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**MADDY EVENTS**

Maddy Forum – *Mediation Instead of Litigation: A More Civil Way to Resolve Civil Rights Disputes?* – Cherry Rojas, the Coordinator of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Regional Office in Los Angeles that covers the central and south San Joaquin Valley, will discuss the EEOC's mediation program on this week's Maddy Forum. The show airs on 90.7 KFSR radio Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and also is available on the [KFSR Web site](#) and iTunes.

Maddy Political Insider – Maddy Institute board member John Harris is the next guest on The Maddy Political Insider, which can be heard on the Alan Autry Show on KYNO Radio 1300 Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**POLITICAL BRIEFS**

Database on local government losses – The Sacramento Bee's Phillip Reese has an interactive database with estimates of how much local governments could lose as a result of the new budget, which included borrowing \$2 billion from cities and counties and taking \$1.7 billion from local redevelopment agencies. [Capitol Alert; Database](#)

Governor discusses vetoes in weekly radio address – The governor says this truly was a get-out-of-town budget because after voting the legislators immediately left for summer vacation. "They said we can deal with the rest of the problem later in August or September," he said. "That is always the mentality of the Legislature to delay and put off the really tough choices." [Governor's radio address](#)

IOUs continue to flow – California finally has a budget, but don't assume it's put an end to the embarrassment of IOUs. The state will continue to pay a chunk of its bills with promises in lieu of dollars for at least another week. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Sacramento Bee: State needs fixes to avoid a repeat – The protests are mounting, and public agencies and interest groups that are outraged by the state's latest budget revision are preparing to litigate. But amid the clamor, the public shouldn't lose sight of one thing: This is still only the beginning. [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

Michael Vitiello: Prison cuts, done well, do no harm – The University of the Pacific professor writes that as the [Legislature](#) returns to the question of how to reduce [prison costs](#) in August, the challenge will be how to rebut extravagant claims that early release and a sentencing commission are "radioactive," and the "worst of the worst." [Vitiello op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

John Fund: California still not out of its budget hole – California has avoided fiscal reality for so long it's fitting that the state legislature reverted to subterfuge last week while voting for its third budget deal in nine months. [Fund in the Wall Street Journal](#)

California deal leaves more kids uninsured – California's budget deal is expected to nearly double the state's number of uninsured children and puts a spotlight on a key provision in the health-care bills in Congress. [Wall Street Journal article](#)

Sacramento Bee: Capitol powers hit new low in esteem -- This state needs change badly. But it is not going to come from the powers that be in the Capitol. [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

New election fundraising totals out in Kern -- State campaign finance filings painted some interesting pictures Friday of how Kern County's election battles might shape up in coming months. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Brown, Whitman open big fundraising lead in 2010 gov's race -- According to campaign fundraising reports filed Friday, two clear front-runners have emerged in the contest for cash, one from each party: Democratic Attorney General Jerry Brown, who held the governor's job for two terms in the 1970s and early 1980s, and Meg Whitman, the former eBay CEO and billionaire who's never held elected office. [San Jose Mercury News article](#); [Sacramento Bee article](#)

**NEWS BRIEFS****BLOGS/SITES**

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State wants \$4.8 million from Modesto – Modesto officials Friday got their first look at what the newly passed state budget is going to mean for the city. They weren't surprised by the bad news they got: The state is taking \$2.8 million of the city's property taxes, but promises to repay it by 2013. It is requiring Modesto to pay \$2 million in redevelopment funds, money city officials say they don't have. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Cancer risk for bad air greater in poorest areas – A Record analysis of newly released Environmental Protection Agency data shows that risk is higher for the county's more economically depressed and ethnically diverse neighborhoods, including some of those closest to the urban core of the city. [Stockton Record article](#)

Furloughs kick in Monday for Fresno State – Budget-driven furloughs begin Monday at Fresno State, with administrative offices shut down as part of a plan to close a \$16.3 million shortfall in state money. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Valley colleges face record demand, budget cuts -- Even waiting lists are crammed at Fresno City College, where thousands of students -- partly driven by the bad economy -- are scrambling for classroom seats less than three weeks before the fall semester begins. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Michael Karbassi: CSU fee increases not economically sound – The Fresno State student writes that if we cut enrollment that means less money in California's budget. Someone needs to tell Sacramento that this is not a sound budget plan. [Karbassi op-ed in Fresno Bee](#)

College of the Sequoias aims to be more technologically connected – Facebook and Twitter are in College of the Sequoias' electronic future. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Q&A with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools – The Visalia Times-Delta asked Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak how How does the Tulare County History of Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum fit in with the other education programs of the Tulare County Office of Education. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Offering a little bit of relief, USDA increases milk prices – In a boost to Merced County dairy farmers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday that it was increasing the price the government pays for milk and cheese. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Modesto Bee: Federal funds won't solve our long-term problems – The federal stimulus money flowing into our region is welcome, but in many cases it won't solve long-term problems, but only provide short-term relief. [Modesto Bee editorial](#)

Residential 'gray water' rules eased – California regulators have opened the floodgates for using "gray water" by issuing an emergency decision that allows residents to create simple water-reuse systems without a construction permit. [San Diego Union-Tribune article](#)

Tulare committee seeking money for rail study – Officials with the county's Rail Advisory Committee are asking for \$1 million in federal money to help study the rail corridor along the eastern side of the Valley and to help buy the line's right-of-way. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Cash for clunkers still rolling – A federal program to give trade-in "cash for clunkers" to new car buyers was extended Friday -- a move designed to ensure that the popular program continues to send buyers flocking to local dealerships. [Hanford Sentinel article](#); [AP article](#)

Foreclosure tsunami coming? – When real estate broker [Terance Frazier](#) is asked about the projected next wave of foreclosures, he points to a chart compiled by his intern, Trent Souza. Souza matched up scheduled auction dates at the Fresno County courthouse with government-imposed moratoriums and found, not surprisingly, that banks didn't repossess as many homes during those periods. [Fresno Bee article](#)

California battles destructive ag pest -- California's battle against pest infestations intensified Friday on two fronts. The state expanded quarantines in several counties to protect against the spread of the light brown apple moth. It also began attacking the newest pest: the white striped fruit fly, which was found recently in Los Angeles County. It is the first time the destructive fruit fly has been found in the Western Hemisphere. [Fresno Bee article](#); [Stockton Record article](#); [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Federal sites tell Stanislaus' story in numbers – The federal government collects data on practically everything. These days, thanks to the Internet, all those statistics can be accessed, searched and downloaded free at any time. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Kern sees first human West Nile case – Just as we were gearing up to battle the swine flu, Kern County health officials have reminded us the West Nile Virus is still alive and well in our little slice of paradise. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Controversial fly ash operation seeking Kern OK -- Fly ash is controversial stuff. Kern County supervisors will decide, in a little more than a week, whether to grant Calash LLC a conditional use permit to store and process the material on county land the company leases on Famoso Road. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Latinos who once flocked to burgeoning Inland Empire are hard-hit in economic downturn – Because the construction and service jobs they filled are gone and the houses they bought may be in foreclosure, they feel the brunt of the recession. [LA Times article](#)

Modesto apparel maker hits its mark in Iraq – Security professionals on the go might overlook the local goods when they spot an outlet for 5.11 Tactical, the Modesto uniform company known for heavy-duty equipment

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that suits the tastes of law enforcement and military types worldwide. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Downtown Stockton's Lexington Hotel checks out -- The Lexington Plaza Waterfront Hotel, a central part of Stockton's campaign to rebuild its waterfront and, when it opened in 2007, the most expensive private investment downtown in almost 20 years, is to close next week, the hotel said Friday, millions of dollars in debt and unable to withstand the real estate market's fall. [Stockton Record article](#)

Sunkist losing legal battle with ex-Strathmore packer -- The 5th District Court of Appeal in Fresno has upheld a multimillion dollar judgment for a former citrus packinghouse owner in his long-running battle against Sunkist Growers. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Funeral arrangements become more modest in tight economy -- With these tough economic conditions, people are cutting back in any way possible, including funeral costs. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Trial date set in case of McSwain girl who was forced to remove anti-abortion shirt -- A trial date has been set in the civil rights case of a Merced County girl who says she was forced to remove her anti-abortion T-shirt by school administrators in 2008. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

#### EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Fresno Bee -- It's time to [revamp state's tax system](#).

Merced Sun-Star -- The truth is that we're [still billions short](#) on state budget.

Modesto Bee -- The federal stimulus money flowing into our region is welcome, but in many cases it [won't solve long-term problems](#), but only provide short-term relief.

Sacramento Bee -- State needs fixes to [avoid a repeat](#) of budget mess.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will host a Healthy Air Living Air Quality Chat at the Arnold Rue Community Center in Stockton on Aug. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will host a Healthy Air Living Air Quality Chat at Westside Union Elementary School in Los Banos on Aug. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Central Valley Venture Forum will be held on September 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Fresno. Registration will open in August. Contact: Nancy Kobata, [nancyko@csufresno.edu](mailto:nancyko@csufresno.edu).

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