

## RELIGION

## Art Auction Benefits HIV Services

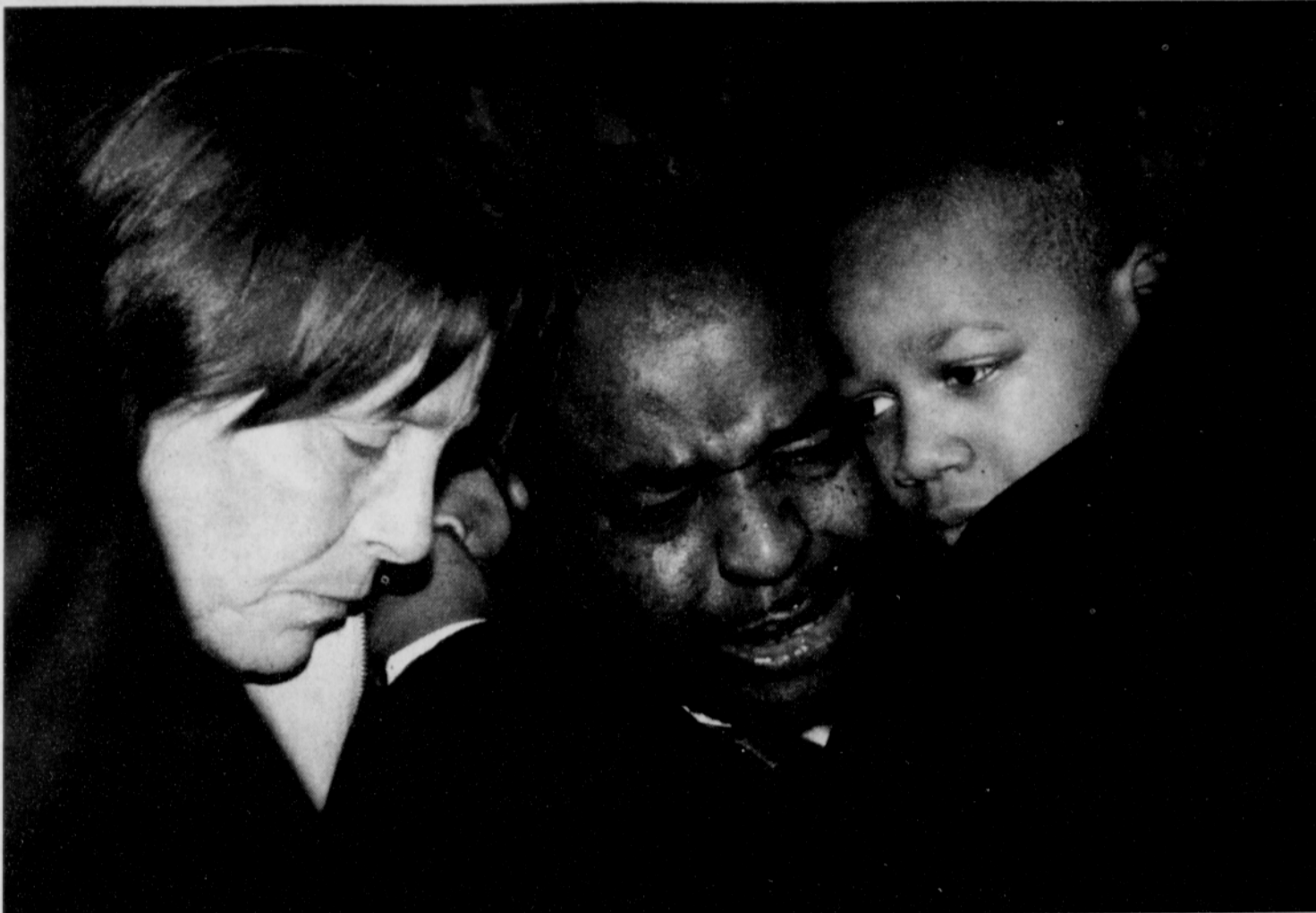
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's HIV Services will hold an art show and silent auction, featuring an eclectic mix of art by local and not-so-local artists. The event will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., at Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth (entrance in back of church, off the alley).

From half to 100 percent of the proceeds from every auction sale will go directly to the Daily Bread Express, a program that delivers meals to homebound HIV/AIDS patients, and the HIV Day Center.

Opened in 1989, the center provides counseling, meals, laundry facilities, showers, hygiene supplies, clothing, telephones, computers and many other services to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Currently, HIV Services meets the needs of nearly 400 individuals. Last year, approximately 37,000 meals were provided. For more information, contact Lowen Berman at 503-460-3822.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of 17 Christian denominations including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through theological education and dialogue, public policy advocacy and community ministry programs.



## REMEMBERING ASIA BELL

Sheree Bell and Steve Bell, stepmother and father of murder victim Asia Bell, comfort her oldest son Kawontaye Bell, 10, during a funeral service on Friday. Hundreds filled the seats and aisles at Allen Temple Church to mourn for Bell. The wife and mother of four, was killed by gunfire on her front porch of her north Portland home on Nov. 20.

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## Minister Offers Journal Writing Help

Personal journal writing has been used for centuries as a primary tool for psychological and spiritual discernment and growth.

Now a six week workshop at the Center for Spiritual Development at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will use journal writing to help locals access memory, intuition, imagi-

nation and the power of dreams.

Forster Freeman, a semi retired minister with standing in the Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ will lead this workshop. He has received training from Ira Progoff and has led journal writing groups since 1968. In addition he has a Doctor of Ministry

degree in Spiritual Direction from a Jesuit seminary and has taught spiritual direction at the University of San Francisco.

Registration is available at The Center for Spiritual Development Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 N.W. 19th Ave. For more information, call 503-478-1218

## Jazz Musician, Postal Worker Dies at 87

DAVID SHELL SPENCER—Funeral services were held Nov. 23 for David Shell Spencer who died Nov. 17, 2002 at the age of 87.

Mr. Spencer was born to Ed and Nancy Spencer on May 1, 1915 in Augusta, Ky. He grew up in Detroit, Mich. After graduating, he began a career as a jazz musician playing piano and organ all over Michigan and up and down the East Coast.

During World War II, David served as a musician for the United States Navy and was stationed at bases all over the country. After the war he continued to perform and compose music.

In 1962, Davis moved to Portland where he began his career with the U.S. Post Office. David was a very dedicated employee, receiving many awards for superior performance and attendance.

He retired from the Postal Service in 1992 after just under 30 years of service. He also continued his musical career performing here locally for many years.

After retirement David spent the remainder of his long days doing the things he loved most, bowling, playing music and spending time with his family. David played with many bowling leagues over the years all over Portland and made many, many friends.

His mother Nancy, father Ed, brother Bud and first and second wives Clementine and Bernice, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his children Donald F. Spencer, David S. Spencer Jr., Nancy Spencer, Kathleen Spencer, Michael Spencer and his wife Amy Spencer. Grandchildren Ashley Green, Nicholas Green, Mark Anthony Prevost, Angelique Spencer, Michael Spencer Jr. and Desiree Spencer.

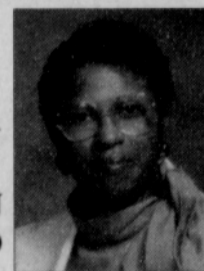
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## Super Development Inches Forward

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"The really bad news would be 'no,' and we haven't heard that yet," Leary said.

If the word does turn out to be "no," there is still a chance for a smaller market of about 37,000 square feet," Wooley said. By comparison, the newly remodeled Safeway and Drug on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Ainsworth is 30,000 square feet.

• **House purchases:** The largest scheme involves the purchase and removal of six single-family homes on Northeast Garfield Street. The Vanport partners say their offers have been "entertained" by five of the owners, but they have yet to make a deal with any of them. Leary emphasized that no property would be condemned for the project, and that all six houses must agree to sale for the project to proceed.

"If we hear yes six times and no once, it's no," Leary said.

• **County property:** Multnomah County owns the northern end of the designated area, the site of the senior center and other community services.

Without citing specifics, Wooley says the partners have received a letter from the county that "says what they feel they need to move from this space."

"It has been a long, drawn-out process, but it should be," Leary said. Gesturing around him at the senior center he added, "An asset like this building must be dealt with very carefully."

Leary said that while a modified scheme would contribute to the community, the original plan would be "an opportunity to deliver what the visioning process called for all along - the restoration of the economy in this community with this as the engine. It's an opportunity for business ownership, especially by minorities."

Conversely, Scott Eaton of Gerding-Edlen said, the smallest scheme would "not have the magnitude of the larger plan, but maybe you'd like it better. It would generate less traffic."

Traffic has been a community concern, and Wooley conceded, "One thing we have to come to terms with: If you want development, you get other things."

Traffic consultant Mike Bauer said that to mitigate traffic generated, the partners hope to get the city to install left-turn refuges on Northeast Alberta and Killingsworth streets at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. They also hope to re-align Northeast Sumner Street at MLK so that it lines up with the street on the east side of the boulevard.

Wooley said the project is also trying to be sensitive to residents on the west side of Garfield, which she said is a "lovely residential street." Answering a concern by homeowner Mabeeh Dawan, she said that well-designed row houses would be built on the east side of the street.

One resident suggested that inner northeast already had enough groceries. Leary replied that the companies the partners talked to "saw this as an opportunity to serve an underserved area. They wouldn't have reached that conclusion if they found the competition daunting."

Another resident, Tabitha Turner, said, "I agree with Mr. Leary. None of the other stores cater to our needs." She added that in lieu of a market, a "family-oriented restaurant" was an unmet community need.

Leary responded, "We need to get this financed, and for that we need an anchor that has financial muscle. Restaurants are among the least viable businesses" for this purpose. A market would also be "a traffic generator that other retailers thrive off of," he said.

The Vanport team said that the final shape of the project should be determined in four to six months.

"We've been very busy, but we don't have many answers for you tonight," Wooley said.



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