FALL ON THE HORIZON
By: MAYOR MADISON DAVIS, City of Brisbane,
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As we wrap up the summer and head into the fall season, I want to keep you informed of things to look forward to in the coming months. However, before I get into what’s on the horizon, I’d like to take a moment to recap our annual National Night Out on August 6th. National Night Out is a nationwide event promoting engagement between police officers and the community. In Brisbane, we observed National Night Out with our police force and fire personnel. Over 60 residents stopped by the park and engaged with law enforcement.

TO THE STAFF!

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HOME SWEET HOME

BY: ALISON WILSON, Brisbane Chamber Director Marketing / Sales alison@brisbanechamber.org

Brisbane realtor Stacy Huang grew up in China where she earned her bachelor’s degree in International Business from Anshan Normal University. She loves to travel, discovered the Bay Area, and made the decision to attend San Francisco State to further her education.

I asked Stacy why she decided to become a realtor. She replied, “I like working with people and helping them make their dreams come true. Many of my Chinese, New York, and San Francisco friends asked me for advice on which home or property they should buy. So, I began to explore the world of real estate. I learned what it took to be a realtor and knew I could become an agent. My family raised me to have a strong work-ethic and attention to detail. I knew I could be a good realtor.” Stacy is a San Francisco Association Realtor and is a Graduate of REALTOR® Institute (GRI).

Stacy gave me a brief history of her journey to find a brokerage that would satisfy her goal of providing exemplary service to both local and international sellers and buyers. She said, “I continued to search to find a real estate company that I felt would serve my clients best and where I could continue growing.”

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BY: DAVID J. CANEPA, San Mateo County District 5 Supervisor,
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One of San Mateo County’s greatest partners in North County is Brisbane. That’s why when it comes to providing early childhood family support and health services for youth and older adults is the Daly City Peninsula Partnership Collaborative, which partners and cooperates with the Brisbane City Peninsula Partnership Collaborative, which partners and cooperates with the Brisbane

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

BY: RONAN COLLVER, Brisbane School District Superintendent, rcollver@brisbanesd.org

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ADOBO COOK-OFF RAISES $2,825 IN 2 HOURS

BY: PALOMA B. CONCORDIA, 7 Mile House, palomb@papalodown.com

Over 150 guests attended this year’s Adobo Cook-Off for a Cause at 7 Mile House, an annual fundraiser the historic bar and dog-friendly restaurant hosts. Six contestants brought their best recipes of the beloved Filipino dish, as guests enjoyed each version along with unlimited rice and unlimited Red Horse Beer from 11am-1pm.

After guests voted with their tastebuds, Paola Tiano of San Francisco bagged the most votes and was crowned this year’s champion.

“This is not your Lola’s adobo! I sous vide pork belly for 24-hours and let it swim in a rich, soy-vinegar glaze topping it off with chili-garlic oil. Inspired by my Lola and Mom, my adobo is a love letter to all Filipinos in America: a homage to

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Looking Back!

By: Curtis Roe, Director of Finance, Purcell Murray Company, crore@purcellmurray.com

In December, I reported that our national debt was $21.7 trillion which equated to about $66,318 per citizen. At the time of this writing, we are up to $68,318. The state debt has gone up from $10,711 per citizen to $11,808. I don’t know how they calculate the citizen quantity given the sensitivity around that question.

Let’s say you have a friend or a family member who needs some help. So you cut back on your personal spending so you can help this person out and you loan them money. Typically one might do this sort of thing for one of two reasons; to help someone out or to make some money on the interest for yourself. If your friend had a history of spending more money than what they earned, how would you feel about that person? Would you say they were not acting responsibly and that they were becoming a greater risk to you? You might stop loaning them money. You might just increase the interest rate you charge them.

If a company spends more money than they make, they typically lose money. Now if the additional spending is towards investing in the future of the company on things like the purchase of a building, that might be okay. But if the operational costs exceed the revenues, then there is a loss and that can not go on forever. Eventually the company will run out of money and have to close. The same reasoning works when thinking of our friend we are helping out.

Governments are not businesses in that a business exists to make a profit. A deficit is essentially a loss however. Break even is really the target for a non-profit or governmental agency. According the US Debt Clock, our federal budget deficit is $1,169,324,426,650. (One trillion, one hundred sixty nine billion, three hundred twenty four million, four hundred twenty six thousand, six hundred fifty dollars) Shocking. At the same time, I hear repeated promises from political candidates that if elected, they will provide more free services like health care and college to all people regardless of citizenship. That makes me very nervous.

On another note, I read an article in the San Francisco Chronicle that there is a movement to drain the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The first time I read this was many months ago. It did get the front page but the issue was kind of scoffed at in the article. Then a couple of weeks ago, another similar article was released. A week later, another smaller article was printed. Each time, the overall tone was that this not really very likely. If it is such a remote possibility, I can’t figure out why I keep hearing about it. Water. Who needs it?
Summer is ending, school is beginning, and Fall is just around the corner. This is a perfect time to reflect on the value of Chamber membership and what it offers to business. The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce creates a strong and vibrant business community through education, networking, and collaboration. Here is a list of six ways to maximize your membership:

1. Is your listing accurate? Chamber members are listed online at http://brisbanechamber.org/members/cw_tst.htm.
2. Updates and corrections should be emailed to madison@brisbanechamber.org.
3. Attend the monthly Chamber business journal, the Luminary, which is distributed to 4,000 businesses and households in San Mateo and San Francisco County and advertise in our Business Directory with a distribution of 9,000 over a two year period. Call Alison Wilson, Marketing and Sales Director, at (415) 640-9875 or email ali@brisbanechamber.org to discuss opportunities.
4. Sponsor a business event or host a mixer to enhance your business’ community engagement and awareness.
5. The “7th Annual Multi-Chamber Business Expo,” a collaboration of our chamber and South San Francisco chamber, is a perfect opportunity to reach and teach our community about what you do.
6. Support a nonprofit organization, as the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce supports its members in giving back to the community.

Another key professional development topic for the year is science. The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are a set of science content standards. Standards set the expectations for what students should know and be able to do. The NGSS were developed by states to enhance science education for all students. These standards give local educators the flexibility to design classroom learning experiences that stimulate students’ interests in science and prepare them for college, careers, and citizenship. You can find more information on these standards at https://www.nextgenscience.org.

We have a packed fall and winter calendar planned for the remainder of 2019. Please mark your calendar for our monthly mixers the third Wednesday of the month from 5-7pm. In addition, we will be sponsoring the League of Women Voters’ candidate’s night, the State of the City with Mayor Davis, and invite you to attend our holiday party hosted by Hensley Coffee, 402 Visitacion Avenue, from 5-7pm. This is a premier opportunity for networking and strengthening relationships.

To find out more about our events, visit http://brisbanechamber.org/events.

What’s on your mind? Have a topic or idea for an article relating to a Brisbane business? Drop us a note at: madison@brisbanechamber.org with your ideas or suggestions.
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That’s all for my column, here’s my Brisbane Fun Fact of the Month: In 1932 Brisbane established: a girl scout troop, the Brisbane Social Club, the Brisbane Fire Department, the public library, and our first weekly newspaper, The Brisbane Sun.

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my real estate expertise and knowledge." I asked her to expand on this thought, she replied, "I wanted a company that offered transparency and a streamlined transaction process for my clients whether they were selling or buying in the United States or China. In addition, I wanted a company that offered me tools for marketing and leads. I discovered that J.F. Finnegan Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate went paperless 11 years ago and they use Skyslope for real estate transactions and determined that this was the fit I was looking for."

Continuing, Stacy said, "I joined J.F. Finnegan Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate to become a top real estate agent. Manager/Owner Rick Whipple suggested that I work with realtors Joel Diaz and Bonnie Boswell to offer top notch service to my clients. We blend our talents and strengths to provide excellent service. For example, one of my talents is bridging the gap between Asian and American sellers and buyers. I speak Mandarin, Cantonese and English. By partnering with Joel and Bonnie, I can offer my clients' Joel's general contracting experience along with my fluency in three languages. Because I am committed to helping clients prepare their homes for sale, I provide home staging and design as a complimentary service."

Stacy said, "I discovered Brisbane and I want to serve this community. The people living here are so friendly and helpful. Brisbane is powerful sitting at the foot of San Bruno Mountain, next to the San Francisco Bay. I call it a ‘hidden dragon’. A good place to live filled with strong, positive energy."

Contact Stacy Huang and welcome her to Brisbane. You can email her at stacy.huang@bbghomes.com call 415.840.5704 and visit her website at www.forsalestacy.com She is on social media, search STACY HUANG on Twitter, Facebook, IG, LinkedIn and WeChat.

PLEASE RECYCLE RIGHT— AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO "WISHCYCLE"

BY TERESA MONTGOMERY, Sustainability Manager, South San Francisco Scavenger Company

The term “wishcycle” is defined as “tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled.” While often having the best intentions, people who wishcycle are driving up waste processing costs and causing more (not less) material to be sent to landfill.

In July, South San Francisco Scavenger mailed a Service Guide to every single-family home in Brisbane. The Guide provides waste reduction tips, instructions for proper sorting and set-out of materials, and more. Similar Guides are available for local businesses and tenants of multifamily residential complexes. Please visit www.ssfscavenger.com/recycling-crisis to access printer-friendly versions of all available guides.

Thank you for taking the time to learn what is allowed in our recycling program and to sort smart!
The City of Brisbane is a vibrant city with clubs, businesses, restaurants, and civic activities that enhance the community’s quality of life through service, education, leadership, and economic growth. Submit your event in the Community Calendar, e-mail alison@brisbanechamber.org.

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School District among 60 other agencies.

I'm proud to announce the Board of Supervisors at its July 23 meeting approved a $100,000 grant in my district-specific Measure K funds to support two outstanding programs offered by Daly City Partnership, which some Brisbane families are eligible for. One grant to Aging and Adult Services of $60,000 will support the Partnership’s Healthy Aging Response Team and a second grant of $40,000 to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services will support the Partnership’s Our Second Home program.

The $60,000 in Measure K funds will support a vastly increased number of low-income, housebound North County seniors in acquiring home delivered meals, and to provide seed money for DCP to develop a “Village” concept in Daly City. DCP’s concept for the Daly City Village consists of a team of volunteers and social work interns who can support seniors with in-home handyman services, a Lyft concierge ride program, and driving and escort services for doctor’s appointments and grocery shopping assistance.

The $40,000 in Measure K funds will help develop a “Support Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs,” among other family support programs. Although Our Second Home frequently partners with Community Gatepath in Burlingame, no group of this kind that supports both learning delays (autism spectrum, Down syndrome) and physical handicaps, can be found in the Daly City area. Some South San Francisco and Brisbane families who have children enrolled in a Daly City school are eligible for some Our Second Home services.

Go to www.dcpartnership.org to learn more about these programs and others offered by the nonprofit.

David J. Canepa is a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing District 5 which includes Brisbane.

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END OF WORLD WAR II
BY: DOLORES GOMEZ, Brisbane historian, brischic@sonic.net

My dad and uncle fixed up a little “shack” for Grandma Maude on Trinity road in Brisbane. There was a picture of President Roosevelt with American Flags draped around it on her wall. She loved America and was a staunch patriot. I was shocked right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, grandma hung Japanese in effigy out of her front window! She also got rid of her little “made in Japan” ceramic items that were scattered around the house for decoration. Grandma Maude was feisty and very opinionated.

My father too, loved and respected this country. On V-J Day, the long struggle to end World War II was here and my father was determined to go to join the gathering crowds on Market Street. Under my mother’s strong protest, my sister and I jumped into his car, a grey 1936 Chevrolet, for the drive to San Francisco. I am forever grateful he took us to this historic event.

We would experience the excitement and celebration of the end of a horrible part of world history on that day. I saw so many citizens and service men and women with faces of joy and tears. It was a scene of complete wild chaos; a happy hysteria of screaming participants that greeted us right before the Emporium at Fifth and Market.

The street was totally teeming and jammed with revelers of all ages and great mobs of service men and women. It was difficult to move in the packed cheering crowd. Civilians wore service men’s hats cocked on their heads and service men wore civilian hats. Some danced with naked mannequins taken from the broken windows of Grayson’s Clothing store and other department stores. Pieces and large chunks of glass littered the sidewalk, making it difficult to walk. Oddy, no one appeared to pay any attention to the dangerous glass!

Street cars, dead in their tracks, were crawling with people inside, outside, standing on top and hanging from the cow catchers. Some waving flags, trying to get a good glimpse of the celebration they’d been longing for and stunned to believe it was finally here. It was obvious some already had too much to drink; bottles in hand and drunk with happiness. The crowd was roaring with delight, hugging and kissing strangers.

My sister, twelve and I was fourteen, stayed close to my father as we could have been easily separated in the crush of the mob. Our young eyes were wide with astonishment seeing the reaction of the end of a horrible war that caused so many years of heartache, sadness and death. To me these folks were just letting off steam, relieved the long war had finally ended; there would be no more killing and finally some peace in our land and hearts.

It meant I didn’t have to be afraid of the wailing air raid sirens, being in a dark house; not having to save aluminum cans, and grease. Women wouldn’t have to paint their bare legs; they could wear silk stockings again! There would be no need to stuff cardboard into my shoes with holes; I could have a new pair of shoes, and no more ration stamps. Citizens would have meat, butter and “Rosie the Riveter” women could stay home and care for their families.

The small banners that displayed gold and blue stars for family service people hanging in windows could come down. Some would never return, but others would return home again. No more gas sticker on our car window, we could take a ride if we chose. The most delicious thought for me was NO MORE WAR! We came back to Brisbane after a couple of hours just observing such giddy joy.

It meant I could say it was the end of all war!
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