

The JJC “Tops Out”

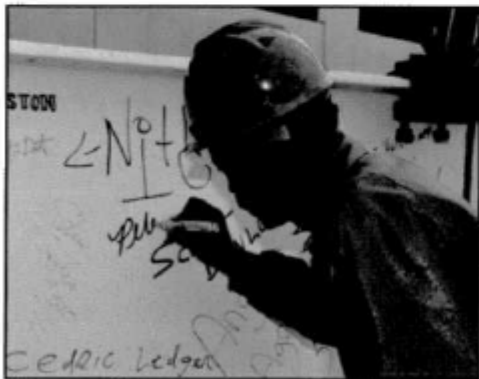
On Tuesday, November 11th, workers, friends, and the community participated in the traditional Topping Out ceremony. The celebration signifies that, after months of erecting steel, the final steel beam is placed on top.

After brief remarks from County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones and Jim Mirgliotta, president of Forest City Erectors, workers signed the beam, affixed a flag and hoisted it to its final resting place – on top of the Juvenile Justice Center. The celebration also included a cake replica of the Center.

The Scandinavian custom began over 1,000 years ago when, after the Vikings completed building their homes, they hoisted an evergreen tree to celebrate.



A cake replica of the Juvenile Justice Center



Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones signs the beam



Raising the beam



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