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Names in the news

Community Bank of the Bay has announced that Victoria Jones, director of government affairs and community



Victoria Jones

relations for The Clorox Company, has joined the bank's board of directors. The Immediate Past Chair of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Jones is responsible for managing Clorox's federal, state and local government



Darlene Ayers-Johnson

affairs and community relations, including The Clorox Company Foundation. Darlene Ayers-Johnson, vice president of the Board of Commissioners for the Port of Oakland, has been appointed to the California Commission on the Status of Women by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Ayers-Johnson has been principal and owner of the public relations firm Ayers-Johnson & Associates since 2000.

McDonough Holland & Allen PC (MHA), a leading Northern California law firm representing both private and public sector clients, has added experienced labor and employment attorney David Wolf as a shareholder to the firm's Business Services and Public Law Practice Groups. Wolf has more than 20 years of experience in labor and employment law, with experience in both the public and private sectors.



David Wolf

CFK (Campbell, Foster and Kenney & Associates, LLC), a full-service marketing and business development company specializing in working with suppliers of food and beverage products, has been recognized as the Small Business of the Year by the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce.

California Commercial Investments (CCI), the Oakland-based commercial real estate brokerage and developer, has



Carolyn Johnson

announced that Carolyn Johnson has joined the firm as a commercial real estate broker. Prior to joining CCI, Johnson was a broker with Ritchie Commercial in Oakland.

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center has been named an American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence. The ASBS Center of Excellence designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes in bariatric surgery.

Bank of America has announced the 2006 recipients of its third annual Neighborhood Excellence Initiative awards for the East Bay. The recipients include individuals and organizations dedicated to improving the East Bay community. One such winner is the East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC), which was founded more than 50 years ago to improve services and opportunities for children throughout Alameda County.

Marine Terminals Corp., a leading national contract stevedore and terminal operating company, received this year's NYK 2006 Customer Service Performance Award in a recent ceremony in New Jersey. The award was in recognition for MTC's auto operations in the Columbia River and Puget Sound, where Marine Terminals Corp. handled 60,000 units in calendar year 2005 through the Port of Vancouver (USA) and the Port of Tacoma.

The Oakland office of SANDIS, civil engineers, surveyors and planners, has moved to 1721 Broadway, suite 201. They can be reached at (510) 873-8866.

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) has won a national award honoring superior assisted housing and community development programs. The OHA won in the Project Design category for the Mandela Gateway Mixed-Use Housing Development. The 2006 Award of Excellence comes from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

The MeetDowntownOAK.com marketing campaign launched by the City of Oakland's Cultural Arts & Marketing Department has been awarded the prestigious Crystal Eagle Achievement Award for Marketing and Communications by the California Downtown Association.

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