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A tight job market

Orange County's lowest-in-California unemployment rate sounds great, unless you happen to be an employer looking for seasonal staff.

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Employers are courting seasonal workers with extra fervor this year as new government figures released Friday show that Orange County has the lowest unemployment rate in the state.

The Disneyland Resort, the county's largest employer, is offering free trips, fancy dinners and plush hotel stays to its employees if they can entice new workers to carry the company

"It's very challenging this year."

DEBRA GUNN DOWNING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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SOUTH COAST PLAZA

through the holiday season. That's on top of the regular \$50 cash bonus for referrals.

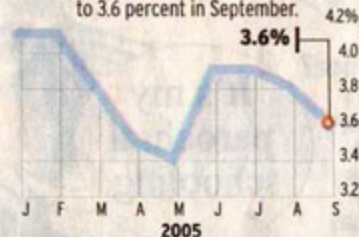
The referral bonuses are just one step Disney has taken to dig deep into Orange County's mea-

ger labor pool to find workers. This year, the company plans to hire hundreds more people than in years past - if it can find them - to keep up with the visitors who are expected to join its 50th anniversary celebration.

Retailers such as Mervyn's, Best Buy and The Limited also are competing for seasonal workers, who can take their pick of seasonal jobs in a county with 3.6 percent unemploy-

Jobless rate falls

Orange County's unemployment rate fell to 3.6 percent in September.



Source: California Employment Development Department
The Register

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