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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Storm Clean-Up Begins

Portland residents are encouraged to use existing services to clean-up after the wind storm last week and the earlier ice storm. Yard debris can be left at the curb as part of regular garbage service, but the limits of one can or bag every other week have not been expanded. Other options include hauling the debris to processing facilities for a fee and renting drop-boxes and chippers.

### Power Restored To Area

At the height of last Tuesday's big wind storm, nearly 350,000 residents in Oregon and Southwest Washington were without power. Portland General Electric said it was the worst damage the utility had experienced since the 1962 Columbus Day Storm. Hundreds of crews worked 18-hour shifts and by Sunday nearly all services had been restored.

### Shuttle Runs Free To Airport

To avoid the seasonal traffic and parking crunch at the airport, Tri-Met shuttle buses will run free between the Gateway Transit Center and the airport through Jan. 2. For information call Tri-Met at 238-RIDE.

### Furse Supports Peacekeeping

U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse has voted in favor of sending men and women of the U.S. armed forces to Bosnia to support a peace plan. She criticized opponents in Congress who are willing to vote for huge appropriations for the military, but are so "unwilling to risk for peace."

### Donations Stolen From MAX

Seven thousand pounds of food was stolen last week from St. Vincent de Paul food donation barrels placed on Tri-Met Max trains. The theft adds to other losses of contributions for the agency, including Salvation Army's door-to-door pick-ups canceled by bad weather and a loss of annual donations by Smith's Home Furnishings, which went bankrupt.

### Duck Fans Head To Dallas

The University of Oregon's appearance on New Year's Day in the 60th Annual Cotton Bowl Classic will bring thousands of Duck fans to Dallas, Texas. School officials expect the "moment on the world stage" will translate into long-term benefits for the university and the state of Oregon.

### Battle Leads To Shutdown

For the second time in four weeks, the federal government closed down several services last weekend after the House refused to take up necessary appropriations bills. Hundreds of thousands of employees were furloughed. Republicans were charged by Democrats with using the shutdown as a way to force President Clinton into accepting cuts to Medicare.

## Holiday Event Draws 600 Area Kids



Left: Kids from the Beach Elementary School Choir entertain during the holiday party with Santa at the Salvation Army's Moore Street Center.

Below: Santa gets a reluctant hello from Manea Charlez at the Salvation Army's Christmas Party in north Portland.

(Photos by Obina Maxey)

BY CORA SMITH

The Salvation Army's Moore Street Center in north Portland attracted long lines of enthusiastic Santa Claus wishers Saturday even in the midst of a threatening cold day.

The annual event attracted some 600 eager holiday participants to the free community Christmas party for children.

Moms, dads, uncles aunts, brothers, sisters and friends, escorted their wishful little offsprings. The line to be photographed with Santa surrounded the building, however the long wait was anticipated. The culturally diverse turnout reflected the look of the community.

Moore Street Commanders, Lt. Doug Riley and his wife, Lt. Colleen Riley, along with program director Tim Fuqua, directed with authority, the entire party. Each of them expressed their appreciation

for being able to sponsor this event, giving a gift to kids who might not otherwise receive a gift for Christmas and sharing a little bit of the love of the Lord.

The officials said they were happy with the turnout and called it a "joyous privilege for the Salvation Army."

The Riley's met at a Salvation Army camp program and it was love at first sight. The impressive couple have 10-month-old twin sons, Nickolas and Zachary, who remained home, and who will probably receive blocks and books from Santa this year.

Lt. James Wooten, Salvation Army north and northeast branch manager, directs youth and young adult programs. Wooten is the Sunday youth pastor and is credited with the creative ministry "Safe With a Testimony" (SWAT).

The kids in his program get to experience the excitement of the African drums troupe from

Jefferson High School, puppeteers and dancers, and additionally, they perform community service projects. For example, the young volunteers "ring the bells" for fundraisers and also provide assistance to senior citizens at nursing homes.

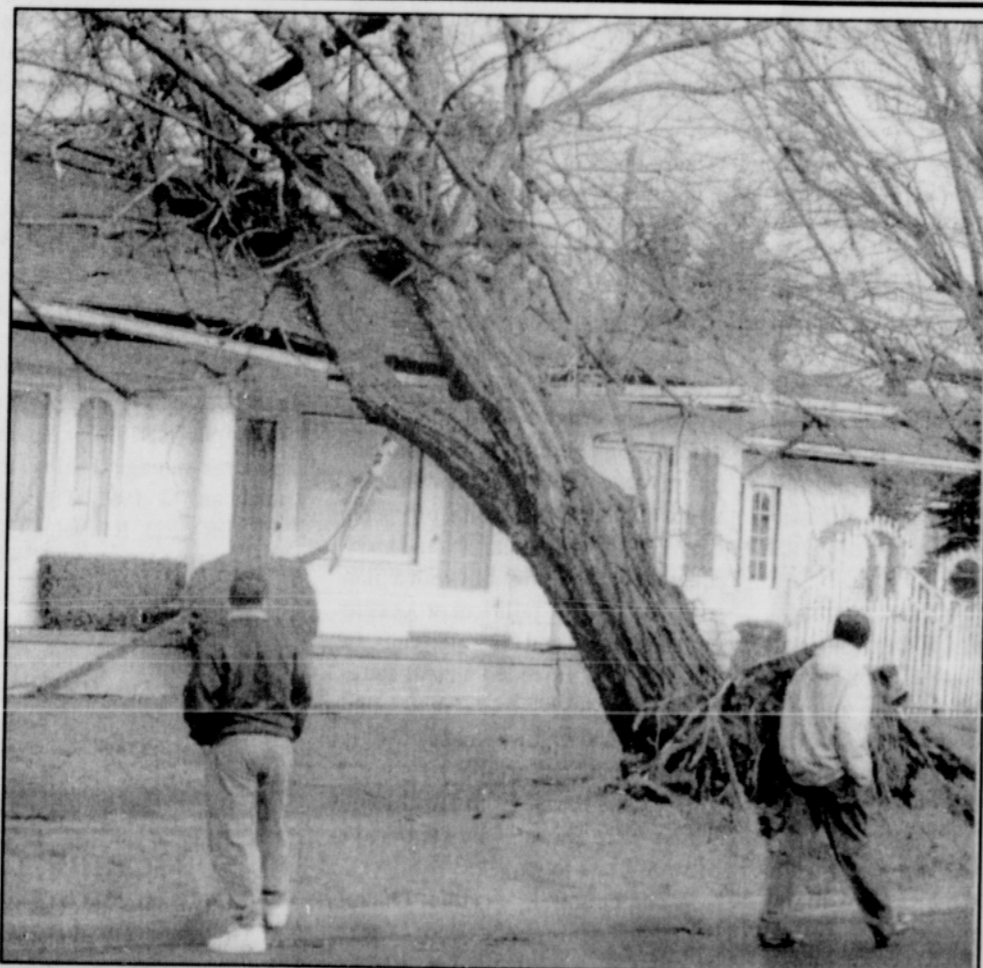
The special holiday program was highlighted by the Canadian Brass Quartet, who are visiting for two weeks, and the voices of north Portland's Beach Elementary School choir.

All of the youth and West joined in a melody of songs beginning with "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Guest speaker was Portland Police Lt. Derrick Foxworth of the gang enforcement unit at the Northeast Community Policing Center.

His message projected a common sense approach to safety. He told the youngsters that "life is about

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Gale force winds did damage all over the city last Tuesday, including knocking over this tree into the home of King Neighborhood Association President Fred Stewart on Northeast Jarrett Street. Police Chief Charles Moose, another resident of the neighborhood, also had a tree blown down by the high winds, but escaped damage to his home.

(Photo by Michael Leighton)

## Girl Scouts Prepare Homeless Meal

In a celebration of giving, area Girl Scouts are gathering food, clothing and volunteers for the seventh annual Breakfast for the Homeless to be held Christmas morning at Pioneer Courthouse Square from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Last year, over 75 girls and their families spent Christmas morning distributing food and clothing and visiting with over 150 people. This year, many Girl Scout troops are collecting donations of warm clothing, food and other gift items and are planning to once again spend part of their Christmas morning at this year's breakfast.

Linda Legoy, coordinator of the effort, hopes even more people will benefit.

"We're making sure as many people as possible know of and support the breakfast," Legoy said. "Girls are hard at work to make sure everybody leaves with something special for Pill."

For more information, to contribute or to volunteer, contact Legoy or Heather at the Girl Scout Service Center at 620-4567.

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