

## In the community...

News You Can Use and Trust...

### What's Happening

#### Kashmere Rams Class Reunion

All Kashmere Rams, friends and family members are invited to "Party Like It's 1968" as the Kashmere Class of '68 celebrates 40 years since graduation! The gala will be the last weekend in September at the Sheraton North Houston near Bush airport. Hospitality night will be Friday, September 26th from 7-11pm. The Dinner and Dance Gala will occur on Saturday, September 27th from 6-11pm with a special keynote address by former Kashmere football coach Junius Simon. Total cost for both events is only \$68 for singles and \$125 for couples in advance (or \$75 at the door). Reservations, advance tickets, info on souvenir book ads, the Sunday schedule of events and much more may be found at [www.KashmereReunion.com](http://www.KashmereReunion.com) or by calling Kijana Wiseman at 713-521-0900 or our voicemail at 713-866-6299.

#### Box Office at the Ensemble

Politics, Family, and Real Estate Collide in August Wilson's most contemporary production takes place at the Ensemble.

\$12.00 -- Previews: Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008, 3:00pm (super savings)

\$12.00 -- Previews: Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, 7:30pm (super savings)

A fast-paced, dynamic and wonderfully funny work about the world today and the dreams we have for the future. Set in Pittsburgh in the late 1990's, it's the story of a successful entrepreneur who aspires to become the city's first black mayor. But when the past begins to catch up with him, secrets get revealed that could be his undoing. The story goes on to explore the many sides of a man, his choices in the world, what truly is right, the importance of tradition, American values and the role of family. The most contemporary of all of August Wilson's work, Radio Golf is the final play in his unprecedented 10-play cycle chronicling African American life in the 20th century.

#### Gospel Music Month legislation passed

Recently in 2008, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee initiated a bill declaring September as Gospel Music Heritage Month, which was passed and signed quickly. In celebration of the declaration of this bill, Congresswoman Lee is leading efforts for Houston to be at the forefront of this occasion by hosting a gospel music celebration on Saturday, September 20, 2008, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM (which included set up time) at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway. This event will highlight local and national talent and the program will be televised on the Gospel Music Channel.

A Houston Area Mass Choir has been formed which will be part of the celebration. Gospel music is for everyone and this choir will be comprised of choir members representing every denomination and ethnicity in the Houston area. You and your choir ministry is invited to participate as members of the Houston Area Mass Choir that will sing for the event. Youth choir members are strongly encouraged to participate as well so that everyone is included and well represented for this celebration.

The first choir rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, at 11:00 AM at Greater St. Matthew Church, 14919 South Main Street, Houston, Texas. Location and time of the second rehearsal will be announced at that time.

Admission to the celebration is FREE, but you will need a ticket to enter, which you will be able to obtain at your church and/or various locations around the city.

This is an exciting venture and we need every person there. It's a great time to bring the spotlight to Houston. Everyone is encouraged to make Houston, as Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee has said: "The Gospel Capital of the United States." We Can Do It!! Invite Everyone you know to support this event. Spread the word. For additional information, contact Virginia Grant, at 713-504-4385.

### Preparing for Disaster: Have a Plan and Make a Kit

AUSTIN, TX – Are you and your family ready for the next big storm?

Thousands of Texans had to evacuate from the Gulf Coast ahead of Hurricane Gustav, and many more hunkered down in place. More storms are on the horizon, and at least one of them could be headed this way. Remember: The official hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. That means we have almost three more months of possible severe weather.

Taking a few simple precautions could make a huge difference in how you and your loved ones make it through a disaster.

There are two critical things to do to prepare: Have a Plan and Make a Kit.

Based on advice from the National Hurricane Center, the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, here are two important lists:

#### HAVE A PLAN

- When local officials call for an evacuation, get out without delay: Don't wait – evacuate!

- Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get

back together; and what you will do in different situations.

- Make sure you and your family members have the name and phone number of a friend or relative outside your city or state -- so anyone who becomes separated from the group can telephone to let others know their situation.

- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.

- Discuss your evacuation plans with your family, friends and relatives, and remind everyone of the plan as the storm moves in.

- Make a checklist of what you need to do and review it before you leave.

- If you plan to stay in a hotel or motel, make reservations and confirm your reservations before you leave.

- Learn evacuation routes from your area. Some traffic congestion is inevitable so expect delays and longer drive-times than usual.

- Learn the places to stay between your home and your destination – in case you have to stop before you reach your goal.

- Make plans for what you are going to do with pets and livestock.

#### MAKE A KIT

Plan for your supplies to last three to seven days, and put them in easy-to-carry containers. And make sure

your vehicle has a full gas tank.

Your supplies should include:

- Water – one gallon daily per person;

- Food

- o packaged or canned food / juices

- o foods for infants or the elderly

- o snack foods

- o non-electric can opener

- o cooking tools / fuel

- o paper plates / plastic utensils;

- Cash, including small bills;

- Clothing, including rain gear and sturdy shoes;

- First-aid kit, including medications, eyeglasses, and hearing aids;

- Fully charged telephones with chargers and extra batteries;

- Phone numbers of family and friends;

- Personal hygiene items, including toilet paper, cleanup supplies, personal hygiene products, and special items for babies, the elderly and pets;

- Copies of important documents, including photo IDs, driver license, proof of residence, account numbers, information you may need to process insurance claims – placed in a water-proof container;

- Battery-operated radio and flashlight, with extra batteries;

- Road maps, a list of places between your town and your destination where you can stop if the highways are clogged;

- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and extra clothing;

- Supplies for pets, including food, leashes and carry cases.

For more information on how to prepare for a hurricane, visit the following Web sites:

Texas Governor's Division of

Emergency Management:

[www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem)

The National Weather Service Hurricane Center:

[www.nhc.noaa.gov/](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

[www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/)

The American Red Cross

[www.redcross.org/](http://www.redcross.org/)

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, English proficiency, disability, economic status or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or contact your State Office of Equal Rights. If suspicious of any abuse of FEMA programs, please contact the fraud hotline at 800-323-8603.

### Hurricane Katrina Commemoration Service and Brentwood Family Festival scheduled

Brentwood Baptist Church will host "From Surviving to Thriving...A Hurricane Katrina Commemoration Worship Service" and the Brentwood Family Festival. The Commemoration Service will be held at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary and will feature Gospel Recording Artist Angela Bennett of Windsor Village United Methodist Church and Bishop Daryl S. Brister, Beacon Light International Baptist Cathedral. The Family Festival will

be held from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Brentwood campus in celebration of our 43rd Church Anniversary. Both events are open to the public and will include activities for the entire family. Festival tickets may be purchased for food, drinks, carnival rides, games, raffles and much more. There is no fee for the Commemoration Service. Anniversary services will be held on Sunday, September 21st at 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Wor-

ship Center.

When: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Where: 13033 Landmark, Houston, TX 77045

Why: To remember those whose lives were lost during the Katrina Disaster as well as celebrate those who survived and are rebuilding their lives

Brentwood Baptist Church exists to serve God's kingdom and extend

the gospel of Jesus Christ by: reaching people; developing believers; and engaging in missions. Worship services are held on Sundays at 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children is taught at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff is senior pastor. The church is located at 13033 Landmark in Houston. Contact 713-852-1400 for additional information.

## Every Vaccine Counts

Don't forget that the 4th dose of the DTaP vaccine is due between 15 and 18 months of age. Check with your doctor and make sure your children get all of their vaccines on time every time, according to the recommended schedule.

For more information about immunizations call 1-800-252-9152 or visit [ImmunizeTexas.com](http://ImmunizeTexas.com)

**VACCINES**  
Build your child's health



\$50 or less covers all your children for one year. For more information about the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Children's Medicaid call 1-877-KIDS-NOW or visit [www.chipmedicaid.org](http://www.chipmedicaid.org).