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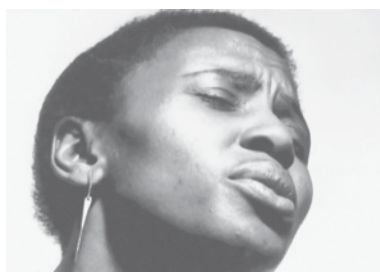
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## LOCAL NEWS



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Oregon Senate Minority Leader Jackie Winters grew up in Vanport and Portland's Albina community before embarking on successful career in business and politics that took her to Salem. She reflects on her life and her priorities in government during an interview with the Portland Observer.

# On Equality and MLK

## Jackie Winters earns respect from all sides

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The ideals that Martin Luther King Jr. espoused and lived by are personal for Sen. Jackie Winters, but one episode in her own life brought it all into sharp focus.

Winters, 80, was recently named minority leader of the Oregon Senate, the first black woman to hold that position.

But long before she got into politics, Winters built a minor restaurant empire, opening several versions of Jackie's Ribs in Salem and the Portland area. It was when she decided to open a Jackie's

Ribs on Southwest Broadway that it hit her. She was opening a business "right smack in downtown Portland," where blacks faced discrimination just a generation before.

"My son didn't understand. He said, 'Well, this is not the first Jackie's you've opened, so why are you getting so emotional about it?'" she said.

"I said to him that he has to understand that when we were in Vanport and also the early in settling into Portland, there were places we could not eat," she said. "There were places we could not

even sit to eat as a kid," she said. "These kids (today) don't understand what was going on."

Winters was born in Kansas, moved as a small child to Vanport where she survived the infamous Vanport Flood, and grew up the Albina neighborhood of Portland.

"We had a lot of small businesses and had over 100 social clubs in Portland," she said, describing African American participation in commerce and community gatherings at the time. Before the flood, Vanport was a vibrant, self-suffi-

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