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MADDY EVENTS

Maddy Forum – The Maddy Forum is a weekly 30-minute public affairs program focusing on issues of interest to the San Joaquin Valley. 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 – The Maddy Political Insider can be heard on the Alan Autry Show on KYNO Radio 1300 Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. (No Insider this week.)

POLITICAL BRIEFS

Lawmaker wants a part-time Legislature – State Sen. Jeff Denham, R-Merced, introduced Friday a constitutional amendment aimed at shortening the legislative session by several months. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Valley health-care debate focuses on individual needs -- While emotions can boil over at health-care reform town-hall meetings patients at doctors' offices in Fresno have a calmer view: They agree that the system must change. But few know details of the complex plans that inspired fierce political debate. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Nunes' health-care meeting earns a C-plus -- Thumbs up to U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Visalia, and his staff for holding a public meeting to explain the health-care reform bill in Congress. Thumbs down to Nunes and his staff for holding the meeting at a place, Clovis East High School, and a time, 8 a.m. Thursday, that effectively prevented most of his constituents from attending. [Visalia Times-Delta editorial](#)

McNerney to phone in for health talk -- Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, will hold a telephone town hall focusing on health care reform at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. [Stockton Record article](#)

George Skelton: Unshackling prison reform – An amended, watered-down measure may be debated on the Assembly floor today. It will retain the feature Schwarzenegger deems most important: an overhaul of the parole system by focusing on the riskiest parolees and paying little attention to the rest, resulting in fewer ex-cons being returned to prison for minor violations. [Skelton column in LA Times](#)

CD 10: Money key in race to replace Tauscher – Like it or not, money talks in American elections, and in the upcoming special primary election in the Bay Area's 10th Congressional District, money may well talk louder than usual. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

CD 10: Poll puts Garamendi ahead – Garamendi has won key endorsements from [organized labor](#) and pulled ahead, according to a mid- August poll conducted by the nonpartisan SurveyUSA firm, which showed him winning the support of 26 percent of respondents to DeSaulnier's 15 percent. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Back-room deal: California Forward's debate over biz fees – Lurking in the preliminary reform proposals put forth by California Forward is a little-noticed item that would limit the Legislature's ability to raise revenue through "mitigation fees" on business. [Calbuzz article](#)

Pension funds: Risky bets to recover losses? – After historic losses, the nation's biggest public pension fund, CalPERS, says a riskier overall investment strategy is not part of its recovery plan. [Calpensions.com](#)

Modesto council race lures young candidates -- A switch to district elections isn't the only change coming to Modesto politics this fall. Candidates in the City Council race skew young, with five of the seven contenders in their 20s and 30s. With most current council members in their 50s and 60s, that means the Nov. 3 election will bring fresh blood to the council in more ways than one. [Modesto Bee article](#)

California strikes back at Nevada ads wooing Golden State businesses – A week after the Nevada Development Authority ran a series of advertisements urging California companies to jump ship, Assemblyman Jose Solorio (D-Santa Ana) is retaliating. [LA Times article](#)

New poll finds Newsom trailing Brown even in San Francisco -- Not only is San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom trailing state Attorney General Jerry Brown statewide in the Democratic race for governor, he's pulling up short with the very voters who know him best - San Franciscans. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

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Adam Ashton's After Deadline (ModBee)
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Dan Walters: A new chapter in California's rent control history -- Traditionally, [California](#) was a state of homeowners, but as its population and housing prices soared, its home ownership rate dipped to the nation's second lowest. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

Governor's Delta plan hits bumpy patch – August started out with a big step forward for the governor's plan to address twin crises in water supply and the environment when water officials, regulators and environmentalists belatedly published a 200-page outline of a key part of the plan. Then things got complicated. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

Kern supervisors mull department consolidation – When Kern County supervisors sent Environmental Health Director Matt Constantine to his new temp-job running the Public Health Services Department, they sent him with a mission. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Sacramento Bee: State should aid clean water push – Whether or not [California](#) declares that the delivery of clean water is a right rather than simply a public service, the state can and should be doing more to see that all its residents have access to the water they need to sustain their lives. [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

Budget cuts easy to see in Stanislaus schools – School districts have laid off newer teachers and encouraged veterans to retire early, downsized custodians, bus drivers and teacher aides, increased class sizes, and reduced or eliminated arts, music, theater and other electives. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Will bigger classes hurt kids? – Several teachers contacted said they're not too worried about the class-size increases coming to some local schools as a result of budget cuts. Sure, they'd rather teach fewer kids, they say, but they'll make it work. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Convocation pumps up Pacific students – Sunday was a day of firsts at University of the Pacific. The college's new president, Pamela Eibeck, was introduced to her first class of incoming students at a convocation ceremony, where students pledged to give professors their best efforts. [Stockton Record article](#)

Valley dealerships deal with 'Clunkers' – Worried they won't get their money from the federal government, several Valley car dealerships called an early end to the Cash for Clunkers vehicle trade-in program this weekend -- well ahead of today's 5 p.m. sales deadline. [Fresno Bee article](#); [Modesto Bee article](#)

Sounds of hammering is music to Livingston – While much of the county's once-frenzied building has come to a standstill, some hammering can be heard in Livingston. It's not exactly a turnaround, but city officials are taking what they can get from the weak economy. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Utilities, groups at odds over sources for renewable energy – [California's](#) electric utilities have accepted that they'll be required to get a third of their power from renewable sources by 2020. Now, they are battling environmental and [labor](#) groups over where it's going to come from. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Tulare trustees OK effort to apply for bond – Tulare high school district trustees approved allowing the district to apply for a qualified school construction bond. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Feds sell, seize Guaranty Bank branches – Guaranty Bank became the second-largest U.S. bank to fail this year after the Texas lender was shut down by regulators and most of its operations sold at a loss of billions of dollars for the U.S. government to a major Spanish bank. [AP article](#)

San Joaquin County's showplace in downtown Stockton – The six-story building will consolidate many county operations, stress energy efficiency and provide a modern look to the downtown landscape. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

Stockton's own ready to take flight – Jose Hernandez, the first astronaut from Stockton to embark on a space mission, is ready to discharge months of rigorous and uncomfortable practice - and years of longing - to travel in space. [Stockton Record article](#); [Mike Klocke column in Stockton Record](#); [Lodi News-Sentinel article](#)

Fresno rendering plant odor fuels new debate -- A new debate has begun over a 56-year-old rendering plant that west Fresno activists say is ruining their quality of life with the overpowering smell of rotting animals. [Fresno Bee article](#)

When housing crash ends, how will Sacramento grow? -- The big question: Will this new wave of growth create a more urban, compact [Sacramento](#), as many community activists and politicians hope? Or will it follow the time-tested pattern of past booms in the late 1970s, the second half of the 1980s and the first half of this decade, pushing ever-larger homes farther into farmland? [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Sacramento County may owe over \$2 million more in retiree health costs -- In an effort to reduce costs a couple of years ago, [Sacramento County](#) officials cut a health insurance subsidy to county workers who retired after June 1, 2007. A state adjudicative body, however, recently ruled that the officials had no right to unilaterally do away with the long-standing benefit and ordered the county to "make whole all those affected by the June 5, 2007, changes in eligibility for lost benefits, monetary and otherwise, plus interest at the rate of 7 percent per annum." [Sacramento Bee article](#)

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Stockton Record – The new courthouse in downtown Stockton [cannot come soon enough](#); New government building in downtown Stockton fills [administrative, aesthetic needs](#).

Visalia Times-Delta -- Nunes' health-care meeting [earns a C-plus](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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