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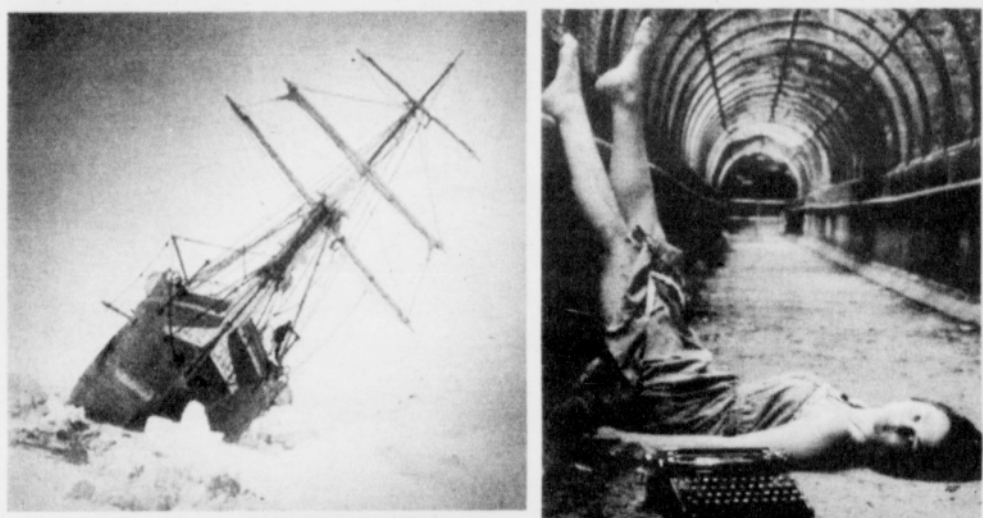
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A collage of four black and white photographs of people's faces, arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left person is wearing glasses and smiling. The top-right person has dark, curly hair. The bottom-left person is wearing a baseball cap. The bottom-right person is looking directly at the camera.

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A black and white photograph of a person's hands holding a glass bottle, possibly a beverage or a medical sample.

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A close-up black and white photograph of a piece of food, possibly a cookie or a cracker, with a decorative pattern on its surface.

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LOCAL NEWS



PHOTO BY MINDY COOPER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Volunteers do landscaping work at Roosevelt High School in north Portland Monday as part of the annual public service campaigns observed on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

MLK Day of Service

Thousands of volunteers give back

As one of several events held in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, thousands of volunteers throughout the Portland area gathered on the Roosevelt High School in North Portland to paint and work on improvements to the campus.

Volunteers from all levels of education throughout the city attended the day of service, where Mayor Sam Adams, District Attorney Mike Schrunk and Oregon Secretary of

State Kate Brown attended the opening rally in the school gymnasium. "It's a great way to meet people from other schools," said volunteer Sidney Davie, a student at Warner Pacific College, who helped her team build a new gravel path on a hill outside the high school throughout the cold day.

According to volunteer Matthew Speer, a graduate student at Portland State University and a student teacher at Roosevelt, the

event is in the spirit of MLK because it's all about service, community building and community action through positive forces.

"It's a chance to give back to our community and meet people who want to do that," he said.

Makai Gibson-Rivers, a 2003 high school graduate of Roosevelt, agreed.

The event is a way to give back to show there are people willing to help serve a purpose, he said. "I get to help bring my old school up to their excellent standards by helping make their campus look beautiful."

Diverse Group Plants Trees along I-205

State Rep. Michael Dembrow of northeast Portland and a diverse group of volunteers from nearby neighborhoods planted 165 trees Monday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the King national holiday.

The plantings were along the I-205 Multi-Use Path near the Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center. It followed a planting of 100 trees in the same vicinity last October to honor the Parkrose community's centennial.

Representatives from Friends of Trees, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the planting event's sponsor, REI Portland, welcomed the volunteers.



Daniel Delgado (right) of the Friends of Trees Leadership Corps, formed in partnership with the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, assists State Rep. Michael Dembrow of northeast Portland at Monday's planting along the I-205 Multi-Use Path.

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