

**December 1, 2014**  
**Big Bust? Or Removing The Competition?**

Heard there was a really big Drug Bust on the rez last Tuesday. Details are still hard to come by, but what I have so far (and feel free to add any corrections you like) is that the bust was both at the casino and the marina. That a man in the hotel room was busted and so was his friend who fell asleep in the car in the parking lot, and that dogs were brought in to both the casino and to the marina to locate the drugs.

All that sounded really hopeful until I found out that the Tribal Police and the FBI were involved. We all know that the Tribal Police don't go on any raids without the dispatchers and other police personnel alerting their friends that the cops are coming.

The FBI so tied into the corruption and the crime out there, that any 'raids' are generally structured to appear to be a big deal, but in reality, they serve only to remove the competition and consolidate the market for their friends, family and cohorts/cronies.

So, despite how big and dramatic this whole 'bust' was, it was probably just another 'business' maneuver.

Come to think of it, isn't the Marina area Weenie Boy and Weenie Boy Junior's turf? Didn't Kalum take that away from them a few months ago? Well, it doesn't really matter now. There will still be buyers & sellers for the drugs. It's just most likely more profitable for the dealers who are in tighter with the FBI and the Tribal Police. You know, the ones who get those advance warnings.

Power is shifting on the rez again. NLO and her gang are in charge, so it's not any big surprise that an intramural struggle to retain power conflicts with some of the upstarts that had established themselves in the interim between her previous reign and her new reign.

Also, this whole 'raid' could have been to preclude a real raid by US Marshals or any other outside agency that would have, possibly would have, gone after the key players in the well-established, more 'permanent' drug networks out there.

I'm just guessing at this point, but all signs point to more Show than Go. I've been watching this sort of thing go down out there for over 19 years. Forgive me if I am skeptical.

I'll be even more skeptical if Tim Purdon takes a Victory Lap on this. He has been protecting the most corrupt, most vile out there, his entire career, before and after his ascending to his current position as USAGND.

Remember his last "Big Bust" out there? Spent "millions" busting a handful of people for pills, Turns out that the 'months of surveillance' in that operation managed to nail the lowest level buyers & dealers, none of whom had more than \$30 worth of contraband on them at the time of arrest.

Not a single one of the bigger players, whom the investigators had to quite literally, push aside to get to the small fry, was touched. He touted that as a “Major” operation putting a substantial dent in the drug trafficking on the rez... which it would have been if the drug dealers on the rez were making less than \$100 a week. I forgot to ask at the time: “Does anyone buy this?” It was clear from the mail that I got that no one did. But really, it wasn’t designed for those who understood anything about the rez. It was strictly for those who knew nothing, and never set foot on the rez.

Let’s see how he works this one.

You’ll know when there’s a real drug bust out there. It will take down several of Tim Purdon’s friends. He won’t say a word. He’ll look sweatier than usual. He’ll be locking himself in his office more often than not, and those pictures he enjoys will be enjoyed more frequently, to ‘relieve the pressure’.

If the missus is wondering why he underperforms so often, she should try dropping in on him at work more often. Then again, it’s probably one of those marriages where she suspects everything but really doesn’t want to know.

I’m just guessing. Never met the woman. But I bet she’s a little surprised by how close I come to reading her mind. Know what I mean, Jelly Bean?

So, we have to wait and see how it all shakes out.

### **Quiet Rage**

Still waiting for the Tribe’s outrage over Alberta Redfox using her position and Tribal Funds to try and cover up her son’s rape of a woman. It’s no doubt not his only rape and her only cover-up. Rapists rarely only rape once. Well, if they get caught the first time, yeah, but other than that, they keep on until they are stopped.

So, Spirit Lake Nation, how does it sit with you that once again, without skipping a beat, Tribal Council is where the rapists find protection? Will you be upset when the rapist decides it’s time to go after your family member? Or someone you love? There’s nothing to stop him. He’s gotten away with it, and he’s being protected by both Alberta and NLO.

Getting away with it is also half the thrill for those types.

...And helping them escape Justice, is a whole ‘nuthah thrill for those like NLO. It makes her feel powerful over those who must seethe in silence, while she finds comfort in the stench of corruption, and politicians, past and present, whose loyalty is bought & paid for by her silence, and cold cash—your cash, my cash, tax dollars & all that corruption endows. What other incomes does she draw from? Anyone know?

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## **December 8, 2014**

### **Roll Call of The Corrupt**

I asked a few people about the drug busts that happened a couple of weeks back, that sort of swept the rez, so-to-speak. I opined that they may have been, “more for show than for go”, but like you, I also get my hopes up that someone somewhere is finally lighting a fire under the Justice Department and bigger fish are being fried.

In the end, always, and this time as well, it is the only the small fry that have been scooped up, paraded around as if made of whale bones.

The last bust, which took place at the casino properties, including the marina, most recently netted a squirming batch of small fry, otherwise known as the competition for the cartels on the rez that have been operating, untouched, for decades.

Keep in mind that when the US Marshall's went in and busted Jr. Herman for child rape a few months ago, he was on House Arrest, wearing an ankle monitor. He took off and raped another child and got hauled in by the US Marshals, but since he is related to the Bigger Fish, the Cartel, out there (no, they don't call themselves the Cartel, but they operate like one, so I call them that), those charges were dropped to him 'lying about where he was'.

Yes, the charges of him raping yet another child were whisked away for the 'more serious offense of lying about where he was' (\*snark alert\*). His punishment? House arrest and he has to wear an ankle monitoring device. Pretty much as 'nothing' as you can get in a Nothing Burger.

Imagine if you can, a team of US Marshals sweeping into a neighborhood, hunting for a man who 'lied to them': A misdemeanor from a felony. They would not. This is how it works out there. They can't stop child rape because too many of the 'important, well-connected' people are involved in it. So they put on shows that are supposed to satisfy the community, and the public at large that they are 'doing something'. In fact, it's just poorly staged exercises, with even more dubious scripting.

I, and several others, remain convinced that he, Junior Herman, was one of two participants that raped, sodomized, mutilated and murdered those two little children whose meth-addled father either allowed, or was too stoned to stop. But the FBI Agents on the site were too busy destroying evidence, having neighbors cart off basket & box loads of clothing and other evidence, never to be seen again, and very busy ignoring witnesses who say they saw him there.

Then, Tim Purdon puts on a big show about arresting and putting on trial, the uncle of the children, a man with a simple IQ, who had both an inadequate defense attorney, and was up against a system that has been covering up rapes, murders, Human Trafficking and other crimes for the Cartel, for decades. Hence, the removal and destruction of evidence and the harassment, intimidation and threats to witnesses to any crimes, including that one, if it involves any of the well-connected.

So, we come to the most recent 'raid'. \*sigh\*

I have a list of the names, but it is not a complete list. Some are repeat offenders and some of my sources may have mixed up that raid with the previous raid. I'll notate it and we can discuss it later, when we all have time.

**Shawn Charboneau**

**Bennet Blackbird**

**"Huck" William Cavanaugh Jr ,**

**Lacey Cavanaugh** (she was one of Kalum Yankton's girlfriends at the time of his death) Kalum had recently gotten into conflicts with the rest of them. Kalum couldn't help himself. He was as big a user as his customers were. He'd gotten away with every crime he ever committed for the most part, until he became a problem for the overall operation. He couldn't

*\*Sally Alberts, who had her house busted a few months back because she and the men she was shacking up with were bringing in a lot of 'product' and also manufacturing meth in her home.*

*Sally is either a repeat offender on this latest bust, or this info relates back to the previous time this year when she was busted. Also, you will recall, that shortly after she was busted the first time, then Tribal Chair, Leander Russell McDonald appointed her to run the Elderly Assistance Program, which meant that when any Elder needed money, for medical or a house repair, or for food, they had to go to Sally to get that money.*

*It gave Sally unfettered access to an enormous amount of money, which again, is never audited nor accounted for in any meaningful way, so, I'm sure that even if she was busted (again) this time, she still has employment and access to funds that will never go to the people they are intended for. NLO kept her in that position because, well, it suited her to do so. I suspect they both got a cut from the monies that Sally was in charge of. I can think of no other reason to put her in that job nor keep her in that job, unless it was profitable for the corrupt.*

**Tyler Rainbow**, a small fry in a field of small fry.

**Morgan Bercier Jr**, who was at best a low-level distributor.

There are others, and as soon as I get those names confirmed, I'll pass it along to you. But they are all small time, small fish. The big money out there is being made in the millions, not the pennies, not the \$20's and not the \$1000's. It's BIG. Big enough to keep government agencies in their pockets for the past decades.

This shit is, can I say it any more clearly? Just a show.

A show for the FBI to 'appear' to be dealing with the drugs that are ravaging the community of Spirit Lake Nation, when in fact, all they are doing is moving the uncooperative lesser competition out of the hair of the much bigger, much better connected Cartel that runs all crime on the rez, for profit and for pleasure.

Rest assured that the amount of drugs coming in, being manufactured, being sold on the rez won't skip a beat. More kids will die. More lives will be ruined. No one in the DOJ will get within a yard of the Cartel and their minions. In fact, they will deny there is a problem out there, and point to their amazing record of recent arrests, which in itself is an oxymoron.

Eric Holder recently released a statement that sounds, to all who read it and know nothing about Indian Country, as if all problems have been solved and all criminals held accountable (\*dusts off hands, takes a bow, exits stage Left\*)

So, yeah, I get my hopes up when I hear there is a bust. I ride that rollercoaster as far as it will take me, until the ride slows to a stop... I get off, we all get off, and wait for the next rumble, hoping the next ride will actually go somewhere. It won't just be for our entertainment or momentary thrill.

Nothing changes until there is Justice. It just gets worse. All the shows in the world won't change how that works. It's basic and we all understand it

So do those who profit and prosper from the corruption. Why do you think just about every politician who discusses the 'problems' in Indian Country, never ever mention the word "Justice"? They never ask for an investigation. Why is that?

### **Turnip Truck**

Heidi Heitkamp, who was the State Attorney General for years before she became the Senator, surely she heard about the child abuse, child rapes, child trafficking and worse that comes from that rez and others... but what does she opt to do? "Study" the 'Issue'. Not "INVESTIGATE THE CRIMES", but 'study'. She is told that children are being raped today, and she wants to 'study' the 'issue', not "investigate" the "crime". Think about that.

Does that sound like someone that wants to take effective measures to stop the crimes, and especially the crimes against children? Or does that sound like someone that just fell off the proverbial Turnip Truck and isn't sure that the rapes and trafficking of children is a crime, or maybe it's just not a crime when it happens in Indian Country.

How well does she really know the law? Apparently, well enough to dodge or thwart any action that would lead to criminal investigations that would of course, lead to people who are very, very helpful to her in her political career. She took \$4 Million Tax Dollars to do that years long "study". Well, it appears child rape has been very profitable for Ms. Heitkamp and her pals...they get millions to 'study' it. We pay.

I sometimes wonder if her Just-Fell-Off-The-Turnip-Truck act is really fooling any of her peers in Congress, especially the Senate. Are they that dumb? Or are they all just that involved?

Either way, children are being raped, abused, trafficked and she's taking millions of our tax dollars to essentially do nothing about it, and Eric Holder is taking a bow, telling us all the "promises were kept, all the goals fulfilled".

Promises to whom? I wonder. Like every Attorney General before him, he has found his comfort in avoiding any serious investigations into any serious crimes. Especially where children are concerned. Too many political boats would be rocked out of the water if the DOJ did anything.

Like every AG before him, he has to drive the Turnip Truck. Of all the crimes committed in this world, the one that pays the most is Human Trafficking, specifically, child selling. And we allow our government to do nothing? We allow Senators to 'study' known cases as if they are not crimes? What are we expecting? Exactly what we get: Nothing.

You see people protesting, by the hundreds of thousands in the streets over injustices. It is in our nature, as Human Beings, that when we become aware of injustices, especially long-running injustices that target specific groups of people, we want to change that. We want to right those injustices and hold those who committed crimes against those people, wherever they are, accountable.

We know that when there is Justice, there is Peace and we are all better for it. Communities heal and communities thrive where there is Justice. We know that we all thrive together.

It's the same with this. If we don't start standing and demanding Justice and direct action and investigations into the large scale child abuse, child rape and child trafficking that is going on related to just this one tiny speck on the map, it means that we condone it with our apathy and our silence.

It means they don't heal and they don't thrive as a community and none of us is better off because they are not better off.

Injustice is going on everywhere. It's not just the people in that one community that need to stand up against it, it's all of us.

### **Protest For Justice**

The media ignores massive protests because it's not what their corporate masters want us to see. We are only played portions where 'Protesters became violent' or "Protests became violent".

They don't tell us that it was the police, especially the over militarized police, who initiated the violence. Protesters have a right to protest. Those who 'riot' are not part

of the protests, but are there to discredit the protests and the police stand by and watch them break windows, set fires and do nothing. When they do something, it is to move violently against the peaceful protesters, not the looters, not the window breakers, and there are plenty of videos of police infiltrating protests, causing damage, being ignored by the police and even protected by the police as they are helped to escape behind police lines by uniformed officers.

### **Staging the Scene To Trick The Audience**

These are tactics used by police departments the world over, to justify using violent, military style violence against peaceful protesters.

And then there's always that older model police car that seems oddly enough, parked in the middle of the protests, as if any police showed up in cars? And parked in the midst of the protests? And then that car gets windows broken, set on fire and the cameras zoom in on that, and since we live and breathe only in symbols, we see the 'symbol' of the police being attacked in that car that is being damaged. Look more closely, and you will see, it's merely a prop on the stage.

Because the media is complicit in conveying the message that only bad, violent people 'protest', and that all protests are 'riots' and all protesters are 'violent' and that justifies the police using violent military style tactics and equipment against unarmed protesters, who are just citizens, aware of injustices and demanding they be addressed.

At some point, we are all going to end up in the streets, peacefully protesting, as is our right, and getting our heads bashed in while those who do the violence are given a free hand, safe passage with no consequences.

The metaphors are becoming more direct, and more clear. Once you wake up and see the staging, realize the wool has been pulled over your eyes and break out of the fog, you'll realize you've been had. We've all been had. We've been had by our government protecting criminal operations on a scale that would bring down every major institution, and by media feeding us the scripts, focusing on the staging and the burning props, never showing us the real truth: That those who do the violence both in protests and in our daily lives, serve the same corporate masters as those who showcase the violence, and those who, with uniforms and badges, do nothing.

Just to refresh your memory about Ferguson, which has been in the news a lot: It was protesters who stopped the violence and the looting of those stores. It was even gang members from opposing gangs, who stood together to protect their neighborhood stores from thugs wearing masks, who were out to loot, damage, arson, while the police did nothing except roust reporters, gas protesters and oh yeah, that older model police car that seems conveniently parked in the middle of the protests, set ablaze....

And Ferguson was just the beginning, as injustice from the top of the system on down, becomes sharply apparent in towns and cities across the country. Your local news won't tell you that in a meaningful way, and the national media is a bigger joke (stick with local news).

But people are waking up, collectively, in communities all across the nation, and it is the stink of Injustice that is waking us all up. They used to see us as their audience. It used to work that way, on everyone. Now, not so much. Not so many. Not working so well.

### **In The Awakening Time**

What we have in Indian Country is a level of injustice that is even bigger, more long-term, and more brutal, than what the people are aware of across the nation---- so far.

Ignoring it won't make it go away. It gets worse. Down playing it, doesn't make it go away. It gets worse. Media misrepresenting what is going on, doesn't make it go away. Arresting, beating and brutalizing any journalists or citizen reporters who video or report the truth, doesn't make it go away--- it continues to get worse.

It is chaotic and it is scary, all that is going on now. But to me, it is a sign that people are waking up, and collectively, we are uniting for one thing and one thing only: Justice.

We know that is the cure for what ails communities where Injustice has been rampant and continues to be blatant.

It's also the remedy for what ails Indian Country.

But it's up to all of us, to stand together, demand accountability, and not accept this dog-and-pony show that government and media puts on to distract and detour us.

We are uniting, collectively, despite the obstructions thrown into our view. It's what we do as Human Beings, as Citizens and as people who want a better, safer, more secure, more prosperous nation, built from the ground up, not the top down.

None of it will work, none of it will hold, unless we go to the source where it all began, and where it is the deepest rooted--- Indian Country. We start in Spirit Lake. We fight for the Children. We demand Justice.

We do not do this alone. We do it in the Time of the Awakening. And that is now. This is where we are. This is what is really happening.

The staging and the props and the misinformation will continue, despite it being less and less convincing to more and more of us, but rest assured, on so many levels, we are moving the stone off of the secrets and finding our strength collectively, as a community and as a nation. We are not the violent ones. We are the Truthful ones.

We are the ones that those who have been robbing the future for decades fear the most.

As the communities wake up, the Nation wakes up and the People Rise up. Oppression can only exist where there is injustice. Injustice can only exist where it is supported by apathy, ignorance and silence.

Vaguely, we have known something is wrong, but we could never quite pin it down, so we could never really fix it. We could not name it so we could not fight it. Now we know it's name, and we know how to fight it: Injustice.

Wherever we find it, wherever we become aware of it, that is where we must make our stand. That is where we refuse to accept the scripts being acted out for us on media stages. We become aware of the injustices, and we fight against them and we win because we don't buy the lies anymore. We are stronger and we won't accept anything but the Truth. We'll know it when we hear it, see it, taste it, because it will be Justice, not stagecraft.

It's getting very noisy out there, lately. Music to mine ears. Don't fear the Awakening. It was our ignorance that kept us all apart, divided, weakened and in more danger. This is different.

### **Shop Small**

Meanwhile, the media at all levels will be cracking that whip over our heads to make us shop faster, spend more as if Christmas is a competition. Shopping is supposed to be our acceptable drug, our distraction from reality. Put down the credit cards, step away from the Malls. Go to the small stores, where people who live in your community, know your name, go to school with your kids kind of place, and spend your money there. There is more power in shopping small, than there is in massive factory driven consumption of slave-made goods that create billionaires at the top, and people living in their cars while working 3 jobs, at the bottom.

Let's all be more effective in how we spend our money and our attention and our energies. Let's do some good for someone. We'll feel better than if we bought a new car for ourselves. I guarantee it. We'll take back a modicum of control from those corporate overlords, and start rebuilding our own communities, from the ground up.

Waking up on all levels makes us stronger.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

**December 15, 2014**  
**Frozen**

Word came last week that John DuBois was found frozen to death in Minneapolis, Minnesota. John DuBois was one of the witnesses who saw, and stated that he saw, Eddie Peltier with Quentin Yankton shortly before Eddie was murdered. The USAG at the time, Lynn Crooks, made sure that he was never able to testify, or even be known to the defense.

But John DuBois talked to anyone that would listen, and told what he saw, what he knew. Perhaps, John can speak from the grave someday. I encourage you all to again, donate what you can to "[Incident at Devils Lake](#)" Project that is a documentary being put together, nickel by nickel, dime by dime, by Todd Trotter. You can watch the trailer for his documentary and go to his funding sites from that link.

To this day, the real killers of Eddie Peltier have escaped Justice. Those same people are involved in much of the crime that runs that rez, all these decades since Eddie's murder.

The release of an innocent man, Richard LaFuenta from prison does nothing to dull the passion of those who know that 11 innocent men were convicted, their lives set to ruin, some surviving it better than others, and that injustice is what continues to drive Todd Trotter's work on the documentary.

That yet another Indian has frozen to death is a disgrace to our nation. The Federal Government thinks that by shoveling billions of dollars into the pockets of corrupt leadership that they absolve themselves of the responsibility for what happens to the people whose lives they have ruined for generations.

Nothing fixes this. Shoveling even more money at the corrupt won't fix this. Only one thing will fix this: JUSTICE.

Bring Justice to the rez and the healing will begin. Protecting corruption, protecting known predators and criminals, drains our funds and sends lives into downward spirals that cannot be recovered.

How many frozen bodies do we have to step over in Winter before we quit accepting this as 'they did it to themselves'? Clearly, it was done to them, over and over again, for generations, and only Justice can stop that, turn it around, and make the rez a less violent, less toxic place for children and the Elders.

## **Justice**

I think we all know that Justice is the cornerstone for any society that wants safety and security. It's the one word you won't hear uttered by anyone making flowery speeches about what they have done for the Good People of Spirit Lake, nor of what they intend to do for the Children of Spirit Lake. Only Congressman Kevin Cramer

ever stated the word “Justice” in his efforts, and only he ever pursued any actions to achieve it.

Let’s see what the new year brings, shall we? More Justice? Or more dead children, more frozen to death Indians.

The demonstrations you are seeing happening all over the country are not about race, but about Justice. That’s what millions of people are getting together to demonstrate for: Justice. Justice will bring equality, fairness and security to this nation.

The one thing that has been missing in communities all over this country is Justice. Nowhere is its absence more damaging than in Indian Country. You can dance around it, talk around it, pretend it is something else that ails us as a nation, but clearly, what ails this nation is the lack of Justice.

If someone robs a bank of \$100 that person goes to jail. When the banks rob all of us of trillions of our dollars, they get a bailout. That too, is an injustice. Injustice is killing this country.

In the latest rush through Bill in Congress that was supposed to fund the government to keep checks rolling so we could keep government running, there were items slipped in that would again allow banks to gamble in high stakes risky ventures, and reap all the profits, but if they lose, we, the taxpayers will again be on the hook to bail them out, just like in 2008 when the economy crashed.

That’s one thing they put in the Bill. Another thing they put in the Bill was a giveaway of thousands of acres of Sacred Lands in Indian Country, for specific mining companies to go in and take what they will, destroy the lands, the waters and poison it for the people. They can frack and kill the water tables too.

That’s Injustice.

We know now, just the tip of the iceberg on the torture that was illegally committed on prisoners in Gitmo. We also know that that torture not only did not yield any real information of value on the enemy, but that it silenced those that had been captured and had been revealing information under professional interrogation techniques.

The taps of information were turned off the minute the torture began, and the prisoners said whatever their interrogators wanted to hear. That is what Torture is designed to do. It’s the only thing torture was ever designed to do: create propaganda via false confessions.

Our nation went to war on lies. We lost thousands of our own sons and daughters who fought and died on foreign soil for those lies. We tortured captives to make them say things that would make those lies seem “Justified”, but it was just more lies.

We are still tangled in that web of deceit, and we have destabilized the entire region in the Middle East, causing more death and more destruction.

We have, in order to keep the arms manufacturers profitable (and endless wars all over the globe were not enough?) militarized the local police departments in every State, no matter how tiny the town.

Demonstrations always turn violent because the police instigate the violence. They need to use their toys to justify spending hundreds of thousands of tax dollars in the upkeep of those toys, so they come dressed for violence.

There is a saying: If you want to know who intends to cause violence at a demonstration, take a look at who comes dressed for violence. That goes for the violent infiltrators within the ranks of demonstrators as well as it does for the police, who come on tanks, aiming sniper rifles directly into the crowds. And many of those infiltrators turn out to be undercover police. There are endless YouTube Videos documenting clear cut cases of police masquerading as demonstrators (in Canada and the USA) to instigate violence so they can justify using their tanks, tear gas canisters, etc. on people who are non-violent.

If there are violent people within the demonstration, those are the people that the police should go after, but they don't. They don't pursue the looters, either. They watch, and then they 'kettle' peaceful demonstrators, as if they are the same as the violent ones, and they start gassing them.

Nothing gives more cover to the violent rioters within the ranks of peaceful demonstrators, than smoke bombs and teargas. It causes chaos and confusion and that's when the violence upon those demonstrating for Justice, really begins.

And of course, the obligatory older model abandoned police cruiser that just happens to be parked in a place where no other cars are parked, seems to 'catch fire'... anyone wonder how many false insurance claims have been filed? That too is a crime, but chaos covers many offenses and that is just a small one.

One person said it best. I can't remember who they are right now. It was on Twitter:  
**"Imagine watching a football game where only one side had to obey the rules and the other side could do/use whatever they wanted."**

That's the best summation of the ongoing Injustice I have read thus far. It applies to the constant, chronic and wide-spread injustice both in Indian Country and throughout the land.

The laws should apply to everyone: Police, Banks, Elected and Appointed Officials, and to all their friends.

It is Injustice that is killing our economy, our nation and which has become so blatant that the USA is no longer able to stand on High Ground and condemn other nations for their abuses of their people or their acts of inhumanity, war crimes or torture.

By the way, there was no 'ticking clock' necessity for the torture that was rendered. That's a lie. The man whom they tortured the most and who had been giving valuable information under professional interrogation techniques, was, when he was handed over to the torturers, first put in complete solitary confinement for 47 days, with absolutely no Human Contact. How 'urgent' was that?

It doesn't matter if it is one murdered Indian, one Frozen to Death Indian, or a school house of children being slaughtered so that Gun Manufacturers can sell their products without any limitations on who can have them. If the NRA has you convinced that you too, must have a Military Assault weapon, and you are that stupid that you think somehow that will keep you 'safe', by all means, spend the better part of your family's income buying weapons that your children will more likely die from them being in the house than they will be defended by them--- there's profit to be made by scaring the stupid.

If you think that allowing Bankers to gamble with your savings, keep all the profits for themselves and then when they lose it all, go to the taxpayers for another trillion dollar bailout, by all means, say nothing about that and just wait until the next economic crash, and the next rash of banks stealing homes from people who owed nothing on them or didn't even bank with them. Economic Chaos is profitable to those criminals. They call it 'the Fog of War' kind of thing where so many crimes are committed no one can keep count, so no one goes to jail, but you lose your home and your savings.

Oh yeah, the new congress? They will also be giving the trillion dollars that is in Social Security (money you already paid in, mind you) to 'privatized' holders such as banks and companies that make risky investments. Remember when George W. Bush wanted to privatize Social Security? Remember him bragging up how much better off those funds would be in the hands of companies such as Enron? And then Enron collapsed.

Well, GOP has both the House and the Senate and they are going to do exactly that. They've stripped away the protections that were to prevent another financial collapse and on top of that, they are giving away Social Security and with that, Medicare to be the playthings of those 'privatized' wizard types. Medicare presently only has a 2% overhead cost, and the rest goes into services for those who are on it. That will change to become much more costly very quickly.

Brace yourselves.

This is what Injustice on a massive scale is. It will create more homelessness, more poverty, more violence. But hey, those wealthy donors who bought and paid for their Senators and Congressmen (both parties) well, they'll be fat and happy.

If we don't start fixing the injustices in the small places, even just to prove that we can right the wrongs and that we can have Justice, if we can't do that in Indian Country, we deserve whatever is coming to us.

There will be more cold winters coming. It will be more than just Frozen Indians next time. Because we let it happen.

If you want Justice, you have to work for it. You have to make sure it exists for everyone or it is not Justice and you are not safe.

Murderers and thieves, rapists and child abusers need to be brought to Justice, regardless of how well or how poorly they are dressed; regardless of how well connected they are to people in positions of authority, fame or fortune.

Without Justice, no one is safe, anywhere.

Push for Justice in Indian Country so that Justice will exist when it comes around to your community and what your community needs.

If you doubt that Injustice exists, and that it is protected and supported by the police and all the authority figures, go out and join a peaceful demonstration. Let me know how that turns out for you. You'll get a taste of what is to come, in ways you never thought would happen.

You won't do that though because deep down inside, you already know it's true.

John DuBois told the Truth, despite the overwhelming injustice that prevailed. If we don't unite together, the Truth will have no value in our Society, to anyone, and we may as well all freeze to death. At least, for what it was worth, he tried. He never quit trying.

**Next:**

Fake Medicine Men: Do they bring the darkness? Or does the Darkness bring them?

You know where to find me.

~Cat

**\*December 22, 2014**

## **Bad Medicine, Bad Luck**

So much Bad Medicine, so much Bad Luck. Bad practices, fake Medicine Men, all bring only more sickness and more suffering to themselves, their families, their communities and to those who follow them or engage their services or who do ceremony with them.

People know this. People even know they are Bad Medicine, but People are hungry for Ceremony and to connect to the Old Ways in the Wrong Ways. You have people like Clarisse Brownshield who as Tribal Counselor used tribal funds to bring in drunken Medicine Men like Arapahoe and his group of hard drinking, brawling, woman chasing “singers/helpers” and their followers. She paid him thousands of dollars (*you don't really think any of that came out of HER pocket, do you?*) to bring him in a few times and to have him ‘ordain’ her teenage son as a Medicine Man. I can't imagine what will happen to him, but you know it will be the worst possible thing.

Look at Richard Street. He calls himself a ‘Traditional Medicine Man’, but he bought his altar from Crow Dog and any altar that is bought or sold, or stolen for that matter, can only carry Black Road Medicine. I've also been told that Mr. Street has no Indian Blood in him, and is as fake as Grey Owl, only worse.

I believe he has no Indian Blood flowing through his veins. When his teenage son was recently taken by a rare form of Meningitis, and died so swift and so horribly everyone knew it had to be The Grandfathers sending a message to him and to his ex-wife, Melissa Merrick-Brady, Mr. “Traditional Medicine Man” wouldn't even cut his hair, as is customary and is tradition. He wanted to look nice for the ladies, you know... and short hair just doesn't work that well with Ceremony Groupies. Yeah, he grieves like a White Man...a White Business Man.

Come to think of it, did Melissa ever cut off her hair in her ‘Traditional’ grief? Or is she still flipping those long locks of hers like a high-school flirt? Their son died, and they act as if it has nothing to do with them. I'm sure Ms. Merrick-Brady will wail and moan in public. Drama is her thing. Trouble is, she's so over-the-top on every imaginary offense, that when a real trauma hits, there is nowhere higher for her act to go.

She and Richard should have stayed together. Two fakes are better than one. But then again, men out there are easily led astray, and Richard, as a ‘Traditional’ Medicine Man, was all about the chasing... yeah, ‘Traditional’, my sweet bonnet.

## **The Lake Takes Them**

The Lake keeps taking the sons and daughters. They feel immortal. They drive too fast and they don't wear seatbelts... and then around the curve, where they pass more cautious drivers, they lose control and the Lake takes them. Or they just lose control. Or the road snaps up like a blanket and flips them into the Lake... it doesn't matter, because they don't come home, ever, ever again.

Children go missing. They don't answer their phones. Are they running away? Are they in trouble? Is their battery dead? Or did the Lake take them?

Hours turn into the next day, and the next. Searches are launched. And then the news comes, and it is never good news. It is never the kind of news where you can be mad at them for being teenagers, and for doing stupid things that make you worry... it's never that kind of news.

Again, two young people are missing. I don't know if they have been found. Andrea Peltier's son, Phillip Krulish, took his sister's car and he and his girlfriend were reported as missing. Families going door-to-door to see if anyone has seen them, knows where they are, have heard from them....

"Have you seen or heard from Phillip Krulish or his girlfriend?" Well, let me know if you have. But chances are, there will be yet another funeral for another two lives cut short.

It happens all too often out there. But no one seems to be learning. \*

But the Bad Medicine keeps on Dancing out there. Chaske and his Black Road Ceremonies and Sun Dances, keep the Bad Medicine active and strong out there, in Spirit Lake Nation. And there are so many others, local and brought in, who bring the sickness, the sorrows and the deaths of children... And yet they are not shunned, they are welcomed and they are paid and they are 'honored'.

The Good People of Spirit Lake know this, and they stand against it and they fight it every day of their lives. They raise their children the proper way, and they learn respect and self-respect and they stay away from those who bring the sorrows and the sickness... and they are the most courageous people I know.

But with all the Bad Medicine that is out there, I fear for their children as well. You see, Bad Medicine is like a fog, a Mist, and it doesn't care who it touches. Nor does the Lake care who it takes. I'm afraid one of them will have their children, when they become teenagers, be off-guard for just that one time, take that one risk, disobey that rule just one time...

And there will be the waiting, the searching and the kind of news that doesn't let you get mad at them, doesn't let you ground them for a month... the kind of news that rips your heart and soul out and tears it to shreds before your very eyes, both burning you with red hot angry grief, and leaving that cold acre of pain inside your being, that can never be reached and which will never be green again.

All this in that tiny speck on the map, where corruption thrives, children are bought and sold, and so are altars. Both are said to be 'sacred' but the word has no meaning for those who use it the most and the most often in public as they are pretending to be offended that anyone dare question them about the children they have bought and sold ---with our tax dollars funding the most egregious evil anyone can imagine.

## **All The Signs**

Yes, in the midst of all that is evil and corrupt out there, in the midst of all the constant sorrow and sickness, and despite the rising waters of the Lake lapping at the roads, hungry for those you love the most... Good People are struggling to bring their children to Adulthood, and to teach them in all things honorable and respectable.

This is why, above all else, anywhere else, we must join those who are doing the work of demanding Justice be brought to that tiny speck on the map.

Bring Justice and the community can begin to heal.

Bring Justice and the Nation will begin to heal. In Spirit Lake Nation is both the Root of all that is evil and core of all that is courageous and good and decent. If we abandon the quest for Justice, we abandon all that is good and decent and we surrender that place, those children to the sickness and the sorrows and to their agonies and to their tormentors.

We fix it there so we can see what it looks like, and how it works, and we can from there, spread it like ripples and waves across the land, because we will know the difference between Real Justice and Empty Political Plays the same way we know the difference between Red Road Medicine and Black Road Medicine.

All the signs are there. All we have to do is read them.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

Correction: This originally stated that Phillip Krulish was Arliss Krulish's son. That is incorrect. The missing man is Andrea Peltier's son. This posting was edited to reflect that.

**December 29, 2014**  
**Last of 2014**

The year is winding down to the countdown and so is this blog. We'll start all over again in 2015. I'm even thinking of a redesign but seriously, I'm not that ambitious.

### **Clarifying The Clarification**

Phillip Krulish is still missing. If anyone has seen or heard anything, don't keep it to yourself. Andrea Peltier, the woman who raised him, took care of him and did everything for him, is still in that gut twisting limbo of not knowing where he is. Help if you can.

Phillip was born to Arliss Krulish. Arliss is about as twisted and demented as a person can be. She was arrested for beating her then 12-yr old daughter to the point where she required medical care. All this while she was Director of Early Childhood Development for the tribe. And she kept that job for months afterwards, despite the obvious: She was neither qualified nor capable.

Fortunately, for her son, she gave him up when he was still very young and he was raised by Andrea Peltier, sister to Eddie Peltier. Andrea has had more than enough grief in this world. Do what you can to help her find Phillip. Her heart is the heart of a mother breaking in anguish over not knowing.

### **Designed to Fail**

Failure doesn't 'just happen'. Failure is designed into whatever endeavor is being pursued. This is why History, US and Global, needs to be studied more. Not just so we can relive the failures of the past, but so we can more closely examine what led up to them and see now, present day, if we are again 'repeating' history by making either the same "mistakes" or worse, allowing the same design flaws to lead us into the same failures, different times, different places, same result.

Wars are the greatest failures of all. Once started, no war ever ends. It's necessary to fight back and to defend yourself, but those who instigate wars never have noble or even Humane intentions. It is, however, always the call to glory and valor that drives armies into clashing with other armies that are also comprised of people just like them: Poor, misled, deceived by their government, and for the same reasons: Profits for those who create their fortunes off of wars: Arms manufacturers, Weapons makers, and of course, the corporations who both supply weapons and personnel for the outsourced portions of these wars, and for the corporations who then move in to relieve the vanquished of their resources and treasures.

It doesn't just happen that some villain takes over a nation and turns it into a nation crushing machine. There is a process by which that villain is nurtured, protected and secret alliances that create military strength. Some corporation somewhere is making a fortune off of the overtaking of nations and the downfall of regimes.

The cycle has to continue for the wealth to keep flowing directly into those family coffers.

The propaganda that whips up the psyche of a nation to then create war or go to war, is all that is needed. It gets easier and easier to do that because we are less and less educated in each generation.

Worse, what we are taught in schools is pathetically watered down and twisted. We are never taught the True History of any conflict. Our young are only programmed to believe a limited, illogical version of History, that put to the test of present day outcomes makes no sense.

After the decades long debacle in Vietnam, only one paragraph was rendered into the History books thrown at our kids in high school. During the Vietnam conflict, in which many of my friends were either killed or wounded, or 'missing', the history books never even mentioned Vietnam, nor the history of the conflict, nor the fact that it was going on.

The Middle East debacle, which continues to spiral ever downwards, regardless of what actions are taken, was easily foreseeable to anyone that know even a fraction of the true history of the region.

But history is taught in a way to overlook, erase actual history and replace it with untrue history presented in an illogical way to an unquestioning hoards of students, who then stand around and cheer when a feeble-minded president, who ignored since the previous May, warnings about terrorists determined to strike the Twin Towers (even though there had been two previous mostly failed attempts), for him to stand up and tell us we were going to war against a country that had nothing to do with that attack, saying that "They hate us because of our freedoms"... which makes no sense whatsoever, but which leaves the non-quizzical thinkers to believe that there is a region and a religion comprised solely of wild-eyed maniacs whose only grudge against us is "Our Freedoms"... and the nation bought into that.

*(Don't worry, we are getting back to Indian Country. Just stay with me.)*

So, we go to war. Immediately, the Vice President's company makes billions in government contracts (He signed over his shares to his family so that there would be no 'conflict of interest'), arms and weapons manufacturers made billions, and entire convoys filled with nothing but money, billions of dollars of cash, mind you, goes missing... and no one looks for it.

Turns out that the war was for oil after all. The US, Rumsfeld and the rest of them, had pretty much created, supported Saddam Hussein, and there are pictures of him shaking hands with them, to show that the US Government had supported the rise to power that they later declared was 'evil'. The same people that were supplying Saddam with weapons, intel, and support, shaking his hand, while he was summarily executing members of government that disagreed with him, would a mere 10 yrs later

declare him as evil, and send our men and women into a war against him, with low pay, and poor equipment not even designed for the warfare. Our soldiers had to improvise because the money that was going into the war, billions in cash, was not going to their protective gear (faulty)(*BTW: It was SMC Plant in Spirit Lake Nation that got caught skimping on the materials and falsifying quality control on the body armor. Our troops got slaughtered in that gear, but no one went to jail. The whistleblowers had to protect themselves because the government fought them, denied them and then abandoned them. But somebody got rich. Oh yeah, the same people that designed the same scheme to defraud the government and deliver faulty armor, were immediately 'punished' with a contract worth 3-4x what the original contract was worth, to "fix" their "errors".*)

So you see? It was not about protecting the troops or fighting the noble war--- it was about who you could get billions of dollars to, and make a few top people very rich, with no consequences for their corruption.

Now, about those billions of missing dollars in those convoys... you know that money went somewhere. No one was shot or killed. The convoy was not ambushed. Somebody got rich... and no one ever looked for the missing cash. It's about making people rich.

Then there are the warlords in the region. They got paid millions and billions also (in cash) (*Yes, when 80-300 Billion in cash goes missing, we instantly replace it*). For that, we were supposed to have them as allies, but there was no plan to ensure that. They never fulfilled their part of the bargains, they just took the money, for years and years. So, what was the plan?

We propped up the government of Afghanistan by installing as their first president, Karzai, who was previously the top guy at Union Oil. In Iraq, we installed a similar puppet. What we needed was someone who would legally allow us to raid the resources (oil, minerals)... well, for the corporations who then take all the profits for themselves while we paid for it with our tax dollars, and the blood of our soldiers.

But the important thing is someone, a few "someones", got extremely wealthy. War is profitable, for them. It also destabilizes the economy of those nations and keeps the people in poverty so that they will be willing to do or sell anything to survive. Generations of traumatized, PTSD civilians are easier to control. Keep them unhealed, under educated, underfed, the next war is a breeze.

So, what is the upshot of all that corruption, fueled by a trillion or so dollars that was never accounted for, gone into the pockets of people behind the scenes on both sides of the war?

We saw it come to fruition with ISIS. A small, noisy, vicious band of men easily overthrew the armies of Iraq and Afghanistan. The soldiers didn't even try to fight. They dropped their weapons, tore off their uniforms and fled. The same troops we

had spent hundreds of billions of dollars and over a decade “training”, turned tail and ran before the screaming men in black drapes showed up. Why?

Because the military we spent billions on and decades on, was both corrupt and a tool of the corrupt. The soldiers who would actually be risking their lives were the least paid, the least armed and the most abused by their own leaders.

Who would fight to protect a system so obviously corrupt, only so that those they protect would then be able to abuse them more? No one.

That military was never about protecting that nation. If they were, they would have overthrown the puppets installed by the US. But no. They were there to guard, protect, enable those who were already robbing the country blind.

They weren't cowards. They simply saw no upside in protecting their abusers. They were never going to be allowed to protect their country, so what was the point?

Yeah, so there you see that seemingly crazy, cowardly army was actually predictable to anyone that actually knew the history, watched the process as it was happening, but not to the rest of us who have been constantly distracted by media shoving celebrity scandals at us, that have absolutely nothing to do with our lives or what affects our lives. Paris Hilton, Britney Spears, Justin Bieber, whoever...

The media distractions serve only to cover what is really going on, and keep us in the dark. Taking up time to tell us nothing. Running out of time so we could not expect they'd tell us about what we needed to know.

So, we assume we were attacked 'because they hate our freedoms', when that doesn't even begin to make sense, and we believe that ISIS overthrew a powerful military in Iraq & other countries, when in fact, we are the ones that destabilized, impoverished the people, supported the corrupt, made them richer and more powerful.

It wasn't an accident. It wasn't unforeseeable. It was by design.

The soldiers were expendable from Day One. Our veterans have never been so neglected and forsaken as they are since those wars. It's a national disgrace.

### **Back To Indian Country**

For generations, we have only known about Indian People from our media, and the corporate masters they serve. From the Penny Novels back in the Day that created heroes out of 'Injun Fighters', and which for generations, created a hero out of Custer, who was one of the most failed soldiers ever to graduate at the bottom of his class, but through the magic of creative writing, and because he had blonde hair, his stupidity and cowardly slaughter of old men, women and young children as they slept while the men were away on hunting parties, was portrayed as 'heroic'. History Books still maintain him as a heroic Indian Fighter.

Fake heroes are nothing new. We have new Fake Heroes every year, but the template for creating and promoting them arrived centuries ago.

So, let's review: We poured billions, trillions into the Middle East and allowed corruption to flourish as never before, even creating new corrupt networks in the process--- never accounting for a dime of the money that went missing. And we are surprised that the nations are in greater poverty than when we went in, the people are worse off, more traumatized, sicker and weaker, and that their army scooted before they were booted? Really?

Indian Country, which has been abused by corruption, puppet governments, and the pouring of billions of dollars (every year) into a network of corruption, which is never held to account, and when thousands and millions of dollars go missing or are shown to have been embezzled or stolen, our top government Law Enforcement refuses to investigate or prosecute. And we are surprised that their communities are lead by very wealthy corrupt abusive leaders; and whose people have to live in substandard, rotting homes while their leaders take junkets, fly first class, live in very nice homes (Paid for and furnished by Tribal Dollars & tax dollars), and they get their new appliances and toys every 6 months or so, while the average person on the rez is scrounging for heating oil.

And where child rapists are protected by the USAG who refuses to bring charges or investigate child rapes, we again find ourselves looking at a people who have had generations of abuse, Residential Schools, their lands being stolen, children being stolen, laws not being upheld, the corrupt being supported by the Federal and State Governments, and we are shocked and dismayed that 'they haven't picked themselves up by their own bootstraps'? That they 'prefer' drugs and alcohol? Really?

Meanwhile, as media pushes that image, they also push the image of the fat faced leaders who drive around in new cars, wear \$1500 suits to hearings, we believe that image, the one presented of the fat, spoiled Indian as how 'all of them' are living. Those failures you see? The ones lying in the alleyways and robbing stores, with that blank look on their faces? Yeah, they just 'chose' to be that way.

Really, people, we have to look at the logic of all this. It isn't as if the flaws in the system are unknown, or even unfixable. They never were either. They were designed in to keep the people off their feet, unable to stand up for themselves against the corruption that is supported, nurtured, protected by the government, and so poor that they will do or become anything to survive just one more day. Families feud with each other from slights that happened decades or even generations previous. People don't trust one another and therefore, are less apt to become allies and unite against a common threat.

That makes it easier for the corrupt to stay in power, and for the Corporations to come in and raid the resources. Casinos, oil, gas, minerals, water, all up for grabs.

Except that even with all of this working against Indian People, we see tribes coming together to oppose the KXL Pipeline and all the damage that it will do to the environment, none of which can be repaired.

Despite all the wearing and tearing generation after generation, and the worst living conditions for the majority of them, and the systematic and economic abuses imposed upon them, First Nations in Canada and the US are standing up to the biggest corporate grab ever. Amazing. How long can they do it? Who knows? The media is not giving us the backstory on the Pipeline, only the corporate propaganda about 'thousands' or 'hundreds of thousands' of jobs.... None of which is true.

Remember this one thing: *No oil spill has ever been cleaned up*. It may sink beneath the water's surface and we think it's gone, but it's still there, decades later. The rivers, still polluted, the fish dead, dying or diseased. The lands and the aquifers, once poisoned, once polluted, will never be cleaned up either.

Don't tell me they have 'state of the art' methods and materials now. If they had them, there have been at least 100 spills, large and small, they could have demonstrated and proved it on. They have not. Mayflower, Arkansas is still too toxic to touch. Those people didn't even know they had oil lines running under their homes. Funny how we never say 'they chose to live' where it would turn to poison. And of course, the media doesn't revisit the event, current or past, because, Bieber.

Media doesn't cover any of the spills and the ongoing hardship they have caused, ever.

If corporations can manage to poison Indian lands so that the fish are gone, the deer too sickly to be food, that will be just as good as killing off hundreds of millions of buffalo, so that Indians would not be able to feed and clothe themselves, and would be easier to herd onto reservations.

In fact, if they can poison our land, our water and our air, while only creating the 35 permanent jobs (*yes, by their own admission, that is the only number of permanent jobs that will be created by that pipeline*), we will all be easier to herd into camps. Work camps, prison camps, debtor's prisons ←- which they are trying to bring back, in case you don't know. *No penalties for the banks that rob you, or the predatory loan companies... but if you owe \$20, they want to be able to put you in the slammer. Think on that a bit.*

All I can tell you is that throughout History, Someone got rich from wars, from death, from killing, from destroying. And people don't just 'fail' or 'decide' to become alcoholics and drug addicts, nor do they become child rapists out of the blue... all of this is by design. A design to make people fail so that a few can become very, very wealthy, and the rest of us will be told stories that make no sense, and we'll buy it and we'll repeat those lies to our children to explain things they cannot understand... and so it goes on. We will live in greater and greater fear and insecurity. They will create, exploit and divide us by differences that have really, nothing to do with our lives, but which will be portrayed as life or death issues, for which we must not only mistrust others, but consider them a threat as well.

It's time to hold The System and those who profit from it, responsible. The only way to fix the system is to quit buying the lies it feeds us, and examine the true history so we can see what led to this and led to that and put us where we are today. It's time we started learning the truth about History and teaching that to our children and to their children.

It's time we decided that as broken as we are, as lied to as we are, we start standing up to those who have been breaking us, lying to us and creating the extremes that keep us divided.

It's time, while there is still time, for us to decide that whatever happened to people to make them what they are, we need to know that so we can step in and stop those behaviors that hurt children and give those children a chance to grow up into healthy, Good, and contributing members of a healthier, more secure, better educated society. It's time. It's long past time. *The changes we seek all begin with changing how we treat the children and how we deal with those who mistreat them.*

The Truth will set us all free. We just have to stop being afraid of it, arguing with it and denying it exists. It doesn't change. We need to recognize it, deal with it.

Or we can continue to allow deliberately designed flaws continue to corrupt our neighbors, our Counties, our States and our Federal Government, drawing us into wars against other nations and against one another, just to make their elite few wealthier and all of us more broken, less able to stop them.

It starts with the children. Eddie Peltier never would have been murdered and those who murdered him would never have gotten clean away with it without the complete and total involvement of a corrupt Federal Justice System that protected them, aided and abetted them.

The media never told the truth either. Truth is, they never looked. Sell papers, sell advertising, and don't rock the boat of accepted 'history'.

Yeah, we can have more security, more trust and more reliability only if we demand and get more accountability. Accountability is the end of corruption. The end of corruption is where things start to improve for all of us.

There will always be some corruption, but where we find it, we should not tolerate it. That's how it got so bad to begin with. But we can change that. We can stand up to it. And we can stand with and give our support to those who are fighting the good fight. Do what we can to change the design that benefits only the rotten few, to where it benefits us as a Nation, all of us.

Or we can sit back, watch, argue with our relatives over dinner. Whichever you think will make the most change in this world, for the better.

You pick.

You know where to find me.

~Cat