

# NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

## Leaded gasoline will soon disappear from Oregon



EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Oregon service stations are finally getting the lead out.

Soon the state will lose its distinction as one of the few places in the nation still pumping leaded gasoline.

Amendments to the federal Clean Air Act ban the sale of leaded fuel for highway use nationwide after Jan. 1, 1996.

While leaded gas is already a thing of the past in many regions nationwide, some service stations in Eugene are among a select group in the Pacific Northwest that haven't yet phased out the fuel.

Owners of the old vehicles are having to switch to unleaded gasoline that works just fine in their engines — but costs up to 10 cents more per gallon than leaded gas.

Eugene Texaco stations stopped selling leaded fuel last fall. Chevron converted to all-unleaded pumps on May 15. Most BP, Shell and Arco stations will make the switch this month.

The station sells 300 to 400 gallons of leaded gasoline a day, compared to more than 3,000 gallons of unleaded fuels.

Over the past two decades, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has gradually cut the level of lead it allows in leaded fuel. Now, leaded gasoline is allowed to have only 0.1 grams of lead per gallon, down from 4 grams in the early 1970s. Also, cars made since 1975 can use only unleaded fuel.

## Shapiro denies allegations of Simpson plea bargain



LOS ANGELES (AP) — The lawyer who organized O.J. Simpson's high-powered team of attorneys denied Thursday that he tried to organize a plea bargain in the double-murder case.

"He had told me he was innocent from the beginning, and he never wavered from that," Robert Shapiro said in an interview with The Associated Press. Shapiro said he designed the original trial strategy based on his client's declaration that he did not kill Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

His comments rebutted a statement by F. Lee Bailey, who said Wednesday that Shapiro had been crafting a manslaughter plea for Simpson involving the football player's friend Robert Kardashian.

Kardashian, a lawyer, was seen carrying Simpson's garment bag away from his estate when he returned from Chicago the day after the murders. Prosecutors have contended that evidence may have been in the bag. Kardashian said he never looked inside it, and when he handed it over to police months later, it was empty.

Kardashian told the Los Angeles Times for Friday's editions that in an early defense session, Shapiro brought up whether Simpson should plead guilty to manslaughter. As part of the deal, Shapiro discussed whether Kardashian could implicate himself as an accessory to the killings.

## Parliament asked to ratify West Bank Autonomy deal



JERUSALEM (AP) — With a plea to "give peace a chance," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin asked Parliament on Thursday to ratify a deal giving Palestinians control over West Bank cities.

The accord, which signals an end to 28 years of Israeli occupation, was expected to be approved 61-59, despite threats by holdouts in Rabin's Labor Party to vote against it. The ruling coalition controls 63 of the 120 seats in Parliament, but two labor rebels said they would vote against the accord.

As the legislators debated, 20,000 Israelis, some chanting "Rabin is a traitor," rallied in Jerusalem's Zion Square before marching to Parliament.

The Israel-PLO agreement calls for a troop withdrawal from Palestinian towns by the end of the year, the deployment of 12,000 armed Palestinian police in the West Bank and Palestinian general elections by spring.

Israeli officials said Thursday that Israeli troops will start the process of withdrawing from the West Bank on Sunday. They plan to be out of six West Bank cities by the end of the year.

Palestinians also will gain administrative control over 450 West Bank villages, though Israeli troops retain the right to move freely in rural areas.

The maps outlining the redeployment were laid out Thursday morning in Parliament.

## Bugs Bunny statue was easier to build than abolitionist bust

BOSTON (AP) — Nyyyyyaaaaaaah, what's up, Doc? Certainly not a bust of abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Red tape is keeping the statue from being installed at historic Faneuil Hall.

But a larger statue has popped up with no problem: Bugs Bunny in bronze.

The main difference is who controls the statues' fates. Both will be installed at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, but Bugs is outdoors on private property, in front of the Warner Brothers Studio Store. The Douglass statue is headed for a spot inside the 253-year-old meeting hall, which is owned by the city.

On Thursday, tourist after



tourist paused to take pictures of the 12-foot seated hare with a half-chewed carrot.

## Parishioners ignore Pope for gambling

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Not even the spiritual leader of the world's Roman Catholics can come between gamblers and their slots.

While the Archdiocese of Newark made last-minute preparations for Pope John Paul II's visit on Wednesday, 80 parishioners boarded buses for Atlantic City.

"It's ironic," acknowledged

Sebastian DeFroschia, 80, president of the Sacred Heart September Club, which sponsored the trip. The seniors paid \$70 a head for the overnight trip.

The trip was planned 10 months ago, before the Pope's visit, DeFroschia said.

Members of the local flock were sheepish as they climbed aboard buses parked just steps away from where the pontiff held an evening prayer service hours later.

"I saw him last time he was here [in New Jersey]," said Helen Cardell, 72. "I'll see him on TV."

Others were pragmatic.

"No matter how close or how far away you live, you'll never be able to get a glimpse of him unless you have a ticket, and even then it's not a sure thing," said Jean Demidio, 60.

## Plan: EMU building to be renovated by 1998

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food court and the recreation center. Renovations are necessary because the plumbing in the food service is from the 1940s and has caused flooding in the recreation center several times, Geltner said.

EMU renovations are expected to cost about \$4 million. The money for the construction is already available from a state fund.

Each term, all student at state colleges and universities pay an \$18.50 building fee. This money

is dispersed to Oregon schools on a rotational basis to be used for non-academic buildings like student unions, Geltner said.

Renovations to the EMU are planned to be completed by the fall of 1998. The construction will not be visible to students until 1997, Geltner said.

Last year's EMU Board president, Stephanie Dixon, said they are waiting to start the construction until after the Board has conducted a market research survey and a structural study.

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