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Maddy Events

Maddy Report: *"The November Propositions"* – Jim Boren of the Fresno Bee and Paul Hurley of the Visalia Times Delta talk with Mark Keppler, the Executive Director of the Maddy Institute, about the propositions on the November ballot. The show will air on Sunday, October 31, at 11 a.m. on KSEE-24, Fresno's NBC affiliate.

Maddy Forum: *"The Science of Climate Change: What are the Public Policy Implications?"* -- Host Stacie Dabbs talked with Dr. Peter Van de Water, assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Fresno State, about what climate change means for the Valley and how those changes will impact the region's – and the state's – public policy debates. The show airs on 90.7 KFSR Sunday at 11 a.m. It also is available on the [90.7 KFSR website](http://www.90.7kfsr.com) and on iTunes.

Maddy Political Insider – Sal Russo, a member of the Maddy Institute's board of directors, is the next guest on The Maddy Political Insider, which 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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Maddy Challenge: *How Would You Balance the State and Federal Budgets?* Try your hand at setting priorities:

State Budget: <http://www.next10.org/budgettool/site/thesim/flashcheck.html>.

Federal Budget: <http://crfb.org/stabilizethedebt/>

Political Briefs

Top stories

Field Poll: Prop 19 trailing by 7 points -- Days before a landmark ballot decision on marijuana in the Golden State, California voters appear to be changing their minds about legalizing pot for recreational use. A new California Field Poll shows Proposition 19 is losing 49 percent to 42 percent, less than a month after a September survey showed it winning by the exact margin. [Sacramento Bee article](#); [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Ballot initiatives divide a usually united business front -- Business is divided over several controversial ballot measures. The initiatives pit the conventional corporate culture against many high-tech and green-tech companies in Silicon Valley and other entrepreneurial hubs. The biggest split is over Proposition 23, an attempt to suspend California's 3-year-old law aimed at limiting emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming. [LA Times article](#)

Governor's race

Whitman, Brown barnstorm -- Democrat Jerry Brown and Republican Meg Whitman campaigned across California on Saturday, sparring over taxes and which one of them was best suited to lead the fiscally troubled state. [Sacramento Bee article](#); [San Francisco Chronicle article](#); [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Brown makes Valley campaign stops -- Jerry Brown took a Saturday sprint through the Central Valley, beginning in Stockton where the would-be three-time governor used his experience as a hook for voters - "I know where all the bodies are buried up there in Sacramento," he said. [Fresno Bee article](#); [Bakersfield Californian article](#); [Stockton Record article](#)

Where they stand on the issues -- From jobs to education and prisons to [climate change](#), where do [Jerry Brown](#) and [Meg Whitman](#) stand on key issues in the 2010 campaign for governor? [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Debra Saunders: Polls may mislead in California governor's race -- Polls that show Whitman losing, Pete Wilson said, "are greatly underestimating the enthusiasm on the part of the Republicans and pretty much a lack of it on the other side." [Saunders column in San Francisco Chronicle](#)

Campaign check: The final analysis -- The long, ugly, and unbelievably expensive race for governor is almost over. And now, the tough question: have the voters really learned what they need to know to make an informed choice? [Capital Notes blog](#)

U.S. Senate race

Boxer, Fiorina rally supporters to turn out voters -- As it enters its final days, the California Senate race is dominated by one word - jobs. Republican challenger Carly Fiorina is trying to place the burden of the state's 12.4 percent unemployment rate on three-term Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer. Boxer welcomes the focus because it gives her a chance to repeat her criticism that Hewlett-Packard Co. laid off 30,000 workers during Fiorina's five-and-a-half year tenure at the technology company. [AP article](#); [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Valley politics

AD 30: Valadao, Florez head for the finish -- Do you prefer a Democrat with local political experience who says she'll be an effective fighter for high-speed rail? Or a Republican dairyman from Hanford who says he'll bring outsider business experience to Sacramento? [Hanford Sentinel article](#)

CD 11: Endorsements for McNerney – The campaign of Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, announced Friday a list of endorsements from a bipartisan group of emergency first responders. [Stockton Record article](#)

Bill McEwen: Stand back, get ready for election fireworks – We're all sick of the lame ads and the length of the political season. But there's no guarantee that this one wraps Tuesday night. It might just be starting. [McEwen column in Fresno Bee](#)

Stockton Record: Casting your ballot among citizenship's top responsibilities – In roughly 48 hours, the polls will open across California and voters who haven't already cast their ballots by mail can go to their precincts and exercise one of the most important rights of citizenship. [Stockton Record article](#)

Election Day promises big changes in Kern – Kern County's tumultuous election season may end on Tuesday with dramatic changes to the leadership of the city of Bakersfield, the county and to its place in Sacramento. Here's how voter's decisions could impact the workings of their government. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Mike Klocke: What voters decide Tuesday really does matter – So here are five main questions to ask after Election Day is finished and the actual governance must move on. [Klocke column in Stockton Record](#)

Thousands turn out to vote early in Fresno County -- Thousands of Fresno County voters cast ballots at 20 polling places that were open Saturday in response to community concerns about the closure of many polls this election due to budget constraints. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Bakersfield Californian: Your guide to voting Tuesday -- Here's a look at how to vote and your choices at the local and state levels. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Stanislaus voters face ample choices Tuesday – As they head to the polls Tuesday, Stanislaus County voters not only will have the national midterm elections to consider, but a ballot filled with state and local races and initiatives. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Q&A for Kings candidates -- What are the key issues in the key Kings County campaigns? Take a last-minute look at the candidates in these races before Tuesday's election. [Hanford Sentinel article](#)

Turlock candidate discusses contributions, bankruptcies -- Turlock City Council candidate Bill DeHart said he was happy to have the endorsement of the city's firefighters, whose political action committee gave him \$8,500, the largest campaign contribution in the race. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Bring on the ballot -- On Tuesday, San Joaquin and Calaveras county voters have their last chance to have their say in what could be another historic shift in Washington. They'll also join California voters deciding who they want to replace their movie-star governor: a billionaire former executive or someone who held the office more than 30 years ago. But the ballot is long, holding other important contests playing out on a much smaller scale. [Stockton Record article](#)

Statewide politics

Dan Walters: This election, California still sets itself apart – This election will almost certainly reinforce [California's](#) island-like separation. As a Republican tide sweeps across the nation, it will dissipate in the [Sonoran Desert](#) before lapping feebly against the eastern slope of the Sierra. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

On the road and over the airways, campaigns hit fever pitch – Brown opens a 13-stop caravan in Oakland as Whitman courts independents and women in San Diego and Orange counties. Fiorina is in Seal Beach as a Boxer spot featuring President Obama hits the air. [LA Times article](#)

Sacramento Bee: Court opened up floodgates with its campaign ad decision -- The U.S. Supreme Court's decision early this year in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission opened the way for

unions and corporations to make unlimited donations to federal campaign entities that operate independently of candidates. [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

Dan Morain: Shady ad brought to you by the Supreme Court -- Campaign 2010 is noteworthy for many things: the influence of tea partiers; dismay at President Barack Obama and incumbents; fear about our nation's future. But most remarkable has been the impact of the [U.S. Supreme Court's](#) decision issued at the start of the year that opened wide the spigots of corporate money flooding into this year's election. [Morain column in Sacramento Bee](#)

Propositions

Prop 23 is a money saver, Valero contends -- Bill Klesse, chief executive of Valero Energy Corp., the nation's biggest independent refiner and the principal backer of Proposition 23, has a simple explanation for why his San Antonio-based company has contributed more than \$5 million to push the [ballot initiative to suspend California's ambitious global warming law](#). [LA Times article](#)

Other areas

Appeals court to take up Arizona immigration law -- Arizona's tough and controversial new immigration law will get its day before a San Francisco appeals court Monday, with the central issue being just what role state and local authorities can play in confronting those who cross the border illegally. [AP article](#)

News Briefs

Top Issue: Jobs and the Economy

Economic forecast heads south -- California, the Valley and San Joaquin County are in for a long slog as the latest economic forecast puts the recovery in employment a year or two away. [Stockton Record article](#)

Stanislaus sheriff's department might lose 50 jobs -- Staggering under more work with fewer employees, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department could lose 28 additional sworn officers, including 14 patrol deputies, if county leaders agree Tuesday. County supervisors also will be asked to lay off five workers in other departments, including two public defense attorneys, a budget report says. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Health plan changes save Stockton city jobs -- Hundreds of city workers will receive modest increases to their health plan costs, avoiding up to eight layoffs that were scheduled after union members initially rejected the changes. [Stockton Record article](#)

North Fork shares wealth with its own currency -- Something unusual is happening in the mountain town of North Fork: People are printing their own money. Hoping to boost the Madera County community's economy and keep all of its wealth from rolling downhill to Fresno, a group of residents has created a local currency. Organizers also hope the project will encourage neighbors to become more engaged with one another. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Pelco to take on new name: Schneider -- Pelco, the Clovis-based maker of closed-circuit video gear, is changing its name to reflect its corporate ownership. From its building and business cards to its website, Fresno County's largest manufacturer is taking the name of Schneider Electric, the company that bought it in 2007. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Laid-off Stanislaus deputy faces tough choices -- Since being laid off in May, James Riley, 28, has applied to too many law enforcement agencies to count. But every rare opening draws dozens of applicants, sometime hundreds, many of whom have far more experience than his two-plus years. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Top Stories

Kern's proposal draws ire of rail authority – Last week the Kern County Board of Supervisors brushed aside calm reassurances by the California High-Speed Rail Authority and sent the agency an unsolicited technical proposal aimed at countering what officials here view as a subtle attempt to thwart Kern's bid for a lucrative train maintenance facility. But just as paranoia can sometimes prove self-destructive, the supervisors' proposal has been met with admonitions by the rail authority that their sensitivity could backfire and ruin the county's chances of bringing the project to proposed sites in Shafter and Wasco. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Agriculture/Water

Paul Wenger: New reservoirs, yes, but be fair about who pays for them – The president of the California Farm Bureau writes that as [California](#) builds new water storage and conveyance facilities, [family farmers](#) and ranchers will gladly pay their fair share. We will also demand an honest assessment of what that fair share should be. [Wenger op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

California farmers answer retail's request – Next time you lift a glass of Gallo wine, you might thank the owls that helped produce it. E.&J. Gallo Winery of Modesto provides nesting boxes for the raptors to encourage them to prey on rodent pests in vineyards. This practice reduces pesticide use and is an example of sustainable agriculture, loosely defined as producing food in a way that does not exploit the land or the people who work it. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Health/Human Services

Pot doctors face medical board troubles -- Here's how Pacific Referral advertised yesterday's grand opening of its medical-marijuana clinic in central Fresno: with a bounce house and free refreshments. Here's what the new business didn't advertise: Its two out-of-town doctors are on probation with the California Medical Board -- and both are prohibited from practicing on their own. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Transportation

High-speed rail leaders receive consulting fees from firms with financial interests in projects -- Two prominent California High-Speed Rail Authority leaders who are already under scrutiny for holding potentially "incompatible" public offices have received tens of thousands of dollars in consulting fees from firms with financial interests in the \$43-billion project. [LA Times article](#)

Editorial Roundup

Fresno Bee – People can disagree on whether campaign donations should be capped. But on this there can be no dispute: The public should [know the source](#) of big donations.

Modesto Bee – [Mum was the word](#) in gubernatorial campaign on prisons, water, gambling, kids and more; The Bee's stands on [races, measures](#).

Sacramento Bee – The U.S. Supreme Court's decision early this year in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission opened the way for unions and corporations to make [unlimited donations](#) to federal campaign entities that operate independently of candidates; [Endorsements](#) for a pivotal Tuesday ballot.

Stockton Record – In roughly 48 hours, the polls will open across California and voters who haven't already cast their ballots by mail can go to their precincts and exercise one of the [most important rights of citizenship](#); Election day [dos and don'ts](#).

Upcoming Events

- The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions will host a CALAFCO University course, "Fire Service Challenges and Cooperative Solutions, at the Modesto Junior College Regional Fire Training Center on Friday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: Katie McKenna at (831) 754-5838.
- "A Valley Tribune to Gov. Schwarzenegger," a luncheon to revisit and appreciate the work that the governor did on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley, will be held at the Fresno Convention Center on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information: Jen Paul, (559) 294-6021.

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