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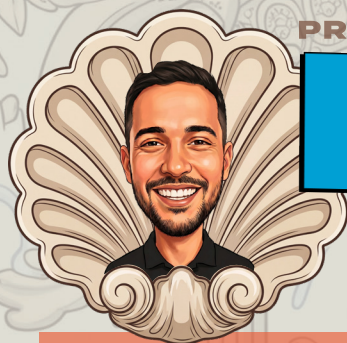
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PROTECT & GUARD

FATHER Figure It Out

BY GUILLERMO URDANETA



Clay was the kind of dad who thought he could fix anything. Whenever something broke, he rolled up his sleeves, smiled at Ruth, and said, "I can fix that."

Ruth loved him enough not to laugh right away. Ash, their son hovered for the drama while Clover disappeared the moment the toolbox opened.

Marigold, older and certain she was destined to become an influencer comic, documented Clay's repairs as if she were preserving evidence.

One day, as Clay studied the backyard fountain, Ruth asked him to stop treating every ache, mood, and sigh like something he could fix.

"You don't have to muscle through everything," she said. "Knowing your limits is part of taking care of us, too."

Clay looked back at it, leaning and humming. "It's almost right," he said. Ruth

smiled. "Maybe almost is why it feels like ours."

That June, Clay realized that when the house, his family, or his shoulder made a noise, the correct response was not always "hand me the wrench."

WHEN SOMETHING COMPLAINS, LISTEN

The fountain became a family mirror. It worked, mostly. It brought beauty, mostly. But it reminded them that small warnings are invitations. A tired body, a loose step, a missing document, each one asks for attention before it becomes an emergency.

On **Father's Day**, Ash and Marigold carried Clay's gift into the kitchen: a toolkit box. Inside were no tools, just a hardware store gift card, a photo of their fountain, and a label: "Confidence included. Skill sold separately."

Clay laughed first. Then he found another note. "Dad, thank you for always believing broken things are worth trying to fix."

His eyes filled before he could make a joke.

OPTIMISM STILL NEEDS A LEVEL

The family's back door had been sticking for months. The old Clay would have forced it and blamed the humidity. This time, he asked Ash to measure and Marigold to research when a repair should become a replacement.

Then he called a professional.

HELP IS NOT DEFEAT

No one teased him. Not this time. Some things can be improved with effort, and others require trained hands. Wisdom is learning what must be held up properly before it fails completely.

KEEP THE GOOD LEAN

On **Upcycling Day, June 24th**, Ruth suggested using leftover pieces from Clay's abandoned projects to steady the fountain. Not to perfect it. Just to help it hold.

They worked at dusk, adding support where it mattered and leaving the little lean that made it theirs. Ash pressed his initials into hidden sealant. Marigold painted a mark near the base. Clover circled it suspiciously.

It remained wobbly. But it stood.

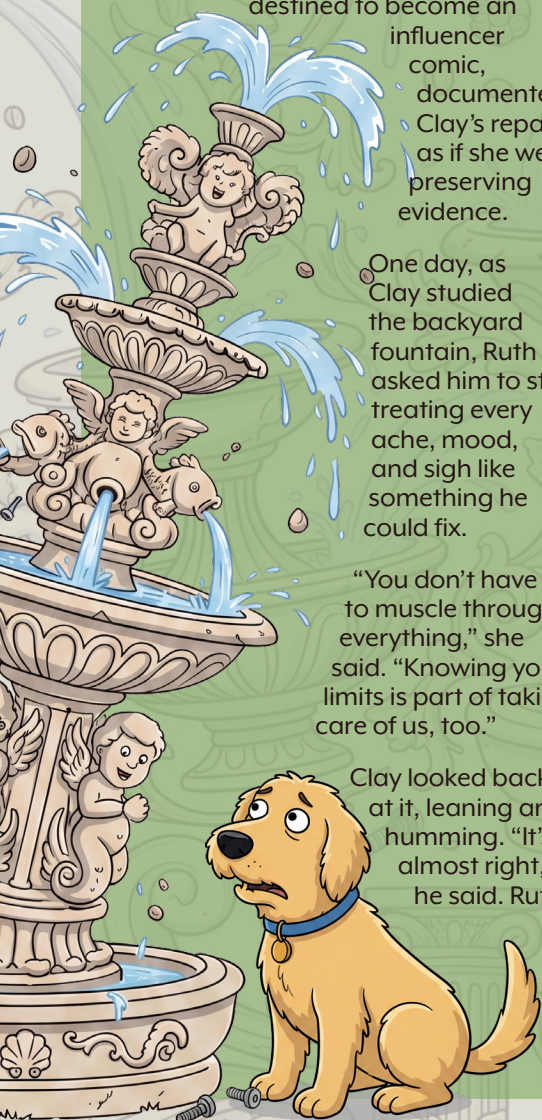
PROTECT THE LIFE YOU'RE BUILDING

That summer, Clay called their insurance agent because the house and family had changed. Did their coverage still fit the life they had now?

By the end of June, Clay was still Clay. He still believed most problems could be solved with effort and a socket set. But his family saw something stronger than confidence. They saw a man learning that love requires preparation, honesty, and the courage to protect what matters.

Years later, Ash and Marigold would remember the fountain most, still leaning, still singing, still making Clover suspicious. It was proof that not everything has to be perfect to be worth keeping. Some things only need to hold. Others need expert attention before they fail.

A good agent, like a good father, helps a family see the difference, quietly protecting the imperfect life they are building.





MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH CARE

BY David Williams

#AGENTS OF CHANGE

At Williams Insurance Advisors, we believe strong communities are built when people come together to care for one another. That's why we're proud to support the The Care Cabinet, a Christ-centered nonprofit dedicated to meeting the everyday needs of students and families in local schools.

The Care Cabinet partners with schools to create accessible spaces filled with essential items students may need throughout the school day. From hygiene products and socks to snacks, backpacks, and school supplies, these resources help ensure children can focus on learning with confidence and dignity.



While the items may seem simple, the impact is powerful. A child who feels cared for and supported is better equipped to thrive both in and outside the classroom. The Care Cabinet continues to make a meaningful difference by reminding students and families that they are seen, valued, and never alone.

This month, for every referral we receive for a no-obligation insurance quote, Williams Insurance Advisors will donate \$15 to The Care Cabinet to help provide essential supplies for local students.

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Solve each clue, then take the numbered letter from your answer.

1. The colorful sky as daylight fades — 6 letters [1]
2. A meal eaten outdoors on a blanket — 6 letters [1]
3. A tart yellow drink poured over ice — 8 letters [1]
4. A break from work or school — 8 letters [2]
5. Open-toed warm-weather shoes — 7 letters [1]
6. A cool spot under a tree — 5 letters [2]

Put the letters together:

WHAT WORD DID YOU UNLOCK?

Winner will be announced on our Facebook page by **mid-June**. Stay tuned!

COOK THIS RECIPE



BY DAVID WILLIAMS

June 23 is **Detroit-style Pizza Day**, a fine excuse to celebrate thick crust, square slices, and crispy cheese edges. **June 27** is **Onion Day**, which honors the humble onion.

This recipe brings the two together with a Southern French twist inspired by the pissaladière, an oniony, olive-studded tart.

Ingredients

- **1 pound** pizza dough
- **2 tablespoons** olive oil, plus more for the pan
- **2 large** yellow onions, thinly sliced
- **1 tablespoon** butter
- **2** garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- **1 teaspoon** thyme
- **1/2 teaspoon** salt
- **1/4 teaspoon** black pepper
- **1 teaspoon** honey or sugar
- **1 cup** shredded mozzarella or brick cheese
- **3/4 cup** crumbled feta
- **1/3 cup** kalamata or niçoise olives, halved
- **4** anchovy fillets, *optional*
- Fresh parsley or basil, for topping



Preparation

1. Heat olive oil and butter in a skillet over medium-low heat. **2.** Add onions, salt, pepper, thyme, and honey. Cook 25 to 30 minutes, stirring often. Add garlic for the last 5 minutes. **3.** Prep the dough: Oil a 9x13-inch metal pan. Press dough into the pan, rest 15 minutes, then stretch into the corners. **4.** Top it with mozzarella on the edges, then onions, olives, anchovies if using, and feta. **5.** Bake: Bake at 475°F for about 20 minutes, until golden, crisp, and bubbly.

Finish: Sprinkle with herbs, slice into squares, and serve.



SOME COVERAGE IS REALLY GOOD

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vanish when things get wild.



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