

Broiling good fun



Jamie Martin of Veneta takes her seven-year-old daughter Jessica (left) and six-year-old daughter Jennifer (right) on the parachute ride at the Springfield Broiler Festival last weekend. Jaycee volunteer Brian Culver wears a scarf to keep from inhaling the smoke while turning roasting chickens at the festival (at right). The Jaycees broiled more than 15,000 chickens.



Photos by Anthony Furney

Monson wins case in court

□ Jury decides that University wrongfully removed coach

By Martin Fisher
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A Lane County Circuit Court jury Thursday decided Don Monson was wrongfully removed from his position as Oregon men's basketball coach and awarded him \$292,087.83.

Monson was removed as coach in March, 1992, and sued the University for breach of contract.

The 11-woman, one-man jury heard five days of testimony in the case, including two days from Monson himself. The jury deliberated less than three hours before returning its verdict.

Monson, and his attorney Harold Gillis, evidently convinced jurors that the University treated Monson unfairly when it re-assigned him, first as men's golf coach and later as NCAA compliance coordinator for rules and regulations.

"What's a contract mean to the University of Oregon?" Gillis asked jurors in his closing argument. "Not much," he answered.

Gillis portrayed the University as a heartless institution that acted with complete disregard to Monson and his contract.

"They just basically dumped him," Gillis told jurors.

"Insincerity seems to be the standard at



Monson

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'Father' and 'soul' of Nike likes to talk bulls

□ Bowerman inspired shoe company to be what it is today

By Carrie Vincent
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Dusty Kidd, the public relations director of sport for Nike, says Bill Bowerman is the "soul of Nike." Or did he mean "sole of Nike"?

Either way, Bowerman's contributions to Nike are immeasurable in "soul" and "sole."

Called the "father" of Nike by many others, Bowerman's infernal tinkering and con-

cern for his runners as Oregon track coach for more than 20 years inspired the multibillion-dollar Nike industry to be what it is today — a hard-working, high-standard, innovative and highly competitive company.

And the stories are all true.

Bowerman learned from a boot maker — after a cobbler told him he couldn't possibly learn — how to make shoes for his runners. He used glue instead of thread to put his shoes together, and, in fact, now uses prosthetic supports for his ankles and feet because of hours spent in the shed with the toxins of the glue. He incurred the wrath of

his wife Barbara, using synthetic rubber instead of Bisquick in an experiment with her waffle iron to create the first non-mud-collecting shoe.

And the continual drive to his experiment to create new things — the very attitude that has made Nike so successful — is still there, though Bowerman is now focusing it more on perfecting his genetically produced small bovine.

His near "mad scientist" persona is free to experiment at will on his large spread just outside of Eugene that is supported by his

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Bill Bowerman



WEATHER

Fun in the sun.

That's right, the sun should be back for a while. A high pressure system over the area will bring clear skies and temperatures in the 80s through Wednesday.

FAMILY SUES OVER CUT HAIR

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The family of a seven-year-old boy who claimed his hair was cut by classmates in a racial incident has sued his school district.

The lawsuit claims the North Thurston School District was negligent in handling the incident that allegedly happened last October. The family claims that Jamaican-American first-grader Dominick Watson had a dreadlock forcibly cut off by an older boy who kicked him and used racial slurs.

School officials said last year their investigation did not confirm the then-six-year-old's account. Evidence presented by the investigation said the child told teachers his dreadlock "fell off."

Parent Jesse White said his son Dominick, who has remained out of school since the incident, is still shaken.

SPORTS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arson inspectors met with the district attorney's office Monday to investigate an incident in which New York Mets outfielder Vince Coleman tossed a firecracker outside Dodger Stadium. Three people were injured.

No arrests have been made or charges filed, but fire department spokesman Brian Humphrey said Monday the investigation is proceeding. If it is determined the injuries were related to the firecracker, charges could be filed.

Coleman, on the advice of his attorneys, has refused to speak with reporters. Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said the team would have no comment.