

# Lawn and Garden Gazette

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"**Raindrops keep fallin' on my head.** And just like the guy whose feet are too big for his bed, Nothin' seems to fit"...**Glad those rains waited.** The holiday weekend is so much more enjoyable knowing every lawn was mowed. OTOH, these rainy weekends do make gardening a challenge. Its gotten to the point I don't even notice the first few drops... **Dandelions have really invaded** some lawns. I've come to the conclusion, after speaking with several area experts, that we can save stress and hair and \$\$ by simply conceding round one to the weeds. When the second crop hits, the situation will be more in our favor, as warmer, drier weather allows the chemicals to work better...**Speaking of weeds,** a product is now on Gateway's shelves that claims to kill weeds, wild grass, AND crabgrass, yet is safe for bluegrass. And regardless of Dave Barry's claim, nuclear weapons are not involved. Quite a breakthrough if true...**We'll be applying fertilizer** this next week or so. Watch for note on your door. It's sure to be riveting...**Two young ladies were** talking over lunch. One says, "So, like, I used that new clarifying shampoo and I'm still confused"... **As I sit here** I see a garden off to an incredible start, so maybe the plastic worked after all. Or maybe I just never kept the ground as saturated as it is now...**But then the weeds** are off and running as well. I'm sure I planted pickles in that bed some-

where... **The temptation is** to start laying on mulch, but its too early for that. I'd let the soil warm a few more weeks. Time to hoe, hoe, hoe while the soil is soft...**I know grass clippings** are an easy, economical way to cover those weeds, but I'm not sure they are the best for the garden. Adding them to a composter is another matter... **This is the time of year** many will redo the landscaping, and the question arises: Fabric or plastic? Ask the folks at the nurseries and they'll insist fabric. The problem comes when dirt accumulates on the fabric, allowing weeds to germinate ABOVE the fabric and send roots down to the soil. Now try to pull that weed. My two cents says plastic... **Just a friendly bee-minder** to NEVER spray chemicals on a tree or shrub that's blooming...**What would you get** if you crossed Godzilla with a nun? A creature of habit, of course...**The lyrics this month are** from a song from the movie **Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.** The names of those lead actors will get you into the drawing. No winners last month, so we'll draw two this time... **Years before I was** born, a bomber flying a mission over Austria was shot down, and Dad's older brother Franklin became one of the men and women we honor now on Memorial Day for their supreme sacrifice. The older I get the more I understand the courage that took... **It's your turn, Dads!** Have a great Fathers Day...**Now where's that slicker?**

**Raindrops keep fallin' on my head.** But that doesn't mean my eyes will soon be turnin' red. Cryin's not for me, 'Cause I'm never gonna stop the rain by complainin'