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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

Dianne Feinstein: State water issue is complex – The U.S. Senator writes that there is no quick fix for the chronic water shortages devastating Valley farmers. A real solution to the water problem will not be possible until state leaders create a workable plan to repair the Delta and build new water infrastructure. [Feinstein op-ed in Fresno Bee](#)

Latino water coalition drills for support – Members of the California Latino Water Coalition were meeting with Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein on Tuesday, as California officials prepared to swing the national spotlight on the state's water problems. [Fresno Bee political notebook](#)

Bay-Delta to get renewed attention from Obama administration – In her first remarks in California, the Obama administration's top environmental regulator put San Francisco Bay and the Delta on a short list of nationally important waterways in need of restoration. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

Stockton Record: A river will run through it – Thursday something will begin that many thought would never happen: the rebirth of the San Joaquin River. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

Governor lauds new tax plan as business, labor groups denounce it -- As major Capitol business and labor groups denounced a tax overhaul package released Tuesday by a blue-ribbon commission, Gov. [Arnold Schwarzenegger](#) essentially embraced the plan, whose key components would flatten the state's income tax and install a new form of [consumption tax](#) on businesses. Sacramento Bee article; [LA Times article](#)

Dan Walters: Much-needed California tax overhaul likely doomed – The report from the sharply divided commission is probably dead on arrival in a Capitol that can't agree on the time of day, much less anything as intellectually and politically challenging as long-term tax reform. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

Q&A: How Schwarzenegger-backed tax plan would affect Californians – Despite opposition from business and labor groups, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger embraced a blue-ribbon panel's recommendation Tuesday to flatten the [state income tax](#), eliminate part of the [sales tax](#) and install a new form of [consumption tax](#) on most firms. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Parra launches new business – Former Assembly Member Nicole Parra, who recently left a job with the Schwarzenegger administration, has opened up her own consulting shop called NMP Consulting -- for Nicole Marie Parra. [Fresno Bee political notebook – scroll to item](#); [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Duvall's departure is Gilmore's gain -- The swift downfall of Orange County Republican Mike Duvall has an upside for a Valley Republican. Three weeks after Duvall resigned over a sex scandal, his Assembly staff today is moving into the smallest office in the Capitol. That means the current occupant of the "doghouse," Hanford's Danny Gilmore, gets to move to bigger digs. [Fresno Bee political notebook – scroll to item](#)

California expects strong demand when it sells state buildings – In putting an estimated \$2 billion worth of real estate up for sale during a horrific recession, state officials say the properties' trophy value will outweigh the severity of the real estate slump. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

State sentiment reflects a changed reality -- Californians think the state economy stinks right now but see modest improvements on the horizon, according to a new survey that digs deeply into attitudes to find that residents have a love-hate relationship with the Golden State. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Bakersfield Californian: Blame Sacramento game-playing, not junketing lawmakers – The junket

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to Europe being enjoyed by seven state senators and to China and Korea by six other legislators shouldn't be blamed for delaying a special session to address a desperately needed fix of California's water system. Blame politics for that. Blame lawmakers engaged in a game of chicken with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. [Bakersfield Californian editorial](#)

3 vie for Modesto council seat – The candidate who wins Modesto's District 4 City Council seat will represent an area that spans Modesto's extremes. The district covers the La Loma area, where some of Modesto's most expensive houses are, and the airport neighborhood, which struggles with poverty and crime. [Modesto Bee article](#)

A look at Modesto City Council financial disclosure forms – The Modesto Bee takes a look at financial disclosure forms for candidates for Modesto City Council. [Jeff Perine forms](#); [Joe Muratore forms](#); [Robert Stanford forms](#); [Kristen Olsen forms](#); [Joe Cataline forms](#); [Dave Geer forms](#); [Al Nava forms](#)

Madueno leads in campaign funding for Riverbank mayor's race – Former Councilwoman Virginia Madueño is the front- runner in the six-person race for mayor when it comes to campaign cash. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Candidate Long raking in cash, endorsements in race for Merced Irrigation District – If campaign finances are any indication of who will win an election, the race for Merced Irrigation District's open seat will be a landslide. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Meg Whitman: I focused on family instead of voting – Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman said Tuesday that it wasn't until she was a chief executive in Silicon Valley that she realized why she should vote after sitting out elections for decades. She says the problems with government she confronted there inspired her to get involved in politics. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#); [Capitol Alert](#)

AG Jerry Brown opens exploratory campaign for governor – State Attorney General [Jerry Brown](#), who has hinted for months about a run for a third term as California governor, is making it official -- announcing today he will file with the Secretary of State a "Brown for Governor 2010 Exploratory Committee," his campaign adviser Steven Glazer said. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#); [LA Times article](#); [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Fiorina actions at issue -- Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, a potential Republican challenger for Barbara Boxer's U.S. Senate seat, skipped her party's fall convention in Indian Wells this past weekend, citing ongoing breast cancer treatments. [Fresno Bee article](#)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce faces revolt over its opposition to global warming legislation -- As California Sen. Barbara Boxer prepares to unveil the Senate's climate change legislation on Capitol Hill today, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — a strong opponent of the global warming bill passed by the House and a likely foe of the Senate bill — faces a high-profile revolt by some of its members. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

Stanislaus County ponders solar farm – County supervisors on Tuesday unanimously agreed to explore converting part of a 1,040-acre farm on county-owned property next to the landfill into a solar field. Also Tuesday, leaders without discussion postponed weighing the future of farmland tax breaks because a majority of supervisors own such property. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Redevelopment agencies score a big victory against state ... for now – California's redevelopment agencies have won a major victory in their battle to keep the state from grabbing hundreds of millions of tax dollars. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Fresno Bee: CSU shouldn't treat students like ATM machines -- The state can't keep hitting the students, even if state lawmakers see them as easy marks. [Fresno Bee editorial](#)

Surprise pick for head of Stockton Unified – Brand-new human resources chief Steve Vaczovsky was appointed acting superintendent of Stockton Unified on Tuesday night, a move that seemed to surprise everyone, including the 59-year-old Vaczovsky. [Stockton Record article](#)

Situation 'dire' as San Joaquin hospital continues to bleed money – San Joaquin County policymakers held off voting on a list of seven recommendations capping a long-awaited business plan for the financially struggling county hospital, opting instead to come back in a month to decide whether to consider asking community hospitals for support, reorganizing its clinics or entering into private partnerships to manage, lease or operate the hospital's inpatient facility. [Stockton Record article](#)

Kern supervisors wary of funding new fire academy – Adequate staffing of the Kern County Fire Department hangs in the balance after county supervisors balked at funding a new fire academy Tuesday. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Fresno County won't run parts of Sheriff's ops -- The Fresno County Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday not to examine the possibility of taking over parts of the Sheriff's Office. Supervisors voted against studying the possible savings from having information technology and fleet services moved from the sheriff's office to county departments that handle those functions for other departments. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Merced County goes forward on emergency center plans – Merced County is going forward with plans to turn a vacant building at Castle Commerce Center into a modern, countywide emergency operations center. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

Stockton council appoints interim city manager – The City Council appointed former Fairfield City

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Manager Kevin O'Rourke interim city manager Tuesday. [Stockton Record article](#)

Court furlough days take a bite out of Bakersfield restaurants' business – Workers aren't the only ones feeling the furloughs. When local courts close every third Wednesday of the month because of California's budget woes, court workers, deputies, attorneys, jurors and others may not be around for lunch downtown.

[Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Grant buys video cameras for Salida school buses – School bus driver Doug Montgomery doesn't have eyes in the back of his head and can't look in his rearview mirror to catch misbehaving students. He's about to get a set of electronic eyes from the Salida Union School District, which is using \$8,000 in grants to install video cameras in its 10 buses this fall. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Madera County faces \$500,000 fine for road project – Madera County faces a potential state fine of more than \$500,000 for allowing erosion runoff to despoil mountain streams during a road project in the Sierra foothills in summer and fall 2008. [Fresno Bee article](#)

State cracks down on heat violations – A statewide workplace enforcement sweep has resulted in 119 violations of California's heat illness prevention regulations. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Merced Wal-Mart distribution center: Appeals process begins – Opponents of the Wal-Mart distribution center have 30 days to file an appeal challenging the Merced City Council's approval of the project. [Merced Sun-Star article](#)

PG&E offers meetings for customers to go over bills -- Pacific Gas and Electric Co. hopes to settle recent complaints about soaring power bills by inviting customers to go over their charges with company representatives Friday, Saturday and Sunday. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Californians are paying a record 60 cents more per gallon than rest of nation – California motorists are paying 60 cents more for a gallon of gas than motorists nationwide — apparently the biggest gap ever. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Officials say larger, safer jails are needed in Tulare County – A growing population and aging facilities will add up to millions being spent on new jail facilities during the next two decades. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Tulare County seeks cheaper health insurance – The county is dropping its benefits contract with the California State Association of Counties and will be teaming up with Fresno County in search of lower premiums. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Kern hospitals, HMO team up on care for seniors -- The unique business model allows a managed care organization and a hospital chain to share the financial risk of caring for the elderly. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Kaiser workers to protest in Fresno -- Kaiser Permanente Medical Center workers in Fresno plan to picket outside the hospital Thursday to protest plans by the health-care system to eliminate jobs and lay off employees. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Fresno Bee: Report on child-beating death states obvious – The shocking death of 10-year-old Seth Ireland in January is a reminder of how agencies in Fresno County set up to protect children failed him when he needed them most. [Fresno Bee editorial](#)

No MMA at Fresno park anytime soon -- The promoter of two mixed martial arts events last year at the Woodward Park Rotary Amphitheater said Monday he has given up on hosting future events there after being turned down again at Fresno City Hall. [Fresno Bee article](#)

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Bakersfield Californian – Blame [Sacramento game-playing](#), not junketing lawmakers, for failure to fix California's water system.

Fresno Bee –CSU shouldn't treat students as [ATM machines](#); Report on child-beating death [states the obvious](#).

Merced Sun-Star – CSU, UC students [aren't ATMs](#).

Sacramento Bee –Future of Sacramento County is [a top priority](#); Time to put a chill on [spate of hot cars](#).

Stockton Record – [Line forming](#) for rental assistance vouchers in San Joaquin County; Thursday something will begin that many thought would never happen: the [rebirth of the San Joaquin River](#).

Visalia Times-Delta – The LOOP bus is [a simple idea that works](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and HUD will hold a free "Making Home Affordable Foreclosure Prevention" workshop at the Hilton Stockton on Sept. 30 from noon to 7:30 p.m. Information: makinghomeaffordable.gov.

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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