

A Witness to Portland's Changing Face

Postman retires after 43 years

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Folks at the Martin Luther King Post Office at 630 N.E. Killingsworth St. wished goodbye to a familiar face last week. Richard Briggs, who after 43 years of working for the Postal Service in Portland, is looking forward to a new beginning in retirement.

Briggs joined the post office in 1973 after he returned from Vietnam, where he served for one year in U.S. Air Force. He began working as a letter clerk, later became a supervisor, and now ends his career as a pay clerk. "Nothing to fancy, anybody could do it," said Briggs.

As a young man, Briggs worked for Tektronics before joining the Air Force. His brother worked for the post office

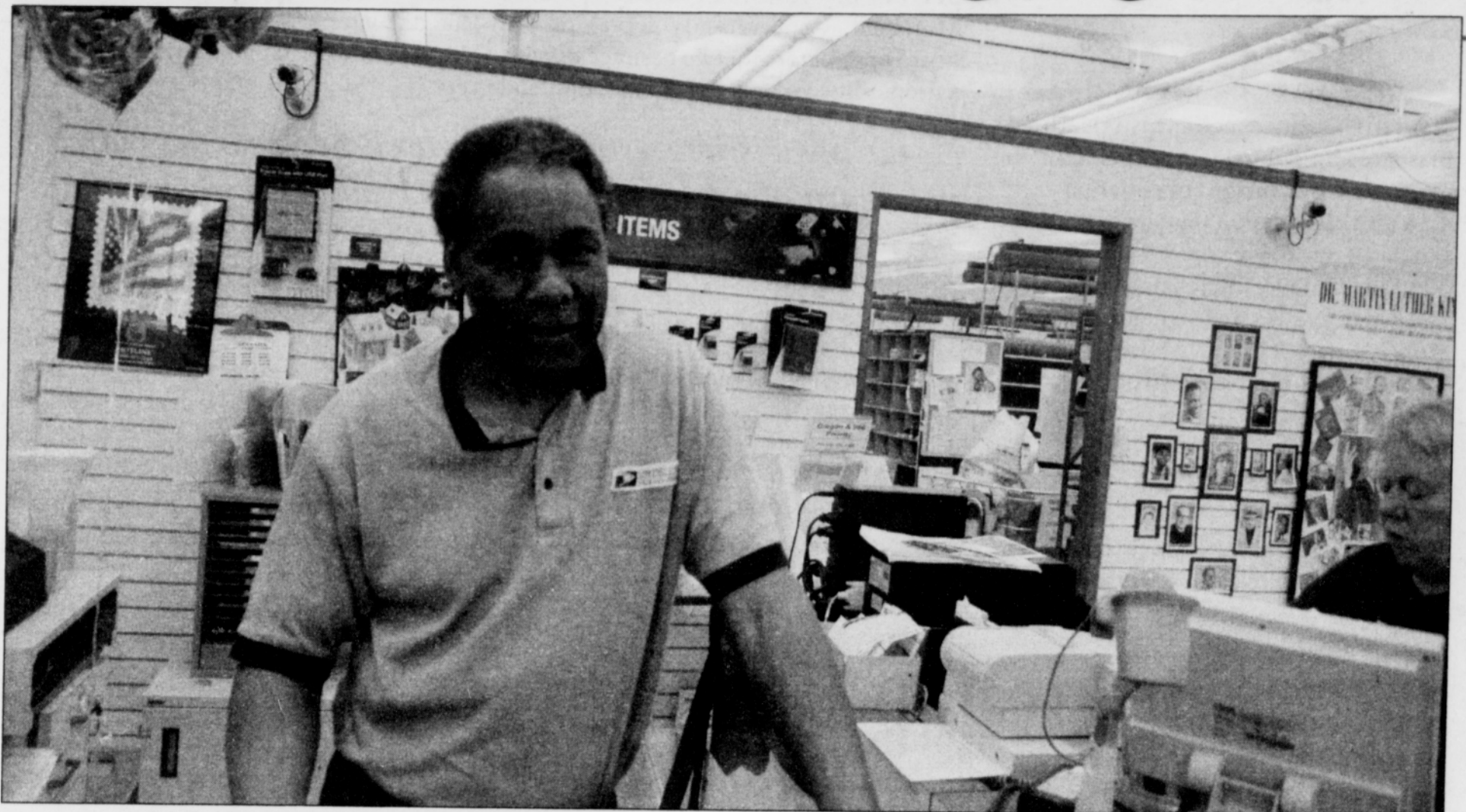


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Postal worker Richard Briggs wishes customers well on his last week at work at the Martin Luther King Post Office on Northeast Killingsworth Street. Briggs has retired after 43 years of service for the Postal Service in Portland.


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