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### 90% OF OUR NEWS YOU WON'T FIND IN ANY OTHER NEWS MEDIA IN METROPOLITAN DETROIT **Obama at Morehouse: Black Americans' Responsibility**

By Lee A. Daniels - NNPA Columnist



Barack Obama at the Morehouse Graduation

Speaking to the newly-minted graduates of Atlanta's historically Black and all-male Morehouse College May 19, President Obama urged them to use the power and advantage of their diplomas "for something larger than yourself."

"It betrays a poverty of ambition," he said to his rainsoaked but rapt audience, "if all you think about is what goods you can buy instead of what good you can do. ... just as Morehouse has taught you to expect more of yourselves, inspire those who look up to you to expect more of themselves.'

things ... not just for yourself ... [widen] your circle of concern ... to care about justice for everybody."

The president did say that his "job, as president, is to advocate for policies that generate more opportunity for everybody ... and it is important for all of us ... to advocate for an America where everybody has got a fair shot in life. Not just some. Not just a few."

However, the speech provoked a rush of criticism from some commentators - not for those words but for the president declaring that Blacks should no longer use racism by conservatives to diminish, or dismiss altogether, the reach and impact of racism.

Confessing that "growing up ... Sometimes I wrote off my own failings as just another example of the world trying to keep a Black man down," he went on to say that "We've got no time for excuses. Not because the bitter legacy of slavery and segregation has vanished entirely; [it] has not. Not because racism and discrimination no longer exist; we know those are still out there. It's just that in today's hyper-connected, hyper-competitive world ... nobody is going to give you anything that you have not earned."

He urged the Morehouse men to recall both the tragedy and the heroism of Black Americans' past, and "to remember that whatever you've gone through, it pales in comparison to the hardships previous generations endured - and they overcame them. ... You can overcome them, too."

Such ideas and commands have always had particular appeal at historically Black college and university com-

How to help new high school grads transition into adulthood



(StatePoint) Transitioning from high school to the next life stage can be a time of excitement for young people, but it can also be a time filled with uncertainty.

Whether one is off to college, entering the workforce, or starting another big adventure, he or she may need extra emotional support at first.

Experts say that parents and caregivers can play a big role in ensuring the transition is a success.

"Whenever your child is going through a major life change, it's important to consider his or her mental health and general wellbeing," says Dr. Thomas K.

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### Creative ways to keep kids learning this summer





"Pull them up, expose them, support their dreams. Don't put them down ... do these

as an to "excuse" for their own or the group's flaws. The critics contended that asserting that Blacks do is a tactic used mencements

In fact, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. president of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, made the same point little more than a week earlier to graduates of North Carolina Central University. "Some will discriminate against you," he told them. "Discrimination exists, just as gravity exists. But in spite of gravity, planes take off and trees grow. Gravity is omnipresent, but it is not omnipotent."



(StatePoint) For families, summertime is all about active fun -

- from vacations to ballgames. and fireworks to poolside picnics. But being on-the-go can mean lots of downtime in transit and waiting for activities to

start.

While research shows that students can lose up to two months' worth of learning during the summer break, parents

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That the president's words

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### WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

**CALL TO ACTION** 

### It's graduation time

Saying goodbye is a time to look forward

By Gina Steward - Telegram Publisher



Now that the season of graduation is upon us, it's time to say goodbye.

Teachers are saying good riddance to those students that got on their last nerve and to those students that pushed them to reach deep into their beings to make sure they were successful.

Students are saying good bye to friends that they have grown close to since they were in middle school or even kindergarten. They are saying good bye to those coaches that played an instrumental part in their lives.

In the same sense, parents are rejoicing that their 'baby' has completed high school and in the same breath they begin to think about, if their baby, now young adult is ready to survive without their day to day guidance. But one thing is for sure.... You cannot get that time back.

The statement that makes me cringe the most when speaking to a graduating senior is, "I wish my grades were better." Doesn't that statement make your skin crawl? Although I understand students deal with all types of situations at home, most students have heard the same statement over and over; "Make sure you do your best." But it's not until they reach the end of their high school career that it sinks in that they hadn't done their best and they begin to think 'What if I had done better?"

Although I encourage everyone to always do their best, I also want to let you know that all is not lost. Students and adults must realize that they are on THEIR OWN schedule. If you didn't do your best during your first 12 years of school, you can kick it into gear now.

Today is the day to take control of your life. There are programs, people, trade schools and many community colleges that can help you get it together. But what you must realize is that time waits for no one.

When you look around, it will be Christmas. If you are still in the same situation six months from now, don't blame anyone but yourself. The success that you reach in life is directly related to the effort that you put in today.

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can seize the opportunity to turn downtime into a time for purposeful entertainment, and keep kids off the summer learning slide.

"Parents can easily keep kids' minds active and learning as part of existing summer activities," says Jessica Hodges, Director of School Marketing at ACCO Brands, maker of Mead school supplies. "Rather than relying on phones, tablets and DVD players to fill time while waiting for summer fun, try packing creative, age-appropriate learning activities instead."

When you're loading up the car this season with sunscreen, bug spray and bathing suits, don't forget to also pack portable entertainment that is both educational and fun. With a bit of creativity and a few extra items, you'll keep kids learning, and they'll think they're playing -- all summer long.

· Make old games new. Fill the entertainment void while running errands with portable dry erase boards that make traditional games like hangman, tictac-toe and bingo easy to play, erase, and play again. Encourage siblings to play together as they build words, form letters and solve logic puzzles.

· Think convenience. In the car, opt for games and activities specifically designed for early learners on the go. For example, Mead Dry Erase Tangrams, stored in a convenient carrying case, are easy to pack and feature non-slip geometric shapes that can be arranged to create designs along a template. The non-slip material means that your kid's design will survive even the bumpiest of wagon rides or road trips.

### ident and first lady do, actually means what those who've criticized Obama in this instance support.

That meaning has long been alternately expressed as well by the old folk saying common among Blacks: You've got to be twice as good to get half as much.

Those words were not said as a sigh of woe, but as a command to never submit, no matter how fierce the gales of racism blew.

Indeed, Obama urged his audience to remember that "Every one of you has a grandma or an uncle or a parent who's told you that at some point in life, as an African American, you have to work twice as hard as anyone else if you want to get by. ... And I promise you ... that spirit of [pursuing] excellence, and hard work, and dedication, and no excuses is needed now more than ever."

In other words, the president's "no excuses" command is a warning that the centurieslong struggle of black Americans to gain their full, deserved share of opportunity in their native land continues. That has been, and remains, each generation's legacy and heroic responsibility.

Lee A. Daniels is a longtime journalist based in New York City. His latest book is Last Chance: The Political Threat to Black America.

### Congratulations to all the **Graduating Seniors**



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because almost course, everything this first Black president of the United States does has, either overtly or implicitly, a racialized cast to it.

But, in fact, the president's critics misread his use of the charged words and phrases.

In one sense, that was understandable, because they were reacting to the old, tawdry American tradition of demanding that Black Americans accept their second-class status. That was the cry of the Southern segregationists and their Northern fellow-travelers during the years Morehouse's most famous alumnus, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became the central figure in the movement that would dismantle Jim Crow.

The "no excuses" meme used in that way really means: shut up and submit.

In sharp contrast, that exhortation, coming from those who have Black Americans' best interests at heart, as the pres-



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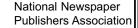
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### HIP HOP CONNECTION Respect is a Two-Way Street

By Jineea Butler - NNPA Columnist



As Memorial Day approaches, I can't help but think about Miami's unofficial Urban Beach Week. It's the largest urban festival in the world, drawing about 350,000 guests to South Beach. Of the 14 years of its existence, I have patronized Collins Avenue, Washington Ave, and Ocean Drive enough to say, "What happens in Miami, stays in Miami!"

Since I have grown older, I have come to realize that we spend entirely too much money with a city that despises the ground we walk on. And that's not the only example. Remember Freak Nik in Atlanta, the Greekfest in Philadelphia, Black Family Reunion in Daytona Beach, Jones Beach in New York and Virginia Beach Labor Day Weekend? Most of these events have been canceled because the local residents in each town voted against hosting our events. Should we be outraged that people don't want to see a gigantic Hip Hop video played out in their streets, hotels, restaurants and clubs?

I've always believed that these massive gatherings are extensions of the civil rights movement. The need for us to get together is evident in our Sunday mornings, Saturday evenings, family reunions, historical meetings and marches. But if there is no agenda when we get together, what's the point?

Approximately 350,000 people of Hip Hop make an annual pilgrimage to South Beach and no progress is made. This, too, is a Hip Hop Dilemma. A young man interviewed on South Beach Memorial Day Weekend 2005 stated that he spent approximately \$1,500 for his outfits, \$1,500 on travel, rental car and hotel, and another \$2,000 for food, partying and activities. You don't need a calculator to figure that's \$5,000. When asked where he got the money, the young man said he saved up all year to ball out for the weekend. He'll return home and start the process over again. For what?

with no return on our investment?

We can't even get courtesy in return. After \$400-1,000 a night for a hotel room, we're told we can have guests. When you can afford to pay that price, obviously you are not a child. Nothing is done to eliminate the predictable traffic maze. All public parking is eliminated, forcing us to pay \$50-\$100 or risk having our cars towed. Either way, they pocket the extra money. Foot costs are inflated by at least 30 percent, with "gratuities" automatically added on to tables of two or more.

If I pay \$5,000 for a trip and I don't get to my destination because I am being harassed by cops, I am not going to be a happy camper. I've watched the cops on South Beach purposely heckle party goers who were so drunk that they were bound to be jailed

We need to sue the city of Miami for violating our civil rights this weekend, but the problem, my friends, is our behavior detracts from making our case. We view shootings and killings as a daily occurrence back home, but people from in Miami frown on such occurrences. They will take the appropriate measures to protect their kids, their families and their environment even if that means treating us as second-class citizens. They want us to know that they don't welcome us. Honestly, can you blame them? They can't understand why our women are walking around virtually naked and craving the attention of men who refuse to pull their pants up, are quick to yell obscenities and make obscene gestures. People admire us for our power and our abilities, but hate us for our ignorance and stupidity. The city of Miami's response to this weekend is representative of the entire country's disdain for the Hip Hop Community.

Part of the Hip Hop fantasy is to live a lavish lifestyle, carefree and confident, but at what and at whom's expense? Unfortunately, our own. We can't keep acting like its OK to take our money, put us in jail, and send us home with a new bill or a new charge. Everybody is in on the take, but us. This is becoming the new normal. We are fooling ourselves if we say our behavior is up to par with the rest of society. And we are also not being true to ourselves if we think our money is not as good as anybody else. We have rights, but we have to be awake to exercise them. I am a Citizen of Hip Hop, respect me as such - as I begin to respect myself.

### Pop-Tart goes bang

By Jim Abeare -Contributing Writer



In Maryland, a seven-year-old boy chews his Pop-Tart into a shape of a gun and goes bang. The school over reacts and suspends the boy.

Seriously? The school has nothing else to worry about than the shape of a Pop-Tart?

I have news for you. You take two bites in any one way and they are in the shape of a gun. Maybe we should register them as lethal weapons.

Now the boy has a suspension on his record that, as I know, the school won't expunge. It is going to follow him through the rest of his life.

The parents have hired a lawyer to fight this. Good for them. The zero policy rules have a place but not here.

I am sure you remember the school that suspended the boy for shaping his hand into a gun. That is more in line to the policy than this and that was silly.

These schools are going to have to be careful with the rules or nobody is going to take them seriously. Then people will make fun of them, like this one.



### **High School Grads**

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McInerny, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

With that in mind, the AAP is offering the following tips for parents and youth navigating this important time of life:

• If your child is going to college, make sure he or she is familiar with the health and mental health support services on campus.

 If your child has a mental health diagnosis, such as ADHD or depression, be sure to ask the college staff what kind of medical information they will need related to your child and how to set up prescription refills if needed. Talk to the college about special housing and academic accommodations, if necessary.

• Contact your child's pediatrician, who can be a good source of advice. In addition to ensuring your graduate has had all the vaccines and other preventive health care recommended for this stage of life, your pediatrician can also help you prepare the way for your young adult's continuing mental and emotional health.

• Once your child is settled into his or her new routine, keep in close contact and try to get frequent readings about how he or she is doing academically and socially. While you can't stand sentinel outside the dorm room, you can remain supportive from • Is your child entering the workforce? Even if he or she is remaining at home for a time, life will still change dramatically. Be sure to give your son or daughter extra space as a young adult, but offer help navigating new responsibilities, such as paying bills and managing health care responsibili

• Once a teen graduates and leaves home, alcohol, drugs and sexual activity may become much more accessible. Making poor choices can have life-changing results. Continue to have conversations about peer pressure, good decisions and consequences.

• As always, stay connected and be attuned to the warning signs of depression and other mental health issues. Look for "red flags," such as excessive sleeping, excessive moodiness, obsessive body-image concerns and personality shifts.

• When it's time to "graduate" to an adult doctor, your pediatrician can arrange for the transition to care by an adult health care provider.

More health tips can be found at www.HealthyChildren.org.

Parenthood doesn't end when your child turns 18. By offering emotional support, you can make the transition from high school to the next life stage a smooth one.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR We don't serve teens

#### Dear Editor:

Most teens who drink get their alcohol from "social" sources parents of other teens, older siblings, and other relatives and friends. We Don't Serve Teens, a new national campaign to reduce underage drinking, is focusing on the social sources that may provide teens with access to alcohol. The campaign's centerpiece is www.DontServeTeens.gov, a website sponsored by a coalition of public and private sector organizations, including the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency. The message to neighbors, relatives, and friends is "Don't serve alcohol to teens. It's unsafe. It's illegal. It's irresponsible." The legal drinking age in the United States is 21. Drinking can cause serious health and

safety consequences - as well as legal consequences for the person providing the alcohol. Studies show that adults strongly support this law - a recent national survey showed that most parents said the drinking age should remain 21 or be raised. But parents need help to make sure their teens don't have access to alcohol. For more information on stopping teens' easy access to alcohol, practical tips on talking to kids about alcohol and alcohol advertising, and what to say to friends and neighbors about serving alcohol to teens, visit www.DontServeTeens.gov. For more information about the SUDDs Coalition, visit www.SUDDsCoalition.com. Sincerely,

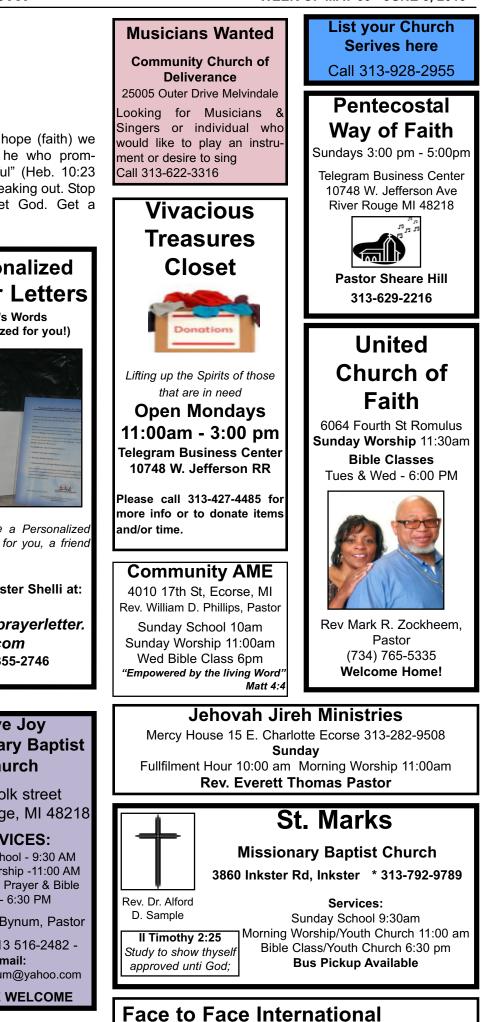
Factoring in clothes, accessories, hair, nails, cars, flights, food, clubs, drugs and tricking, I estimate that we spend \$350-\$500 million on this weekend alone. With the annual median income of Black households at \$32,068 and 13 percent of Blacks unemployed, can we afford to give away any money

Jineea Butler, founder of the Social Services of Hip Hop and the Hip Hop Union, can be reached at jineea@gmail.com or Tweet her at @flygirlladyjay

Aimee Richardson, Stop Underage Drinking/Drugs Downriver Coalition

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Get a Grip

#### By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



The other day I was trying to open a jar of jelly. It was on pretty tight, plus the hardened jelly made it really difficult to open. I was not able to open it with my bare hands. I grabbed the lit tightly and gave it all I had. Still could not open it.

I thought about giving up on the jelly and opting for something else or simply doing without the grape jelly. I thought about asking for help. But before I did that, I remembered that I had a gripper thingy in my utensil drawer.

I got my gripper and placed it over the lid and I used all my strength to turn it, and it turned! What I was unable to do without the gripper, became possible with the gripper. I was amazing how adding a single element made it possible to do what had not been possible.

It made me think of things we try to do without God (love, faith & hope). I am reminded of the words of Jesus: "What is impossible with man is possible with God" (Luke 18:27). When something seems impossible, go to God in prayer. He can restore love hope and faith which makes all the difference in the world.

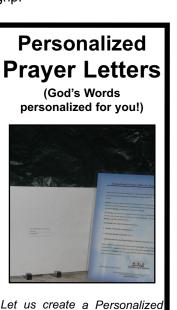
He can change the situation or He might change something inside you. Either way, a resolution will eventually come about. When you cannot seem to get a grip on life, get a grip on God! He is a Way Maker!!

"Let us hold unswervingly



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Sabbath Worship Service (Saturday)	11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)	7:00 p.m.

(fast) to the hope (faith) we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23 NIV). Stop freaking out. Stop worrying. Get God. Get a grip!



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ETHEL MORGAN Nov 1, 1929 – May 21, 2013

Ethel was a strong and determined woman. She was an encouraging person who seldom complained, and had helpful things to say to others even when she was suffering herself. She was caring, giving, and supportive to those she loved.

Ethel leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted husband Eddie; sons, Gregory two (Deandre) and Michael (Sherry), her brothers Leonard Douglas (Melody) and Daniel Peek; two sisters, Ernestine Freeman and Anna Kahana; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Douglass, a daughter-inlaw, Donna (Douglas) Lopez; adopted children, Sandie Cunningham and Kenneth Lewis; nineteen grandchildren, twentv three greatgrandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends. Final Tribute entrusted to

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BENJAMIN "BEN" HARDICT III Jun 19, 1962 – May 9, 2013

Ben enjoyed time with his nephews, talking about cars and going fishing. He wasn't a stranger to anyone, he rededicated his life to Christ, became a member and was currently in training to be a Deacon at New Harvest Baptist Church. Ben went with the church to do missionary



BRANDON ONEAL HOGAN Mar 17, 1986 – Apr 29, 2013

Brandon had many hobbies but loved cooking and enjoyed watching cooking shows. He loved family gatherings, so he could spend time with his loved ones and close friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory, mother Vanessa Hogan; brother Breland Hogan; one grandmother, Zenobia Elms; one gradfather, William Hogan, Sr; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends; along with three special friends, Vito Dunson, Ronald Tillman, and Karlton Gain. Final Tribute entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.

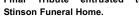


#### LARRY BRENTFORD HOLLIS Jul 11, 1948 – May 15, 2013

Larry was a strong and loving husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He was a friend to all that knew him. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it.

Left to cherish his precious memories are: two sons, Eric Hollis Bruce (Devonna), and Tyrone Hollis (Kim); one stepdaughter, Erika O'Banna; his sister, Edna Hollis; four grandchildren, Sierra Hollis, Bryann Hollis, Marquis Hollis and Trevon Hollis; one great-grandchil, Elijah Davenport; two step grandchildren, Marvin Lakes and Erik Lakes; mother-in-law, Eva Flake; and a host nieces. nephews, other relatives and friends. Final Tribute entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home

Marjorie leaves to mourn her departure and cherish her memory, one brother Andrew Moore; two sisters Mary Jackson and Althenia Stewart (Veroncio): and one brotherin-law Bosie Barber; Five nephews, four nieces; great and great, great nieces and nephews, one uncle Feltus Peck; many cousins, seven Godchildren and a host of relatives and friends. A very special friend Deborah Parker; daughter in love Lashawn MacDonald; two very special caregivers Yvette Gholston and Harvetta Hill. Although she did not have any biological children, Marjorie has one very special "son" Arnelle Jackson. Final Tribute entrusted to





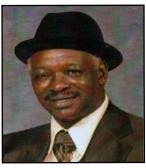
#### JUANITA ELIZABETH CARTER

Sept 10, 1919 – Apr 23, 2013

Juanita was most known to family and friends as a fabulous cook, moreover a "baker"; her three layer Coconut Cakes were most enjoyed by all.

Juanita leaves to mourn her loss and cherish her memory: a daughter; Ellen Denise Carter, granddaughter; Nikki Scherae Carter; two sisters, Cleola Cunningham and Lillie Mae Scott; a special cousin, Dorothy M. Odom; and a special niece, Gwenevere Elaine Bluitt, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other relatives and friends.

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CHARLIE (CHUCK) FOWLER SR. Dec 8, 1930 – May 14, 2013

### Ecorse schedules Sparkle & Shine Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 8



(ECORSE, MI) - The Ecorse City of announced today that it will hold its annual city clean-up day, called Sparkle and Shine 2013 on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Residents, business owners, churches and block units are urged to make a special effort that day to cleanup their property, adjacent alley and neighborhood. The city and Wayne County are supporting this community effort with dumpsters placed in the community for bulky waste, a special green waste pickup on Saturday, June 8, used tire disposal at the rear of City Hall and street sweeping during the following week. In addition, the city will support community groups by supplying gloves and trash bags.

"We urge residents to contribute their time to Sparkle and Shine," commented City Administrator John Openlander. "There is a special satisfaction that comes from helping to make your neighborhood look its best."

Churches and community groups are urged to adopt an area, park, Wednesday, June 12 Outer Drive to Mill street, between city limits and railroad Thursday, June 13 Visger to Outer Drive between city limits and railroad

If possible, please move your car off the street on your cleaning day. Sweeping hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to street sweeping, several large dumpsters will be placed that weekend in the following locations for disposal of bulky items that are not green waste.

17th & Visger, 12th & Salliotte, Elton & Jefferson, City Hall rear parking parking lot, 5th & Mill



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Residents can drop off tires for disposal between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on June 8 at the rear of the City Hall parking lot

If you would like to volunteer for a special graffiti removal project, call John at 313-436-4005.

If you would like to make a donation to support this clean-up effort, please contact Laura at 313-386-2410. Make Ecorse Sparkle and Shine on June 8th!

For additional information, please contact Ecorse City Administrator John Openlander at 313-436-4005.





work and church restorations in storm damaged New Orleans, Kansas and Texas.

He leaves to mourn his passing and to cherish his memory his mother Gladys Hardict, Sister Shirley (Vachel Sr.) Medley, 3 step sisters Kathryn, Twyla & Mareka, God brothers, family and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.





MARJORIE MOORE ABRAMS Mar 19, 1952 – Apr 5, 2013

Marjorie was a very outstanding person in her community. She really enjoyed interacting with others. Chuck which he liked to be called, liked to travel, he and his wife often visited family in Alabama, and Maryland. Chuck also liked sports, especially baseball he was a big Detroit Tigers Fan.

Chuck leaves in continuing remembrance: Son's Lucius, Charlie Jr., Kevin Daughter's Sr., Charlotte, Pearline, and Catherine, Grandchildren -Lucius Jr., Edgar, Shamira, Deshon, Dishan, Darius, Kyra, Kevin II, Great Grandchildren - Joshua, Amariah, Dishan Jr. Nephews – Wayne, Joseph (Man), Ladarius, Niece – Loretta. Final Tribute entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home. parkway or other site for clean-up. The city will support your effort with bags and gloves. If your group wishes to volunteer, call Terri at City Hall at 313-386-2400. Groups will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting.

As a bonus, the city has scheduled street sweeping for the weekdays following Sparkle and Shine. The schedule is:

Tuesday, June 11 east of railroad from north to south city limits in:

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## The best advice for high school graduates entering college



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Congratulations graduates, you have made it! High school graduation is a breaking away of adolescence and entering into the adult phase of life. Your training in the past 18 years will set the stage for your college experience. Graduation from high school represents a new challenge of independent decision and thinking. College life will be challenging as well as exciting meeting new people with diverse backgrounds and intellects. I have been out of college for some time, but college life never changes. You will quickly get acclimated about your finances in the first few months. I, too, have experienced the pain of spending all of my money before the first month of school is over. Here are some tips to remember:

•Works within a budget -Some of you are probably receiving grants, loans, or scholarship money. Use the money wisely to cover all your tuition, room, board and books. Next, knock out all other priority expenses if you have money remaining. Lastly create a monthly budget after the first couple of weeks to help you keep track of all expenses.

•Stay within your meal plan -Understand the number of meals that you have per week. Meal plans consist not only dining options in the dining hall, but restaurants in the student center and surrounding establishments on the outskirts of campus. Keep track of all your meals and spending accounts before splurging on late night pizza and burgers.

•Utilize a debit card- Control your spending with a debit card. It acts like a credit card but the money is withdrawn from your bank account immediately. Debit cards will assist you in keeping track of expenses and sometimes prevent overspending.

Work study jobs These jobs provide part time employment for students while in college if qualified for federal aid. If you don't qualify for aid, there are non-federal work study jobs available at the library, dining services and other areas. Contact the financial aid office for more guestions. While in college, I worked in the computer lab helping students with their papers and projects. Not only was I able to pick up extra gas and food money; I used the lab to complete all my homework on time.

•Buy bottle water in bulk and purchase a coffee maker -You will probably live off these two items. Individual bottle water is expensive when you buy it from campus stores. You can buy bulk cases of bottle water (36 or more) for under \$4.00 at a warehouse/discount store. Most students will attend class with their latté. Name brand coffee houses are in abundance on college campuses today. However you can save money by making your coffee in the dorm and walk just as proud as other students in your designer mug sporting school colors.

•Get on the Dean's list and apply for every scholarship – Make it your goal to get on the dean's list. Sometimes having a high GPA offers additional financial assistance. Also check for departmental scholarship in which you may qualify.

•Find the best value for your books – College books have increased 812% over the past three decades. In most cases it has outpaced tuition cost. Average cost of books can be more than \$1100 per year. Look everywhere for low cost books. Look online for used copies as well as websites and even think about purchasing books utilizing e readers. Often students will sell their books to make money; take advantage of the savings.

•Go to the career placement

office - Do me one favor, go and register yourself at the career placement office. Studies have shown when students intern/coop during college, they are looked upon favorably more than their peers who did not. Internships and cooperative education connects students to the real world and are resume builders. It brings the classroom to life. It helps you become a stronger student as you apply class room theory to practice. I, too, have interned and worked exclusively for the same company in the past 20 plus years.

• school with little or no debt – Do as much as you can now without having loans upon graduation. When you have little to no debt upon graduation, you'll have the purchasing power of doing anything that you desire - such as purchasing a home, buying a new car or going on a long vacation.

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### **Romulus recognizes Eagles with** sign to congratulate season



Photo by Roger Kadau

Seven representatives of the Romulus High School basketball team that won the Division 1 state championship. They're holding one of the signs that will greet people when they drive into the city. The following sentences provide background for the photo.

The Romulus Eagles, the Division 1 champions of Michigan high school basketball, have received some more hometown love. The Romulus City Council adopted a resolution to place state championship signs at major entryways to the city. Mayor Alan Lambert presented one of the signs and proclamations to all team members to Coach Nate Oats. Mayor Lambert said the signs would show the city's pride in the team. "Everybody driving into

Romulus is going to know we're home of the state champs," he said. Mayor Pro-Tem LeRoy Burcroff said the council wanted the team to be congratulated and led a round of applause for the Eagles.

On hand for the presentation were senior captain EC Matthews (left), junior Steven Clark, sophomore Jaylin Walker, junior Ken Henry, Coach Oats, senior captain Leo Edwards and Assistant Coach Steve Glenn, who was

the point guard on the Eagles team that won the 1986 state title. All five senior starters on the team will attend Division 1 colleges. Coach Oats thanked the community for "the tons of support" the team has received, ranging from residents voting for a school millage election that kept sports and other programs in tact to business owners funding buses so fans could attend the state championship game to local people who supported the team all season long.

### **Pistons failed to get lucky**

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



the Pistons moved back a spot, falling to No. 8 when the Washington Wizards moved up to No. 3. Detroit had a 25.3 percent chance of picking No. 8, the second most likely spot it would pick at. "We were going to be comfortable if we stayed," Pistons president of basketball oper-

The fourth straight year the ations Joe Dumars said. Pistons failed to get lucky in "There are some good playthe NBA Draft lottery. In fact, ers in the this draft, I don't know if anyone would say there is a franchise player in this draft. We were comfortable with staying. Obviously we didn't want to slide to eight, but we were comfortable staying because there is no consensus. There are a lot of good players, but no franchise changers in this

draft." Cleveland will pick No. 1 for the second time in the last three years. Orlando, which had the highest odds of getting the top pick, will pick No. 2.

Detroit finished with the same record as Washington and had won a coin toss to determine who would pick first if both teams stayed pat, but the Wizards moved up to No.

3. The 2013 draft class is considered weak so picking at No. 8 might not be a bad thing for the Pistons. Here is my mock draft in which I think the first eight teams would pick players in the NBA 2013 draft. 1. Cleveland Cavaliers Nerlens Noel C Kentucky, 2. Orlando Magic – Ben McLemore SG Kansas, 3. Washington Wizards - Otto Porter SF Georgetown, 4. Charlotte Bobcats - Anthony Bennett F UNLV, 5. Phoenix Suns - Victor Oladipo SG Indiana, 6. New Orleans Pelicans – Alex Len C Maryland, 7. Sacramento Kings – Shabazz Muhammad G/F UCLA and 8. Detroit

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### **Rollercoaster Ride for** the Wings Continues

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter

The Chicago Blackhawks were able to stave off elimination against the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday, and now they on this past Monday trying to do the same thing in enemy territorv. Chicago started the game the way they finish, knocking the home team Wings around until Marian Hossa power play goal his fifth of the playoff assist by Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith at the 3:53 mark of the first period.

Nevertheless the Red Wings after the first ten minutes of the game found their skating legs and started to put pressure on the Black Hawks goalie Corey Crawford. Patrick Eaves first goal of the playoff put the Wings on the board tying the score at 1-1 close to the end of the first period.

The second period the Red Wings still carry the game to the Black Hawks until the middle of the second period when Joakim Andersson scored at the 10:11 mark of the second period as the Wings kept the

lead until the beginning of the third period as it took the Black hawks only 51 seconds to tie the score as Michal Handzus put the puck in the net. Chicago now showing the Red Wings why they were the best team in the NHL as they continue to hammer them physically and mentally. Bryan Bickell one of the Black Hawks leaders in physically pounding the Wings scored to put the Black Hawks ahead to stay. Damien Brunner scored for the Wings at 19:08 to make the game 4-3 in which was the final score. Mike Babcock spoke to the press after the game.

"They got what they gave them tonight and that it. We did a ton of good things and we still have a chance to beat the best team in hockey in a game seven match in Chicago." Hopefully the Wings have the Hawks figured out Wednesday or when this story is read on this Thursday it will not be the end of the Red Wings season. The roller coaster ride for the Wings continues.

### **Belle Isle Grand Prix** this Weekend

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



Detroit's Belle Isle Park is the site for the Chevrolet Belle Isle Grand Prix, the first of three double-header events on the IZOD Indy Car Series schedule for 2013. The 982acre island in the Detroit River will host the stars of Indy Car Friday through Sunday, May 31st through June 2nd, along with the GRAND-AM Rolex Series and the Pirelli World Challenge Championship. Gates open on Friday, May 31st at 7:30 a.m. ET, with practice for all three series beginning at 8 a.m. ET.

Qualifying for the Pirelli Challenge kicks off at 12:45 p.m. ET, followed by Indy Car qualifying at 3 p.m. ET and GRAND-AM qualifying at 4:30 p.m. ET. Gates open again at 7:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, June 1st, with a full day of action including the Pirelli World Challenge race at 10:15 a.m. ET, the GRAND-AM race at 12:25 p.m. ET and the first Chevrolet Indy Dual in Detroit race at 3:30 p.m. ET.

On Sunday, June 2nd, gates open at 7:30 a.m. ET, and racing hits the track at noon ET with a second Pirelli World Challenge race followed by the second Indy Dual at 3:30 p.m. ET. There are three concerts planned for fans at the Detroit Grand Prix. On Friday, Dwele hits the stage at 5:30 p.m. ET, while Saturday night at 6 p.m. ET, Bret Michaels performs. In between races on Sunday, the Plain White T's perform at 2 p.m. ET.

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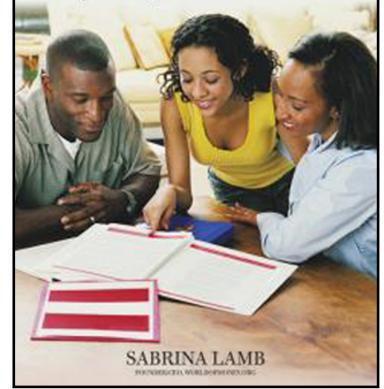
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### 'Do I Look Like an ATM?

by Terri Schlichenmeyer Special to the NNPA from Our Weekly

### Do I Look Like an ATM? A Parent's Guide to Raising Financially

Responsible African American Children



Author: Sabrina Lamb

Your child has caught some bug that's going around.

He has a terminal case of The Gimmes, and he's not getting any better. It's "Gimme that" and "Buy me this" all day long. It's Gimme Gimme Gimme, usually accompanied by whining, pleading, and a maddening inability to understand the word "no."

The Gimmes are enough to make any parent crazy. They make you wish there was some sort of doctor who had some sort of shot to prevent it. But there isn't, so why not read "Do I Look Like an ATM?" (c.2013, Lawrence Hill Books, \$14.95 / \$16.95 Canada, 215 pages) by Sabrina Lamb instead?

Somewhere in your home, there lives a little beggar who

can't take "no" for an answer. He's always got his hand out and he knows exactly how to wear you down when it comes to money. If you had a dime for every dollar he's asked for, you'd be rich.

So how did this happen? Lamb says that your child was born to beg, which is a situation you need to stop. Avoiding the issue (or worse: giving in) can result in big problems now and even bigger problems in the future.

But first, the stats: members of the Black community have an estimated \$1.1 trillion dollars to spend—and yet, many report having no savings, most don't know their credit score, and 40 percent have little or nothing for retirement. Furthermore, "

... African Americans tend to wield their tremendous buying power on products with little or

zero monetary value." That means rented homes, expensive vehicles, and fancy phones take money out of your pocket, but don't put it back.

The first step to fixing that situation is by looking inward. Chances are that you never learned financial literacy and your attitudes toward wealth may be limiting your ability to understand money issues. Just giving yourself an education on finances presents a good example for your kids.

Speak your financial truth and tell your child. Understand the difference between "need" and "want" and teach your child that looking financially successful is not the same as being financially successful. Forget about keeping up with your neighbors. Identify your parental money style. Set your family up as a business, show your kids how to save—and then show them how to give, too.

Wow. I was so impressed at what I found inside "Do I Look Like an ATM?" that I was uncharacteristically speechless.

When it comes to financial literacy for children, so many authors take mincing babysteps and waste everybody's time, but not WorldOfMoney.org founder Sabrina Lamb. She takes a different approach that starts with parents, and she's not gentle with her words. No, Lamb's a little sarcastic and very in-yourface, but her boot-camp-like attitude left no doubt in my mind that what she says, works.

I like that no-nonsense talk and I think you will, too—especially if you're serious about money matters.

If talking about dollars to your kids just makes sense, then "Do I Look Like an ATM?" would be a shot in the arm to your family's finances.

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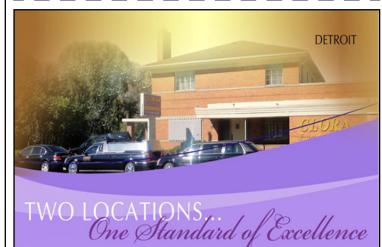


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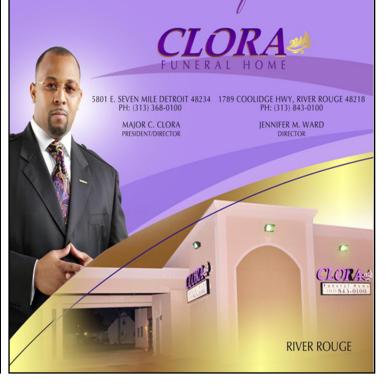


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### **Black Teen Birth Rate Falls** 60 percent in 10 Years

By Maya Rhodan - NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) - A new report by the Centers of **Disease Control and Prevention** shows that the teen birth rate for African Americans has declined by 60 percent between 1991 and 2011 - a rate 10 percent greater than the overall dip in teen birth rates.

Over the past decade, the national teen birth rate has declined from 31 out of every 1,000 girls between 15-19 giving birth in 2011, compared to 61 girls per 1,000 in 1991.

From 2007-2011, the national teen birth rate declined by 25 percent with Hispanic teens experiencing the largest decline of 34 percent. In 2007, the Hispanic teen birth rate was 21 percent higher than the Black teen birth rate, in 2011 it was only 4 percent higher.

Dr. Howard Koh, assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services, attributes these declines to stronger teen pregnancy prevention education and higher rates of contraception use among teens that have sex, but also the fact that many teens are deciding to delay sex altogether.

"We know that schools play an essential role in supporting adolescent health," Koh wrote in a blog post on Huffington Post.com "Research tells us that the longer children remain in school and engaged in learning, the better their life-long health."

Teens who have babies in high school, on the other hand, are less likely to attend or complete college, are more likely to rely on public assistance, and are more likely to live in poverty into adulthood, according to Koh.

The majority of states saw a significant decline in birth rateswith 34 states across the Southeast, Midwest, and Southwest reporting declines in the Black teen birth rate by at least 20 percent.

In eight states - Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska. Minnesota, Utah, Rhode Island, and Alaska -Black teen birth rate declined by 30 percent or more between 2007-2011.

Earlier this year, a Guttmacher Institute report suggested that the decline in birth rate could be attributed to the abortion rate among teens. According to the report, African American teens had an abortion rate of 41 out of 1000 in 2008.

Bill Albert, spokesperson for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, disputes the report's findings.

"A common misunderstanding is that people think the teen birth rate is going down because the abortion rate is going up," Albert

said. "The good news is all three rates-teen pregnancy, teen abortion, and teen birth ratesare going down at the same time.'

In 2011, more than 300,000 babies were born to teen mothers, a record low for U.S. teens ages 15-19. In 2009, 15-19 year-olds accounted for 15.5 percent of all abortions, at a rate of about 13 abortions per 1,000 teens. Ten years prior, there were 407 abortions performed for every 1,000 live births for teens 15-19.

"The fact of the matter is most parents and most adults simply don't know that the teen pregnancy rate has gone down as much as it has," Albert says.

He adds that peer influence and the popularity of television shows geared around teen pregnancy and teen motherhood, such as MTV's Teen Mom and 16 & Pregnant, teens have been able to see firsthand the challenges that come along with raising a child while still a child themselves and have decided against it.

"There is power in positive peer influence, and I think there's a lot of that happening," Albert says. "More teenagers are deciding that these are not the years to get pregnant and start a family."

Although the rate has decreased significantly, there is still much work to be done in order for the United States to be on par with other established nations.

According to the National Campaign's website, the United States has a teen birth rate twice that of the United Kingdom, three times that of Canada, and ten times that of Switzerland.

Albert says, "We ought not determine this progress a victory."

### Will Smith says the kids have a choice to be in Showbiz





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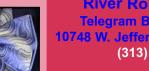
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Despite the a hovering collective criticism of the Smiths' method of raising children, Will admits he didn't force his children into showbiz.

"It may seem like we have pushed our kids into the business, but that is absolutely insane," Will Smith told Vulture. "I would never, ever, push somebody to have their face on a

poster that's going to be everywhere in the world." The concerned father says Jaden, whom he co-stars with in After Earth, made an informed decision to get into acting.

As a father in the industry, Will says it's actually a lot easier to deal with his son's dream to be an actor, rather than something normal like a doctor.

'I have relationships with some of the biggest filmmakers and actors and producers on earth," said Will. "So I can be a huge help."

And about his daughter, Willow, after hitting it big with "Whip My Hair," she decided to live a private life.

Will went on to tell Vulture how the conversation happened.

"She said, 'Daddy, I want to go to school with my friends during the week, and I want to hang out with them on the weekends." He followed up, "At the peak of 'Whip My Hair,' she's like 'Daddy, I'm done.' I was like 'Wow, wow, wow. No, baby, I got Annie, you know. It'll be in New York, you'll be with Beyoncé. You can bring your friends.' And she said, 'Daddy, I got a better idea. How about I just be 12?' At the end of the day, it has to be their choice." www.eurweb.com

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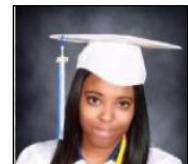


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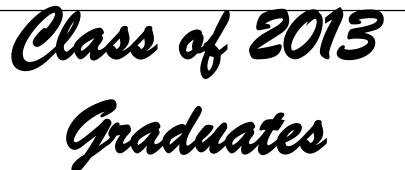


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You are often superb at exercising good judgment and rational decision-making. Yet sometimes you are rash. Flip to the observant side of your mentality this week. You will soon find yourself in a situation where there will be strife if you are not careful. Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul

should be wrapped in a cheerful package.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 36, 44

#### TAURUS

Just to prove to yourself once again how lucky you are you should fly into the face of bad predictions. Gamble this week in business, relationships, love something. Remain truly confident that things will come out in a way that will satisfy you. Soul Affirmation: Change is my

middle name.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 28, 37

GEMINI Move through your social environments and festive occasions this week without stopping even for a little while to listen to rumors. Rumors are often untrue. And for goodness sake believe only good things about friends and your lover.

Soul Affirmation: I keep my eyes open for business opportunities this week.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 30, 45

#### CANCER

Keep focused. Your energies are likely to be spread out this week. Your attention is likely to be pulled in many directions. Let yourself be seduced by the things interest you most. that Concentrate on your affairs. Others need you, but they can wait.

Soul Affirmation: I find a source of strength in someone I love.

#### Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 21

LEO

Being stubborn won't get the job done. Work with others so they can work for you. Your ideas are not always the best ideas, so don't push them too hard this week. You might find yourself in an awkward position with no allies. Give in to your emotional needs and don't be afraid to let you guard down.

Soul Affirmation: I let go and let my spirit take control. Lucky Numbers: 20, 42, 54

#### VIRGO

This week will bring a tendency to

cial news based on something you're likely to do this week. Wow! It's about time. This week might be an excellent week to window shop for a dream vacation or luxury purchase. You can even window shop in your imagination for the best possible dream vacation location!

Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 18, 44

#### SCORPIO

In the spiritual realm appearance is not important but in the physical realm looking good matters a great deal. Love has a foot in both realms. It is your challenge to balance the spiritual and physical aspects of love this week. Soul Affirmation: Slow and steady is an enjoyable way to go. Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 13

#### SAGITTARIUS

Stand up and get ready. Be a public speaker this week. Any subject you choose is ripe for your "rap." Spin the tale. Tell the story. People will be fascinated by the way you see things. They'll be impressed. Watch out for a jealous friend when attention is on you!

Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.

Lucky Numbers: 24, 32, 53

#### CAPRICORN

Be as sharp as you can be this week. Make being alert a personal challenge. Watch carefully for details that might otherwise escape your notice as you search for the best way to get things done at work. Be steadfast in your determination and don't be pulled into conflict with coworkers.

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me. Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 27

#### **AQUARIUS**

What do you do when you're not as lucky as usual? Slow the game down. Risk less. Bet conservatively in all areas of your life. Restrain yourself. Give the job at hand your attention. Live in the present and enjoy what is rather than in anticipation of what luck might have brought.

Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.

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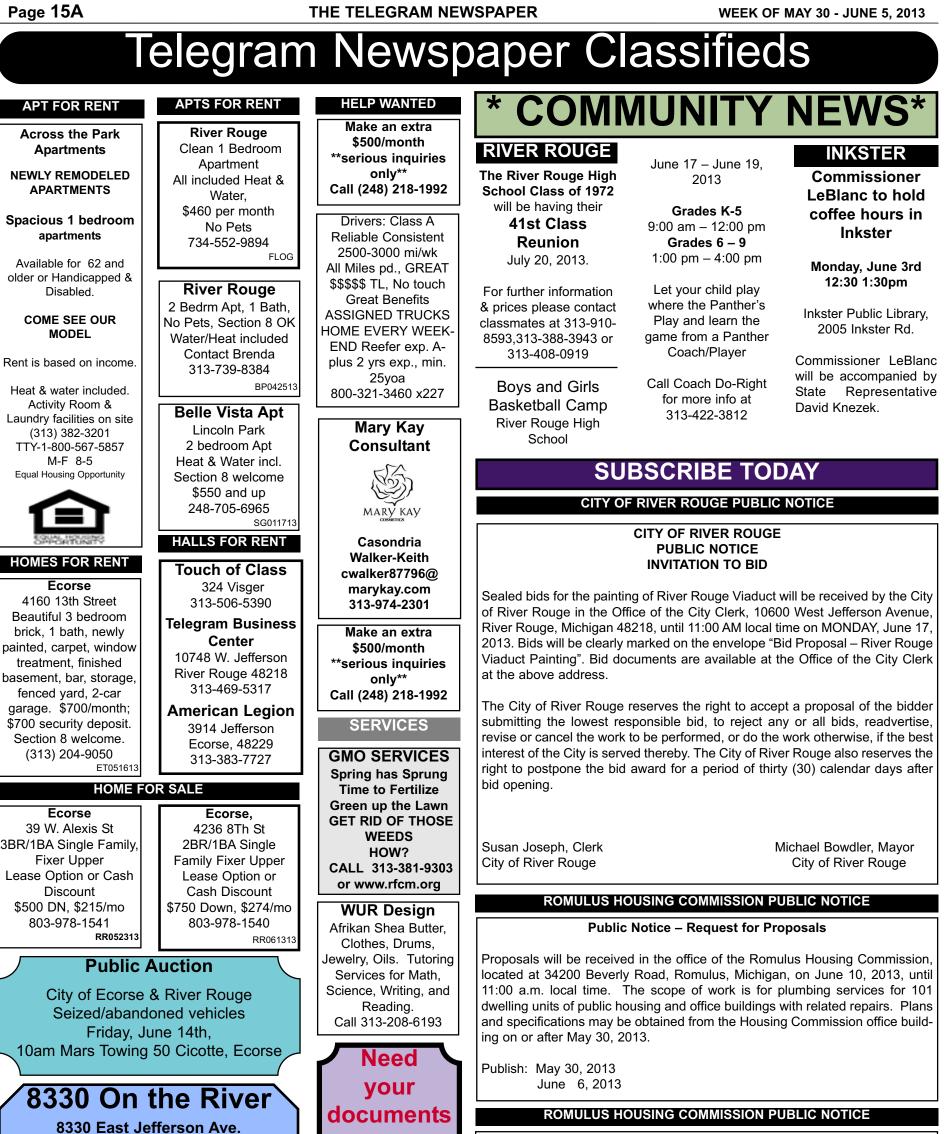
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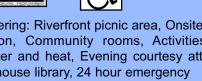


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**Public Notice – Request for Proposals** 

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