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Don't be Blinded by his the Lies

You can't return a mob boss, cult leader, grifter, election denier, sexual molester, twice impeached, insurrectionist, revenge seeking, convicted felon, racist and wanna-be dictator to the White House. Trump will say anything to get your vote, so please don't be blinded by his lies.



BEVERLY SMITH

Donald Trump has never uttered one positive word about this country or the people who live in it; especially people of color. All you have to do is educate yourself on his history. As a young boy he was taught by his father to never admit defeat. Do your research of Trump's history and you will find decades of housing discrimination with actual signs of "No Vacancies for Blacks.

When Trump came down the escalators to announce his 2016 run for the presidency, his words were derogatory to Mexicans calling them

rapists and murderers. Unfortunately, Trump still won the 2016 presidency even though his distaste and disrespect for women was front and center on the exposed Access Hollywood tapes of Trump degrading women. Even that tape didn't stop people

Visiting a black church in Detroit with more white people in the audience than black people shows you how desperate Trump is to camouflage his true feelings about black and brown people.

who had the same beliefs as Trump from voting for him. Trump continued his racist epitaphs and disdain on people living in African countries.

Now trying to win a second term in the White House, after his failed 2016 presidency, and continuing denial of his lost of the 2020 presidential election to Joe Biden, Trump and his sycophants are spreading lie after lie to win over votes of the very same people he's maligned, ridiculed and denigrated for years.

One of his famous lies is that he's done more for African American since Abraham Lincoln. The record shows

that the only people who benefitted from the Trump presidency were millionaires and corporations whose taxes were cut in his 2016 administration.

Trump claims a record-low unemployment rate, funding for historically black colleges and univer-

sities (HBCU's), opportunity zones and criminal justice reform. Policy experts reveal that Trump's policies furthered racial segregation and stoked racial divisions and violence. We must remember that Donald's Trump's economy was only as good as the thriving economy that was left for him by President Obama.

On average, there were more jobs added monthly in Barack Obama's second term than there were in Trump's first three years.

March of 2020, the United States and the world were in the midst of a global pandemic that Trump initially

kept from the American people that resulted in the deaths of over 200,000 deaths by September 22nd of 2020. Over 1.1 million reported deaths in the United states which thousands could have been saved. Trump knew in February that COVID-19 was 'deadly stuff' but wanted to 'play it down.'

Trump acknowledged the dangers of the corona virus pandemic in a February interview with journalist Bob Woodward and acknowledged downplaying the threat in an interview a month later, according to an account of Woodward's book.

Visiting a black church in Detroit with more white people in the audience than black people shows how desperate Trump is to camouflage his true feelings about black and brown people. Take your blinders off and see Trump for who he really is. Trump is not your friend or your Great White Hope.

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The Power of Positivity

Trying to stay positive in a world that is surrounded by negativity is difficult. Negativity can destroy whatever truth, faith, or hope we may have in this world. Politically, the world is drifting closer to a dictatorship form of government. Financially, economics has skyrocketed off the charts. Let's not forget about the worldwide weather catastrophes that are happening almost every day and everywhere from tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, and more. With so much negative energy developing; it's hard to think positively.



BARBARA BRAZILE

What I have found to be very helpful is to remember that as long as we are breathing we have hope

to weather these storms. More importantly, we have an advocate, our Heavenly Father, the inner man within us all. Try talking to your Heavenly Father sometimes when you feel overwhelmed with unpleasant, negative thoughts and ask him to give you peace of mind, and he will.

However, you must believe that he will. Looking from within and trusting the answer(s) you will receive will give you more confidence.

Instead of saying "I can't", say "I can". Instead of saying "I won't say "I will". When your heart is thankful, you are more confident.

Yes, we have our issues but we need to take our issues to our Heavenly Father. Looking at the big picture may show us how to develop the resilience we need to handle the difficulties we are destined to face at some point in our lives.

This is why we need to keep positive thoughts in our hearts and minds. Live in the present instead of the past. Stop rehashing how things could have been or used to be. Letting go of our unnecessary baggage may strengthen us so we can help others.

Everything happens for a reason. This time could be your time to start thinking more positively. Thinking positively can help us to reframe from negative

thoughts with positive thoughts.

Instead of saying "I can't", say "I can". Instead of saying "I won't say "I will". When your heart is thankful, you are more confident. It helps others who are around you to feel more optimistic. Try talking to your Heaven-

ly Father when you feel overwhelmed with unpleasant, negative thoughts. Have a positive outlook and focus on realistic expectations, not high expectations. High expectations often lead to disappointments when things don't work out as we expect them to.

Nothing is perfect in this world. Positivity is having trust and faith in our Heavenly Father who promised to carry us through, no matter what. Pray to be more optimistic about things. All of this will help you and others who may need help. This journey we are all on is not just about us. We are touching the lives of all those who cross our paths. This is not the time to freeze up, lose faith, or whimper out. It's time for all of us to reach out from within and embrace the Power of Positivity!

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Watermelon: A Summer Delight with Surprising Health Benefits

Watermelon is not only the quintessential summer fruit known for its refreshing



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sweetness but also a nutritional powerhouse that offers a plethora of health benefits. Among its valuable components are L-arginine and L-citrulline, two amino acids that significantly contribute to our well-being, with watermelon being an exceptional source of L-citrulline.

The Unique Qualities of Watermelon

Watermelon is an excellent fruit for hydration, containing over 90% water. However, its advantages extend far beyond quenching your thirst. Packed with vitamins A, B6, and C, antioxidants and amino acids, and low in calories, incorporating watermelon into your diet can be a delightful way to support overall health and wellness.

The Significance of L-Citrulline

Watermelon is the leading natural source of L-citrulline, outpacing other members of



the cucurbit family, such as cucumbers, pumpkins, and muskmelons. L-citrulline's importance lies in its ability to convert into L-arginine once ingested. This conversion is key to several health benefits, primarily because L-arginine aids in improving blood flow by producing nitric oxide, which relaxes and dilates blood vessels. The result is a potential reduction in blood pressure and enhanced cardiovascular health.

Exploring the Benefits of L-Arginine

L-arginine, derived from L-citrulline, offers numerous health advantages. It is crucial for wound healing, allowing the body to recover more efficiently from injuries. Moreover, L-arginine

strengthens the immune system, enabling the body to fend off infections better.

Athletes and physically active individuals may

So, the next time you search for a nutritious snack, opt for a seeded, organic slice of watermelon and treat your body to the myriad of benefits it provides.

find L-arginine especially beneficial. It enhances oxygen delivery and blood flow during physical activities, improving athletic performance and reducing muscle soreness post-exercise.

Additional Health Perks of Watermelon

Watermelon's benefits extend beyond L-citrulline and L-arginine. Its high water content and dietary fiber contribute to improved digestion and constipation prevention. Antioxidants in watermelon, such as vitamin C and lycopene, offer protection against free radicals, potentially lowering the risk of chronic diseases like heart disease and cancer.

Skin health is another area where watermelon shines. Vitamin A in water-

melon maintains skin and hair moisture, while vitamin C supports collagen production, promoting skin elasticity and combating aging.

Incorporating Watermelon into Your Diet

Adding watermelon to your diet is both simple and enjoyable. It can be savored as a snack, mixed into salads for a refreshing element, or blended into smoothies for a hydrating beverage. For a cool treat, consider freezing watermelon cubes to enjoy on warm days.

Watermelon is more than a delightful and refreshing fruit;

it's a source of essential nutrients that offer significant health benefits, mainly through L-citrulline and L-arginine. Incorporating watermelon into your diet allows you to indulge in its delicious taste while benefiting from its health-enhancing properties.

So, the next time you search for a nutritious snack, opt for a seeded, organic slice of watermelon and treat your body to the myriad of benefits it provides.

Latricia Wright is a Nutritionist and founder at Olive Seed, a wellness brand offering holistic products and services. Latricia believes food is one of the most significant pathways to well-being. She offers cooking classes and wellness workshops to communities and corporations, empowering participants to choose food and beverages that nurture wholeness practices.



Lights, Camera, Action, and Capturing Moments with Ebonie Davis

by LaDeanna Guy

LaDeanna: Thank you for taking the time to speak with me, Ebonie. Let's dive right in. You graduated from HBCU - Howard University to be exact. Go Bison! What was your major? and career path like?

Ebonie: Oh, absolutely! Attending Howard University was such a pivotal experience for me; it always brings a smile to my face when I reflect on my HBCU experience! My major was Electrical Engineering.

After graduating, I dove straight into the engineering field and moved to North Carolina for my first job in Nuclear Energy. Initially, I had this plan to work for a couple of years and then pursue law school. But as life unfolded, I found myself reassessing my goals and aspirations. It was a bit of a soul-searching journey, but I realized that my dreams had evolved, and law school wasn't aligning with my newfound desires.

So, instead of sticking to the

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conventional path, I continued in the engineering field for about six years. Eventually, I reached a point where I felt the need for a change from the corporate world. This decision led me down some unexpected paths—I became a car sales associate for Nissan, dabbled in pet sitting, and even worked in the stock room at Toys-R-US. Talk about a diverse range of experiences!

But amidst all this, I always felt the pull back to engineering. After my detour, I found my way back home to the field. This time, I ventured into Automotive Engineering upon moving back home, all the while nurturing my passion for photography. It's funny how life works sometimes—I landed my first gig as a photographer at a friend's baby shower during my first week back!

Since 2016, I've been juggling multiple careers and businesses, and let me tell you, it's been quite a balancing act. At first, I questioned whether I was just a bit crazy for trying to



navigate both the 9-5 grind and the entrepreneurial world simultaneously. But as time went on, I came to embrace this multifaceted approach to my career. I firmly believe that you can pursue multiple passions concurrently, and it's been incredibly fulfilling to demonstrate this to others who also harbor diverse aspirations.

So, here I am today—a proud engineer, real estate investor, photographer, and consultant. My journey may not have been the most traditional, but it's been uniquely mine, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

LaDeanna: WOW! truly an inspiring journey. What inspired you to open the door of entrepreneurship in the photography business?

Ebonie: I've always had some form of a camera attached to my hand since I was a young girl, partly because my parents' loved technology that captured our family moments (and didn't always know how to work it, lol). No matter the era, we had some kind of device to capture our life milestones, whether it was a film camera, Polaroid camera, the huge camcorders, disposable cameras, etc. You name it, we had it.

Also, my daddy must've known I would be a photographer at some point because he built me a vintage camera collection throughout my childhood to adulthood. So, I appreciated the art behind the history of the device without knowing that I would one day make my first purchase for my very own.

Over time, the combination of loving to capture moments and appreciating the history behind the

device naturally led me to always be the friend with a camera out to capture whatever we were doing. That later branched into my closest friends asking me if they could hire me for their major life milestones. So here I am today – snap! snap! snap!

LaDeanna: How was your transition from “corporate world” to “entrepreneurial world”?

Ebonie: Transitioning from the corporate world to the entrepreneurial world has been a challenging journey for me. I mean, talk about a shift in gears. In the corporate world, everything's laid out for you: goals, deadlines, you name it. But diving into entrepreneurship? It felt like diving into the deep end without knowing how to swim. Ok, I'm being a bit dramatic but needed to highlight the contrast between the two.

In the initial months, I found myself lost! I didn't know where to start or how to define what productivity looked like for me anymore. Establishing a clear schedule and delineating boundaries between personal and business life became real life questions. The mindset shift was the most profound. As an entrepreneur, agility and adaptability are paramount. I've learned to pivot swiftly in response to challenges, understanding that time wasted is money lost. Whereas in the corporate world, there was often a safety net of a steady income, entrepreneurship demands a willingness to bet on oneself and having to switch into hustle mode constantly and consistently.

Yet, amidst the difficulties, there's also a sense of liberation and empowerment. Every success feels more personal, every setback a lesson learned. I'm gradually learning to embrace the uncertainty, trusting in my abilities and worth as I carve out my path in the entrepreneurial landscape.

LaDeanna: Being a business owner can be challenging. What challenges have you encountered as a photographer?

Ebonie: Navigating the waters of entrepreneurship in the photography industry has indeed been a journey filled with challenges, but I've come to view them as opportunities for growth and innovation. One of the most significant challenges has been staying ahead of

the curve in a rapidly evolving industry.

Embracing new technologies, trends, and techniques while maintaining the authenticity of my craft has been a delicate balancing act. Additionally, managing the financial aspects of the business, from budgeting to pricing strategies, has been a continuous learning process.

Let's be honest there is an emotional rollercoaster that most don't talk about when it comes to owning your own business! The highs of success are often accompanied by the lows of setbacks and learning moments. Yet, it is during these moments of adversity that my resilience and determination are truly tested. It's about having the grit to push through obstacles, the creativity to find innovative solutions, and the humility to learn from mistakes.

LaDeanna: Do you have a specialized niche?

Ebonie: I'm a Brand and Portrait Photographer. My favorite and what I'm known for are vibrant and engaging headshots!

Overall, I just have a love for telling authentic, feel-good, vibrant stories through the lens of my camera. I believe that branding extends far beyond a traditional business entity, which includes personal, professional, and creative branding. Whether it's capturing content for your quarterly marketing campaign, celebrating your organization's milestone, or doing a personal image refresh, I bring the same level of skill, quality, and genuineness to your session.

LaDeanna: Finally, what advice would you give to aspiring photographers?

Ebonie: My advice would be to never stop learning and experimenting. Embrace failure as a steppingstone to growth, and never lose sight of your passion and vision. And always stay true to yourself and your unique perspective.

LaDeanna: Thank you so much, Lisa, for sharing your insights and experiences Detroit Smart Pages. It's been truly inspiring.

Ebonie: It's been my pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity to share my journey with you.

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The Jetsons Age

I vividly recall watching The Jetsons TV show during my childhood, and its influence on my perspective of the present day has been profound. The unforgettable opening song “Meet George Jetson... Jane, his wife... daughter Judy... his boy Elroy...” still rings in my mind.



ELLIS LIDDELL

However, let us focus on Rosey, the robot housekeeper, and the flying Taxi. The most sought-after stock in the world today is NVIDIA (NVDA) Corporation, which recently surged past the three trillion level in net capital, solidifying its position as one of the largest global companies. NVIDIA recently underwent a 10/1 stock split, leading to a decrease in share price from \$1200 to \$120.

This strategic move aims to lower the barrier of entry for new investors, as more people can afford a \$120 stock compared to a \$1200 one. In June 2023, this stock was trading at \$375 a share.

Let us talk about The Jetsons and their housekeeper Rosey. Advancements in technology have brought us closer to realizing the possibility of having a real-life Rosey in our homes, thanks to companies like NVIDIA. As for The Jetsons’ flying cars, two US companies, Joby Aviation (JOBY) and Archer Aviation (ACHR), are leading the way.

These companies are prepared to display their electric eVTOL air transport technology at the Paris Olympic Games in July, 2024, shuttling athletes between the Olympic stadium and the Athletic Village. Honda Motors is also making significant strides in the race for electric eVTOL air transport. The FAA has given the green light for flying taxis, with the public set to reap the most benefits.

The primary aim of air taxis is to curtail emissions, reduce travel time, and provide services from small

towns to regional airports. To prepare for these technological advancements, select cities have already laid the groundwork. For instance, there could be a reduction in travel from 45 minutes in heavy traffic to just 15 minutes between Dallas/Fort Worth.

Similarly, travel time from Manhattan to New York LaGuardia Airport would see comparable time savings. Uber Black has teamed up with Archer Aviation to provide this

Whether you’ve watched The Jetsons TV show or not, it is evident that it inspired millions of people to embrace a future filled with innovations that did not exist when they were born. The future is here for those who are willing to seize it.

air taxi service at a cost equivalent to hiring an SUV from Manhattan.

As you read this article, it is essential to contemplate how you will thrive in this rapidly evolving future. The world is not slowing down for anyone, so it is crucial to align with partners who understand that the race for change is always on. At ELE Wealth Management, we have positioned ourselves for future advances in various markets over the past 20 years. We have achieved this by creating programs like Stock Market Investing 101, a Wealth Builder Program and Financial Checkups.

We designed the Stock Market Investing 101 program to assist you in maximizing your earning potential throughout your career. We serve as your Money Coach, urging you to save the right amount for retirement. When it comes to retirement contributions, we recommend starting with 10% and increasing it by 1% annually until you reach the maximum allowable contribution limit each year.

With our Wealth Builder Program, we serve as your accountability partner, assisting you in setting goals and providing tools to thrive in our fast-paced society. The program covers various aspects of your financial profile such as creating

wills and trusts, retirement planning, and home-buying strategies.

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employer-matching contributions).

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Interested students should check with their school to ensure that their desired degree or technical certificate is Pell-eligible. Programs that are not Pell-eligible cannot be covered by the Detroit Promise. Detroit Promise funding is not competitive; every student who registers and meets the requirements will receive funding if their college determines they have an eligible funding gap.

As a last-dollar scholarship, any Pell or TIP funding will always be applied to a student's bill first. The Detroit Promise serves

to cover any eligible funding gap.

- At community college schools, the Detroit Promise will be billed for any remaining balance up to the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees*.

- At university schools, any balance will be covered using gift aid as arranged by the participating institution and a contribution from the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation (MEEF).

Detroit Promise History

In 2011, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder announced his intention to provide Detroit high school graduates with a tuition-free path to an associate degree or technical certificate. Since 2013, the Detroit Regional Chamber has administered the Detroit Promise, which is funded by the Michigan Excellence in Education Foundation. The Promise has since expanded to include bache-

lor's degrees from four-year schools.

In 2016, Detroit mayor Mike Duggan announced the genesis of the Detroit Promise Zone authority, its purpose being to dedicate a portion of tax dollars to permanently fund the two-year scholarships. Years later, with support from the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation*, the Detroit Promise Authority remains committed to giving every Detroit-residing student an opportunity to achieve a postsecondary degree regardless of their financial situation.

What is the Detroit Promise Path?

The Detroit Promise Path is a student success program that assigns a Campus Coach to all Detroit Promise community college students. Campus Coaches provide mentorship by connecting students with on-campus resources, sup-

porting their educational journeys, and helping them achieve their goals. In addition to the benefit of having a dedicated, knowledgeable coach, each scholar participating in the Detroit Promise Path will receive a monthly stipend of \$50 and be connected to a community of Detroit Promise scholars.

For more information about The Detroit Promise Path, please visit: www.detroitpromise.com

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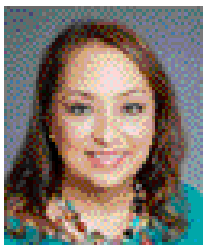
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BIGGEST NATIONAL NEWS STORIES – REPORTED ON WORLDWIDE MEDIA

The thirty-four felony convictions of former U.S. President Donald Trump marked the first time in American history that an American President has been charged with committing felonies.

Days after the Trump verdict in New York, a federal grand jury found the current President’s son, Hunter Biden guilty of committing three felonies. There are mixed views on whether either of these incidents will influence the November Presidential election.

OUTSTANDING LIVE LOCAL TV COVERAGE – WDIV TV

Kudos to WDIV TV, Local 4 on excellent Live continuous coverage of the opening of the refurbished Michigan Central Station. The beautiful video of



the inside of the historic structure was breathtaking. The free concert attracted thousands of



metro Detroiters with a standing room only overflow crowd.

The highlight of the concert was the opening act by Detroit’s own Motown mega star Diana Ross. Other acts included Detroit artists Big Sean, Jack White, The Clark Sisters, and Eminem who closed out the concert performing his newest release, Houdini, from his 12th album “The Death of Slim Shady”.

POPULAR WDIV-TV PERSONALITIES OFFERED BUYOUTS TO RETIRE

The station has announced that four long-time on-air personalities have agreed to ear-



ly retirement and have accepted “monetary buyouts”. They are Sports Director Bernie Smilovitz, and reporters Mara McDonald, Paula Tutman and Rod Maloney.

dustry, stations are recruiting younger talent that are often hired at lower salaries.

46 ANNUAL MICHIGAN EMMY AWARDS - WINNERS

According to online station websites, WDIV-TV won a total of 9 Emmy Awards. WXYX-TV won six awards, and WJBK Fox 2 not listed at this time. A complete list of winners can be found online under 46th Annual Michigan Emmy Awards.

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RECESS24

Resilience and Equity in the Clean Energy Sector Summit

This pivotal event, themed “SOS: Expediting an Equitable Clean Energy Economy,” aims to empower Black, Brown, Indigenous communities, and other people of color by providing critical knowledge and access to opportunities within the rapidly evolving clean energy sector. Building on the momentum of last year’s successful summit, which drew over 400 attendees, RECESS24 anticipates welcoming up to 700 participants this year.

The RECESS24 National Black and Brown Clean Energy Conference, spearheaded by Carla Walker-Miller, founder and CEO of Walker-Miller Energy Services, one of the largest African American and woman-owned energy efficiency

“In this historic moment of clean energy transformation, we must ensure that those historically excluded from these opportunities are front and center, driving innovation and reaping the benefits of this economic revolution.”

companies in the United States, is set to take place from September 9 to 11, 2024, in Detroit.

RECESS24 aligns with the goals of the Justice40 Initiative and the significant surge in clean

energy investments nationwide. The conference seeks to ensure that the clean energy transition is equitable and inclusive, promoting broad participation in the clean energy economy.

Carla Walker-Miller emphasized the urgency of the conference’s mission, stating, “In this historic moment of clean energy transformation, we must ensure that those historically excluded from these opportunities are front and center, driving innovation and reaping the benefits of this economic revolution.”

The three-day conference will feature a rich program of keynote speeches, panel discus-

event will culminate with a graduation ceremony, celebrating up to 100 new graduates from certified clean energy programs. Certifications will be given in fields including: BPI Energy Auditing, Solar Panel Installation, EV Technicians, and more. “This graduation symbolizes our commitment to creating onramps into the clean energy sector for those who have been historically excluded,” said Walker-Miller. “We are not just offering education; we are providing a gateway to life-changing careers and opportunities.”

RECESS24 is poised to be the nation’s largest gathering focused on advancing clean en-

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sions, and an Innovation and Opportunity Exhibit Hall. Attendees can expect to engage with the latest energy technologies, including ecosystem electrification, battery storage, electric mobility, resilience hubs, and virtual power plants. The conference will also provide a platform for fostering partnerships, sharing insights, and catalyzing action toward a more equitable clean energy future.

One of the key highlights of RECESS24 is the Clean Energy Equity Graduation. This unique

ergy opportunities for communities of color. Collaborators and sponsors for this year’s event include notable organizations such as The Aspen Institute, SustainabiliD, Duna-mis Charge, Real Times Media, Franklin Energy Services, Bank of America, and DTE Energy. These partnerships underscore the broad support and commitment to driving equity in the clean energy sector. For more information and to register for RECESS24, visit recess24.com



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SIMONE LIGHTFOOT



NAYLA MCCLURE

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As an African American woman-led veteran-owned business, diversity, equity, and community involvement are central to our mission. Our client services are meticulously crafted to champion the advancement of renewable energy projects, incorpo-

Our primary objective is to offer students invaluable insights into career opportunities, hands-on experience, and opportunities to explore roles in public utilities, renewable energy, public policy, and public service.

rating a deep understanding of race, culture, and community dynamics.

Drawing on our expertise, we ensure that our clients' endeavors, from grant applications to partnership formations, are attuned to the effects of Earth's warming on wildlife, habitats, and natural resources.

Additionally, we provide comprehensive guidance on navigating the intricacies of public policy, engaging with Black media outlets, fostering connections with talent from Historically Black Colleges and

Universities (HBCUs), and implementing diverse strategies to combat greenhouse gas pollution, enhance energy efficiency, expand economic opportunities, and protect essential land, soil, air, and water resources.

In 2023, when Mississippi's Public Service Commission welcomed forward-thinking leadership willing to explore the advantages associated with renewable energy and land management, our expertise was sought after. This pivotal moment led to the formation of our affiliate Light Green Energy Mississippi, LLC (LGEMS) based in Jackson, MS.

From the outset, our focus included a spectrum of initiatives, including propane and natural gas explosions, safety concerns, broadband expansion, workforce development, and legislative approvals for Amazon Data Centers and an EV Battery plant. Additionally, we were tasked with the conception, execution, and management of a paid internship and experiential learning initiative aimed at bridging HBCU students with green career opportunities.

LGEMS initiated partnership discussions with Tougaloo College to tap into the vibrant talent pool flourishing on its historic campus. Mississippi native Ms. Nayla McClure, a rising junior majoring in political science for the fall semester of 2024, emerged as our chosen candidate for this opportunity.

Our ten-week summer experiential learning program is designed to facilitate student collaboration with seasoned professionals across various sectors, including community, regulatory, industry, and government.

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We expose emerging HBCU talent to a broad spectrum of career

paths, encompassing fields such as conservation, water management, soil health, air quality, supply chain management, advanced and EV battery manufacturing, data centers, environmental science, infrastructure development, broadband expansion, habitat preservation, and natural resource protection. We are working diligently to create and grow our energy and ecological future.

Simone Lightfoot is an energy, conservation, and environmental leader. She is the founder of parent company Light Green Energy LLC and its affiliate Light Green Energy Mississippi, LLC, an energy and environment consultancy based in Ann Arbor, MI and Jackson, MS. She can be reached at Simone@lightgreenenergy.org or 313.585.1052. <http://www.lightgreenenergy.org>

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The campaign covers everything from free college tuition for qualifying high school students through the Detroit Promise or grants of \$500 to \$15,000 to block clubs, neighborhood associations, or nonprofits to transform blighted lots through our Neighborhood Beautification Program.



The phrase is used as a slogan or motto by those who have a deep connection to Detroit, and see it as a symbol of resilience, determination, and community. It's all about Detroit helping Detroiters and coming together to build a brighter future for us all. That's why we are Detroit for Life! For more information, please visit: www.detroitmi.gov/detroitforlife

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A Few Ways to Grow Your Business

Are you working twenty-five hours a day, eight days a week? You rarely see your family, and when you do make time



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for your daughter's dance recital or happy hour with your buds, you're not there. Not really. You're thinking about the latest problem and how you're going to solve it.

Every second of your waking life is spent trying to figure out how to hang on to this fledgling business of yours. You're busy wearing all your many hats, worrying about making payroll and if Social Security will be enough to keep you in ramen noodles when you retire.

Who the hell has time to go for the dream when you barely have the time or the money to eat? Can you even remember the dream? Let me refresh your memory. You want the freedom to live, work and express yourself as you choose. You want the power to influence the marketplace, your culture, your community.

Instead, you're a slave to your business. It owns you—and it's kicking your ass. And if you're

you're making good money doing what you do, you can get stuck in the mindset that you're the only person on the planet who can do what you do. You become blind to the trap you set for yourself. So, if you're not sure if you should continue, ask yourself one question:

Do you want your business to die a slow, miserable death?

Ask yourself why you started this business and not another business. What purpose are you serving? What gets you lit? If you know your "why," it will resonate with your clients. This year (2024) is nearly over, you may have to reset your revenue goal if you're off track. If you're ahead of your projections, stay the course, the trend is your friend.

On the other hand, if your business is on life support, take action and adjust where necessary. To get the heart of your business beating again (meaning you can survive without perpetual panic), recalculate how much revenue do you need to generate? Don't put yourself last on the list. Start by figuring out what you personally need to be comfortable, to know that you're back on your feet. Then figure out how much reve-

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being honest, even though the rest of the world thinks you're a big-time (or rising) entrepreneur, sometimes it feels like your business is quicksand and you're sinking down right in the middle of it, not a tree branch in sight.

Like so many one-man bands, you believe that your knowledge and skill set isn't teachable, and if you can't teach it, you can't systematize it. And if you can't systematize it, you can't grow it. If

you're making good money doing what you do, you can get stuck in the mindset that you're the only person on the planet who can do what you do. You become blind to the trap you set for yourself. So, if you're not sure if you should continue, ask yourself one question: Do you want your business to die a slow, miserable death? Ask yourself why you started this business and not another business. What purpose are you serving? What gets you lit? If you know your "why," it will resonate with your clients. This year (2024) is nearly over, you may have to reset your revenue goal if you're off track. If you're ahead of your projections, stay the course, the trend is your friend. On the other hand, if your business is on life support, take action and adjust where necessary. To get the heart of your business beating again (meaning you can survive without perpetual panic), recalculate how much revenue do you need to generate? Don't put yourself last on the list. Start by figuring out what you personally need to be comfortable, to know that you're back on your feet. Then figure out how much reve-

Below are a few more tips to consider, hopefully they will bless you in growing your business:

1. Define your goals:

Clearly outline your short-term and long-term objectives for your business growth.

1. Know your audience:

Understand your target market's needs, preferences, and behavior to tailor your products and services effectively.

1. Build a strong brand:

Invest in branding to create a memorable identity that resonates with your audience and sets you apart from competitors.

1. Offer exceptional customer service:

Providing excellent customer service support can enhance loyalty and encourage repeat business and referrals.

1. Focus on Marketing:

Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy encompassing digital marketing, social media, content creation, and traditional advertising to reach and engage with potential customers.

1. Leverage technology:

Utilize technology to streamline operations, improve efficiency, and enhance the customer experience.

1. Expand your reach:

Explore new markets, channels, or geographical locations to broaden your customer base and revenue streams.

1. Invest in talent:

Surround yourself with skilled professionals who can contribute to your business's success and help execute your growth plans.


1. Monitor and adapt:

Continuously track your progress, analyze data, and adapt your strategies based on market trends, customer feedback, and performance metrics.

1. Stay innovative:

Keep innovating and evolving your products, services, and business model to stay competitive and meet the changing customer demands.

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Omega Service - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. 10:30 AM
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Strategies for Reducing Operating Costs by Industry

I'm currently attempting to increase profits for a variety of small businesses; and the two areas that seem to consistently surface are labor modifications and technological integration for efficiency purposes. Let's see if any of these might work for your small business:



LAURA SIGMON

Retail

It's beyond common sense to me, but I've witnessed several retailers who neglect to incorporate an adequate inventory management process. An Inventory Management process will allow you to plan and control the frequency and quantity of items needed for your business. Attempt to track all your raw materials, supplies, and only automate the order-

to move to your online services, this might improve labor costs and increase your sales.

Restaurants

Menu Engineering- converting to a digital menu can drastically improve your print costs and allow you to modify your selections, prices and specials. This is efficient, cost effective and somewhat user friendly. Shared purchasing with other restaurants can also support cost reductions that improve the bottom line. Integrating movement sensors for lighting in restrooms, kitchen areas, and other common areas will also improve your out-of-pocket costs.

Professional Services (e.g., Law, Accounting)

If it makes sense, and you can maintain your quality of work, reconsider remote work, though I am not a fan. It has

Technology Services

Automate your intake process for construction service requests, for salons, for carryout orders, for professional service organizations. This simple improvement will increase your bottom line by reducing labor costs. Integrate free marketing supports like HubSpot for email marketing, text messaging/marketing, and follow-up. Try Waves accounting, it's free and reconciliation works much like QuickBooks. When possible, use Google Suite services like their Voice, Forms, Docs, and enterprise email services. They are cheaper than Mic-

rosoft and other applications.

Last thing to consider, if you can reduce your hours of operation by just one or two hours per day, you can also save or cut one hour of labor cost per person, so a 40 hour workweek could actually be 36-38 hours which is a small savings in multiple areas: labor, utilities, inventory, and maybe more.

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ing of things that can be justified as necessary. Do not hold more product than necessary unless you can measure the cost reduction based on volume.

I believe it's high time for similar businesses to build an alliance with competitors who use similar supplies like bags, napkins, inventory, and lawn services. When you can purchase in bulk and split the costs, this will improve payment terms and the costs per unit. Think about switching out traditional lighting for energy efficient improved bulbs. Try to incentivize customers

proven effective in certain environments where the work volume is consistent enough and can be measured in terms of quantifiable production intervals (number of calls per hour, number of reports reviewed per hour, number of emails supported/responded to by hour) etc.

Software Subscriptions: Use cloud-based software and reduce reliance on expensive, on-premises solutions. Yes, I am saying it: outsource when you can. Outsourcing: Outsource non-core activities like IT support or marketing.

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The Motor City is now a “Bee City”!

Detroit is the 207th certified affiliate of Bee City USA, which provides a framework for communities to conserve native pollinators by increasing native plants, and nest sites while reducing pesticides. Officials announced the city’s commitment on World Bee Day, donning shirts stating, “Detroit is the Place to Bee.”

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, which provides communities a framework to conserve their native pollinators by improving and expanding pollinators’ natural habitats, and through various community engagement efforts. The Xerces Society is headquartered in Portland, Oregon.

In celebration of World Bee Day, Detroit Hives, the Detroit Bee City Committee, and the city of Detroit hosted a press conference and sign unveiling, signifying, Detroit’s newest initiative on supporting Michigan’s 465 native bee species and visiting pollinators.

Detroit nonprofit Detroit Hives launched in 2016 and serves to improve quality of life for Detroit resi-



dents and their pollinating neighbors, revitalizing vacant lots into pollinator-friendly, educational green spaces.

Timothy Jackson, co-chair of the Detroit Bee Committee and founder of Detroit Hives, unveiled Bee City USA signage, which will be placed across the city. Signs recognize the city’s need for additional policies to reflect the desires of residents and organizations passionate about pollinator-friendly

environments and urban agriculture.

He added that bee cities “play a vital role in conserving pollinators, promoting biodiversity, supporting food security, and fostering environmental stewardship at the local level. By working together to create bee-friendly communities, Bee Cities contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future for people and pollinators. There are now six Bee Cities within the State of Michigan,

and we are excited to have Detroit as the 207th certified Bee City USA Affiliate within the United States.” Detroit joins Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, St. Joseph, Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti charter township.

Detroit City Council President Pro Tem James Tate worked closely with Detroit Hives to bring forth the resolution as an initiative to highlight the importance of native bees and other pollinators in the City of Detroit and its commitment to preserving and enhancing the green spaces where they inhabit.

In February, Detroit’s City Council unanimously voted to designate Detroit as an affiliate of Bee City USA®, aligning with numerous other cities and campuses nationwide in their commitment to enhancing landscapes for pollinators. The decision follows months of collaborative effort led by dedicated individuals and groups to secure this affiliation. Visit Detroit Hives online to keep up-to-date with the latest bee news.

Resources: MJ Galbraith, Model D, Dana Afana, Detroit Free Press

Important updates from Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree
 Dear Wayne County Residents,
 I hope this message finds you in good health. At the Wayne County Treasurer’s Office, our commitment to serving you and our Wayne County community is ongoing.
 I am sending you important information and updates on notice of intent, probate assistance, community partners, events, and much more - and I ask that you please share with your friends, family, and neighbors.
 I am also very excited to invite Wayne County Veterans to save the date for our 8th Annual Veterans Resource Fair that will be held on November 21, 2024, from 10am-2pm. Our team will be sharing more information and updates regarding this important event soon on our website, social media, and more.
 To access resources and stay informed, visit our website at treasurer.waynecounty.com. You can also reach out to us directly at taxinfo@waynecounty.com or 313-224-5990. We are here to help!

Eric R. Sabree
 Wayne County Treasurer

Thoughts, Prayers and Scripts

In war, there are no winners. Never. Period. But unfortunately war, large and small, is raging between many nations on the planet. The military/industrial complex is alive, well and prospering, substantially subsidized by the U.S.



DAVID RAMBEAU

Billions for war, with a pittance for peace and humanitarian needs.

- But war is merely one of many social tragedies and whenever a tragedy (police murders, 1,000 a year - drive-by shootings, drug overdoses, (cocaine, alcohol, heroin, meds, fentanyl - 150,000 a year), homicides, (automatic weapons, bombs, missiles, drones, artillery) or suicides) occurs mourners, preachers and politicians inevitably speak about or offer their thoughts and prayers. It is a ritual practiced across the world in many nations, cultures, and languages, researched, noted

For the humble folk who have suffered the loss of a loved one, the grief, the tragedy is meaningful and heartfelt. For preachers, politicians and funeral directors their ritual is a script they've learned with practice.

and studied in conflict archeology (access more info online).

- For the humble folk who have suffered the loss of a loved one, the grief, the tragedy is meaningful and heartfelt. For preachers, politicians and funeral directors their ritual is a script they've learned with practice. It is a performance for their constituents and their own personal or brand enhancement.
- During quiet times we may take the opportunity to consider the meaning of it all, and then the thoughts fade and we continue with our daily routine, or descend into sleep that knits the raveled sleeve of care.

Political Journey 2024

The repugnant Republican Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene should be anointed by criminal defendant par excellence Donald J. Trump to be his Republican candidate for Vice President, and participate in a series of VP debates involving about six VP candidates from multiple political parties to provide political entertainment and information for the electorate on cable and national television outlets.

This bundle of candidates will all be younger, overwhelmingly female, and more brashly energetic than their presidential running-mates, and thereby clearly represent the next generation of voters. Before the debates, they could have a fashion show, a talent contest and a beauty contest. Male VP candidates, if there are any, should be required to participate. It would be a show worthy of a national, big venue tour and eventually, a Broadway musical.

The Black Print Media

- Consider the black print media during this 2024 presidential elec-

tion cycle. How many candidates are running ads in the Metro Business Information Guide (Chris Woodard), the Detroit Smart Pages (Beverly Smith) or Black Masks Magazine (Beth Turner). These three publications have a long history in our community, reach an adult readership and thousands of likely voters, but for some reason the candidates ignore them and disregard their readership. The So-called Democratic Candidate for President, Joe Biden, talks a good game; he wants the black vote, but he doesn't put his money where his mouth is. Why is it that, all we get is a hand full of 'gimme', and a mouth full of 'much obliged'.

- We constantly hear about discussion by elected officials about reparations for the past oppression and exploitation that black people have suffered. How meaningful is that when the black press and the black voter is still being exploited and starved of financial support in the present. When we had the Freedom Now Party (access more information online) under the leadership of Rev. Albert B. Cleage and the Henry Brothers, we had an organized political alternative. Who and what do we have now. Cornell West is running for President, but where is his political party, his platform, his local organization, website, campaign committee structure. Let's be real about it, or are we going to go for the same old okeydoke. Hand full of 'gimme', mouth full of much obliged.

A Pillow for Sleepy Don -

A Journey of Dictatorial Dreams in an Urban Courtroom

What are the dreams of the Master Grifter when he dozes off in the cold spring Manhattan courtroom while witness after witness attest to his sleazy, corrupt behavior. Is he remembering his abuse of women, his stiffing of contractors who made repairs to his extensive properties, his intimidation of small-time politicians, his line of overpriced sneakers, bibles, stocks, and caps. Is he regretting the \$130,000 he had to pay for a piece of trim.

Why don't they supply presidential defendants with pillows, he muses, to soften his bliss. After all, he is the one and only Donald J. Trump. Ah...dream while you're feeling blue. Dream when you don't know what to do. Things aren't as bad as they seem, so dream, dream, dream.

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The Era of the A.I. Smartphone Is Coming



Every year, Apple and Google announce major software updates that bring new



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features to our smartphones, like cosmetic overhauls to the home screen, fun mes-

saging tools and stronger privacy protections. This year is no different but the changes will feel more radical because the companies are focusing on reinventing our phones with artificial intelligence.

At a recent annual software developer conference, Apple showed a host of enhancements coming this fall to iOS 18, its operating system powering iPhones. The new tools include a



detects whether a phone conversation is likely a scam and helps students with homework.

Because A.I. tech is still new, it's unclear whether these improvements will resonate with the masses. The change that will have a more immediate effect has to do with old-school text messages — also known as the green bubble.

what to know about how our smartphones will change.

Apple is reportedly going to give Siri, its 13-year-old virtual assistant a complete makeover. The assistant will soon be powered by Apple Intelligence, the company's version of a "large language model." That type of A.I. technology uses statistics and complex algorithms to guess what words belong together, similar to the autocomplete feature on your phone.

It's the same type of underlying technology we've seen powering chatbots like OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Gemini. Apple said its system was more private than others' because people's data would remain on their iPhones.

This upgrade will make Siri capable of processing the context of a conversation, and allow users to speak more naturally with the virtual assistant. For instance, you could say, "What's the weather in Miami? Oh, wait, I meant Detroit," followed by "Schedule a coffee meeting there at TechTown tomorrow at 9 a.m."

The new and more capable Siri will also be able to handle more complex tasks, such as searching your photo album for an image of your driver's license and pulling the ID number to paste into a form. In contrast, the old version of Siri could react only to a database of commands and questions it was programmed to understand.

Apple Intelligence will also enable iPhone users to automatically generate images inside messages. For instance, if you wish a friend a happy birthday, the A.I. could review your photo album for an image of that friend, after which it could generate an avatar of that person with balloons.

revamped version of its voice assistant, Siri, that is easier to talk to and an A.I. system that will generate images, create summaries of web articles and craft responses to text messages and emails.

Apple's news followed Google's Android announcements last month, which included an A.I. system that automatically summarizes audio transcripts,

Apple said its new software would adopt a messaging standard that would let iPhone users send higher-quality messages to Androids, addressing an issue that has made it more difficult for people to communicate for more than a decade.

Apple and Google are set to release their free software updates for iOS and Android sometime this fall. Here's



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The A.I. will also be usable in writing apps like Mail and Notes. Users can highlight text for proofreading or rewriting in a different style. Inside the Safari web browser, users can also highlight articles to generate short summaries. Apple has also formed a partnership with OpenAI so that Siri could tap into ChatGPT for help with tasks like generating a list of recipe ideas.



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Detroit meets Baltimore

Frank "The Ghost" Martin" vs. Gervonta "Tank" Davis

In the realm of boxing, few events generate the kind of anticipation that comes with a clash between two rising stars. The



DESHAWN HOLMES

upcoming fight between Gervonta "Tank" Davis and Frank "The Ghost" Martin is no exception. Set to take place soon, this bout promises to be a thrilling encounter

that could shape the future of the lightweight division.

The 29-0-0 powerhouse Gervonta Davis, known for his explosive power and lightning-fast hands, has rapidly ascended the ranks to become one of boxing's most formidable fighters. With an impressive record that includes numerous knockouts, Davis has earned a reputation for his ability to end fights in spectacular fashion.

His knockout of Leo Santa Cruz in 2020 remains a highlight, showcasing his lethal combination of speed and power. Davis's fighting style is a blend of aggression and technical skill. His ability to close the distance and land devastating punches makes him a constant threat to any opponent. Moreover, under the guidance of Floyd Mayweather Jr., Davis has honed his defensive capabilities, adding another layer of complexity to his already formidable arsenal.

The 18-0 Tactical Mastermind Frank Martin brings a different set of skills to the ring. From Detroit Michigan Martin known for his tactical prowess and disciplined approach has quietly built a strong resume. His ability to outthink and outmaneuver opponents has earned him the nickname "The Ghost." Martin's recent victories have demonstrated his capacity to adapt and execute game plans with precision.

What sets Martin apart is his ring IQ. He has a knack for making



Predicting the outcome of such a high stakes fight is always fraught with uncertainty. Davis's power and explosiveness make him a favorite in many eyes, but underestimating Martin's intelligence and adaptability would be a mistake. This fight

could very well come down to who can impose their will and execute their game plan more effectively.

In conclusion, the Davis vs. Martin dance on June 15th was a must see event for boxing fans. It was a classic match-up of power versus precision, aggression versus strategy.

As the boxing world eagerly awaited the opening bell Gervonta "Tank" Davis defended his WBA Lightweight title by knocking out Frank "The Ghost" Martin in the 8th round.

in-fight adjustments and exploiting his opponents' weaknesses. His footwork and defensive skills enable him to control the pace of the fight, frustrating even the most aggressive of adversaries. While he may not possess the same one punch knockout power as Davis, Martin's cumulative striking and strategic acumen make him a formidable opponent.

The upcoming bout between Davis and Martin is intriguing not just because of their contrasting styles, but also due to the stakes involved. For Davis, a victory would further cement his status as one of the top fighters in the lightweight division and set the stage for potential mega fights against other elite opponents.

For Martin, defeating Davis would be a career defining achievement, catapulting him into the upper echelons of the sport. Strategically, this fight promises to be a chess match. Davis's aggression and power will be tested against Martin's tactical acumen and defensive prowess. If Davis can close the distance and unleash his power punches, he stands a good chance of adding another knockout to his record. However, if Martin can neutralize Davis's offense and dictate the pace of the fight, he could very well outpoint Davis over the course of the bout.

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