

Restless Spirit: The Murder of Eddie Peltier

A True Story By Cat West

The Blog

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The ongoing events and behaviors of those who murdered Eddie (and others) on the Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota. How the ongoing criminal enterprise continues to flourish unabated and without a single response from the Justice Department. Well, not surprising on that! They would have to investigate themselves and how some of their elite were directly involved and have prospered from the corruption that exists, protected and funded by US Tax Dollars.

Even if you don't live on the Rez, it's your money, YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK. You owe it to yourself to peek in once in awhile and see what you are paying for

Welcome to the new web site for Restless Spirit: The Murder of Eddie Peltier!

This gives me more room to add more pages, photos, images, graphics, cartoons. Eventually, I can add more pages including a "string board" (Police Investigators will know what that is) which will show who's who in the Rez Zoo. There will be more features, more pages and a more comprehensive site in general.

All the pages are not yet hooked up, but as they fill out, I will post a note here and you can go and see for yourself.

New (2nd) Contact page is hooked up. You can find information on contacting the Parole Board to Free Richard, HERE

Texas Monthly Magazine has done a feature on this case. Read the October Issue, available at newsstands now. OR, go to the online version. Michael Hall went to the rez and saw for himself.

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January 3, 2007

Running Man?

There is running and then there is running scared! Just a quick trip to Oberon as it circles Uranus. Remember the elections last November? Deputy Dawg, Steve Bercier, ran for Sheriff? Sure you do! He was beaten, and badly (election-wise) by Rohrer. Rohrer (hope I spelled that right) was the man of the hour on that one and now sits firmly in the Office previously held by that shifty-eyed Ned Mitzel.

Well, the day after the elections, when it was clear that Dep Dawg could NOT take the office and carry on in the same corrupt way as had been going on under the Mitzel regime, he left town! Dep Dawg not only left town, but left the STATE! I hear he booked out for Belize and not for a vacation either.

He had good reason to run. With the chance of Mike Good's murder and others, as well as the other crimes, large and small, being investigated, he did what he could to save his own skin. (Petesky, you are on your own!).

It was, after all, according to their own words on the video tape during a Town Council meeting, Dep Dawg and Petesky that were hunting down Mike Good that night he was murdered.

Of course, this could all be explained away had the two of them not changed their statements early on to reflect that they knew nothing about it, never did see him, never did go looking for him...

Ya think it might have been them two that "hunted him down like a dog and killed him"? Ya think? Well, with Dep Dawg fleeing the district, the state, the country, perhaps the planet...Gee, now I wonder, did he really leave? Or was he done in and that be a body that will never be found?

Oh well, such is life in Oberon as it circles your...

Dog Eat Dog

It's a bad omen when you see animals doing things like that. Talking about the two dogs that were cannibalizing another dog in front of the building for the Head Start Program. It's definitely a message to those who are in that building, that the evil around them, among them, is consuming them. A message to pray for the protection of each and every family member, especially the children.

Also, it is a sign that the power mongers among you will turn on one another, Dog Eat Dog, and it will be a most horrible sight to behold.

Pray and pray hard, because this is walking among you right now. Those to whom this message would be the strongest warning seem to be the very same who will ignore it the most, trying to minimize it and ridiculing anyone that looks into the meaning.

The meaning will become all too clear, all too soon. Once it starts, it won't end until ???

Just hearing about this event gives those who understand, a sickening feeling. This is not a play on superstition. Rather, this is a clear message that the natural order of things has been for too long, pushed aside by those who walk the Black Road and those too afraid to stand up to them, or for themselves.

Keep ignoring the messages, until it is too late, or wake up and stand up now. Time is running out.

Doing Flips

I heard that a Red Chevy Berretta on it's way back from the Oh Oh Bar, headed into Ft. Totten (East bound), carrying 5 or more underage girls, did a roll over. Bottles of booze all over the place. I guess they were the party?

No investigation. Keep it all quiet. No one charged, no one goes to jail and sure, the Oh Oh Bar checks all IDs!

As far as I have heard, not one of them was seriously hurt. A lucky break. It could have turned out so much worse! Imagine the trauma and the grief if the community lost that many young people all at once!

We all do stupid things when we are young. But drinking and driving? Well, that's just asking for the worst! Hope you young ladies have all figured out that it was not cool, not funny, and that you know not to ever do that again!

Then again, learning from mistakes, one's own or those of others, no matter how recent, seems to be harder for some than for others.

There will be mass funerals, you can count on it. That kind of stupidity breaks things no one can fix. There will be grief by the house load, and tears enough to fill the Lake, just not that time. Just not that day. But sure as being stupid is viewed as being cool, that day is coming, like a freight train from Hell.

Sure, you know people who can get you off the hook, get you out of trouble, keep things quiet. Sure, because your family is connected. But all that doesn't mean you got away with it if you don't learn from it. It only means you will do it again.

Look around at everyone you know and care about. Now, imagine your stupidity is the cause of their greatest grief. How smart, how cool is that?

Just Plain Blaine

Remember I told you about Blaine, who is the landlord for Kalum, getting 12 years? Kalum, of course, not even looked at, even though the cops had to trip over his meth lab and his stash to get to Blaine and make this "big ass bust". Well, Blaine getting busted is a message for Petesky and the Andersons. He was Pete's connection to the sales inside the Rez. He was the supplier that made it worth while for Petesky.

But since Petesky is on the outs with the Turdboys, they decided to cut his pay in half by getting rid of the middle man (Blaine) and leaving the bulk of the sales and distribution in the capable hands of Kalum McTurdling.

They did it because they were mad at what Pete said in that video. About the murder of Eddie Peltier happening at Celeste Herman's (Pisster's) house. Gee, Petesky, you only got a couple other small time dealers inside now. And they will be removed as soon as Popsie wants them gone.

This is all a message to you that the money you made from the shared enterprise is not going to be as much anymore. That your dealing days are numbered. Eventually, they will find a way to take you out. They have to. You are now the weak link. And you have very loose lips with which to sink their ships!

So, Blaine is out of the picture. I am sure his relatives miss him dearly. I am sure they can't put together how and why it happened. Just bad luck? They are not the brightest bulbs on the family tree, and the family tree a little wormier than most, so they probably won't equate Pete's big mouth with what happened to Blaine. Nor will they figure out that they are next.

Pete uses them like Kleenex, and then lets them fend for themselves when they get caught. Have to call them the Bimbo Brigade.

Desperate Men Do Desperate Things

Poopsie always said that if he went down, he would take a lot of people with him. He may get his chance this year, things turning as they have. You know they are desperate to keep their power, not be investigated for their crimes: Drug dealing, manufacturing; Child molest, rape, and porn; embezzling, theft, money laundering...

But think about it: How long can that go on? Forever is not an option. People do get fed up.

Q-Ball, when he was in prison in Petersburg, because he was known as a child rapist, was attacked and nearly killed. Look at his ugly chest for the scars sometime! He was transferred to Oxford where his brothers could buy enough influence to keep him alive. Although, I hear that now, Poopsie regrets that part.

Saying he is more trouble than he is worth is not saying much.

You know they are desperate and that they will do desperate things, to keep their power over the rez. Keep the money coming in. Keep themselves from being behind bars. But they are getting careless. And people are getting stronger.

Time is ticking. No, not that countdown clock, although, that is part of it. Those who need to know what that is about already do. Now, all they have to figure out is how I know it too!

Among the Turdclan, and their supporters, it is becoming Dog Eat Dog.

Petition

I asked about the petition against Lois Leban. Turns out it is still going around. There are a lot of people that still want to sign it. I say that if you still want to sign it, find out who has it and get in touch with them.

To the men who are carrying the Petition around, I say, give everyone a chance to sign it that is qualified to sign it. Don't leave anyone out!

Lois will be surprised mostly because she thought she had you neutered enough that you would never stand up to her. Just wait until she sees!

Just another little nugget on Lois: Her last name used to be LeCroix and she is a first cousin to the Turdclan. And she has sex with them as well! So you see? That incest thing is throughout their family tree, which is by now, rotting from the inside out and from the roots up.

Incest as a way of life is disgusting. But it is only one of many taboos they practice as a way of defiling themselves, and the community around them. They rape men and women, children and adults. They steal and they murder. Worst of all they poison the well that the future depends on to sustain existence by drugging your children, giving them poison, telling them it's okay.

The Children are dying, being consumed by the evil that for so long has held all power over you all. Time to take it back. Easier than you think. Once they fall, they all fall because they take each other down, and everyone around them that they have connections with will fall as they fall.

Stupid Gossip

I explained to the moron who started the rumor that Suzy Thunder hired Q-Ball into a management position and then quit her job, that it is simply not true. She did not. Think about it: Why would a woman quit her only means of making a living unless she had to?

You know she did not hire Q-Ball nor did she hire RJ. They were forced on her without her consent, by the Tribal Council and Weenie Boy, who have usurped all power with no checks or balances. She quit because her authority was undermined by them forcing her to work with him when she did not hire him.

So, to the person who continues to spread this viscous gossip, I can only guess that you are methed up, drunk or stupid.

To anyone that listens to this gossip and believes it, you deserve what you get.

Common sense would reveal this is not only not true, but not even logical.

So, when someone tells you it is Suzy Thunder's doing, know that person is just spreading manure, and walk away.

If you have any doubts about it, for crying out loud, talk to the woman herself! She is right there! Unless, you are nutless and afraid of her.

Well, tiz all for now. Yes, much more to come and I will try to get this posted daily m-f like before once my schedule here slows down a bit.

Take care out there. Especially you kids. I don't expect you to be perfect, but for all our sakes, think a little more before you do something really stupid and end up dead or worse!

You know where to find me!

~Cat

January 5, 2007

Ain't Love Grand?

We all like spending the holidays with our loved ones, don't we? Turdclan has a style all their own. RJ, son of Weenie Boy, has a way with women. He kidnaps and imprisons them in a closet and rapes them for 3 -5 days. It's his special way of saying: "You're my meat."

He was finally arrested at his home and taken away in handcuffs week before last. But, as we have seen with members of the Turdclan, that don't mean nuttin'. With Uncle Poopsie and Carl McKay on the Law and Order Committee, and y'all really need to get to know more about that, he will be back home, no penalties, in a blink.

Remember how Lemon Longie raped that 6-year old little girl who is in a wheelchair? The daughter of his live-in girlfriend (She too is so FAS she can't make sound decisions. Just right for Lemon, eh?). He was hauled away and people were outraged at what he had done.

But in no time a'tall, he was back on the rez, and back in the home, the same home where that child is now without any protection from him and he is untouchable because the Badgers on the rez have no nuts. To them, tiz perfectly okay that these things go on because by allowing it, they continue to have a job. What job? I hold them as responsible as I do the Turdclan because they, the ones with the Badges, have the power to do something, but they refuse. They would rather be lapdogs to the evil out there than risk a moment's discomfort by standing up to them.

One even told me that he covers for Kalum Yankton! Not that Kalum appreciates it, as he is moving heaven and earth to get him fired and then floated off the rez.

So, back to RJ, or Weenie Junior as we like to call him around the blog. A little review on his recent life: He was hired in to his position at the Water Dept, over the objections and without the approval of the woman who was running the place. She protested, to no avail.

He was even unable to pass a drug test for the first few weeks (Ryan Leaf, who pisses for the whole clan, was out of town) so he threw a hissy fit and got it stalled until Ryan could make it back. Not that it matters. Chuckles doesn't really care.

He lets Ryan sign in under any name, and he allows the Turdclan to bring in their "urine sample" when they show up for their test. Not like it matters to him!

So, now, RJ has a job for which he is not qualified, and at a department that he has, within just a couple of short months of taking over, robbed blind. When the Water Board tried to fire him, Myra Pearson, The Tribal Chairwoman who never had any honor to lose, fired the Water Board!

Of course, they have to protest all of this, to the very same corrupt Tribal Council that makes up the rules as it goes along.

So, RJ takes what he wants when he wants. Just like the rest of them. So, he wanted his girlfriend, Karen Jackson, who has been trying to get away from him for years, to spend some "quality time" with him so he locked her in a closet for days and beat and raped her, just so they could have some holiday memories to share together.

Despite his being arrested, keep in mind that it is the Law and Order Committee to which Poopsie and McKay appointed themselves, that has final say over what crimes are investigated and what investigations are halted. Don't expect they will allow one of their own to go to jail. The whole purpose of having all the power on the rez is so that they can do whatever they want.

So, tell me, is he back home already? If so, you might want to check his closet from time to time to see if he is forcing his affections (infections?) on some reluctant object of his perverted desires.

It could be your child next, your sister, even your wife. They do what they want.

Just ask Pisster: "No one can touch the Yanktons because the Yanktons rule the Rez!"

Cheers.

Missing and Inaction

Looks like Steve Bercier, Deputy Dawg really has "vanished". No one saw him leave and no one saw him pack his stuff. He is just gone. I suspect that the rumor is that he left town the day after the election, but my guess is that his body is just not likely to be found for awhile.

Nice to know that when Petesky feels threatened, those that have been his loyal partners in crime, including murder (Mike Good), can expect that if he ever gets too paranoid, they too, can vanish without a trace!

Hey, what a way to repay your friends! Disappearing like that sure makes it easier for Petesky to sleep at night. Hahahahah!

So, the rest of you who aid and abet his ongoing criminal enterprises, look around. One is missing. You might be next. He doesn't seem to be any less paranoid these days. In fact, if anything, he seems a whole lot jumpier. He is a lot more suspicious of those who could bring him down, those who have evidence and those who are growing a conscience and could talk.

Just look at how he looks at you all these days. Oh yeah, try to reassure him! That will only make him more paranoid!

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Dep Dawg and can show me proof of life, be happy to see it. Until then, I expect there will be only more inaction on the part of the self-appointed Town Council of Oberon, as it circles Uranus.

Quality of Water

Interesting also, in O'Town is where the well that the town gets its water from, sits. It is between a cattle/barn and a graveyard and it sits in about 4 ft. of water. No tests are done on this water because the Mayor, I believe, owns it and

doesn't think it is necessary. In fact, that same self-appointed Town Council condemned the other town well so that all the water would have to come from this one. Somebody making a whoooooole lotta money, boys and girls!

Further, with government grants to cover the quality of water, and in fact, tie the town into the rural "Farm Water" which is tested regularly, one wonders why the town is still sucking up this cess pond and running it from the taps in all the homes and businesses.

But here's a flash for whoever owns that well: By law, the water must be tested regularly. And, if it is found to be contaminated or not fit for use, not "potable" as they say (And that word is pronounced PO-ti-bl, with a long "O" as opposed to "pottable" which would need two "t"s and means that is in pots...) the owner of that well is then liable for fines, even jail time if they do not take care of it. (*And, yes, "pottable" is not a word either. But it could be!)

If found to be of low quality (or in this case "NO" quality), the owner of the well would have to immediately truck in tankers of drinking water at his or her own expense, flush out the lines, get the health dept to clear it, and then provide the residents with this clean drinking water, from tankers, until the problems are fixed.

Failure to do this is considered a breach of the public trust and out of compliance with State Health Regulations. That can land a person both in jail and with daily fines running into the 10's of thousands of dollars.

You see, you sell a consumable product over which you have complete control, you are liable for the consequences of that product including the health and harm to people who consume it.

I understand that Si Ironheart, who runs the water quality for the Tribe, and O'Town is on Tribal Lands, in case you did not know, and several Indians do live there, was asked to go out and run some tests on the water quality.

Being a polite and respectful man, he asked permission to go out and run those tests, but was turned away.

I think all the people of O'Town should call Si's office again and demand that he go out and run those tests. Private land or not, it is still Tribal Land and the well is a public concern and he has every right to go out there and run those tests, with or without the consent of the property owner.

Why should people pay for water that is not fit to drink? Water that in fact, stinks as it runs out of the tap? And why should one person continue to make money from a well that is so horridly contaminated?

Not contaminated, you say? When was the last test run, by what lab, and who certified it? Tests on public water must be run weekly. Show me the series of tests that have been run?

If you can, and you can show me who signed off on it, I can show you someone that took a bribe and will be losing their job and possibly going to jail with the person that bribed them!

I think the person that owns that well should pay back every penny he gained from selling that crap to people who had no choice but to buy it.

Now, that bundle of money you are sitting on, you the self-appointed Town Council, you might want to seriously put your flabby butts in gear and get the town onto the Farm Water and relieve yourselves of the financial penalties that will arise if you don't.

Remember: There is a new sheriff in town and you can't just do what you want any longer.

Your greatest fear was always that an honest man would wear the badge. Welcome to your nightmare!

So, there you have it: The corruption on the rez, the corruption that circles Uranus, all tied together all these many, many years, hidden away from prying eyes. The walls of secrecy crumbling around you, revealing those who have, for too long, for greed and evil, ruled your every waking moment with their corruption and their dark deeds.

Time for the people of the Rez to stand up and be counted as real Indians, not just "meat" waiting to be victimized by the Turdclan. Time for the people of O'Town to have an election and put in place, those who will hold office with accountability.

Hey Bookkeeper!

Oh, and one last note to the auditor: Those books are your responsibility. Lose them, they get stolen, lost or destroyed, and you are liable. What you think you are covering up by keeping them with you, is nothing compared to what will happen to you and the rest of you if you don't produce them, intact, complete, for the next auditor.

I guess your cronies didn't tell you about that and you didn't think that your illegal behavior would ever come back to haunt you.

Also, remember: Those who don't want you to reveal the truth and save yourself, will have to kill you. It's how they do business. It's how they have always done business. Now you are a liability.

What are friends for? Anyone seen Steve Bercier lately? He was a really good friend, wasn't he?

Ready?

What say good people of Spirit Lake? Ready to stand up and be counted? Ready to take it away from those who have only personal greed and gain in mind? Now is the time. No one is coming in to do it for you. You are not babies so stop acting like there is nothing you can do. Stand up and learn how to stand together.

It will mean giving up your petty jealousies, grievances and putting aside your disagreements for the common good. But it is what grown ups do.

It is what parents do for their children's future and what communities do so that there is a future.

It is, after all, your children being consumed by drugs, depression, alcohol, jealousy and your apathy that is allowing it.

New babies being born every day out there. Are they going to be able to fulfill their potential in life? Or are they going to be fodder for the Black Road? The choice is yours. It has always been yours.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

January 8, 2007

This Time, In Devils Lake...

Always disturbing when I get news of a child's death. Even more so when I get information about child rape and molest. Seems to come in all the time these days. I will never get used to it. Apparently, many on the rez have become "accustomed" to the behaviors and no longer really think they should force their Badgers to act, arrest and their Judges to convict.

Just business as usual. You know, when you start accepting behaviors such as that, as "commonplace" or as "He's just that way. Doesn't mean he's a bad person," kind of response, that it is now a part of your culture, whether you like it or not.

If you think it is wrong, you must speak out against it and you must address issues concerning those who do these things, and set boundaries to where these people will be jailed, and must, before they can get out, have ongoing treatment. Failure to do so will mean permanent incarceration. Period.

Making this an acceptable way of life, or treating it like an "accident" is only going to make more and more victims on down the road.

And for those who thinks it won't touch their day-to-day lives, think again! What happens on the rez, spreads now like a wildfire, across the land.

Item:

An infant in Devil's Lake was murdered Friday around 11:30 AM, and it is the **Uncle who is a suspect**. He is 17 years old, and has been reported, to no avail, for weeks now for beating the child's mother and for the child crying all the time.

Little girl showed up with her mother in a store last Tuesday, and her face was all bruised, and her arms had bruises on them. "She slipped on the ice," was the excuse. Yeah right.

A great, even though unbelievable excuse is always better than protecting a child, right? Tell me you love that baby? Tell me you were not just so wrapped up in your own misery you could not see how it was up to you to protect her. Please, I am waiting to hear the excuses. (*Tick, tick, tick..)

Making that excuse and accepting that excuse, as well as the reports to the authorities about the child being in danger, going unheeded, we now have another dead baby, Indian, by the way, to bookmark our social conscience one more time.

It was traumatic for everyone who was there and saw it and as well for those who heard about it.

"What about that child?" one writer wrote over and over again. The horror she experienced in her tiny, brief life, with no help, no rescue!

I explained to the writer that the children are subjected to neglect, ignorance, molest, rape, abuse, absent parenting, and worse. No one does anything to protect the children.

The family is in denial and looks the other way or makes excuses.

The Relatives do nothing because they don't want the family to get mad at them.

The police do nothing because they don't give a rat's behind.

The courts don't even listen, so why bother making a complaint in the first place?

Then, if the child survives all of this, they grow up in a dysfunctional society that is ruled by murderers and rapists, drug dealers and embezzlers. They take on some of the worst behaviors themselves and become drunks, addicted or abusive to others, and then to their children.

If someone goes to complain about it, the family runs to their defense, the relatives join in, and the whole community pretty much stands by them to protect them.

So, you see, if they can get big enough on their own, these children can expect to actually be worth something to those around them at some point. Even if it is just a show of "Indian Pride" and to be sure that no one is ever held accountable for their worst, in this case "molest, rape and murder" behaviors.

The Uncle to this child, the man they arrested and took away in handcuffs, only 17 years old. He watched with total

disinterest as the people worked on that child to try and revive her. Like he was waiting for the commercial to end and the game to resume. He could not care less.

The mother, returning from running errands, was hysterical and had to be hospitalized and sedated.

Boy Wonder was then released from jail a couple of hours later because his mommy showed up to fetch him. She is claiming that there is "no proof" that he had anything to do with it.

She took him back to the rez. Back where he'll be safe.

I expect that his family members, relatives and the better part of the community, will now also rally to his side. After all, once they are predators, they are worth protecting.

"But what about that little child?"

Who Will Stand Up?

The question should be: "Who's child is next?" But you would have to come together as a community to prevent this and protect the children. I know that is too much to ask of you all. You have your important feuds, jealousies, addictions and bad behaviors of your own to think about and protect. Let someone else do it. Seems to be working so far, right?

"When Nations come together." Think it might be about time? Or do we have to have more of these dead babies to get us all out of our ruts and make us find a way to make it work, for everyone's sake.

Most importantly, for the sake of the children who are still with us and those that are arriving all the time, into this world we have allowed to deteriorate into a festering heap around them.

Do we think that it is working just fine so far and we don't need to make any changes? Think we should all just continue to ignore what is on our doorstep and now on our table and being fed to the next generation?

I hear a lot of blame going on, but see very little action, very little accountability.

"What about the little child?"

Pretty soon, we can all ask that question again. And again, and again...

Still sitting down?

Yeah, right. What's the hurry, anyway? Not like it matters.

Darrell's

A little bar in Warwick where Brian Pearson the rapist likes to go with his entourage. He has these bimbos around him, buys them free drinks and gives them free drugs, and they treat him like a God. Their God.

Well, they all got into it at that little bar in Warwick. Some young lady had the attention of some young man, and Brian was so jealous, he started a fight and had his Bimbo Queens out there to try and mess up the young lady so he could get his hands on the young man, who apparently, was not at all interested in Joy Boy's amorous approaches.

Of course, being who he is, Brian can behave any way he pleases and do what he wants and there are no consequences. Same this time. He got a little scuffed up, but that is mostly because the Bimbos could not start a fight and protect him at the same time.

Going to get the Indians kicked out of that bar!

Of course, he is your Tribal Secretary and you can see how he inspires so much Indian Pride just in the way he conducts himself on and off the rez. And you wonder why people in business think Indians are a joke? Look at who is representing you! He is elected! That means, he is YOUR ideal to represent you all to the outside world.

Bad enough he behaves like a rapist, coward and possibly has done worse. You still have not petitioned him out of office? You must like what he is and what he does. That is the message you are sending to yourself, your community and the the communities around you.

What? You thought not standing up would not show? Hahahah! Oh goody! I needed that laugh!

Proof of Life

I have heard that Steve Bercier, Dep Dawg, is alive and working in Pierce County. I have also heard that he is now claiming to have Chippewa blood and working on a rez. Maybe true, maybe not. All I know is: A person doesn't up and run off like that unless they are scared of something. I still need Proof of Life to know that his friends have not buried the body somewhere! I know his friends, and trust me, it is how they do business!

I half expect to hear that he is all burned up in an abandoned trailer fire. It worked before, it could work again, right? Oh, maybe not. There is a new Sheriff in town!

Well, there are other towns...

I 2 I (Indian to Indian)

"The way things stand the whole rez needs prayer, the signs will be coming in other ways. Our people have walked down the wrong path almost unwittingly. They will say and do just about anything to see somebody fail, not for any good reason either. They spread harmful tales about people they don't like just to harm their reputation. They scam anything. We have come down the wrong way as a people, and now everyone should start to do the right thing and we will see change just from starting there. If anyone wants proof about the sins of the father look at Brian, in the most shameful and disturbing way, and right in the public eye."

Advance Copy

Check back tomorrow or later. If there is an asterisk next to the date, it means I have made additions or changes. I have Monday's date on this because I am trying to keep it as a Monday-Friday posting.

Those of you reading this just getting a preview on next week's work!

You know where to find me!

~Cat

*** Updated**

Well, this being the second update, figured I had better put them in sequence so it does not get too confusing for y'all. I will also have to update the pdf files. Always check the date posted at the top of the page to make sure you got the latest and greatest here:

Dead Baby (Continues)

This is so typical! Turdmother, who is the grandmother of the young man that raped and murdered that baby, has always

used her family's power and connections to make sure that no one suffers any of the consequences of their criminal behaviors, now claims that her grandson is NOT responsible for his actions because "when he needed help, no one gave it to him."

It never ends with that pile of crap we know as the Turdclan, does it.

He was also accused of two other rapes in St. Michael's a couple of weeks ago. *Correction: It was his dad accused again. With so many rapists in the family, hard to separate who is committing which rape. Of course, being part of the Turdclan, and Poopsie running the Law and Order Committee, he was able to skate off with no arrest, no investigation whatsoever.

So, having learned over and over again that if you commit a crime you get away with it, what is so surprising that he is "confused" and thinks that he can rape and murder babies with no consequences? Now, whose fault would that be?

I mean, he has seen it all his life, been the victim of it early on, and now has blossomed into a full blown predator and murderer. Who among us all would have thought it would turn out differently?

And considering that Turdmother used her family power and influence once again and shortly after the arrest, got him released, what was the message there? "Go ahead and do it again. We are behind you. You are a member of the Turdclan and you can do what you want with no consequences." Clear as day, that one!

So, last night, around 6 PM, he was re-arrested. I guess people noticed?

Again, it was a helpless child that paid the horrible price for being related to the Turdclan, and it was a member of that family that killed one of their own.

Did I not warn you that there were more and more worse and worse horrors to come? Yes, I did. Are you listening now? I tell you, there are more and more, worse and worse to come.

Now, think how different it might have been for that tiny baby had that Uncle of hers been arrested on the first or even the second rape he committed in St. Michaels a couple of weeks earlier!

By letting him get off, it got worse. You want this to stop? You stop it. You make the Badgers at the Tribal Police do their job. Make them arrest, detain and make the prosecutors prosecute and the Judge will be held accountable for her rulings.

How? How can you, just average, beat down members of the Tribal Pity Parade make this miracle happen?

Gee, let me think. How about you dump your Tribal Council, call in a federal Conservator, set the books in order, elect honorable people and hold them accountable?

What? Too easy for ya? How about more grief? You seem to be getting really good at absorbing trauma, horror and grief. Let me know when enough children have suffered. Let me know when you think you can find your spine and use it to stand upright.

Let me know when you are ready to stop feeling sorry for yourself and take appropriate action to end the evil that rules your life and consumes your future. Remember the dogs.

Other Note:

I was being facetious when I said Si Ironheart was an honorable man. I think you need to go to him, look him in the eye, tell him to do his job and tell him it is the respectable thing to do.

If done in a way that shows you have self respect and that you know he is a toady, it will force him to lose the comfort of his corruption and maybe he will do what is right.

Respect is something a lot of people out there apparently don't understand. If they did, you would not have the TC you do, and men like Ironheart would not be able to hire their uneducated son into high paying positions and he would not be able to skim money off of his agency and stab others in the back. (figure of speech).

I have seen people who have presented themselves with dignity, spoken in a respectful but firm tone to others who are corrupt and lazy and trust me, the effect is powerful! Now, imagine this happening to Si, over and over again.

Get your dignity back and get used to it.

One of the things you can do to show how you feel about Ironheart and the rest of them is give them a ball cap, T-shirt or Bumper Sticker that says: "Indian Pride" on it. Or, "Idiot Pride" which would mean the same thing in this case.

Stop making it easy for these criminals to walk all over you. They cannot do any of this without your permission to allow it.

Okay, this will be the Monday, Tuesday Blog. It is longer than most. But another dead baby case will require more postings.

I don't want anyone to forget what this child went through, how she died, and I want it to stop.

You are there and you can make this sort of thing stop.

I plan to blog about abusive relationships (again, it has been a couple of years) and why the cycle is so hard to break, but why it absolutely must be broken.

Until then, you know where to find me.

~Cat

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Some Corrections:

Okay, yes, I know we are still technically in Monday, but that blog was miles long and so this breaks it up a bit. Like I said, always check the date at the top of the blog to make sure you have the latest rendition.

Item: Devil's Lake Murdered Baby

I am hearing that the baby was killed by the mother's boyfriend who was NOT, as I had mistakenly reported previously, the UNCLE of the child. I know his name and who his family is. His family is cousins to the Turdclan. Like I said, he grew up watching this perversion as a model. Of course he does it. He sees, his father get away with it, and continue to get away with it, so there are no boundaries. And, to quote Pisster: "Yanktons rule the rez!"

And, had he murdered this child on rez land rather than out in the real world, he would have skated and not been arrested. The Law and Order Committee would have found a way to say the child asked for it or did it to herself. Maybe throw in a commendation for him being "heroic" for trying to save her? It is, after all, how they do business on the rez.

The family of that child is devastated. As you can imagine. I am hoping that the press will focus on the family of the murderer and how they cultivated one of their own into being what he is today, and allow the grieving family of little Katrina, some peace for now, until they are ready to speak.

I also understand that the initial autopsy results show that death was caused by trauma to the head and that further tests are being run and more charges against the killer are pending. Also, that he is being held in a Juvenile Jail in Devils Lake and the Judge is considering moving his case into Adult Court.

Absolutely this must be done! If we don't draw the line now, on something like this, it will only get worse. You cannot get a "free pass" on your first murder. I know that is how they do it on the rez, free passes to the power club relatives. They can rape and murder and whatever they want as often as they want, but at least, out in the real world, we have to prove to ourselves that we are not powerless.

Next Item:

I am told that Dep Dawg's real name is Jeff, not Steve. I guess I just got on the wrong track with that. No, he didn't leave the country, but he might still. He got himself another job with Pierce County. Well, I guess that is where the Oh Oh Bar will move it's operations team to next. Just make sure it is on Dep Dawg's shift and beat!

Otherwise, might be a chance that an honest cop would run into it and maybe a drug sniffing dog come out and check out the van...

Keep an eye on DD for me. I still say he could end up in the freezer because of his connections to the most paranoid man in North Dakota!

Thanks

Those of you who take the time to write in and give me information and especially to those of you who write in and give me the needed corrections to this information, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

So far, for the most part, this blog remains the only source of information and report on events inside or regarding the rez, that people have that they can rely on. I do my best from way up here in Canada, and I don't always get it exactly right.

But I do make every effort to get it right and your help is greatly appreciated.

I will sign off for now, but expect more later as more is coming in by the hour here. Like I said, check the date at the top of the page.

I will put the printable version when this posting is complete.

~Cat

Auditor Outrage

I knew I would have something interesting about the Tribal Council Corruption and it arrived today! I am posting the letter of outrage from the auditor who had to deal with Brian Pearson. He came to realize that Brian is incompetent and that the Tribal Council is out of compliance... well, perhaps you should read the thing for yourself. I put a preface on it but the numbered pages(1-8) are a real eye opener to those of you who are still holding your Black Belt in Denial.

The Tribe, under the corrupt stewardship of the Tribal Council, has treated your money as if it was their own personal piggy bank and left you with a real mess on your hands that if you don't act NOW to dump them all, install a Federal Conservator until you can elect "Qualified" representatives, you are all going to be in bankruptcy and they will continue to enjoy the luxury your money, stashed in their accounts, backyard banks and off-shore accounts, can provide.

This is not a joke. This is criminal. It is as if you all watched them put all your money in the trunk of their cars and drive off with it; then come back and take your children and throw them all into the Lake.

Without finances to run the tribe, your children will have nothing, and your programs are all toast. No health care, no treatment, no pensions, no scholarships, no schools, no roads, no water, no power...

All the Tribe's assets, ALL have been mismanaged and looted: Tribal funds, Casino and Sioux Mfg.

Better jump on over to the Documents page and pick up the CPA document for a read! Here's the quick road: [CPA Letter](#)
After reading that, any one of you that refuses to sign a petition to oust them all, is cutting your own throat as well as the future of your children.

By "future" I mean a matter of months, not years. Got it?

You know Brian is a rapist, and now for sure, you know he is a thief! Are there any out there who are doubting this? What more would you like to see? I guarantee you will see it, so be careful what you ask for.

You know where to find me!

~Cat

January 10, 2007

Brian Pearson The Rapist

I hear that Brian is threatening to "get" everyone that signed the petition. Well, he better get a big one because a lot of people signed it! Many of you saw the letter from the CPA before I blogged it, and he heard about that.

He was going to try and get every copy of it and tear it up. Well, with the link on the documents page, you can print up as many as you want! He'll burn out his shredder before you will run out of printing!

Also, I understand that awhile back, and bear with me as I am still trying to get the details, a young man was hitching a ride and someone from the rez picked him up, took him to the rez, overpowered him or drugged him and raped him.

Of course, the nutless Badgers did not investigate and the Law and Order Committee, run by Poozie and Carl, didn't think it was a crime.

Well, for me, I am wondering if that was our boy Brian-the-rapist? I'm not the only one that thinks he's good for it.

Also, people are still searching for the murderer of Russell Turcott. He also was hitching a ride, and he was in a bar in GF that Brian frequents, and it is just one more homo rape, in the all-too-familiar style of Brian-the-Rapist.

And we know how that family uses murder to cover up any inconvenience, such as someone turning them in to the law, be it for a speeding ticket and driving without a license, or because they were raped. Murder is the most convenient method of keeping "Law and Order" for that family.

Robbery

Meanwhile, the CPA letter, which I think very clearly spells out the criminal and corrupt practices of the Tribal Council as a whole, and of Brian and Myra in particular, needs to be taken seriously and with urgency.

If you suspected someone you knew was robbing you, you would not let them in your house, right? If you came home and discovered them in your house, ransacking the place what would you do? Be nice to them and hope they don't steal too much from you? Would you close your eyes and pretend you are not seeing what you are seeing? Or would you throw them out and call the cops to arrest them and have them brought to justice?

Same thing here. He is robbing you. They all are. You need to throw them out, call the feds in and salvage what you can of what is left.

I am not sure what the delay is here. You waiting until he rapes your son before you decide he is a real menace? Is stealing from you not enough? His contempt for the people of Spirit Lake not insulting enough? The whole Tribal Council is that way. When is it enough?

Or are you just waiting to see if I will do it for you? Why should I? If you don't care enough to intervene on your own behalf and save yourself, your money, your home, your children and your future, why should I? Why should anyone? It dazzles me when I hear from some lazy ass out there that tells me: "What are you going to do about it? We are all just sitting and waiting to see what will happen."

This is not some TV show, child, this is your life! The question you should be asking is of your own self: "Its YOUR community. What are YOU going to do about it?" ('Oh, just sit on my lazy ass, talkin' trash with my sissas and my bro's, watchin' t' see what will happen next.') Trouble is, the person talking is over 21 and has 3 or more children herself. I guess when it happens to her kids, the rape, the beatings, the murders, the "accidental" death by drugs, alcohol, drowning, fire, etc., she and the rest of her 'sissas and bro's' can all wail and moan and throw their hands up to the sky and ask: "Why???"

And then go collect their \$200 and go play Bingo and get drunk that night. I hear that is how so many recent "victims" have grieved their losses: Bars and Bingo. Yup, object of pity alrighty. No doubt about it! (And then the community gets angry at me for blogging it! "At least let the family grieve their loss," one woman said.

Hey, they are in the bars, and they are in the Bingo Hall. I figure they're over it!

For the rest of the family, if you want to get mad at someone making you look bad, look to your own kin and where they are and what they are doing. I am just the narrator. You might look better if no one saw what they were doing, but you would not be any better. Know what I mean, Jelly Bean?

You, over there with the hangover and the Indian Pride cap, what are YOU waiting for?

Y'all gonna wake up some Monday morning and find the bus has left and you are in a ghost town with nothing but debt to pay off from those who stole it from you all these years while you didn't think it was important enough for you to get involved.

After all, you have your jealousies and addictions to feed. You don't have time to heal your community. Your energy goes into other pursuits, none of which mean anything after you are gone.

Maybe when each of you dies, someone will put an Indian Pride cap on your casket. A little something you can take with you. You know, so that your ancestors, the ones that fought, and thought and worked to save all their people, against all odds; it will be something they can recognize you by. A little something that will tell them that you are an Indian too! You just don't have the character, dignity, wisdom, or courage to define your existence on the planet, like they had.

But you were able to play the race card, the victim card and the Bingo card really well. So well in fact, that your children perished without you even seeing it. Well, you were focused on other things. You know, jealousy, addictions, denial. And of all the things you were the best at, not being accountable for what you did or what you allowed to happen because you were too lazy and too cowardly to stand up, was the best Indian Trick of them all.

Yup, the Ancestors will be real glad to see you all! You will have made them real proud! (*Pop!) Especially those who made the greatest sacrifice during their time here. They will especially be pleased that you have their blood running through your veins. You can tell them, however, that you used them and their good work as your point of pride because you had none of your own to show for all your time in this world. Yup, real proud! (*POP!)

Where to Start

You have a lot of work to do and you had better get started. It is your denials and your delays that have allowed this to get so bad, so ruined and you must get to work, all of you, now, or everyone of you will lose.

Start righting the wrongs. Dump your Tribal Council. Then move to restore those who have been floated off the rez for reasons other than criminal activity. Bring back the Indian Community. Seek out those who beat the odds and bettered themselves with education. Call them back to the rez and give them the jobs that require their skills and expertise.

Dump the MacDonalds and the Turdlings, the Walking Eagles and the McKays! Get Bernice out of there Grant business, Si Ironheart and his ignorant offspring OUT of those high paying jobs which they are neither qualified for nor do they perform or attempt to perform on your behalf.

Put in the qualified people. It will take time to get them back, but it can be done.

And those men who were wrongly accused, framed, for the murder of Eddie Peltier, all of them, bring them back to the rez. I don't care if they are screaming drunks. Bring them back and restore them as members of the community and allow them access to the rehab, the health care system and the housing and support system. The community owes them a chance to be whole again. The rest is up to them, but at least give them the chance.

And give them jobs, those that are not addicted, nor drunk. Give them jobs so that they can have, at last, some security in their lives. All that was taken from them more than 20 years ago. It is long overdue that they be restored.

Hold community meetings. Open door policy. Groups of 10-20 meet to discuss issues and bring those issues forward, in a respectful and orderly manner, to the rest of the community by a process that allows everyone to have a voice and their representatives to speak for them, not at them.

Each Group can assign a spokesperson for their group. Every 10 spokespersons can then gather and discuss the issues in common and the issues that are not in common. That voice can be carried into a group of then greater 10 until it reaches the point where each month, everyone knows what the issues are, the topics are and have had their say in it and the whole community can attend and vote on the issues at the general meetings.

And the meetings, from the third stage up, must be video-taped for reference. Anyone that cannot attend the meetings will be able to view them for free at any time.

And something you might want to consider as you vote them out of office: Have the media present. You, as enrolled members, can bring media in at your invitation. Media will make it harder for them to pull any stunts. Too many eyes watching.

Work To Do

The books will be open. Wide open. Everyone who works for the tribe will have their salary posted by group. Every Tribal Council Member will have their salary, expenses, benefits and miscellaneous expenses posted every single month.

Let the people see what they are paying and what they are getting for their money.

Get involved. Stay involved. Pursue investigations into past crimes.

Abolish any self-appointed committees.

Arrest anyone accused of rape, assault, molest or domestic violence and then hold them for 72 hours while you investigate. Protect the victims first. If false charges are laid or false police reports are filed, arrest those who do that and charge them.

Investigate all rapes, assaults, robberies, drug dealings, scams, cons, embezzlement charges. Murders will be investigated and old cases will be re-opened.

You don't have time for petty jealousy, bingo or feeling sorry for yourselves. You have work to do.

Somewhere, along the line, after this work has begun, you might notice something. You might feel something very different from what you are feeling today. Your spine will be straighter and stronger, your eyes clearer, your Dignity will return. You will have self-respect and respect for others.

You might just feel like Indians again. Been a long time, but I think you will recognize it.

Septic Overflow

Why should we care what happens next door? Why should people who don't live on the rez care about how corrupt it is on the rez?

It's like this: Say you live in a big area. Lots of land. Your neighbor has a bad septic system installed and you know it. He doesn't fix it, but rather lets it accumulate both underground, threatening the water aquifers (ground water) and above ground, where it begins to really stink up the place.

However, you live over the rise there, and there are trees blocking your view so you don't have to look unless you want to. And even better, the prevailing winds keep you upwind of the stink. You can ignore it if you want to, but you know it is not getting any better.

Then you realize that your children are getting sick. The water is contaminated. So you buy bottled water and you ignore it some more.

Then one day, the wind shifts and the stink overwhelms your home and everyone is sickened. And then the wind shifts back. You continue to ignore it, hoping that the wind won't shift again.

And then it starts to rain. And rain, and rain, and rain! That septic overflow is now a lake and the level is rising. The rains continue and the whole mess overflows onto your property, into your well, and surrounds your house.

That is how this sort of thing becomes other people's problems. They ignore it. They don't want to look and they don't want to care. Warnings in the form of smaller incidents are ignored.

Problems ignored can only grow into bigger problems. The bigger the problem the more people it affects, and the uglier and messier it is to straighten out.

If you know that a huge stinking problem such as incest, rape, molest, drug dealing, meth manufacture, murder and that sort of thing are taking place in your community, you cannot afford to ignore it because it soon becomes your family's addiction, rape, murder, loss...

If you know that the community that is next door is having these problems, you cannot just shut your eyes, or even roll your eyes and expect the issues to never affect your daily lives. It will. It is your children at risk as much as it is their children at risk.

There is no moat, no force field to prevent this crap from running up to your door and into your home. If we don't learn to

work together, we all end up in the stink.

We have to find a way to present ourselves to one another that is not threatening, not judgmental and not disrespectful. We have to find a way to listen to one another, and work together.

It can never be too soon, but clearly, it can be too late for some.

What happens on the rez affects everyone in every corner of the USA. From the improper and unjust rulings that are allowed to stand as precedent in Federal Court, thus impinging on the rights of every citizen, to the billions of tax dollars used to support corruption, drug manufacture and dealing; allowing rapists, murderers, embezzlers, and worse to bribe their way out of accountability; corrupt and co-opt officials and agents that are supposed to be the protectors of the citizens, but become the enforcement "muscle heads" for the criminals instead.

Soon, these behaviors, products, offspring, move into wider territory and they take your community to its knees with grief and horror. Perhaps, even your child is touched by the evil of drugs, pedophilia, or???

Turning a blind eye no longer works. Ignore this message, and the next will come clearer, harder, and with even more horror. That is how it works in the real world. Denial allows short term deception, and long term destruction. No one is immune.

So, when someone tells me "I try to stay out of that shit," I get that image of the neighbor with the backed up septic system and either no way or no means or worse yet, no incentive to fix it. I wonder when I hear someone say that: *'How far are you going to move away that this won't eventually reach you?'*

We need to work together. We need to get involved.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

January 11, 2007

Hat Trick

Now, in Hockey, the term "Hat Trick" refers to someone scoring three goals in one game. At least I think that is what it means. I am not big on sports, per se. However, I have a new use for the term with regard to the Spirit Lake Nation.

I know I told you all to throw those dumbass hats, T-shirts and bumper stickers in the trash because they were a joke and made a joke of anyone that wore them. But now I think you should go out and buy a dozen or so of each.

I am hearing that some of the people won't sign the petition against Brian because he has threatened to cut off their education funds! Yes, because he is a criminal, and that is what criminals do.

You sign the petition to get him out, and then you put someone with both intelligence and integrity in his place and you don't have to worry any more. Get it?

It's like this: You have really cheesy, stinky, falling-apart furniture in your home. You need new furniture or better furniture. You can't put better furniture in there until you move the crap stuff out. Move him out so you can put better in there, got it?

Okay, for those who don't want to "risk" it, and who expect others will do the hard work for them and they don't even have

to lift a really heavy pen to sign their name, I think people should go and give them a hat, T-shirt or Bumper sticker. Something to show them what they are.

Make them wear it until they find their gonads and can lift a pen and sign their name. By then maybe, juuust maybe they will see that their being such a coward is what all the criminals that are running and ruining the rez count on. When they can actually do that little thing for themselves, you know, sign their name, they can donate that hat, T-shirt and Bumper sticker into the "Indian Pride" fund and let the next weakling wear it.

Not only can you oust Brian and the rest of them, you can bring FEDERAL FELONY charges against them and they go to prison.

Or, you can keep it like it is, be a chronic victim and whiner, and hope no one looks in your direction. Which, for the most part, they don't. Well, until another child is murdered. And if that child is murdered off rez by another "Indian Pride" moron, expect that the neighboring communities will begin to look at you as part of the problem.

"I'm afraid he will cut off my funding..." What a bunch of yellow bellies! The one thing you can do to save yourself and you won't even do that! You see, the government does not have to commit genocide on Indians any more. They do it to themselves.

Further, I think that everyone who's name doesn't appear on the petition should be awarded a cap! And don't tell me they didn't bring it to you. You call them and go find them and sign it! A little effort music, please!

Here's a cap for ya!

Cycle of Violence

This is not just an Indian Country problem, but it does affect every community. And since the topic of the day is that murdered baby in Devils Lake, let's visit some of the surrounding issues that put women and children at risk. Occasionally, men as well, become victims of domestic abuse, or are caught in the rage cross-fire of an out of control poster child for bad behavior and violence.

Young people have poor judgment skills. They just do. I did, and we all did. We all make mistakes and if we are lucky, they do not cause permanent harm to either us or to those around us.

Depending on what kinds of behaviors are modeled in the home, a child grows up expecting to be treated properly, or they expect to be knocked around by their mate.

Children that witness violence in the home, even if that violence is never directed at them, become damaged from domestic violence and it skews their thinking processes to the point where they cannot make sound decisions regarding the partners they choose in life.

Worse, since none of us makes the right decision in that game the first few times around, it impairs their ability to rectify a situation or to extract themselves from the danger of that situation. Violence becomes a legacy and it gets worse to each generation to whom it is passed on.

Young mothers are often the most vulnerable because they find they are on their own and often without financial support from the father, they resort to welfare. Welfare becomes a way of life, and it is a demeaning process by which a person gains no self esteem and what little they have to begin with is pretty well stripped from them in the application process.

Of course, we are only going to glimpse on these topics as they are very much in-depth and well written in many places to those who want to learn more. I just feel we need to look at the dynamic so we can better envision and work together to make a solution to the problem rather than continuing the cycles of abuse, low self-esteem and chronic welfare, generation after generation.

Keep in mind that I have no clue about Karie Rardon's situation nor why she was with that bum that murdered her child. What I am talking about here, is the cycle of violence and the system that supports it, in general.

I think it should be mandatory that every young parent or first time parent be made to attend parenting classes. No, good parenting is not instinctive in our society any longer. We no longer function in the old ways where families were together and villages watched over the young and assisted in their upbringing and guidance.

I am talking about fixing a system that is supposed to be helping, but ends up doing more damage instead. I am not talking about welfare frauds, cheats, and "Queens". Those issues are more easily dealt with by simple political means which no State seems interested in installing because the politicians are so short-sighted and welfare issues seldom give a good photo op for the campaign unless you are threatening to cut people off and "save the taxpayers \$\$\$" (Don't get me started!)

No one can be expected to understand or even cope with the complexities of raising a child alone without some guidance and support.

Women often stay in abusive relationships because they have an even greater fear of trying to raise the child alone and failing. Those women who escape the abusive partner find they are then humiliated and abused by the system that treats them, from the first interview, like a criminal, a failure and a suspect.

There is limited counseling available, almost no PTSD counseling available, and then they are sent home to a bug infested government paid-for apartment, one which an absentee landlord allows to deteriorate because no one from the government ever audits the condition of the property and they get paid, regardless. Usually, the neighborhood is "low income" which is nowadays synonymous with "crime infested" because the police have the view that if you are choosing to live there, you asked for it, and they spend much more time patrolling the higher income venues.

Plain truth is, many of them are afraid to be in the neighborhood. And they have cars, badges and guns! Can you imagine what a young mother of one, two or three children feels like? What her nightmares are?

She becomes the target of crimes, and never has a sense of safety. Rarely are these government funded apartments in better neighborhoods. In fact, not sure if any of them are!

People are disposable at this point. You drop under the poverty line and you are disposable. You don't count.

Welfare gives subsistence economic assistance. What that means is that you cannot survive on this pittance of money, so you can never save or improve your surroundings. You must choose between bad food and really bad food, or paying rent and utilities. Clothes are an expense, and so are shoes because kids outgrow these things very fast. Welfare does not keep up.

The only way to make ends meet, often, is to "cheat" and work under the table for cash, or some will sell drugs (which I don't think is a valid reason for drug dealing) and other women will prostitute themselves. It gets to be that every day brings the hammer down again on the person's self esteem. Drugs, alcohol and reckless behavior often follow suit. A bad situation become worse.

So, a woman who finds herself in a violent relationship really has the choice of frying pan or fire and often will go back to the abuser.

Let's take a look at a better way: Let's look at having all first time parents take parenting classes as mandatory. Instead of charging them for it, we pay them, when they graduate, for attending. We give them each \$1500.

Sound like a lot? Factor that against the cost of maintaining someone who injures his or her child out of confusion and frustration. One hospital visit alone can cost 20 x that amount. Weigh that!

Provide in-depth counseling for anyone, either side of the domestic violence issue in the home and make it mandatory. Make it a 3 year mandatory attendance with a graduation necessary to be able to receive a check for \$1,000.

For the abuser, a shorter sentence, and 5 years counseling.

And make domestic violence counselors available 24/7x 365. Anyone can call! Any hour!

Yes, costs money! Money the slick politicians would rather put into the pockets of their "supporters" but think about it: The pay off is that down the road, you have fewer and fewer domestic abuse victims. Children learn healthier coping skills and can have better relationships when they are older.

People are restored to a state of dignity and can more constructively pursue their goals in life.

Giving someone money for attending also gives them a sense of accomplishment and a sense that what they learned is not only valuable to them, but to the community that funded it.

All of this in less than one generation's time, will save everyone money. The problems become more manageable and the issues more compassionately dealt with.

We build people by helping them to build themselves. We don't have to tear them down and belittle them because they made a mistake, used poor judgment or had not learned healthy coping skills.

Society will benefit, and every neighborhood will have a better chance at making the lives of their citizens better.

And it all costs less than what we are paying to keep the cycle of violence, child abuse and welfare spiraling out of control, as it is now.

Hey, with the money we are going to save on this, we can afford to hire Fraud Investigators to keep the system honest! Each fraud investigator can save the State and the Counties 12 or more times their salary in prevention of theft by fraud.

Make welfare something that helps people not something that is a way of life and a generational handicap.

Once people learn how to protect themselves and their children, maybe we will have something to look forward to on the evening news again.

Like I said: This is just an overview and does not necessarily apply in every detail to the events that occurred in Devils Lake on Friday, but I feel very strongly that had some of these vital resources been available, things would have been very different and perhaps we would not be watching the funeral of another dead baby.

If we learn nothing else from the tragedy that continues to unfold in its horror as to what that child went through, let us learn to change how it is we treat one another in this world and fix the system that at this point, is so broken it is in many ways the cause of more tragedies.

We did not pay attention to that situation, but we can learn from it. Let's fix the system and actually feel good about ourselves again.

We have to stop throwing away Human Beings. We have to start working together.

It's too late for one little girl, and for many others. But it is not too late for those who are still with us. Now is our chance to save ourselves.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

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