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# FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Remix performed May 29 as part of the 206 Zulu Prince Versus Prince Kid's Breakin Competition and Showcase at the Mural Amphitheater on the final day of the 46th Annual Northwest FolkLife Festival which ran May 26 through May 29 at the Seattle Center. Four days of beautiful weather brought out thousands of people for this popular festival that features hundreds of musical acts, dancers, spoken word, workshops and a huge variety of food. The festival, one of the few that survives on donations is in danger of not returning next year because of lack of funds. Those wishing to donate can do so at <http://nwfolklife.kindbase.com/>.



PHOTO BY CHRISTEN MCCURDY

Almost immediately after the stabbing death of two men in Portland Friday afternoon, who along with a surviving stabbing victim intervened on behalf of two Black girls who were being harassed on a MAX train, residents began placing flowers and messages at the Hollywood Transit Center.

## Portland Reels After Attack

MAX slayings come amid a seeming upswing in hate-motivated incidents

By Christen McCurdy  
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Portland made national and international headlines Friday afternoon after two men were killed and a third injured trying to protect two Black teenage girls — one wearing a hijab — on a MAX train as it pulled in to Hollywood Transit Center.

According to witness accounts and court records, Ricky John Best, 53, Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche, 23, and Micah David-Cole Fletcher, 21, intervened after seeing a fellow passenger — 35-year-old Jeremiah Joseph Christian — target two teenage girls on the train, shouting Islamophobic and xenophobic remarks and violent threats. All three men were stabbed; Best died at the scene, and Namkai-Meche passed

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## Oregon Senate Votes to Commemorate Vanport

May 30 becomes the official anniversary of the Vanport flood

By Melanie Sevckenko  
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After 69 years, the lost city of Vanport received the recognition that survivors of its calamitous flood have long been waiting for.

At 11 a.m. Tuesday, the Oregon State Senate unanimously voted on Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 to officially commemorate the anniversary of the Vanport flood.

In 1948, the disaster washed away Oregon's sec-

ond largest city — and most racially diverse — and displaced close to 20,000 residents, about 6,500 of them African Americans. At least 15 people perished that day, among them a two-year-old boy and his 11-month-old sister.

Following the floor session, Vanport survivor Sen. Jackie Winters (R - Salem) and House Speaker Tina Kotek (D - North Portland), whose district includes the area where Vanport once stood, hosted a reception outside the

Senate chamber to pay tribute to those who survived and those who tragically lost their lives.

Last week, Kotek congratulated the various groups and advocates which "have been doing great work to increase awareness and honor the legacy of the Vanport community. This commemoration is an effort to build upon their work and honor the former residents and survivors of the flood, including Sen. Winters," she told *The Skanner*.

Winters said she "remembers that Sunday afternoon very clearly as if it were yesterday," narrowly escaping with the clothes on her back and her dog Kippy. In particular, the senator recalls the many times she and her family moved around Portland after being displaced — sleeping on cots in Jefferson High School and in churches — until they eventually secured permanent housing.

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## Death Toll at 90 in Huge Suicide Bombing in Kabul

So far, no entity has claimed responsibility for the attack

By Rahim Faiez and Kathy Gannon  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide attacker struck the fortified heart of the Afghan capital with a massive truck bomb Wednesday, killing 90 people, wounding 400 and raising new fears about the government's ability to protect its citizens nearly 16 years into a war with insurgents.

The bomber drove into Kabul's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter during the morning rush hour,

leaving behind a bloody scene of chaos and destruction in one of the worst attacks since the drawdown of foreign forces from Afghanistan in 2014.

Most of the casualties were civilians, including women and children, said Ismail Kawasi, spokesman of the public health ministry. But the dead also included Afghan security guards at the facilities, including the U.S. Embassy, while 11 American con-

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AP PHOTO/RAHMAT GUL

Security forces stand next to a crater created by massive explosion in front of the German Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan May 31. The suicide truck bomb hit a highly secure diplomatic area of Kabul killing scores of people and wounding hundreds more.