

# A Look Back at 2017



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## Hood to Coast

This year's Hood to Coast and Portland to Coast took place from Aug. 25 - 27, 2017. *The Skanner's* team – The West Coast Steppers – were among the thousands of participants. Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast Relays is the most popular relay race in the world with 20,000 participants from 50 states and 43 countries. The event has sold out for 19 consecutive years, and annually places an additional 40,000 hopeful runners and walkers on a waiting list.



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

## Total Eclipse

Millions of Americans gazed in wonder through telescopes, cameras and disposable protective glasses Aug. 21 as the moon blotted out the sun in the first full-blown solar eclipse to sweep the U.S. from coast to coast in nearly a century. The temperature dropped, birds quieted down, crickets chirped and the stars came out in the middle of the day as the line of darkness raced 2,600 miles (4,200 kilometers) across the continent in about 90 minutes, bringing forth oohs, aahs, shouts and screams.



PHOTO BY CHRISTEN MCCURDY

## Gang Designation Sunsets

The Portland Police Bureau announced in September that it would end a 20-year policy of designating citizens as gang members or affiliates. The shift was credited to recommendations made by Black Male Achievement and retired assistant chief Kevin Modica after a call for a public comment two years ago by PPB. Pictured here are Black Male Achievement Director C.J. Robbins, BMA steering committee member Erious Johnson, Modica and BMA steering committee member Justice Rajee.



## Portland Throws Out 48-Hour Rule

In August, Portland City Council voted in support of more police accountability when it unanimously voted to abolish the 48-hour rule – a topic of contention among law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, and community members concerned that police oversight was slipping.

Mayor Ted Wheeler – who presides as the city's police commissioner – had made promises during his campaign to toss out the rule, which had allowed officers to wait two days before giving a statement after being involved in cases of deadly use of force.



COURTESY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Tillman Fired, Spurring Scrutiny of Racism in County

In September, Tricia Tillman was asked to step down from her role as public health director of Multnomah County. That prompted Chair Deborah Kafoury to announce a strategy to address complaints of racist and unjust employment practices – and led, later in the month, to the resignation of Tillman's supervisor, Joanne Fuller. County Commissioner called for an independent investigation into racism at the county.

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### Christmas Service

*For unto you is born this day a Savior*

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