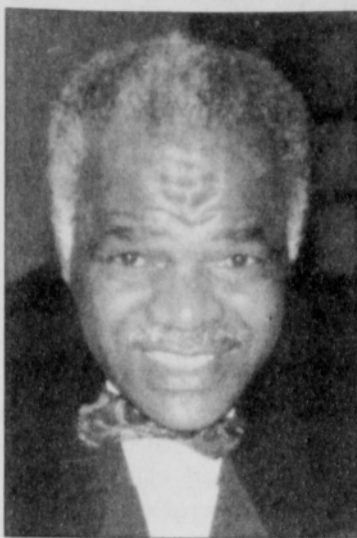


Champion In and Outside Ring



Jimmy 'Bang Bang' Walker

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Americans, and eventually founded the Northwest Defender in 1962. When the Northwest Clarion folded, Walker took over and renamed his newspaper the Clarion Defender, which featured his outspoken editorials on race relations, among many other social issues.

The activist eventually retired in the 1990s after working as a longshoreman for more than 20 years, during which he was a member of the International



A historical photo shows Jimmy 'Bang Bang' Walker kicking off his campaign for State Representative.

Longshore and Warehouse Union.

Survivors include Walker's sons, James Jr. of Mill Valley, Calif., and Zelton of Atlanta; daughters Debra Leartine Walker of Richmond, Calif., Freda Walker of north Portland, and Ronnetta Walker-Bey of Winston-Salem, N.C.; brothers Ivory Walker of Hayward, Ca-

lif., and Harvey Black of Atlanta; sisters Denise Brown of Vancouver and Gail Hughley of Tucson, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

An energetic service was held last Saturday at the Jefferson High School auditorium to pay tribute to Walker's life and legacy.

Oregon's First Black Judge

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School of Law.

She worked as a trial lawyer in general practice for eight years and served on the Workmen's Compensation Board as an administrative law judge for two years previous, keeping up her

community activism.

Due to a state law that required mandatory retirement for judges at age 75, she left the bench in 1992. Still, she stayed active in retirement, serving on nonprofit boards and state bar committees.

She is survived by her hus-

band Carl; two brothers; two sisters; three children; and seven grandchildren.

A public service was held Tuesday in Saint Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church in Northeast Portland. The family asks that remembrances be made to the church in her honor.

Board Votes to Build School

The Portland School Board voted Monday to build a state-of-the-art elementary school to serve New Columbia, the brand new neighborhood replacing the former Columbia Villa housing development in north Portland. The \$16 million school will replace the aging and crowded Ball Elemen-

tary School.

The school district will be obligated for only about \$9 million of the total construction cost because of partnerships that include the Housing Authority of Portland, city of Portland, Boys and Girls Club of Portland, private fundraising and use of federal New

Market Tax Credits. A Boys and Girls Club is planned on the site.

"With capital dollars so scarce, we want to use this experience as a model to come up with creative solutions for important projects in other neighborhoods in our school district," said David Wynde, school board co-chair.

Measures Target Downtown Crime

Mayor takes steps to restore confidence

Mayor Tom Potter has announced a series of tough new crime fighting measures designed to restore the confidence of downtown residents as well as make Portland more welcoming to visitors.

A downtown Public Safety Action Committee with six police officers will work with residents, business owners and police to target specific problems and find quick, effective solutions. The group's first efforts will be focused on Pioneer Courthouse Square and the Bus Mall.

Additionally, the City will spend \$500,000 to provide immediate treat-

ment for a targeted group of high risk, chronic criminal offenders who are responsible for hundreds of the crimes committed downtown.

The mayor also announced that the City will spend \$1.3 million to set aside 57 jail beds to jail individuals until their arraignment in Court when they are arrested on one of seven specific crimes downtown, including burglary, drugs and prostitution.

Finally, the South Park Blocks will have a 9 p.m. curfew. City residents will still be allowed to walk through the park, but anyone loitering, harassing visitors or using the park to camp will be arrested.



Mayor Tom Potter

"This is not a campaign against the young, the poor or our homeless. It is not a crime to be homeless in Portland, and we must never lose our compassion or our willingness to help those who cannot help themselves. In a city where 30 percent of our homeless are children, we cannot and will not turn our back on their needs," the Mayor said.

"But while homelessness is not a crime, dealing drugs on a downtown street is. While panhandling is legal, aggressive panhandling can quickly cross the line. And we will not tolerate either."

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