

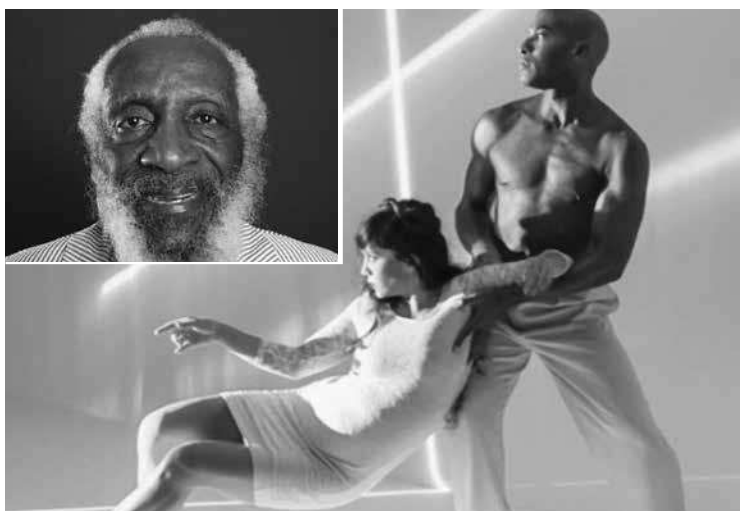
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## LOCAL NEWS



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More than three dozen people came together for a vigil Thursday night to remember a member of Portland's black community who was hit and killed by an alleged drunk driver while trying to cross a dangerous section of Cully Boulevard in northeast Portland. The group joined neighbors in demanding long overdue safety improvements for the street.

### Vigil for Man Killed

Family and neighbors call for safety improvements

Hugs, tears and fond memories were shared for a long time member of the black community who was killed by an alleged drunk driver while trying to cross a dan-

gerous section of Cully Boulevard in northeast Portland.

A crowd of about three dozen people came together for a vigil Thursday night in memory of Patrick Curry, 58, who died March 19 when he was hit by an alleged drunk driver at Northeast Cully Boulevard and Mason Street.

Many wore sports apparel from Curry's beloved Dallas Cowboys.

He was the perfect son who visited his mom each day, Cur-

ry's mother, Katherine Curry, said through tears while attending the memorial.

The lack of traffic safety improvements for pedestrians on Cully, where the roadway between Fremont and Prescott streets is wide and where sidewalks are narrow or non-existent, has been a long time priority for the neighborhood.

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### Black Love Day to Counter Hate

Portland Community College's Cascade campus will host their first Black Love Day as part of a nationally recognized observance to encourage black self-love instead of self-hatred, racial healing to stop white supremacy, racism and entitlement, and the return to love to heal all relationships for increased peace and an end to violence.

The special event will be held Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the campus at 705 N. Killingsworth St. Dr. Joy DeGruy, a



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renowned researcher, educator, and author will serve as keynote speaker. She is an ambassador for healing and a voice for those who've struggled, in search of the past, and continue to struggle through the present.

African-centered workshops and an African village and commerce market will also be held.

The event's theme is "Countering the Hate Within and the Hate Without. Solutions to a New Ordered World."