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MADDY EVENTS

Maddy Forum – The Maddy Forum, a weekly 30-minute public affairs program focusing on issues of interest to the San Joaquin Valley, 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 Sal Russo is the guest on the next edition of 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

Despite cuts, state still hiring – California's government continues to grow despite a historic recession, [budget cuts](#) and employee layoff warnings, new data show. About 4,000 more full-time workers drew state checks in June compared to a year before, with the biggest increases coming in prison hospitals, the state's unemployment agency and the [Franchise Tax Board](#). [Sacramento Bee article](#)

State seeks an even keel on taxes – Still smarting from the latest budget fight, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders are gearing up for a new battle -- a push to ease the state's chronic boom-bust cycles by radically altering the way we pay taxes. [LA Times article](#)

Lawsuits are the latest roadblock for California budget – Litigators go to court to undo cuts made by legislators and the governor. The state is spending billions of dollars fighting the lawsuits and dealing with increasingly unfavorable rulings. [LA Times article](#)

George Skelton: Polarization is paralyzing California -- A comprehensive report released last week by the nonpartisan Field Poll offers evidence that the two major parties in California -- particularly the Republican -- have been moving toward the extremes. [Skelton column in LA Times](#)

California could be disqualified from competing for \$4.35 billion in federal education stimulus funds – Faced with a dire choice over being loyal to the state's powerful teachers union or claiming their share of billions of dollars in new federal funding, Sacramento legislators are re-evaluating a law that prevents the state from tying student test scores to teacher performance. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Vote could signal start of new-look GOP – Despite California's sorry status as an economic basket case, some GOP voices are suggesting, ever so hopefully, that the Golden State could be poised for a new profile - as the birthplace of a potential renaissance for the Republican Party. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Donald W. Blount: Pray for nonsectarian solution in Lodi – Is prayer before a public government meeting necessary? Is it necessary to recite the Pledge of Allegiance before a public meeting? The answer, of course, is no. It seems the only thing necessary to get the meeting under way is to call it to order. [Blount column in Stockton Record](#)

Whalen given \$2,900 after Wal-Mart's OK -- A development company seeking to build a controversial Wal-Mart Supercenter in Clovis donated \$2,900 to Bob Whalen's state Assembly campaign the day after he cast a key City Council vote on the project. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Dan Walters: Boxer shaky again as campaign looms – Every six years, Republicans believe that with just the right candidate and just the right amount of money, they can knock off the woman they love to hate. And they are heartened again by a new poll showing Boxer barely leading the most likely 2010 challenger, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

Nasty primary election campaign seen between Brown, Newsom – Ten months away from the primary elections, Democrats are already bracing for a withering gubernatorial battle that could leave their nominee scarred and weakened and in no position to withstand the ensuing onslaught sure to come from a well-financed Republican opponent. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

Prop 8 foes to decide whether to fight in 2010 -- This is a big week for same-sex marriage advocates, as a clearer picture will emerge about whether they're going to put the issue before voters again in November 2010 or wait until 2012. Or beyond. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Lawyers want San Francisco, groups out of gay marriage suit -- The prominent lawyers leading the

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fight to legalize same-sex marriage in California have told San Francisco officials and three other groups supportive of same-sex weddings “thanks, but no thanks” for trying to join their federal lawsuit. [AP article](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

Building a San Joaquin County for the future – From the growth of cities to the challenges of job creation to the struggle against high unemployment, the issues facing San Joaquin County today are expected to be the same issues facing the county tomorrow. [Stockton Record article](#)

Water crisis getting national coverage Tuesday – The plight of Westside farmers will get national network television time on Fox News in the coming week. At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sean Hannity is expected to do a live interview with Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Visalia, comedian Paul Rodriguez and possibly some local growers in an abandoned almond orchard near Huron. [Hanford Sentinel article](#)

Pension amounts remain secret in Stanislaus – The Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association has refused to release records about public service employees receiving the most lucrative pensions. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Fresno Pacific enrollment rebounds -- The financial squeeze at public colleges and universities and new offers such as a four-year graduation guarantee may be paying off for Fresno Pacific University, where enrollment is rebounding. [Fresno Bee article](#)

University of the Pacific's new president is meeting community, learning area – Pam Eibeck has been in the top position at the University of the Pacific for just over a month now. [Lodi News-Sentinel article](#)

1,000 seek work at Merced's soon-to-be-open Kohl's – A steady procession of eager applicants passed through the doors of the Holiday Inn Express this weekend, as Kohl's launched its job fair in preparation for its new Merced store. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Mike Bowler: Public defender asks Fresno supervisors to send money – The attorney with the Fresno County Public Defender's Office writes that fully funding the public defender's office would allow for more efficient courts, reduce lengthy local incarceration costs, provide proper defense for the accused, help create a more just society and save the taxpayer big bucks. [Bowler op-ed in Fresno Bee](#)

Sheriff's police irks defenders in Stanislaus – Instead of talking in person, inmates and their lawyers, separated by thick glass, will have to make do with telephones and mail slots. Some area attorneys say the new policy by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is keeping them from effectively reviewing evidence and talking with their clients. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Stimulus has been a thing of beauty for Merced cosmetology school – The Sierra College of Beauty is a 70-student cosmetology school that occupies an unassuming building on West 18th Street in Merced. The school may not look like the most likely candidate for stimulus funds from the federal government's economic recovery package, but it was given more than \$150,000 in additional educational grants this year. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Tulare library to cut back hours -- The Tulare Public Library will cut its hours of operation starting next month, dropping to 34 hours per week. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Don't forget us, underinsured say – While much of the American health care discussion has focused on providing coverage to the country's 46 million uninsured, there is growing concern about millions more who are underinsured, or whose policies require them to pay thousands of dollars out-of-pocket before coverage kicks in. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

San Joaquin apartment rental rates stable – After San Joaquin County apartment rents declined and vacancies rose in late 2008 and early 2009, the residential rental market firmed in the second quarter, a recent report says. [Stockton Record article](#)

Modesto Bee: A pathfinder on the long journey out of homelessness -- The Salvation Army is expanding its services in Modesto this month with a long-term program to move homeless people back into hopeful, productive lives. [Modesto Bee editorial](#)

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Merced Sun-Star – [Favorable conditions for wealth creation](#) will do a lot more to create work than the government hiring folks.

Modesto Bee – The Salvation Army is expanding its services in Modesto this month with a long-term program to move homeless people back into [hopeful, productive lives](#).

Sacramento Bee – Midtown Sacramento family is [all choked up](#).

Stockton Record – Both Manson women traded decades behind bars for the [ingnomious attention](#) they received for their heinous actions; May Blair Ulring's [tenure be long](#) as Stockton police chief.

Visalia Times-Delta – Thumbs up to Al Guzman, Tulare County purchasing agent, and to Bonnie Napier, historian and retired occupational therapist, for a nifty bit of [persistence and detective work](#) that recently resulted in the reunification of historic photos and memorabilia with their owners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Health and Human Services Work Group will meet at Lionakis Beaumont Design Group, 1207 I St., Suite 100, Modesto, on Aug. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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A California Solar Initiative workshop will be held on Sept. 1 at 1129 Enterprise St. in Stockton from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. September 1, 2009, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Information:
<http://www.pge.com/mybusiness/edusafety/training/stockton/contact/>

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.

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