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BY JACKSON DIEHL

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OUR VIEW: The hunt must go on for Teekah and other lost children

There's one thing worse than the death of a child, in the disappearance of a child...

Teekah Jones, who vanished at age 3 in Tacoma in 1995. Her grow-aura, Derion Williams, has been seen but questioned by police...

Jeffrey Klumpp, last seen at age 14 in 1994 - a suspected victim of a boy whose mother was found beaten to death in their Sumner-area home...

Children. The word "missing" can sound hollow to someone who has lost a child and will never cease to grieve...

OTHER VIEWS: Obama's speech focused squarely on swing voters

BY DOYLE MCMANUS

The State of the Union address is a political exercise in the best of times...



Obama's speech focused squarely on swing voters - middle- and low-income workers still struggling in the recession...

That was a direct answer to Romney, who has accused Obama of practicing "the politics of envy"...

Romney, the GOP's nominee, appears to have a hard time appealing to low-income and even to middle-class voters in North Carolina...

Being average just won't cut it in today's economy

THOMAS FRIEDMAN, Syonect columnist

In an essay in the latest issue of The Atlantic, author Adam Davidson relates a joke from comedy about how much a modern textile mill has been automated...

technology revolution, which are rapidly replacing labor with machines or foreign workers...

out of every three manufacturing jobs - about 6 million in total - disappeared...