An apology for Jimmy, after all these years

I am not convinced Silence of the Lambs is better than the best the golf industry could have offered for the Oscars competition. Nor can I imagine that Anthony Hopkins was the year's superior talent. So I've devised my own list of choices for the golf industry — The Birdie.

Without further adieu, here goes:

**Mark Leslie managing editor**

**Best Quotes:** funny, rightward glance to our right.

**Art & Design:** ads and books and so featured in magazine articles and advertisements across the country.

**Commentary:** that the developer will fold up his placards and demonstrate in front of the Plans&Golfers. And because it's with this political approval process.

**The Obstructionist Ploy:** to use these folks, some of them well-placed. They're trying to keep their foot in the door. If they can make the golf course sound like a monotonous humdrum of his suburban existence, they'll be able to convince me. Jimmy, I'm sorry. Please accept my heartfelt apologies.

**This Threat Makes New Golf Courses:** dry up in once fertile areas. Any number of projects have been set on the shelf, and dismal financial storms are predicted well into 1992. The major concern to our industry is the so-called "environmental movement," which has gathered golf courses throughout the nation. The firm is headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif.

**Guest Comment:** compare to Tolston's retelling of the struggle to win approval to build this course? I especially love the statements from equestrians, who declared that the golf course would do more damage to the terrain than the major erosion along horse trails.

**Best Special Effects:** Hole-in-one. The course was my playground. We played football in the rough on No. 6, and the ball was interrupted by several rounds of golf.

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**By Robert Trent Jones Jr.**

Throughout 1991, economic forecasters gave ominous weather reports, and, to be sure, we have seen financing dry up in once fertile areas. Any number of projects have been set on the shelf, and dismal financial storms are predicted well into 1992. This threat makes golf course construction a haphazardly undertaken project in several areas of the United States and drives an early denial of the course will make the area around it look like a monotonous humdrum of his suburban existence, they'll be able to convince me.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

**John Due to Spare.**

As a longtime golfer and lover of course design, I accepted the editorship of Golf Course News with enthusiasm and without hesitation. In this space each month I plan to blather at some length on subjects to my liking; subjects gathered willy-nilly from my experiences on the course, on the road and among industry professionals.

Oftentimes, new editors choose their column spaces with sentiments like these: "Hello, so glad to be here... This is your publication, so don't hesitate to write us letters... We don't deliver the outstanding product that you, our valued readers, have come to expect... etc., etc.

Well, I am glad to be here; we do actively seek your input — positive or negative — through letters to the editor; and indeed, we will continue to serve the golf industry each month with informative stories of interest.

However, I'd like to begin my editorial tenure with something a little different: an apology. Yes, I'd like to be here on the mercy of Jimmy, head superintendent at Nehoiden Golf Club in Wellesley, Mass.

I grew up across the street from Nehoiden, a quirky, private nine-hole course owned and operated by Wellesley College. Nothing about Nehoiden is run-of-the-mill. There is no clubhouse — members bear special tags and maintenance crew members collect guest fees haphazardly whilst traveling around the course.

An empty house sits at the geographic center of the course, wedged in between the first green and second tee. When I was a kid, the gentleman who oversaw Nehoiden lived there with his six kids and two bellgemen.

Disney World in Orlando, Fla., which welcomes visitors with huge spun aluminum golf tees in front of the clubhouse (see photo on page 27). Please come forward to accept your statute.

Forrest and Valerie Richardson of Richardson or Richardson in Phoenix, Ariz., who designed all Bonnet Creek's signage (see story on page 21).

**Best Photography:** Tony Roberts of Scottsdale, Ariz., whose work would make the area around it look like a monotonous humdrum of his suburban existence, they'll be able to convince me.

**Best Script:** Don of the New Fox Hollow golf course being built in Lakeville, Colo. Who could write a script that would make the area around it look like a monotonous humdrum of his suburban existence, they'll be able to convince me.

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The best of the year from Leslie's seat on the aisle

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Ontario, outside Toronto, it derived its name from the bountiful flowers by that name on the site. It came on line last year after Devil's Pulpit took the Canadian golfers by storm two years ago. You can breathe now up there, folks!

Best Adaptation: The Donald Ross Memorial Course in Boyne Highlands, Mich. You no longer have to travel the country over to squirm in excitement about playing holes of his best are recreated here.

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Best Supporting Actress: Alice Dye. Alice makes a cameo appearance on center stage now and then, but her presence truly frames the day-to-day life of husband Pete. Behind every great man is a great woman, the saying goes — right?

Humanitarianism Award: Mr. Chicago Golf Joe Jemsek. Did you catch Jack Palance doing the one-armed pushups on stage during the Oscars? Joe can do those with one thumb! He has plenty of awards filling his cabinet, but I'm sure Joe will feel this one is the icing on the cake. He has always been a long driver. Now he can say he's a long liver, and he has a long list of birdies — yet no Birdie to match this one!

Best Actor: Even Mr. Talented, Mr. Niceguy, Mr. Elected Best Architect the Last Three Years Tom Fazio — even Tom — can't say he has won both the Best New Private Course and Best New Public Course awards the same year. But Arthur Hills can. The Toledo, Ohio, designer saw Golf Digest pick his public Harbour Pointe and private Golf Club of Georgia designs as best in their categories. Come on down, Art, and get your Birdie!

Best Supporting Actor, Andy Banfield. Why? I've heard him called the greatest golf course architect in the world. In fact, he's the behind-the-scenes guy for Tom Fazio and directs builders to carry out those famed Fazio designs. Fazio is known for hiring bright young designers — folks who can add special wrinkles to his tops that help make his courses among the best.

Best Movie: Pebble Beach Golf Links: The Movie is the runaway winner of this highly prized Birdie. A compelling drama, Pebble Beach (a.k.a., Hey, Give Us a Little Leeway, Hub, Man! and Who Owns This Land Anyway?) proves the axiom: Truth is stranger than fiction. Consider the facts. A controversial Japanese billionaire. One of the world's most incredible stretches of ocean beauty. A struggle with environmentalists. A battle with government authorities at county and state levels. Protagonists. Antagonists. Has Joe Guerra, designer of Harbour Pointe in Salt Lake City, Utah, Bay Oaks in Houston and Bighorn in Palm Desert, Calif., among other projects. Come and get your Birdie, Keith.

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AGC to offer day care service at Calif. course

American Golf Corp. is offering what it claims is the first children's day care center at a golf course.

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"We want to make a meaningful and unprecedented commitment to parents who desire to play golf," American Golf Vice President Joe Guerra said.

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