

Restaurants

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 “Once we get to the point of herd immunity, the industry will look different,” said Jason Brandt, Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association director. “My hope is that it looks like it did before (the pandemic). For sure, the model will be more diversified.”

“Restaurant owners have to meet customers where they’re comfortable.”
 The trade association has been urging the state to consider easing dining-in restrictions, Brandt said. Oregon’s foodservice industry accounts for less than 1% of all workplace outbreaks and 4.7% of all Oregon outbreaks, Brandt said. The leisure and hospitality industry lost 25,500 jobs in December statewide, and Deschutes County nearly 30% of those jobs in December, compared to 2019, according to state jobless data.

“Businesses are simply trying to combine limited sales

from takeout and delivery with Paycheck Protection Program dollars with the hope that indoor dining will become available,” Brandt said. “The industry continues to be challenged by disproportionate sacrifices in terms of helping stop the virus spread.”

At El Sancho Taco Shop, Joel Cordez, said he’ll continue the option for online ordering, except during summer tourist season. The restaurant learned last summer that adding online to dining-in and takeout was too many orders and people had to wait for their food. Cordez said he didn’t want the quality of the food to suffer.

“We’ve done fine this year, but we’ve been lucky,” Cordez said. “We had a strong takeout business, but that’s not what we specialize in. We like our atmosphere where people can hang out, and that’s what our business is about: atmosphere and food.”

Not only has Bethlyn’s Global Fusion opened up a

so-called ghost kitchen and called it Bombay Bend, but they’ve also instituted online ordering, said co-owner Bethlyn Rider.

The loss of revenue from the governor’s restrictions on dining-in prompted the restaurant to look at its expenses and ways to grow the business. After brainstorming and reaching out via social media to Bend foodies, Rider said, she and her partner opted for this single cuisine that is not on their normal menu.

“It’s really helped us a lot,” Rider said. “We launched it Jan. 5 and it’s been really good. Better than we thought. It’s bringing in extra revenue.”

The most difficult task, Rider said, was building a website for the new cuisine and for the online ordering.

“Right now, we’re living in a virtual world,” she said. “The tech part is the hardest.”

Going forward some combination of online, ghost kitchen and theme meals will

be part of the repertoire. They created an Inauguration Day dinner, a Valentine’s Day dinner and family-style meals. They’ve all been popular, Rider said, because they give value to the customer.

With 15 years of business in their belt, the owners of Sparrow Bakery are making a plea to customers to buy twice as much takeout to help struggling restaurants, said Whitney Keatman, one of the owners of the bakery. They are calling the campaign “Twice More” to tap into a program established in 2007 during the economic downturn, called “Make Local Habit.”

“We’re prevailing upon our customers to help save us,” Keatman said. “We’re encouraging the public to take out more. Everyone is barely hanging in there. If we can get 10,000 or 20,000 people in Bend to buy twice as much, we’ll have the ability to turn that into dollar signs.”

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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S SUDOKU

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JUMBLE

Answer:
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When they proposed an AFL-NFL championship game be played, everyone thought —
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NYT CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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Mobile phones feel the bite

Now cell phone companies may be cutting back production due to critical chip shortages. Samsung anticipates production disruption as the demand for mobile phones, laptops and tablets exceeds the current chip foundries’ capacities.

As the shortage continues, some companies are adding their own chip fabrication foundries. Apple is making moves to secure its chip demands. It will start selling Mac Pros in 2021 using their own chips manufactured in Taiwan and announced last December that it’s replacing Qualcomm chips in its iPhones with new Apple-de-

signed chips.

Regional conflicts

The largest chip manufacturer in the world is Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Limited (TSMC) with most of its production in Taiwan and several factories in China. If you’ve been following the latest news (outside of COVID-19 and US politics), China’s threats to invade Taiwan have escalated over the last few weeks due to its perception that Taiwan may proclaim independence, even though it’s already a recognized country in its own right. The United States responded to the threats by increasing fleet operations around the island of Taiwan, moving a U.S. carrier battle group into the disputed South China Sea.

This potential conflict threatens the worldwide supply of chips and could destroy major sectors of the US economy. With Intel’s recent

struggles, the US is vulnerable to any disruption to our “ball bearing” supply of chips.

Computer chips are a strategic resource

Similar to Iran’s threat to the flow of oil from the Middle East through the Persian Gulf, China’s bullying threatens chip deliveries from China, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. The United States needs to secure chip production on our soil and provide incentives and tax breaks to build more Northern American chip foundries, including in Canada and Mexico. These should be considered National Strategic supplies, just like natural gas, freshwater, oil and energy production.

First step: buy only U.S.-made chips

The government can take the first step, to insist all chips and other digital discrete components in any federally

purchased device be completely manufactured, assembled and tested in the U.S. within five years.

Secondly, create a “chip infrastructure” funding initiative to create public/private chip manufacturing facilities and U.S.-only subcontracting.

Third, to fund Canadian and Mexican chip fabrication facilities near our borders and re-initiate free-trade agreements.

Bottom-line: achieve chip foundry independence

With these initiatives, the threat to the free-flow of computer chips by hostile nations will be neutralized. Our economic security and the security of our armed forces depends on it.

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