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Former Vice Mayor Pat Dando will be missed by many

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

On Sunday, July 16, Almaden Valley and the City of San Jose lost one of their guiding lights when Patricia M. Dando (71) lost her fight against lung cancer.

“Common Sense, Plain Talk and Hard Work” wasn’t just a slogan Pat Dando used when running for City Council, it was also the essence of how she led her life, says her former Chief of Staff, Erik Schoennauer. “No one was harder working serving the people of San Jose, and especially the residents in Almaden Valley,” he says. “As a staff person, it was not uncommon to get phone calls at 6 a.m. or midnight with ideas we could pursue to improve neighborhoods and the city, or to follow up on projects we were working on. She set high expectations for herself and her staff, resulting in an effective council office.”

Schoennauer says what he’ll remember most about Dando is her passion for San Jose and working hard to get results. “That really is what she was all about,” he says. “What can she do each day to make San Jose a better place and what does it take to get a project done to solve a problem? Even those who may not have agreed with her politically said she was a great person, kind and respectful. She was a friend and a mentor. She cared about the city.”

Dando and her husband, Bob, moved to Almaden Valley in 1973, living there for 37 years. They had three children, and as a result, she became involved with the PTA. Dando joined the political arena working for former Mayor Tom McEnery in 1987. Next, she worked for the city’s redevelopment agency and served 10 years on the San Jose City Council, beginning in 1995. After

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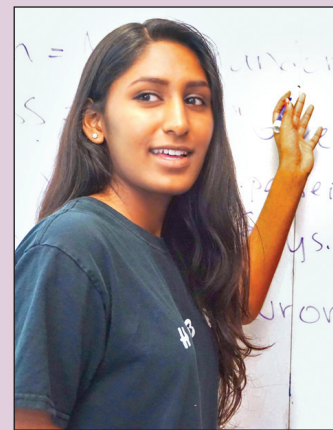


Bob and Pat Dando enjoyed traveling the world together. Photo courtesy the Dando family

LOCAL LEGEND



Above: Pat Dando speaks at the 2009 Legends and Leaders event. Below: Bob and Pat Dando (center) gather with their family for a Thanksgiving celebration in Austin, TX. Photos courtesy the Dando family



Leland High School senior Thenu Senthil, cofounder of Code One Programming, makes a presentation.

**GIRLS' TECH WEEK
AUGUST 7-11**

Leland students' non-profit bridges the gender gap

By William Bellou
Publisher

Code One Programming, a student-run nonprofit in Silicon Valley, founded to teach computer science and coding to students of all ages for free, will offer a five-day STEM course to girls ages 8-13.

Leland High School seniors Thenu Senthil and Sang Gi Kim founded the well-run organization and are running programs with Aarushi Karandikar, president of Leland Women in STEM (WiSTEM).

“We began running our organization with the help of a few friends from Leland robotics team Quixilver and WiSTEM last December,” said Senthil. “As a member of both clubs, I witness firsthand how introducing young students to multiple facets of technology can open doors for them. It’s

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Two Almaden Vision girls, Carrissa MacDonald, Vision-Blue (back row fourth from the right) and Taylor Fleming, Vision Gold (front row, fourth from the right) have won separate Gold Medals at the 2017 Volleyball National Tournament.

Vision girls win separate Gold Medals at '17 Volleyball National Tournament

Two Almaden Vision girls, Carrissa MacDonald and Taylor Fleming, have won separate Gold Medals at the 2017 Volleyball National Tournament.

Taylor Fleming played for the Vision Gold team that won the National Division with a 2-1 win over Dynasty VC.

Carrissa MacDonald, captain, of the 16 Vision-Blue team to win Gold for the Patriot Division with a 2-0 win over the Fallbrook Vipers.

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Community enthusiastic about Pioneer High School planned soccer field

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Almaden community is enthusiastic about the recently announced soccer field planned on a 3.71 acre site at Pioneer High School.

"The soccer fields are much needed for the whole city, and this land will help provide six soccer fields when the funds are raised," said District 10 San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "My office has been holding negotiation meetings over the past two years."

The city council voted to give the land to the school district with the intent to be used for the community's sports field needs. The parcel is located behind Pioneer's main sports field and adjacent to property owned

by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The estimated cost of creating each field is estimated at \$2 million, depending on whether natural or artificial turf is used.

The Almaden Soccer League will host a fundraiser, Almaden Soccer Golf and Banquet, on August 28 to help pay for a portion of the project. The League is celebrating its 50th year providing soccer opportunities.

The inaugural golf tournament and dinner banquet event will bring soccer families together with the wider community and raise awareness and funds for the club and our mission to continue the outstanding work being done on and off the field.

For more information, visit the website: www.almadensoccer.org/golf2017

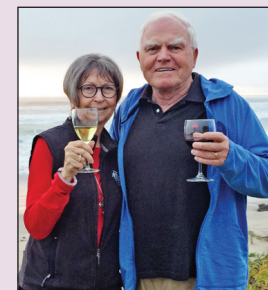
The passing of a great friend: Pat Dando

Pat Dando's untimely passing on Sunday, July 16 was a huge shock.

Pat was a great communicator and worked tirelessly to make things happen.

Her dedication to Almaden as a San Jose City Councilmember was unwavering. She enjoyed communicating to the Almaden community through her regular weekly *Almaden Times* column and interviews.

After serving on the San Jose City Council, she was appointed president of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce. Pat and the *Almaden Times* worked together promoting special events, including the successful annual "Legends & Leaders."



Pat and Bob Dando

Following her retirement from her work at the Chamber, Dando devoted more time to her family, especially her beloved grandchildren. She also devoted time to civic and community work.

After recovering fully from a stroke in 2011, Pat learned that early treatment, the first hours, can make a difference in life or death. To her dismay, she learned there was not a single certified stroke center in Santa Clara County. Pat got right to work; she was determined to make a difference. She co-founded the Stroke Awareness Foundation in 2012 with Chuck Toeniskoetter and Chuck Hoffman.

Pat and I worked on articles to inform the community about stroke prevention and treatment. She was proud that there are more stroke centers here than in any other county in the United States. People are alive today due to Pat's dedication and initiative.

One day she called me to ask if I enjoyed living in the Villages Golf and Country Club. I responded that the development was well managed and that she would be impressed with the numerous activities offered and the non-profit organizations originating from the community. A few months later, Pat called to say she would soon be my neighbor and said she looked forward to reading *Almaden Times* sister publication, *Evergreen Times*.

Pat was truly an effective City leader, especially the community she loved so deeply, Almaden Valley.

Silicon Valley has lost a great leader. She was a legend in her own time.

William D. Bellou
Publisher

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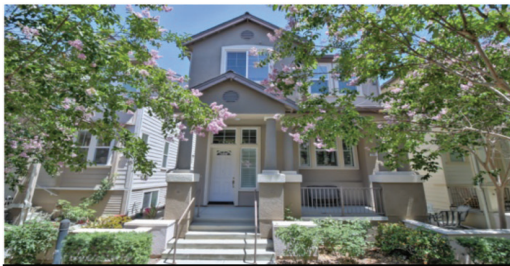
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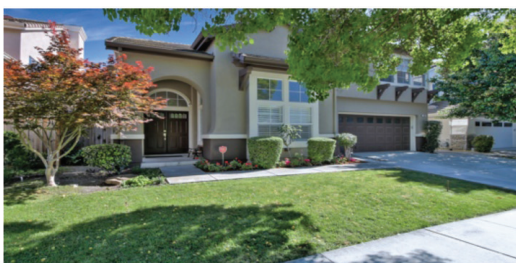
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Code One Programming's first class at the local library.

Code One

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the maxim of FIRST and WiSTEM to spread STEM to all."

Mission statement

Senthil said the mission of Code One Programming is to offer valuable education for free to as many people as possible. "We have taught more than 12 classes (for which we have now amassed over 200 sign ups from our community), reached 400 people with our website in just one month, and have been publicizing through our Facebook page, which has now made our organization known to nearly 5,000 people."

Over the last few months, Code One Programming has written its own original curriculums, reached out to multiple venues, and has held free and easily accessible workshops--on topics such as "Visual Programming" and "Java for Kids," as well as newer "Artificial Intelligence" and "Natural Language Processing" sessions. These workshops are in addition to the organization's own "AP Computer Science Summer Preparatory Course," all in an effort to teach STEM courses for free, classes that would normally cost hundreds of dollars-- because as Kim puts it, "something so important as education is not something that should be limited by cost."

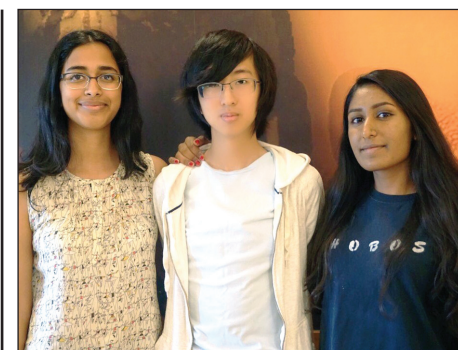
Girls' Tech Week

Girls' Tech Week, which starts Aug 7, will introduce girls to STEM at the Rose Garden Library in a five day program. The program will begin with an introduction to FIRST Robotics with a presentation and robot demonstration conducted by Quixilver 604. Over the next three days, the girls will learn how to program and construct robots using the EV3 Lego Robotics kit in a comprehensive workshop. On the last day, students will participate in virtual reality demonstrations.

Girl's Tech Week is led by female mentors from WiSTEM who aim to share their passion for technology with their students. "In just a few days we've received emails and sign-ups from many parents," said Karandikar. "Everyone is excited to take part in our five-day program and we are expecting a large turnout for our pilot workshop."

STEM workforce today

Today, women make up half of the world's workforce, but less than a quarter of the STEM sector-- a surprising statistic, considering that women in STEM outearn



Pictured are Code One Programming's organizers: (l to r) WiSTEM President **Aarushi Karandikar**, Co Founders **Sang Gi Kim** and **Thenu Senthil**.

their counterparts in other fields by 33 percent.

"Factors that contribute to the discrepancy between women and men in STEM include gender stereotyping and a lack of female role models," said Kim. "As a team, we are here to step in and bridge the gap by inspiring girls to get involved in STEM using an immersive, hands-on approach that makes STEM fun."

A mother of a past participant says, "Our son has always had an interest in coding and robotics. Attending these classes has given him an opportunity to learn in a very warm and encouraging environment. Interacting with older students who have similar interests has really helped him feel comfortable and look forward to learning. He always looks forward to the next class. It's fantastic to have access to this kind of educational environment and staff."

For more information, contact Sang Gi Kim at: kim.sanggi326@gmail.com or visit Code One Programming's website: codeoneprogramming.weebly.com (Note: scroll down for specific dates for classes.)



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Dreams do come true

By **Kevin Larsen**
Times staff writer

This is a true poignant story about love and a boy's dream which continues to make a difference in people's lives.

The beliefs of the Hassan family nurtured the wonderful dream that was sparked by their son, Omar, who gave us all the gift of inclusion.

This nonprofit company that started in 2013 reflects the caring actions of a loving and supportive family. Five years later, Omar's Dream Foundation continues to carry the message and becomes more vibrant with each passing year.

Omar's imagined bridge of technology

Omar, taken ill, at a young age spent long periods of time in and out of hospitals where he would miss his school and friends. He missed being a kid! He did not want to miss any significant time in education, social relationships and wanted to move forward with other students in class.

Faced with isolation of six months for a treatment, he thought of a technology bridge and conceived the idea of using computers and tablets as a communications device to remotely connect with school and friends. Omar had a plan to attend his fourth-grade class, remotely via video conference. Five years ago, technologies like face time, skype, cloud sharing and Wi-Fi connectivity were uncommon.

He asked if cameras could be set up at his school so that he could continue his classroom experience and quest for knowledge. His parent's listened carefully to their son's request and with the support of the class teacher turned his dream into a reality. The young boy decided to break down physical walls and use the internet to connect with the outside world once again.

Dreams do come true!

According to Jamila, Omar's mother, Omar's teacher and classmates saw him online every day. "He participated in math, science, and history lessons, writing workshops, read-aloud sessions, and book discussions. He even participated in music lessons. Imagine a music lesson with 32 children playing their recorders in San Jose and one at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Stanford — but they are all playing together online. Omar was also able to attend assemblies, as his teacher brought her laptop and put it on a chair in the front row so he could participate."

He taught us by his actions that dreams can come true, you must be positive and work hard towards achieving the objective.

According to Omar's Dream Foundation, School-aged children who are hospitalized or under a physician's care long-term due to health conditions can quickly fall behind in their studies and feel isolated from their classmates and teachers. These children will greatly benefit emotionally by maintaining regular contact with their school friends and



Omar Hassan

teacher(s) through Omar's Dream Program.

While many hospitals offer on-site access to state-mandated education programs, Omar's Dream Program allows hospitalized students to continue education with their own home school with familiar classmates and educators. With such sustained contact, when the time comes to reintegrate the student with his or her class, the integration is smooth.

Omar's Dream Foundation making a positive contribution

Omar lost his battle to Leukemia in April 2012 but his vision is fulfilled by the foundation whose mission is to bring normalcy into the lives of kids who are facing health related challenges.

Omar's Dream Program is currently running in three hospitals, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. The foundation also supports number of individual students recommended by various schools.

Over the years, many kids have benefited from the program and the Foundation is continuing to look at avenues to reach as many children as possible.

You can "run strong" in the Omar's Dream Run

Each year in October, the Foundation, organizes a charity fun run at Hellyer Park in San Jose to raise funds to support the program. Attendance at the run continues to grow with every passing year. It is a family oriented event with exciting atmosphere. You can register in August to join the 5th annual Omar's Dream Run in October by going to the website. Don't be surprised to see many city officials and others panting as you briskly pass them by.

Omar Dream Run benefits hospitalized and medically supervised children to attend school and stay connected with their teachers and classmates. The event will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 10 a.m. at Hellyer Park in San Jose.

To learn more about Omar's Dream Foundation, a dream fulfilled and given as a gift to other children today, by going to www.omarsdream.org. This nonprofit organization is a humanitarian organization that is here for all. A world Omar would have wanted!

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MOVIE REVIEW Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets

By Steven Leonard
Special to the Times

I liked Valerian and at the same time I didn't like Valerian.

Just like a Thomas Kincaid Painting, while beautiful, sometimes the image seems like an empty dream.

The director of the Valerian, Luc Besson, has directed better films such as The Professional, The Fifth Element, and Lucy.

Synopsis

In the 28th century, Valerian (Dane DeHaan) and Laureline (Cara Delevingne) are a special ops team charged with maintaining order throughout the City of a Thousand Planets. Dane and Cara seem miscast in their parts in a film that demands a larger-than-life presence.

The City of a Thousand Planets is a multicultural celestial metropolis where our heroes do a bit of chasing and fighting and its population includes some fine specimens of modern digital and prosthetic creature design.

Rihanna and Ethan Hawke are also in the movie even though Rihanna shows up late and leaves early. She's called Bubble, she dances on a stripper pole and changes costumes in the blink of an eye.

I felt like turning off the rest of the film and could visualize a



Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne star in "Valerian."

The film is beautiful to watch but without substance in plot, dialogue, and acting. The film tries hard to emulate Avatar, the lackluster Jupiter Ascending, and the enjoyable Fifth Element.

The messages in this film about love and sacrifice near the end are compelling and these messages almost redeem our film-going fantasy experience. If I was directing this film, I might have gone another way to deliver these messages. I would've made a film that combined the best of Blade Runner with elements of the classic bantering between Boggart and Beccall.

stand-alone film about Rihanna and Ethan Hawke. In this film, we get to ponder the villainy of Clive Owen in uniform and watch Mr. DeHaan and Ms. Delevingne doing their finger-puppet Rock Hudson/Doris Day impersonations. We also get to come up with names for Valerian and Laureline's babies! Yeah!

In conclusion: "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets" feels as if it were made up on the spot, by people so delighted by their stunning fantastical packaging at their disposal that they lost track of what was supposed to be inside.

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DODGE CA 2017 BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
DODGE CA RETAIL NON-PRIME BONUS CASH**	-\$1,000

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DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$3,502
SALE PRICE	\$27,988
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,250
JEEP CA 2017 BONUS CASH*	-\$250
JEEP CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$500

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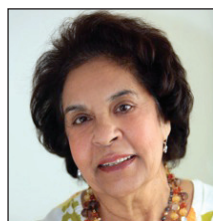


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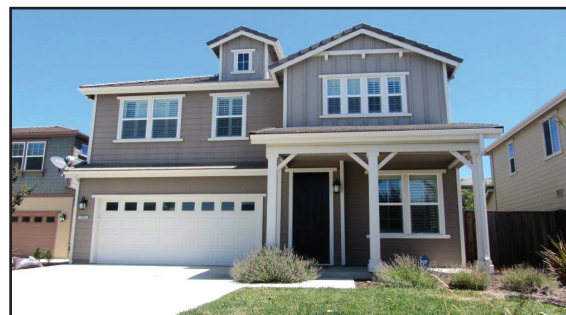
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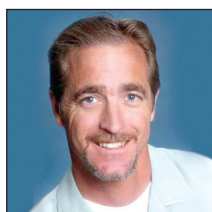
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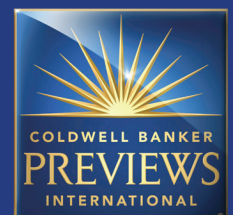
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Times Feature

Leave a lasting legacy while you are here and after you leave

While most of us will not be world-class Olympic athletes, Oscar-winning movie stars or generals who command great battles, we still have a desire to leave some type of mark on this world.

For many people that desired action is leaving a legacy while financially securing themselves, their families, their causes and charitable organizations long into the future.

Patrick Renn (pictured) has found a way to help others leave a legacy and reveals those strategies in his best-selling book, *Finding Your Money's Greater Purpose*.

"Each of us, through our contributions as volunteers and benefactors, holds the power to change the course of society for the better," says Renn.

Renn suggests a number of ways to build a legacy and keep contributing to society even after we have left this world.

Charitable Gift Annuity. This is a contract between a donor and a qualified charity that can supplement retirement income and also give you a tax deduction. The annuity involves the donor making a gift to the charity and, in exchange the charity provides the donor with a lifetime fixed income stream.

Give a gift of stock. Let's say you have a gain on a stock and want to give that to charity. To do so, you could sell it, pay the tax and give what's left or you could first make the stock itself a gift. This gives you the full benefit of the gift as a tax deduction, and you avoid paying the capital gains tax.

Donate your house. You can make a commitment to leave your house to a charity after your death. By doing this, you can live in the house the rest of your life and receive a tax deduction. In all likelihood the charity will sell the house after you die and the money from the sale will end up as your final donation.

Leave your retirement plan to charity. Leaving money to a charity from your retirement plan could save a lot of headaches. A retirement plan is one of the worst assets to die with because of the taxes associated with it. Leaving the plan to a charity could be the most tax-efficient strategy for that money.

Give your family choices with a donor advised fund. You can leave your family a say in where your charitable donations are



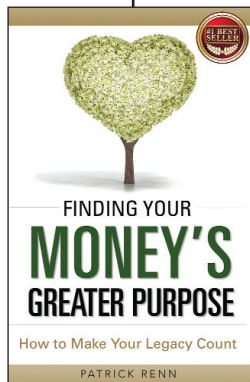
going via a donor advised fund. Family members could recommend where money from the fund is going now and after you're gone.

Donate a life insurance policy. Insurance policies that no longer serve their purpose are a good place to look for charitable opportunities. Many people have outdated life insurance and have now outgrown their original need. Instead of cashing the policy in or just dropping it, why not consider donating it?

"I feel that part of my mission is to show people that they can take advantage of certain financial procedures if only they know about them," says Renn, founder and president of Renn Wealth Management Group. "With a bit of planning, such procedures could benefit them and the causes and institutions they care about."

About Patrick Renn

Patrick Renn, author of *Finding Your Money's Greater Purpose*, has been a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER for more than 35 years and holds a bachelor's degree from Villanova University and an MBA from Loyola College. Renn – who currently lives in Georgia – is the founder of Renn Wealth Management Group Inc. (patrickrenn.com), the former president of the Georgia Society of Certified Financial Planners and former president of the Georgia chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning. He is the past president of the Georgia Special Olympics, is the current chair of the Day 1 Endowment and has served on countless other charitable and endowment boards.



Ozharvest in Sydney, Australia features a pay-what-you-can model of commerce.

'Pay-what-you-can' supermarket concept may possibly take root in Silicon Valley

By William Bellou
Publisher

A new food market, Ozharvest Market, has opened to distribute rescued-food at no charge in Sidney, Australia.

Food is sourced from the excess of major supermarket chains and approved caterers, food trucks and restaurants.

Customers pay on a merit system, paying what they can, in an effort to reduce the the billions of dollars in food discarded each year. Volunteers stock the shelves while employees are positioned at check-out registers.

The market provides food from blemished apples to frozen sausage rolls as well as other items such as sanitary prod-

ucts, even toothpaste and shampoo, which would otherwise be thrown out by traditional food stores.

Food waste has become a global problem with an estimated third of all food produced worldwide ending up in garbage bins. It is believed that if we could save that food from being thrown away we would have enough to feed more than 3 billion people, which could end world hunger.

A group of local entrepreneurs is exploring the idea of opening a "pay-what-you-can" supermarket in Silicon Valley.

Editor's note: Watch for an upcoming article this fall about the planning stage of a "Pay-what-you-can" food market in San Jose.

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Times **Feature**



Sengupta receives law degree from University of Iowa

Kasturi Sengupta (above), of Almaden Valley, CA received a JD-Law degree from the University of Iowa at the close of the spring 2017 semester. The University of Iowa is one of the nation's premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations.

Almaden students honored with academic Dean's list at Azusa Pacific University

Several Almaden Valley students made the academic spring 2017 Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University.

Students honored are: Amanda Antone, Rebekah Hoogerwerf, Victoria Jones, Kirsten Negrette, and Austin Noble. Each were honored for a spring 2017 grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian university with more than 10,000 students enrolled on campus, online, and at six regional centers throughout Southern California.

Scammers tempt local homeowners with promise of lower energy bills

It's the middle of summer, and much of the US is running their air conditioners to beat the heat, translating to higher energy bills.

Scammers use this opportunity to tempt consumers with the promise of lower energy payments.

How the Scam Works

You get a call from someone claiming to represent a local energy company or government agency. This "representative"

See SCAM, page 17

Times **Advice**

Duties of trustee of trust usually supercede any family friction

By **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

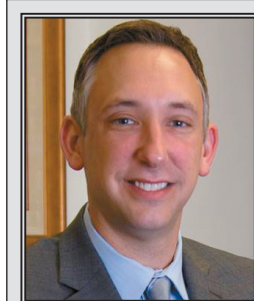
Special to the Times

This week's question:

My parents are getting older and I worry about my brother and I and the friction we have had over the years increasing when my folks pass on ... he has been named by our parents in their trust to be Successor Trustee. Once they pass on, do I have a right to see their trust? Do I have any rights?

Chris M.

Almaden Valley



Ask the Lawyer

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.
Attorney at Law

Dear Chris:

You emailed in a very interesting question. Let me see if I can address it properly.

You mentioned a key phrase when you said "once they pass on" since during their lifetimes their trust is usually revocable (or changeable) and therefore typically private. However, when one of your parents passes on, part of the trust usually becomes "irrevocable" or fixed and not changeable.

Your brother, if he is still the Successor Trustee, will generally have a duty to send you written notification when a revocable trust or any portion thereof becomes irrevocable because of the death of one or more of the settlors (creators) of the trust.

The above rule is set out in a California Probate Code provision that our *Almaden Times* readers can read on their own. The reference (or "citation" in our lingo) is Probate Code Section 16061.7. You can enter that in your browser, hit "go", and the rather long section will be up on your screen in about a half a second. You will see that a *beneficiary of a trust* as well as an *heir of the decedent* is generally entitled to official notification from the trustee—in writing. That notification is quite detailed and usually includes (but it not limited to):

The identity of the settlor(s) of the trust and the date of execution of the trust instrument;

The name, mailing address and telephone number of each trustee of the

trust;

The address of the physical location where the principal place of administration of the trust is located;

Any additional information that may be expressly required by the terms of the trust instrument;

A notification that the recipient is entitled, upon reasonable request to the trustee, to receive from the trustee a true and complete copy of the terms of the trust.

The above written notification may also include very strict warnings in the form of extremely short time deadlines to commence legal action, such as 120 days from service of the notification or 60 days from

the date on which a copy of the terms of the trust is mailed or personally served.

Beneficiaries of trusts and heirs of decedents definitely have certain rights. You may want to consult your own attorney about this important topic and the short time frames within which you may be required to take action. Our parent trustors with revocable trusts in place can do their children, grandchildren and other heirs a favor by making sure all angles unique to their estate plan, including distribution scheme and friction between beneficiaries or trustees, are accounted for, and that all provisions are crystal clear. This is the best way to avoid disputes down the line.

If you find yourself needing advice as to creating or discussing a living trust, or any estate planning matter, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

You can reach Mr. Roeser with your questions by email at steve@roeser-law.net, with "Almaden Times" in the subject line, or by telephone at (650) 300-5778. Your real name will not be used. No attorney-client relationship is created by these articles, and any information in this article does not constitute legal advice and is not to be relied upon.

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WILDFIRE SEASON IS HERE

AAA offers list of fire protection tips to help keep your home safe

With the aggressive Detwiler fire near Mariposa forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes this week, AAA (American Automobile Association) is reminding residents on helpful tips to secure their home from wildfires.

- Minimize or clear shrubs and trees closest to your home.
- Use concrete, rocks or other noncombustible materials for landscaping.
- Remove dead vegetation, keep grass short, and trim tree limbs so they are at least 10 feet from other trees, roofs and decks.
- Clear your roof and gutters regularly to avoid accumulation of flammable materials.
- Keep any combustibles, such as firewood and picnic tables, away from structures.
- Make your home fire resistant
- Use noncombustible or fire-resistant materials, such as tile, slate, sheet iron, aluminum, brick or stone for the roof, exterior of your home, and fences and decks.
- Consider installing double-pane, tempered-glass windows; they are less likely to crack in high temperatures.
- Use a chimney guard to keep sparks from landing on the roof. Cover all exterior vent openings with 1/8- to 1/4-inch metal mesh to reduce the possi-

bility of burning embers getting into or under your home.

- Keep propane tanks away from buildings and flammable vegetation.
- Where possible, roads and driveways should be at least 16 feet wide to allow for access by fire trucks and large equipment.
- Ensure that your address is clearly marked and visible from the street.
- Create an evacuation plan
- Create a plan for your family that includes escape routes and places to meet, as well as out-of-area phone and email contacts. Practice, review and revise the plan regularly. Don't forget to include your pets and animals.
- Have a few options lined up for places that can keep your animals in case of an emergency.
- Keep important papers – birth certificates, passports, medical records, insurance information – in a fireproof and waterproof box.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit that includes nonperishable food and water (enough for three days), a multipurpose tool, flashlight, hand-crank or battery-powered radio, batteries, extra cash, cell phone and charger, first-aid supplies, critical medications and basic personal hygiene products. Consider keeping another kit in the trunk of your car.

Scam

Continued from page 15 says that they are part of a program to help homeowners lower their energy bills. The details vary; this "program" may involve registering for tax credits, enrolling in an alternative energy program, or signing up with a competitive energy supplier.

Be sure to do your homework before accidentally falling for a scam! In some cases, con artists want to enroll you in a non-existent program or sign up for tax credits, which requires you sharing personal information, such as your Social Security or Social Insurance number. This opens you up to the risk of identity theft. In other versions, the "program" involves paying upfront for future energy savings that never materialize.

Tips to avoid an energy bill scam:

- Here are some tips for spotting scams that claim to help you lower your energy bills:
- Verify the program before enrolling. Before you sign up, confirm that you are dealing with a representative of a real program. Call your energy company or government agency using the number on their website or your energy bill.
- Understand your energy options: Some municipalities in the US now allow "competitive energy suppliers," alternatives to traditional utility companies that may be able to offer a better rate on your energy bills. But like any opportunity, be sure you understand the terms of the new contract and how it differs from your existing one.

To learn more about scams, go to Better Business Bureau Scam Tips bbb.org/scamtips.

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narrowly losing a mayoral bid to Ron Gonzales, she joined his administration as Vice Mayor in 1998. After leaving the City Council in 2005, Dando worked with former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger before joining the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, now called the “Silicon Valley Organization.”

Dando was detail-oriented and even small projects were important to her. As a councilmember, says Schoennauer, if a neighborhood wanted to plant some trees, or beautify a park, she made sure the city played its role in making those projects successful. She put an emphasis on partnering with the community from neighborhood associations to law enforcement groups.

“She really cared about all people,” he says. “She was concerned not only with the business community or those with money, but equally with those who faced challenges like crime victims or lived in poor neighborhoods.” Through the Strong Neighborhood Initiative, Dando focused on the Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood, attempting to eliminate blight, reduce crime and increase services. She worked hard to get them a community room and beautify the area with plantings. She established Chris Hotts Park in the area, named after a staff member who joined her efforts there.

“Vice Mayor Pat Dando knew our neighborhood was in need of a park and labored intensively to assure that we got that park,” said resident Larry Brundage in 2003.

Dando also honored Jeffrey Fontana, a police officer killed in the line of duty, by having a park named after him in Almaden, as well as a bronze statue in his likeness. “She’s really been a supporter of law enforcement,” observed former Police Chief Rob Davis during “A Celebration of San Jose” dinner in 2003, which honored Dando’s 10 years of civic service. “She’s been involved with so many community groups, she’s not left any stone unturned.”

“I know I’m a better person for having known Pat Dando,” said Randy Sekany,

President of San Jose Fire Fighters Local 230 at the event. “She’s been a champion in every way and abides by a simple motto, ‘Just do what’s right.’”

A former city manager noted that Dando was “tenacious but thoughtful, vibrant but vigilant, exacting but eloquent, demanding but dedicated, and dynamic and deliberate.”

“It doesn’t take long, whether you’re a Democrat or a Republican, to recognize that there’s no such thing as a Republican or Democratic pothole or library,” said Mayor Ron Gonzales in 2003, “and that’s what has made Pat a very successful councilmember and Vice Mayor.”

Dando took her role as a District 10 representative seriously, ensuring it received its fair share of services, says



Pat Dando participates in a ribbon cutting for Glenview Park. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

Schoennauer. Endeavoring to bring police services into the neighborhood, she established a police substation at Oakridge Mall. When voters passed the San Jose Public Library bond measure, she made sure the Vineland Branch Library was the first one built and was instrumental in the design and construction of the new Almaden Library and Community Center.

She also played a role in the development of many downtown landmarks. While working for former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery, Dando managed a success-

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Pat Dando was honored for her years of service to the public.

ful campaign for voter approval for the Arena, now the SAP Center, and remained involved during its design and construction while working for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. She also championed the Children's Discovery Museum and the Tech Museum.

After having had a stroke in 2011, Dando attributed immediate medical care to her recovery. Upon learning that none of the hospitals in Santa Clara County were certified stroke centers, she joined with Chuck Toeniskoetter and Chuck Hoffman to form the Stroke Awareness Foundation and ensured that local hospitals, such as Good Samaritan, Stanford, and Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara include certified stroke centers with 24-hour stroke teams on duty. Santa Clara County now has 9 or 10 centers; more stroke centers than any other county in the United States. They also changed ambulance protocol—a stroke victim is now taken to the nearest stroke center regardless of insurance—and raised public awareness of the symptoms of a stroke.

"Pat was really an incredible person," says William Baron, a partner at Brandenburg Properties. "She was pleasant, kind and considerate, while at the same time tenacious and engaged in all that she did."

Baron, who managed the entitlement for Cinnabar Hills Golf Club in the mid-1990s when Dando was a councilmember, says it couldn't have happened without her ability to rally community support. "There was a debate about three proposed golf courses and rural landscapes being put to that kind of use," he says. "While she was sympathetic to the recreational use of a public golf course, the important part was working with her constituents. We ended up with a unanimous vote of the city council due to her community engagement."

In 2005, when Baron was serving as Chairman of the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Jim Cunneen announced he was leaving the Chamber for a position at Cisco Systems. Out of all the

potential replacements, Baron says Dando stood out amongst them all. She was working for Gov. Schwarzenegger in Sacramento at the time, having been appointed to serve on the California Performance Review Commission where she worked to improve transportation, homeland security, and civil rights on a national level.

"She was probably on his shortlist for his next Chief of Staff," says Baron, "but she had a fondness and a true love for San Jose that in her heart of hearts she was missing in Sacramento." She agreed to take the job, becoming Chamber president and leading it for six years.

Baron says that as a Republican, Dando didn't see eye to eye on all the issues with Democrats, but always treated everyone with respect. "There was a deep respect

that today is something we long for and are in need of," he says. "The understanding that good people can disagree. You don't need to vilify people or create enemies when you disagree; the next item they discuss might be something you agree with. You can't call them a villain on one hand, and your friend on another; you can respectfully disagree with a party you oppose in one instance and support their decision in the next. Pat was always a champion in allowing the other party to state their case. You can disagree with someone's opinion, but you can't argue the facts. She was steeped in facts and when she wasn't, she was pretty persuasive with her opinions."

"Pat was a good friend and someone I cared about deeply," says Baron. "In losing good people too soon, you soul search. For me, the lesson is that I learned something from them. Pat was an educator by background and I was enriched by what she shared with me. I feel empowered by the life of Pat Dando. That's what friendships and relationships are for and it's why we're here: to leave a little something positive behind. She had an impact on people's lives and will forever."

Councilmember Johnny Khamis says that Dando is someone he's modeled his career after. "She worked every day to achieve her goals and be organized," he says. "She told me to put together a game plan and work on executing it, much like running a business; to start with what you want to

accomplish and go after it whole heartedly."

Khamis says that Dando was a great advisor. "She taught me to serve and to value every day that I have to represent our city," he says. "I was proud to have known her. She really cared about our community and did all she could for its residents. She was a strong woman who got things done; she was one of the hardest workers I've ever seen."

"Her smile is something I'll always remember," he says. "She had a very genuine and honest personality; just a very real per-

son. She was one great lady."

Dando's former Legislative Aide Denelle Fedor says that Dando taught her that the role of a public servant is to help make sure there's a level playing field for all and that people are being treated fairly. "Working as her Legislative Aide, I was always in awe," she says. "She might have differences of opinion, but she was always fair. People liked her even if they disagreed. They knew she did what she thought was best for the city."

Fedor says that Dando's
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Bob and Pat Dando enjoy a trip to Squaw Valley.
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relationships mattered to her, even with people she differed with politically. Pat and Cindy Chavez served on a committee together on the City Council. On Chavez's birthday, Dando presented her with chocolate-dipped strawberries from Schurra's, along with her favorite cake from a Los Gatos bakery.

"What I take away is the respect and empathy she had for everyone," she says. "She was a great supporter of the police and fire departments. When the mounted unit stables had holes in the cement, she paid for half of the cost of having it fixed from her budget, making sure the stables were safe for the officers and the horses. As 2004 was the 150th anniversary for the fire department, she raised money for

the ball to recognize the firefighters. When the Strong Neighborhood Initiative was starting, District 10 wasn't included. She identified Hoffman/Via Monte, fighting the city council to include them. During budget problems, she supported the employees and keeping the mail room intact. She never forgot where she came from. She was very grounded and never forgot her roots."

Dando was born on June 1, 1946, in Vernon, Texas. Shortly afterwards, the family moved to Killeen, Texas to start a laundry business serving Fort Hood. Dando grew up helping with the laundry as a child and as a teenager, she helped her mother, Julia, manage rental properties. Dando said that her mother was her inspiration and the source of some of her most enduring traits, including the value of hard work and personal responsibility. "She was spunky, spontaneous and outgoing," she said.

In 1964, Dando enrolled at the University of North Texas. She met her husband, Bob, when a friend set them up on a blind date. A year later, they were wed. When Bob, an army lieutenant, was discharged, he took a job with General Electric in New York. While there, Dando completed her degree in elementary education and taught school full-time in 1974.

When elementary school classes toured City Hall, Fedor says that Dando would shake each child's hand, look him/her in the eye, and say, "It was nice to meet you," including their name. "She was a good person," says Fedor. "She was a wonderful, heart-of-gold human being. I was blessed to have had her in my life. I'm going to miss her so much."

Dando wasn't only a civic leader, but also a mother and grandmother. "My mom will be remembered for her work to support her constituents in District 10 and the larger city of San Jose," says her daughter, Lesa Triolo, "but I think what she would be most proud of is her 50-year marriage to my dad and raising her three children, Todd, Lesa and Kyle, and nine grandchildren. No matter how busy she was, she always prioritized her time with family, whether it was flying across the country for the birth of her grandchild or making sure Halloween care packages were decorated and delivered on time. She always made sure we each knew how much she loved us."

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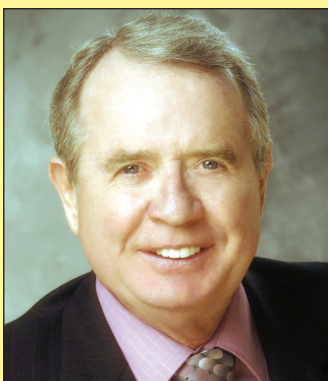


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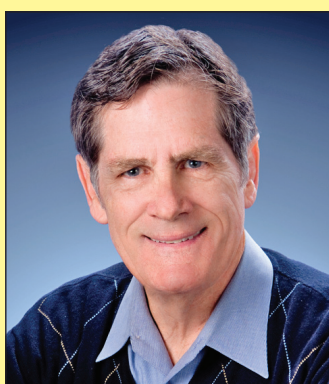


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