

Brown, Hardesty Victorious

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all. It wasn't big money. Big money tried to shut us down, but big people stood up."

Mondainé added that he was proud of Hardesty's victory and thinks his predecessor will do a good job as a city councilor.

Portland voters also said yes to taking big money out of future city elections. A campaign finance limit measure for future city elections was approved 87 percent to 33 percent.

Voters in Portland and statewide approved a measure to allow local governments to finance affordable housing projects and a Metro regional government

bond for affordable housing construction in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties passed with over 50 percent of the vote.

A statewide measure to restrict the ability of Oregon lawmakers to raise taxes and fees, requiring a three-fifths majority in both chambers, was defeated 65 percent to 35 percent. Democrats also picked up three seats in the Oregon House in the election, giving them 38 of the 60 seats, a so-called supermajority.

Another statewide measure to ban taxes on soda and other groceries was defeated.

--Danny Peterson also contributed to this story.

Remembering Mulugeta Seraw

City looks back on hate crime 30 years past

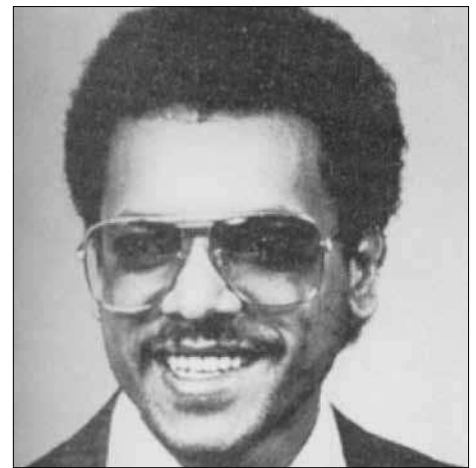
An Ethiopian refugee, Mulugeta Seraw, who was killed by a racist skinhead in Portland 30 years ago, is being honored this week in multiple events.

Seraw was remembered Tuesday during a conference sponsored by the Urban League of Portland and Portland State University that included Engedaw Berhanu, Seraw's uncle as a special guest, and three lawyers who successfully brought a civil lawsuit against notorious California white supremacist Tom Metzger in connection to the murder.

Seraw was killed, and another Ethiopian man was attacked in southeast Portland by Ken Mieske and two others with baseball bats on Nov. 13, 1988. The assailants were members of a racist skinhead gang called East Side White Pride.

On Wednesday, commemorative street sign toppers will be introduced into the Kerns neighborhood where the 28-year-old Seraw had lived while attending grad school. Urban League of Portland, SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition, and Transportation Commissioner Chloe Eudaly will participate in the placements, one at Southeast 31st and Pine, the location of the attack.

The City Council Wednesday will also consider a proclamation declaring each November 13th as Mulugeta Seraw Day in Portland.



Mulugeta Seraw

The proclamation, as well as a resolution introduced into Congress by Oregon U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, highlighted the facts behind Seraw's murder and how it forced Portland to confront racism, an issue still sadly prominent for many in the city.

"This horrific case galvanized the city, as well as the State of Oregon, to stand up to hate crimes and acts of violence by the neo-Nazi movement in the Pacific Northwest. While this brutal slaying happened 30 years ago, it remains fresh in the minds of many who lived through that time and for people who still experience discrimination and hate today," Wyden said.

Wheeler said Portland's progressive reputation often hides its lack of diversity.

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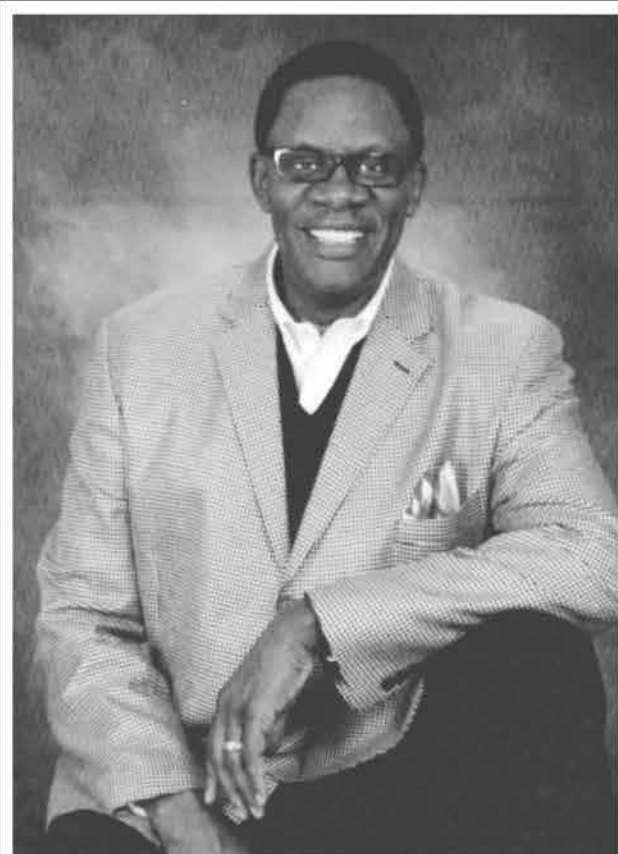
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