

Re: oldest American skull found!

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>>>> *Imagine how you would feel if you knew*

>>>> *that your great aunt was in a display in a museum.*

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>>> *I would feel kind of proud. Wouldn't you?*

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>> *No, I wouldn't.*

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> *Well, I suppose you have a reason to prefer your ancestors be buried*

> *forever. Others are not as ashamed of their lineage as you appear to be.*

But that's not true at all, wilson. Do a little research on cemetery laws in western civilization. The entire concept of "desecration of graves" is a grand cultural tradition. Don't believe me. Well, then, just go do some forensic anthropology in your local cemetery and see where it gets you.

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>> *But then, Roy Rodgers had Trigger stuffed,*

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> *Trigger was a horse, you dummy, not his great aunt.*

Oh, pardon me. I thought Trigger was Roy's aunt. Silly me.

>> *so I guess it's different strokes for different folks.*

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> *Yes, it is. It's sort of like the bone reliquiae of various saints on*

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- > *display in churches and museums all over Italy. Initially I found that*
- > *sort of display to be a bit bizarre and morbid, but hey, when in Rome*
- > ...

Or the mummies of Guanajuato...a tourist attraction.

- > *I would feel very fortunate and privileged to have an ancestor deemed*
- > *important enough to have his/hers bones displayed in a museum. I think it*
- > *would be great to take your date to a museum and say "Look, there is the*
- > *shinbone of my great-great uncle – he used it to kick the living shit out*
- > *of Custer at the Little Big Horn". I would guarantee that alone would*
- > *mean you'd score that night. And that's pretty much all that really*
- > *matters, no?*

Probably not, but some seem obsessed with such things. I think it all rests on the intents of burial of the deceased family. That ought to be respected, don't you think?

- > *Quit worrying about the bones of ancestors you never met. Concentrate*
- > *instead on being a decent human being. That's really all that matters*
- > *in the end.*

You seem overly concerned with "that's all that really matters." Is this some sort of philosopher's stone that you're seeking?

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