

Legendary giants weren't giant

By BRENDAN RILEY
Associated Press Writer
LOVELOCK, Nev. (AP) — Times are tough for the legendary red-haired cannibal giants whose alleged existence here centuries ago has been debated for nearly 100 years.

Scientists have said there's no proof the "giants" first described in old Indian tales were cannibals. Chemical staining by earth after burial was advanced as a likely reason why mummified remains have red hair instead of black like most Indians in the area.

Now a new study under way at the University of Nevada indicates the "giants" were about six feet tall, and not up to 10 feet tall as had been claimed.

What's left is evidence of a tribe separate from principal tribes whose Paiute descendants live here — perhaps a wandering, more aggressive but outnumbered band finally hunted down and killed or chased off.

Anthropologists say the story, while somewhat tamer, is still fascinating. But they concede the old myth has more appeal and no matter what they say, will probably persist.

Don Tuohy, curator of anthropology at Nevada State Museum, says he's confident the "giant" myth is about to be debunked. He asked for the latest study after a bundle of "giant" bones were found in a long-overlooked cabinet at the Nevada Historical Society building in Reno.

But Tuohy says the old tale will probably live on.

Dr. Sheilagh Brooks, chairwoman of the anthropology department at UN-Las Vegas, is now analyzing the bones which apparently came from the Lovelock Cave, a nearby treasure trove for scientists trying to reconstruct Nevada's early history.

Dr. Brooks says the initial investigation shows some of the bones were from cows, not giants. The human bones appear to be remains of Indians "maybe six feet tall — big, but not that big," she says.

The myth was written down in 1883 by Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins, daughter of a Paiute Indian chief. She told of a strange, red-haired tribe of cannibals her ancestors drove into a cave and suffocated by lighting a fire at its entrance.

She said the "people eaters" were so fierce they would leap into the air, snatch arrows whizzing over their heads, and shoot them back at the Paiute attackers.

John T. Reid, a Lovelock mining engineer, said Indians took him to the cave in 1886 and told him the same tale. But when he entered the cave he found nothing but tons of bat guano.

That spurred the first archaeological dig in 1912. A second dig took place in 1924. Thousands of artifacts and about 60 average-height mummies were recovered. More studies followed, including radio-carbon dating which showed the cave was occupied from about 2,000 BC to about 900 AD.



Plans for depot

A sketch of the old Santa Fe Depot here, which burned in 1914 was shown recently during a Gray County Historical Commission and a Gray County Bicentennial meeting in the White Deer Land Museum. Richard Thompson has been commissioned to do the painting. Clotilde Thompson, commission chairman and museum curator, showed the sketch from which Thompson will work. (Pampa News photo)

Actor teaches profs to capture audience

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The University of Southern California's psychology department says the way to keep students awake during lessons on ponderous material is through their funny bones.

Instead of conducting conventional lessons, instructors have been urged to spice up lectures with jokes — to turn them into something resembling comedy routines.

It all began about 2½ years ago when Prof. Edward Conoley began one of his classes by saying:

"It was in this very room that I attended my freshman orientation. I'll never forget it. We were addressed by a man with a nervous tic who was wearing a clip-on tie and what looked like a clip-on suit. He also carried a Roy Rogers lunch box with him."

"He was, I learned later, the head of the psychology department."

For several hours, the professor intermingled jokes produced by comedy writer Eric Cohen into his lecture. When class ended, his students stood up and applauded.

Conoley has since left USC, but his experimental lecture technique has been developed into what's known as the Quality Teaching Effectiveness Program. The department also called in Dick Shaal, an actor-director who is married to Valerie Harper, star of the "Rhoda" series on television and has played in "Phyllis," to show teachers stage techniques for capturing and keeping attention.

Critics say QTE does little

more than make professors popular with their students.

But Dr. Scott Fraser, one of QTE's organizers, says the technique really works.

"We have run control groups and found that students in classes where the course material was infused with the humor and dramatic techniques did better than those in classes where such methods were not used," Fraser said.

Fraser said the jokes used in QTE aren't Henry Youngman one-liners, "but jokes designed to illustrate concepts as well as hold the attention of students."

QTE is limited to the psychology department, but Fraser

hopes resource centers will be set up across campus where professors can develop their "entertainment" skills and practice before audiences made up of faculty members.

Cohen, the man who started it all, now produces the hit television series "Welcome Back, Kotter." He still writes jokes for psychology lectures, but says he doesn't have time to do for other colleges.

But Cohen says he sees a real challenge in a request from the University of Oregon medical school.

"What kind of a joke can you tell with a scalpel in your hand?" he says. "How do you punch up brain surgery?"

Sprayed hair caught fire

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman who sprayed her hair twice before going to bed, then caught fire after lighting a cigarette, must go through a new trial of her suit against the hair spray manufacturer, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The court returned Opal Gilliam's suit against Whitehall Laboratories, Inc., to Haskell County district court for retrial. A jury there had awarded her \$147,618 in damages.

According to trial records, Mrs. Gilliam's son and daughter-in-law found her with second and third degree burns on her neck, shoulder, back, ear and right arm. Her hair was singed, matted and wet and she was not coherent until the next afternoon, they said.

Mrs. Gilliam said she sprayed her hair twice with

"Sudden Beauty" hair spray about 10:15 p.m. the night of the fire.

She testified that she "walked into the den, got a cigarette, struck a match and I was on fire."

The company said the container warned that the hair spray was flammable.

The Eastland Court of Civil Appeals remanded the case for a new trial because the trial judge refused to submit to the jury the question of whether Mrs. Gilliam had used more hair spray than would have been applied by a person using ordinary care under similar circumstances.

The Supreme Court upheld the decision without writing a new one of its own.

Love kept them together

MILWAUKEE (AP) — This is a love story.

Lew Morrison is in love with his wife, Estelle — and has been for 67 years — and nobody is going to split them up.

Morrison, 91, and his wife, 89, have shared a room at the Woodland Health Center in suburban Brookfield for the past two years.

But Morrison's health is failing, and nursing home officials suggested that he move from the couple's present room in the ambulatory wing of the home to another area for intensive care patients.

"It started out as an ultimatum," Morrison said. "They were going to move me away from Estelle, and that was it."

But Morrison, former outdoor sports writer for the Milwaukee Sentinel and a former world flycasting champion, wasn't going to leave his wife of nearly 67 years without a fight.

"I don't care how old I am. I'm not about to take a horse-riding from anybody. I

talked real plain and they started listening," said Morrison, whose language ranges from peppery to profane.

So he complained to the district attorney, the sheriff and the mayor.

"We're getting along in life, and we've spent all this time together," he said. "We should be left to have our last years together, too."

Nursing home officials have agreed, at least temporarily, to allow the couple to remain together despite a strain on staff members who have to give extra care to Morrison because of recent illness.

"It's a hell of a note," Morrison said. "I'm getting to the point where I'm losing my eyesight and my hearing and I can hardly walk, and they're trying to break up my home."

However, he said he is satisfied, at least for the moment, with the decision of nursing home officials to leave the couple together.

The bond, he said, is love.

"Sure, we love each other," he said. "Oh, we fight a lot, too. Always have. But after nearly 67 years, this has to be the longest fight on record, and I'm not willing to end it."

"SKIN" PROTECTOR
BETHELEHM, Pa. (AP) — Zinc oxide, which many an Earthling uses to prevent a sunburned nose, is protecting the "skin" of the Viking lander from the harsh Martian environment.

A super-purity oxide was developed by New Jersey Zinc Co. of Gulf & Western Natural Resources Group to withstand temperatures of minus 200 degrees Fahrenheit. Martian dust storms with winds up to 60 m.p.h. and the severe ultraviolet ray exposure of outer space.

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Gunman kills king's advisor

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (AP) — Unidentified gunmen firing a machinegun from a speeding car shot and killed a member of King Juan Carlos' advisory council today in downtown San Sebastian, police reported.

Names in the news

LONDON (AP) — Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and his wife are in London to attend an exhibition of 2,000 years of North American Indian art and a dinner of the Pilgrim Society.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI has canonized Sister Beatrice da Silva, founder of the Order of Franciscan Conceptionists.

NEW YORK (AP) — Chinese Premier Hua Kuo-feng is said to have told former U.S. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger that war between the United States and the Soviet Union is inevitable.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A man who plays surrogate "mom" to music stars says a \$70,000 box office gross could be lost for want of chunky peanut butter.

PERFORMERS legally can refuse to perform if contract details are omitted, Mancuso defends the contract riders as necessary to counteract the traveling and the imbalance of food and drink on the road.



There is no such thing as the Pretoria agreement, Nkomo said, referring to the meeting in the South African capital of Kissinging, Smith and South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

Communications gap

Huakies take their leisure near the antenna dish of a communications system that may not yet have put them out of business entirely, but has ended the dog-eared era as the Far North's indispensable means of communications.



The Top of Texas Republican Women's Club members have hand-painted with acrylic paints a quilt which features the flag from each of the 50 states with "Old Glory" in the center.

German liberals survive

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has barely survived a conservative surge in national elections that cut his socialist-liberal government's ruling margin in parliament from 46 seats to eight.

Christian Democrats, who won 230 of the 496 seats in the Bundestag in the 1972 election, dropped to 213 on Sunday, and the Free Democrats lost two of their 41 seats.

Black leaders have new proposals

By JOHN EDLIN Associated Press Writer SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — Black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo said today that black African presidents have drafted a new set of proposals for moving Rhodesia toward black majority rule.

Police report automatic pistol at the complainant's stomach and said, "I'm going to rob you."

Possession of marijuana, theft and aggravated robbery were among the reports on the Pampa police blotter this morning.

A building was broken into by breaking out a window at 533 N. Davis.

Wire cutters, pliers and a hammer were taken from a box on the back of a riding lawn mower at another location.

On The Record

- Highland General Hospital Saturday Admissions Mrs. Bessie Gist, 1212 E. Kingsmill. Dismissals Mrs. Tana Meadows, 1112 S. Sumner.

Needed: Early morning route carriers for Amarillo Daily News in Travis and Lamar School area.

Pampa artist Timothy Gikas will exhibit in a two-person invitational show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at First State Bank.

Obituaries

CHRISTOPHER WEDDLE Funeral services for Christopher Weddle, 25, of 932 S. Sumner were scheduled at 2:30 p.m. today in the Church of God in Blossom, Tex.

WAYNE C. NEAL Funeral services for Wayne C. Neal, 55, of Washburn who was dead on arrival at Northwest Texas Hospital at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa.

EDWARD CAMPBELL GROOM — Funeral services for Edward Campbell, 62, of Denver, a former Groom resident, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Groom.

OHNER CLEVELAND WILLIAMS — Funeral services for Ohner Cleveland Williams, 91, of White Deer, father of Carson County Judge Clarence C. Williams of Pampa, are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church of White Deer.

JESUS A. RUIZ SHAMROCK — Funeral services for Jesus A. Ruiz, 69, were scheduled at 4 p.m. today at the Richerson Chapel here with Elder Jim Floyd of Amarillo officiating.

TEXAS WEATHER A new cold front showed into the Texas Panhandle today with a promise of wet and stormy weather as it proceeds downstate.

Candidates ready for debate

By The Associated Press President Ford and his Democratic opponent, Jimmy Carter, arrive in San Francisco tonight to make final preparations for their debate on foreign policy on Wednesday.

Common Cause, accused the American Medical Association of exceeding the \$5,000 limit on contributions to individual candidates.

Former Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox, presidential candidate of the American Independent party, proposed a law to require that whenever a new federal job was created another would have to be eliminated to balance costs.

Preparation for the debate, Carter met Sunday at his home in Plains, Ga., with former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, who was fired by Ford last year.

Eugene J. McCarthy, running as an independent candidate, is asking to be included in the debate. The former Minnesota senator, awaiting a ruling on his request from the Federal Communications Commission, said Sunday the nation's economic problems could be helped by putting more people to work through a 5-6 per cent cut in the amount of work time for those who have jobs.

Political Wrap-up

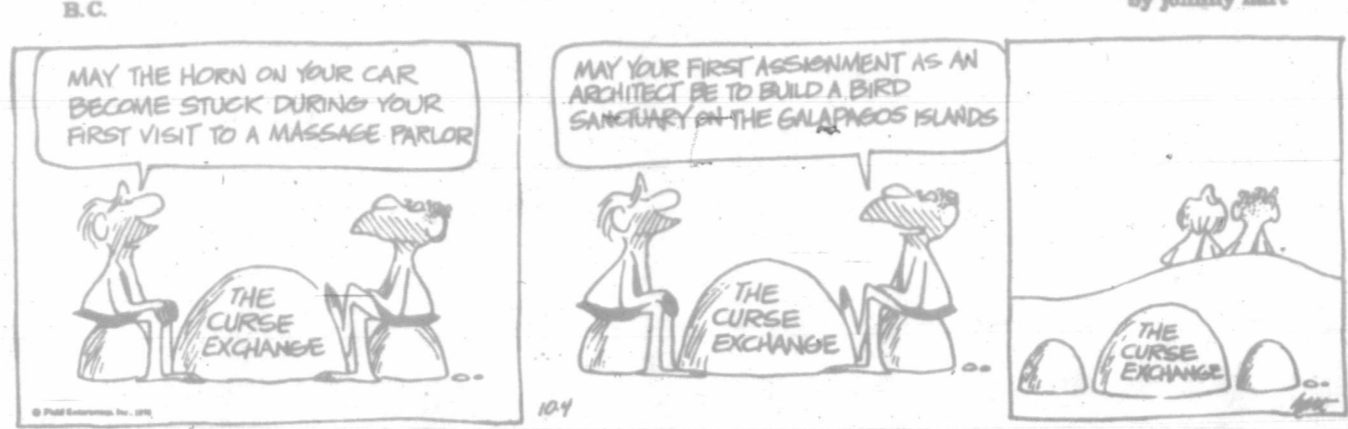
Ford met with Kissinger Sunday to discuss such subjects as detente with the Soviets, the Midwest and Kissinger's recent mission to further negotiations to establish black rule in southern Africa.

Smith has already said he would lead a delegation of his white minority government to the conference on the understanding that talks would simply consider the make-up of the interim government and not actually frame a new constitution for majority rule.

Smith said, referring to the meeting in the South African capital of Kissinging, Smith and South African Prime Minister John Vorster. The plan drafted at that meeting called for black majority rule within two years.

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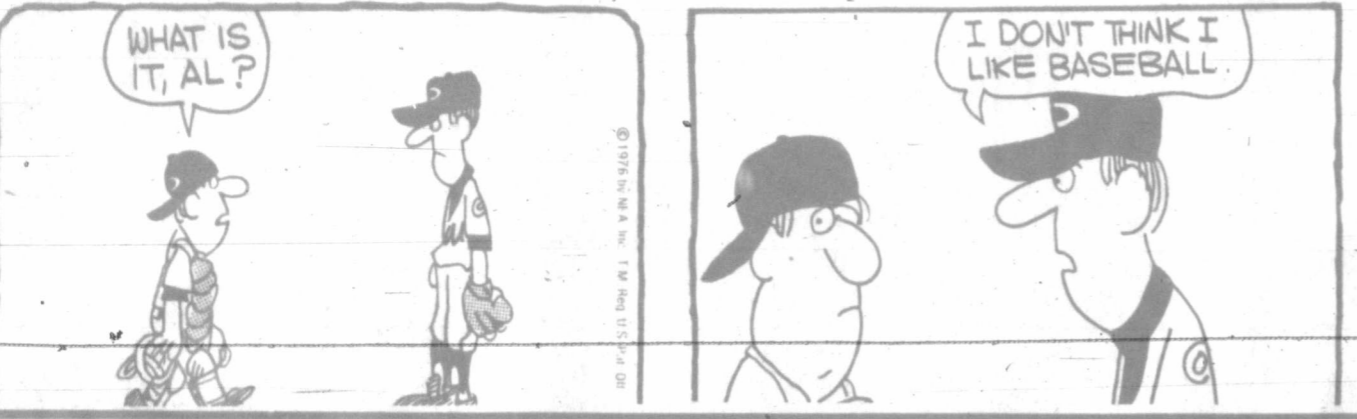
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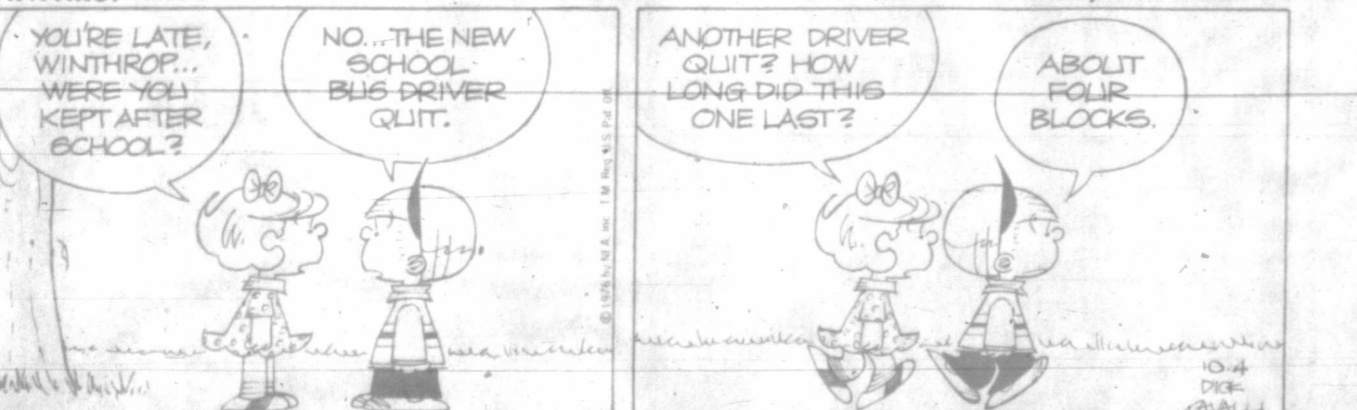
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