—MTA unveils

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"Baltimore Uproar" is the third mosaic work for Bearden. The other two are in schools in the Bronx and Starratt City, N.Y.

He is currently working on a fourth mosaic for a soon to be opened new college in the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

Visual art is one of Bearden's many interest in life. He admitted a secret past desire to be a jazz composer and jokingly reminised about the time a close friend read some of his compositions and suggested he "stick to painting."

But the fascination for jazz is still there and periodically pops up in some of his pieces. In the section of the brightly colored mosaic featuring the piano player a piece of the sheet music can be seen floating in the background.

Bearden's knowledge of music led him to incorporate a section of the late great Duke Ellington's famous piece, "Take the A Train." With the permission of "the Duke's" sister Ruth, Bearden included this passage by one of his favorite composers.

The art panel stipulated to each artist that their works must be designed to last at least a hundred years. Bearden said the mosaic will last as long as the pyramids of Egypt or as long as there are eyes to see."

Widely known for his collage pieces, Bearden said he chose a mosaic for the subway because he felt it would be able to stand the test of time.

"A mosaic can take rain or be hosed down. There are mosaics in the near east that have lasted at least 1500 years," he added.

Bearden also said that a mosaic would not require as much light to be seen as would other mediums. And such is the case, for even 90 feet beneath the busy streets, close to the earth's core, Bearden's "Baltimore Uproar" glistens with its delicate use of rich blues and shy pinks.

But even in artistic creations, "Murphy's Law" sometimes intervens. Bearden hesitantly revealed the fact that the keys of the piano in the mosaic had been laid backwards.

He explained it as a technical error that transpired during the actual transferring of the piece from paper to tile. Otherwise flawless, the mosaic captures the classic ambiance of the jazz era that many Baltimoreans long to revisit.

Originally from Charlotte, N.C., Bearden as a child frequently spent time in Baltimore and Lutherville, Md. with his grandfather.

His interest in art developed after World War II, and in the 1930' he was a staff political cartoonist for the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper. Bearden now spends his time between New York City and St. Martin's in the Virgin Islands.

A product of the Robert Motherwell abstract school of expressionism, Bearden is in his Long Island City studio every weekday morning by 9:30 a.m.

He said however that he rests on the weekends to do other things like reading and relaxing, and taking in art shows at local galleries.

Another feather in her cap, Baltimore now joins the ranks of the Museum of Modern Art and numerous other galleries and private collections that have been bestowed the obvious privilege of housing a "Bearden."

—WEBB fights

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spots- talking with the powerful state senator in that area, Clarence Blount. Senator Blount hasn't committed himself as yet, but Robinson is working overtime to convince the senator that he understands politics and would be glad to work with Blount's Five and Five Democratic Club.

Robinson's law firm handles legal work for WEBB Radio. And Robinson has alread assured Mrs. Brunson that he will support her efforts to build the new station.

"I have looked at this problem carefully" he said. "It could be a viable communications service for the community, and would in no way hurt the neighborhood.

The Seton Industrial Park is an uninhabited area. The arguments against the tower are without merit."

Councilwoman Spector disagrees.

"I am not against Mrs. Brunson having a radio station that broadcasts for 24 hours," she said. "I'm against spot zoning.

"I don't believe the council should make exceptions to zoning ordinances, whether the business is owned by a male or female, black or white," Spector added.

"This is not a racial issue and it's not a political issue. It's a zoning issue. Some people have chosen to make it a racial issue and a political issue for their own selfish purposes.

"I'm sick of people saying a white councilperson cannot represent black people. That's a bunch of crap. The black members of the council are good, but there are a lot of white council members who are just as good and I'm one of them," she said.

Asked whether the WEBB radio issue might cost her a seat on the council next year, she said, "If my refusal to vote for spot zoning means I'll lose my seat, then I'll at least go down with my political integrity intact."

Tessa Hill, an insurance executive who was instrumental in Delegate James Campbell's upset victory in the 42nd Legislative Distrist last year, said she has questioned Spector about sticking with an issue that represents a serious political threat.

"I believe Rikki would like to find a way to get out of this potentially damaging situation," Mrs. Hill said.

"But someone would have to convince Helena Hicks to back-off and let WEBB build that station. Hicks does not have anything to lose out of this. Spector and Waxter could lost a lot, " she added.

Mrs. Hill was able to get approximately 5,000 blacks in her district to support Delegate Campbell, a white candidate from Hampden.

Mrs. Hill has formed a new political club and says she will work to elect Robinson.

"I have to be for any candidate who's supportive of Mrs. Brunson and her long hard fight to build a new station.

"Tony Robinson lost four years ago because he wasn't able to put together enough whites to carry him over. I think Delegate Campbell will be able to help us in that regard," she said.

Mrs. Hill was an unsuccessful candidate for State Central Committee in last year's legislative election. She made an impressive showing but says her ultimate goal of getting Delegate Campblell elected was achieved.

—Legislative Roundup

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migrant workers to work at least 60 hours before they can be paid [illegible] by the Eastern Shore delegation. On the Eastern Shore, the vast majority of migrant workers are black.

The Black Caucus had not met and developed a strategy to oppose these bills in advance.

Del. Elijah Cummings led the effort to gain passage of H. B. 879 requiring [illegible] restraint devices in cars for infants and children up to five years of age. Cummings said accidents in autois the leading cause of death for children in that age group. Violators will be fined $25.

A bill that will soon be debated in the House is H. B. 871.

It is designed to strip the Human Relations Commission of jurisdiction over insurance discrimination cases. What prompted the introduction of the bill was a commission finding that the life insurance company was discriminating in its sale of insurance

—Rev. Ceaser opens

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our schools and our churches and you will destroy us. " Whenever a problem arises that cannot be solved successfuly within the local congregation, the guidance and advice of Christian leaders should be sought because this is the insturction that the word of God gives for such matters."

—New redistricting

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The new redistricting plan actually is an alteration of the mayor's Jan. 26 submission, but with major changes introduced Monday by Kweisi Mfume (4th district) and John Schaefer (1st district).

Similar to the so called "Green Plan" devised by political analyst William Lunsford Council bill 1486 will shift two white Hamden precincts from the fifth to the fourth district, and leave a heavily black lower Park Heights precinct in the fifth.

The shifts will mean an increase of 2,000 black voters into the fifth district and a loss of nearly 3,000 white voters in the fifth, according to Mfume's projections.

The plan also will restore to the second district from the first several East Baltimore precincts which lie in the shadow of the City Jail and the Maryland Penitentiary.

It will also keep in the third district three Northwest Baltimore precincts near Memorial Stadium. The mayor's plan would have shifted the precincts, areas of growing black political strength, into the already predominately black second district.

Lunsford attributed the coalition's assemblage to the political diplomacy of second district Councilman Nathaniel McFadden. The assemblage galvanized the Council's black members plus Mary Pat Clarke (2nd district) and first district colleagues Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro and Schaefer.

Asked to detail his role in assembling the coalition before Thursday's meeting began McFadden declined to comment. Instead he only smiled before hurrying off to another informal conference.

Don Hammen, who had gone along with his first district fellows Monday in voting for the Mfume and Schaefer amendments, defected from the coalition Thursday.

But the assemblage was able to prevent their opponents from mustering 10 votes and asserting themselves.

The coalition was forced to stave off a parade of amendments offered by fifth district councilpersons Tom Waxter and Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Tim Murphy (6th district) and Frank Gallagher (3rd district).

The proposed amendments dealt largely with keeping certain neighborhoods united, including sections of Reservoir Hill, Ten Hills, and Poppleton.

But coalition members steadfastly opposed any amendments, calling them a Pandora's box that would require 15 votes for adoption and threaten the plan as a whole.

Mrs. Clarke played a key role in resisting the proposed amendments. At one point she reminded councilmembers of the ill-fated 1976 rent control bill and attributed its defeat to amendments which factionalized its support.

Ironically the adopted plan will make Clarke's second district, now 70 percent black, even blacker and threaten her chances for re-election should she seek her seat again.

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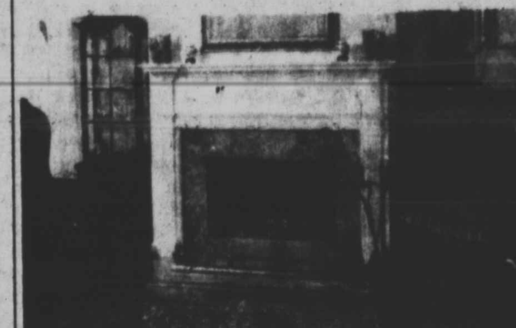

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A native Washingtonian, Francis is a 1944 graduate of the United States Military Academy and holds a M.B.A. from Syracuse University.

Retiring from the Army in 1965, he held top management positions in the publishing and printing industries.

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Mrs. Brent, of the 2800 block West Lafayette Avenue died March 21 at Johns-Hopkins Hospital.

Born in Virginia, she was formerly employed as a domestic worker. She is survived by two sons, Everette Wilson, Samuel Wilson, one daughter, Lela Henderson; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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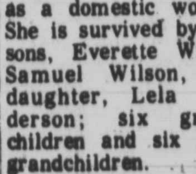

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CRIME DISPATCH

Accused rapist's statement cannot be used in court

ROCKVILLE — A Montgomery County judge Wednesday ruled that a damaging statement made by Timothy Buzbee, the suspected "Aspen Hill rapist," cannot be used in court.

Circuit judge William Miller said Buzbee had requested a lawyer before making the statement.

Detective David Hutchison said he told Buzbee Nov. 5, the night of the suspect's arrest, that he had been "a bitch to catch," and that Buzbee replied, "was I that hard to catch?"

Buzbee testified his statement was taken out of context, that he was referring to remarks by police that he drove with a "lead foot."

Buzbee also said police told him just prior to the statement that he had been under surveillance for two weeks.

Buzbee, 26, and his father, a former Rockville city attorney now practicing real estate, testified Wednesday to bolster defense attempts to suppress the statement that was revealed in testimony Tuesday.

Buzbee's father, William, 49, who lives in Aspen Hill, testified that his son refused to sign a formal police questionaire until he advised him to do so.

He also said his son sought other legal advice from him the night of his arrest.

Buzbee is charged with five sexual assaults in the Aspen Hill area of Montgomery County in 18 months. He goes to trial Monday on robbery charges and successive trials are scheduled every two weeks thereafter on other charges against him.

Buzbee, the father of two small children and former Aspen Hill resident, lived in Frederick at the time of his arrest. He was a real estate surveyor in Gaithersburg.

Goldseker Foundation grants reach $5 million

The Trustees and Selection Committee of the Goldseker Foundation have announced the authorization of 12 new grants, totalling $408,500, to Baltimore-area nonprofit organizations.

The awards bring the foundation's total grants to $5 million, $1.1 million in the current fiscal year.

Dr. Timothy Armbruster, Executive Director, emphasized the fact that the Foundation's activities reach a wide variety of neighborhoods and organizations.

"If you look at this latest round of grants," he pointed out, "you'll see programs from South, Southeast and West Baltimore, Govans, Waverly, and so on. Our summer youth employment grants, when they're awarded, will also go to a number of neighborhood - based organizations.

"A $25,000 grant which doesn't appear in the following list has also been awarded "to plan and put in place a civic leadership development program. When it's announced, this program should attract participants citywide from throughout the private, nonprofit sector," Armbruster said.

To provide education and small business loans, a grant of $50,000 over three years was awarded to the North Greenmount Community Development Federal Credit Union.

The grant will be made in the form of a refundable, nonmember deposit with the 6 percent annual interest assigned to the community development arm of the credit union.

The credit union serves Waverly and four surrounding neighborhoods and was created in response to the unavailability of loan funds to low income residents, serious housing problems and the absence of a local community development organization.

For the second year, the Foundation is joining in partnership with corporations, other nonprofit organizations and the City of Baltimore to provide summer jobs for economically disadvantaged young people.

A grant of $60,000 will be divided in competition among six or more neighborhood organizations, each designing a program based on the specific needs of its community.

The foundation's grant is expected to create approximately 85 jobs and is part of a campaign by private nonprofit organizations to create 350 youth jobs this summer.

Man sentenced in wife's shooting

ROANOKE, VA. — Arthur David Fridley was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday after changing his pleaa from innocent to guilty in connection with the shooting death of his 74-year-old common law wife.

Fridley, 52, said it was love at first sight when he met Lelia Wade 12 years ago. He said he quit his job as a truck driver to help Wade take care of her invalid husband.

Fridley, in changing his plea Tuesday, said he became depressed and shot Wade after he discovered she had been seeing another man for two years.

He orginally had pleaded guilty to the October murder, but then changed his plea to innocent after saying the shooting was accidental.

Raid nets $20,000 in stolen goods

An early morning raid Wednesday on a private home in Seat Pleasant netted $20,000 worth of property thought to be stolen from homes in Prince George's County and the District of Columbia, police said.

Prince George's County police spokesman Ron Smith said detectives searched the home about 5 a.m. and found stereo equipment and video casette recorders believed stolen in residential burglaries in the area.

No arrests were made, but Smith said charges are pending and "expected in the near future."

Smith said the property was held at the Seat Pleasant District police station, but would be released to the owners as soon as possible.

Red Cross Donor Dash April 17

The second annual Red Cross Donor Dash will be Sunday, April 17, at Lake Montebello.

The Donor Dash consists of a 5K foot race at 9 a.m., at which Johnny Unitas will officiate. A celebrity team relay will start at 10 a.m. and a City- County battle over the famous Jones Fall Jug at 11 a.m.

A unique feature of the 5K race is the entry requirement. Each participant in the 5K race must pledge a blood donation of his own or that of a sponsor.

No other fee is required. All ages are welcome to particpate in the Donor Dash, but the actual blood donors must be between the ages of 17 and 66 and weigh at least 110 pounds.

The 5K foot race runs along a route near lake Montebello.

The celebrity team competition is a fun-run using tiny wheel barrows and empty blood shipment boxes. The teams will be composed of well known personalities from the media, show business and pro sports.

The length of the relay will be 100 yards.

The third event will feature the City and County, competing for the famous Jones Falls jug, a granite and glass "monument" taken right from the falls. Possession of the jug has been fought over many times in the past.

The first 300 finished of the 5K race will be given a Donor Dash T-shirt.

Honorary chairman Johnny Unitas also will award a pewter bowl to the first place winner of the 5K race.

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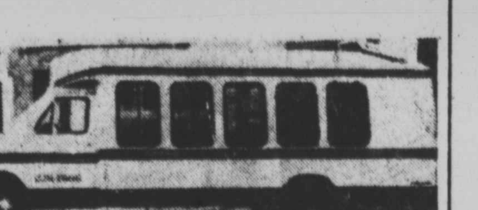

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