

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Meet Ramah Junior Academy's New Principal



Sheridan Brown Albert

Sheridan Brown Albert is a native of Macon, Georgia who grew up in Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church (formerly the Spring Street Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church). Sheridan was a 1970 honor graduate of Ballard-Hudson High School. She entered Oakwood College that fall, graduating with honors in 1974 with a degree in Mathematics and Physics. She continued her studies at Oklahoma State University in Industrial Engineering. Sheridan holds several professional certificates and endorsements having matriculated at

following colleges and universities-Washington University (Saint Louis, Missouri), University of Georgia (Athens), Holy Names College (Oakland, California), Pacific Union College (Angwin, California) and LaSierra University (Riverside, California).

For almost ten years Sheridan embarked upon various careers trying to escape God's call on her life. She entered the world of work as a cartographer for the U.S. Government Department of Defense, then joined an engineering team at the Western Electric Company and Bell Labs (both subsidiaries of AT&T) whose chief responsibility was to design an electronic switching system we now know as call waiting. From there, she even became a public school mathematics teacher. Finally, in 1982, Sheridan Brown accepted the call and entered denominational services as an Instructor of Mathematics at Oakwood College. While at Oakwood, Sheridan was responsible for

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Bell Completes Senior Engineering Design Project



Clarence Bell (at the University of Cape Town) on the right with Iverson Bell (no relation) who also completed his senior engineering design project at the University of Cape Town. Clarence A. Bell, Sr. a senior electrical engineering major at Howard University and 2002 graduate of Herschel V. Jenkins High School completed his senior engineering design project at the University of Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa from May 30-July 30. Clarence is the son of Clarence A. Bell, Sr. and Dr. Karen B. Bell of Columbia, Maryland.

CAT Awarded a \$1.98 Million Grant

The Chatham Area Transit Authority has been awarded a \$1.98 million grant from the U.S.

Department of Transportation for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program. The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals, and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

"Folks in our area often travel long distances to get to their jobs," said John Barrow (GA-12). "This money will go a long way to making those trips more affordable, and more enjoyable for everyone."

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Opinion:

Same Old Change

by **Lavon Shuman**

The Board of Frank Callen's Boys and Girls Club have definitely erred in judgment with their decision to drop the name of its founder as the Club expands throughout the area. The message you all are sending is the same message that have kept this community divided and continues to perpetuate two Savannahs.

Without the Frank Callen moniker, every time the altered organization name is spoken, vestiges of an inhumane and divided past will be revived. Is not modern day Savannah ready to embrace an all inclusive organization that was founded by and named after a man of vision and dignity? We should all embrace his name sake, not banish it.

I believe the African American community has to continue to earnestly work to forgive and forget through the pain of the past. Forgiveness is vital to freeing us from dark times and vital to our ascension in society. However, how can we



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move pass infractions when such systemic and subliminal slights continue to mimic the past? Sometimes in Savannah, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

As former chairman of the ILA Cope Committee, I will join with all citizens of good will that plan not to accept this flawed decision. We encourage you to reconsider and open up the process for timely public input. Its time we all respect and embrace one another's contributions throughout greater Savannah.

Plant and Garage Sale to Benefit BRAVO

A Plant and Garage Sale to benefit BRAVO Music Company, Inc. will be held on Monday, September 1, 2008, 8:00 AM to 12 Noon, at 1009 East 41st Street.

Each summer BRAVO

Music Company sponsors a music camp for children in elementary through high school. Your support will be greatly appreciated. You may call 912-236-6681 for more information.

Rebuilding Together Elects Officers/Board Members

Joe Rosenblum,

Building Construction & Maintenance Consultant, has been elected 2008-2009 president of Rebuilding Together Savannah by the Board of Directors. Cecilya Burns, Advocate at Senior Citizens Inc. was elected Vice-President. Bill Gardner, Minister of Music and Worship at Bull Street Baptist Church, was elected Secretary; and, Jeffery Lancaster, Vice-President at Metalcrafts Inc, was elected Treasurer.

New board members include Carol Coppola of SunTrust Bank, Christy Edwards of Hands on Georgia, John Vesey of

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