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FROM SUPERVISOR GLOVER

Dow marks 70th anniversary in Pittsburg



Supervisor Federal Glover honored the Dow Chemical Corp. on the occasion of its 70th anniversary at its Pittsburg plant and for the company’s contributions to the community. Receiving the resolution was Patty Deutsch of Dow during ceremonies at the Board of Supervisors meeting of April 22 in Martinez.

New crop of leaders



Antioch's El Campanile Theater was the site of graduation of the Contra Costa residents who took part in Leadership East County, a nine-month program exposing students to the issues and East County leaders in a class put on by Delta 2000 every year. He spoke to them last May 21 about the need for them to remain involved in the dialog in building a community.

Less is not more, more or less

By Federal Glover

THERE IS simply no gentle way to sugarcoat the state's deepening fiscal crisis. And there is therefore, no way to ease the dire predictions that is befalling the communities in our county.

Since the county's budget is so inextricably linked to the state budget, Contra Costa County is suffering the same budget woes as the state except that at this level of government, we see the faces of the people who will suffer, we hear the voices of the children,

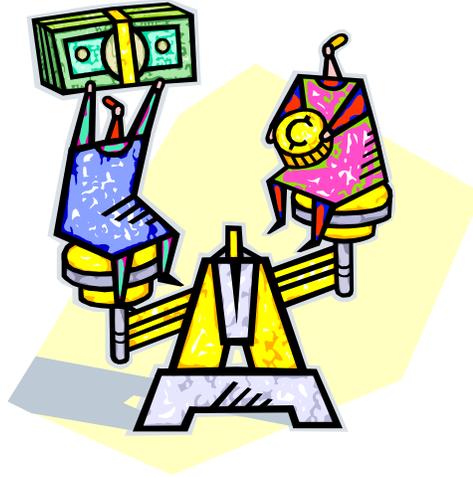
women, elderly, foster youth and the disabled. Unlike our state representatives, who do their work in Sacramento, the supervisors and our county staff are in direct contact with those most affected.

I have not seen anything like this in my life. Older members of our community might remember the Great Depression and thank goodness, we haven't reached that level yet.

It is not a pretty picture. In the last few months, the Board of Supervisors has trimmed \$150 million from the County

budget. We've had to lay off hundreds of employees.

Yes, we've had to learn to do more with less but that doesn't mean we've become more efficient. It means late payments, slower response time to lesser crimes, huge caseloads for welfare workers, slower processing of code violations, our Sheriff's Department has had to cut back on weekend and graveyard staffing, delays in restaurant inspections and not enough Deputy District Attorneys to prosecute misdemeanors.



For our county, this proposal would impact 13,200 children and cost the county about \$15.5 million, two-thirds of which is federal money.

According to a Contra Costa Times story, the elimination of the CalWORKS program, would impact 10,395 Contra Costa families that receive benefits. The action more than likely would shift those families onto general

assistance, "increasing county costs from \$93,000 a month to \$5.3 million a month," according to Joe Valentine, employment and human services director."

And it will only get worse in the immediate future. In an attempt to solve the state's financial quagmire, the governor is recommending that the state take some of the money that is supposed to go to the counties. That would translate to another \$33 million loss to Contra Costa.

To say we're in a tough spot doesn't do the situation justice. We've not been in this situation before so it's a whole new world that requires a new set of paradigms if we are to find a solution to the mess California – and our county – is in.

One of the more draconian measures proposed by the governor is to eliminate the Healthy Families Program. This successful and critically important program currently serves a million children in California, and with a 2 to 1 match in federal dollars recently reauthorized by President Obama and Congress, the Healthy Family Program was poised to continue to be a central component of California's safety net for health care for children, in a cost-effective way for our state.

The two-thirds vote needed to pass a state budget needs to be modified. Besides California, only Arkansas and Rhode Island still have that archaic requirement introduced in 1934.

We have to question whether or not the current term limits is working. Yes, it brought in many new legislators but that made the amateur politicians putty in the hands of the special interests, the real

power in Sacramento these days.

Finally, the third rail of California politics, Proposition 13, needs to be amended. Not abolished, mind you, but a revised. The passage of Prop. 13 in 1978 cured one ill but created a host of unintended new ones. Many critics say California's economic and educational system began to decline with that proposition's passage. Just ask yourself, can you honestly say we've had better state government since 1978?

It took the revenue away from local governments and gave it to the state.

You want more cops on the streets, potholes fixed, parks maintained or more teachers for your high school? Wait your turn behind the state health department, or the state prisons, or Caltrans.

I don't have a magic wand. I don't think the governor's solution is the answer either. All I know is that it is going to hurt each and every one of us and it's going to get worse before the economy turns around.

For more columns by Supervisor Glover, click on <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1863>



East County awarded CDBG grants

The YMCA plans for its new building in Oakley got a boost June 2 when the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$929,719 Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The supervisors approved \$100,000 for the YMCA. The Oakley facility managed by the Delta Family YMCA, will involve construction of a new 25,000 square-foot building to replace its current facility at

the same location at 1250 O'Hara Avenue.

"The YMCA's presence in East County is going to grow with its new building," said Supervisor Federal Glover, whose district includes Oakley. "The services it provides, which includes childcare, workout facilities and YMCA recreation programs benefit all of East County."

Habitat for Humanity also received \$100,000 for its housing project in Bay Point. Other East County recipients of the federally subsidized grants were the Brentwood Veterans Memorial Building

Inc. and Opportunity Junction, a job-training program in Antioch. These last two projects involve remodeling of current facilities.

“East County received about a third of the CDBG grants,” said Glover.

The CDBG program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a primary source

of funds for the County's community development and housing programs. The County directs these funds to housing, economic development, infrastructure improvements, public facilities, and public service projects designed to meet the needs of very low- and low-income persons.

The cities of Pittsburg and Antioch administer their own CDBG monies.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

First Contra Costa death from H1N1 virus confirmed

A Central Contra Costa County elementary school-aged child has died with the H1N1 swine flu virus, Contra Costa Public Health Director Dr. Wendell Brunner confirmed June 4.

The death occurred on May 29 and a state laboratory confirmed test results Wednesday afternoon. The child also had a secondary bacterial infection. The State Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are working to determine the exact role of H1N1 in this child's unfortunate death. This child is the first person in the county to die with H1N1 virus.

"Our deepest sympathies go out to this child's family," Dr. Brunner said.

"While we have identified only 90 confirmed or probable cases through testing, we stopped testing most suspected cases several weeks ago, and we know there are at least several times those numbers of cases now in Contra Costa.

“We want to emphasize that there are hundreds of H1N1 cases in the county. The vast majority of these cases have mild or moderate illness, and the patients recover. Tragically, this child did not.”

All schools in Contra Costa remain open.

Public Health officials are working with schools to keep parents informed and to increase surveillance of absenteeism and

For more information about the H1N1 virus, click on:
http://www.cchealth.org/topics/swine_flu/

illness. There have been three deaths with H1N1 infection in California and at least 20 deaths around the United States.

"Contra Costa is seeing a lot of flu activity for this time of the year, which is why everyone should continue taking steps to prevent catching the flu," Dr. Brunner said.

People experiencing flu-like symptoms should call their health care provider if they have a fever of over 100 degrees. Those who are ill with flu-like symptoms, but do not have a healthcare

provider, should call the County's Advice Nurse Line at 1-877-661-6230. If you have severe symptoms or trouble breathing, go to a hospital Emergency Room.

Health care needs of undocumented adults addressed

One of the more difficult actions the Board of Supervisors has had to do in trying to balance our budget is the transfer of health care services for those uninsured and undocumented adults no longer eligible for the County's Basic Health Care program.

More information about the changes, free or low-cost resources and medical supplies, and options for health care services can be accessed at this website: <http://www.cchealth.org/insurance/transition.php>

The County formed an agreement with the private, nonprofit community clinics throughout the county to take over the health care needs of about 5,000 undocumented clients.

under the age of 18, pregnant women and anyone who has a communicable disease.

The County will continue to provide health care to undocumented children

Contra Costa Health Services is working to transition those who are no longer eligible for coverage to access care in County Health Centers to community clinics in Contra Costa.

SERVING THE PUBLIC

Keeping Contra Costa secure from terrorists

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office (CCCSO) **Homeland Security Unit's (HSU)** primary mission is to develop and maintain positive partnerships between the Office of the Sheriff, its infrastructure partners and other local, state and Federal law enforcement intelligence agencies in order to share critical information to safeguard persons and property.

The Homeland Security Unit is also responsible for the following:

- Processing tips and leads related to possible terrorist activity
- Investigating suspicious incidents directly related to Contra Costa County and its supporting infrastructure
- Processing and responding to requests for information from local, State and Federal agencies regarding specific infrastructure sites and/or hazards

- Serving as liaison with various local, state and federal agencies to address multi-jurisdictional issues
- Working directly with infrastructure sites within Contra Costa County to provide vulnerability and security assessments.

Damage to infrastructure and areas where large populations gather can have devastating effects on the lives of our citizens, not to mention the local, state, national and international economies.

Partnering with the community helps identify and mitigate unnecessary risks for accidental as well as intended events. Reporting / sharing suspicious activity to the Homeland Security Unit is one step in reducing those risks.

If you see something, report it

- All citizens living in working in Contra Costa County are responsible for reporting information that may help identify individuals and/or groups that may be involved in potential criminal and/or terrorist activity.
- For potentially immediate threats, contact your local law

enforcement agency.

- To report a crime in which you were a victim, contact your local



The industry-laden coastline of Contra Costa County has increased security measures to prevent terrorist attacks.

law enforcement agency.

- For all other suspicious activity within Contra Costa County, contact the Homeland Security Unit (HSU) at 925-313-9612, or e-mail HSU@so.cccounty.us.
- The Homeland Security Unit will review all suspicious activity reports it receives and will determine the appropriate course of action for each incident. Depending on the nature of the activity, the Homeland Security may or may not contact you. No other follow up is required on the part of the reporting party.

2009 YOUTH SUMMIT



Figure 1 There was plenty of time for fun and entertainment activities. Above attendees watch a dance group, another tries rock climbing (below left) and others tried sumo wrestling (below right).



**Fun, games
workshops**

Over 500 young people enjoyed Supervisor Glover's annual Youth Summit held at Los Medanos College last April 25.



One of the more popular workshops advised young people how to get a summer job.



Other workshop topics included self-esteem, financial aid, leadership and life skills.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

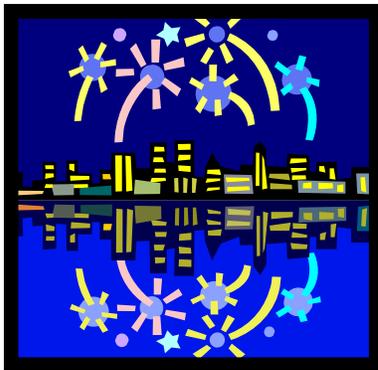
June 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Healthcare Reform Town Hall
Queen of All Saints Catholic Church
2390 Grant Street, Concord

June 16, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Town Hall Concerning Youth and Alcohol
Sponsored by East County Alcohol Policy Coalition
Boys & Girls Club, 1001 Stoneman Ave., Pittsburg

June 17, 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
East County Gang Task Force meeting
Boys & Girls Club, 1001 Stoneman Ave., Pittsburg

June 22-26, all day
Keller Landfill Mitigation Fund interviews
Supervisor Glover's office, 215 East Leland Rd., Pittsburg

June 27-28, all day
Relay for Life
Los Medanos College track, Pittsburg



June 27, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Unity in Community Celebration
Ambrose Center, Bay Point

July 4
Independence Day celebrations & fireworks
Antioch waterfront

July 4, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Oakley 10th Cityhood Celebration
Freedom Basin park, (Neroly Rd and Ohara Ave.) Oakley

July 4, dusk
Independence Day fireworks
Marina, Pittsburg

August 1, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
New Business Seminar
Site TBA

BAY POINT'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Hundreds come out for event

School kids from the elementary schools, Mexican vaqueros with their dancing horses, Latina dancers, the Knights of Columbus, Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts, canines and their owners, restaurants, businesses and Supervisor Glover joined Bay Point residents in the community's second annual Memorial Day Parade and Festival. After solemn ceremonies remembering those who sacrificed their lives in defense of this country, 23 units joined the parade down Willow Pass Road followed by a festival that celebrated the diversity of the county's largest unincorporated community.



The Sea Scouts (top) kicked off the Bay Point parade followed by a plethora of marching, dancing and riding units. They rode gussied up trucks, classic cars and dancing horses. Schools such as Bel Air Elementary (above) joined in the festivities. Supervisor Glover (right) was riding in one of the classic cars.



GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

ANTIOCH

Antioch Unified School District: 7 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, district offices, 510 G St. 925-706-4100.

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. 925-779-7070, Ext. 0.

Board of Supervisors meetings

9:30 a.m., First four Tuesdays of each month
651 Pine Street, 1st Floor, Martinez

View Agenda here
<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.asp?nid=2225>

BAY POINT

Municipal Advisory Council: 7 p.m., first Tuesday, Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road. 925-458-1601.

Ambrose Park and Recreation District, 6:30 p.m., second Thursday, Ambrose Center: 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point. 925-458-1601 or www.ambroserec.org

BETHEL ISLAND

Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District, 7 p.m., third Thursday, 3085 Stone Road, Bethel Island.

Municipal Advisory Council, 6 p.m. second Tuesday, BIMID office, 3085 Stone Road.

OAKLEY

City Council: 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, 3231 Main St., Oakley. 925-625-7000.

Liberty Union High School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, District Offices, 20 Oak St., Brentwood. 925-634-2166

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. 925-625-2279.

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. 925-252-4920.

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. 925-646-2371.

Delta Diablo Sanitation District: 5:30 p.m., second Wednesday, district offices, 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway, Antioch, 925-778-4040.

Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission: 1:30 p.m., second Wednesday, room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 925-646-4090.

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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