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My three year-old daughter was having hamburgers for lunch the other day with my husband and asked him what kind of seeds were on top of the bun. He told her they were sesame seeds to which she replied "Oh, well we better take some home and plant them so we can grow our own hamburger buns." (She has recently been helping my dad plant his garden and my mother-in-law plant her flowers beds so she is fascinated and completely trusting in the fact that a small seed planted in the dirt and cared for returns great rewards!)

What seeds are you planting now for growth in your practice? What are the rewards you desire down the road? Are you taking the time now to cultivate and tend to those areas to yield a harvest in the future?

This issue gives you some great tips for growing several key areas of your business (consider it your own spring almanac):

- Looking to grow productivity and streamline the workflow in your practice? Then a must-read for you is the Document Management Systems product review. Plus, Randy reports back on what's hot from the annual paperless conference, and Greg says it looks like we have "[crossed the chasm](#)" and reached 50 percent penetration in the move to the "paperless office." Where do you fall in the curve?
- How's your "Security Savvy" these days? Grow your understanding and peace of mind in this area by checking out [Dave's latest advice](#) and reading [John's tale of woe](#) to ensure that you don't become "Mr. Hapless." Roman also gives a [detailed recap](#) of the AICPA Top Technologies Initiatives. It's no big surprise that "Information Security" is #1 this year.

- Your small business clients trust you and look to you for advice. Help

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on remote workers, Isaac reminds you that technology allows you to grow your available staff pool, and he introduces us to a great new crop of young professionals who have a refreshingly nostalgic work ethic in the “[Productivity in Practice](#)” profile (if 26 year-old David Staub is indicative of the young professionals coming into the profession, then the future is indeed in good shape!). Plus, you don't want to miss the opportunity to nominate a young professional for our annual **40 Under 40 honor**; see [www.CPATechAdvisor.com/40under40](http://www.CPATechAdvisor.com/40under40) for more information (**the deadline for nominations is June 15**).

- Remember one of the first lessons you learned in Kindergarten: It is good to share. Well Lisa gives you a lesson on how to better cultivate your sharing skills within your practice and help your clients do the same. [See her column](#) for ideas on “Collaboration” and “Sharing” in various areas.
- Grow and expand your horizons for new knowledge and information with the crop of webcast events we will be offering in the coming weeks (plus earn free CPE credits). Visit [www.CPATechAdvisor.com/webcasts](http://www.CPATechAdvisor.com/webcasts) for a complete listing and dates and to register for each one. And while you're on our website, check out our free online “[Document Management Product Selector](#)” tool to help find a match for your firm. Plus, take the “[Productivity Survey](#)” to get your firm's Productivity Score to use as a benchmark for measuring future growth.

Get busy! Planting season is now if you want a rich harvest down the road.

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