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SHORT CUTS

HORRIFIC HUGO...Hurricane Hugo not only temporarily ruined golf in the Carolinas (see page 8), but it also took its toll on home lawns. Most LCOs were wielding chain saws as dazed citizens returned to what was left of their homes, according to a report in this month's *LAWN CARE INDUSTRY* magazine. "The beautification of someone's lawn is the last thing on most people's minds. I think we'll just be able to survive," said **Ellen Boutwell**, office manager of Lawn-O-Green in Summerville, S.C., just outside of Charleston. Treatments will most likely be needed to control fire ants, yellow jackets and other insects stirred-up and made homeless by Hugo's wrath. That won't be an immediate source of income because "the homeowners won't come across them because they're concerned with getting a roof over their heads." Numerous yards had gouges where trees, poles, cars and houses were slammed to the turf.

FINNISH CUP'O'TEE...Demand for tee times is much higher in Finland than in the U.S., says **John Piersol**, golf course division chairman at Lake City Community College in Florida. He recently spent 12 days in the Scandinavian country at the invitation of its Sports Institute. "Golf is one of the fastest-growing participatory sports in the world," he observes. "Our (golf) program at LCCC is recognized by most leading golf courses in America as the best in the country. We're out to make that reputation worldwide." Finland, Piersol notes, will add 15 to 20 courses in the next few years.



John Piersol

HAPPY B-DAY...To E-Z-Go Textron, the oldest and largest golf car and utility vehicle manufacturer in the country. E-Z-Go celebrated its 35th birthday a couple months ago, and guest of honor at a special ceremony was co-founder **B.F. Dolan**.

CHEERS...That's what entrants in the annual Special Olympics should have for Briggs & Stratton. The small engine company raised \$6,730 for the Wisconsin and Kentucky Special Olympics with a five-kilometer run held at Expo '89 in Louisville, Ky. "We are pleased that so many show attendees participated," said CEO **Frederick P. Stratton, Jr.** "Together, we are helping support Special Olympics' worthwhile efforts to provide sports and recreational opportunities for our mentally retarded citizens."