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<https://sierranevadaally.org/2025/08/07/the-washoe-zephyr/>

A signature wind that Mark Twain called a “soaring dust-drift about the size of the United States set up edgewise”.

<https://www.usatoday.com › story › news › politics › 2025 › 09 › 10 › trump-ufc-fight-white-house › 86057492007>

Trump to turn White House lawn into UFC cage match arena

Sep 10, 2025 **Trump plans to host the** first UFC fight at the **White House** as part of yearlong celebrations for the country's 250th anniversary.

Togugunde: Reclaiming the Heavens Through Eco-Cultural Tourism



Photo Richard Bednarski

Long, long ago, when the world was young, the people of the sky were so restless and traveled so much that they made trails in the heavens. Now, if we watch the sky all through the night, we can see which way they go.

But one star does not travel. That is the North Star. He cannot travel nor move. When he was on earth long ago, he was known as Na-gah, the mountain sheep, the son of Shinoh. He was brave, daring, sure-footed, and courageous. His father was so proud of him and loved him so much, he honored him with royal command.

Every day, Na-gah would climb and climb, hunting for the roughest and highest mountains; he was happy living among them. Once long ago, he found a very high peak with sides so steep and smooth, and its sharp peak reached up into the clouds. Na-gah looked up and said, "I wonder what is up there. I will climb to the very highest point."

Around and around the mountain he traveled, looking for a trail. With sheer cliffs all around, Na-gah was unable to find any trails. This was the first mountain Na-gah could not climb.

He wondered what he should do, felt sure that his father would feel ashamed of him if he knew that there was a mountain that his son could not climb. Na-gah was determined that he would find a way up to its top. His father would be proud to see him standing on the top of such a peak.

He continued to walk around the mountain, stopping now and then to peer up the steep cliff, hoping to see a crevice for his footing. He went up as far as he could but always had to turn around and come back down. Finally, he was able to find a big crack in a rock that went down, not up. Down he went and soon found another hole that turned upward. He was finally happy, and up and up he climbed.

It started to become dark, and he could not see. The cave was full of loose rocks that slipped under his feet and rolled down. He began to hear a big, fearsome noise coming through the shaft. Rocks were rolling and dashed into pieces at the bottom. In the darkness, Na-gah started to slip and skinned his knees, and his courage and determination began to fail. He had never seen a place so dark and dangerous. He was afraid, and he was also exhausted.

“I will go back and look again for a better place to climb,” he said to himself. “I am not afraid out on these open cliffs, but this dark hole fills me with fear. I’m scared! I want to get out of here!”

When Na-gah turned to go down, he found that some of the rolling rocks had closed the cave below him. The only thing for him now was continuing to climb until he was able to come out somewhere.

After climbing for so long, he saw a little light, and he knew it was a way out. “I am happy,” he said aloud. “I am glad that I really came up through that dark hole.” Looking around, Na-gah had become breathless, for he found that he was finally at the top of the high peak! But, with little room for him to turn around, he began to get dizzy. Seeing the great cliffs below him, he realized he couldn’t get down, since the cave had closed behind him. Until he was able to see a small place in which he could move.

“Here I must stay until I die,” he said. “But I have at last climbed my mountain!”

Finding grass and water, Na-gah was able to keep himself nourished. He was higher than any mountains and could see the earth.

Na-gah’s father was out walking over the sky, looking everywhere for his son. He called loudly for his son, “Na-gah! Na-gah!” His son answered him from the top of the highest cliffs. When Shinoh saw him there, he felt sorrowful. “My brave son can never come down. He must stay on top of the highest mountain. He won’t be able to travel or climb anymore.” Shinoh wept.

“I will not let my brave son die. I will turn him into a star, where he will stand and shine where everyone can see. He will be a guide for all the living things on the earth and in the sky.”

Na-gah became a star for every living thing to see. This star will always be found in the same place and always standing still. Directions are set by him; travelers will look up at him to find

their way home. Na-gah will not move around as the other stars. He is called “the Fixed Star” and is always in the true north.

Our people—the Paiute—call him Qui-am-i Wintook Poot-see, “The North Star.” Other mountain sheep who saw Na-gah wanted to join him and climb their own challenging mountains. Today, you can still see them traveling around their mountain seeking a trail to Na-gah, the North Star. These mountain sheep are known as the Big Dipper and Little Dipper.

– *A Paiute Legend*

From Legend to Observation on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation are undertaking a groundbreaking “Dark Skies Observatory” initiative that combines astronomy, cultural preservation, and sustainable tourism. The proposed Togugunde Observatory named for the Sho-Pai word meaning “Heavens” will rise near Mountain View Reservoir as a “Dark Skies” cultural tourism site offering far more than stargazing.

“It will touch on a lot of cultural aspects,” said Jade Roubideaux, Duck Valley Cultural Preservation Director. “Living here since time immemorial, we have stories about the stars, but not many people seem to know them anymore. Unfortunately, I only remember a couple. We’re hoping to compile those stories and bring them back.”



Photo Richard Bednarski

The [project](#), submitted under the federal [Native Act grant program](#), requests \$249,562 to build a fully equipped observatory designed to serve the tribal community, nearby towns like Elko, Nev. and Mountain Home, Ida., and visiting travelers. Its goals include empowering the Sho-Pai Tribe through storytelling, language revitalization, education, and eco-cultural tourism that honors both land and people.

“This is going to open a whole new world for our community and younger generations,” said Tribal Councilwoman Yvonne Powers. “There is so much to learn about our skies and stars. I wish I had something like this when I was growing up.”

The proposal describes Togugunde as “not just an observatory, but a cultural sanctuary.” Guided by the NEWE Pledge, a Sho-Pai framework for responsible, Indigenous-led tourism, the project

emphasizes authenticity, environmental stewardship, and community well-being. The pledge connects economic development with cultural revitalization, aiming to strengthen identity while promoting sustainable growth.

For a small nation with limited revenue—much of it from fishing, camping fees, and grants—the observatory represents a step toward long-term sustainability.

“We are very small, and most of our income comes from fishing and camping. But we also see people building businesses,” said Powers, who also runs a local rental business called Seven Stars.

At the heart of the effort is a dual mission: cultural preservation and environmental conservation. Programming will include public stargazing, astronomy education, and storytelling that reframes Western science through an Indigenous worldview. For Owyhee Combined School students and other youth, the observatory will offer opportunities to learn science alongside Sho-Pai language, tradition, and ecological ethics.

From custom-designed telescopes to sustainability-minded infrastructure, Togugunde promises to merge advanced technology with ancestral wisdom. Organizers estimate the project could reach over 20,000 people across Duck Valley and neighboring communities, positioning it as a model for Native-led tourism initiatives nationwide.

“I think this will really help us reach people and invite them to see what the valley has to offer,” said Powers. “They can visit the observatory, attend a powwow, go fishing, or buy artwork from our local artists.”

Nevada Indian Territory and fire service veteran Ben Rupert (Shoshone-Paiute, Washoe descent), helped Powers start the proposal.

“The development of the Togugunde Observatory Project is a unique opportunity to use mapping of Indigenous place names, language preservation, storytelling, authentic cultural interpretation, and most importantly, educational opportunities for both the community and Owyhee Combined School to improve the overall quality of life, health of the land, and health of the Sho-Pai People,” Rupert said.

Groundbreaking for the Togugunde Observatory is scheduled for early spring 2026.



Author **Alejandra Rubio - Yavapai-Apache Nation**

Alejandra is a visual artist who works with photography and mix-media, and often embeds herself into different cultures and subcultures. A member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Alejandra grew up in Camp Verde, a rural river valley in northern Arizona, where she learned the value of the interdependent relationships between land, culture, and community.

Her photography has covered a diverse set of topics, including brothels, motel living, drugs, protests, biker gangs, and Native American ceremonies. She works to provide an analytical, compassionate, and uniquely Native American lens from which to view, engage, learn and share the full range of human emotion and experience across cultures and subcultures — off the reservation and on.

Greeks host hives on rooftops to support local ecosystems

[https://apnews.com/video/greeks-embrace-urban-beekeeping-hosting-hives-on-rooftops-to-support-local-ecosystems-45780a7f98e14dfba901e8df23a10194?](https://apnews.com/video/greeks-embrace-urban-beekeeping-hosting-hives-on-rooftops-to-support-local-ecosystems-45780a7f98e14dfba901e8df23a10194?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8)

[user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8](https://apnews.com/video/greeks-embrace-urban-beekeeping-hosting-hives-on-rooftops-to-support-local-ecosystems-45780a7f98e14dfba901e8df23a10194?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8)

Maine clinics also hit by cuts that targeted Planned Parenthood plan to halt primary care

Maine's Public Health Districts

Maine's nine Public Health Districts are geographic areas that work to improve public health in the state. Each district is made up of one or more counties. In 2011, in collaboration with the five Maine Tribal jurisdictions, a Tribal Health District was established with boundaries determined by Tribal Health Center service areas and tribal jurisdictional boundaries.

Vision

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vision of the Tribal Public Health Unit is to improve the overall health status of the Maine Tribes and American Indian & Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations in our service areas.

Mission

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Mission of the Tribal Health District Unit is to collaborate and provide public health infrastructure by responding to the Native American people's needs by:

- Ensuring the effective delivery of the Ten Essential Public Health services through respect of the people and culture.
- Focusing on health issues by providing health promotion, prevention, and education.
- Collaborating, creating and sustaining partnerships with federal, state and local entities.
- Promoting tribal-wide collaboration in public health assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluations.

A Brief History of Maine Tribes

Collectively, the four Native tribes of Maine, the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet and Micmac tribes, are known as Wabanaki, "People of the Dawn." Each of these four federally recognized tribes, consisting of five tribal communities, maintains their own governments, cultural centers and schools, and manage their respective land and resources. Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, and Maliseets have their own health centers, and Micmacs have a service unit through Indian Health Services. Although most of the Native population of Maine belongs to one of these four tribes, and reside on tribal lands, there are still many who live in towns and cities across the state.

Tribal Health Facilities

- Micmac Family Health Services, Presque Isle – Aroostook County
- Maliseet Health & Wellness Center, Littleton – Aroostook County
- Passamaquoddy Health Center Indian Township – Washington County
- Penobscot Nation Health Department, Indian Island – Penobscot County
- Pleasant Point Health Center, Sipayik – Washington County

Tribal Health Liaisons

- Work in partnership with the tribes, DHHS districts, state public health entities, tribal health directors, and the division of local public health.
- Serve as tribal representatives for Aroostook Public Health District Coordinating Council (DCC), Penquis Public Health District Coordinating Indian Township Health Center, Indian Township Council (DCC) and Downeast Public Health District.
- Assist with coordinating public health functions at the tribal level and for coordinating districts.
- Provide educational opportunities to tribal communities in a variety of settings, including groups meetings, and at tribal health fairs on the prevention and management of cardiovascular health and heart health events, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and tobacco abuse.

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- [Trump no longer distancing himself from Project 2025 as he uses shutdown to further pursue its goals](#)

Repeats:

[How would Project 2025 affect Native communities? - ICT](#)

Nov 11, 2024The 2025 Project critiques Biden's naming of several locations as national monuments and requests that Trump repeal the Antiquities Act of 1906 and retroactively remove already established site protections. This act was initially created to address the theft of Native artifacts on federal land.

[https://globalextremism.org > post > erasing-history-project-2025s-vision-for-tribal-nations](https://globalextremism.org/post/erasing-history-project-2025s-vision-for-tribal-nations)

[Erasing History: Project 2025's Vision for Tribal Nations](#)

Mar 31, 2025The implementation of Project 2025 isn't just reshaping policy—it's erasing history. From the Pentagon's removal of Navajo Code Talkers to the deletion of federal reports on missing Indigenous women, the administration is systematically sidelining Native identity.

[https://www.nicca.us > post > project-2025-and-indian-tribes](https://www.nicca.us/post/project-2025-and-indian-tribes)

[Project 2025 and Indian Tribes - nicca.us](#)

Feb 1, 2025Project 2025 is a conservative policy agenda that proposes significant changes to federal programs. Learn what it says about Indian Tribes, and what it could mean for Tribal child care, sovereignty, and early learning systems.



Indigenous-Led Movement Against Austerity Is Gaining Momentum in Ecuador

Indigenous protesters have been demonstrating and shutting down highways since Noboa lifted Ecuador's diesel subsidies.

MICHAEL FOX | TRUTHOUT

The new president of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE), Marlon Vargas, holds a symbolic spear on stage during his inauguration in the Amazonian city of Puyo, Pastaza, Ecuador, on August 9, 2025.

<https://truthout.org/articles/indigenous-led-movement-against-austerity-is-gaining-momentum-in-ecuador/>

- **MONDAY: WEBINAR: Laying internet of water bricks: The backend, frontend and everything in between from 12pm to 1:30pm.** Building the Internet of Water is not about a single system but about assembling many bricks into a shared foundation for interoperability. Geoconnex provides one of the key structural elements: a linked-data framework for publishing metadata in interoperable formats and linking data to common hydrologic features like streams, lakes, and watersheds. Other bricks include the efforts of individual organizations that publish their own identifiers and metadata, as well as user interfaces, tools, and workflows that apply this framework for data discovery and access. This WRRRC Water Webinar will explore how Geoconnex works behind the scenes, including backend standards and APIs that support interoperability and frontend hubs and visualization platforms where users interact with data. It

will also emphasize the space in between, where cross-organizational contributions form a common data commons, and local or project-specific portals gain value by connecting to a larger ecosystem. [Click here to register](#). (just in! sdc)

History Bits

- 1492 Oct 11** Members of the Taino tribe, which had five kingdoms in Hispaniola, were unfortunately sighted by Columbus's ships on Guanahani (San Salvador); they were subsequently devastated by rape, torture, small pox and forced assimilation.
- 1492 Oct 12** The landfall of Columbus and crews in the new world took place; within 150 years more than 80 percent of the population of the Americas, estimated as up to 25 million in 1492, had been wiped out a substantial number by Columbus.
- 1635 Oct 9** Religious leader Roger Williams was exiled from Massachusetts after getting criticized the dispossession of Native Americans from their lands and the enforcement of religious rules by civil authority (He went south and founded Rhode Island).
- 1887 Oct 12** The *Territorial Enterprise* reported that "several Paiute hunters came in yesterday morning from Humboldt Lake with game - ducks and snipe. One Indian had a great number of robin snipe, which bird he reports as being very plentiful at the lake.
- 1888 Oct 19** A.L. Frost of San Francisco purchased all the property on Rubicon Point at Lake Tahoe with plans to lay sites out in groves and build cottages for sale.
- 1919 Oct 14** George Talbot appointed court master for Orr Ditch Case.
- 1933 Oct 10** A Reno chamber of commerce official said the chamber would form a committee to work on the problem of Truckee River upstream storage.
- 1950 Oct 10** *NSJ* claimed, "While Indians around Pyramid Lake continue to battle to retain their tribal lands against infringement by white settlers, BIA is preparing to sell a large amount of Indian land in California and nobody is objecting."
- 1975 Oct 11** Indian Student Bill of Rights becomes effective.
- 1976 Oct 10** First federally designated American Indian Week began, subsequently shifted around the calendar under different names.

[The Alaskan Town FULL of Bald Eagles](#)

Uploader Great Big Story



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Scholarships with November 2-15 Deadlines

NMF General Scholarships	\$503	November 02, 2025
Florida International University Presidential Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 03, 2025
Gator Bowl Charities Award of Excellence Scholarship	\$2,500	November 03, 2025
Good Tidings Community Service Scholarship	\$10,000	November 03, 2025
Tennessee Promise Scholarship Program	Full-Tuition	November 03, 2025
Winston Churchill Foundation of the USA Scholarship Program	Full-Tuition	November 03, 2025
Dr. Lorraine G. Spranzo Memorial Scholarship	\$500	November 04, 2025
Hearst Journalism Awards Program	\$10,000	November 04, 2025
CPCU Society NextGen Scholarship	\$5,000	November 06, 2025
Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholarship	\$250,000	November 06, 2025
Pierce Butler Scholarship	\$500	November 07, 2025
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Visual Arts Fellowship	\$8,000	November 07, 2025
Field Museum Research Scholarships & Grants	\$32,000	November 08, 2025
Hope for Tomorrow Medical Scholarship	\$5,000	November 08, 2025
Modeling the Future Challenge	\$60,000	November 09, 2025
Occidental College Barack Obama Scholars Program	\$10,000	November 10, 2025
OSU Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program	Full-Tuition	November 10, 2025
Chi Omega Foundation Scholarships	\$3,300	November 12, 2025
Cooke College Scholarship	\$55,000	November 12, 2025
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship	\$30,000	November 12, 2025
University of Oregon Stamps Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 12, 2025
Greenhouse Scholars Whole Person College Program	\$20,000	November 13, 2025
Georgia Engineering Foundation Scholarships	\$6,000	November 14, 2025
Johns Hopkins Tuition-Free Medical Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 14, 2025
National GEM Consortium Fellowships	Full-Tuition	November 14, 2025

A.W. Bodine-Sunkist Scholarship	\$2,000	November 15, 2025
ACES Bill Walsh Scholarship	\$3,500	November 15, 2025
ACES Education Fund Scholarship	\$3,500	November 15, 2025
AIM Center for Independent Living Scholarship	\$1,000	November 15, 2025
Bailey-Shipp Safety Scholarship	\$8,000	November 15, 2025
Baylor University Baptist Scholarships	\$20,000	November 15, 2025
Boston University's Noyce Scholarship Program	Full-Tuition	November 15, 2025
Catawba College Socratic Scholarship	\$133,600	November 15, 2025
Early Career Fellowships in Hellenic Studies	\$12,000	November 15, 2025
Florida Farm to School Essay Contest	\$1,500	November 15, 2025
Georgia State University Presidential Scholarship	\$133,040	November 15, 2025
Hospitality Education Scholarship	\$2,000	November 15, 2025
Illinois Tech Camras Scholars Program	\$202,544	November 15, 2025
Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award	\$10,000	November 15, 2025
Levine Scholars Program	Full-Tuition	November 15, 2025
Lincoln-Lane Scholarship	\$3,000	November 15, 2025
Marine Band Concerto Competition for High School Musicians	\$2,500	November 15, 2025
Mark Kilroy Foundation Scholarships	\$4,000	November 15, 2025
Overseas Press Club Foundation Awards	\$4,000	November 15, 2025
Sahara Hope Scholarship For Women Empowered To Change The World	\$1,000	November 15, 2025
Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara	\$6,251	November 15, 2025
Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Award	\$16,000	November 15, 2025
St. Joseph's College Merit Scholarships	\$100,000	November 15, 2025
Tennessee Trucking Foundation Tommy Hodges Scholarship	\$3,000	November 15, 2025
Texas State University Achievement Scholarships	\$32,000	November 15, 2025
Texas State University Distinguished Scholarships	\$20,000	November 15, 2025
Texas State University President's Honor Scholarship	\$48,000	November 15, 2025
The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists	\$2,500	November 15, 2025
UCT Charities Scholarship Program	\$2,500	November 15, 2025
University of Maine at Presque Isle Merit Awards	\$20,000	November 15, 2025