

Ancient remains uncover our past

About 40 human remains 9,000 years old or older have been discovered from Alaska to Mexico and are helping rewrite ideas about how the continent was settled. The map shows some of the more significant finds:

1. On Your Knees Cave Man – 10,300 years old; fragmentary male remains, discovered in 1996 on the northern tip of Prince of Wales Island, Alaska.

2. Stickman – 9,000 years old; partial skull; discovery date and location unknown. In Central Washington University's collection.

3. Kennewick Man – 9,400 years old; a nearly complete male skeleton, discovered in 1996 along the Columbia River.



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4. Wizards Beach Man – 10,500 years old; a partial skeleton discovered in 1968 at Pyramid Lake, Nev.

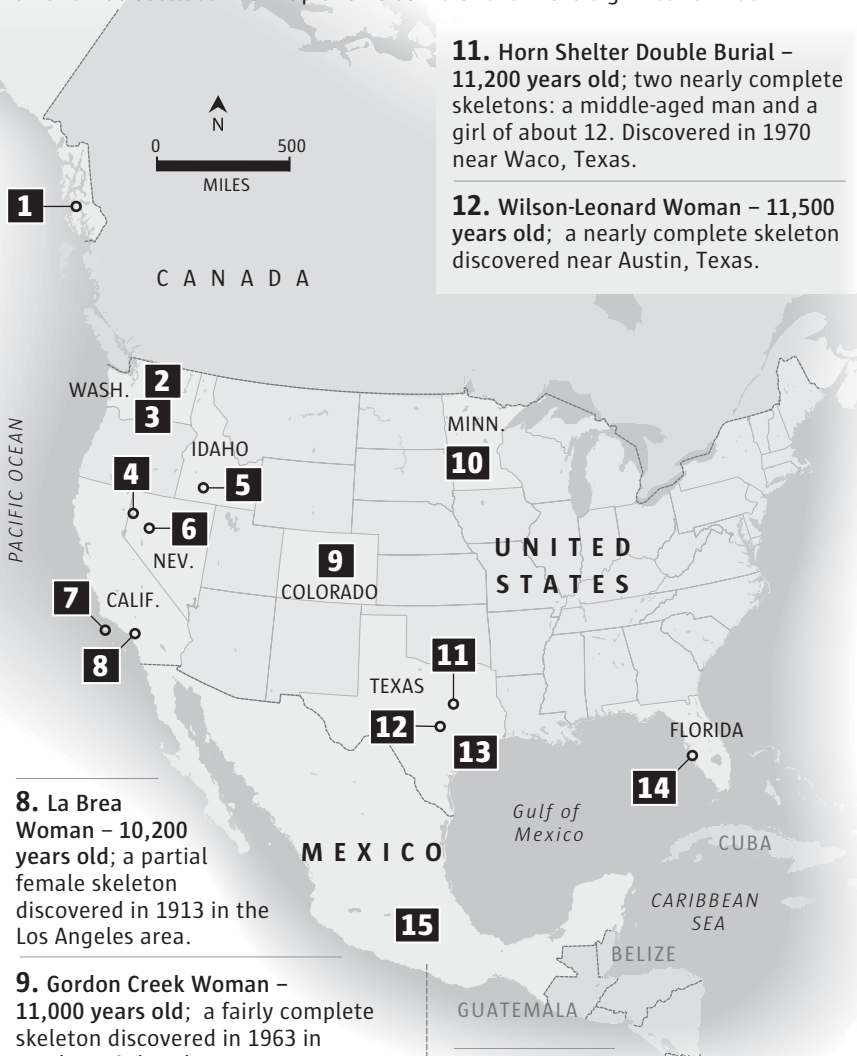
5. Buhl Woman – 12,800 years old; a nearly complete skeleton, discovered in 1989 in Buhl, Idaho. Reburied in 1993 by Shoshone-Bannock Tribe.

6. Spirit Cave Man – 10,700 years old; partially mummified man, wrapped in reed mats. Discovered in 1940 in Nevada. The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe is suing to claim the remains.

7. Arlington Springs Woman – 13,000 years old; oldest known human bones in North America. Discovered in 1959, Santa Rosa Island, Calif.



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11. Horn Shelter Double Burial – 11,200 years old; two nearly complete skeletons: a middle-aged man and a girl of about 12. Discovered in 1970 near Waco, Texas.

12. Wilson-Leonard Woman – 11,500 years old; a nearly complete skeleton discovered near Austin, Texas.

8. La Brea Woman – 10,200 years old; a partial female skeleton discovered in 1913 in the Los Angeles area.

9. Gordon Creek Woman – 11,000 years old; a fairly complete skeleton discovered in 1963 in northern Colorado.

10. Brown's Valley Man – 9,700 years old; a partial skeleton buried in a pit that appeared to be lined with red ochre. Discovered in 1933 in Minnesota. Reburied.

13. Pan-Era Woman – 12,800 years old; a nearly complete skeleton of a young woman discovered in 2002, in Brazoria County, Texas.

14. Warm Mineral Spring – 11,300 years old; Partial skeletons of three people discovered near Warm Mineral Spring, Fla.

15. Peñon Woman – 12,700 years ago; discovered in 1959 near Mexico City.

Sources: "Bones, Boats & Bison," by E. James Dixon;
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