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"Yellowstone" Photo by Michelle Metzler

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The Indian Act

When Canada became a country, the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) was created to administer policies regarding First Nations. In 1876, the Indian Act was passed. This act gave legal power to government to control the lives of First Nations communities across the country. The Indian Act combined earlier colonial and federal laws into one act, and included clauses about land, Indian status, and local government.

The Indian Act defines who is considered a "Status Indian." Individuals who qualify as "Status Indians" are wards of the government, meaning that the act treats them as if they were children in need of parental care. Before 1951, Status Indians were not deemed to be "people" under the laws of Canada, and therefore were denied certain rights that other Canadians enjoyed. Status Indians could only become "persons" by voluntary enfranchisement—by relinquishing their Indian status. Only then would they be allowed to vote, own property, or have the rights of other Canadian citizens. "WOW!"

The Indian Act provided for reserve land to be set aside for the use of Status Indians, and specified who could live on the reserves. Government officials exercised considerable power over people living on reserves. Among other things, they could dictate when and where children would go to school.

The Indian Act infringed on personal behaviour in its discriminatory laws regarding alcohol use. It was a crime for anyone falling under the act to own or consume alcohol, and an inebriated person could be

[Watch a Short Video Created by Our Native Youth Leaders About Voting](#)

It was on this day in 1919 that Congress overrode President Woodrow Wilson's veto and passed the [Volstead Act](#), which provided for enforcement of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the sale of alcohol. The prohibition movement had been led largely by women, who still had a hard time making a living on their own, and many had seen their lives ruined when their husbands squandered the family income on alcohol.

It's commonly believed that prohibition didn't really stop anyone from drinking and merely gave a boost to organized crime. That was true in big cities because they refused to enforce the law, but in rural America, prohibition was extremely effective. Both cirrhosis death rates and admissions to state mental hospitals for alcoholism fell by more than fifty percent, and arrests for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct went way down. But city newspapers focused on how easy it was to find alcohol. Even members of the United States Congress had a private country club where they drank liquor openly.



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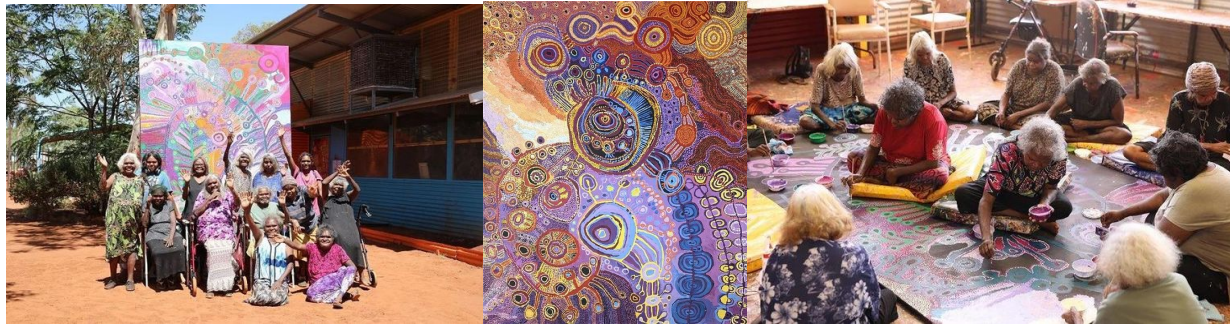
Acanthacorydalis fruhstorferi (Giant Chinese Dobson Fly). Considered the largest aquatic insect in the world. Southern China and Northern Vietnam.

Australian Aboriginal Artwork by Tjala Women / Australia

Tjala Group of Aboriginal Women Artists - Collaborative Artwork

Vivid colors on a Large scale of Landscape Painting of the Part of Central Australia

<http://mutualart.com/.../Our-Center-Is.../209C6B7F37963873>



Town v Country Rat

[Sci Westwood ·](#)

Best thing I've read in ages ... "Get a rat and put it in a cage and give it two water bottles. One is just water, and one is water laced with either heroin or cocaine. If you do that, the rat will almost always prefer the drugged water and almost always kill itself very quickly, right, within a couple of weeks. So there you go. It's our theory of addiction.

Bruce comes along in the '70s and said, "Well, hang on a minute. We're putting the rat in an empty cage. It's got nothing to do. Let's try this a little bit differently." So Bruce built Rat Park, and Rat Park is like heaven for rats. Everything your rat about town could want, it's got in Rat Park. It's got lovely food. It's got sex. It's got loads of other rats to be friends with. It's got loads of colored balls. Everything your rat could want. And they've got both the water bottles. They've got the drugged water and the normal water. But here's the fascinating thing. In Rat Park, they don't like the drugged water. They hardly use any of it. None of them ever overdose. None of them ever use in a way that looks like compulsion or addiction. There's a really interesting human example I'll tell you about in a minute, but what Bruce says shows that both the right-wing and left-wing theories of addiction are wrong. So the right-wing theory is it's a moral failing, you're a hedonist, you party too hard. The left-wing theory is it takes you over, your brain is hijacked. Bruce says it's not your morality, it's not your brain; it's your cage. Addiction is largely an adaptation to your environment.

We've created a society where significant numbers of our fellow citizens cannot bear to be present in their lives without being drugged, right? We've created a hyperconsumerist, hyperindividualist, isolated world that is, for a lot of people, much more like that first cage than it is like the bonded, connected cages that we need.

The opposite of addiction is not sobriety. The opposite of addiction is connection. And our whole society, the engine of our society, is geared towards making us connect with things not people. If

you are not a good consumer capitalist citizen, if you're spending your time bonding with the people around you and not buying stuff—in fact, we are trained from a very young age to focus our hopes and our dreams and our ambitions on things we can buy and consume. And drug addiction is really a subset of that."

~ Johann Hari

For more ...

https://www.ted.com/.../johann_hari_everything_you_think... -



Baby Owls

On behalf of United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, I invite you to join us for another UWNNS Northern Nevada Nonprofit Call this Thursday (10/22/2020) at 1 pm. We will have special guests from [Truckee Meadows Tomorrow](#) to talk about the launch of the [Nevada Tomorrow Community Data Portal](#). Nevada Tomorrow provides a free, dynamic, easy to use, one-stop digital resource for access to community quality of life data. You will find up-to-date demographic, education, environmental, economic, health, social determinant and equity data that highlights trends, challenges and opportunities in our Nevada communities; hundreds of maps, tables and figures, and promising practices. This free resource helps you find the data you need quickly and easily, improves your org's efficacy and reduced staff workload. Learn more about this incredible tool during our presentation.

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sound familiar?

**"They Wanted to Take My Womb Out": Survivor of Medical Abuse in ICE Jail
Deported After Speaking Out *Democracy Now!***

Excerpt: "Jaromy Floriano Navarro is a survivor of medical abuse and neglect at Irwin. She was

the original source of the information about a medical abuse by Dr. Mahendra Amin that was eventually included in the whistleblower report." [READ MORE](#)

Trump Admin Plans Seismic Testing for Oil in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge This Winter

Jordan Davidson, EcoWatch

A caribou in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. (photo: Danielle Brigida/EcoWatch)

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Some wonderful writing, but no native voices as yet.

Have you used the phrase “once in a blue moon” recently? We began October with a full moon and will end with a second, a rare blue moon. The waxing and waning motion of the lunar phases captures the spirit of the pieces we share with you this week. Our contributors reflect on their own progress, from the beginning of the pandemic until the present, sharing personal anecdotes and poems written in response to what’s happening around us.

Sometimes it may feel as if we have now entered into stagnant patterns of living, or that we are failing to live up to the expectations of those around us. But just as the moon slowly changes in size again and again, we too can persevere and see growth where there may have been none before, or frame our perceived failures as a chance to move on, as new beginnings. We can continue to create and care for one another in the face of the unknown, and hopefully, you will find that taking the steps to act bravely and with (self-)compassion will happen more than just once in a blue moon.

We would love to hear from you as you read through and reflect on these heart-to-hearts. Visit our [website](#) and leave a comment, and we also encourage you to follow us on social media and continue the conversation with us there. Thank you for joining us as we share, watch, and listen to these stories together. Nevada Humanities

Mills College Office of Admissions.

As the state of California continues to battle to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, Mills College campus remains closed to visitors. As a result, the Office of Admission is working remotely until further notice.

The Office of Admission is accepting [applications](#) for Spring and Fall 2021. We will continue to accept and process applications and application materials remotely. We strongly encourage electronic submission of transcripts, letters of recommendation and other materials. Materials sent directly by the issuing institution or recommender should be emailed to admission@mills.edu. Emailed materials will be considered official. Mail sent by post will be subject to delayed processing times. Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2020, for Early Action and until January 15, 2021, for Regular decision.

We will be hosting [virtual events](#), [information sessions](#), [virtual tours](#), and we will continue to be active on social media. Follow us on Instagram ([@MillsAdmissions](#)) to stay connected with us.

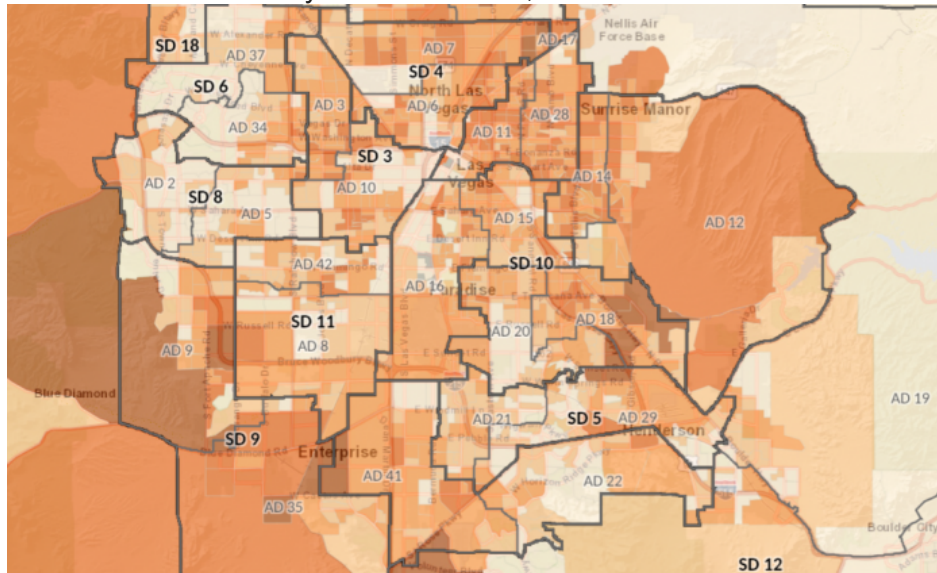
For more information about how Mills College is responding Covid-19, please visit [Fall 2020 Mills Campus plan](#).

(Do consider Sarah Winnemucca's alma mater)

Who wants to draw some legislative districts?

Online tool would allow anyone to create, submit a redistricting map

By October 21, 2020



Screenshot of Nevada's interactive redistricting map showing which state assembly and senate districts have the most Hispanic and Latino residents.

Nevadans next year are expected to have the opportunity to attempt for themselves the complicated task of redrawing political districts, with the possibility of submitting their proposed maps to lawmakers for consideration.

Lawmakers approved funding for the software earlier this year, but on Tuesday they heard more about how it might be used by the public. The interim legislative committee on reapportionment and redistricting heard a presentation from a public administrator in Utah where online tools that allow anyone to create and submit their own redistricting map have already been implemented.

Jerry Howe from Utah State Legislature staff said 1,000 people registered to use the mapping software and 323 plans were submitted to the state. Of those plans, 271 met the required criteria set by the state.

In one case, the lawmakers adopted a citizen proposal for school board districts.

Howe cautioned that while the hands-on participation opportunity creates a greater understanding of the redistricting process among interested people and groups, it does not mean everyone is happy with the eventual outcome. “There is a great deal at stake” for elected officials, aspiring candidates, political parties and communities, he added, which makes disagreements inevitable.

Nationally, community interest is growing in the complicated (and often controversial) process of political redistricting, which happens every 10 years, after the decennial census is completed. Here in Nevada, a citizen petition to create an independent redistricting committee failed to gather the signatures it needed. Organizers have said it was a casualty of the coronavirus pandemic, which greatly reduced opportunities for collecting signatures.

Timeline unknown

Nevada lawmakers were told in June that a special legislative session would be needed in 2021 in order to approve redistricted maps. Redistricting relies on finalized data from the U.S. Census Bureau and their deadlines for the 2020 Census had been extended due to operational delays caused by the pandemic. The Trump administration shortened the extended deadlines.

Guillermo Gonzalez, a congressional liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau told lawmakers Tuesday that the deadline for delivering reapportionment data to the president is Dec. 31 (the same as the original pre-pandemic deadline) and the plan for delivering redistricting data to the individual states is still in development.

Gonzalez and Brian Lee Berman, a senior partnership specialist with the Census Bureau, praised Nevada for achieving a 66.6 percent self-response rate. That rate landed Nevada 25th among states, a significant improvement over its previous 40th ranking.

The City of Henderson had a 76 percent self-response rate — the fourth best in the nation among cities its size.

Redistricting rules

Some states have prohibited the use of partisan data in redistricting, but Nevada is not one of them. Legislative Counsel Bureau staff noted that the Nevada Supreme Court has not weighed in on the issue of partisan gerrymandering.

Partisan data like voter registration numbers, voter history or election results can be used as an estimate of political competitiveness.

Lawmakers on Tuesday chose three competitive statewide races from recent election cycles to use within the redistricting process. They are: the 2016 presidential race where Hillary Clinton beat Donald Trump by a 2.42 percent difference, the 2018 attorney general race where Aaron Ford defeated Wes Duncan by a 0.46 percent difference, and the 2018 secretary of state race where Barbara Cegavske defeated Nelson Araujo by a 0.66 percent difference.

(The state treasurer race in 2018 was won by a slimmer margin than the Cegavske-Araujo showdown. However, lawmakers chose that one because the outcome resulted in a Republican winning.)

The 2020 presidential election results will also be used, assuming it's considered competitive and falls within a 10 percent difference.

New Insights from Legacy Museum Collections: Revisiting the West Berkeley Shell Mound on the San Francisco Bay

November 4th, 12:10-1pm PDT

This talk with Kent Lightfoot provides an update concerning the on-going investigation of sediment samples from the West Berkeley Shell Mound located less than two miles from the UC Berkeley campus. via [Archaeological Research Facility](#)

Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 1:00pm ET, the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council is hosting an informational session titled, **Tribal Children's Health Web Series**. The series is free, please [register here](#).

(OIT...arrived after yesterday's Journal went out but you can catch next series).

The session guides participants through a curriculum the agency [announced](#) last week designed in partnership with over 200 tribal representatives from approximately 80 different tribal governments and tribal organizations. The curriculum, [Lead Awareness in Indian Country: Keeping our Children Healthy](#), is designed to help tribes and all communities protect children from potential lead exposure. [Materials](#) include lesson plans, worksheets, presentation slides and kids' activity sheets that provide practical, community-based information to reduce childhood lead exposure in Indian country and communities. The materials are designed to balance technical information and localized knowledge so instructors have the space and flexibility to deliver unique messages tailored to their communities. It also improves the understanding of lead's potential impacts on children's health and encourages actions to reduce or prevent childhood lead exposure.

Along with tomorrow's presentation, three additional presentations and trainings will be available to learn how to use the curriculum to teach your community:

- Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 1:00pm ET: **Virtual Roundtable Discussion** - An interactive session with partners to discuss how they used the curriculum. [Register here](#).
- Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 1:00pm ET: **Train-the-Trainer Webinar** - An informative session for community leaders to learn how to use the curriculum. Save the date, registration information coming soon!

- Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 1:00 pm ET: **Train-the-Trainer Webinar** - An informative session for community leaders to learn how to use the Curriculum. Save the date, registration information coming soon!

To view the curriculum and learn more about EPA's actions on lead, visit <https://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Are you and your children navigating distance education successfully?

If so, Nevada Commission for Women would love to share your strategies for successful distance education with others.

Please contact me at m.walt@admin.nv.gov if you are interested in sharing your strategies with others.

Norman Allen is October's Veteran of the Month

Courtesy

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services and Gov. Steve Sisolak have recognized Norman Allen of Reno as Veteran of the Month and Belinda Morse of Las Vegas as Veteran Supporter of the Month for October.

A Vietnam veteran who served in a weapons platoon with the 3rd Marine Division, Allen is an active member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Honor Flight Nevada and the United Veterans Legislative Council. He has held leadership positions with VFW Chapter 9211 and VVA Chapter 989, supporting the Veterans Guest House, Northern Nevada Veterans Home and a veteran scholarship.

Allen was also an active participant in the Northern Nevada Native American Honor Flight. During the 2019 legislative session, he worked as an unpaid lobbyist to support the interest of veterans and active duty service members. He volunteers as a board member for the Veteran Development Group where he works to pair veterans with employers.

In his capacity as an attorney, he has worked in support of the Office of Military Legal Assistance in providing pro-bono legal services to Nevada's veterans and active duty family members.

Morse is the president and a founding member of Honor Flight Southern Nevada. She learned about Honor Flight when her children's great grandfather had the opportunity to participate in a flight. Afterward, she began volunteering with Honor Flight Nevada out of Reno. However, she soon realized that a second branch was needed to support all of the veterans from the greater Las Vegas Area.

Upon this realization, she worked with partners to organize Honor Flight Southern Nevada in 2013 and has since been tasked with fundraising for trips and organizing reunion luncheons. She also works with Quilts of Valor, a group that makes military-themed quilts and photo albums.

Due to the pandemic, the VOM and VSM ceremonies have been postponed. NDVS will provide information on re-scheduling once this unprecedented health crisis is over.

The VOM is awarded to veterans across Nevada who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, specifically with respect to volunteer work in support of veterans and the military.

The VSM award recognizes both organizations and non-veteran Nevada community members who support military members stationed in Nevada, Nevada veterans, and their families.

Both programs recognize individuals and organizations that help military members, veterans, and their families.

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