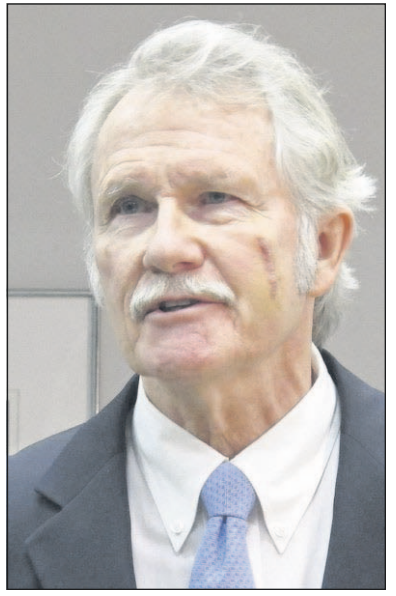


After decades in politics, Kitzhaber's career came to a quick and abrupt end



Gosia Wozniacka/Associated Press
Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber answers questions during a news conference Jan. 30 in Portland. The end of his political career came only five months after private questions surfaced about the business activities of first lady Cylvia Hayes.

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SALEM — The swift fall of John Kitzhaber and the slow rise of Kate Brown to Oregon's governorship will intersect Wednesday, when Brown will be sworn in to succeed Kitzhaber.

Last week, Democrat Kitzhaber became the first governor in Oregon history to resign under political pressure, amid three separate investigations of influence-peddling allegations against him and his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes.

While other elected officials in Oregon have lost their jobs under pressure, the only comparable magnitude in recent times was the 1995 resignation of Republican Bob Packwood, who faced expulsion from the

U.S. Senate seat he held for almost 27 years on accusations of sexual misconduct.

In Packwood's case, the pressures took nearly three years to result in his resignation.

In Kitzhaber's case, the pressures took less than five months — and culminated only a month after he was sworn in for a record fourth term as governor.

Kitzhaber's political career spanned decades, from his first election from a Roseburg-area district to the Oregon House in 1978, when he was an emergency room physician. He was in the Oregon Senate 12 years, eight of them as its president, and served two terms as governor, from 1995 to 2003. He won a record

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OHSU lobbyist will be new governor's chief of staff

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SALEM — Brian Shipley, who's been in and out of state government for 20 years, will return to Salem as chief of staff to incoming Gov. Kate Brown.

The news was first reported by Willamette Week.

Brown will be sworn in Wednesday after John Kitzhaber's resignation takes effect.

Shipley, 39, is the top lobbyist for Oregon Health & Science University in Portland as associate vice president for government relations.

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Kate Brown



Dianne Widdop

Signatures submitted for recall of Gearhart mayor

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The Clatsop County Clerk and Elections Office is verifying signatures on a petition circulated by Gearhart resident Harold Gable in an effort to remove Mayor Dianne Widdop from office.

Gable submitted 114 signatures Wednesday to Gearhart City Administrator Chad Sweet, who serves as the city elections official. Sweet confirmed the number of signatures and that the forms were completed correctly. The information then went to Clatsop County elections officials, who will verify the signatures.

Gable needed to submit 102 verified signatures — or 15 percent of the total votes cast for governor in Gearhart's district during the most recent election — by next week's deadline to continue the recall process.

If the required number of signatures are verified, officials will notify Widdop, who then will have five days to submit her resignation or a statement of justification no more than 200 words to be included on the election ballot.

County elections officials informed Sweet they intend to have the signatures verified

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Another \$90,000 for Knappa schools' coffers



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State Sen. Betsy Johnson, Knappa Schools Foundation co-founder Shawn Teevin and auctioneer Max Stewart share a laugh during the foundation's auction.

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KNAPPA — Knappa Schools Foundation had another fruitful auction Saturday, estimating more than \$90,000 raised from the more than 300 attendees Valentine's Day in the Knappa High School gym.

The auction employs silent and live auctions, as well as raffles and direct pleas for money by state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose. The money raised, which is still approximate and being tabulated by the foundation, included:

- More than \$30,000 from state Sen. Betsy Johnson's annual plea to bidders.
- \$29,500 from the live auction so far.
- \$11,000 from the silent auction.
- \$5,000 from the "Best of Live" raffle, in which bidders bought up 50 raffle tickets for \$100 apiece and a chance to win a live auction time of their choice.
- About \$3,000 from 42 other raffle items.

• Ticket sales and cash donations by attendees and those who could not attend.

"We're feeling very comfortable that that's where we're going to end up," said foundation Secretary Jeanne Windsor. The foundation, she said, hires K & M Catering each year for the salmon and prime rib dinner, while the Logger Restaurant, owned by foundation co-founder and KHS graduate Shawn Teevin, donates the appetizers and hors d'oeuvres.

Big ticket

The highest-selling item was \$5,900 for a two-ticket package to the University of Oregon-Oregon State University Civil War football game Nov. 27 at Autzen Stadium, along with a football signed by Marcus Mariota. The tickets were donated by Teevin, and the football was donated by Johnson.

"It was nice to have student participation," said Jeanne Windsor about the large, painted, aluminum salmon signs and paintings created by students for the auction.

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Auctioneer Max Stewart auctions off one of two giant, student-made salmon signs during the Knappa Schools Foundation auction at Knappa High School Saturday. Both were purchased by commercial real estate developer Terry Lowenberg.



Bidders filled the Knappa High School gym during the auction.

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