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"Then I'll get on my knees and pray We don't get fooled again..." **Hey, this is Colorado.** We could get fooled until June. But for the moment, spring seems to be breaking out all over. Which after watching snow melt so long is a big deal. Or, as the VP would say, a big #@* deal... **Bulbs are blooming.** The air is suddenly alive with bees and birds and thunder and sounds of outdoor EQ. Oh my.. **What really seals the deal** about spring, though, was the first burger on the grill last weekend. Won't be another that good for another year... **Alien crop circles?** If so they must be from mini-ET's. No, those odd designs in the lawn were caused by voles. They used the cover of snow to check out your lawn for good eats. I see ads touting treatment plans to get rid of them, but they disappeared when the snow did. Any poison may kill something, but it won't be the voles. A light raking and normal lawn care should have it looking better no time... **City surprised me with** an increase in disposal fees for grass and leaves. Big Oil surprised me with an increase in gas prices, and no decreases during the low demand winter months.... Been a year of surprises so far. Maybe I've met my quota... **"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"...** **Start planting.** Slowly, remembering that it is Colorado, and we may still have a good frost or two in our future. IOW, be ready to cover what you plant... **But the salad crops** can go in now. Peas can handle the cold, but not serious freezing. Ditto broc-

coli and cabbage. Root crops like carrots and beets and onions. Although onions don't like it really cold... **Which brings up the natter** of rototilling. With all the moisture we've had, you want to be certain the soil has dried to where you won't destroy you soil texture. Dig down a shovel's depth and grab a handful of dirt. If it crumbles, you're OK. If it makes a ball of mud, wait or you will simply make thousands of little mud balls in your garden... **We are a bit behind** with aerating and cleanup this year. But we should catch up quickly now. At least if Mother Nature is thru messing with us for a while... **Know why a chicken coup** has two doors? If it had four it would be a Sedan... **I see those topsy turvy** things in the stores again. From what I saw last year, I'd have thought they'd have gone the way of the hula hoop. Seems like a good sized pot on the patio would do better. Plus you get to choose the variety. But what do I know... **"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools"...** **Strange the way** last year's leaves are still hanging onto the trees. They seem to like falling right after I finish a yard... **Having a bad day? Can't be any worse** than Caesar had on his Ides of March. **Marguerite Canaday and Joe Harris** knew that... **Seeing as it's** April Fool's Day, the quotes this month all deal with fools. Name the source of any to get into the drawing... **Momma didn't raise no** fools, but she did come close. Twice. Happy B-day, little Bro. But what's this having to share our birth-

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day with Easter this year? .. **Recent snows matted the** already matted grass even more. A light raking should do the trick..."**I never was one** of them money hungry fools, I'd rather have my fiddle and my farmin' tools. Thank God I'm a country boy"...**Did the Butler do** it! And where the heck is Butler anyway? Still a day away from knowing if they won, but they're certainly the Cinderella story this year... **What do Easter Bunny helpers** get for making a basket? Two points, just like anyone else... **Oh, and the final** proof that spring has sprung? Two words: **Play Ball!**

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