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"Ridin' the storm out, waitin' for the thaw out, On a full moon night in the Rocky Mountain winter." OK, no full moon. Picky, picky... **One thing you can** say about Colorado weather, it's never boring. Maddening? Sure. Frustrating? You betcha. But boring? No way... **For instance, you may** have felt those fall colors every year were a bit redundant. No problem, just freeze them on the tree and voila! No more boring colors... **Try to look on** the bright side. The little guys and ghouls may miss the ear infection weather this year...**Fall Leaves: Mulch to** be desired! Great for mulching roses and other new plants. Oh, and to cover any carrots or beets still in the garden. Just don't forget them... **While you're covering things,** don't forget your vacuum breaker. It is the most expensive outdoor part of your system..**Too late to aerate?** No, but thanks for asking. As long as the soil has not frozen...**I finally figured** renting a chain saw was silly, so I bought a new toy. If any of you have branches down that need cutting and/or hauling away, or just need an old bush cut down, give a call...**I try to put** off the final fertilizer application until we've had sufficient cold weather to discourage top growth. Point being to get the roots thru the winter. IOW, any day now...**What is a ghost's** favorite Halloween song? Demons Are a Ghoul's Best Friend", of course..**The jury considering those** topsy turvy tomatoes is still out. Or at least its decision is uh, still up in

the air. While a few seemed to have had success with them, most looked pretty bad. Will we see a new and improved model next year or was it this year's hula hoop? Tune in next spring... **I've been asked about** snow removal. For the next month or so we'd be happy to do it. After that it too is up in the air. It's simply tough counting on snow that never falls... **Speaking of up in the air,** turned out balloon boy took off from our neighborhood. (Or not, as we learned.) Came home that day to find every news crew in Larimer County and then some lined up along our park. Turned on the tube and there was our house behind a reporter. He missed having rabbit ears by THAT much... **Quite a few Peter Paul and Mary** fans out there, which as luck would have it was the answer to last months quiz. And the winner this month is (reaching into the old Cubs cap)... **Gladys Klingenberg.** Congrats.. **It's a dogs life.** Tank, my daughter's rescued greyhound, will be featured in a calendar being offered as a fundraiser for same. Let me know if you're interested... **Milton Supman died recently.** Who, you ask? Most of us knew him as the comedian host of kids shows who made pies in the face his pastime. His stage name will get you into this month's drawing...**What do you call** a mummy who walks into a bar but doesn't drink? A desiccated driver! Don't worry, I had to look it up too...**Enjoy the days off.** The leaves will still be there when the snow melts. Even more!

"When the white eagle of the North is flying overhead The browns, reds and golds of autumn lie in the gutter, dead. Remember then, that summer birds with wings of fire flaying Came to witness spring's new hope, born of leaves decaying. "(Moody Blues)