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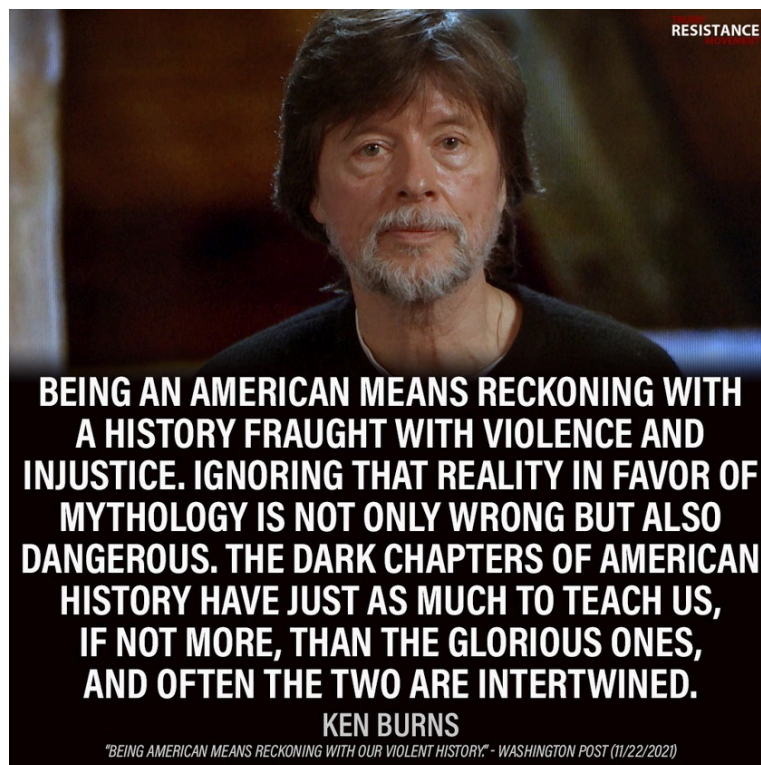
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Jennifer Bendery, HuffPost

Bendery writes: "The former Judiciary Committee chairman and longest-serving U.S. senator says it's time for the Native American activist to go home after 44 years."

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EPA will host a listening session about the Clean School Bus Program in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This program will offer \$5 billion over five years to replace older school buses with clean school buses that are zero-emission or use alternative fuels. EPA will provide an overview of the legislation and seeks input from stakeholders on developing a successful program to achieve nationwide deployment of clean and zero-emission school buses.

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 15, 3:00-4:30 pm (ET)

Register Here: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_cKaIAE03SsyQs3mM5p8wuQ.

Webinar participants will have an opportunity to speak for up to two minutes to provide feedback. Depending on participation, not every attendee may have time to speak, but interested parties may also submit suggestions about program implementation to cleanschoolbus@epa.gov.

Eligible recipients for funding through this new program include: state and local governments, certain contractors, nonprofit school transportation associations, and Tribes, Tribal organizations or Tribally-controlled schools.

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— *Jim Rohn*

[Janette Nuñez](#) profiles Archivos de la Represión, a civil society project aimed at promoting the right to truth and the memory of Mexico's period of repression and systematic violence by the state between 1950 and 1980. In collaboration with ARTICLE 19, an international human rights organization, Northwestern University, El Colegio de México, and others, "Archivos de la Represión" is working to make 310,000 official documents available to the public through their digital archive.

"The growth of digital humanities has broadened our understanding of and use of archives. As new technologies and methods become available, so do discussions about accessibility. The tools and technical standards available in digital humanities contribute to a broader, more public use of scholarship, which has resulted in new connections and the ability to make previously inaccessible information publicly available. Archivos de la Represión is an example of a digital humanities project initiated by Mexican civil society in response to the government's failure to recognize a fundamental human right in the early twenty-first century: the right to information and historical truth. Organizers conceived of the project in the aftermath of the Mexican government's 2015 censure of documents containing evidence of human rights violations from the Dirty War (1968-1982)."

[Voices for National Service](#) is a diverse coalition of national service programs, state service commissions and individual champions, who work to ensure Americans of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to serve and volunteer in their community. Founded in 2003, Voices for National Service has built strong bipartisan support among our nation's leaders and helped to elevate national service as a powerful strategy for tackling unmet needs, preparing young people for work, uniting our country and developing civic character.



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Bay City News Foundation is thrilled to announce that we have been selected as a [Report for America](#) host newsroom partner. We will join an expanding network of some 270 newsrooms

benefiting from the support of this nonprofit program.

Through this partnership, Bay City News will expand its coverage of the greater Bay Area to include Stockton and San Joaquin County. By focusing on Stockton's underserved communities – particularly the unhoused and most vulnerable sectors of this growing city and county – we will highlight the unmet needs of many in this area. The complexities of housing affordability, difficult-to-reach populations and language barriers deserve our attention.

We are especially pleased to share that we will hiring for two positions for this project: a reporter and a photojournalist. Journalists interested in these positions can apply [here](#) by January 31st, 2022.

Report for America is a national service program that places journalists into local newsrooms to report on under-covered issues and communities. This two-year program (with an option for three) delivers a wide-range of benefits to its corps members, including ongoing training and mentorship by leading journalists, peer networking, and memberships to select professional organizations.



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A century of tragedy: How the car and gas industry knew about the health risks of leaded fuel but sold it for 100 years anyway

Burning leaded gasoline releases toxic lead into the environment, and for 100 years people around the world have been dealing with the health effects. How did a century of toxic fuel come to be?

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[The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation wants a kayak made by Inuvialuit people returned from the Vatican Museums.](#)

Heidi Barlese

Oh dang. Stories of the snake making its way south from Cedarville and towards PL. you can still see his trail, the old people always said...it's true, you can. The stories of Sand Mountain, where we Natives aren't supposed to go. He will take a life every so often (tybo's) who like to play there. Things I've heard.

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Kwazii, our grandfather serpent, would roam from place to palace over the land on occasion; their highway being subterranean between large lakes of Northern Nev...
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Lisa Marie Bourque

Many know this print in North America as a 'kohkom scarf'. This print actually hails from the Ukraine, and is called a 'Babushka'. When the Ukrainian women came to North America... they gifted, bartered, and traded this now known universal grandmother print, in kindness to our native women. The native women adapted it as their own. This story plays tribute to universal ways and laws of 'we all have gifts, and bring value to this world, and we can all connect with one another'. Just like our ancient medicine wheel. We all belong. I love my Ukrainian friends, and family. This is one of my favourite stories of sharing, and welcoming our fellow sisters, (and men) into our country.

[~Ahaiew iskwew~ Crow women in the Cree language.](#)



Kimberly Teehee **1966-**
By Kerri Lee Alexander, NWHM Fellow | 2018-2020



Over 200 years ago, the United States signed a treaty with the Cherokee Nation, granting them representation in Congress. However, this position was never filled until Kimberly Teehee entered the scene. In 2019, Teehee became the first Cherokee Nation delegate in the House of Representatives. As a lawyer, activist, and former advisor to President Obama, Teehee has quickly become a monumental figure in history.

Kimberly Teehee was born on March 2, 1966 in Chicago, Illinois. Due to a federal program under the Indian Relocation Act of 1956, Teehee’s parents were moved to Chicago. Although Teehee was born in this city, she grew up in Claremore, Oklahoma. She became a member of the Cherokee Nation and was highly involved in Cherokee Nation affairs. Teehee went on to attend Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma for her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Following this, she earned her law degree (Juris Doctor) from the University of Iowa, College of Law. During her time in law school, Teehee served in leadership positions with the National Native American Law Student Association and the Iowa Native American Law Student Association. Recognized for her work, she received the Bureau of National Affairs Award as a student.

In the early 1980s, Teehee began working actively in politics. She started her career as an intern for former chief Wilma Mankiller. Mankiller was the first and only woman to become chief of the Cherokee Nation, who often mentored young people within the nation. Teehee was influenced early on by Mankiller’s strength, leadership, and her influential friends. One of Mankiller’s best friends, Gloria Steinem, also welcomed Teehee. She said that both of those women “planted seeds firmly in me that I pay forward today to teenagers in rural communities.” [1] Teehee also recalls that Mankiller told her to make a decision that would change her life. “It was Wilma who told me to go to Washington, D.C. to go get greater experience and that I could always bring that back to the Cherokee Nation.” [2] Once in Washington, Teehee became a vocal leader and advocate for Native American rights. She held important positions on the Democratic National Committee and the Presidential Inaugural Committee for President Bill Clinton’s second Inauguration as the Deputy Director of Native American Outreach.

In January of 1998, Teehee became the Senior Advisor to Congressman Dale Kildee of Michigan. Congressman Kildee was the co-chair of the House of Representatives’ Native American Caucus. She served this Caucus for over a decade as a staffer on Capitol Hill. Through her involvement, the Caucus was able to make meaningful progress on a variety of laws affecting Native American issues including education, housing, and health care. By early 2009, President Barack Obama recognized Teehee, and selected her to serve on the White House Domestic Policy Council as the first-ever Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs. In this

position, Teehee served to strengthen the relationship between the United States and tribal nations. For three years, she collaborated with various federal agencies to create policies that helped address concerns within Native American communities. Teehee's work led to an Executive Order from the President to improve Tribal Universities, as well as American Indian and Alaska Native Education. In addition, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum on tribal consultation as a result of her work. During Teehee's time in the White House, she was able to guide the President's support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She also pushed for the support of legislation that would hold people accountable when they committed crimes of domestic violence against Native American Women. This was known as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Teehee continued to make an impact in the White House by leading a government-wide team to monitor the progress of tribal policy and legislation, while organizing three White House Tribal Nations Conferences. In 2012, she began working as a Partner for a federal advocacy group called Mapetsi Policy Group. This organization represented the concerns of Native American tribes and tribal organizations. Two years later, Teehee became the Vice President of Government Relations for Cherokee Nation Businesses, and the Director of Government Relations for the Cherokee Nation. Due to her extensive experience, Teehee was the perfect person to fulfil the historic role as the first Cherokee delegate in the House of Representatives. Appointed in September of 2019, Teehee's position was the result of a treaty signed between the United States and the Cherokee Nation over 200 years ago. This treaty promised the Cherokee Nation representation in Congress. Kimberly Teehee is the first person to fulfill this role.



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Empty Coke bottles are being turned into solar-powered light sources! They're lighting the way for communities without access to electricity and upcycling plastic waste at the same time. The best part? No special skills needed to get it done! Liter of Light uses trash, lamps and solar batteries to end energy poverty, one bottle at a time.

[Native People in California Are Fighting Water Policies That Imperil Salmon](#)

By Truthout, 12/12/21

In early spring 2021, it became obvious that California's rivers and the people who depend on their salmon were facing disaster. Forecasts for the Klamath River predicted some of the lowest salmon returns on record and low allocations for tribal fishers. The once snow-peaked mountains stood bare and parched.

[Silver screen warrior. December 11, 2021 0](#)

[Myrton Running Wolf was worried about driving from Los Angeles to Reno with two corpses in his car. What if the police pulled him over and asked to search the vehicle? That would be embarrassing \[...\]](#)

Associated Press

The U.S. Treasury Department announced Tuesday the release of \$8.7 billion to help increase lending to small and minority-owned businesses and people living in poorer communities with limited access to banking. The funds from the Emergency Capital Investment Program, which was created this year, will go to 186 community-based financial institutions. Vice President Kamala Harris and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will discuss the investments in remarks Tuesday morning at the Freedman's Bank Forum. Black Americans represent 13.4% of the U.S. population, yet Federal Reserve figures show they control just 4.3% of household wealth.



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[‘IKEA’ Collaborates On Their First Tiny House Design And The Interior Looks Both Beautiful And Practical](#)

[Ikea partnered up with Vox Creative and Escape to create a sustainable tiny mobile home that you can live in off the grid. It's perfect for anyone constantly on the move or wanting to mix and match remote work with adventuring.](#)

[Interior Secretary addresses West's worsening drought crisis](#)

By the Associated Press, 12/13/21

U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland was in Las Vegas on Sunday to address the worsening drought crisis in the West. Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Tanya Trujillo held a listening session with local elected officials, business leaders and stakeholders to hear about the impacts that the ongoing drought is having on their communities.

[Monterey One Water leads Northern California in turning wastewater into drinking water.](#)

By KAZU, 12/10/21

Among the humming machines and maze-like pipes of the water purification plant just north of Marina, Mike McCullough fills a cup with water from a row of faucets. "I'll drink it first," he said, before tipping the cup back. The water is remarkable because it looks — and tastes — completely ordinary. But the water's journey to McCullough's plastic cup involved a series of tanks, screens, and filters that transformed it from raw sewage to drinking water.

[Medicine gardens in Chicago](#)

We hear from Native leaders making a difference through medicine gardens and cycling to bring awareness to the trauma of federal boarding schools. Plus, a legal update of a sacred site that was demolished in Oregon ... [continue reading](#)

[Climate change fuels a water rights conflict built on over a century of broken promises](#)

By The Washington Post, 11/22/2021

The simple way to think about this crisis: There's no longer enough water to go around to meet the needs of farmers and Native American populations as well as fish and birds. For more than a century, the federal government has overseen an intricate and imperfect system of water distribution intended to sustain an ecosystem and an economy. The whole precarious balance was based on the assumption that enough snow would always fall, and melt, and fill the vast watershed of the Klamath River Basin, which straddles the border of California and Oregon and is home to about 124,000 people.

[Citing climate risks, California is denying fracking permits in droves](#)

By the San Francisco Chronicle, 11/23/2021

Oil companies that blast water and chemicals into the earth to extract fossil fuels are having trouble getting new permits for their California operations even sooner than expected. Gov. Gavin Newsom pledged the state would stop issuing new permits for fracking by 2024, but California has already begun to ban the controversial oil extraction method in practice by denying permits in droves with little fanfare.

[Otter-ly Adorable Climate Change Warriors May Save California's Coastal Ecosystems](#)

By Atlas Obscura, 11/21/2021

OFF THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA lies an underwater forest of giant kelp, a kind of seaweed that grows to 100 feet tall at the rate of a foot a day. Just as a terrestrial forest sucks carbon dioxide out of the air, all that rapidly growing seaweed soaks up carbon from the water, playing an incredibly important role in climate mitigation. "With kelp goes a huge amount of carbon," says Chris Wilmers, an ecologist at the University of California, Santa Cruz. "As a general rule,

kelp forests are much more productive than most terrestrial forests, in that they're churning through carbon much more quickly."

Water Wisdom: The Indigenous Scientists Walking In Two Worlds

By EOS, 11/22/2021

Every year, on one day in October, generations of the Washoe Tribe gather on the shores of Lake Tahoe for a day of fishing using handmade spears, harpoons, and nets made from willow, dogbane, and other traditional materials.

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Viola Jimulla (1878 /1966)

One of the most notable and respected women of Prescott, Viola Jimulla, was the first Chieftess of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. She led the tribe for 26 years

She was born Sica-tuva, meaning "born quickly" on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation around June of 1878. While attending Rice Arizona Indian School, she took the name Viola. Around 1900 when the Yavapai were allowed to return to their homelands, she moved to the Prescott vicinity to live with her family. In 1901, she married Sam "Red Ants" Jimulla and became an active part of the tribal, as well as the Prescott, community.

Viola's husband was appointed chief of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the mid-1930s and was officially elected chief by the tribe. After Sam's accidental death in 1940, Viola became Chieftess of the Prescott Yavapais, thus becoming the first Chieftess in the North American West. Viola guided her tribe with wisdom and kindness until her death in 1966. Her leadership helped the Yavapais achieve better living conditions and bridged the Indian and Anglo cultures. Viola's personal strengths and skills helped her people adapt and grow with the surrounding Anglo community. Although she formed a bridge between the two cultures, she still honored the traditions of her tribe.

