—Monk

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musician who became widely celebrated in the mid - 1950s.

One of his boyhood idols was Louis Armstrong and the major influences on his work were music greats such as Earl "Fatha" Hines, Art Tatum, Fats Waller and Duke Ellington.

The composer of "Round Midnight" was a distinguished - looking man who wore a black Van Dyke beard that sometimes gave him a ferocious appearance.

Yet he was known to be a gentle man who gave wise counsel.

Monk was the most imaginative pianist in the postwar modern jazz movement.

He was temperamental and controversial. Sometimes he would arrive late for a performance. There were nights when he would stop playing in the middle of a composition and walk off the concert stage.

Despite his unpredictable behavior, Monk was admired by his contemporaries and hailed as one of the finest musicians in modern jazzdom.

He moved away from polyphony, but avoided cacophony. His music generally was cerebral — not the kind of sound that generated toe - tapping, hand - waving or foot - stomping.

Monk was fortunate in being asked to play in bands headed by the giants of the new jazz — Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and Kenny Clarke — by such veterans of traditional band music as Coleman Hawkins and Lucky Millinder. But it was not until the mid - 1950s that he won recognition on his own.

The first Monk compositions that enjoyed moderate success, "Ruby, My Dear" and "Round Midnight," were ballads. His later works were more complicated musically, especially "Epistrophy," "Blue Monk" and "Off Minor." He composed more than 70 numbers for records.

He preferred to work with small combos, leading a trio. In 1959, however, he led a large band in a concert at New York's Town Hall. He played with and led a quartet that included John Coltrane at the Five Spot Cafe in New York.

Monk recorded with outstanding musicians of the modern jazz era — Gerry Mulligan, Clark Terry, Sonny Rollins, Gillespie, Miles Davis, Charlie Christian and Milt Jackson.

He lived in Weehawken, NJ He was born Oct. 10, 1920 in Rural Rocky Mount, NC.

—Con man

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The Garrison Blvd., house became the center of attention in May 1978 when the AFRO learned Rhodes allegedly talked several residents out of some $3,000 by offering to rent the occupied house to them.

Baltimore police report Rhodes approached seven persons through an agent between Oct. 3, 1977 and Jan. 14, 1978 offering to rent the house while it was occupied.

The victims according to police reports, allegedly paid Rhodes between $175 and $1,000 to rent the house.

One Baltimore victim paid $1,000 as a down payment to buy the house.

The real estate agent Rhodes worked through in Baltimore was not charged. However, warrants charging Rhodes with false pretense had been issued.

According to Baltimore city Detective Richard Hite, who was in charge of the 1978 case against Rhodes, "officials in the state's attorney's office said there was no money to send Hite to Seattle to arrest Rhodes.

Rhodes, was employed as a sales trainee for the Xerox Corporation in Seattle in 1978. He allegedly was charged with two counts of false pretense one in 1972 and the other in 1976.

When the AFRO contacted Detective Hite this week, the detective said, "I feel justice has been done. It was not done in Baltimore and the people here did not get their money back. If he every comes back to Baltimore, I will serve the warrants we have on file."

The AFRO learned most of the Baltimore victims were women and one of the women had been to Seattle trying to get her money back from Rhodes.

Rhodes has been described by victims and police as an attractive, extremely convincing personality with a special appeal to women.

Community Calendar

Dr. J. Tyson Tildon, Director of Pediatric Research Laboratories at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will give a lecture to the Community College of Baltimore's Science Club Friday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.

The lecture, to occur at the Liberty Heights Campus in Room 201N, will be about Dr. Tildon's most recent finding on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

For more information, call Ms. Harris at 396-7884.

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The Women's Workshop in Self-Discovery, a noncredit personal, career and educational exploration course designed for adult women, will be offered during the Spring Semester at Harford Community College.

Conducted by Norma McDonald, an experienced counselor, the course includes vocational testing, educational and career planning and a small group personal development unit.

The tuition cost of $25 includes all materials.

The Women's Workshop in Self-Discovery meets Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon, through May 13 in Maryland Hall, Room 18, on the HCC campus.

For further information, call the office of continuing education, 836-4376 or 879-8920, ext. 376.

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During economic downturns, many of the unemployed resort to operating businesses from their homes.

Because of their limited size, these businesses often have difficulty publicizing their products and services. The QEW Corp., a Baltimore-based advertising agency, is assisting small home run businesses by publishing "The Baltimore Home Business Directory."

Listings in the directory are open to all one and two person enterprises.

The directory is expected to be delivered to 10,000 homes in Baltimore City and County during the third week of February.

Businesses in the directory will get the exposure necessary for a small business' survival. Interested parties should contact QEW Corp.

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Catonsville Community College, 800 S. Rolling Road, Catonsville, is offering the following credit-free courses:

"Special Event Fund Raising" is a new course offered by CCC and is designed to help non-profit organizations plan and implement successful fund raising campaigns.

This one day course will give participants information that will enable them to handle any type of special event and will include practical suggestions on how to come up with ideas, how to structure an event for maximum success, how to work with volunteers, how to keep costs to a minimum and how to plan promotional activities.

The class will be Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the CCC main campus. Registration fee is $12.50.

For more information or to register, call the College office of Continuing Education at 455-4318.

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Other credit-free courses at CCC include: "Maryland Real Estate Principles and Practices," a comprehensive presentation of the real estate laws within the state. It will meet Monday through Friday, March 1 through 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The fee is $65.

"Property Taxes and Assessments," including tax exemptions and credits and collections, will meet Saturdays, begining March 13, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Fee is $9.

"Buying and Selling a home," information about finances and contracts, will meet Tuesdays, March 16 through 30, from 7 until 9 p.m. The fee is $11.

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People with first-aid knowledge, nurses, medical technologists, paramedics and emergency medical technicians are invited to help at the Catonsville Community College Health Fair scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at the college, 800 S. Rolling Road.

Any time donated between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. will be appreciated, Alice Spurrier, CCC nurse and organizer of the Health Fair, said. Call her at 455-4307 or 455-4397 for more information or to volunteer.

—Drinking age

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Baltimore County delegate Paula Hollinger said her gun control bill attempts to exempt legitimate sportsmen, hunters and collectors, and judges would have the option of making exemptions to the mandatory sentence if the reasons are explained in writing.

One of the bill's co-sponsors, Del. Joan Pitkin, D-Prince George's, said many criminals admit they would not have killed if they had not had a handgun in their possession and they would not have carried a gun if they had known they faced a possible mandatory sentence.

The National Rifle Association and various gun club officials, however, oppose the Hollinger bill and others under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

—Last rites

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Police said the man had a .38 calibre gun against Butler's head and demanded he give him his money. The gunman forced Butler to walk up his front steps and told him to open his door.

Police said Mrs. Butler came to the door after she heard her son screaming, "Don't open the door." According to police, the gunman replied to the victim's mother, "Open the door or I'll kill him."

The robber moved his gun when Mrs. Butler opened the door and her son grabbed him. Police said the robber managed to hit Butler in the back of his head with the butt of the gun and he fell on the sidewalk.

The gunman shot Mrs. Butler in the chest, police said. He then jumped down the stairs, stepped over Butler on the sidewalk and took $90 from his pocket before he left the scene.

Mrs. Butler was the daughter of Lennie and Cornelia Hughes. She attended school in Roxboro, N. C. and married Calvin Butler in 1947.

She worked from her home assisting her husband in his roofing business. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, three sisters, and two brothers.

—City workers

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The same level of cutbacks would result in a $3 million loss to the City's coffers if 24 workers in metered parking control are layed off by the Transit and Traffic Department. Without the staff, who presently man these duties, millions would be lost ordinarily coming from citations and parking violations, according to the department's commissioner, Richard L. McCauley.

That department also would have to eliminate 100 traffic signals, saving about $100,000 in electricity costs. There would be no replacement of stolen and vandalized parking meters, saving the city $52,500.

Frank Battaglia's police department would face the elimination of 130 police vehicles if the department has to trim 12 percent from its budget.

Already suffering from federal cutbacks is the Department of Social Services, which chopped off $400,000 more than the ordered 12 percent.

Food stamp administration and the elimination of supportive services are programs effected.

If the Department of Public Works, which has not submitted its overall budget request as the above agencies have, trims its budget by the ordered 12 percent, city residents could witness a drop in street sweeping and no more bulk trash pickups.

Once the city agencies have submitted their budgets, the Department of Finance will makes its own recommendation on the agency's requests. That information will be then forwarded to the Board of Estimates by mid-April.

—MTA accidents

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Ned Moore, a MTA bus operator for 26 years, said he does not think the drivers are at fault. He blamed the accidents on "people rushing and not taking their time."

Close calls happen all the time, Moore said, but he has been lucky in that he has not been involved in any serious accidents involving passengers.

Harry Sterling, a union official representing MTA bus operators, said in spite of the recent rash of accidents, the MTA has "a low accident rate as compared to the national (bus) accident rate."

"We always tell our operators to be watchful for pedestrians," and these incidents are "very sad and unfortunate," Sterling said.

Denise Kent, a 24-year-old West Baltimore resident, said at first she thought one of the accidents, the Little incident, was the fault of the driver. She blamed carelessness on the part of operaters and passengers for the accident.

"Drivers can't see (on overcrowded busses) ... people are rushing," she said.

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