

METROPOLITAN



Kiva Antilla just couldn't resist another cookie at the King Neighborhood Facility open house on Friday. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

PCC literacy program

Portland Community College has been designated as one of the four national pilot institutions which will help develop demonstration programs utilizing college work study students in adult literacy programs. The announcement was made by U.S. Secretary of Education T.H. Bell in a September 7 speech in Washington, D.C. The other three participating institutions are Boston University, the University of Southern California and Columbia University.

Within the Department of Education, Bell noted, "We are coordinating our efforts to contribute existing resources and funding in support of adult literacy." In addition, President Reagan has asked for an additional \$300 million to be directed to college work study programs so students can participate directly in the nationwide effort.

Other points of the program include a national awareness campaign in cooperation with the public sector to recruit volunteers and funding, the funding of a national adult literacy project to identify model literacy programs and test materials, and the encouragement of college student volunteer tutors.

Bell explained in his speech at the White House that an estimated 23 million Americans are functionally illiterate. This means they are un-

able to read a job application or fill it out, count their change at the supermarket, or read a voting ballot.

Portland Community College already has an extensive volunteer program, last year using more than 800 tutors in the adult literacy battle in the Portland metropolitan area.

"We are delighted with Secretary Bell's announcement," said Portland Community College President John H. Anthony. "It is a great honor to be included with the other prestigious schools for this work."

Bell's initiative calls specifically for student volunteers to help in the campaign. This fits in with the current PCC program, according to Anthony, because the college offers credit to students who take a training workshop and volunteer 36 hours during a term.

Happy Birthday

Celebrate Commissioner Charles Jordan's birthday with a gala rooftop party September 27th. The public is invited to join the Commissioner at the Yamhill Marketplace Rooftop from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for champagne and food from Salty's, Rian's, Rose's and more... The party is a fund raising event for the "Friends of Charles Jordan." For information and tickets call Christie Bayless at 284-0796.

State fines Hatch: unsafe work site

by Robert Lothian

In the latest installment of the R.A. Hatch Co. story, the non-union Bend company has been fined \$1,525 for seven safety violations involving its work on the Banfield light rail project.

Citations issued by the Accident Prevention Division of the state Worker's Compensation Department were received by the company Sept. 2, and according to a department spokesman, all of the safety problems have been corrected.

Two of the more serious violations involved an accident early on the morning of August 14 when the cable on a Hatch Co. crane parted and whipped into power lines. Seven workers were injured, two with serious electrical burns.

Hatch was cited for not giving Pacific Power and Light Co. the required notice that work would be conducted near the lines, and for using a cable on the crane that was later found by state inspectors to be "mashed, bent over and kinked" as a result of improper spooling.

General violations included not keeping crane inspection records on the equipment and not establishing contact with the utility after the accident.

Hatch was also cited for not

conducting a company level investigation into the accident. According to an Accident Prevention Division report, when asked by state inspectors why he wasn't willing to conduct his own investigation, company owner R.A. Hatch replied "there's nothing to investigate."

State inspectors apparently had trouble locating the offending cable after the accident. "Do you know what happened to the bucket that was on the whip line and the section of line that broke?" they asked Hatch.

"No," Hatch replied, repeatedly denying that he had tried to hide the evidence. "It probably got lost in the rubble and hauled to the dump... it's probably at the dump by now," he said. Inspectors made a trip to the dump to retrieve the cable, and found it to be damaged.

The Hatch Co. crane was being used to destroy a freeway overpass at NE 53rd Ave. The cable snapped when the wrecking ball attached to it snagged. It then whipped up and touched a 115,000 volt power line.

In the words of one of the injured workers: "there was a fireball came down the boom and surrounded me. It was the most vivid blue light I've saw in my life. I could not move or

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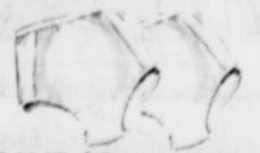
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