

# District 5 e-Gram

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## FROM SUPERVISOR FEDERAL D. GLOVER

### Supervisor places high priority on job-training



**Federal D. Glover**

PITTSBURG -- The graduation ceremony had all the excitement and pride most graduations have. But these were not the youthful faces one would expect. One graduate had white hair and most were middle aged.

The first cohort of Process Technicians, an intensive 20-week program which started in August had its graduation ceremony Dec. 15. The first 19 graduates Los Medanos College's new job-training program were composed of displaced workers seeking a move from other careers.

A trifecta of government, academe and industry worked together to address the problem of not enough qualified workers for local manufacturers.

After 20 weeks of intensive classroom and lab work at Los Medanos College, the first class graduated in ceremonies after speeches by LMC President Peter Garcia, Shell Human Relations Director Rulon McKay and Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover.

Supervisor Glover extolled the program as a model for the Institute of Industrial Training that he instigated. The Institute would build on and nurture the working

relationship between the community college district, local industries and the County's workforce development board.

For most of the graduates, the move to process technician is a shift in careers. Of the 19 graduates, a majority have already found jobs with local industry. Shell alone, offered nine positions to the students.

The process-tech program fills a growing need being faced by local industry to replace the hundreds of baby boomers who will soon retire from their workforce.

As the openings occur, local manufacturers have learned that out-of-area hires tend to return to their home areas after a few years in the Bay Area. The process tech program allows them to hire local workers with the appropriate skills.

Besides two more 20-week cohorts, Los Medanos College is also starting its two-year program this January for those unskilled students and workers who are new to industry. The students who complete either the two-year program or the intensive 20-week course will qualify for process tech positions which start around \$50,000. After a few years, the pay with overtime could jump to \$100,000 say industry insiders.



**A BART train approaches the Pittsburg/Bay Point station in the Highway 4 median.**

## **Supervisor's MTC post will benefit East County**

One of the most influential regional planning agencies in the Bay Area, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), will gain a voice for East County this year because Supervisor Glover is now representing the county on MTC's Advisory Board. He replaces Mark DeSaulnier, who left the board after being elected to the state Assembly in the November elections.

"This is a critical and valuable position for East County," said Glover. "I chose to be on the MTC because it is important East County -- with its Highway 4 traffic jams and escalating eBART costs -- get its perspective heard."

Created by the state Legislature in 1970, the MTC is the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

In charge of the transportation purse strings, besides the federal dollars the agency awards, MTC will decide which infrastructure projects affecting transportation will receive the bond money approved by the voters in the November election.

In addition to Highway 4 improvements and BART extensions, MTC makes critical decisions for transit villages, provides incentives for smart growth planning and encourages the use of pedestrian and bicycle paths.

## **Santa's District 5 helper**



**SUPERVISOR GLOVER** and his staff participated in the Pittsburgh Holiday Parade this year. During the parade, the supervisor (above) handed out candy canes to hundreds of youngsters at the popular event. At left, the supervisor was introduced by Lou Esposito, one of the parade commentators.

## **Supervisor decides against merger of Bay Point advisory bodies; new MAC members named**

PITTSBURG -- After many months of study, District 5 Supervisor Federal Glover announced that the Municipal Advisory Council and the Project Area Committee will retain their separate powers and duties.

“There is so much happening in Bay Point right now that these two advisory bodies need to have as much citizen involvement as possible,” said Glover, whose district covers the county’s shoreline communities from Bay Point to Bethel Island.

He also revealed his Municipal Advisory Council appointees, who replace the elected members whose terms concluded Nov. 7.

The possibility of merging the two bodies, which was unveiled as a trial balloon about a year ago, would ask too much of its members, who are not being compensated and are volunteering their time and energy, said the supervisor.

“Keeping the two separate will spread the responsibilities,” said Glover, “and allow more citizens to become involved in improving the quality of life in Bay Point.”

The MAC is a seven-member panel of advisors who make recommendations to the supervisor on a wide variety of subjects, which could be anything from law enforcement issues and street improvements to traffic and education.

The PAC’s seven members study, make recommendations to planners and approve projects and business applications in the Bay Point redevelopment area, which covers the majority of Bay Point.

The idea of merger emerged out of a move by the Board of Supervisors to make the advisory councils throughout the county more uniform. At the time, four of the MACs had elected positions and the other seven were all appointed.

An ordinance passed this fall returned the MAC seats to their original appointed status as appointed advisors. The ordinance stipulated that as the elected terms end, the supervisor of each district would begin replacing them with appointees.

This November, four of the Bay Point MAC members had their four-year terms come to an end. A fifth member who was appointed to fill a four-year term, was also reopened because by law, that position had to be renewed at the next available turnover of office. That term ends in 2008.

The new members of the MAC will be sworn in at the Dec. 5 meeting of the council. They include incumbents Gloria Magleby, Vicki Zumwalt and Steve Hoagland. Replacing Judy Dawson and Michael Sarabia will be Bay Point Works project manager Eva Garcia and Terrillynn Kopitar, a clerk with Contra Costa Health Services.

“The pool of candidates was very deep,” said Glover. “They were all well-qualified which made the decision difficult.”

After the Board of Supervisors approved the new and reappointed Municipal Advisory Council members on Dec. 5, swearing in ceremonies were held later that day at the regularly scheduled MAC meeting at the Ambrose Rec & Park District Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point.

## County Supervisor gets stuck in fight against flu



County Supervisor Federal Glover is lending his support to fight a killer - the flu.

Every year, influenza kills 36,000 people in the United States. A flu vaccination can help protect against the virus and there's plenty of low-cost shots still available at Public Health Immunization Clinics throughout the county. Glover is helping health officials get this message out by appearing in a public service announcement encouraging people to get flu shots. The PSA debuts this week as part of National Influenza Vaccination Week.

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"The flu season usually peaks in February so there's still time to get a shot. I already got mine because it's the single best way to protect myself and my family from seasonal influenza," Glover said.

Glover was filmed receiving his shot in November at the Pittsburg Senior Center. The PSA aims in particular to reach African-Americans, who are 30% less likely to get an influenza vaccine than the general population. The PSA is running on Contra Costa Television and other stations this winter. Click on [www.cchealth.org](http://www.cchealth.org) to see the PSA.

Anyone over the age of six months may receive a flu shot, but people at risk of developing deadly flu complications or who work with at risk groups should get vaccinated, said Erika Jenssen, CCHS Immunization Coordinator.

Those who should get a shot include: children from six months to 5 years; people 50 and older; people with chronic diseases of the heart, lung and liver; healthcare workers; pregnant women; and people who care for children under the age of five.

The flu shot clinics operate on a first-come, first-served basis at the following locations and no appointments are necessary (flu clinics are closed on holidays): Brentwood: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 171 Sand Creek Rd., Suite A; Concord: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays, 2355 Stanwell Circle; Pittsburg: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 2311 Loveridge Road; Richmond: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Bissell Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

Flu shots are \$10, but no one will be denied a shot if unable to pay. For more information about flu shots, visit the Contra Costa Health Services website at [cchealth.org](http://cchealth.org) or call 925-313-6469.

## Dawson and Komari join BP PAC, Pratt on BI MAC

On Jan. 9, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Glover's appointees to the Bay Point Project Area Committee and the Bethel Island Municipal Advisory Council.

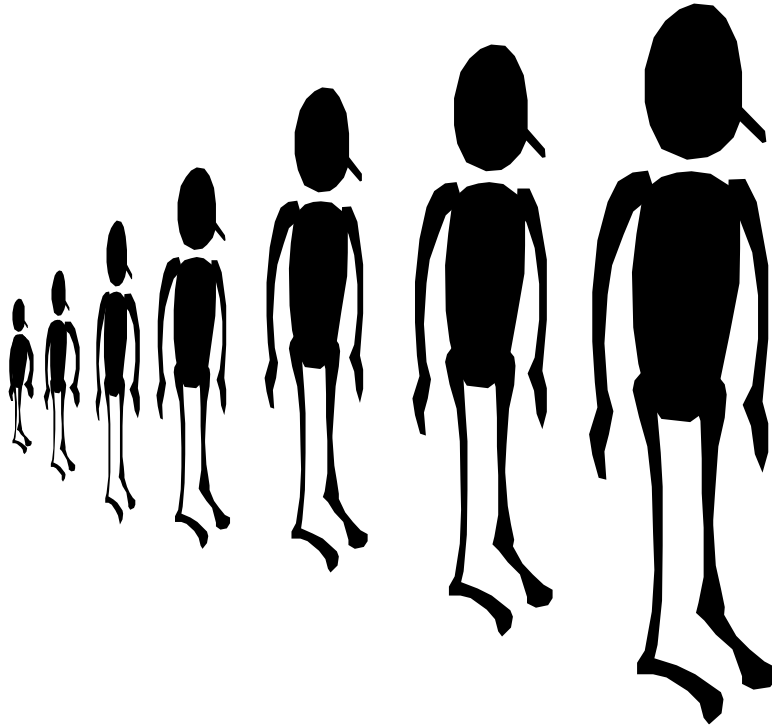
Ambrose Rec & Park board member Judy Dawson and Chris Komari will join the Bay Point PAC as new members. The PAC's reappointed members are: Sterling Stevenson, Debra Mason, Lloyd Mason, Dorothy Siegfried and Mark Sullivan.

Joanie Pratt will be added to the Bethel Island MAC along with Day Myers, Belinda Bittner, Joe Stokley and Kit Sanders.

The alternate post for the Bethel Island PAC Supervisor is still open. Interested individuals can contact Lynn Reichert at 925-427-8138.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Contra Costa County to take census of homeless



Every year, about 15,000 people experience homelessness in Contra Costa County. On any given night, almost 5,000 are homeless.

County Health Services wants to collect good baseline data to further understand the causes of homelessness and design effective responses. To collect this data Contra Costa County will be conducting a count of unsheltered homeless persons on Jan. 30. The count will begin at 6 a.m. at three sites in the county: one in East County, one in

West County, and one in Central County.

Volunteers are being sought to help with the count. Volunteers will be required to attend a training session before the count. To sign up for a training session and to volunteer at the count, please contact Danielle Crowell at 415-788-7961 ext. 301, or at [danielle@homebaseccc.org](mailto:danielle@homebaseccc.org). The cut off date to register is January 19, 2007.

The training options are at:

\* Grace Lutheran Church, 2369 Barrett Ave., in Richmond on Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
OR Jan 25 at 11 a.m.

\* Chestnut Community Church (Phoenix Center), 3525 Chestnut Ave. in Concord  
on Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. OR Jan. 24 at 11 a.m.  
For more information, call 925-313-6124.

## SERVING YOU

### Final East County Habitat Conservation Plan available

The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Association (HCPA) is a Joint Powers Authority consisting of the following seven member agencies:

- Contra Costa County
- City of Brentwood
- City of Clayton
- City of Oakley
- City of Pittsburg
- Contra Costa Water District, and
- East Bay Regional Park District.



The objective of the HCPA is to manage and fund the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)/Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) for submission to the governing boards of member agencies and ultimately to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). **The Kit Fox habitat gets protection.**

The HCPA has identified a 185,000 acre planning area that includes all watersheds draining the eastern flanks of Mount Diablo. Once approved by the USFWS and the CDFG, the HCP/NCCP will establish a funding mechanism to preserve and enhance native habitats which support endangered and sensitive species, while also providing local land use planning agencies with a regional incidental take permit under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

The HCPA also considered additional environmental regulations in the planning process to enable streamlined permitting and review not only for endangered species regulations, but possibly also for various wetlands regulations, the California Environmental Quality Act, and other laws related to natural resource protection.

The plan now goes before the cities of Pittsburg, Oakley, Brentwood and Clayton and the County for approval. Antioch chose not to participate.

If you have questions or comments about this project, or for more information, please contact:

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Attorney Counseling Evening**

Jan. 11, 6-8 p.m., Free  
Bay Point Library, 205 Pacific Ave. 925-458-9597

### **Rep. Ellen Tauscher's Small Business Fair: Contracting With the Government**

Jan. 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek,  
The event is designed to connect small business vendors with government agencies and large private corporations seeking to contract with small businesses for products and services. RSVP 925-943-7469

### **Antioch Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala**

Jan. 19, 6 p.m., \$75 per person.  
Lone Tree Golf & Event Center, 4800 Golf Course Road, Antioch  
Information, (925) 757-1800

### **Immigration Law Counseling**

Jan 25, 6-8 p.m., Free  
Pittsburg Library, 80 Power Ave., Pittsburg. 925-427-8390

### **Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner**

Jan. 25, 6 p.m., \$50 per person  
Elks Lodge, 200 Marina Blvd., Pittsburg.  
Information: (925) 432.7301

### **Supervisor Glover's Grant Writing Workshop**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 28, Spaces limited.  
Humphrey's Restaurant, Antioch. 925-427-8138



## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

### ANTIOCH

Antioch Unified School District: 7 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, district offices, 510 G St. 706-4100.

Antioch Area Public Facilities Financing Agency (Mello-Roos District): 7 p.m., Antioch Unified School District boardroom, 510 G Street. 776-2030. Meets every other month, first Monday. Call to confirm meeting date.

City Council: 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, City Hall, Third and H streets.  
Parks and Recreation Commission: 7 p.m., second Thursday, City Hall, Third and H streets. 779-7070, Ext. 0.



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### BAY POINT

Municipal Advisory Council: 7 p.m., first Tuesday, Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road. 458-1601.

Ambrose Park and Recreation District, 7 p.m., fourth Tuesday, Ambrose Center: 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point. 925-458-2457

### BETHEL ISLAND

Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District, 3 p.m., third Thursday, 3085 Stone Road, Bethel Island.

Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m. second Tuesday, BIMID office, 3085 Stone Road.

### OAKLEY

City Council: 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, 3231 Main St., Oakley. 625-7000.

Liberty Union High School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, District Offices, 20 Oak St., Brentwood. 634-2166

Oakley Unified School District, 7 p.m., third Wednesday, District offices, 91 Mercedes Lane, Oakley, 925-625-0700

Ironhouse Sanitary District: 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday, district offices, 450 Walnut Meadows Drive, Oakley. 625-2279.

Planning Commission: 7:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, 3231 Main St. Oakley. 625-7000.

## **PITTSBURG**

City Council: 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, council chamber, third floor, City Hall, 65 Civic Ave, 925-252-4850.

Planning Commission: 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, City Hall, 65 Civic Ave. 252-4920.

Pittsburg Unified School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, 2000 Railroad Ave.

## **COUNTY & REGIONAL**

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors: 9 a.m., first four Tuesdays, Room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 646-2371.

Delta Diablo Sanitation District: 5:30 p.m., second Wednesday, district offices, 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway, Antioch, 778-4040.

Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission: 1:30 p.m., second Wednesday, room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 646-4090.

State Route 4 Bypass Authority: second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

East County Transportation Improvement: second Thursday, second Thursday, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

East Contra Costa Fee & Financing Authority: second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

Transplan: 6:30 p.m. second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. 925-335-1201.

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