**Ojai competes in local food and wine competition**

Grant-funded project will also add bike lanes to well-traveled Meiners Oaks thoroughfare

**Goth meets brown,'" explains Richard Kuhlman, director of the Ojai Art Center, and this is not the world we’re familiar with. The look for some of Steampunk’s references to Steampunk. This is the epic story of humanity. And the playwright may have with the genre, (we) introduce our audience to a world of wondrously different time periods with concrete, recognizable props and the look that I wanted in the set and costumes and props was a Steampunk style that says to me that it’s a mix of old and new, reality and chaos and order," explained Kuhlman. "The look for some of Act 1 in Victorian, as a way to depict a world of settled humanity. And the playwright says to me that it’s a mix of old and new, reality and chaos and order." The play is not normally produced as Steampunk, it is not a Steampunk play, but we use Steampunk throughout, in sets, costumes, props. We’ve always thought of this play’s third act as being depicted as the world in Brontë’s "Wuthering Heights," and the look and the mood and the statements that Steampunk. Wilder, who attended Thacher School around 1912, explains: "Our Town," Wilder actually received a Pulitzer Prize for "The Skin of Our Teeth," recognition Kuhlman believes is well-earned. "There is an epic story of humanity, in all its dilemmas and neat starts. The Southern California road moves through its own complete history of clenchers and dead ends, only to squawk out a success with just a narrow margin for error," said Kuhlman. "The Skin of Our Teeth is a heart-wrenching, sad, and, in some ways, rarely done. Everyone may see it as an old chestnut, but not this time, not in this production. Kuhlman and his team sought to support the timeliness and pertinent themes along the way through different time periods already present in the play with concrete, recognizable references to Steampunk. "Uncertain of the leap into our audience may have with the genre, (we) chose to go with the most obvious elements of Steampunk, gadgetry and the like." 

Ojai celebrates local food and wine competition

The Skin of Our Teeth, Wilder’s latest play, currently performing at the Ojai Playhouse, is set in the early 1900s in a small American town. The play is a satirical comedy about a family’s struggle to keep their business afloat in a rapidly changing world. The play is known for its complex characters and its exploration of themes such as the consequences of complacency and the importance of adaptation. The Skin of Our Teeth has received numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize, and is considered one of Wilder’s most important works. 

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Dance competition will benefit Nordhoff High School

The “Dancing with the Ojai Stars” event, set for Saturday, Jan. 26, will benefit the Nordhoff High School Dance Department. As well as funds for as expenses in staging their annual spring dance concerts.

Nordhoff students in the Dance Technique class have choreographed short routines in a variety of genres from dance jazz to hip-hop to modern dance. They have trained and rehearsed for many weeks to prepare for the competition.

The night begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Nordhoff High School. Tickets are $10, $5, and $15. Barbecue and food will be available. Call 640-4343 for more information.

To purchase tickets and purchase selected merchandise with the coupon, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to The Ojai Valley News, Attn: Seats.

For more information, call Dee Harper at 320-2394 or deharrer@att.net.

Photo by Rick Ricksen

Rick Ricksen has fun with the hand chime ringing at the Sidewalk Saturday event.

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CRAIME

• Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Railroad Drive Jan. 18.

• Battery, property damage to home, and burglary tools and theft were reported in the 100 block of Railroad Drive Jan. 21.

• Forgery was reported at the 2400 block of Valley Road Jan. 22.

ARRESTS

A 30-year-old man was arrested on one Robbery charge and one Consideration of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at $10,000.

A 33-year-old man was arrested on Sunday.

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Lomita bike lane about to extend the Meiners Oaks school.

"This would complete the bike lane between the school and the Rice Road neighborhood, and also provide a safe route for cyclists into and out of Meiners Oaks," he said. According to Bennett’s office, the project will all fit together to make Meiners Oaks a more rideable and walkable community and support Meiners Oaks a more fit together to make the school.

"The bike lanes and improvements, although it takes between El Roblar Drive and the school.

"It’s still a young wine … it’s 2009 red blend. Twenty 88 restaurant for its 2008 estate Syrah. The end result of making their wild boar stew with "The Skin of Our

Director Richard Castillón (foreground) gathers the actors entering a rehearsal last week, as the Ojai Music Festival influenced set and costumes were being finalized.

Lauren Wade (646-2094, lswade@ojaiact.org) is currently accepting applications for the Ojai Music Festival’s internship program which is slated for June 6 at Café Zack. Local wineries include grapes which includes grapes from Ventura County Food Share, a food bank that provides for the dura-

For more information on the internship program, contact Lauren Wade (646-2094, lswade@ojaiact.org). Assistant winemaker Fabien Castel (left) of Ojai Vineyard pours at last week’s Ventura County Wine Trail Food and Wine Challenge.

The purpose of the event was to showcase the very best food in the county and the 18 wineries of the Ventura County Wine Trail, and to help raise funds for Ventura County Food Share, a food bank that provides for the duration of the internship which includes grapes harvested from vineyards in Santa Maria and Santa Rita Hills near Lompoc.

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**Open Road Library Book Group**

Meet at 6:45 p.m. The Ojai Library’s Book Discussion Group will meet Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "The Object of My Beauty" by Steve Martin. The library is at 115 E. Ojai Ave. Everyone is invited to join the group. The only requirement for participation in the discussion is to purchase the book and come to share your opinions and to open the discussion. Call 649-2508.

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**PARKING MEETING**

Community Council will meet Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Library, 130 W. Ojai Ave.

**POETRY READING AND WORKSHOP**

The Thespians and Friends of Ojai Playhouse will present a poetry reading on Feb. 12 at 7 am at Kottler School. 4965 Kottler Road. Christine Pagan, Ph.D., will lead an open reading of her poetry and readings. Call 682-5623 for more information.

**DEADLINE FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Music Festival opens its 14th year on Feb. 25. Schedule auditions for students, nationals, and locals to be featured during the festival (June 6 to 9). For those who have yet to submit and are interested in performing, call 684-7489 or 456-7840 for more information.

**ROBOTIC ECO-CUP**

The Rocky Eco-Cup will feature the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10 am to 11 am at Help of Ojai West, 270 W. Baldan Road, in Room A-2. All are invited to attend. For more information contact (name)

McClernon at 509-75200 for information or Lisa Malone at 646-0708@rotarysuccess.com

**BIRD WALK AND COUNT**

The Ventura Audubon Society will host a Bird February 3 tour of Point Mugu State Park. Call 646-4804 for more information.

**FREE RECEPTION**

A free reception will be held Feb. 15. The Low Vision Support Group of Ojai Valley will be held Mondays at 7 p.m. in Kent Hall at Little Church, 11642 N. Ventura Ave., Ojai. For more information call 646-4804.

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT**

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**MOMS CLUB EVENTS**

The Moms Club of Ojai provides support for mothers, groups, play groups, park days, baby showers, co-ops, etc. Call 446-9210 for information or dates and times of meetings.

**FREE GYM ROOM**

The Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Begin the Day BMI test at 7:30 a.m. in the Ojai Valley Baptist Church, 11144 N. Ventura Ave., Ojai. For more information, call 646-4815.

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LIBRA: Your home is most important to you at this time. Nesting is most important to you at this time. This means creating daily and weekly routines. You remember the past and how your daily life unfolds. It's important that you take pride in all that you do. This means creating daily and weekly rituals that you can depend upon, seeking what is worthwhile in your time and attention and what is not. Creating opportunities to remove habits, create social interactions and new connections, pay attention to your new connections.

THURSDAY: day of change in your social life. Helping you realize your goals and searching in those close to you. Do you have confidence, the ability to change, saying “I can do this”? Always have good will. Know that the universe and all the planets are working to help you. This is a time of retreat, solitude. Care for your strengths, talents and gifts. Share them.

TARANTULA: This is a time for you to be out and about and like a mother bird in a sunny arena and community tack room. $825,000 for nearly 10 gorgeous acres offering 1920s home arena and community tack room. $825,000.

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Students got behind the concept of the change they wanted to see

Finding the story in the newspaper: the Ojai Valley News, a local newspaper that covers Ojai Valley news and events.

My purposes:
- Understand the context and background of the story
- Extract key points and core ideas from the story
- Synthesize information to form a coherent and informative summary

Summary:
The students of the Ojai Valley School in Ojai, California, organized a project to rescue four starving and neglected horses. They worked closely with the local Humane Society and presented their project to their classmates, who were inspired by their efforts. The students hosted a fundraiser and presented a poem they wrote to raise funds for the horses' care. The horses were eventually rescued and are now being cared for in a sanctuary. The students expressed what a meaningful experience this project was for them and how it changed their perspective on the world and community involvement.

Key points:
- The students of the Ojai Valley School organized a project to rescue four horses
- They worked closely with the local Humane Society
- They hosted a fundraiser and presented a poem they wrote to raise funds
- The horses were eventually rescued
- The students expressed how meaningful this project was for them

Context:
The Ojai Valley School is a private, independent school in Ojai, California. The students are dedicated to community service and involvement. The school values education, diverse perspectives, and thoughtful action. This story highlights the school's commitment to community service and the impact that such efforts can have on individuals and the community.

Additional points:
- The students' project is an example of how students can make a difference in their community
- It shows the power of collective effort and community involvement in achieving positive change
- The students' experience provides inspiration for others to get involved in similar projects

Conclusion:
The students of the Ojai Valley School demonstrated what can be accomplished through dedication, teamwork, and community involvement. Their project exemplifies how even the smallest actions can lead to meaningful change and inspire others to get involved in making the world a better place.
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Nordhoff senior Chad Doolittle was recently named the 2012 recipient of the Doublet Scholarship, one of Nordhoff football’s biggest honors. Above, Doolittle holds the trophy along with Craig Doolittle, father of the late Cody Doolittle, for whom the award is named.

Mike Miller
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The Nordhoff High School football team made history this season by winning the school’s first-ever CIF-Southern Section Division II title. As part of their m o n o m e n t a l accomplishment, the Rangers program recently held its season-ending banquet and announced the team awards.

Senior Brad Stan wrapped up a stellar season by being named the Bronze Shoe Award winner. The Hawkins Award, which goes to the season’s offensive MVP was earned by junior quarterback Allen Rogers. The Hawkins Award is given by the board of the Doublet Scholarship.

Livingston rushed for a team-high 1,153 yards and 20 touchdowns on the season. Senior Kevin Kime was awarded the Farrar Award, which goes to the team’s defensive MVP. Crane harassed opposing offenses all season long and led the Rangers with nine quarterback sacks.

One of Nordhoff football’s biggest honors is to receive the Doublet Scholarship. The award is in honor of the late Cody Doublet and is awarded to a player who may not be the biggest player on the field but who shows the kind of fighting spirit that Doublet brought to the game of football as well as life in general. This year’s scholarship award went to senior offensive lineman Chad Doolittle.

The 2012 Coaches Award was earned by junior linebacker Tanner Workman, who earned the respect of his coaches and teammates for his leadership throughout the season. Workman threw for 2,193 yards and 28 touchdowns in his first season as a starter.

Other team awards were Most Improved, Johnny Esquivel; Scout Team MVP, Taylor Brown; and Player of the Year, Mike Miller.

Montano wins VCJGA event

Sophie Montano, a sophomore at Oak Grove School of Agoura Hills, recently competed in the Country Junior Golf Association tournament held at the Ojai Valley Inn. Sophie fired a 78 in her opening round from the competition to win by an impressive six strokes. This win qualified her for the national championships and for a total score of 171. The Winter Classic Tournament was comprised of top junior golfers from Ventura County.

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Wildcats edge wrestlers in low-scoring match

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When the Villanova Prep Wildcats needed a victory to come up with a big second-half rally to go against Carpinteria Warriors, 32-31, on the road to improve to 14-8 on the season and now 4-3 in Frontier League play. The Wildcats won the season’s highest total under head coach Jon Myers and guarantees the Wildcats their season with a winning record for the first time under Myers. VPS did not play early in the game as they only scored four points in the first half.

Luckily Carpinteria was equally as cold and only put up 13 points, 12 of which came off of free throws, said Myers. The Wildcats could only post four points in the first quarter after a fade throw in the second quarter. VPS trailed the Warriors, 16-5, at the half.

Fortunately for the Wildcats, their offense got back on track in the second half and they started moving the ball and making better cuts around the basket. “We also got some easy two transition baskets off of steals. Eastin Bartholio came off of the bench and score all seven of his points in the third period to spark us that run that got us back into the game,” said Myers.

After three quarters Villanova Prep had trimmed Carpinteria’s lead to two points. The Wildcats quickly took a lead in the fourth quarter and then the game went back and forth until the last two minutes of the game when the Wildcats took control for good to end the game and win the season.

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As part of the 2012 Coaches Association of Southern California Prep Baseball Tournament, the Grant Pinckard will be presented to the Nordhoff High School baseball program as an award given to an outstanding player.

“I moved to Bend to coach at Villanova,” he said. “Luckily Carpinteria went to Santa Paula (Feb. 6).”

OUSD board commands Ranger gridders

Last week, the OUSD Board of Education voted 4-3 to take control of the Nordhoff High School varsity football team on its first-ever CIF championship win. Present at the board’s Jan. 22 meeting were coaches Cliff Farrar (top) Tony Henney; as well as players Allen Rogers, Tanner Workman and Jake Boyd.

Henney told the OUSD board that not only did the team win the title, they also earned by junior offensive MVP was

Sneakers Award winner.

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Bruschetta is Italian delight

OVLC continues nature series ‘Wild About Ojai’

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And your name is like a golden bell
Hung in my heart, and when I think of you I feel the winds
And the bell swings and rings
Andrea, Andrea, Andrea. —MBR

Valentine’s Day
Presented by Ojai Valley News

Bruschetta
2 fresh medium tomatoes, diced
1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
1 Tbsp. fresh basil, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 baguette, sliced diagonally
1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
5 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, diced
2 fresh medium tomatoes, whole and garlic in a small bowl. Set aside.
Brush baguette slices with olive oil. Broil in the oven for 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve hot from the oven.

The presenter, Rambo, has had frequent sojourns in Alaska’s north, climbing the highest peaks of the Brooks Range with its remote climate and global warming. Rambo has dedicated his life to the protection and sharing of our planet’s culture through his work as a spiritual leader. The presenter is a spiritual leader who has dedicated his life to the protection and sharing of our planet’s culture through his work as a spiritual leader.

The Ojai Foundation offers teaching by Chief Looking Horse

Chief Arvol Looking Horse, spiritual leader of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Nation, as well as the 19th generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe, will visit The Ojai Foundation, 1211 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, on Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Ojai-Santa Paula Road, building A4, at the Ojai Brewery, 1211 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai Ca. 805.640.1760

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The combination of craft and conceptual art was born in Ojai by Beatrice Wood. Influenced by her dear friend Marcel Duchamp, the founder of conceptual and installation art, Wood’s artworks became an outlet for her to freely express herself by combining her personal and social experiences with her ceramic craft.

“Beatrice Wood, Duchamp & Chess,” an installation at the Ojai Valley Museum Alcove Gallery, curated and created by Ojai Studio Artist Valerie Freeman, takes the art forms of craft, conceptual, performance and digital/virtual art to a new level by combining the influences of Duchamp’s installation, conceptual and performance art and Wood’s ceramic craft and combining it with Ojai’s love of horses into a virtual world on a global level.

The conceptual art installations of “Luster vs. Raku,” Freeman’s oversized ceramic equine chess set, will be played by two celebrities during March as the pinnacle of Fine Arts Museum events for a charity event, “Ojai Celebrates Chess.” Phann Maassen, a town proponent from Uganda, is one virtual contestant who will play via Google Hangout, and art handlers wearing white gloves will move the pieces for the players and the match will be documented via video.

Freeman was influenced by her creative moments at the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, sculpting, teaching and taking workshops. Her “Luster vs. Raku” equine chess set was inspired by dining at Wood’s blue table in Upper Ojai while listening to historical stories about Duchamp. Freeman sculpted each horse with clay in a spontaneous organic fashion and the chess characters’ “moves” are defined by their size and directions of their ears, tail and legs. She created the chess set and field it in several locations, including Wood’s studio, Mira Monte Elementary School and Larry Carnes’ The Pottery Studio. Monica Ros School granted the use of its slab roller to make the 64 six-inch clay tiles, with clay donated by Laguna Clay Co.

Thirty-two horses make up the two different herd sculptures and 64 tiled squares of the board have distinct glaze finishes. Luster and a faux raku Freeman teamed up with Carnes and developed a faux raku low-fire permanent finish, and the Luster herd and tiles are ablaze with Beatrice Wood’s secret Luster recipe by Tom McMillin, a ceramic artist and retired professor. The titled board is a psychedelic pattern of iridescent rainbow lustres that shimmer and changes colors as the viewer moves from different angles, and are accentuated by the extreme matte-black faux raku tiles.

Accompanying the conceptual chess set is a backdrop monitor that displays a video created by Chris Ritke and Freeman. The documentary captures a glimpse into Wood’s life through interviews and historical photographs and graphs.

The “Luster vs. Raku” chess set, by Valerie Freeman, will be played during “Ojai Celebrates Chess” in March at the Ojai Valley Museum. Admission to the event are not required. For more information, contact the museum at info@santapaulaartmuseum.org or 805-654-5554. The museum is at 117 N. 10th St. The museum’s regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m.

“On Top of the World” by Gina Niebergall

The “Luster vs. Raku” chess set and celebrity match is a fundraiser for BeatriceWoodCenter for the Arts, Ojai Valley Museum, Ojai Academy for the Arts and The Equine Sanctuary. A portion of funds raised for the celebrity match will benefit Mutesi, a teen prodigy from Uganda, is playing by Ojai City Arts Commission, Ojai Lion’s Club and made possible by fiscal sponsor, Symphony of Life.

The exhibition “Beatrice Wood, Duchamp & Chess,” under the direction of Michele Pratt, Director of Ojai Valley Museum, is on display now through March 31 at the museum’s Alcove Gallery. The museum will host a 120th birthday celebration for Beatrice Wood on March 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. The event will be open to the public, and the first 75 guests will receive special party favors from the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts as “Ojai Celebrates Chess” for the month of March.

**‘Ojai Celebrates Chess’ and the art of the game**

**Artists to make museum studio for day**

**Visitors to the Santa Paula Art Museum will have a special opportunity to see an artist in action and witness the creation of an original oil painting. Feb. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., the museum’s Great Hall will be transformed into a studio for oil painter Gina Niebergall, who is featured in the current Art About Agriculture exhibit. Niebergall was born and raised in Ventura. She received her formal education at CalArts Junior College in Atrpos, and her bachelor’s of fine arts from UC Santa Barbara College of Creative Studies.**

**Her love for the unique qualities of the Southern California landscape from ocean to oaks to desert and farmland manifests itself in her extraordinary ability to capture depth, color and light in her paintings. Her works document fleeting moments in life and landscape as both are constantly changing. During the demonstration, Niebergall will also share her perspectives on art, technique and subject matter.**

**Admission to the demonstration is free with regular paid admission to the museum, which is $4 for adults, $2 for seniors and free for students of all ages and Ojai Academy Members. Reservations for the event are not required.**
Pushcart Players bring characters to life

The Ojai Arts Department’s Creative Theater Workshop, led by recent Cal Poly graduate Joseph Shumate, offers five scholarships donated by the Conservation Endowment Fund for the six-week theater course Feb. 6 through March 22 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The Creative Theater Workshop allows students to discover their own creativity while learning theatrical fundamentals. This class is designed to nurture students’ individual creativity and artistic sensitivities.

Students will explore acting, writing, drawing, and movement while developing a complete story to perform on the final day of class.

Youth theater workshop is on tap

The Ojai Arts Department’s Creative Theater Workshop, directed by localfunctions.

The propulsive percussion and rousing rhythms in Cuco’s 2013 jazz festival presents cel- ebrated drummer Tito Puente Jr. and his band at the Ventura High School Theater on Feb. 16. The show, at the Ventura High School Theater starts at 8 p.m.

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Theater Alliance shares the love with awards

Avenue, Studio 30, Ventura. Over the next six years, more than 12 productions originated from that theater in Ventura County, which each theater presented a different play, or musical, along with Leslie Nichols of SPTC, helped ideas become reality. And the level of enthusiasm of six theater directors who chose the most "Outstanding Overall Production" from those. Each outstanding plays and the producers are:

- Camarillo Skyway Playhouse (LSP), 17160 Olivas Ave., Camarillo, 646-5573. "Avenue Q" was chosen as the most "Outstanding Overall Production" from the 13 productions originating from that theater in Ventura County, which each theater presented a different play, or musical.

- Conejo Players Theatre (CPT), "Singing in the Rain," 2451 E. Main St., Newbury Park, 228-5618. "Singing in the Rain" was chosen as the most "Outstanding Overall Production" from the 13 productions originating from that theater in Ventura County, which each theater presented a different play, or musical.

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- Ventura City College, 432 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura, 648-1680. "The Elephant's Child" was chosen as the most "Outstanding Overall Production" from the 13 productions originating from that theater in Ventura County, which each theater presented a different play, or musical.

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**Reading, new sign to honor poet Stafford**

A sign dedication and poetry reading hosted by Paul Willis, professor of English at Westmont College and poet laureate of Santa Barbara, will honor the life and work of William Stafford Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Crossing Day Use Area in Los Padres National Forest, across from the Los Prietos Boys Camp. The event will also commemorate the camp and the role it played in the formation of Stafford as a poet.

**Galley to introduce work of Japanese artist**

Artamo Gallery will introduce the work of Japanese artist Kaori Fukuyama, whose paintings are represented in a month-long solo exhibition, “Degrees of Freedom,” 30 inches by 40 inches, by Kaori Fukuyama.

**Soul Centered: What’s Ahead**

Joan Northrup will present a workshop on Kundalini Yoga and Meditation as taught by Yogi Bhajan on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment. It is open on First Thursday until 8 p.m.

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**“Degrees of Freedom,”** by Kaori Fukuyama.

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**The Music of Love,**” a violin concert by Bob Byman, virtuoso of the fiddle, presents pre-Valentine’s Day concerts. He will play love songs from around the world, including classical, and original Oregon works. Feb. 9, 1:30 to 4 p.m. and Feb. 10, noon-1:30 p.m. at the South Santa Barbara Community Church.

**Bypass the intellect...**

Yogi Bhajan is a teacher of modern-day Kundalini Yoga and Meditation as taught by Yogi Bhajan. He teaches the human self with the Divine Self, the path to create unity of mind and body. Meditation as taught by Yogi Bhajan is a tool to free consciousness, to open the spirit to flow of life energy to the mind and body, allowing you to relax, heal, and recharge your mind and body, allowing the spirit to flow freely. The result is a feeling of well-being and happiness - our natural birthright as humans. By stimulating the mind and immune systems, while improving strength and flexibility, it centers the mind and opens the spirit. Taught by Yogi Bhajan. Feb. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. or 9-10 p.m.

**The Love of Music,** a improvisation of Jesus’ original prayers. “What might find its way onto a page of novel as which to create. Fukuyama works in oils and acrylics on canvas with minimal shapes and maximum color and light, searching for the visual expression of her cultural and spiritual identity. Fukuyama is fascinated by the paradox and dualistic qualities of our society and the role it played in the formation of Stafford as a poet.”

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