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## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO THE MOLKERY

**WHAT:** "BREAKFAST TREATS WITH SANTA"

**WHEN:** Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 from 10 a.m. to noon

**WHY:** An opportunity for kids to tell Santa what they want for Christmas, do crafts, enjoy a breakfast treat and exchange gifts.

**WHERE:** The Molkery, in Montclair Park on 12th Ave. between Oneida and Newport Streets.



**WHO:** Kids from toddlers on up who want to talk to Santa. They must be accompanied by an adult who'll stay the entire time.

**TREATS:** Yummy cookies, delectable juice, fabulous tea and choice coffee.

**PIX:** Wonderful opportunity for parents/grandparents to preserve a precious moment with still or digital cameras or camcorders.

**CRAFTS:** Kids can make a special card or tree ornament with provided glue, glitter and construction paper. Or perhaps write a note to Santa.

**GIFTS:** Each child should bring a wrapped gift to exchange, valued at \$5 max and suitable for either boy or girl.

**COST:** This event is free to our Historic Montclair families, except for cost of the gift.

**REINDEER:** We hate to disappoint the children, but Montclair Park is not zoned for reindeer, so Dasher, Dancer, Donder and their pals will not be appearing with Santa. He will arrive and depart by car.

- Veronica Dolan

## Notes From the President

As I write this article, it is November 2. We are two days past Halloween, two days from an historical election and a month away from Thanksgiving. Our newsletter is also announcing the details of our annual "Treats with Santa" on Saturday, December 20th. So, where do I start what do I write about? It was the warmest Halloween on record this year and a great night for the little one's to dress up and hit the "Trick or Treat" trail. My favorite was an adorable toddler dressed up as a ladybug - she wasn't much bigger than a ladybug herself. Her eyes got incredibly big when I put the candy in her plastic pumpkin. I remember seeing the same look in my grandchildren's eyes when they first started to understand the fun of Halloween. It makes the holiday a great joy. And I would also like to thank our Board member, Katy Saunders, who, together with the 80220 Mom's Group, put together a Halloween Party for the neighborhood at the Molkery on about 72 hours' notice. This is precisely why I love living in this neighborhood.

And the election .when this newsletter is published, the decision will have been made. Whoever wins, it will have been truly historic. The neighborhood is awash in political signs (my house, included) and that shows how involved everyone has gotten. This is another sign that our neighborhood is filled with people who are involved, who care and are committed.

Thanksgiving is a month away and I think this year it will be somewhat different for many people. The recent events in the stock market and the economy have changed the lives of many people. The market has dramatically reduced retirement savings (mine, included), people are dealing with recent layoffs or possible layoffs looming on the horizon.

(My company has announced layoffs will occur in early January putting all of us on edge.) So, I think, it is back to basics. Stay close to your family, treasure time together, help others less fortunate than yourself. I know I am extremely grateful for my family - my grandchildren are my focus and my greatest joy. Historic Montclair offers comfort and security, a place filled with friends and neighbors who care for and share with those around them. The fall colors have only added to these good feelings. The leaves seem to have stayed on the trees longer this year, the colors seem more vivid and there appears to be a greater variety of color.

Christmas seems far away right now, but we all know it will be here before we know it. The fall colors will morph into Christmas lights and holiday decorations of all types. The many colored lights will brighten the winter nights. The Board of Historic Montclair will decorate the Molkery in early December as our contribution to the holiday's delights. And don't forget "Treats with Santa."

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Nancy Mucker

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## Denver City Council Column

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson, District 5



This is my favorite time of year in the Historic Montclair neighborhood. I appreciate being invited to join you and your neighbors at annual events like the Halloween potluck and "Treats with Santa," where I have the chance to get to know you better.

As you well know, the Molkery (also known as the Montclair Civic Building) is at its most charming when its roof is covered in snow! I used an image of the Molkery decked out in snow and icicles for a holiday greeting card just a few years ago. This nostalgic location is a wonderful place for your holiday gatherings. (Please contact the facility use permit office at (720) 913-0700 or [park.permit@denvergov.org](mailto:park.permit@denvergov.org) to find out how you can host your next event in this beautifully restored historic building.)

On Tuesday, November 25, 2008 the Denver Planning office will hold a required public meeting on the General Development Plan for the Lowry Vista project. Developer IRG has proposed a mixed-use community on the site of a former Air Force landfill, adjacent to the Westerly Creek dam on the north, Mira Vista golf course on the east, the AMLI Apartments to the west, and the Windsor Gardens senior community directly across Alameda to the south.

Please join developers, City planners and neighbors to discuss the project at 6 p.m. in the Windsor Garden's auditorium. For more information about the project, please visit [www.lowryafbcleanup.com](http://www.lowryafbcleanup.com).

Last quarter, I reported to you on the potential Phoenix on the FAX project, at the old Pillar of Fire site between Poplar and Pontiac on Colfax. The funding mechanisms for the project have been held up until next year by the Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA), but Sherman Associates remains positive about the possibilities for this location. I hope to have good news for you this spring!

As always, please feel free to contact my office for any reason at (303) 355-4615 or by e-mail at [Marcia.johnson@denvergov.org](mailto:Marcia.johnson@denvergov.org).

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## Starting Bulbs Indoors

Since it is the holiday season and many people are preparing to give gifts and/or decorate their own houses, one might consider starting bulbs that can grow and flower indoors. If you are giving a gift of bulbs they can be given even if the bulbs haven't really started as long as you give directions on how to complete the process and package them nicely. Amaryllis, hyacinths and tazette narcissus are easiest but other bulbs such as crocuses, small iris, and tulips can also be manipulated to bloom in the winter with a little more effort. Please refer to growing (or forcing) bulbs indoors for a library or internet search of information on the growing the latter group of bulbs. Bulbs suitable for forcing or growing indoors may be ordered online or purchased at many garden stores such as City Floral and garden sections of hardware stores such as Ace Hardware and Home Depot.



To start tazette narcissus such as 'paper whites' fill a pot, bowl, glass or other solid bottomed container to within 2" of the top with pebbles, gravel, coconut fiber, charcoal or coarse sand and saturate the material with water. Bury the bottom quarter of the narcissus bulb, keeping its base above the water line. Space bulbs about one inch apart if you are planting them in groups. Set the container in a cool, dark, ventilated location for a few weeks. Check the water level. It should be just beneath the base of the bulb but not touching it. Keep the roots in water as the bulbs begin to sprout. When pale green shoots become 3-4 inches tall, move to bright indirect light for a few days before moving them into the sun. These bulbs cannot be used again and must be discarded after they bloom. Hyacinths can be grown in the same manner or they can be grown in potting soil and later set outside when the ground can be worked.

To start an amaryllis bulb, get a pot slightly larger than the size of the bulb. Cover the pot's drainage hole with a curved clay shard or similar item to prevent soil from going out but allow water to escape. Fill to within one inch of the rim with enriched potting soil. Plant the bulb so that half of it is buried in the mix. Firm the soil and drench it. Do not water again until the bulb sprouts. Once the bulb has sprouted move the pot into the sun and water when the soil is dry to the touch. When plant flowers, move it out of direct sun to preserve the blossoms. Feed monthly with house-plant fertilizer. When flowers fade, cut the stems to two inches and set pot in bright sunlight. Do not remove leaves until they wither. Amaryllis like being pot-bound. During the summer, plant the pot and bulb in the garden. In September bring pot and bulb back indoors and start withholding water. Let foliage dry. Store the pot and bulb in a cool dark place with no water or fertilizer for 8-10 weeks. In mid-November, add some fresh soil and start re-watering. Bulb should re-bloom. Amaryllis are not hardy outside in Colorado winters.

Gail Barry - landscape architect and gardener  
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## A Versatile Board Member *by Veronica Dolan*

Katy Saunders, first vice president of the HMCAI board, has been a horse owner, riding instructor, groom, exercise girl, jockey, flight instructor and commercial pilot. And for the past seven years, a real estate broker, selling Denver properties valued in the multi-millions, as well as a wife and mother.

She made her first million when she was only 22, although most of that money went to the owners of the thoroughbreds she rode to win, place and show in 500 races at Florida tracks during her apprentice year. She got only a cut of the purses but went into the record books as the winning-est female jockey in Florida at that time.



Katy also rode winners in Japan, Texas, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New York and New Jersey, sometimes riding at tracks in three states, between noon and midnight the same day. It was hard, she says, but it was her passion, as well as lucrative. It became even more so when she relocated to Southwest Asia for two years, riding first for the president of the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi, later for another sheik in Dubai.

"That was more comfortable financially than riding here," she says, "because in addition to a percentage of my winnings, I was given a salary, a house and a car."

Katy is confident she's the only Denver Realtor who was a licensed jockey for sheiks on the Arabian Peninsula. And probably the only local Realtor who was a licensed commercial pilot flying 36-seat turboprops for US Airways Express out of Pittsburgh. She did that for two years after returning from the Persian Gulf.

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If you would like to join or for more info, contact Katy Saunders at 303-521-9065  
katy@rodandkaty.com or Kerstin Rowe at  
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## HMCAI Board for 2009

At our latest general neighborhood meeting, member of Historical Montclair Community Association, Inc. elected a slate of board members who have volunteered to serve for the 2009 term.

While we have quite a few returning board members, we would like to welcome the following new members to the HMCAI board:

Judy Baxter  
John Eckelberry  
Jace Kole  
Mark Noonan  
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Tony Viorst

Our returning board members include:

President	Nancy Mucker
1st Vice President	Katy Saunders
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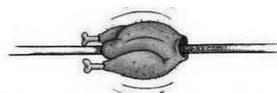
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## A Versatile Board Member

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Her engagement to Rod Saunders, who was Katy's student in her flight instructor days, convinced the East High School grad that it was time to settle down in Denver in a more traditional feet-on-the-ground profession. And raise a family. She went into residential and commercial sales with her lawyer-mother, Realtor Sarah Hopkins, who has been buying, selling, fixing and flipping homes in Montclair, Mayfair and Park Hill since the 1970s. Their firm, The Hopkins Saunders Group, specializes in properties in those three neighborhoods. "It's where we've lived and worked for thirty years," Katy says.

Although things have been slow for months, she feels good about the housing market here and anticipates a turnaround after the first of the year.

"People want to move to Montclair," she says, "because of the variety of architecture, the established trees and character of the neighborhood. It's almost a small town in itself."

Katy and Rod live in Montclair with their two small children. In addition to serving on the HMCAL board for the past four years, she was involved in the selection process for the new principal of Montclair Elementary School several years ago and currently manages advertising for this newsletter. She also organized "The 80220 Moms," a group of some 100 young parents in Montclair, Mayfair and Park Hill who meet for play dates, book clubs, mom's nights out, family get-togethers in the parks, and other events.

Katy is still jockeying to "do it all," but the only race she wants to win these days is the one against the clock. Katy Saunders can be reached at 303-331-4626.

## Montclair Elementary

*By Shannon Hagerman, Principal*

The clocks may have been turned back, but the calendar pages keep moving forward! We have just completed our first trimester and have had a very successful beginning to the school year. Two exciting things have taken place over the recent weeks. A HUGE THANK YOU to Denver voters for passing the bond in the November election. This measure will bring in an additional \$454 million to improve DPS schools making them safe, healthy learning environments. At Montclair, this means that we will finally see our learning landscape become a reality! While details and schedules are still being established, we are hopeful that this work will begin next summer.

Also, Montclair received a generous donation of \$20,000 from a community member who is a proud supporter of DPS schools. This funding will be used to implement a newly designed, school-wide character education and problem solving curriculum, enhance our professional development offerings, and expand our enrichment program. We are very fortunate to have received this gift and know that it will have a tremendous impact on our school.

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## Cub Scout Pack 286

Cub Scout Pack 286 - serving Montclair and Park Hill Neighborhoods

November 25th will be our Cake Auction, starting at 7 p.m., where the boys bake and decorate cakes to auction off at the pack meeting. The money will go to a local charity.

January 23rd will be our annual Pinewood Derby, starting at 5 p.m.

We meet at Park Hill United Methodist Church, which is located at Montview and Forest. We are one of the largest Scout Packs in the City and County of Denver, with more than 90 registered Scouts. If you have a boy in 1st through 5th grade, please take the time to find out what Scouting has to offer.



For boys ages 12-18, we have a very active Boy Scout Troop which meets at Montclair United Methodist Church on 12th and Newport, Tuesday Nights. Contact Larry Dunn, Scoutmaster, at 303-394-3220, larryannedunne@comcast.net

From: Tim Brackett, Cubmaster, 303-322-5823, tbrackett24@gmail.com

### First Tuesday on The FAX

The FAX Partnership is a non-profit group dedicated to improving the business climate along East Colfax Ave. from Colorado Blvd. to Yosemite St. We have decided to sponsor a monthly event called the First Tuesday on The FAX, in hopes of promoting better communication among residents and business owners on The FAX and in its five contiguous neighborhoods. These informative networking events should help foster a more cohesive front when dealing with the City on issues that are a concern to all. They will also enable us to hear your concerns regarding the issues affecting The FAX.

The inaugural First Tuesday on The FAX, held at the Solera Restaurant on Sept. 2nd, was well attended. We had a good representation from the business community, as well as from the five neighborhood associations, and folks seemed to enjoy the camaraderie as well as the food and drink. We have since met in October at Senor Rita's and in November at The Elm and hope to build on these initial events. We hope that "The FAX Five" on Denver's City Council will also make regular visits. "The FAX Five" include Councilwomen Marcia Johnson, Jeanne Robb, and Carla Madison and the two Council Members at-large, Doug Linkhart and Carol Boigon. Representatives from Denver Police Districts Two and Three are being invited to attend these gatherings.

If you would like to know where the December, and future, First Tuesday on The FAX will be held, please call Jake Flint, The FAX Partnership, at 303-321-3212.

- by Jake Flint

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For full program descriptions or classes at other library locations, please visit our website: <http://www.denverlibrary.org/calendar>

### December

- Children**      **Tuesdays:** All Ages Storytime (10:30 am) **ends 2/9/08**  
**Thursdays:** Book Babies (10:30 am) **ends 12/11/08**
- Teens**            **Wednesday, Dec 3:** Word Up Readers Book Club (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)  
**Wednesday, Dec 10:** Evolver Teens (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)
- Adults**            **Thursday, Dec 11:** Booktalkers (10:15 am -11:30 am)  
**Monday evening, Dec 1:** Prescription for Health (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

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## Montclair Elementary

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Perhaps you may have noticed the article titled Denver's Top Schools in the September issue of 5280 Magazine. We were thrilled to learn that Montclair was named one of the top 41 schools from across the front-range area! This is a true testament to the dedication of our teachers and the strong support of our parents and community. As a result, we anticipate that the next several weeks will be very busy as families begin to consider school choice options for the upcoming school year. We encourage parents to visit Montclair and take a school tour in order to see the learning environment first hand. Tours take approximately 45 minutes and allow parents to see classes across all grade levels and subject areas. In order to keep our learning environment focused on the children, we have set the following tour dates and times:

Thursday, Dec. 4th	1:30 - 2:15
Tuesday, Dec. 9th	1:30 - 2:15
Monday, Dec. 15th	9:30 - 10:15

You are welcome to choose one of the dates listed and check in at the main office of the school at the scheduled time. Please visit the school website at <http://montclair.dpsk12.org> or stop by the school to learn more about the great things that are happening at your neighborhood school.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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## Increased Neighborhood Awareness Can Help Save Abandoned Pets

An offshoot of some recent home foreclosures is cruelty to animals.

As homeowners vacate their foreclosed-on homes, a number are leaving their pets behind. To starve.

For this reason, Denver Animal Care & Control is asking neighbors to look out for pets left behind in foreclosed-on homes in their neighborhoods.

While animal shelters across the country are seeing an increase in the number of pets coming to shelters due to owners losing their homes, the more troubling cases are ones who don't bring their animals in. Despite the fact that Colorado is home to hundreds of animal shelters, pets are still being left in abandoned properties without food or water.

"In the cases where we find out an animal has been left behind, it's often because the neighbors have heard barking, or happened to see a cat in the window," says Doug Kelley, director of the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter. "The problem is that a lot of times neighbors don't know they're there unless they know to look."

Raising awareness is something animal welfare organizations such as the Denver Animal Care & Control are trying to do through neighborhood outreach efforts. They are urging neighbors to check foreclosed-on homes on their block, to look in windows and listen for animal sounds and call the home's listing agent, bank or local animal control agency if they find abandoned pets.



Denver's Animal Care & Control can be reached at 303-698-0076, or by dialing 311.

### **Composting Pilot Program has begun in Denver** *by Katy Saunders*

Residents of three thousand homes in sample neighborhoods around Denver have started collecting their leftovers, meat scraps and yard waste to be picked up every two weeks in their new green bins. Closest to us are homes in Hilltop and Stapleton. Denver is hoping to save money and reduce the amount of garbage sent to the landfill. Curbside composting pick-up has been gaining popularity in cities nationwide, including our neighboring city, Boulder. Many items that you can't compost in your back yard, such as meat and dairy products, can be composted in this type of program.

Why compost instead of sending to landfill?

Denver will save on gas as they drop off their loads closer to Denver. It will reduce the burdens on landfills, the fees for dumping, and reduce the clean-up needed from yard and food waste going into our sewer system. In addition, according to NOAA\*, the methane gases released from organic materials slowly breaking down in the landfill are twenty-five times more harmful to our environment than the carbon dioxide that is released when the materials are composted naturally.

Denver Recycles asks residents to let their elected officials know if they would like to see curbside compost pick-up become permanent as the future of compost pick-up in Denver is uncertain. If you would like to add your name to a petition to do just that, please go to:

[www.thepetitionsite.com/1/denver-city-compost-program](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/denver-city-compost-program)

\* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## DIGITAL TV TRANSITION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



February 17, 2009 marks the end of television transmissions in an analog format and the beginning of digital-only signals across the United States.

The transition promises a clearer viewing experience with higher definition pictures, more channels, and availability of additional spectrum for wireless communications and public safety purposes.

**You DON'T have to throw away your current TV** and buy a new one to receive TV signals after February 17th.

Every single TV in use today can get digital, as long as you have a new Digital-to-Analog (DTA) converter, or you subscribe to a cable or satellite TV service. After the February deadline the cable and satellite TV industry will automatically convert any digital signal into analog for their customers. Therefore, residents who have cable or satellite service can continue to use their existing TV sets. The major impact will be on people using an "over the air" antenna to watch TV.

Those residents will need to purchase a converter box to see TV after February 17th. Converter boxes are currently available at Best Buy, Circuit City, Kmart, Office Depot, Radio Shack, Sam's Club, Sears, Target, and Wal-Mart and cost approximately \$70 - \$80. Television owners can currently apply for a maximum of two federal government coupons, for \$40 off each DTA converter. Apply online now at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov); call the 24-hour hotline at 1-888-DTV-2009; mail a coupon application to P.O. Box 2000, Portland OR 97208-2000; fax a coupon application to 1-877-DTV-4ME2.

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Current officers are:

Pres.- Nancy Mucker (NanMucker@gmail.com)

1st Vice Pres.- Katy Saunders  
(katy@hopkinssaunders.com)

2nd Vice Pres. - Carrie O'Shea  
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## Montclair Real Estate Values: So where are we now?

As homeowners, we have a lot of anxiety watching For Sale signs go up and stay up, reading newspaper reports of foreclosures and seeing values decline too rapidly to comprehend. Yes, even Realtors are trying to get a grasp on values which once were much easier to determine.

Montclair's variety of home values actually helps to insulate all the price ranges as larger homes in our neighborhood are unique, and smaller homes hold value as people stay put and decide to 'live with less'. We are seeing trends in three different price categories:

**Over 600K:** Montclair was 'discovered' in recent years by enterprising infill developers. So much of what we see on the market now is the fallout of the scrape frenzy. Our majestic, historic homes are holding sway with their values and some sales are even showing a 5-7% increase in value over the past year. But it's the developers who are learning some hard lessons. Fourteen speculation homes are currently on the market, and vacant, averaging 250 total days on market, so far. Prices for many of the new builds have dropped below a purchase price allowing any profit for the builders, and at least two are in pre-foreclosure stages or are foreclosed upon.



**300K-600K:** This price bracket has had increased competition as the normally higher-priced speculation homes are selling for hundreds of thousands of dollars less. This includes homes like 795 Poplar, a more than 4700 sq. ft. new-build, which recently sold for \$555,000, after having started at \$950,000 more than two years ago. Homes on the lower end of this spectrum may even be seeing slight increases. Overall, though, we've seen about a 5% decrease in this price range.

**Under 300K:** This is the price range getting hit the least, in our neighborhood. With only eight foreclosures in this price range sold in the last year, these homes haven't felt the pinch as much as those in other neighborhoods. Five foreclosed properties are currently on the market. Though the developers, as purchasers, have all but gone away, Montclair has held value in this price category, in part because of our schools.

Need to expand? Don't worry, you're in the driver's seat. You may take a small hit on the sale of your less-expensive home but you'll save far more on the purchase of a larger, more-expensive home. Not as easy to do in a hot market where you can't bargain on the home you're purchasing.

The good news is, we live in an area that can't be recreated. Montclair is unique and finite. If you sit tight, you'll have little to worry about. If you want to move, Montclair has held value better than most neighborhoods and springtime should bring us all back on the upswing.

If you'd like to read more about Montclair's real estate, please visit: [www.80220realestate.com](http://www.80220realestate.com).

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## Recipe Box by Gail Barry

### 7 Bean Soup

This a vegetarian soup that my family loves even though we are a bunch of meat eaters. It is nutritious and relatively inexpensive. It can have many variations so be creative.

Soak ... cup of each of the following dry legumes in 1 1/2 quarts of water overnight: small white soup beans, black beans, lima beans, pinto beans, red kidney beans, lentils, green split peas. Feel free to substitute other varieties but leave in some kind of lentils or peas to provide a thickening effect. They next day cook legumes in a pot on low heat until close to done (approximately one hour) or in a pressure cooker for 20 minutes. In a separate pot cook the following coarsely chopped vegetables until almost done but still crisp: 1 c onion, 1 c green pepper, 1/2 c celery, 1/2 c carrots, 1/2 c parsley, 1 clove garlic combined with 5 cups water and 2 T butter. Feel free to add more vegetables or substitute others as desired. Combine beans and vegetables and add the following: 2 bay leaves, 1/4 t marjoram, 1/4 t basil, a pinch of savory and thyme, 12 veggie soup cubes (Telma brand is best) and 1 cup coarsely chopped tomatoes. Simmer for approximately 20 minutes. Good served with open faced toasted cheese sandwiches. Serves approximately 6- 10, depending on size of bowl.

### Brown Sugar Almond Bars

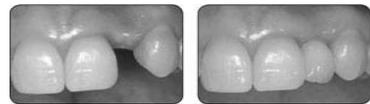
These are delicious. Be careful not to overcook/burn them.

Cream together 1/2 c butter or margarine & 1/2 c powdered sugar, add 1 c flour. When combined, press into the bottom of a 9 x 9 x 2inch baking pan and bake at 350 degrees F for 12-15 minutes. Melt 3 T butter or margarine, add 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1 T water and 3/4 t of lemon juice. Bring to a boil stirring constantly on the stove or in microwave, stirring every few minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1 t of vanilla and 3/4 c of sliced almonds. Spread over cooked base in baking pan and return to the oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Cool, cut into rectangles while still warm. Makes approximately 2 dozen.

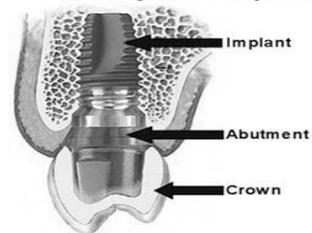
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## From Our Archives - 1982

In the fall of 1982, the Montclair Community Association\* announced its 10th Annual Great Debate would be held October 4th at Montclair Elementary School, 1151 Newport St., beginning at 7:30 p.m. Here's how the newsletter promoted the event:

"The Governor of Colorado, the Honorable Richard Lamm, the incumbent, will debate John Fuhr, the challenger. Each will have seven minutes to define their positions, four minutes to rebut the charges of their opponent, and two minutes to charm and amaze you succinctly with their eloquent summaries.

"And there is more, reports debate chairman Ralph Nordhauser. The fearless Arch Decker challenges the Honorable Pat Schroeder, incumbent, for U.S. Congress. This pair will have a similar amount of your precious time to sway, capture, captivate, convince and dazzle you with their prodigious prose and promises.

"A diversion: the Honorable William H. McNichols, Jr., a devout member of the Montclair Community Association, will present the Association's annual award to the outstanding neighborhood business establishment.

"Other verbal jousts will feature candidates for the Colorado General Assembly: Jerry Kopel, the incumbent, vying with Bill Plachte, the challenger.

"Also scheduled are brief appearances, and perhaps some modest phrases, from candidates for Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and Attorney General. Finally, proponents and opponents of the initiative issues will attempt to win your vote for or against wine in the supermarkets and mandatory deposits for beverage containers. This will conclude the speakers. You will then be given the opportunity to chat and question the candidates.

"Mark you calendars and plan to arrive early for this meeting which draws people from all over the city.

"See you there "

Ralph Nordhauser, Chairman  
Nancy Lacey, Co-Chairperson  
Joe Reynolds, Co-Chairman

"Before becoming the Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc. in 1990, we were the Montclair Community Association.

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### AN INVITATION

FOR CHILDREN: Put on your costume, your mask  
And your wig  
And come to the party to the party to meet  
MR. BIG  
When: Friday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.  
Where: Montclair Methodist Church  
(12th and Newport (downstairs))

Guest of Honor: MR. BIG, THE GREAT PUMPKIN

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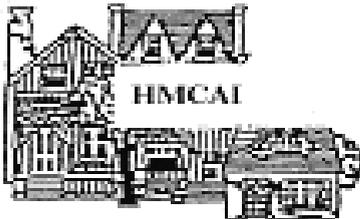
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