

## West

### CALIFORNIA AWARDS ESTABLISHED

California Gov. Pete Wilson has established the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards to recognize leaders in the realm of environmental protection and economically compatible resource conservation.

Annual awards will be presented in the categories of partnerships, environmental management, innovation, and environmental restoration and rehabilitation.

California residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, professional and trade associations, communities, and state and local governments are eligible. Chosen by an independent committee, the 1993 awards will be presented for activities undertaken and/or completed in 1992. Deadline for nominations is Aug. 27.

More information is available from the Governor's Office, Sacramento, Calif. 95814, or by calling the California Resource Agency at 916-653-5656 or the California Environmental Protection Agency at 916-445-3846.

## South Central



### ALABAMA APPOINTS OMBUDSMAN

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has created an ombudsman's position, designed to help small businessmen comply with environmental rules and to serve as a liaison between the department, local governments and the general public.

Jim Moore, a 14-year veteran of ADEM's Water Division, has taken the ombudsman's post hoping to "enhance environmental compliance and responsibility in the state."

Among Moore's duties will be aiding in the investigation and resolution of complaints; operating a toll-free hotline to provide free, confidential help on specific problems and grievances and to respond to requests for information; and working with other state agencies and organizations on development of programs.

The toll-free number — 800-533-ADEM — will take calls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and record message all other times.

## Mountains



### TURF TALK '93 LINEUP SET

CHANDLER, Ariz. — The latest research and developments on subjects ranging from fertilization

of warm-season grasses to controlled release nitrogen technology and poa annua control will be presented Aug. 25 at Turf Talk '93 at Sheraton San Marcos Golf Resort and Conference Center here.

Hosted by Garden West Distributors of Phoenix and with participation from Cactus & Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association, the conference will feature talks by Drs. James Beard, David Kopec, Fred Ledebor, Gary Smith and James Breuninger.

Beard, who has recently retired from Texas A&M and is director

of International Sports Turf Institute, Inc. in College Station, Texas, will speak on water conservation and low nitrogen fertilization of warm-season grasses.

Extension Specialist at the University of Arizona, Kopec will talk on weed control in desert turfgrasses and on UA's turfgrass research facility.

Ledebor, a plant breeder at Turfgrass Breeding and Research Station in Aurora, Ore., will speak on improving cool-season turfgrasses through breeding.

Director of research and development for Vigoro (Par Ex),

Smith will address controlled release nitrogen technology.

Breuninger, technical service and development representative for DowElanco Turf and Ornamental Products, will talk on growth regulators and poa annua control.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-registration is \$30. People may register at the door for \$35.

For further information, people should contact Garden West Distributors. Other sponsors of the event are DowElanco, Par Ex, Turf Merchants Inc. and Ironite.

*For some, beautiful drives down the fairway occur long before the first tee time.*

