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Aging in PLACE

KATHY MCCORMICK
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You could say that Garth Mann has a unique view of the world. The former optician sees through rose-coloured glasses, continually expanding his vision since his sights turned to condominium development.

More than three decades

ago, Mann started what is now the Statesman Group of Companies, creating what was then one of the first communities of its kind dedicated specifically to meet the needs of the aging population. The villa concept was born — complete communities that had duplex-style bungalows for

active adults. The homes were placed together and fenced for privacy. “What a Beautiful Way to Live” became the slogan and the concept expanded as more developments popped up.

Mann’s vision expanded to seniors’ centres that had it all — from self-contained condo suites to extensive amenities and services in a luxurious setting. Now the latest community has evolved, combining the best of all the other projects.

Riverside Quays is located in Inglewood and it recently opened with three show suites and an extensive amenity centre. It is a “live, work, shop and play” community, says Mann.

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Garth Mann, president and founder of the Statesman Group of Companies, outside the Riverside Quays project in southeast Calgary.

CONDO SHORTS

Orphans need sponsors

A group of people in the home-building industry are working to bring 18 orphans from India to Calgary in an exchange program with schools May 25 to June 8. With the help of the non-profit group For the Love of Children, the group is being led by Ne-sha Senan-Nakhwa, who spent time in an orphanage in India in 2004. The group is canvassing the residential construction industry for sponsors.

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Seniors want safety

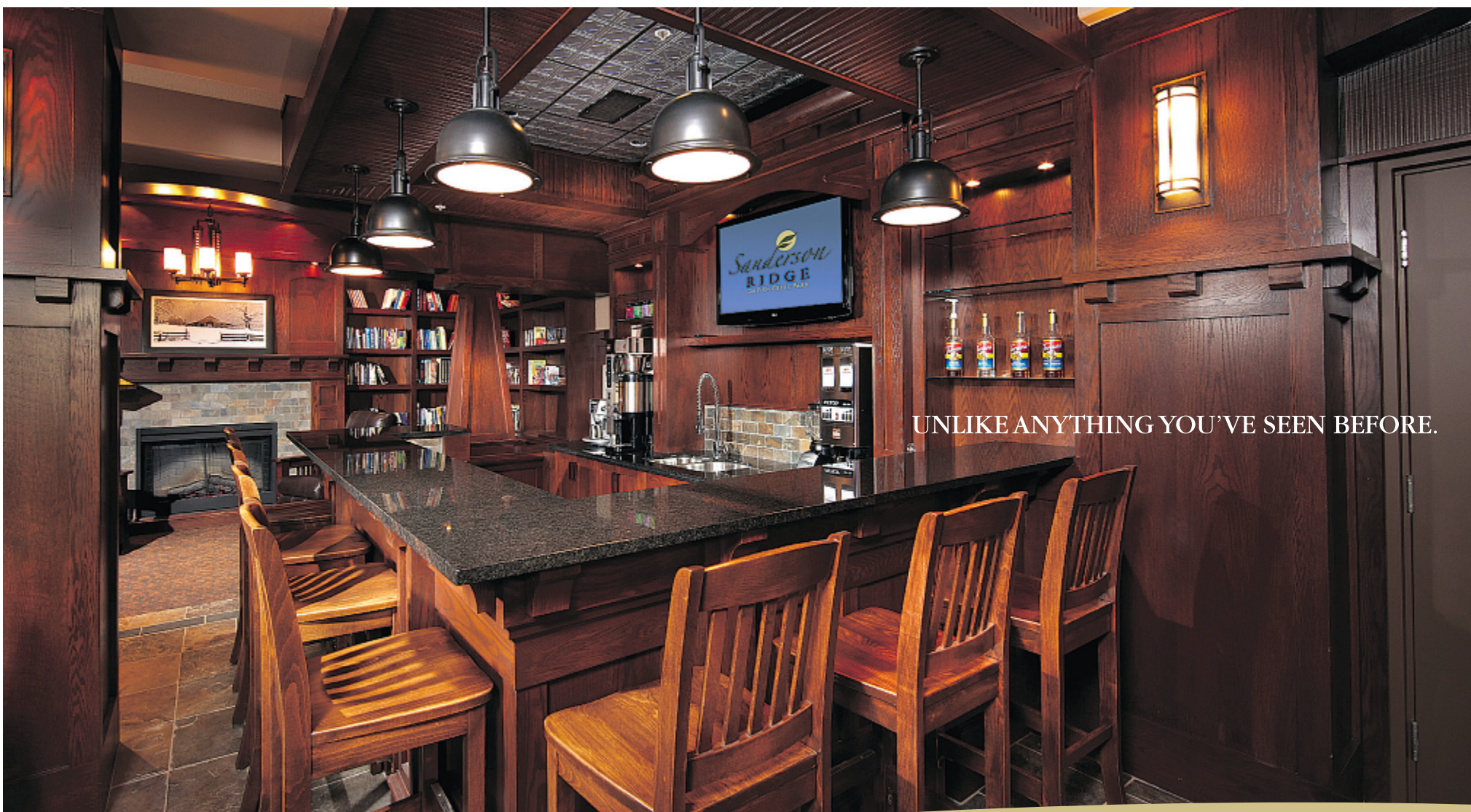
Bathrooms are the most important home improvement for seniors, says a U.S. consumer website. The report was made by angles list.com, which has more than one million consumers providing recommendations. A recent poll of contractors says seniors want grab bars in bathrooms, along with walk-in shower/tub enclosures instead of bathtubs, and vanities and lower light switches to accommodate wheelchairs, says the National Association of Home Builders in the U.S.

— Kathy McCormick

Helping the homeless

National Housing Day is an initiative to spur ideas toward solving homelessness by networking with people and businesses involved in social housing. This year’s recent breakfast in Calgary featured Robert Sipka, CEO of Kanas Corp. His topic was Opportunity Knocks: Opening Doors for all Calgarians. The company recently received \$7.5 million from the provincial government to build a 100-unit affordable housing development called Lumino West.

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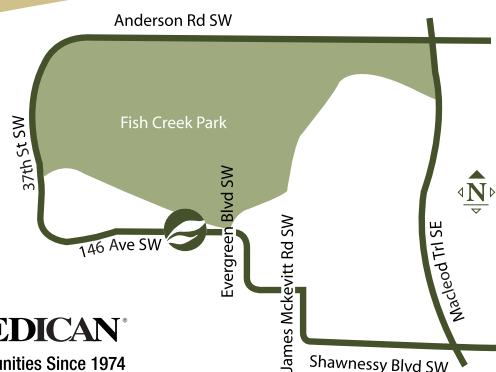
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