

MONSON

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institution or other units."

A July 1, 1993 letter from Kulongoski said, "(Monson) may huff and puff, but he cannot make OAR 580-21-318 go away."

The state also denies it is responsible for Monson's loss of income from outside sources. Monson had contracts with Nike (\$15,000/year), the Oregon Sports Network (\$65,000/year), and a basketball summer camp (\$18,000/year) among others.

In his claim that the University is responsible for those contracts, Monson is relying on a March 18, 1983 letter from former athletic director Rick Bay, who offered Monson the job as basketball coach.

The letter mentions radio and television contracts, saying, "It is difficult to be precise about any potential income in this area. ... Present estimates ... are that you could earn between \$10,000-\$12,000 from the radio/television shows"

The letter also mentions summer camps, saying, "Again, it is difficult to project potential income here. ... Nonetheless, it should be emphasized that you are free to earn as much camp-related income as you can generate"

The state claims the letter is meaningless for several reasons: First, Monson is suing over terms of his 1992 contract, not his 1983 contract; second, the letter's language, including terms such as "you could earn," and "you are free to earn as much camp-related income as you can generate," suggest that the language was not intended to bind the University to those income sources; and third, the letter was not a contract.

The letter contained a clause that read, "Please understand, however, that this offer is contingent upon ratification from the President of the University and can only be fully consummated in a letter directly from him which will require your signature." The state claims that, because of this clause, the letter from Bay could not be interpreted as a binding contract.

In a June 1, 1993 deposition via telephone from Australia, where Monson is now coaching a professional team, he recalled events leading up to his leaving the University.

Monson said Byrne came into his office on the morning of March 17, 1992. "(Byrne) said he felt that he was going to make a change in the basketball coaching," Monson said, and that Byrne suggested the job as golf coach.

"I told (Byrne) I had been a basketball coach for 34 years, and that is what I came to Oregon for," Monson said.

Monson said Byrne told him he was calling a news conference for that afternoon and asked him if he wanted to attend. Monson replied, "What in the world would I want to attend the press conference for, with the things that you just mentioned? Why don't you get out of here?"

A letter from Byrne that same day confirmed Monson's reassignment as golf coach. "You explained to me that you were not hired to be the golf coach ... and used rather graphic terms to explain that to me," the letter said.

"I'm sorry that this has come to this Don, but I'm convinced that for the good of the department, we need to make a change in leadership in the men's basketball program," Byrne said.

Monson refused the job, and on April 29 was given a letter assigning him as compliance coordinator. "I'll expect you to begin your new assignment by May 18, 1992. If you fail to begin by that day, we will consider that you have resigned," the letter said.

Both positions would have paid the same salary, but the compliance coordinator job would not have included the courtesy car or club membership, which are reserved for head coaches.

New dialing for long-distance

For people who can't set the clock on their VCRs, the new change in telephone service might be a little confusing.

Starting last Sunday, if you want to make a long-distance call to another point in Oregon you have to dial 1-503 before dialing the number. Otherwise you'll hear a computer voice instructing you to try again the correct way.

Why is this happening? Some anti-industrial conspiracy theorists might think that it is all a plot by "them" — you know who "they" are — to make life more complicated for the masses.

Actually, as Oregon's masses have multiplied, the telephone system has become too crowded. Without changes, telephone companies could run out of prefixes as early as next year. Under the new system, they will have 150 new prefixes to use.

"The new dialing plan will free up the number combinations to use as prefix codes which previously were only area codes," said a press release for US West.

Currently, none of Oregon's three digit prefixes have a 0 or 1 in the middle because those combinations have been reserved for area codes. By

requiring callers to dial 1-503 on long-distance calls, telephone companies' computers will know that the next three numbers are the prefix and won't be confused when prefixes are created with a 0 or 1 in the middle.

The new system will not change 911 calling or dialing 0 for operator assistance.

These changes will only be a temporary solution. According to US West, Oregon will need to be divided into two area codes probably in the next four to six years.

In homes that have a blinking 12:00 on the VCR, that change may be overwhelming.

Parents looking for son's rescuer

The near drowning of a three-year-old boy at Perkins Peninsula at Fern Ridge Reservoir has grateful parents looking for the woman who saved the boy's life.

Dustin Drake was at the reservoir with his natural mother Friday, June 25, when he apparently slipped below the surface, said JoDee Davis, the fiancée of the boy's father, DeWayne.

Davis said a woman then pulled Dustin from the water and administered CPR. Doctors found no damage from the incident, and Dustin went swimming again the next day, Davis said.

Two days later, Dustin turned four years old.

thanks to the literal gift of life given him by his anonymous rescuer.

Davis said she and DeWayne would like to find the woman who rescued Dustin and "thank her for being there and being aware of what's going on."

Dustin has three step-brothers and two natural brothers, all of whom are "happy to see him be able to have a fifth birthday," Davis said.

The couple appeared on KMTR news and have posted fliers asking for any witnesses to come forward, but so far have received no responses.

Anyone who saw what happened that day are asked to call Davis or Drake at 935-6235.

Child Care Inc. turns 25 Saturday

Child Care Inc. will celebrate its 25th anniversary in the Eugene-Springfield area Saturday at Skinner Butte Park.

As a charitable organization, Child Care Inc., the oldest licensed center in the country, has a mission of providing quality care to families of all income levels, offering a sliding scale and scholarships to families, based on levels consistent with

USDA guidelines.

Child Care Inc. is interested in finding and inviting families formerly involved with the organization to Saturday's celebration. Former board members, volunteers, staff people and preschoolers who attended Child Care Inc. over the years.

The first batch of students to attend Child Care Inc. is now between 28 and 30 years of age.

Child Care Inc.'s birthday party, which includes free activities for kids of all ages, begins at 11 a.m. and continues into the afternoon with Mayor Ruth Bascom at the cake-cutting ceremony.

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