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Carolyn Harry:

Positive momentum for justice continues..please share and attend! UNR Thursday evening!! Bring your signs, voice, songs and prayers. "If you want peace, work for justice." It's time to mobilize positively for change.

•[Thursday](#) at 6 PM - 9 PM

•[University of Nevada, Reno Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center](#) 1664 N Virginia St, Reno

•**The University of Nevada,**

Reno's Native American Student Organization asks you to come stand in solidarity with the Indigenous communities of Northern Nevada to abolish Columbus Day, October 13th

6:00pm at the University of Nevada, Reno. Show your support on the issues that happened at the Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day) gathering in downtown Reno, which resulted in five people being intentionally run over by a vehicle. There will be singing and dancing to send prayers to those involved. This event is an open mic discussion on how to proactively use one's voice to show support and how to counter racism and intolerance.

[Abolish Columbus Day demonstrators want justice after truck driver injures five](#)

WARNING: The videos in this article graphic language and could be considered graphic. RENO, NEV. (NEWS 4 & FOX 11) Five people are recovering this evening...
[mynews4.com](#) By Diane Thao

Reno Police Department and City of Reno.... hopefully you are ready. National news now!!! Everyone is watching you... Should have arrested the coward.

Truck hits Native American crowd during Columbus Day protest in Nevada; no arrest yet

Protesters say driver yelled obscenities at them before truck plowed through crowd; police say driver called them but no charges filed yet cbsnews.com

ACTIONN

Civic and Community Leaders in Reno need to condemn racist violence and take a stand for Social/Racial Equity and Justice. If we want to "Reimagine Reno" this is a good place to start!

Jennifer Katenay 10 years will be appropriate for the boy who ran over the folks in reno nevada!

18 U.S. Code § 249 - Hate crime acts

[For definitions of “State” and “local” used in section 4702 of Pub. L. 111–84, set out above, see section 4703(b) of Pub. L. 111–84, set out as a note under section 3716 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.] law.cornell.edu

Quanah Parker Brightman — Kitty Colter-The Victim of the #HateCrime at Reno Nevada Anti-Columbus Day Rally Speaks.

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Police still reviewing evidence in protest hit and run

The Reno Police Department has yet to make an arrest in a hit and run Monday night during a Downtown Reno protest. kolotv.com By Colin Lygren [View this email in your browser](#)

POLICE: Charges May Be Filed in Columbus Day Protest Incident

Reno Police Chief Jason Soto said this week that no charges have been filed against the driver who drove through a crowd of protestors Monday under the downtown arch. Possible charges may be forthcoming, however.

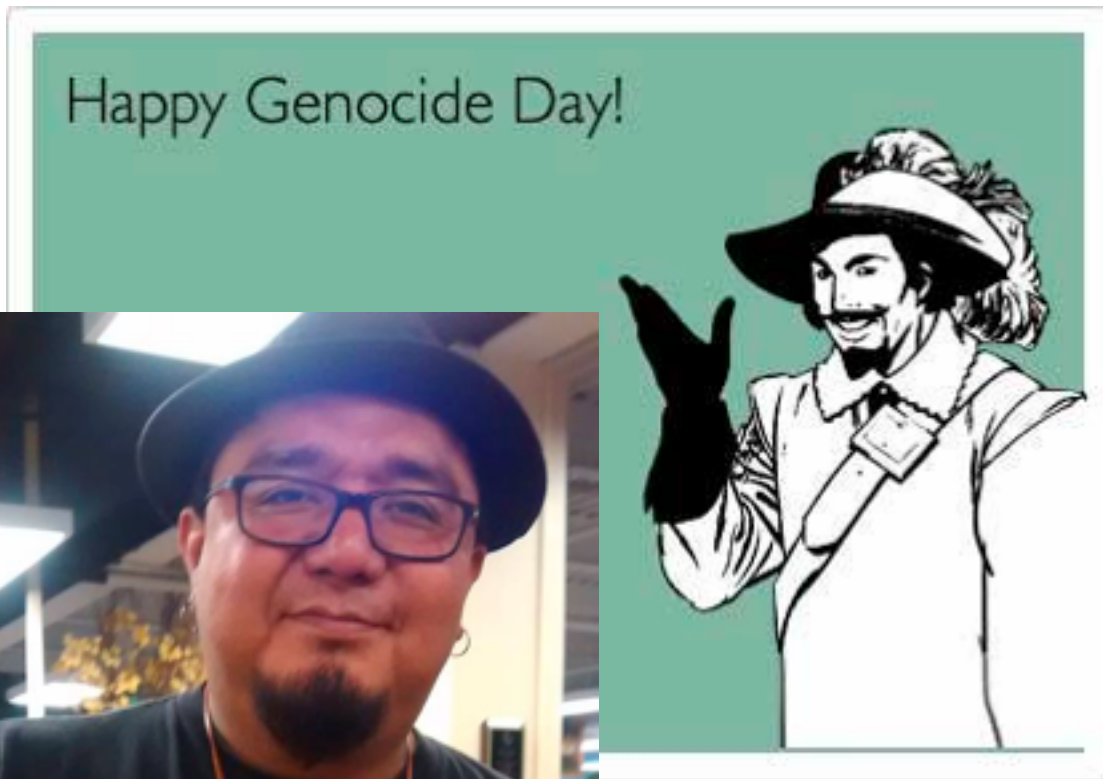
Soto said that the driver called police after driving through the crowd. Plowing through the crowd injured five, sending one person to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The other four did not get treatment for minor injuries, according to the Reno Police Department.

Dramatic videos online show much of the incident. Witnesses said that two young males were driving a white pickup and were allegedly taunting the protestors.

(There is a morning after!)



and banners for Monday's rally.



[Jan Gardipe's post](#) We ALL have to stay strong and stand for justice. There is such amazing support that has been healing from all over nation with formal letters and resolutions demanding justice. Don't be swayed by local media.. We need now, more than ever, Chairman letters, State organizations that represent Great Basin tribes, everyone to contact any association..it's time to act...every voice counts..

[**This Saturday, October 15th, we will hold our second backyard art build**](#) - this time in defense of clean and accessible water for communities, not corporations. Join us at PLAN's Reno office located at 203 S. Arlington Ave. between 10am - 2pm to screen print and paint flags

We will debut our activist art on Monday, October 17th at a rally in support of a groundbreaking court case that seeks to limit the mining industry's affect on public water. The lawsuit, filed by Great Basin Resource Watch and the Western Shoshone Defense Project, challenges the Bureau of Land Management's approval of the massive Mt. Hope molybdenum mine near Eureka, Nevada, which is expected to pump up to 10 million gallons of water daily for up to 43 years. The proposed mine is highly controversial and has received widespread opposition from local families, conservationists, and Native Americans.

Join us on **Monday at 12pm** at the Reno City Plaza Believe Statue near the Virginia Street Bridge downtown to show your support for the case.--

Ellen Moore, PLAN, Reno

A man drove a truck through a crowd of protesters as tensions over the Dakota Access pipeline escalate.

EMMA FOEHRINGER MERCHANT



And from Standing Rock:

[Missy La Piere](#)

Please tell me how someone can justify arresting an elder for praying! [#NoDAPL](#) [#WaterIsLife](#)

[Shailene Woodley Is Out Of Jail And Ready To Keep 'Fighting' For Clean Water](#)

After being arrested for trespassing during a protest, 'Divergent' star Shailene...

mtv.comlBy [Deepa Lakshmin](#)<http://bsnorrell.blogspot.com/2016/10/time-to-file-civil-rights-complaint.html>

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"The overwhelming video evidence clearly shows that the core element of 'tumultuous and violent' is not occurring yet people are being charged with Engaging in a riot" -- Michael Lane. <http://bsnorrell.blogspot.com/.../time-to-file-civil-rights-c...>

Travel with Purpose: These Two Men Packed a Power-Filled Gift for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

On my road trip I stayed on Navajo land and experienced the love and appreciation people have for this Earth, its resources, and each other. This story about the...ochristine.com

Bucky Harjo shared his [live video](#). **Bucky Harjo** was live. Interview with Dennis Banks

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This oil leak proves that everything the Native Americans are worried about will eventually happen to their land. As Native American tribes continue their marches...
countercurrentnews.com

Breaking: Activists Reportedly Shut Down Five Pipelines Carrying Tar Sands Oil into U.S.

Climate activists are claiming they have shut down all tar sands oil coming into the...
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'This Is My Act of Love': Climate Activists Shut Down All US-Canada Tar Sands Pipelines

Published on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 by Common Dreams
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Coordinated show of resistance executed in solidarity with those fighting against Dakota Access pipeline by Lauren McCauley, staff writer
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A California-based energy company announced plans Tuesday to build the world's largest solar project in Nevada, a \$5 billion endeavor involving at least 100,000 mirrors and 10 towers as tall as any building in the state.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz30430134>



CLINTON'S ENERGY POLICIES WOULD CREATE MORE THAN 100,000 JOBS FOR NEVADANS

Hillary Clinton's Nevada campaign is releasing a report today about how her clean energy goals would bolster job growth in the state while fighting climate change.



What state would you live in?

[The U.S. Map Redrawn as 50 States With Equal Population](#)

Neil Freeman redraw the state borders to get a visual sense of what it would take...

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Obama Administration Exceeds Ambitious Goal to Restore 500,000 Acres of Tribal Homelands

Administration makes good on promise to place at least one half million acres of land into trust for tribal nations, working to make tribal communities whole again

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Lawrence S. “Larry” Roberts today announced that the Obama Administration has exceeded its goal of placing half a million acres of tribal homelands into trust for federally recognized tribes.

“Restoring tribal homelands has been a pillar of President Obama’s commitment to support tribal self-determination and self-governance, empowering tribal leaders to build stronger, more resilient communities,” Secretary Jewell said. “The Administration broke the logjam on trust land applications in 2009 and has worked steadily, collaboratively and effectively to restore Native lands that will help strengthen tribal economies and make their nations whole again.”

The 500,000 acre goal was surpassed Friday when President Obama signed into law the bipartisan Nevada Native Nations Lands Act, which conveys more than 71,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service lands to the U.S. Department of the Interior to place into federal trust status for six Nevada tribes. The tribes will use their newly acquired lands to expand housing, provide economic development opportunities and promote cultural activities for and by their tribal members.

“Secretary Jewell announced early on a goal of restoring 500,000 acres to Indian Country by the end of the Obama Administration and we view this as a meaningful start to correcting the enormous loss of tribal homelands Indian Country has endured,” Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Roberts told tribal leaders at the opening session of the National Congress of American Indians’ 73rd Annual Convention in Phoenix, AZ earlier this week.

Roberts further said, “I want to thank the Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Mike Black for his implementation of this important policy, the Regional Directors and their staff for their hard work to make it a reality. While our fee-to-trust process remains rigorous and tribes must expend precious resources to address the Carcieri decision, tribes continue to prioritize the return of their homelands, investing their own resources to ensure a land base for future generations.”

Restoring tribal homelands has been a key part of the Obama Administration's Indian Country priorities, representing a shift from historic federal policy that previously resulted in tribes losing millions of acres of land across the U.S. over several hundred years. Since 2009, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has processed 2,265 individual trust applications and restored more than 542,000

acres of land into trust. And in partnership with tribes and agency staff at all levels, Indian Affairs continues to process additional applications for land into trust.

As part of President Obama's pledge to work nation-to-nation with tribal leaders to strengthen their communities and build their economies, the Administration also has overhauled antiquated leasing regulations to provide tribes greater control over their homelands and issued new regulations to allow the Interior Department to accept land into trust for federally recognized Alaska tribes, thereby advancing tribal sovereignty and closing a long-standing gap that had not extended this eligibility to Alaska Natives.

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized by the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 to acquire land into trust for federally recognized tribes. Lands held in federal Indian trust status, which cannot be sold, alienated, or transferred to non-Indians or non-Natives, benefit their American Indian and Alaska Native tribal owners through federal programs for business development, housing, and environmental and cultural protection. Typical uses of trust land include governmental operations, cultural activities, agricultural/forestry activities, housing, economic development, social and community services, and health care and educational facilities.

And yet.....

[ISIS Destroys Ancient City, There Is Outrage; U.S. Destroys Ancient Native Site... Media Silence!](#)

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Photo by Joseph Zummo

Tosawihi Complex, a contemporary Native cultural landscape with roots in the deep past.

Sacred Site Under Siege—Ravaging the Past

[Stephanie Woodard](#) [10/12/16](#)

A fire glows outside a sweat lodge, where Western Shoshones are gathered with a healer to pray and sing in the language of their ancestors. Sparks fly up toward the Milky Way streaming overhead in the night sky. In the surrounding expanse of sand and sagebrush, a faint trail is etched into the land. Centuries ago, an ancestral healer moved across these hills, singing and gathering medicinal herbs.

Now known as the Tosawihi Complex, the area encompasses scores of square miles in northern Nevada. Western Shoshones call it the spiritual heart of their traditional homeland, which includes most of Nevada and portions of Idaho, Oregon, California and Utah. Tosawihi (pronounced DOS-a-wee) is named for a band whose name translates as White Knives. The group was famed, and feared, for carrying razor-sharp blades made from the white flint found here.

Western Shoshones from several bands camping in Tosawihi. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

Ongoing usage by Western Shoshones leaves a cultural tracery on the land showing that Tosawihi is a busy place—of prayer, healing and a history that stretches back to the beginning of time. Sometimes called Tosawihi “Quarries,” that name is falling out of favor among tribal members because it fails to express the intricate cultural and spiritual bonds among the landscape and its people.

The place is ancient, but the fight to protect it is contemporary. Decades of mining have left scars. Like 83 percent of Nevada, Tosawihi sits on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an Interior Department agency. The BLM, which issues mining permits, calls Western Shoshone accusations of mining-related destruction the product of a “different worldview.” Tribal members say that if the BLM followed federal law, including historic-preservation and environmental regulations, damage could be avoided.

In June, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals refused to stay construction for a mining-related power line in Tosawihi until a way could be found to save the ancestral healer’s trail, which had been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Band appealed the ruling. Despite the issue still being before the courts, employees of Carlin Resources, part of an international consortium that owned an open-pit gold mine in Tosawihi, fired up their yellow bulldozer. They plowed a rough, nearly 12-mile-long road, along with 50-foot-wide gashes for the bases of the utility poles. They gouged a trench into the side of a nearby hill used for vision quests.

Joseph Holley points out mining-related damage to Tosawihi. In the background, a gouge can be seen that a mining company recently cut into the side of a hill used for vision quests. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

“They do more damage than they need to,” said Joseph Holley, of big swaths bulldozed for the bases of mine-related utility poles. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

In June, the Bureau of Land Management allowed a road to be bulldozed through a portion of an ancestral doctoring trail, along which a healer walked and cultivated medicinal plants in centuries past. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

They obliterated much of the healer’s trail, along with the natural pharmacy he cultivated alongside it. Tanya Reynolds, an official of the South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Western Shoshone, called the destruction “beyond words, beyond what is possible to fix.”

“They’re after money and will literally move mountains to get it,” said Murray Sope, from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe. “But these places are also very valuable to us for teaching our children.”

The past is a lively part of the present in Tosawihi. Here, Joseph Holley shows his grandson Julius Holley Jr., how an ancestor created a useful implement. Many such articles can be seen around the landscape. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

Joseph Holley and grandsons in an ancestral rock shelter used for doctoring. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

Joseph Holley and grandsons Julius and Wanbli Holley look at some of the many ancestral tools, weapon points and other items seen throughout Tosawihi. Julius exclaims about the similarity to the arrowhead he was working on the day before. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

Demolition of irreplaceable ancient artifacts usually merits outrage, or at least notice. The Islamic State, or ISIS, was widely condemned when it released footage of a yellow bulldozer demolishing the Gates of Ninevah, in the remains of an ancient city in Iraq. Major media outlets reported shock worldwide when ISIS smashed museum exhibits and when the Taliban blew up the Buddhas of Bamiyan, in Afghanistan.

In contrast, portions of Tosawihi have simply vanished in a national, and international, blind spot. “We don’t understand their need to destroy,” said Joe Holley, former chairman and now councilman of the Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Western Shoshone. “We are realistic. We know we can’t stop them entirely, but we want them to partner with us. They need to listen when we flag endangered cultural resources. They need to follow their own laws.”

Federal authorities have permitted destruction of Native sites nationwide. In September, more than 1,200 museum directors and scholars condemned the builders of the [Dakota Access Pipeline](#) (DAPL) for destroying Sioux burial grounds in North Dakota with apparent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorization. The Obama administration asked the builders, Energy Transfer Partners, to halt work until it could scrutinize tribal-consultation policies, including how they had been applied in the DAPL process.

RELATED: [Archaeological Experts Appalled at DAPL Sacred Site Destruction: 1,281 Sign Petition](#)

That did not necessarily signal a policy change, though. A few weeks later, under a permit issued on behalf of President Obama by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the same company bulldozed ancient Native sites in Texas, turning them into a sea of mud.

In Tosawihi, the BLM-authorized power line stoked fears of more aggressive mining to come, said Reggie Sope, the healer from Shoshone-Paiute Tribe who ran the sweat lodge ceremony.

“Work began yesterday,” confirmed John Seaberg, senior vice president of the gold mine’s new owner, Klondex, which bought the operation on October 4. Depending on the results of exploratory testing, the company may install another ramp (inclined mining tunnel), Seaberg said. He called tribes “key stakeholders” in the process but refused to comment on ongoing lawsuits. They include Carlin’s suit against the Battle Mountain Band, which the Band has asked the courts to dismiss.

Reginald Sope, a healer from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, conducted a sweat-lodge ceremony in Tosawihi. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

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