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Grocery workers could get 'hero pay'

Costa Mesa is exploring an ordinance to provide an extra \$4 an hour for some store employees during the pandemic.

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa grocery employees could soon see bigger paychecks, after the City Council decided Tuesday to explore an ordinance requiring certain companies to provide an additional \$4 per hour in hazard pay to frontline workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

If passed, the regulation would offer 120 days of additional pay to grocery workers who say they've faced increased risk of exposure interacting with the masked and unmasked public as essential workers in the past year.

It would also align Costa Mesa with other cities that have recently adopted "hero pay" ordinances, including Irvine, Long Beach, Los Angeles and Santa Ana, the last of which approved a similar measure in a 5-2 vote Tuesday night.

City Atty. Kim Barlow acknowledged the California Grocers Assn. and other corporations have legally challenged the provisions and have sought injunctions to halt pay increases but have so far been overruled.

"The cities that have done this and have been sued have successfully fought them off so far," Barlow said. "[But], again, none of those cases have come to final adjudication at this point."

Council members asked questions about the size and scope of

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VALERY MORENO with Above All Catering, delivers meals for Meals on Wheels Orange County to Lillian Modzeleski of Costa Mesa on Wednesday.

A culinary collaboration

Age Well Senior Services and Meals on Wheels Orange County have teamed up to provide quality meals to seniors.

BY ANDREW TURNER

If assisting seniors had been the right thing to do before, it became essential given the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

Even early on, it became common knowledge that COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, was considered by healthcare experts to be especially dangerous to the older segments of the population.

Recently, Gov. Gavin Newsom instituted a regional stay-at-home order based on intensive care unit capacity in December, but California first called upon



MODZELESKI UNPACKS four meals from Meals on Wheels Orange County that were delivered to her on Wednesday.

seniors to remain in their homes last March. Age Well Senior Services and

Meals on Wheels Orange County had long been players in providing for the nutritional needs of

seniors, but they stepped up to meet greater demand resulting from the pandemic.

The nonprofit organizations became administrators for the Great Plates Delivered program locally, as the two outfits split Orange County between them and served more than 10,000 seniors through the program from May to November.

"That program was created in order to help seniors stay safe at home during the pandemic," Steve Moyer, the CEO of Age Well Senior Services, said of Great Plates. "Also, it was to help businesses in the food service industry keep afloat during the troubled times."

Following their involvement in the Great Plates program, Age Well and Meals on Wheels found out just how much participants

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O.C. nearing red tier in reopening guidelines

The new, adjusted daily case rate shows 7.6 cases of the novel coronavirus for every 100,000 residents, with cases needing to fall below 7 to advance.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The red tier in the state reopening guidelines during the coronavirus pandemic, an improvement to the current purple tier, may soon be within reach, according to Orange County chief executive officer Frank Kim,

who spoke in a countywide update hosted by several chambers of commerce.

The webinar held Wednesday morning began with discussion of issues on homelessness in Orange County before transitioning into talk as to where Orange County stood in relationship to

the ongoing pandemic. Californians have passed the one-year mark since the first stay-at-home order was issued last year.

The event was sponsored by the Newport Beach, Irvine, Costa Mesa and Santa Ana chambers of commerce and the South Coast Metro Alliance.

Kim said the data was looking better as compared to previous months when cases skyrocketed past old records alongside the rest of Southern California. The

Orange County Health Care Agency now reports that the new, adjusted daily case rate shows 7.6 cases for every 100,000 residents, putting the county possibly within reach of the next tier, which requires cases to fall below 7.

Also required to reach the more relaxed tier is for both the test positivity and the health equity quartile positivity rates to

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RIDE ON THE WET SIDE



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VEHICLES PASS through flooded areas on Pacific Coast Highway between Warner Avenue and Seapoint Street on a rainy morning in Huntington Beach on Wednesday. Sunny skies were predicted Thursday leading up to the weekend.



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REALTOR RYAN KNAPP and Torelli Realty founder Valeri Torelli, from left, test the giant "hidden" Easter egg bar code on their phone apps.

'Park Hop Eggstravaganza' is citywide scavenger hunt

BY SARA CARDINE

For local Realtor Valerie Torelli, celebrating Easter in Costa Mesa is usually cause for mass egg-citement.

That's because, since she opened Torelli Realty in the city's Mesa Verde neighborhood in 1986, the business has sponsored a number of community events, most notably Costa Mesa's annual "Torelli Realty Egg-

Citement Easter" celebration.

The springtime spectacle typically draws upward of 500 people to Tanager Park with a dizzying array of activities, from train rides to bounce houses to egg hunts for kids big and little that register on the scale of chaos somewhere between "mad dash" and "absolute free-for-all."

"Bands would play, schools

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FBI probe focuses on O.C.-based street gang

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Orange County authorities joined federal officers Wednesday morning in the investigation of a local street gang.

FBI spokesperson Rukelt Dalberis said in a statement that the Orange County Violent Gang Task Force and its partners executed 12 federal search warrants; one federal arrest warrant; one state arrest warrant; and probation compliance checks as part of the investigation. Several federal and local tactical teams participated.

This included the FBI, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, the IRS Criminal Investigation Department, the Criminal Investigation Task Force and the Orange County Probation Office, in addition to the Santa Ana, Anaheim, Fullerton and Newport Beach police departments.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation are also involved in the ongoing investigation.

Heather Rangel, a spokesperson for the Newport Beach Police Department, confirmed that officers from the agency's SWAT team assisted with the operation but deferred further inquiries to the FBI.

"The affidavits supporting the search warrants have been sealed by a federal judge," Dalberis said. "The United States Attorney's Office is prosecuting the federal case and the Orange County District Attorney is prosecuting the state charges."

Further requests for details were declined by federal officials.

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VALERY MORENO with Above All Catering prepares to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels Orange County as part of the Senior Cuisine Delivered program.

MEALS

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in the program had enjoyed receiving meals from restaurants and caterers. The phones rang off the hook with people asking for an option that would bring back the restaurant meals.

The result was a new collaboration called Senior Cuisine Delivered. Age Well and Meals on Wheels have teamed up to provide an affordable option for restaurant-quality meals to be delivered to the homes of older adults. Participants in the program must be at least 50 years old.

Senior Cuisine Delivered offers lunch and dinner with options for two-, four- and six-day delivery. Meals cost \$9.95 each, including delivery, with no

additional charges.

Moyer said the program was created in consultation with food providers the nonprofits had worked with for the Great Plates program.

The feedback allowed them to identify ways to lower the cost.

In retaining the providers that were used for Great Plates, Moyer said it helps maintain a standard that they want to see in serving seniors.

"We know that they produce quality food and that all their drivers are vetted, and so it is a situation where we can depend on them," Moyer said. "We can count on them serving and producing high quality. That's really important to us, and we want the standards to be there because we are serving seniors, a more vulnerable

population."

Age Well serves south Orange County, including Corona del Mar, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach and Newport Coast. Meals on Wheels takes care of north Orange County, including Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach.

Holly Hagler, the chief executive of Meals on Wheels Orange County, said that prior to the pandemic, the organization would deliver meals to seniors who were homebound, and it provided a hot lunch at local senior centers.

"We do say that all of our programs are more than a meal because there is a little visit," Hagler said. "It's like a meal and a visit. If that person is coming to the door and they chat with you at the door, or if

you stop by the senior center, you're having a visit.

"A lot of that was stripped away because of social distancing and all that. That's been hard on seniors. We've maintained it to the extent possible, but it's nowhere near where it would normally be."

Hagler said that if people continue to show interest in Senior Cuisine Delivered after the pandemic, the group would be open to continuing the program at that point.

"We're going to continue to understand their needs and develop programs and solutions to really help them live in their homes for as long as they would like to because people love living in their homes," Hagler said of the mission to help older adults. "They

want to stay there as long as they can, and that's what we're committed to — supporting them to really live with wellness, purpose and dignity in their homes and in the communities that they love."

Lillian Modzeleski, 80, of Costa Mesa signed up to be in the Senior Cuisine Delivered program four days a week. She said she can cook, but it was not as enjoyable when she was only cooking for herself.

"You just stick it in the microwave, and they have something different all the time," Modzeleski said. "That's what I like about it is that you don't get the same meals on a weekly basis. You get something new every day."

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REOPENING

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drop below 8%. As of Wednesday, those numbers are at 3.9% and 5% respectively, placing them within the range.

"We're very close to that red tier," Kim said. "We're dropping at around half a point a day, although there's been a bit of a plateau over the last few days. But that number is trending toward red and I would expect that we will see red tier next week when the state updates their weekly numbers ... We'll have to see what it looks like."

"It's not a promise. I don't have a crystal ball, but if you look at the current trends, it's likely that we'll be below 7 by this upcoming Sunday," said Kim, adding that falling into the parameters for the tier does not automatically place Orange County in that tier.

Numbers must remain constant for two weeks before a county is able to qualify to move into the next tier, making it a three-week process.

County health officials said Wednesday there were 160 new cases and 14 new deaths. About 403 cases are currently hospitalized and 107 are in intensive care units. An estimated 234,002 have recovered.

Orange County initially transitioned to the red tier in September before it was relegated back to the purple — also known as the first tier in November in an ef-



Screenshot by Lilly Nguyen

ORANGE COUNTY chief executive officer Frank Kim provides an update to county residents on Wednesday.

fort from state officials to curb the spread of COVID-19 as case rates and hospitalizations climbed.

If the county is able to transition to the red tier, that means indoor dining and movie theaters can reopen at 25% capacity or up to 100 people, depending on whichever number is fewer.

It also means that gyms, dance and yoga studios would be allowed to reopen at 10% capacity. Museums, zoos and aquariums could open indoor activities at 25% capacity. It also expands retail and library capacities to 50%.

Kim also discussed vaccine roll-outs in Orange County, which he said he felt is running better now than it was initially.

County health officials update totals of those vaccinated every Thursday. Ac-

cording to data last updated on Feb. 25, a total of 426,649 residents had been vaccinated and county officials opened up vaccinations to those working in education, food service, grocery, agriculture workers and childcare providers on Monday.

Questions from those watching the hour-long webinar varied from the defunding the police movement, clarification on the tiers, if the Johnson & Johnson vaccine would appear in Orange County, whether or not residents will be able to choose between vaccines and the rules on self-quarantining in relation to travel.

Those interested can view the webinar at youtu.be/T7vO0SpMY2s.

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BOATING

Governor's Cup extends early invites to two regatta veterans

BY ANDREW TURNER

A couple of familiar names have been extended early invitations to compete in the 54th Governor's Cup International Youth Match Racing Championship.

New Zealand's Nick Egnot-Johnson and Jordan Stevenson have accepted their invitations and will be competing this summer in the annual youth match racing regatta, which is hosted by the Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach.

Egnot-Johnson, ranked No. 3 in the world by World Sailing for open match racing skippers, will enter as the defending champion, as he won the event in 2019 when it was last contested.

The coronavirus pandemic prevented the regatta from taking place in 2020.

Stevenson occupies the No. 7 spot in the world rankings. He placed fifth in the most recent Governor's Cup.

An automatic bid is given to



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ALASTAIR GIFFORD, skipper Nick Egnot-Johnson and Sam Barnett, from the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, hoist the Governor's Cup trophy during a celebration at the Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach in 2019. Under a temporary rule change, Egnot-Johnson is eligible to defend his title in 2021.

the defending champion of the Governor's Cup, so long as they remain within the age restric-

tion. Competitors in the Governor's Cup cannot have reached their 23rd birthday before the

conclusion of the event.

Egnot-Johnson, who recently became eligible for the World

Match Racing Tour Championship, will headline the local regatta. The Governor's Cup is scheduled to take place July 26-31.

"Nick may find the competition at GovCup as fierce as he will face on the tour as he tries to become the 13th skipper to win two Governor's Cups," Andy Rose, chairman of the Governor's Cup Steering Committee, said in a release. Rose was the victorious skipper in the third and fourth Governor's Cups.

Regatta officials said Feb. 23 that requests for invitation to compete in the Governor's Cup have so far been received from five countries.

The deadline to request an invitation to be included among the 12-boat fleet of the regatta is April 9.

The Governor's Cup Selection Committee will notify skippers of their selection by April 23.

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **LARRY LOPEZ**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **SHIRLEY LOPEZ** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **SHIRLEY LOPEZ** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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ONE OF THE giant "hidden" Easter eggs at a Costa Mesa park. Torelli Realty and the city of Costa Mesa are teaming up for a "Park Hop Eggsstravaganza," where six giant eggs have been hidden in parks where people can discover them, scan a QR code, and learn fun facts about the park.

EASTER

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would participate. We'd have the Easter bunny," Torelli recalled in an interview.

"It started out small — but then we just took over the whole park."

Last year, however, the still-burgeoning coronavirus pandemic put the kibosh on plans for a repeat of the beloved in-town tradition and plans were put on hold while everyone hunkered down.

With coronavirus restrictions prohibiting large gatherings still firmly in place one full year later, city staff are teaming up with Torelli on a new kind of celebration.

Welcome to the Park Hop Eggsstravaganza.

From now until March 26, local egg hunters

"The parks are being used now more than ever. It's just about people getting out there with their kids and having fun."

— **Valerie Torelli**
Costa Mesa Realtor

are invited to participate in a citywide scavenger hunt to find six larger-than-life Easter eggs installed at select city parks in Costa Mesa.

Their locations are being kept under wraps, according to Parks & Services Director Jason Minter, who worked with city staff to not only craft the ovate structures but equipped them with QR codes that, when scanned, will pull up fun facts about the parks they're in.

Costa Mesa operates 33 parks. While Minter remained mum about specif-

ic locations, he provided one valuable hint for prize seekers.

"We tried to find locations that were a little bit bigger, so families don't just come for the egg and then leave," he said. "This way they can stay and hang out together."

People can follow instructions in the QR code to pose for selfie photos that they can upload to a contest page on the city's website at costamesa.gov/parkhop.

The first 25 people to find and submit photos of all six eggs will receive a fun, family-themed prize from Torelli Realty.

Torelli is hopeful this year's event will let families celebrate together in a safe manner.

"The parks are being used now more than ever," she said. "It's just about people getting out there with their kids and having fun."

Minter said while this year's celebration may not have all the bells and whistles of previous egg hunts, it offers a fun reason for families to get out and explore local nature.

"People don't always know all the parks in Costa Mesa, so any opportunity we have to get people out into the parks, we'll take it," he said.

The contest runs through March 26. All entrants will be required to upload a picture for every egg found. For more information, email cmrecinfo@costamesa.ca.gov.

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