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Women of Isaiah

Babies Coming for the Holidays? Try Renting Equipment To Make Stay Easy

By Paula King



“She is so easy to work with and seems to love helping people,” Simpson said of McDermott. “I can’t imagine ever going anywhere else after service and equipment like she offers.”

McDermott said that she enjoys helping her clients make traveling and hosting easier and less hectic. One of her favorite things is creating fun play spaces in grandparents’ homes.

“For grandparents who may not be familiar with the latest gear, I also demonstrate how gear works,” McDermott said.

Safety of children is a top priority, according to the company’s website. They register equipment and act quickly to fix any recall or safety issues. They clean the items after each rental with natural-based cleaners that are safe for babies, and launder and wash all linens in chemical and fragrant-free detergent.

So far, Simpson’s favorite pieces of rental equipment were an exersaucer and an activity chair. At seven months, she said that her grandchildren needed more stimulating and active toys that spin, twist and turn and they loved them during the visit.

According to McDermott, Babierge is a growing collaborative economy marketplace and not a franchise. She added that it is similar to “gig economy work.”

For more information, visit www.babierge.com/trish742/about or call 707-529-1509 for more details.

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Baby bouncers similar to this one are offered to rent through Babierge East Bay. Photo provided

When Sharon Simpson first had her twin infant grandchildren visit at four months old, she knew they needed all of the baby gear essentials in the home. But the Orinda resident did not want the expense of buying two cribs, two bouncy chairs, two swings and two sets of bedding or the hassle of storing it when they were gone.

The proud and practical grandma found Babierge East Bay and has been renting baby equipment from them ever since. Recently during Thanksgiving, Simpson ordered doubles of everything in anticipation of the twin’s arrival for the holiday from the local service, which delivers, sets gear up and then returns to pick up the rented items on the departure day.

“It’s wonderful to have this service in our area,” Simpson said.

Simpson noted that Babierge Independent Trusted Partner Trish McDermott was very helpful in delivering the baby gear and putting it all together and was also punctual and professional. During the last few weeks, McDermott has been busy delivering and setting up cribs, infant swings, changing pads, play mats, baby monitors, bouncy chairs and exersaucers in the homes of Lamorinda grandparents and extended families who are hosting infants and toddlers for the holidays.

The Orinda mom of four also has grandparents and clients who pick items up from her home. Delivery fees in the East Bay range from \$10 in Lamorinda to \$25 in San Ramon, Dublin and Pleasanton and she travels to the Oakland airport, East Bay hotels and other locations.

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Business Bites

By Paula King

Lafayette Businesspersons of the Year



Brenda and Tom Om Photo Jay Lifson

Congratulations to Brenda and Tom Om, owners of Papillion Quality Gourmet Coffees, who have been named the Lafayette Businesspersons of the Year by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

Eatery Earns High Honor

Open Table, the free online reservation service recently awarded Lafayette’s La Finestra as Best Value Restaurant in the East Bay. Nestled in a quiet area of Lafayette’s downtown, La Finestra consistently draws glowing reviews on Open Table’s website for its pleasant ambiance and tasty options at affordable prices. La Finestra is located at 100 Lafayette Circle, Suite 101. For more details, check out www.lafines-traristorante.com or call 925-284-5282.

Raising awareness for workplace diversity

Futures Explored is now involved in a public awareness campaign, HireAble, to increase employment rates among those with intellectual and developmental disabilities like autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy and they are partnering with two other

non-profit agencies, Contra Costa ARC and East Bay Innovations.

In Lafayette, Futures Explored helps adults with disabilities to gain life and work skills through its thrift shop and other programs.

For more details, check out www.HireAble.org.

Changing Spas

Who doesn’t need a good spa treatment this time of year?

Lavande Spa in Lafayette is now Marilyn Monroe Spas. It’s located at 3589 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For more information email info.lafayette@marilynmonroespas.com.

Meanwhile, Orinda’s Entourage Spa is on the move and changing its name. Now known as Entourage on Brookwood, its new location is just across the street from Theater Square at 232 Brookwood Road. The spa offers hair cuts and color, skincare, massage, waxing, airbrush tanning, plus manicures and pedicures. For more information, call (925) 254-9721

Chamber Music

For announcements of more business-related events and nonprofit fundraisers, be sure to check the chamber of commerce websites.

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AUHSD Board Members Sworn in



Incumbent Kathy Coppersmith and Common Sense Kids Action co-director Craig Cheslog were sworn in as members of the Acalanes Union High School District governing board Dec. 7. Both were appointed in lieu of election.

“Helping children and students thrive is one of my life’s passions,” says Cheslog. “This is an exciting time to be involved in education and doing what is necessary to help ensure all of our students have the tools and support they need to succeed. I’m looking forward to serving the district’s students, families, teachers and staff to the best of my ability.”

Also at the meeting, Nancy Kendzierski was elected board president. —N. Marnell.

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