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Jim Ortbal, Interim Director, San Jose Department of Transportation, has an eye to the future.
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Chase Bank robbery suspect wanted

The San Jose Police Department is asking for the public's assistance identifying and locating a female suspect responsible for two local bank robberies.

On November 3, 2015 at approximately 11:53 a.m., a bank robbery occurred at 6471 Almaden Expressway (Chase Bank). A female suspect (pictured) entered the bank and gave the victim teller a note demanding cash and stating she was armed with a gun. The victim complied out of fear and gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the scene



and is still outstanding. No injuries were reported. On November 4, 2015 at approximately 1:11 p.m., a bank robbery occurred at 6061 Snell Ave (US Bank located inside of Nob Hill Market). An unknown female entered the bank and gave the victim teller a note demanding cash and stating she was armed with a gun. The victim complied out of fear and gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the scene in a black sedan and is still outstanding. No injuries were reported.

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City Transportation: 'The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly'

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

From frustrations with traffic lights along Almaden Expressway, to overcrowded bicycle lanes and street maintenance funding deficits, intense discussion focused on transportation at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting. "We try to deliver the most efficient, effective transportation system we can, given the resources we have available," says Jim Ortbal, Interim Director, San Jose Department of Transportation. "Running a big city transportation system is a major undertaking."

The San Jose Department of Transportation is responsible for local streets, pavement maintenance, traffic signals, street lights, traffic signs, roadway markings, sidewalks, street trees, parking facilities, sanitary sewers, and storm drains.

As roads, traffic signals, and sewers have to function all the time, the Department of Transportation staff works 24/7 every day of the year, ready to respond to issues.

"We're there to plan, develop, operate and maintain the city's transportation system," says Ortbal. If a traffic signal is out, or
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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: Meet Mohammed Qutmiera

By Nirban Singh
Times Staff Writer

This feature explores and reflects the lives of different Almaden Valley residents with the goal of introducing interesting perspectives and views. It raises awareness and appreciation for our neighbors through unique insights that otherwise would have remained unknown.

I often see Mohammed when I'm outside getting the mail or just going for a walk. He seems to be a happy person since he always smiles when he greets me. Although I thought Mohammed to be a nice and simple family man, I didn't know his true background.

After sitting down and chatting with Mohammed, I was able to find out much more about him. This interview is insightful and dives into who Mohammed really is.

Nirban: How long have you lived in Almaden Valley?

Mohammed: 10 years

Nirban: What do you do for a living?

Mohammed: I am an Operations Director for Lockheed Martin.

Nirban: Could you elaborate more on what you work on and why you chose this profession?

Mohammed: My dream was to be an aero-space engineer in high school. So, I went to school for robotical engineering and then I joined Lockheed which is the number one aerospace company in the world. I've been with Lockheed for about 30 years now.



"There is a sense of caring here and really great relationships with the neighbors, especially the people involved in soccer." - Mohammed Qutmiera

Nirban: Could you tell me about a project or an accomplishment that you consider to be the most significant in your 30 years at Lockheed?

Mohammed: There are a lot of them, but every time we launch a satellite it is like a new birth, a new accomplishment. I've launched more than 50 satellites in my career.

Nirban: Is there any launch that stands out to you out of all of them?

Mohammed: The one that's coming up next.

Nirban: So, let's shift gears a

bit... What do you do in your free time?

Mohammed: I walk, exercise, and love soccer. I go around with the kids, take them to the fields, and watch their soccer games.

Nirban: What do you like about Almaden Valley and why?

Mohammed: Well, I like the environment in Almaden Valley. I like the mountains very much. I really like the people and the sense of community. There is a sense of caring here and really great relationships with the neighbors, especially the people involved in soccer. It's a very great community to

raise kids and have a family.

Nirban: How do you think Almaden Valley can improve?

Mohammed: Well we could improve by less expansion definitely and having a sports complex in Almaden that's welcome for our kids so they can grow on sports. Normally, we borrow fields but we get kicked off some fields because we don't have priorities and we end up scrambling. It would really be great to have a sportsplex here also I think there is a lot of improvement on the roads, so that's going on but we definitely do not need more expansion.

Nirban: So, what do you think of the new shopping complex off of Highway 85 and Almaden Expressway?

Mohammed: That traffic junction itself: I heard it is the busiest in San Jose before they built the Bass Pro Shops and now I'd imagine it's going to make it worse. It's the same size roads, same size freeways which means we are going to have backups after backups and god forbid if you have accidents; it's going to make it worse for everybody.

Nirban: So you are really against expansion it seems?

Mohammed: Absolutely. We could expand an area that has open space which is great. That makes things easy on everybody but not when we have congestions.

Nirban: What adjectives best describe you?

Mohammed: I'm very optimistic, enthusiastic, and a team player.

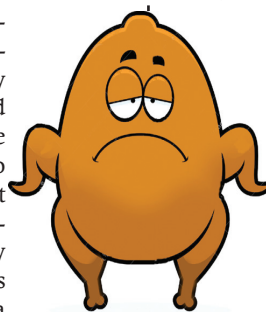
Second Harvest Food Bank asking for turkeys

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County needs turkeys so the local pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters that depend on Second Harvest for food can provide their clients with a traditional holiday meal. This year's goal is 19,000 turkeys and Second Harvest still needs more than 8,000 turkeys.

Turkeys can be dropped off at Second Harvest Food Bank's Curtner Center in San Jose (750 Curtner Avenue) and Bing Center in San Carlos (1051 Bing Street). The Food Bank has extended its dock hours to make donating easier. Frozen turkeys are best and turkeys should not be placed in the food collection barrels located throughout the community.

"We know that for many families, a turkey dinner is an important tradition," said Kathy Jackson, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank. "We are depending on the community to help us meet our turkey goal. But we also need monetary donations to help feed our hungry neighbors long after the holidays are over. Nearly a quarter of a million people rely on Second Harvest for food every month, during the holidays and all year long."

The Food Bank launched its Holiday Food and Fund Drive last month with a goal of raising \$15 million and 2 million pounds of



food. This is a critical drive because Second Harvest raises nearly half its annual revenues during the holiday season.

Second Harvest's Curtner Center dock in San Jose is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week; from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 21; and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 22.

For more information about holiday dock hours or to make a donation, visit www.SHFB.org or call (866) 234-3663. Anyone who needs food should call Second Harvest's Food Connection hotline at (800) 984-3663.

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On Nov. 3 and 4, An unknown female (pictured above) entered local banks and gave the victim tellers a note demanding cash and stating she was armed with a gun. The victim complied out of fear and gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash.

Robbery

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Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Michael Villanueva #3410 of the San Jose Police Department's Robbery Unit at (408) 277-4166.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

Latest phone scam hits Almaden Valley

Several residents have reported receiving calls from a scam artist stating he represented the sheriff's department and that there was a warrant out against them for failure to appear at a recent Jury selection appointment.

The caller, according to witnesses, sounded very official saying they were required to appear in Superior Court on Nov 30. The caller gave them the time, case number and

the Judge's name. He explained that since they did not have a criminal record, their cases would probably be dismissed.

The caller requested that \$400 be sent for a bond by going to a drug store, or to use pay pal, or use a cash card. The caller explained the money would most likely be paid back after they appeared in court.

Unfortunately, an elderly woman was conned out of \$4,000 using this scam on Nov. 9.

In most cases, if someone actually missed a jury selection appointment, a second notice would be sent by the court.

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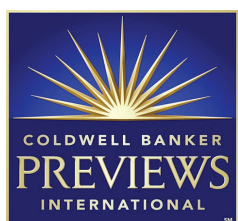
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Socks for seniors celebrates 15 year of giving

Socks for Seniors is celebrating its 15th year as a service project collecting and distributing new socks for seniors throughout the country.

Each year, thousands of lonely and financially challenged seniors struggle with the holiday blues. They dread facing the holiday season alone - some being without family or friends, some with the isolation of being a widow or widower.

Some seniors just being away from children and grandchildren produces extreme loneliness that's exaggerated by festivities of the season.

Socks for Seniors and its volunteers have one priority this Holiday Season and that is to bring holiday cheer along with a pair of new socks to warm the hearts and cover the cold feet of our elderly seniors.

The Socks for Seniors program benefits those living alone and in nursing homes and yes even those seniors that are homeless.

For more information, visit socksforseiors.com.



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Whole Foods Almaden location sponsoring 'Gifts for Teens'

Whole Foods Market, located at Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Rd. is sponsoring "Gifts for Teens" as their "Nickels for Non Profit Recipient" thru January 17th.

Whole Foods Market will be donating all money raised under this program to help "Gifts for Teens" support homeless and low income South Bay teenagers with much needed items such as clothes, food certificates, and gift bags filled with useful teen oriented items.

Every time you shop at the Whole Foods, bring in your own re-usable bags. Simply tell the cashier at the end of the transaction you would like to donate the bag refund, and Whole Foods Market will donate five cents to "Gift for Teens" for each bag you bring through the register. The program is expected to raise thousands of dollars.

Editor's note: The local Blossom Hill location is the only participating Whole Foods Market participating in the "Gifts for Teens" program.

Volunteers needed to fill holiday gift bags for needy teens

"Gifts for Teens" is excited about its new assembly site where 1,300 holiday gift bags will be filled with needed toiletries and clothes for local low income and homeless teenagers.

The new assembly site is the Scottish Rite Center, Address: 2455 Masonic Drive, San Jose 95125. Location: centrally located just off Hwy. 87, one block from Curtner and Canoas Garden Dr.

Bag assembly dates are during the first two weeks of December.

Help fill a bag and bring a smile to a needy teen this holiday!

To volunteer, contact cheryl@gifts4teens.org.



Accident on Almaden Expressway takes life of 40-year-old woman

The San Jose Police Department is investigating a vehicle fatality that took the life of 40-year-old Danela Dominguez after hitting a tree with her dark blue pickup truck on Almaden Expressway on Oct 9.

The accident occurred early Monday on Almaden Expressway near Redmond Avenue at 3:55 a.m. Upon arrival officers located a pickup truck with major damage. An adult male passenger was able to get out of the vehicle; however, two occupants, Dominguez and another adult male were trapped inside.

Fire and medical personnel arrived on scene and extricated the Dominguez and an adult male passenger from the truck. Dominguez was pronounced deceased at the scene. The passengers were transported to a local area hospital and treated for their unspecified injuries.

San Jose police spokesman Officer Albert Morales said that it does not appear that alcohol or drugs factored into the crash.

The San Jose Police Traffic Investigations Unit is handling the ongoing investigation.

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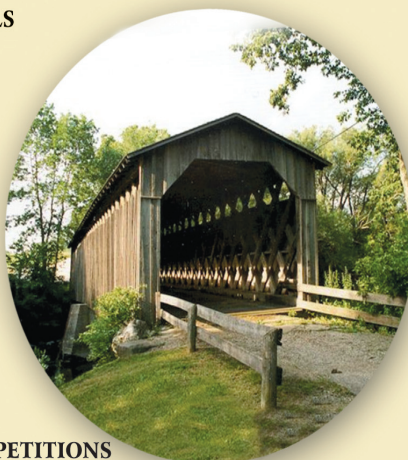
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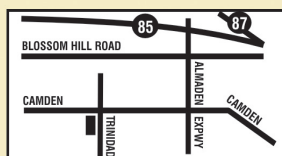
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Santa Clara County repeals fee for property assessments

The charge to dispute your property tax assessment has been repealed. For eight years the charge has been \$40 which was paid whether or not an appeal was won or lost. Not anymore. The Board of Supervisors repealed the fee last week, calling the ruling a fundamental issue of fairness.

Supervisor Joe Simitian, who led the fight to get the charge repealed, said there is no justification for charging a \$40 fee for the right to appeal, and then keeping the fee even after the county agrees there was an error. "That's just adding insult to injury," said Simitian.

Last year there were more than 5,000 appeals processed resulting in the collection of \$218,000. Approximately one-third of them resulted in an adjustment, according to the County Assessor's Office.

Although the fee involved in relatively modest, we shouldn't be charging the public to fix our errors," said Simitian. "It's simply a question of treating the public right."



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What qualifies a person as an expert witness? Part one of two

This week's question:

Maybe I have been watching too many TV shows, but it seems to me that there are all kinds of so-called expert witnesses. What qualifies a person as an expert witness? What safeguards are there to prevent abuse by expert witnesses?

Angie A.

Almaden Valley

Dear Angie,

You have emailed in some interesting questions, Angie. Let me see what California law might apply to your questions.

First of all, let's look at basic qualifications needed to qualify one as an expert witness. California Evidence Code §720 provides that a person is qualified to testify as an expert if he (or she) has special knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education sufficient to qualify him (or her) as an expert on the subject to which his (or her) testimony relates.

Almaden Times readers can enter that and any other law in their computer browsers and the provision will be on their monitors in about a half a second.

That law goes on to state that a witness' special knowledge, skill, experience, training or education may be shown by any otherwise admissible evidence, including his (or her) own testimony.

Of course, one of the fundamental principles of our system of justice is the right of cross-examination. §721(a) of the California Evidence Code states that subject to §721(b), a witness testifying as an expert may be cross-examined to the same extent as any other witness and, in addition, may be fully cross-examined as to (1) his or her qualifications, (2) the subject to which his or her expert testimony relates, and (3) the matter upon which his or her opinion is based and the reasons for his or her opinion.

Evidence Code §721(b) provides that if a witness testifying as an expert testifies in the form of an opinion, he or she may not be cross-examined in regard to the content or tenor of any scientific, technical, or professional text, treatise, journal, or similar publication unless any of the following occurs:

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The publication has been established as a reliable authority by the testimony or admis-

sion of the witness or by other expert testimony or by judicial notice. (More about "judicial notice" in a future Almaden Times article.)

That provision closes by providing that if admitted, relevant portions of the publication may be read into evidence but may not be received as exhibits.

Another interesting provision is California Evidence Code §722, entitled "Appointment Revealed to Jury—Compensation as proper Subject of Inquiry". It provides in (a) that the fact of the appointment of an expert witness by the court may be revealed to the trier of fact (i.e., the jury).

Subsection(b) of §722 states that the compensation and expenses paid or to be paid to an expert witness by the party

calling him (or her) is a proper subject of inquiry by any adverse party as relevant to the credibility of the witness and the weight of his (or her) testimony.

It has been my experience that judges and juries alike more often than not focus on the precise issues they should when analyzing the effect of expert witness testimony. Of course, when stories are made into television shows, all kinds of extraneous material is shown, sometimes true and sometimes not so true.

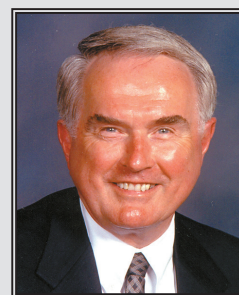
It also seems to me that there are very adequate safeguards in place so that there is very little, if any, abuse in real courtrooms because of expert witnesses. I would encourage our readers to pay a visit at Santa Clara County Superior Court, 191 North First Street, San Jose, to sit in on a real trial and see our system of justice at work. Most trials are public and there is usually ample seating.

This is such a fascinating topic, Angie, that it will require a second article on this topic, one that covers such issues pertaining to experts as opinions of experts, reasons for their opinions, exclusion of opinions based on improper matter, and other issues.

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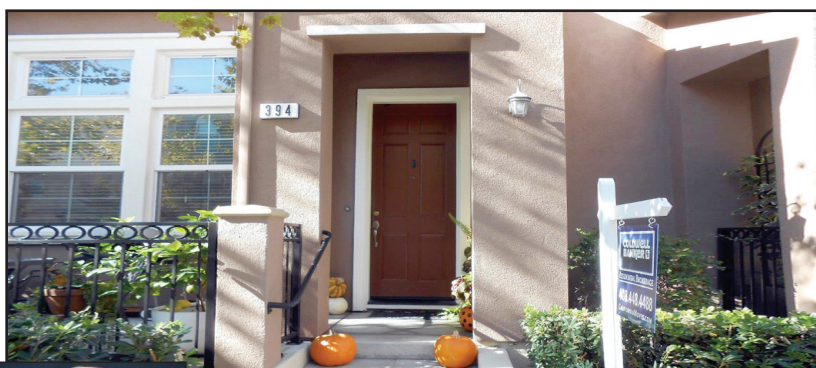
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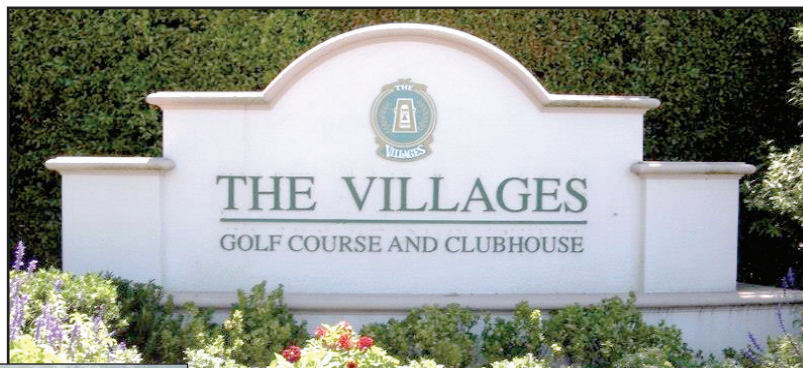
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MSRP.....\$31,490
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$4,202
SALE PRICE.....\$27,288
CHRYSLER CALIF. 2015 BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$1,200

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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15 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP.....-\$4,000
CHRYSLER CALIF. 2015 BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$500
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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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MSRP.....\$27,990
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,202
SALE PRICE.....\$24,788
CHRYSLER CALIF. BC 2016 RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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2015 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

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65 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

MSRP.....\$33,635
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$4,147
SALE PRICE.....\$29,488
CHRYSLER CALIF. 2015 BC CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CALIF. 2015 BC RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$1,000
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Times News

T-MOBILE CELL TOWER TO BE BUILT

Almaden rezoning activities in the spotlight

The T-Mobile tower at 7144 Webb Canyon is scheduled to be built following a hearing on October 28. The hearing was on the San Jose Planning Director's agenda for October 21, but then it was deferred to October 28, when it was subject to a Public Hearing. Following the hearing, the proposal to build the cell tower was approved. The Almaden Times will update readers as soon as more information is available.

At 18966 Almaden Road, just south of its intersection with Almaden Expressway, KCS

Properties is preparing the land for 10 new homes. More details are pending.

R & J Properties has requested rezoning a 0.91 acre tract at the corner of Mancuso St. and Redmond Ave. located at 12360 Redmond Ave., about one block east of Meridian Ave.

The existing zoning on this site was incorporated in the Envision 2040 General Plan to reflect its use as a daycare center. R & J's request, GP15-003, would allow the construction of four single family homes instead of the day-

care facility.

Two pending residential developments are moving forward at 6468 Almaden Road. The 1900 farmhouse is being offered as a renovation project, while the remaining land is being prepared for seven houses.

Tulip Daycare has applied for a building permit combining two separate lots (6920 and 6922 Almaden Expressway), near CVS, into a combined 2,880 square foot facility. The new Daycare will accommodate nearly 40 children.

Cyberattack shuts down San Jose Police Department's website

A drawn-out cyberattack has kept the San Jose Police Department's website down for several days is now back online.

The attack affected several other city websites which kept the city's IT engineers busy.

The breach was a distributed denial of service, or DDoS, which interrupts an online service by bombarding it with traffic from thousands of sources.

Hackers create botnets that infect thousands of computers which take over computers by sending out malware via emails.

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Traffic-related suggestions heard to help save lives

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose city officials recently met with residents to discuss ways to prevent traffic-related deaths on busy Silicon Valley streets.

It was the final meeting stemming from the city’s “Vision Zero” project. The project’s goal is to create safer streets through road evaluations, public education and traffic enforcement.

The Nov. 4 meeting at the Edenvale Public Library focused on priority streets in, including Almaden Expressway, Capitol Expressway and Branham Lane. More than 40 people died on these thoroughfares according to data supplied by the City Department of Transportation.

The meetings targeted three percent of San Jose’s streets which surprisingly account for half of the city’s traffic-related deaths since 2013 have occurred on the roadways. Most of the fatalities happened at night when pedestrians were crossing the street, often not in crosswalks.

Most of the suggestions centered around educating the public such as emphasizing the importance of making themselves more visible to drivers at night, infrastructure improvements such as LED light upgrades.



Street renovation status in and around Almaden Valley

LOCATION:	TREATMENT	STATUS
Blossom Hill Road from Harwood to Meridian	Resurfacing	Complete
Camden Avenue from Coleman Rd to Almaden Expwy	Resurfacing	Ramps done. Paving as weather/temps permit. Likely to complete in spring 2016.
Camden Avenue from Almaden Expwy to Shearwater	Resurfacing	Paving complete; striping due in November.
Camden Avenue from Shearwater to Harry Rd	Sealing	Complete
Coleman Road from Redmond to Almaden Expwy	Resurfacing	Base repairs complete; paving by December
Santa Teresa from Blossom Hill to Steinbeck	Resurfacing	Spring 2016
Trinidad Drive from Crown to Camden	Resurfacing	Paving complete; striping in November
Trinidad Drive from Almaden Expwy to Crown	Sealing	Complete

Updated: November 9, 2015

Although several San Jose police officers attended the meeting and answered questions—mostly about traffic enforcement—some residents were concerned that firefighters and paramedics didn’t show up. Israel Leal said he was

worried about how well departments would communicate with each other if traffic changes are made.

A future meeting may be planned based on additional input from residents.

CALM ADVICE FROM CHARLES “CHICKEN” LITTLE

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Water district’s top tips this flood season

- Prepare a family disaster plan.
- Make an emergency kit for your home and car.
- Keep a full tank of gas in your car.
- Know your local streams and drainage channels.
- Purchase flood insurance for your home.
- Avoid low-lying areas and learn the best route to high ground.
- Never drive through flooded areas. Just one foot of water will float away most cars.
- Designate a family meeting spot in the event of an emergency.
- Check for current data on stream, reservoir and precipitation gauge information at www.valleywater.org/services/alert.aspx.



Times **Feature**

Revisiting Dick and Jane and Elsie the Borden Cow

By Frank Shortt

Times Staff Writer

Most senior citizens are very familiar with the Dick and Jane readers used in the 1940's and 1950's. Who is not familiar with the face of Elmer the Bull on the label of Elmer's glue or the Texaco Dalmatian puppies?

The illustrations for Dick and Jane, Elmer the Bull, Elsie the Borden Cow, (who, by the way was Elmer's wife) are all creations of the same illustrator, Keith Ward. Quite by accident, I was able to meet Keith on the telephone a few years ago.

I visited Bingham's Gallery in downtown San Jose and we were discussing some beautiful impressionistic paintings that had just arrived in the gallery. They were by Keith Ward. The conversation took a turn as to what Keith Ward was known for in the art world.

Paul Bingham, owner of the gallery, explained that many advertisements that we have enjoyed through the years had been the creations of Keith Ward. I then asked, "When did Keith create Elsie the Borden Cow for the Borden Milk Company?" Paul replied, "Here is his phone number, why don't you just call him and ask him?"

I made that call and began to learn a lot about this humble, yet enthusiastic, artist. He told me that Borden was looking for an image of their Elsie to travel around the country with her for advertisement during the New York World's Fair of 1939. Keith was more than glad to submit his idea of Elsie and the result was that a full size image of her traveled with the real Elsie all over America. This led to several commissions for Mr. Ward, including Elmer the Bull, later used for the Elmer's glue label.

There were Elsie and Elmer drinking glasses, drinking straws, cream pitchers, measuring cups, children's books, coloring books, etc. The longer lasting of the images have been Elsie's image on the milk containers, and Elmer's image on the glue bottle. The family consisted of Elmer, Elsie, their daughter Bea, and Beauregard their son.

I sent Ward a poem as a tribute to his artistic creativity and contributions to Americana.

Keith

Where so skilled an artisan as he?
Taught in the illustrator's trade,
In the early phase of his sojourn,
Many fine characters he made.

Dick and Jane, Elmer and Elsie,
Inventions of his fertile mind
Plying his trade so diligently,
Placed among the best of his kind.

A painter of impressionistic views
A master teacher of much renown
Resting upon laurels of success
The talk of many a town.

Where so skilled an artisan as he?
Many have tried and failed,
His fame and aptitude to reach,
Their disappointments oftentimes bewailed.

A God given talent not wasted,
Bringing much joy to mankind,
Now is passed on to others
Who, they hope, their niche to find.

In order to explain how Keith Ward broke into Illustration, it's best to allow him to do it in his own words:

"Dear Frank—Thank you for your letter and poem. I'm assuming you acquired my paintings from Paul Bingham (Bingham's Gallery in San Jose, Ca.) and that he gave you my address. I'm pleased to sign the illustrations in the book you sent (Elson's Reader published by Scott-Foresman) though the only ones of mine that I could find were for 'Jack and the Beanstalk'! These were some of the earliest published works, done around 1925 to 1930."

"I had gone to Chicago in 1927 with a couple of artist friends from Portland, Oregon. 'The Big Adventure' going east to break into the world of 'Art' in the Big City. My first job was, you might say, an apprenticeship of a year and a half with a publisher (Shepard and Lawrence, Inc.) of an eight volume set of graded literature called 'Book Trails' for children. Some of these must still be around somewhere, if you care to inquire."

"This (the) little project for Scott-Foresman was one of my first free-lance works when I started out on my own. Over the next 10 or 15 years I illustrated a great many stories for them, including several of the 'Dick and Jane' series."

"Many of the other artists who worked on stories in this book you sent me, I recognize as having contributed to the 'Book

Trails' set as well." (Donn P. Crane, Alexander Key, F. Fike, Holling and Holling, etc.)

"I guess Scott-Foresman drew on them as a ready-made source for their own use."

"During this period I did a number of books for Rand McNally, including my first complete book, called 'Jolly Animals'. You might run across it, though that was a long time ago, probably 1929."

"I've never had a poem written about me before, and I feel rather set-up about it. Thank you for the sentiments expressed. In return, I am sending you and autographed copy of a little book on impressionistic painting that was published about six years ago."

"I have just recently completed a home study course of Impressionistic painting, consisting of ten step-by-step lessons. If you paint, or are interested in starting to paint in oils, and feel this might have some interest for you, let me know and I would be happy to send you more information about it."

"Thank you for your letter, your interest and your 'special' poem. You've really made my day."

Sincerely, Keith Ward



This was only one of several communications I received from Keith in the years following. He communicated until he was too feeble to write. I was heartbroken to learn that he had passed away in a nursing facility in Jamestown, California on March 23, 2000. He will be remembered as long as there are those who remember his work in the Dick and Jane readers, Borden's Elsie and Elmer

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San Jose Unified releases first official results of State's new assessment program

The California Department of Education (CDE) released preliminary, baseline results of the state's new testing program, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Summative Assessments (S-BAC).

This new assessment, aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), was administered this spring in English language arts and mathematics to students in grades 3-8 and 11. As part of the release of these first official scores, the report shows the results for 67,000 assessments completed by San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) students.

"This is an exciting time for us in San Jose Unified as we have been working for several years to get to this point and now we're seeing the results," says San José Unified Superintendent of Schools Dr. Vincent Matthews.

San Jose Unified S-BAC highlights:

51 percent of all San Jose Unified students in all grade levels Met or Exceeded Standard on the English language arts portion of the assessment compared to 44 percent of all California students.

61 percent of San José Unified 11th graders Met or Exceeded Standard in English language arts.

39 percent of all San José Unified students in all grade levels Met or Exceeded Standard on the mathematics section of the assessment compared to 34 percent of all California students.

Student results were broken out into four performance levels—Standard Exceeded, Standard Met, Standard Nearly Met, and Standard Not Met.

As San Jose Unified district staff analyzes the performance of its students in these first official results, a

breakdown shows that the school district still has room for improvement with closing the gap between its subgroup of students.

San Jose Unified's S-BAC Performance Gap:

The widest districtwide gap can be found in the performance of students in the third grade where 71 percent of white students met or exceed the English language arts standard compared to 23 percent of Hispanic students, the district's largest subgroup per student enrollment. In mathematics, third grade white students had a 71 percent met or exceeded standard compared to 24 percent for Hispanic student performance.

At the secondary level, a large gap also can be tracked in seventh grade mathematics where 60 percent of white students met or exceed the standard while only 18 percent of Hispanic students met that mark.

The baseline results show that students need support as they learn the new standards; the school district has implemented a plan with additional training and resources to continue its focus with supporting both teachers and students.

Instructional Support to Close the Gap:

3rd Grade English language arts:

This school year, the district will continue to pilot early literacy resources.

District staff will facilitate additional professional development to support teachers in using novels and *Achieve3000*, an online adaptive learning program for students in grades 3-5.

The school district will focus on writing instruction using a new curriculum.

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Six-year-old Jenna Brennan set up a lemonade stand this spring to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Drugs price controls threaten Cystic Fibrosis patients

By Lisa Yourman

Special to the Times

When 6-year-old Jenna Brennan set up a lemonade stand this spring, her goal was to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis “one cup at a time.”

Sadly, she could end up selling lemonade for the rest of her life. Right now, lawmakers across the country are pushing to impose price controls on innovative drugs designed to treat the disease, and if they succeed, research and development will grind to a halt.

There isn't a cure for cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening disease that causes persistent and severe lung infections. Today, the best that patients can hope for is to live life as normally as possible.

Both my children — Sarah, who is 25, and Jeffrey, who is 22 — have cystic fibrosis and have had tremendous successes with available treatments. But they're in the minority. Of the 30,000 Americans who have cystic fibrosis, only about 10,000 respond to the “personalized medicine” drug therapies currently available. My kids lead active lives because of their medications, but for those who don't respond to therapy, dying is like drowning slowly. And average life expectancy is 41 years.

Treatment options for cystic fibrosis are few and expensive. New drugs from Vertex Pharmaceuticals — Kalydeco and Orkambi — cost \$250,000 to \$350,000 a year. They're not cures, but maintenance treatments that must be taken every day. Those prices might seem exorbitant. But biopharmaceutical research costs are quite hefty; a new study from Tufts University pegs the development cost for the average new medicine at \$2.6 billion! Plus, medicines are generally less expensive than acute care costs — not only for payers, but for patients striving for a better quality of life.

Price controls will remove any possibility

of recovering upfront development costs, thus turning back the clock on life-changing new medicines. Consider the advances in cystic fibrosis treatments. Thirty years ago, a diagnosis was essentially a death sentence. Life expectancy in America was 12 years. But great strides have been made since then. My children live full lives because of the medications they take every day. Sarah has two bachelor's degrees and will soon complete an internship/Master's program to become a registered dietitian. Jeffrey plans to have the next great addicting iOS game application ready by the time he graduates college.

Yet some members of Congress want the government to implement de facto price controls by “negotiating” artificially low prices in Medicare's prescription drug benefit. In states like Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, politicians are considering bills that would explicitly cap drug prices. I challenge every lawmaker who would consider enacting price controls to look me or any parent of a child with cystic fibrosis, straight in the eye and tell us our children's lives aren't worth saving.

There is hope. Breakthrough therapies for hepatitis C and AIDS show that pharmaceutical companies can produce “miracle drugs.” So does the development of Orkambi, which could eventually treat half of all cystic fibrosis patients. Breakthrough medicines won't be developed if policymakers cap prices. Rather than a cap, solutions are needed to maintain incentives for the pharmaceutical industry while programs can be created to help alleviate out-of-pocket costs to patients.

Those asking the government to step in with price caps are well-intentioned, yet their efforts hurt patients. Shutting down development of breakthrough drugs would be short-sighted and harmful.

Lisa Yourman is coalition chair of Action CF, an advocacy group for those who suffer from cystic fibrosis.

Assessment

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3rd Grade Mathematics:

The school district will continue to use Dreambox, an online adaptive learning program and provide ongoing professional development to support teachers with using this tool effectively.

The school district will pilot a new mathematics curriculum. If recommended by the pilot committee and approved by the Board, professional development and initial imple-

mentation begins second semester.

School district staff will support teachers in using the mathematics unit assessments data to inform their instruction.

7th Grade Mathematics:

This school year, the district will pilot new resources in Algebra 1 to Algebra 2 Accelerated classes.

Collaborative sessions and training will take place throughout the school year around the new resources.

A two-day training in August for all Algebra 1 to Algebra 2 Accelerated teachers.

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Working alongside the San Jose Department of Transportation is the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA), which is a county-wide transit system including light rail and buses. The VTA also manages state highway projects and express lanes. The County of Santa Clara Roads Department manages the county expressway system, as well as local county roads in unincorporated county pockets.

Some residents are fed up with both the traffic and traffic lights along Almaden Expressway. “I would like to know what the hell the rationale was behind a whole network of streets going through our city,” says a resident, “and we’re not responsible for them—the county is.”

The county expressway system, which was designed in the 1950s, started operation in 1961. “The idea behind it was to provide an additional significant transportation system that could move lots of vehicles and support a growing county and valley,” says Ortbal. “It certainly serves an important transportation purpose, but there are challenges in terms of impact to the community.”

“How can you call it an expressway? There’s a traffic light every 10 feet,” says a resident.

“It’s an urban area,” says Ortbal. “You need your established places where vehicles and pedestrians can cross, and things can be done in a safe way.”

“I beg to differ,” says a resident. “You keep mentioning balancing the expressway with local traffic. I understand the concern for speed and safety, but it’s also creating a side effect of people blowing through red lights as a result, and it’s really dangerous because the balance is incorrect. The lights aren’t synchronized, and the traffic volume is beyond the capacity of the roads. It contributes to greater risk.”

“San Joes does have a synchronized approach,” says Ortbal. “We do our best to coordinate the different traffic flows and give priority to main corridors.”

“Almaden Expressway is a good example of a dysfunctional system,” says a resident.

“There’s a lot of traffic,” says Ortbal, “and it’s not going to change.”

“It’s changing for the worse,” says a resident.

One resident appreciates the quick response of the Department of Transportation’s maintenance department. “I called about a street light that was out,” he says, “and it was fixed that day. Two weeks later, I called at 6 a.m. about the flashing street lights on Meridian and it was fixed at 9 a.m. I think you’re doing a good job.”

Sharing the Road

The Department of Transportation is developing a street network to enable people to safely walk, run, bike, drive, and take public transit. The city council recently approved their Bike Plan 2020 which calls for 500 miles of on-street biking and trail networks around the city. The Plan includes buffered bike lanes to create more space between vehicles and bicyclists and green paint treatments to identify areas potential conflict zones between vehicles and cyclists.

“There are more cyclists,” says a resident, “and we’re moving towards cars and cyclists on the same road. A neighbor was turning right, and a cyclist pounded on her car saying, ‘You’re in my way!’ Some of my neighbors actually walk and run in the street where I’m cycling.”

“When do you reevaluate it and say it isn’t logical to have a 4-ton car and a 100-pound



Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** wants citizens to be prepared for emergencies.

bicycle in the same street?” asks another resident.

“I think you can have that,” says Ortbal. “Bicycling in San Jose for the most part is safe. We have an injury crash rate that’s half the national average. The number of bicycle crashes in the city is less than for vehicles or pedestrians.”

“I bicycle to work,” says a resident, “but there are people with strollers in the bike lane, and people walking that stop to talk to each other.”

“Do we need to label the bike lane, ‘Bikes Only’ like they do in Tahoe?” asks another resident.

“The trail system is shared use for bicyclists and pedestrians,” says Ortbal. “When I ride on the trail, I have to watch my speed. When I want to go at a faster pace on my bike, I search out on-street bike lanes.”

“The issue is trying to bike down Redmond and having people walking in the bike lanes,” says a resident. “What does that do to the safety factor of a bicyclist?”

“I think common sense has to prevail,” says Ortbal. “We’re not going to be out there in every location, regulating every activity. People are going to have to balance it out.”

Ortbal says that he’s more concerned with the motorists in the bike lanes than the pedestrians. “Vehicles must give bicyclists a three-foot buffer: that’s a state law,” he says. “This year, with pavement maintenance, we’re installing green, dashed conflict zones 200 feet from intersections where bicycle lanes and cars turning right meet to let motorists know where to look.”

Street Paving Budget Woes

With the influx of one-time funding this year, major streets like Camden, Santa Teresa, Coleman, and Trinidad received a significant amount of pavement maintenance. Local streets weren’t so lucky and as the budget currently stands, things will go from bad to worse.

“We need \$32 million on an annual basis to maintain priority streets,” says Ortbal, “but just \$13 million is currently allocated. To be able to maintain our 2,400 mile system in good condition, we need \$104 million in funding every year over the next 10 years.”

Making matters worse, during the past five years, a pavement maintenance deferred backlog has built up to the tune of \$500 million. “We don’t have anywhere near what’s needed to maintain the system in an acceptable condition,” says Ortbal. “San Jose is going to face a critical decision point in 2016 to address this pavement maintenance shortfall.”

Part of the problem, he says, is that no property tax, sales tax, or utility tax goes to the Department of Transportation for street maintenance. Instead, funding comes from state gas tax, city development taxes, and vehicle registration fees. As the price of gas has dropped and the number of electric cars increased, this means less money for street maintenance. “I know taxes aren’t a popular thing,” he says, “but I know what we’re faced with, and it’s a stark choice. It’s clear there isn’t enough funding to maintain the street system the way it needs to be maintained.”

Looking forward

“Land uses in San Jose have created a situation where we can’t keep up with services,” says Ortbal. “From a city financial standpoint, of all the cities in the county, San Jose is probably in the most difficult position. Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara; all these cities on a per capita basis raise much more property tax, sales tax, and utility tax than San Jose.”

Ortbal also says that the number of jobs per resident is a very poor balance. While Palo Alto has three jobs per resident, San Jose has 0.9 jobs per resident. “The way we’ve spread the amount of infrastructure and the service area is very significant,” he says, “as well as what it costs to implement that service.”

One of the city’s fiscal strategies is to create land uses around commercial, retail, and office development. “We’re trying to develop housing closer to jobs on transit lines in a more compact way,” says Ortbal.

Ortbal hopes that even if people are commuting to work during the week, they bike or walk to the market, library or park on weekends. As an added incentive, a proposal was recently submitted to the city to expand the current 16 bike rental stations with 150 bikes to 100 stations with 1,000 bikes.

“We’re trying to create a safer environment with better separation between bikes and pedestrians and vehicles,” he says, “and build that over time. I can assure you that the people in my department are working very hard to make that happen. I’m very proud of the commitment, hard work, and effort they’re putting into it.”

With an eye to zero automobile related fatalities, Ortbal looks forward to a future filled with autonomous vehicles. “The safety of our transportation system has the potential to improve exponentially with self-driving autonomous vehicles,” he says. “Many of today’s higher-end models have autonomous safety features that reduce injury car crashes, like alerts that you’re drifting into another lane, automatically applied brakes, and rear-view cameras.”

Ortbal believes we’ll see significant inroads in autonomous vehicles in the next 10 to 15 years. “The question is will there be private ownership or ride share networks like Uber?” he muses.

Emergency Preparedness

Councilmember Johnny Khamis spoke at the recent AVCA meeting on Emergency Preparedness.

“For this coming year, I’d like us all to be much more prepared for emergencies,” says Khamis. “Something that the city’s been, I have to say, a little more lax on with our budget problems. We need to get stuff back up and start doing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.”

CERT trains and organizes teams of volunteers that provide assistance to their communities before, during, and after disasters. CERT volunteers help others following disasters when professional responders are not immediately available to help, and supplement and support the efforts of professional responders upon their arrival. The CERT program educates participants about how to prepare for hazards that may impact their communities and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

“I did a couple of them when I first started,” says Khamis, “because we had some great volunteers to teach the classes. Now I’m looking for more volunteers to help us get prepared for an earthquake or flood. We live next to a couple of dams that can break. There are many, many potential disasters that I learned about and they scared me to death.”

Khamis is striving to make our communities as prepared as possible for emergencies by allocating a budget to hire trained personnel to lead emergency classes. He also plans to work with the District 10 Leadership Group to better organize communities in the face of disaster.

“I want to make sure you’re all prepared,” he says. “One of the things that freaked me out was that if any of the water lines break, you guys will be out of water very quickly. It’s really important for all families to have at least three days worth of water, that’s five gallons per person, per day. If you don’t have that, you’re not prepared for an emergency. These pipes are old. Please, at a minimum, make sure that you have enough water. If you have water, you live longer.”

Dave Fadness served as Transportation Chair for AVCA. In this capacity, he brought Almaden Valley’s street problems to the attention of the City of San Jose. Dave died on September 29, 2015. Almaden Valley and the entire San Jose community will miss his dedicated service and enthusiasm.



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Times **Features****‘Bird-napped’ crow home safe again**By William Bellou
Publisher

Those who prayed for the safe return of Marley, the bird-napped American crow stolen from the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley can rest easy now. Thanks to Shirley Jones, the beloved crow is home again on Nov 5.

Shirley said she saw the crow standing in her backyard. “I couldn’t believe my eyes,” said Shirley. “I was wondering why he was just standing there but I didn’t want to approach the bird in case the bird was sick or injured.”

Animal control authorities were called and they in turn called the Wildlife Center.

Ashley Kinney of the Wildlife Center said Marley lost some weight and he is suffering from dehydration.

Marley was “bird-napped” from the Wildlife Center on Oct. 24. He requires special housing, food and behavioral care, as he was previously kept illegally as a pet, resulting in losing his natural instincts. Marley has been at the Wildlife Center since June 2011.

Marley was the second bird taken from the center. Now, extra security measures have been put in place to prevent another theft at the center.

Shirley got hugged at the center during



Marley (above) was “bird-napped” from the Wildlife Center on Oct. 24, but is home again thanks to **Shirley Jones**.

the emotional reunion for the crow among employees and volunteers at the center.

The break-in is being investigated by San Jose police. The bird’s enclosure is blocked from public access and not visible to the center’s visitors. This is the second time someone has broken into the facility to steal a bird.

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Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
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For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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Worship listing advertisements are \$495 annually. Please call Brigitte at (408) 558-3623.

Calendar Features

Riverdance

**Nov 24, 2015 7:30 pm through
Nov 29, 2015 6:30 pm**

Back by popular demand, Riverdance - the international Irish dance phenomenon - is returning to San Jose's Center for the Performing Arts for a limited engagement November 24-29, 2015

with Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour. Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music and song.

Of all the performances to emerge from Ireland - in rock, music, theatre and film - nothing has

carried the energy, the sensuality and the spectacle of Riverdance.

Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour is composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty and directed by John McCollgan, and comes directly to North America from a sold out run across Europe and Asia. Go to broadwaysanjosese.com for tickets and information.

Ticket Info: <http://www.ticketmaster.com/venueartist/229426/778497?Brand=broadwaysj>

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Times **Features**

2500 Mega Cab and RAM Laramie reviewed

By Sean Eastwood
Times Staff Writer

The new 2016 RAM trucks are on their way to dealers, so here is the rundown on two popular models, the 1500 Laramie and the 2500 Mega Cab. The new limited trim level brings a new, sophisticated luxury look to the Ram Truck lineup.

Laramie luxury limited 1500 truck

The luxury truck market is growing and that is especially true on first your first encounter with the 2016 Laramie 1500 Limited trim level. The new shimmering grille is impressive and takes after the new Ram Rebel truck that debuted at the North American International Auto Show recently.

The new trim level includes chrome accents along the rocker panels on the doors, the side steps, mirror caps, door handles, and 20-inch wheels. The Dodge Brothers also embedded a massive R-A-M badge along the tailgate.

Inside the bling continues with high quality stitching and piping on real leather seats, real wood accents, and a long list of standard equipment like the 8.4-inch Uconnect infotainment system.

The gauge cluster has been updated with a black background



2500 Mega Cab (left) and RAM Laramie (right)

with liquid graphite-faced gauges accented by liquid chrome rings, similar to a mod watch.

Interior LED accent lighting brings an upscale ambiance at night, in the door handles, foot wells, and lower map pockets that add to a luxury car feel.

The Laramie Limited, has all three engines available as options available including the 5.7-liter HEMI V-8, the larger 6.4-liter HEMI V-8, and the impressive 6.7-liter Cummins inline six-cylinder turbodiesel.

RAM 2500 Mega Cab

When you need serious towing and payload, it's the heavy-duty 3/4- and 1-ton models customers want to buy. With a class-leading tow rating and best-in-class payload and gross combined weight rating, the Ram 2500 Mega Cab is the perfect blend of brawn and beauty.

Exclusive to the Ram brand is a multi-link rear suspension that vastly improves on-road comfort, while an available diesel engine with a manual or automatic transmission gives customers a wide range of choices, making the Ram the best in class for heavy-duty chores.

The standard 5.7 liter Hemi V8 offers plenty of power, enough to tow up to nearly 14,000 pounds, but the larger 6.4-liter Hemi gas engine gives you 16,900 pounds of towing capacity. The 6.7-liter Cummins turbodiesel can dispatch loads up to 15 tons.

In addition to an upgraded high-output Cummins turbodiesel, the 2016 Ram 2500 get a new switchable rear camera and front park assist to help maneuver in parking lots. There's also a new center console design, and Bluetooth connectivity on entry-level radio systems.

The Mega Cab offers the nicest, most comfortable cabins ever to grace a work truck, especially with the optional airbag suspension with automatic load leveling. The Uconnect infotainment system makes the complex seem easy as it features a big 8.4-inch touch screen, conversational voice-recognition software and simple, easy-to-read apps and menus. Many reviewers believe it is the most intuitive full-featured touch screen system available on any vehicle.

Editor's note: Special RAM Truck fleet pricing is available for Time's Newspaper readers, call Adam at: (510) 290-2329, or Email: AdamSouthCounty@gmail.com

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The people and things that matter the most are often closest at hand. Happy Thanksgiving.



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