

*Note: There will be a "Sideshow" link added to this posting later on. I wanted to take care of the important issues first. The 'Sad Comedy' can wait until later.*

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### **A Brighter Future, Ignored**

I am hearing from many of you who are disgusted with the Tribal Council for opting to spend the money that is intended for housing, in the worst possible direction. I am getting more on the criminal career of the VP In Charge of Tribal Sales for those Modular nightmares. I will do a posting on that later, as well.

Consider how this housing issue was an opportunity, wide open, for the Tribal Council to do several things at once:

1. Provide above decent, high quality housing for members of the tribe, at a lower cost
2. Provide training and skills for the youth
3. Provide those badly needed jobs for the Tribe. (Maybe put a dent in that 80% UE rate?)
4. Give the whole Tribe something to be proud of, look forward to more of.
5. Earned back some of the respect and credibility that was squandered when Tribal Council appointed a notorious pill freak to the Human Resources position for the tribe.

Well, 1 through 4, anyways.

It has come to my attention that last year there was a workshop designed just for tribes, to show them the benefits of a really green technology.

From the Rez:

*The reservation schools need to get more hands-on; auto mechanics, carpentry, photography, web design, etc, classes to teach the young how to run their own business.*

*There was a Straw-baled Building Workshop last year intended for Native Americans in Bismarck, but very few natives even showed up.*

*How do you motivate? That seems to be the biggest problem. If you get time google straw bale homes and redfeather.org It is a low tech.*

*wonderful way to build super-insulated homes and buildings.*

*Also check out Huffnpuff Construction out of Australia as they are building using the jumbo straw bales which have a r-value of over 100. I met with some of the tribal leaders here about this type of building but they don't seem interested.*

Well, for starters, if the workshop had been in Las Vegas, and the tribe had to fly first class, stay in a big expensive hotel, get room service and have a gambling allowance, I am sure you would have been able to get them interested.

This was too close by, too productive and as such, held no interest for most tribes, including the SLN tribe, which I am dealing with in this blog.

Nope, they opted for the craptastic pre-made, over-priced jobbers.

But, here's the links to get people started: (*sorry, these don't work in printer version*)

[Greenweaver Inc](#) [Redfeather.org](#) [Living and Building with Straw and Clay](#)  
[The Canelo Project](#)

There are miles of pages of how this works, is economical and how it is cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter, durable. This is not BS gibberish, this is not 'future maybe' -- this is all doable now.

And it is an opportunity being ignored by the Tribal Council. What? Too easy for ya?

Imagine how much more neighborhood and community pride there would be if everyone had decent homes. And even more so if building these homes involved teaching the youth a set of skills they could make a living with, support a family by.

But no. Let's just keep the standards as low as possible. Let's not allow the people to have any relief in any area. Let's not allow the people to have hope that there is ever going to be anything better than the constant steep decline.

Let's keep that hopelessness kicking out there. Watch as it kicks the children to the graveyard. Watch as it kicks the struggling families until they can fight no more, and go to Bingo in hopes of being able to have something for once.

The Tribe doesn't need quality housing. That would make them feel like they were of value.

The Tribe doesn't need quality schools and education, that would fool the kids into thinking that they had a future.

The Tribe doesn't need qualified and responsible people in the healing centers. That would make it possible for them to stand up again.

For the love of all that is money, do not allow Indians to start standing up again!

That is the message, loud and clear, from the decisions of this Tribal Council. Well, from what I have seen of Darwin Brown and his mentors: NLO and Walkingpoop.

First the WWT debacle, and now the housing sham shame. So, how is that 'wind farm' coming along? Eh? Any reports for the eager community? Anyone?

You have to keep standing up against this crap. You have to until you have no more legs. You have to keep raising your voice against this spiritual genocide. You have to until you have no more voice.

If you fail to fight because you didn't get a 'fast win' -- the children suffer even worse than you have.

If you fail to fight because you knew you would not see any changes in your lifetime -- the children lose. And the next people to pick up the fight have to pick up where you left off.

If you fail to try, you make it harder for the next warrior to carry through.

If you fight the good fight, you make it easier for the next warriors to carry through.

It's up to you.

You know where to find me.

~Cat