Browner looking to put the kibosh on regressive legislation?

Believe it or not, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is bending over backwards to make points with the American business community. How else can we explain the spate of market-friendly directives spilling forth from the desk of Carol Browner, who has changed her stance somewhat? After storming into office as one of the more visible FOBs, running the antitrust department and shouting down the liberal rally cries for all to hear, Browner’s office is now talking about softting its labeling restrictions (see page 39).

Could it be that Browner and her agency have been dragged into the Clinton Administration’s headlong rush to the center? Does anyone really want to do with? Politics?

Call it what you like, but a little birdie in Washington has informed me that Browner has also announced a new policy allowing small businesses, like golf courses, to right past environmental wrongs. The Clinton’s Common Sense Pollution Policy, detailed by Browner in a speech to the White House Conference on Small Business (WHCSB) last month, sets guidelines for the agency to reduce or waive penalties for small businesses that make “good-faith” efforts to correct violations. “With this new program of incentives for small business,” Browner told her WHCSB audience, “the Clinton Administration is making it easier for people in small businesses to correct the violations they have been making. It’s a program that is going to help honest business owners comply with the law and run their business as cleanly and efficiently as possible.”

Apparently, this policy is part of the Clinton’s Executive Memorandum on the Waiver of Penalties and Reduction of Federal Paperwork, which grants federal agencies the ability to waive penalties for violations by small businesses, under certain conditions.

To the editor: Just a short note to thank you for running your article “Leslie Fund to Benefit Cleary Worker’s Family”. My son and I were strengthened immeasurably by similar industry support following our son’s accident several years ago. Once again, thanks for taking a supportive role. Edward C. Horton

To the editor: In the article ‘Traffic control: Take your course to the next level, Otis urges”, in your March, he has found that using a mulched tire product as a soil amendment reduces traffic damage, as do Netlon fibers. “It is this combination of benefits that makes Netlon Advanced Turf an ideal solution for cart path and foot traffic areas at golf courses across the country,” said Beverly (Boody) Anderson, a spokesman for VIT which owns Hogan, ANS Sporting Goods and other Kiawah golf courses. “And although the Ocean Course had previously joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, when asked if VIT would follow through with that commitment, Anderson replied: “No, I don’t think there will be any plans either in that regard.”

The following agreement which states in part that if VIT’s The Ocean Course (TOC) acquires an ownership interest in the course “either pursuant to the RTC’s...”

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has a checkered environmental record, now is the time to cleanse your bill of masthead (turn back to page 8)

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A quick glance at the Golf Course News masthead (turn back to page 8) indicates the move has been made. Publisher Charles von Brecht has arrived in Maine and can now be reached at GCN's Yarmouth, Maine, address.

Publication has not changed — the move in climates indicates the move has been made. But the physical offices of the family didn't require a great deal of adjustment. Their first two days in Maine set records, as temperatures climbed into the high 90s. Just like St. Petersburg, huh Charlie?...

What's the old saying about the sleeping bear? No, that's the wounded bear. They're quite dangerous, apparently... I believe one is often urged to let sleeping bears lie — no, wait: that applies to groggy dogs... Of course, there are sleeping giants, too, which many would describe as the GCN, Michigan-based publishing house making its mark in the golf industry.

Of course, Sleeping Bear Press is hardly going bankrupt, but it was responsible for giving us The Spirit of St. Andrews, the lost manuscript of Dr. Alister Mackenzie, published this year and reviewed by Terry Buchen in the March '96 edition Golf Course News. We can also thank the publishing house for Tom Doak's controversial Greenish, and should be completed next summer, with an opening in fall 1996. Locc Cove, an 18-hole private Nicklaus

Signature course in Batangas, Island of Luzan, will begin construction by November. Fili-Estate is undecided about housing or resort components. In Kagayan de Oro, Mindanao, construction should begin in November on another Nicklaus Signature track.

Benz, who has worked in Asia-Pacific for two decades and is headquartered in Los Gatos, California, U.S.A., reports interest in three resort projects. The three include one 18-hole, one 27-hole and one 36-hole facility.

The time frame? Two are imminent," he said.

Benz points to one, in particular, as a potential "destination of choice," sitting right on the ocean and boasting beautiful beachfrontage.

"The scenic beauty in some of these projects is absolutely superlative," he said. "Much of the land is untouched. That's why we'd like to be part of it, to develop the idea of eco-tourism, preserving to the greatest extent what you possibly can. That has been my bent since Day One of his career."...

Santa Lucia, developer of The Orchard G&CC in the Philippines, is undertaking its first golf project with Mount Malarayat. Built partially on a pineapple plantation, it will include an integrated sports facility including an equestrian center and sports lodge along with golf.

The residences will be a mixed market, dominated by second homes. A two-year build-out of the golf course is projected, with as many of the 27 holes as possible opening by the end of 1996.

Pocelot has a couple of other projects, including one in Cebu, they hope will get off the ground this year.

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now under [President Fidel] Ramos, is a good place to put your money."

While Mount Malarayat begins a new future of non-resort development providing golf for Filipinos, a number of other projects dot this Pacific paradise.

Robert Trent Jones Sr., Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Billy Casper, Ben, Nelson-Wright-Haworth, Andy Dye, Poellot... The list of golf course architects bustling about The Philippines goes on and on.

Arnold Palmer Design opened two courses recently — The Legacy Golf Course at The Orchard G&CC in Dasmariñas, Cavite, and Banyan Tree Everest G&CC in Nasasag, Batangas — and expects in late summer to begin construction on an 18-hole track, the Ayala-Cebu Golf Estates, in Cebu. It is being developed by Ayala Land Co. of The Philippines. The Legacy, whose grand opening in January was attended by Palmer and President Ramos, is a private members' course, while Banyan Tree is a combination resort and members' facility.

Nicklaus is involved with Fili-Estate Golf and Development Inc. of Manila in three projects — one private, one resort and residential, and the third undecided. Antipolo, a private residential and resort development, will feature an 18-hole Nicklaus design that is under construction and should be completed next summer, with an opening in fall 1996.

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