

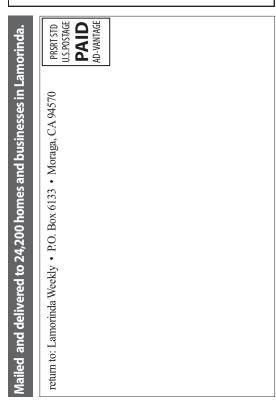
Lamorinda's Councils Talk Roads and Development By Andrea F. Firth

Ouote of the Week:

"Our schools' positive impact on property values helps all homeowners – with or without children." Read Letters to the Editor, page A8



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ouncil members and staff from Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda convened at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center on February 10th for the annual Tri-City meeting. Following a presentation from the county and metropolitan transportation authorities regarding the ongoing process to develop a regional transportation plan aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Lamorinda's elected officials moved on to local business—roads and development.

Funding road and storm drain repairs is a problem for all three communities. Orinda Mayor Victoria Smith reported that the estimated cost of her city's road repair needs tops \$100 million. Scarce city funds, a little more than 10% of the city's operating budget annually, are reserved for fixing arterial and collector roads. Neighborhood streets are repaired only in emergency situations. "We have had some success in repairing roads with grants monies, but we still face a significant challenge," said Smith. She added that there were no plans to pursue a tax measure to fund road repairs in the current economic environment.

Mayor Carl Anduri said Lafayette's current road repair backlog totals \$15.5 ... continued on page A2



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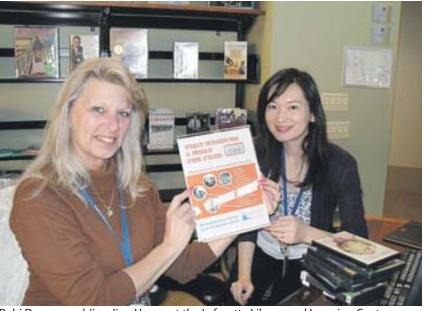
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Discover & Go: Free Museum Passes

By Cathy Tyson



Robi Duncan and Jing Jing Huang at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center

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n a groundbreaking new program, The Contra Costa Library System is offering complimentary museum passes for twenty- three museums and cultural institutions all around the Bay Area to patrons with their Discover & Go program. A fun, free and educational outing is just a few clicks away. Passes are similar to airplane boarding passes, just print and present it at the venue.

From the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco and the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito to the USS Hornet in Alameda and beyond – Contra Costa County residents with a library card can print free passes for a particular day, that don't need to be returned and will never be overdue. The list of participating venues keeps growing, see box below for current destinations.

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Martin Returns to THT with The Glass Menagerie



By Sophie Braccini

It's little wonder that Artistic Director Clive Worsley asks Susannah Martin to come back to Town Hall Theater every year. The awardwinning director, who gave us The Importance of Being Earnest and Rabbit Hole, and is now shaping Tennessee Williams' The Glass Menagerie, has strength and precision that result in crisp and ... read on page L5

Saint Mary's Overwhelms USF



By Bryant West

The #23 Saint Mary's men's basketball team won four straight contests and are just a win in San Diego away from their first regular season conference title since 1997.

With a victory in San Diego tonight, Saint Mary's would guarantee at the very least a tie for the regular-season conference title. If the Gaels beat USD and then defeat either Gonzaga or Portland a week later – both home ... read on page S4 contests – they...