



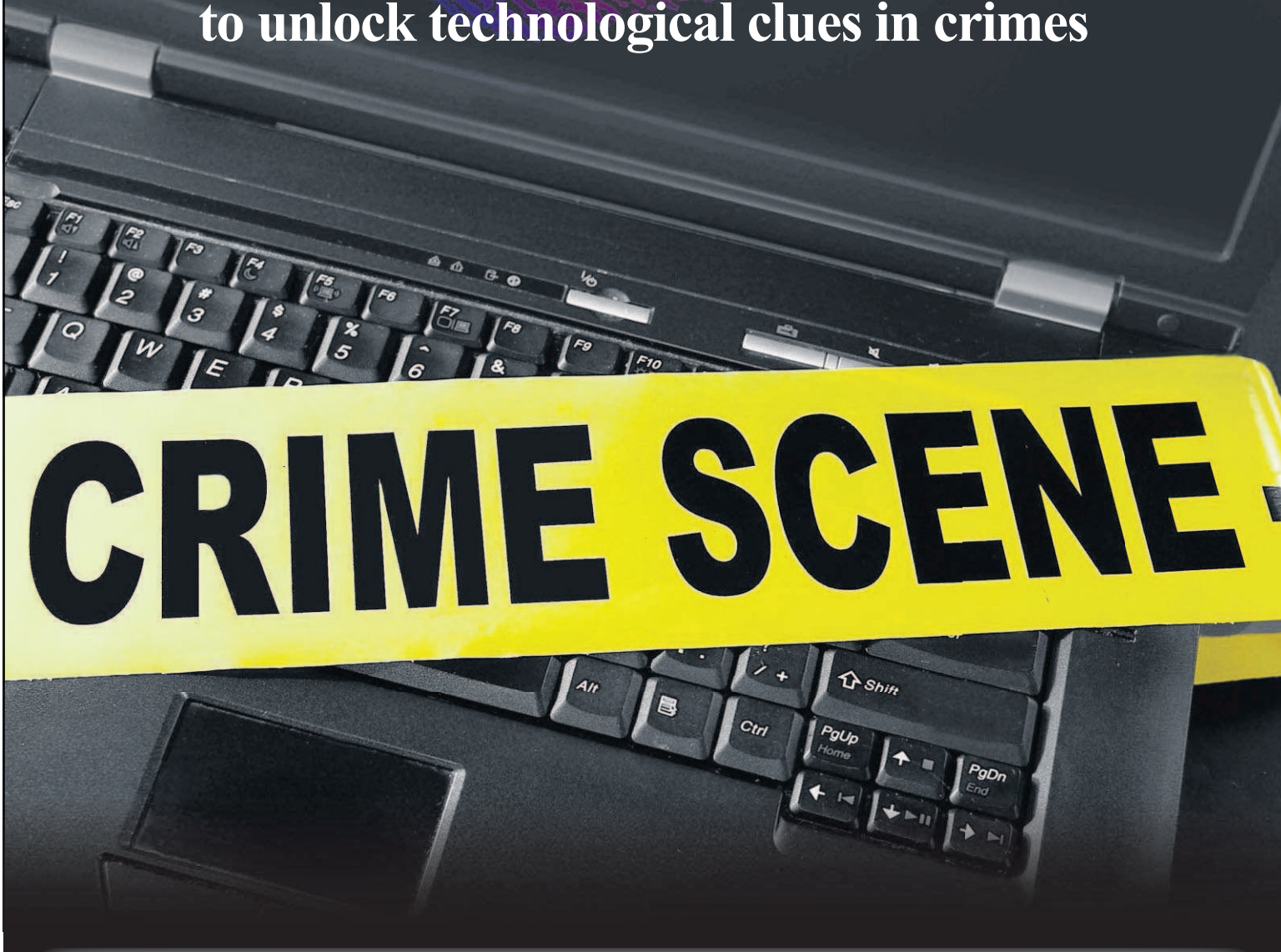
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BOB'S RED MILL**
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HIGH-TECH BACKLOG

Law enforcement faces waiting game to unlock technological clues in crimes



CRIME SCENE

By **KYLE SPURR**
The Daily Astorian

Astoria Police had to wait more than seven months before arresting a man for possessing up to 500 images of child pornography on his laptop and flash drives.

Christopher York's laptop was seized in May 2013, but he was not arrested until January 2014, when his laptop was finished being examined by an analyst with Oregon Department of Justice.

Astoria Police Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said it is unsettling to know criminals such as York are free for months after they are identified because of the delay in scrubbing technology for evidence. York was eventually convicted and sent to prison, where he is serving a six-year sentence.

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'That's the scary part when you are having to wait to confirm what you believe is there.'

Eric Halverson
Astoria Police deputy chief



Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian

A pouch of adapters used with the Cellebrite software are seen in the Astoria Police Department. The software pulls data off cellphones and other mobile devices smaller than a laptop.

Astoria schools start new preschool

Program would target students from low-income families

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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The Astoria School District is planning a preschool by next year at Capt. Robert Gray School targeting lower-income families.

"We've talked about how our achievement gap starts before kindergarten," said Melissa Linder, curriculum director for Astoria, at a recent school board meeting. "We have to prepare kids to be in our institution."

Warrenton-Hammond and Jewell school districts are the only two in Clatsop County with their own preschool programs. Jewell is taking bids for a private operator to take over the program on campus.

Astoria School District and Cannon Beach Preschool and Children's Center, which is set to close in April, were part of a regional application covering school districts and private preschool providers from several northwest Oregon counties to the state's Early Learning Council for grant funding

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Children's center to close after 39 years

With city help, Cannon Beach program to close 'gracefully' in April

By **LYRA FONTAINE**
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CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach Children's Center will close in April due to declining enrollment and financial troubles, a decision supported by the board and director.

The nonprofit children's center, founded in 1977, is losing about \$5,400 a month and spent down its savings, center representatives told City Manager Brant Kucera this month.

"The situation at this point is a dire need," said Christy Bisping, the children's center director. "To be able to close the program gracefully and give enough notice to our parents, we need at least the \$10,500."

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Jordan Schnitzer gets a son — and a court battle

Schnitzer used science to pick baby's gender, but parentage is now in dispute

By **NIGEL JAQUISS**
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Portland businessman Jordan Schnitzer owns a billion-dollar real estate portfolio. He has homes in San Francisco, Palm Springs and Gearhart, and four residences in Portland. He has a private jet and the nation's largest col-

lection of fine art prints. He's one of the city's top philanthropists, collects honorary degrees, sits courtside at Trail Blazers games and even has a museum named after him.

The only thing Schnitzer, 64, didn't have? A son.

Three days before Christmas, he fixed that.

On Dec. 22, 2015, Schnitzer's son was born at Samaritan Albany General Hospital, a modest, 69-bed Linn County facility.

That location — far from Oregon Health & Science University, to which Schnitzer's family has given millions, or any of the other large Portland hospitals — was close to

the home of the woman who gave birth to Schnitzer's son. She was a surrogate mother, paid by Schnitzer to carry and deliver his child.

Gestational surrogacy pregnancies — in which a woman carries another woman's fertilized eggs and gives birth for pay — are increasingly common in Oregon and elsewhere.

Frequently in gestational surrogacy, the donor of the eggs remains anonymous.

But Schnitzer knew the woman whose eggs produced his son. He'd dated her for nearly two years.

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Jordan Schnitzer says he discussed his desire to have a son with his mother, Arlene, a couple of years ago. "She said, 'you're older. Are you prepared for this? Is this what you want to do with the rest of your life?'" he recalls.

