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Tacoma home searched in Teekah Lewis case

1999 ABDUCTION: Nothing significant found, but police are still evaluating

BY ALEXIS KUEHL
Staff writer
A search for evidence at a Tacoma home this weekend was part of the investigation into the abduction of Teekah

Lewis, a 2½-year-old girl who went missing from a Tacoma bowling alley in 1999, police said Sunday.
"Detectives are still evaluating this part of the investigation, but have not discovered anything significant at this point," police spokesman Naveed Herjanto said.
Teekah was last seen at the now-defunct New Frontier Lanes on Center

Street about 10:15 p.m. on Jan. 23, 1999, playing near a video game as her family looked nearby.
The search of the house in the 800 block of South Hawthorne Street came after detectives contacted a man who pleaded guilty to a child-luring at a different bowling alley in Tacoma, Desjardins said. He declined to say what led police to the man.

Interviewed Sunday by The News Tribune, the man confirmed he was John William Black and said police had spoken with him Friday. He said he did not want to comment on the investigation.
"I'm not going to say anything that's going to hinder an investigation," he said.
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Goodbye to J.P. Patches, clown for all

LOCAL TV ICON: Cancer takes Chris Weides at 84; show ran from 1958-81

BY JACK BROOM
The Seattle Times
Chris Weides, better known as TV clown J.P. Patches, died Sunday morning after a long battle with multiple myeloma, a form of blood cancer. He was 84.

On television and in countless personal appearances since, Weides was the delight of generations of Puget Sound-area children and adults with his antics and a style that was irreverent yet gentle. In his tattered hat, red nose

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IN THE NEWS
They've got the 'jointness' down; savings unclear
Officials are unable to quantify budget savings from the 2010 merger of Fort Lewis and Mt. Rainier State Parks. But they're happy that the two branches train together and operate more efficiently.
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Chance of showers.
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City's caution irritates medical pot retailers

TACOMA: Tolerance exists, but officials will look at nuisance code as way to crack down on unwanted dispensaries



Green Light Expo owner Michael Schaef stands Thursday next to a table he has set aside for collective gardeners at his business on South Tacoma Way.

BY BOB CANNON
Self-entire
Tacoma's medical marijuana retailers, some of whom have been in business for more than two years without a clear legal right to exist, say they're frustrated by the city's

caution in officially supporting them.
"I'm an entrepreneur" said Louisa Archuleta, owner of the Hechal Gardens, a both medicinal shop on Pacific Avenue, just a block away from the downtown architecture

firm of City Councilman David Bue. "You don't know how frustrating it is to have your hands tied like this."
The City Council last week backed away from a plan that would have created new zoning

and land-use regulations for pot dispensaries and so-called "collective gardens," saying that if the city officially recognized dispensaries in that way, it would put city employees

Former justice, 3 others vie for Supreme Court

ELECTION: Candidates include former Pierce County executive

BY STEVE MILLETICH
The Seattle Times
Two years after narrowly losing his state Supreme Court seat in the wake of controversial comments about race and crime, Richard

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Supreme Court of Washington
Sanders is running again in a crowded primary field. Sanders is waging his comeback bid knowing that, despite the controversy, he garnered just shy of 50

percent of the vote in his 2010 loss to Charles Wiggins and still enjoys broad name recognition, having served three terms on the court.
He faces three other candidates for the open seat: Bruce Hight, a longtime King County Superior Court judge; John Ladelberg, who has served as Pierce County's pres-

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