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then clearing. High 75,  
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## Was pot raid justified?

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA** |  
Authorities seized pot  
and tore down a wall  
after neighbors  
complained. The  
U District operator says  
he's done nothing illegal.

BY SARA JEAN GREEN  
*Seattle Times staff reporter*

Martin Martinez says the small, private collective and outreach group he runs from a University District storefront are legal, a place for medical-marijuana patients to get help growing the medicine they need to manage their pain.

One of the earliest advocates for what became a voter-approved state medical-marijuana law 10 years ago, Martinez says he hasn't handed out pot, nor grown any in his cramped office on Northeast 50th Street just off University Way Northeast.

But Tuesday afternoon, Seattle police, armed with a search warrant, cart-

ed away marijuana and hundreds of private patient files, and tore down a wall in search of a marijuana patch that didn't exist.

King County prosecutors say the raid was justified. Martinez's neighbors have been complaining about a pervasive smell of pot, they said, so authori-

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## Suspect surrendered brokered at church

**CHARGED IN TRAFFIC-RELATED  
DEATH**

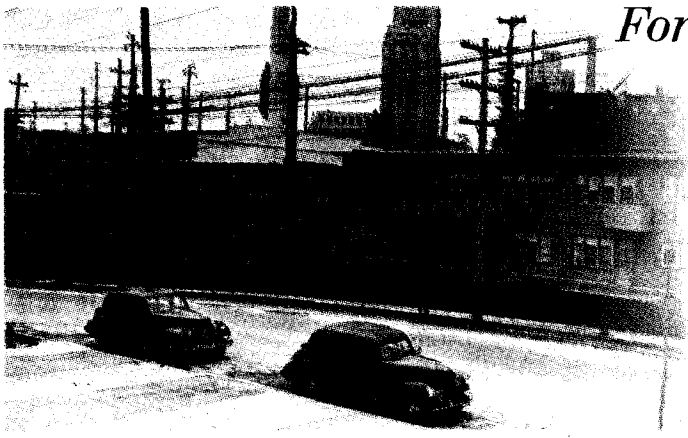
Aunt, minister, editor waded  
behind scenes to bring

BY JENNIFER SULLIVAN  
AND NOELENE CLARK  
*Seattle Times staff reporters*

Fearful of mounting community anger, the man accused of fatally punching a 60-year-old Rainier Beach man last week turned to the NAACP, a black community newspaper and a Seattle church to broker his surrender.

Brian Keith Brown, 28, was met by Seattle police officials at Mount Zion Church Wednesday afternoon and was contacted by several people

*For a generation, Yesler Terrace  
was more than just "the projects"*



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## Humble, but home

