Shades Of Green

OPINION

If the Silver Screen Turned Green ...

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WITH A LITTLE THEME MUSIC AND A BALLAD BY CELINE DION, THESE PARODIES COULD BE AS GOOD AS THE ORIGINALS

and top golfer, although he must still use the club's rear entrance.

The Bucket List: Superintendent roams a 54-hole golf complex one weekend on a front-end loader slated to be junked for parts. Looking for projects, he works through the nights rebuilding tees and bunkers. But the tractor blows a head gasket and cracks the engine block, sealing its fate to the scrap heap. Moral of the story: It's better to wear out than rust out.

2001: A Turf Odyssey: "Hal," the irrigation computer, shuts down the entire system when the superintendent tries to override the ET rate. While the turf dies, Hal illogically maintains the prime directive from the water management district. Superintendent and crew save the day by hand watering with hoses until the rainy season starts.

When Harry Met Sally: Romantic comedy about two superintendents who meet and fall in love at the Golf Industry Show. When fuel prices get so high that long-distance dating is impossible, the couple must decide where the grass is greener. Funniest bit is when Harry and Sally browse a Lesco truck and she fakes an orgasm over latest biostimulant on the market.

Ocean's Eleven: Former superintendent Denny Ocean builds an 11-hole golf course in Las Vegas using money from a casino heist by his brother Danny. The course does not meet USGA qualifications for handicaps, but it does provide faster rounds to help grow the game. The brothers find it is a great way to launder stolen money.

The Dirty Dozen: 12 pin placements during major events that shocked the golf world. Hidden cameras in this docu-drama reveal the sadistic elation of committee members as professionals three and four putt greens. The superintendent is forced to go into the witness protection program.

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