

METROPOLITAN



Imam Mikal Shabazz of the American Muslim Mission talks with seniors of Barlow High School, Gresham, about Islam. The students are studying world religions. (Photo: Richard Brown)

SA handles emergency utility aid

The Salvation Army and two private utility companies have entered into agreements to assist people who need temporary, short-term help paying their winter heating bills. Portland General Electric Co. and Pacific Power and Light Co. recently presented The Salvation Army with seed money—\$75,000 apiece—for "Project HELP." Both utilities will ask the public to voluntarily contribute matching funds to help pay the energy costs of low-income households this winter. If both grants are maximized by public donations, up to \$300,000 will be available through the service. The agreement with PP&L termi-

nates May 15, 1983. The PGE agreement terminates July 1, 1983. Contributions to Project HELP can be made to local utility offices, which will in turn send the donations to their corporate headquarters. From there the funds will be directed to The Salvation Army, which becomes the administering agency. Funds should not be sent directly to The Salvation Army. Those seeking Project HELP assistance should contact Barbara Harry, Moore St. Corps Comm. Center, 5430 N. Moore, Portland, OR 97214. To qualify for Project HELP, be-

basic eligibility requirements are: (1) Applicant must be a PGE or PP&L customer, or live within the utilities' service areas. Applicants must, if customers, present a current monthly bill bearing their name and address. (2) Funds can only be used to assist in making payments for heating fuels—i.e., natural gas, propane, electricity, fuel oil, wood, coal, etc. (3) Assistance is primarily for families and individuals not eligible for government fuel assistance. (4) Maximum Project HELP grant money per recipient is \$125. (5) The applicant's income must be within 125-150 percent of the federal poverty level.



Sunday, 12 December, a firmly established and supportive network of black women gathered at the home of Avel Mayfield to preview MCD Creations Designer Dolls. Member Anna Madden (sitting), along with her daughter Brenda Collins (R) and sister Sarah Moore (L), have created a collection of dolls in "Celebrations of the Beauty of the Black Child." The collection was enthusiastically received by the gathering of friends and well-wishers who eagerly placed orders. For further information about the dolls contact Avel Mayfield at 287-6843 evenings. (Photo: Richard Brown)

Seniors party

The Salvation Army's annual Christmas dinner for senior citizens age 55 and older is scheduled this year at noon, December 17, at the organization's Rose Center, 1785 N.E. Sandy. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling the center at 234-0696. A donation at the door is requested. Pauline Lignell, director of the center, anticipates 350 seniors for the holiday meal—a figure up this year from last year's high of 300. The traditional meal will include a choice of ham or roast beef, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, green beans, fruit salad and Christmas cookies. The Rose Center serves daily meals, also at noon, to area senior citizens.

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Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

As 1982 draws to a close the **Street Beat** team wondered what was on the literary minds of Portland, so we asked people, "What books, newspapers (besides the *Observer*) or magazines are you reading?"



Linda Ernst
Unemployed

I started reading *U.S.A. Today*. I like the sport page. They cover everything.



Bill Cromb
Real Estate Agent

All of them. I love looking at *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek* and *The Oregonian*. News is coming out so fast people are confused. It's too sensational and reactionary.



John Boyd
Retired

I read a lot of junk, also the *Oregonian* and local papers. The quality of news is fair. I read a lot of Western and mystery stories. I have no preference.



Joe Wright
Leather Worker

I'm reading the Bible. It's a blueprint for living. Social programs cannot save the world. For the most part the quality of news is bad, because of the bias of reporters. I'm disappointed with the negative reports about Reagan.



Grover Jackson
Tri-Met Employee

I haven't done any reading other than *The Oregonian*. *The Oregonian* is informative but they write and look at things the way they want to look at them. You just have to make do with that.



Frankie L. Henderson
Bus Driver

I read *The Oregonian* and *U.S. Times*, and all sports. The only thing I read is the sport page. I wish they would spread the sports evenly instead of concentrating on Oregon.



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