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police and National Security Forces. The nearby German Embassy was heavily damaged.

Also in the area is Afghanistan’s Foreign Ministry, the Presidential Palace and its intelligence and security headquarters, guarded by soldiers trained by the U.S. and its coalition

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Alef Ahmadzai told The Associated Press. “Everywhere was on fire and so many people were in critical condition.”

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which came in the first week of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The Taliban flatly denied any involvement in an email to news outlets and condemned all attacks against civilians.

The explosives were hidden in a tanker truck used to clean out septic systems, said Najib Danish, deputy spokesman for the interior minister. The number of dead and wounded was provided by the Afghan government’s media center, citing a statement from the Afghan Ulema Council, the country’s top religious body that includes Muslim clerics, scholars and men of authority in religion and law.

The blast gouged a crater about 5 meters (15 feet) deep near Zanaq Square in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, where foreign embassies are protected by a battery of their own security personnel as well as Afghan

partners.

“The terrorists, even in the holy month of Ramadan, the month of goodness, blessing and prayer, are not stopping the killing of our innocent people,” said President Ashraf Ghani.

Afghanistan’s war, the longest ever involving U.S. troops, has shown no sign of letting up, and the introduction into the battle of an Islamic State affiliate has made the country only more volatile.

Although they are small in number, militants from the Islamic State in Khorasan — an ancient name for parts of Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia — have taken credit for several brazen assaults on the capital.

“Let’s be clear: This is an intelligence failure, as has been the case with so many other attacks in Kabul and beyond. There was a clear failure to anticipate a major security threat in a highly secured area,” said Michael Kugelman of the U.S.-based Wilson Center.

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force crowding of African American residents into the Albina community — just because the color of their skin,” Winters said while addressing the Senate floor on Tuesday.

Stories like Winters’ are recounted in “The Wake of Vanport” — a series of short documentaries that capture the memories of those who lived in Vanport and survived its demise. The Skanner Foundation, through its North Portland Multimedia Training Center, created the oral history project.

Vanport was built in 1942, largely as

temporary housing during the Second World War. Many of its residents were transient laborers that were employed to work on the Kaiser shipyards in Port-

land and in Vancouver, Wash. Vanport took its name from both cities.

Largely recognized as a center of diversity, Vanport was home to some of the first Black teachers and policemen in the state during wartime. And while covering only 650 acres, the city was self-sustaining, equipped with shopping centers, a hospital, post office, library, schools, and even a movie theater.

On that fatal day of May 30, 1948 — shortly after 4 p.m. — a 200-foot section of the dike holding back the Columbia River collapsed, drowning Vanport in

less than two hours. The loss of property totaled millions of dollars.

Today, Delta Park rests on the former site of Vanport. But through an effort of community members, historians and survivors, a petition and campaign has been launched to change the name of the park to Vanport.

This year, the State Senate recognized two additional hallmarks of Oregon’s wartime history.

The “Triple Nickles” were a Black World War II paratrooper unit that deployed to Pendleton Field, Oregon near the end of war. In their honor, a marker will be unveiled on June 3 at the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum, locat-



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## New Faubion School

New Faubion School, the first newly constructed Portland Public School in two decades, announced a partnership May 23 with Concordia University Facility and Kaiser Permanente at 3039 Northeast Rosa Parks Way. Workers broke ground on the new school, which opens in the fall of 2017, last month.

Left to right: Kimberely Dixon, Faubion Principal Jen McCalley, Concordia University Gary Withers, Kaiser Permanente Northwest Dr. Imelda Dacones, Tracy Dannen-Grace, Concordia’s Sarah Sweitzer.

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away shortly after the incident at a local hospital. Fletcher was treated for his injuries and released from a hospital Tuesday.

Christian was apprehended at the scene, and according to the affidavit released by the Multnomah County Circuit Court Tuesday, he confessed to the crimes in the back of the police car: “I just stabbed a bunch of (expletive) in their neck.”

The state has charged Christian with two counts of aggravated murder, one count of attempted aggravated murder; one count of first-degree assault; three counts of unlawful use of a weapon; and two counts of intimidation in the second degree. At a Saturday press conference Multnomah County district attorney noted aggravated murder is “a capital offense in Oregon.”

Witnesses say the incident took place just as a Green Line train bound for Clackamas Town Center pulled into the Hollywood Transit Center, and that imme-

diately afterward, Christian de-boarded the train and fled into the Hollywood neighborhood.

A passenger’s video of Christian’s arrest shows him shouting at police and drinking out of a container before being appre-

“Christian will most likely die in prison since our state has not executed anyone against their will since Kennedy was president

hended.

Friday’s slayings made national headlines along with a string of gruesome crimes targeting minorities.

In December, the Southern Poverty Law Center reported more than 1,000 hate incidents took place nationwide in the first weeks after Donald Trump was elected to the Presidency. The report, which tracks the number of incidents between Nov. 9 and Dec. 12 of that year, notes Oregon had the highest per capita reporting

with 42 incidents — half of which were reported in Portland.

A spokesperson for the SPLC told *The Skanner* the organization only began tracking hate incidents starting after the election. The Portland Police Bureau’s in-

teractive crime map allows users to look at crime broken down by neighborhood and type of incident (such as theft, vandalism or assault) but the map does not include a category for bias crime — which can encompass several of those categories. The bureau was not able to provide information on how bias crimes are tracked, and whether they have increased in its jurisdiction, in time for *The Skanner*’s deadline.

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Survivors gather on high ground to watch the destruction of Vanport after the flood on May 30, 1948.

ed at the airport in Josephine County.

The legislative assembly also commemorated the 75th anniversary of the internment of Japanese Americans with Senate Concurrent Resolution 14. It acknowledges the injustice, pain and suffering inflicted on Japanese Americans during World War II and recognizes Feb. 19 as a national Day of Remembrance.