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MADDY EVENTS

Maddy Forum - *Preventive Health Care: Is an Ounce of Prevention Worth a Pound of Cure?* John Capitan, the Executive Director of the Central Valley Health Policy Institute and Consultant to the Health and Human Services Work Group of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and Glen Beatrez, Supervisor of the Clovis Area Recreation Center, will discuss preventive health in the national health care policy debate and what local communities can do to promote healthy activities. 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.

Maddy Legislative Intern Scholarship Program – The Maddy Institute is currently accepting applications for the fall 2009 semester for its Legislative Intern Scholarship Program. Students must be at least junior standing (grad students are welcome) and have an overall 3.0 GPA. Students must commit to a 150-hour internship. They will work in legislative offices within Fresno and tentatively set to start on Monday, Sept. 21. Deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 4. Applications and details are available on the Maddy Institute's Web site at www.maddyinstitute.org.

POLITICAL BRIEFS

Major water bond proposed in Capitol – A plan to get voter approval on \$11.7 billion in new water projects that include reservoirs, Delta environmental protections and even a massive canal is under consideration in the Capitol, the latest in a series of proposals targeting California's water problems. [Capitol Weekly article](#)

Governor to rescind furloughs for CHP dispatchers – Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has decided to rescind furloughs for the nearly 900 dispatchers who work in the [California Highway Patrol's](#) dispatch system that has been plagued this year by heavy declines in its [response times](#), a gubernatorial spokeswoman said Thursday. Spokeswoman [Rachel Cameron](#) said the furloughs will be rescinded as of Sept. 1. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Fresno Bee: Furloughs are less evil for state -- Furloughs are a bad option. But for now, they are the least bad of all the bad options on the table. [Fresno Bee editorial](#)

State Assembly guts prison bill – A controversial prison bill that would have reduced California's inmate population by 27,000 has been significantly watered down by state Assembly lawmakers who pushed aside a plan to allow some prisoners to finish their sentences at home. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Assembly unveils revised prison cuts language – [Assembly](#) Speaker Karen Bass released the [Assembly's](#) version of the prisons cuts bill today. The [Assembly](#) is expected to take up the plan Monday, spokeswoman [Shannon Murphy](#) wrote in an e-mail. [Capitol Alert with summary of bill and changes as well as bill language](#); [Modesto Bee editorial](#)

Dan Walters: Capitol proves again why it earns derision – The state [Assembly's](#) Democratic so-called leadership proved Thursday that even that record-low [approval rating](#) is probably much too high by wimping out on reforming an overcrowded, overly expensive and unmanageable prison system. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

State calls in IOUs after getting \$1.5-billion loan -- California will begin redeeming its IOUs as scheduled beginning Sept. 4, after the state Thursday closed on a \$1.5-billion short-term loan from JPMorgan Chase, Treasurer Bill Lockyer said. [LA Times article](#)

Bakersfield Californian: We've heard the no's on health reform; now it's time for solutions – Participants at Wednesday's town hall should be commended for their civility and their engagement. Now, having expressed themselves, they must demand that Congress fix this longstanding problem. [Bakersfield Californian editorial](#)

Two Merced mayor candidates in financial trouble – One Merced mayor's candidate filed for bankruptcy in May and another is paying off a state tax lien, though neither thinks the financial troubles will materially hurt their chances during the election. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Visalia council candidates mingle with voters – It was an evening to press the flesh, network and get their names out and for the nine candidates running for three seats on the Visalia City Council, it was also a

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chance to meet their competition. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

CHP officers' union agrees to trim wages, fund retiree health benefits – The union representing [California](#) Highway Patrol officers has reached a deal to amend its contract with the state, trimming officers' wages for the next two years, Gov. [Arnold Schwarzenegger](#) said Thursday. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Another farmworker election bill sent to governor – For the third time in three years, state lawmakers have sent to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger a proposal that would change the way farmworker elections have operated since the days of Cesar Chavez. [LA Times article](#)

Poizner to fight sale of part of workers' comp fund – California's top insurance regulator is expected today to file a lawsuit to try to stop the governor from selling \$1 billion worth of business at a state-run workers' compensation insurance company. [LA Times article](#)

Poizner steps up his campaign for governor – Steve Poizner said in an interview later that he wasn't worried about the slow start and that his campaign was "ramping up aggressively now" despite poll numbers showing him running a distant third for the Republican nomination behind former eBay CEO [Meg Whitman](#) and former Rep. [Tom Campbell](#). [Sacramento Bee article](#)

The downside to having two well-known Der Manouels in town -- Sometimes, when a dad decides to give his son the same name, it can lead to unintended consequences later in life -- for father, son or, sometimes, both. Take Fresno's two Michael Der Manouels, father and son, both in the insurance business. But not of like minds on some touchy political issues. [Fresno Bee political notebook](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

Deal may keep Healthy Families kids on rolls – California legislators have apparently reached a bipartisan solution to prevent more than half a million children from being cut from the [Healthy Families](#) public health insurance program. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Tulare child advocates struggle as demand for services rise and budgets plummet – Marilyn Barr's job has been a lot tougher since budget cuts were handed down at Child Welfare Services just as the number of abuse and neglect cases is rising. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

More applying for free, reduced-price school meals in Kern – Over the past three years Fruitvale School District has experienced a 50 percent rise in applications for free and-reduced price meals. This year a third of its 3,217 students meet the income-eligibility requirements that let them receive low-cost breakfast and lunch. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Larry Powell: Keep economic stimulus money in state – The Fresno County superintendent of schools writes that we need to return California education to the preeminent position it once held. Qualifying California for Race to the Top funds is a step in the right direction. [Powell op-ed in Fresno Bee](#)

Legislature discusses removing 'firewall' between student data and teacher evaluations – To make California schools eligible for more federal stimulus funds, the state Legislature took up bills Thursday to change the state law governing the use of student data. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Visalia schools report 14 swine flu cases – Visalia Unified has had 14 cases of swine flu since school resumed on Aug. 14, including three cases at La Joya Middle School as well as at elementary and high schools, a district official reported today. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Swine flu suspected in death of Modesto school child-care worker – The swine flu virus may have claimed a 19-year-old Modesto elementary school employee Thursday morning, officials said. [Modesto Bee article](#)

100 Tulare County residents sickened with swine flu during past 6 weeks – More than 185 cases of the H1N1, or swine flu, virus have been confirmed in Tulare County since the illness first made its way to California last April. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

California health care officials racing to prepare for flu season – Health officials are expressing concerns about California's preparedness for the upcoming flu season, in which an already strained healthcare system will have to cope with seasonal influenza as well as the swine flu. [LA Times article](#)

Stimulus to boost housing market in Clovis, Madera – Madera and Clovis are among 96 communities and counties in California to receive federal stimulus money to buy deteriorating houses or to create programs to help others buy them. [Fresno Bee article](#)

July home prices vary in North Valley – July's home sales prices varied dramatically from one ZIP code to another in the Northern San Joaquin Valley. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Michael Fitzgerald: Perk lets top San Joaquin execs profit while others are called to sacrifice – On top of large salaries and plump benefit packages, the county's highest-paid execs enjoy up to \$13,782 a year, cash-to-the-pocket payout. [Fitzgerald column in Stockton Record](#)

Fees increase for San Joaquin County parks – San Joaquin County is raising the weekday parking fee starting Tuesday from \$3 to \$5 per vehicle at its regional parks. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Conditional designation for South Valley enterprise zone – State officials have given Tulare County a conditional economic designation that will provide tax advantages to new and growing businesses in the

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communities. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Easing of natural gas prices means lower bills in winter – Pacific Gas & Electric Co. projects that its residential gas bills will average \$63 a month from November through March. They averaged \$65 per month in 2008 and \$78 per month the year before that. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Melinda Cheel: Clean energy can give state a needed jolt – The executive director of the Green Chamber of Commerce writes that [California](#) must continue in its role as a national leader on climate policies and leverage the spirit of innovation that has put Californians at the forefront of the national climate discussions. [Cheel op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

Court ruling could affect Caltrains' electrification plans – This week's court ruling against high-speed rail may also force delays to Caltrain's plans to expand commuter service through electrification, and calls into question the agency's ability to fund the project. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Fresno council OKs developer fee -- The road is now clear for a new development fee to support Fresno County highway projects as a result of Fresno City Council action Thursday. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Contentious concrete plant OK'd by Kern planners – A controversial concrete recycling plant proposed by Polhamus near Allen and Hageman roads in Rosedale got a lukewarm approval from the Kern County Planning Commission Thursday night after being delayed at two previous meetings. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Lodi's trash pickup rates are headed for a 3 percent increase – Fees for trash, recyclables and yard waste will be increased by almost 3 percent on Oct. 8 unless enough ratepayers protest the increase. [Lodi News-Sentinel article](#)

Number of Kern gang members jumps by nearly 3,000 since 2006 – The number of gang members in Kern County has skyrocketed 63 percent in the last four years, police said Thursday. Gang members and associates went from nearly 4,600 in 2006 to nearly 7,500 this year. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Stockton-area youth prisons may see ward influx – Two Stockton-area youth prisons could begin to see their populations rise with the announcement Thursday that the state's largest juvenile lock-up in Southern California will close. [Stockton Record article](#); [LA Times article](#)

Upgrades will soon smooth connection between cell phones, Merced law enforcement – Merced and Atwater dispatchers will soon be able to receive mobile 911 calls directly. They will also know exactly where you are when you call -- within 30 feet, anyway. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

New small business loans fail to reach intended target – In some quarters, there is grumbling that the bulk of the government's resources seem to be going to big corporations rather than the small and mid-sized companies responsible for creating most of the nation's jobs. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

California to lose its last major auto plant -- Toyota Motor Corp. has decided to close its auto plant in the Bay Area city of Fremont early next year, eliminating about 4,700 jobs and bringing large-scale automobile production in California to an end. [LA Times article](#); [Stockton Record article](#)

Members organizing against Kaiser's planned clinic changes— Two weeks after Kaiser Permanente admitted its mistake in mailing a letter prematurely announcing substantial changes to its after-hours care clinics, it has issued a replacement letter that attempts to clarify the changes that will now go into effect Nov. 2. [Stockton Record article](#)

Fresnans repair, rather than replace, consumer goods -- With money tighter than ever, many people would rather fix than replace their cars, washing machines or stoves. And that has kept some repair shops in business through the recession. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Yosemite wildfire grows to 1,100 acres – A fire on the outskirts of Yosemite National Park has grown to more than 1,100 acres after a prescribed burn grew out of control on Wednesday. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Reno back on job for Fresno County Sheriff's Office -- Reno, a trained police dog working for the Fresno County Sheriff's Office who was shot in the back of the head July 14, is returning to work after five weeks of recovery and retraining. [Fresno Bee article](#)

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

.Bakersfield Californian – Participants at Wednesday's town hall should be commended for their civility and their engagement. Now, having expressed themselves, they must demand that Congress [fix this longstanding problem](#).

Fresno Bee –Furloughs are a bad option. But for now, they are the [least bad of all the bad options](#) on the table; CalPERS board rules [need to be stricter](#).

Merced Sun-Star – State furloughs are the [least of all bad options](#).

Modesto Bee – Prison conditions pose a serious threat to public safety, and significant and meaningful reform is needed — before the [next tinderbox ignites](#).

Sacramento Bee – Furlough fight is [growing tiresome](#) in California; Rep. Doris Matsui should [face voters](#) at town hall.

Stockton Record - Ted Kennedy left [a lasting mark](#) on legislation, bipartisanship.

Visalia Times-Delta -- [Cheers](#) to Tulare County people and businesses.

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/>

Over 100 Volunteers Needed for Emergency Food Distribution - Drought Disaster Response in Central California: September 11 from 8-1pm or 1pm-6pm in Firebaugh City Park [1599 Q St, Firebaugh, CA 93622]. Contact HandsOn Central CA to volunteer at (559) 237-3101 or sign up via www.handsoncentralcal.org/FoodBank.html.

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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