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Newport man on the verge of death set free

Brian Laudenback, convicted of killing a 22-month-old boy in 1995, is terminally ill. He was granted compassionate release from prison.

BY ANDREW TURNER

A Newport Beach man who killed a 22-month-old boy has been released from prison, but with the clock ticking on his own life.

Brian Laudenback, 58, was given a recall of sentence, with a three-judge appellate panel ruling that Laudenback should be placed in the care of his mother.

Under California Penal Code 1170, a court can recall a sentence if the prisoner is terminally ill and is expected to die within six months. It must also be deemed that the released prisoner would not be a threat to society.

Laudenback, who left the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo on April 30, has terminal bladder cancer that has spread to his lungs.

In March 1995, Laudenback was found guilty of killing Tyler Jaeger, the son of his then-girlfriend, Karey Jaeger. He was charged with murder in the second-degree, and he was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

Jaeger became an advocate for tougher sentencing for those who were found

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Costa Mesa reopens some parks to active use

City Council members disagree on whether residents should be able to stop and rest in open spaces.

BY SARA CARDINE

The Costa Mesa City Council on Tuesday sanctioned reopening select city-owned parks to walkers and bicyclists, but visitors will be required to observe mandated coronavirus protocols and will not be able to sit, stop or gather with others.

The move comes as nearby cities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach and San Clemente this week began allowing restricted active recreational use of public spaces, with approval from the state.

Costa Mesa's 200-acre Fairview Park, along with the city's Skate Park and Bark Park, are to remain closed for the time being, though some Fairview trails will allow pass-through traffic. Park amenities, such as bathrooms, water fountains and playgrounds, will continue to stay closed.

Whether to allow socially distanced sitting or picnicking — a step beyond

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Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

A WOMAN RUNS on the sand as others take in the sights on the beach next to the Balboa Pier in Newport Beach on Wednesday.

Newport Beach reopens its beaches for active use

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Newport Beach's shoreline partially reopened Wednesday after receiving state approval for an "active recreational use" plan.

Like its neighbors Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach and San Clemente, which got the state OK to partially reopen this week, Newport's beaches will allow walking, running, bicycle riding, swimming, surfing and other board sports, kayaking and fishing from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Sunbathing, passive games and loitering are still prohibited. Beachgoers must also not gather with people from outside their immediate household, even if engaged in active recreation. Beach parking lots will remain closed.

Gov. Gavin Newsom put all Orange County beaches under a hard closure on Friday after crowds sought the sun and sand here during a heat wave the previous weekend. Newsom said the beach days, several weeks into sweeping statewide stay-at-home orders, threatened to send away at-

tempts to curb the coronavirus pandemic. Huntington Beach and Dana Point reacted to the targeted closure with a lawsuit, which remains active. Newport didn't join the suit as a plaintiff, but formally supported the litigation.

Newport Beach City Councilwoman Diane Dixon, whose district includes Balboa Peninsula, said she was relieved that the governor's office approved Newport's plan.

"This proves that the punitive 'hard close' of Orange County beaches was unnecessary from the beginning," she said. "Our city plan was always aimed at a big picture goal of public health and safety and was rooted in the most up-to-date knowledge of how COVID-19 spreads. I am glad people will continue to enjoy their right to open spaces and hope this marks the beginning of a common-sense approach to reopening from Newsom."

With some restrictions still in place, the seagulls outnumbered the people near Balboa Pier after the closure loosened. But it wasn't all silent and still: joggers left ephem-

eral footprints in the wet sand, young women laughed from the cool tickle of incoming seafoam on their bare feet, and children towed garlands of seaweed out of the surf longer than they were tall.

Chuck Lankford, 59, is an Orange County native. He considers Newport one of his beaches, and he needed it.

"All I wanted to do is get my toes wet," said Lankford, whose work as a hairstylist in Brea is on hold. "I've had a really tough week and I need to get my beach time."

He took selfies and had sand caking his royal blue Hawaiian shirt as he soaked in the day.

"I needed some beach therapy," he said, and he got it.

A couple of hundred of feet away, a family sat in the sun under an umbrella with two infants and their toys while older children darted in and out of the water.

Kiki, who declined to give her last name, was there with her son, daughter and two

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Excess, imbalanced weight caused 2018 Newport helicopter crash, NTSB says

BY HILLARY DAVIS

A helicopter that went down in a Newport Beach neighborhood in 2018 crashed because it was slightly overweight and imbalanced, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

The crash, which killed three people including the pilot and left a fourth passenger seriously injured, happened on Jan. 30, 2018, just after takeoff from John Wayne Airport en route to Catalina Island for a quick lunchtime pleasure trip. The four-seat Robinson 44 Clipper I weighed 2,476 pounds at liftoff, including fuel, occupants and baggage. That put it 76 pounds over its limit for safe, controlled operation, and with a forward

center of gravity.

The final NTSB report, published April 8 — more than two years after the incident — says an examination of the airframe, engine and related systems showed no evidence of pre-existing mechanical malfunctions or failures.

"The [surviving] passenger stated that the pilot did not ask any of the passengers for their weights, nor did he instruct them where to sit, suggesting that the pilot did not perform weight and balance calculations before the flight," the report says. "Given the lack of mechanical anomalies, it is likely that the pilot experienced a loss of helicopter control due

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POLICE INVESTIGATE the scene where three people were killed and two others injured when a four-seat Robinson 44 helicopter crashed in a Newport Beach home on Jan. 30, 2018.

Frontline Foods delivers meals to Laguna firefighters



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LAGUNA BEACH Fire Chief Michael Garcia, right, is given bags of prepared meals from Frontline Foods' Eric Paine on Monday in observance of International Firefighters Day.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Breakfast is often described as one of the most important meals of the day and Laguna Beach firefighters didn't miss theirs when Frontline Foods came to deliver food in observance of International Firefighters Day.

Acai and breakfast bowls from Active Culture were delivered to Laguna Beach's Downtown Fire Station 1 on Forest Avenue by Rep. Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach), Mayor Bob Whalen, City Manager John Pietig and organizers early Monday morning. The meals delivered were part of over 300 prepared meals to be delivered throughout the county to firefighters and EMT workers.

"Orange County firefighters and EMTs are on the front lines of the coronavirus crisis, fighting

to keep families safe," Rouda said. "It was an honor to join Frontline Foods and fellow Laguna Beach officials to give back to the men and women working around the clock to protect us."

"Our first responders are the ones we're counting on the most right now," Whalen added. "Our fire, police, marine safety — they're doing an incredible job for us and this is just a small way to thank them."

Whalen said he was appreciative of Rouda and Frontline Foods' collaboration, adding that the meal delivery was a small gesture to say thank you for everything that first responders are doing.

"These guys are at it 24/7, so, terrific job and we just have the

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ORANGE COUNTY PASSES 3,000 TOTAL COVID-19 CASES PAGE A2

ORANGE COUNTY BREAKERS MAY NOT PLAY IN NEWPORT BEACH THIS SUMMER Read online at dailypilot.com

Orange County passes 3,000 total COVID-19 cases

BY MATT SZABO

There were 131 new cases and four new deaths due to the novel coronavirus in Orange County on Wednesday, according to updated numbers released by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

There have been 3,004 cumulative cases of COVID-19 reported to date in the county. That figure includes 65 deaths. Of the deaths, 14 have been skilled nursing facility residents.

Nearly 1,000 new cases have been reported in the last 10 days, as the county passed 2,000 cumulative cases on April 26.

The 131 new cases reported Wednesday were the second-highest single-day total since the pandemic began. There were 162 new cases reported on Friday.

Of the 192 cases currently hospitalized, 73 of those are in the intensive care unit. Twenty-three of an eligible 25 hospitals reported for those latest figures.

The county reported 941 new

tests for COVID-19, and there have been 40,707 total tests administered.

The age groups with the largest positive COVID-19 tests in the county are ages 25-34 and 45-54, which both make up 18% of the confirmed cases. People in the age group 55-64 account for 16% of the cases, and people ages 35-44 are 15% of the cases.

Males account for 54% of the cumulative cases in Orange County, and 58% of the deaths.

In terms of the deaths associ-

ated with the virus, 74% of the victims have been ages 55 and higher. A total of 29% of the people who have died were ages 75-84, and 25% were 85 or older.

Here are the latest case counts for select cities, with their numbers per 10,000 residents:

- Anaheim: 438 (12.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Santa Ana: 389 (11.5 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Huntington Beach: 238 (11.7 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Irvine: 138 (4.9 cases per

- 10,000 residents)
- Newport Beach: 103 (11.8 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Costa Mesa: 44 (3.8 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Laguna Beach: 37 (16.3 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Fountain Valley: 35 (6.5 cases per 10,000 residents)

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc.

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CRASH

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to his decision to operate the helicopter outside of its published weight and balance limitations."

Surveillance video of the takeoff showed that the helicopter assumed a nose-low position upon liftoff and mostly maintained that position throughout the takeoff and initial climb. This tilt is consistent with a forward center of gravity, the report says.

"Helicopter performance is not only affected by gross weight, but also by the position of that weight," the report concludes. "The pilot should ensure that the helicopter is properly bal-

anced within its center of gravity limitations... Since the fuselage acts as a pendulum suspended from the rotor, changing the [center of gravity] changes the angle at which the aircraft hangs from the rotor. If the [center of gravity] is too far forward of the mast, the helicopter hangs with its nose tilted down."

Radar data showed that the helicopter got about 500 feet above the ground before it began its rapid descent, which the surviving passenger described to investigators as "straight down." The crash happened about a minute after takeoff, less than a mile from the airport. The pilot did not make any distress calls.

The survivor told police that the pilot told the group "something's wrong" and apologized. The aircraft clipped the roofs of two houses and hit the side of a home on Egret Court near Shearwater Place in the Bayview Terrace community. A person on the ground also suffered minor injuries. The R44 was leased to Revolution Aviation — a flight school and touring company at JWA — from Spitzer Helicopter LLC of Canyon Lake in Riverside County, according to public records. Revolution Aviation later changed its name to One Above Aviation. It has since gone out of business.

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Mariners Christian names Harrison head of school

BY SARA CARDINE

Mariners Christian School board members recently announced former Middle School Principal Heather Harrison has been selected to lead the Costa Mesa campus as head of school.

Harrison came to Mariners Christian as an administrator in 2013 with more than a decade of public school experience. She was serving as interim head following the departure of former Head of School Troy Moore in July.

"I'm so blessed and honored, and humbled, to accept — I love this place," the 44-year-old Costa



Heather Harrison

Mesa mother of three said Tuesday.

"There was no real way I would have said no. I wanted to make sure the staff and the families were taken care of."

Board members announced Harrison's selection Monday in a release. Board Chairman and Mariners Christian parent Lewis Brewster said while the search for a new head of school went national, Harrison rose as a top candi-

date for her innovative approach to instruction and leadership.

"She leads in faith, has tremendous faculty, staff and community support, and understands what it takes to achieve our long-standing mission to build a firm foundation through Christ-centered education," Brewster said in the statement.

In her seven years at MCS, Harrison helped foster the creation of a middle school academy program and recently worked with faculty to transition learning to an online model during the coronavirus pandemic.

Opened in 1987 at

Irvine's Mariners Church by a group of parents seeking a Christian education opportunity in the local community, Mariners Christian today serves 740 students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade.

During her time as interim head, Harrison helped oversee the Costa Mesa campus as it enters the building phase of a \$20-million "Bright Future" capital campaign that, nearly a decade in the making, is anticipated to be completed in September.

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guilty of fatal child abuse, and in September 1996, the Tyler Jaeger Act was signed into law. The legislation increased the minimum penalty for such crimes from 15 years to life in prison to 25 years to life.

Laudenback was a 32-year-old house painter who lived with Jaeger, a special education teacher, when he was arrested in March 1994. He had been babysitting her son, who was staying home with a contagious eye illness, but in the first week, Tyler was hospitalized with a skull fracture. Laudenback

said the child fell from a picnic table.

Within a week, the young boy sustained more injuries, and this time they were fatal. The toddler suffered broken bones and internal injuries consistent with beating. The severity of the injuries was such that they were compared to those caused by a car crash.

Laudenback confessed to kneeling the boy in the stomach, claiming that the incident had occurred during an alcoholic relapse.

"He's been remorseful since it happened," Laudenback's attorney Michael Beckman said. "He feels absolutely horrible about it, and he feels horrible that the

mother and the grandfather, 24 years later, still are so hate-filled. Not for his benefit. He doesn't care for him, but he wishes that they would be able to find peace somehow."

Jaeger and members of her family called Laudenback a "coward" and a "monster" at the sentencing hearing.

The Board of Parole Hearings evaluated Laudenback and recommended him for parole twice within the last four years — on June 12, 2016, and on Feb. 5, 2020. The approvals were overturned by Gov. Jerry Brown and Gov. Gavin Newsom, respectively.

"We believe he's suitable

for parole, but the issue now is it was compassionate release, and whether he was within six months of terminal illness, and whether he poses a threat to the public if released," Beckman added. "The parole board answered, 'No.' The secretary of [the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation] answered, 'No,' and they both recommended his release for compassionate release."

"The Orange County Superior Court didn't agree, but the Court of Appeal did, and now he's home for what little time he has left."

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baby granddaughters “enjoying my freedom and liberty to be in the sun whenever I want to be.”

Kiki, 44, was ready to escape the indoors.

“It starts doing stuff to you mentally, you know?”

Dana Point and Seal Beach also reopened this week, making Newport the final city on Orange County’s coastline to officially return to the sand although county-run beaches in South County remain closed.

Newsom praised Newport by name Wednesday for being part of a “collaborative spirit” around the state.

“The leadership there, to their credit, they modeled their reopening plans along the lines of those that were advanced yesterday in Huntington Beach and Seal Beach, among others,” he said at his daily news conference, adding that Orange County is working on some final points to open the county-run beaches.

“I have been working closely with all of our coastal cities in order to safely and responsibly reopen our treasured local beaches,”



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PEOPLE ARRIVE at the beach as others take in the sights next to the Balboa Pier in Newport Beach on Wednesday.

said Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach) in a statement Wednesday. “This spirit of collaboration and cooperation is absolutely critical as we confront this pandemic and navigate California’s recovery.”

“With today’s approval of Newport Beach’s plan, local residents can access almost every beach in coastal Orange County,” said Rep. Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach) in a statement.

Rouda came under fire this week after CBS News reported that the congressman stepped out on a private residential beach last weekend.

“Our beaches are more

than tourist attractions,” Rouda added. “They are crucial recreational spaces that everyone should be able to access in a safe and socially-distanced manner.”

“The city is very pleased to reopen our beaches for the physical and mental well-being of our residents,” Newport Beach Mayor Will O’Neill said in a statement. “While the active recreation model was not the preferred choice by the City Council after discussions with our public safety personnel, we are confident that city staff will manage the beaches effectively under the approved plan.”

City Councilman Kevin Muldoon, who is personally

PARKS

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what county and state health officials recommend as parks, beaches and businesses across California embark on a phased reopening plan — drew a dividing line Tuesday between council members.

Councilman Allan Mansoor said he wanted to open park lands for regular use, trusting residents would comply with state mandates to maintain a 6-foot distance and wear facial coverings.

“It’s just ridiculous that the grass is closed,” he said.

Councilwoman Sandra Genis agreed being able to sit at a park and read would do a world of good for residents’ mental

health.

“My goal would be to give people as much room as possible to be in the fresh air, to sit in the grass and to cool off,” she said.

Costa Mesa City Atty. Kim Barlow said allowing people to passively sit in parks could lead to dense gatherings, the likes of which have been observed and questioned at several Orange County beaches in recent weeks.

City officials said Costa Mesa is in Phase 1 of a four-step plan to reopen facilities and said Phase 2, which involves the opening of some lower-risk workplaces and expanded retail curbside pickups, could begin as soon as Friday.

Mayor Katrina Foley said she understood how frustrating a phased reopening

plan might be to people who have been shut indoors for the past seven weeks but urged patience.

“Let’s just get through Phase 1,” Foley said. “Let’s get the parks open so that people can at least walk through, ride through, bike through, stroll through — and then we’ll move into sitting reading a book or sitting on a blanket.”

Barlow said city staff would continue to seek guidance from state and county officials and were interested in examining every opportunity to move through the phases of the reopening plan.

“We’re moving as fast as we possibly can,” Barlow said.

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suings Newsom in federal court over the closure, was more pointedly critical of the “active” component.

“The state made it clear to Orange County coastal cities that they would only approve plans to reopen our beaches for limited ‘recreational’ uses,” said Mul-

doon, whose suit also remains active. “This denies access to anyone with mobility issues on sand and is a violation of the [Americans With Disabilities Act].”

City public safety personnel will first and foremost strive for education over citation, O’Neill added.

In addition, Newport Harbor remains open for all normally allowed water activities. The city also opened its 16 public tennis courts Wednesday for singles play only.

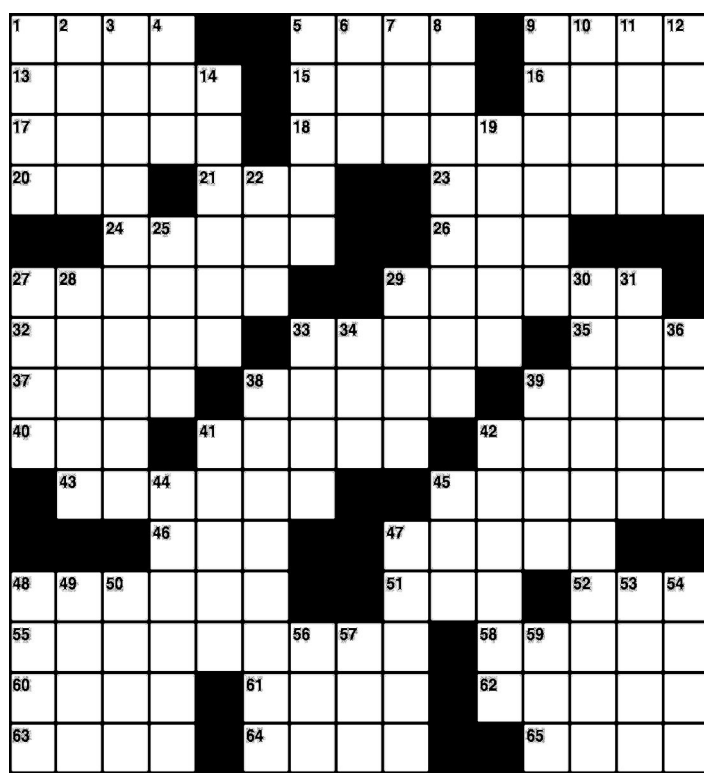
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Smile
- 5 Partially open
- 9 Curved doorway top
- 13 Not as common
- 15 Water ; pool sport
- 16 Fable
- 17 See eye to eye
- 18 Turmoil
- 20 Arthur, for one
- 21 Remote
- 23 Make ; atone
- 24 Gibe; ridicule
- 26 Shade of brown
- 27 Tightfisted
- 29 Common sense
- 32 Eat away at
- 33 Twirls
- 35 Dangerous snake
- 37 Minute
- 38 Beekeeper’s risk
- 39 Personal web page
- 40 Mermaid’s home
- 41 Injections
- 42 Self-confidence
- 43 Err
- 45 Hope & Jessica
- 46 Seeing ; furious
- 47 Wandering Israelites’ food
- 48 _ Roca
- 51 _ Lazy River”
- 52 _ man; without exception
- 55 Gained admission again
- 58 Native New



For answers to the crossword puzzle, see page A4.

- Zealander
- 60 Lion’s hair
- 61 Librarian’s advice
- 62 Went public with
- 63 Tater
- 64 Light on one’s feet
- 65 _ disease; tick-borne ailment
- DOWN
- 1 Catch hold of
- 2 Fly off the handle
- 3 Senseless
- 4 Word before a maiden name
- 5 Take ; disassemble
- 6 Run at a slow trot
- 7 Late boxing

- great
- 8 Turning
- 9 Be present at
- 10 Parade spoiler
- 11 Lump of dirt
- 12 Cluckers
- 14 Shelter
- 19 Gather over time
- 22 Not _ longer; no more
- 25 Opie’s pa
- 27 Uses hair rollers
- 28 Attempts
- 29 Victories
- 30 Required; essential
- 31 Antlered animal
- 33 Go no further
- 34 Hole in the ground
- 36 Middle ; historical period

- 38 Shakes in horror
- 39 German city where Beethoven was born
- 41 Exhausted
- 42 Central American nation
- 44 Pressed
- 45 In the _ of luxury
- 47 Like a garden after the rain
- 48 Hugger’s needs
- 49 Jump
- 50 List of dishes
- 53 City next to Provo
- 54 Assistant
- 56 House member: abbr.
- 57 Anvil’s location
- 59 Feel poorly

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PRIME RIB & EGG BREAKFAST SANDWICH 19
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CRAB & ARTICHOKE FRITTATA 16
Jumbo lump crab meat, artichoke hearts, parmesan cheese served with breakfast potatoes

JIM STEAK & GREENS 21
Six ounce sliced Prime filet mignon, served with a Bungalow or Caesar salad

SALMON CAESAR SALAD 18
Chopped hearts of romaine, crostini, shaved Manchego

LIME-MARINATED CHICKEN SALAD 14
Greens, lime marinated chicken, avocado, grilled vegetables, citrus dressing

BEEF DIP SANDWICH 15
Sliced thin, au jus, Swiss cheese, grilled onions on a French roll. Served with creamy horseradish, French fries

STEAK SANDWICH 20
Six ounce sliced filet mignon, onion strings, French baguette, French fries

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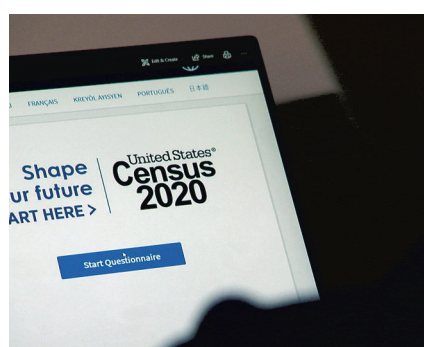
Let's make sure every child in Orange County is counted in the 2020 census

Today in California, there are an estimated 210,000 children younger than 6 hiding in plain sight because they weren't counted in the last U.S. census, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

As a result, communities in our state missed out on a decade's worth of crucial funding for programs to support them — programs that provide basic necessities like food, shelter and healthcare.

The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and determines how billions of dollars of federal funding are distributed to each state every year for critical programs that families rely on every day. In 2010, the total undercount for children younger than 5 was 1 million, according to the *FiveThirtyEight* website, — and California had the highest undercount of young children of any state.

Ensuring our youngest children are counted in the census has been a historic challenge. There is evidence that the undercount for this popu-



INVITATIONS to complete the 2020 census have been mailed out.

Courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau

lation has increased in recent decades, even as coverage for other age groups has improved. The 2010 census had a net undercount of 4.6% for young children.

Data from the California Department of Finance show that for every one person living in our state who is not counted in the census, the state loses an estimated \$2,000 per year for 10 years.

Today, we are working to right that wrong. California leaders have invested an unprecedented \$187 million in encouraging the hardest-to-count Californians to fill out the census form in 2020. In 2010, just after the Great Recession ended, California invested just

\$2 million in census outreach.

First 5 Assn. of California is proud to be one of more than 120 partners California has convened to achieve a complete and accurate count, the largest mobilization of partners in state history.

Through our All Kids Count campaign, we're bringing together California's largest networks working with children ages 0 to 5 in California, including our Early Start and Women, Infants and Children program, to conduct outreach and education to families with young children.

First 5 county commissions statewide are partnering with school districts and food banks to distribute census materi-

als to families with young children as part of existing food distribution programs. More families than ever are turning to these programs for essential fresh food and pantry items that aren't readily available at the grocery store.

Given current public health concerns around gathering in person, we are focused on educating families about how they can respond to the census online at *my2020census.gov*, by phone or by mail if they received a paper form.

Young children have the most to gain from a complete count in 2020: It is their future that this census will fund, and their representation that will be determined.

That's why it's crucial that parents and guardians have the tools and information necessary to ensure our children are counted in 2020. We must ensure our youngest kids are counted and that they — and California's future — thrive.

KIM GOLL is the executive director of First 5 Orange County.

MEALS

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highest level of respect and appreciation to those guys," he added.

Laguna Beach Fire Chief Michael Garcia said that he was contacted by Eric Paine, one of the Orange County chapter leads, last week about the meal delivery. "My first response when I called him was that I hate to say it that way, but there's so many others in need. The hospital workers and things like that, it was like, 'Are you sure you don't want to do them?'" Garcia said. "We had that talk and we said it was funny. Firefighters want to help everyone else."

"They don't want help necessarily," he added.

The national grassroots organization, whose Orange County chapter began about two months ago, initially focused on providing meals for healthcare workers and hospitals. The organization began when friends of Sydney Gressel, a pediatric nurse at UCSF in San Francisco, asked how they could help Gressel and her colleagues on the "front lines" of combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Gressel asked for pizza.

The organization partners with World Central Kitchen, led by chef José Andrés. The organization works with local restaurants and the delivery of meals on Monday were funded by donations and a \$55,000 grant from 9/11 Day, a non-profit that focuses on charitable engagement on Sept. 11 in remembrance of victims of the Sept. 11 and other terrorist attacks.

Paine, who lives in Newport Beach, said Frontline Foods has delivered about 2,500 meals to more than 16 hospitals. From that, he added, Frontline Foods has been able to pay local restaurants more than \$33,000, helping them while they struggle to stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A lot of workers had to be furloughed, so with that money, they're able to re-hire people and it just kind of helps out the restaurant ecosystem," Paine said. "These restaurants that we work with are the mom and pop shops ... by us, in some orders, they could be delivering 200 meals to a hospital. That's quite of a bit of money for them to help pay rent, pay employees, things like that. The other part is you have hospital workers that some are just working



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REP. HARLEY ROUDA (D-Laguna Beach), right, gives a bag of prepared meals to Laguna Beach Fire Chief Michael Garcia on Monday.

long hours." "Lot of times, it's hard for them to prepare a meal," Paine said. "So, by us delivering healthy meals which usually focuses around a protein, a vegetable and a starch, not only are we providing a meal, but we're all showing that the community cares."

Katie Russell, a Costa Mesa resident and chapter lead for Orange County, said she felt it was important to support local businesses at this time and boost morale where possible. She said restaurants sign up to work with Frontline Foods and then organizers set up contacts with hospitals or other first responders.

Laguna Beach fire Capt. Eric Lether said firefighters loved the support from the community and that people have recognized the different ways that the Fire Department has had to change the way that service is provided to residents.

"It means a lot that they realize that and they're supportive of the efforts that we're making to try to not only keep the community safe but to keep us safe so that we're available for the community in a time of need," Lether said.

Firefighter Brandon Hawkins said he appreciated the gesture and that firefighters were here to support the community every day.

"It's really cool to see our community come together as a cohesive group and help out in any way shape or form in a challenging time such as this," Hawkins said. "We definitely appreciate it. It's nice to see the entirety of the community working together just to get through a time that's tough for everybody."

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
BID NO. 2152
Coastline Community College Student Services Building**

COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
1370 Adams Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

The Coast Community College District is inviting pre-qualification statements from firms, partnerships, and corporations to provide construction services related to the new **Coastline Community College Student Services Building**.

Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley will be constructing a new 53,000 square foot, two-story Student Services Building. The project will be procured via Multiple Prime Contracts to the District with C.W. Driver acting as the District's Construction Manager. A successful project specific prequalification submittal will be required prior to being invited to bid.

The anticipated Construction schedule will be from November 2020 to August 2022. The anticipated prime contract bid packages for which the District is seeking prequalification's are listed below.

Pre-Qualification is MANDATORY for the following trades:

| Bid Package | Trade | License | Engineer's Estimate |
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| 1 | Design-Build Rammed Aggregate Piers (Already Bid) | | NOT A PART OF THIS BID |
| 2 | General Requirements | B | \$785,000 |
| 3 | Demolition, Grading, & SWPPP | A, C-12, or C-21 | \$1,410,000 |
| 4 | Site Utilities | A, C-34, or C-36 | \$380,000 |
| 5 | Landscape & Irrigation | C-27 | \$570,000 |
| 6 | Site Concrete & Asphalt Paving | A, B, C8, or C12 | \$800,000 |
| 7 | Structural Concrete, Reinforcing Steel | B or C-8 | \$1,900,000 |
| 8 | Structural Steel, Misc. Metals, Metal Deck & Stairs | C-51 | \$3,800,000 |
| 9 | Architectural Millwork & Cabinets | C-6 | \$390,000 |
| 10 | Roofing, Waterproofing, Sheet Metal, Metal Panels, Roof Accessories | C-39 or C-43 | \$915,000 |
| 11 | Doors, Frames, and Hardware | B or C-28 | \$490,000 |
| 12 | Glass & Glazing | C-17 | \$4,200,000 |
| 13 | Metal Framing, Drywall, Insulation, Fireproofing, & Plaster | B, C-9, or C-35 | \$4,100,000 |
| 14 | Acoustical Ceiling | C-2 | \$365,000 |
| 15 | Ceramic Tile | C-54 | \$150,000 |
| 16 | Flooring & Terrazzo | C-15 | \$595,000 |
| 17 | Painting | C-33 | \$305,000 |
| 18 | Misc. Specialties | B | \$630,000 |
| 19 | Elevator | B or C-11 | \$360,000 |
| 20 | Fire Protection System | C-16 | \$390,000 |
| 21 | Plumbing | C-36 | \$730,000 |
| 22 | HVAC | C-20 | \$2,850,000 |
| 23 | Electrical, Fire Alarm, AV & Telecom | C-10 | \$4,450,000 |

Prequalification applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically via the District's PlanetBids Vendor Portal prior to 2:00 p.m. on June 4, 2020.

Completed Statements should be electronically submitted within the PlanetBids Vendor Portal (see link below) **ONLY**. Mailed or hand delivered prequalification packets will not be accepted.

<https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=36722&BidID=72291>

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to submit the response by the proper time. No oral, telegraphic, electronic, facsimile, or telephone statements will be considered. Prequalification's received after June 4, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. will not be considered. Only prospective bidders deemed to be "pre-qualified" by the District will be eligible to submit bids for the above listed trade categories.

**ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M.**

Questions regarding this prequalification may be directed to the purchasing department via the Q&A section of the PlanetBids portal.

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