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MADDY EVENTS

Maddy Forum - The Maddy Forum, a weekly half-hour public affairs program featuring 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 – 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

Sen. Jeff Denham: Keep violent criminals jailed – The Valley senator writes that California's criminal justice system is complicated and a confusing mess, and the recent proposal to release thousands of convicted criminals back into our communities early makes it even worse. [Denham op-ed in Merced Sun-Star](#)

Prisons and puppets – The [Assembly](#) and the [Senate](#) both have floor sessions scheduled for today. Expect a flurry of bills to flow through both houses in the coming days. Lawmakers have just two weeks left to pass or reject measures before the regular session wraps up for the year. The [Assembly](#) is expected to vote on its version of the prisons cuts plan today. [Capitol Alert](#)

Money is no miracle in California politics – The list of super-rich candidates who limped away from Election Day in defeat is long in [California](#). It's about to get longer next year. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Dan Walters: California pension costs and angst increase – As California's economy continues to decline, as the ranks of the unemployed continue to swell and as private employers trim salaries and fringe benefits, public worker unions are becoming worried about a backlash that would hit their retirement plans. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

500 groups urge Obama to halt immigration police program – A coalition of advocacy groups sent a letter to President Obama last week demanding that the administration end a program that allows local police to enforce federal immigration law. [LA Times article](#)

Lodi atheists challenge City Council prayers – David Diskin and others have formed [Lodi United](#), a group of religious and nonreligious who will meet Wednesday in response to the debate over prayer at the town's City Council meetings. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Los Angeles-area wildfire fight seems unhampered by budget cuts -- The state's budget crunch so far has not appeared to affect firefighters' ability to battle the Southern California blazes. This year's firefighting efforts, however, could exacerbate the state's lingering financial problems, increasing the size of the deficit that lawmakers will have to close next year. [LA Times article](#)

Sacramento Bee: A 'public option' the GOP loves -- As the politicians in [Washington](#) debate the wisdom of a "public option" in [health insurance](#), [California](#) has a real-life example of how such a program might work. And oddly enough, Democrats here have voted to sell off a portion of our state-owned insurance company while Republicans are trying to preserve it. [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

Pereta recovering from prostate cancer -- Former state Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, who wants to be Oakland's next mayor, has been quietly undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

BLOGS/SITES

Adam Ashton's After Deadline (ModBee)
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 Bill McEwen blog
 blognetnews.com/California
 California Majority Report
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Delta levee projects must now prepare for rising sea level – Levee projects in the [Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#) will have to account for [rising sea levels](#) under a new federal policy aimed at shoring up the region's main line of defense against [climate change](#). [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Will homeowners pay more or less when Fresno moves to water meters? -- No one knows for sure what will happen when Fresno starts using water meters early next year -- but some people could be in for a shock. After six months, data from a study of 70 volunteer households has produced a few surprises. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Lodi changes course on greenbelt – Having faced recent obstacles - and concluding they have little political support in the county government that controls the land - Lodi officials say they may have a better shot at a greenbelt if they take a backseat in the effort and let the property owners do the wheeling and dealing in the coming months. [Stockton Record article](#)

State budget crisis aids private colleges -- California's budget crisis is creating a business opportunity for private colleges and trade schools in the central San Joaquin Valley. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Business connects with Kern schools -- Three years ago, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce posed a question to local business leaders: Look ahead five years. What does the business community look like? Their response: We don't know where our qualified employees will come from. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

California hospitals seek relief from seismic safety rules – Recession-battered California hospitals are asking state lawmakers to provide relief from seismic [safety rules](#) that could prompt closure of facilities that don't meet impending deadlines. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Many Californians with medical debt are insured – More than two-thirds of the 2.2 million Californians who reported being in debt due to medical expenses actually had health insurance when they incurred their debt, according to a study released today by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Stockton Record: Flu season, don't pass on it – There is no need to panic about H1N1 virus - swine flu - forecasts; neither should we be complacent. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

Official work begins today at San Joaquin administration building – Some of the 500 or so employees soon to inhabit the 250,000 square-foot building have already set up shop inside. The public had its first chance to take a gander inside at a recent ribbon cutting, but the doors open for business today. [Stockton Record article](#)

Report: More California employers complying with heat-stress training rules -- In 2006, when the state of California began requiring employers to take steps to prevent heat-related illnesses at outdoor job sites, compliance was estimated at 33 percent. Three years later, compliance is at 84 percent. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Tulare supervisors review eminent domain -- The Tulare County Board of Supervisors may seek to use eminent domain to take possession of three strips of privately-owned land along Highway 80. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Noninvasive search set for pioneer cemetery – Scientists are scheduled Sept. 21 to start searching for pioneer graves — without poking underground — near Crows Landing on a former Navy airfield designated for a proposed 4,800-acre business and industrial park. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Yosemite fire half contained -- Nearly 750 firefighters have managed to contain about half of a blaze covering more than 4,000 acres in Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest, officials said Sunday. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Modesto Nuts enjoy another year of record attendance -- With the crowd of 2,968 for Sunday's regular-season finale, the Nuts' final attendance clocked in at 167,722, breaking last year's record of 164,306. Like every other professional sport, minor league attendance figures are based on the number of tickets sold. [Modesto Bee article](#)

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

.Merced Sun-Star – Despite rhetoric, California is an [entrepreneurial leader](#).

Modesto Bee – California has [good 'public option'](#) for workers comp.

Sacramento Bee – As the politicians in Washington debate the wisdom of a "public option" in health insurance, California has [a real-life example](#) of how such a program might work. And oddly enough, Democrats here have voted to sell off a portion of our state-owned insurance company while Republicans are trying to preserve it.

Stockton Record – There is [no need to panic](#) about H1N1 virus - swine flu - forecasts; neither should we be complacent; Why not [five days of mail](#)?

Visalia Times-Delta -- [Thumbs up](#) to retired Police Chief Bob Carden, who served his last day in the Visalia Police Department last week.

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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/>

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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