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**WASHINGTON** — Mississippi Sen. Thad Cochran introduced a resolution as expected yesterday that calls for trying Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for his invasion of Kuwait.

"The suffering that he has inflicted upon innocent civilians in Kuwait and Israel and upon allied prisoners-of-war requires

goes beyond the recent approval of the enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 678," Cochran, the third ranking Republican in the Senate, said in a speech on the floor.

That resolution, passed in November, authorized the allied nations to use force to eject Hussein from Kuwait if he did

## Trio discover woman's skull

**VANCLEAVE** — Hunters found what has been tentatively identified as the skull of a woman off Ward's Bayou Road Thursday.

David Lee, Richard Mohr and David Duncan told the sheriff's office they were hunting in a wooded area when they found what appeared to be a human skull.

Sheriff D.B. "Pete" Pope said officers went to the scene and found some bone fragments and some metal which could have been jewelry.

County Medical Examiner David Miller said forensic dentist Dr. Michael West of and Dr.

Ed Walldrip, an anthropologist, both of Hattiesburg, are scheduled to go to the scene with him Sunday and look for more evidence. Miller said the facial features of the victim will be reconstructed from the skull.

"We are going to try to find some more remains so we can get as much information as possible," Miller said. "We hope to get a pretty good idea as to age, height, weight and when the victim died."

Miller said the site will be excavated.

Ward Bayou Road is off Old River Loop Road in north Vancleave.

## Greene County woman dies in crash

**LUCEDALE** — A Greene County woman died Thursday in a two-vehicle accident near here.

Lisa Griffin, age unknown, of Route 5, Lucedale was northbound on Mississippi 63 about 3:15 p.m. when she apparently failed to stop at the U.S. 98 intersection. Her vehicle collided with a westbound vehicle

driven by Harmon Ferguson, 66, of Crestview, Fla.

Ms. Griffin was pronounced dead at the scene. Ferguson was treated at George County Hospital and released. Ferguson's mother, Helen Ferguson, 87, of Grenada, received serious injuries. Mrs. Ferguson is in stable condition at George County Hospital.

**PATRIOT PASSION** — Faith Ramsey waves a flag as she leans into Denver's west Colfax Avenue Sunday afternoon as more than 400 people take part in forming a human chain as a show of support for the involvement of U.S. troops in Operation Desert Storm against Iraq.

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struck the car. He was thrown off the motorcycle and hurled into a ditch along the road, Frayser said.

He was taken to Ocean Springs Hospital with multiple injuries and was confined to the intensive care unit.

## Authorities assemble clues

# More parts of skeleton found

**VANCLEAVE** — The sex, approximate age and physical description of the person whose skeletal remains were found off Ward's Bayou Road Thursday by hunters have been determined, Sheriff Pete Pope and Coroner David Miller said Monday morning.

"We achieved our goal of collecting a lot more skeletal remains," Miller said, noting the remains are believed to be those of a white female, from her early to late twenties, brown to dark brown hair, 5-feet 2-to-6 inches and about 105 to 120 pounds.

"We met with Dr. Edward Waldrop, an anthropologist, and Dr. Michael West, a forensic

odontologist, Sunday morning at the courthouse, before going to the location where the remains were found.

"~~Virtually all members of our criminal in-~~vestigation division dug in the area from noon until approximately 5 p.m., unearthing more remains, jewelry and clothes," Pope said.

Additional skeletal remains found Sunday have been scattered by animals. They were taken by Waldrop for study, while West took the skull. He will reconstruct a dental imprint, which may be matched with dental records of persons reported missing, Pope and Miller said.

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In February 1991, the body of a woman was found in a swamp in Vancleave. For years, she remained a Jane Doe. Now, thanks to DNA, she has been identified as Kimberly Funk. (Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.)

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JACKSON COUNTY, Miss. (WLOX) - An unidentified woman whose body was found 30 years ago in Jackson County has finally been identified thanks to DNA evidence and the persistence of cold case investigators.

It was Feb. 1, 1991, when authorities found the woman in a swampy area of Ward Bayou in Vancleave. The body is believed to have been there in the woods for up to three years before it was found.

Authorities were unable to identify the woman, who was in her 20s and had brown hair, only referring to her as a Jane Doe. However, on Thursday, Jackson County Sheriff Mike

Ezell announced that the woman has been identified as Kimberly Ann Funk, who was born Feb. 7, 1969 in Sharon, Penn.



Using DNA technology, Kimberly Ann Funk has been identified as the Jane Doe whose body was found in Vancleave in February 1991.(Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.)

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As DNA evidence progressed through the 1990s, investigators continued to look into Funk's death, which was ruled a homicide. Using clay, a model was made of the woman's skull in the hopes of trying to recreate a likeness so someone could hopefully recognize her. However, the case went cold when no identity was made.

In 2012, Pascagoula Police investigator Darren Versiga, former Jackson County coroner Vicki Broadus, and sheriff's investigators began looking at the county's unsolved deaths. The clay model of Vancleave's Jane Doe was sent to the University of North Texas, where the most updated DNA extraction and processing was being conducted.



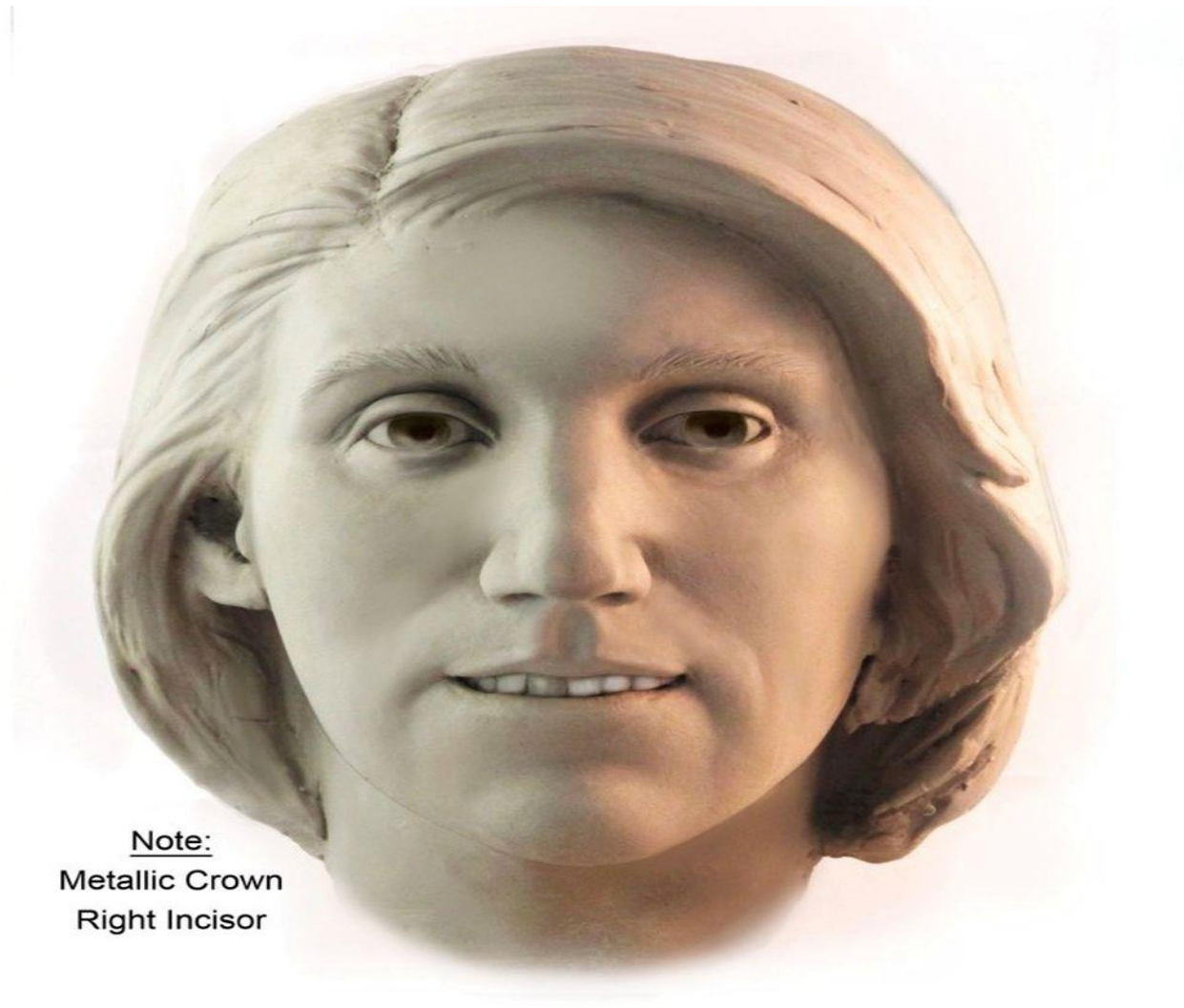
Using the body of the Jane Doe, a clay model of her face was made in the hopes it would help identify her. More than 30 years later, she has been identified as Kimberly Funk.(Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.)

The victim's information was uploaded to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, also known as NamUS. The remains of Jane Doe were then transferred to the Mississippi Crime Lab. Despite all of these developments, the woman went unidentified.

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In 2019, an anonymous donor helped the Mississippi Crime Lab to finance new, updated DNA testing through Othram Inc., which is located in The Woodlands, Texas. Researchers were able to build a family tree using DNA that could potentially help identify the Jane Doe.





Note:  
Metallic Crown  
Right Incisor

In 2012, cold case investigators uploaded this image of Vancleave's Jane Doe to NamUS, a database for missing and unidentified people. The victim would go on to be identified in 2021 as Kimberly Funk.(Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.)

Less than two years later in March 2021, Othram identified a possible brother of the victim in Pennsylvania. Cold case investigators talked with him and he confirmed that he had a sister named Kimberly, who went by the name "Star," who went missing in 1990. DNA swabs were collected from him and sent to Othram for comparison. Within

two weeks, tests confirmed that the DNA was a match and Kimberly Ann Funk was officially identified as the Jane Doe.

With the brother's help, investigators were able to learn that Funk arrived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast from Houston, Texas, between April and June of 1990. The cold case team is still working to piece together a timeline of her life between April 1990 and the time she was found in February 1991.

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Anyone with information that could help investigators is asked to contact Jackson County Sheriff's Office at 228-769-3063. Anonymous tips can also be made to Mississippi Coast Crime Stoppers [online](#) or by calling 877-787-5898.