

Biotechnology rules in making

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will soon unveil a "stable set of rules" for areas it administers in the area of biotechnology.

The EPA said biotechnology presents "enormous opportunities to improve lives and environment. Among its potential advantages are new ways to clean up the environment, develop pest-resistant plants, and improve food production with less use of synthetic chemicals.

"The industry will need a stable set of rules to make the necessary investments."

Coeur D'Alene tax dispute lands in court

BOISE — A tax dispute involving The Coeur D'Alene Resort Golf Course has landed in court after course owners balked at the state's 1991 assessment.

The problem stems from last year's valuation of the 135-acre golf course, which the state originally assessed at \$12.2 million. The owners — Hagadone Hospitality Co. — believe it's worth just \$3.17 million.

Hagadone turned to the state Board of Tax Appeals, which ruled Hagadone should pay taxes on property worth \$11,872,56, according to Eileen Peterson, executive assistant to the Board of Tax

Appeals.

But the owners said "no" and brought the matter to District Court of Appeals, where it now resides.

According to Peterson, the case was complicated by two factors. First, the golf course is comprised of two parcels, each assessed separately. Second, the course boasts the world's only floating green, on the 14th hole atop Lake Coeur d'Alene. How to assess a floating green is the subject of some conjecture, she said.

The two sides are miles apart. For example, Hagadone is looking for a per-hole assessment at \$176,000, while the state values each hole at \$662,464.

Dionne honored for long service in seed industry

Former Jacklin Seed Co. plant manager Ted Dionne has been awarded honorary lifetime memberships by the Washington-North Idaho Seed Association and the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Seed Association.

Dionne and his wife Doramae have been active in the Washington-North Idaho association for 25 years. The honorary lifetime membership, only the fifth to be given since 1952, was awarded jointly to the Dionnes for their teamwork and involvement with the association. Ted Dionne views their participation as a partnership, and noted this is the first time the award has been given to a woman.

Dionne, who retired last June after more than 35 years with Jacklin Seed Co., has been an active member in national and international seed trade associations. Dionne is past president of both the Washington-North Idaho, and Idaho-Eastern Oregon seed associations, and was previously awarded an honorary life membership to the Spokane County Crop Improvement Association.

O'Brien named to PGA panel

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Larry O'Brien, vice president of public relations at Golden Bear International, has been appointed to the PGA of America's Advisory Committee.

A recipient of several awards in the United States and Canada for his contributions in the fields of communications and public relations, O'Brien was at one time an award-winning newspaperman and television commentator in Canada. He moved to North Palm Beach in 1970 and was associated with several U.S. Tour prestigious tournaments while still serving as coordinator for the Canadian Open.

Golf House expo features Jones

FAR HILLS, N.J. — An oil portrait of golf architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. by renowned British artist Arthur Weaver was recently unveiled during the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association in Palm Beach, Fla.

"It was an occasion I will always remember," Jones said. "I was simply delighted with Arthur Weaver's work and am honored the USGA will display it."

The portrait will hang at the USGA's Museum, Golf House. Jones is the 17th golf dignitary — and the first architect — honored with a portrait at Golf House, joining other golf personalities such as Bob Jones, Francis Ouimet, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Gene Sarazen, and Glenna Collett Vare.

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