

# District 5 e-Gram

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## FROM SUPERVISOR GLOVER

### Lenders need a bit of the holiday spirit



The Rev. Jesse Jackson meets Oakley officials at the rally held in Antioch’s Holy Rosary Church. for a second time in the last six months.

As I listen to the families’ stories as they tried to renegotiate their mortgages with their banks, I can understand their mounting frustration in dealing with institutions more concerned about the bottom line than next month’s mortgage payment.

However, the bank reneged on promises, didn’t returned phone calls and put up a series of paperwork roadblocks in an apparent attempt to discourage the young couple trying to live the American dream.

The October rally at Holy Rosary Catholic Church and sponsored by the Contra Costa Interfaith Service Committee (CCISCO) brought the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Antioch



**Supervisor Glover, left, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson listen to Fr. Vicente of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Antioch during a recent rally sponsored by Contra Costa Interfaith Service Committee and Jackson's Rainbow/People United to Serve Humanity Coalition.**

The Rev. Jackson is spearheading a national campaign to make banks more responsive to the plight of ordinary citizens who fall victim to the creative loans of recent times. He argued that the banks, which received hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to bail them out of the bad loans they promoted, are not fulfilling their part of the deal.

CCISCO agrees with Jackson's conclusions. They say the banks are ignoring Senate Bill 1137 authored by Sen. Don Peralta meant to encourage the lending institutions to talk and meet with people facing the loss of their homes before proceeding with the foreclosure process.

In California, the mortgage delinquency rate has jumped to 10.2 percent, from 5.8 percent in 2008. The financial institutions

who caused this crisis continue to ignore its severity and their role in any potential recovery. The problem is Perata's 2008 law and other state and federal legislation to help homeowners are not getting the desired results. Lenders appear to be reluctant to help homeowners. Thus far, the solutions offered have been a gamut of voluntary programs that still place borrowers at the distinct disadvantage of having to trust their lenders.

More people are starting to see the lenders as a major part of the problem. Assemblyman Pedro Nava, who chairs the state's Assembly Banking and Finance Committee, tried to look into the matter and got the same treatment as the borrowers. He held an October hearing in Los Angeles and the lending institutions failed to show up.

“The banks need to stop stonewalling and provide my committee with some answers. Californians deserve to know whether the bailout money taken by the banks is really helping people,” said Nava.

“Since the banks claim they are committed to working with families to modify loans, I want facts and figures,” he said.

“Earlier this year, the federal government rolled out the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) to encourage servicers to offer sustainable modifications. The latest round of data, which covers the beginning of the program to the month of October, finds that only 20% of those eligible have received trial loan modifications.

“One would hope the potential for public shame would compel these lenders to do more to help homeowners,” says Nava. “However, the reality is that

when this crisis was at its peak the lending industry spent millions on lobbying expenses to prevent even the simplest of lending reforms that may have diverted the severity of this problem.

“Voluntary approaches that rely on the beneficent decisions of lenders are no longer acceptable. All of the programs that exist today fail to create an atmosphere of accountability, trust and transparency in the loan modification process.”

“A solution that holds promise is foreclosure mediation that requires lenders and borrowers to meet face to face with a neutral third party to work out a loan modification, or to determine if a

modification is not appropriate and work out an exit from the home that is best for all parties. Foreclosure mediation is working in other jurisdictions outside of California ...

“In response to a growing chorus demanding more action, I introduced Assembly Bill 1588 ... Under AB 1588, a borrower who receives a notice of default can participate in a loan modification workout program with their lender so they can arrive at a sustainable loan modification. If the borrower is not able to receive a modification it would allow the borrower and lender to work out a reasonable transition plan.

“Mediation is not a one-sided concept -- lenders and servicers have every incentive

to participate. So what is the outcome? Thus far, several hearings have been conducted by the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee to review the potential of a

foreclosure mediation program. In the one case where the lending industry agreed to testify, it was more of the same failed rhetoric and policy.

“Instead of acknowledging the benefits of a program that will keep people paying their mortgages the committee was treated to a public relations show outlining all of the good things lenders have done so far, even though they have failed to reach two-thirds of troubled borrowers,” Nava said.

Especially during this holiday season, I hope that lending institutions realize that they are morally – if not legally – obligated to help solve the mortgage crisis that they

*Read more commentary from Supervisor Glover regarding eBART, the East County Fire Protection District and Delta water needs at:*  
[www.cccounty.us/supervisoroglover](http://www.cccounty.us/supervisoroglover)

helped create. Otherwise, stronger measures may be called for. I have instructed county staff to look into this

This crisis has devastated thousands of California families. District 5 has been hit especially hard. It's time to take a new approach to help families remain in their homes and neighborhoods.

matter and hope they arrive at a strategy that would strongly encourage lenders to be more cooperative.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all the residents of District 5 in Bay Point, Antioch, Pittsburg, Oakley and Bethel Island.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### Turkey tradition

Supervisor Glover helps the Antioch Senior Center's staff bag one of the 600 turkeys he delivered during his annual Turkey Drop last Nov. 19. Glover, his staff and volunteers from CalPine Corp. (below) delivered the big birds to agencies in Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley and Bethel Island.





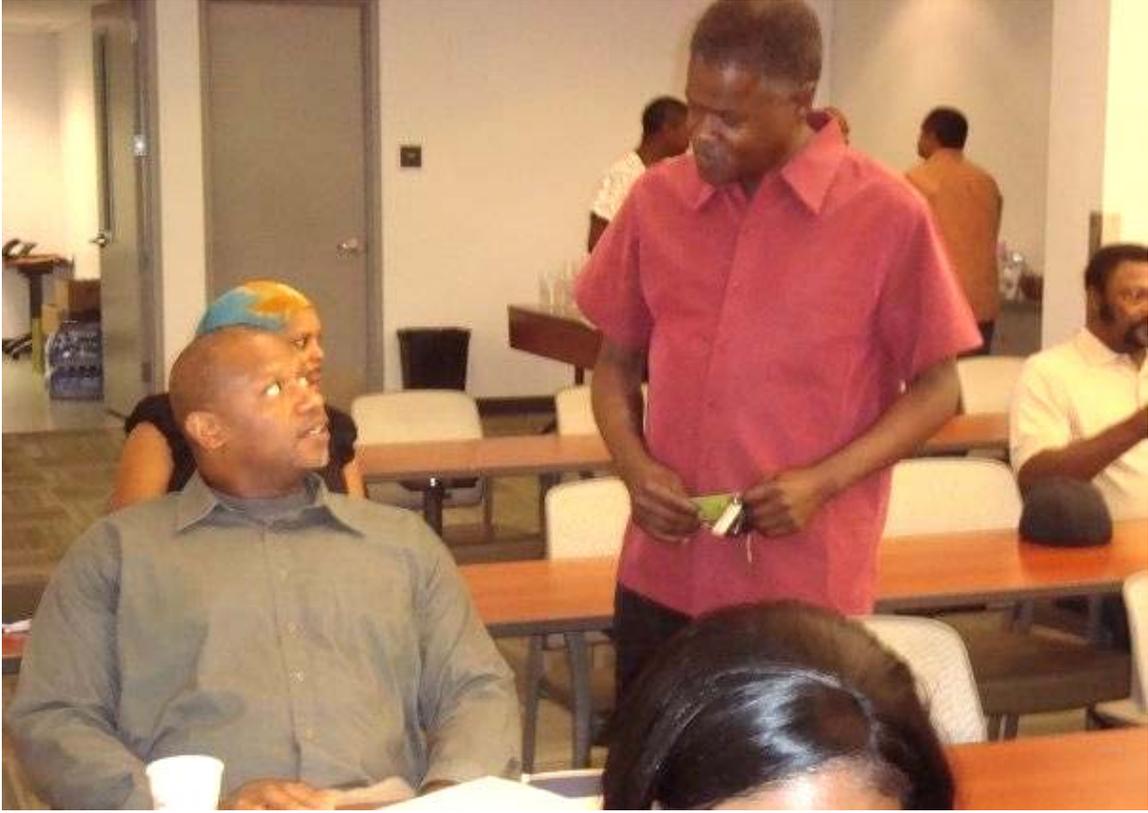
## Welcome to East County

Supervisor Glover and state Sen. Mark DeSaulnier were among the local officials to welcome the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Antioch's Holy Rosary Church. Jackson was in town to open a new chapter of the Rainbow/PUSH coalition which cosponsored with the Contra Costa Interfaith Service Committee (CCISCO) the rally protesting the lack of action by home mortgage lenders. (See story, page 1)



## Garamendi's Town Hall

Newly elected U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, D-11th Dist., held his first Town Hall in Antioch earlier this month where he fielded questions and heard the concerns of his constituents. Supervisor Glover (center) and members of the Antioch City Council listened attentively to a wide range of topics.



## **Business Seminar**

**In top photo, Supervisor Glover chats with one of the participants in the New and Small Business Seminar that he sponsored to help entrepreneurs or would-be business owners. In bottom photo, he steps to the front of the lecture hall to address some of the attendees at the seminar held at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg.**



## **Keller Canyon recipients' reception**

**Ninety local agencies or programs received \$1,375,179 in grants from the Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Funds for this fiscal year. Some of the recipients met at a reception sponsored by Supervisor Glover at the Senior Center in Pittsburg. As the grant recipients introduced themselves, it became evident that there was increased interaction among the recipients as they discovered how their programs complemented each other in serving the community. The wide spectrum of programs ranged from increased law enforcement in Bay Point to a theater program in Antioch. The Keller Canyon money comes from the mitigation funds from the Keller Canyon Landfill located south of Bay Point and Pittsburg. Supervisor Glover, far right, administers the funds for the county.**



## Two new mayors in East County

During a brief meeting of the Pittsburg City Council on Dec. 7, Supervisor Glover, at podium, congratulates Pittsburg's new mayor, Sal Evola (second from right), as Mayor Nancy Parent (far right) gave up the mayor's gavel. The following night, the supervisor attended the Oakley City Council reorganization meeting to congratulate incoming Mayor Pat Anderson, who took over from Council member Carol Rios.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Industrial Safety Ordinance report highlights success

Contra Costa County has had tremendous success protecting workers and residents from accidents at refineries and chemical plants. In the past year, there was not a single major accident or release at any refinery or chemical plant in Contra Costa—a first since the county's Industrial Safety Ordinance was passed 11 years ago.

"This shows that the ordinance is working. It reflects years of hard work by the county

Board of Supervisors, the community, the facilities and their unions, and our staff," said Randy Sawyer, director of the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Division.

This year's report was heard and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on Nov. 10.

"The ordinance is still unique in the state and is a model for other counties and local

governments,” said Supervisor Federal Glover, a strong supporter and advocate of safety at industrial sites since working 20 years at Dow Chemical in Pittsburg

Approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1998, the ordinance requires nine refineries and chemical plants in Contra Costa to take proactive measures to prevent accidents. Other programs, such as the Accidental Release Prevention Program, regulate another 40 or so



facilities in Contra Costa.

Though it is the first year in which there has not been a major chemical accident or release in the county, it is the second consecutive year in which there has not been any such incident at a facility regulated by the ordinance.

A copy of the 2009 Industrial Safety Ordinance Report is available online at [www.cchealth.org/groups/hazmat/](http://www.cchealth.org/groups/hazmat/).

## County Health prepares for H1N1 and seasonal flu

Flu season is in full swing and the county health department is doing all it can to prevent a serious outbreak.

More than 130,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine have been delivered to providers (including Kaiser, hospitals, Public Health, community clinics, pediatricians, ob/gyns and family practice doctors) throughout Contra Costa. Everyone is encouraged to check first with their health care providers to get H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine.

Vaccine is being distributed by the state directly to providers who have

ordered the vaccine. [Certain priority groups will be eligible to receive H1N1 vaccine at our Community Flu clinics.](#) We will continue to receive regular shipments of vaccine, and it is expected that there will eventually be enough for everyone who wants to receive it. We appreciate your patience as we undertake this effort and will provide updates as soon as new information becomes available.

Though most of the H1N1 cases in Contra Costa and the state have been mild or moderate, all flu viruses can be deadly and

everyone should remain vigilant in helping to prevent the spread of H1N1 and seasonal flu. Swine flu is assumed to be present throughout Contra Costa County and health officials continue to monitor the situation. Contra Costa Public Health continues to investigate selected reports of cases of flu-like symptoms and testing will only be done on cases involving hospitalization or fatalities.

After having several regional clinics throughout the county, Contra Costa Public Health will hold free

ongoing H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccination walk-in clinics at four locations through December while supplies last. Priority groups have been expanded based on the local vaccine supply and guidance from the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention.

The clinic locations are at:

- Martinez, 30 Muir Road;
- Pittsburg, 186 East Leland, Veteran’s Building;
- Richmond, 256 24th Street;

**Fighting the flu:** For updates and information about flu vaccinations, click on <http://www.cchealth.org/>

- Lafayette, 952 Moraga Road, old library building.

Vaccination dates and times are:

- Mondays, noon to 4 p.m., Dec. 14, 21 & 28;
- Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 15, 22 & 29;
- Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 16, 23 & 30;
- Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 17;
- Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 18.

## Library holiday schedule and closures

Due to County budget cuts and holidays, all Contra Costa County Library locations will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 27 and from Thursday, Dec. 31 through Sunday, Jan. 3.

Due dates for all items will be extended so that no materials will need to be returned between Saturday, Dec. 19 and Monday, Jan. 4. During the closure, all book drops will be closed.

The Contra Costa County Library [website](http://ccclib.org) (ccclib.org) will remain open during the closures so that customers can continue to access online services such as downloadable audiobooks, eBooks, and electronic articles and will be able to place holds.

All locations will reopen with regular hours on Monday, Jan. 4. Due to the

extended closure, longer periods of processing time are anticipated that may affect the length of time it takes to check items in and to fill holds. Consult the library [locations and hours](#) page for further information about your local community library.



The Contra Costa County Library serves residents countywide with 25 locations, three Library-a-Go-Go book dispensers, and online library services available 24/7 at ccclib.org. Last year almost 4 million people visited the Contra Costa County community libraries and checked out over 6 million items.

## DISTRICT V SPOTLIGHT

### Commission for Women tackles girl-on-girl violence

By Carlyn Obringer

Comprised of 15 energetic women, the Contra Costa Commission for Women is currently focusing on two big projects.

1. Recognizing that there is a proliferation of girl-on-girl violence within schools throughout the country, the Commission is currently surveying all of the high school, middle school and elementary school principals in the County about the number and nature of incidents of girl-on-girl violence at their schools. Once this research is complete, the Commission will compile a report, to be presented to the Board of Supervisors and made available to all participating schools and interested parties. The Commission will then facilitate community workshops to educate parents and teachers about the rise in girl-on-girl violence and how to prevent and deal with this issue.

2. The Commission is also conducting outreach to Contra Costa County's female Hispanic population regarding the U.S. 2010 Census. The idea is to build trust among undocumented



Latinas amid growing concern that those individuals in the county illegally will be afraid to be counted. Since Census information affects the numbers of seats California occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives, and what portion of federal funding will be spent on infrastructure and public services in California each year, the Commissioners know that it is important to connect with the County's Latina population and alleviate

any fears they might have about participating in the 2010 Census.

Please plan on attending the 10th Annual Women's Hall of Fame Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord

Women in displaying leadership in the following categories will be honored: Women Demonstrating Leadership, Women Creating Community, Women Working for Justice, Women Preserving the Environment, Women Improving Health Care, Women Contributing to the Arts, Women Innovating in

Science/  
Technol  
ogy.

Want to learn more about the work of the Commission?  
Please visit the Contra Costa Women's Commission's  
Web site at: [www.womenscommission.com](http://www.womenscommission.com).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dec. 19, 8 a.m.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road,  
Bay Point  
Kids free; \$2 per adult.

Dec. 19, 5 p.m.

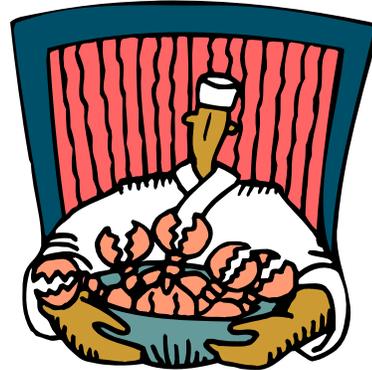
### **Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road,  
Bay Point

Dec. 30, 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

### **Kwanzaa Celebration**

Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point



Jan. 9, 2010, 6 p.m.

### **Supervisor Glover's Annual Crab Feed**

Church Hall of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 5000 Harbor Road, Pittsburg  
\$40 includes, appetizers, pasta, sausage and  
dessert.

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Due to a combination of**  
**furlough days and holidays,**  
**for the next quarter,**  
**the supervisor's office**  
**will be closed:**  
**Dec. 24 & 25, 2009**  
**and the week of**  
**Dec. 28 to Jan. 1, 2010**  
**for the holidays;**  
**Jan. 18, 2010 and**  
**Feb. 12, Feb. 15, &**  
**March 31, 2010**

Jan. 18, 2010

### **Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration**

Beede Auditorium, 700 West 18<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Antioch  
Sponsored by City of Antioch and the  
Antioch Unified School District

Jan. 19, 2010, 10 a.m.

### **Martin Luther King Observance**

Board of Supervisors chambers, 651 Pine  
St., Martinez

Feb. 19, 2010, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **Grant Writing Workshop**

Los Medanos College, Community Room, Pittsburg  
Free. Register online at [www.cccounty.us/supervisorsglover](http://www.cccounty.us/supervisorsglover)

March 18, 2010

### **10th Annual Women's Hall of Fame Awards Dinner**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

- If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please click [here](#), provide necessary information and send.
- Find the latest news on gang prevention and gang activities in East County. Sign up at: [www.myspace.com/gangsummit](http://www.myspace.com/gangsummit)
- Check out all press releases, news stories, editorials, videos and all the latest events at Supervisor Glover's county website: [www.cccounty.us/supervisorglover](http://www.cccounty.us/supervisorglover)
- More pictures and activities of Supervisor Glover at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Federal-D-Glover/103356261388>