

**NEW SEASONS MARKET** and Cannon's Rib Express Present:

## REGGIE HOUSTON'S C'EX ALL STARS

Sundays 5-8pm  
at Cannon's  
Rib Express  
5410 NE 33rd Ave  
(Next to New Seasons)



Sunshine, BBQ and a FREE, all-ages, outdoor show by a New Orleans' sax legend, Grammy nominated pianist **JANICE SCROGGINS**, bass virtuoso **BEN JONES &** powerhouse drummer **TYRONE HENDRIX**.

What could be better?  
... Well, you never know what amazing, surprise guest musician will sit in!

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## Photographer also an Informant

### Insider captured iconic images of Dr. King

A Tennessee newspaper has revealed that famed civil rights photographer Ernest C. Withers was a paid informant on the everyday activities of Memphis' black community.

"[FBI] reports portray Withers as a prolific informant who, from at least 1968 until 1970, passed on tips and photographs detailing an insider's view of politics, business and everyday life in Memphis' black community," Memphis' Commercial Appeal reported Sept. 12 following a two-year investigation.

Withers captured iconic images of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the night King was shot in Memphis.

A veteran freelancer for America's black press, he was known as "the original civil rights photographer," an insider who'd covered it all, from the Emmett Till murder that jump-started the move-



Ernest C. Withers

ment in 1955 to the Little Rock school crisis, the integration of Ole Miss, and the 1968 sanitation strike that brought King to Memphis and his death.

The newspaper's report, reveals how Withers provided the FBI with details about where King was staying and information on his meeting with black militants on April 3, 1968 — the day before the assassination.

It found FBI reports indicating that Withers collaborated for years with FBI agents monitoring the civil rights movement. Those FBI reports, the paper's Marc Perrusquia writes, "reveal a covert, previously unknown side of the beloved photographer."

Withers is certainly beloved in Memphis, where a namesake museum is scheduled to open next month. It remains to be seen how these new revelations may affect Withers' legacy.

The Memphis paper reports how Withers' spying assisted J. Edgar Hoover, the controversial FBI director who long covertly monitored King and others considered radicals. Withers, the paper notes, gave the bureau a "front-row seat to the civil rights and anti-war movements in Memphis." In the 1960s, he provided information on everyone from the Invaders — a militant black power group — to church leaders, politicians and business owners. Experts believe the FBI paid Withers for spying.

## Predatory Lending Lawsuit Fails

A federal judge has dismissed for a second time Baltimore's lawsuit against Wells Fargo & Co. claiming predatory lending practices discriminated against black borrowers and led to foreclosures that harmed the city.

U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz of Maryland said an amended complaint did not provide a "causal connection" between the banking giant's conduct and the city's alleged injuries.

He previously dismissed the suit, filed in 2008, in January but allowed

Baltimore to file a narrower complaint dealing only with economic impacts.

"We have contended from the beginning that the challenges Baltimore faces cannot be attributed to the small number of loans Wells Fargo foreclosed in the city," said Cara Heiden, co-president of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "Even the city has acknowledged that long-standing crime, unemployment and socioeconomic issues have contributed to the city's problems."

## Facing Discrimination? Advocates offer Help

Are you or your co-workers being treated differently based on your race, disability, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, age, etc? Was your housing application rejected or are you being treated differently than others by your landlord?

Are you being paid below minimum wage, not receiving rest periods, or receiving irregular pay checks?

Local community advocates will offer some help with a forum on

Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Humboldt Garden, 5033 N. Vancouver Ave.

The Urban League of Portland, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry and the Fair Housing Council of Oregon will be hosting the event to help you understand your rights and what you can do to protect yourself from discrimination in the workplace and housing.

For information or to RSVP, call Donna Brown at 971-673-0781 or the Urban League at 503-280-2600.

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## Community Issues Breakfast Forum - The Diversity and the Inclusion Paradox



**October 7, 2010**  
7:30 am - 9:30 am  
\$30/person  
Oregon Convention Center

Explore a broad spectrum of diversity issues with Andrés Tapia, an internationally recognized authority in the field and noted author of *The Inclusion Paradox: The Obama Era and the Transformation of Global Diversity*. Gain new insights into how varying worldviews can impact health, wealth, learning, safety, and workplace performance.

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