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## Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce holds annual membership luncheon

By Clifford L. Williams,  
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The Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce recently held its annual membership luncheon at the Allen Temple Family Life Center to highlight the achievements of the chamber and welcome new members.

Attorney Robert Harris served as the master of ceremonies. During his opening re-

marks, he said that African Americans need to support one another in order to be successful. "If we support our own businesses, we would be the most prosperous people around," he said. "African Americans spend over a trillion dollars a year. Unfortunately, some of us think that the other man's ice is colder than ours."

Timothy Alan Simon, the newly elected commissioner of

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Victoria Jones, vice chairwoman; Bishop Bob Jackson, chairman; Marie Roberts De La Parra, CEO of BMB Construction Properties; Carl Hackney, president of MSE Group; California PUC Commissioner Timothy Simon; Pastor Frank Jackson, Faith Presbyterian Church; and Robert Harris, master of ceremonies.



The Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce February mixer was held at the Midtown Ballroom in Oakland and attracted business people from throughout the Bay Area.

## National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications holds Black History Month celebration



Keynote speaker Reverend Cheryl Ward

By Clifford L. Williams,  
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The National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC) recently held a Black History Month celebration at Comcast in Oakland.

The program included a keynote address by Reverend Cheryl Ward, the installation of officers by President Linda Crayton and musical performances by soloists Lucy Davis and Annette Knight.

Cheryl Chambers, public

relations chair for NAMIC, spoke about the organization's philosophy. "Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions' equity and inclusion in the workforce. Special attention is given to ensure that the leadership cadres of our nation's communication industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve.

"We have nearly 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of 17 chapters nationwide," she said.

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NAMIC President Linda Crayton



Linda Crayton swears in new NAMIC officers.

## Dellums promotes school-based health centers, industrial land use policy, police recruitment plan

By Clifford L. Williams,  
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Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums has been initiating and coordinating a number of projects and addressing several policy issues during the last few weeks. This article provides a status report on the mayor's agenda.

**Dellums and Kaiser Permanente announce expansion of school-based health centers in Oakland schools**

Dellums joined Kaiser Permanente representatives, elected

officials and community partners to announce a multi-million-dollar grant to fund school-based health centers in Oakland middle and high schools.

The mission of school-based health centers is to provide comprehensive clinical and social service programming while simultaneously developing primary prevention programming based on best practices in public health, youth development and academic enrichment.

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## Russo receives award for anti-discrimination work

From the Globe Oakland Desk

City Attorney John Russo received the Legal Service Award from the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) during the organization's annual dinner Thursday at the San Francisco Hyatt Regency.

BALIF, the nation's oldest and largest bar association for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the legal profession, gives the award each year to recognize exemplary advocacy for civil liberties and equal rights.

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Oakland City Attorney John Russo

## Links Inc. hosts 12th annual Respect Yourself Youth Symposium

By Aqueila M. Lewis,  
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The Alameda/Contra Costa Chapter of the Links Inc. recently held



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its Respect Yourself Youth Symposium at UC Berkeley's Clark Kerr Conference Center. This year's theme, "Too Much Pressure: Challenges of Today's Youth," highlighted topics of importance to middle school students and future leaders.

The symposium based in over 170 middle school students from schools and organizations, including Claremont Middle

School, the East Oakland Youth Development Center, Helms Middle School, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, St. Leo the Great Middle School and Tyrell Elementary School.

Keynote speaker Dr. Barbara Stagger, chief of adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital and symposium co-sponsor, talked about homicide, drugs and suicide as the leading causes of death in

teenagers and encouraged attendees to make a difference by having a positive attitude, believing in themselves and making connections with others.

"Be educated and a teacher in life," said Stagger. "I expect all of you to be the first in something in your life. I refuse to believe that you can't make a difference. Make a difference and take the challenge."

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Dr. Glenda Nowell-Harris, Respect Yourself Youth Symposium founder; Gabi Wilson; and Phillip Harris