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Cohit Songwi, a Tewa girl from Nambé Pueblo in New Mexico. Photographed by Edward S. Curtis in 1905

Nambé Pueblo, or Nanbé Owingeh (The Place of the Rounded Earth) lies nestled in the southern foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico. It is a federally recognized tribe of Native American Pueblo people. The Pueblo of Nambé has existed since the 14th century and is a member of the Eight Northern Pueblos.

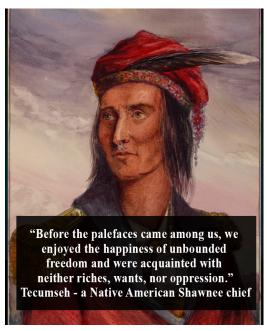


Nambé was a primary cultural, economic, and religious center at the time of the arrival of Spanish colonists in the very early 17th century. The mistreatment at the hands of the Spanish colonizers eventually proved to be too much, and the people of Nanbé Owingeh joined forces with neighboring Pueblos to expel the Spanish out of the area during the Pueblo Revolt of 1680. Pueblo nations have maintained much of their traditional cultures, which center around agricultural practices, a tight-knit community revolving around family clans and respect for tradition. Puebloans have been remarkably adept at preserving their culture and core religious beliefs, including developing a syncretic approach to Catholicism/Christianity. Exact numbers of Pueblo peoples are unknown but, in the 21st century, some 35,000 Pueblo are estimated to live in New #mexico #history #indigenous #americans #native and Arizona.

## Several Companies Are Switching From Cargo Vessels to Wooden Sailing Ships

Back to Basics Everything old is new again — at least in the cargo industry. Yesterday, Insider reported that a handful of companies are ditching expensive cargo ships that rely on fossil fuels and are switching back to good ole' sailboats. It's not for the fun of it, either. Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine has [...]

Read in Futurism: <a href="https://apple.news/ACNOsGoXbSPyFh8e\_XvHj7w">https://apple.news/ACNOsGoXbSPyFh8e\_XvHj7w</a>



**Explore Native American Culture** 

Famous As: Native American Leader, Shawnee chief

Born On: 1768 Died On: October 5, 1813

Born In: Ohio, United States Died At Age: 45

Tecumseh was a Native American Shawnee chief and warrior. He was the one who opposed the white settlement in the United States. In the early years of the nineteenth century, Tecumseh became the main leader of a multi-tribal confederacy. He made attempts to organize a union of tribes to combat early white settlement. Tecumseh also worked with the British in 'The Canadas' to defy the swift growth of white settlement in the West. The noble efforts by the great chieftain to protect his tribes and their rights on the Native American soil were crushed by the white settlers and Tecumseh was eventually killed at the 'Battle of the Thames'. However, Tecumseh's name went down in the annals of history as a courageous and brave fighter who fought with perseverance in order to protect his people. #explorenativeamericanculture #native\_explore

# Tribes take a central role in water management as drought and climate change effects worsen

Western water managers bring tribes into the picture as drought and climate change push the region toward deeper shortages.

Read in USA TODAY: <a href="https://apple.news/AyvaY9s8kTJWfsyCXW16Njg">https://apple.news/AyvaY9s8kTJWfsyCXW16Njg</a>

# Dinosaur tracks from 113 million years ago uncovered due to severe drought conditions at Dinosaur Valley State Park

Dinosaur tracks from around 113 million years ago have been revealed at Dinosaur Valley State Park in Texas due to severe drought conditions that dried up a river, the park said Monday in a statement.

Read in CNN: <a href="https://apple.news/A3Cjh0sCdRq27yaf-43uG\_Q">https://apple.news/A3Cjh0sCdRq27yaf-43uG\_Q</a>



# The Book Hangout Spot • Cynthia Kimball

This is the front of the Kansas City, Missouri library.

(Where will the first library to feature Native American authors is such a way pop up?)



Patti Jake is with Ellanie Jake and 5 others.

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It's been an emotional day.

Dakota is starting his final commercial pilot training on Monday. The airline has declined his formal request to wear his hair in a traditional Navajo bun, so we had a tearful hair cutting ceremony tonight. Proud of the sacrifices he is making to move forward in his life, and sad that the airline couldn't see the value of honoring the culture.

Onward and upward, son!



Please find an exciting posting for **EPA Regional Counsel for Region 2**, New York on USAJobs at <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/job/671374900">https://www.usajobs.gov/job/671374900</a>.

It is open to members of the public and is open for applications until Sept 14.

As the posting suggests, the Regional Counsel (RC) provides senior leadership to the Office of Regional Counsel (ORC). The RC serves as principal legal adviser to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), the Office of General Counsel (OGC), the Regional Administrator, and Regional program managers and, as such, has responsibility for providing legal advice and assistance and policy recommendations on counseling and enforcement matters involving the whole range of environmental issues handled by the EPA.

The activities of the ORC are of major importance within the Region and due to the potentially precedential effects, may be of nationwide importance. These activities may have an unusual influence on the protection and enhancement of the Nation's environment.

Please see the listing on USAJobs for more detail on duties, job requirements, qualifications, and additional information about applying.

## How Mezcal Producers Can Recycle Plant Waste & Produce Valuable Animal Silage



### Worldpress reports:

"Mezcal, Mexico's traditional agave spirit, has enraptured palates across the country and abroad. But as demand soars, a more bitter note emerges: the amount of waste its production generates and the risks that poses for the very environment that sustains it.

Like tequila, mezcal is a distilled beverage produced from agave, a plant native to the arid and semiarid zones of the Americas. Both mezcal and tequila are produced by cooking and

fermenting the piña, the heart of the agave, and distilling its juice. The byproducts of these processes are highly polluting, resistant to decomposition, and potentially toxic for aquatic life if dumped in rivers without treatment.

Some farmers and researchers are coming up with solutions to reuse all this waste. Besides protecting the environment, they hope to create jobs along the mezcal value chain. And while the tequila industry grew exponentially in the past decades with little consideration for the environment, most mezcal "palenques," as mezcal factories are known, are still <a href="mailto:small.family-run businesses">small.family-run businesses</a>. These solutions could offer an opportunity for mezcaleros to make their product environmentally friendly from the start."

Read more: How Mezcal Makers Recycle the Spirit's Vast Waste Learn more about Regeneration International and OCA's Billion Agave Agroforestry Project



## St. Paul schools will vote on allowing Native American smudging ritual

https://www.startribune.com/st-paul-schools-native-ritual-smudgingsage/600200578/

#### nbcnews.com

Navajo Code Talkers' WWII legacy to be immortalized in new museum (Part 1) Ground has been broken on a new museum honoring Navajo Code Talkers. At age 94, Peter MacDonald is one of three still alive today. Their service was pivotal in winning World War II, but Marine Corps top brass initially rejected the idea, saying they "might embarrass this proud organization," Mac...



There is still time to apply

Our next **Native Leadership Institute (NLI)** training is less than one month away and we want you to be a part of it! **If you haven't already**, **please consider applying** or **nominating someone**. You can find more details in the email below.

Ahe'hee', April April Fournier (she/her) (Navajo) National Program Manager, Advance Native Political Leadership

I'm so excited to share that we're hosting our next Native Leadership Institute (NLI) training in September! This virtual training will bring together Indigenous leaders from across the country who aspire to elected office at all levels of government. Grounded in Indigenous culture and values, this training provides the tools, resources, mentorship, and community to help you take the next step towards running for office.

#### **NLI Leadership Training Fall Class**

What is it? A 4-day, virtual training from September 15 - 18, 2022.

**Who is it for?** Indigenous leaders who aspire to run for elected office in the United States, and have a demonstrated connection to their communities and a commitment to uplifting tribal sovereignty and Native power.

**What will the training cover?** This is an introductory training meant to provide you with the skills needed to run an effective campaign for office while leading with our shared Indigenous values. Here are few of the major topics that we'll cover:

- Messaging & Communications
- Public Speaking
- Media Training
- Fundraising
- Organizing & Mobilizing
- Power Building
- Campaign Timelines & Budgets
- Campaign Strategy
- Political Data & Technology
- Digital Organizing
- Finding Your 'Why'
- Understanding Sovereignty, Liberation, & Decolonization
- Self-care, Personal Support, & Guidance

We have a few spots left in our upcoming class, and we invite you to apply! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, so even if you aren't accepted into the fall cohort, we will still reach out to schedule an interview with you for a future class.



## The 50 Million-Year-Old Treasures of Fossil Lake

In a forbidding Wyoming desert, scientists and fortune hunters search for the surprisingly intact remains of horses and other creatures that lived long ago

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/treasures-of-fossil-lake-180980544/

# Panel Discussion Tonight on Future of Nevada's Water August 23, 2022 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

Some of the state's top experts will speak out tonight on the greatest water issues facing Nevada.

The event, sponsored by the <u>Nevada Conservation League</u>, takes place at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas.

John Entsminger, general manager of the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority, said even though the feds just cut Nevada's water allocation by 8% for next year, Nevada water users are not facing drastic cuts.

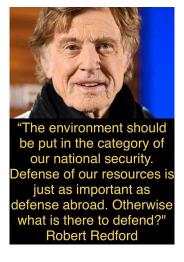
"What it is, is an 8% cut to our legal entitlements," Entsminger explained. "But because we spent the last two decades leading the world in urban water conservation, we will actually still have extra water next year."

Entsminger pointed out the aridification of the American West means by midcentury, the Colorado River will have about 25% to 30% less water compared with last century. The plan is to cut average daily water use from 110 gallons per person per day to 86 gallons by 2035. New rules on watering only three days a week go into effect Sept. 1.

Kristen Averyt, senior climate adviser to Gov. Steve Sisolak, said agencies are targeting specific changes to help secure Nevada's water supply.

"It's really about leaky septic tanks, making sure that we're not losing water with evaporative cooling," Averyt noted. "And watering grass that you don't walk on. It's the medians. And that's about 10% of the consumptive use here in Southern Nevada."

The seven states around the Colorado River Basin missed a deadline last week to come up with a regional plan to draw less water from Lake Mead, but they are still negotiating in hopes of avoiding a solution imposed by the federal government.



# Supporters File 21 Amicus Briefs to Uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act in *Haaland v. Brackeen*

This week, we are seeing the true breadth of those who champion the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). In an outpouring of support, 497 Tribal Nations, 62 Native organizations, 20 states and DC, 87 congresspeople, and 27 child welfare and adoption organizations, and many others signed on to 21 briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of upholding ICWA. This large, bipartisan coalition of tribal leaders, policymakers, and organizations understand that the far-reaching consequences of challenging ICWA's constitutionality in *Haaland v. Brackeen* will be felt for generations.

Both Native and non-Native people and organizations have authored briefs, ranging from legal perspectives affirming ICWA's constitutionality to first-person perspectives from those whose lives are most impacted by ICWA—children and families navigating the child welfare system. The child development expertise provided in these briefs show us and the Court that ICWA serves children's and families' best interests. Additionally, tribal leadership, legal experts, and policymakers make the case that ICWA is not only constitutional but also upholds and respects tribal sovereignty.

Those who signed on to these briefs stand with Native kids. Adoption is one of the most influential events that can happen in a child's life; it has the power to shape their entire future. ICWA ensures that this decision is given careful consideration so that the unique needs of Native children are met. ICWA places kids with their extended families or communities when possible, which is considered best practice by child welfare experts. Research shows that when kids are connected to their identity and culture it leads to positive outcomes, including <a href="https://ensurement.nih.gov/higher-new-mailto:higher-new-mai

#### **READ MORE**

The Protect ICWA Campaign (the Campaign) was established by four national Native organizations: the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Association on American Indian Affairs, and the Native American Rights Fund. Together, the Campaign works to serve and support Native children, youth, and families through upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Campaign works to inform policy, legal, and communications strategies with the mission to uphold and protect ICWA.



(Not Nevada!)