



## The Rez Of The Story ‘Servant Or Executioner?’

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives),  
A senior U.S. Army field commander by the name of Omar N. Bradley who lived between 1893-1981 left us with an important piece of wisdom: “If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner.” Words to live by, I say. Throw caution to the wind and it’s the consequences of haste and unbridled development and we’ll all be swimming in.

A quick look around the rez will reveal a plethora of young and middle-aged folks with either a cell phone (that’s pronounced commodore phone in Indian country) stuck to their ear by super glue or their eyes intently fixed on a small screen of some device that they seemingly cannot live without.



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To the consternation of many Native elders who believe that there can be no good that comes from all this electronic “stuff,” technology is nevertheless sweeping Indian country, for better or for worse. Some politically minded thinkers such as David E. Wilkins, author of “American Indian Politics,” offer us some insights: “As the information age envelops all in its path, American Indians find that they, too, are becoming involved, by choice and by necessity. Indian casinos are marketing some of their services on-line, and many tribal governments have become dependent on fax machines, cellular phones and e-mail transmissions, and have established their own Websites.”

I remember growing up, like a lot of Indian folks, that anyone owning a telephone (mostly non-Indians at that time) were thought of as being rich. Most everyone wrote letters, and waiting for a week for a response, depending upon where your letter was going was not all that unusual. I know today they call it “snail mail,” but back in the day a week’s turn around was not so bad. It certainly was cheaper, that’s for sure.

Like others, Indian and non-Indian, I can bear witness to the rapid advent of technological advance after technological advance over the past few decades. We went from the rotary dial telephones where, in many rural places, you had to have an operator dial the number you were calling for you. Then

rotary became the way you dialed a number you wanted without the help of an operator and that took a long time as you had to wait until the dialer returned to where it was. Next thing you know, the rotary was replaced with the key-punch type dialer we still have today. All the telephones were land-lined; now, of course, there are cell phones so reasonably priced that virtually everyone in America can have one and they are entirely mobile. That’s a good thing, right? Until someone who doesn’t know how or when to quit crashes their car and someone else’s in the process and God forbid take someone’s loved ones in a fatal accident.

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We went from wood stoves to fuel oil, to propane and electric, to solar, to wind with nuclear produced energy thrown into the mix somewhere along the way. From experience, we know that wood is an excellent source of heat for our living needs but we’ve all seen the consequences of uncleaned chimneys and not properly supervised fires. Besides, there is only so much wood available on our Mother Earth; without conservation efforts, we will simply run out.

Propane is cheap and clean but is prone to explosion if not handled properly. Electrical fires are quite common while electricity can provide a cheap, clean source of heat unless it is coal-generated, nuclear-generated or fossil fuel-generated — each of which present its own unique set of issues.

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The world’s insatiable need for oil creates demand for the finite supply of fossil fuel and all its byproducts like plastic. What are we going to do when we inevitably run out? Do we not owe responsible answers to these important questions to the next generation who will either reap the benefits of our having passed this way or be visited by our fatal mistakes? Do we not owe it to ourselves to be in good relationship with all things?

So what will it be? Technology: servant or executioner? Like the late American psychologist, author and social philosopher B.F. Skinner once wrote: “The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do.”

And now you know the rez of the story.  
Doksha (later) ...

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## Cyber Security Moves To Forefront

The term “cyber security” still seems like a vast, nebulous issue to many of us who have difficulty grasping the enormity and complexity of the aptly labeled World Wide Web.

The Internet has created unprecedented connectivity between households, between cities and even between nations. In that sense, it is a technological miracle that has redefined life there past 20 years.

But that also creates myriad back doors through which harm could be inflicted upon a household, a city and a nation.

The latest reminders of that point are found in the recent reports that the Chinese allegedly hacked into U.S. infrastructure. According to The Associated Press, it’s believed “massive amounts of data and corporate trade secrets, likely worth hundreds of millions of dollars, were stolen.”

The concern is what could happen if a hostile nation or group was able to shut down, say, the U.S. electrical grid or compromise and destroy hardware. Such attacks could also create economic chaos that would, by some accounts, take months to untangle.

It’s no wonder the outgoing Defense Secretary Leon Panetta last fall warned of the possibility of a potential “cyber-Pearl Harbor.”

Panetta has been a leading voice on this issue. Last week, he urged NATO to address the issue as cyber attacks have escalated in recent years. “This is without question the battlefield of the future and a scenario NATO needs to pay attention to,” he said in Brussels.

The U.S. must lead the way in this arena. We stand to be the world’s largest target for such attacks, and therefore have the most to lose if we don’t take the initiative.

Fortunately, there are signs that we are doing just that. Earlier this month, President Obama issued an executive order to bolster cyber security. Also, there is at least one piece of legislation in Congress to further bolster cyber defenses.

The president’s edict creates a process in which the government shares unclassified cyber-threat material, both among its many agencies and with industry. It also seeks to establish a protocol for security that will be recommended to all agencies and businesses.

And all this will help ... for a time.

One thing we’ve observed, however, is that the Internet is not a static universe. It is constantly changing and morphing, and so cyber attacks are also restlessly evolving. As the technology constantly renews itself, new opportunities and threats emerge. Every attack creates a defensive response, which in turn generates a counter-response from the attackers. The cycle appears never-ending.

Thus, one facet that must be incorporated into any cyber-security plan is the ability to adapt quickly to cutting-edge threats. Any defense that is established today will be unraveled eventually by someone; thus, that defensive wall must constantly change.

This discussion probably would have sounded like science fiction 20 years ago, but times have changed so incredibly fast. The downside of our societal interconnectivity must be addressed and understood. Only in that way can we come up with the best cyber defense possible.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2013. There are 308 days left in the year.

**Today’s Highlight in History:** On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by terrorists exploded in the parking garage of New York’s World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

**On this date:** In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba.

In 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City for public demonstrations.

In 1913, “Brillo,” described as an “aluminum-cleanser,” was registered for trademark by Philip J. Brady of New York (the trademark was issued in Sept. 1913).

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1945, authorities ordered a midnight curfew at night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, astronaut John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, “Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run.”

In 1970, National Public Radio was incorporated.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which had probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1998, a jury in Amarillo, Texas, rejected an \$11 million lawsuit brought by Texas cattlemen who blamed Oprah Winfrey’s talk show for a price fall after a segment on food safety that included a discussion about mad-cow disease.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush, offering new justification for war in Iraq, told a think tank that “ending this direct and growing threat” from Saddam Hussein would pave the way for peace in the Middle East and encourage democracy throughout the Arab world. In a victory for abortion foes, the Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that federal racketeering and extortion laws had been wrongly used to try to stop blockades, harassment and violent protests outside clinics. A fire at the Greenwood Health Center in Hartford, Conn., killed 16 nursing home patients; a patient charged with setting the blaze was later ruled incompetent to stand trial.

**Five years ago:** A power failure later blamed primarily on human error resulted in sporadic outages across large parts of Florida. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Beijing, won a verbal assurance from Chinese officials to use their influence to jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea’s nuclear programs. The New York Philharmonic, led by Lorin Maazel, performed a historic concert in North Korea before the communist nation’s elite. Former Israeli military chief Dan Shomron, who commanded the 1976 hostage rescue at Entebbe, died in Tel Aviv at age 70.

**One year ago:** In a case that drew national attention, Trayon Martin, 17, was shot to death in Sanford, Fla., during an altercation with neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who said he’d acted in self-defense. (Zimmerman is awaiting trial on a charge of second-degree murder.) The black-and-white silent film “The Artist” won best picture at the Academy Awards, as well as best actor for Jean Dujardin and two other prizes; Meryl Streep won best actress for “The Iron Lady.” The West held off a late charge from the East in a 152-149 victory in the NBA All-Star game in Orlando, Fla. The Daytona 500 was postponed for the first time in its 54-year history after heavy rain saturated Daytona International Speedway.

**Today’s Birthdays:** Singer Fats Domino is 85. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 70. Actor-director Bill Duke is 70. Singer Mitch Ryder is 68. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 63. Singer Michael Bolton is 60. Actor Greg Germann is 55. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., is 55. Bandleader John McDaniel is 52. Actress Jennifer Grant is 47. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 45. Singer Erykah Badu is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 41. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kyle Norman (Jagged Edge) is 38. Actor Greg Kikaart is 36. Rock musician Chris Culos (O.A.R.) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 34. Country singer Rodney Hayden is 33. Pop singer Nate Ruess (fun.) is 31. Actor Alex Heartman (TV: “Power Rangers Samurai”) is 23. Actress Taylor Dooley is 20.

**Thought for Today:** “Nothing is more frightful than laughter when it comes to jealousy.” — Françoise Sagan, French author (1935-2004).

### FROM THE BIBLE

One pearl of great value ... Matthew 13:46. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

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### YOUR LETTERS

#### Board Games

##### Claudia Pullman, Freeman

The Freeman people that bought squares for the World Series on one of the boards in Freeman last fall now request their money back. One of them even threatened to contact the Attorney General. In the past, whoever bought the square with the correct scores won half the pot, but with the way the World Series worked out this last year, no one won.

People forget that this is a FUNDRAISER for the American Legion and VFW Post in Freeman and not a stinking lottery.

These money hungry individuals should be ashamed of themselves. No one knew how this series was going to play out and you are only out for the money. If you buy a lottery ticket in South Dakota for the S.D. lottery and someone else gets the winning number, you don’t get your money back either. What makes you think you can get your money back?

The fundraisers are going toward the Freeman baseball league and other organizations and the fundraiser was not intended for your benefit. I know and heard of people even pulling the tape back on the boards in the past to see the numbers before they picked their squares. Is that what it is coming down to?

#### Social Security Trust Fund

##### Dr. Michael Slama, Yankton

On Jan. 10, Sen. John Thune held a town hall meeting in Yankton. I asked a question about the Social Security Trust Fund. His comment was as follows: “There is no Social Security Trust Fund as the money came in it was spent and it is just a series of paper IOU’s.” Those are his words, not mine.

The Republican Party used to be a party that defined itself as assisting all segments of the American population. If you read any newspapers or Internet news, you can see that this party now supports and fights for the wealthy and big corporations when it comes to raising taxes.

I do not intend to vote for the re-elections of Thune or (Rep. Kristi) Noem. If you are in the middle class, you don’t count with the “Party of Stupid,” as Republican

#### Online Opinion

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the *Press & Dakotan’s* Web site are as follows:

##### LATEST RESULTS:

Do you support the discontinuation of Saturday first-class postal delivery?  
Yes . . . . . 68%  
No . . . . . 28%  
Not sure . . . . . 4%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST . . . . . 611**

*The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.*

##### CURRENT QUESTION:

Do you support an International Olympic Committee proposal to drop wrestling from the Olympic Games?  
To vote in the *Press & Dakotan’s* Internet poll, log on to our Web site at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

Gov. Bobby Jindahl of Louisiana characterized his party. The wealthy and corporations have many tax loopholes, ability to hide their income in off-shore banks. I read an article just the other day that for every dollar that corporations pay in taxes, the average taxpayer puts in \$4.

It is imperative that the average taxpayer needs some attention from Congress and from my reading in the *Argus Leader*, the *Press and Dakotan*, the *Omaha World Herald* and *USA Today*, you’ll get no sympathy or attention from the Republicans.

In closing, voting is like driving a car. Choose (red R) to move backward. Choose (blue D) to move forward. Indeed, the Republican Party has become our bridge to the 11th Century. As far as the Tea Party is concerned, tea parties are for little girls with imaginary friends.

Does Congress really care about you? I think not! With sequester looming this week, our do-nothing Congress took a week’s vacation. With a 10 percent public approval rating, it’s about time to fire most current members. Give them a real long vacation!

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:** “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” — **The FIRST AMENDMENT to the U.S. Constitution**

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