jamie Brannan, 510.653.4385; [confectionclasses@ucdavis.edu](mailto:confectionclasses@ucdavis.edu)

**Spectrophotometer Aids Color Correction ...**

The Elgin, IL-based TRICOR Systems, Inc., best known for its chocolate temper meters, has expanded its product range to now

include the Model 600 Non-Contact Imaging Spectrophotometer that was designed specifically to help confectionery and packaging manufacturers ensure the correct color of their products. Model 600 consists of a camera that acts as a sensor to gather spectral data from a specified area. The resulting images eliminate visual inspections for all categories of confections. Packaging can also be measured for color correctness. The unit's auto aligning software allows for immediate comparison of a sample with a standard image. More information on the spectrophotometer is available from TRICOR's Sales Manager Thomas Allen, who can be reached at 847.742.5542 ext 140, [tomallen@tricolor-systems.com](mailto:tomallen@tricolor-systems.com), or [www.tricolor-systems.com](http://www.tricolor-systems.com).

**NCA Conference Draws Great Turnout ...** The National Confectioners Association's State of the Industry Conference, at Miami Beach, FL, last week drew more than 400 attendees to enjoy the energetic sessions and nicer weather than up north ... NCA's 2010 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Patrick Huffman, The Warrell Corp., Camp Hill, PA, for his many years of dedication. Shown at right after receiving honors are Huffman, flanked by Martina Kief (left) and Kevin Silva, The Warrell Corp. (right)



... Watch here for more on the conference as well as visit [www.candyusa.com](http://www.candyusa.com) for transcripts of the presentations.

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