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WRONG-WAY DRIVER ON INTERSTATE 5

Head-on collision kills at least one

DEMOCRAT-HERALD
A wrong-way driver on Interstate 5 sideswiped one vehicle and slammed head-on into another Saturday night, leaving one motorist dead, sending several people to the hospital and snarling traffic for more than an hour.

The incident happened shortly after 9 p.m. near Boston Mill Road, about 10 miles south of Albany. According to a state trooper at the scene, a compact sedan driving north in the southbound lanes of the freeway caromed off a Jeep sport-utility vehicle before plowing into a pickup.

The sedan wound up on the shoulder of the left-
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Mark Ylen/Mid-Valley Sunday
At least one person was killed and several injured when this sedan struck two other vehicles while traveling the wrong way on I-5 Saturday.

9/11 TEN YEARS LATER

HOMELAND (IN)SECURITY



Jesse Skoubo/Mid-Valley Sunday
Sgt. Ryan Siggins of the 102nd Civil Support Team helps Staff Sgt. Steve Freeland suit up to investigate a possibly contaminated dorm room at Oregon State University. The specially trained and equipped Oregon National Guard unit took part in a multi-agency biohazard training exercise on the Corvallis campus on Aug. 31.

Since 9/11, emergency preparedness has become the watchword in the mid-valley and throughout the nation. But are we really better off?

BY THE NUMBERS

- Annual risk of being killed by lightning: **1 IN 7 MILLION**
- Annual risk of dying from peanut allergy: **1 IN 6 MILLION**
- Annual risk of being killed by terrorist attack in U.S. (1970-2007): **1 IN 3.5 MILLION**
- Annual risk of drowning in bathtub: **1 in 950,000**
- Annual risk of dying in a traffic accident: **1 in 8,000**

Source: John Mueller and Mark G. Stewart, "Hardly Existential: Terrorism as a Hazard to Human Life"

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CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

In the early morning hours of Aug. 31, a column of electric-blue military vehicles, bristling with high-tech equipment, rolled into Corvallis. The unmarked trucks and vans rolled to a halt outside an Oregon State University research lab, the suspected source of a mysterious outbreak that had sickened several students.

The illness had been identified as tularemia, a respiratory infection carried by rodents. The bacterium that causes the disease, *Francisella tularensis*, is among the biological agents sometimes kept for study at the OSU lab.

It's also classified as a potential bioterrorism threat, which is why OSU emergency managers called in the 102nd Civil Support Team, an Oregon National Guard unit specially trained and equipped for CBRN response — the handling of chemical, biological, radiological

and nuclear incidents.

CST members in combat fatigues and tactical vests were a key component of a coordinated response that ultimately involved upwards of 70 people from a dozen or so agencies, including the Corvallis and Albany fire departments, Samaritan Health Services, state and county health departments, several university offices, the Oregon State Police and the FBI.

By the end of the day, emergency responders in protective hazmat suits had tracked the outbreak to its source: some pet mice in a dorm room, with nary a terrorist in sight.

Actually, there wasn't any tularemia, either. The whole thing was a drill, an elaborate training exercise designed to test OSU's biohazard safety protocols.

It was also a telling example of the vast amounts of time, energy and resources the United States has poured

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9/11 10 YEARS LATER

Love, loss and 9/11: Six years after Lance Cpl. Tyler John Troyer died in Iraq, his mother continues to honor her son's memory/D1

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Reader memories: We asked for your stories and you responded in a big way/D3

In Memoriam: A list of mid-valley troops who have died in the line of duty since 9/11/D2

OREGON STATE FOOTBALL

SHUT OUT IN WISCONSIN

SPORTS, B1



The Weather Beaver says

One more day in the cooker before we start cooling off this week/D5

