Birth control pills missing

United Press International
CHICAGO — About 23,000 packets of birth control pills valued at more than \$100,000 were discovered missing during the Chicago Health Department's six-month audit, offi-

discovered missing from the department's central warehouse, Deputy Health Commissioner Terry Hocin said Tuesday.

Hocin said federal authorities were called to assist in the investigation because the pills were purchased with federal funds.

Bones indicate tribe's cannibalism

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Architectural remains of an ancient Indian civization that inhabited what is now the southeastern shore of Lake Pont-chartrain indicate the Tchefuncte tribe may have practiced cannibalism, a University of New Orleans

Dr. J. Richard Shenkel, who has organized excavations at the Indian tes in eastern New Orleans, said he recovery of fragments of bones apparently from butchered ies—could mean the Indians ate

"Idon't think they were cannibals of necessity," Shenkel said. They had plenty to eat." The prosor said the human body does not

provide as much meat as other animals, so the practice may have been ceremonial rather than a necessary

Shenkel said cannibalism was not uncommon in the southeastern United States, in southwest Louisiana and in parts of Texas. But he said the basic Indian diet consisted of the teeming seafood and wetland wildlife that inhabited the area — deer, muskrat, turtles, drum fish and alli-

gators.
"The wetland marsh environment is the richest in the world," Shenkel said. "They could exploit all those environments.

The artifacts were located on what formerly was an island between the Mississippi River and the Gulf of the northern part of Jefferson Parish. These islands later formed the southern shore of Lake Pontchartrain when the land gradually built itself

up.
Those Indian inhabitants apparently relied on a small white clam for sustenance, but as the Mississippi's delta encroached and poured fresh water into the clams' salt water breeding grounds, they began to

"That's why the Indians moved about 100 B.C.," Shenkel said. From three summers of digging, students at UNO have been able to piece together a sketchy idea of what

Mexico. Shenkel said about 5,000 the Indians looked like. Shenkel said the men, who lived into their 30s, were about 5 feet 4 and the women were about 5 feet tall.

"They are not our ancestors," Shenkel said, "but they are our heritage because we occupy the same space and we eat the same things. We try to survive in the same environment. They did pretty well for 2,000 years.

'We've been here only about 200 years, and they managed to live in it without ruining it. At the rate we're going, we might not have it for too

The architectural site, called Oak Island, has been included in the National Register of Historic Places, but its future protection may hinge on whether it is included in the proposed Jean Lafitte National Park. The park has yet to spend any of its \$9.24 million to purchase land.

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Tot purchase plan doesn't work

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BESSEMER, Ala. — Charles and andra Hasty were no longer able to provide for their 21-month-old son, so they made plans to give the child o friends for \$500 and get out of his

But the deal never came off. The Hastys were arrested Tuesday on misdemeanor child neglect charges, and a Family Court hearing was scheduled Wednesday in Birming-ham to determine who would get temporary custody of the child, Charles Hasty Jr.
After the Hastys were arrested,

the boy was sent to a state-run home. Marshall and Barbara Jackson, the couple who took the child in last

couple who took the child in last week, vowed to wage a court battle to retain custody of him.

The Hastys told police they planned to give their son to the Jacksons for \$500 because they could not provide for him. The money, which apparently never changed hands, was supposed to be used to get the Hastys out of the state so the youngster would not remember them.

The Jacksons said they felt sorry

The Jacksons said they felt sorry for the child. When they received him, "He had on a McDonald's nap-

kin and a plastic bread bag for a diaper," said Jackson. "They said he hadn't been bathed in a long time." Mrs. Hasty, 19, was released Tuesday on \$1,000 bond but her 21-year-old husband remained jailed,

unable to meet bond. 'It's a weird situation," said detective Doug Acker. "You can't imagine

Acker said the Hastys' home in the Virginia Mines area northwest of Bessemer had no hot water, refrigerator or bed for the youngster.

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"The Jacksons went in there one time and the kid was sick, sleeping on the floor with just a blanket, no bed," Acker said. "They brought the kid home and got attached to him," Acker said the couples had known

each other for some time. The Hastys signed a statement relinquishing all rights to the boy and the Jacksons took Charles in last Fri-

day. The Jacksons said they did not plan to "buy" the boy, but merely give his parents enough money to send them back to Texas. Skyrocketing

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Shark bites surfer off Oregon coast

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surfers Tuesday in a frenzy that sent so much water splashing the other four could barely see their compan-

The attack stopped just as suddenly as it began. Kenny Doudt, 26, struggled weakly back onto his surf board and floated toward shore. His riends, pulled him from the water with gashes in his left leg and broken

Doudt, of Reedsport, Ore., was ospitalized in Portland, Ore., here he underwent a two-hour eration and was reported in stable

Surfer Jack Bird of Seaside, Ore. aid when the shark, which appeared to be at least 10 feet long, emerged, "Theard him (Doudt) velling for help and I looked over and could see a little bit of gray rolling in the water.

"I didn't know it was a shark; Kenny wasn't yelling shark, but a few onds later, its tail came out of the

Bird said when the shark let Doudt go, "Kenny was able to pull himself back on his board."

"He has a large bite on his left dank and a couple of broken ribs,' said John Holtermann, executive diector of the Seaside hospital.

Holtermann said Doudt was "conscious, alert and talking" while he

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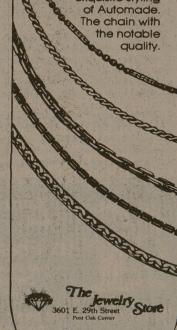
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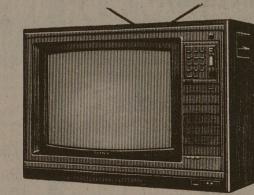
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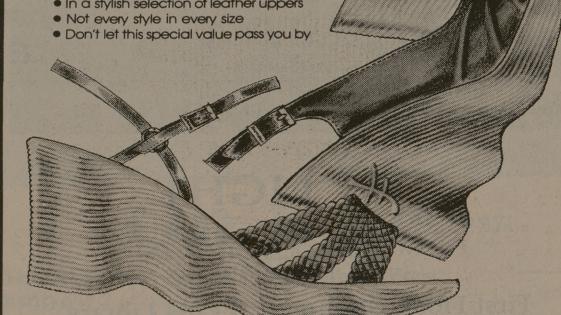
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