

"We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back...No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

— Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. excerpted from his "I have a dream," speech

Dream of Economic Justice Unfulfilled

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cerns. It's the case of economic power being tied to voting power.

Many young people feel it will not make a difference to vote. This attitude further ensures that the politicians do not spend enough time nor take the time to listen to concerns of disadvantaged populations.

Forexample, a low turnout of African Americans in north and northeast Portland is the norm

for elections. Dr. Bethel said the results discourage politicians to spend time in the community because the vote does not impact their political careers.

Once people begin to mobilize during election season, and come out by the numbers term after term, politicians will begin to notice that our votes have a stronghold, Dr. Bethel said.

"Go to the polls," he urged, "Politicians would snap to attention if more people voted."

Art Museum Free for MLK Day

The Portland Art Museum will be open with free admission to the public on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16 thanks to the support of Fred Meyer Stores, the City of Portland, and the Lamb Baldwin Foundation. The free passes are available at the customer information desk of any local Fred Meyer store.

In October, the first series of free days sponsored by Fred Meyer Stores and the City

of Portland, heralding the arrival of the completed Mark Building and Jubitz Center for Modern and Contemporary Art.

While visiting the Museum during the upcoming King holiday, visitors can enjoy the special exhibitions currently on view as well as the permanent collections, including Native American Art, the European collection, the recently re-opened Center for Northwest Art, and much more.

Free Dental Care Honors King

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

In the spirit of service and volunteerism, Kaiser Permanente dentists will provide free dental care services for up to 20 elementary and middle school children on Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16 at the Kaiser Permanente North Interstate Services Building, 7201 N. Interstate, near Lombard.

Parents, guardians, and other caregivers are invited to call 503-286-6860 for an appointment. Appointments begin at 8 a.m.

Vital Strengths of Character:

"I think it's important to believe in yourself and when you feel like you have the right idea, to stay with it. And of course, it all depends upon the cooperation of the people around. People were very cooperative in getting off the buses. And from that, of course, we went on to other things. I, along with Mrs. Field, who was here with me, organized the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. Raymond, my husband—he is now deceased—was another person who inspired me, because he believed in freedom and equality himself." — Rosa Parks



Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...

Power at its best is love complementing the demands of Justice.

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community"

— Cesar Chavez

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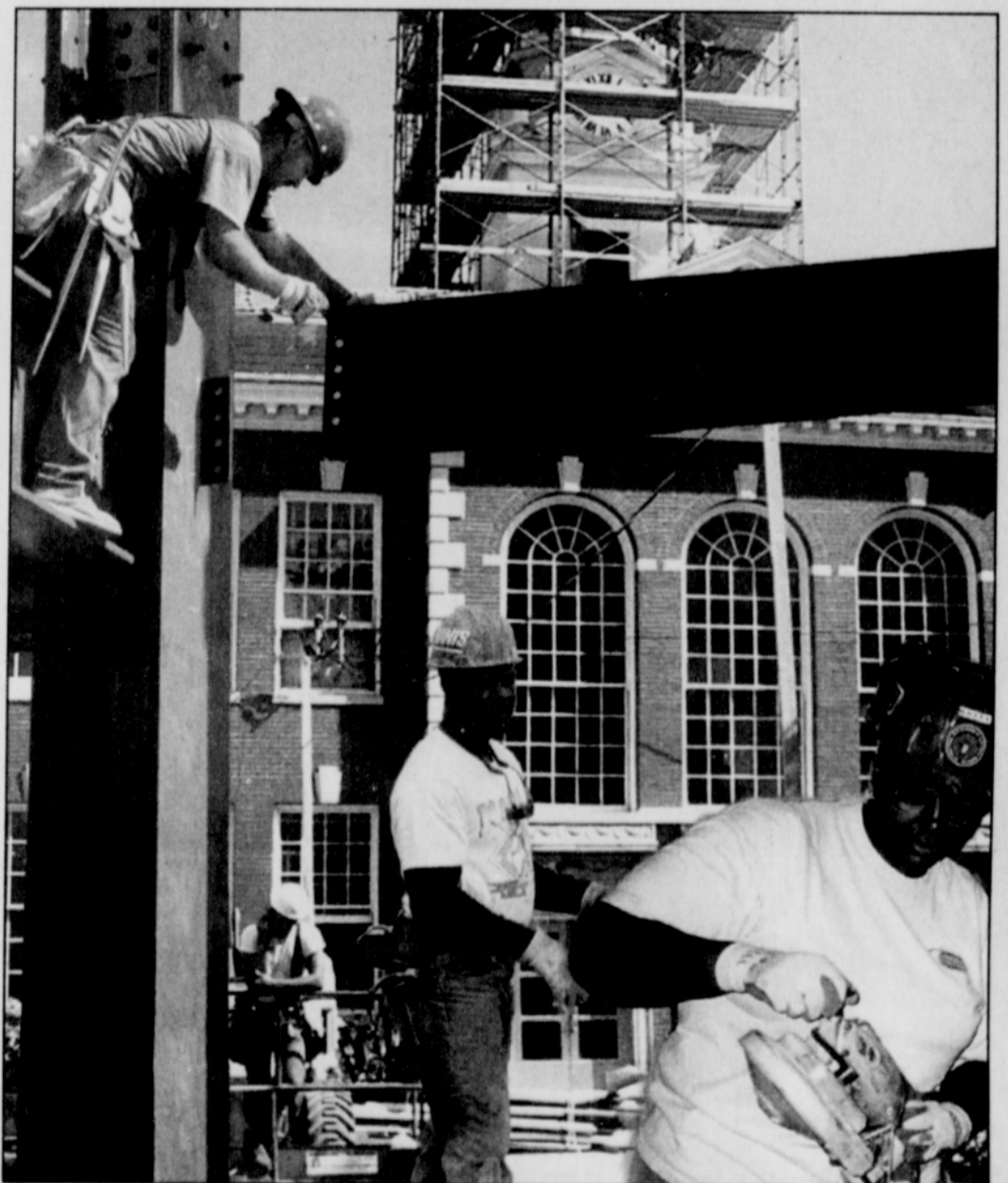
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