For All We Know

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City Editor

BREAKFAST at the Hecht Co. Courtyard Restaurant Nov. 25 opens the "Christmas with Love is Caring; 1975" project begun some time ago.

The angel designed and created by James Carter of the Chimes school for the Handicapped is now ready for you to purchase for tree decorations, displays or gift packages.

WATCH Tuesday's AFRO for more on this signal honor which has come to the 12-year-old child.

IN CONTRAST to the above worthy effort are the many Christmas items used at this time to "set the trap" for mothers and children as they look toward gift-giving.

PARENTS who have the daily problem of buying bare necessities for their youngsters are faced with trouble as they enter the very door of the supermarket or department store.

A PHONE CALL to this column asks us to do a little investigating.

THE SUNDAY 7 p.m. affair at Wilde Lake High School benefits Orchard Street Church, the old slave church which has the underground tunnel, that fantastic subterranean route dug by hand over 150 years ago.

APPEARING in an unprecedented program is the world-famed Alex Haley.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE Sunday, 2 p.m. at the 1827 N. Caroline St. home of equally as famous Mary Carter Smith will be covered by all the media including national TV.

SLATED soon are unprecedented features on the old church.

The events Sunday are due to receive such widespread notice that almost overnight Old Orchard Street Church will become the nationwide Bicentennial highlight.

THE VAST PROJECT, restoration to its original antiquity, will take place early 1976, under the Committee for the Restoration of Orchard Street Church Inc. headed by Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, wife of the late civil rights lawyer.

PRAISE IS DUE HUD Commissioner Robert C. Embry and Mayor Schaefer for standing by.

Thomas W. Davis, HUD chief of planning showed us the cornerstones in his office under lock and key. Certain papers were in the 1832 cornerstone and Mr. Davis is seeing that they are copies and possibly restored.

ORCHARD STREET CHURCH, 510 Orchard at Druid Hill, is the oldest building in Baltimore built by black citizens. Police patrol watches it every day and night since known persons have said they "think" some harm may come.

PLUMP CITIZENS should beware of Thanksgiving holiday fetes since fat has been touted more and more these days as the heart-trouble-causer. Latest warning against being chubby is the Women's Lib survey which claims fat ladies do not get jobs nor husbands.

School kids do not want a plump teacher so school systems do not hire them.

CELEBRATED ATHLETE and one of the old stars of the 40's, Chicago's Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe, is the honoree at the Dec. 2 classy banquet at the National Capitol Democratic Club. Chairmen are Judge and Mrs. L. Howard Bennett (the Fisk U trustee board chairman).

Also, Mrs. Christine Ray Davis, Mrs. Nettie Washington Davis, Attorney and Mrs. (Marjorie) V. Lawson and Hobart Taylor Jr., Herbert Sirott is treasurer for the $100-a-plate banquet.

WE KNOW of several talented persons who will have items ready for the Christmas in the Country holiday bazaar this coming Monday at Maryland General Hospital, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

IF YOU WANT unusual gifts at unusually low prices, go.

MORE HARD LIQUOR taxes are reported as collected in October than the same month, 1974. Motor vehicle authorities and state police report more accidents from drunken driving. Juvenile Court authorities credit drinking parents at the bottom of the countless problems youngsters have these days.

BEER, wine and tobacco revenues increased in Maryland this year, some 70 per cent more than 1974.

AT THE AIRPORT this week a city police officer's gun lit up the scanner. He was informed the weapon had to be left in the airport Police office or else he had to stay outside. Only Federal cops are allowed.

AIRLINES have cut down on many items including varied meals and free liquor for persons crossing the oceans.

NOT REPORTED generally are the hundreds of threats on his life now received by President Ford. They're on the increase, we read.

Richard Nixon is reported to have had over 200 death threats a day and we read that a former guard says that's the reason he kept shifting from Camp David to his Florida and California homes. The hide-and-seek game must have been nerve-killing his last days in the White House.

AGNEW is Scorpio. Nixon, a Capricorn, ran true to his sign which is the same for all in that sign. You know the rest . . . star-crossed.

THE MEDICAL WORLD recently said acupuncture is 99 per cent FAITH. Briefly, when the needle goes to the spot where the illness seems to be, your mind zeros in on it and having faith in the needle, your mind tells you all is well — not the needle's doings, they say.

THE MOON'S ECLIPSE Nov. 18 was a harbinger of the fine show the November and December skies are putting on. Look at Jupiter in the Southeast sky. It's like a big torchlight.

IT'S THAT TIME OF Year when the heavens tell the glory of the Maker soooooo, watch, wonder and realize how small we are and how great the Universe is. Shall we say that this was the time of year when the Wisemen watched the sky and then in late December saw an unusual one to follow?

VANDALS DAMAGED the old slave-built Orchard Street Church in 1973 and the 3-alarm fire destroyed some of its antiquity. However, Baltimore police, aware that there are some persons today who would not hesitate at further damage, are watching day and night. A list of suspects is in their hands. Extensive restoration plans are on the drawing board to prepare the church as a black history museum in the Bicentennial year, 1976. Tax-free gifts may be sent to Norman Ross, coordinator, P.O. Box, 13534, Baltimore, 21203.

Alcoholim board meeting

A meeting of Baltimore City Hospitals' new alcoholism advisory board will be held on Monday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospital's Volunteer Center, 4940 Eastern Ave.

The advisory board is open to community members interested in providing input into the Hospitals' alcoholism services.

Area persons interested should call James L. Clements at 396-8608.

Officer's condition 'poor'

Police are still looking for two thugs who robbed and shot 55-year-old Officer Francis Miller on his 3600 block Clifton Ave front porch last Saturday evening.

Lutheran Hospital authorities state the security officer remains in poor condition. Police state the victim was shot point blank in the right chest by one of the suspects.

The robbery bandits are described as between the ages of 24-28, one noticed as having a "rough face," about 5 ft. 10 ins. tall and wearing a light colored skull cap.

The 25-year-old veteran told investigators he got off from his car and was walking to his house when he heard a noise behind. As he turned around to investigate he was shot point blank in the chest.

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