Strained Gnats

By Steve Amos

Freedom is a very expensive thing in every possible way you might define the word “expensive”. It’s expensive financially, socially, philosophically, and politically. At least.

But that’s okay because in America, freedom doesn’t cost anything, our shack, our raison d’etre.

Tragically, confounding and confusing our attempts to actually DO freedom is that it’s very difficult to get a firm grip on what freedom actually IS. Freedom, apparently, is slippery. Which I guess accounts for how anyone could say we were “...conceived in liberty and dedicated the proposition that all men are created equal” while institutionalizing slavery and denying basic citizenship rights to women. Oops.

And wouldn’t you know it, there’s no race memory when it comes to understanding the complexities and nuances of freedom, never mind a clear understanding of exactly what it is you have to do to keep a good, firm grip on it.

With the advent of every new generation, everything we’ve learned about freedom goes right out the window and we have to start over from scratch.

Which also means that, with each new generation, we have the opportunity to get it wrong again and to be exposed to the risk of having the definition of freedom co-opted by ideologues seeking to further their own political agendas. Or simply casually throwing our freedoms away because we didn’t realize how important they were. Oops again.

And a particularly onerous lesson which must be constantly relearned are the inherent dangers of becoming overly enamored with efficiency or political expediency or the delightful political fun of social engineering. Such guilty pleasures almost always come at a direct cost in freedom.

Personally, I’d have to say that such subtle notions are lost on our current collective mentality.

I’ll use a personal experience to illustrate my point.

I am one of the lucky winners of the Seattle ticket-in-the-mail anti-lottery for going too fast through a school zone. Apparently, I went shrieking through a school zone at a blistering 26 miles an hour. Counting penalties and processing fees, that’s about a $200 ticket. No warnings for me, evidently.

On the face of it, all seems right with the world. A person should not go needlessly through a school zone at 65 mph medium jog over the speed limit. (I do have to admit that my perverse, reflexively rebellious side wishes I had gotten more speeding value for my lawbreaking dollar.) Self-righteous people everywhere, rejoice.

And, my personal $200 financial tragedy aside, the problem of people speeding through school zones is evidently epidemic because I share my fate with some 6,000 other folk similarly nailed in recent weeks.

So this must be a good thing, right? Scofflaws getting their just desserts, wholesale, and safer kids busting out all over. What could possibly be wrong with that?

Glad you asked.

Firstly, the evidentiary bar has been dropped through the floor.

The “evidence” against me is a photograph with descriptive text indicating the date/time and my speed and a statement from the operating officer declaring that it’s all true.

Setting the officers credibility aside

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Road to Resilience

The Season

By Terry Sullivan, Transition Vashon

We all recognize, if not celebrate, the darkest time of the year and the return of light and life. I think that we clothe it with religious or some sort of spiritual significance to emphasize its natural, temporal nature and to set our sights on the return of light and life. The early Christians set the birth of Christ as well as the return of light and life.

The Deer, with their skinny legs and thin coats, live day after day in that cold water with obvious pleasure. For them, being in the peak of winter is in learning how to make ourselves as comfortable as possible in all conditions. I think it was the party of Captain Cook that found out in late afternoon, it is never as dark as it looks from the brightly lit inside.

It never ceases to amaze me how utterly fragile and wimpy we seem compared to all the plants and animals that live and thrive unshiled in what the Deer are making the best of all year.

Their deer, with their skinny legs and thin coats, live day after day in conditions that would do most of us in a week, or maybe even a day!

I suspect that much of our wimpiness is in fact a result of our superior ingenuity in learning how to make ourselves as comfortable as possible in all conditions. (I was the party of Captain Cook that found out in late afternoon, it is never as dark as it looks from the brightly lit inside.

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Water District 19 Commission Proposes New Master Policy Resolution

The Water District 19 Commissioners, staff and lawyers have been working for 3 years to consolidate a multitude of policy resolutions into one master resolution governing the District’s operating policies. Advised by the District’s lawyers to do so, the Commission has recently completed the consolidation after the review of nearly 1,200 resolutions dating back to 1925. The forty page draft master resolution is available for public review at the Vashon Water District’s office.

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Holiday Concert and Fundraiser for the Vashon Maury Food Bank

Joe Jenkins will perform with Kat Eggleston and Kate MacLeod, Saturday 29, at 7:30pm at Bethel Church.

This event, in it’s third year running, is a benefit for the Vashon Maury Food Bank, organized by the music duo Kat Eggleston and Kate MacLeod. This year the duo has invited special guest Joe Jenkins to add his beautiful vocal and instrumental work to the event. The event accepts non-perishable food items and monetary donations in any form.

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Do you have an event or Public Service Announcement? Email questions or submissions to Steven Allen, editor of the Loop, at editor@vashonloop.com. Photos are welcome as jpeg or pdf attachments.

Sci-Fi Saturday
On January 5th at 1:30pm “The Wrath of Khan” will show at The Vashon Theatre. This is one of the best of the Star Trek series and is a whole lot of fun. A donation will be taken at the box office and food donations are taken inside the theatre.

Chorale pre-registration for all singers
The Vashon Island Chorale will hold pre-registration for all singers on Saturday, Dec. 29 from 10am to noon and on Thursday, Jan. 3 from 3-5pm. Both will take place at The Vashon Book Shop. Dues are $50 and music costs are $20. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 7 to 9:15pm in the VHS band room with concerts on April 13 & 14. See www.vashonislandchorale.org for music program and other information.

Winter Sunrise
Another day is dawning. We wake to grieve and mourn. Again the world is aquaking For twenty children born Who lost too soon their chance to live. To err, to learn, to grow. To find out love they had to give, Or things they burned to know. Their imprint lingers near, Perhaps their spirits too Are hearing now to those most dear To will the world a clue.

I watch the sunrise softly speak. He bathes the mountain high In whispered rose for those who seek Their answer from the sky.

By Roxena Hammill

Recycle your Christmas Lights
Getting ready to put up your lights? But they no longer work? Do Not Throw them away! Puget Sound Energy - PSE Patti- has agreed to collect these lights for us. They will be taken to Tacoma for recycling.

So drop off these good for nothing lights at the PSE office on Vashon Highway just south of Kathy’s Corner. Thanks all for keeping one more thing out of the landfill.

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Island rumor telling at its worst
By the time this story is printed many people will know the loss of our fellow Islander, musician, and good hearted soul Steve Saul. Of course there is something bigger than rumors to be dealt with here….Mrs Saul’s grieving the loss of her son. And it is exactly this that causes me to write this story.

Dorothy Saul invited myself and my wife to go to her recently deceased Son’s home so we could help her find important documents, and take an inventory of valuables as some items appeared to be missing from the home after less than 48 hours since Steve’s passing. During this time we took pictures of valuable and tried to comfort a woman who’s Son just passed.

After being in the home with Dorothy only two hours a person from the Island Funeral Service showed up and told my wife and I we needed to leave the property immediately or the police would be called. I asked the representative to call the police as we were at the home by request of Steve’s mother. We did go outside the dwelling and waited for Mrs. Saul to come out, but left after a while so as not to cause any discomfort for Dorothy.

Once we were out of the house, the Island Funeral Service representative began telling Dorothy that my wife and I were KNOWN thieves and were only there to “rob her blind”. She told Dorothy that I had a long and publicly known history of theft, drugs and violence.

Dorothy called me immediately to inform me of what was said, I immediately called the owner of the Funeral Service to discuss this, and how it would be dealt with.

While I know that the rumor chain is “just part of island life” it is my intention here to share what sort of damage can be done by rumor telling people who seem to do this as a way of making their miserable little lives less painful. Unfortunately the victim here was this poor woman who just lost her son. I on the other hand know the truth, and have nothing to hide.

As a side note, I am trying to work with the Island Chamber to put together a benefit concert which would donate ALL proceeds to Wolf Town. One of the chamber personnel pulled me aside last week and told me that the same sort of rumor was told to them as well. I guess my question is simple……when will these bored and possibly less than intelligent folks figure out that these are all lies? Do I need to publish my criminal record to prove that I am not what the rumors include, or should I just let these poor unfortunate souls have something to make them feel better about themselves? It might just be the only thing which gives them happiness.

In short I would ask (once again) why people tolerate this habitual and sophomoric habit which runs rampant in our community. Don’t people even think about the ramifications like in this case where a vendetta was played out at the worst time possible for the grieving?

I did ask the owner of this business to get involved, and suggested that legal action may well result should a resolution not quickly come to light, the only resolution I can think of is that the offending party be terminated from their job, and a public apology be given to this person who was victimized. Roger Lehet

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Santa Visits Nirvana Sunday
Santa Claus will make a special visit to Nirvana restaurant this Sunday from 10am to 2pm. Kids of all ages, from babies in arms to senior citizens, are invited to enjoy the festivities including free photos with Santa, special treats, holiday songs and more.

Nirvana will also be offering their Sunday all-you-can-eat buffet brunch from 9am to 2pm and kids under ten eat free. After Santa’s visit to Nirvana, dinner begins at 5pm with a new Winter menu and special Kid’s menu. Mention Santa’s visit Sunday and New Year’s Eve reservations at www.nirvanavashon.com.

Adopt A Cat Day!
Vashon Island Pet Protectors
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Our VIPP Shelter is open for adoptions every Saturday. Visit our website www.vipp.org for directions and to view the Cats and Dogs available for adoption.

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Math Team Takes 2nd Place in Math Competition
Photo (left to right): Mira Jewell-Peterson (8th), Nick Spranger (7th), Stuart Kraabel (7th), Kieran Enzian (7th), coach Nathan Enzian, Jacob Gold (7th), Rhea Enzian (8th), David Nguyen (8th), and Oakley Reid (9th).

Harbor School 7th and 8th graders competed at the Washington State “Math Is Cool” Tournament in Moses Lake on Saturday, December 1st. Harbor School’s 7th grade team took 2nd Place for Division II schools in Washington State, and the 8th grade team tied for 8th place.

Congratulations to the following Harbor School students for all their hard work and talent. Harbor School parent Nathan Enzian coached the students in preparation for the event.

7th Grade Team: Kieran Enzian, Jacob Gold, Stuart Kraabel and Nick Spranger
8th Grade Team: Rhea Enzian, Mira Jewell-Peterson, David Nguyen and Oakley Reid

VHS Sports Broadcasts on Voice of Vashon
Vashon High School Live Sports Broadcasts
VoiceOfVashon.org

By Richard Rogers

Voice of Vashon has been broadcasting the Vashon High School Pirates baseball, football, and basketball games live this year. Kevin Linnell and John Yates are announcing the basketball games this winter.

Kevin Linnell, who handles color commentary, says “I had been talking with John Yates about doing broadcast of Vashon sports events for seven years.” We travelled to state tournaments to watch Vashon teams play and many small communities were broadcasting the games to their hometowns. We thought why not do this for Vashon.”

This past summer they got their chance when VHS varsity football coach Andy Sears asked if they would be interested in announcing fall games. Kevin recalls “We said yes right away because we really wanted to do this to generate community support for our local sports teams.”

John Yates, who does play-by-play, is very enthusiastic about the broadcasts and has a personal interest because his son Sam plays on the varsity football team this year. Yates credits many individuals at Voice of Vashon for making the live broadcasts possible. “Dan Schuler has really put a ton of effort to make the technical side work for us. And Michael Golen-Johnson is invaluable back at the station to make the live feeds available on Voice of Vashon’s web radio station. Michael also adds to the commentary by asking us key questions about what’s happening on the court.” Yates, who is owner of Vashon True Value, and Linnell, who is the general manager, felt so strongly about announcing the games for the community they even purchased their own broadcast-quality headphones.

Preben Martin, who grew up on Vashon Island and is sports broadcast director with ESPN since 1997, was instrumental in creating a team of volunteers to make the live broadcasts possible. Preben had imagined bringing his professional sports broadcasting expertise to Island sports and mentioned his idea to Voice of Vashon. A meeting ensued that led to baseball, football and basketball games being streamed live at www.VoiceOfVashon.org. The first games to be broadcast were high school baseball games last summer with Jeff Hoyt and Lance Morgan announcing.

Preben envisions including more sporting events such as women’s soccer and volleyball, in the future and creating a mentorship program where students can learn from broadcast professionals. He says “We tried play-by-play some years ago but it was a challenge to get going. Now I’m excited about the potential to make it happen because there’s a better structure in place and a lot of talented people involved.”

Jean Bosch, new president of VoV, is very excited by how this partnership has developed. “It really is Island-powered media” she commented. “Voice of Vashon exists to support Islanders in producing this kind of great programming. We hope it grows.”

The next game will be boys and girls varsity basketball at Bellevue Christian School on Friday, December 21. The girls’ team plays at 6pm and the boys’ team is set to tip at 8pm. You can listen to the games broadcast live by tuning into Voice of Vashon’s web radio station at www.VoiceOfVashon.org.

Voice of Vashon also has plans for a new web platform to be launched next year. Jean Bosch says “We are in the process of creating a new website to combine community content contributions we now receive into one contributions we now receive into one media hub to make it easy for Islanders to access them. It will include everything from 1650AM emergency alerts, social media, live sports broadcasts to jazz shows, community meetings and live performances.”
Island Life
An Unexpected Journey
by Peter Ray

It seems that one is constantly being reminded of the life paradox that the more you know, the more you seemingly don’t know. I, for instance, had no idea that I was to blame for the economic woes at the Vashon Park District (VPD) until I attended a meeting (at this writing) meeting at Ober Park. But it wasn’t just me, but all of you share the blame as well, except for the fashion of two people that used to attend these meetings before all heck broke loose. In a long soliloquy voiced by board chairman Bill Ameling (and posted here on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNyIN3d-WDO), the implication, or aspersion, that I grasped as a takeaway from this was that we all had to blame for VPD’s problems because we hadn’t shown up to keep an eye on what was transpiring there, even though many of us had indeed voted for these board members into their positions, trusting they would do the right thing with our property tax monies and our faith in their abilities.

We have not listened to anything I might say, and in my column, cited by name by Mr. Ameling in the above mentioned YouTube clip. Of the many things that Mr. Ameling said and does belong to the school district. This is that this is not even parks property- it came in with their fields plan and pushed this mess for the new fields, and that voice one loud voice advocating from early on in the why, as in: why was this project even started. He also said that it used to be policy that when it rained and the fields got too wet they would practice in the gym. This was way down on the destruction of the fields. He did mention that over the last three years, a relaxing of the indoor practice policy may have led to better field wear during wet times. The word from Susan McCabe was that the indoor practice policy is still in effect, and to reduce wear and tear on new or existing fields, a milder form of soccer known as Futsal is played for indoor practice. My coach friend did say that there had been no loud and extensive clamor for new or better fields, or for the coaches, that he recalled. The coaches and players are however quite pleased with what they have seen of the new facility. He did mention that he remembered hearing one loud voice advocating from early on in this mess for the new fields, and that voice belonged to David Hackett. It should be mentioned, whether you look at it or not, that I am, along with my column, cited by name by Mr. Ameling in this column, by name by Mr. Ameling in his last column, and now speaking for myself, that I still have not seen the new facility. As it turned out, the actual second title mentioned was that the parks would not necessarily perfect. He also said that it used to be policy that when it rained and the fields got too wet they would practice in the gym, which probably cut way down on the destruction of the fields.

From there I went shopping for windshield wiper blades, which in retrospect contained an irony of sorts, as the stop wound up enhancing the clarity of more than one view. As it turned out, a friend there had read my last column and let on that he was a soccer coach. He said that while it was funky and at times sporting some pot holes possibly left by digging dogs, the old fields at the new fields location were quite usable, not necessarily perfect. He also said that it used to be policy that when it rained and the fields got too wet they would practice in the gym. This cut way down on the destruction of the fields. He did mention that over the last three years, a relaxing of the indoor practice policy may have led to better field wear during wet times. The word from Susan McCabe was that the indoor practice policy is still in effect, and to reduce wear and tear on new or existing fields, a milder form of soccer known as Futsal is played for indoor practice. My coach friend did say that there had been no loud and extensive clamor for new or better fields, or for the coaches, that he recalled. The coaches and players are however quite pleased with what they have seen of the new facility. He did mention that he remembered hearing one loud voice advocating from early on in this mess for the new fields, and that voice belonged to David Hackett.

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Third, I was listening to God recently – most of you would call this meditating, being quiet and paying attention to what comes – and here is what I heard: preach tolerance. This little nugget of instruction has made me acknowledge to myself: oh, yeah, I do preach, don’t I? And I do preach tolerance.

How often have I said here that we’re all in this together? I am ever mindful that the practice of tolerance is counter to my own human nature, which is naturally inclined to be judgmental, jealous, and self- serving. I know I’m not alone in

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To those of you who wear reflective clothes or vests or shoes and carry flashlights or other beacon to show you are there, thank you. You cannot wear too much of this stuff. If you are a bicyclist with a tiny little white light in front and a tiny little red light in back, you need to know that you cannot be seen. You need to slap reflective tape on every surface of your bike as well as your clothing. Please be mindful of how hard it is to see. Don’t take for granted that drivers will see and avoid you. Be mindful of the terrible fragility of your human body. You will not win an argument with a car. It does not matter that you have the right of way or that you or your survivors can sue someone after the fact. Living a healthy life in an unbroken body is more to be

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**Spiritual Smart Alec**

End of the Year Sweeping Up

by Mary Tuel

It is time to call it a year, and in the spirit of tidying up and finishing the unfinished, here are a few items I never got around to this year:

First of all, you commuters, walkers, joggers, students, and bicyclists: wake up and wear something reflective. I am not a commuter, but I am a commuter enabler. I frequently give my son a ride to the ferry in the morning and pick him up in the evening. It is astonishing to me how many people are out on our public thoroughfares in the dark, wearing dark clothing.

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Aries (March 20-April 19)

You don’t need validation from others to renegotiate a relationship arrangement; this is a new phase in your life to be involved with. Yet you may be influenced by the opinions of your friends, or what you see in magazines. Menting this factor carefully, even if you think that it doesn’t apply. Much of what people do in their one-on-one relationships is influenced or even dictated by the people around them with you are all under this influence. In the best-case scenario, you may be about to break free of both the self-imposed constraints that held you to an intimate partnership. Make sure that your intentions are what actually guides your life.

Taurus (April 19-May 20)

There is no suppressing passion, though many may have tried it for purposes other than enjoyment and creativity. Have you noticed that there’s no religion that suggests the love of humans is a good or even a necessary norm of the human nature? It’s as much in physical space and time as it is an ‘inner reality’, to which healing is so often directed. You’re at the beginning of this particular process; what you’re doing now is building the foundation for much that will follow. It’s a relationship between your physical space, your emotional space and your growth process. One theme is how to monitor the cravings, and this is rapidly evolving. That at the moment it involves the space you occupy conceals a deeper truth -- the one about the roots of your soul.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

It sometimes takes a push for you to break the evolutionary impasse, deep instinct and a lack of direction. Do not just notice it. Speaking of the relationship between love, passion and betrayal, it has to be remembered that the karma of very old patterns that has held you down for so long. You’ve certainly done plenty of questioning what you’ve been told, though now you’re in a position to directly challenge these instructions and patterns with your actual feelings, your body and your soul. Forget the theory; go into the experience of your value in the situation is expressing matters rather than hinder them. Part of your work in the new is being sensitive and holding space, while not being too wrapped up in it. Learning this skill may be one of the central ‘lessons’ of this lifetime. To safely assist and facilitate the processes of others, a measure of objectivity is required, and as you know, that is easier said than done.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 23)

Building your foundations is directly related to your healing process. This in turn is your vehicle to adapt to you structure your work and accomplish what you set out to do every day. These are practical matters, not merely emotional or intellectual notions. Your mode of development and expression is as much in physical space and time as it is an ‘inner reality’, to which healing is so often directed. You’re at the beginning of this particular process; what you’re doing now is building the foundation for much that will follow. It’s a relationship between your physical space, your emotional space and your growth process. One theme is how to monitor the cravings, and this is rapidly evolving. That at the moment it involves the space you occupy conceals a deeper truth -- the one about the roots of your soul.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You have incredible strength to draw on now. It’s coming from a diversity of sources, though one of these is the power that is from devotion. We’ve all heard that the reward of patience is more than, which is not exactly encouraging, since that perhaps implies some shade of not getting what you want, or delaying gratification (which would be a brilliant thing, in modern Western society). Your devotion, however, is not merely a matter of your potence, and that devotion is driven by genuine affection. What the charts are saying is that it’s time, now, to begin the process, and so too will the people you are close to. There is something here about breaking through belief, social existence and opening yourself up to the core of what it means to be alive in a fully committed way.

Gemini (May 20-June 21)

If you want depth, you don’t have to dig or blast. The way is open, and you’re being asked to open your mind. The time is right to act on your intuition. You’re the shield that protects others from the old patterns you have evolved to challenge. The time is right.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Plenty seems to be changing in your life, but you’re pushing the envelope, and you’re experiencing an inner change. The kind of intimate that you have is expressing empathy and holding space, while not being too wrapped up in it. Learning this skill may be one of the central ‘lessons’ of this lifetime. To safely assist and facilitate the processes of others, a measure of objectivity is required, and as you know, that is easier said than done.

Libra (Sep. 22-Oct. 23)

It’s time to start searching for your energy. I suggest you begin that focusing project at home, as New Year’s cleaning and organizing. For good luck, collect everything you don’t need and give it away or throw it out. The next step is focusing your social energy. You should offer your unique perspective on the world as the Sun transits through Capricorn, so you may be a little overwhelmed. I suggest that everyone in your life have their specific purpose, even if it is just a ‘thing’ you do for a group or cause. I know that that functionality is not high on most people’s social agenda, but it is us, in our lives. The need to share this energy between lovers and friends is as permissible as it will ever be right now. There is a space for sharing both needs and genuine affection. Keep an open mind and an open heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have a lot of options open, including making some big moves with the money. There is a flow between the most personal aspects of your psyche and some of the most worldly, professional ones. There is a blend of a renaissance of your evolutionary impulses and a kind of freemason-like ability to structure the physical world. This is to say, you can make the decisions you want, and the people you want to engage in a long-term, that you don’t need to worry if they are too big. Once you make these choices, and address the changes that are involved in following through with them, you will see that in fact they were relatively minor and mainly served to improve your life and build your confidence, so that you can make even more significant adjustments over the course of the next year.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You now get to focus on money -- perhaps in the most meaningful way ever. You get to make up for a lot of past mistakes this month, and do something with the whole “If only I knew then what I know now” thing. At this time, this is related to what you do with knowledge, in particular, knowledge of your priorities. If you have conscious priorities, you’re so far ahead of the game, you would be shocked. If you don’t, you might get them over time (which you do) you are at a significant advantage, and if you put your knowledge into action, you have what it takes to do this thing called success. Yet the name of the tune is succeeding at what is the most meaningful to you. And to do that, you have to be aware of what that thing is.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

It’s as if your life cracks open and is revealed strong, solid, original and genuinely creative. Something new to happen. Well, you’re in the position to discover a few places that match this description.

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**Location Change**
Tuesday, January 15, 9-30am (Vashon Library)
Thursday, January 24, 7-8:30pm (McMurray Middle School Library, 9329 SW Cemetery Rd Vashon, WA 98070)

Positively Speaking
"Talking About Jesus on the Last Day of the World"

Welllll gosh golly whadyaknow...the scriptures prove that God has given us just a week late with their date. Indeed on 14 December 2012 the world came to an end. Twenty children were killed in a school in small town urban suburbia America. We have reached the bottom of the barrel. There is no more 'low' to which we can sink. Everything seems pretty meaningless right now. I think back on the events of the week and they are filtered through Friday morning's shuttering experience.

On Tuesday one of my delightful sprites of life whom I had not seen in months lay beneath her Christmas tree after school and said excitedly 'Climb under with me Deborah!!' She's totally into fairy houses and there underneath the tree I found the mist of magic shining through the branches as I looked up to see the decorations and lights in reverse. Now, I'm glad I honored the whimsical request of my young friend because the only thing I can think of to make life have meaning again is to look on those young lives, as always, have as experts on living: now more so than ever.

The night of the shooting, another one of my playtime buddies, who is totally into World War II and all things military and tactical, asked me to watch a couple of movies and I had one to share with him. I silenced my urge to say ‘well well will there be much shooting movies that night because I didn't know what he knew or what his reaction was. About five minute into things he turned to me and asked me to continue about that thing that happened in Connecticut today.” We kept the conversation simple. It was all he could handle.

I had brought ‘Windtalkers’ about my Native American roots, and asked, “Did you hear about that thing that happened in Connecticut and asked, “Did you hear about that night because I didn't know what they were going to be all right and gosh...I can't find the words anymore. That picture is enough. That's who Jesus is. He's the one that said 'Let the little children come to me.' He said, 'Of such is the kingdom of heaven.' He said, in order to find: the heavy and the Kingdom of God we had become like little children. Healthy little children. Innocent little children. Delightful little children. Loving little children. Whimsical little children. Trusting little children. Hopeful little children.

My whole life has been about supporting and loving and encouraging little children and big youth. It still is. I’ve watched adults use children to work out their childish stuff. I’ve watched adults use children as pets. I’ve watched adults bless children with material possessions and forget what children love most is engagement and eye contact and companionship.

But I’ve also watched and joined with adults who believe children are the only reason life has meaning. Adults who believe that straightening out their own childhood issues so they don’t pass them on to the next generation is the best blessing we can give. Adults who would no more let children wander around on their own to figure everything out than ... well Jesus.

This same Jesus says we can’t ever do this. We must be too busy with our redemptive love. Even in, especially in a world that seems lost in darkness that will not lift. I say it again. Jesus is different. Today, he gives me hope when I have none. Today he is busy loving twenty children who just lost their parents. Let us love the ones left here on this earth as Jesus does. It’s the only action that will make a difference. Jesus teaches us how to love the lost better so they do not hurt the free. Love with Deborah

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Bill Brown & The Kingbees

Many folks in the Northwest are familiar with Bill’s high energy ‘rockin’ blues show that he’s been performing in the Northwest since 1986. Bill has been likened to Paul Butterfield in his use of the harmonica and his vocals have garnered many a discussion concerning his musical background.

Bill’s love of this genre is evident in the players he surrounds himself with. John Gabohti, on lead guitar, has been playing in the Pacific NW since the mid ’60s and gained national recognition with his work with the Seattle touring group Krome Circus. Michael Stango, on bass, has had the opportunity to sit in and play with such illuminating musicians as Herbie Hancock, Harvey Mandel, The Original Temptations, Kenny G’s band and many others.

Bill Brown is proud to announce a new drummer in the band, Todd Zimmer.

Todd has worked in the Puget Sound region as a drummer, percussionist and educator for more than 20 years.

The performance is free and all-ages (until 11:00). Friday, December 28, 8:30 p.m. At the Red Bicycle, 17618 Vashon Hwy - 206-463-5959

Posse Impossible blends funk, rock and hip hop with a hint of Balkan folk into a bouncy, big-beat band that will be sure to get you moving. In Seattle, Posse Impossible features the clever rhymes of percussionist Guido Perla (Little Big Man, The Prospect) and Balkan melodies of guitarist Neri Osmanovic (More of Anything), a talented player from Bosnia-Herzegovina. Check out the impossible-ness!

Opening for Posse will be Erik Reimnitz, bass player for Trolls Cottage and all around super nice guy! The performance is free and all-ages (until 11:00). Friday, December 21, 9 p.m. At the Red Bicycle, 17618 Vashon Hwy - 206-463-5959

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Their rhythm section is made up of Sam Veatch and David Salonen and they are better than ever, as these two guys have been playing together now for over 5 years. They are as tight and wonderful as any band could dream for. Lonesome Mike is still perfecting his harp sound and really puttin’ his all into his music. Jason Lollar and Tommy Bean trade licks on their guitars that get everyone excited to just BE THERE when the music is playing! We all believe that nothing should be left behind when performing, and we give it our 110% ALL!

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