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Maddy Events

Maddy Forum: *"The June ballot propositions"* – Host Elliott Balch talks with Fresno State political science professor Jeff Cummins about Propositions 14, 15 and 16 on the June election ballot. The show is available on the [90.7 KFSR website](#) and on iTunes.

Maddy Political Insider – Assemblymember Juan Arambula, a member of The Maddy Institute Board of Directors, will be the guest on the next edition of The

Maddy Political Insider. Assemblymember Arambula will be discussing Proposition 14. The Maddy Political Insider can be heard on the Alan Autry Show on KYNO Radio 940 Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. If you missed the program, you can hear it again by logging on to the "Audio" link for the Alan Autry Show at: <http://www.940kyno.com>.

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Political Briefs

Poizner, Whitman battle for support in Valley -- With the June 8 election nearing, both candidates are seeking to close the deal with undecided Republican voters in the San Joaquin Valley. A traditional GOP stronghold, the eight-county region is home to 12% of Republican voters in the state. While the race might not be won in the Valley, it can be lost here. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Voters' top issues play little role in ads in governor's race – In poll after poll, California voters from both major parties have made it clear they see the recession, the state's budget mess and taxes as their top priorities this election year. On the airwaves, however, the Republican candidates for governor are talking about anything but that trio of issues. [Sacramento Bee article](#)

□ **Gubernatorial candidates blanket airwaves with ads as primary campaign winds down** – With election day little more than a week away, the two major Republican gubernatorial candidates are blanketing the airwaves with television advertising, each slashing the other as too liberal in an appeal to the party's conservative primary voters. [LA Times article](#)

Father-son rivalry played out in the governor's office, Brown letters show – As Brown seeks a third term as [California](#) governor, the files from his past administrations reveal a complex and somewhat crowded existence among the young governor, his legendary late father and his ambitious chief of staff.

[Sacramento Bee article](#) □ □

Latest Senate poll leaves GOP questioning if their favorite candidate can win in November – A new poll that has shaken up the GOP race for U.S. Senate is triggering some soul-searching in the California Republican Party. The question: Should Republicans in the June 8 primary vote their hearts or their minds? Or, put another way: Should they elect the candidate they feel most passionate about — or the person who can kick the Democrat they cannot stand out of office come November? [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

DeVore, Fiorina actively court 'Tea Party' vote – In a year when the imprimatur of the tea party swept Scott Brown to a Senate victory in Massachusetts and helped Rand Paul knock off the establishment Senate candidate in Kentucky — both DeVore and Fiorina are actively courting tea party support. [LA Times article](#)

Apathy may be big winner at polls – California is about to hold an election that will determine how future elections will be conducted - and, so far, less than a quarter of the state's residents seem to care. [Stockton Record article](#)

George Skelton: To balance the budget, cut and tax – Everything's in place for the annual legislative battle, but in the end, the state will need more revenue. [Skelton column in LA Times](#)

Dan Walters: California's business-tax debate flares up anew – Unitary taxation is one of those complex political issues with huge financial impacts about which very few people have any knowledge, even those in the [Legislature](#) who vote on [tax policy](#). In short, this is the decades-old debate over how [California](#) levies income taxes on multistate and multinational companies. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

California lawmakers face deadline to pass bills -- Friday is the last day for bills to pass their first house. About 360 measures will be up for votes starting Tuesday after lawmakers return from a Memorial Day break. [AP article](#)

California Republicans will shift to caucus system if open primary initiative passes -- While publicly denouncing the open primary initiative on the June 8 ballot as wrongheaded and anti-democratic, the California Republican Party four months ago quietly adopted a contingency plan. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

Mike D'Arelli: Prop 17 will lower car insurance – The executive director of Alliance of Insurance Agents & Brokers writes that a "yes" vote on Proposition 17 will give consumers the freedom to shop around and shift from one insurance company to another to find the best price and best service, without losing their continuous coverage discount. [D'Arelli op-ed in Fresno Bee](#)

Californians split on Arizona's illegal immigration crackdown -- California voters are closely divided over the crackdown on illegal immigration in Arizona, with sharp splits along lines of ethnicity and age, according to a new Los Angeles Times/USC poll. [LA Times article](#)

Teachers union may not sway schools chief race -- For nearly three decades, California's largest teachers union has all but handpicked the candidate who went on to win the race for state superintendent of public instruction. This year is different. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

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News Briefs

Top Stories

Legislature rejects study of peripheral canal alternative – The Legislature will not consider the latest alternative to a peripheral canal: a proposal to build gates, barriers and fish screens to protect both the ecosystem and the reliability of the water supply for much of California. [Stockton Record article](#)

Bridging the financial aid gap for community college students -- A new report from the College Board's new Advocacy and Policy Center offers a number of recommendations to help states and college systems get more federal financial aid in the pockets of community college students. [California Watch article](#)

PG&E's SmartMeter problems, and how to fix them -- Faulty calibration. A component that shakes loose. Software that accidentally reboots. Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has found a number of reasons why almost 45,000 of its SmartMeters haven't worked as planned. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

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How is cash-strapped Bakersfield building new parks? -- This is an excellent time to build new facilities because the city is actually able to get more for its dollars than in previous years, Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Director Dianne Hoover said. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Tulare County Sheriff's Department rolls with new technology that saves time, money -- Money and hundreds of hours have been saved, fewer miles driven, money saved and less paper wasted — all thanks to new technology in a handful of Tulare County Sheriff's Department patrol cars. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#) □

Education

Exeter district to decide whether prayers will be said at Friday's graduation -- Exeter Union High School's 221 seniors voted on whether to have a student-led prayer at their graduation Friday, but their yet-to-be counted votes may not matter. [Visalia Times-Delta article](#)

Modesto schools superintendent up for another review -- Modesto City Schools trustees will evaluate Superintendent Arturo Flores' performance, again, during a closed-door meeting Tuesday. This will be the third private meeting in less than a month about whether to extend Flores' contract. [Modesto Bee article](#)

One year later, Castillo recall goes to voters -- Just more than one year after he was served with a petition for his recall, Dan Castillo's fate will be decided June 8, with three hopeful candidates waiting to take his spot in the event he is removed by voters from his seat on the Stockton Unified school board. [Stockton Record article](#) □ □

Environment/Energy

□ **Appraisal: Electric system worth triple SSJID's offer** -- The electricity system in and near Escalon, Ripon and Manteca is worth more than triple what the South San Joaquin Irrigation District has offered to pay for it, a new appraisal says. [Modesto Bee article](#) □ □

Other Areas

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War stories: Project saves Valley vets' memories -- Fresno State students preserved the stories of more than 80 military veterans for the Central California War Veterans Oral History Project. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Complaints spur review of downtown Modesto park policy – The original vision for McClatchy Square in downtown Modesto hasn't panned out, so city officials have developed a new plan for the gardenlike park. What was intended as a quiet place for downtown workers to have lunch or take a break has become a gathering place for the homeless. [Modesto Bee article](#)

□ **Jim Boren: 'Safewipes' work – I can attest to it** -- Boren just had a personal experience with the "Safewipes," which the mayor handed out at her State of the City speech on Thursday. He was working in the yard on Sunday and noticed that his mailbox had been tagged with graffiti overnight. OK, let's see if the anti-graffiti wipes live up to the promises made by Mayor Ashley Swearengin. [Boren in Fresno Bee Opinion Talk](#)

Editorial Roundup

Bakersfield Californian – Honor [America's fallen](#) on this day.

Fresno Bee – We must [never forget](#) those who died in wars.

Merced Sun-Star – Take time today to [honor Americans](#) who died serving in combat.

Modesto Bee – Give the [day, fallen soldiers](#) their due.

Sacramento Bee – Let there be [no "forgotten wars"](#); Sacramento council should [let voters decide](#) on mayoral powers.

Stockton Record – Today we pause to remember those who, as Lincoln so eloquently said, "gave the [last full measure of devotion](#)."

Upcoming Events

- The Fresno Healthy Communities Access Partners will sponsor a "Crisis in Care: Coverage for the Medically Indigent in

Fresno County” event in Fresno on June 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information: (559) 320-0240 or email shaeder.hcap@phfe.org.

- The San Joaquin Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council is sponsoring a Clean Air Farming Workshop for Asian, Hispanic and African-American farmers in Del Rey on June 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information: (559) 252-2191 ext. 112.
- The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will hold an air quality conference, “Particulate Pollution in the San Joaquin Valley, in Fresno on June 9-10. Information: www.valleyair.org.

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