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**MADDY EVENTS**

**Maddy Report** – The Maddy Report, a monthly 30-minute public affairs television program, will air "Health Care Reform: The Prescriptions from the Valley's Congressional Delegation." Guests Congressmen Jim Costa, D-Fresno; Dennis Cardoza, D-Merced; Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield; Devin Nunes, R-Visalia; and George Radanovich, R-Mariposa, will join host Mark Keppler, the Executive Director of the Maddy Institute, in a discussion of how the coverage, cost and quality of health care will be impacted by the proposed overhaul of our health care system. The program will air Sunday, Aug. 16 at 5 p.m. on KSEE 24.

**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** – Former state Sen. Chuck Poochigian, a Maddy Institute board member, will be the next guest on The Maddy Political Insider, which can be heard on the Alan Autry Show on KYNO Radio 1300 Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

**POLITICAL BRIEFS**

**Jim Boren:** Nevada not any better for business -- You gotta love the sleight of hand Nevada economic development officials are using in their \$1 million advertising plan to lure California businesses to their state. In ripping California, they suggest that all is well in the Silver State. So here's what you won't hear in those ads. [Boren column in Fresno Bee](#)

Lawmakers return for a month with slew of bills, little money to spend – [California](#) lawmakers will launch a four-week sprint Monday to act on hundreds of issues that could affect nearly every [California](#) family on subjects ranging from pet sterilization to [water conservation](#). [Sacramento Bee article](#); [LA Times article](#)

**Scott Herhold:** How much of a break for children of disabled California vets? – You may have read that teachers are being furloughed, student admission is being capped and fees are being raised at California colleges. Amid all this, the state retains the most liberal veterans' educational benefit in the country. [Herhold column in San Jose Mercury News](#)

**Newsom, Brown pitch union activists** – In back-to-back appearances that foreshadowed the 2010 Democratic governor's race, both San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and state Attorney General Jerry Brown got rousing receptions from 500 union activists in Palo Alto this weekend. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

**Jerry Brown on entering 2010 governor's race:** 'Not for a few months, at least' -- There are clear signs that Brown is getting closer to what everyone fully expects him to do in CA: make an unprecedented run for a third term. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

**Willie Brown:** East Bay election could affect governor's race – If Garamendi does win, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger gets to nominate someone to serve out the rest of his lieutenant governor's term, which runs through next year. That person instantly becomes a contender for governor in 2010. [Brown column in San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

**Prop 8 lands in veteran jurist's court** – Back in 1987, President Ronald Reagan nominated San Francisco corporate lawyer Vaughn Walker as a federal judge and ran into a wave of local opposition. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

**More health care talk by McNerney** -- Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, continues his health care listening tour Monday in Manteca. [Stockton Record article](#)

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Dan Walters:** A new shot at settling Delta water war – The water stalemate is a symbol of California's governmental dysfunction. The new water package could be a path to decision or just another of countless time-eating studies and debates that postpone hard decisions. Given the water war's tortured history, one shouldn't bet the farm, as it were, on its succeeding. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

**BLOGS/SITES**

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Stockton Record: Pay for it if you drink it – You want Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water Southern California, buy it. By the thimble full. Same with you folks in the Bay Area and you farmers in the parched southern San Joaquin Valley. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

On the prowl for water-use scofflaws in LA – Nearly 700 citations have been issued to homeowners, apartment building managers, fast-food franchise owners, church clerks and Caltrans sites. Under more lax restrictions in place before June, the DWP even cited one of its own facilities. [LA Times article](#)

Difficult terrain works against California fire crews – California residents are being urged to follow orders to leave their homes as crews struggled to control nearly a dozen wildfires burning in areas with inaccessible terrain. [AP article](#)

Fresno County farmers may lose tax break – Fresno County farmers could face higher property taxes as a result of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's decision to eliminate funding for a popular farmland conservation program, county officials say. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Modesto Bee: Agriculture is the backbone of our economy – While things aren't looking quite so good for farmers in 2009 — especially in the dairy industry — no other sector of our economy is likely to come close to matching agriculture's nearly \$2.5 billion value. [Modesto Bee editorial](#)

Kings courthouses will begin once-a-month furloughs – The Kings County Superior Court will be feeling the budget ax falling from Sacramento, as all four of its location will close on the third Wednesday of each month beginning on Sept. 16. The closure will continue through June 2010. [Hanford Sentinel article](#)

Government incentives put purchases in reach for more consumers – A multitude of incentives are being offered to support causes lawmakers consider worthy — such as saving energy, reducing air pollution and putting people back to work. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Kern Medical Center plan links doctor pay to productivity – Doctor contracts at county-owned Kern Medical Center have sparked controversy for years. On Tuesday, Kern County supervisors will debate a new compensation plan designed to tie physician pay to physician work. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Schools on toes to catch flu cases – As children return to school for the spelling tests, the science labs and after-school clubs, area schools will be trying to keep them and staff members from getting swine flu. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Fresno Bee: Scores are up at Fresno Unified, but not enough – Fresno Unified School District students continue to post gains on standardized tests, and that progress is to be applauded. But there are still too many students who are not proficient in fundamental skills areas, and that remains the biggest education challenge in Fresno Unified. [Fresno Bee editorial](#)

Free lunch, breakfast programs could surge in U.S. schools – The number of U.S. students who receive free and reduced-cost meals at school could soar to a 41-year high this school year, as record [job losses](#) and high unemployment push thousands more children into poverty, many for the first time. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Mike Klocke: Delta College important to Stockton's health – The college is one of Stockton's real assets, albeit an underappreciated one. It's been that way for years and the school really is an important part of where the city - and its residents - will go in the future. [Klocke column in Stockton Record](#)

Inmate hospital funds sliced – Rural hospitals that treat California prisoners could lose millions of dollars next year under new reimbursement rates that are part of the state budget. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Fresno taxpayers tapped to keep Grizzlies afloat -- Locked in closed-door negotiations with owners of the struggling Fresno Grizzlies, city officials have few options. And none of them is attractive. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Stanislaus County Fair attendance down slightly – Fewer people visited the Stanislaus County Fair this year, but given the difficult economy officials are calling it a win. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Bill McEwen: Flag, and flap about it, may have saved Fresno veteran's job -- That ratty old flag may have helped save a Fresno vet's job. But more importantly, it has reminded us all that principles -- not symbols -- are what matter. [McEwen column in Fresno Bee](#)

California employees face quandary over carbon footprint – One global green leader does not offset its travel, even though its employees regularly fly around the world warning about the dangers of [climate change](#) and devising strategies to combat it. That leader is the state of [California](#). [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Lois Henry: Great, more unneeded, unwanted development in Bakersfield – It's nice to see developers and the county creating housing plans that go beyond the mono-zoned, cookie-cutter, "un-smart" growth style that has been so highly prized here in B-town for so very long. Nice, but in the case of the proposed Neighborhood Development in western Rosedale, no cigar. [Henry in Bakersfield Californian](#)

John Gamman/Scott McCreary: Conditions ripe for climate change brawl – The co-founders of CONCUR write that [California's](#) move toward an environment-friendly future and green economy is being challenged by an unexpected source: a decision-making process that too often pits the concerns of local communities and conservationists against renewable energy developers. [Gamman/McCreary op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

Bernadette del Chiaro: Transparency, participation by the public is essential – The clean energy advocate for Environment California writes that the environmental community is united behind the idea of

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aggressively building renewable energy. For the most part, people get the idea that we obviously need to do it with the right emphasis. [Del Chiaro op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

Joseph Romm: Follow the sun into the desert for richest source of solar power – The senior fellow at the Center for American progress writes that he has no doubt whatsoever that failing to take advantage of the massive solar resource in the [California](#) desert – and in deserts around the country and around the planet – will wipe out a large fraction of the species on this planet. [Romm op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

Fresno's Duncan Enterprises gets crafty rename -- Duncan Enterprises, one of Fresno's best-known family-owned businesses, has changed its name to better connect with customers. [Fresno Bee article](#)

#### EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Fresno Bee – Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger took long-overdue action to protect the state's endangered coho salmon when he signed a bill that slaps [a temporary moratorium](#) on suction dredge mining; Scores are up in Fresno Unified School District, but [not enough](#).

Modesto Bee – While things aren't looking quite so good for farmers in 2009 — especially in the dairy industry — no other sector of our economy is likely to come close to matching [agriculture's nearly \\$2.5 billion value](#).

Sacramento Bee – New Sacramento City schools chief has [the right stuff](#).

Stockton Record – You want Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water Southern California, [buy it](#). By the thimble full. Same with you folks in the Bay Area and you farmers in the parched southern San Joaquin Valley; No one is going to confuse what the Federal Reserve said last week with [economic ebullience](#).

#### 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.

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](mailto:nancyko@csufresno.edu).

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