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State sees dramatic increase in food stamps
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Week in The Review

Bill Pays Iraq War Costs
President Bush signed a \$417.5 billion wartime defense bill providing an additional \$25 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan, body armor for troops and reinforced Humvee vehicles.

Possible Cult Victims Discovered
Police in eastern Nigeria discovered body parts, skulls and more than 50 corpses, some partly mummified, in shrines where a secretive cult was believed to have carried out ritual killings, officers said. Some victims may have died after swallowing poison to prove their innocence.

Bush Defends Terror Alerts
President Bush defended the decision to issue terrorism warnings and tighten security in New York and Washington, saying "the threats we're dealing with are real" even though some of the intelligence on which the government acted was as much as four years old.

Koko Uses Sign Language
When Koko the gorilla used the American Sign Language gesture for pain and pointed to her mouth, 12 specialists, including three dentists, sprang into action. The result? Her first full medical examination in about 20 years, an extracted tooth and a clean bill of health.

Nichols Asks for Forgiveness



Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols addressed a court for the first time, asking for forgiveness and offering to help victims' families with the healing process as he was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole on 161 state charges.

Reporter Held in Contempt

Time magazine is appealing a judge's ruling that one of its reporters is in contempt of court for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the leak of the identity of a covert CIA officer.

King Kong Actress Honored

The Empire State Building - the skyscraper that King Kong scaled while holding tight to Fay Wray - will dim its lights for 15 minutes Tuesday in honor of the actress who died Sunday, a building spokesman said.

COMPASSION

Not Revenge

Survivors of violence forgive attackers

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While supporters of the criminal justice system maintain that hard time for violent offenders is beneficial to victims and communities, many real crime survivors disagree.

"Everyone knows that in prison you are likely to get raped, molested, abused and assaulted," said Theresa Huggins, a rape survivor and participant in Survivors Advocating For an Effective System (SAFES). "I would never wish that on anyone, not even the man who raped me."

The rape occurred when she was 12, after a night of bowling. A man offered her a ride home, but instead drove her out to the country and raped her.

"I told my dad I was late, hoping he'd be mad at me and ask why. He just said, 'Don't do it again.' I wanted so badly to tell him what had happened, but I couldn't."

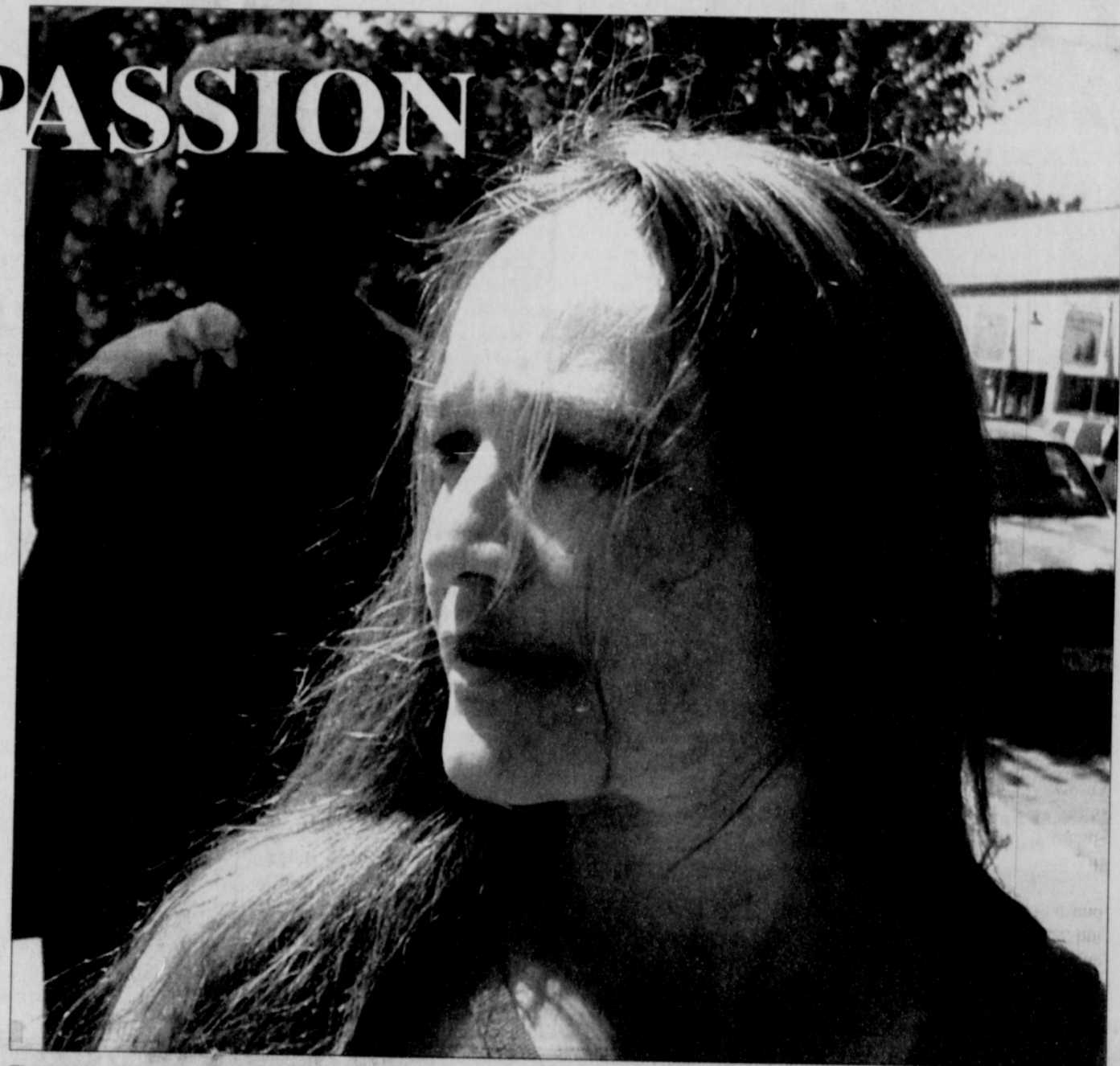
For years, Huggins remained silent about the sexual assault. She started drinking heavily and doing drugs, sinking so low she became a violent offender herself, reprimanded for assault throughout her youth.

When Huggins married her high school sweetheart, her life did not improve.

Together, they pulled robberies, got in scrapes, did dope, and were generally "running amok."

She tried to look beyond his criminal history to see his gentler side, as he cared of an aging grandmother.

Eventually, her husband wound up in jail. With no support and the knowledge that he was at great risk physically, mentally and emotionally, Huggins continually visited him behind bars. She started cleaning up her life



Theresa Huggins, a crime survivor's advocate, tells her story.

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— Arwen Bird, founding member and executive director of Survivors Advocating for an Effective System (SAFES)

by taking classes at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. But when he was freed from lockup, the system hadn't changed him and together they spiraled back down into crime and drug addiction.

A year and a half after he was freed from jail, Huggins hit bottom. She left him and made a commitment to clean up once and for all. Through writing classes taught by an

inspiring professor, Huggins learned how to tell her story.

The writing finally allowed her to start healing from her childhood rape. It was then that she discovered SAFES, an organization that resonated with her own views and experiences with violence and the criminal justice system.

Huggins thinks that the criminal justice

system needs to do a better job of healing the victim, the offender and the community. The current system, she feels, heals no one, but only perpetuates the physical, mental and sexual abuse in prison.

"In a system that heals no one, where will the violence end?" asks Arwen Bird, founding member and executive director of SAFES.

Bird was paralyzed by a drunk driver. As punishment, she only wanted him to help pay her medical bills, but instead he went to prison and she received no financial help.

"When they (offenders) get sent to prison and their victims receive little say in sentencing and little financial or emotional support," she asks, "what are we offering survivors?"

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Local Judge Leaves Legacy

Services Friday for Roosevelt Robinson

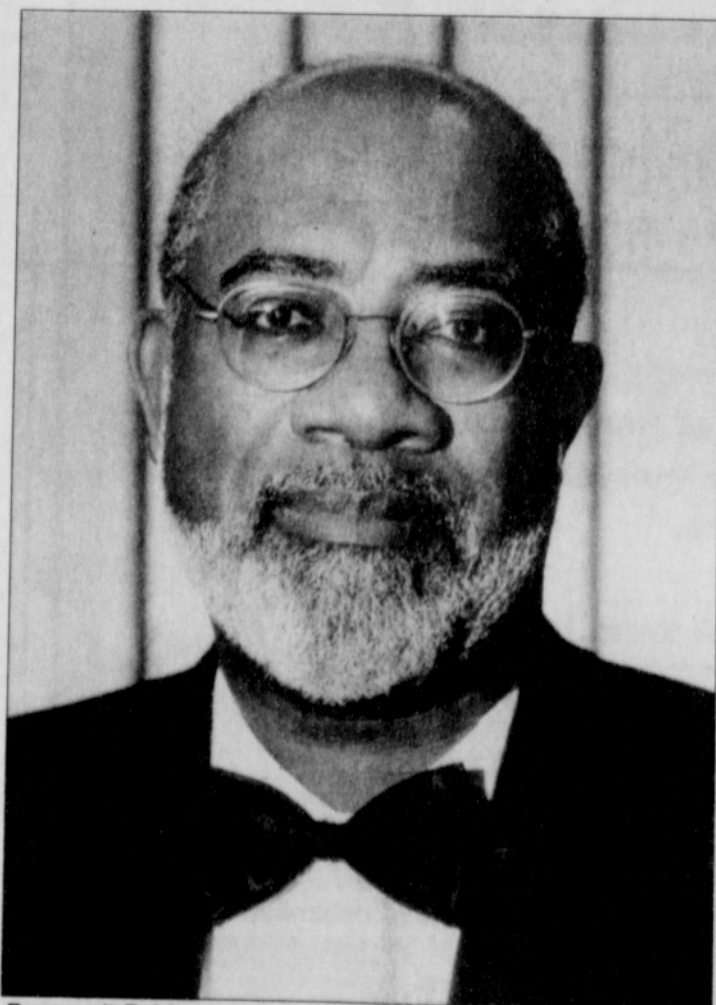
Roosevelt Robinson, 62, a local African-American leader, judge and former minister will be remembered during a public memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at Mallory Church of Christ, 3908 N.E. Mallory.

Robinson was born in December 1941 in Valdosta, Ga. His great-grandmother raised him after his mother was murdered when he was a child. He later became valedictorian of his high school graduating class in 1959.

He earned a theology degree from Southwestern Christian College in Texas before heading for Oregon in 1962.

He got a job at a Nabisco bakery in northeast Portland, working his way up from janitor to foreman. He also served as minister at a north Portland church and earned a sociology degree from the University of Portland in 1970.

In 1976, Robinson graduated from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College. He spent a few years in private practice before joining the Multnomah County dis-



Roosevelt Robinson was honored to serve as a judge.

trict attorney's office in 1978.

In 1987, he was appointed to the Oregon Parole Board. In 1990, he was appointed as a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge, later winning election to that seat.

Robinson presided over the lawsuit against cigarette-maker Philip Morris that resulted in a \$150 million jury award. Robinson criticized company officials, but he reduced the award to \$50 million in 2002.

Robinson resigned from the bench last year, as his health began to decline. But after entering hospice care, he surprised many by living nearly a year longer than expected, in spite of failing kidneys. He credited his rebound to advanced therapy and prayer.

"He loved what he did," said Jan Wyers, also a circuit judge. "He felt so honored to be a judge."

Last year, Lewis and Clark Law School started the Roosevelt Robinson Minority Scholarship in his honor.



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Sweetheart Looks Ahead

Maur'elle Amaunni Lampkin earns a state trophy and queen's crown as Miss Oregon Sweetheart. She will compete for the American Coed National Sweetheart title this fall in Orlando, Fla. See story on page B6

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