

# Lawn and Garden Gazette

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"**Sometimes I wonder what** am I gonna do 'Cos there ain't no cure for the Summer-time Blues". Welcome to the dog days of summer. Ever wonder what dogs call them...

**The Monsoons are back** after a very short absence. While keeping the lawns green, they do make things challenging for us. As will losing help to school. So don't be too surprised if we show up a day late. Or early...**Tomatoes will be ripening** soon. Which means blossom end rot will again be rearing its ugly head. Or bottom as the case may be. It's caused by lack of calcium, brought on by inconsistent water. Don't waste money on chemicals (use mulch) or waste tomatoes--just cut away the bad spots... **It's that time when** neighbors keep bringing you more zucchini before you've had time to eat the last batch. When all the work planting and weeding pays off. Even those without gardens can get fresh, locally grown produce at farmer's markets. Western Slope peaches are beginning to appear too... **Buying and/or growing** local not only gets you the freshest (and often organically grown) veggies and fruit, it's also best for the environment and our economy. It's a win/win/win... **I never imagined one** tree could produce so many cherries. Even after sharing (not our idea) with a family of robins and assorted jays and squirrels, we still canned dozens of jars of preserves. Now if someone could just invent a pit-less cherry that doesn't involve genetic tinkering... **The late Walter Cronkite's** trademark

sign-off is below. Always considered one of the most trusted Americans, he gave an entire generation the news. I doubt he'd have liked seeing Michael Jackson and Octo-Mom in the news day after day...**Anyway, all you need** to get into this month's drawing is name the network he worked at...**A blonde, a priest, a rabbi, and a lawyer** walk into a bar. The bartender says, "what is this, some kind of joke?"... **Before hosting The Tonight Show**, Johnny and Ed did the show **Who Do you Trust**. I'll let others argue grammar. What I do know is that **Marguerite Canaday** is this month's winner... **Why did the elephant** cross the road? It was the chicken's day off...**Not sure how The Mostlies** managed to escape my attention, but for 17 years they've been using annual music shows to parody people, places and things--both national and local. They have performances thru Aug. 2, so there may still be time to see them. I know, thanks for the timely notice... **Moms are now anxiously** awaiting those three little words that got her thru the summer of nothing to do: **Back to school!** Oh, and the folks with the radar guns will be back too... **A doctor stopped at** the same bar every night for a hazelnut daiquiri, so the bartender always had the drink ready and waiting. One day the bartender ran out of hazelnut extract, so he used hickory nuts instead. Doctor came in at his regular time, took a sip and said, "This isn't my drink!!". "No, I'm sorry," replied the bartender, "it's a hickory daiquiri, doc."

**"And that's the way it is."**