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"I'm so tired, Tired of waiting, Tired of waiting for you [Spring]"... **I know, you'd think** after all these years I'd be used to Mother Nature deciding that some years we need to cool our jets... **Maybe it's that** each year Winter seems more interminable. Maybe its recurring cabin fever. Perhaps it's the crud that's making these last weeks of winter SO much fun. Or maybe its the seemingly endless book work and filing and paperwork to do... **Whatever the reason, I'm** now ready to say to Spring: **Bring it on!** Hey, it worked so well for you know who... **OK, as the song** says, we need to look on the bright side. Conditions should be excellent to aerate the lawn this month. That is, if the snow ever goes on its merry way and lets the ground thaw... **Shouldn't have to** worry about watering first this year. Just mark those sprinklers and we'll be rarin' to go. Give me a holler if you need flags... **Should you choose to** do your own aerating, **Grand Rental Station** west side of Loveland, has the same machines we use. Saves a lot of work over other models... **Actually many lawns have** a real Jeckyll and Hyde look these days, depending on which side you're looking at. There's a pretty good chance that we'll be working in shifts this year, coming back later when the shady side has thawed. Doing things like spring cleanups, pruning shrubs, cutting back perennials, edging walks and trimming fruit trees...**Speaking of trimming fruit trees**, I heard somewhere that the goal should be that you're able to toss a

hat thru the middle of the tree. Made sense to me. Plus topping to keep the tree within the limits of your ladders...**We all know many** fish are in schools. But did you know that only a few take debate...**Last year this time** the garden soil was dry, but cold. Even tried to warm the soil by covering the beds with plastic. Thank goodness for this year's snow, since only the weeds seemed to benefit from my efforts. The best laid plans, etc...**Best thing we can** do for the garden now is to stay off it. Let the soil dry completely before doing anything... **What do you think?** Should thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking... **Yes! to those who** asked. **Jeopardy** question? Can I still get the fertilizer discount if I prepay this month...**More than ever growing** some of your own food makes sense. You eat better, save money, and help the environment, all for relatively little work. So go ahead, check out those seed displays popping up everywhere for your favorites. Ask the folks at **Gateway** or **Bath for ideas**, and see how much better you could be eating this year... **It is definitely not** too early to get some seeds started indoors. My experience is that seeds take a bit longer indoors than the packages suggest... **Just think, for less** than the price of one basil plant, my packet of seeds should produce quite a few seedlings for when its time to plant. Plus I get the type I want, not what's available later...**The War of the Roses** is apparently not a biggie among my

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customers. I don't believe anyone got the answer-- **Danny Devito**-- last month. So there will be two winners this month... "**Et Tu, Brut?**" On the **Ides of March**, a Very long time ago, a famous person had a Very bad day. Name him or her to get into the drawing... **Seen Avatar** yet? I have to admit that it wasn't my first choice. Or third. But someone recommended it to the wife, so after sufficient na... er... encouragement, I agreed to go. I was not disappointed. Not at all. Not sure the the 3-D was necessary, but the flick was very enjoyable... **On the other side** of the cinema spectrum, my suggestion would be to not waste your money on **The Day the Earth Stood Still**. The original was so much better and available to rent for less. Not sure why they'd want to ruin a classic movie like that... **An American tourist** was lost on Irish back roads on his way to Dublin. At the next village, he stopped at a pub, poked his head inside, and said: "Excuse me. Can you tell me the quickest way to Dublin?" Barkeep: "Are y' walkin' or droiving?" "I'm driv-ing," said the American. "Shure," said the barkeeper, "tha' would be the quickest way." **Slan!** (That's Irish for Adios.)

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