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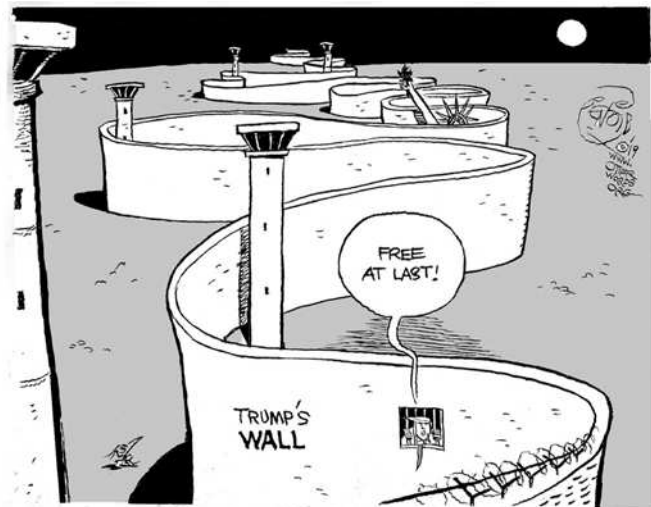
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Community volunteer Lisa Klein visits with Ray Turner Jr. of Portland 5 Center for the Arts as she hands out free hot dogs, chips and water at Holladay Park during a special event to celebrate a successful effort to reduce crime in the park.

A More Peaceful Holladay Park

Community celebrates reduction of crime

BY BEVERLY CORBELL
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A small group of neighbors joined officers from the Portland Police Bureau and volunteers from several nonprofit agencies last week for hotdogs, snacks and snow cones at Holladay Park to celebrate a successful collaborative effort to reduce crime and questionable activity in the park which is bordered by Lloyd Center and a MAX Light Rail station.

Although Portland police came

up with the idea, the Holladay Park Safety Plan relied heavily on community involvement, and more than a dozen nonprofits stepped up to help. They included Because People Matter, Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, SOLVE, Portland Parks & Recreation, Office of Youth Violence Prevention, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Portland OIC, Portland Public Schools, Transit Police Division, Bonneville Power Administration, Federal Protective Services, Portland Police Bureau, Providence Health Care, Connect, Church of Scientology, Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts, Lloyd EcoDistrict, and Oregon Youth Authority.

Over the past few months, many groups have added events and ac-

tivities in the park to strengthen its community use, and increased police patrols have helped protect the space as a public resource.

The results show a dramatic 50 percent decrease in 911 calls over the summer months compared with last year, along with a 44 percent decrease in thefts, 30 percent decrease in disturbance calls, 22 percent decrease in unwanted persons, and a 34 percent decrease in assaults.

The point of the safety campaign is to keep wholesome activities going in the park, said Capt. Anthony Passadore of Portland police. He said the model has been successful and he's working with security personnel in nearby Lloyd Center Mall to bring the ef-

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Portland Service for Winters

Later this month, there will be a memorial service in Portland honoring the life of service of Oregon State Sen. Jackie Winters.

On May 29, 2019, Winters, known as the soul of the Oregon Legislature, passed away after a battle with lung cancer. A memorial service at the state capitol in Salem followed in June and filled the legislative chambers with lawmakers, supporters, family and friends.

Sen. Winters, the only black Republican in the Oregon Legislature, impacted thousands of people's lives during her lifetime, providing them with hope and a future through her legislative ad-



Sen. Jackie Winters

vocacy and with Jackie's Ribs, her restaurant with locations in Salem and in Portland.

"Sen. Jackie Winters was a true

pioneer, stateswoman and valiant leader," Senate Republican leader Carl Wilson R-Grants Pass, said in a statement. "For many years, Sen. Winters embodied the spirit in Oregon, overcoming obstacles, setting a course for others to follow and bridging divides."

The Portland memorial service will take place on Friday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a reception following the service for those who were touched by Winters' life to share their experiences and love for her with her family.