

Jonestown receives rites

Guyana inquires into cult

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana — A Catholic priest sprinkled holy water on the grounds of the People's Temple, the remote jungle commune where two months ago Thursday Jim Jones led 912 followers in a mass murder-suicide rite.

The Guyana government, bowing to opposition demands, announced Wednesday a special commission of inquiry will be appointed to look into the Nov. 18 tragedy, specifically how the sect came to be in possession of large quantities of drugs, firearms and communications equipment in apparent violation of local laws.

A preliminary hearing into charges that Jones's son, Stephen, 19, and the cult's shoemaker, Charles Beikman, 45, murdered the Temple's spokeswoman and her three children in Georgetown the night of the massacre. The special commission was postponed until today because chief defense lawyer Rex McKay had not arrived from the United States.

The Catholic church announced in Georgetown that priest Allan Fortune, who is in charge of the northwestern Guyana sub-region, recently carried out the blessing at the Jonestown ghost town as well as at the Port Kaituma airstrip.

At that airstrip, U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan and four other persons were gunned down by a group of Temple fanatics in the incident that triggered the mass death ritual.

Researcher finds new human-ape link

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CLEVELAND — Proof of a newly discovered species of man — older and more ape-like than any other known — was offered at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History Thursday by Dr. Donald C. Johanson, co-director of the 1974 expedition that dug up the fossils in northeastern Ethiopia.

In their excavation near the Awash River, Johanson and his colleagues on the Afar Research Expedition found skeletal remains that could be the long-sought "missing link" between men and apes. They also found at the site the well-preserved fossils of other animals such as horses, pigs and hippos.

The remains were about 40 percent complete and the age of the site — determined through potassium-argon analysis — was estimated to be more than 3 million years old.

Dubbed "Lucy," the female skeleton measures just over 3 feet tall. She had an ape-like head and a humanoid body structure. Lucy walked erect and was about 18 or 20 years old when she died.

Johanson said the major impact of the find was to push back man's recognizable origins another million years.

Soviet scientists say that lymph duct is 'second heart'

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MOSCOW — Soviet researchers say they have discovered a virtual "second heart" in the human body that carries out activities as vital as the real heart itself.

The official Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, reported Wednesday the "second heart" is the thoracic lymphatic duct. The duct of that name is believed to be a purely passive organ dependent on other body functions, such as breathing and heart activity.

Scholars at the Academy of Medical Sciences Institute of Medical Biology in the town of Obninsk, 100 miles southwest of Moscow, say they have determined the duct has an independent existence and is just as crucial to life support as the heart itself.

Pravda said the researchers, led by Anatoly Fyodorovich Tsyb, made a discovery with the use of ionized rays, similar to X-rays, under laboratory conditions.

"Thanks to the use of the very best radiological methods, a new structure was revealed to the scholars at the Obninsk laboratory," Pravda said.

"It turned out that the thoracic lymphatic duct is an actively functioning organ, continually pulsating, and that its role in the life support of the organism is in no way less than that played by the real heart."

The thoracic lymphatic duct, a bean-shaped organ extending along the spine and divided into segments of 20 valves, is one of two organs that empty lymph fluid into the vein system of the body.

Lymph, similar to blood except that it has no red corpuscles to give

it color, is carried through the body by the blood and is dispensed as nourishment to tissue cells.

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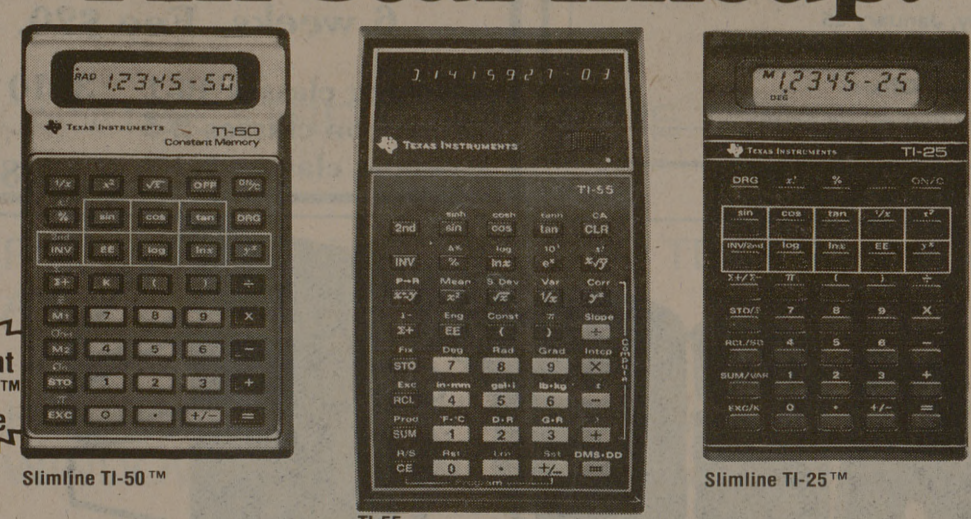
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