

News briefs

Transportation issues to be on upcoming ballot

Eugene residents, including University students, have until Oct. 16 to update their voter registration to participate in the Nov. 6 election. Oregon requires voters to update their registration when they change their residence or mailing address.

The Eugene City Council has placed two measures on the ballot, both of which deal with transportation issues in West Eugene. Measure 20-53 considers strategies to accommodate increased traffic without using the West Eugene Parkway. Voters approved the parkway in 1986, but it has not yet been built. Measure 20-54 would give the city of Eugene approval to begin the West Eugene Parkway project.

If both measures pass, the one re-

ceiving the most votes will prevail. — Sue Ryan

Breeze will add shelters

The Lane Transit District plans to install nine new bus shelters along the Breeze route over the next two weeks. The Breeze is a continuous LTD shuttle service between downtown Eugene, the University, Fifth Street Public Market and Valley River Center.

The shelters are the latest part of the plan for the Breeze route. On Monday, officials changed Breeze times on weekdays for buses to make connections with other routes. The new times are posted at the Breeze bus sites.

The Breeze shelters will feature artistic renditions of people. Each sculpture will be brightly painted and designed to relate the people to their particular bus stop. The designs range from a woman wearing a daisy dress to a female doctor.

LTD worked with a team of local businesses to produce the distinctive shelters.

— Sue Ryan

Sen. Smith to visit Eugene

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., will visit Eugene on Thursday to meet with Oregon airport and aviation leaders. He plans to discuss the federal response to the Sept. 11 terror-

ist attacks. After that meeting, he will visit Junction City High School, where he will speak with students and answer their questions.

Smith will also meet with members of the Oregon National Guard to discuss the status of its funding request to construct an Armed Forces Reserve Center complex in Eugene. The facility would be built

to house units of the Army National Guard, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Smith's day starts at Flight Craft at 8 a.m. at the Oregon Aviation Summit. He will visit Junction City High School at 10 a.m. and attend the funding announcement at 11 a.m. at the Oregon National Guard meeting.

— Sue Ryan

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