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SOUTHWEST BEND

2 bodies discovered; suspect in custody

Detectives investigating incident at Romaine Village trailer park

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

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A suspect is in custody after two bodies were discovered in a manufactured home in southwest Bend on Sunday.
At 12:28 p.m., Bend Police officers were called to "suspicious circumstances" at a unit in Romaine Village in the 60000 block of Granite Drive, according to Bend Police spokeswoman Lt. Juli-Ann McConkey.
Inside, they discovered the bodies of two people and through interviews developed a person of interest. That person was arrested later in the afternoon, McConkey said.
Police have not publicly identified the dead people or the suspect.
As of 4 p.m., the streets outside Romaine Village were closed to traffic and the regional major crimes team called in to investigate.
"This is definitely an active investigation and we'll be working through the night," McConkey said.
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COVID-19

Contact tracing apps pit privacy against utility

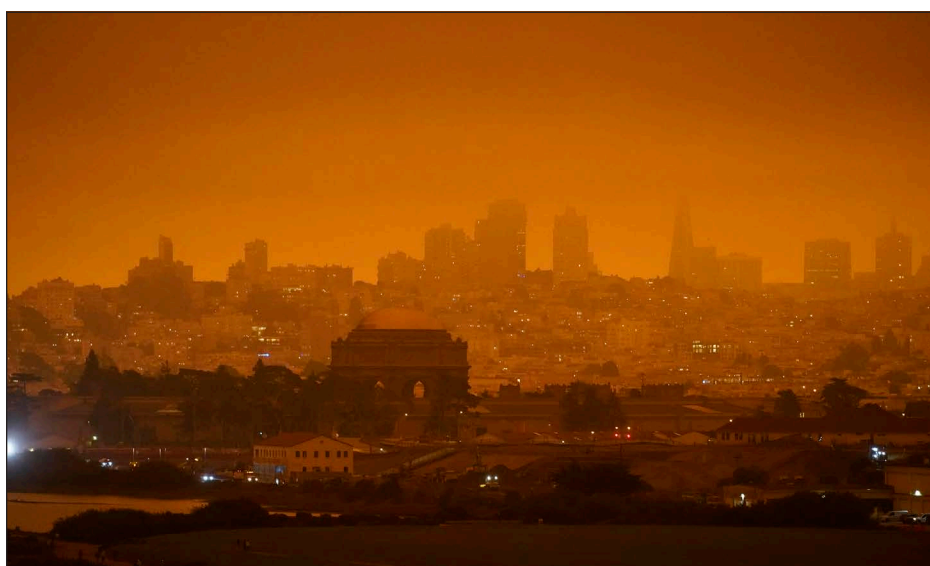
Oregon may release one soon; other states struggle to make theirs effective

BY LINDSEY VAN NESS

Stateline.org
The digital contact tracing effort in Virginia is 2 million phones strong. Roughly a quarter of the adult population has downloaded the state's COVIDWISE app or opted in on their iPhones to receive exposure notifications. Almost 26,000 times, a notification has been sent to let someone know they were likely exposed to a person with COVID-19.
But that's the bulk of the information the state health department can glean.
The system doesn't track user locations, so officials don't know where exposures happened, according to Jeff Stover, an executive adviser to the commissioner of Virginia's Department of Health. Officials can't follow up on notifications to see whether exposed residents are isolating.
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WINDING UP for the season

Photo by RYAN BRENNECKE • The Bulletin
Brad Edmunds, of Bend, tries to control his kite as a gust of wind blows through while practicing flying at Riverbend Park on Saturday. "I'm on spring break this week, so if the winds are up I will be out practicing to get ready for the upcoming (kiteboarding) season," he said.



The San Francisco skyline is barely visible due to smoke from wildfires that were burning across California in September.

2020 was the year of clean air — then came all the smoke

Fires wiped out pandemic-related environmental gains

BY HANNAH DORMIDO, JOHN MUYSKENS AND BONNIE BERKOWITZ
The Washington Post

Wildfires that charred millions of acres in the West wiped out the country's pandemic-related clean air gains in 2020, according to a report released this month.

Because pandemic restrictions limited travel and other activities, fine-particle pollution from the burning of fossil fuels dropped

13% between March and July compared to the previous year and dipped again in November and December, said Lauri Myllyvirta, lead analyst at the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, who collaborated on IQAir's annual World Air Quality Report.

But the 2020 historic wildfire season more than made up the difference. Overall, the U.S. average for the deadliest type of air

pollution rose nearly 7% over 2019 because of smoke from fall fires, primarily those in California, Oregon and Washington.
Fine-particle pollution refers to bits that are 2.5 microns in diameter or smaller, or less than one-20th the diameter of a human hair. These particles are tiny enough to penetrate deep into lungs and enter the bloodstream, where they can trigger asthma attacks and other lung and heart problems and may cause cancer.
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