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Historic Home Saved from Demolition

A turn-of-the-century Victorian bungalow is saved from demolition as it makes its way Tuesday through the streets of north Portland. The house was scheduled to be torn down from a site on North Albina Avenue in the historic Mississippi District to make room for two new houses. Neighborhood activists worked with the city to get permits to move the structure to a new site 2 miles north at North Bryant and Michigan.

A Sense of Belonging

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referred to as 'Moors'.

The belief gains a foothold from an undeniable part of American history. On Dec. 20, 1777 Morocco became the first country to officially recognize the 13 colonies as an independent nation.

Moors traditionally have worked fervently to disprove common misperceptions about American society and the world at large.

In Portland they are drawing on the familiarity of African Americans with Christian beliefs to discuss the 18 missing years of Jesus'

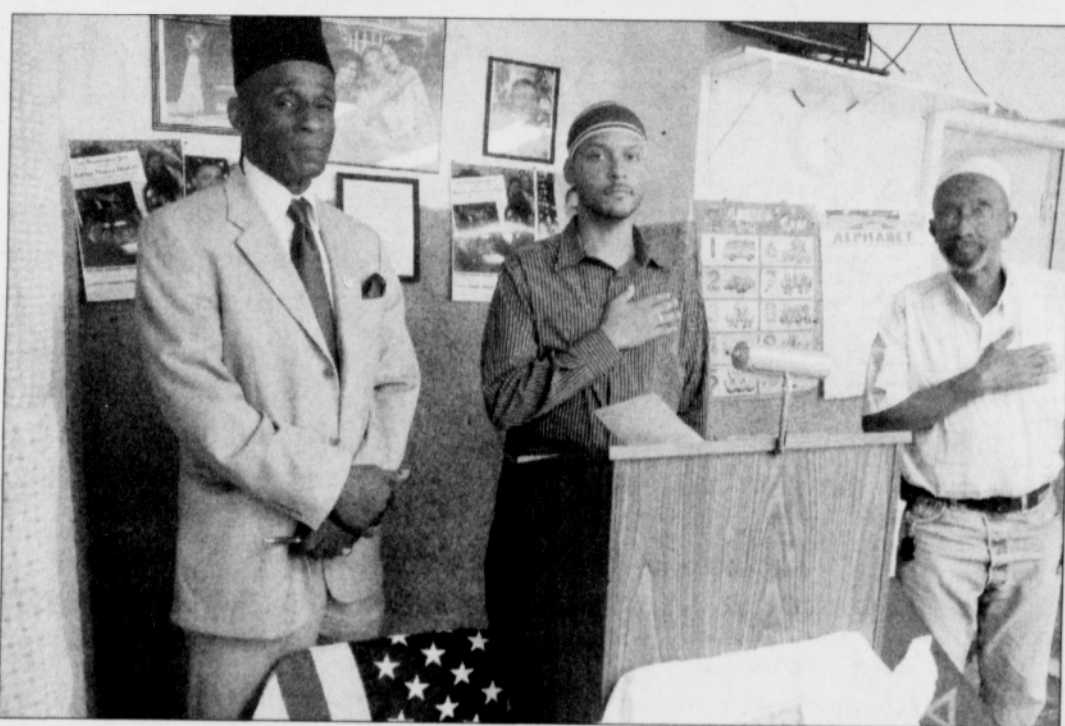
life. The New Testament of the Holy Bible tells the story of Jesus from his birth until he is 12 and then jumps to his final years as an adult at 31 before his passing at 33.

The temple does not just accept those missing years as a "mystery" or unaccounted for. They aim to explain the missing years and discuss what one of the world's most enigmatic and beloved figures stood for.

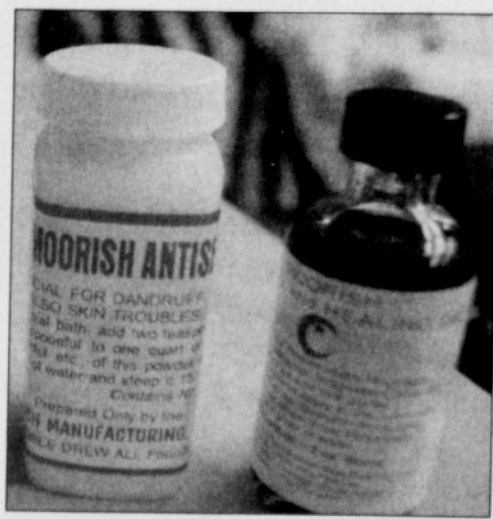
Deciphering the true meaning of words and understanding math are essential ways Moors teach self-improvement and self-determination. With a mastery of these subjects Moors hold it to be true that the men and women of African descent across the globe will undoubtedly perform to their true capacity as has been demonstrated in the past.

Along with other Portland members, Sheik Lynch Bey plans to travel to the nation's capital to celebrate the 100th year of the Moorish Science Temple of America on Oct. 20, where he will act as part of a security detail. He deduces Moorish Science's teachings to building a collective identity.

"Everybody's got a nationality except us," he said. "If nationality wasn't important they would have never taken it from us."



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Temple leader Sheik Lynch Bey (from left), Bro. Lawrence Stanfill El, and Bro. Naveed El gather in traditional Moorish stances at their temporary meeting place at 4725 N. Williams. The Moroccan and United States flags are displayed at every meeting to acknowledge their current location in America and their African ancestry of Morocco.



Containers of natural medicines, said to be derived from ancient African healing concoctions, are available for purchase to the public from Portland's Moorish Science Temple.



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