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Treasure Hunters, Take Heed

Carl WalkingEagle finally died. That cancer ate him up and made him suffer. I wouldn't wish cancer on my worst enemy, and I know he suffered hard. But not as hard as the suffering he inflicted on the tribe, all the money he stole/embezzled and kept for himself.

Now the treasure hunt begins. Cash stashed in coffee cans, some buried, some stashed. Safe Deposit boxes scattered over at least 5 states: ND, SD, FL, NV & California. Bet NLO wishes she could get her mitts on some of those. Millions of dollars frittered away, some invested in questionable properties (resorts in Las Vegas, Florida businesses--- Talk to Ed Brownshield, they may have had some dealings). Oh, it's going to be fun.

The Hookers and girlfriends he kept on the side probably know more about where his money is planted than does his widow. Somehow, that just seems right.

The Sundance Fiasco

Chaske still doing Sundances, still violating every rule of the Red Road—that's okay, he's Black Road so he thinks the rules don't apply to him. Keven Dauphinais has pretty much taken it over as his. His drinking and drugging don't seem to bother those who dance with him, but it should. It sucks the light out of them and leaves them in ever spiraling sickness and sadness, which they think they are curing by dancing with him... vicious cycle.

How many old men did Kevin try to start fist fights with this last time? How many women did he put the moves on? Not sticking his hand into that boiling water ever again, though, is he?

He's taken to tying his sister, Clarice, to the Tree in the center of the ring where only the men should be. He's taking power for himself. Nothing is healed. Now you wonder why nothing is going right in your life? You wonder why your children vanish? Pay no mind, you have forsaken your spirit.

Brilliant Move

Under the Heading of "Give them Exactly What They Say They Want" Rob Port's [SAY ANYTHING BLOG](#) Scores a bullseye. Rob's a Conservative, I'm a Dem, but I got to hand it to the man, he can rip into an issue, pull the guts out and ask if we're all looking at the same thing.

Okay, that's a gross way of saying "he unpacks issues thoroughly" and in this case, brings out the dirty laundry as well. He quotes extensively from the [Wall Street Journal Article](#) by Naomi Schaefer Riley. Who has also written a book: "[New Trail Of Tears; How Washington is Destroying Indians](#)"

“Real Sovereignty for Native Americans Would Mean Property Rights and Policy Autonomy”

Think about that for a few minutes. Let it marinate your brain. All this talk about sovereignty for First Nations isn't about sovereignty at all. It's about covering up crimes committed by and for the powerful and politically connected.

The government wants us to not investigate child rapes, child abuse, child trafficking on or off the reservations so they put in these massively over reaching laws (not legally passed laws, mind you) that say every child's safety and, *AND Heritage* is up to every/any tribal court in the land to determine before any decision regarding the safety of that child can be considered. All agencies and departments in the land would have to, by law, defer to Tribal Courts and their arbitrary, politically inclined decisions as to whether that child's safety can be investigated, or the abuse, the rapes and the trafficking of those children can be investigated, left up to tribal courts, which have abysmal records.

One other thing about Tribal Courts is that the highest sentence they can render upon anyone found guilty of any crime in their courts, is 5 years. That's why when Q-Ball agreed to be tried and found guilty for rape, it was only if it was in tribal court. It was a vicious rape of his young cousin and she suffers physically and mentally, emotionally and spiritually to this day from what he did to her, but he only got a 5 year sentence. Federal Court, where that should have been adjudicated would have given him 20 years or more.

But I digress. All this 'saving the heritage' and 'sovereignty' babble coming from those who have a lot to lose if a large scale investigation into child trafficking roots in Indian Country were to come about, sounds so noble, doesn't it?

But in this one article, all this talk about 'sovereignty' is proven to be a smoke and mirrors, bullshit mask offered by those who profit and prosper from the corruption in Indian Country, while at the same time, those Good People who struggle to survive and protect their Cultural Heritage in Indian Country, live under third world oppression that is systematically designed to keep them from getting ahead, unless they 'play ball'.

Real Sovereignty would include all the Rights that everyone else in the Country has. That includes property rights. You know, they would own their own homes and properties, be able to buy and sell, use as collateral to start businesses, go to college, all that sort of thing.

But the second most valuable thing in Indian Country that keeps the corruption in place and keeps the corporations that exist only to extract resources thriving amid that corruption and destruction of communities, is the property, and that property holds great wealth.

Indians are not allowed to own their own homes the way you and I own ours. And they can be, with less than an hour's notice, forced to leave their homes, property, animals and belongings if the corrupt tribal councils issue an order barring them from being on the reservation. It happens a lot.

How do we know our politicians don't really want First Nations to have REAL Sovereignty?

Quoting Riley:

"There are almost no private businesses or entrepreneurs on Indian reservations because there are no property rights. Reservation land is held in trust by the federal government and most is also owned communally by the tribe. It's almost impossible for tribe members to get a mortgage, let alone borrow against their property to start a business. The Bureau of Indian Affairs regulates just about every aspect of commerce on reservations.

Instead of giving Indians more control over their own land—allowing them to develop natural resources or use land as collateral to start businesses—the federal government has offered them what you might call a loophole economy. Washington carves out a sector of the economy, giving tribes a regulatory or tax advantage over non-Indians. But within a few years the government takes it away, in many cases leaving Indian tribes as impoverished and more disheartened than they were before."

And because there are no Property Rights for the individuals living on the reservation, all the funding and money that comes into the reservation goes through their caretakers: The BIA Liaison Agent who no one oversees and whom the BIA will not investigate for corruption regardless of how many reports are filed, evidence presented, complaints made. The BIA/BLM have absolute say over who/which companies/corporations get to drill for oil, frack for gas, dig for gold & minerals, log for timbers, and the damage done is heaped upon those living on the rez, as we've seen with the dumping of truckloads of radioactive wastes from the oil patch.

No one is accountable. But a few, a few very well-connected, get very, very rich. The waters are polluted, the ground unfit, wounded beyond healing in ours or our children and grandchildren's lifetimes, but a few get very, very rich.

And the systematic stereo typing of Indians lays the blame of this all at the feet of those who are suffering and struggling, never attached to those who get very, very rich.

But without property rights, there's no accountability, no way to hold tribal councils accountable for their corruption, nor the damage done by them, to property or to people.

That's the system the government wants to keep in place. A system where there's a lot of wealth for a few very powerful, all the way deep into the highest levels of our government, and only despair, injustice and poverty for the rest.

Because if you put in place a system of REAL Sovereignty, the Good People would have a say on what is done on their lands, and it would not be up to their government babysitters to decide for them. They could hold their local and tribal governments accountable.

That would upset many applecarts.

Representative [Kevin Cramer introduced a bill](#) to reduce 'flaring' of natural gas, which is essentially, wasting the resource because of sloppy, short cut extraction & refining techniques used by the corporations. Quick & Dirty would be another way to put it. It makes the corporations rich, but it leaves the tribes with less profit and with wasted resources that could have generated income for years more, as well as polluted air, water and wounded land.

One would think that would be a 'no-brainer' and of course being less wasteful, more profitable and more long-term profitable for the tribes as well as for their 'corporate partners' would sail through, right?

BLM was against it. (They prefer the quick and dirty). The excuse is weak, pathetic, racist and insulting, but it is all that stands between what the government says about respecting First Nations and 'generously' giving them sovereignty; and their hackneyed portrayal of Indian People as unable to think for themselves, unable to really govern themselves. Indian People, if you listen close enough to the opposition, require government babysitters. Babysitters, mind you, who drink up the booze, drug the kids and have wild parties that leave a lot of destruction in their wake.

Quoting Kevin Cramer: (from Say Anything Blog)

*"I was just with the President of the United States on a North Dakota reservation a week ago where he talked about honoring sovereignty and here the administration seems to be going against that very concept of sovereignty for the tribe," Cramer told **Michael Nedd**, the assistant director for minerals and realty management for the Bureau of Land Management, during questioning before the House Natural Resources Committee.*

Michael Nedd responded:

*"Congressman, what I can say again that the secretary's authority under the Indian Minerals Leasing Act certainly allows the BLM to work with the tribes in managing those trust lands," Nedd said. "In working through the tribes with consultation, the BLM certainly incorporates their input into that. And so the administration feels again they have enough authority to proceed to conduct the work on the authority Congress has given them. **This bill would just***

inject confusion and the administration position is that we they have enough authority to do that.” (Emphasis mine)

Get that? Treating First Nations People like First Class Citizens would just be “confusing”.

Confusing to whom? What I find “confusing” is that Nedd says they can’t do that, but also claims they already have the authority to do what’s being asked for in the Bill.

If they already have the authority, then why not allow that language in the Bill? Now, I’m really confused!

In short, the Federal Government doesn’t think that entire tribes of people are civilized enough, educated enough, able enough, smart enough to run their own land, their own property, but that same system is willing to hand over without question, the lives of children as if those children are property.

Read the articles. Buy the book. You’re going to learn things about what you haven’t been told and you’re going to learn about the lies you have been told about what’s really going on in Indian Country.

It’s about stealing the wealth. It’s not about protecting heritage or culture. It’s not about protecting children. Trafficking in children is just one of the multitude of crimes that make a few people very, very wealthy out there.

Let’s not ‘confuse’ things by talking ‘Real Sovereignty’. Let’s just play politics with it, and really change nothing except to let it get even worse. No, to MAKE it even worse.

And you wonder why there’s higher unemployment, drug and alcohol addiction, suicide and youth suicide, rapes and murders in Indian Country?

It’s all about the Benjamins. The Treasure Hunters, the Pirates, they’ve been running this for too long.

You know where to find me.

~Cat