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Spokane deputy sheriff S.A. Easlick had heard rumors about a moonshine operation somewhere around the border between Spokane County and Stevens County. So he made a trip to Deer Park and made

inquiries.

Sure enough, he learned that about 40 gallons of homemade whiskey had been distributed to the area's lumber camps during the past two months.

He also learned that John Ison, a transplant from Virginia, had

recently put in an order for 900 pounds of cornmeal. That seemed to be more cornmeal than anybody, except someone operating a still, might need. So the deputy secured a warrant for Ison and organized a search party to find the still, believed to be in a cabin in the hills seven miles north of Deer Park.

Three deputies set off by auto, and then by sleigh, and finally on foot through hip-deep snow. They

searched several abandoned cabins and found nothing.

But then, at one cabin, they hit the jackpot. They found a moonshine operation with a furnace and about 75 gallons of sour mash, ready for distillation.

They did not, however, find Ison or any other moonshiners. Tracks outside the cabin indicated that the moonshiners had left several days earlier, leaving their mash behind.

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Dr. George Bagby, shown here at the age of 82, died in December at 93.

Dr. Bagby, inventor and surgeon, dies at 93

Father of modern spine fusion helped heal humans, animals

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When orthopedic surgeon Dr. George William Bagby II died on Dec. 12 at 93, he left behind scores of patients grateful for his innovative mind and his steady hands.

Considering that Bagby wasn't a veterinarian, it's perhaps a little unusual that some of his patients had four legs, and one of them was the famous racehorse and 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew.

Bagby was born on Feb. 7, 1923, in Waco, Texas. His father died when he was 10, and his mother remarried, moving the family to Minnesota. There, he became interested in medicine as he followed his stepfather, a veterinarian, out on calls.

But he chose medicine and graduated from Temple University, before serving as a surgeon at a hospital in South Korea during the war there.

Bagby got his orthopedic training at the Mayo Clinic and that's where he came up with the first of his many medical inventions – the "Bagby Bone Plate" – which facilitates healing of fractures.

"It was simple. And genius. George had the ability to do that," said Dr. Barrie Grant, a personal friend and retired professor of Equine Surgery at Washington State University.

Bagby, who opened a private practice in Spokane in 1956, connected with Grant at WSU in the mid-1970s.

Grant said Bagby felt like human doctors and veterinarians could learn from each other, and they began sending faculty and grad students on visits at each other's facilities.

Together with equine surgeon Dr. Pamela (Wagner) Von Matthiessen, Grant and Bagby pioneered a spinal procedure on horses with Wobbler Syndrome using a device that became known as the "Bagby Bone Basket" to help fuse vertebrae so the horses could walk steadily again.

Those successful equine surgeries later led to the development of the Bagby and Kuslich (BAK) implant, which is now commonly used in human patients with spine defects.

"We were just doing this as a lark," Grant said, about the

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Man with local ties accused of killing baby

California infant had 'signs of trauma'

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A man with ties to Whitman County is accused of killing an 8-month-old baby in Tehachapi, California – two months after he was arrested for beating an infant in Colfax.

Last November, Whitman



Phillips

County deputies arrested 20-year-old Tobin Phillips on suspicion he injured his girlfriend's 3-week-old baby. Whitman County Sheriff Brett Myers said the infant was taken to Pullman Regional Hospital for injur-

ies that included bruising, abrasions and a possible skull fracture.

Phillips, who had no prior criminal history, was released from jail on his own recognizance following a court appearance on Nov. 7, said Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy.

Phillips was barred from having any contact with the infant. Also, he was ordered to stay in the area.

On Tuesday, news outlets in California, and Tehachapi re-

ported Phillips was suspected of killing his girlfriend's 8-month-old son at her apartment in Tehachapi. According to reports, Phillips was home alone with the child while the mother was at work.

In a report from Kern County, California, Phillips told investigators he put a pillow over the child and then sat on it to stop him from crying. He then shook

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DEATH REPORTED NEAR SPOKANE PRODUCE



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Police gather evidence after a report of an industrial accident Thursday at Spokane Produce. An industrial accident drew heavy police presence to the facility at 1905 S. Geiger Blvd. early Thursday morning. Investigators were focusing their efforts on two semi trucks parked near the entrance of what appears to be a parking lot for Spokane Produce delivery trucks. Officer Shane Phillips, a spokesperson for the Spokane Police Department, confirmed there was an accident but would not specify what happened or who was involved. The Spokane County Medical Examiner's office confirmed that a man died in the incident.

Most kids kept inside from cold; recess decision left to principals

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temperatures topped out under 20 degrees.

"I know the kids want to be outside," Holcomb said. "They sure want to be outside. With this cold we just can't risk it."

All Central Valley district schools had indoor recess Thursday, according to district spokeswoman Marla Nunberg.

"I would be really surprised if there was anybody out," said Spokane Public Schools spokesman Kevin Morrison said. "But once again those decisions are made by individual principals."

Spokane principals consult a windchill chart distributed by the district, as well as looking at weather and facility conditions at the school site. Wind chill might not be as big of an issue at schools with lots of trees, for example, while other schools might have no wind protection.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, children "are less able to regulate their body temperature than adults," which means they can develop

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Snow likely this weekend

Friday will be partly sunny with a high near 20 and a low of 7, the National Weather Service says. There's a chance of snow starting after 4 p.m.

Saturday, then again overnight Saturday. Starting Sunday at 10 a.m., there's a 90 percent chance of snow, with 2-4 inches possible and another 1-2 inches overnight. Snow is likely daily through Wednesday, the weather service says.

Inslee might have mentioned 'bold' plan sooner

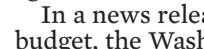
When the governor announced that he would seek major tax increases to fully fund schools and meet other pressing state needs, he called it "bold."

"This is a big, bold thing that we're proposing here," Gov. Jay Inslee said at a news conference Dec. 13. "But I will just tell you we are a big and bold state."

Also at that news conference, he said: "This is big, this is bold, and this is the right thing to do." On Twitter, he wrote:

"This budget makes a bold statement about what we value

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in Washington."

Lots of folks apparently agreed. Word for word.

In a news release praising the budget, the Washington Education Association called it "bold." The state association

of school administrators: Bold. State Democrats: Bold. The liberal Washington Budget and Policy Center: Bold. The Faith Action Network: Bold. The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance: Bold. The Seattle Times editorial board: Bold.

In many ways, the word is apt. Inslee is proposing \$5.5 billion in new taxes between the capital and operating budgets, the first step in creating a budget that will eventually emerge from the sausage grinder looking very

different.

It would raise taxes on business services, capital gains and carbon emissions. It would spend billions on improving teacher salaries and training, and direct money to local school districts, where some residents would see property tax reductions.

It is big and – in an environment where his political opponents squeal about taxes singlemindedly – bold. And in a state that has pressing needs,

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