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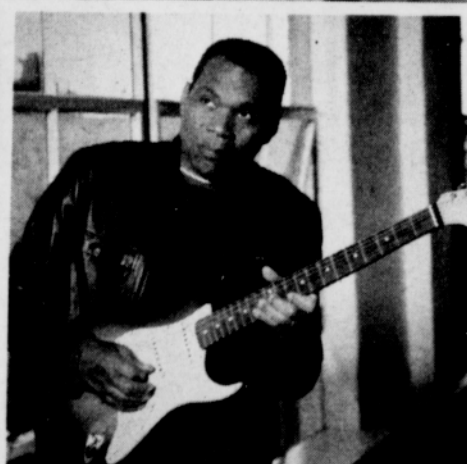
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## LOCAL NEWS

### Vegan Soul

#### Food activist author fronts Portland Roots Festival

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Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI) will be hosting Portland's second annual Portland Roots Festival at Pioneer Courthouse Square on Sunday August 10. The celebration is a chance for locals to learn more about food accessibility and the food justice movement.

An entire day and early evening will be dedicated to local performers, food, culture, dance, and community. The diversity includes African, African-American, Afro-Latin and Afro-Caribbean food vendors, non-profits, and micro-entrepreneurs. Health-related activities and information on health and sustainability will be available for a variety of audiences, including children and families.

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Terry welcomes these discussions and has himself been at the forefront of a food justice movement before.

His last reading in Portland, at the Celebration Tabernacle in May, featured fresh food samples and paved the way for his return over the summer.

Jordan Davis, who works at PCRI and is organizing parts of this year's festival, hopes Sunday's event "exposes people who aren't familiar with African or African American culture to new food and music, to a culture that may have not have previously had access to."

Davis highlighted that this year, the festival welcomes a variety of acts, including West African drummers, spoken word from youth and adults poets, hip hop, an all-girl dance group, a youth ballet group, a rock band, and dozens of other acts in support of the African American Food Justice Movement.

"Last year was great and we can't wait to do again this year," Davis says. "We have so much to share it's incredible."

The Portland Roots Festival runs from noon to 8 p.m. Entrance to the festivities is free. For more information, check out [pcrihome.org](http://pcrihome.org).

### Concordia Blues Honors Scroggins

The late Grammy-nominated and beloved Portland musician Janice Scroggins will be honored Saturday, Aug. 9 when Concordia University and the Original Halibut's restaurant in northeast Portland present the inaugural Campus Blues Fest, a blues music festival dedicated to Scroggins' legacy.

The free family-friendly event will start at noon and continue until 8 p.m. at Concordia on the campus green at 2900 N.E. Rosa Parks Way.



Janice Scroggins

Food vendors such as the Original Halibut's and Cannon's Rib Express will be available.

The dynamic artist line-up will include performances by Portland blues icons Norman Sylvester, the Linda Hornbuckle Band with Reggie Houston and Richard Arnold, the Jim Mesi Band, the Lloyd Jones Trio, Kevin Selfe and the Tornados; Jim Wallace; and the Strange Tones.

For more information, visit [cportland.edu/events](http://cportland.edu/events).

### Policy Blocks Transgender Student

A transgender student from Portland attending George Fox University in Newberg has not won the right to be housed with other male students on campus. The story (George Fox Back Down) in our July 30 issue did not accurately reflect the status of the case. The student, Jayce Marcus, hasn't undergone the sex reassignment surgery that would be necessary to meet the Christian university's new housing requirements.