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Accused sex abuser has dark past

Convicted of sex abuse and drug crimes

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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WARRENTON — Carl Hagnas' generosity is visible. He is

a well-known handyman who often passes out candy to children he encounters while performing small jobs and volunteer work.

Less visible, though, were the sex crimes he allegedly continued to commit following a 1986 sex abuse conviction.

Hagnas, 68, was arrested Friday and charged with 12 counts

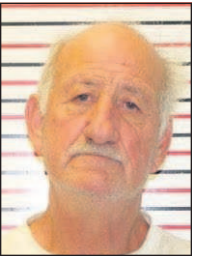
of first-degree sex abuse and one count of second-degree sodomy. He pleaded not guilty Monday. Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill set bail at \$500,000.

In addition to the sex abuse conviction, Hagnas also was found guilty in 1991 on two counts of manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

An indictment alleges that Hagnas committed eight acts of sexual abuse from 1992 to 1996 against one girl, all before her eighth birthday. Those alleged crimes were not reported to authorities until 2005.

Victims often spend lengthy amounts of time speaking to police, who then search for evidence of a crime before bringing

the case to the district attorney. Since the case against Hagnas would have relied solely on hearsay in 2005, law enforcement officials declined to make an arrest. Without charging someone with a crime, authorities are limited in their ability to restrict someone's access to children.



Carl Axel Hagnas

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ASTORIA COMPLETES ANNUAL HARVEST AT BEAR CREEK WATERSHED



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Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Astoria Public Works Superintendent Ken Nelson, left, and Astoria City Forester Ben Hayes, right, look out over a part of the Bear Creek watershed near Astoria during a recent visit to the 3,700 acre site.

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

Near the ridge line that forms the boundary of Astoria's Bear Creek watershed, the only sounds are the whistle of wind through the trees and the rumble of city forester Ben Hayes' truck.

A routine thinning completed on 52 acres near the watershed's southwestern boundary earlier this month yielded \$228,651 net revenue for the city, greater than the city's original estimate of \$200,000. Public Works Director Ken Cook did not yet know the total amount of wood harvested but said annual harvests at the watershed usually run between 700,000 to 800,000 board feet. Loggers targeted non-native, disease-prone trees, but left behind many native species: healthy spruce, hemlock and Pacific silver fir.

This kind of harvest is the main way the watershed's managers have tried to slowly address the area's logging past, a legacy that produced dense stands dominated by Douglas fir.

"If you break it up, you create more diversity and resiliency," Hayes said.

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Logging at the Bear Creek watershed happens every year and has been described by the city as necessary for a healthy resource that provides water to the community.

Seaside embraces urban renewal

Forestland eliminated from city blueprint

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — City councilors unanimously adopted the Southeast Seaside Urban Renewal Plan on Monday, with one important change — the elimination of 33 acres of Weyerhaeuser-owned forestland from the 560-acre project.

"We heard concerns about the particular piece of land that is included in the plan that is not in the city property and not in the urban growth boundary," City Councillor Tita Montero said.

"When all is said and done, I think the right thing to do is diminish the boundaries and reduce the size of the urban renewal district by removing the forestland outside the city limits."

The Weyerhaeuser property had been considered a way to provide additional infrastructure — water, sewer lines and roads — to the Seaside School District's new campus, City Manager Mark Winstanley said. "That was the thought behind putting that piece of property in — it gave more options to the agency."



Mark Winstanley

Revenues fund improvements

Urban renewal is a financing program authorized under state law and implemented locally, allowing the use of property tax revenues from city and regional taxing districts to grow the economy in blighted or underdeveloped areas.

Funding comes through increases in assessed values of local properties.

As new development arrives and existing properties are improved, assessments rise and see property tax increases. Property taxes on the growth in assessed value in the urban renewal area are frozen and increases are allocated to the city's urban renewal agency and not the taxing districts.

The urban renewal plan sets a limit on the amount of money which can be used to fund

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ACLU puts heat on elected prosecutors

Marquis calls the campaign misleading

By NICK BUDNICK
Portland Tribune

PORTLAND — With district attorney elections coming up in Washington and Marion counties, the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon has knocked on more than 15,000 doors, encouraging people to support prosecutors who shun "tough on crime" policies.

But the new campaign, called They Report to You, is

running into a problem: While the ACLU contends Oregonians support liberal criminal justice policies, the group concedes people often don't know much about how the system actually works. That ignorance includes the central role of district attorneys, each county's top prosecutor, who are the focus of the ACLU campaign.

"Some of what we found out is that the overwhelming majority of voters have no idea that district attorneys are elected," said David Rogers, executive director of the group. People "actually have very little sense of

what it is they do."

The ACLU aims to fill that knowledge gap — and is raising hackles among prosecutors with its aggressive message. The campaign relies on a new website that links to newspaper articles highlighting racial disparities in charging, sentencing and other issues. The site offers brief videos that feature an opinionated take on the criminal justice system, for instance depicting a white, suit-wearing prosecutor taking a folder marked "evidence of innocence" and throwing it in the trash.



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David Rogers, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, wants to shine a light on elected prosecutors.

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