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Backhoe operator Ted Jeffries and Janet Evans prepare the east side of Highway 99E for curbs and gutters.

### Highway projects ahead of schedule

**By JOHN BAUR**  
Albany Democrat-Herald

The major mid-valley highway projects — the widening of Highway 99E and the reopening of Interstate 5 — are well ahead of schedule.

A bid for the reconstruction of the Highway 34 interchange with Interstate 5, is getting over way this month.

**ROADWAY 99E**  
Curb and gutter work is almost completed on the stretch of Highway 99E from Lane-Benton Community College south to Highway 34, according to state Highway Division project manager Lee Franklin.

The \$2.1 million project is being constructed by Menzies Inc.

"We're hoping to get the bid list going at the end of the month, so the entire surface will be blank," Franklin said. "There are no curbs and gutters on this year. I doubt if we will get the entire final paving on the entire roadway. We'll be lucky if we get the base in down before the rains come in."

But if the contractor gets the base done before the weather turns bad, he'll be in great shape come spring, Franklin said.

The bridge on 15 between the Highway exit and the Lane County line is ahead of schedule, according to project manager Mary Martin Wright.

When work began last spring, it was estimated the project would take two full summers to do. Repairing of the southbound lanes would be done this year, and repairing the northbound lanes was to be bid off until 1994.

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Hopefully he'll get that covered over with black stuff to keep the rain off. If the ground gets wet, it takes a while to dry in the spring.

The contract is scheduled to be completed by June 30, even with some rain there should be no problem, Franklin added.

"The contractor is way ahead of schedule," he said.

**INTERSTATE 5**  
The reopening of I-5 between the Highway exit and the Lane County line is ahead of schedule, according to project manager Mary Martin Wright.

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upside their columns reinforced. Then the roadway on the bridge will be filled and repaved.

Martin Wright said the bridge will cause little delay on I-5, although the bridge repairs themselves will be closed and that traffic rerouted to other nearby roads.

One railroad bridge, near Diamond Hill, about four miles south of Albany, is being removed. That work will delay I-5 traffic, she said.

**HIGHWAY 34S INTERCHANGE**  
There's just a little earthmoving going on now, but within a few weeks work will get up to speed on the replacement of the Highway 34 interchange's interchange. That will make a big difference to road-going drivers.

The interchange will be completely removed and rebuilt, according to project engineer Bryan Haman, when work starts on the \$1.1 million project. Highway 34 traffic will be rerouted to the south lanes crossing the freeway.

Access to the overpass will remain open, but during parts of the construction drivers will not be able to exit the freeway at Highway 34 and go east to Lebanon. They will be rerouted through the Albany exit at these times, Haman said.

Hamilian Construction of Springfield is doing the project, which is scheduled to be completed in 1996.

### Man convicted in 1978 murder

**Associated Press and Democrat-Herald**

**MADRAS** — A jury has found John Arthur Ackroyd guilty of murdering a Eugene woman 15 years ago in the Coos Bay area.

The jury deliberated for four hours Tuesday before finding him guilty of two counts of aggravated murder and three counts of murder.

Each of the five charges against the 40-year-old former mechanic for the state Highway Division was based on a separate theory about the slaying.

Ackroyd had admitted seeing Kaye Turner the morning of Christmas Eve 1978, when she disappeared while jogging. Eight months later he had police to the site where she was believed to have been killed.

Prosecutors told the jury Tuesday that Turner's remains were two decapitated, but they did not know how the decapitated head was found. Ackroyd provided graphic descriptions of each wound and what he called a "large caliber gunshot wound" in her chest.

The cause of her death was not officially determined until this year, when state police re-examined her remains and other items on Jan. 29, 1993.

"We know now for a fact that the defendant accurately described the injuries, but no one could have known that until this morning about 11 hours after her family reported her missing, according to Albany police and state deputies in Coos County, Wash."

Cecil Davis reported that near-old Jonathan Schrock of Albany in Longview, Wash. about two hours later this morning, Schrock, a registered sex offender in Oregon, was being held on suspicion of kidnapping.

Albany Police Detectives Mike Mann and Dave Calvan left for Longview this morning to talk to Schrock and bring the child home. Sgt. Phil McLean said.

McLean said the girl's aunt had left the child with Schrock Tuesday morning while she went to visit a relative. The mother and her aunt recently. The mother and her aunt were in the area.

The aunt asked Schrock to pick her up later in the day. He did not show up, McLean said.

Nearby police told police they last saw Schrock and the girl about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Albany. The aunt reported

County Sheriff's Office with putting much of the case together. Lisa DeLoe became involved in the Turner homicide investigation while looking in the July 1988 disappearance of Ackroyd's stepdaughter, Richards Lea Pickett.

Pickett had been living with her mother and Ackroyd at the state Highway Division maintenance compound at Siskiyou Junction when she vanished. Ackroyd was the last person to see her. She has never been found and Lisa DeLoe believes she is dead. The case remains under investigation.

Detective Jim Salberry, lead investigator in the Pickett case, was in Madras for the month-long Ackroyd trial. Detectives Will McManis and Lisa DeLoe were subpoenaed.

"I'm real proud of our crew," Lisa DeLoe said.

"It was not an easy case to pursue. No case where so much time has gone by and witnesses have scattered."

Of Ackroyd, Barrig said, "I'm glad we've got him off the streets."

The four-week murder trial wrapped up Tuesday with nearly three hours of closing arguments by attorneys for both sides.

The eight women, four men jury began deliberations after instructions from Jefferson County Circuit Judge Gary Thompson.

Defense lawyer Duane McChale of Woodlawn said jurors that differing testimony from two prosecution witnesses about where Turner was jogging raised the possibility another man was in the area.

The two missing about 7 p.m. Albany police checked throughout the night with friends and family, trying to find Schrock and the child. Sgt. Phil McLean said. Schrock had been at another person's house with the child in the driveway. There left for an unknown destination.

"We were operating on the information that he had a bad tank of gas and no money," McLean said.

A subpoena on his way to work spotted the morning that Schrock along Lewis River Road near Woodlawn, Wash. at 7:30 a.m. today. The man was in St. John's Medical Center in Longview.

"Our main concern right now is hypothermia, and we don't have any indication of anything else wrong," McLean said, but the correct investigative procedure will be followed under the circumstances.

McLean said police got information this morning that Schrock had called someone in Washington for some medical assistance about 2:30 this morning and had been referred to a local doctor. Cecil Davis checked there for him, but McLean was unsure where he was located.

Clay Lopez of the Longview Daily News contributed to this story.

### In the mid-valley

**About 6000 collected to buy police bikes**

**JEFFERSON** — About 6000 has been raised to buy two mountain bicycles to use in patrol by the Jefferson Police Department, Chief Michael DeCar said today.

The department needs about \$1,000 to equip two bikes and two riders, leaving about \$600 to collect. Among other things, the department hopes to buy a new truck and a new van.

DeCar said he would like to see more police relations and better crime control.

He said people like personal contact with the police, and an officers bicycle can help to talk with kids and others out on the street.

Bicycles, being quiet, also can be used to surprise people involved in drug deals in public places.

Anyone wanting to make a tax deductible contribution to the bike fund may do so at the Key Bank in Jefferson.

**Halsey ceramics shop to feature classes**

**HALSEY** — The three-day grand opening of a ceramics shop on a Halsey farm will begin Thursday and will feature free classes for people to improve their craft.

Dwain Grammer, located on the Suk Farm at 2000 Lake Creek Drive, is owned by Letha and Frank Suk. The grand opening classes through Saturday.

In addition to offering classes, the Suk's shop sells finished products as well as ceramic supplies like brushes, glazes and stains. They will also have ceramic products.

Regular hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Night classes are directed from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

**Rebates available**

Rebates that become available last week give discounts of up to \$488 to heating oil customers who want to purchase new high efficiency oil furnaces.

A total of 400 rebates will be distributed by geographic area as a first come, first served basis. The rebates are financed by the Oregon Oil Heat Commission.

Rebates of \$200 are available to any owner-occupied home where heating oil is the primary source of heat. To receive the rebate, owners should con-

duct their heating oil dealer and request an application.

The commission will also distribute rebates of \$488 each, to low income households that qualify. Their rebates will be given through local community action agencies.

For more information about the rebate program, call the Oil Heat Commission in Portland at 1-800-551-0282.

**Charity Grange plans dinner and auction**

Members of Charity Grange will hold their annual ham dinner and auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 9. It will be held at the Grange hall and

hosted by Dave, halfway between Halsey and Barrysburg.

The cost of the dinner will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 years and under.

Entertainment will include accordion music played from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. by Janet Christensen Fries of Albany.

The auction will begin at 8 p.m. with Life Newsletter of Halsey as an auctioneer. Baked goods, sweaterwork, gift items and garden produce will be auctioned. Over 100 items will be awarded.

### Albany child found safe in Washington

**By MARILYN MONTGOMERY**  
Albany Democrat-Herald

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