

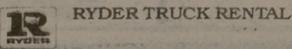
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Jackson to visit San Juan

United Press International
SAN JUAN — The Rev. Jesse Jackson will appeal for Hispanics to join his "Rainbow Coalition" race for the Democratic presidential nomination during a visit to the United Farmworkers Union headquarters in San Juan Thursday.
Frontrunner Walter Mondale is scheduled to visit the predominantly Hispanic Rio Grande Valley on Friday, while challenger Gary Hart made a whirlwind stop in Harlingen last Sunday.

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by Paul Dirme

Excavation

Skeleton 'Lucy' stirs up interest and controversy

By PATRICIA FLINT
Staff Writer

It is surprising that a "little old lady" can stir up as much interest and controversy as "Lucy" has over the past years. Of course, Lucy is a little older than the average woman — she was born 3.7 million years ago.

Dr. B. Thomas Gray, a professor of anthropology at Southwest Texas State University, co-discovered the fossilized skeletal remains in 1974 with Dr. Donald Johanson during an excavation in Hadar, Ethiopia.

He spoke Tuesday night in Rudder Forum about the discovery of Lucy and other fossils in Africa and the controversy over the accuracy of the date given the site.

Lucy is the oldest, best preserved and — with 40 percent of her bones found — the most complete erect-walking human ancestor ever discovered. With slides, Gray showed how Lucy's and other fossils' bones compare to those of humans and chimpanzees.

Some of Lucy's bones found include her lower jaw, pelvis, thigh and shin bones, several vertebrae and ribs, and several bones from the hands and ankles.

Having analyzed these bones, it has been established that Lucy was an adult woman, probably 20 years to 25 years old when she died, about 3½ feet tall, weighing about 55 pounds and suffered from some type of disease in her back.

Gray said that from the neck up, the animals looked like humans and from the neck down

they looked like chimps. He said the hominids probably looked like up-right walking chimps.

At the time of Lucy's discovery 10 years ago, Gray was an anthropology graduate student. Gray is now a 33-year-old anthropology teacher. With his shoulder-length brown hair and full moustache, Gray is very organic-looking; and it's easy to imagine him at the barren site of an archeological dig. He was a key member of the International Afar Research Expedition to Hadar which is a large collection of over 300 pieces of bones.

From the size of the lecture's audience, Lucy seems to be one of the most exciting hominid discoveries of our time, Gray said at the beginning of his speech. The large number of questions posed to Gray after the lecture attest to that fact.

Hadar, located in central Ethiopia, is an excellent pre-

server of fossils because of the volcanic ash in a lake basin which protects the fossils from weathering.

The Owash River runs through the area, which is called a siltation and, because of the area in Hadar, was the primary way to excavate the site. Gray showed a slide of a fossilized skull, which is not usually preserved. "We don't know why Hadar that allows for the preservation, but on the other hand we're complaining," Gray said.

Other finds in Ethiopia include one group of individual bones, which is the existence of no less than a people — perhaps a human.

Gray said the find has pushed back the date of human origin a million years and that the excavation sites could never be distinguished.

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Ginsberg to give reading

Poet and activist Ginsberg will give a poetry reading at Texas A&M University on Friday night at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

In addition to being a poet, Ginsberg is a supporter of local youth groups and gay rights. He is an assistant professor at Texas A&M. Ginsberg also will give a reading on the youth movement of the 1960s.

The New York native graduated from Columbia University after being expelled from there in 1945 for an obscene comment in a school newspaper, of which he was the editor.

Ginsberg, whose works will be published by Harper and Row, will be at a book-signing at Hallmark Books from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 4.



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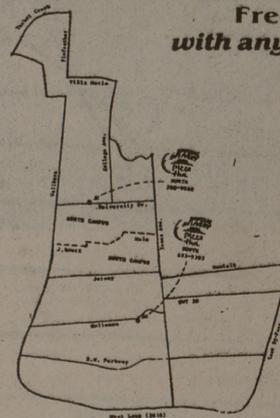
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