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If you are catching a flight, the airport recommends travelers arrive at least two hours in advance of flight departure to allow time to park, check bags and to get through security stress free. If you are flying out of Terminal A (United, Delta, American) plan on a 40 minute wait at peak times.

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## Colorful Service Blesses Clans, "Kirkin" Celebrates Tartans at St. Michael's

Story and photos  
By Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - St Michael's Episcopal Church was decked with heather and thistles for a recent pageant that celebrated the regalia of Scottish clans. As kilts swung and bagpipes skirled, ancient tartans (plaids) were proudly presented.

Reverends Rod Davis, John McIntyre and Jason Bense blessed kilts, blankets, shawls -- even neck-ties -- with the sign of the cross. The Sacramento Lodge of Daughters of Scotia hosted the event as a fundraiser for the River City Food Bank.

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Daughters of Scotia members (in white) joined dancers from the Kyla Groeschel School of Highland Dance during celebrations at St Michael's Episcopal Church, Carmichael.



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# Holiday Magic Lights Up Old Sacramento Waterfront

By Traci Rockefeller Cusack

**OLD SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - This holiday season, DOCO (Downtown Commons) proudly presents the 10th Anniversary “Macy’s Theatre of Lights,” an electrifying and family-friendly holiday tradition. Taking place on K Street between Front and 2nd Streets, the ever-popular (and FREE) performances return to dazzle guests to the Old Sacramento Waterfront for more than 20 magical evenings this year.

Each holiday season, it takes many dedicated partners, sponsors and supporting businesses to make this elaborate and FREE holiday light show happen. The spectacular annual event is proudly presented by DOCO (Downtown Commons), Old Sacramento Waterfront and the Downtown Sacramento Partnership with generous support from the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, City of Sacramento, Embassy Suites, Evangeline’s, Sacramento Kings Kids Club, SacPark, SMUD, Steamers and Tri Counties Bank. Additional support is provided by many actively involved Old Sacramento merchants and small business owners.

With the 60’ tall Christmas tree serving as a visually exciting centerpiece, “Macy’s Theatre of Lights” was conceived and created by Stage Nine Entertainment’s Troy Carlson and is produced by some of California’s finest talents in the field of light and sound: Sacramento Theatrical Lighting (STL),



**Spectacular family-friendly performances will continue through Christmas Eve.** Photos by Charr Crail, courtesy of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership

Associated Sound and Skywalker Sound, and Emmy-nominated voice actor Bill Farmer, the voice of Disney’s Goofy.

The “Macy’s Theatre of Lights” artfully mixes the historic charm of the Old Sacramento Waterfront with state-of-the-art sound and lighting technology to create a memorable holiday experience for visitors of all ages. Old Sacramento Waterfront’s “Macy’s Theatre of Lights” blends a symphony of lights, sounds and visual effects that transport the audience back in time with a reading of the famous poem *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Clarke Moore. The narrated reading of the powerful and nostalgic poem is brought to life through theatrical elements and visually-exciting lighting choreography that takes place on the balconies and rooftops of the historic buildings. With updated props and show surprises including “snow” falling on spectators below, the crowd-favorite villain Jack Frost returns this year (always with new tricks up his sleeve) to add dramatic tension and suspense to the show.

Two 20-minute performances are offered on

Thursdays through Sundays at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and also on Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 19. With only one performance only on Christmas Eve, the final “Macy’s Theatre of Lights” performance for the season takes place on December 24 at 6 p.m.

As a special – and often surprising – treat on many nights, local celebrities and influential community members will entertain the audience in the guest role of “papa” or “mama” wearing a stocking cap and oftentimes decked out in holiday pajamas. Community members are encouraged to make the Old Sacramento Waterfront a must-visit holiday destination to experience the magical “Macy’s Theatre of Lights” performances every season while also supporting the array of locally-owned businesses, shops and eateries available in the historic district.

More information about “Macy’s Theatre of Lights” performances and/or other events and activities happening in historic Sacramento is available by calling 916-970-5226 or visiting [www.oldsacramento.com](http://www.oldsacramento.com).

Source: T-Rock Communications ★

# SMUD Protecting Power Poles from Cars and Trucks

Sharp Rise in “Car-Into-Pole” Accidents Jeopardize Public Safety and Power Reliability

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - SMUD has seen a considerable increase in the number of incidents that involve vehicles crashing into the electric utility’s infrastructure, especially power poles. In an effort to mitigate some of those “car-pole” accidents and promote public and worker safety, SMUD is expanding measures designed to reduce the number of vehicle accidents that involve SMUD equipment, thereby reducing the number of associated power outages. The measures are part of an ongoing five-year pilot program that started in 2017.

SMUD data shows an increasing trend of these incidents annually. In 2006 for example, there were 153 accidents where vehicles crashed into SMUD electrical equipment—mostly into power poles. In 2016, there were almost double that number annually—271. Many reasons are cited like increased traffic volume, and distracted and unsafe driving. The result is increased potential for public and worker safety hazards and more power outages.

SMUD is focusing its mitigation efforts on power poles and electrical equipment that has been crashed into multiple times over the years. The preventive and protective measures include removing and relocating power poles; redesigning them; installing higher-visibility reflective strips; and installing large, highly visible protective barriers around the power poles, known as “Raptor” technology.

The Raptor is probably the most noticeable power protection tool SMUD is using. It is big and yellow and



**SMUD has seen an increase in “car-pole” accidents in recent years, so the electric utility is installing some measures to mitigate damage to power poles and other electrical equipment. The work is part of SMUD’s efforts to enhance public and worker safety and the SMUD grid’s reliability.** Photo courtesy SMUD

plastic, and resembles a large wedge of cheddar cheese wrapped around the bottom of the power pole. Some even liken it to the cartoon character “Sponge Bob.”

The Raptor is easily installed and is designed to absorb the impact of a vehicle crash, sparing the power pole and preventing a power outage for SMUD customers. The Raptor has been used successfully by other utilities and SMUD has seen benefits too following the first year and during the second year of the pilot program. By year’s end, SMUD will have installed three more Raptors to add to the first three that were installed in 2017, making six in all and more are coming.

Safety is a guiding principle for SMUD. Power reliability is also a top priority. SMUD’s Board of Directors, elected by SMUD customers to set policy, has made reliability one of SMUD’s core values. While car-pole accidents comprise about five percent of all types of SMUD outages annually, they account for about a quarter of the overall average duration

of outages for SMUD’s customers. Car-pole accidents also mean lost revenue for SMUD in terms of increased costs for labor and materials to repair and replace damaged electrical infrastructure. A single pole replacement on average costs \$15,000, and in some cases up to \$40,000, for the five-member crew to replace it and other associated expenses for each incident.

Beyond SMUD’s costs, pole replacements can take eight hours or more and cost the community’s businesses lost revenue from power outages and associated traffic jams due to lane closures to make the repairs.

SMUD is doing its part to increase public and worker safety and reduce the frequency and duration of outages due to these traffic accidents. SMUD also urges motorists to do their part by driving safely, obeying traffic laws and avoiding anything that may cause distractions. For more information about SMUD and its commitment to public and worker safety, visit [SMUD.org](http://SMUD.org). ★

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## Colorful Service Blesses Clans, "Kirkin" Celebrates Tartans at St. Michael's



After clan tartans were blessed in a fundraiser for the River City Food Bank, pipers joined a colorful recessional.

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"Kirkin'" (blessing) services for tartans originated during WW II, when Scottish-Americans staged pageants to support British war efforts. The festivals are still popular among American Celtic organizations.

Participants from as far away as Stockton brought tartans to be blessed at the Carmichael event. Representatives of the US Armed Forces and Sacramento Metro Firefighters and 25 families presented tartans for sanctification. A congregation of 200 joined in hymns and prayers. "It's been years since we've had

a kirkin' in Sacramento," said Daughters of Scotia member Kathy Hanson. "There's a great hungering in the Scottish community to celebrate our heritage in this way."

A feast of shortbreads, scones and oat biscuits answered another hunger and vanished like mists o'er Loch Lomond. Rounding off the evening, kilted ladies performed Highland flings. A banner bearing the Selkirk Grace (attributed to Scottish bard Robbie Burns) presided over the festivity:

*"Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that*

*want it,  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be Thankit!"*

(Roughly translated):  
Some have meat and cannot eat

And some are hungry but have no food

But we have meat and we can eat. And so, let's thank the Lord.

Membership of the Daughters of Scotia Order is available to women of Scottish ancestry and to those who have married into Scottish families. For information, visit: [www.daughtersofscotia.org](http://www.daughtersofscotia.org). ★

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# Secretary of State Alex Padilla Appoints James Schwab Chief Deputy

From SOS Press Office

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the appointment of James Schwab as Chief Deputy Secretary of State, effective today. His appointment comes after the retirement of longtime Padilla adviser and former Chief Deputy Bill Mabie.

"James has been instrumental in advancing important voting rights and election modernization initiatives including California Motor Voter and the Voter's Choice Act," said Secretary of State Padilla. "His knowledge of the agency, the legislative process, and his extensive network in Sacramento will be valuable as I begin my second term."



Secretary of State Alex Padilla

Schwab, 39, most recently served as Deputy Secretary of State for Policy and Planning. Previously he served as Chief of Legislative Affairs. Prior to the Secretary of State's office, he worked for eight years in the California Legislature, including as a Legislative Consultant for then-State Senator Alex Padilla.

A Sacramento area native, Schwab graduated from the University of California, Davis with a degree in International Relations. He lives in Sacramento with his wife Alma Perez and their sons Santiago and Carlos. Perez is the Senior Consultant for the State Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee. ★

# Let Your Sprinklers Hibernate This Winter

By SSWD staff

Winter is here and with it are shorter and cooler days and the chance of rain. Make sure to dial back your sprinklers and to turn them off completely when rain is in the forecast.

If there is a stretch without any rain, check the soil moisture and then hand water if needed. Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) has complimentary moisture meters available for customers at its District office at 3701 Marconi Avenue, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95821.

You can also check the soil moisture with a screwdriver. Stick an eight-inch screwdriver into the soil. If you can push it in more



Make sure to dial back your sprinklers and to turn them off completely when rain is in the forecast.

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# Society for the Blind Members to Join National Fitness Challenge



The grant enables Society for the Blind to become one of only 17 organizations nationwide to participate in National Fitness Challenge for people with visual disabilities. Photo courtesy Society for the Blind

By Kristin Thebaud

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Society for the Blind, a Sacramento-based nonprofit serving blind and low vision people in Northern California, has received a grant from Anthem Blue Cross and CareMore Foundations to create opportunities for individuals to participate in the National Fitness Challenge, an initiative founded by the United States Association of Blind Athletes and the parent Foundation of Anthem Blue Cross and CareMore. Society for the Blind is one of 17 organizations across the nation that is participating in the National Fitness Challenge and is using grant funding to offer adaptive yoga classes, walking groups, running

clinics and other sports and fitness activities that can help people who are blind or low-vision to maximize healthy lifestyles. These activities will be offered over the course of eight months to help hundreds of youth and adults to increase physical fitness levels and live healthier lives.

“The goal of the National Fitness Challenge is to help people with visual disabilities to live more active lifestyles,” said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. “The program launched during Blindness Awareness Month in October, and through May 31, 2019, will highlight what people with visual disabilities can do, rather than what they cannot do. We are lucky to live in an age where a person with

vision loss can achieve most anything they set their mind to doing, and we are grateful to Anthem Blue Cross Foundation and CareMore Foundation for helping us to empower this year’s participants.”

This year’s challenge integrates technology and social media to inspire participants to set goals, create team environments and encourage leadership. Each participant has been provided with a Fitbit Flex 2 wearable – a universal way to measure activities, calories burned and number of steps taken. Participants also have the opportunity to utilize Fitbit Coach, which is a personalized training app that provides adaptive video workouts and audio coaching. Foundation grant funding is being used to provide Fitbits, fitness and

nutritional instruction, performance prizes as well as technical and financial support for all participants.

“Research has consistently shown that individuals who participate in regular physical activity to improve their health have higher energy levels, lower risk of health-related diseases, improved psychological health, and lower rates of depression and anxiety,” said Ricardo Young, CareMore Health Medical Director. “We are proud to support members of the Society for the Blind through our collaboration with the National Fitness Challenge, and to create access to activities supporting healthier individuals and stronger communities.”

More than half of those who are blind or low vision in the United States do

not participate in even a limited physical fitness routine, mostly due to barriers to accessible fitness or misconceptions about their abilities. Individuals of all abilities should have equal opportunities to engage in activities that improve health outcomes, so the National Fitness Challenge aims to increase access to fitness and health for blind and low vision people.

“Anthem Blue Cross Foundation is committed to removing barriers and increasing access to critical programs and services that help individuals and communities to lead healthier lives,” said Dr. Barsam Kasravi, Interim Anthem Blue Cross Medicaid Plan President. “We are proud of our Foundation’s ongoing support of people with visual disabilities and are

confident that this support will go a long way in helping Californians to improve their overall wellness while enjoying the physical and emotional benefits of exercise and group sports.”

Since 2011, the parent Foundation of Anthem Blue Cross and CareMore has provided \$1.3 million in grant funding to U.S. Association of Blind Athletes for the National Fitness Challenge initiative and has impacted thousands of Americans with visual disabilities by partnering with 40 different agencies across the country. To learn more about the National Fitness Challenge, visit [www.usaba.org/NationalFitnessChallenge](http://www.usaba.org/NationalFitnessChallenge).

For more than 60 years, Society for the Blind has created innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of northern California. The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information: [SocietyfortheBlind.org](http://SocietyfortheBlind.org). ★

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# My Little Dear, It's Not Warm Outside!

**Dr. James L. Snyder**

Once again, it is the Christmas season, which means I have to put up with people offended by everything, particularly that pertains to Christmas.

When I was young, we had a little saying, "Sticks and stones may break your bones but words will never hurt you." And as far as I understand, we stood by that saying.

Most people today have never heard that saying and maybe somebody ought to educate them on some of the realities of life. If words are hurting you, something is wrong with "you."

Everybody is offended by something. I am offended by people who are offended by things I say, which makes no sense whatsoever to me.

Where people got this offend-itis disease is beyond me. I wonder if there is any cure for this kind of disease?

I was in the restaurant the other day and behind me, a person sneezed. Instinctively, I turned around and said, "God bless you."

Of course, I was not ready for the reply when the man said to me, "I'm an atheist don't you dare use that word 'God' around me."

I am a gentleman otherwise I might have been tempted to say something like, "Well, then, God curse you." Thankfully, I did not say anything like that. I wonder if unspoken thoughts really matter along this line?

What puzzles me is why somebody who does not believe in God is offended

by the word "GOD." The fact that he was offended by that word tells me that somewhere deep inside of him he believes there is a God. Otherwise, it would never have offended him.

If I was an atheist and someone said to me "God bless you," I would laugh it off because I do not believe in God. To be offended by something you do not believe has to be the epitome of stupidity.

Another offensive phrase is, "Merry Christmas." I happened to mention this to a person I was passing in the store and they looked at me kind of Scrooge-like and said, "Don't you dare wish me a Merry Christmas."

I would like to know why two words like "Merry Christmas" are offensive to anyone?

Being an amateur word-smith, I like to research words and try to find out their original meaning. There is no way I have found that the two words "Merry" and "Christmas" have anything whatsoever

offensive to them. Those offended by those two words have a chimney that is not smoking.

If you are offended by those two words, maybe you should consider the fact that I may be offended by you being offended by those words. What offends one person does not make any sense to someone else. This is America so keep your offending attitude to yourself.

Just the other day I was going into a store and there was a lady behind me, so as a gentleman, I opened the door for her and said, "Ladies first." I would have a hard time understanding the offensiveness of those two words.

The lady looked at me and said, "That is the most sexist thing I have heard all day."

I have been trying to find out what is sexist about those two words.

I am either homophobic (whatever that means), racist or sexist. I do not know if I am all of these things

at different times or what. I never know if I am one of these until somebody tells me I am one.

There are Christmas songs that we cannot play on the radio anymore, movies that we cannot watch at Christmas time, decorations that we cannot put outside our home anymore.

I heard recently that the song, "Baby, It's Cold Outside," is offensive to some people. I have listened to that for years and cannot figure out the offensive side of that song.

What's crazy to me are those offended by that song are completely okay with some female singer getting on stage barely clothed, singing a depravity soaked song with lustful lyrics you can't use in public.

Why is that okay and not sexist, but when I open a door for a lady and say,

"Ladies First," that is sexist?

Some people refer to this as the war on Christmas. If that is true, I believe those people are losing that war. No matter what anybody says or thinks I still will celebrate Christmas, wish people "Merry Christmas" and say, "God bless you" when somebody sneezes and open a door for the ladies.

If those things offend people, I am happy and most delighted to keep doing them.

For years now, there has been a war on Christmas, but it seems that Christmas comes every year at the same time. Isn't that simply amazing? No matter what people say or how offended they are by it, Christmas still comes.

I could think of quite a few things that would offend me. However, I have a thick

skin and a tender heart. My life is not depended upon somebody being offended.

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is in the book of Proverbs.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

I refuse to let people who are offended by everything direct my path. My trust is not in man, but rather "in the Lord."

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## Boys, I think We Have a Poet Amongst Us



It was Herb who kicked things off at the world dilemma think tank at the philosophy counter in the Mule Barn truck stop. Herb is like Nature itself. He abhors a vacuum, too.

"Well," Herb said, "it's about that time again."

Three heads swiveled to look at him.

"New Year's resolutions ... you know."

Three nods.

"So Herb, what are your new resolves for the next year?"

"Glad you asked, Dud.

I thought I might lose 15 pounds, take sailing lessons and come up with a good recipe for beef kidneys. How about you, Dud?"

Dud took a sip of coffee. "Going to finish the rewrite of my book, I guess."

"The Duchess and the Truck Driver?" asked Doc.

"Well, Doc, it's actual title is 'Murder in the Soggy Bottoms.'"

Dud's struggle with the plot of this novel is well known to most of us in town.

Steve said, "For me, I think I'll lose some weight, too, and paint the inside walls of the turret up at the cabin."

"What color, Steve?"

"Burnt orange. You know, something like sunset in winter when the leaves are gone and the trees stand like lacy filigree against the sky."

"Boys, I think we have a poet amongst us," said Doc.

"Aw Doc, come on," Steve

said. "What about your resolutions for the coming year?"

Doc thought a minute.

"Fair enough. I have some. In the coming year, I resolve to grow grapes and make some wine for my friends.

Then I believe I'll put in a big effort to catch Ol' Lunker on a fly down in Lewis Creek. If I have the time, I'll try to keep my patients healthy, and I'll top it off with making a concerted effort to locate Chipper."

"Your imaginary squirrel?"

"Yep."

"But Doc," Herb said, "you already do those things now. Did you realize that?"

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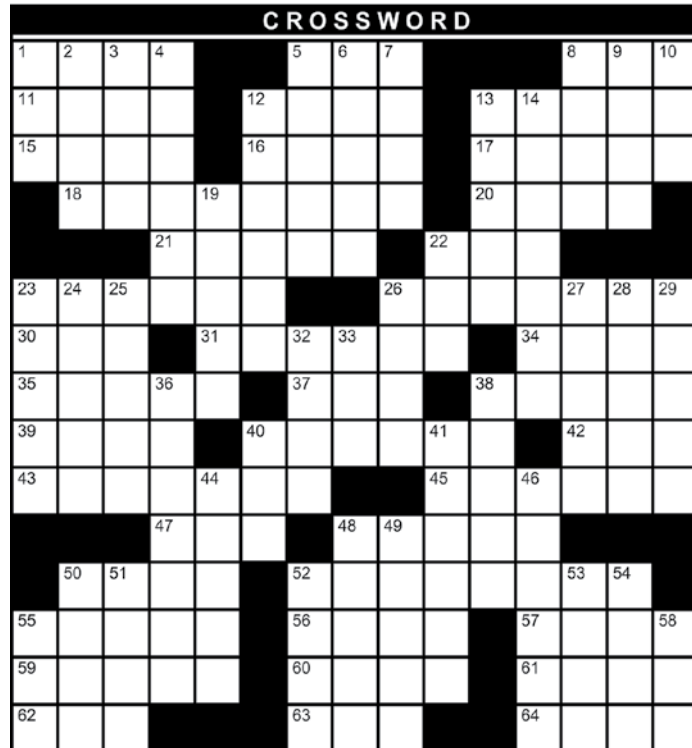
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- Snap up
- Ship pronoun
- Table scrap
- Not happening
- Call to matey
- Boredom
- Decant
- Pilaf grain
- Charcuterie stores
- "A \_\_\_ for the rest of us!" - from "Seinfeld"
- Gwyneth, to friends
- Thing to bear?
- Comedian Tina
- \*Warmest or holiday follower
- Feeling of disinterest
- Sculptor Hans/Jean \_\_\_
- Chief
- Assistant
- Used in cricket or 301
- \*Feast of the Seven Fishes seafood
- Tanks and such
- Purse for a formal affair
- All together
- Make a mistake
- Green bean or peanut
- Infamous \_\_\_ Knoll
- Charge carrier
- \*Navidad!
- Hindu princess
- \*This theme wouldn't exist without them
- Swines, in Old English
- Dashing style
- Between a trot and a gallop
- Corpulent
- Ding-a-\_\_\_
- Knight's breakfast
- "I Thee \_\_\_"
- Pea container
- Not a word?

### DOWN

- Econ. measure
- \*Where Santa's sleigh lands
- Malaria symptom
- Russian soup
- Prison weap., pl.
- Bette Midler's "\_\_\_ Pocus"
- \*"Tiny tots with their \_\_\_ all aglow"
- Billy Joel's "\_\_\_ the Good Die Young"
- The Colosseum, e.g.
- \* \_\_\_ the season!
- Not aria nor recitative
- Landscaper's tool
- \*Welcomed with a count down
- Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.
- Driving hazard
- Does like a crane
- About to explode
- Celiac disease, colloquially
- \_\_\_ weevil
- March of \_\_\_
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- Coolness and composure
- Popular flowering shrub
- Shakespeare's "First \_\_\_"
- African antelope
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- Matured like cheese
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- Quotable Berra
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### ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00245662

Jennifer Bachmann has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aiden Barton to Aiden Bachmann.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 1, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 4, 2018

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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BARTON 180101 1-11-19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00246340

Mohammadfarid Alemi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammadfarid Alemi to Haisam Alemi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 13, 2018

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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ALEMI 180101 1-11-19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00246457

Bichhri Thi Nguyen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bichhri Thi Nguyen to Binley Thi Nguyen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 14, 2018

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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NGUYEN 180101 1-11-19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00246442

Karan Singh Supra has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Karan Singh Supra to Kern Carmelo Supra.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 14, 2018

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPRA 180101 1-11-19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00243396

Jen Rasmussen on behalf of Aaron Khai Quoc Lam has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aaron Khai Quoc Lam to Aaron Khai Rasmussen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 26, 2018

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00243164

Sybil Torrance has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Robert Xavier James Torrance to Xavier James Torrance.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 22, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 22, 2018

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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TORRANCE 180101 1-11-19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00246353

Aleksandr Rytikov has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aleksandr Rytikov to Aleksandr P. Rytikoff.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on February 5, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 13, 2018

David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court

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RYTIKOFF 180101 1-11-19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #34-2018-00246349

Michael Ray Ramborger has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael Ray Ramborger to Michael Ray Leon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on February 5, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 13, 2018

David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court

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LEON 180101 1-11-19

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALLYN JEAN BRANCACCIO.

CASE No. 34-2018-00244104

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Allyn Jean Brancaccio, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by William Edward Brancaccio, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting William Edward Brancaccio, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 2, 2019 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: William Edward Brancaccio 5301 Leavitt Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628 916-965-1952 Publish: December 7, 14, and 21, 2018 BRANCACCIO 170622 12-21-18

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ERIK LUZ BRANCACCIO.

CASE No. 34-2018-00244113

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Erik Luz Brancaccio, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by William Edward Brancaccio, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting William Edward Brancaccio, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 5, 2019 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: William Edward Brancaccio 5301 Leavitt Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628 916-965-1952 Publish: December 7, 14, and 21, 2018 BRANCACCIO 170622 12-21-18

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CONNIE MARLENE WHITEFORD.

CASE No. 34-2018-00245374

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Connie Marlene Whiteford, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Suzanne L. Bates, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Suzanne L. Bates, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 16, 2019 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Richard L. Fuller 821 13th Street Suite E Modesto, CA 95354 209-529-3220 Publish: December 14, 21, and 28, 2018

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requesting Winnifred C. Ward, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 15, 2019 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under

# CHEERS & JEERS

by Damian Holbrook

## Cheers to NBC

for earning a spot in *The Good Place*. The heavenly comedy starring Kristen Bell and Ted Danson hasn't even finished its third season yet, but that hasn't stopped the network from renewing it for a fourth year. And that's the best forking news we've heard in weeks!

## Jeers to CBS

for not salvaging *Salvation*. The summer sci-fi drama starring Jennifer Finnigan ended Season 2 with a huge twist and tons of potential. Sadly, the plug has now officially been pulled, so we'll probably never know what that Earth-threatening asteroid really was—or if the network can ever successfully launch a scripted summer show.

## Jeers to The Flash

for making our flesh crawl. The Scarlet Speedster's November 13 episode got pulses racing by introducing Rag Doll (Troy James), a super-bendy baddie whose nightmarish mask and monstrous movements were not OK with viewers who rely on Barry Allen (Grant Gustin) and his team to be the sunniest heroes in The CW's Arrowverse.

## Cheers to Dancing With the Stars

for returning to form. After a few clumsy seasons, ABC's just-wrapped 27th edition popped with a stable of "stars" who actually moved us, including Juan Pablo Di Pace (*Fuller House*), *The Bachelorette*'s



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Grocery Store guy Joe Amabile and radio host—and champion—Bobby Bones (pictured, with Sharna Burgess). If only all *Dancing* cards could be this full of fan faves. ★

**Question:** Why does Hallmark and Hallmark Movies and Mysteries have to overlap its Christmas movies by an hour?  
—Gloria

**Matt Roush:** I've wondered this same thing, although wouldn't it make more sense for the Hallmark channels to air their movies two hours apart (one at 7/6c, the other at 9/8c) instead of at the same hour? Recording and time-shifting solves the problem, of course, but starting Hallmark's week-end originals at 8/7c and Movies and Mysteries' movies at 9/8c does create an odd overlap.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: [tvinsider.com](http://tvinsider.com) ★

# ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

## When Will Live Musicals Be Back?

**Question:** Whatever happened to the live musicals over the holidays?  
—Gordon

**Matt Roush:** Live musicals are still a thing on NBC and other networks, but the holiday angle has been shelved for the time being as the subject matter has moved away from family musicals. (The first disruption was when Jennifer Lopez's busy schedule delayed NBC's

planned *Bye Bye Birdie* musical.) NBC's most recent December musical was the live *Hairspray* in 2016, and in lieu of a holiday musical in 2017, instead pegged its Emmy-winning *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert* for Easter 2018. (Fox stepped in with a lackluster *A Christmas Story Live* musical last year.) Next year's musicals are decidedly more edgy. *Rent* on Fox Jan. 27 and a live version of *Hair* on NBC in May.

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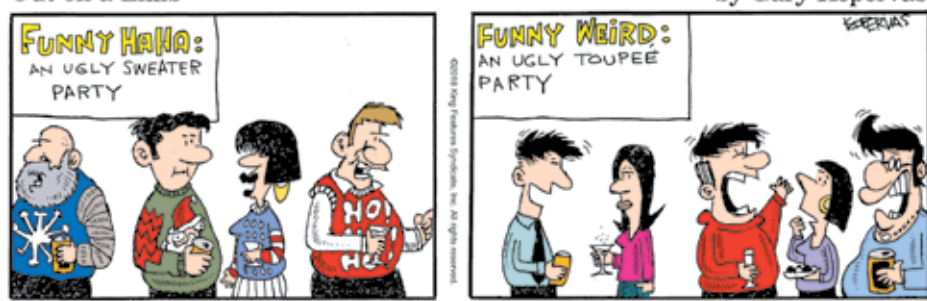
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by Jeff Pickering



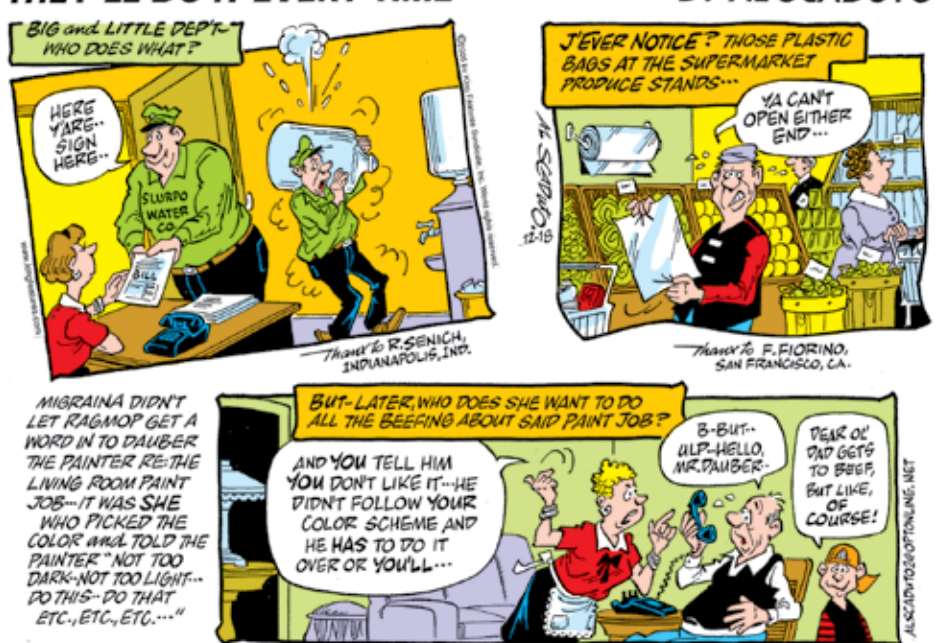
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by Mike Marland



## GRIN and BEAR IT

## LAFF-A-DAY

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



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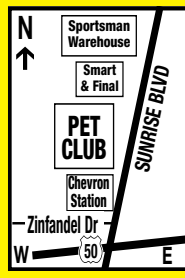
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# An Inside Look at the Inspector General Situation



By Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost

In August, the County Board of Supervisors were thrust into the local media spotlight after Sheriff Scott Jones lost faith in the Inspector General (an independent contractor retained by the County) and terminated his access to the Sheriff's Department. Since then, the Board of Supervisors have held meetings to discuss how to move forward, with the issue finally finding a resolution on December 4th. Since this is the most controversial issue I have been involved with since being on the Board, I wanted to take a moment to try to clearly explain this complicated issue, and let you know my thoughts.

The County of Sacramento has had the position of Inspector General from 2007 until 2012 (when it was eliminated due to budget cuts), and then brought back in 2015 at the request of the Sheriff. Sacramento is one of only five California counties that has an Inspector General. The

position was created to work with the Sheriff's Department to improve services and review procedures - including but not limited to officer-involved shootings. The Inspector General has been a part-time contractor because, thankfully, there are very few shootings involving Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputies.

One of the reports issued in 2018 was regarding a shooting that resulted in the death of a man named Mikel McIntyre. McIntyre had assaulted a family member, and in the process of evading arrest had struck an officer in the head with a large rock causing significant injury. Soon after, a 911 witness observed McIntyre throwing rocks at cars on the freeway and he began attacking another officer and a K9 unit with more rocks, hitting the K9 in the face. In an effort to protect the general public, officers continued to pursue him, and as he was evading arrest the suspect was shot 7 times and did not survive.

The case was referred to the Inspector General whose investigative authority involves constructive critique offering recommendations intended to improve the Department. It is not their job to determine if the shots fired were lawful. That is the sole responsibility of the DA's office.

Months later in an unprecedented move, the Inspector General (under considerable political pressure) released his report before the DA had completed its investigation. His

report gave evaluations and critiques (on use of force and decision making) that could be misleading if considered without the benefit of the DA's full investigation. The Inspector General is not a use of force expert (neither is the Sheriff), and his findings were disputed by a nationally renowned use of force expert when the District Attorney Investigation and report was eventually released. Dismissing normal procedure was confusing for the public, has been damaging to the morale of the Sheriff's department; and the Inspector General's assessment will very likely be used in civil court against the County of Sacramento, with all legal fees and monetary judgments paid for by County taxpayers.

In the aftermath, the Sheriff questioned the ability of the Inspector General to remain impartial to outside or political influences. He terminated the Inspector General's access to the Sheriff's Department and told the Board of Supervisors that he would like us to hire someone new. This put the Board of Supervisors in a difficult situation, as we were left with an Inspector General who we were paying \$10,000 a month to essentially do nothing.

As a result, the Board of Supervisors had a series of meetings to discuss how to proceed, given the Sheriff is a co-equal elected official who answers to the people of Sacramento (not the Board of Supervisors). Our discussions mostly

revolved around what legal options we had, and what role we want the Inspector General's office to play in the County. All five Supervisors and the Sheriff agreed that we need an Inspector General in the County.



Sheriff Scott Jones

Despite public and private statements from the Sheriff that he continues to support an independent IG, some members of the media choose to spin this issue as a show-down between the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors — when it clearly is not — or to portray it as an attempt by the Sheriff to eliminate transparency from his department by permanently

shutting down the Office of Inspector General — which is also simply not the case. The Sheriff wanted to ensure we had a process for fair, independent investigations, and to not allow politics to endanger our Deputies and our communities. I completely agree with him.

The issue culminated on December 4th with a final meeting that was widely touted in the media as a showdown between the Sheriff and the Supervisors. But that was a mischaracterization because the Sheriff largely agreed with the majority of Supervisors. At the end of the day, all sides were able to come together to find a workable solution despite the tense atmosphere. Nobody got everything they wanted, but nobody gave up too much either. That's the sign of a good deal, and one I was willing to support.

The County Supervisors will invite interested and qualified contractors to bid for the job of Inspector General, so we can restore that office. I believe that this process can and should

begin immediately. The previous Inspector General is welcome to bid for it as well. The County clarified that while the Sheriff has autonomy over how to run his Department, the County Supervisors have the right to have an Inspector General who can have specified access to the Sheriff's Department as an independent review to help inform our budget appropriations.

There are some small steps that will need to be taken in order to finalize all the agreements, but for all intents and purposes, this issue is now behind us with all parties in agreement.

Thank you for reading — and as always, if you want to contact me call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net.

Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murieta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms, Fair Oaks, and Rancho Cordova. ★

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