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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.

POLITICAL BRIEFS

Legislators hope for a water deal this week – Legislators said Tuesday that they hope to reach a tentative deal by Friday on upgrading the state's water system. [LA Times article](#)

Lawmakers slam governor over veto threat – Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature could be headed for a high-stakes game of chicken as the deadline approaches at midnight Sunday for the governor to sign or veto more than 700 bills that are on his desk. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#); [LA Times article](#); [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Big 5 meeting blows up – A private meeting of legislative leaders and Gov. Schwarzenegger ended abruptly Tuesday amid bad blood between Senate Leader Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, and his GOP counterpart, Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth of Murrieta. [Capitol Weekly article](#)

Dan Walters: Tough budget year soon may be seen as 'good old days' – The current budget may be considered draconian by many around the Capitol, but these may soon be savored as the good old days unless the economy unexpectedly heads upward. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

Target Book publisher lists hot seats for 2010 – For all you campaign junkies who couldn't make it to last week's "California Target Book" conference on the 2010 elections, here's a roundup of what the minds behind the California campaign guide say are the cycle's hottest races to watch. Valley seats on the list: AD 19 (Alyson Huber, incumbent); AD 15 (Joan Buchanan); AD 30 (Danny Gilmore); SD 12 (Jeff Denham); CD 11 (Jerry McNerney); CD 18 (Dennis Cardoza). [Capitol Alert](#)

CD 10: Paper: McCarthy tried to recruit hero pilot for GOP congressional run – Republicans earlier this year tried to convince hero Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger to run for a congressional seat in California. The GOP wanted Sullenberger, 58, to run against Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Calif.), the second-term congressman who represents Sullenberger's hometown of Danville, Calif. [The Hill via Bakersfield Californian "Politics, Anyone?" blog](#)

CD 11: Bill Clinton stumps for Garamendi – Former President Bill Clinton touted health care reform, climate change legislation and 10th Congressional District Democratic candidate and California Lt. Gov. John Garamendi in a hastily organized campaign stop late Tuesday afternoon. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

AD 32: Dean Haddock looking at Assembly run – Bakersfield psychologist Dean Haddock has filed initial papers to run for the 32nd Assembly District post, stunning even veteran local politicians who thought his wing of the GOP would come up with a stronger candidate. The move also suggests incumbent Jean Fuller, R-Bakersfield, is not running for a third and final Assembly term -- and will go for the state Senate instead. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Administration to SEIU: Knock off the Columbus Day talk – The [Department of Personnel Administration](#) has fired off a letter to [SEIU](#) Local 1000 this morning, demanding the union to stop telling the 95,000 [state workers](#) it represents to not show up for work on Columbus Day. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Scrivner going for Kern supervisor – Zack Scrivner ended the guessing game about his political future Monday by formally announcing he'll run for a county supervisor post. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Atwater has spent \$55,000 on Frago fiasco so far – The city of Atwater paid nearly \$60,000 in legal fees this past summer to deal with the fallout following the publication of a series of racist e-mails sent by Councilman Gary Frago in late 2008 and early 2009. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Governor gets behind health reform – Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Tuesday became the latest Republican

BLOGS/SITES

Adam Ashton's After Deadline (ModBee)

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Bill McEwen blog

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California Majority Report

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to back an overhaul of healthcare, as the Obama administration gathers support for what it hopes will be the final bipartisan push. [LA Times article](#)

Republican Assemblyman faces recall election – It appears that Republican [Assemblyman Anthony Adams](#), denounced by anti-tax conservatives for voting for a [state budget](#) that included billions of dollars in new taxes, will face a recall election. [Capitol Alert](#)

Whitman camp seeks to verify voting history – After publicly apologizing for what she called her "atrocious" voting record, GOP gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman is now going on the offensive, saying she recalls voting "on numerous occasions" in the past. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Critic: Sacramento strong-mayor initiative would 'create a king' – Mayor Kevin Johnson's strong-mayor initiative would give too much power to one person and "essentially, create a king" in Sacramento, an opponent of the measure said Sunday in a debate. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Obama's approval rating slips to 60 percent in California – President [Barack Obama's](#) job [approval rating](#) has slipped since the spring among [California voters](#), but he gets good marks for his handling of the economy and his plans to overhaul the nation's [health care](#) system. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Villines/Codgill to hold Community Renewal Summit – Assemblyman Mike Villines and Sen. Dave Cogdill will hold the fifth annual Fresno-Madera Community Renewal Summit on Friday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the New Covenant Community Church in Fresno. More information: (559) 446-2029 or e-mail Janene.Flad@asm.ca.gov. To register online, please visit www.communityrenewal.net.

NEWS BRIEFS

Merced College lays off 15 employees – Citing hefty cuts in state funding, the Merced College board of trustees voted to lay off 15 employees Tuesday night. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Tracy may have to eliminate 70 jobs – As many as 70 city positions in Tracy may be eliminated by early November as officials grapple with unrelenting property and sales tax revenue declines and future state borrowing from cities. [Stockton Record article](#)

Lodi Unified facing \$20 million budget shortfall next year – There will be layoffs and salary cuts next school year, Lodi Unified School District Superintendent Cathy Nichols-Washer told the school board Tuesday night. [Lodi New-Sentinel article](#)

Lodi looks at bus cuts -- Lodi bus routes and dial-a-ride services will be reduced by November, but how and where cuts will be made to the public transit system is still up for debate. [Stockton Record article](#)

Fresno County bond debt scrutinized – Fresno County can reasonably assume between \$150 million and \$325 million in bond debt over the next 10 years, according to a report presented Tuesday to the Board of Supervisors by its independent financial adviser. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Plunge in new car sales contribute to historic drop in Bakersfield sales tax – Details of Bakersfield's historic sales tax plunge in the second quarter show dramatic drops in new car sales, grocery store receipts and oilfield equipment purchases. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Claim says StanCERA board violated law – A legal claim charges that the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association violated state laws in April when its board decided to transfer \$60 million from reserves to reduce employer contributions to the public service pension system. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Modesto firefighters are no longer sent out on nonemergency calls – Stanislaus County fire departments are being more selective about the emergency calls they respond to, culling calls they don't consider medical emergencies. The switch is meant to provide more efficiency for budget-strapped departments. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Merced Sun-Star: We can't let Williamson Act slip away – We've long considered the Williamson Act a critical component of the effort to save valuable farmland from development. Some farmers simply can't survive financially without the tax breaks they receive from the act. [Merced Sun-Star editorial](#)

Modesto drops blue bag recycling program – Modesto is trashing its blue bag recycling program. The City Council voted 7-0 Tuesday night to end the program Jan. 1. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Bakersfield home sales enter 'winter market' – Existing sales of single-family homes in the Bakersfield area fell 9.8 percent from August to September, reflecting a seasonal drop that is typical of the end of the year. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Fresno County schools reach out to foster children – Fresno County has come up with an innovative way to help foster children, whose challenges at home often overwhelm their efforts at school. The county is placing social workers in schools, where they provide educational assistance to children they're already monitoring for foster care. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Stockton Record: Stockton Unified transparency a must – The fact that the superintendent of Stockton Unified has been allowed to unilaterally - and apparently secretly - approve contracts up to \$50,000 is puzzling. Puzzling and troubling. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

UC leaders propose state-federal 'hybrid' – The federal government should step in to save chronically underfunded public universities, University of California leaders say. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

Golden Valley crowding forces boundary changes in Kern – To help reduce overcrowding, the Kern High School District board has reviewed boundary adjustment plans that would take effect next year. [Bakersfield](#)

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H1N1 vaccine arrives in Valley – Nasal spray vaccine to ward off swine flu began arriving Tuesday in the central San Joaquin Valley. Kings County received 1,600 doses of the vaccine for the H1N1 virus, also called swine flu. Fresno County got about 200 doses. [Fresno Bee article](#); [Merced Sun-Star article](#); [Stockton Record article](#)

Kings County staff will study waste landfill – Kings County staff will research questions and concerns raised by opponents of the proposed expansion of a hazardous waste landfill and try to provide answers for planning commissioners before their next meeting Oct. 19. [Fresno Bee article](#); [Fresno Bee editorial](#)

‘Cleantech’ could be economy’s next boom – Silicon Valley investors are pointing to something called cleantech — alternative energy, more efficient power distribution and new ways to store electricity, all with minimal impact to the environment — as a candidate for the next boom. [AP article](#)

Lawsuit likely after Kern supervisors approve Tejon project -- The next hurdle for Tejon Mountain Village will be the courtroom. Attorneys for the Center for Biological Diversity said Monday they will sue to stop the project after Kern County supervisors unanimously blessed the project’s construction. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Madera contemplates environmental report – Madera City Council members will consider tonight approving an environmental report for the city’s general plan update that will be a road map for development over the next 20 years. [Fresno Bee article](#)

UC Merced professor gets grant for solar energy research -- UC Merced professor David Kelley has received a \$1.3 million grant for research to make solar energy technology less costly. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Lois Henry: Public has power in unity – State Sen. Dean Florez has promised more hearings on PG&E rates and no doubt he’ll deliver. But if the residents of this county don’t get together and continue pushing this issue, it will fizzle out just like all the other times. [Henry column in Bakersfield Californian](#)

Hotel defaults, foreclosures rise in California – More California hotels are being pushed into foreclosure as tourists and businesses alike scale back their travel plans and owners are unable to pay their mortgages. [LA Times article](#)

Stockton Metro flights take a dip – Passenger volume at Stockton Metropolitan Airport dropped in September as the summer travel season came to an end, officials reported Tuesday. [Stockton Record article](#)

Wi-Fi express now departing – When ACE first rolled out trains equipped with Wi-Fi in 2003, it was a landmark occasion. It was touted as being the first passenger train in the country to offer Wi-Fi. [Stockton Record article](#)

Tortillas up, bouquets down during recession – In a recession, it seems, people eat more tortillas and stop buying flowers for their sweethearts. It’s not actually that simple, but tortilla-makers landed on a recently released top-10 list of best-performing privately held companies, and florists landed in the bottom 10. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Grizzlies, Fresno take time on lease – The public probably won’t get its first look at proposed revisions to the Fresno Grizzlies’ lease at Chukchansi Park for another 30 to 45 days, city officials say. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Turlock arts center, stadium on RDA list – Supporters of the Carnegie Arts Center and of Joe DeBely Stadium got their way Tuesday night. Both projects — \$4 million to rebuild the arson-damaged arts center and \$2.8 million toward putting in an all-weather track and field at Turlock High School — made the list for city redevelopment funding. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Visalia council approves deal that could put medical office, multistory parking structure downtown – The Visalia City Council late Monday approved an agreement to the sell a 2.5-acre city-owned parcel in downtown to a development team made up of local builders and investors. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Hanford city manager search process to begin – The Hanford City Council is preparing early to find a replacement for City Manager Gary Misenhimer, who will be retiring next spring. [Hanford Sentinel article](#)

Modesto NAACP, church sponsor study on race – The Modesto-Stanislaus branch of the NAACP and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will sponsor a six-month study on race and diversity issues starting Thursday. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Reedley hospital to file for bankruptcy – The Sierra Kings District Hospital board of directors voted Tuesday afternoon to file for bankruptcy protection, a move the interim chief executive says will give the hospital time to dig itself out of a financial hole. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Traver seeks infrastructure upgrade funds – The community of Traver in Tulare County will join the growing list of outlying communities vying for infrastructure upgrades. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Stanislaus sheriff dismissed from discrimination suit -- Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson no longer is named as a defendant in a lawsuit that claims officials in his department retaliated against three women who complained that they were the victims of racial discrimination. [Modesto Bee article](#)

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Fresno Bee – Let Waste Management [expand Kettleman City site](#).

Merced Sun-Star – We can't let Williamson Act [slip away](#).

Sacramento Bee – Slowing speeds can [save lives](#).

Stockton Record – The fact that the superintendent of Stockton Unified has been allowed to unilaterally - and apparently secretly - approve contracts up to \$50,000 is puzzling. [Puzzling and troubling](#).

Visalia Times-Delta – Visalia needs a [new animal shelter](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The California High-Speed Rail Authority will hold a public meeting in Merced to discuss the next steps in the environmental review of the San Jose to Merced section of the California high-speed train project. The meeting will be held at the Merced Community Senior Center, 755 West 15th St., on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. More information: 1-800-881-5799 or www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors will hold its quarterly meeting at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center I Fresno on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. Information: www.sjvpartnership.org.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley will hold its annual summit at the Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center on Friday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: www.sjvpartnership.org.

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