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CHRISTINA ROBB



Barbara Bush

An artist with street smarts

► Move over, Sidewalk Sam. John DeCunto, a post-pop expressionist artist, is going to produce a performance painting on a 10-by-8-foot canvas in the huge display windows of the Renjeau Galleries tomorrow night for Newbury Street's monthly First Thursday night celebration. The Galleries, at 201 Newbury St., are in the wide-windowed "caboose" section of the old Prince School. DeCunto will have great visibility as musicians and dancers model for him on the sidewalk beginning at about 6:30 p.m. The painting will be auctioned off as soon as it's finished - around 10 p.m. - and the proceeds will be donated to the Artists Foundation. On Tuesday DeCunto is invited to lunch at the White House with Barbara Bush. She invited him down after he donated a painting called "Illiteracy" to the White House in honor of her literacy campaign.