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the faltering economy of the nation.

"Equally important is the loan assistance to the automotive industry," he said. "This economy will surely collapse if the auto industry is not provided the loan assistance requested. The current crisis in the auto industry has caused great pain and suffering for those families whose income is derived from the auto industry and their minority suppliers."

At the heart of the automotive industry's crisis is the fate of minority suppliers and dealers.

Some, according to the religious organization, have been forced out of business, others have gone for a year without pay.

"Minority suppliers must be paid and they need to be paid on time. The lack of payment has created a severe hardship on Michigan families," King said. Federal money needs to be earmarked to save the suppliers and dealers, the group said.

"The U.S. auto industry needs the proposed bridge loan to survive. But they also need an even playing field. They cannot compete unless some structural changes are made. Our trade policies must be retooled," Jesse

Jackson said in a release issued by his Detroit office.

A report released at the council's meeting where King was reelected for a second term to lead the group of ministers, showed how minority suppliers and dealers are the backbone of minority business communities.

1. They train and employ hundreds of thousands of people, from hourly workers to young professionals and technicians to mature workers in second and third careers.

2. A very high percentage of their workforces, from the plan to the boardroom, are minorities and women.

3. They provide essential support for a wide network of customers, suppliers and charitable and civic activities.

4. They pay hundreds of million in taxes to federal, state and local government.

5. They represent invested capital of hundreds of millions of dollars.

6. Much of this invested capital represents the entire net worth of thousands of minority families.

7. Loss of this invested capital would cripple the entrepreneurial leadership of many minority communities.

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Cornel

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ing the people's business in the role of a "public intellectual," as he calls it.

"I think it's an intellectual who loves people enough to tell them the truth, respects them enough to spend time with them, to listen with them, to be in conversation with them, to communicate with them, work with them, organize with them, mobilize with them," West said.

"It's really just an intellectual of the people. That's really what it comes down to. And he is excited about the potential of this new day ushered in with Obama's historic election.

"We're in a new day now and we need an awakening — a Democratic awakening. We need a renaissance of love and service to public good and common interest to each other," West said. "We need again the courage to think for ourselves, the courage to empathize for the weak and the vulnerable. The courage to hope—hope on a tightrope is where we are."

Sean Yoes writes for the Afro-American Newspapers.

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Teacher sorry for binding girls

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A White social studies teacher attempted to enliven a seventh-grade discussion of slavery by binding the hands and feet of two Black girls, prompting outrage from one girl's mother and the local chapter of the NAACP. After the mother complained to Haverstraw Middle School, the superintendent said he was having "conversations with our staff on how to deliver effective lessons."

"If a student was upset, then it was a bad idea," said Superintendent Brian Monahan of the North Rockland School District in New York City's northern suburbs.

The teacher apologized to the mother who complained and her 13-year-old daughter during a meeting that also included a representative of the local NAACP. But the mother, Christine Shand of Haverstraw, later said she thinks the teacher should be removed from the class.

"I think the teacher should have gotten some discipline," Shand said. "I know if that was me, I would be uncomfortable going back to that class. Why should my daughter have to switch?"

Monahan refused to say what, if any, measures were taken against the teacher, Eileen Bernstein, who was still working on Friday. The school district said she was not available for comment.

"We encourage our teachers to deliver the curriculum in a variety of ways, to go beyond just reading the textbook," the superintendent said. "We don't want to discour-

age creativity. But this obviously went wrong because the student was upset."

On Nov. 18, Bernstein was discussing the conditions under which African captives were taken to America in slave ships. She bound the two students' hands and feet with tape and had them crawl under a desk to simulate the experience, Monahan and Shand said. Monahan said the girls were not the only Blacks in the class.

Gabrielle Shand burst into tears at home, her mother said.

"There are other ways to demonstrate slavery," Christine Shand said Friday. "It doesn't matter the color of the kids, it's just not right to tie them up. My daughter is still upset, still embarrassed. She didn't go to school today."

Wilbur Aldridge, director of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the history demonstration, first reported in *The Journal News*, "went wrong when she started to do that binding."

"I don't care what color, no one should be put in the position of having their hands and feet bound," he said.

Aldridge said he feared that the teacher still "didn't get it" after their meeting. He said the teacher apologized "because Gabrielle was upset, not because she admitted she did something wrong."

Shand said she had not decided whether to take any further action, including filing a lawsuit.

Your Horoscope Says... Dec. 11-17

ARIES

Give yourself a break this week! You've been going at full speed and you need to shift down to a lower gear. Time is a luxury and it will be on your side this week. Kick off your shoes, enjoy a long afternoon nap, or curl up with a good book that you've been meaning to read.

Soul Affirmation: I let the outer world and inner world change places this week.

Lucky Numbers: 27, 29, 45

TAURUS

This week remember to pamper yourself by giving. To give with no expectation of receiving in return is truly a luxury of the joy-filled spirit. The act of giving has a reciprocal effect on those that it touches. So when you share your gifts know that as you do you are lavishing not only others but also yourself.

Soul Affirmation: Giving is a luxury that a rich spirit can afford.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 27, 32

GEMINI

Romance, friendship, family ties, no matter what you call it, love is indeed your special blessing this week. Allow yourself to show love and to be loved. Bless someone by sharing your love and you will be blessed in return.

Soul Affirmation: Giving love is finding love.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 13, 19

CANCER

You're not usually a gambler but luck is with you as never before in recent months. You have the Midas touch this week. Buy a lottery ticket or make a wager. Gamble on love if you have that option handy. You can't miss if you follow your instincts.

Soul Affirmation: My hunches pay all day this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 24, 37

LEO

Your agreement with co-workers should improve as you take steps to strengthen emotional connections. Keeping things to yourself will not pay off for you this week. Love waits for you if you ask. A message from a distant source contains a clue.

Soul Affirmation: Communication is a skeleton key that fits many doors.

Lucky Numbers: 48, 51, 54

VIRGO

Dealing with smaller issues is the order of the week. Your soul vibrations will not attune easily to lofty subjects, long-ranged plans and the other aspects of the bigger picture. Attention to details will, however, give a sense of accomplishment.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy looking at the road of life sweeping just in front of me.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 49, 51

LIBRA

Matters relating to health need attention. Prevention is more valuable than cure. Rest and eat well this week. Your stress will be lower by knowing that you do not have to fix a relationship that has gone sour. Feel your independence and ability to travel alone.

Soul Affirmation: People love me, yes they do.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 22, 40

SCORPIO

Use better judgment with regard to financial matters. Stop rationalizing. Money is important. Do something about the fact that you might find yourself broke more often than you wish. Continuing to deny it will delay doing something about it.

Soul Affirmation: I find comfort in the familiar.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 14, 19

SAGITTARIUS

Move slowly concerning relation-

ships this week. People are a little edgy and they don't know exactly where you are coming from. Make full explanations. Don't assume that they know what's on your mind. Most of all, stay positive no matter what.

Soul Affirmation: Clinging to the old will inhibit my growth this week.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 8, 20

CAPRICORN

You can't be right all of time. Instead of always trying to be right, try to find the logic in other's viewpoint whether you happen to agree or not. Endear yourself to a loved one real soon, by really listening to what they have to say. Don't be so stubborn, that you deny yourself what you really want.

Soul Affirmation: I celebrate with those around me.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 27, 34

AQUARIUS

This week is a good week to dump any extra baggage that has been pulling you down. You have too much potential to throw away and waste your time on issues that will amount to nothing. Stay focused on your goals. Meet and spend time with people who will be able to help you reach them.

Soul Affirmation: The truth is in me. I bring it forth.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 27, 44

PISCES

Your spiritual vibes will give you insight on a situation that's been on your mind. Share your thoughts with someone close to you. Spend time with friends and family that will provide support and guidance when you make an important decision.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy looking at the road of life sweeping just in front of me.

Lucky Numbers: 30, 40, 55