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A race to avert death on I-5

WRONG-WAY DRIVER SPEEDS 18 MILES BEFORE FRANTIC TROOPERS SUCCEED IN STOPPING HER

BY CHRISTINE CLARRIDGE

 $Seattle\ Times\ staff\ reporter$ It was a tragedy waiting

to happen unless they

could stop it. The State Patrol troopers tried their sirens, spotlights and even the PA system on their patrol cars, but nothing seemed to

capture the attention of the driver who was careening north on Interstate 5 in the wrong direction early Wednesday morning.

One trooper raced alongside the car, on the northbound lanes of the

freeway, trying to alert the driver that she was heading toward potential disaster. Others tried to deploy spike strips, but were initially unsuccessful "because the driver was all over the place, using all the lanes," said Trooper

Guy Gill. Cars in the southbound lanes flashed their high beams at the oncoming car, trying to warn the driver. Some narrowly avoided head-on colli-

Finally, after the wrongway driver covered nearly

18 miles at speeds up to 100 mph, troopers were able to stop the white Lincoln LS by using spike strips to flatten the tires.

By then, the driver, identified as Pamela Drawsby, 60, of Olympia, had traveled from Tumwater to the freeway exit near the main gate at Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Drawsby was arrested and booked into Pierce County Jail. She was charged later in the day in Thurston County District

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Wrong way on I-5

A woman was arrested early Wednesday after driving north for 18 miles in the southbound lanes of Interstate 5. No one



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THE NEW 8TH DISTRICT: 'A BRIDGE **ACROSS** THE STATE

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MAP KNITS WEST, EAST SIDE

Republican Reichert favored as district shifts from suburban to more rural

BY JIM BRUNNER Seattle Times political reporter

Ever since taking office in 2005, Republican Congressman Dave Reichert has felt the partisan bull'seye on his back.

Democrats have vigorously targeted him in every election, believing his swing 8th Congressional District was trending their way.

No more. Reichert was one of the clear

winners of the state's latest congressional redistricting. In the redrawn political map, the 8th District sheds its Bellevue-area suburban core, morphing into a more rural and presumably safe Republican seat. As the election

U.S. Rep. Dave

year begins, Reichert, for the first time, faces no major Democratic challenger.

"Usually in January we're al ready being ripped apart. This is the first year we haven't been at-

triguing new choice. He could run for U.S. Senate against Democrat See > NEW DISTRICT, A7

Reichert

tacked," he said. Instead, Reichert faces an in-

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Another Iran nuke official is killed

BY THOMAS ERDBRINK AND JOBY WARRICK The Washington Post

TEHRAN, Iran – A scientist linked to Iran's nuclear program was assassinated in his car by a bomb-wielding assailant Wednesday, an attack that experts said points to a further escalation in a covert campaign targeting the country's nuclear officials and institutions.

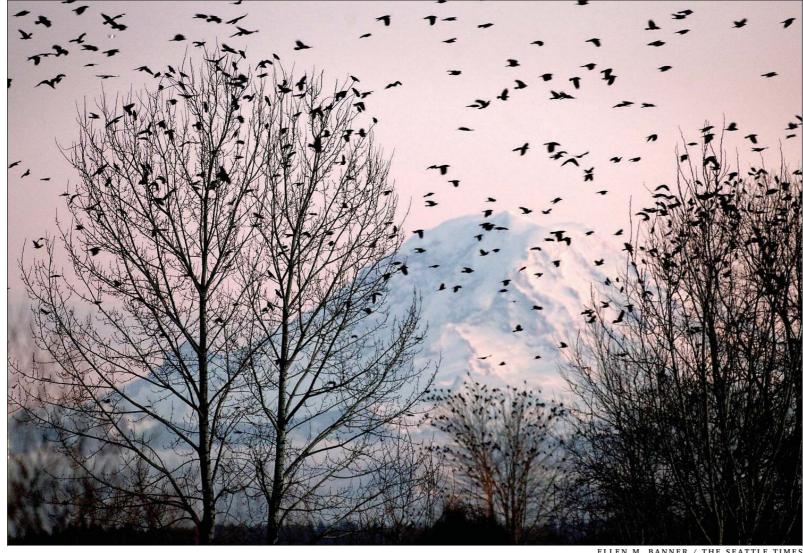
The precision strike in a northern Tehran neighborhood killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, 32, a chemical engineer employed at Iran's main uranium-enrichment facility. No one claimed responsibility for the slaying.

Iranian officials immediately accused the United States and Israel of orchestrating the attack on Roshan, who was killed along with his bodyguard when an assailant on a motorcycle slapped a magnetic bomb on his Peugeot 405 as he commuted to work, according to Iranian news reports. An 85-yearold passer-by also was wounded.

Roshan was at least the fifth scientist with nuclear connections to be slain since 2007; a sixth scientist, Fereidoun Abbasi, survived a 2010 attack and was put in charge

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The calm before the snow?



With the magnificent winter face of Mount Rainier as a backdrop, birds take flight at dusk above bare trees Tuesday near Emerald Downs Thoroughbred racetrack in Auburn. The mountain is expected to receive a new coat of snow this weekend as a cold front from the Gulf of Alaska arrives. Whether there will be snow in the lowlands is still a guessing game, said National Weather Service meteorologist Dennis D'Amico. Summing up the uncertainty, he said, "There's a possibility for lowland snow, though we don't quite know when or where." Meanwhile, there's always the view.

Two years ago, the Haiti earthquake killed the friend Rachel Prusynski was visiting. But the local college student returns to volunteer, and she's grateful for the new conviction and passion in her life.

Shaken, then shaped by Haiti quake

BY HAL BERNTON Seattle Times staff reporter

When Haiti's earthquake hit, Rachel Prusynski was visiting her friend, Molly Hightower of Port Orchard, who was doing volunteer work with orphans and specialneeds children.

Hightower, 22, died, trapped by rubble. Prusynski, on a higher floor of the collapsed building, was rescued, a survivor of the epic disaster that slammed Haiti two years ago

"I remember being buried, then I remember not being buried," Prusynski recalls. "It's the in-between that was fuzzy."

Prusynski, now 24, is a graduate student in physical therapy at the

University of Puget Sound. She has twice returned to the earthquake zone as a hospital volunteer with the Latin American affiliate of Friends of the Orphans, and she's helped raise funds for the organization back in the Northwest.

"I've had many well-intentioned people wish me closure, peace and healing," Prusynski wrote in a blog post. "But I do hope that people don't consider my attention and passion for Haiti as something that needs to be cured or fixed. ...

"Sometimes I resent Haiti for bringing an unexpected path to my life, for taking Molly, and making it difficult for me to relate as easily to others. ... But sometimes I am also



Rachel Prusynski, left, is seen with her friend Molly High-See > HAITI, A3 tower, who died in the Haiti quake on Jan. 12, 2010.

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