

Megan Twilegar (far left), directs activities inside her new Pistils Plant Nursery at 2811 N. Mississippi while the crews in front of her start construction on a building for the business. The venture is made possible in part with financing from the Portland Development Commission.



The former Oregon Food Bank warehouse at 3808 N. Williams Ave. will become the future home of Kinesis, a manufacturer of bicycle parts. The Portland Development Commission provided financing to the business, which is moving from northwest Portland and expects to employ 40 people by the end of the year.

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PDC Financing Supports Businesses for Inner City

Bicycle parts builder and nursery earn support

Kinesis, a manufacturer of bicycle parts, will go into full-scale bicycle production and move to new facilities in north Portland with loan assistance from the Portland Development Commission.

Headquartered in Taiwan, Kinesis has been operating on Northwest Nicolai for 10 years and will be moving to 3808 N. Williams, the former Oregon Food Bank warehouse.

The new location is within Portland's Enterprise Zone, an area of north and northeast Portland with investment incentives for businesses.

Kinesis currently employs 32 people and, with the expansion, expects to increase in size to 40 employees by the end of the year.

Job creation and business retention are the main objectives of PDC's Business Finance Program.

"We want to grow businesses locally, which is especially important in a time of recession," said Fred Atiemo, PDC Business Finance Manager. "We work throughout the city assisting a

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wide mix of business types and sizes."

Pistils Plant Nursery is another growing business that came to PDC for some financing assistance.

Started a year ago by two sisters with backgrounds in horticulture, Pistils' owners bought a small unimproved lot at 3811 N. Mississippi as the site for their chemical-free retail plant nursery.

This is the first urban plant nursery in Portland and the owners, Megan and Amy Twilegar, plan to educate the public about environ-

mentally friendly agriculture and business practices.

Pistils will benefit the area as the nursery is designed to look similar to a public park, and the company's presence will help revitalize the neighborhood. Pistils choice to move into an underutilized neighborhood perfectly fit two other PDC's Business Finance Program objectives: to help increase community development activity and partner with other funding resources.

Pistils contributed their own funds toward the development of the lot, obtained a grant from the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development for their retail building, a loan from the Cascadia Revolving Fund and one from PDC.

"Pistils is a perfect example of a funding partnership," said Peter Englander, PDC Business Finance officer. "We want to help build community wealth and have the ability to link businesses with numerous resources — not just those that PDC offers."

House Splits on Kitzhaber Vetoes

(AP) — The House on Tuesday split on Gov. John Kitzhaber's vetoes of two school funding bills, overriding one and upholding the veto of a second bill.

The chamber overrode the veto of a measure that allows school districts to borrow against \$267 million in future state school aid payments, but upheld Kitzhaber's rejection of a bill to use bond borrowing to raise \$50 million for state school aid.

It required 40 votes for a veto override. The tallies were 43-16 to override the school district borrowing measure and 38-21 to override the bonding bill.

The death of the bonding mea-

sure means a \$50 million cut in state school support, unless lawmakers find a way to plug the hole. Kitzhaber plans to call a fifth special session soon, possibly within two weeks, because an Aug. 29 budget forecast is expected to project another drop in state revenue.

The votes were the final action on the bills. The Senate overrode the payment shift veto on a 22-6 count on Friday and doesn't act on the bonding bill because the House refused to repass it.

On Friday, the House fell one vote short of overriding the governor's veto of the bonding measure. House Speaker Mark

Simmons, R-Elgin, adjourned the session before the House could reconsider that bill.

Both bills were passed in a June special session to help eliminate an \$860 million budget shortfall. Kitzhaber opposes the accounting and borrowing tactics and wants lawmakers to raise taxes instead.

The special session was the fourth one this year, setting a record, and Kitzhaber says he probably will call a fifth session by early September.

Kitzhaber aides have said a forecast to be released Aug. 29 is likely to show a decline of as much as \$200 million.

Ken Berry Named Principal at Meek Elementary School

Ken Berry, who has served as an assistant principal at Whitaker Middle School, has been appointed the principal at Meek Elementary School for the upcoming school year. He will replace James

Brannon, who has agreed to serve as the principal at Boise-Eliot school along with Eileen Isham.

Berry is an experienced and successful educator having served as the assistant principal at Whitaker and as both

vice principal and interim principal at Jefferson High School

These assignments, along with his classroom teaching experience equip him to be the principal at Meek, school district officials said.

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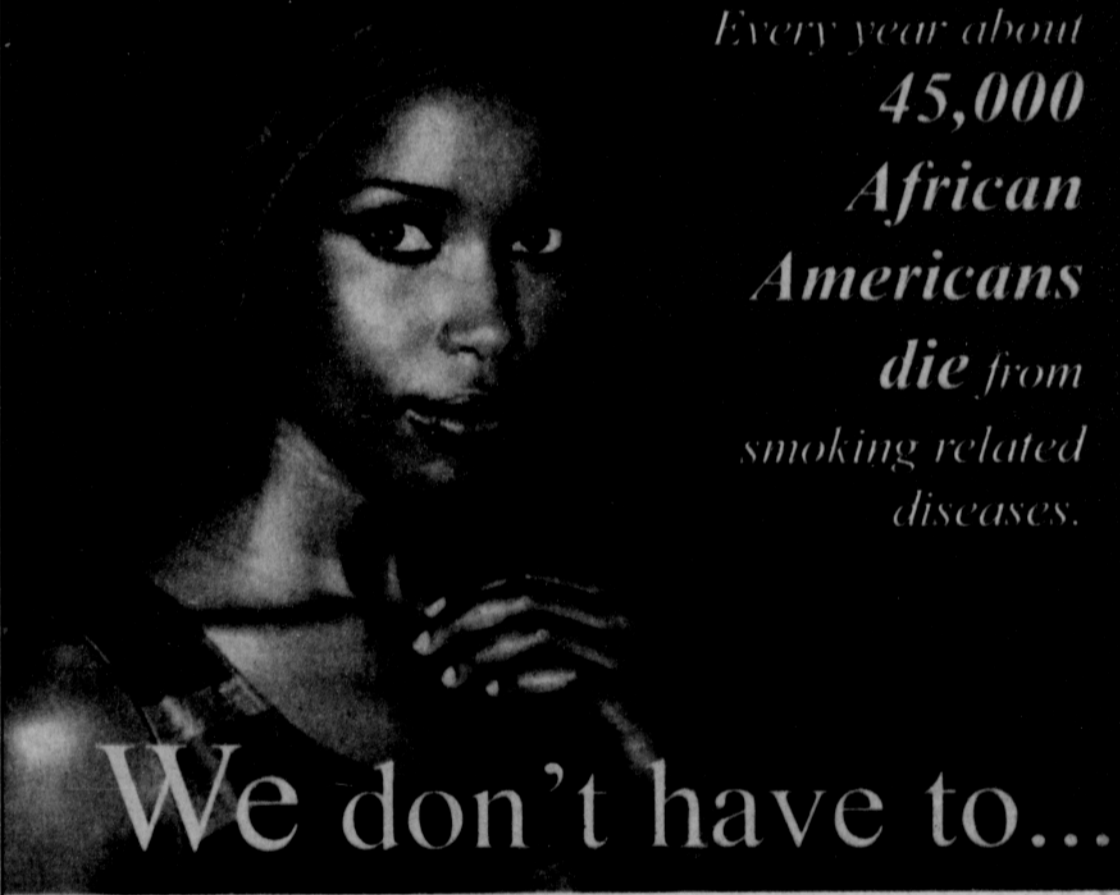


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