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## Smooth Boulevard Ride Ahead



Supervisor Rich Desmond slashes a ceremonial "ribbon" near Landis Avenue. Other VIPs are SMUD Vice-President Heidi Sandborn (left); former Supervisor Susan Peters; County Engineer Melissa Wright; Transportation Director Ron Vicari and Design Division Chief, Steve White.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - At last. The final phase of Fair Oaks Boulevard's facelift wrapped up last week. A nine-year bugbear for motorists, corridor construction ended with a ribbon-cutting and applause. The bill for this last stage topped \$7.8 million.

Formulated 20 years before with community and County input, plans for the ugly-duckling central zone envisioned a main-street feel. Execution began in 2013. Initial work revamped Marconi Avenue and Palm Drive corners; the stretch from Landis Avenue to Engle Road was addressed in 2016. Phase Three construction began in 2020 and tied in blocks between Marconi and Landis.

Upgrades for all phases included new sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, road surfaces, landscaping, signal modifications and utility burial. Some storm drains were rebuilt. Traffic lights were erected at the Landis corner; another set now flashes at Robertson Avenue (the signal allows intersection control for Metro Firefighters stationed

on this street). Within the project, Carmichael Park got new sidewalks on Grant Avenue and an expanded mural garden.

County Supervisor Rich Desmond last week declared a near-decade of impeded traffic officially over. The Carmichael resident also promised synchronized signals, geared to improve vehicle flow and divert traffic from Garfield and California Avenues.

"It feels good being in office in time to take credit for what my predecessor Susan Peters worked so hard on," he acknowledged. "Look what we have here now—together we've created a sense of place for pedestrians, motorists, cyclists and businesses. As a community, we'll all reap the benefit."

Scheduled to finish last summer, Phase Three finished many months late. Principal County Engineer Melissa Wright noted that while early stages of the pandemic thinned traffic and helped progress, slow-downs were inevitable. "As in most projects of this nature," she explained, "We encountered undocumented underground utilities. Dealing with these challenged the schedule."

SMUD Vice President Heidi Sandborn lauded her utility company's role in clearing the boulevard horizon. A mile of electric and telephone wires are now buried. "It's been a lot of work with much partnering," she said. "Undergrounding makes sense not just for beautification. With more extreme weather events, wires are protected from damage. This means utilities are more reliable in emergencies and the community is safer."

Road surfaces are at last crater-free and ADA-compliant sidewalks are much in use. New trees will increase shade; flowering shrubs color the corridor with spring color. Finishing touches included the last of four obelisks, installed at Angelina Avenue. Paint stripes were daubed days before the ribbon-cutting.

Rancho-Cordova-based B & M builders undertook much of the work. All three phases – including planning, construction and right-of-way acquisitions – ran up a bill of more than \$31 million. Federal, State and County funding covered costs. For more information, visit [www.sacdot.com](http://www.sacdot.com) ★

## Biden Plans to Accept Ukrainian Refugees

Office of Assemblyman Ken Cooley

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

- On Monday, March 14th, 2022, the State Assembly sent a bipartisan letter to President Biden urging swift actions to adopt policies to welcome displaced Ukrainians. This letter emphasized the urgency of the matter and recommended the use of humanitarian parole as a mechanism to quickly allow refugees to seek asylum in the United States. The letter, spearheaded by Assemblymembers Cooley, Gallagher, and Kalra, was signed by 67 Assemblymembers from both sides of the aisle.

On March 24, 2022, President Biden announced that the United States would be accepting 100,000 refugees from Ukraine utilizing a number of legal pathways, one such pathway being humanitarian parole. This news is momentous for the many Ukrainians and Ukrainian-American's in the Sacramento region. Vlad Skots, President of the local non-profit Ukrainian American House, has been engaging with California leaders to inform them of the humanitarian crisis being faced by Ukrainian people abroad and at home. This partnership between the Ukrainian-American community and the California Legislature was instrumental in the organization of the letter to the President. Assemblyman Cooley takes pride in the leadership California and its people demonstrated in urging this critical step forward.

Assemblyman Cooley remarks, "Ukraine's national anthem opens with the phrase, 'The Dignity and Freedom of Ukraine has not yet Perished.' With the entire world watching, we are awe-struck to see how a free people fight for their dignity, for their freedom, and to keep their unperishable national identity. We support the fullest possible U.S. partnerships in support of this courageous and determined people."

Assemblyman Ken Cooley represents the 8th Assembly District which includes the communities of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murieta, Rosemont, Wilton and other portions of unincorporated Sacramento County. For more information, please visit [asmcd.org/members/a08/](http://asmcd.org/members/a08/) ★

## Little Strokes Plant Great Oaks

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - "Grow big, grow strong, outlive us all" was the invocation last week as 20 saplings were planted in North Highlands. The urban-forest additions take root in Larchmont Park (near McClellan Airport).

Sponsored by the Sacramento Tree Foundation, each new planting was accompanied by a naming ceremony, applause and bag-loads of mulch.

Carmichael Kiwanis Club members were among volunteers digging in to augment the Larchmont canopy. Chosen for beauty, drought-tolerance, shade and wildlife benefit, species included: gingko, live oak, olive, Chinese Pistache, maple and zelkova. The Kiwanis' first planting



Carmichael Kiwanis and friends assist the Sacramento Tree Foundation in a tree-planting at Larchmont Park, North Highlands.

was a three-year-old valley oak—ceremonially named "Vallejo."

In recent months, Sacramento's urban forest has increased by 1000 trees via the Tree Foundation's NeighborWoods program.

The Foundation supplies trees, tools, materials and instructors; volunteers donate labor. "Having community involvement creates ownership," explains NeighborWoods Program Manager Rachel Patten. "Trees have a great

chance to survive if people feel connection to them."

Larchmont Park project sponsors included SMUD, Cal Fire and North Highlands Recreation and Park District. Learn about the Tree Foundation at [www.sactree.org](http://www.sactree.org) ★

# A New Universe for Entertainment

## Maroon 5 to Perform Opening Concert in June

By Paul Scholl, with information from Atherton Public Relations

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - It wasn't just a tour of an upcoming entertainment center for the region, it was the tour of a new entertainment universe. You could see in these construction stages just how fantastic this venue will be, from the closeness to the stars on stage to the orbit of the VIP skyboxes over every event.

The venue at Hard Rock Live, named Kumi Event Center, is in Wheatland, just a short drive from almost any population center in the region.

Mark Birtha, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, led a tour of local media on March 22, 2022 through the build-out construction area of the concert stage and surrounding support areas. He explained the layout, concessions, and how the bands and performers would access the main stage. "We are excited to provide our guests with authentic experiences that rock in a venue that is filling a great void in the Sacramento region," Birtha said.

Birtha expressed his enthusiasm for the project saying, "This entertainment center will help revitalize the community." He later commented, "Upcoming events include MMA, and additional concerts will soon be announced. Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a major event for next year."

The 65,000-square-foot facility has state-of-the-art in-house sound and lighting, unrivaled sightlines, a second-floor mezzanine level, VIP skyboxes, and mobile-stage technology, creating intimate experiences for events of varying sizes.

The big announcement was of the opening performers. With a live television audience watching, Birtha had the construction crew drop the banner showing which band is coming to the stage in June. "Maroon 5 is the perfect band to help us celebrate Hard Rock Live's grand opening. They are incredible live performers and live music is fundamental to the Hard Rock brand. This new venue will become the place for entertainment and world class amenities for the city of



Maroon 5 will be performing June 3rd. Photo Credit CAA.



Mark Birtha, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, shares the view from the mezzanine level just above the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

Sacramento." Grammy® Award-winning, multi-platinum band Maroon 5 are set to headline the grand opening of the brand-new Hard Rock Live in Sacramento on June 3, 2022. The band will launch the opening of

the 2,500-seat entertainment venue. The opening celebrations are part of the building's \$75 million property expansion, to be completed spring 2022.

Tickets went on sale Friday, March 25 at Ticketmaster.com. starting at \$99.50.

VIP skyboxes will seat approximately 20 people each.

Maroon 5's performance is only one of the many shows coming to Hard Rock Live this summer and fall, as the new venue continues to add a variety of acts and a diverse calendar for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

The center is also designed to be converted for use during a local emergency, such as the region experienced during the recent fires. "We will be able to provide shelter and food in case of an emergency," Birtha said.



Morning TV interviews were reported by Sacramento CBS Channel 13 Rachel Wulff from the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

The building crew currently employs about 250 construction workers. The venue, when opened, will have approximately 100 employees for shows. They expect to have between 50 and 60 shows per year.

Jodi Goodman, representative from Live Nation said, "This was a natural fit. It is truly more state of the art in Northern California. For Live Nation events it is a really, really great asset. We can see an enormous future together for us." Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, will be the exclusive talent booking agency for the venue.

Visit [hardrockhotelsacramento.com/entertainment](http://hardrockhotelsacramento.com/entertainment) for more upcoming shows and events. ★

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# Shelter Seeks Kitten Fosters & Donations



Can you help a kitten today? Photo courtesy Pixabay

## From Sac County Media

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Animal shelters around the country are gearing up for what is known as “kitten season,” when cats begin to give birth to countless kitten litters. Typically beginning in late spring and continuing throughout summer, kitten season stretches the already-thin resources animal shelters and rescues have when the influx of unwanted kittens and cats crowd shelter and kennel space.

The Bradshaw Shelter’s Foster Care Program helps save lives and space during this hectic season.

“Foster care providers are critical to our efforts to save lives,” said Foster/Rescue Coordinator, Violet Pina. “Fosters provide a safe, loving, temporary place to live where the animals can thrive until they are ready to be adopted to their forever homes. Kitten season is one of our busiest times of the year so we need all of the help we can get.”

Residents interested in becoming fosters should submit a foster application to [FosterRescueProgram@saccounty.net](mailto:FosterRescueProgram@saccounty.net). The shelter provides all food, bedding, supplies, toys and more at no cost to the foster. Fostering is a great way to help alleviate the impact of kitten season at your local shelter and can provide

temporary companionship for those still working from home.

However, working outside of the home doesn’t need to be an impediment to becoming a foster; most animals in foster care do not require constant monitoring. Typically, animals who need fostering are kittens and puppies less than two months old.

As far as space for fostering, a bathroom, laundry room or spare bedroom is typically appropriate. The time commitment for fostering can be anywhere from one to six weeks, depending on the animal’s size at the time of fostering. Additional foster needs include caring for sick or injured animals, nursing mothers and litters, giving animals a break from the shelter, and more.

For more information about fostering, including fostering FAQs, visit the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter website. To learn more about what to do if you find a kitten or litter of kittens, visit the feral cat information webpage.

Donations of essential kitten season supplies are also needed, including: Kitten formula and kitten food (most needed); Small litter pans; Heating pads; Small nursing bottles; Small pet carriers.

Donations are accepted at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Tuesday through Sunday, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. ★

# County Shelter Reopens Veterinary Outreach Program

By Allison Harris, Sac County PIO

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County’s Bradshaw Animal Shelter is bringing back their mobile pet wellness clinic.

Their first clinic is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Howe Park in the Arden-Arcade area between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The mobile dog clinic is part of the Bradshaw Animal Assistance Team (BAAT) veterinary outreach. The program provides free basic veterinary services to low-income and unsheltered pet owners in Sacramento County. Prior to the pandemic, the volunteer-run program provided critical care for more than 9,200 pets in our community from 2016 to 2019. “The need for care has only increased

during the past two years of the pandemic,” says BAAT Clinic & Shelter Volunteer Coordinator, Celeste Ingrid. “We’re looking forward to getting back into our communities with the care that disadvantaged pets need.”

The mobile clinic offers many free services for dogs including:

- Vaccinations
- Microchipping
- Deworming
- Engraved ID tags and collars
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- Treatment of some minor medical conditions

For more information about the upcoming clinic, visit the shelter’s Facebook page. If you’re interested in volunteering for an upcoming clinic, please contact the BAAT Clinic Coordinator Celeste Ingrid. ★

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# Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition Comes to Sacramento

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**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The internationally acclaimed Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition opens Friday, Apr. 8 in Sacramento. The exhibition is a presentation of museum-quality, near-life-size reproductions of one of the world's greatest artistic achievements.

"This exhibition gives visitors a chance to engage with Rome's most iconic treasures in ways that were never possible," said Martin Biallas, CEO of Los Angeles-based SEE© Global Entertainment, producer of the exhibit.

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition is a collection of the artist's renowned ceiling frescoes from the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, reproduced in a format that allows viewers to get face-to-face with the masterpieces. Through 34 artfully displayed reproductions, this innovative presentation includes world-renowned pieces like The Creation of Adam and The Last Judgement, bringing them just a few feet away from the



God's creation of the planets during creation week as originally painted in Vatican City. Photo: SEE Attractions and Bridgeman Images

audience.

"This exhibition is like a sanctuary, you're transported into a completely different world," said Biallas. "When I visited the Sistine Chapel in Rome,

there were long lines and we were rushed through. This exhibit in Sacramento allows everyone an opportunity to see the amazing art at their pace and up-close, at an affordable price, and enjoy an

inspiring and unforgettable experience."

Guests may enhance their experience by adding an audio guide, with narrative accompaniment available in multiple languages to include Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean and German.

"We have had sold-out openings in San Diego, Cleveland, Dayton, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and Dallas in recent months and it is our privilege to bring one of Rome's most iconic artworks to Sacramento," said Biallas.

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition runs for a limited time starting Apr. 8, with tickets sold Thursdays-Sundays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$20.50 per adult, \$16.30 per child. Discounts for seniors, students, military and family bundles are available. The exhibition is located at University Mall - Davis, 871 Russell Blvd, Davis, Calif. You'll find it near Trader Joes. Signature events, like the VIP Launch Party Apr. 7, are available. The exhibition will be closed Easter Sunday. Tickets go on sale next week at [www.chapel-sistine.com](http://www.chapel-sistine.com). ★

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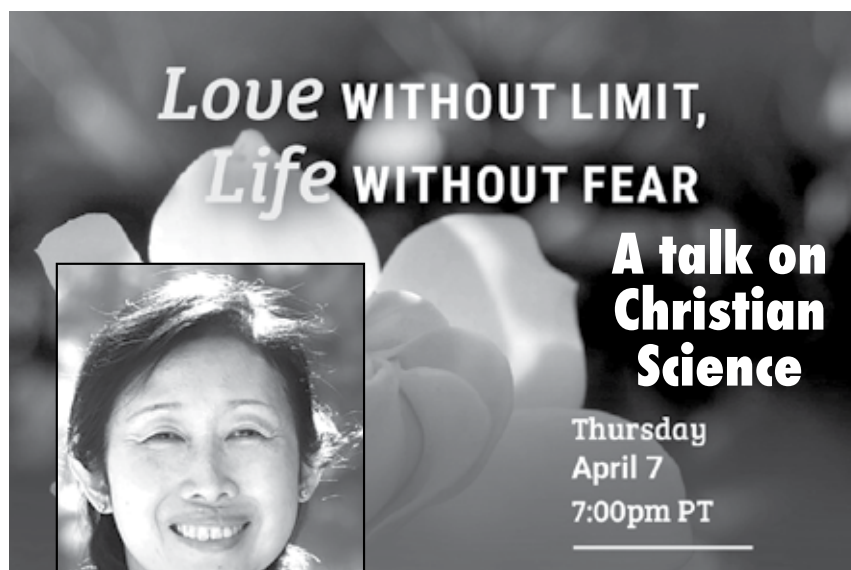


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Carmichael, CA: Around the world people are looking to prayer for solutions, safety, and well-being. Fujiko Signs, practitioner of Christian Science healing and international speaker, will present an online talk titled, "Love without limit, Life without fear," Thursday, April 7 at 7 PM, online at [www.tinyurl.com/yc286hfd](http://www.tinyurl.com/yc286hfd) and in-person viewing at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Carmichael located at 4949 Kenneth Ave. in Carmichael. The lecture on-line link can also be accessed directly at the church website [ChristianScienceChurchCarmichael.com](http://ChristianScienceChurchCarmichael.com)

The talk will focus on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus' life and teachings, showing how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science. This live web lecture is free, open to the community, and hosted by First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Carmichael.

"We will explore the relationship between prayer and healing through the universal divine truth that unites us," says Signs. "We will talk about the practical understanding of God as ever-present love so we can make progress, unafraid like trusting children."

Sharing examples of healing from her own life and professional practice of Christian Science, Ms. Signs

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- Make a choice
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- \*Katherine Heigl wore 27 of these
- Dumbo's big one
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- Inauguration ball, e.g.
- Eyelid drooping
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- Wagon train, e.g.
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# “Transportation Tax Initiative”

### Commentary by Bruce Lee

If you saw my last column ... “More Tax Please”, you are aware of the recent court opinions which are now allowing politicians to take dusty, previously failed tax proposals and repackage them as new “citizen initiatives”. And, by doing so, local government is bypassing the constitutional requirement for a two-thirds voter approval, and letting a “citizen initiative” for a new tax pass by only a simple majority vote requirement. SO MUCH EASIER TO PASS NEW TAXES!!

And also with this new method, local governments do not even have to bother with those pesky things like public hearings, keeping the public informed, and having

reasonable public debate!! That dam public, don't they know the political elites know what is best for them? (sarcasm)

As I said before, now any special interest group with enough cash can push taxes that benefit themselves. If I can convince the bare majority to tax others for some “feel good” topic, then I'm the winner and feel no pain. I can tax business or the perceived wealthy for whatever issue has the emotional attention of the majority. All I have to do is pay enough signature gatherers!

And, so it is with a half percent, 40 year, transportation sales tax hike for Sacramento County. First proposed in 2016 and voted down; then resurfaced in 2020 to be pulled off the ballot at the last moment

when the Sacramento Transportation Authority realized it would again miss the two-thirds threshold for passage.

Their consultant said the tax increase would not pass if there was any organized opposition to it. At that time, the Sacramento Taxpayers Association (SacTax) led the community wide coalition to oppose that proposal. The coalition consisted of business, agriculture, social groups and others - including the NAACP and the National Action Network; and the reasons to oppose the tax hike have not changed too much in the past two years.

First, it is still a bad time to propose a new tax. Although the pandemic appears to be subsiding, the county's economy is still weak. One third of SMUD customers are

either behind or have stopped paying their bills altogether. And small family businesses are still closing their doors. Inflation is raging. The cost of food and fuel is way up! This proposal has been kicking around for years, but county leaders seemingly cannot read the room that homeowners, renters and businesses are struggling.

Second, while we likely need roadway improvements because of age and deterioration, local governments, and especially Sacramento, have a history of neglecting infrastructure and instead fund fancy new projects or programs until roads, sidewalks, and other infrastructure start to fall into disrepair. It is only then they run to taxpayers for more money. We believe that historic neglect and lack of prioritization

shouldn't be rewarded.

Third, this is a highly regressive tax falling disproportionately on the shoulders of the working poor and the middle class, hence the historic opposition by the NAACP and NAN.

As a concluding comment, the proponents of this half-percent tax increase are well aware of the broad spectrum of community concern and opposition of over the past years ago. Yet, as President of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association, nobody has reached out to us to even discuss digging up this sad proposal from the grave. That just gives the impression that the powers at hand simply scoff at the community at large, and simply want to take the easier path for themselves by holding out their hand for more

money from us with the hope that they can beguile the public most of the time.

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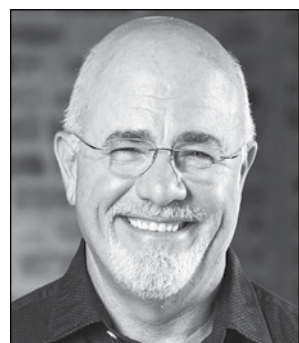
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— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

# Finally, Progress on Vital Sites Reservoir Project



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

Simple logic tells us that as climate change alters precipitation patterns, California must expand its capacity to capture and store water.

Even if the overall amount of precipitation remains unchanged, we will receive more of it in the form of rain and less as snow, which means the natural reservoir of the Sierra snowpack will decline as a water source.

We can prepare for that decline by creating more storage, either in new reservoirs or by replenishing underground aquifers. However, despite the urgency of the situation — one underscored by the current drought — California politicians have been lackadaisical about doing what needs to be done.

Local and regional water authorities have been more diligent. Southern California's recent construction of more storage capacity is one reason it is less affected by the current drought than Northern California.

Belatedly, increasing storage is moving upward on the political agenda. Last week, the federal Environmental Protection Agency invited sponsors of the Sites Reservoir

project, which has been on the back burner for decades, to apply for a \$2.2 billion loan that would cover roughly 40% of the project's estimated cost.

Along with some state water bond money and commitments from prospective users of the project — Southern California water agencies, mostly — Sites is now in position to put together a financing package to make it a reality.

"We've definitely turned the corner and we have a nice tailwind at our back," said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority. Brown is not related to former Gov. Jerry Brown, whose Colusa County retirement home, incidentally, is not far from Sites.

It's not going to happen immediately, despite the urgency of the situation. Just assembling the loan package and getting approval could take several years and there are other hurdles to clear. Nevertheless, the strong possibility of a federal loan is a huge step forward.

If it becomes reality, the reservoir would be constructed on the west side of the Sacramento Valley, west of Maxwell. It would have a capacity of up to 1.8 million acre-feet of water, about half the size of the state's Lake Oroville, but unlike Oroville, would not dam a major river.

Sites would be an off-stream reservoir, similar to — and slightly smaller than — the San Luis Reservoir in the Pacheco

Pass west of Los Banos. During periods of high precipitation and runoff, Sacramento River water would be pumped into Sites, then released back into the river as needed for agriculture, residential use or to maintain flows for fish.

As an off-stream reservoir, Sites escapes at least some of the traditional opposition to big water projects from environmental groups, but there is some criticism that it could be used to divert water during low precipitation periods.

"It's just a, kind of, different way of thinking about it," project boss Brown told the Associated Press. "There's a lot of fear and distrust and we have to operate in a way that we, you know, secure trust and address the fears."

The good news about Sites should be kept in perspective. It's just one of many steps that California must take to protect its vital water supply from the potential ravages of climate change.

It's entirely possible that climate change will not only change the mix of precipitation — more rain and less snow — but reduce the overall volume of water that falls on California, thus making more storage even more crucial while forcing us to rethink the entire pattern of water use.

Nothing is more critical to California's future.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

# CLG NEWS UPDATES

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**CIA Officer Openly Confesses to Rigging 2020 Election for Joe Biden and Says They Would Do It Again** | 28 March 2022 | A CIA officer has confessed that the 'Deep State' rigged the 2020 election in Joe Biden's favor, and has boldly admitted that the agency would do it again. Former CIA officer John Sipher claimed in a stunning Twitter thread that he took "particular joy" in discrediting the Hunter Biden "laptop from hell" narrative and enthusiastically admitted to "shifting" the election away from Trump. Sipher was among the many "intelligence experts" who falsely claimed the Hunter Biden laptop story from the New York Post back in October of 2020 was part of a "Russian disinformation campaign." Redvoicemedia.com reports: A March 18 report from the New York Post mentioned how Sipher was among those "officials" who'd "signed a letter saying that the laptop 'has the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation.'"

**Biden admin invents 'Securities and Environment Commission' out of thin air to force climate agenda on US businesses** | 28 March 2022 | The Securities and Exchange Commission — a government agency established in the aftermath of the 1929 stock market crash to protect investors and maintain fair markets — may soon become a key player in imposing Joe Biden's climate agenda. In a 3-to-1 vote last week, unelected Democratic bureaucrats who serve as the agency's commissioners voted without authorization from Congress to impose sweeping new rules that require all publicly traded companies to disclose how their business affects "climate change." According to a press release issued by the SEC, the proposed rules would require businesses to disclose their greenhouse gas emissions along with any and all information relevant to "climate-related risks that are reasonably likely to have a material impact on their business, results of operations, or financial condition."

**Hunter Biden DID help secure millions in funding for US contractor in Ukraine specializing in deadly pathogen research, laptop emails reveal.** — | 25 March 2022 | Moscow's claim that Hunter Biden helped finance a US military "bioweapons" research program in Ukraine is at least partially true, according to new emails obtained exclusively by DailyMail.com. The commander of the Russian Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Protection Forces, claimed there was a "scheme of interaction between US government agencies and Ukrainian biological objects" and pointed to the "financing of such activities by structures close to the current US leadership, in particular the investment fund Rosemont Seneca, which is headed by Hunter Biden." Intelligence experts say the Russian military leader's allegations were a brazen propaganda ploy to justify president Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine and sow discord in the US. But emails from Hunter's abandoned laptop show he helped secure millions of dollars of funding for Metabiota, a Department of Defense contractor specializing in research on pandemic-causing diseases that could be used as bioweapons. He also introduced Metabiota to an allegedly corrupt Ukrainian gas firm, Burisma, for a "science project" involving high biosecurity level labs in Ukraine. And although Metabiota is ostensibly a medical data company, its vice president emailed Hunter in 2014 describing how they could "assert Ukraine's cultural and economic independence from Russia" — an unusual goal for a biotech firm.

**Military Doctor Attests She Was Ordered to Cover up Wave of Injuries Following COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate** | 17 March 2022 | A medical officer with the military has testified in court that she was told by a superior to suppress her findings with regard to the DoD's Defense Medical Epidemiology Database (DMED) after the vaccine mandate. Dr. Theresa Long said while giving testimony in court that she and two other medical professionals found a spike in cancer cases, neurological disorders and miscarriages after the vaccine mandate went into place. She and the others who made these shocking discoveries were ordered to keep quiet. "I have so many soldiers being destroyed by this vaccine. Not a single member of my senior command has discussed my concerns with me...I have nothing to gain and everything to lose by talking about it. I'm OK with that because I am watching people get absolutely destroyed," Long said in court.

**Biden admin operated with missing data as CDC issued pandemic guidance, emails show** — | 25 March 2022 | The Biden administration didn't have data on students' learning loss when the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) issued its COVID-19 school reopening guidance, internal emails show. The emails also indicate that Dr. Anthony Fauci flagged an article citing scientific studies disputing the need for students to stay six feet apart, noting that the rule appeared to be based on "decades-old research." Additionally, the CDC denied a Harvard University public health expert's request for state-level vaccine distribution data, which she needed for her research about how policies affected vaccinations, the emails show. "These emails show the CDC forged ahead and crafted pandemic policy based on poor data — even after they've been warned old and out-of-date research was being used to support their guidelines," Caitlin Sutherland, executive director of Americans for Public Trust, told Fox News.

**Scientists Seek to Make a 'Self-Spreading' Vaccine - Report** | 28 March 2022 | A new report from National Geographic indicates that scientists are now working on "self-spreading vaccines" that can jump from vaccinated to unvaccinated populations. The article indicates that these "new vaccines or so-called recombinant viruses" are developed through a process whereby researchers "first identify a protein from the target microbe that serves as an antigen—a substance that triggers immune responses in vaccinated people or animals." Researchers then "select a virus to carry the vaccine and spread it." This is achieved by capturing "a few animals from their target population — primates for Ebola, rats for Lassa fever," etc. — and isolating a virus that naturally infects those animals. Then researchers splice in genetic material from the "target to create a vaccine." ★

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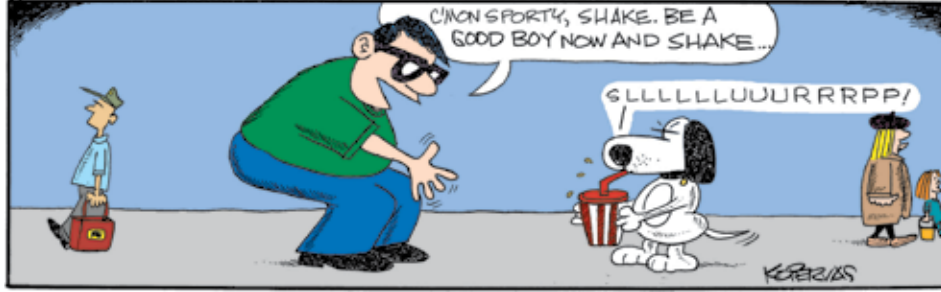
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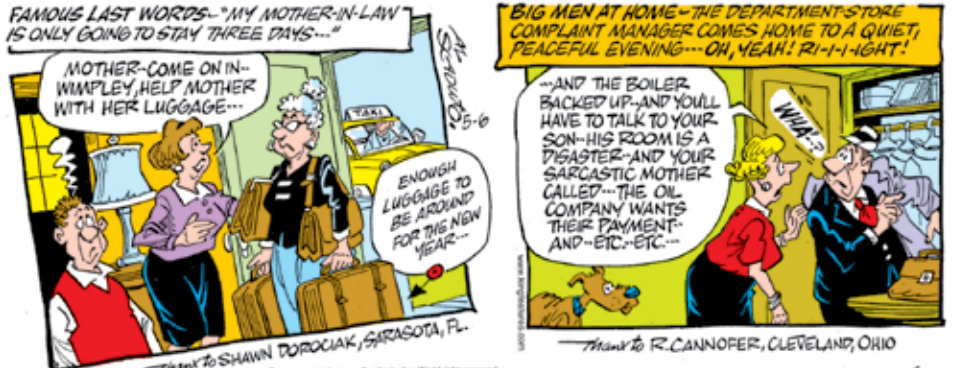
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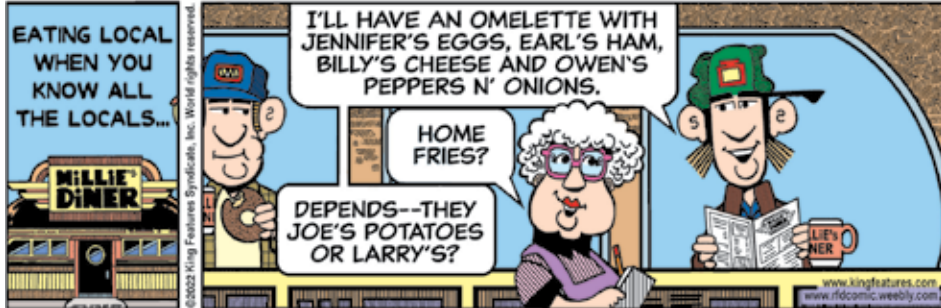
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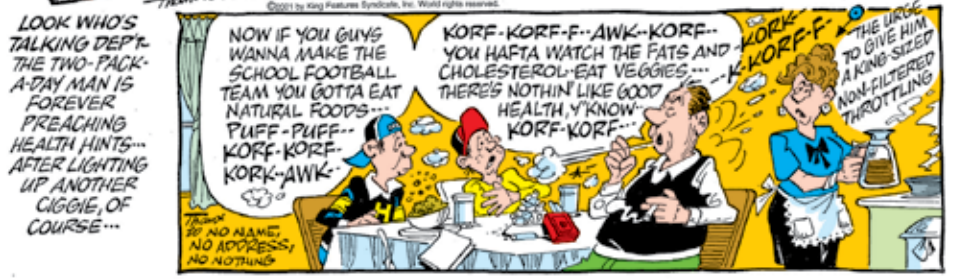


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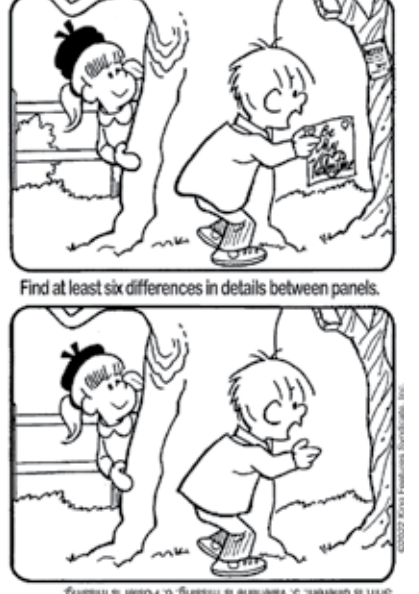
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# 'It was the Cool Place to Be'

By Paul Scholl

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- One of Sacramento's best has chosen retirement. Phil Cowan, morning radio host of AM1380, will air his last show on April 1, 2022, between 6:00 and 9:00 am.

A retirement dinner event was held Tuesday evening, March 22, at The Ridge Golf Course in Auburn. Of course, it was a sold out event. The event was produced by AM1380 The Answer and its sister stations in Sacramento; 103.9 The Fish, 105.7 The Word, and Money 105.5.

Attendance included Scott Jones Sacramento County Sheriff; Doug LaMalfa, Congressman; Ted Gaines, Board of Equalization; Sue Frost, Sacramento County Supervisor; Suzanne Jones, Placer County Supervisor; Katy Grimes, editor of California Globe, along with their spouses and many other dignitaries, all of whom wanted to show their appreciation for Phil at his retirement event.

Mindi Russell, former CHP chaplain, graced the meal and gathering with an uplifting blessing.

Special guest, Larry Elder, radio talk show host and former candidate for governor, and Cowan presented a short program on the current events of national and state politics. It was the kind of segment the morning listeners loved to hear every morning on Phil's show.

Especially pleasing for Phil were the many call-in listeners to the program that made their trek to the event to show their love for the man that filled their mornings with entertainment, humor, a daily education on the ever-changing landscape of politics, and the many topics that were the pillars of the host's life journey. His discussions on music, classic cars and firearms were great entertainment all by themselves. He had never met many of the regular



Phil being presented with a retirement gift from the AM1380 Staff. All photos by Borelfoto.com



Paul Robins giving tribute to his long-time friend.



Phil's #1 Retirement Plan, spending time with his amazing wife Kathy.



Larry Elder and Phil Cowan.

callers, having only known them from their call-in voices over the years. It was as if they had just gathered at a big family reunion for the very first time.

One caller recently stated, "The reason your show is so great Phil is that it is a show for the people and by the people."

First and foremost to Phil is

his family. He spoke often on his show of his children, grand-children, and his ever-amazing wife, Kathy, professing in front of all his fans "Nothing would have

been possible without her".

Phil Cowan and Paul Robins co-hosted a daily radio show together for many years. A sweet addition to the program was Paul's send-off message to Phil, along with a few short stories about their friendship, and their famous Harley ride together from Sacramento to New York years ago.

Phil is a local legend, not just for the radio show, but for what he brought to the good people of the Sacramento Region through his life's body of work. He has been a true friend and supporter to so many it is impossible to describe it all here. Phil will be truly missed. May his retirement be long and joyous and fruitful.★

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# Ask Toni

## Can Beginning RMDs Raise Your Medicare Premiums



Toni King

**Toni**  
I am over 73 and began taking my RMDs (required minimum distributions) from my 401K when I turned 72. Could this have had an impact on my Medicare Part B premium increase?

This year my Part B and Part D monthly premiums increased to \$340.20 for Part B and an extra IRMAA premium of \$32.80 for Part D.

I am married and my wife began a new job in 2020 with a higher salary. Since we are filing jointly, could this have an increased my Medicare premiums. She has recently been laid off and joint income has changed drastically. What can I do?

~ Thank you, James from Tampa, FL

James:

Yes!! Your situations either taking your RMD at 72 and your wife starting job in 2020 could have raised your Medicare Part B and D premiums for 2022.

The average American does not realize that any increase in your MAGI (modified adjusted gross income) when you are filing jointly can increase your Medicare premiums. Medicare bases your premiums on both you and your spouse's income whether one is Medicare age or under. Your RMDs combined with your wife's increased income has raised your Medicare premiums.

The 2022 Part B premium of \$ 340.20 and \$32.80 for Part D tells me that your joint income in 2020 was from \$228,000 to \$284,000.

I have good news for you James. Since your wife is no longer employed and not earning the salary, she had in 2020, you can file an appeal with Social Security to have your Medicare Parts B and D reduced.

Do you want to wait 2 years for the IRS to inform Medicare that your

income has decreased due a "Life Changing Event" such as you or your spouse being laid off/working part-time, death of a spouse or recently divorced or do you want to let Medicare know now that you have had a "Life Changing Event", because you or your spouse are no longer earning that amount of income?

People believe that everyone pays the same amount for their Medicare Parts B and D premium. Those days are long gone!

If your income as an individual is over \$91,000 or married over \$182,000; your Medicare Parts B and D premiums will be more. Social Security explains in the letter they mail to you how they arrived at the Part B and D premiums based on your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" (MAGI) from your last filed tax return.

James, your MAGI was over \$228,000 and the table used in the letter you receive from Social Security shows what the Part B and Part D premium adjustment will be, whether you are filing single or married.

There is a special form SSA-44 available at SSA.gov known as "Life Changing Event" that can lower your "IRMAA" (income related monthly adjusted amount). Examples of life changing events that can make your income go down are:

- You have gotten married or divorced, or your spouse has died.
- You or your spouse have stopped working or have reduced your hours.

Use form SSA-44 and attach the original documents or certified copies to verify your change in income. Call your local Social Security office to discuss the filing of this form.

Once Social Security is satisfied with the evidence, it will update its records and correct Part B and Part D premiums to what your current income is.

Email info@tonisays.com or call 832/519-8664 for help concerning Toni's stress-free way of enrolling in Medicare.

2022 Medicare Survival Guide® is available at www.tonisays.com. ★

## Biden Announces Plans to Accept 100,000 Ukrainian Refugees

Office of Assemblyman Ken Cooley

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, March 14th, 2022, the State Assembly sent a bipartisan letter to President Biden urging swift actions to adopt policies to welcome displaced Ukrainians. This letter emphasized the urgency of the matter and recommended the use of humanitarian parole as a mechanism to quickly allow refugees to seek asylum in the United States. The letter, spearheaded by Assemblymembers Cooley, Gallagher, and Kalra, was signed by 67 Assemblymembers from both sides of the aisle.

On March 24, 2022, President Biden announced that the United States would be accepting 100,000 refugees from Ukraine utilizing a number of legal pathways, one such pathway being humanitarian parole. This news is momentous for the many Ukrainians and Ukrainian-American's in the Sacramento region. Vlad Skots, President of the local non-profit Ukrainian American House, has been engaging with California leaders to inform them of the humanitarian crisis being faced by

Ukrainian people abroad and at home. This partnership between the Ukrainian-American community and the California Legislature was instrumental in the organization of the letter to the President. Assemblyman Cooley takes pride in the leadership California and its people demonstrated in urging this critical step forward.

Assemblyman Cooley remarks, "Ukraine's national anthem opens with the phrase, 'The Dignity and Freedom of Ukraine has not yet Perished.' With the entire world watching, we are awe-struck to see how a free people fight for their dignity, for their freedom, and to keep their unperishable national identity. We support the fullest possible U.S. partnerships in support of this courageous and determined people."

Assemblyman Ken Cooley represents the 8th Assembly District which includes the communities of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murieta, Rosemont, Wilton and other portions of unincorporated Sacramento County. For more information, please visit [asmdc.org/members/a08/](http://asmdc.org/members/a08/) ★

## Orange Grove Ave and Auburn Blvd Shooting Investigation Underway

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - At 8:51 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a call from a citizen at the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue and Auburn Boulevard stating that an adult male subject had been shot after an apparent "Road Rage" incident.

Witnesses at the scene stated the driver of Vehicle 1 intentionally drove into Vehicle 2. The driver of Vehicle 1, a 46-year-old male, got out of his car and approached the driver of Vehicle 2, a 24-year-old male, both residents of Sacramento County.

Surveillance footage supports multiple witness statements that Driver 1 stopped his vehicle in the roadway and approached Driver 2 who was seated inside Vehicle 2. Witnesses say Driver 1 reached inside Vehicle 2 and was shot one time in the

torso by Driver 2.

Deputies arrived and located a male victim, who was later determined to be in possession of a knife, in the roadway next to a vehicle. Deputies rendered first aid until Metro Fire arrived on scene to transport the victim to the hospital where he died hours later. Driver 2 remained on scene and was cooperative with deputies. Detectives later interviewed Driver 2 and released him without charges. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office will confer with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office regarding evidence and charging.

No information is available on either driver. No other information is available at this time.

Detectives are asking anyone with information relating to this incident, to please contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at [www.sacsheriff.com](http://www.sacsheriff.com) or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

## Shotspotter Activation Aids in Arrest of Gang Member

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann, Sacramento Sheriff's Department

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On March 19, 2022, at approximately 7:41 p.m., north patrol deputies responded to a seven-round ShotSpotter activation on the 4800 block of Willowbrook Drive. The activation the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received indicated the gunshots were fired from the residence of Mong Cha (43), a known criminal street gang member with a lengthy violent criminal history.

As patrol deputies

arrived on scene, Cha was observed inside the residence. Cha exited the residence and was subsequently detained without incident. During the investigation, deputies located five expended 9mm shell casings near Cha's driveway.

Patrol deputies and Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) Detectives investigated initial scene and authored a search warrant that was signed by a judge and executed at the residence shortly thereafter. Deputies and GSU detectives conducted a search of Cha's residence which yielded a loaded, unserialized privately made firearm (PMF) and a "Roni" style

pistol conversion kit. The magazine was loaded with multiple rounds, which matched the type of casings located on the driveway.

Mong Cha was arrested for multiple felony firearm - related charges including: Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Discharging a Firearm in Grossly Negligent Manner, Felon in Possession of Ammunition and Possession of Unregistered Firearm. He was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail with a \$50,000 bail.

Click the link here to see body cam footage of the search for the firearm.

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# Carmichael Water District Awarded \$2 Million for Projects

**Carmichael Water District Press Release**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - On March 17, 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announced the award of \$2 million in grant funding to Carmichael Water District (CWD) to help fund the construction of the Engle/Garfield Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well Project. CWD's new well is one of ten additional projects selected for funding as part of Reclamation's Drought Resiliency Project grants. Reclamation's Program is part of WaterSMART, a program that provides water agencies financial assistance to implement projects that build long-term drought resiliency.

Over the past decade, climate change driven drought conditions have severely affected CWD's surface water supplies through State Water Resources Control Board (Board) curtailment orders in 2014/2015 and most recently in 2021. The Board's curtailment orders resulted in a 100% reduction in surface water supply for CWD.

With a need for investment in additional groundwater supplies, CWD was compelled to seek partnerships in funding to enhance its current conjunctive use program. The addition of an ASR well will greatly improve the CWD's ability to sustainably manage its groundwater supplies and better manage its previously banked water. The project supports co-equal goals of building long-term resilience to drought and reducing

the impacts of emergency response actions on customers.

The support of U.S. House Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA), was essential in securing the drought resiliency funding for CWD. "Sacramento County is in the midst of a historic drought and over the last few years has faced both severe flooding and dry periods, impacting our residents and our economy," said Representative Bera. "I'm proud to help secure over \$2 million in grant funding to assist the Carmichael Water District in construction of the Engle/Garfield Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well Project. I will continue to fight for additional funding to ensure our region has access to a safe and reliable water supply."

"Grant funded projects such as this are tremendous examples of CWD's commitment to addressing water supply challenges through conjunctive use water management," said President of the CWD Board of Directors Jeff Nelson. "Joining with Representative Bera and through financial partnerships with Reclamation, we demonstrate our commitment to work together in developing solutions that address both long-term water reliability and customer water affordability."

The addition of the ASR well to CWD's portfolio will provide an average annual benefit of 605 acre-feet per year of additional recharge and allow access of up to 1,210 acre-feet previously banked groundwater. ★

# Paperless Billing Now Offered by Revenue Recovery

**By Ken Casparis, Sacramento County**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Department of Finance's Revenue Recovery Division, which provides billing and collection services for the County, has a great new tool to help customers manage their payments and pay their bills online!

This tool, Revenue Recovery Online, makes managing payments a breeze! With Revenue Recovery Online you can:

Sign up for paperless & receive statements via email; View previous statements, correspondence and payment history; Set up payment reminders; Pay Online; and, Set up auto pay, so you never miss a due date

This new paperless billing option will help Revenue Recovery customers avoid potential postal delays while also offering a greener alternative to mailed paper bills.

Effective Oct. 1, 2021, the United States

Postal Service revised its service standards for certain first-class mail items that increase the delivery time from 1-3 days to 5 days. This new standard may delay customers' receipt of mail from us and our receipt of mail from them (including payments).

Revenue Recovery sends out close to 100,000 customer statements every month. It is estimated that the standard 45-foot pine tree can produce roughly 10,000 sheets of paper, so every year, Revenue Recovery uses roughly 120 greenhouse gas absorbing pine trees worth of paper, excluding envelopes and other correspondence.

To avoid delays in receiving your Revenue Recovery statement or other time sensitive correspondence from us, and to help us go green, sign up today for Revenue Recovery Online today. We will email you and let you know when your statement is available to view online. It's simple and secure! ★

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