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Grant targets lead paint

\$1.4M made available to low-income families in older homes whose children may be exposed to substance.

BY ERIC LICAS

A recently awarded \$1.4-million federal grant will allow Orange County households with children potentially exposed to lead paint to have the toxic substance removed from their homes for free.

The money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is eligible for work on residences that are either owner-occupied or rented, Orange County officials wrote in a news release. Those who qualify must meet low-income status, have a child under 6 or a pregnant person staying with

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High tide, fast swell hit Seal Beach

Crews work to clean up flooded areas near the city's pier as unseasonal combination slammed the beach Wednesday.

BY SARA CARDINE

Thursday morning found Seal Beach work crews busy on the beach building an emergency sand berm to hold back southern swells that arrived Wednesday night during high tide, flooding public and residential areas near the pier.

Pumps were being used to remove pools of standing water from a public parking lot, where a sandy mix had encroached into low-lying areas near the city's pier and boardwalk at around 9 p.m., as the tide reached heights over 6

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Photos by James Carbone

ATTENDEES OF Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting bow their heads as Huntington Beach Police Chaplain Bob Ewing offers the invocation before the meeting's start. Council members voted 4-2-1 to let the mayor choose who gives the invocation moving forward.

Huntington Beach council adopts new invocation rule

BY MATT SZABO

The invocation given before Huntington Beach City Council meetings has been an afterthought in the minds of many.

It has traditionally been handled by leaders of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, founded in 1996 after a series of hate crimes in the city.

The City Council itself has typically stayed out of it. But that changed at Tuesday night's meeting.

Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland introduced a motion that would let the mayor choose who gives the invocation, and it passed 4-2-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark, Casey McKeon and Pat Burns joined Strickland in voting for the change, with Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton voting against. Dan Kalmick abstained.

Strickland drew on his experience in state government in pitching the idea.

"There was no policy that ever



HUNTINGTON BEACH Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Tony Strickland and Councilman Casey McKeon bow their heads in prayer during the invocation given by Police Chaplain Bob Ewing.

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Opening of N.B. junior lifeguards HQ delayed

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The junior lifeguards program will have to go another year without an official headquarters due to construction issues, according to the city of Newport Beach.

The opening of the much-anticipated project will be delayed several months past its expected

date of Memorial Day weekend, according to a news release issued Thursday.

City project managers identified issues in the concrete walls of the approximately 5,145-square-foot building, on which construction began last September.

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Andrew Turner

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AUBREE OLIVERTON, 24, plays at St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange in January with Kontrapunktus. Oliverson will be playing with the orchestra at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Newport Beach.

Kontrapunktus to perform at N.B. church

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Aubree Oliverson feels classical music still has a lot to offer, even as new innovations are made in the musical world every day.

Oliverson, 24, began playing the violin when she was 5, after her father, inspired by watching her listen to a master's violin recital, bought her the instrument.

Her mother signed up her for lessons, and that was that, or so the story goes.

The Utah native, who moved to Los Angeles to attend the Colburn Music Academy when she was 15, said she feels people don't talk about classical music enough, while she spends nearly every single day engaged in it.

"The richness of this genre is kind of unparalleled. It's just a shame to not bring it to more people who haven't heard it before. It's enriched my life so much, so I want everybody to find the joy in it that I find," Oliverson said.

"It sort of grapples with the deepest emotions, not that other genres can't do that as well, but classical music has been doing that for centuries, and there's so much tradition and there's something for everyone because so many composers have written so many different types of compositions," she said. "It's hard to put it into words because it's such a

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gave the Interfaith Council the ability to give these prayers,” he said. “My experience is that the Speaker of the Assembly picks who picks the person giving the invocation, the Senate Pro Tem, many other organizations.”

A 2014 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Greece vs. Galloway* backs up prayers being given before public meetings, though limiting them to one faith would likely violate the 1st Amendment.

The conservative majority elected last fall has voiced displeasure with the Interfaith Council, claiming that the invocations it provided were too politicized, though details have been scarce.

Strickland has pointed to an invocation given Dec. 6 by Rabbi Stephen Einstein, co-founder of the Interfaith Council, at the inauguration of the four new members. In the prayer, Einstein, in part, mentioned religious groups that had recently been the victim of hate crimes.

Some in the crowd interrupted, yelling out, “Christians!” After Einstein’s invocation at that December meeting, controversial Calvary Chapel of the Harbour



James Carbone

ANDREW EINHORN offers comments about the invocation prayer before Huntington Beach City Council meetings.

pastor Joe Pedick gave a second invocation.

At its Feb. 21 meeting, the City Council discussed preparing an invocation policy and having a rotating list of approved religious leaders.

Since then, chaplains from the police and fire de-

partments — both Christian — have offered a prayer at the start of each meeting. Bob Ewing, a pastor with First Christian Church, did the honors at Tuesday’s meeting. At the previous five meetings, the invocation had been done

by Roger Wing,

With no progress made on the list, Moser introduced an item Tuesday that would possibly replace the invocation with a moment of silence. Residents largely voiced disapproval of that idea during public com-

ments.

“But when I heard the [public comments] tonight, many of them, what I heard was that it actually has been good over the past period of time, with people of different faiths giving invocations,” Moser said. “Some

of the emails that were received said the same thing. For me, that makes that case for the way that it was.”

Moser expressed frustration after Tuesday night’s meeting at the new direction Strickland decided to take.

“All of the things that the mayor said about their previous item were all gone tonight,” she said. “Not politicized, nondenominational, all of these things, and then tonight all of that went away. I think it does a disservice to our city.”

Strickland said that he worked with Assistant City Atty. Mike Vigliotta to make sure he could have that authority.

“Whoever makes the choice, though, it cannot be someone from the same religious tradition all the time,” Bolton warned. “I think that puts us in jeopardy of legal issues.”

Strickland again responded with personal experience. He said that when Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who is Jewish, was the California Senate president pro tempore, someone who was Jewish gave the invocation.

“I will work to make sure we get different faiths here,” Strickland said.

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BEACH

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feet.

“Over the last couple of days we’ve had a fast swell that’s been building. It was forecast to be from 2 to 3 feet, but it’s been at about 3 to 4 feet all day,” Marine Safety Chief Joe Bailey said Thursday. “[It] peaked last night and it should be dropping, but we’re definitely concerned, and we’re going to be keeping an eye on it.”

A public works team used heavy equipment to shift sand into a mini-berm south of 10th Street, just three weeks after the city removed a much larger

berm that had been constructed in November to divert water away from homes and points inland.

Bailey, who’s worked for the city for the past 20 years, said he’s seen all kinds of storms and how they hit the city’s south-facing beach and acknowledged the recent activity was somewhat unseasonal.

While winter swells typically come in from the west and northwest and gouge away at the local coastline, summertime southern swells from Mexico are usually gentler and help deposit sand back on the beach. But, when coupled with a high tide, all bets are off.

“We try to do the best

with what we have,” Bailey said. “But it’s hard to corral Mother Nature.”

A series of winter storms and high surf conditions earlier this year resulted in flooding and intense waves that struck the pier in January, causing a temporary closure.

Seal Beach emergency services coordinator Brian Gray confirmed the city has been working with California’s Office of Emergency Services and FEMA on restoration. He said a crew was repairing the structure Thursday, even as public works crews on shore dealt with the more recent blow.

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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sad notice
 - 5 Entertain
 - 10 Flower part
 - 14 _ Turner
 - 15 Baffling riddle
 - 16 Actor Nicolas
 - 17 Faucet problem
 - 18 Set up beforehand
 - 20 _to; brief fight
 - 21 No longer with us
 - 22 Uneasy feeling
 - 23 Just right
 - 25 Prune stone
 - 26 Killer
 - 28 Colonoscopy finds
 - 31 External
 - 32 Nourishes
 - 34 Massage
 - 36 Installed, as a carpet
 - 37 Does some karaoke
 - 38 _ on; put trust in
 - 39 Sonny & Cher, once
 - 40 Discovers
 - 41 Soldier’s weapon
 - 42 Sleep
 - 44 Walks leisurely
 - 45 Coloring agent
 - 46 Booby prize winner
 - 47 1 of 7 deadly sins
 - 50 Window piece
 - 51 Presidential nickname
 - 54 Goal after years of work
 - 57 Mind
 - 58 Vane direction
 - 59 Freeloader
 - 60 Get away
 - 61 DVD remote button
 - 62 Phonies
 - 63 _ up; come clean
- DOWN**
- 1 Auto pioneer
 - 2 Exposed
 - 3 New club member’s rite
 - 4 Dance style for Astaire
 - 5 Come into view
 - 6 Ethical
 - 7 Like estate sale items
 - 8 Where the buoys are
 - 9 Miscalculate
 - 10 Meager
 - 11 Powdered drink
 - 12 Quiche ingredients
 - 13 Track event
 - 19 Banisters
 - 21 Forest animal
 - 24 Did a salon job
 - 25 Pieces of okra
 - 26 _ out; betrayed
 - 27 Waikiki cookouts
 - 28 Coat rack pieces
 - 29 More desirable
 - 30 Make dirty
 - 32 Monetary penalty
 - 33 At the _ of the day; ultimately
 - 35 Farewells
 - 37 Shoe salesman’s question
 - 38 “_ and shine!”
 - 40 Entrance hallway
 - 41 One of the Kennedys
 - 43 Unusual thing
 - 44 Calendar pages
 - 46 Armstrong or Barber
 - 47 Get ready for surgery
 - 48 Genuine
 - 49 “_ Living”; 1980-82 TV sitcom
 - 50 Cheat at hide-and-seek
 - 52 Nectar lovers
 - 53 Peepers
 - 55 Aide for Santa
 - 56 “Give _ break!”
 - 57 Switch position

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SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

Nominalizations have it out for clarity — and what does that mean?

Here's a before-and-after, but not necessarily in that order, from the world of editing. See if you can tell which phrasing for a light feature article was penned by the writer and which is the edited version.

If you fly United with regularity ...

If you fly United a lot ...

I suspect your inner editor cringed at "with regularity." It's stuffy. It's wordy. It's vaguely reminiscent of a laxative commercial.

If you had this reaction, congratulations: You have a better sense of language and communication than the real-life editor who changed "a lot" to "with regularity" — much to the writer's chagrin.

I know this because I'm the chagrined writer.

In this column, I usually share experiences from my work as an editor. In that role, I have a bird's-eye view of many common writing problems and how to spot and fix them. It's the job. And it produces a lot of useful examples for anyone who wants to write better or just understand good writing.

But sometimes I wear the other hat, the writer's hat. And in that role, I am, from time to time, the victim of editorial malpractice. "With regularity" may be the worst assault against my prose yet.

So what's so bad about "with regularity"? A number of things.

For starters, skilled editors know that, in publishing, conciseness is a virtue. Every word that can be cut, should be cut. Why? Because, as PlainLanguage.gov puts it, "unnecessary words waste your audience's time." The prepositional phrase "with regularity" contains more words and syllables than you need: "a lot," "often" or "regularly" would be more efficient.



David Zalubowski | Associated Press

A UNITED AIRLINES jetliner takes off from a runway at Denver International Airport in 2021. An editor changed a clause written by June Casagrande, "If you fly United a lot," to the writer's chagrin.

Another problem with "with regularity": People don't talk that way. Feature articles are supposed to meet the reader on her own turf. As PlainLanguage.gov puts it, "Great writing is conversational." Know who shares this belief? The very organization that employs that editor. Here's a line from that company's own editing guide: "Always edit for tight writing. Aim to be as succinct as possible while telling readers what they need to know."

Also, "regularity" is a nominalization. Most editors I know are not familiar with this term, but they don't need to be. They understand it instinctively. Harvard professor and linguist Steven Pinker explains in a 2014 article in the Chronicle of Higher Education titled "Why Academics Stink at Writing

— and How to Fix It: "English grammar is an enabler of the bad habit of writing in unnecessary abstractions because it includes a dangerous tool for creating abstract terms. A process called nominalization takes a perfectly spry verb and embalms it into a lifeless noun by adding a suffix like -ance, -ment, or -ation."

I would add "-ity," to Pinker's list of nominalizing suffixes and note that you can nominalize adjectives as well as nouns. For example "actuality" is a stuffy noun form of the adjective "actual." "Curvilinearity" is a silly derivative of the adjective "curvilinear." And "regularity" is a clumsy nominalization of the adjective "regular."

Why are nominalizations bad? Here's Pinker again: "Instead of affirming an idea, you effect its affirma-

tion; rather than postponing something, you implement a postponement.

Helen Sword calls them "zombie nouns" because they lumber across the

scene without a conscious agent directing their motion. They can turn prose into a night of the living dead."

One final problem of "with regularity": By searching Google's Ngram Viewer, we can see that "regularly" is about 20 times more common in published books and articles than "with regularity," meaning professional editors and writers consider "with regularity" bad form.

So why on earth would a professional editor change "a lot" to "with regularity"? I'm not sure. But in an age when ranking high on Google searches counts more than quality writing, it seems fewer and fewer editors know how to edit. In my experience, some seem to think that editing means just putting the writer's words into your own words, without regard for whether they're better.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Grid of crossword and sudoku answers including words like AMUSE, POSER, CAGE, DEAD, ANGST, IDEAL, PIT, SLAYER, POLYPS, FEEDS, RUB, SINGS, RELY, FINDS, RIFLE, MOSEYS, LOSER, PANE, ABE, LEECH, FLEE, FAKE, FESS.

Grid of sudoku answers: 4 1 8 7 9 5 6 3 2, 6 7 9 8 2 3 5 1 4, 3 5 2 6 4 1 8 7 9, 8 4 5 9 3 6 1 2 7, 7 2 3 5 1 4 9 8 6, 9 6 1 2 7 8 4 5 3, 1 3 7 4 8 9 2 6 5, 2 9 6 1 5 7 3 4 8, 5 8 4 3 6 2 7 9 1.



Courtesy of the city of Newport Beach

A RENDERING of the new junior lifeguards building. Construction issues are delaying its opening until 2024. It was initially scheduled for completion by Memorial Day weekend.

LIFEGUARDS

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Additional time is needed to rectify the issues in its construction, but that work can't be done until after the city's busy tourist season for safety reasons, officials said. The building is now expected to be completed in 2024 and operational by that summer.

"It is unfortunate that the building will not be completed for the 2023 junior lifeguard season," Graham Harvey, chairman of the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Foundation, said in a statement. "However, we are thankful the city is taking measured steps to provide a quality facility for many generations to come. We look forward to the grand opening in 2024."

The junior lifeguards program, which is considered a rite of passage for many residents, will continue to use the trailer it has operated out of since 1984, according to city spokesman John Pope, who added this year's season will begin on June 20. About 1,400 youths are signed up to participate.

The project is the result of efforts from the city and the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Foundation. The total cost of the project was

estimated to be around \$7.9 million, and construction delays are not expected to require additional fundraising.

"Although this delay is regrettable, it is necessary to build an excellent facility that will serve our community for decades," said Newport Beach Mayor No-

ah Blom in the statement. "We are working with our contractor and fully expect to resolve these issues, resume construction in the fall and celebrate the opening of a world-class facility next year."

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The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 64 SANDPIPER, IRVINE, CA 92604 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$225,664.61 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001651-22-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001651-22-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: May 4, 2023 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001651-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication At 916.939.0772 NPP0434773 To: NEWPORT HARBOR NEWS PRESS COMBINED WITH DAILY PILOT 05/12/2023, 05/19/2023, 05/26/2023



Andrew Turner

MEMBERS OF Moms Demand Action advocate against gun violence with orange signs saying, "We can end gun violence" at the Laguna Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Laguna Beach votes to recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day on Friday, June 2.

Mayor Bob Whalen read a proclamation declaring the city would observe the day of recognition locally.

The clauses read in the council chambers stated that Americans are 26 times more likely to be killed by a gun homicide than those living in other high-income countries. The proclamation also noted more than 120 people are killed by gun violence, and more than 200 sustain gun-related injury, across the nation daily.

Bitra Karabian, a volunteer with the Orange County chapter of Moms Demand Action, a group advocating for public safety measures to protect people from gun violence, addressed the council.

"These types of proclamations are so important because they help raise awareness about America's gun violence epidemic and make clear that gun violence is preventable if we all work together and say, 'Enough,'" Karabian said. "... We hope that by shedding light on the toll of gun violence, we can come together as a community to stop what is a preventable epidemic.

"Although there are times when it may feel as if nothing ever can or will be done to end gun violence, we continue to educate, raise awareness, organize, advocate and rally for safer communities. Together, we can build a future free from gun violence."

To help raise awareness, people are asked to wear orange throughout the first weekend in June. The color symbolizes the value of each person's life, Karabian

added. Members of the Moms Demand Action team attended Tuesday's meeting in orange attire. They held orange signs saying, "We can end gun violence."

Mayor Pro Tem Sue Kempf called it "ridiculous" and "sickening" that more kids lose their lives to gun violence than from cancer and accidents.

"It's the responsibility of our Congress to pay attention," Kempf said. "They're so busy fighting about their stupid debt limit that they're not really thinking about what's important, and that's the kids. These kids are getting killed randomly. Every day we have another shooting. ... It just gets to the point where it's just dumbfounding why they're not doing anything about that."

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them and live in homes built before 1978.

Lead based paint was banned that year, after it was linked to a host of developmental issues in children. Children who are exposed to it for prolonged periods of time may go on to suffer learning deficiencies, decreased growth, anemia, kidney problems and delayed sexual maturation, according to the California Department of Public Health. Extremely high levels of exposure can cause seizure, coma or death.

"Since there is no safe level of lead exposure, it is important to identify and remove any trace of lead in homes," county officials wrote in their release.

Older homes may have layers of the hazardous material painted beneath newer coats of paint. If it



Gary Coronado | Los Angeles Times

GUADALUPE VALDOVINOS spreads clinoptilolite, used to absorb toxic elements like lead, across the soil in her backyard in East Los Angeles. A \$1.4-million grant will allow Orange County households with children potentially exposed to lead paint to have the toxic substance removed.

peels or is disturbed during renovation, it disintegrates into a dust that contaminates the surrounding area.

People who may qualify for free lead removal service should contact the recipient of the HUD grant, Azure

Community Development. They have been working with the Orange County Health Care Agency to develop a Lead Hazard Reduction Program.

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part of me.

"I really do believe that maybe not everybody will love [classical music], but if more people are aware of it, some people will fall head over heels in love with it that never would've known about it before."

Oliverson will be playing as a soloist violinist for Kontrapunktus, a baroque chamber orchestra composed of young musicians, at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach on Saturday, May 27. It will be her fourth such performance as a guest soloist with the group.

The concert will be the orchestra's fifth of its newest production, "The Beethoven Son: Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach" — celebrating works by the second surviving son of the much more well-known Johann Sebastian Bach. Hannah White will lead the ensemble.

"From an artistic perspective, Kontrapunktus established a new mantra

in which we strive to revive the neglected. In doing so, we're able to present to the public exquisitely sublime music that they're not going to find anywhere else, even with large symphony orchestras," said executive director Raymond Jacobs.

"The music of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach is a prime example of this fact," Jacobs said. "His music inspires awe, yet few know about him or his music because it's largely neglected in favor of his father's music, which is already popular and far easier to sell because of name recognition."

Kontrapunktus was founded in 2015 and includes artists from some of the country's most prestigious music conservatories, including Juilliard, Colburn and Yale. The ensemble focuses on baroque music in particular, a style dominant between about 1600 and 1750.

Kontrapunktus has found a following in Los Angeles and Orange counties. In January, the chamber orchestra played at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Orange and Laguna Presbyterian Church in Laguna Beach. Oliverson joined as a guest in January as well.

"We're doing this Newport Beach show on May 27 to remain engaged with our growing Orange County fan base. The people of O.C. truly appreciate exceptional live music, and we're here to deliver just that," Jacobs said.

Oliverson transcribed "Flute Concerto in D Minor, H.484.1, Wq. 22" to violin to play for her solo and noted a version of it also exists for the harpsichord.

"It's a phenomenal piece. It's one of the best concertos for a string orchestra accompaniment that I've ever played," Oliverson said. "It works very well in violin. The last movement is incredibly fast, a lot of sixteenth notes, but it's just a thrill and I hope the audience likes it. I'm really excited about it."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are on sale for \$25 at bit.ly/42QWVqd.

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