

**DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR THURSTON COUNTY**

SHAWNA HAWK
Petitioner

vs.

DANA E WALKER
Respondent

NO. UHS18-254

**NOTICE OF HEARING -
HARASSMENT**
(NTHG)
(Optional Use)
(Clerk's Action Required)

TO: DANA E WALKER:

SHAWNA HAWK, Petitioner has filed a petition/motion for the following relief:

ANTI HARASSMENT

A hearing will be held on November 30, 2018 [date], at 9:00 0 a.m./p.m. at
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia WA 98502 to determine whether the requested relief should be
granted.

**IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER GRANTING THE
RELIEF REQUESTED.**

Dated: 11-16-18

COUNTY CLERK

By:

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk

**This document must be served on the other party, and proof of service must be in the court file
prior to the hearing.**

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UH518-254

Petition for an Order for Protection -

☐ Harassment (PTORAH) and/or

☐ Stalking (PTORSTK)

➤ This is a Petition for an Order for Protection against Harassment and/or Stalking as checked in the caption.

I believe:

☐ I am a victim of stalking.

☐ _____ (name) is the victim of stalking and he/she is a minor or vulnerable adult.

The respondent has been

- stalking the victim either in person or cyber stalking, and
- repeatedly contacting the victim or attempting to contact or monitor the victim for no lawful purpose and his/her actions caused the victim to feel intimidated, frightened or threatened.

☒ I am a victim of unlawful harassment.

☐ _____ (name) is a victim of unlawful harassment and he/she is a minor.

The respondent's actions toward the victim have seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed the victim, or are detrimental to the victim and serve no legitimate or lawful purpose. The respondent's actions have caused substantial emotional distress to the victim or caused me to fear for the well-being of my child.

How do the victim and respondent know each other? We Used to work for the same organization

I have given a detailed explanation below.

1. Who is the petitioner?

My name is (please print) Shawna Hawk. I am the petitioner.

- ☒ I am 18 or older and I am petitioning on my own behalf.
☐ I am 16 or 17 and I am petitioning on my own behalf.
☐ I am the parent or guardian of child/ren under age 18 and I am petitioning on their behalf:

Children's Name/s (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Age

- ☐ I am not the parent or guardian, but the child/ren live/s with me; and I am petitioning on their behalf; and the respondent is not a parent.

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- ☐ I am filing this petition on behalf of petitioner, (name) _____ a vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020, who is a victim of stalking. I am an interested person as defined in RCW 74.34.020(10). My relationship to this petitioner is _____.

2. Is the respondent 18 years of age or older?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If no, use the Petition for Order for Protection Harassment/Stalking Respondent Under Age 18, instead of this petition.)

3. Where do the parties live?

Petitioner lives in Thurston county.

Did the petitioner leave their residence because of stalking conduct and that is the county of their new residence?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Children named above live in _____ county.

Respondent lives in Thurston county.

4. Where did the Conduct take place?

The conduct took place in social media as well as out in the community Thurston county.

- **Statement describing the victim/s need for protection from the respondent**

- Write clearly. If you need more space below, attach additional page/s. Do not write on the back.

5. Describe what the Respondent did or said that you think is harassment or stalking.

- You must describe what the respondent actually said.
- You must describe what the respondent actually did.

The respondent has committed acts of harassment or stalking as follows:

A. Describe the most recent incident of harassment or stalking.

Date and time (on or around): Weekly, for over a year now

Location: In his weekly News letter and Social media outlets

What did the respondent do or say that you believe to be harassing or stalking behavior?

Name calling of myself, public slander and defaming my name and the organization I work with. Dana Walker has been threatening in public venues that I have seen him at in the community. Venues such as the eastside coop, public festivals and Arts walks. He has insited actions of others in his writings toward me.

This began while he use to work for the organization, He would sneak around the facility park away from the buildings so that I wouldn't know he was on the property. He would yell and slam cabinets and drawers and doors. He would often have violent outburst in front of volunteers and minors on the property. Once he was asked to leave the organization, a year ago he began to just target me with his aggression, by posturing and giving threatening looks and gestures. This would also accompany the constant writing about me in his weekly news letter and he had a couple of his friends write things on social media and send notes and messages to the work facility.

☐ e-mail ☐ text ☐ phone ☒ social media (such as facebook and twitter)

B. Describe other incidents of harassment or stalking. For each incident, include the date, time (on or about), location, what was said, how statements were made, and what was done to a victim.

6. How did the incidents you describe above make you, the minor, or the vulnerable adult feel?
I felt Scared, like I had to watch out for my safety at all times especially in the work place. I am afraid to go to the coop alone a place I regularly shop.

7. Has the respondent used, displayed, or threatened to use a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a felony? Please describe:

NO

8. Has the respondent previously committed an offense that makes him or her ineligible to possess a firearm under the provisions of RCW 9.41.040? Please describe:

He served 6 years in Federal Prison

9. Does possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon by the respondent present a serious and imminent threat to public health or safety, or to the health or safety of a victim? Please describe:

I Don't Know

10. Do you have any evidence of the harassment or stalking conduct other than testimony?

☐ No

☒ Yes. I have attached the following evidence:

- ☐ Copy of mail or written notes
- ☐ Copy of text messages
- ☐ Copy of emailed messages
- ☒ Copy of social media messages
- ☐ Police report

☐ Declaration or Affidavit from the following witness: _____

☐ Other (describe): _____

11. Has/have the victim/s or the respondent ever requested or obtained protection from the other person in a restraining order, civil protection order, or criminal no-contact order?

If yes, list the type of order, the name of the court and the approximate date, and whether the request was granted:

NO

12. Is there any other litigation between the victim/s and the respondent? This includes all matters - pending or past - such as parenting plans, landlord-tenant disputes, employment disputes, or property disputes. If yes, provide case number/s if known, type of case, and name of court:

NO

➤ **Requests**

13. I ask the Court for an order approving the following requests for protection:

I Request an **Order for Protection** following a hearing that will:

<input type="checkbox"/> No-Contact: restrain the respondent from making any attempts or having any contact, including nonphysical contact, with the person/s to be protected, directly, indirectly, or through third parties regardless of whether those third parties know of the order, except for mailing of court documents.
<input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance: prohibit or restrain the respondent from making any attempt to keep or from keeping the person/s to be protected under surveillance, including electronic surveillance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclude from places: exclude the respondent from the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workplace <input type="checkbox"/> school <input type="checkbox"/> day care of the person/s to be protected.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stay Away: Prohibit or restrain the respondent from entering or being within, or from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within <u>10 Feet</u> (distance) of the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workplace <input type="checkbox"/> school <input type="checkbox"/> day care of the person/s to be protected. <input type="checkbox"/> other locations:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation: Order the respondent to have a <input type="checkbox"/> mental health <input type="checkbox"/> chemical dependency evaluation. <input type="checkbox"/> other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay Fees and Costs: Require the respondent to pay fees and costs of this action, which may include administrative court costs and service fees and petitioner's costs including attorneys' fees.
<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender Firearms: Require the respondent to surrender any firearm or other dangerous weapon, or any concealed pistol license and prohibit the respondent from obtaining or possessing a firearm or other dangerous weapon, or a concealed pistol license.
<input type="checkbox"/> Duration: Remain effective longer than one year because respondent is likely to resume acts of unlawful harassment or stalking conduct against the persons to be protected if the order expires in a year.

Emergency temporary protection (up to 14 days) until the court hearing:

- ☐ An emergency exists as described below. I request that a Temporary Protection Order granting the relief I requested above for a no-contact, surveillance, exclude from places, or stay away order be issued immediately, without prior notice to the respondent, to be effective until the hearing.
- ☐ I also request a temporary surrender of a firearm or other dangerous weapon without notice to the other party because irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued until the hearing.

What irreparable harm would result if an order is not issued immediately without prior notice to the respondent?

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 11/8/18 at Olympia Washington.

Shawna Hawk
Petitioner

Shawna Hawk
Print or type name

I agree to receive legal documents at this address:

816 Adams St SE Olympia WA 98501
☒ This address is not my home address because my family, household or I would be at risk of abuse by respondent if I disclosed my home address.

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6-13-68
DOB

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DOB

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(NTHG)**

(Optional Use)

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(Name of Petition or Motion)

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THURSTON COUNTY DIST COURT [location] to determine
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Order Granting All of the Relief Requested in the Petition or Motion.***

Dated: 11/8/18 By: Betty Anderson
Deputy Clerk

**A copy of this document and the petition or motion must be served on the other party,
and a Return of Service must be filed with the court clerk at or before the hearing.**

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JESSICA JENSEN LAW P.S.
ATTORNEYS FOR THE
BUSINESS OF LIFE

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THURSTON COUNTY
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VIA FIRST-CLASS AND CERTIFIED MAIL

September 14, 2018

Dana Walker
210 Bethel St. NE, Apt. 20
Olympia, WA 98506

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Nicholas A. Milner
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cc: Shawna Hawk

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Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 2:17 AM

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I have boasted several times that other than David Kay Johnston I was the only other left-leaning commentator that I knew of who predicted that the Rump was going to win the election — but I just learned that Michael Moore also predicted that the Rump was going to win the presidency and that he did it four months before the election. (I didn't figure it out until three days before the election and up until that point, like everyone else I was unquestioningly assuming that Hillary Clinton was going to win.)

While I considered both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to be equally alarming choices (if for very different reasons) I now understand that Michael Moore might have had reasons to push Hillary Clinton that didn't involve corruption and I can now understand a little more why Michael Moore might decide to sing praises to Hillary Clinton: He was very justifiably terrified of Donald Trump.

Anyone as knowledgeable as Michael Moore cannot be unaware of what a foul and corrupt creature Hillary Clinton is. That is part of why I was so upset with him when I watched him deliver that spiel.

I now find myself wondering if he had his fingers crossed or if he was wearing nose-plugs as he was pumping up Hillary Clinton...

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Maybe I'll watch his movie after all.

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During the election I also took the position that of the two, I would actually prefer it if the Rump won because if/when Hillary Clinton won then all the liberals would just go back to sleep and the endless wars and the endless corruption and the endless war crimes would have just continued unabated — whereas if the Rump won, then the fascism would be shoved into everyone's face and lit up with neon and that maybe that would finally be the trigger that would finally get everyone off their asses and out into the streets.

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Since the Rump is proving to be even worse than most of the predictions of the time — and since Americans still remain on their couches rather than in the streets — then I guess that was a flawed theory.

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I just heard Michael Moore say something like "if you aren't terrified by what is going on now then you are delusional" or something along the lines.

On that point I find myself in full agreement with Michael Moore.



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I now find myself wondering if he had his fingers crossed or if he was wearing nose-plugs as he was pumping up Hillary Clinton...

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Maybe I'll watch his movie after all.

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Gee — can you possibly get more stereotypically sleazy?

I'll bet George Soros would just *love* you, Shawna!

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Watching Media Island go from Rick to Jimmy has been rather like watching the Romans go from Augustus to Nero...

...except I don't think that Jimmy plays the fiddle.

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It's time to get to work...

The Thunderbolt 181013 Special Edition

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The Thunderbolt

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Update on Media Island vs. Everyone Else

Other than a couple of corrections, during the seven years I have been publishing the Thunderbolt I have only published one unscheduled 'special edition' before — and that was shortly before the last presidential election when I figured out that Donald Trump was going to win and I felt duty-bound to immediately warn my readers of that fact.

There has been a new development in the Media Island figooblation that — while not really time sensitive — is nonetheless so shocking that I felt like telling everyone about it right away.

Get this: Jimmy and Shawna have kicked both Rick Fellows and Tom Nogler off the Media Island Board of Directors.

Badda, boom.

The coup at Media Island has thus fully played itself out. I haven't spoken to either Rick or Tom yet, but according to a couple of sources, at their last meeting Jimmy and Shawna proposed that Rick and Tom be kicked off the board, Rick and Tom proposed that Jimmy and Shawna be kicked off the board, and since both proposals resulted in a 2-2 tie, Jimmy got an extra vote due to the fact that he is 'president'.

All dissent has thus been purged and Media Island has thus been completely hijacked.

Rick and Tom are both lifelong and nearly legendary activists that have such a long list of accomplishments under their belts that I'd have to do a bunch of research to even list them all, and so I'm not even going to try. Jimmy, on the other hand, is a lying scheming backstabbing weasel that is now freaking out nearly everyone who is anyone in this town — especially now that he has thrown Rick and Tom under the bus. I've only been here ten years and I tend to take a lot of very controversial stances on a lot of issues and I can imagine that there are some folks that probably haven't quite figured out what to make of me yet — but with one exception, everyone that I know both like and deeply respect both Rick and Tom.

One more comment I will make on this: For months now I have been reading Rick's posts as he tried to calmly and reasonably settle Shawna's crew down and as he encouraged them deal with the situation in a peaceful and equitable manner because that is who Rick is — and their responses to Rick's entreaties were to call him highly disrespectful names in their typical hysterical all caps rants accusing him of being an evil white male oppressor who thus has no standing to say anything about anything.

This was Rick Fellows they were speaking of. I have criticisms of Rick myself — but when I criticize Rick it is from a base of deep respect for who he is and what he's done. When it comes to the crew at Media Island, though, I'll tell you what: When you accomplish even one-tenth of one percent of the good works that Rick Fellows has achieved then I might begin to take seriously any criticism of him that you may have — though I still wouldn't brook the disrespect. Until then, though, I am not Rick and as far as I'm concerned you can just shut your hate-spewing fucking mouths. I have absolutely no interest.

And when it comes to Jimmy, due largely to his mysterious 15-year disappearance most people (including me) knew almost nothing about him — and what they have seen of him since his return is totally freaking a large number of them out (also including me). I've been getting feedback from every direction, including from a few folks that it surprised me that they were even aware of and paying attention to this particular issue.

Even so, in spite of the fact that pretty much every other activist in this town appears to be utterly disgusted with Jimmy and his new crew of vipers by this point, Media Island is now all theirs.

You win. Congratulations.

Was it worth it?

In other related developments, since my newsletter has itself become an issue in this issue, the vending ban does not apply to the West Side store and I just spent two eight-hour days and I sold just barely 30 newspapers. (You do the math.) I am on a frankly desperate quest to come up with rent next month so that I don't have to actually worry about becoming homeless at least until December, which would allow me time to go try to find a 'regular' job before that happens. Since I have four marijuana felonies on my record, my prospects in that area are highly limited — and if anyone thinks that the community or anyone else benefits from having me washing dishes in some restaurant rather than vending Real Change at the CoOp then I guess whatever — but whatever.

Concerning Shawna's stated concerns, one suggestion for a 'compromise' that I received from a reader suggested that in order to reassure Shawna that I won't beat her up while she is at the CoOp that I should volunteer to handcuff myself to a railing whenever she is on the premises...

And — in a yet another related and somewhat ironic development — and one that is breaking at this very moment even as I'm typing, in fact, KOWA just went to dead air even as I was writing this article due to the fact that no one bothered to program anything into the playlist. (It is 4:30 am on October 12th.)

This is a regular occurrence. I would suggest that if they can't keep up with the programming then they should turn it over to someone who can — and I could even suggest someone who not only can, but who actually did for three years.

I have a feeling that they would not heed my advice, though...

There are people all over this country that would give a body part to have a radio station, I personally invested many years of blood, sweat, and tears into that particular radio station, and I fucking LOVE that radio station with a deep and abiding passion — yet they treat her like she's some kind of part-time hobby that they'll get around to if they can find the time.

I think she deserves better.

See you next Wednesday.



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The Thunderbolt 181010 Manipulating for Peace

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Update on Media Island vs. Dana

Hey, Kids!

What is happening now is that Shawna has complained to the CoOp that my presence makes her feel 'unsafe' and unless we come to an agreement then my days vending Real Change at the East Side CoOp may be over. Thus, my fate is now evidently in Shawna's hands.

I suspect I'm screwed.

I will be working at the West Side store this week for those of you who need your Real Change fix. Unfortunately I don't make enough money at the West Side store to keep paying rent — but maybe this is only temporary.

Even if I become homeless (which is a much more likely scenario now) I can still publish the newsletter — and in fact I was living in my truck for the first year I that I published this thing anyway. Therefore her campaign to shut me up will still not work — but whatever. If Shawna succeeds in making me homeless then I guess she wins or something.

I hope she is proud.

Algorithm of Idiocy

Facebook's algorithm seems to most prominently promote posts that get the most responses. The rule seems to be that if more people respond to a post, then more people will see that post. Therefore, anytime you argue with some idiot on Facebook then you are boosting the influence of that idiot simply by responding to him or her or them because anytime you argue with some idiot on Facebook then you are guaranteeing that even more people will then be exposed to their idiocy.

The Thunderbolt Does It Again!

You may remember I recently predicted that just enough Democrats would vote for Brett Kavanaugh in order to get him confirmed because that is what they always do?

Well — it turned out that they only needed one of them. (Joe Manshin of West Virginia.) Brett Kavanaugh won confirmation 50-48. One Republican was at his daughter's wedding, one of the Republican women (Lisa Murkowski from Alaska) voted 'present' after having promised to vote 'no', while the other Republican woman (Susan Collins from Maine) earned herself an expletive and the mute button when I heard her start sprouting some purely inane crap about how she was voting 'yes' because her "fervent hope" is that after the bitter confirmation battle Mr. Kavanaugh might now "work to lessen the divisions in the Supreme Court". [Emphasis is hers.]

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Actually she has unleashed onto the Supreme Court someone who appears to be a drunken woman-abusing Nazi who is now seriously pissed off and likely seeking revenge.

Just what we needed.

Manipulating for Peace

When it comes to manipulating large masses of people, the Machine literally has it down to a science. They have been intensely studying the results of various forms of manipulation and applying scientific methodology to their studies ever since the early 20th Century — and at this point, given enough time they can make almost anyone believe almost anything.

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The Definition of Insanity

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In a House race in New York, a young Hispanic female candidate just blew a long-time entrenched Democratic Party incumbent out of his seat in a primary election even though the incumbent outspent the upstart newcomer by a 15-to-1 factor.

I have been noting for the last couple of elections that money doesn't seem to be the sole determinant of who will win an election anymore. The Democrats should take note of this fact — but since their obtuseness is exceeded only by their hubris, then I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for any clues to strike the Democratic Party leadership.

Those Democrats are blaming several things for their loss — and except for their 'Russians-under-the-bed' theory — most of those reasons are probably true. There were indeed several individual and unconnected things that — had any single one of those things been otherwise — then that would have almost certainly resulted in Hillary Clinton garnering so many votes that even their magic voting machines wouldn't have been able to compensate and she would have won on paper as well as in the ballot box.

None of those things explains, though, how such a vile and reprehensible hare-brain like the Rump was able to get even the lunatic-fringe of survivalists and tin-foil-hat enthusiasts to vote for him much less garnering enough votes to actually win the whole shebang.

Well — actually Hillary Clinton did win that election — and she won it electorally as well as winning the popular vote. However, when the Powers That Should Not Be decided to use James Comey to throw Mrs. Clinton under the bus — that was the cue for all of those enchanted voting machines in states like Ohio and Pennsylvania to once again defy the exit polls and once again weave their dark Goldman Sachs-magic as they conjured up our current psycho-clown of a president.

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Whatever else you want to say about the Rump — he is *not* ‘business-as-usual’.

Evidently the Democrats now feel that the way to win the next round of elections is...

...to continue with business-as-usual. It is beginning to appear that once again the Democrats are deploying their Clintonesque-strategy of fielding corrupt corporate lobbyists and various other sold-out shills and marginalizing any candidates that actually represent people rather than corporate special interests.

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Just incorrect

And — finally — I recently learned of yet another proposed change at Media Island that is like the perfect icing for this toxic cake: For decades, other than outside hired contractors no one has ever been paid for any of their work at Media Island and KOWA. I worked there myself for over four years without any pay other than free rent at the house in exchange for taking care of and helping to organize all of the house things. (This was in *addition* to doing all of the programming at KOWA for three of those four years...)

Well get this: Shawna is reportedly trying to find a grant somewhere so that she can begin paying herself for her work there...

OH NO! — Ignorance

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Gee — can you possibly get more stereotypically sleazy?

I'll bet George Soros would just *love* you, Shawna!

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Watching Media Island go from Rick to Jimmy has been rather like watching the Romans go from Augustus to Nero...

...except I don't think that Jimmy plays the fiddle.

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It's time to get to work...

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It's funny: I never realized what kind of pressure that constant 24-7-365 scheduling put on me until it was suddenly gone and — after a day of feeling somewhat lost — the day after that I realized that I actually felt as if I had suddenly lost about 100 pounds!

I even tuned up my 12-string again and strummed her for a while!

And frankly, I've taken advantage of my newfound free time to take a full-fledged vacation from politics. I haven't read a single article and I've barely listened to any newscasts and except for the calendar for last week's radio show I have not otherwise recorded a single minute of radio show over the last two weeks. I have no idea what kind of outrages the Rump is pulling these days — and for right now, I don't even care.

(I'll be back soon, though. Don't worry.) (Or *do* worry, depending upon your standing.)

Concerning the situation at KOWA: While I did make the decision to turn this into a public thing — due both to the fact that I consider Shawna to be a clear and present danger to KOWA and due to personal outrage over the way I was treated — I don't want to do a Lenny Bruce and become obsessed about a personal/public altercation and I don't want to spend endless time going over the minutia of said altercation. However, I did promise a space to respond and as you may imagine I received a large number of highly varied responses. Many of them said many useful things so I collected what I considered to be the most useful of them and then crafted my own responses to their responses — which will likely lead to some more responses, but whatever. I'll be back to business as usual as soon as I get back to it.

First: While I don't regret having thrown these problems out into the public, I will say that last week's *Thunderbolt* was written whilst at the peak of emotive outrage and that if I were to write it today it would probably not be as harsh. — *he is not apologizing. but CYA-type-talk.*

Understand: I have dedicated my life to defending the weak from the strong. Part of the reason for this is that since childhood I have always harboured a deep loathing for bullies — and there are few types of bullies that I find more loathsome than a man who beats on women other than any adult that beats on children. Even the Wall Street bullies have a twisted logic to their acts, whereas a man who beats on women and/or children has none and I consider such an act to be the height of cowardice and selfishness. I have trouble even respecting the humanity of such people. Thus, after dedicating heart mind body soul blood sweat tears and endless unpaid hours to the Media Island project — after all of that — to subsequently have my keys taken was outrageous enough. I told Jimmy that I was walking away unless I got my keys back even *before* I heard the stated reason for my keys being taken. (At first I was told that my keys were taken because 'things were being done differently now' at Media Island.)

To then learn the *real* reason for my keys were being taken increased that outrage by several orders of magnitude. To be accused of being a potential woman beater is, to me, akin to what accusing most other

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people of being a potential child rapist or a potential necrophiliac would be to them. In addition, it was one of those things wherein the more I thought about it the angrier I became — and thus my admittedly impolitic *Thunderbolt* last week.

I don't know if Jimmy simply doesn't see the problematic aspects of Shawna's character or if he feels the benefits of having her around are worth those costs — and for all I know maybe they even are for this short term. To be 'fair and balanced', Shawna has indeed not only done a lot of good work at KOWA that needed

doing, but she has been taking care of all the things that I have no aptitude for nor interest in, i.e. legal paperwork, dealing with the FCC, our campaign to relocate the transmitter, organizing events, updating equipment, and other things. She also brought a lot of much needed racial diversity to the Island.

Frenchian slip - key type

While I loathe her — I don't hate her.

Again now I am going to return to the meeting where we discussed Adam Carpinelli because I believe that exchange was pivotal for both Shawna and myself: As I think you may remember, Jimmy, since you were there, when Shawna complained about Adam borrowing our video camera I assured her that if Adam Carpinelli had borrowed our video camera then he was putting it to very good use. When that did not seem to assuage her, I assumed that she simply must not know who Adam was and so I began filling her in on his rather impressive resume — but it quickly became obvious even as I was still speaking to her that my information was merely increasing her hostility and that fact alone told me several other things: This told me that she viewed highly accomplished people as some kind of personal threat rather than as highly valued colleagues — which told me that she had some sort of personal agenda going on here — which told me that she was not a trustable person. I never liked or trusted her from that point on, in fact.

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Dana construct - no context.

In addition, since authoritarians thoroughly hate it when you question them about anything (and Shawna is a textbook example of a born authoritarian) it was at this point that she realized I wasn't going to be a 'yes' man and it was at this point she started treating me like I was a piece of shit — and to give Jimmy one benefit of one doubt, I'm quite sure that is one of Shawna's faces that he has simply never seen. In hindsight I now realize that was probably when Shawna decided I had to go and it was probably at this point that she started making her moves toward that end.

As of now (Wednesday morning) I have not yet received a response from Jimmy and I don't really expect one from Shawna unless someone else helps her write it, as she doesn't seem to write as far as I can tell. Jimmy is now basically forced to find some way to blame me for the fact that he screwed me. I am thinking he will try to picture me as some kind of ticking time bomb that is always ready to explode. I am thinking that Jimmy may have actually acquired this impression honestly since it did indeed happen with Shawna pretty much every time she talked to me — and every time it happened Jimmy had to try to mediate. However, the fact is that in spite of the picture that people who whisper behind my back try to paint, I virtually never 'go off' on people — and unfortunately for Jimmy there are a lot of people who have known me for a lot longer than he has and who know me a lot better than he does who know that this picture of me is not only crazy but they know that actually I am the complete opposite. I occasionally get angry and talk loudly but overall I am actually a very easygoing person and I am actually very easy to get along with. Pretty much anyone can talk to be about pretty much anything at pretty much any time and they do indeed do just that on a regular basis. I actually hate getting pissed off — and so on the rare occurrences that someone actually makes me angry enough to respond in some manner then it pisses me off that they're pissing me off in addition to whatever they did to piss me off in the first place — and so, indeed, it is usually not pretty. I will even confess that, judging from other people's reactions, I seem to be quite intimidating on those rare occurrences when I do get seriously pissed — but that absolutely does *not* mean I'm going to start 'assaulting' people and I really hope

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people see a very serious problem with someone being driven out of something due to completely baseless and fact-free accusations. I remember Rick throwing a few tantrums and slamming a few doors in his time, so whatever. The very reason that a prosecutor is forced to prove a defendant guilty rather than a defendant having to prove they're innocent is because more often than not proving a negative is simply impossible.

Could *you* prove that you have never molested children if sometime were to accuse you of that? How would you feel if everyone subsequently never allowed you around their children based upon this baseless accusation?

Since I've been in Olympia I have had serious personal problems with exactly four people to the point wherein I 'went off' on them, i.e. wherein I delineate in very clear if angry and loud language exactly what they have done to upset me and what I think of whatever it is that they have done to upset me — and all three of the others beside Shawna were of the male half of our species, by the way. I have spoken harshly to Chris Carson on a couple of occasions, but that was more annoyance than actual spitfire type anger — and unlike the four I just mentioned Chris and I are still on very friendly terms. If anything I actually tend to cut females much *more* slack than I do my fellow men. Since I am now 60 years old and since I haven't yet assaulted anyone after all these years and since I have never had any kind of police record for violence of any kind whatsoever at anytime during my long and eventful life then I figure that's all the evidence that I fucking need to satisfy anyone that I am not prone to 'assaulting' women. Fuck that very fucking much, thank you not.

I also wonder why Shawna's alleged fears that I would 'assault' her never came forward during the years that we were often working in the same house at the same time? Why did these 'fears' suddenly manifest only *after* I had moved out?

OK — much later now. I had everything you read thus far and all the responses I have received thus far all ready to go except Jimmy's response — and while I finally did get that response it came literally just before the normal 'deadline' and the problem is that I just did a quick once-over and even that revealed that Jimmy's response is lengthy and it contains numerous inaccuracies, straw men, distractions, and misrepresentations — and even threats — and I need to respond — but I am out of gas. I do have Jimmy's response to my letter to the board and I will include that here, but since I did not receive Jimmy's response to last week's *Thunderbolt* until after I had gone into my nightly 'brain dead' period just before falling asleep — and since tomorrow (Thursday) I'm going to be on a bus to Seattle at 5:30 am to go buy newspapers and then I'm going to spend 9 hours selling them at the CoOp and after that I need two or three hours to put the pieces of this week's archive radio show together and upload them to the four servers where I send it every week. On Friday I put in another 9-hour day of selling newspapers — and while I could maybe craft a response Friday morning before work — I am thinking that you may just need to wait until Saturday before hearing Jimmy's latest response to this KOWA Passion Play.

I *do* have his previous response and everyone else's responses ready to go, though, so here we go...

This response came from Media Island board member Rick Fellows:

In my view, the changes going on at Media Island could put it on a good track. We tried to be very open, non exclusionary, for 15 years. It was a challenge, often because people wanted more

exclusionary policies. I think it was a success but at this point the craziness part of how things got weighs heavily in favor of the more controlled access, which is now prevailing. If we had had more of the right kinds of community involvement and shared ownership through all these years there would be less legitimacy to the demands for more constraints on space use. Media Island faced all kinds of extremes of out of control for years and I /we were willing to take heat for the good that came of it. Nobody wants to stand up for the continuation of how it has been. I think it was able to serve endless positive things happening that would not have happened in a more controlled setting. The model of inviting in positive activity as a way of driving out the less good activity worked well, but not well enough. The worst things that happened were not that bad for all the good that happened. There were endless interpersonal conflicts. We stood up to innuendo of all sorts, and blaming for not living up to standards of more "professional" outfits with paid staff and clear chain of command. I have no regrets or shame for any of it. I feel the community was not up for the challenge Media Island presented as a shared resource center for activism. We all have too much on our plates to keep a space in downtown Olympia from getting crazy. So now we have Gates and locked doors, but also an opportunity to rebuild the activity without being open to activity that does not serve the mission of the project.

This is all true. When it came to the gates and locks — I was honestly neutral on all that. While I could see several potential downsides, there was indeed a lot of serious crazy going on, others felt it was needed, and I didn't have strong feelings one way or the other about that so I didn't really waste much time thinking about it. My problems came with a 'gatekeeper' who says 'no' anytime that anyone who is not in her little inner circle tries to do anything and — as I have been learning over the last week — a 'gatekeeper' who has had a lot of serious personal problems with a lot of other people besides me.

Also, I never suggested that Rick should feel regrets or shame.

My problem was with locking ME out— and while I was blaming the entire board last week, I actually suspect that Rick had little if anything to do with taking my keys, and that even if he did it was because he was getting a completely one-sided view of the situation from the behind-the-back whisperings of the Shawna clique as I had not actually spoken with Rick in a very long time and we had never spoken about this particular subject at all.

A one-sided view of a situation is one of many problems inherent to the 'secret whisper' model of decision-making.

This Facebook response came from KOWA's previous general manager Bruce Wilkinson:

I never talked publicly about why I left Media Island, but Dana Walker has just quit and announced it in his weekly Thunderbolt newsletter. He describes it as a coup against him by Jimmy and Shawna. Dana ran KOWA pretty much single handedly after myself and the last crew there left from an incredibly exhausting battle when Jimmy came back after 15 years and decided he was in charge.

When I left a year ago I didn't speak publicly because I wanted my previous efforts to not unravel and for volunteers to keep coming. Dana was still there and holding it together. I left Media Island and KOWA in the best shape it probably had ever been in. Now Media Island is sitting empty and KOWA lost its backbone. There is nothing left to worry about being hurt.

Dana levels some strong criticism at Shawna in his article but Jimmy is the one he should be mad at for taking his keys and I'm sure blaming Shawna as an excuse. Unfortunately, Dana isn't the only one leveling criticism towards Shawna recently, so Jimmy may be looking to push her under the bus soon as well. I've been there.

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I'm making it sound like a soap opera but it's just sad. I volunteered there 2009-2016. Like Dana, I gave a lot to that organization, space and KOWA. Like Dana I wasn't respected or appreciated either. We weren't the first. *one grievance*

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Bruce has a point in that Shawna couldn't have done anything if Jimmy had not had her back — but the fact is that the blow-up was purely a personal conflict between Shawna and me. Jimmy just chose to have her back instead of mine for whatever reasons. In Jimmy's case, I'm still willing to give him the benefit of the doubt as I'm quite sure the face that Shawna always showed to me was *never* shown to Jimmy — and I blame poor people management skills on Jimmy's part rather than upon any kind of malice or personal agendas.

As for what happened to Bruce — that was totally exasperating to me as I viewed the confrontation between Bruce and Jimmy as irreconcilable personality differences between two colleagues that I both respected and liked. The situation was exacerbated by the fact that someone whom no one that was actually working at KOWA at the time had ever actually met before suddenly appeared from nowhere and began running it like a dictator.

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This was a comment by Deane Rimerman that was made in response to Bruce:

I remember when you left Bruce, we chatted at Obsidian about your complaints and concerns... Seems Media Island can be all things to everyone and nothing to no one and most of all it's what people complain about not doing enough for them rather than what they do for Media Island.

After 30+ years the main theme seems to be complaints about people's status as related to how many years they've been there and the people who have been part of it the longest being the ones who have "too much control" and the people who haven't been there as long doing lots of work and wanting to take that control away from them.

What gets left out of people's complaints is a lack of focus on specific campaigns and people's housing needs often being at the root of if they're kicked out or included. In short who gets to live in the Media Island house vs. who doesn't always seems to be more important than what Media Island does in terms of activism. And with a homeless epidemic going from bad to worse, these problems will likely continue with different names and faces as it has for decades.

Media Island's failed practice of trading activism for a place to live is because it's difficult to enforce how much activism someone does and over time tenants get complacent with how much they think they need to do and instead rely on how they can best entrench their positions/place to live. And when your place to live is threatened, it's very easy to fight all crazy like to maintain it.

The informal nature of the operation that most often is a blessing quickly becomes a curse of blaming and shaming when someone has lived there too long. Conversely, the original Media Island folks of long ago enjoy

these briefs moments of the place being empty and no one fighting everyone to continue to live there, at least until the next crew takes over...

So let's pay more attention to Media Island activism and less attention to issues with people living there or no longer living there.

And here was my response to Deane:

I agree in theory but the last couple of years have been an exception due to the Island being closed for remodeling and me being the only one living there. Besides that, the fact of my living there was almost completely irrelevant to the blow-up we just experienced and in fact I wasn't even living there anymore when the blow-up finally did happen, so I wasn't fighting to 'keep my place to live'. Also, I not only worked full time on activist related projects for the entire time that I was there but I put in a lot of overtime. What I objected to was that after all the blood sweat tears and endless unpaid hours I put into that place I was subsequently not only locked out for a completely bullshit reason, but it was a reason to which I took immense personal insult.

Here is an email response that I received:

Dana, I'm a communication specialist and even I can't make heads or tails of this event because it doesn't state what people did so much as 'what people are'. If you want people to help you they need to feel they know what's actually going on, not statements like '_____ chose _____ over _____. Can you offer a more nuts and bolts explanation or who said or did what?

Fair enough. (I sometimes assume people already know things that they might not in fact know.) What happened was that after years of running the programming at the radio station I suddenly had a 'general manager' imposed upon me without my knowledge much less consent, whereupon this new 'station manager' felt she had license to rudely and condescendingly order me around and veto my programming decisions. When I made clear that was absolutely not going to happen Jimmy locked me out of Media Island — allegedly because Shawna expressed fears that I would physically assault her even though there is no evidence of any kind whatsoever to give any credibility to her supposed fear and even though anyone that actually knows me knows that the mere thought of me assaulting anyone over such things much less assault a female is insane. I spent six years in federal prison being baited by pros and *they* could not provoke me to violence — Shawna seriously flatters herself if she thinks that *she* could do so.

Anyway, I was so insulted by Jimmy asking for my keys that I told him I was done — and that was *before* I learned the supposed reason for me being locked out. When I realized that Shawna pushed me aside by accusing me of being a potential woman beater I decided she poses a danger to the Island and thus I decided to bring this out to the public.

Here was another email response from a fellow activist that I hold in the highest regard and whom I would at least like to consider as a personal friend:

Dana, not knowing Shawna at all, I have to say this piece doesn't make you look very good. It doesn't seem like a way to write about anyone you consider any semblance of an equal. And maybe that's the point; you don't. I'm not interested in having a debate or big discussion about it, I just thought in the interest of being up front, that you'd like to know that it came across as sexist and racist to me, and I'm sure to others as well.

Here was my response:

I truly appreciate your telling me this rather than whispering it behind my back. I have found that when people bring their concerns about me directly to me then half the time whatever they're concerned about is not even true to begin with, and the other half of the time there are often nuances or more facts that help mitigate their concerns. Also, as I said in the preamble, that piece was written whilst I was still deeply outraged over being accused of being a potential woman beater and it was much harsher than what I would have written now.

As for the substance of your critique, I called it like it was — and indeed, the main problem I had with Shawna was that I found it utterly impossible to take her seriously in an activist context in any manner whatsoever much less as anything like my 'equal'. However, you seem to be implying that I consider her to not be my 'equal' due to her race or sex — and that is simply untrue. Had anyone shown the contempt and disrespect that Shawna regularly showed to me then they would have received a critique that would have been equally damning, race and/or sex notwithstanding. As for being a sexist, I always find it ironic when people intimate that I might be a sexist in this context because I am not only indeed a sexist but I am somewhat evangelical in my view that women are far superior to men in just about every way that really counts — though obviously I feel there are also exceptions to that rule.

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Here are two related responses that I found on Facebook from two ladies that — since they have obviously done work at Media Island it is probable that I have met them — but they are ladies that I do not personally know and with whom I have certainly never discussed this nor any other issue with before:

From my own experience, our very first interaction [with Shawna] (aside from brief "hello nice to meet you"'s that didn't have to do with scheduling anything) was her immediately trying to prevent me from doing an event but not telling me any reason. It turned out that there was no reason other than that Jimmy or her had decided, after I had scheduled the event, that she was to become the gatekeeper and keeper of the keys for all things. She has since been kind in offering the space for events, but took away my ability to go in and volunteer time archiving their collections because she had to be in control of the schedule and the keys even though no one but Dana was living there. I think that Shawna is actually a huge reason that there is nothing going on at Media Island- every interaction I've had with her is like walking on eggshells. When I come to a space like M.I., I expect to at least interact with people who are trying to fight capitalism and power corruption, not reinforce it. And I'm not colorblind. Even if Shawna was just o.k. or not super-great at scheduling, I'd be like "ok cool though." But she actively chases people away from the place. I'm not the only one who's hinted at this (though I may be one of the few who says it out loud).

Edit: sorry; maybe "chases away" is too metaphoric. "Antagonizes prospective volunteers/ welcomes them by ensuring they know they're not welcome" would be more accurate.

And here is the second similar post:

What a shame! I tried to do a Dia De Los Muertos event there last November but the lady [Shawna] took one look at me and would not let me use the space on the day of, after it had been booked for months. I ended up serving all the food I made in a parking lot. I know I am pale but that is no excuse to dismiss me. Racial and economic tensions are bad and getting worse. When people use community spaces to serve only their friends it no longer serves the community.

Every blowup I had with Shawna was over her constantly saying 'no' to everything that wasn't already on her personal agenda, her control freak ways, and/or me being excited about a project and then having Shawna presume to tell me that I couldn't do whatever it was.

Basically, these are the same things that I said about Shawna except put much more diplomatically.

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And finally, here is Jimmy's response to the letter I sent to the Media Island board:

Dear Dana,

I am really sorry this all didn't work out much better for everyone involved and couldn't come to a better resolution together. Whether or not you realize it, I have respected your contribution greatly, even if I have problems with the ways you have managed your interactions with others both at the house and with the station.

I'm sorry my leadership wasn't equipped to help there be a dialogue at the beginning that may have cultivated a healthy relationship with you and the others at the Island. I had hoped we could have more conversation along the way that would make it more obvious why the problems that had existed were significant enough to warrant this surrendering of the key requirement but I wasn't able to make that happen. Last summer we spoke of your moving and I thought we could ride it out better. Things kept getting steadily worse and now this level of acrimony, that you feel is totally justified, makes it impossible to accommodate.

Thank you for all the programming you have been doing so dutifully for so long.

I'm sorry if you don't feel that your contributions and years of service to the mission are being acknowledged. Thank you for keeping it so together and on the air and at such a quality level all this time. You have been doing the work of several people for a long time and it has not been easy, everyone knows. Whether you choose it or not, please know you are welcome to continue delivering the Thunderbolt work, which we can schedule in the same or appropriate slots.

I know apologies don't change deeply held feelings but I know I need to share them so they are said whether they're heard or appreciated or not.

I'm sorry you don't seem to grasp there has been some downside also to your tenure at the Island.

I'm sorry I didn't do a better job at communicating some of these downsides so that you would understand why we chose to move forward in the way we did.

I'm sorry we didn't develop a functional way for you to hear the concerns of others, but your way of emotional explosion wasn't suited to what we had access to.

I already addressed this — Jimmy is treating these incidents as if they were the rule rather than the very rare exception — except in Shawna's case, anyway.

I'm sorry your participation with the radio project wasn't more collaborative & geared toward more participation of other programmers.

I'm sorry my attempts to accommodate your continued participation with the station (I spoke with you about and was investigating getting you internet at your new location & finding another place to do your early Sunday noisemaking) were not deemed adequate.

I'm going to interrupt again: While I did indeed provide Jimmy with a long list of practical reasons why I still needed a key to the Island, it wasn't that I was 'dissatisfied' with Jimmy's efforts to find me an alternative Internet source or an alternative place to record my show. Why should I have to go to McDonalds to upload shows for KOWA or why should I make some extraordinary effort to find some place to record my show when there are numerous perfectly suitable places to do both of those things at Media Island? Because Shawna says she's afraid I'm going to beat her up? Really?

I never said there were incidents nor MY feeling that you were a physically violent person, what I said was, and I thought I was being clear about it so will state it here unequivocally, is that just because I personally think I know you would not lash out at anyone physically, other people who don't know you DON'T know this, and thus are wary of what DOES amount to emotional and verbal violence that comes with the anger outbursts you have exhibited on several occasions. Sure, we all get uptight, but you yourself admit that you get over the top and need to go cool down. This environment of a dark cloud of tension is enough to be very intimidating to others, especially those who have had a past of various trauma. Plus you do tend to tone it down around people like me who are in a different position than others who you may not feel a need to restrain yourself as much.

Again Jimmy implies that this is a constant thing. He also implies that I am two-faced because I never 'emotionally exploded' at him. Actually that was because Jimmy always spoke to me with common courtesy and respect. Shawna, on the other hand, invariably spoke to me in a condescending manner as if I were some kind of bothersome child. The only times she ever spoke to me at all was to try to order me around or to tell me that I couldn't do something — and so I have always been able to rationally interact with Jimmy while my head exploded pretty much every time I had to talk to Shawna.

I will provide you with a complete list of the people I have 'gone off' on during the eight-plus years that I have been in Olympia — *all* of these incidents came about as a result of my connection to Media Island and note that *all* of them besides Shawna are men:

- 1) Chuks — ironically one of my predecessors as KOWA program manager — for repeatedly drinking alcohol on Media Island property.
- 2) Some hippie whose name I forget that seriously disrespected Carole Willey at an MII brunch — and whom I later learned had also earned himself lifetime banishment from the Food CoOp as well.
- 3) Lyle Courtesal, who sat on the front steps whilst drunk and verbally abused the neighbor's 12-year old daughter.
- 4) Shawna pretty much every time she talked to me in that annoyed and rude manner of hers — which was pretty much every time she talked to me whenever Jimmy wasn't around.

That's it — and I challenge anyone to document any other instances.

In terms of the supposed "no new shows" policy that you say set you off once, we had gone over this at meetings you were at, I believe also at the one Elizabeth attended, before, and also again after the incident in the kitchen. The thing you express as a "concession" later granted, is just not the case- we weren't and are not saying 'no new shows', we were emphasizing that we ARE looking for Programmers who can do THE REST of

the overall critical work programming and volunteering for the station to do a LOT of things BESIDES and in addition to shows.

Note: That is *not* what Shawna told me in the kitchen. She said 'No new shows'.

Get people doing all the other production work (PSA, promo, calendar, programming, station identity, interstitial fillers, on and on) then they can earn a slot if they want it and will have the familiarity with our setup and team and build the community that way. Shows take a lot of time, time we need to build the station's identity beyond what it is and deliver on the potential of it serving better and wider. All that energy Matt Fu generated is the kind of thing yes we still need to re-cultivate, and you yourself admit it's not easy, we've found that to be true as well and soliciting new shows I didn't and don't think is the way. When a ready made show comes around, we can of course air them and give them a slot, especially a locally produced one that fits with our programming choices which you are well aware of and good at vetting. If people have a good idea for a show guess what- they can record it sitting anywhere & don't need to be live for most everything but a call-in show. You know this. I believe this was made abundantly clear before and after this explosion, but it still comes out as if it was a crazy set rule. I'm sorry Elizabeth got caught in the middle of you and Shawna, if I was her & experienced that energy, I wouldn't want much to do with us either.

In terms of the rest of what you unloaded about the person who has actually stepped up to help rehabilitate the Island, all I can say is that it is sad to hear all that, and rude, and not appropriate even though it's what you think and feel. I never said that Shawna's issues she expressed were bullshit. I don't know what you heard but that's not what I said.

Note: I now realize I left the impression that Jimmy literally said Shawna's fears were bullshit. What he actually said was that he knew that I would never 'assault' Shawna — so to be clear, I was the one who characterized Shawna's fears as 'bullshit', not Jimmy.

However: Even if he didn't use the word — that is still the essence of what he said.

We all have different strengths, and shortcomings- me and you especially. What I've found with Shawna is she's willing to learn and brings a high level of understanding on the issues she's championing, and I've been grateful to have accomplished so much of our goals together while working together to do even more.

We're always looking to get more participation into the Island and into the radio station, and it's slowly happening as we set the stage for greater involvement of even more people who feel good about being there. This is what's underway.

I'm sorry you're feeling the way you do and you see things the way you do & had hoped this could have all worked out way better. What you've shared here though does let me know that we're not going to fix this anytime soon and it would be better to close this chapter. It makes me sad too because I know you're out to help change things in this world that's burning as you correctly point out. We just go about it so differently and while I know that different ways of addressing the world's mess can coexist, I had hoped your personal way would mesh with other people's here better. I can see it is time for this change.

So anyway — Part 2 is not nearly as friendly (now that the public has become involved, the true dragon has evidently decided to emerge) — so look for that on Saturday.

For right now, though — it's time to get to work...

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End of Act I

First, I would like to thank the many people that approached me at the CoOp today expressing your support. I knew I had a lot of friends but I'm learning that I had many more than I realized.

One gentleman approached me expressing deep concern that my radio show wasn't going to be airing anymore. I assured him that it was — but that assurance was erroneous as it turns out.

I suspect Jimmy has never crossed swords with someone like me. I realize that I'm kind of like the Responder from Hell. My rhetoric tends to become particularly fiery when someone not only screws me but also screws me in a manner that I find to be highly offensive on a deeply personal level.

Jimmy probably doesn't realize it, but before I adopted my somewhat hermit-like existence doing the vast bulk of my activism on my computer, I was out on the front lines with everyone for several years. I occupied the capitol building for three days largely without sleep, I was right in the middle of Occupy Olympia, we shut down the Bank of America — and you have us to thank for the new bullet-proof shields that the tellers in the downtown B of A now sit behind. We faced police oppression and tense times and we dealt with the activist monster-egos — and *none* of those many people who directly worked with me for all those years ever saw anything like the person that Jimmy has been describing.

Normally when someone like Jimmy steps on someone lower down the food chain then that person is largely helpless and powerless. Until the blow-up with Shawna happened I just quietly did my job without complaining about much of anything so Jimmy was fine with that. Due to the very many things that Jimmy doesn't know about me I suspect he underestimated me. This time he attacked the character of someone whose character is frankly unassailable. I am the kind of person who spends six years in a federal prison rather than sell my friends to the feds. I am solid. I made myself that way. In addition, Jimmy — a newcomer as far as a lot of people are concerned — attacked someone who has worked directly with most of the top activists in this town and he attacked someone who has a mailing list with over 4,000 names on it — including all of those local activists I just spoke of that have known me for years and thus know that Jimmy is full of shit. I am not powerless. I am, in fact, a wielder of magic. Jimmy fucked with the wrong person this time. I almost feel sorry for him.

Anyway, here is what I suspect will be the end of Act I in the recent KOWA passion play. (Big sigh of relief!)

Not sure about Act II yet but after I rest my brain for awhile and after I consult with some other folks about what they think about things then maybe we'll do something further.

I just received what I suspect will be the final response from Jimmy and I just sent what I suspect will be my final response to him.

Here is Jimmy:

I have been wanting to get you this additional note for several days, then this morning also got your most recent reflection as shared in the TB. I wanted to share some elements and some points and check in about some next steps we can all take here.

No one wanted this to escalate to the point it got to. I have had a great respect for many of the pieces of your whole being, the accomplishments, experiences, what you have been able to share, and while I might not resonate with all the quirks, and I don't, many I did and do appreciation.

I've already stated my respect for your work on the TB calendar, as well as the effort you put into the radio programming to keep it rolling well through the changes after Bruce left, and I meant it.

The other pieces that I have grown unable to tolerate, and I believe as an organization we should not and will not keep supporting, are what has led us to the acrimony we have experienced in the recent attempts at communication. Those have engulfed more than just the particular members of our core team.

I won't do it justice by mentioning that harm here except to say that there has been hurt and impact and injury flowing in all directions, and while part of me knows that's not the intention, there's the fact that you wrote some things with great intention and it had an impact that I doubt you currently understand, and I believe that it would serve you well for you to gain that understanding.

I do want to restate my desire to enter into mediation with you on this in order to move anywhere forward to resolution. Only then could we figure whether and ways to work together in the future in a way that's not messed up like it is now.

That said, I have hope that there can be something on the other side of this that includes diverse aware people working with each other toward a greater good and doing so with respect and positivity as well as effectiveness.

I need to say that I am learning a great many things in my role as a cis gendered white man who has some level of privilege, especially lately working with a black woman who has an entirely different take on things than I do. Your experience is also something I have not been able to live. This includes your past and experience with clubfed, homelessness, the kind of poverty you know more intimately than I do, etc. (As far as the incarceration, you should know that I actually do NOT hold that against you and wasn't in my mind denigrating you for that, but pointing to the irony of your dismissal of her experience and touting yours.)

Because you chose to use the TB newsletter in the way that you did to attack our team like that, we are choosing to limit our support of your otherwise good efforts with the Thunderbolt. Thankfully, you chose to limit the discussion of the controversy and your opinions about it within the radio show, but even using that show to hype up and point people to the Thunderbolt email Newsletter isn't something we are willing to support any longer until we achieve resolution on these matters one way or another.

So, until there is some kind of acceptable apology or retraction issued in the newsletter, and until there is a mediation process completed, we are choosing to reschedule the Thunderbolt radio show from 3 times a week to 2, and at different times slots later in the night. If there is additional controversy aired in the newsletter, then please don't advertise the newsletter in your radio show. If you do so, we may choose to stop airing the show until such time as we feel there is a renewed understanding about what is and isn't acceptable as regards those outlets and our support from them via KOWA.

This week, the TB will run at 11pm on Friday, and Sunday at 2-3 am in the DJ choice slot. If all goes well it can run the following weeks in those slots as well. If and when we achieve some kind of hoped for resolution, we can talk about other opportunities.

Also, you won't need to program that other slot 'Kowa Presents' anymore as we will take care of that.

So to be clear, if you want the TB to run, you can place it in a Dropbox folder and send me a link, or a link to where I can download the proper version to play in those 2 slots this week. We will upload and slot all future episodes based on whatever understanding we arrive at as we go. For now, please let me know this works for you or not.

Thank you and be well,
Jimmy

Here is my response:

If innocent people were hurt by me then I am truly sorry about that — and I can only wish they would have talked to me about all this rather than whispering behind my back.

As for your 'conditions' for airing the Thunderbolt — evidently you are unaccustomed to dealing with people that live by principle because you continue to display your utterly tone-deaf arrogance in presuming to impose your conditions on me. Fuck you. You insist upon an apology from me? Are you *kidding*? This was far more *your* fault than anyone else's and I *might* be willing to accept an apology from you — but frankly I'd wait awhile before you try because I hold a very low opinion of you at this very moment.

As for the radio show, I repeat: Fuck you. You no longer have permission to air the Thunderbolt on KOWA.

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Kerplunk.

Note his almost desperate attempts to shut me up. I literally spent one line on the show last week explaining that I was in a dispute with KOWA management but that if listeners wanted the details then they would have to subscribe to my newsletter because otherwise I wasn't going to talk about it on the show anymore. For that 'crime' (i.e. spreading information) he 'punishes' me by taking my show out of prime time and sticking it in the redeye section — and he actually thinks I'll accept that? (This dude is so outrageously arrogant that I could believe he might have.) Note that he is so terrified of what I am saying that his knee-jerk reaction is invariably to try to censor me even further rather than face me — and note how he continues to fail to produce any evidence of any kind supporting the accusations he made concerning me because I can guarantee you there is no such evidence. I would have been there and I would have remembered that. Note how he will now only communicate with me in a formal and private setting. That is because he has things to hide. I am ^{use}unafraid of a public debate about the highly questionable management of a very valuable community resource because I don't have anything to hide. ^{keffe black}

As for the radio show — don't despair! The *Thunderbolt* still airs at 2 AM Monday mornings on Hollow Earth Radio — soon to be KHUH, 100.3 FM in Seattle. You can live stream Hollow Earth here: <http://www.hollowearthradio.org/listen>

If 2 AM on Monday morning is inconvenient, you can listen at any time by going to the *Thunderbolt* radio program archive at www.radio4all.net I post new shows there every Friday morning. Search for "The Thunderbolt". You can either play it right there on your browser or you can download an .mp3 file and listen to it on your own player.

This week's show is from the archives and it is called 'Interview with a Vampire'.

You can also find links to both the newsletter and the radio show as well as show notes for the radio show on the *Thunderbolt* Facecrack page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThurstonActivists/?fref=ts>

I'll also be shopping the *Thunderbolt* around to other radio stations so I'll keep you posted on that as well.

See you next week.

Dana

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None Dare Call It Fascism

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On Racism

I very predictably received a lot of flak about my piece on Media Island. Most of it consisted of over-the-top contextually irrelevant rants, false accusations, and even threats.

And of course — since I am a white man and since one of the people I criticized was a black woman — numerous and highly emotional accusations of racism.

I long ago learned that irony abounds in our universe. One ethical tightrope that I am indeed navigating here wasn't even mentioned by my critics: I could be credibly accused of using the newsletter to extract personal revenge. I could be credibly accused of doing that because that is indeed part of what is going on here.

It is much more than just that, though: I have a personal principal wherein I not only don't allow people to just get away with screwing me, but I consider extracting a pound of flesh from them to be a civic duty in that if I *were* to just allow them to get away with it then they would just say, "wow, that was easy" and move on to their next victim — whereas if they end up with a large boot-print on their ass, then maybe they will think about it a little more the next time...

...and my pen has always been my most effective weapon.

As usual, though, the actual critiques I have received concerning my article don't even address that issue and instead they dwell upon something that isn't even true — and the actual issues that I actually addressed in my article were also never even mentioned. Instead, all of that was buried under an avalanche of completely irrelevant BS based upon a false premise (i.e. that I am a racist because I criticized a black woman). My problems with Media Island in general and with Shawna in particular were very clearly delineated. I wasn't even going to dignify allegations of 'racism' with a response — but then I began receiving threats — and another aspect to my personal character is that if you really want to influence my behaviour then threatening me is absolutely the LAST thing you want to fucking do because then you just seriously piss me off — and so here is my response to all of your 'racist' crap:

Yes, I am indeed not only a privileged white man but I am a very smart one and a fairly large one who knows how to take care of himself. Fear has rarely played much if any role in my personal life. While it is possible for someone like me to have a thorough academic understanding of racism — and since I have been researching racism for decades and since, as I mentioned, I am a very smart person, then I suspect that my academic cred if anything exceeds that of most of my critics in this area — at the same time, I also fully understand that it is utterly impossible for someone like me to have even a basic understanding of what everyday life is like for an oppressed person. All the little indignities, the daily insults, all the little petty bullshit that POC must constantly put up with...

...and it is *especially* impossible for someone like me to understand what living in a fear-based reality is like. I know that. In addition, that is one of those things that, in my case, I happen to know that I don't know and I try to take my knowledge of my lack-of-knowledge into account in all my dealings, especially when interacting with oppressed people.

What I DO know is that racist ideology was wholly manufactured from pure bullshit so a bunch of white imperialists could morally justify murdering and enslaving people and stealing all their shit. Racism is an ugly vile and vicious plague that is pervasive, systemic, and it is killing our fucking culture. I am not downplaying or dismissing any concerns whatsoever in that area — but when you falsely accuse people (and especially when you falsely accuse people well known in the community) then I would suggest that such allegations are counterproductive and that they can seriously damage your credibility, and thus damage your entire cause.

I will also presume to offer you some more unsolicited advice: I have lived a very unconventional life and stereotypes rarely fit very comfortably on me. You should stop assuming that you have even the smallest beginning of the slightest clue about who and what I am. When it comes to personal character — I'm afraid that is one area where I am frankly unassailable. I've been tested by the pros more than once and I've survived forges with fires that I suspect were far hotter than anything you folks could ever produce.

I would suggest that ya'll should explore some other lines of attack...

Reader Responses

Evidently Jimmy has posted a response to my article somewhere but — typically — he didn't bother to send me a copy or tell me where I could find it so I haven't read it.

Jimmy prefers attacking from behind your back.

Anyway — I will start with the easiest of the responses to my article that came from CS:

My only comment is that people should be paid some sort of stipend (or trade/barter) for running the show there (Rick, Chuks, you, Shawna etc) i.e. putting in time managing the place, etc. But has MI ever been able to do that with the meager grant moneys/donations/fund raisers that they've accrued? I'm not defending Jimmy (or Shawna whom I have no experience with except maybe borrowing some device years ago for a GP film event) Just saying. Noone (including you I assume) actually LIKE working for free and it is work! Probably too late for anything to change at MI anytime soon. Thanks for your hard hitting reporting.

I don't disagree in principle, and I understand that paid activists are an absolutely vital part of our revolution. I will also here admit to being overcritical of Shawna's attempts to generate some income in such manners as well. (That is one area wherein a white guy should cut a LOT of slack when referring to a POC...)

(In my defense — such things can more easily happen when you have absolutely no trust in a person as then you *always* question their motives no matter what their race.)

However, I would point out that one big advantage to not being paid is the added credibility it provides in that no one can ever claim that you are doing something for the money.

Before we move to the stronger response I want to explain another thing that is a thing: A central theme that I have been harping on over and over for years in this publication is that one of the Machine's most effective tools of oppression is to keep us fighting with each other so that we have no resources left with which to fight them. This reality frankly puts me between a rock and a hard place because whenever I criticize ostensible allies (which I am admittedly wont to do) then I am playing right into all of that.

On the other hand, when I see ostensible allies engaged in what I consider to be major folly, or when I see people using our movement in order to advance some questionable personal agenda, I almost can't help but point these things out as it seems to be hardwired into my circuitry.

Ideally these critiques would inspire public debate upon whatever the issue is.

That would be the ideal.

The actual reality is almost always otherwise, though. What usually happens is that the actual issue quickly gets buried under an avalanche of name-calling and attacks upon the messenger that ends up widening divides and exacerbating the problem(s).

However — it's a tough job — but I really feel someone needs to do it. We expect perfidy from the other side. I think that perfidy on our side is even more dangerous due partly to the fact that others are so often

willing to validate such behaviours for purely ideological reasons — or to try to 'keep the peace' within our ranks — or whatever — but ultimately, perfidious behaviour on our side is even worse and acceptance of perfidious behaviour on our side is even more dangerous because we're supposed to be the good guys. If we start accepting or ignoring the bad actors within our own ranks then what is the difference between us?

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...and so — I guess I'll go to the hard place rather than to the rock...

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The following response is a classical example of both burying the lead under irrelevant personal attacks as well as a classical example of setting a 'Kafka-Trap', wherein someone is falsely accused of something, and if they deny the accusation then that denial is used as further evidence of guilt. The accused thus find themselves trapped in a circular and un-falsifiable argument — and thus no one who is accused can possibly be innocent because the structure of Kafka-trapping precludes even the possibility.

The term derives from Franz Kafka's novel *The Trial*...

This same tactic was also used during the witch burnings.

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Anyway, here was AG's response:

I need to talk to you. We don't think it's okay for a white make who has waaay too much power in Olympia (news, radio, controls occupy) to use that power to demean a black woman. You don't live there anymore. No need to stick u fir your friend. No more good ole boy clubs please. I think if you are sincere about liberation you'll see your misuse of power and make amends. Take your post down.

We are gathering everything you sent out to SLANDER a black Woman. Ever think you could offer support and solution? To think you manage occupy makes us fearful. You are not our future. To not understand that to be a woman and Black means no safety. To not have some discernment. We expect a retraction and apology to your email list. We can meet with you and offer you wisdom on how white men can create safe space and stop dominating fkn everything.

RE: Dana Walker's recent attempt to slander Shawna Hawk He titled his recent article 'RIP Media Island'. I'm gonna second that. REST IN PEACE, MEDIA ISLAND. For the white men and women who need to mourn this loss because you were never targeted, go on. For the rest of us who have been harassed and excluded over the years of white cis men in positions of power at Media Island: let's write a eulogy for the death of abusers and white men taking over social movements. RIP all the times old white men in power at MII made advances on young women. RIP white supremacist leadership and all the times you pushed out, talked over, and harmed women of color. RIP abusive white men hiding behind social justice language meanwhile evidently doing zero work to address their own power and privilege. RIP to the old organization that created a free-for-all for white men with no accountability. RIP all the times white women swooped in to defend harmful white men of MII. RIP all the times white men in power called POC, trans and gender non-conforming people aggressive for being in solidarity with black women. RIP privileged white men simplifying social movements to class only, while continuing to perpetuate racism.

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Ooooookay. (See what I mean?)

This was my direct response to AG:

"Race and class" had nothing to do with anything and were not even on the table until you put them there. Do you have any specific criticisms of what I wrote or just general (and inaccurate) accusations of racism?"

I will now expand on that response:

As to the personal attacks on me — I have heard numerous rumours from numerous sources of goings on at Media Island such as AG describes that happened before my arrival there, and so I suspect some of that may have peripherally had something to do with the issues that I covered in my article — but I personally had nothing to do any of that so I'm not going to fall into the Kafka-trap by responding to any of that. I was accused of being a racist whenever I criticized Barack Obama and I was accused of being a sexist whenever I criticized Hillary Clinton and now I'm evidently being accused of both for criticizing Shawna Hawk.

The important thing here is to note that NONE of these people in ANY of these cases EVER addressed ANY of the specific issues that I raised. NONE. ANY. EVER.

It sometimes seems, in fact, as if people throw out red herrings in a conscious effort to *avoid* the issues that I raise...

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I spent three years working full time without pay putting heart, mind, and soul into making KOWA into what it is. Building on the foundation laid by Chuks and Matt Fu, I finalized what I consider to be the finest public affairs programming schedule in this whole fucking state. As far as I'm concerned Jimmy and Shawna not only stole most of those three years of my life from me but they did so using tactics that I found reprehensible, dishonest and unethical — including numerous attacks upon my personal character — including numerous accusations that I am a racist for no other reason than one of my two antagonists happened to be a black woman.

As for such accusations — 'racism' and 'sexism' had absolutely nothing to do with my conflicts at Media Island or with Shawna except that — if anything — I was at first willing to extend some *extra* deference to Shawna due to the fact that she is a black woman.

I might also mention the fact that another black woman named Abby also came on board as a caretaker at around the same time Shawna showed up. I not only worked with Abby for nearly a year, but her bedroom was literally 15 feet from mine — and I not only never had any personal problems with Abby whatsoever, but she seriously kicked ass during her time at Media Island, I held her in the highest of regard, and I told her just that on numerous occasions. I actually consider black women on the whole to be one of the strongest and most amazing demographics in our culture. I don't have a problem with black women. I have a problem with Shawna.

Another delicious irony about that period is that this was before Shawna and I began crossing swords and the big personal conflicts of that time were between — Shawna and Abby!

(While Abby has never verified it and while I suspect that Abby wouldn't verify it in any case since Abby is a very nice lady who I'm sure doesn't want to and should not have to get caught in the middle of someone else's conflict that she had nothing to do with — I still suspect that Shawna was at least one of the reasons why Abby eventually left...)

I would also note that I am far from the only person who has serious problems with Media Island's current iteration; I'm just the only one who is being so public about it. Others have expressed similar criticisms but feared being attacked in the same manner that I am now being attacked. I personally know over a dozen such people, and I suspect there are many more that I don't know.

That was, in fact, one of the reasons I did it. Because I could. And because I should.

As for retracting and apologizing — *Some gossip* in going over what I wrote, I will make one retraction wherein I made the factual assertion that Shawna is a liar. I was specifically referring to her accusation that she felt physically threatened by me — which I still highly suspect was a lie that she used as a tool in the campaign to get me out of KOWA management — but I can't prove that was a lie and there is the possibility that it might have actually been true — and so on that one thing I am willing to demote my factual assertion that Shawna 'is' a liar to 'I highly suspect' that Shawna is a liar. If Shawna actually did feel physically threatened by me — then I would be more than willing to apologize for accusing her of lying about that. My skepticism of her truthfulness is rooted in the fact that I have absolutely no record of ever assaulting anyone anywhere for any reason and thus I felt she had no legitimate or factual reason to fear I would physically assault her — and I was also highly suspicious that such accusations happened to suddenly start coming at the very same time that she was also engaging in an active campaign to get rid of me.

As to AG's offer to share with me *"wisdom on how white men can create safe space and stop dominating fkn everything"* — I'm going to pass, as the core assumption of such a discussion would be that I am a racist and that my denial just proves it. I'm not dismissing concerns about racism. I am merely saying that these folks are barking up the wrong tree in trying to tar me with that brush.

I will also add that I am actually much more concerned by Jimmy's role in all this than I am with Shawna's. I talk about Shawna more because she was the one who actually wielded the hatchet — but Jimmy was the originator and the 'behind-the-scenes' operator the entire time and Shawna could not have pulled any of the crap she did without Jimmy's 100% backing — and I consider Jimmy to be several times more dangerous than Shawna could ever dream of being due partly to those facts along with the fact that I never even saw that it was Jimmy who was actually pulling all the strings until after everything had already gone down.

Anyway: My critique of the Media Island personnel was and is based strictly upon the actions and the policies of the parties involved — their racial heritage was and is completely irrelevant — and thus I stand by the rest of my article — and thus, as of now I will be issuing no further apologies or retractions.

Other than the things I don't know that I don't know, it happened as I said it happened, and it is as I said it is.

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I've had my say. They've had theirs.

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Coup at KOWA

I've been publishing this newsletter for almost seven years — and this is going to be the hardest and most personally painful *Thunderbolt* that I have ever had to put out. While I'm mostly an aggregator and commentator, I have occasionally committed actual acts of journalism, which is what this piece is going to be, but with the caveat that I have a deep personal stake in this story. Reporting on something that one has a direct personal role in is a very tricky thing. I am about to seriously criticize some people for whom I actually have a lot of respect and I am going to trash the management of an institution that I have been dedicating heart soul blood sweat and tears to — not to mention countless unpaid hours — for many years now.

Also, I at least try to keep my eyes on the prize: Does trashing a valuable activist resource help the overall cause?

In this case, it is not the resource itself, it is the management of that resource that I have a problem with, and the fact is that this story concerns the community at large and the fact is that no one else can report on it like I can specifically *because* of my personal involvement. Since I could be accurately accused of using my *Thunderbolt* mailing list to unfair advantage in this altercation, I will, of course, offer space in the *Thunderbolt* for any responses, feedback, rebuttals, critiques, or whatever in future editions.

Anyway, I have cut off my association from KOWA under hostile circumstances. This has been brewing for awhile but I was hoping some resolution could be reached and airing KOWA's dirty laundry in public would have greatly compromised any possibilities of reaching such a resolution so I have not previously mentioned it — but the impasse has now been resolved by me walking out and the reasons I walked out need to be made public because they concern the community and they suck.

Jimmy Mateson, Rick Fellows, and Tom Nogler founded Media Island, the home of KOWA, over twenty years ago. It would be only slightly hyperbolic to say that all three of these guys were legendary activists back in the day. They have a list of accomplishments under their belts of which any activist could be proud and over the years they kicked many asses and they have taken many names. Jimmy was the alpha wolf as far as Media Island went and for the first few years he was intimately involved in all of the Island's activities. Then, for reasons I have never been told, Jimmy left Olympia yet maintained his position as the president of the board at Media Island. For the first several years I was involved in Island activities, Jimmy was a name that was occasionally mentioned as the founder and president — but otherwise he never came around and rarely corresponded and I never even met him until he returned about a year ago and once again became directly involved himself in Media Island activities. Overall he brought a lot of energy and ideas and has been doing a lot of very good work refurbishing and organizing things.

according to Jim, this statement is false he told Dave why he is leaving

One fact about Media Island and KOWA: They are funded mostly by 'sponsorships'. Various organizations are 'sponsored' by Media Island's 501-C3 status so they can receive tax-free donations and then they pay MII a small percentage of those donations. This means that Media Island is not dependent for funding from the local community. This is good in that we didn't have to spend half our time on

KOWA begging listeners for support — but it is bad because this means the Island and KOWA are not all that accountable to the community and they are not nearly as subject to public pressure.

I have decided that the best way to describe what happened is to reprint the letter I sent to the Media Island board and to their new 'general manager' in response to Jimmy taking my keys to Media Island. I am thinking by this point that there aren't many if any *Thunderbolt* readers who will be shocked or offended by profanity, but if you are then you may not want to read this as I employ it very freely in this letter:

In the interest of maintaining the peace at KOWA I have been holding a lot of things back, but before anyone makes any final decisions about future moves I wanted to — finally — lay everything out so everyone knows where everything stands...

Picture this: For several years one critique that both many others and I have expressed concerning KOWA has been the lack of locally produced programming. Matt Fu had some kind of magic ju ju on that as during his tenure he had a half dozen people doing live shows of one sort and another, including Elizabeth's. That was also KOWA's greatest days as Elizabeth was one of an entire crew of over a dozen people were regularly over at KOWA doing various radio stuff. We were having live shows and large boisterous meetings and the energy was high and flowing. However, when Matt left then so did his crew. I even kept their show slots open for a couple of months in case they wanted to come back but they were all students and they had all moved along.

Thus began a years-long quest trying to find local programmers — and while I heard a lot of talk there was never any action until I came across Elizabeth, recently returned from travels and ready to resume her show!

I was elated! I literally danced a little jig when she told me that! Also — I knew that Elizabeth was plugged in with that same social circle from which Matt had found all of his programmers, so I figured that if things worked well for Elizabeth then she may tell her friends and both increase our listenership and possibly be a source for even more programmers! A win-win!

Then I went to Media Island and shared the happy news with Shawna — whereupon she turned to me with that sour fucking look of hers and in a tone of pure condescension she said that we weren't doing any new shows: ~~* - context~~

Wow. She not only completely exploded my happy balloon but after having spent so much time and so much energy for all those years trying to find new programmers — to then have this ignorant Johnny-come-lately kid who didn't even know what the fucking TPP was demonstrate the sheer audacity of trying to tell me what I could or couldn't put on the air was so preposterously presumptuous — and even worse was the condescending fucking tone she adopted when she did it — then, yes, my head exploded. I like to get things right out in the open so that other things don't explode and you can say what you like. I always play my game with all my cards face-up and on the table. I don't do hidden agendas or palace intrigues and I don't say anything about anyone behind their backs that I won't say to their faces. Some people appreciate that and some don't — and it would seem that some others around here do not follow this policy as several people have evidently been talking shit behind my back that have *never* expressed such concerns directly to me. Since they chose to express their concerns about me to everyone but me, then I have a very simple message for them: Fuck you.

Shawna's attitude toward me was very succinctly summed up early on when she wrote an email saying "everyone that mattered" at KOWA (her words) had received a copy of her resume to be the general manager at KOWA. From the time that Matt Fu left until the time that Bruce arrived I carried that whole fucking station totally by myself, and ever since that time I've been carrying most of the load by myself — yet evidently I don't 'matter' as far as having a voice in who I work with — and indeed, since this unilateral decision was made without even telling me about it much less consulting me, then I guess that she was right. I learned of her status only when I heard her call herself the 'station manager' and at first I considered it to be a fucking joke. Since I don't do back stabbing whisper campaigns then I guess I shouldn't be surprised that Shawna — who is obviously a complete control freak — has used such tactics to marginalize me as soon as she figured out that I wasn't going to meekly submit to her supposed authority over my programming decisions.

As for physical violence: That is so off-the-charts fucking crazy that I give it absolutely no credence whatsoever and I feel weird even having to respond to such crap. Just in the years I have been here I have faced serious provocation on numerous occasions and I would point to the fact that I have never assaulted anyone — even when they deserved it — as evidence that I don't go around assaulting people. I would also point out that I spent six years in fucking federal prison without 'assaulting' anyone. Thus, I have trouble viewing such concerns as anything other than contrived bullshit from small people who whisper behind my back and don't have the smallest beginning of the slightest clue about who or what I actually am. why quotes

Shawna first came onto my radar when she was trash talking Adam Carpinelli at a meeting because he borrowed our video camera to cover "some conference about the TPP — whatever that is." (Her words — and said with pure contempt).

is this true? or?

I spent several years in a federal prison listening to Adam on KBOO and when I met him it was similar to meeting a hero. Then I learned that he was networked with a whole bunch of the other low power stations all over the northwest and when I attended the media conference he organized in Portland I learned that Adam is not only a master organizer but he works his events in a calm, soft-spoken and polite manner — while my experience has been that most effective organizers are never any of those things. While I questioned Shawna about her critique at the time I was actually showing a great deal of restraint because what I really wanted to ask her was this: "Excuse me, but who the fuck are you to be dissing on Adam fucking Carpinelli?" key event for him in his constr. narrat

I'll tell you what, Shawna: If you ever manage to accomplish one tenth of one percent of the good works that Adam has accomplished then I may take seriously any criticism you may have of him. Otherwise — frankly — as far as activism is concerned you are not worth a pimple on Adam Carpinelli's ass. he devalues her completely

Then, when I criticized this crazy 'no new shows' policy, Shawna 'compromised' by insisting that any programmers doing new shows also had to do some other volunteer work as well. That was not unreasonable and Elizabeth was amenable so sure — except Shawna then proceeded to treat Elizabeth like shit — which was the final tipping point as far as I was concerned. Trash me all you like. I know who and what I am while Shawna doesn't have the slightest clue, so therefore I don't give the slightest shit what Shawna may think of me, but disrespecting my friends — and especially when my friend is there because I sent her there — that so thoroughly sucks in so many ways and on so many levels that I finally came to the conclusion that Shawna is nothing more than a petty small minded ignorant insecure control freak. She adamantly insists that I show her respect when she has never shown me anything but utter contempt and now she trashes my friends — well fuck all of that very very much. quasi- or straight up sexually violent language.

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I ran a highly successful marijuana smuggling operation for several years and you don't do something like that unless you know how to pick a crew. The fact you are willing to throw someone like me under the bus in favour of someone like her tells me you are thoroughly shitty personnel managers. If you want to continue allowing Shawna to chase away all of your most valuable volunteers then I'm pretty sure I know where that train is going to crash. I have been doing what I'm doing because our world is about to burn up and I'm trying everything I can think of to stop that. Shawna is there because she is a fucked up person who needs an identity and who likes to dominate and control other people. She knows NOTHING of world events and as far as I can tell she almost never actually listens to KOWA — and in fact turning off the radio was often her first act upon entering the house (including once when I was listening to it).

Also, I am thinking that Shawna probably played her little soap opera games over at KAOS as well and I am attempting to track down Ruth Brownstein to make inquiries.

Even if you return my keys I now know that you are willing to lock me out because of some completely fabricated Minority Report-type 'concerns' of Shawna that Jimmy himself admitted were pure bullshit. That says a lot about you and I'm frankly thinking of walking no matter what happens because of that — and if you think that you can just throw me under the bus for such bullshit reasons yet still have some sort of amicable parting and/or some sort of 'transition' period before I leave then you're crazy. As is the case with respect, loyalty is also a thing that is earned and if you lock me out of Media Island after all I've done there then you just blew yours out of the water as far as I am concerned. I'm doing what I consider important work and I at least like to think I am doing it well and I would really like to continue doing it. I not only listen to input from others but I regularly solicit it — however, one absolute condition for my continuance is that Shawna has absolutely no fucking authority over what I choose to put on the air — and in fact I would prefer that she just not fucking talk to me at all ever again. I would prefer that anything she has to say to me come through Jimmy so that I know that its not just some power-tripping bullshit from her.

So those are my conditions and they are not negotiable: I have keys to the Island and Shawna does not have anything to say about my programming. I await a response.

Needless to say, they chose not to return my keys, so I walked.

A couple more comments: I compared this hyping of fears concerning me 'assaulting' people to be a Minority Report-type accusation. That actually isn't accurate because in Minority Report — unlike Shawna's supposed 'concerns' — they actually did have evidence that someone was going to commit a crime before they were arrested. When I am being accused of a completely arbitrary threat that does not even exist then how do I defend myself from that? Nice maneuver.

I do partly blame myself for this: I simply found it impossible to take someone like Shawna seriously about anything much less consider her a threat to my position at KOWA. When I first heard her call herself the 'general manager' that was so improbable that I literally thought it was a joke. She had obviously managed to charm Jimmy somehow, but I found it impossible that such a problematic person could actually pose a threat to my position at KOWA.

Concerning dumping me, this is such an incredibly stupid move that I am flabbergasted. Most of Shawna's skill set is replaceable. My skill set is utterly irreplaceable — as I suspect they are about to learn first hand. I was there because I am dedicated to the cause. Shawna is there for herself. She was imposed her upon me without even my knowledge much less consent whereupon she felt she had license

he denies agency, to both him and her, in a mirror-ing way: she "imposed" on him he denies her authority

to order me around in a rude and disrespectful manner and talk to me like I was an annoying child. What the hell did they expect? Yes, she is much easier to deal with than I am. I have points of view and I don't hesitate to disagree if I disagree. However, dealing with dynamic personalities is part of activist management and frankly their management skills totally suck and I really wish they would turn the Island and KOWA over to some younger people because while they kicked ass back in the day, they have now become like a bunch of entrenched and comfortable bureaucrats running their operation as an authoritarian top-down dictatorship who don't want any boat-rocking and who want their little compliant yes-girl running things — even if she does chase away any and all volunteers who won't properly kiss her ass. She certainly knows which asses she needs to kiss — and which she can get away with kicking. They have this incredible resource yet every time it gets rolling the management has managed to shoot it down again and I think the community should be concerned about such a valuable resource being wasted like this.

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Having said all of this, though, getting the word out is still the most important thing and KOWA will continue to do that — if not nearly as efficiently or nearly as well — so I still encourage people to listen to and support KOWA. I spent several years putting together the most impressive list of programs of any radio station that I have ever heard and I figure they are going to more or less stick with my schedule — so that means KOWA is still your best source for news and information at least in the state if not the entire country.

Yes, I think a lot of myself. I think I have earned it.
— not humble.

They have also expressed interest in continuing to air the *Thunderbolt*, which I gave them permission to do. I will probably air archive shows for the rest of the month as I am going to take a break from production, but I'll still be posting both to Dropbox and Radio4all every week so you can still obtain your weekly *Thunderbolt* fix. Meanwhile, I will be approaching some other stations about getting involved in their operations and I'll keep everyone posted.

District Court of Washington
For Thurston County

Shawna Hawk
Petitioner

Dan Walker vs.
Respondent

NO. VHS18-254

Return of Service -
Harassment
(RTS)

Identification of server:

1. My name is Shawna Hawk. I am ☐ a peace officer ☒ 18 years of age or older and not the petitioner or the respondent.

Able to serve:

2. ☐ I served _____ (name of person served)
on _____ (date) at _____ (time) at this
address: _____
with the documents checked in paragraph 4.

Not able to serve:

3. ☐ I was unable to make personal service on the respondent. ☐ I notified the petitioner that respondent was not served.
☐ I was unable to make personal service on the petitioner. ☐ I notified the respondent that petitioner was not served.
☐ Personal service was attempted on the following date(s) _____

☐ No service was attempted because _____

☐ I mailed a copy of the documents checked in paragraph 4 to the respondent at his or her last known address: _____

☐ I did not mail the documents checked in paragraph 4 to the respondent, because I do not know the respondent's last known address.

List of documents:

4. I served the:

- ☐ Petition for an Order for Protection
- ☐ Temporary Order for Protection/Notice of Hearing
- ☐ Reissuance of Temporary Order for Protection and Notice of Hearing
- ☐ Order for Protection - Harassment

- ☐ Order to Surrender Weapons Issued without Notice
- ☐ Order to Surrender Weapons
- ☐ Motion to Modify/Terminate Order for Protection
- ☐ Other: _____

5. Other:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: _____ at _____, Washington.

Fees: Service _____
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Total _____

Signature of Server

Print or Type Name

Law Enforcement Agency

LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

Do NOT serve or show this sheet to the restrained person!
Do NOT FILE in the court file. Give this form to law enforcement.

Type or print clearly! This completed form is required by law enforcement. This information is necessary to serve, enforce and enter your order into the state wide law enforcement computer. Fill in the following information as completely as possible.

Court: Thurston County District Court

Case Number: **VH818-254**☐ Domestic Violence☒ Unlawful Harassment☐ Dissolution/Separation/Invalidity/Nonparental Custody/Paternity☐ Vulnerable Adult☐ Sexual Assault**Restrained Person's Information** (This is the person that you want the court to restrain.)Name: First **Dana** Middle **Walker** Last **Walker** Nickname Relationship to Protected Person **Former Co-Worker**Date of Birth ☒ Male ☐ Female Race **White** Height **6.4** Weight **1** Eye Color **Brown** Hair Color **White** Skin Tone **Shiny** BuildLast Known Address Street: **210 Bethel St** City: **OLYMPIA** State: **WA** Zip: **98506** Phone(s) w/Area Code Need Interpreter? Yes or No Language: ☒

Employer Employer's Address WORK Hours: Phone: ()

Vehicle License Number Vehicle Make and Model Vehicle Color Vehicle Year Drivers License or ID number State

Does the restrained person have a disability, brain injury, or impairment requiring special assistance when law enforcement serves the order? ☒ No ☐ Yes. If yes, describe (continue on back, if needed):**Hazard Information** Restrained Person's History Includes:☐ Involuntary/Voluntary Commitment ☐ Suicide Attempt or Threats
☐ Assault ☐ Assault with Weapons ☐ Alcohol/Drug Abuse ☐ Other:
Weapons: ☐ Handguns ☐ Rifles ☐ Knives ☐ Explosives ☐ Other:Location of Weapons: ☐ Vehicle ☐ On Person ☐ Residence Describe in detail: **6 years in Federal Prison**Current Status (Circle Yes, No or N/A.) Is the restrained person a current or former cohabitant as an intimate partner? Y N
Are you and the restrained person living together now? Y N Does the restrained person know he/she may be moved out of the home? Y N N/A
Does the restrained person know you're trying to get this order? Y N Is the restrained person likely to react violently when served? Y N**Protected Person's Information** (This is the person you want the court to protect.)Name: First **Shawna** Middle Last **Hawthorn**Date of Birth ☐ Male ☒ Female Race **BL** Height **55** Weight **250** Eye Color **Brown** Hair Color **Brown** Skin Tone **Brown** BuildIf your information is **not confidential**, you must enter your address and phone number(s).Current Address Street: **816 Adams St SE** City: **OLYMPIA** State: **WA** Zip: **98501** Phone(s) w/Area Code **360-688-4376** Need Interpreter? Yes or No Language:If your information is **confidential**, you must provide the name, address and phone number of someone willing to be your "contact."

Contact Name Contact Address Contact Phone

If you filed for someone else, list your name, phone number and address:

Minor's Information

Describe the minor's relationship using terms such as: child, grandchild, stepchild, nephew, none. →

Minor's Relationship to Protected Person Restrained Person

Name: First	Middle	Last	Sex	Race	Birth date	Resides With	Protected Person	Restrained Person

Victim's Household Members or Adult Children Protected

Name:	birth date:	Name:	birth date: