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Photos by Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian  
Sage Nyberg, 10, grimaces as he pulls up a clam gun from the sand while digging for razor clams on Sunday morning during the Long Beach (Wash.) Razor Clam Festival.

## MOLLUSK MADNESS SEIZES THE BEACH

Fans of razor clams clamor for more in Long Beach

By JOSHUA BESSEX  
The Daily Astorian

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Armed with clam guns, shovels, boots and buckets, hundreds of people took to the shores of Long Beach over the weekend for the annual Razor Clam Festival.

The festival, which had an eight-year run in the 1940s before restarting in 2013, gave visitors a taste of Northwest coastal life with multiple chowder competitions and the clam fritter cook-off on Saturday.

For the do-it-yourselfers, the festival offered free clam-digging lessons each morning and clam-cleaning classes when the digging was done.

More photos of the mollusk madness online at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com).



Payson Hoiseck, 10, from Toledo, Wash., shows a razor clam she dug up in Long Beach on Sunday.



Razor clams are shown in a net on Sunday.



Payson Hoiseck, 10, from Toledo, Wash., digs for razor clams Sunday morning along Long Beach.



Chefs prepare clam fritters during the clam fritter cook-off at Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday.

## Wolf pack death is sobering

Shooting renews debate over managing predators

By ERIC MORTENSON  
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They called him OR-4, and by some accounts he was Oregon's biggest and baddest wolf, 97 pounds of cunning in his prime and the longtime alpha male of Wallowa County's influential Imnaha Pack.

But OR-4 was nearly 10, old for a wolf in the wild. And his mate limped with a bad back leg. Accompanied by two yearlings, they apparently separated from the rest of the Imnaha Pack or were forced out. In March, they attacked and devoured or injured calves and sheep five times in private pastures.

So on March 31, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff boarded a helicopter, rose up and shot all four.

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## Brown reflects on her first year

By PARIS ACHEN  
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PORTLAND — Gov. Kate Brown used her State of the State address Friday to claim a series of social, economic and environmental achievements during her first full year in office.

Calling it "a watershed year for Oregon," she recounted to a crowd of about 500 at the City Club of Portland that the state had passed several first-in-the-nation laws. Those policies ban the sale of coal-powered electricity, automatically register people to vote, set a tiered minimum wage and allow the sale of birth control without a prescription.

She compared the new policies to the legacy of former Gov. Tom McCall, known for his leadership in passing landmark land-use planning laws in 1973.

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Kate Brown

## Astoria native awarded millions in YouTube suit

A \$3,000 investment garners gold in federal court



Four years ago, a former Astoria resident and his business partner each invested \$1,500 in a Dallas, Texas-based, video gaming channel on YouTube. The two were promised a 30 percent stake in the business and 30 percent profit.

The Videogames YouTube channel became a hit with more than 813 million visits and millions of dollars in

advertising revenue. However, the channel creator breached the investment agreement with Astoria native Brandon Keating, now of Chicago, and fellow investor David "Ty" Moss, of North Carolina.

"This creator came to me and asked me to invest," Keating said. "Things went south, and a few years later we are in a lawsuit."

Keating and Moss were awarded \$20.3 million last



Brandon Keating

week from a Texas federal jury after filing an investment fraud lawsuit. The lawsuit claimed creator Marko Princip and his business partner Brian Martin, of California, failed to honor their contract and conspired

to commit fraud and tortious interference.

The federal jury awarded \$16 million in punitive damages, \$1.5 million in future earnings and 60 percent of the advertising revenue.

Keating, who was born in Astoria and studied at Tongue Point Job Corps Center before joining the U.S. Navy, describes himself as an investor. He has invested in 100 different YouTube stars, one of whom recently signed a deal with LionsGate.

Anyone can create a YouTube channel. The channels with the most views, such as Videogames YouTube, have the potential to gener-

ate huge amounts of money in advertising.

"That is what was represented," Keating said when he invested in Videogames.

Many of these YouTube channels start off with handshake agreements. It is important for people to sign official documents to help avoid investment fraud, he said.

Keating's lawyers estimated thousands of investment fraud cases involving YouTube channels could be filed over the next few years.

"This case demonstrates the big business that YouTube has become," Dan Wyde, a lawyer

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