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A two-car collision north of Gearhart Wednesday afternoon closed U.S. Highway 101.

Astoria teenager killed in crash north of Gearhart

By BRENNNA VISSER
The Daily Astorian

An Astoria teenager was killed Wednesday afternoon when he lost control of his car on a curve on U.S. Highway 101 north of Gearhart and collided with another vehicle.

Broderick Danielson, 18, was driving his black Honda Civic northbound near mile-

post 14 at about 2 p.m. when he skidded into the southbound lanes, according to the Oregon State Police. His car collided with a Toyota 4Runner driven by Melany Bloom, 38, of Rosburg, Washington.

Bloom was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

The highway opened to both lanes of traffic around 5 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce to change directors

Hauke to retire next year

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Skip Hauke, the director of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, will retire next year and hand the reins to David Reid.

Hauke has been director since January 2005, taking over after the retirements of then-Director Roger Rocka and Associate Director John Compere. He joined the chamber after selling the property of his family's grocery store, Hauke's Sentry Market, to Safeway.

The chamber was established in 1873 and has a mission to create a strong local economy, promote the community and represent the interests of business with government.



Skip Hauke David Reid

Hauke plans to phase himself out of the position by late spring. He will retire around his 75th birthday in May after helping with the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival, the chamber's largest fundraiser, in April.

"I will miss the job, there's no doubt about it," Hauke said. "But there comes a time when you have to let go. I've got a good sense of accomplishment, basically with all the credit going to a great staff. But we've accomplished a lot."

He pointed to the region's increased lodging taxes from visitors and a growing mem-

bership of more than 640 as signs of a job well done by the chamber.

Hauke is one of only two people to twice win the chamber's George Award, Astoria's citizen-of-the-year honor, along with former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen. Reid won the award in 2014.

Hauke said he first talked to Reid two years ago during one of the chamber's Business After Hours networking events about being his successor. Reid's name was brought to the chamber's board of directors, who selected him, Hauke said.

Reid and his wife, Lisa, moved to Astoria in 2002 when he took a job as a sales coordinator with insurance company Aflac Inc. He has been a chamber member since 2003 and has served on its board since 2011. His term expires at the end of the year, he said, in time for the tran-

sition. He has also been with the Astoria Rotary Club since 2003.

"The chamber for me has always been the place where all the things I love about this community come together," Reid said.

The role of the chamber is both as an advocate for local businesses and as a visitor's bureau, he said.

Reid has been working part time for Aflac while also being a lead adviser with the Small Business Development Center. He will not continue with either position. Reid also serves on the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association's Business Development Committee, a role he said he hopes to continue, time permitting.

"Their missions are aligned but not identical," he said of the chamber and downtown association. "I look at them as concentric circles."

Feds threaten state's criminal justice funds

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The U.S. Department of Justice has threatened to end millions of dollars in criminal justice grant funding to Oregon

over the state's sanctuary policies that prohibit the use of state and local resources to enforce federal immigration law.

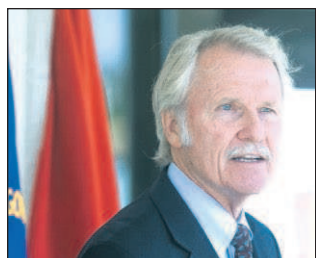
In a letter Wednesday, Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan Hanson asked

the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to address whether Oregon's policies violate federal statute.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grants are a primary source of federal funding for state

and local law enforcement, including police and sheriff's departments. Oregon receives about \$4 million of the grant money every two years, said Bryan Hockaday, a press secretary to Gov. Kate Brown.

Former Gov. Kitzhaber agrees to \$1,000 fine to settle ethics complaint



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Former Gov. John Kitzhaber has agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine to settle ethics complaints against himself and former first lady Sylvia Hayes that alleged they used their offices for personal benefit.

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Former Gov. John Kitzhaber has agreed to pay \$1,000 to settle an ethics complaint related to accusations he and first lady Sylvia Hayes used their public offices for profit, had conflicts of interest and inappropriately accepted gifts.

The Oregon Ethics Commission is scheduled to consider the settlement agreement Friday in Salem.

"Dr. Kitzhaber, through his attorney, indicated that he

wishes to conclude this matter by agreeing to the terms and conditions in this order without completing the investigation phase," the order states.

The settlement would not have an impact on a pending ethics investigation into the former first lady.

Ron Bersin, the commission's executive director, was not immediately available for comment on his staff's recommendation to approve the settlement.

The agreement asserts that Kitzhaber violated state law by benefiting from frequent

travels he accrued from state travel between 2011 and 2013 and failed to disclose his conflicts of interest related to Hayes' consulting company in 2013.

The company, 3E Strategies, received paid consulting contracts from 2011 to 2013.

Kitzhaber argued that he received advice from his attorney that he did not need to disclose a conflict of interest because the consulting company did not shape state policy.

The commission voted unanimously in July to pur-

sue an official investigation of the former governor and his fiancée.

The agency in February 2015 had suspended a preliminary review of three complaints of alleged ethics violations against the couple, triggered by pending state and federal investigations.

Kitzhaber and Hayes had been under criminal investigation for more than two years after Willamette Week reported the first lady may have used her position to win several consulting contracts. The scandal eventually

prompted Kitzhaber to resign from office in February 2015.

The commission resumed the ethics review in late June after the U.S. Attorney's Office announced no criminal charges would be filed against the couple. The state Department of Justice abandoned its investigation of the couple because its statute of limitation had expired during the federal probe.

Under commission rules, ethics investigators must conduct a preliminary review to determine whether to launch a full investigation.

Complaint alleges Roseburg senator engaged in repeated unwanted touching at Capitol

Gelser wants Kruse expelled

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE
Capital Bureau

SALEM — State Sen. Sara Gelser Wednesday called for the expulsion of a fellow senator who she says for years subjected her to unwanted touching.

Gelser, D-Corvallis, filed a detailed formal complaint against state Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg, a move that represents a step up from two separate informal reports she has made about Kruse's behavior since early 2016.

She also alleged Wednesday that Kruse has inappropriately touched more than a dozen other women at the Capitol.

Kruse declined to comment. "I'm not going to say anything to anybody," Kruse, who has denied allegations of inappropriate behavior in previous media interviews, said.

He added that since a formal investigation was ongoing, "we need to let the process work."

Gelser's complaint, provided Wednesday by the Office of Legislative Counsel, says Kruse repeatedly touched her in ways that made her feel uncomfortable.

Gelser and another female state senator who has not been identified had previously made informal complaints about Kruse's behavior to the Legislature's human resources and legal teams.

The informal complaint process is typically confidential. The allegations emerged publicly, though, in the past month, as more people who have experienced sexual harassment came forward with their experiences in industries ranging from politics to entertainment.



Anna Reed/Statesman Journal

State Sen. Sara Gelser, D-Corvallis, on Wednesday filed a formal complaint against Sen. Jeff Kruse, alleging the Roseburg Republican has touched her inappropriately repeatedly over the years.

Until Wednesday, Gelser had been reluctant to publicly describe specifically what she had experienced, saying she did not feel she had to describe salacious details to be believed.

In her formal complaint, though, Gelser, who was elected to the Senate in 2014 and served in the House of Representatives prior to that, described multiple incidents where Kruse had touched her in ways that made her feel uncomfortable going back to 2011.

She also described avoiding meetings with Kruse, tak-

ing the stairs instead of elevators to avoid him, and not allowing her staff or interns to meet with him to protect them from harassment.

Gelser described being "increasingly reluctant" to meet with Kruse because he touched her in "ways that made (her) feel uncomfortable."

"This included hugs in which he pressed his full body against mine, wrapping his arm tightly around me, kissing my cheek, or whispering in my ear," Gelser wrote. "I would step away from these behaviors but was concerned that I would offend or embarrass him by discussing the behavior. I simply tried to avoid meeting with him unless absolutely necessary."

But, Gelser said, she could not avoid being on the House floor, where she said in 2011 Kruse approached her from behind and ran both of his hands and arms down her shoulders and breasts and "squeezed" her in a hug.

Gloria A. Walker
Astoria

July 30, 1941 — Nov. 10, 2017

Gloria A. Walker was born July 30, 1941 in Windsor, Connecticut. She passed away Nov. 10, 2017 in Astoria, Oregon, at the age of 76.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Larry Walker; a sister, Gwenie Leaham, and a brother, Fuzzy Frew, of Massachusetts; a son, Clint, and his wife, Marnee Bates; a stepdaughter, Teri Walker



Gloria and Larry Walker

of Louisiana; seven grandchildren and one grandchild on the way; and one step-grandson, Chance Gomez.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Julie Cozine of Portland, Oregon.

A celebration of life for Gloria A. Walker will be held at the Elks Lodge, 453 11th St., in Astoria, Oregon, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017.

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