

### Teacher Strike Possible

Portland teachers were scheduled to meet Tuesday night to take a formal strike vote. At the same time city officials were working with education leaders to avoid a walkout. The earliest date teachers could strike is March 10. The district and its teachers have been wrangling over a contract since July. Caps on health insurance premiums are the major sticking points. And teachers also are angry over proposed salary cuts. Since talk of a potential strike intensified last week, civic leaders have jumped into the fray, including Portland Mayor Vera Katz.

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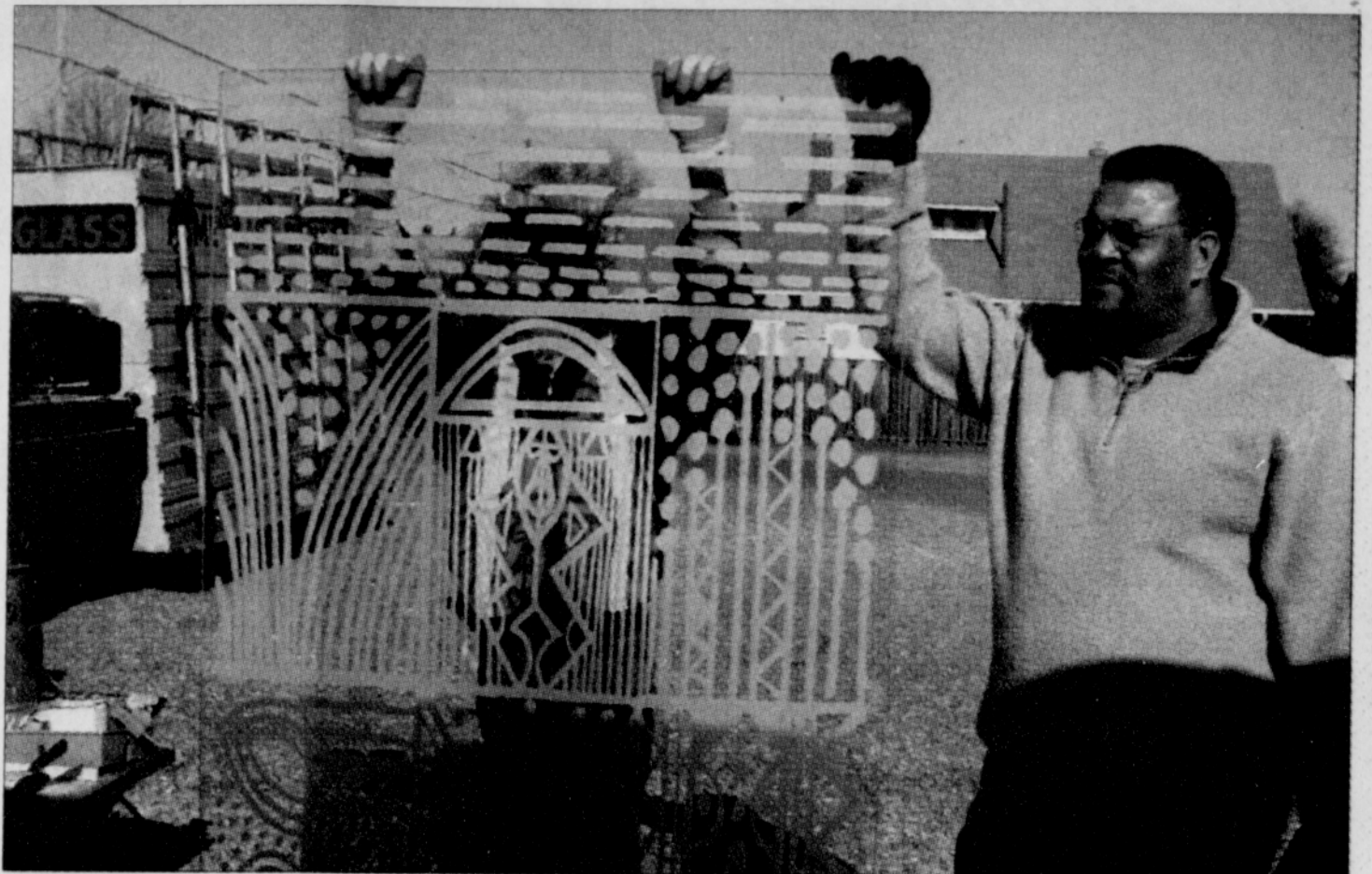


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### Art Unveiled in Alberta Bus Shelters

Local artist Jerry Quenton watches as his sandblasted artwork is installed in a bus shelter on Alberta Street. As a way of enhancing the community with art while deterring graffiti and vandalism, Quenton's design, entitled 'The Three Kings,' will be seen in eight TriMet bus shelters on Alberta between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Northeast 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. By sandblasting over damaged glass, TriMet is able to save more than \$100,000 annually and simultaneously add art to Portland neighborhoods.



# REACH

Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health  
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### Wellness Within REACH: Mind, Body, and Soul Activity Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Matt Dishman</b> 77 NE Knott	Strength Training 8-9am and 2-3pm Bevens		Strength Training 8-9am and 2-3pm Bevens		Strength Training 8-9am and 2-3pm Bevens Chicago Step 6:00-7:00pm Kendrick	African Dance 10:00-11:00am Adele
<b>Salvation Army</b> 5325 N Williams	Salsa 6:30-7:30pm Begins 3/3/03 Sign Up ASAP Haugland	Water Aerobics 2:00 - 3:00pm Shumpton		Water Aerobics 2:00 - 3:00pm Shumpton		
<b>Nature's</b> 3535 NE 15th		Yoga 7:30-8:30 pm O'Rourke				Body Conditioning 9:30-10:30am Nickerson
<b>Peninsula Park</b> 700 N Portland		Walking Group 6:00-7:00 pm Nickerson (Meet inside the Lloyd Center in front of Sears)	Step Aerobics 5:30-6:30pm Keller			Walking Group 12:30 pm Nickerson
<b>Mallory Avenue Christian Church (Gym)</b> 126 NE Alberta	Aerobics 6:30-7:30pm Nickerson		Aerobics 6:30-7:30pm Nickerson		Aerobics 6:30-7:30pm Nickerson	
<b>Highland United Church of Christ</b> 4635 NE 9th Ave.	Aerobics 6:00-7:00am Pierce	Aerobics 6:00-7:00pm Keller	Aerobics 6:00-7:00am Pierce	Aerobics 6:00-7:00pm Keller		

\*\*Must be 21 or older to participate. Please check with AAHC before showing up to the first class 503-413-1850. Please receive approval from your doctor before beginning exercise class. All classes are free of charge!



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## Construction Begins on PCC Cascade Campus

Kelli Bestwick loves what she does.

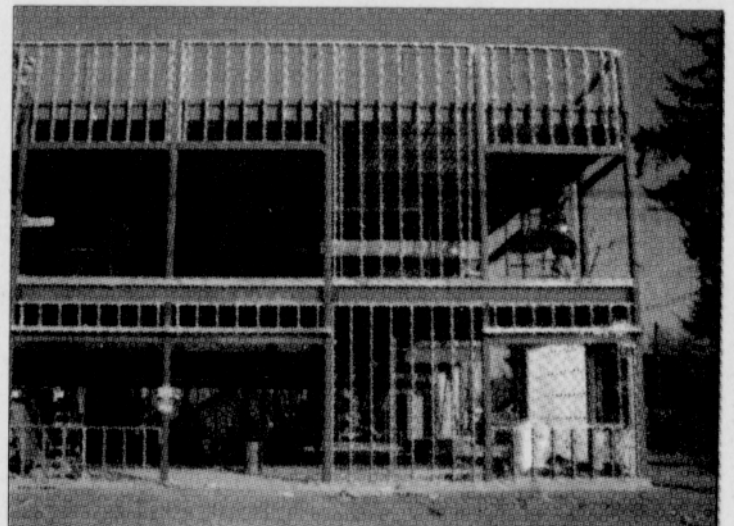
The former north Portland resident and current owner of Interior Construction Enterprise, Inc. of Newberg is a pioneer in interior construction. From metal framing to dry wall and acoustical ceiling installation, Bestwick's perseverance in an industry dominated by men makes her stand out.

What also makes her stand out is her love of construction and serving the community. Bestwick is one of several sub-contractors working on the expansion of the Cascade Campus through the college's Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business effort.

"I get a whole lot of satisfaction in this," Bestwick said looking at the framed structure of the campus' Jackson Hall addition. "I drive by the old neighborhood and see how it has really changed. I see the younger kids who were students' now buying houses. It's good PCC is doing this. It shows that PCC cares and shows we care."

The company received a \$230,000 contract and is busily putting together metal framing for the Jackson Science Building on North Jessup Street. Rows and rows of metal framing dominate the exterior and interior of the structure.

With this initiative, PCC has allocated \$2.7 million in 2002 contract money toward women, minority or emerging small businesses for the construction projects.

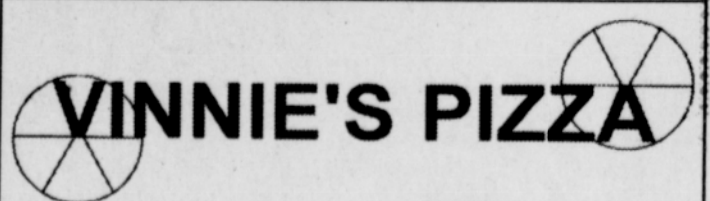


Metal framing goes up on the Jackson Hall addition at Portland Community College on North Jessup Street. The construction is being paid for by a 2000 property tax measure calling for the expansion of the local campus.



Kelli Bestwick is one of the sub-contractors working on the expansion of the PCC Cascade Campus in north Portland through the college's Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business effort.

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