



Sigmas Sponsoring Annual Pink Ribbon Gala

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., will hold its 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Gala on October 6 at the Von Braun Center North Hall at 6 p.m.

The yearly affair is presented by the Beta Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Tickets for the semiformal event are \$45 each. Attendees can expect live music, poetry readings, fun raffles and much more throughout the evening.

For more information, contact PinkRibbonGa-la1914@gmail.com.

Phillips CME Welcomes New Pastor

The members of Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church hosted a Fellowship Luncheon on September 16 at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. The Church is celebrating 153 years of ministry and welcoming Pastor and Mrs. Gregory Scott.

The theme for the occasion was "Building on Our Past: A Vision Yet Unfolding." David Brazelton was Master of Ceremonies and Catherine Jones gave the prayer and grace. A choral reading, "God is With Us," was performed by David Brazelton, Zachary Brazelton and Ahmad Brazelton. Barbara Pippins provided the occasion. Lunch was



Pictured (l-r): Mr. David Brazelton, Mr. Malcolm Thomas, Dr. Mattie Thomas and Rev. & Mrs. Gregory Scott.

catered by Tim Smith's Catering, Inc.. Mayor Tommy
Battle and Commissioner
Jess Malone attended the
luncheon. Official welcomes to Huntsville were
offered by the Greater
Huntsville Interdenomina-

tional Ministerial Fellowship, local schools, the political community and Phillips CME Church. Rev. Scott responded to the many gracious words of welcome and gave the closing remarks.

City Hosting Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities Oct. 25

Huntsville will host the second annual Governor's Job Fair for People with Disabilities on Thursday, October 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Von Braun Center during National Disability Awareness Month (NDEAM).

NDEAM is a national campaign held each October to build awareness around employment issues for disabled people and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

The job fair is offered via partnerships with the Alabama Career Center System/Alabama Department of Labor, the City of Huntsville, United Ability, the Alabama Department of Rehab Services, the Alabama Department of Mental Health, the Gover-

nor's Office on Disability, and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

The job fair is free for both employers and jobseekers and is open to the public. Employers can register online or by calling the Huntsville Career Center at (256) 851-0537. Jobseekers and employers are encouraged to pre-register online at labor.alabama. gov/jobfair. Pre-registering will allow for faster entry, so participants are strongly encouraged to print and bring their confirmation with them. - huntsvilleal.gov

TOWN HALL MEETING Rep. Laura Hall, Dist. 19 Rep. Anthony Daniels, Dist. 53 Guest Speaker: Jeremy Blair Wellstone CEO

Thursday, September 20 6-8 p.m.

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Here are the top happenings in Washington, D.C., this week.

1. Happy Constitution
Day. The Senate was in session
this week but conducted no
votes on Wednesday in observance of Yom Kippur. The
House is in recess and reconvenes next week. The Senate
took up a major House-passed
bill containing 50 new propos-

als to address the opioid crisis and legislation to eliminate the so-called pharmacy "gag rule" under which a pharmacist currently may not inform a customer that they would save money by buying out of pocket. In a furious burst of activity last week, the House approved both the WRDA 2018 bill that authorizes the projects and programs of

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the final version of the FY2019 Energy & Water/Legislative Branch/Military Construction & Veterans Affairs Minibus Appropriations bill, sending the first 3 of the annual 12 appropriations bill to President Trump for his signature. It is expected that Congress will next take up the combined FY2019 Defense and

Labor/HHS Appropriations bills to use as a vehicle for the remaining 7 appropriations bills in a continuing resolution to keep the federal government open through December 7, when the 2019 federal fiscal year begins on October 1.

2. This week, President Trump traveled to areas in North Carolina and South Carolina to view damage caused by Hurricane Florence. On Monday, he got a briefing on Hurricane Florence damage, convened the inaugural meeting of the President's Council for the American Worker, and hosted an event for Hispanic Heritage Month. On Tuesday, he hosted Polish President Andrzej Duda at the White House and on Thursday he travel to Las Vegas, NV for a campaign rally.

- 3. On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. On Sunday night, Senate Judiciary Committee Member Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) said in an interview that he may not vote yes and wants to know more about the sexual assault allegation against Judge Kavanaugh made by a California college professor.
- 4. The Washington Post reported on Sunday that President Trump will go ahead as

early as today to impose 10% tariffs on \$200 billion worth Chinese imports. These tariffs would be in addition to the \$50 billion on mostly industrial Chinese products imposed earlier this year. The new round of tariffs would apply to more than 1,000 products, including refrigerators, air conditioners, furniture, televisions, and toys. Apple announced that its Apple Watch, Airpods, MacMini and its charges and adapters would be affected by the tariffs.

5. On Friday, U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss postponed an immediate decision on whether Obama-era student loan rules must take effect, following his ruling earlier his week that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos had illegally delayed them. The judge said he would take the matter "under advisement" but did not indicate when he would make a decision on how the Education Depart-

ment must proceed in the matter.

6. According to The Hill newspaper, 42 million voters have turned out this primary season, an increase of 43% over the 2014 mid-terms, with Democrats leading the increase from 13.8 million voters in 2014 to 22.7 million this year. Republican voters have increased from 15.5 million to 19.3 million over the same period. A Quinnipiac University poll released on Sept. 12 found that 58% of respondents believe that Congress should do more to check President Trump's actions and policies, while 27% do not.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven."

You know, one of the things that we need to understand is that when you wake up thinking, All things are working for my good, because I love God and have been called to his great purpose for my life, it will change your attitude.

In other words, when we are looking for a reason to rejoice rather than a reason to complain, it will change our entire perspective about life. That's why The Apostle Paul said it like this in 2 Corinthians 4:8: "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair."

The last few months have been very difficult for my wife and me, because we have been taking care of my mother-in-law, who was in her final stage of life. And I have to admit it has been a great challenge, because I wanted to make sure that her final days of life were as comfortable as possible.

Now to do this required a lot of sacrifice and prayer. It became easy for us to complain and be discouraged. But then I realized that this was only a "trick" by the enemy to get our minds off of praising God for all the good things that He was doing in our lives.

You see, when we all learn to stop complaining about our circumstances, God will give us a different outlook on life. Because I believe that God will place us in difficult situations to



change them. I also believe that God allows us to be in certain circumstances so that others can see Him glorified in us.

Annie Laura Williams, my mother-in-law surrendered her life to God on Monday, September 10, 2018. She died peacefully in her sleep at home with me and my wife.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. Make sure you purchase your copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," at amazon.com or Barnes and Noble. Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Rev. James Lane

A veteran of the U.S. Navy (where he served stints in Shanghai, China; Okinawa, Japan; and the Philippines as a 1st Class Steward's Mate), Rev. James Lane is a product of Union and Councill Training Schools. He also earned a diploma from CTI in Chicago; pursued further study at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn., as well as at Alabama A&M University and Atlanta University.

Rev. Lane received his certificate of ordination from the Mallard Creek Primitive Baptist Association in 1960. By 1965, he was elected to the pastorate of Taylor's Chapel. Within seven years, the church annexed the ground of the former Number Four Hall School and, a decade later, set the stage for the occupation of its present

site. He would continue to grow spiritually and professionally, pursuing additional training in counseling for

clergyman. Further church growth was acknowledged through the dedication of a new addition in 2011.

Active throughout the community, Pastor Lane has

served as Vice Moderator of the Mallard Creek Primitive Baptist Association, and he has been called upon for his leadership and knowledge of Association structure. Moreover, he has served at all levels of leadership with the local, state and tri-state affiliates of the Baptist Convention. He has been a member of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship since its founding nearly 55

years ago.
Pastoring and
preaching
have been his
calling. When
asked about
the number of
people baptized
baby christenings, weddings,
funerals and
meetings over

which he has presided, Rev. Lane replies, "I have lost count."

He continues to receive numerous community awards and certificates for many years of service and support to various organizations throughout the Tennessee Valley.

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rom the Editor Scenes from Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Fellowship Luncheon Sunday, September 16, 2018 Rev. Gregory Scott, Pastor Rev. Janice Lewis, Presiding Elder





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Dorothy

Alum of Local HBCU Honored in Washington, D.C.

L. Henry Gilford, CEO of the Gilford Corporation (r) in Beltsville, Md., was honored on Friday, September 14, at the 2nd Annual HBCU Alumni Alliance Soriee.

The formal event, sponsored by Xfinity, was held at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., as part of the Congressional Black Caucus weekend activities.

Gilford and his wife
Ollie are graduates of
Alabama A&M University. Relatives, friends and
AAMU alumni attended
the affair.

The Alliance supports underserved students interested in attending HBCUs.



Jacqueline Jackson and Ollie Gilford, AAMU alumnae; and Georgia S. Valrie, Director Emeritus, AAMU Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.



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Viral Video Has Ties with Rocket City

Most might recognize the viral recording that depicted a young woman's living room concert gone wrong. This year, the internet phenomenon celebrated its ten-year-anniversary and its star is

opening up about the experience.

It turns out

the video, titled
"Scarlet Takes a
Tumble" has roots
in Huntsville.
Scarlet, real name
Paige Reynolds,
filmed the infamous video
in Roebuck, a city that
neighbors Birmingham,
in 2008. In the video,
she is seen singing to the
camera before ultimately

Instead of deleting the embarrassing moment, the

"tumbling" off her parent's

coffee table.

then high-schooler had to share the comedic fall with her sibling, who was studying at Oakwood University. The viral star attempted to email the four-minute video but, the file was too large.

At the suggestion of her sister, Reynolds uploaded the video to new streaming site YouTube and the character many would rec-

ognize as Scarlet

was born.

"I uploaded it to YouTube and back in the day, it took like three or four hours to upload a video, and it took so long that I forgot to set it to private," Reynolds said in a recent interview with a Tuscaloosa newspaper. "That's basically how it

got to YouTube and got popular. I was trying to send the video to my



sister."
The video now boasts over 30 million views and has become something of a staple in internet pop culture. However, Reynolds, who now resides in Michigan, hasn't let the cyber fame go to her head. The Oakwood alumna is very active in her church choir, but she is a little more picky about her stages.

"I've let tables go," Reynolds said. "In fact, I've let go of climbing on all furniture. You know, it's not really a good idea for me."

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Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

NHCUA Sponsor's Community Meeting

The North Huntsville
Community United for
Action held a Community
Meeting on September11
at First Missionary Baptist
Church. Ms. Toni Terrell of
WHRP FM Radio called the
meeting to order. Dr. Oscar
Montgomery, president
of NHCUA and pastor of
Union Hill Primitive Baptist
Church offered a prayer, and
Dr. Julius Scruggs welcomed
everyone.

Rev. Gregory Bentley of the SCLC defined the purpose of NHCUA and the meeting, and Deidre Foster of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., explained the amendments that will be on the November ballot. Terrell introduced the candidates who attended, including



Toni Terrell, Atty. Peter Jeffrion, Dr. Oscar Montgomery, Walt Maddox, Dr. Julius Scruggs and Rep. Laura Hall (TVW).

Walt Maddox - candidate for Governor; Mr. Will Boyd - candidate for Lt. Governor and Atty Peter Jeffrion - candidate for U.S. Congressional District 5. Republican candidates, Kay Ivey, Will Ainsworth and Mo Brooks were invited but did not attend. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions after the candidates shared their platforms.

Stephanie Strong of Faith in Action introduced the Community Partners and Erica Washington of WJAB FM 90.9 shared community announcements. The audience sung "Lift Every Voice and Sing" prior to the blessing and benediction given by Dr. Larry Davidson, pastor of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.

Business, SDA Pastors Build Bridge on Sept. 11

On the 17th anniversary commemorating what shattered U.S. domestic peace and calm, a local newcomer named "Serenity" Funeral Home offered the exact opposite to the local Seventhday Adventist ministerium which represents nearly 8,000 local SDAs: calm and peaceful relationships through its traditional funeral home, veteran and cremation services.

Initiated by Ms. Phyllis Chunn of The Valley Weekly and Ms. Alexis Roby of Serenity, this Olive Garden introductory luncheon injected Serenity into the SDA pastors' regular monthly ministerium meeting.

Recognized as operating Florida's largest black-owned funeral service, Serenity principal Elijah Bell presented the pastors Serenity's traditional, cremation and veteran services, as well as



Oakwood University SDA Church senior pastor Dr. Carlton Byrd (far right) introduces his Breath of Life TV ministry to (left to right) OU church youth pastor Anthony Bolden, TVW publisher Dr. Dorothy Huston, Serenity Funeral Home principal Elijah Bell and Serenity/Huntsville managing director Ms. Alexia Roby.

its varied pricing packages.

Later, Serenity/Hunts-ville managing director Ms. Alexis Roby shared recent community outreach engagements: backpack give-away (Dawson Elementary School, July 28th); back-to-school jam (Decatur, August 10th); and educational parade (Jemison High School,

August 11th).

For more information on Serenity Funeral Home, located at 2505 University Drive, N.W., either call Huntsville managing director Ms. Alexis Roby, (256) 539-9693, or visit its website at www.serenityfuneralhm. com

Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. KENNETH RONDELL HILL (b. 1970) was held Thursday, September 13, at Morris Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (2135 Winchester Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Derrick Langford officiating.

Funeral service for DEACON WILLARD D. MCCARV-ER (b. 1947) was held Tuesday, September 11, at New Life Christian Praise and Worship Center (3815 Oakwood Avenue – Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor G. Calvin Boone officiating

Funeral service for MS. JUDY TONEY RICE of Chattanooga, Tenn., was held Saturday, September 8, at the Springhill United Methodist Church (1605 Zierdt Road - Madison, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. DOROTHY ("DOLL") LOUISE POLLARD (b. 1925) was held Saturday, September 8, at First Missionary Baptist Church (1103 Sterling Blvd - Sheffield, Ala.).

Funeral serice for MR. JOHN D. BROWN (b. 1938) was held Saturday, September 1, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Marshall S. McGill officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MOTHER JANNIE LEE KIDD COL-LIER (b. 1925) was held Saturday, September 15, at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (28520 SW Wall Street, Madison, Ala.) with Reverend Ernestine Gordon officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SARAH GROSS (b. 1952) was held Tuesday, September 18, at the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church with Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JEREMIAH TIBBS (b. 1928) was held Saturday, September 15, at the Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Minister Cynthia Binford officiating.

Funeral service MS. BARBARA J. LEONARD (b. 1936) was held Saturday, September 15, at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (28520 SW Wall Street, Madison, AL 35756) with Reverend Ernestine Gordon officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARY BURRUSS COLLIER (b. 1933) was held Thursday, September 13, at the Acklin Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (209 Cobb Road, Gurley, Ala.) with Pastor Joe Kelly officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. LORETTA LANGFORD (b. 1954) and MR. WILLIE GAINES (b. 1952) will be announced.

September 20

Mental Health Awareness Town Hall Sponsors: Reps. Laura Hall and Anthony Daniels Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Auditorium, 6-8 p.m.

September 23

Jazz in the Park Featuring Brian Simpson and Norris Jones Big Spring Park 6-9 p.m. (Free)

September 29

Blue Dems Ball with Live and Silent Auctions Live Entertainment Robert "Bob" Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center Tickets are available:

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September 30

Jazz in the Park Featuring Theo Crocker Big Spring Park 6-9 p.m. (Free)

October 10

Fall Career Fair Alabama A&M University Student Wellness Center 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Huntsville City Council Meetings

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ville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of

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each month at 6 p.m.

Called Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

Portable Praise

I have been blessed to live long enough to watch both the evolution and revolution of the instruments of entertainment we call televisions, radios, phonographs, eight tracks, cassettes and CD players.

I've witnessed them go from stable and stationary fixtures to the size that lends itself to portability. Each of these we use to sit and watch or listen to, and now we carry them.

Wherever and whenever we go, our music, our favorite shows, our favorite artists and actors and actresses go with us.

They have become portable.

Praise was meant to be that way, as well. The enemy of our souls would like to convince us as He did God's people of old, when they said to those who had captured them and called on them to sing one of Zion's songs, "How can we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land?" (Psalm

They had reduced praise to something that could be hampered and hindered by places, predicaments and people. They had hung up their harps and hushed their hearts.

Had they known that God's correction is a sign of His love and that it is only for a season, they

would have and should have adapted the mantra and mindset of the Psalmist who declared:

"I will bless the LORD at all times. His praise shall continually be in my

(Psalm 34:1).

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It's Okay to Toot Your Own Horn

by Howard Bankhead

I once heard a local businessman and friend, Hundley Batts, Sr., say, "In business, toot your own horn, if no one toots it for you." I have learned to take advice from our elders and

On September 2, 2018, I was encouraged by my good friend Andre Harris to join him and his lovely wife Jo at a Jazz in the Park Concert. My plans for Labor Day were to try to return to playing golf, since I have been afflicted with a severe case of rheumatoid arthritis.

But when a good, close friend pleads with you to join him, it's hard to say no. Upon my arrival in Big Spring Park East, there was

a huge and diverse crowd. Mayor Battle should be proud of the work that Kenny Anderson, the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs is doing. After strolling around and speaking to patrons, Kenny welcomed me to the event, gave me and my other friend Monroe "Money" Darrell, VIP passes and seats at a table.

At this time, I'm still wondering why Andre persuaded me to attend the event and why Kenny Anderson gave me VIP passes, etc. After the first band finished playing, Kenny and the Birmingham promoter came on stage.

They acknowledged their sponsors and called me to the stage. I was shocked! Kenny said a few words about our long

friendship and read some of the proclamations that Mayor Battle, signed proclaiming September 2, 2018, as Howard Bankhead Day in the City of Huntsville!

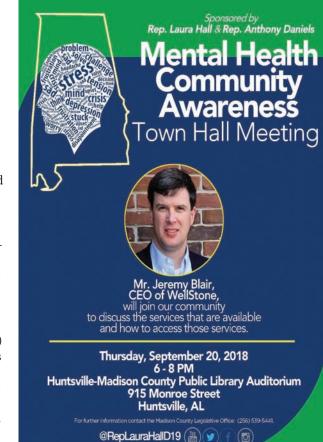
Since there was no press coverage of the huge, diverse crowd ... and no mention of my being recognized for my over 30 years of working for the

betterment of our community in presenting the art form of jazz, I thought

> to do what I learned from Hundley Batts and to toot my own horn. In 2012, Mayor Tommy Battle awarded the **NEA Jazz** Master Ellis Marsalis (a great friend) and me keys

to the City of Huntsville.

I am grateful to receive these acknowledgments: But ALL praises are due to GOD!



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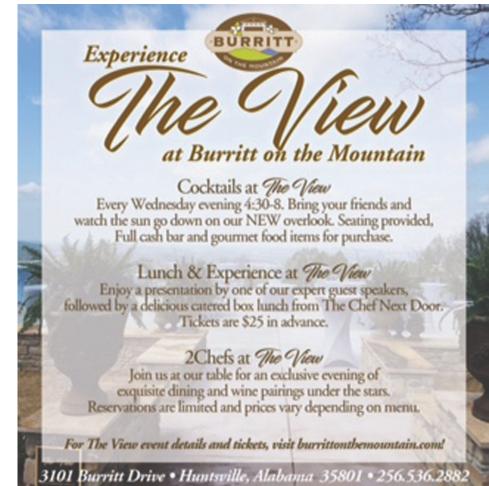
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Changing MAPs, Lanes ... You, Too?

"See, I am doing a new thing! \dots do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19 New International Version

The milestone achieved on Sunday, Sept. 9th, was not that Nia Imani Franklin was the ninth black winner of the Miss America Pageants (MAPs); it was that she became the first-ever Miss America crowned without glamming the traditional swimsuit-and-high-heels.

"We're not going to judge you on your appearance because we are interested in what makes you you," explained Gretchen Carlson, new MAP board chair and Miss America 1989, in her June 5 announcement.

the 2019 pageant would become "open, transpar-

ent and inclusive, . . . join the empowerment movement" through judging contestants on their social impact initiatives and talking points, instead of their outfits and looks - changing lanes after its 97-year history.

Just like MAPs, your and my recovering from "ego-holism" - i.e., the addiction to self and improper self-management - begins with recovering step #1, Changing Lanes: to change lanes effectively, glance back quickly, before proceeding forward; changing lanes occurs when a traditional course of action or thinking is challenged as being both

outdated and ineffective, no longer able to meet and address current needs.

Q: Are you ready to change lanes? Follow MAPs and these three steps:

- 1. Put away your negative past. Women's advocacy groups and outspoken supporters complained for many decades that the swimsuit-and-high-heels section was outdated, sexist and more than a little silly. What old comfortable outof-touch habits need you to hit the "Delete" button?
- 2. Put away your positive past. Stop living off of your past victories, which are irrelevant for today's challenges. To paraphrase

the late management guru Peter Drucker: "the greatest enemy of tomorrow's success is today's success; no one ever did anything significant after winning a Nobel Prize."

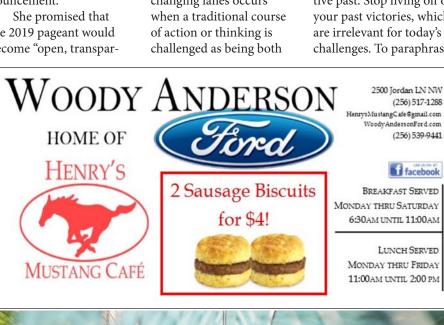
3. Give change a chance. Yes, only 4.3 million viewers watched this year's changing-lanes pageant - a 19 percent viewership drop from 2017 - yet ABC-TV announced that this contest was TV's most-watched entertainment program that evening, besting the season's inaugural Sunday night football game.

Bob Dylan: "the times they are a changin" - and yours can, too.



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