

# Lawn and Garden Gazette

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*"Tried to amend my carnivorous habits Made it nearly seventy days. Losin' weight without speed, eatin' sunflower seeds, drinkin' lots of carrot juice and soakin' up rays."* OK, it's been only 30 days, and I'm not tanning OR giving up meat yet. Still, dieting is a pain the gut, no matter how necessary. So I'll try to put thoughts of real food out of my head while I finish the newsletter...**My goodness, I got** so caught up in the jocularity last month I forgot something very important. So before I go any further, **Happy 84th!**, Mom... **Did you hear about** the man who sat up all night waiting for the sun to rise when it finally it dawned on him...**This weather is giving** me the notion we'll be getting back to work soon. Who knows? With the snow gone, if you have leaves to rake, shrubs to trim, branches to haul or whatever, give us a call. No waiting line now... **Proposal for this year's** lawn service should be attached. If yours somehow escaped, let me know...**Most of you know** the drill. If ANY changes are desired, make a note on them (or call/email) and return. Otherwise you need not do a thing... **I tried to hold** the line on rates for the most part, but there are always a few exceptions... **However, I'm afraid I** see no alternative to a gas surcharge. Considering the wide ranging predictions about where pump prices will go, I'm reluctant to guess and raise rates too much. Which leaves adding a surcharge. How large will be determined by how high gas goes. I'm afraid that's as good as my crystal ball can do at the moment... **Referral credits anyone?** Many thanks to

*I like mine with lettuce and tomato, Heinz 57 and french fried potatoes,*

*Big kosher pickle and a cold draft beer, Well good God Almighty which way do I steer for my Cheese burger in paradise*

those who did so last year...**She was only** a whiskey maker, but he loved her still... **Trimmed** your fruit trees yet? This is a good time as there are few, if any, diseases or pests to worry about... **Remove dead or broken** branches first. (Keep bleach or alcohol handy to sterilize the pruners between cuts to be safe)...**Next cut** crossing **branches** or those growing much more or less than 45 degrees from the trunk. Also remove suckers growing up from the base. Finally prune to open the center of the tree to sunlight...**Did you hear about** the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? Yes, his goal was transcendental medication...**What with taxes and W-2's** and everything, the desk is a mess. But I don't recall getting ANY answers last month. Maybe a mass migration to Florida or something. Let me know if I'm wrong about that...**So maybe we'll go** political this time, with the State of the Union fresh in our minds. Sitting behind the President for the speech were VP Joe Biden and the well tanned Speaker \_\_\_\_\_. His name will get you into this month's drawing...**Just an FYI,** for the second year the Farmer's Markets have moved indoors. Alternate Saturdays (Jan 29) at the Opera Galleria building and Sundays at the Foothills Mall (Feb 3). Yes, fresh local veggies are still available...*"But at night I've had these wonderful dreams, some kind of sensuous treat. Not zucchini, fettucini or bulgar wheat But a big warm bun and a huge hunk of meat!"*... **Don't forget your Valentine!** M-m-m-m, chocolate! **OK, got to run. Stomach's** growling, and not a cheeseburger in sight!