

A Look Back at 2018



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Police, FBI Probe Suspected White Supremacist Attack on DJ

The FBI is helping investigate an attack by several suspected White supremacists on a Black disc jockey at a tavern in Washington state Dec. 9. Seven men and one woman were arrested for investigation of assault, hate crimes and other allegations early Saturday in Lynnwood, according to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. Investigators said the group entered the Rec Room Bar and Grill, tried to take over the DJ's equipment, then beat him and stomped him while shouting racial slurs.

PPS Votes to Pay for Increased Police Presence



The Portland school board voted Dec. 11 to approve an agreement to pay police officers for an increased presence in schools. Students, teachers and parents implored the school board to delay the vote to allow more discussion about whether to spend more than \$1.2 million a year on nine school resource officers. Board member Scott Bailey suggested the vote be postponed until February to get more feedback from the community, but only board member Amy Kohnstamm voted for his motion urging a delay. (That motion also had the support of the board's student representative, Cleveland High School senior Nick Paesler.) The agreement will go to the Portland City Council.



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Seraw Remembered

Many gathered to honor Mulugeta Seraw at a conference organized by the Urban League of Portland on Nov. 13, 2018, the 30th anniversary of his death. Seraw was a 28-year-old Ethiopian college student living in Portland when he was murdered by racist skinheads outside of his apartment on November 13, 1988. Held at the University Place Conference Center, the event commemorated Seraw, spotlighted the history of anti-Black violence in Oregon, and sought to identify ways to combat hate in Portland's communities. The following day, commemorative street sign toppers in English and Amharic were unveiled to honor Seraw at the intersection of Southeast 31st and Pine, where he was killed.

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