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PSE reaches deal to sell Lake Tapps

Nearby cities wanted lake, but power company had agreement with east King County group

The Cascade Water Alliance, a group of eight cities and water districts in east King County, plans to buy Lake Tapps and use it for drinking water.

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After six years of talking, Puget Sound Energy has reached a tentative agreement to sell Lake Tapps to a group of east King County interests, both sides confirmed Tuesday.
The deal still must be approved by

PSE's board of directors and by the eight cities and water districts belonging to the Cascade Water Alliance.
Assuming that happens, Pierce County's largest lake would become a drinking water source for east King County, including Bellevue and the Sammamish Plateau.

Terms of the proposed sale were not released.
News of the tentative pact appears to dim the hopes of the three nearby cities of Bonney Lake, Sumner and Auburn to buy Lake Tapps. In September they offered PSE \$25 million cash up front, but the company declined because it had an exclusive agreement to negotiate with the alliance.
Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow said

nothing is certain at this point.
"When PSE catches the check, then it will be a done thing," he said.
Last week the mayor of the three cities wrote Gov. Chris Gregoire to say they were still interested in buying the lake. They also argued that local ownership and management would be best for the region.
Alliance executive director Michael Gagliardi said Tuesday that his organiza-

tion is ready to work with the Pierce County cities on water needs, lake management and recreational water levels.
He said the sale is for cash at closing and would include an agreement with Puget Sound Energy to manage the lake for 10 to 15 years.
"Each board member is having their attorney review it," Gagliardi said, adding.
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To see newly released pictures of Teekah Lewis and watch a video of her, go to the Lights & Sirens blog at blog.thenewstribune.com/news

GIRL MISSING SINCE 1999

Can video, photos help crack cold case?

Investigators and family members hope newly released photos and home video will prompt new leads in the 1999 disappearance of Teekah Lewis.

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In hopes of solving the mysterious disappearance of Teekah Lewis, detectives are releasing new photos and home video of the Tacoma teenager, who went missing from a bowling alley on a foggy night.

"It's nice to bring her home," Tacoma police detective Brad Graham said recently. "Nine years ago, somebody that I recognized as someone's visual cove." The Christmas photos show the 21-year-old with bangs and smiling.
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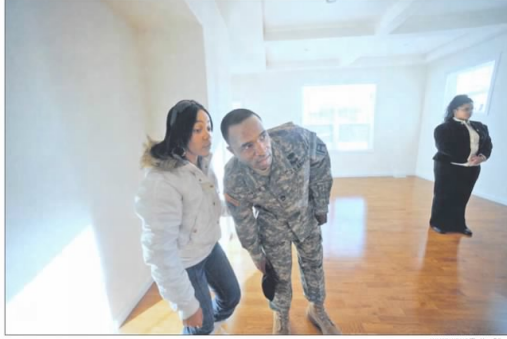
VIGIL
Teekah Lewis' family will gather tonight for a candlelight vigil. The event starts at 7 p.m. at 412 S. Center St., Tacoma.

REWARD
Tacoma-Pierce County Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$27,000 for information in Teekah Lewis' disappearance. Cases may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 252-99-9999.

THE DESCRIPTION
Teekah Lewis was last seen wearing a green T-shirt and sweatshirt, white sweatpants and red coat. She carried with her a clear plastic purse. At the time of her disappearance, she was about 5 feet tall and 115 pounds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Tacoma-Pierce County Crime Stoppers at 252-99-9999.

"THE BEST HOUSING I'VE SEEN," ONE SOLDIER SAYS



Ericka Johnson, 12, checks out her new home with her dad, Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Johnson, and her mom, Ericka Johnson, on Tuesday at Fort Lewis.

No vacancy at Discovery Village

It's hard to miss the colorful new houses at Fort Lewis when driving north on Interstate 5. Now the units are full, as the last family gets its keys.

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Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Johnson entered the house lightly — his tan coat had been left in the car — but he didn't make a sound against the tile floor.
He turned his head slowly, taking in the view from the large windows

and the hardwood floors.
A second floor, a large brick spread across his face.
"Nice, nice," he said as he moved to the kitchen, where he rubbed the island counter top. "This was worth the wait."
Johnson is a platoon sergeant at

Fort Lewis with 2nd Battalion, 364th Regiment (Combat Service Support).
Heard his family get their first glance Tuesday inside their new housing at Fort Lewis' Discovery Village, a public-private partnership of 68 units for
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Pastor Ken Hutcherson of Redmond's Antioch Bible Church gives an opening prayer Tuesday at an anti-abortion rally at the Capitol in Olympia.

Anti-abortion rally marks Roe v. Wade

Thousands of anti-abortion protesters gather in Olympia on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. They also remember their late leader, Kathy McEnroe.

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A large, slow-moving crowd carried the torch for Kathy McEnroe at Tuesday's annual anti-abortion rally in Olympia.
McEnroe, a University Place mother of

six who led Washington's anti-abortion movement, died Jan. 12 of a stroke. She was 69.
"She died far too soon, but we are here to carry on her cause," her daughter Neeraj McEnroe told the crowd. McEnroe, 38, said she takes her mother's position as president of Washington State March
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Foss shooting suspect mentally ill, judge says

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A Pierce County judge ruled Tuesday that the young man charged with shooting a classmate to death at Ross High School is too mentally ill to understand the legal proceedings against him.
Superior Court Judge Ronald Culppeper ordered Douglas S. Chantabably sent to Western State Hospital for 90 days, so doctors there can try to restore

Chantabably's mental competence.
The judge acted on the advice of Western State experts and with the agreement of the deputy prosecution and defense attorneys on the case.
In the meantime, the legal proceedings against the 19-year-old are on hold.

A hearing to determine Chantabably's sanity at the time of the shooting had been scheduled to begin Tuesday, but it was canceled along with his Feb. 4 jury trial.
Culppeper set a new hearing for Feb. 20 to determine whether Chantabably is taking his medications and cooperating with Western State Hospital staff.
Chantabably has a history of schizophrenia, but he was judged competent to

stand trial last summer.
Yet things have changed with his mental health recently, according to court records.
He is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Samang Kulk, 21, who was gunned down in a school hallway Jan. 3, 2007.
Chantabably pleaded not guilty.
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KATHLEEN MERRIMAN
Kathleen Merriman is scraping the ice off her keyboard. Look for her column Saturday.

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THESE KIDS CAN COOK
Clover Park School District fourth-graders stir and whir their way through a competition. [SHOWTELL, B3](#)

COMING UP IN SOUTH SOUND
Gig Harbor is planning to address its overloaded sewage capacity, but it will still be a few years before a new development can hook up.