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"...**All the flowers open** up to gather in the sunshine. I do believe that summer's here to stay." About time too. Can't recall needing a sweatshirt so much in June.... **All these June T-storms are doing wonders for the lawns and gardens.** But they can be deceiving. Recently, after what seemed a really wet week, I checked my rain gauge and discovered less than a half inch of rain had fallen. Much less than our lawns need... **Looks like it's going to be a hail of a year.** Some areas have been hit heavily three times already. Tough finding replacement plants at this point. If you can't, try cutting them back. Often the plants are more resilient than you think... **Thru trial and error,** I've settled on simple screening to protect my plants. It comes in 3 or 4 foot widths at Ace, and easy to cut and install... **I had hoped this** would be a year to catch up after the record increases of the past few. But the oil companies seem to have more excuses to raise prices than Chicago has dead voters. A few weeks ago, gas reached \$2.50, or a dollar more than when I set my rates the first of the year.. **At that point I** decided to add a 25 cent surcharge. After that I'll split the difference, adding just 1 penny for every 2 cents it goes up. I sincerely hope it will be short lived... **Adam was walking with Cain and Able.** As they passed the remains of the Garden of Eden he says, "See that boys? That's where your mother ate us out of house and home... **After all the recommendations** I've made for **Over the Top,**

the product has been pulled from the shelves. **No official word that** I can find as to why. So for now, I guess its back to removing grass out from perennial beds the old fashioned way... **With the addition of** soaker hoses my garden is complete. Well, besides the neverending weeding, of course. The frequent rains are not likely to last, and there is no better way to water your garden...**The other day as I was** driving from Fort Collins to Loveland on 287, for one brief, fleeting moment, I was actually able to go 55 mph before the brake lights brought me back to reality... **There were some real** science fiction moments this month, looking down and seeing millers just about everywhere. Thank goodness for the swallows. Plus they provide such entertainment at stoplights... **A good many of you** knew last month's answers: Paul Newman and Robert Redford. But only **Tom Crites** and **Carol Chilson** were the winners... **Johnny Carson's** long time sidekick, Ed McMahon, has died. He was 86, and sat on the couch next to Johnny for 30 years. But what will get you into this month's drawing is the game show they hosted in 1957 ... **A pirate walks into** a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender says "what's up with that?" The Pirate says: "Arrgh, I got a bounty on me head"... **Rocktober came early this year.** After a dismal start to their season, the Rockies are having their best June ever. Could be a very fun year at Coors Field... **Have a safe and happy Fourth everyone!!**

"Heeeeeeeere's Johnny!"