



### PAC calling for integrity in Government is called out

**FUNDING:** Group fails to file report with PDC.

BY JENNIFER KAMR Staff writer

A group calling itself Tacoma for Integrity in Government distributed a second mailing this week attacking Tacoma trial lawyer and Democratic senate candidate Jack Connolly for his ties to a housing nonprofit found to have misused public money.

But the political action committee — made up of supporters in Connolly's opponent, Idaho Democrat and state Rep. Jeanne Darnell — continues to flout state campaign finance law by not reporting its donations and spending to Washington's Public Disclosure Commission.

"That committee hasn't filed anything with us," PDC spokeswoman Lori Anderson said.

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Untold tales

The media would have you believe that Mitt Romney's trip to Europe was a series of gaffes, says Charles Kowalski.

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#### COMING SUNDAY

A downtown Tacoma grocery store has been open a year. And with it came union pickets that are still there.

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#### TODAY'S WEATHER

Better laid up an atmosphere. We're looking for a weekend of temperatures in high 60s and plenty of sunshine.

There's a ban on outdoor burning on state lands.

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## Powell case reviewed

**STUDY:** Panel recommends DSHS make improvements to child visitation process in probe of Powell sons' deaths

BY STACIA GLENN Staff writer

Social workers talked with prosecuting attorney Joseph Powell's two young sons might have kept the children out of his Graham home had they had more access to the investigation into

his wife's disappearance, a state review panel found Thursday.

The 15-page report recommended that the state Department of Social and Health Services make concerted efforts "to check with detectives when there is an active

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Investigation to get information related to a child's safety before changing parent child visitations.

It also states that, in the Powell case, the social workers could not have known of his mother's in-

terventions.

Utah authorities were investigating Powell in the 2009 disappearance of his wife, Susan Cox Powell, but had not publicly called him a suspect.

Washington social workers were unaware of certain evidence — blood found in the Powell Utah

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"There's no two ways about it. It's just ugly."

GEORGE DUNN, INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES, speaking about the decades-old, architecturally displeasing Client Shelter

## A CAMP MUIR FACELIFT?



A full moon illuminates both Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens, background from left, while a climber stands outside the Client Shelter at 12,000 feet. Thursday at Camp Muir. Rehabilitation plans would replace the shelter with a structure that matches the campground's more historic buildings.

Photo by JANEY JENSEN/Staff photographer

BY CRAIG HILL AND JEFFREY R. MAYOR Staff writers

The structure that sticks out most as climbers approach the architectural amalgam of Camp Muir, the backcountry campground on the southeastern flank of Mount Rainier, is a black box that looks a bit like an overgrown mini-truck container.

"There are no two ways about it," said George Dunn of International Mountain Guides. "It just isn't."

Dunn, 58, who has climbed Rainier more than 500 times, said his first impression of the Client Shelter's interior was that it looked like "a room between a hospital room and a barrack." Even in the 1970s he and other climbers appreciated that Mount Rainier Na-



**FOUR PLANS:** An overdue overhaul of popular climbers' base camp is in works

### Man not a suspect in Teekah Lewis case

**DISAPPEARANCE:** Search reveals nothing

BY STACIA GLENN Staff writer

A Tacoma man recently questioned about the disappearance of Teekah Lewis, 13 years ago in not considered a suspect, police said.

Detectives searched John William Black's home in the 800 block of South Hawthorne Street on July 22, but did not find anything tying him to the abduction of the 21-year-old girl last seen at a bowling alley in 1999.

"Nothing significant was found to indicate his involvement," police spokesman Mark Fulghum said.

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### LONDON GAMES

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### ANOTHER GOLD FOR U.S. TEAM

U.S. gymnast Gabby Douglas acknowledges the crowd after receiving her gold medal during the artistic gymnastics event at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

### ISPORTS

#### MEDAL COUNT

UNITED STATES	37
CHINA	34
JAPAN	19