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Australopithecus afarensis — A human ancestor with both ape-like and human characteristics; **Haile Selassie** — former emperor of Ethiopia; **Kenneth Foster Jr.** — Convicted felon sentenced to death in Texas; **Lucy** — Name given to Australopithecus afarensis skeleton discovered in 1974; **Luke Skywalker** — Fictional hero of “Star Wars”; **Rick Perry** — Governor of Texas.

News Places

Ethiopia; Horn of Africa; New York; Pakistan; South Korea; Texas

News Words

adoption — The act of legally taking another’s child and bringing it up as one’s own; **capital punishment** — The legally authorized killing of someone as a punishment for a crime; **clemency** — Mercy or lenience; **commute** — In this case, to reduce a criminal sentence to one less severe; **deterrent** — Something that discourages someone from doing something; **evolution** — The process by which living organisms are thought to have developed from earlier forms during the history of life on Earth; **fossil** — The remains or impression of a prehistoric organism; **injera** — Sponge-like bread eaten in Ethiopia; **lightsaber** — Fictional, laser-like weapon used in the “Star Wars” movies.