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Silverton man faces 13 sex abuse charges

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Tison

forced a woman to engage in sexual intercourse over the course of a four-month period starting around October 1, 2014 and lasting to February 2, 2015. An additional charge of promoting prostitution was related to the four second-degree sexual abuse charges.

Judge Vance Day ordered an arrest warrant on Aug. 26, 2016 related to those charges.

A second warrant stemmed from eight sexual abuse charges that started around June 2015, according to a secret indictment.

Tison allegedly raped, sodomized and forced two different women to engage in sexual intercourse on more than one occasion. One of the victims was subjected to sexual abuse for roughly one year starting around July 1, 2014 and lasting to around July 1, 2015.

Tison faces one count of first-degree rape, two counts of first-degree sodomy,

eight counts of second-degree sexual abuse, one count of coercion and one count of promoting prostitution.

Rape and sodomy are Measure 11 crimes and each carry mandatory minimum sentences of 100 months in prison. Tison is scheduled for a plea hearing on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 8:30 a.m. for the rape, sodomy, second-degree sexual abuse and coercion charges. He was previously convicted of second-degree sexual abuse and using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct in 2005.



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The Oregon Garden is aglow during the opening night of Christmas in the Garden on Friday, Nov. 25, in Silverton. The event features a lighting display, ice skating, snowless tubing, an artisan market and more.

Silverton finds itself another year older, wiser

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FOR THE SILVERTON APPEAL

This past year has been one of great change for many. In Silverton, that is no exception, with progress and improvements expected to continue in 2017.

Mayor Rick Lewis pointed to expansion, marijuana and water treatment as primary developments in 2016.

With the passage of Senate Bill 1573, the State Legislature determined that voter-approved annexation would be nullified. Silverton was one of 34 cities that had voter-approved annexation, either by charter or ordinance. Lewis noted that there are challenges to the new law and the city is watching to see what ensues.

In the meantime, several large annexations have occurred since passage of the law.

"While the City cannot outlaw growth, we do have an interest in ensuring that growth is dealt with sensibly and does not over-burden our infrastructure," he said. "Growth is subsidized by our rate payers. Moderate, controlled growth is important."

The second matter that involved controversy, staff and council time was the resolution of marijuana issues and related regulations.

"There was a great deal of compromise," Lewis said. "The council was divided on the issues surrounding marijuana, but in the end I believe we came up with a set of regulations that we all can live with."

There will be a public hearing process prior to approval.

Another focus was the creation of a comprehensive community vision for the future.

"A significant amount of public input went into the creation of the vision which was adopted in final form by the city council mid-year," Lewis said. "This vision should now lead to a strategic plan and that process will hopefully begin sometime in 2017 if funds are budgeted to accomplish it."

With regard to 2017, most critical issue looming on the horizon is the state of the water treatment plant. The plant is older than its life expectancy and a recent consultant report shows that addressing the construction of a new plant must begin very soon.

"The problem, of course, is how we pay for it," the mayor said. "The one certainty is that we simply cannot ignore the problem. Water quality is something that is important to all of us and I would categorize the state of our treatment plant as critical at this point."

Lewis mentioned several other matters that are on the horizon, including budgeting, rebuilding and council goals.

"As the new year begins, we welcome Christy Wurster, Silverton's new city manager," he added. "Christy has been hired effective January 17th. We look

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Year in Review

Highlights, lowlights and even Christmas lights

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A lot happens within a given year, and nowhere is that more apparent than looking back at highlights, lowlights, those in the limelight and even Christmas lights.

Headlines in the Silverton/Mt. Angel area included festivals, awards, civic officials on the move and others moving in and an array of old and new stitching 2016 to its predecessor and onto the current new year.

The following year-in-review snippets are but a fraction of the Appeal Tribune stories over 2016, arranged in month-to-month segments and including contributions from Christena Brooks, Annette Utz, Carlee Wright, Sheldon Traver, Whitney M. Woodworth and Brooke Jackson-Glidden, to name a few. And, of course, a host of vibrant residents who constitute the colorful communities of this area.

January

Silverton City Council votes to allow marijuana to be grown and manufactured within city limits.

Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport visited elementary schools in Salem, Silverton and Aumsville, bringing a piece of the coast inland as part of its marine science traveling education program.

Hours after a fire destroyed longtime Silverton-area resident Melody Harpole's home, family and friends responded, and within days a YouCaring.com fundraising site had \$1,395 in donations, and Silverton Grange

No. 748 had already run a successful collection of clothing and bedding to meet Harpole's immediate needs.

After more than four months of denials and reconsiderations, the Silverton City Council approved an application to build a 93-unit apartment complex on Fossholm Road.

Mountain View Tree Service performs a delicate tree-removal operation atop the mouth of the slippery South Falls chute at Silver Falls State Park. The rickety trees had been compromised by winter conditions.

February

Hubbard-based businessman Mohsen Salem added the 111-year-old Ames Building to the pair of historic buildings at the intersection of Main and Water streets that he's already bought and rehabbed. Now he's the owner and developer of the iconic five-sided building at 100 S. Water Street that was Larsen Flynn Insurance, but has also been a bank, real estate office, movie set, and home to the Silverton Appeal's printing press. "For me, I just love old buildings, and I love Silverton," Salem said. "These buildings deserve to be preserved so people can continue to get use out of them."

Mt. Angel's John F. Kennedy High School, is one of the 71 schools statewide to be included in the newest round of educational grants from NIKE, Inc. and the Nike School Innovation Fund.

Poetry comes alive at the 16th annual Silverton Poetry Festival, featuring nine guest poets.

Silverton Resident Gayle Goschie is awarded the 2015 Judy Schmidt Lifetime Achievement Award from the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

March

Even before Rite-Aid moved into its new location at the intersection of Westfield and C streets and Silverton Road, rumors were flying about the location. Some were certain a dollar type store had already signed a lease and others said it would be Bi-Mart.

Students from Silverton High School emerged successful at the annual High School Industrial Skills Contest held at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. Andrew Dummer received first place in Welding Technology-Gas Tungsten Arc Welding; Ben Dahl and Caleb Gunderman took first and second places, respectively, in Welding Technology-Oxy-Acetylene Welding; Monte Martin finished second in Welding Technology-Gas Metal Arc Welding.

At Davenport Place in Silverton, stories abound about residents' military service and the history they have to share. A new tribute wall was dedicated to these veterans, recognizing their contributions. Family and community members visited Davenport Place for the official unveiling.

Seven local fire fighters are honored at Silverton Fire District's awards banquet: Firefighter of the Year, Max Hughes; Officer of the Year, Fred Bridgehouse; Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, Matt

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Driver killed on Highway 214 identified

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The driver killed in crash on Highway 214 in the early morning on Dec. 22 has been identified.

Pedro Topete, 35, of Jefferson, was driving westbound on the highway when his vehicle hit black ice and crossed the centerline accord-

ing to Oregon State Police.

Topete was killed when his vehicle collided with a semi-truck heading eastbound. The driver of the semi-truck, John Illingworth of Keizer, was uninjured.

The crash closed the highway for several hours west of Silver Falls State Park and east of Cascade Highway.



OREGON STATE POLICE

One person was killed in a crash on Highway 214 early Thursday, Dec. 22.

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