

The Lawn and Garden Gazette

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"**Lately it occurs to me** What a long strange trip it's been"...**What a month!** I love Spring as much as anyone, but trying to work around daily rains gets old really fast. Then toss in a short week because of a holiday and all I can say is Hello June!.. **It's been SO nice** mowing dry grass this past week. Well, except for the few who shall remain nameless who watered on their mowing day. I know, you're a day off like I was this week. But please folks, let's check those sprinkler clocks... **Between the first dose** of fertilizer, the rain and warmer weather the grass is looking real good, and growing fast as well. With all the moisture, I hope everyone saved lots of water and \$\$ by temporarily turning off those sprinklers... **But what the rain** giveth, the wind taketh away. Time for my annual rant about deep watering. Mother Nature has gotten us off to a good start. Now all we have to do is to apply a bit more when we do water, but do so less often. Then gradually increase the interval between watering. That wasn't so bad now, was it?...**This spring has been** a real challenge getting bedding plants in the ground. Turns out those Walls O' Water are just what the plant doctor ordered. They help heat the soil and protect the little guys from the wind and hail. Nice, huh? Been a while since my broccoli plants looked so good...



Two guys walk into a bar... the third guy ducks... **Last month's answers were:** Bob Dylan, John Denver, CCR or Paul McCartney, and the winner is...Joe Harris... **Just a little heads** up that some of you may get your June statement a week early. We're going on vacation in early July, and that might help us get out of Dodge without too many headaches... **Why did the elephant** cross the road? Because it was the chicken's day off.. **It's Miller Time!** Which means the cabbage worms and hornworms, etc can't be far behind. Time to stock up on Bt, sometimes known as Dipel Dust. It

helps cut down the protein content of your cabbage, broccoli and tomatoes... **Speaking of which, I'm** frequently asked what to do for cutworms and other grubs in the lawn. My answer for a healthy lawn: nothing. The life cycle of the things is so short that by the time you decide to spray, the larva have earned their wings and are on their way to Estes. All that work and money for naught... **As the lilacs and** other shrubs finish flowering it's time to prune. You can also



take a number (up to 25%) of the older stalks as far back as you can cut them. This helps rejuvenate and extend the life of the bush...**There was enough** cotton flying today to make BVDs for all of Larimer County. Not so nice on the sinuses though...**Older guy is asked if** he believes in the Hereafter. "Sure!", he says. "Because every time I get to the top of the stairs I ask myself, what am I here after?"... **Hey, my phone just** got smarter. Wish the same could be said for me. But the point is I can now access my email from work. So the best way to get a hold of me quickly is to shoot me an email. I check it throughout the day... **James Arness,** star of the series **Gunsmoke,** died recently. Dad never missed it, which back then meant I never missed it either. Anyway, what will get you into this month's drawing is the name of the series his brother, **Peter Graves,** starred in for the better part of a decade... **Still time left to** get a garden going. There are some good looking plants in the greenhouses looking for a good home. Got dirt?... **Boy, the Rockies are** having a tough time. The good news is it's still early and they are getting good pitching. So maybe they can still turn it around...**Dad's turn this month...**



Plus the wife is having a very special birthday this month! But shh, she doesn't want anyone to know... **Now back to my** tall cool one...**Later!**

*"Roll out those lazy-hazy-crazy Days of summer
 Those days of soda and pretzels and beer*