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COYOTE SIGHTINGS. Austin has experienced an increase in coyote sightings near green belt areas. Under an agreement pending between Travis County and Texas Wildlife Services, the state will provide technical and direct assistance, including assisting citizens by providing advice, information or educational material, and direct assistance involving removal of the animals.

## SETTLEMENT. REFINERY

Houston-based ConocoPhillips agreed last week to spend \$525 million to slash pollution at nine refineries in seven states and to pay a \$4.5 million fine to settle charges that it violated air-pollution laws. About 30

## SCIENCE FACT

THE MISSING LINK HOUSTON CHENNELE 02/01/2005 TUBORY

Eighty years ago this week an Australian anthropologist named Raymond Dart announced the discovery of a remarkable fossil, Australopithecus, a species closely related to humans. He gave the results to The Star of Johannesburg, South Africa, after editors of the journal Nature declined. The finding has proved historic on several levels:

- The fossil became known as the "missing link" because it represented an evolutionary link between apes and humans
- The child had an ape-sized brain. but the dental and postural characteristics were close to those of humans.
- The discovery pinpointed Africa - not Asia as was widely believed at the time - as the cradle of mankind.

Source: Wikipedia

