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Good morning. Rise an shine and
get back to the grind. Have a
blessed day y'all.

From Star Tribune:

'I feel invisible': Native students languish in public schools

<http://strib.mn/2RkEWXP>



Where I Come From

Posted on December 21, 2018 By [Scarlett Cortez Blogs](#), [Shared Stories](#)

As 2018 comes to an end, I've been thinking a lot about my life and where I come from. An "I am from..." poem is a simple way to reflect and put together all the important pieces in your life. So today, I would like to share mine in hopes that it inspires your own self-reflective thoughts.

The question comes
in the form of a loaded gun.
Neither answer the right one

Where are you from?

In response, I show them my hands
My scarred skin still softer
Than the calloused hands of my padre.
The journey of my madre still longer than my fingers

Growing up for me
was sharing
a one-bedroom apartment with my parents and 4 siblings,
Loteria with pinto beans, and Cumbia music for cleaning on
Sunday mornings

Where I am from
I am too light for brown kids but too dark to fit in
not knowing yet that I was meant to stand out

I didn't know
I was "different" from
other American children
until kindergarten
when my classmates thought
it was weird that I rolled the R in my name
Dolores
Because their friends Carly and Ralph said their R's like they were supposed to sound

So I stripped the pain out of my name
and started going by
scarlett instead

In first grade,
my favorite subject
in school
was English
Not to brag but
I was good at it.
Knew words my peers couldn't spell or pronounce
Words like undocumented,
deportation,
and
immigration

These words fell out of a deportation letter
that I had to translate for my mother when I was too young to understand why

But I am from stubborn ancestors, from fighters
From I am here to stay
so today, I am from Julia Cortez
who became a citizen of the United States so when people told her to go back to her country she
could say
"I am already here"

I am every girl before me that never had a stage to tell their story
I am All the missing and murdered indigenous women that go unnoticed
I am my peers who work three jobs just to survive,
who leave their kids alone at night,
so they can come back year after year
I am all the children who put their families dreams first
because of their parents who left their home countries and risk everything,
How could you not?

I am from borders,

Growing up, I was from speak when spoken to
and my madre raised me right
my madre told me to give credit where it's due
So I want to make it clear that
The Institute of American Indian Arts did not give me my voice
No, I've had this outspoken tongue since I was young
but it did give me
teachers and faculty like all of you
who believed that a student's
ethnicity, race, trauma or personal history
does not inhibit their ability to succeed

I am from borders,

I know they exist because my parents crossed them
And even though they exist,
I surpassed each and every single one of them to be here
And despite borders, I will pursue my dream of becoming an art therapist so I can help other kids
from my community figure out what their borders are and how they can also succeed

Right now in this moment
I am from here.
And I can't wait to see where else I am going.
And I hope you all come with me

Scarlett Cortez is a student at the Institute of American Indian Arts.

January PowWows





Please RSVP for this upcoming National Security Forum, very timely!

Three notices will be sent to RSVP. This is #1. Please only respond to one to reserve your seat. Please email Patty at info@nationalsecurityforum.org if you have registered and find you can't attend. We are charged for no-shows.

“Crisis in the Arctic: Man vs. Nature, Man vs. Man” The inevitable showdown in the north

A Presentation and Discussion With

Joseph L. Schaefer
Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force (ret)

Wednesday Jan 16th 9:00 a.m. at The SureStay by Best Western Airport Plaza

“Certainly, America has got to up its game in the Arctic. There’s no doubt about that,” Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said during a visit to Alaska in June. “The reality is that we’re going to have to deal with the developing Arctic, and it is developing.” (Washington Post, “The New Arctic Frontier, Story by Dan Lamothe, Nov. 21, 2018)

Most of us don't give much thought to the Arctic region. Neither do our nation's top diplomats or senior military planners. This is a strategic misstep on three different levels according to our esteemed NSF presenter, Joseph Schaefer (BGEN (ret), USAF).

- **Life on Earth:** Unlike Vegas, what happens in the Arctic does not stay in the Arctic. Arctic sea ice prevents heat in the ocean from warming the overlying atmosphere. This helps to keep the Arctic cold and allows it to be the moderating effect to keep earth's climate in balance. But heat can escape from areas of thin ice. The Arctic atmosphere then warms, which immediately influences the global circulation of Earth's entire atmosphere.
- **Economic:** Some nations think, "Forget the climate hocus pocus. It is to our benefit to have as little protective ice cover in the Arctic as possible." In this case Russia and China, in particular, will benefit if parts of the Arctic region can be kept free of ice for as much of the year as possible in as wide a swath as possible. The Russian "Northern Sea Route" would save billions in shipping costs and transit times between Europe and China, with Russia acting as the toll collector and China, which calls this the "Silk Road on Ice" the financier.
- **Political/Military:** Russia is placing all its chips on changes in the Arctic region. The new Northern Fleet Joint Strategic Command and the intense military buildup in the area is ample evidence of this. Will Russia enforce its hegemony with military force? Will it bankrupt itself in the process, making it even more dangerous? Will China now create a different Nine-Dash Line east and north of the Korean Peninsula to meet up with Russia territorial waters -- or negotiate the exchange of contiguous



Institute of Environmental Physics, University of Bremen

Siberian territory in exchange for forgiveness of debt?

In our upcoming NSF program, Joe will explore these issues in depth and suggest responses that the U.S. and other nations may take diplomatically and militarily in preparation and response to the inevitable showdown in the Arctic.

For those with a strong interest in the topic, I highly recommend the recent National Security article entitled "The New Arctic Frontier" by Dan Lamothe in the Nov. 21, 2018 Washington Post as advanced reading before Joe's presentation. This article summarizes the current challenges and illustrates the topic with some very insightful graphs and photographs. An illustration from that article depicting the arctic region is shown below.

Link to WP article: [The New Arctic Frontier](#)

Joseph Schaefer (BGEN (ret), USAF) is a NSF regular contributor and member of the Program Committee. He serves on the Board of Advisors of strategic consulting firm Omnis, Inc. of McLean, VA as a senior consultant on national security, terrorist finance, counter-insurgency and world affairs. Joe's military career spanned 36 years, Army and Air Force, Active, Guard and Reserve, from Private to Brigadier General. His assignments included: Special Forces A-Team commander, NATO and Southeast Asia country officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA,) Mobile Interrogation Team commander in the First Gulf War, air attaché to Myanmar (Burma,) senior political/military affairs officer for the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, and chief of the reserve intelligence forces for the US Strategic Command, DIA, and Air Combat Command. Joe's undergraduate degree from UCLA is in International Relations and his Masters from American Public University is in Military Studies). In his civilian career, Joe was Senior VP in charge of Service and Business Development and later the Fixed Income division at Charles Schwab & Co. At present, Joe is Chief Executive Officer of investment advisor Stanford Wealth Management. Joe has served at the Central Intelligence Agency on a special panel to counter terrorist finance and has been published or reviewed in the Wall Street Journal, Strategic Review, American Thinker, Forbes and many other publications.

A full breakfast will be served (\$20 Members, \$30 Non-Members, and \$10 for students with ID and military personnel in uniform; free for WWII Veterans). We recommend that you arrive by 8:30 to enjoy some breakfast, coffee, and conversation. Breakfast service and registration open at 7:45 a.m.

Please RSVP below. Membership forms will be available at the forum, though you can also access the application form by clicking [HERE](#). For your convenience, we accept cash, check and credit card payments for both the breakfast and membership fees. [Click Here to RSVP](#)

Water Shorts

**[California's Shasta Dam Project Could be Derailed by Salamanders](#)
[By The Weather Channel, 12/27/18](#)**

A \$1.4 billion plan to revamp California's Shasta Dam, the state's largest reservoir, could be derailed by salamanders. Plans to raise the dam are in jeopardy due to the recent reclassification of a single salamander species into three unique species. Environmental groups argue the project threatens the existence of those species.

OPINION: COMMUNITY VOICES: Land and Water Conservation Fund has dried up: Congress needs to turn on the tap By Emma Shumway, Bakersfield Californian, 12/27/18

Five weeks before the recent elections, Congress let America's best conservation and recreation program expire. As a result, the future of the Land and Water Conservation Fund is in jeopardy, and the program has missed out on nearly \$200 million that would normally be earmarked for conservation. Sept. 30 was the deadline for Congress to reauthorize LWCF. Due to longstanding bipartisan support for the fund, and the fact that it has enhanced every American's life, bankrolling projects in all 50 states, it should have been swiftly reauthorized.

**Trump's rule a wild card for Western water supplies
By Ariel Wittenberg and Jeremy P. Jacobs, E&E News, 12/26/18**

The Trump administration's proposal to limit the Clean Water Act's reach over wetlands and waterways would likely complicate efforts to protect and manage the parched West's most important and imperiled source of water. At risk: the Colorado River — water provider for 40 million people and vast swaths of cropland — which is already reeling from a crippling drought and rising water demands. Trump's proposed waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule would strip federal protections for ephemeral streams that only flow after rain or snow and wetlands without continuous surface water connections to waterways. That's particularly important in the Colorado River Basin.

'This Is Our Land': Native Americans See Trump's Move to Reduce Bears Ears Monument as an Assault on Their Culture

<https://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/54124-this-is-our-land-native-americans-see-trumps-move-to-reduce-bears-ears-monument-as-an-assault-on-their-culture>

Today's encore selection -- from **Astrophysics for People in a Hurry**

by Neil deGrasse Tyson

Contrary to what people commonly assume, space is far from empty:

"From a distance, our solar system looks empty. If you enclosed it within a sphere -- one large enough to contain the orbit of Neptune, the outermost planet -- then the volume occupied by the Sun, all planets, and their moons would take up a little more than one-trillionth the enclosed space. But it's not empty, the space between the planets contains all manner of chunky rocks, pebbles, ice balls, dust, streams of charged particles, and far-flung probes. The space is also permeated by monstrous gravi-tational and magnetic fields.

"Interplanetary space is so not-empty that Earth, during its 30 kilometer-per-second orbital journey, plows through hundreds of tons of meteors per day -- most of them no larger than a grain of sand. Nearly all of them burn in Earth's upper atmosphere, slamming into the air with so much energy that the debris vaporizes on contact. Our frail species evolved under this protective blanket. Larger, golf-ball-size meteors heat fast but unevenly, and often shatter into many smaller pieces before they vaporize. Still larger meteors singe their surface but otherwise make it all the way to the ground intact. You'd think that by now, after 4.6 billion trips around the Sun, Earth would have 'vacuumed' up all possible debris in its orbital path. But things were once much worse. For a half-billion years after the formation of the Sun and its planets, so much junk rained down on Earth that heat from the persistent energy of impacts rendered Earth's atmosphere hot and our crust molten.

"One substantial hunk of junk led to the formation of the Moon. The unexpected scar-city of iron and other higher-mass elements in the Moon, derived from lunar samples returned by Apollo astronauts, indicates that the Moon most likely burst forth from Earth's iron-poor crust and mantle after a glancing collision with a wayward Mars-sized proto-planet. The orbiting debris from this encounter coalesced to form our lovely, low-density satellite. Apart from this newsworthy event, the period of heavy bombardment that Earth endured during its infancy was not unique among the planets and other large bodies of the solar system. They each sustained similar damage, with the airless, erosionless surfaces of the Moon and Mercury preserving much of the cratered record from this period.

"Not only is the solar system scarred by the flotsam of its formation, but nearby interplanetary space also contains rocks of all sizes that were jettisoned from Mars, the Moon, and Earth by the ground's recoil from high-speed impacts. Computer studies of meteor strikes demonstrate conclusively that surface rocks near impact zones can get thrust upward with enough speed to escape the body's gravitational tether. At the rate we are discovering meteorites on Earth whose origin is Mars, we conclude that about a thousand tons of Martian rocks rain down on Earth each year. Perhaps the same amount reaches Earth from the Moon. In retrospect, we didn't have to go to the Moon to retrieve Moon rocks. Plenty come to us, although they were not of our choosing and we didn't yet know it during the Apollo program.

"Most of the solar system's asteroids live and work in the main asteroid belt, a roughly flat zone between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. By tradition, the discoverers get to name their asteroids whatever they like. Often drawn by artists as a region of cluttered, meandering rocks in the plane of the solar system, the asteroid belt's total mass is less than five per-cent that of the Moon, which is itself barely more than one percent of Earth's mass. Sounds insignificant. But accumulated perturbations of their orbits continually create a deadly sub-set, perhaps a few thousand, whose eccentric paths intersect Earth's orbit. A simple calculation reveals that most of them will hit Earth within a hundred million years. The ones larger than about a kilometer across will collide with enough energy to destabilize Earth's ecosystem and put most of Earth's land species at risk of extinction.

"That would be bad."

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The Washington Post

The Virginia Republican has said he supports the goal of the bill, but not the way grants would be distributed. [Read the full story](#)

Murkowski to revive bill meant to help Native American women

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski said she plans to reintroduce a bill intended to help solve crimes against Native Americans. The bill received unanimous Senate approval after being introduced by North Dakota Sen. Heidi Heitkamp but was blocked by the outgoing chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

<http://strib.mn/2CCEBr8>

nbcnews.com [Opinion | Native women long held power on American soil — until white people got here](#)

What is the BEST activity for Winter Vacation???

Why Power Box of course!

The time after the holiday season can be emotionally rough on families - especially the children - the excitement of festivities over and many experience sadness, lethargy, exhaustion, the blues.

And boredom sets in fast during long school vacations ..

Have the children work on a Power Box! Decorate it with images, photos, drawings, etc about what gives them the feeling of happiness and health. What makes them feel mentally, physically, emotionally empowered.

Our complicated relationship with plastic: 5 essential reads | The Conversation US
Researchers unpack the vast impact of plastic on our society – from emerging health worries and pollution to recycling and plastic's contributions to modern convenience. [Read the full story](#)

[Swiss researchers studying Buring Man, spin-off events](#)

RENO -- Nevada's Burning Man counter-culture festival has inspired spin-off events around the world that are now being studied by Swiss government anthropologists and sociologists.

[Spread the Digital Wealth](#) By RO KHANNA

There are plenty of ways to deliver tech jobs to rural communities.

[Trump's Gentrification Scheme to Enrich Real Estate Developers](#)

(check your exterior boundaries...sdc) Bryce Covert, *The New Republic*

Covert writes: "Buried within the more than 500 pages of Donald Trump's 2017 tax cut was an unobtrusive line item with potentially damaging consequences. [...] The provision allows governors to select certain census tracts in their states, in economically distressed areas, as 'opportunity zones.'" [READ MORE](#)

[The Trump Administration's War on Wildlife Should Be a Scandal](#)

Nick Tabor, New York Magazine

Tabor writes: "The Trump administration's policies are leading to wholesale destruction of certain birds and other wildlife." [READ MORE](#)

U.S. cities committed to running on 100% renewable power can be models for a national plan

<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2018/12/29/1818739/-U-S-cities-committed-to-running-on-100-renewable-power-can-be-models-for-a-national-plan> *(What is your community's plan?)*

For the first time in her career, Nevada women's basketball senior **Terae Briggs (Crow Tribe)** has been named the **Mountain West Player of the Week** from both the conference office



and from College Sports Madness

This is the first player of the week award for the Wolf Pack this season and it comes on the heels of a 79-78 overtime win over Hawai'i to end non-conference action. Nevada has won three o...

[See More](#) ndnsports.com

The Infiltrator: How an Undercover Oil Industry Mercenary Tricked Pipeline Opponents Into Believing He Was One of Them

Alleen Brown, The Intercept

Brown writes: "For months, a man calling himself Joel Edwards had posed as a pipeline opponent, attending protests, befriending water protectors, and paying for hotel rooms, supplies, and booze." [READ MORE](#)

For the Lakota, December 1890 was disastrous: Sitting Bull was shot; 300 were killed at Wounded Knee

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