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Son of former Pojoaque governor named White House director of tribal affairs

By Sean P. Thomas sthomas@sfnewmexican.com

PaaWee Rivera, son of George Rivera, former governor of the Pueblo of Pojoaque, is the new director of tribal affairs for the Biden Administration and senior adviser to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

PaaWee Rivera, who was sworn in the day Biden was inaugurated, could not be reached for comment, but George Rivera said he is proud of his son's accomplishments.

"He is going to do well in representing people across the country," George Rivera said. "He is very young and bright, and energetic and wants to help people."

After attending Santa Fe Prep, PaaWee Rivera graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in government and a minor in Native American studies.

Rivera, 29, worked on Capitol Hill as a lobbyist for the law firm Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, before transitioning to positions within the Democratic National Committee.

Most recently, Rivera worked with the Biden-Harris campaign as its Western coalitions director. Prior to that, he served as Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Western political director, Colorado state director for her 2020 presidential run and as a special adviser for the 2018 Senate reelection campaign.

Lynn Trujillo, cabinet secretary for the New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs, offered congratulations for the appointment in a prepared statement.

"It brings me immense pride to see President Biden place his trust in a tribal member from New Mexico to represent his White House to Native Americans across our country," Trujillo said.



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['This is the Way We Rise' Reinvigorates Native Hawaiians Fight for Justice At Sundance Film Festival](#)

[At an early age, Native Hawaiian filmmaker Ciara Lacy fell in love with storytelling. Lacy recalled her father going to a garage sale and buying her a typewriter for her fifth birthday. She was so excited to use her gift whenever she could that she even typed her homework assignments. A young Lacy w...](#)

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[A new exhibition pairs paintings by Indigenous Australian artists with microscopic images captured by scientists. The parallels, as this gallery of pictures shows, are intriguing.](#)

Indigenous Education [http://www3.sd71.bc.ca/School/abed/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www3.sd71.bc.ca/School/abed/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

How One Rural Community Kept Residents Well Fed During a Pandemic

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Lincoln's treatment of Native Americans, meanwhile, is a complex issue. Writing for [Washington Monthly](#) in 2013, Sherry Salway Black (Oglala Lakota) suggested that the “majority of his policies proved to be detrimental” to Indigenous Americans, resulting in significant loss of land and life. Critics often cite Lincoln’s approval of the executions of [38 Dakota men](#) accused of participating in a violent uprising; it remains to this day the largest mass execution in United States history. Lincoln’s detractors, however, often fail to mention that the president pardoned or commuted the sentences of 265 others, engaging in “[by far the largest act of executive clemency in American history](#),” per historian James M. McPherson in *The New York Times*.

Venetian Glass Beads May Be Oldest European Artifacts Found in North America

Traders likely transported the small spheres from Italy to northern Alaska in the mid-15th century

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The Never-Ending Frontier?

Karl Jacoby reviews Benjamin Hopkins's "Ruling the Savage Periphery" and traces a history of practices of imperial control from the American conquest of Native peoples, through the British Empire, to the 19-year-old US war in Afghanistan.

He became the nation’s ninth vice president. She was his enslaved wife. By Ronald G. Shafer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/02/07/julia-chinn-slave-wife-vice-president/>

To Save Democracy, We Need Historical Memory to be "Hot" by Shannon Bontrager

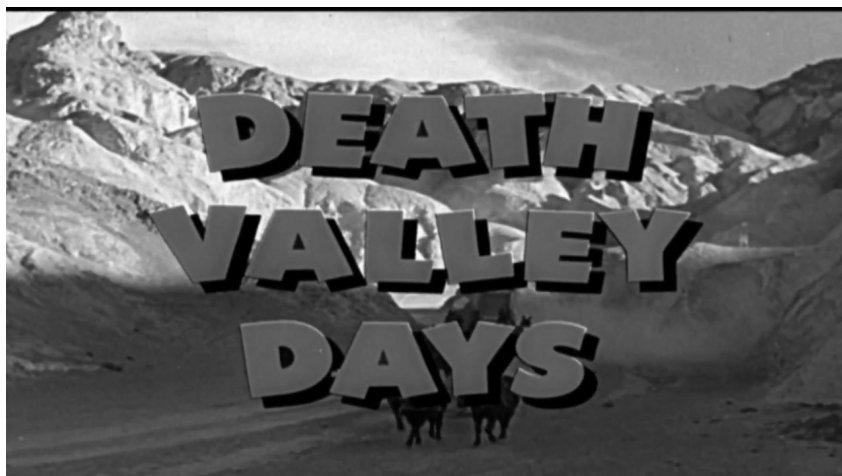
Extract: Memory is warming in these United States even while others try to chill it. The persistent thawing of cold memory is a long process made with small but important gains. The more we can bring the past into the present the more we can make progress in fulfilling the nation’s creed. As Gorman challenged us, “When day comes we step out of the shade,/aflame and unafraid/The new dawn blooms as we free it/For there is always light,/if only we’re brave enough to see it/If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

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[Arnold Shcherban](#) comment

The impact of current pandemic on higher (and other) educational system in this country is just one part of much bigger and deeper problem with the US education. The technological revolution with its introduction of AI and robotics that is happening and accelerating exponentially nowadays calls for reeducation of millions of middle-class workers and graduation of many thousands of high-tech engineers, which otherwise almost definitely will become unemployed in the nearest future (over this and next decade), thus largely expanding the army of unemployed created during the pandemic crisis.

The Pandemic Pushed This Farmer Into Deep Poverty. Then Something Amazing Happened (NPR)





Webinar: Mitigating the Risk of Virus Exposure in Schools

Learn how to mitigate the risk of virus exposure and ensure healthy air in schools by registering for this upcoming webinar!

Details:

Title: *Ventilation and Virus Mitigation in Schools: Creating a Game Plan to Reduce COVID-19 Risk and Make Lasting Improvements to IAQ*

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 1:00 pm. – 2:30 p.m. EST

Register here: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2671974196809673229?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Attend this webinar to learn how to—

- Create a game plan to help mitigate risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 in the near term and prioritize the **top 5 IAQ improvements** to ensure healthy air in schools in the long term.
- Assess your current air handling capabilities (e.g, effectiveness of filtration, ability to bring in fresh air, and energy efficiency) and create a plan to improve air quality using a free online risk assessment.
- Equip staff to implement risk reduction strategies and follow technical guidance from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) to reduce exposure to viruses in schools.
- Replicate best practices from a [recent case study of how D.C. Public Schools](#)—a large, urban district with an older building stock—used federal funds to improve the ventilation, filtration and system monitoring throughout the district.

Questions?

EPA offers free *IAQ Tools for Schools* resources—including the [School IAQ Assessment Mobile App](#)—to help schools maintain a healthy indoor environment by identifying, correcting and preventing IAQ problems. Learn more about the *IAQ Tools for Schools* guidance and access other valuable school environmental health resources at www.epa.gov/iaq-schools.

If you have any questions about the *IAQ Tools for Schools* guidance, please contact the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Connector Coordinator at iaqschools@epa.gov.

By the Committee on Natural Resources (Nevada Legislature)

Senate Bill No. 33—AN ACT relating to natural resource management; replacing the term “reforestation” with “revegetation”; expanding the types of vegetation and areas where vegetation is located that the State Forester Firewarden is responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing; expanding the application of certain provisions governing forests and watersheds to include rangelands; transferring the requirement to carry out certain tasks related to fire retardant roofing, fire-hazardous forested areas and ensuring consistency with fire codes, rules and regulations from the State Forester Firewarden to the State Fire Marshal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Motion carried.

Ten Research-Backed Tips on Parenting in a Digital Era By John Palfrey and Urs Gasser

With screen time at a high during the Covid-19 pandemic, two educators offer some advice

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[Victory for Tribes as Michigan Governor Stops Oil Giant](#)

[Today, local tribes and communities in Michigan are celebrating a victory for the Great Lakes, the world’s largest source of fresh surface water. Governor Gretchen Whitmer has revoked the 1953 easement for the Line 5 dual pipelines under the Straits of Mackinac for violation of the public trust do...](#)

Scholarships with March 16–31 Deadlines

DiRoNA Undergraduate Scholarship	\$2,500	03/31/2021
Don Diego Fund Employee Scholarship	\$5,000	03/23/2021
Don Diego Fund Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship	\$5,000	03/23/2021
Don Diego Fund FFA Scholarship	\$5,000	03/23/2021
Don Diego Vocational Education Scholarship	\$2,500	03/23/2021
Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship	\$5,000	03/31/2021
Eaton Family Credit Union Member Scholarships	\$5,000	03/31/2021
ECF Fellowship Partners Program	\$15,000	03/16/2021
EEqual Scholarship Awards Progra.	\$2,000	03/31/2021
ELC Scholarship Program	\$12,000	03/20/2021
Energy Engineering Scholarship	Varies	03/31/2021
Environmental Engineering and Science Foundation Scholarships	\$2,500	03/31/2021
Environmental Studies/Natural Science Scholarship Program	\$1,000	03/31/2021
EWI of Dallas ASIST Scholarship	\$10,000	03/27/2021
Executive Women International ASIST Scholarship	\$8,000	03/27/2021
FEEA Scholarship	\$5,000	03/25/2021
Florida Futures Project Annual Scholarship Competition	\$1,000	03/19/2021
Foster Care to Success Scholarship	\$5,000	03/31/2021
Francis D. Lyon Scholarship	\$2,500	03/29/2021
Fred Dame Scholarship	\$2,500	03/31/2021
FWSF Scholarship	\$15,000	03/23/2021



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Applications open: Feb 16, 2021
Applications close: April 19, 2021

The Gotham Documentary Feature Lab for Submissions Deadline: March 1

Formerly the IFP Documentary Lab, this year-long program supports first-time feature directors and their teams through the completion, marketing and distribution of their films. Open to all U.S.-based first-time feature documentary directors with films in post-production. Ten documentary features are selected for the program, which has three components: the Completion Lab in May, participation in the Project Market of Gotham By the Committee on Natural Resources:
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Berkeley's Ohlone History

With

Tribal Chair Corrina Gould

Traditional Spokesperson and Tribal
Chair of the Confederated Villages of
Lisjan

[By Zoom - Click Here to RSVP](#)

Thursday, February 25

7:00 - 8:15 pm

Tribal Chair Gould will discuss the colonization of the Ohlone people on the lands of the Bay Area, including the continued invisibilization and resilience of the Tribe in current times.

She will share the sacred landscape hidden beneath the urbanization of the Lisjan territory, work that is currently being done to bring light to the desecration of sacred sites, and the cultural revitalization of her Tribe through the creation of the Sogorea Te' Land Trust.

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Red Dead Redemption 2 is Being Used to Teach a University History Course

The popular Red Dead Redemption series of Western-themed video games are the jumping-off point for University of Tennessee historian Tore Olsson's course on the opening years of the 20th century.

Water in the West under the new Administration

By Ag Info, 2/16/21

How will family farmers fare under the new Biden administration? Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen says in the early days of the Biden presidency, he does see opportunities to advance the priorities of farmers in the west.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Klamath Dam Update: Restoration Contract Signed

By Cal Trout, 2/16/21

Last month in an announcement on Business Wire, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) and Resource Environmental Solutions (RES) announced they have signed a contract for RES to provide restoration services in connection with the removal of four dams on the Klamath River. The agreement between RES and KRRC finalizes habitat restoration, maintenance, and liability transfer responsibilities for a fixed price, opening the door to a successful restoration of native vegetation and anadromous fish habitat along the historical, pre-dam path of the Klamath River.

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[CARES Act Litigation: Shawnee Tribe v. Yellen \(Shawnee Tribe v. Mnuchin\)](#)

[A federal judge will hold a status conference in Shawnee Tribe v. Yellen, formerly known as Shawnee Tribe v. Mnuchin, on February 17, 2021.](#)



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