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Regional airport 'will survive' pandemic

JILLIAN WARD
The World

NORTH BEND — The last time Helen Mineau saw flights canceled like she is now, it was after 9/11.

As chairman of the Coos County Airport District for Southwest Oregon Regional Airport and owner of Globe Travel in North Bend, Mineau has a front row seat to another economic crisis. Except this time, it is being brought on by the novel coronavirus, which she said is different than the 2001 terrorist attack because, "Now we have no idea what's going on ... But the reality is it will probably take another month or two before it goes back to normal because people are still getting sick."

Though the stay-in-place orders have taken a toll on travel and local businesses, SORA Executive Director Theresa Cook said the airport itself is stable for now.

"In the short term ... it doesn't affect how we manage the airport," Cook said.

This is because the airport

sees most of its revenue from businesses and organizations renting space on its property. Right now, the airport has 33 renters. This includes office buildings for Oregon State Police, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Land Management, FedEx and UPS.

"We have a very stable base of tenants," Cook explained. "In the long term, we have some businesses that aren't essential services and will feel an impact."

She pointed out that some of these non-essential services might face trouble making rent if the pandemic and restrictions continue.

"Right now the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't have an allowance for us to give waivers for airlines or airport users, but we will look at it if — in the long term — it becomes an issue for them to pay rent," she said.

Though the airport isn't seeing an impact in loss of revenue, it has been working to establish flights to Portland. It received a \$750,000 grant from the Department of Transportation, which the airport applied for



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Southwestern Oregon Regional Airport remains stable at this point through the ongoing pandemic, though it may be more impacted if it continues.

almost a year and a half ago. Due to the government shutdown last year, the grant wasn't approved until recently.

"... In a way that is fortunate because we might have negotiated a route by now and that

might have been shut down," Cook said. "Now when (the pandemic) is over, the airlines that survive — hopefully all but I've heard smaller ones might not — they will look for airports that have capital. So we might

be looked at more favorably and have less competition to get flights to Portland more regularly."

But Mineau sees startling sim-

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Precautions in place at senior living centers

ZACH SILVA
The World

COOS BAY — The March calendar at Ocean Ridge Assisted Living was jam-packed until the novel coronavirus shut activities down.

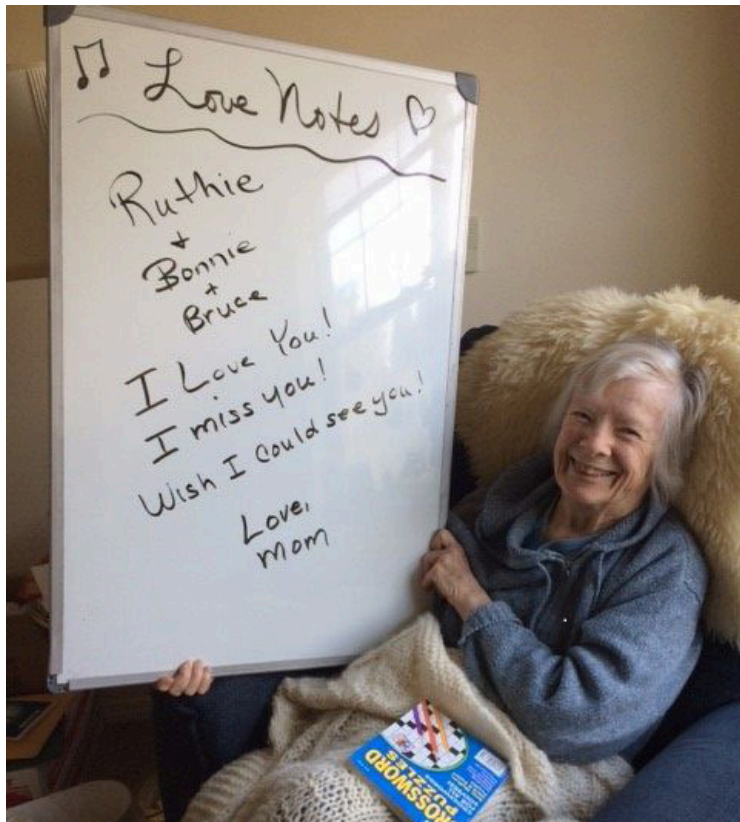
The calendar had something called "Flexercise" every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, not to be confused with "Stretchercise" each Friday. There was chair yoga, ukulele lessons, afternoons of bingo and a trip to the casino all on the schedule.

But these activities at Ocean Ridge Assisted Living in Coos Bay all came to a halt when the country began to slow down as the novel coronavirus continued to spread.

"Everything is on hold. We have no outside people coming in," said Helen Stamate, 90, who lives at Ocean Ridge.

"I'm doing just fine. Kind of bored, but otherwise doing just fine. The room gets smaller and smaller."

With no more music in the afternoons — that was Stamate's favorite time to mingle with other residents — and no brainiacs club to



Courtesy of Ocean Ridge Assisted Living.

With visitors no longer able to come to the assisted living facility, Jean shares a message with her family.

attend, she is looking to fill her time. She has settled on watching Law and Order and Golden Girls and taking virtual tours of museums.

"We can't have those big

gatherings so we're finding things we can do with them individually or also finding a lot of word type puzzles and games and different things like that that we can pass out

to them in their room to do," said Diane Mason, the executive director at Ocean Ridge.

"It's totally different. I'm not sure any of us know what normal is any more."

For now, those at assisted living homes like Ocean Ridge or any of the other retirement communities and senior living centers in the area have all been working through a new normal. These populations of older residents living in close quarters with one another have been taking extra precautions while there has been a close eye on their health.

"We're very, very watchful for that population in those facilities," said Brian Leon of Coos Health and Wellness.

As cases of coronavirus have broken out in senior homes across the country, Leon noted that the state is ready to test these individuals if anything comes up.

"So in particular long term facilities, we have guidance that essentially says any type of symptom, any type of concern we can essentially escalate very, very quickly without — with very little red tape, getting a sample up to

the state public health lab and those are our priority individuals right now," he said on Monday afternoon.

"They don't have to check every box on the symptom profile. I don't have to get permission, it's more of a let me know, I ask you to get the sample, get it up to the public health lab and I let the state public health lab know it's coming."

Hoping to avoid the spread of the coronavirus, extra measures have been taken at Ocean Ridge that include no longer eating in a group and not allowing family members to visit.

This has led to increased phone calls and video chats with loved ones while residents have taken to writing on white boards and sharing messages with family members on Facebook.

"They're having fun with it and of course they'll be anxious to see people again but they are having fun with it," said Mason.

"They're really being very positive about it. You know, families and the residents. So it helps people from being

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Safeway takes actions to protect customers, employees

Local stores add floor stickers to guide social distancing

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The World

COOS COUNTY — Armed with extra cart wipes on hand, Plexiglas at checkout windows and 6-foot spaced stickers placed throughout its grocery stores, Safeway is ready to do its part in the battle against the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Like so many other stores around Coos County, Safeway earlier this month implemented a number of safety precautions to protect its customers shopping for

groceries as COVID-19 cases continue to spread around the state.

"We have stepped up how often we clean and disinfect all departments, restrooms and other high-touch points of the store," wrote Nicky Nielsen, the marketing promotional coordinator for Safeway, in an email. "Cart wipes and hand sanitizer stations have been installed in key locations within the stores for your convenience."

According to Nielsen, Plexiglas has also been installed in checkout lanes as a protective barrier between customers and checkers as well as stickers reminding



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Earlier this month, Safeway began installing Plexiglas to its cashier windows to protect customers and staff against COVID-19.

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BSD to put staff, students back to work

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Bandon Western World

BANDON – Bandon Schools Superintendent Doug Ardiana couldn't be more excited. He's figured out a plan to bring teachers back to work and get students on track for graduation or promoted to the next grade level, despite the closure of schools until at least April 28 due to the coronavirus crisis.

Ardiana rolled out the plan at an emergency Bandon School Board meeting last week, with the intent to get started immediately.

That plan will now change somewhat, as the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of the Oregon Department of Education Colt Gill also rolled out a statewide plan Monday evening called Distance Learning for All.

Ardiana said the new plan from ODE dovetails nicely with the one he and his staff already designed, though his will now be modified to fit ODE's guidelines.

His plan involves bringing teachers back to work this week, where they are in the process of contacting parents to complete a survey of needs for each household.

Based on the survey and knowledge of their students, teachers will develop a test to determine proficiency for the course work. Students will be required to pass the test with 70% (the minimum level of proficiency).

Teachers will provide educational materials, resources and packets for students that are directly related to the proficiency test.

Ardiana said Special

Education students will have Individual Education Plans to address proficiency and out-of-district students also will be a part of the survey. Individual plans to accommodate out-of-district students will be addressed.

"The staff will use the proficiency test as a pre-test to guide instruction for the remainder of the school year," Ardiana wrote in his Educational Programming Overview. "The teachers will then provide instruction to provide more instruction on specific areas."

The students will then retake the test in late May, Ardiana explained. If a student passes with a score of more than 70%, they will then be provided enrichment activities or assist with peer learning if appropriate.

Students who do not pass the test will be provided remediation work and retest.

"The goal will be to have all students meet the proficiency level of 70% or above," Ardiana wrote.

Students in grades K-8 will be allowed to be socially promoted with appropriate documentation in their student file. Students in grades 9-12 will have to pass the test with 70% or above in order to receive credit.

"I believe that our plan will meet the needs of the students," Ardiana said.

Based on the student surveys, the district will provide technology (when appropriate), deliver meals and school work starting April 8.

"We will utilize district vans and drivers to deliver meals and educational packets directly to students," Ardiana said. "The drivers and the educational assistants will be

collecting student work while wearing protective gear."

The student work will be taken to a room at Harbor Lights Middle School, where it will be scanned and sent directly to the teacher via Google classroom. The homework will then be placed in a plastic trash bag to preserve the packet for future review if needed.

Students who have the ability to be online will send their work directly to the teacher. The teacher will review and assess work of the students. If the student is able to be online, the teacher will provide results directly to the student.

If the student is not able to access information online, the teacher will print out the work and provide it to the student with the next packet.

"This way the teachers are not directly in contact with student work sent in from home," Ardiana said.

Teachers, board weigh in

Bandon School Board members and administrators were enthusiastic about the plan and expressed their gratitude to Ardiana for moving ahead with what's best for Bandon's students.

"I appreciate the hard work you've put into this," said Board Chairman Ryan Sherman at the emergency meeting on March 25.

"I think our goals that we set (for the district) are about student success," said Board Member Marie Simonds. "I think this is an aggressive plan and I applaud our staff for not sitting back and waiting."

Ocean Crest Elementary School Principal Becky Armistead said there are a lot of online options that will make the plan work-



Amy Moss Strong, Bandon Western World

Bandon School District food service aides Vickie Brawley, left, and Tammy Anderson hand out free bagged breakfasts and lunches to parents and guardians outside the district cafeteria. Food service manager Sharon Haga said the meals are for anyone ages 0-18 and the children do not have to be in the vehicle to receive a meal. Haga said the district is giving out approximately 80 breakfasts and 80 lunches per day.

able.

"We have teachers literally waiting at home to get in touch with their families," Armistead said. "I think everyone is more concerned with the wellness of our families and keeping them engaged."

The plan is based on schools reopening on April 29, though it has not yet been determined if that will be the plan.

If schools do not reopen on April 29, the Bandon School District will move forward with a pretest for students and provide packets and study guides for instruction (traditional and online).

In a message to all Oregon school districts from ODE, Gill wrote that ODE is partnering with districts "on an historic transformation of our education system to maintain care, connection and continuity of learning for

our students."

Oregon's response to COVID-19 has responsibly and necessarily evolved with the use of data and knowledge of effective suppression measures, Gill wrote.

"We now have a moral imperative to meet the changing nature of the pandemic and evolve our approach to serving our children.

"As we continue the effective measures of Governor Brown's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order, we also foresee the strong possibility that our students may not come back through our school house doors this academic year," Gill continued. "This calls for a shift from providing supplementary education to a formidable effort to provide Distance Learning for All."

Education without face-to-face interaction

between students and teachers will look and feel different and cannot be fully replicated across a distance, Gill admitted.

"It will not and cannot happen overnight. We need the grace and patience of our state's leaders, our communities, our families and our educators as we learn together to move powerfully to ensure care, connection, and continuity of learning happen in entirely new ways for our students."

The Distance Learning for All plan will continue to evolve, but Bandon administrators and educators are on board, Ardiana said.

"I feel good about it," Ardiana said. "I believe in our teaching staff and I believe we can do this. I have faith that we will work to go the extra mile to make this happen."

MYRTLE POINT POLICE LOG

COQUILLE POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 23

At 1:50 p.m., criminal mischief reported on Spruce Street.
At 10:25 p.m., driving

complaint information gathered on 19th Street.
At 11:25 p.m., animal complaint handled on Broadbent Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

At 6:07 p.m., suspicious conditions handled on Railroad Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

At 5:59 p.m., public assistance was provided on Fifth Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

At 10:25 p.m., a theft was handled on Eighth Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

At 11:55 a.m., a suspicious subject was reported on 12th and Collier Street in Coquille.
At 2:25 p.m., restraining order service conducted on Roseburg Road.
At 11:58 p.m., menacing reported Arago Fishtrap Road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

At 2:32 p.m., counterfeit money handed on Maryland Avenue.

At 7:46 p.m., suspicious conditions were handed on Bothwick and Eighth Street.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

At 6:17 a.m., suspicious subject was handled on Sixth Street.
At 9:29 a.m., suicidal subject was handled on Fifth Street.
At 1:48 p.m., animal compliant handled on Roseburg Road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

At 2:10 a.m., suspicious conditions were reported on South Cedar Street.

At 9:43 a.m., a patrol check was conducted on North Birch Street.
At 10:17 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted on U.S. Highway 42 near Milepost 18.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

At 11:29 a.m., a patrol check was conducted on 17th Street.
At 11:55 a.m., a patrol check was conducted on North Gould Street.
At 2:10 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on U.S. Highway 42.
At 3:54 p.m., mental subject reported on North Laurel Street.
At 6:41 p.m., suspicious conditions reported on North Birch Street.

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April blood drives seek to help in COVID-19 fight

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The World

SOUTH COAST — As hospitals around the world work to treat the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Red Cross is holding blood drives all around the area in April to collect donations of blood and platelets.

On April 14, there will be a blood drive in Coos Bay, at Southwestern Oregon Community College and another in Reedsport at the Reedsport Community Center on April 15. There will also be blood drives at Southwestern on April 15 and 16.

The blood drives at Southwestern will be in Newmark Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Reedsport event will be from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

There will also be a blood drive at North Bend High School on April 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to Valerie Gordon with the Red Cross they are accepting all blood types, though due to the short shelf life they have an ongoing need for platelets. She encourages donors to make appointments online. Donors can save time by filling out their health history questions prior to their visit at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

"These questions can be answered via computer or smartphone and must be completed the day of the drive," said Gordon. "This process will save donors 15-20 minutes."

The blood drives will be conducted to allow for social distancing and providing enough space

between everyone. Gordon noted that blood drives are considered essential health events, and that Governor Kate Brown is encouraging everyone to give blood.

"In times of crisis, the Red Cross is fortunate to witness the best of humanity as people roll up a sleeve to help those in need," says a statement from the Red Cross. "We greatly appreciate the generosity of the public to help stock hospital shelves. There is no known end date in this fight against coronavirus and the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors and blood drive hosts to maintain a sufficient blood supply for weeks to come."

For more information, or to schedule appointments, visit www.redcrossblood.org.



Reedsport Junior Alex Carson donates blood for the first time.

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Reedsport school websites receive a new look

ADAM ROBERTSON
The Umpqua Post

REEDSPORT — The websites of the Reedsport School District have been undergoing changes as the board and staff update them for a new look.

Savanna Wright, a member of the Reedsport School Board, is making the initial changes to the sites. She recalled she's already familiar with the program that runs the websites. So far, the work has been going well and the board is happy with the updates.

"I am really happy with the progress of all three websites and I've gotten good feedback from administrators," Wright said. "It's a slow process because I also work full-time, but as long as I do a little bit every day the progress seems to show."

The website for Reedsport Community Charter School has had features added that the board expects to be useful

to students. A new "seniors" page has been added with scholarship information, important dates, and a countdown to graduation. Wright recalled RCCS office manager Sheri Wall came up with the idea and that it made sense.

"The seniors are busy and have a lot of information they need to know and dates to remember, so this will be that one-stop shop for them," she said.

There is also a link on the homepage that shows a list of emergency numbers and websites. Wright noted one website is oregon-outhline.org, a site that allows teens to live chat or text with other teens working to support their peers who are struggling with depression, drug problems, or just dealing with stress.

Highland Elementary has a new page called "online learning" with links to some of the resources students use in the classroom. Some students already have

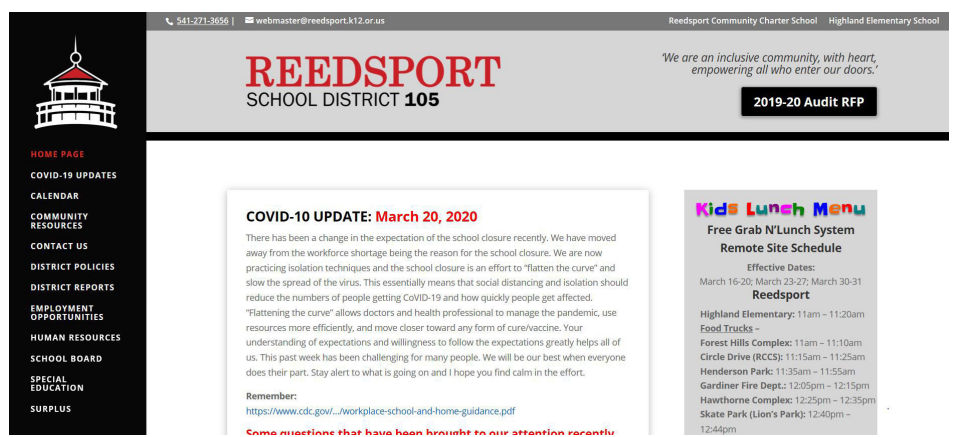
usernames and passwords to access sites and email their teachers to get information.

"Especially now, with school closed, this is an important resource for parents to know about," said Wright.

Highland Pool's section of the website has also undergone changes. While the pool always had a link on the school's site, it now has a full webpage with information on fees, pictures, and seasonal schedules, rather than a PDF with the schedule.

Wright said the board's biggest goal for the updates is for every website to become a place where people can get the information or resources they need. So far, a large portion of the sites have been updated to the new look, though she added there's still lots to be done.

"I think this is especially important because not everyone has Facebook," she said. "And although social media can be a great



The Reedsport School District home page has a new look as Board Member Savanna Wright makes updates to the district websites.

tool, the bottom line is the district still needs a place where all of their information is easily accessible and that place will be these websites."

There will be ongoing updates once the websites' renovations are completed. Wright said her goal is to get initial information in place, then hand the reins over to the schools and administrators. The office managers of the individual schools, and the district

office manager will be taking over making updates after Wright finishes the initial remodel.

"I'm going to provide the administrators with an instruction manual to help them navigate the editing program and then I will also be available to make changes at their request," Wright said.

When Wright joined the School Board, one of her big goals was to see the websites updated. She

recalled they lacked basic information that school district websites should have.

"Communication through the website was one of my goals to achieve once I joined the School Board," said Wright. "I joined and realized the board already had this goal in mind too. I was able to jump in and really put the project in gear."

Local law enforcement sees drop in thefts

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The World

COOS COUNTY — Some local law enforcement agencies in Coos County have reported seeing a decrease in thefts over the past two weeks as the coronavirus pandemic continues to unfold.

According to Coos County Sheriff's Cpt. Gabe Fabrizio, deputies have seen a number of crimes impacted by the coronavirus restrictions as people have been ordered to stay home and to socially distance themselves from one another.

This year, from March 17 to March 30, the Sheriff's Office has seen thefts decreased by about 40 percent compared to the number of

thefts reported last year (2019) during the same timeframe.

From March 17 to March 27, the Coos Bay Police Department has seen about a 28 percent drop and the Coquille Police Department about a 50 percent drop in the number of reported thefts as compared to last year.

Traffic stops have also seen a decline as deputies have been advised to limit their contact with people when possible to protect themselves from potentially being exposed to COVID-19, said Fabrizio. There are also less drivers on the road, which has also contributed to less stops being made, he added.

While overall thefts are

down, Fabrizio said the number of calls its dispatch center has received related to criminal trespass, disturbances and other suspicious conditions has gone up.

According to Fabrizio, the Sheriff's Office, from March 17 to 30, received about 24 calls this year for criminal trespass compared to 16 last year. For disturbances, dispatch received about 49 calls this year compared to 27 last year.

"... We have seen an increase in disturbances, some people getting angry at each other and fighting," said Fabrizio. "We do always go out to those as fast as we can and of course obtain as much information from the

individual as possible."

According to Coos Bay Police Department Deputy Chief Chris Chapanar, once a report of a disturbance undergoes investigation it likely gets re-categorized based on the information collected, such as a harassment case or domestic dispute. As calls vary from area to area, he said so far he hasn't seen a major uptick in disturbance-related crimes.

Compared to last year, unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and burglaries appear to have slightly gone up from March 17 to 27, according to preliminary crime stats from the Coos Bay Police Department.

"We're just really advising people to be extra cautious

during this time," said Chapanar. "A majority of the community members out there are doing some wonderful things, helping each other out and really coming together as a community to try to get over this situation that we're dealing with... However, there is always going to be a few people within our society that take these types of situations and use them to their advantage in terms of their criminal activity."

Chapanar said he encourages people to be extra alert and cautious when it comes to protecting their property and becoming victims of fraud or theft by making sure their vehicles and homes are locked and

secured. He advised business owners who have been ordered to close their doors temporarily do the same and make sure they have their alarm systems up to date and their valuable items out of sight and out of their storefront windows.

"Another thing we're reminding folks about is to be aware of potential scams and fraudulent activity such as illegitimate organizations or nonprofits seeking donations," said Chapanar.

Community members are also being advised to frequently check their mail and to essentially reduce any opportunity a person might take to commit a crime.

Coos Bay to hold special meeting today

NICHOLAS JOHNSON
The World

COOS BAY — Today at 2 p.m. the Coos Bay City Council will be holding a special meeting at Coos Bay City Hall.

The topic to be discussed is the consideration of approval of Resolution 20-07 requesting transient lodging facilities to limit the rental of rooms only to individuals pro-

viding essential services in the community.

Due to Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-05 prohibiting large gatherings to slow the spread of COVID-19, the city will only be allowing 24 people to attend.

For those who wish to watch the meeting from the internet, click here or visit the city of Coos Bay's website for the link.

Local seeks emergency relief for young adults

NICHOLAS JOHNSON
The World

OREGON — North Bend High School alum and Oregon State University sophomore Austin Goergen has organized a petition to try and get young adults still being claimed on their parent's taxes as eligible for federal relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last week Congress passed H.R. 748 which designated an emergency relief check of \$1,200 to taxpayers who make less than \$75,000 a year and those who can't be claimed as a dependent on someone else's taxes.

"If you're a dependent you don't get anything, and the problem with that is parents are

getting an additional \$500 per child, but that's only if their child is under the age of 17," Goergen said. "So you have this demographic of 17 to 24-year-olds who are essentially seeing no aid from this package, and neither are the people who are claiming them as a dependent."

In response to this lack of emergency relief funding for young adults, Goergen started a petition that in the past three days has gotten over 1,400 signatures online, as well as over 9,000 up votes on the website Reddit.

"The idea is to get enough signatures that it's really obvious this is a problem people care about, and then send this to our Oregon senators Ron Wyden and

Jeff Merkley," he said. "Also working with people in other states to get this message to their representatives. We're using the petition to deliver this message that this is something that really affects a lot of people."

Goergen was fortunate enough to keep his work hours through the recent closures, but said he has a lot of friends who weren't so lucky.

"I have a lot of friends who are trying to look for other jobs right now, and a lot of their families are not able to support them financially," Goergen said.

For those who are interested in Goergen's petition, e-signatures are being collected at https://www.change.org/college_covid19.

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Coos Bay

Please look into carelessness issue

Spectrum is sending technicians to Cottage Grove to cover for several technicians who have quit in recent days.

I find this to be extraordinarily careless during this fight with COVID-19.

I would suggest someone bring this to the attention of someone that might be able to put a stop to it before these Coos County citizens are forced to go to an infected area of the state and bring the virus back to Coos County.

I hope you can find someone that can take care of this issue.

Bruce Tucker
Coos Bay

Concerns over firing of Bandon hospital CEO

Dear Southern Coos Health District board members,

I find it deeply disturbing that our local hospital is, once again, without a CEO. My concern is particularly intense at this time as the world faces a pandemic.

I have questions that I hope you can answer to help me understand your rationale for this decision.

1. Did Ms. Fine do anything unlawful while performing her job?

2. Did Ms. Fine treat staff unfairly or inappropriately while performing her duties? If so were these instances addressed by the Board? Were they mitigated?

3. Were any criticisms of Ms. Fine's management style addressed by the Board. Were those concerns mitigated?

4. Did the Board fail to perform its fiduciary duties?

5. Was the Board aware of any failure to perform their duties?

I realize the word "transparency" is little more than a buzz word these days and that I may never get the true story, but I sin-

cerely want to understand the facts. Without understanding your decision, I cannot state that I have confidence in your oversight of the hospital. Right now, more than ever perhaps, I want to be confident that our medical community is there for me. I ask you to help me understand your decision.

Nancy K. Koontz
Bandon

Decision to fire CEO was not made lightly

I care deeply about Southern Coos Hospital. Making a motion to terminate CEO Amy Fine was not a decision I made lightly. I am in my 16th year on Southern Coos Board of Directors and have seen 4 CEO's in that time (Jim Wathen, Charles Johnston, JoDee Tittle and Amy Fine). I also spent a dozen years in California on a hospital board. Other than Charles Johnston (who was relieved by the Board unanimously), I have never before voted to fire a CEO.

The short version of "Why?" is that a majority of the Board completely lost confidence in Amy Fine's leadership. Publicly discussing "reasons" other than a loss of confidence is counter-productive and ultimately hurtful to both Amy Fine and to the Hospital. One of the responsibilities of a Director is to hire and, if necessary, to fire a CEO. And if I have no confidence in Amy Fine's ability to lead in normal times, why would I want her to be in charge during a crisis?

Debi Ellis, our Chief Nursing Officer, who served as Acting CEO during Amy Fine's recent 10-day vacation is temporarily serving again as Acting CEO. I am hopeful we will fill the interim CEO spot promptly (and may have already done so by the time you read this). We have contacted Nielsen Healthcare/Merraine Group, a leading healthcare executive search firm, which has already sent us a list of qualified candidates, and we are also considering one or two local candidates. We hope to have an interim CEO on board within the week.

Your entire hospital team is strong and dedicated. We are, and will be, here for you.

David Allen
Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors
Bandon



Virus escapees' dilemma: Borders without doctors

In "The Decameron," seven women and three men leave plague-tormented Florence for a villa in the hills, where they tell one another bawdy stories. Written nearly 700 years ago, the tale remains fresh, as affluent New Yorkers try to escape the coronavirus outbreak by moving into their second homes at the beach or in the woods.

But there are two big differences. In Renaissance Italy, people living outside the city didn't patrol their borders. By contrast, Florida and Rhode Island have tried to deter visitors from New York by demanding that they undergo two weeks of self-isolation. After New Orleans became a coronavirus hotspot, Texas started checking cars at the Louisiana state line, ordering their passengers to do likewise. Texas was already imposing self-quarantines on airline passengers flying from Miami, Atlanta, Detroit and elsewhere.

Another big difference is that in the distant past, the only thing people could do about the plague was avoid getting it. They did that by staying away from others. That's still essential, but today there are medical interventions to help most of the afflicted survive. The big-city health systems have the hospitals, the doctors and the equipment to provide them.

True, many of these urban hospitals are being overwhelmed by the crush of patients, but the caseloads are now growing at faster pace in rural areas that generally have vulnerable older populations. Health officials everywhere now worry about shortages of ventilators, masks and tests.

Over half the U.S. counties don't have a single hospital intensive care unit bed. By contrast, health officials in large metropolitan areas have the option of moving patients from overcrowded hospitals to other facilities in the region. That was done in the Seattle area, one of the worst-hit parts of the country.

And there's a spark of good news from Seattle. Its early and stringent social distanc-

ing policies may be slowing rates of infection and mortality -- even as Washington state sees infections rise in rural areas.

Whether one state can legally restrict travel or commerce from another remains questionable. Most constitutional lawyers hold that only the federal government can do this. For example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture forbids many Hawaiian farm products from entering the U.S. mainland because they may harbor invasive pests or disease. If the USDA can stop Hawaiians from shipping berries and cactus plants to other states (flower leis and pineapples are OK), why couldn't the federal government stop Americans from crossing state lines to slow the spread of disease?

On Saturday morning, President Donald Trump talked about quarantining travelers from the New York City metropolitan area but dropped the idea by evening. Instead, an advisory was issued asking them to avoid nonessential travel -- a policy already in place.

The recent infection rate in New York City was 1 in 1,000 people. That's a high number of cases (though partly a reflection of New York's more aggressive testing for the virus). But -- and not to sugarcoat this -- it also means that 999 out of 1,000 were not found to be infected. New Yorkers who follow the rules for hand-washing and keeping a distance from others would seem to have a very good chance of avoiding the virus.

Obviously, Americans who contemplate bolting from a coronavirus hot spot have more calculations to make than did the gentry of plague-ridden Florence. On one hand, Americans could go to lower-populated areas where they are less confined and the virus has not spread as widely. On the other, medical facilities are scarcer there and perhaps not as state-of-the-art as the ones in town. Put simply, are there ventilators, hospital beds and doctors on the other side of the border?

Stimulus bill provides \$350B in relief to small business

Danielle Kane and Roseanne Freitas Better Business Bureau

Help from the \$2 trillion stimulus bill will soon be on its way with the House passage on Friday, March 27, and President Donald Trump pledging a quick signature. The bill addresses the economic crisis brought on by COVID-19 authorizing direct payments to taxpayers, dramatically expanded unemployment benefits and an aid package for small business owners.

At Better Business Bureau Northwest + Pacific, the bulk of our customers and contacts are small business owners and we understand how deeply this pandemic has affected them. The \$350 billion loan package allocated specifically for small businesses could be a game-changer for the countless mom-and-pop's that have had to shut their doors and/or lay off employees during this time.

So, what do business owners need to do to access this aid? First, they must apply at a lender approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA). In the past, securing such loans can take months. To get the money out quickly, the stimulus bill is calling on the U.S. Treasury Department and SBA to expedite the loan

process and approve more institutions to make the loans. No official word has been given yet on exactly how fast that could be.

The other important item to note is that at least a portion of the loans that small businesses take out will be forgiven so long as the business remains intact and employs its staff.

If you're a small business owner crunched for cash right now, consider getting in contact with your bank, credit union or lenders to understand what documents you're going to need and start collecting organizing those records immediately. But understand, lenders won't have all the pieces yet. Banks and credit unions are currently waiting on the SBA to provide reporting guidelines to fast-track the loan process.

If you're a business owner in the mid to large range, your available loan package is slightly larger, sitting at \$454 billion.

Unemployment Benefits

As of Thursday, March 26, unemployment claims skyrocketed to 3.2 million (link to my unemployment article here) -- far more than we ever saw during the Great Recession. On the whole, the stimulus package is now going to give more workers more benefits for a longer time.

The \$250 billion in unemployment aid is on top of what was already approved earlier in March in the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act. That bill granted \$1 billion right away for states to use for growing unemployment claims and to use for administrative costs of running unemployment offices. However, as unemployment grew, additional expansions were made to unemployment benefits in this stimulus bill.

So, how much money are we talking about? Unemployed workers will get up to \$600 per week -- again, this is on top of state benefits.

For perspective, federal relief during the Great Recession came in the form of an additional \$25 a week on unemployment checks.

Workers can claim these benefits for no more than 39 weeks, up from the usual 26 weeks.

As of March 27, there has still been no timeline officialized for how soon unemployed workers could expect their checks. Nonetheless, BBB understands the pain of small business owners right now and heard about layoffs many owners have been forced to take.

BBB encourages employers to work with their employees -- even those you

just let go -- to try and help answer any questions about unemployment expectations. In keeping this relationship strong, you maintain trust and credibility with your workforce that will pay dividends down the line when the crisis is over.

Direct Stimulus Payments
Individual taxpayers can expect up to \$1,200 from the government thanks to the stimulus bill. Couples would receive \$2,400 plus \$500 per child. The total of direct relief amounts to \$301 billion.

How much you get will be based on how much you make, which will be determined by your 2019 or 2018 tax returns. BBB's tip is always to file your taxes early—we are doubling down on that right now.

Unfortunately, it's still uncertain when consumers can expect the money. As of the passing of the bill, it is expected to take three weeks for the IRS to start sending out money. This is subject to change.

If you've already allowed the IRS to directly deposit your tax return in the last two years, you will likely receive the money into your account this way. If not, the IRS will send you a check.

For more information like this head to: <https://bbb-businesses.org/covid-19/>

EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE

The High Cost of Convenience

Dear Mary: I work out at a gym regularly, and I like to drink a protein shake or smoothie afterward to optimize the benefits of my workout. Shakes and smoothies at the gym can run \$4-\$6 and more, but they sure are convenient. Do you have any suggestions for making my own when I get home without a lot of fuss and fuss? I have a feeling I could save a bundle over the long run. Thanks for your great column and website. -- Bill

Dear Bill: You're right; convenience is expensive. However, it seems to me that you're already a pretty disciplined guy if you're at the gym regularly. I'm sure once you can see what you can save, you'll find the discipline to make your own healthy drinks. Here's a simple recipe:

Place in a blender one container peach yogurt, 1 banana, 2 cups orange juice (or frozen concentrate to equal 2 cups reconstituted), 4-6 frozen strawberries and a scoop of soy protein powder. Blend it all up, and enjoy. While the cost of the ingredients will vary, the most expensive is the soy protein powder -- about \$1 per 1-ounce scoop. Even if the yogurt and fruit add another \$1, you'll save about half, or \$2, per effort to make it yourself. Over a year's time, that's a chunk of change! There are many brands of protein soy powder such as GNC and Met-RX. Log on to Amazon, and do some comparison shopping.

Dear Mary: I am so deeply in debt, but not from buying things I didn't need. I am in debt from gambling. I won a large sum -- over \$22,000 -- and thought I'd be OK, but I gambled it all away. I have made a promise today, and this is why I am writing to you. I am not going to gamble anymore, but where do I start with my finances? I do have a good job making over \$90,000 a year. Is there help for me? -- Susan

Dear Susan: You took a very difficult but important step when you wrote to me to admit your problem and seek help. There are three things I want you to do: 1. Get yourself to the very next meeting of Gamblers Anonymous in your area (or the Gamblers Anonymous website). 2. Get my book, "Debt-Proof Living" (available in libraries, bookstores and on Amazon), and read every word of it. 3. Work on the steps and start to immediately live the plan. You'll understand once you get into the book, which will likely be the easiest book you've ever read. Please stay in touch with me. I want to know that you are getting back on track and making the progress I know you can.

Dear Mary: I've been subscribing to your blog, everydaycheapskate.com, for a little over a year now. My husband and I have reduced our \$37,000 unsecured debt to \$28,000 and at the same time have built our contingency fund for emergencies. Although none of us are certain of what lies ahead, by following your guidelines and continuing to read the tips and advice, we can face whatever obstacles come our way. Thank you, thank you! -- Regina

Dear Regina: This is wonderful news! Wow, you paid down \$9,000 in just one year? Excellent! I am so impressed. Just keep going, and don't ever give up! *Would you like more information? Go to EverydayCheapskate.com for links and resources for recommended products and services in this column. Mary invites questions, comments and tips at EverydayCheapskate.com, "Ask Mary." This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually. Mary Hunt is the founder of EverydayCheapskate.com, a lifestyle blog, and the author of the book "Debt-Proof Living." COPYRIGHT 2020 CREATORS.COM*

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1 Impose taxes
5 Game of strategy
10 Mummy locale
12 Hot dog
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14 Steers clear of
15 Harlow or Stapleton
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18 Cookbook amt.
19 Scorch
21 Tiny part
25 Stetson wearers
29 Undersized
30 Expand
32 Many sculptures
34 Some eclipses
35 Bloodhounds' clues
37 Steal the scene
38 Tough work schedule
40 Fleece-giver
43 Onassis nickname

DOWN
1 Pear-shaped instrument
2 Are, in Taxco
3 Ore deposit
4 "The King and I" name
5 Not mil.
6 Radiator output
7 Finishes up
8 Filter in
9 Almost-grads
10 Mil. rank
11 Pageant figures
12 Jammed
17 Industrious insect
19 Casual goodbye (2 wds.)
20 Banished
21 St. Louis time
22 Gridder
23 Cleopatra's wooer
24 Failing that
26 Pickling ingredient
27 Billionth, in combos
28 PDQ
31 Before, in verse
33 String of pearls
36 Isaac Newton's title
39 Shade of green
40 Volcano in Sicily
41 Soaks
42 Arden and Curie
44 Does some tape editing
45 Uttered
46 Dried-up
47 Moose kin
48 Drink a little
49 Pilot's dir.
51 French friend

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS *By Bill Keane*

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"Daddy needs to fill out the census questionnaire, so we all hafta stand still while he counts us."

SUDOKU

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

MODERATELY CONFUSED

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"SORRY I'M LATE... I WAS WASHING MY HANDS."

REALITY CHECK

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"YOU ARE NOT GOING OUT LIKE THAT, YOUNG LADY!"
"OMG, DAD! COME ON! YOU KNOW I'M A HAIRLESS CAT!"

--- SHE'S OFF TO THE HAIR BILL ---

HERMAN

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"Wanna go see a movie, baby?"

DILBERT

DILBERT *By Scott Adams*

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I INVENTED GOGGLES THAT REMOVE HUMANS FROM THE SCENERY, SO ONE CAN ENJOY BEING ALONE.

ADD NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES, AND YOU'LL NEVER AGAIN HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THE HORROR OF HUMAN INTERACTION.

YOU FREAKIN' MEGADORK. MMM. BLISS.

FRANK AND ERNEST

FRANK AND ERNEST *By Bob Thayer*

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WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH ISSUES, I'D RATHER LISTEN TO A PHYSICIAN THAN A SPIN DOCTOR.

THE BORN LOSER

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THORNAPPLE! I THOUGHT YOU HAD CALLED IN SICK!

I DID JUST SO I COULD SURPRISE YOU! APRIL FOOLS!

OH, LUCKY ME!

ZITS

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JEREMY, IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE VAN POLLUTING THE ATMOSPHERE, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

LIKE...?

RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS!

OR MAYBE THEY'LL FIND ANOTHER INHABITABLE PLANET SOON.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

CLASSIC PEANUTS *By Charles Schulz*

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DO YOU REALIZE THAT WE HAVE THE LONGEST TEAM IN THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL?

I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT!

UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR REFUSAL DOES NOT ALTER THE FACT

I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT ALSO!

UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR REFUSAL ALSO TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT YOUR REFUSAL DOES NOT ALTER THE FACT ALSO DOES NOT ALTER THE FACT OF OUR BEING THE LONGEST

I'LL ACCEPT THAT!

BABY BLUES

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HEY, AREN'T YOU WANDA FROM THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

UM, YEAH!

I JUST LOVE IT! YOU'RE SO FUNNY! CAN WE TAKE A SELFIE?

I THINK MOM MIGHT BE COOL.

WHOSE MOM?

ROSE IS ROSE

ROSE IS ROSE *By Andrews McMeel*

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I SAW THE CUTEST SQUIRREL RUNNING THROUGH THE MEADOW!

DON'T BOTHER. THIS GUY HAD LIGHTNING SPEED.

YOU'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH HIM!

SHE SHOULD BE GONE FOR A WHILE.

THANK YOU!

LUANN

LUANN *By Greg Giffen*

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I KNOW THIS SEEMS SUDDEN, BUT I FELL FOR JAN IN HIGH SCHOOL.

WOW! WHO ACTUALLY MARRIES THEIR HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART?

LOTS OF PEOPLE. MAYBE YOU. DIDN'T YOU HAVE A "FOREVER GUY"?

OH SURE. AARON, STUART, MIGUEL, QUILT...

I'VE HAD MANY BRIEF FOREVERS... WHICH IS HOW IT SHOULD BE.

GRIZZLELLS

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(SNIFF) THIS SMELLS AND LOOKS DELICIOUS!

COULD IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT IT'S APRIL FOOLS' DAY?

MODERATELY CONFUSED

Too little too late? Experts decry Mexico virus policy delay

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico has started taking tougher measures against the coronavirus after weeks of its president hugging followers and saying religious medals would protect him. Some experts warn the sprawling country of 129 million is acting too late and testing too little to prevent the type of crisis unfolding across the border in the United States.

Last week Mexico banned non-essential government work as confirmed cases climbed, but took until late Monday to extend that to other business sectors and to bar gatherings of more than 50 people. By Tuesday, Mexico had reported more than 1,000 confirmed cases and at least 28 deaths.

Experts say those figures greatly understate the true number of infections. Mexico has done far less testing than many other countries — fewer than 10,000 tests. New York state alone had performed more than 205,000 tests by Tuesday. There were also signs the disease may be far more advanced in Mexico than the limited testing shows — three state governors have already tested positive for coronavirus.

"Politics is very, very much involved in the decision-making going on right now," said Janine Ramsey, an infectious disease expert who works for Mexico's National Public Health Institute, a federal research agency, and has spent 35 years of her public health career in Mexico.

"Mexico, politically, does not value scientific evidence. Why? Because it takes decision-making away from the politicians," Ramsey said.

"For most of us, especially those of us who work with infectious pathogens, there is absolutely no excuse not to test because you cannot predict a) the response, b) the velocity of transmission, or c) the vulnerability of people" to becoming infected or to infecting others, she said.

"February and March is when we should have been testing everybody."

Dr. Joseph Eisenberg, chair of the Epidemiology Department at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, agreed. "Testing is really our eyes, otherwise we're kind of blind," he said.

"The only way you can really understand where the disease is and where you really need to focus your energies with respect to control is to be able to know where the infections are. And the only way to know that is through testing."

The Mexican government has defended its policies, saying that its robust health surveillance system gives it a good idea of

how the epidemic is evolving and that health experts are charting the country's fight against the virus. It's focus now, it says, is keeping people at home to avoid a rapid spread that would quickly overwhelm the health care system.

"We're making an energetic, emphatic, unmistakable call: Stay at home," said Hugo López-Gatell, the government's coronavirus spokesman. "It's urgent, it's our last opportunity to do it, and do it now."

Still, despite some tougher measures by Mexican states that have imposed quarantines enforced by police, the federal call to stay home remains voluntary with no talk of penalties.

And although Mexico and the U.S. agreed earlier this month to restrict traffic at their shared border, the ban applies only to people who cross for tourism, recreation or other non-essential activity. Mexican border communities have complained that Mexico was not restricting anyone from entering, and residents in one city even blocked the border crossing with their vehicles to try to stop traffic from the U.S.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has maintained a relaxed public attitude despite the increasing alarm sounded by his health officials. He flew commercial to the western state of Sinaloa on Sunday, where he shook hands with residents, including the mother of convicted drug lord Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán Loera.

"Coronavirus isn't the plague," the president declared in a video message on social media. And although he has met with people diagnosed weeks later with the virus, he hasn't been tested because he hasn't experienced symptoms, his spokesman said.

Some experts bemoaned the mixed messages.

"Ideally we'd see all public figures taking the actions that health authorities are calling for," said Mauricio Rodriguez, a professor of medicine and spokesman for the coronavirus commission of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

The measures announced Monday are "too late" said Dr. Miguel Betancourt, president of the Mexican Society of Public Health. Those moves should have come two weeks earlier when the curve of infections began to steepen.

"We still have time to avoid an outbreak that grows out of control but we all have to do our part," he said.



Astro-Graph

Your Birthday:

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

Keep the peace. Working alongside others is in your best interest. Personal improvement should be a priority this year, along with throwing yourself into something that not only excites you, but brings joy and satisfaction. Aim to please yourself as well as others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Avoid getting involved in projects with people who don't share your sentiments. Equality and a strong work ethic will be essential if you want to get things done correctly and without conflict.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Time spent at home will bring you back to reality. Separating work from pleasure will be good for the soul and encourage you to spend more time with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- How you handle peers, friends and family will make a difference. Stick to the truth and question anything that sounds suspicious. Facts matter, and choosing the right words will determine your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- An invitation may unnerve you, but attending the event in question will bring rewards. Get out and share your thoughts, and exciting options will be made available to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Choose to do your own thing and follow the path that offers the least amount of stress. Don't feel that you must make a change because someone else does.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Explore new possibilities. Networking will pay off. The connections you make will provide insight into the pluses and minuses of something you are considering. It's time to make personal improvements and to give romance a chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You'll face controversy if you are too forthcoming with your opinions. Make your responsibilities priorities, and don't leave anything unfinished or open for criticism. Avoid a costly change or joint venture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Refuse to get into a debate with one of your peers or relatives. Put greater emphasis on expanding your interests or knowledge, or on developing a creative project. Personal growth is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Romance is evident. Be discriminating. Short-lived connections could turn out to be a disaster if someone isn't honest about his or her past. Concentrate on friendships, not on courtships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A change will do wonders for your outlook on life, love and happiness. Make time for a loved one or update your appearance and show off a trendy new look.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Look at all your options and consider what will make you happy. Don't do something that doesn't appeal to you just to please someone else. Put your needs first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You will be misled by someone or will unintentionally mislead others. Choose your words wisely and your gestures carefully. The right move will bring spectacular results.

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Dated and first published: April 1, 2020
/s/ Mary Ann McDonald
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Hermann Hesse wrote, "Eternity is a mere moment, just long enough for a joke."

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This deal features a declarer-play technique that is almost sure to be right. How should South plan the play in four spades after West leads the club seven to the six, king and ace?

When the opener has 5-4-3-1

North		04-01-20	
♥	A K 3		
♠	8 6 5 2		
♦	K Q 10 8 3		
♣	6		
West	East		
♠ —	♠ 9 8 6 5 4		
♥ J 7 3	♥ Q 10 9		
♦ A 9 7 4 2	♦ 5		
♣ Q 10 8 7 4	♣ K 9 5 2		
South			
♥ Q J 10 7 2			
♠ A K 4			
♦ J 6			
♣ A J 3			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead:	♣ 7		

shape and 12 to 14 high-card points, opens in his five-card suit and hears partner respond in his three-card major, he should raise to two of that major. Even if opener has 4=3=5=1 or 4=3=1=5, rebidding two hearts will usually work better than one spade. Note also that if South's spade two were in either minor suit, he would rebid three no-trump, not four spades, to offer his partner a choice of games.

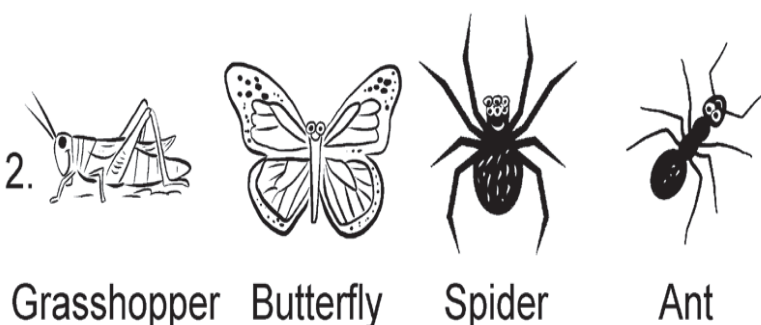
In four spades, South saw four potential losers: one heart, one diamond and two clubs. However, declarer knew that any time he could ruff a loser in the shorter trump hand, it would be the right line of play.

So, he ruffed a club at trick two, played a heart to his ace and ruffed his last club. Then he cashed the spade ace, getting the surprising news about the 5-0 split. After checking that West wasn't having a little joke, momentarily renegeing, declarer played a diamond to his jack. West won with his ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff, but that cost East one of his natural trump tricks. South took five spades, two hearts, one club and the two club ruffs on the board.

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NFL owners approve expanding playoffs to 14 teams

BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

The NFL is gearing up for a normal season and playoffs — with two additional wild-card teams in the Super Bowl chase. NFL team owners voted Tuesday to expand the playoffs by one team in each conference for a

total of 14 next season as they continue to plan for the 2020 season to begin on time.

During a conference call to discuss league business after the annual meetings were canceled due to the new coronavirus, the owners also awarded one of those extra games to CBS and one to NBC. Three-fourths of the 32 owners

needed to approve the change, and the vote was unanimous, football operations chief Troy Vincent said.

As for opening the season on Sept. 10 as scheduled, NFL lead counsel Jeff Pash said: "All of our focus has been on a normal traditional season, starting on time, playing before fans in our regular stadiums and going through our

full 16-game regular season and a full playoffs."

That would include the two stadiums still under construction in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, plus international games in England and Mexico.

As for the first expansion of the postseason field since 1990, when the NFL went from 10 qual-

ifiers to 12, only the teams with the best record in the AFC and NFC will get a bye under the new format; the top two teams in each conference skipped wild-card weekend in the past. The seventh seed will play No. 2, the sixth will visit No. 3 and the fifth will be at the fourth seed for wild-card games.

Sports Briefs

BASEBALL

MLB veterans will get advanced pay for 60 days

NEW YORK — Gerrit Cole, Mike Trout and other veteran major leaguers will receive \$4,775 per day in advance pay for the first 60 days of the season during the stoppage caused by the new coronavirus, a total of \$286,500.

That's just 2.5% percent of the \$193,548 the New York Yankees pitcher and Los Angeles Angels outfielder were scheduled to earn each day during the 186-day season from their \$36 million salaries, tied for the major league high this year.

The daily total was obtained by The Associated Press after it was confirmed by Major League Baseball and the players' association following their agreement last week on how to proceed during the stoppage.

Less veteran players receive smaller amounts specified in the agreement: \$16,500, \$30,000 or \$60,000, depending on the contract.

Minor leaguers will be paid through the end of May

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball is extending its financial support to minor league players through May while suspending their contracts because of the new coronavirus pandemic.

MLB announced March 19 that it was giving minor leaguers \$400 weekly allowances through April 8, the day before the minor league season was scheduled to start. The commissioner's office said Tuesday that minor leaguers will continue to receive those allowances and health benefits through May 31 or the minor league opening day, whichever comes first.

Minor league contracts have a provision allowing them to be suspended "during any national emergency." MLB said Tuesday it had told the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the minor league governing body, that it was unable to supply players to minor league affiliates because of the emergency.

Major and minor league seasons are on hold due to the new coronavirus.

Former Astros great Jimmy 'The Toy Cannon' Wynn dies

Jimmy Wynn, the diminutive Houston slugger whose monster shots in the 1960s and '70s earned him the popular nickname "The Toy Cannon," has died. He was 78.

The Astros said the three-time All-Star outfielder died Thursday in Houston, but did not provide further details.

Just 5-foot-9, Wynn was packed with power. He hit more than 30 homers twice with Houston, including a career-high 37 in 1967 at the pitcher-friendly Astrodome.

Wynn spent his first 11 seasons in Houston, first with the Colt .45s and then with the Astros before making stops with the Dodgers, Braves, Brewers and Yankees in a 15-year major league career.

Wynn left the team as the franchise leader in hits, home runs, RBIs and walks. Overall, he finished with 291 homers with 964 RBIs and 225 stolen bases in his career.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Arizona freshman Nnaji declares for NBA draft

TUCSON, Ariz. — Zeke Nnaji has declared for the NBA draft after one productive season at Arizona.

Nnaji didn't arrive in Tucson with the same hype as fellow freshmen Nico Mannion and Josh Green, but he was arguably the best player of the three during the 2019-20 season.

The 6-foot-11 forward from Hopkins, Minnesota, dominated at times, averaging 16.1 points and 8.6 rebounds while shooting 57% from the floor. Nnaji was named Pac-12 freshman of the year and was a first-team all-Pac-12 selection.



Photo courtesy of Kayla Crook

Marshfield's speech team gathers for a picture outside the high school earlier this school year.

Speech season cut short for Marshfield

ZACH SILVA
The World

COOS BAY — Bella Sperling wasn't going to cry. She wanted to, but it wasn't the right moment.

"People were crying. I don't like crying in front of people so I didn't, but I was very upset about it," said Sperling, a Marshfield senior. "I tried maintaining myself. There are a lot of younger kids and I felt if they saw all the older kids crying it would make them start crying."

Sperling and her teammates on the Marshfield speech and debate team had received the news that there was not going to be an OSAA Speech State Championship due to the coronavirus.

Over the past four years the Pirates have been right with the best in the combined 4A/3A/2A/1A classification at the state championships. In 2016, 2018 and 2019 the Pirates placed second at state while 2017 was the year the team snagged the title.

"So a lot of my seniors were extremely upset, of course," said Kayla Crook, the coach of the team. "The other thing is, they have their goals

set for the entire year and one of those was to beat the record for consecutive banners in our gyms. So the banners are for state championships or runner ups and for the last four years we have had one placed in the gym. So they are kind of a little heartbroken because they feel like that was taken away."

Tied with speech and debate for consecutive banners is the Marshfield dance team, which also had its state championship canceled.

While most extracurricular activities revolve around one particular season, for speech and debate it takes up most of the school year. The season runs from August to April and is also a class for students to take with Crook throughout the year. The team practices a few times each week and competes in about two tournaments a month throughout the year.

For Sperling, who has been involved in the program all four years and poured countless hours into the program, she is still looking at the positives from her time on the team.

"I guess just remembering the moments that we did have. Be thankful for the previous tournaments we had because we did get to the end of the year and we missed the biggest tourna-

ment, but there are more years to come for them and I've already had three years myself of those opportunities. I guess just being more appreciative of what we've been able to do," she said.

Sperling was looking forward to her dramatic interpretation of a piece from the actress Gene Tierney. She had read books, watched movies and studied fashion to fully inhabit this performance.

"You have to love your piece. If you don't love your piece, you won't connect with it. And you have to connect with it for the audience to connect with it," said Sperling. "If there's no emotion there, like personal emotion, you can't see the emotion, then why are you doing it?"

With the season canceled, the Pirates now look toward nationals which, as of now, are still scheduled for mid-June in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Alternative options are currently being considered that would have teams competing online.

"It takes away some of that audience members, the feeling in the room," said Crook about the biggest difference compared to competing in person. "When I mentioned something about maybe doing a video recording and sending it in a couple of my students said but that takes away from the entire experience."

Coaches may go to creative rotations

SEATTLE (AP) — Even with major leaguers likely to receive some semblance of another spring training to get ready, teams are going to have to be creative with how they handle starting pitchers whenever baseball returns.

The last thing anyone wants is arm problems to arise almost immediately after baseball restarts -- whenever that ends up being because of coronavirus outbreak.

"Possibly having a six-man rotation or something along those lines. Maybe a piggyback situation for us just those first couple outings," Seattle left-hander Marco Gonzales said during a conference call on Tuesday.

Gonzales was slated to be the Mariners' starter on opening day.

"Maybe we go three or four innings for the starters. And that's who this affects most really is starting pitchers. Maybe we have a piggyback situation or something along those lines. Like I said, those are things we need to get creative with," he said.

No one knows when baseball will start again after being derailed by the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Players want to play as many games as possible -- even into November and December possibly -- without risking their health.

For pitchers, and specifically starters, the unknowns can be unnerving. After weeks in Arizona and Florida of building up arm strength pointed toward the start of



The Associated Press

Seattle's Marco Gonzales throws during the first inning of a spring training baseball game against the Chicago Cubs on Monday, Feb. 24.

the regular season, they're back into offseason mode trying not to lose all that was gained during spring training.

"I think that as starting pitchers — I'm speaking for myself and probably a bunch of other guys on the team — we're doing everything we can to maintain kind of where we were, getting our up-and-downs and our pitch counts and all of that," Chicago White Sox All-Star Lucas Giolito said.

"Despite limited resources, we're able to pick up a ball and throw it and change intensities and measure it out," he said. "I think when it does come time for us to play again, we've already been communicating pretty much on a weekly basis with our coaching staff and training staff and everything like that. We'll just kind of

pick it up and kind of gauge where guys are at and make decisions from there."

Gonzales said he's viewing this stretch as though it's the December portion of his offseason throwing program. He's been trying to find empty fields near his home in Seattle to go throw on occasion with a teammate, but it's mostly been limited to just long toss.

Still, between the limited throwing and having a home gym in his basement, Gonzales estimated between three to four weeks of build-up would probably be needed to get ready for the start of a season.

Gonzales also stressed that teams should be allowed to carry extra players to help ease the burden.

Scoreboard

On The Air

Today

No national sports

Thursday, April 2

No national sports

Local Schedule

Today

No local events scheduled.

Thursday, April 2

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Professional Sports

NBA

Season suspended

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Transactions

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Re-signed S DeAndre Houston-Carson to a one-year contract. Acquired QB Nick Foles from Jacksonville Jaguars in exchange for its 2020 compensatory fourth-round pick.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Released CB Dre Kirkpatrick. Re-signed CB Greg Mabin.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed DT Gerald McCoy to a three-year contract.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Announced that WR Daurice Fountain has signed tender. Signed CB T.J. Carrie.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed OG Chance Warmack and WR Phillip Dorsett to one-year contracts. Released DB Tedric Thompson and TE Ed Dickson.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with OLB Vic Beasley on a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Kevin Pierre-Louis. Re-signed G Brandon Scherff to a one-year contract.