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# A RIDE IN THE SKY



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Pilot Greg Miller visits with a group of passengers while conducting a tethered flight in his hot air balloon Tulip Topper during the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond on Saturday. The Sportsmen's Show — one of the first major events held in the region during the pandemic — ended Sunday.

## COVID-19

# 'We're faced with a mystery'

*Survivors struggle as scientists race to decipher baffling virus symptoms*

**BY LINDSEY TANNER**  
Associated Press

There was no reason to celebrate on Rachel Van Lear's anniversary. The same day a pandemic was declared, she developed symptoms of COVID-19. A year later, she's still waiting for them to disappear. And for experts to come up with some answers.

The Texas woman is one of thousands of self-described long-haulers, patients with symptoms that linger or develop out of the blue months after they first became infected with coronavirus. Hers first arrived March 11, 2020.

The condition affects an uncertain number of survivors in a baffling variety of ways.

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Paul Sancya/AP

**Karla Jefferies' persistent COVID-19 symptoms and home confinement in Detroit led to depression. "I'm a year in, and to still from time to time have lingering effects, I just don't understand that," she says.**

# Bend cyclist struck by car, seriously hurt

Bulletin staff report

A 59-year-old Bend man suffered life-threatening injuries when he was hit by a vehicle while riding his bicycle at the intersection of NE Olney Avenue and NE Third Street Saturday afternoon in Bend.

The cyclist, whose identity has not been released, was riding east on Olney Avenue about 4:41 p.m. and was struck by a Ford Focus when he entered the intersection at Third Street, Bend Police said in a press release. The Focus, which was being driven by an 84-year-old Bend man, was headed west on Olney Avenue before turning south onto Third Street and colliding with the cyclist.

The identity of the Focus driver has not been released.

Bystanders attempted life-saving efforts but the cyclist had not responded by the time police arrived and he was taken by ambulance to St. Charles Bend, police said.

Police said the Focus driver was cooperating with investigators and as of Saturday, no citations had been issued.

