

BARCROFT NEWS

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Bike Helmet/No Smoking Enforcement for Kids

The Arlington County Police have begun a new enforcement program emphasizing the importance of bike helmets and the dangers of smoking by minors.

For just over a year now, we have had a county ordinance requiring all bicycle riders aged 14 and younger to wear approved bike helmets. The officers have been talking about this in the schools and on bike patrol and have been giving out numerous warnings. It is now time for enforcement of this law. Officers will be writing tickets to offenders, who will be summoned to Juvenile Court on the third Wednesday of each month at 3 PM. These juveniles will have to be accompanied to court by a parent. At this hearing the offenders will receive a bicycle helmet presentation and an additional warning from the court. If they should come back to court again, the court may begin imposing \$25 fines.

A second emphasis of this enforcement program will be the enforcement of possession of smoking products by minors. The officers assigned to the schools will issue a summons to offenders for the same court date as the helmet

violations (third Wednesday of each month), when the court will present an antismoking program. Other officers will participate in this program, but the primary enforcers will be the Community Resources Officers.

OCTOBER MEETING: Candidates Night

The October meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League will be our traditional Candidates Night gala. Save Thursday, October 6, to meet the candidates for County Board, School Board and Commonwealth's Attorney (including Barcrofter Dick Trodden). There are five candidates for the School Board race, so this is a full night and we'll start promptly at 7:30 PM. We limit the candidate's stump-speech time and restrict the questions to Barcroft residents, so you'll be able to ask your question directly! The meeting will be at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street.

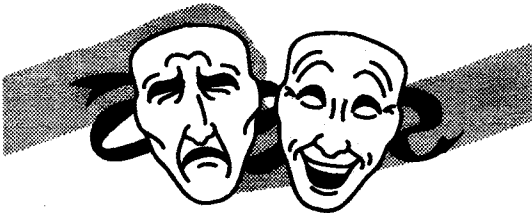
And an advance notice on our November meeting: Post Office Station Master for Barcroft James Brown will be here to talk about your postal service.

One-Act Play Marathon

by Barbara Swart

Uh, oh. Did you miss it again? The Second Annual One-Act Play Marathon was held at Lubber Run over the Labor Day weekend. It seemed that more people attended this year than last, so maybe the word is getting around. I saw a number of Barcrofters there. With so many people out of town for the holiday, the attendance was impressive—and with good reason.

The marathon is put on by the New Works Theatre and showcases new plays—in this case, one-act plays. Most are about 30 minutes, so people can come and go at Lubber Run without the hassle of scheduling in advance, dressing up, or finding a babysitter. And of course, this



Labor Day cooperated by having some of the most beautiful weather in a long time.

I saw three plays, all of very good quality. *Elegy* is a sensitive exploration of unrequited love, with Terry McKinstry doing a wonderful job of acting the lead role. The relationship between the two protagonists is built carefully, layer by layer, until the final realization that they will never really understand each other.

I felt *Dying Embers*, although certainly provocative, was too obvious for my taste. (Although not so to my two companions, who thought it very good). The play, which takes

place sometime in the future, follows the story of the last man on earth after a victorious female revolution destroys all men.

The last play that I saw, *Asking for It*, was a hilarious send-up of political correctness in the sexual revolution. Well written, well acted, well staged, it had the audience engaged from start to finish. We'll be anxious to hear more from playwright Richard Rashke in the future.

Unfortunately I was only able to view three of the plays presented in the marathon. I'm looking forward to next year—see you there!

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Welcome!

The *Barcroft News* is your neighborhood newsletter, first published in 1907 and produced by the Barcroft School and Civic League (BSCL). You live in Barcroft if your home is in the area bounded by Arlington Blvd., George Mason Dr., Columbia Pike, and Four Mile Run.

For many years Arlington has been organized into neighborhood civic associations to make local decisions and give advice to the Arlington County Board. The BSCL is one of those associations. In 1908 the League's members built the Barcroft Community House at 800 S. Buchanan St.

The League is active on local issues, such as street lights, traffic signals, potholes, sidewalk repairs, parks, and building permits. It also represents the neighborhood on broader issues, such as the future of Arlington Hall, neighbor-

hood conservation, and the renewal of Columbia Pike. Interested neighbors provide the League's vitality, so if you want to change this little corner of the world just come to the next meeting or pick up your phone and call anyone listed in this newsletter. We're your neighbors, and we really do want to hear from you. You can make a difference in Barcroft.

The BSCL meets at the Barcroft Community House (up the hill from Roy Rogers) on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are small and friendly and feature a speaker on a topic of neighborhood interest.

To contribute articles, want ads, artwork, cartoons, or just plain advice to this newsletter, call anyone on the newsletter staff. We hope you enjoy the *Barcroft News*. If you do, please send in your dues of \$2 per person with the coupon on the back cover.



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St. Thomas More School 50th Anniversary

by Mary Anne O'Rourke

October marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Saint Thomas More Cathedral School. STM is the Roman Catholic parish serving Barcroft and neighboring communities. The weekend of Oct. 7-9 will mark the start of a year-long celebration of the momentous event.

STM began with kindergarten but quickly grew, in the early '50s, to a student population of 1,600. (Some of us remember 60 students in a single classroom!) Currently STM's enrollment is 460 in grades K-8 with full-day kindergarten. Perhaps you have seen the STM Barcrofters in their navy blue uniforms selling candy bars. This is not a new sight; Barcrofters have sent children to STM from the beginning. Long-time resident Ellen Chalmers remembers a time when a school bus picked up her children. No longer! Now moms and dads can be seen piling children into cars every morning for the 8:08 school opening! You can also see our upper-classmen mowing lawns, babysitting for free, or making sandwiches for Lazarus at the Gate as part of their community service projects.

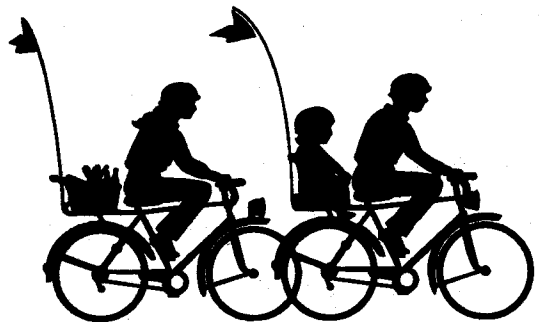
On the afternoon of Oct. 7, a special assembly with members of the first graduating class will kick off the celebration. The children of STM are preparing a Time Capsule to bury for the next 50 years. Saturday, Oct. 8, begins the Octoberfest with games, crafts, and food from noon to 8 PM, followed by a dance for the adults from 8 till midnight. All current, past, and future STM grads are welcome, and all Barcrofters are welcome anytime!

Please come and help us celebrate St. Thomas More's membership in our Barcroft community.

Safety Classes Offered

by Kathy Kerr

The Arlington County Police Department sponsors free monthly classes on "Personal Safety" and "Senior Safety." Detectives teaching these classes offer tips on how to stay safe while traveling to and from work, how to protect your belongings, and what to do when confronted by an assailant, among other topics. The classes are held at the Arlington Central Library and are offered during the day as well as in the evening. Call 358-4330 for more information.



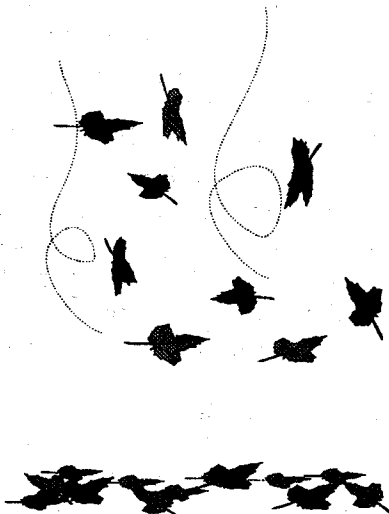
Heart Fund Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help collect contributions in Barcroft and adjoining neighborhoods during the annual Heart Fund drive in February. These funds are used mainly to support research on heart and circulatory diseases, which continue to be the number one killer everywhere in the United States. To volunteer call our local American Heart Association chairman, Dick Williams, at 521-0731.

Unitarian Church Dedication

by Carol Hopper

On October 2, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington will hold dedication ceremonies for the new addition. The ceremonies commence with a 3:30 PM procession from the 1948 auditorium, Reeb Hall, to our new facilities. Barcroft neighbors are cordially invited to join in the festivities, tour the building, and enjoy refreshments.



Barcroft Babysitters

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Kathy Kerr, licensed family day care provider, part time only, 892-6458

Stacy Kyle, 15 years old, 9th grade, S. 6th St., American Red Cross Babysitting Certification, 486-0019

Terri Lahlou, 29 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565 (home), 527-8484 (work)

Liza Lord, 14 years old, American Red Cross Babysitting course, 892-2443

Sasha Lord, 12 years old, Mother's Helper—will entertain children while mother is at home, 892-2443

Anne Roningen, 14 years old S. 9th St., 521-1451

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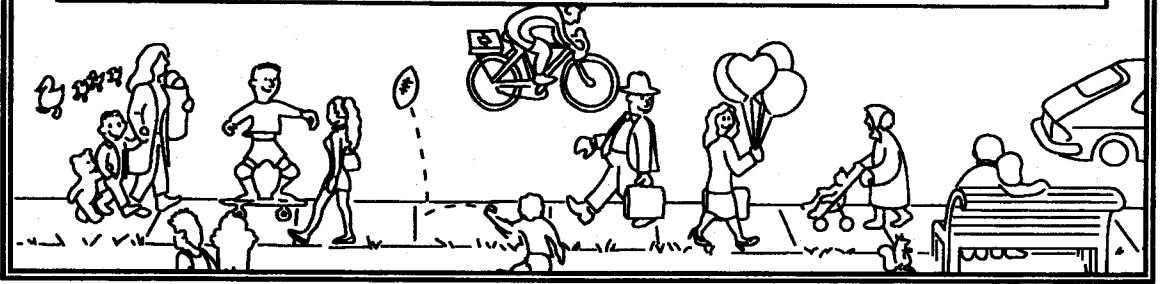
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Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Whoops! I never did write about my new little neighbor Ryan Dowdell born December 9, 1993. Ryan lives on 5th St. with his parents, Tom and Lisa Dowdell, and big sister, Samantha (Sammi). Sammi is now 2 years old and is just getting started at the Arlington Unitarian Preschool. The Dowdells also have a darling little Yorkshire terrier named Josie.

Ryan's dad, Tom, is a health care attorney who spends much of his spare time out working on his lawn or in his garden. Lisa is a mother-at-home. They all enjoy biking.

Little Ryan is well known for his copper-penny-colored hair and his adorable smile!

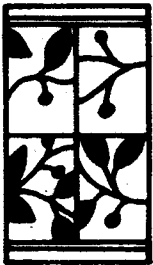
Congratulations to Mark and Lisa Rom, who became the proud parents of Christopher Linfield Rom on June 23, 1994. The Rom family lives on 3rd St. Mark is a professor of public policy and political science at the Georgetown Graduate School of Public Policy. Lisa will soon be returning to work at the National Science Foundation, where she manages a fleet of vessels involved with oceanographic research all over the world.

Mark rides his bike to work each day (and wears a bike helmet). He also loves to play tennis. They both enjoy hiking and camping. Before little Christopher was born, Mark and Lisa sailed each Wednesday, serving as crew for a friend with a racing ship on the Chesapeake. They were also the publishers of the *Barcroft News*. But right now the Roms are enjoying slowing down with the baby.

Lisa is frequently seen out for a walk with Christopher, and as a result she knows just about everybody with a new baby in Barcroft!

Barcroft Kids on TV!

Tuesday, August 27, was a very exciting day for three Barcroft children who got to see them-



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Col. Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
	10/15 ARLINGTONS BARBERSHIP SHOW, "CABARET" STYLE, 8 PM, Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., 527-6195.					
2	3 MUHATMA GHANDI'S BIRTHDAY	4 National Fire Prevention Week	5 Orienteering, 3-4:30 PM, Long Branch Nature Center, grades 4-5; reservations, 358-6535.	6 BSCL Meeting, 7:30 PM, 800 S. Buchanan. Call 521-0825 for info.	7	8
9 Fall Foliage Walk, 1-3 PM, Long Br Nature Center, adults; reservations, 358-6535.	10 COLUMBUS DAY (Observed)	11	12	13	14	15 Fall Plant Walk, 2-4:30 PM, LBNC, adults; reserv., 358-6535. National Grouch Day
16	17	18 Natural Recyclers, 4-5:30 PM, LBNC, grades 1-3; reserv., 358-6535.	19 Art of Mask Making (Pt. 1), 3-5 PM, LBNC, grades 3-5; reserv., 358-6535.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Art of Mask Making (Pt. 2), 3-4 PM, LBNC, grades 3-5; reserv., 358-6535.	27	28	29
30 Daylight Savings Time Ends	31 HALLOWEEN					

selves on TV. The children were on *Good Morning America*, a two-hour morning news and entertainment program on ABC (Channel 7). That day, the show featured a special back-to-school theme. One segment was devoted to bilingual education. A number of Barcroft children attend Arlington's Key School Spanish Immersion program. The children were filmed at a simulated school day in July. Despite hours and hours of filming, the segment was only about 4 min-

utes long. However, our Barcroft kids were easy to spot! Cecelia Cackley, Lauren Wilson, and Caroline Kerr got to have their day of fame. Also seen in the segment was parent Florence Brodkey. Relatives from around the country also enjoyed seeing the show.

If you'd like to see the clip, stop by my house on Abingdon St. I've got it ready for any willing eyes!

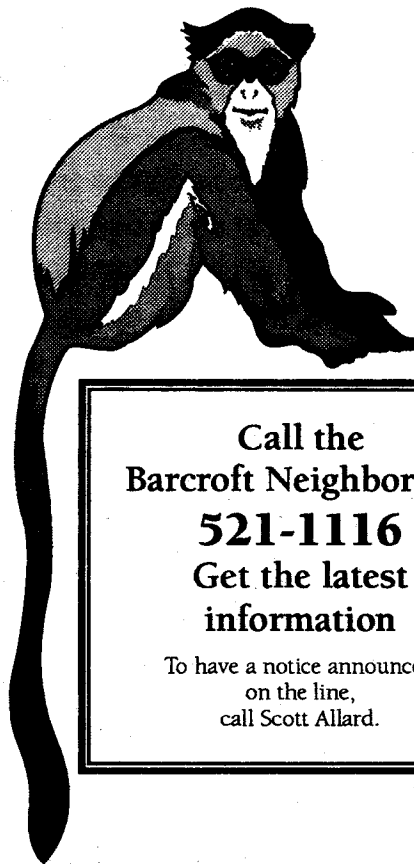
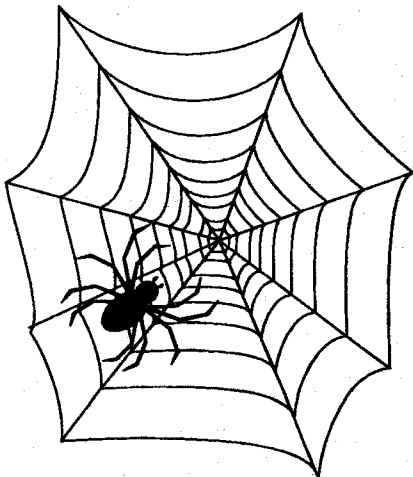
Got an Item for the Barcroft News?

We know there are lots of closet writers out there who would like to share their opinions, tips, and knowledge with the neighborhood. The problem is, to whom do you send what? Herewith, the list:

- ✎ **Letters to the editor**—Sara Leigh Merrey, 4669 4th St. S.
- ✎ **Articles, notices of events, etc.**—Randy Swart, 4611 7th St. S.
- ✎ **Commercial display and classified ads, Barcroft Exchange noncommercial ads**—Marcia Oresky, 151 S. Pershing Dr.

Now that you know *where* to send your material, you probably want to know *how* we want it? Basically, in any format you want to use. You can write it neatly by hand, type it on a typewriter, copy it onto your DOS or Mac diskette (either 5¼" or 3½"; high, low, or double density), or send it over the modem (call first).

We really do welcome unsolicited material. If you have an idea you'd like to discuss first, call Randy or Sara Leigh.



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A Note on Telephone Numbers

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Membership Dues Due

Our September meeting began the new membership year for the Barcroft School and Civic League. Last year we set a new record for paid memberships—573. The BSCL also received many generous donations in addition to the dues. We thank everyone who contributed some extra dollars. They will come in handy this year, as the community house will have to undergo some repairs.

Dues for the BSCL are still a bargain at \$2 per person (\$4 for a couple). Please bring your dues to the next meeting or send a check payable to the Barcroft School and Civic League, to Kathryn Villegas, Membership Secretary, 4301 Columbia Pike, #533, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

Barcroft Exchange

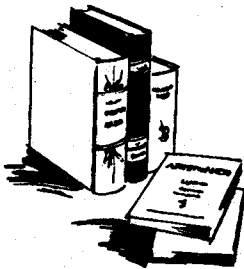
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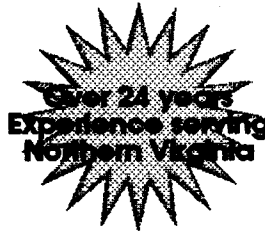
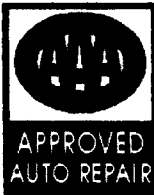
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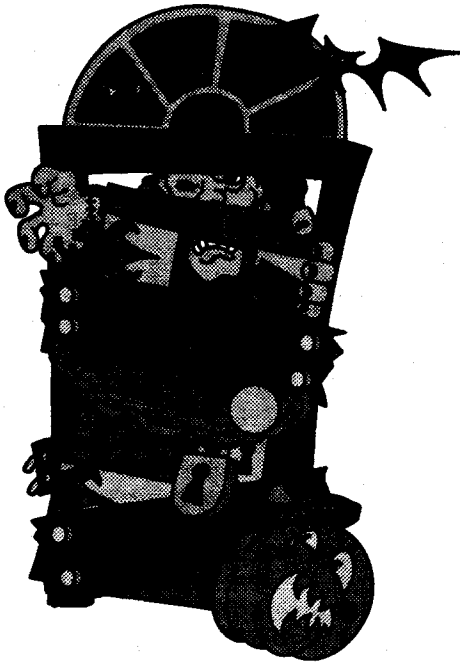
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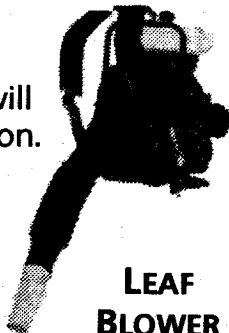
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