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**Best of Smooth Jazz**Stage set for summer
concert at PGE Park

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Week in The Review

Hurricane Doctor Charged

A doctor and two nurses who worked through the chaos that followed Hurricane Katrina last August were arrested on suspicion of murder and accused Tuesday of giving deadly drug injections to four desperately ill patients trapped in a flooded-out hospital.

Seattle Sonics Sold

A group from Oklahoma City has agreed to buy the Seattle SuperSonics and the Seattle Storm, an official with the Sonics said Tuesday. In February, Sonics majority owner Howard Schultz threatened to possibly move or sell the Sonics after losses of about \$60 million in the past five years.

Invite Finally Accepted

President Bush plans to speak to the NAACP Thursday for the first time since he was a candidate, with the White House, announcing the appearance days after the chairman of the civil rights group publicly urged him to attend. The president had declined invitations to the NAACP's annual meeting for five years in a row. See story, page A2.

**Rocket Fire Exchanged**

Israeli warplanes struck an army base outside Beirut in new bombings that killed 16 people, and Hezbollah fired more rockets at northern Israel, killing an Israeli, casting a shadow over diplomatic efforts to stem escalating violence.

Tsunami Kills 341

The death toll rose to at least 341 Tuesday after a magnitude 7.7 undersea quake on Monday triggered walls of water more than 6 feet high that crashed into a 110-mile stretch of beach on Java island, an area spared by the devastating 2004 Asian tsunami.

Air Show Jet Crashes

A 1951 Hawker Hunter fighter jet, flown by an experienced pilot, crashed into a Hillsboro neighborhood as it left the Oregon International Air Show Sunday. The pilot died. A house was destroyed and three others were damaged.

Quake Shakes St. Helens

Scientists say a magnitude 3.6 earthquake of about 9:56 a.m. Tuesday at Mount St. Helens was one of the largest since a minor eruption in the crater began nearly two years ago.

Meth Abuse Boosts Crime

Meth abuse continues to fuel an increase in crimes like robbery and assault, straining the workload of local police forces despite a drop in the number of meth lab seizures, according to a national survey Tuesday.



Athletic Director Karl Easttorp builds up Panther Pride at Portland Community College Cascade Campus in north Portland. Easttorp will depart PCC this summer.

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Starting an Athletic Tradition

PCC carves niche in the community

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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In Oregon's athletic world, Beavers, Blazers and Ducks reign supreme. But as two-year schools play an increasingly larger role in undergraduate education, the Portland Community College Panthers stand a chance of capturing some of the spirit that invokes athletic pride in the student body. What's equally important and coveted is the interest sports can generate from the surrounding community.

Despite an 80,000 student population,

PCC has only recently begun to fashion an athletic tradition. The school currently has men's and women's basketball teams, since cutting volleyball and men's soccer in the late 1990s. The two teams are composed of

about 24 students from the entire district, and are based at the north Portland Cascade campus.

PCC took some initial steps to strengthen the athletics department two

years ago when they hired athletic director Karl Easttorp. As a native Oregonian and lifelong basketball fan with a Masters in Business Administration in sports marketing, he knows the business side of the game.

But Easttorp recently accepted a position at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay where he'll manage their new student recreation center. Still, he leaves PCC in a good position to build up their athletics.

Easttorp worked to create an image of sportsmanship that largely didn't exist at PCC.

Community Colleges Recruit Athletes

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What makes a student athlete choose community college over the prospect of Pac-10 glory?

Aside from affordable tuition, it's all about the recruiting. PCC works to attract students throughout Oregon and neighboring states with the promise to play

basketball while earning a preliminary education.

PCC is a member of the Southern Region of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges based in Vancouver, Wash. The conference formed in 1979 and now governs 35 schools, including one

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Canda Moves to Mayor's Office

Advocate will direct gang prevention efforts

BY LEE PERLMAN
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Longtime Portland youth advocate John Canda is stepping up to a larger stage.

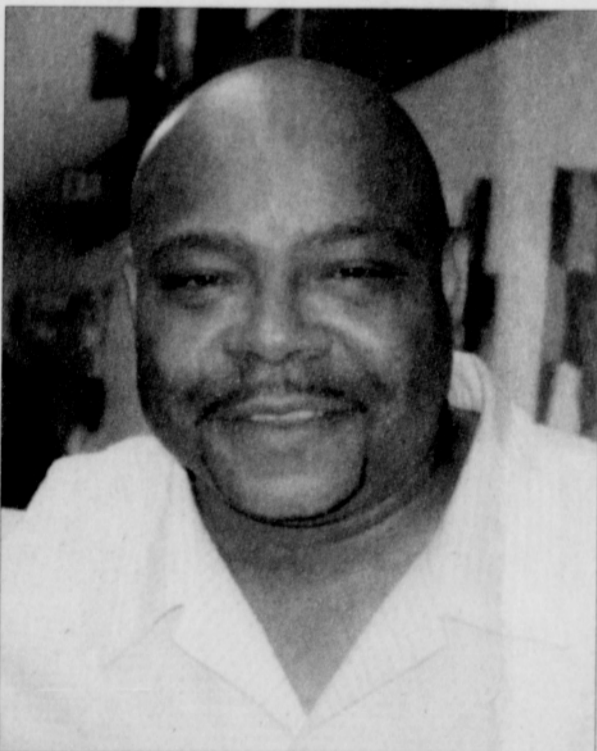
Mayor Tom Potter has brought the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods executive director into his office to work on youth violence prevention.

In the newly created position, Canda, a former director of the coalition's Youth Gang Outreach Program, will coordinate programs within both the justice system and the social service field.

"The city will benefit from John's experience and expertise to create strategies for prevention, outreach and intervention in youth violence," Potter said. "This is not just about pulling kids out of gangs, but of preventing them from joining gangs in the first place."

Potter's aide, Mario Rubio, adds, "We hope to put youth violence on the radar on a permanent basis, not just when things escalate to the point of crisis. We want to involve all of the community and address the root causes of the problem."

The change represents a chance for the Northeast Coalition to re-examine itself, Canda told the Portland Observer. "This is a real opportunity for



John Canda moves into the mayor's office.

them to decide what they are or what they'd like to become and allow neighborhood associations and citizens to participate in that discussion."

Canda notes with pride that the coalition started such social service programs as the Youth Gangs program, the Tri-Met Rider Advocates, the Graffiti Abatement Program and the Northeast Workforce Center.

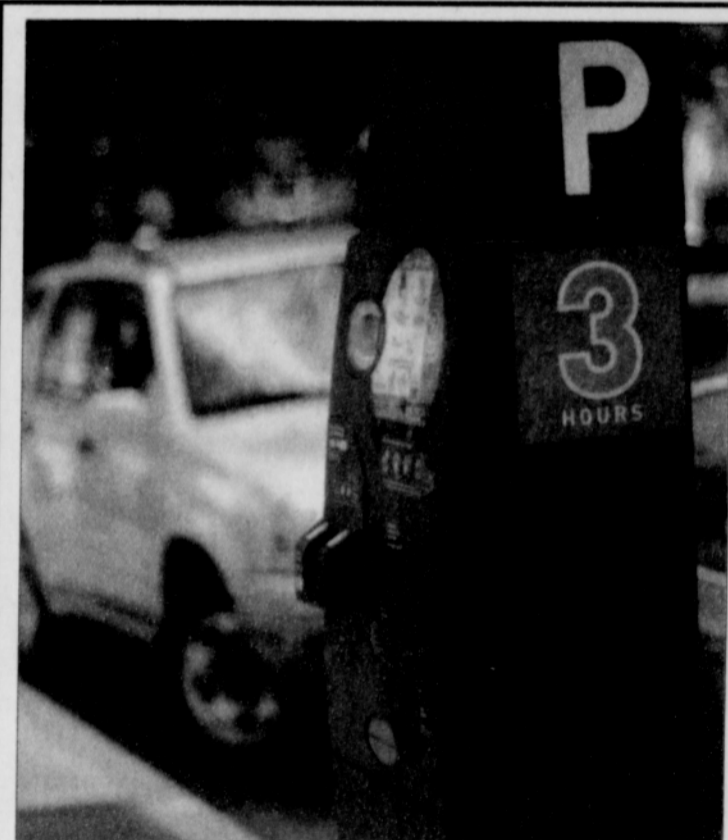
Canda has deep roots in the northeast community. He attended Grace Collins preschool, Humboldt Elementary, Robert Gray

Middle School, Jefferson High School, and Northwest College of Business before enlisting in the Air Force and studying at the College of the Air Force.

"My parents still live in the same house on Gantenbein across from Humboldt School, where I grew up," he said.

In 1991, Canda joined Portland's Youth Gang program, then directed by Maceo Pettis, and worked with the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program, the Portland Police Bureau's Neighbor-

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Increased parking fines went into effect on Monday.

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Parking Fines Increase

Increased fines for most parking violations in Portland went into effect on Monday.

The overtime penalty increases from \$16 to \$24, still below the average of \$34 for comparable cities, according to the Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Some safety violations will go beyond what other cities charge, increasing from \$40 to \$50, \$60 or \$70 depending on the infraction.

Local authorities believe that the fine schedule must reflect this concern for safety, mobility, commercial access and neighborhood livability.

For example, when a vehicle is parked in a no parking zone, it may hinder visibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; limit safe clearance for turning vehicles; impede traffic flow; increase congestion; hinder freight operations; and slow emergency response vehicles, officials said.

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