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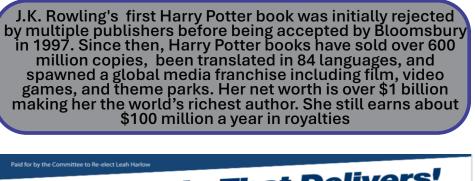
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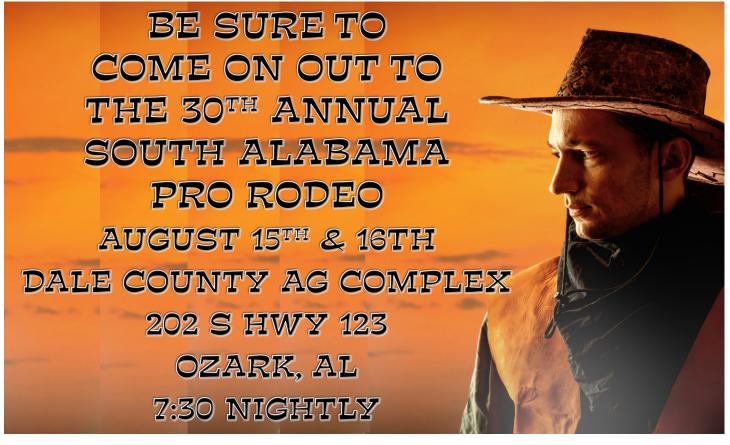
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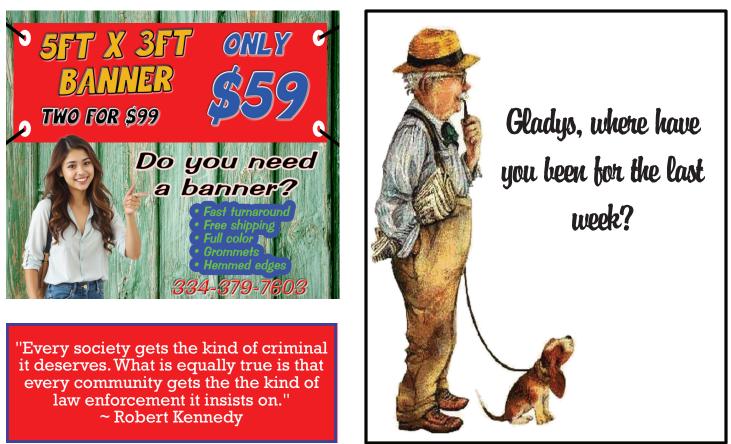


Awoman was letting her husband have it with just a touch more venom than usual, saying, "You're an idiot. You have always been an idiot. You'll

always be an idiot. If they had an idiot contest, you'd come in second."

"Why would I come in second?" "Because you're an idiot!"

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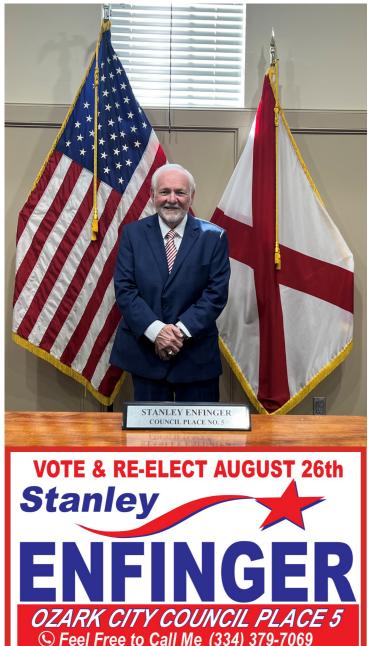
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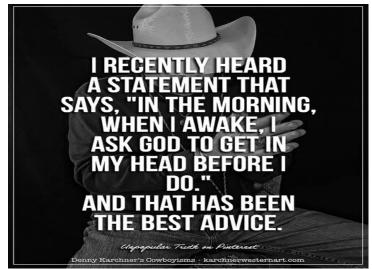
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- I am striving to be more than I ۲ have ever been.
- Everyone smiles in the same language! Look at someone RIGHT NOW ... and SMILE!
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- Don't stumble over something ۲ behind you!



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- One week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

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Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup whole milk
- 4 egg volks
- Pinch of salt
- 2 cups fresh peaches
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Directions

Step 1: In a medium saucepan, whisk together sugar, milk, egg yolks, and salt. Place pan over medium-high heat and whisk until mixture reaches a simmer. Lower heat to medium and whisk mixture for 5 minutes or until it begins to thicken. Strain into a large bowl, then whisk in peaches, half-and-half, cream, and vanilla. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours.

Step 2: Pour mixture into ice-cream maker; process according to manufacturer instructions.

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

Ingredients

- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed and softened
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1-1/2 cups fresh strawberries

Directions

- 1. Place the first 6 ingredients in a blender; cover and process until smooth. Add whipping cream; cover and process until blended. Transfer to a large bowl.
- 2. Add 1-1/2 cups strawberries to blender; cover and process until pureed. Stir into cream mixture.
- 3. Fill cylinder of ice cream maker no more than two-thirds full; freeze according to manufacturer's directions. (Refrigerate any remaining mixture until ready to freeze.)
- 4. Transfer ice cream to freezer containers. allowing headspace for expansion. Freeze 4-6 hours or until firm.



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Directions

In a large saucepan, combine the blueberries, sugar and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until sugar is dissolved and berries are softened. Press mixture through a finemesh strainer into a bowl; discard pulp. Stir in halfand-half. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Fill cylinder of ice cream maker two-thirds full; freeze according to the manufacturer's directions. (Refrigerate any remaining mixture until ready to freeze.) Transfer ice cream to freezer containers, allowing headspace for expansion. Freeze until firm, 2-4 hours. Repeat with any remaining ice cream mixture.

ORANGE NO CHURN

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup orange juice

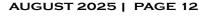
3 tablespoons grated orange zest 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional 1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

Directions

1. In a small saucepan, heat milk to 175°; stir in sugar until dissolved. Remove from heat, add juice and zest. If desired, add vanilla extract. Cool completely.







CHOCOLATE

2 cups half-and-half cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups heavy whipping cream

smooth. Stir in heavy cream.

1. Combine half-and-half, sugar, cocoa and vanilla in a blender; process on low until

2. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to

expansion. Freeze until firm, 2-4 hours.

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to freezer containers, allowing headspace for

1-1/2 cups sugar

BLUEBERRY

4 cups fresh or frozen

1/2 cup baking cocoa









2. In a large bowl, beat cream until stiff peaks form; fold in milk mixture. Pour into a 9x5-in. loaf pan, freeze 4 hours or until firm. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before serving.

BUTTER PECAN

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1-1/2 cups half-and-half . cream
- 3/4 cup packed brown • sugar
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping • cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract .
- **Optional:** Caramel sauce and chopped pecans or toppings of your choice

Directions

- 1. In a small skillet, toast pecans in butter for 5-6 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool.
- In a heavy saucepan, heat half-and-half to 175°; 2. stir in the brown sugar until dissolved. Whisk a small amount of hot cream mixture into the eggs; return all to the pan, whisking constantly. Cook and stir over low heat until mixture reaches at least 160° and coats the back of a metal spoon. Do not allow to boil. Remove from heat immediately.
- 3. Quickly transfer to a bowl; place bowl in a pan of Instructions ice water. Stir gently and occasionally for 2 minutes. Stir in whipping cream and vanilla. Press plastic wrap onto the surface of custard. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Stir in toasted pecans.
- Fill cylinder of ice cream maker no more than 4. two-thirds full; freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Transfer ice cream to freezer containers, allowing headspace for expansion. Freeze until firm, 2-4 hours. If desired, serve with toppings.

CHERRIES JUBILEE

Ingredients

3 cups whole milk 2 cups heavy cream 1/2 cup sugar 1/4 tsp. Kosher salt 1 vanilla bean 5 large egg yolks

2 cups pitted cherries, finely chopped



- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1/2 (0.13- ounce) envelope unsweetened cherry drink mix

Directions

- Step 1: Whisk together first 5 ingredients in a large, heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, 4 minutes or until sugar dissolves and mixture is hot. Gradually whisk about 1 cup hot milk mixture into yolks. Whisk yolk mixture into remaining milk mixture. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, 8 to 10 minutes or until mixture thickens and coats a spoon.
- Step 2: Pour through a fine wire-mesh strainer into a bowl, discarding solids. Cool completely. Stir cherries, brandy, and drink mix in. Chill 8 to 24 hours or until very cold.
- Step 3: Pour mixture into bowl of an electric icecream maker, and process according to manufacturer's instructions. Freeze 1 hour before serving. Store up to 1 week.

No-Churn Vanilla Cream Cheese

Ingredients

- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 (13.4 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups cold heavy cream

1. Beat cream cheese. Place cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the



- paddle attachment. Beat on medium for 1 minute until smooth. 2. Add milk and vanilla. Scrape down the sides of
- the bowl, add sweetened condensed milk, vanilla, and salt and continue beating until combined and smooth. Scrape this mixture into a large bowl.
- 3. Whip cream. Add cream to the stand mixer bowl (no need to clean it out) and using the whisk attachment, whip the cream to stiff peaks, about 3 minutes.
- 4. Fold in cream and freeze. Add a third of the whipped cream to the cream cheese mixture and fold to combine. Add remaining cream and gently fold until completely incorporated. Scrape into a freezer-safe container with a tight lid and freeze at least 4 hours.





Six essential qualities that are the key to success: Sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom, charity. ~ William Menninger

MOVING SMITH

Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office.

"Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the

garage, moving and hauling stuff." "We're short-handed, Smith," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off." "Thanks, boss," says Smith, "I knew I could count on you!"





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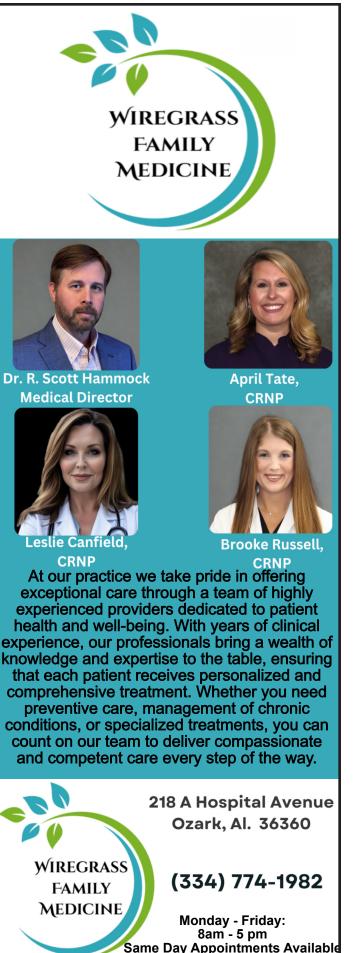


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"Please give \$1 Help stop child abuse in the front office."

I DIDN'T KNOW

One morning, a Mom was lecturing her seven year old about an untruth he told her.

In response he said, "Honest Mom, I didn't know I was lying. I thought I was just making it up."



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One of the marks of excellent people is that they never compare themselves with others.



LAUGHS & LIFTS Greatness Is In You

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

The concept of God's greatness and power residing within believers through the Holy Spirit is a theme found in several verses, notably in 1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. I have heard more than once this statement by other believers: "Greater is He that is in you, than any challenge you will ever face in this world".

On more than one occasion Jesus talked to His disciples about His departure. He wanting them to know that the One He will send will be with them forever. John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is <u>expedient</u> for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

The NKJV & AMP says: "It is to your advantage that I go away"

The word "advantage" means good. The death of Jesus on the cross is the basis for the gospel; that is where He paid for the sins of the world. That is one reason it was "good" that He "go away." But the primary reason was that the Holy Spirit would come to indwell them during the church age. The apostles had not come to grips with how wonderful it would be for them to possess the indwelling of the Spirit. They did not realize it would be to their "advantage" that the Holy Spirit being in them, was greater.

All believers have a powerful resource by the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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The Holy Spirit is also described as "Comforter" in John 16:7, which mean to aid, work with, counsel for defense/legal assistant, plead our cause, advocate, intercessory prayer, and helper.

The Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with those that have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, will lead us into a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give divine strength needed to undergo trials and persecution.

Other Scriptures that support the "Greatness that is in us":

• John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

• Ephesians 1:19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

• Acts 1:8 Jesus tells his disciples they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them and will be his witnesses.

• Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

While the specific phrase "greatness is in you, is not a direct quote, the Bible does teach that the Holy Spirit empowers believers with God's greatness and power.

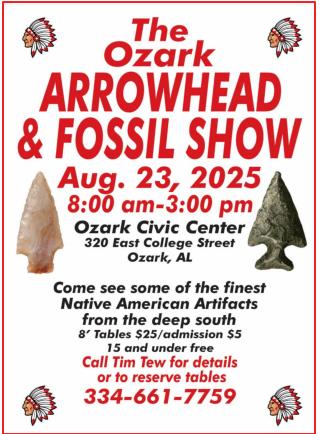
Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.













I want to be a like a caterpillar, eat a lot, sleep for a while and wake up beautiful.



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People who can — do. People who can't — criticize.



A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding.... Just to be sure, he went

around the block and passed the same spot,

driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began

to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as

he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried

a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now

laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, he got five

tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.



The sentence below is true. The sentence above is false.



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A DIFFERENT WAY

A lot of people don't want to hear the truth especially when it relates to spiritual things. God said, "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. (1 Cor 1:18). I have had a heavy burden for our country for a



while. If you've watched the news, it's pretty evident we're in trouble. Our country has erupted in chaos once again. I pray for President Trump and his staff, advisers, and Congress every day to make the right decisions. I pray for God to change the hearts of those intent on destroying our country. At the heart of much of this mess is my fellow Americans, many who were elected to protect and defend our nation. Do you remember, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? It seems many people no longer want that for America. We have tried everything man could think of to fix our problems to no avail. AUGUST 2025 | PAGE 23 Maybe we aren't looking in the right place for the solution. We get educated from kindergarten to a doctorate degree. We have some very educated folks in all areas of life. We have "think tanks" where the most learned people research everything and develop strategies to solve every problem. I believe we have tried every human possibility. There is the problem; "humanly possible". Why on God's green

earth can't we see the truth? "What is impossible for people is possible with God." (Luke 18:27).

God said, "Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? (1 Cor 1:20). God then tells us, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (1 Tim 2:1-2). Let's try a different way. (2 Chron 7:14).

My dentist was voted "Dentist Of The Year".... He didn't get a trophy, they just gave him a little plaque.





There was a man who worked for the Post Office whose job it was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

Dear God,

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check.

Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope.

Can you please help me? Sincerely, Edna

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few quid. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman. The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends. Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends.

We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing.

I think it must have been those jerks at the Post Office.





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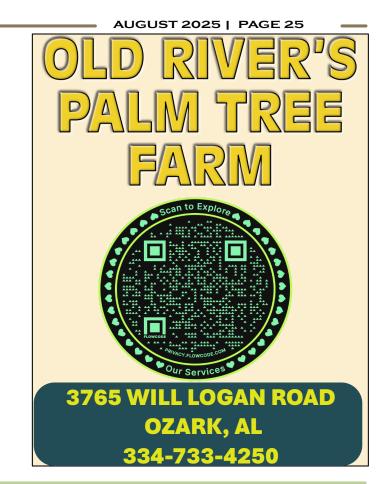
Claybank Master Gardeners August 2025

Those of us residing in the Ozark corner of Dale County have been somewhat jealous of our Wiregrass area fellow gardeners due to the differing amounts of rainfall this past month. Our rainfall amounted to fractions of an inch if we got any, whereas the rest of the surrounding counties seemed to measure in full



inches. No amount of city water can compare to the benefits of God's rain when it comes to our yards and lawns. We collect as much rainwater as we can in our screen-covered, neem oil-sprayed rain barrels which capture rain coming off the sloped roof areas. We use it to water small shrubs and potted plants. And still, some favorite plants and shrubs have died back from this summer's heat and drought. And to be honest, this gardener did not go out as much in the heat to care for them.

Happily, August is the time to be thinking about preparing for your fall garden. On Wednesday, August 13th the Claybank Master Gardeners will be hosting Lydia Cuni, who will present a program on "Native Plant Gardening for Wildlife" at



Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark. We love to see new faces, so come join us and bring your questions and experiences to share. The meeting starts at 11:00 AM but come before that if you want to get your meal before the crowd. Be sure to call the Dale County Extension Office at (334)
774-2329 to verify the time and date, in case there are any last-minute changes.

And you do not want to miss the noon to 1 PM Lunch and Learn presentation on August 27 when Becky and Chuck McManus will talk about plant propagation. Bring your lunch or snack to the Dale County Library next to the Piggly Wiggly facing N. Union, Hwy 123 N.

The Extension's **SOW app** says we can **plant seeds in August** for: basil, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, Mexican cucumbers, lima beans, tarragon, oregano, pumpkins, rosemary, southern peas, thyme, watermelons, and winter squash.

May your gardening be blessed, Dee Gilbert Claybank Master Gardener

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I've always been confused between the definition of right and wrong. When I was a kid my parents would say, "Boy, you have done wrong." I'd say, "Is that right?" They would say, "Yes."

A man's wife goes missing while diving off the Novia Scotia coast. He reports the event, searches fruitlessly and spends a terrible night wondering what could have happened to her. Next morning there's a knock at the door and he is confronted by a couple of policemen, the old Sarge and a younger Constable.

The Sarge says, 'we have some news for you, unfortunately some really bad news, but, some good news, and maybe some more good news'.

'Well,' says the husband, 'I guess I'd better have the bad news first?' The Sarge says, 'I'm really sorry mate, but your wife is dead. Young Bill here found her lying at about five fathoms in a little cleft in the reef. He got a line around her and we pulled her up, but she was dead.'

The man is naturally pretty distressed to hear of this and has a bit of a turn. But after a few minutes he pulls himself together and asks what the good news is. The Sarge says, 'Well when we got your wife up there were quite a few really good sized lobsters and a several nice crabs attached to her, so we've brought you your share.' He hands the man a bag with a couple of nice lobsters and four or five crabs in it.

'Geez thanks. They're beauties. I guess it's an ill wind and all that... So what's the other possible good news?'

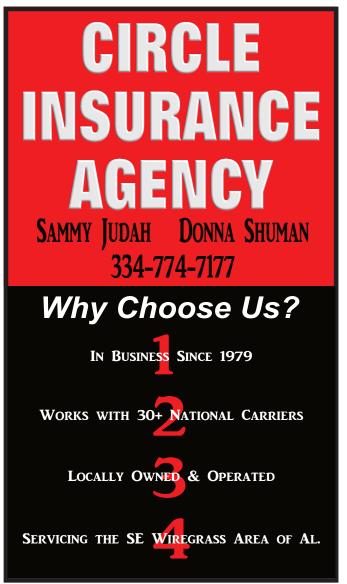
'Well', the Sarge says, 'if you fancy a quick trip, me and young Bill here get off duty at around 11 o'clock and we're gonna shoot over there and pull her up again!'



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"If you die in an elevator, be sure to push the up button." - Sam Levenson



AUGUST 2025 | PAGE 27 A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. In a specific point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one, who got slapped, was hurt, but without anything to say, he wrote in the sand: "TODAY, MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE".

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who got slapped and hurt started drowning, and the other friend saved him. When he recovered from the fright, he wrote on a stone: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE".

The friend who saved and slapped his best friend, asked him, "Why, after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now you write on a stone?"

The other friend, smiling, replied: "When a friend hurts us, we should write it down in the sand, where the winds of forgiveness get in charge of erasing it away, and when something great happens, we should engrave it in the stone of the memory of the heart, where no wind can erase it"

Learn to write in the sand.

A man owned a small farm in **Dale County**.

The Alabama State Wage & Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

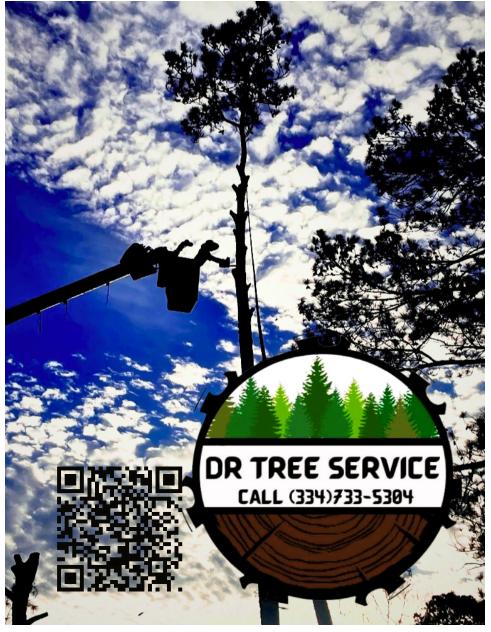
"I need a list of your employees and how much

you pay them," demanded the agent. Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm

hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board." "Then there's the half-wit who works

about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week and pays his own room and board."

"That's the guy I want to talk to --- the half-wit," says the agent. "That would be me," replied the farmer.



A college student challenged a senior citizen, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, computers..."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation??"

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- 3. Go on a double-date
- 4. Green with envy
- 5. Look me square in the eye
- 6. Broken promise
- 7. Pull up alongside the curb
- 8. Excuse me
- 9. High-grade performance
- 10. Take on a big job
- 11. Split the difference
- 12. He came out of nowhere
- 13. Wait on hand and foot
- 14. Suit to a T
- 15. Know it forward and back
- 16. A period in history
- 17. Crooked lawyer
- 18. Get up on the wrong side of bed
- 19. Sign on the dotted line
- 20. Disorderly conduct



The itsy bitsy paycheck just posted to my account, down came the bills and wiped the money out.



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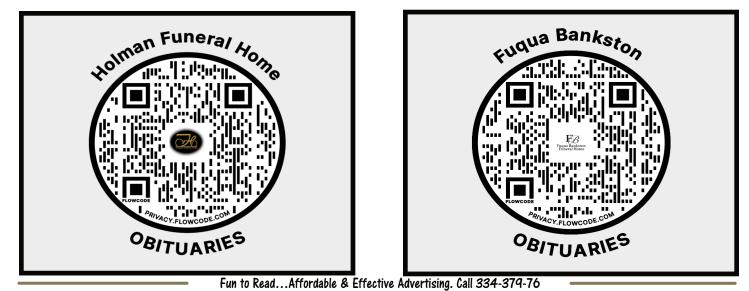


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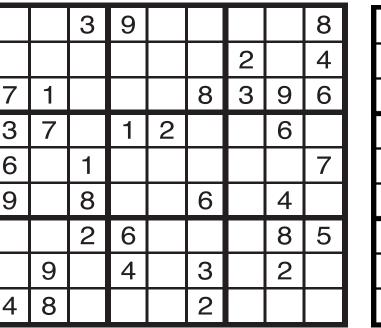
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