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Black Business Owners and Entrepreneurs Come to Aid of Portland Good Samaritan

Louis Walker is just your ordinary hard working Portlander trying to make a living. But last week, while on his way home from work late at night on MAX light rail system, 43 year old Walker was faced with a decision that most of us ponder from time to time.

Shall I get involved in some stranger's problem or shall I keep my mouth shut and mind my own business. Walker, being one of the many Portlanders who have quietly decided enough is enough, confronted two white passengers who were harassing a black passenger late than evening. While 40 other passengers sat and observed, the Oregon Blue Print worker took action to prevent the unidentified black passenger from possibly being killed.

During the confrontation, Walker, who is also white, was shot in the arm, breaking bones as the assailants quickly fled. Portland Police acting promptly were able to apprehend the two suspects, but have yet been able to locate the unidentified Black passenger who simply walked away without saying a word.

For Walker's trouble, he wound up taking a \$450 ambulance ride to Emanuel Hospital and is facing up to \$10,000 in medical bills for which he has no insurance.

Upon hearing the news on a local television station that next evening, Portland business entrepreneur, Roy Jay, Chief Executive Officer of Oregon Business Network, Trade-Mark Corporation and Law-One Incorporated, immediately contacted a network of responsive business owners and community leaders during the late hours of the

evening to solicit their support. Without reservation, the first to step forward were Bernie Foster, owner of the Skanner Newspaper, Louis J. Boston, owner of Gresham Chrysler Plymouth, David Nero, President of Nero and Associates and Leon Harris, Publisher of the Portland Observer Newspaper. Jay interrupted Joseph Johnson, President of Security Pacific Bank and other bank S.P. bank officials who were attending a private presentation that evening of The Odd Couple at Portland Civic Theater to solicit their assistance and support in establishing a trust fund for Walker, who had no idea how or when he is able to pay the mounting medical bills that were being incurred. Johnson and his staff, again, without hesitation, gave their immediate approval to help establish the fund and by the next morning all branches of Security Pacific Bank had mobilized to accept public donations from the sympathetic public.

Jay met with Walker and his wife for the first time last Thursday (April 18), surrounded by news media crowding the Emanuel Hospital room to announce that business leaders had started a Louis Walker Good Samaritan Trust Fund.

Donations have started coming in from all over the state from Oregonians who have shown a sincere concern for a good samaritan who acted to help a stranger. Jay said that he is proud of the entire community who have given their support for the situation.

"If people can spend \$5, I am sure that Mr. Walker and his family will appreciate it," said Jay. All money collected will be used to pay the medical

expenses and the balance will be turned over to the Walker family to help with other expenses during his period of unemployment.

When Jay, a native Portlander, was asked why he and the other business owners acted to help in a time when Portland has been the focus of racial headline he replied, "We all felt that it was the right thing to do. Walker obviously did not consider the guy's race when he went to help and neither did we when we initiated the trust fund."

Even though he does not consider himself a hero, many Oregonians are calling him just that. Cards, letters and donations have been coming in to support. For those of you who also want to be a good samaritan it's not too late to join and support the effort. Contributions may be made to the Louis Walker Good Samaritan Trust Fund in care of the Oregon Business Network through any branch of Security Pacific Bank Oregon or directly to the Lloyd Center Branch.

One white woman stated on a local radio program, "In a time when we are faced with racial controversy from skinheads, street gangs, the renaming of Union Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and the insensitive attitude conducted by Portland's convention marketing association in regard to minority participation and involvement, I am glad to see that people took it upon themselves to help Mr. Walker . . . I guess that is why they call them business leaders."

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. I've heard that there is a maximum family benefit under Social Security. Does this mean that once the maximum is reached, some family members won't get benefits?

A. No. Under Social Security each family member entitled to receive a monthly benefit will receive one. The total benefits received by the family, however, cannot exceed the family maximum amount. That amount is divided among all entitled dependents. The more dependents who receive benefits on the worker's Social Security record, the lower the benefit amount will be for each dependent. The retired worker's benefit amount, however, is not reduced for this reason.

Q. I have just set up my own carpentry business after having worked for someone else for the past 8 years. How does a self-employed person pay the Social Security taxes due?

A. You must pay your estimated tax quarterly to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Any balance due must be paid when you file your Federal income tax return following the end of your taxable year. The self-employment tax rate is 15.3 percent of your net earnings, up to the maximum amount creditable for the year, which is \$51,300 in 1990. Your net earnings must be at least \$400. The IRS will then report the earnings to Social Security for posting to your earnings record. This year you will be allowed a special deduction for both Social Security and income tax purposes. These deductions are designed to treat self-employed persons in much the same manner as employees and employers are treated under current law. Contact your nearest IRS office for more information.

Q. I will retire in June and would like to know if my military service during the Korean War will give me additional Social Security credits and higher benefits.

A. Before 1957, military service was not covered by Social Security. Beginning January 1, 1957, credit was given for active duty military service and active duty service for training. Even though your Social Security record does not include your military service during the Korean Conflict, when you go to apply for benefits, you can receive non-contributory wage credits of \$160 for each month of your active service if they are needed or would raise your benefit. Before you apply, call Social Security and ask them if your military service would give you a higher benefit amount. Many people can get a higher benefit without credits. If you find that the additional military service credits will help, you will need to bring in proof of your military service and your discharge papers.

Q. I just began receiving supplemental security income (SSI) payments. Will Social Security tell me how I must use this money?

A. No. The government places no restrictions on how people spend their SSI payments. Each recipient is free to make decisions about how their payment will be used.

Q. My handicapped son gets supplemental security income (SSI) payments and is in a special job training program. He has become discouraged lately and has talked about dropping out of that program. Will he lose his SSI benefits?

A. If your son is still considered disabled for SSI payments and remains within the income and resource limits, he will still be eligible for those monthly payments. He should talk to the person at Social Security in charge of work incentives and vocational rehabilitation. That person may be able to direct him to additional help so that he can stay in the training program and increase his future earnings potential.

You can get many different leaflets describing Social Security programs at any Social Security office.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 1990

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT	FRIDAY JUNE 1 THRU SUNDAY JUNE 10	12:00 NOON 10:00 PM	THE OREGON LOTTERY / KOIN OREGON PAVILION AT WATERFRONT PARK
STARLIGHT PARADE	SATURDAY JUNE 2	7:00 - 10:30 PM	N.W. FLANDERS AND PARK
YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS	SUNDAY JUNE 10	12:00 NOON 8:00 PM	HENRY AND OREGON PAVILION STATE AT WATERFRONT PARK
*GOSPEL JUBILEE	SATURDAY JUNE 16	7:00 - 10:00 PM	ARLENE SCHNITZER CONCERT HALL / PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
ROYAL COURT CORONATION RECEPTION	WEDNESDAY JULY 18	6:30 - 10:30 PM	SHERATON INN PORTLAND AIRPORT
AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL PRE-PARADE SHOW	SATURDAY JULY 21	8:00 - 9:30 AM	JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL & TRACK FIELD AT N. COMMERCIAL & KILLINGSWORTH
AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL PARADE	SATURDAY JULY 21	10:00 - 12:00 NOON	. . .
AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL CENTER	SATURDAY JULY 21 SUNDAY JULY 22	10:00 - 8:00 PM 10:00 - 6:00 PM	FERNHILL PARK 42ND AND NE KILLINGSWORTH

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