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"It's a strange, strange world we live in, Master Jack"...**Strange indeed. Had to** be one of the chilliest Mays ever. Yet the fruit trees and flowering shrubs were more stunning than ever. Even the forsythias bloomed. Well, mine had all of 5 flowers, but who's counting... **Where did the month of May go?** I just looked around and its gone. Just started feeling like May, and its June. Hope to finish the newsletter before its July... **Oh, and where** in the world are the bees? I've seen yellow jackets and wasps and bumblebees. But hardly any honey bees. My crab tree never hummed once this year. I know, maybe it knows the words... **The lawns were being** rained on almost daily. Now they're now getting bupkis. They went for months with temps in the 50s and 60s. Now suddenly they're dealing with 80s. No wonder the lawns are stressed. So for the next few weeks you'll want to water in good healthy doses to help prevent those nasty brown patches. Fortunately, your lawn man can avoid stress with nothing more than a nice glass of wine after work... **Yes, your lawn needs** almost two inches or so of water per week, regardless the source. An inexpensive rain gauge can help determine if yours is getting its due. Watch your sprinklers run occasionally (boring, I know) to be sure they're covering their areas. Often a brown spot is nothing more than lack of water... **While we're on the subject of water,** I'd like you all to check your sprinkler clocks and coordinate

them with your mowing day. We've been mowing some very wet lawns recently, which does no one any good, except Dr. Scholl's...**I just planted my** tomatoes and peppers over Memorial Day weekend, and got my green beans planted. Also a few eggplants and other odds and ends, which means the garden is in, and no longer just an idea on paper. Gentlemen (and ladies), start your gardens!... The garden veggies too need a good amount of water in this heat. I've found that soaker hoses do the best job. Keep the soil wet while watering from under the plants. No need to set and adjust a sprinkler, or stand with a hose in your hand. Just connect and turn on the water... **Broccoli and its relatives** seem to be off to a great start. Nice to see something likes the cool weather. But it means the little white cabbage moths will be coming soon to a plant near you. Time to dig out the **Bt** dust. Most common brand is **Dipel**, but there are others. Easy way to keep the veggies free of unwanted protein, AND is completely safe for people and pets... **BTW, it is definitely NOT** too late to start a garden. Maybe for peas or broccoli. But for just about anything else, there's still time. Especially with containers. From the looks of the stores, there is still a decent selection of bedding plants available..**Yes, Ubaldo Jiminez tossed** the Rockies' first no-hitter. **Mary Pilkington** knew that plus, was sitting there ready to be picked out of the old Cub's hat. Congrats...**The lyrics at**

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the bottom are obviously inspired by the tragic BP bumbling in the Gulf. Difference is the show they came from was funny, not tragic. Name it to get into this month's drawing... **BP doesn't have any** stations out our way to avoid, but Castrol oil is their product. Just saying...**Jay Leno:** "**Scientists** say they've developed a car that can run on water. The only catch is, the water has to come from the Gulf of Mexico."...**Dad's turn this month.** Happy Father's Day, dads! Just a thought: skip the gift ties... **Y'all come back now!**

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