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Missiles called useless

mainstay of America's air combat arsenal.

erations subcommittee on national security.

WASHINGTON — Thousands of Sidewinder and Spar-

row air-to-air missiles are useless because of defects or

maintenance problems, a General Accounting Office in-

vestigator told Congress Tuesday. The missiles are the

third of its Sparrows were found to be "unserviceable"

for combat use in a recent examination of the Navy's

records, according to the investigator, Frank C. Conahan,

director of the GAO's national security and international

affairs division. He testified before the Government Op-

missile designed to home in on heat emitted by enemy

planes, have been produced for American and NATO

forces. Conahan said the current Sidewinder inventory

filled 83 percent of Pentagon war-fighting objectives for

speaking on condition that he not be identified, that the

GAO figures represented a "snapshot" or spot-check,

and not a trend or ongoing condition of weapons availa-

HOUSTON — When doctors at the Houston Ear, Nose

and Throat Clinic banged on a toy drum and rang a bell

and for the first time in her six years of life, Amanda

Fisher heard sounds. "She just kind of laughed," Cheryl

Bean said Tuesday, a day after the child from Brady used

a hearing device for the first time. Bean coordinates a

program being administered by Dr. H. Edward Maddox

Amanda is the 26th child to receive a cochlear implant

from Maddox. The Food and Drug Administration

allowed Maddox and seven other doctors to start opera-

In the operation, a doctor removes a bone behind the

patient's ear, then feeds one wire from an electrode into

the cochlear, a part of the inner ear that contains auditory

nerves. The other wire is grounded, usually in the eustachian tube. Bean said the electrode, which functions essentially as a microphone, is then attached to an external device that supplies power and is approximately the

The device translates sound into electrical impulses, she said. Amanda's hearing will still be inferior to a normal person's. "Speech comes across like radio off tune," Bean said. "With extensive training . . . she'll learn

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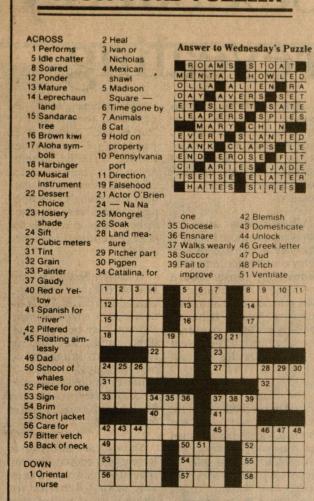
what sounds are.'

Implant restores hearing

Tens of thousands of AIM-9 Sidewinders, a supersonic

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Rehabilitation

said. "Word is already spreading rather rapidly, and when you have so few programs in the country like this, people will come in to get it. It's not uncommon at

The program they'll find, Blue said, focuses on making the nurse part of the unique team that assists the permanently handicapped person.

"We have to prepare the nurse to use very unique skills in rehabilitative nursing," she said.

'In 1980, rehabilitation programs in the U.S. had 930,000 applicants. They accepted 46 percent for treatment and felt they had good success with rehabilitating 64 percent of those people, which means they improved their vocational and self-care abilities. That's what we usually concentrate on, how to care for one's self and better use his vocational skills.

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Marks added, "A good nurse starts thinking about rehabilitation when the patient comes through the door, no matter how bad the injury is. Techniques are so good that you can now get people into a rehabilitation center within days

effort throughout the country," Marks of the injury. It really sets the mood of the family knowing there's hope they'll

Bicycles still have to follow Texas state law," he said. "You'll have to take it up with Chief McGee.

Fleming said engraving the owner's drivers license number on a bike is a free service in Texas. When members asked if that identification could substitute for the decal, Fleming said, "If you look in the rules and regulations it says if a decal is not displayed the bike will receive a

The parking permit resolution passed, 22-6-1, despite a division on whether to continue discussion. Corresponding Secretary Debbie Bandera said, "I'm not sure they (the police) have a lot to justify it, but this isn't much to ask to peel these (parking decals) off.

Most members disagreed with Bandera. Bush, a member of the University Parking Committee, said, "We will do everything to see that this is passed."

Abuse

exploited are living at home," said Assis-

The FBI, armed with a new law that raised penalties tenfold, is tightening its noose on child pornographers and train-

are conducting more seminars for unwary youngsters and their unbelieving

climate is ripe for change — finally. Instead of just problems we're seeing solutions," said Jay Howell, who heads the new National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a private organization in Washington financed by a \$3.3 million

Experts say the belief that most exploited children are runaways also is false. "We are finding that the preponderance of children that are sexually

child exploitation crimes.

Schools and social service agencies

Justice Department grant

But, Howell cautioned, all the problems cannot be solved overnight. It will take a combined effort of parents, teachers, police, social service workers, the medical community, district attor-

the weapon. The Sparrow inventory, he said, fills only 32 percent of these objectives, which are based on sustaining up to six months of combat. Pentagon press duty officer Lt. Cmdr. John Woodhouse said early Wednesday he was unfamiliar with tant FBI Director William M. Baker Conahan's testimony. However, the New York Times in a story in Wednesday editions quoted a Navy official,

ing local police for specialization in

"We're seeing the system shake. The

neys, judges and juries

Mom's custody bid denied

FORT WORTH — A 20-year-old unwed mother will appeal a state jury verdict denying her bid for custody of the 8-month-old girl she gave up for adoption at birth. Jurors, after 61/2 hours of deliberation Monday, rejected Patricia Ellen Breeding's claim that she had been coerced into signing adoption papers for the infant.

"I don't think they decided the case with correct judgment," said Richard Alley, Breeding's attorney. "We will be appealing on that and a number of other issues." Alley said Breeding, who was in State District Judge Frank Sullivan's courtroom when the verdict was read, was "not very good right now. She's pretty devastated."

Breeding sued the Edna Gladney Home for unwed mothers in Fort Worth, alleging her parental rights had been violated. Officials placed her child in a licensed foster home when the woman signed release papers three days after the birth that terminated her parental

Breeding claimed she made a mistake in giving up the infant girl and filed suit against the home in May. She later contended officials of the Edna Gladney Home pressured her into giving up the child, saying she was never told of any alternative to adoption.

Care of retarded queried

TYLER — A federal district judge is considering whether to grant a motion by attorneys for Texas' mentally retarded that would order the state to quadruple a consultant's fees for monitoring handicapped services. The attorneys threatened Monday to ask U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice to hold the state in contempt for failing to follow an agreement to provide better care for retarded patients.

"What should have been a routine hearing turned into an expose of the state's lack of will, organization and expertise to obey the judge's order," said Philadelphia attorney David Ferleger, who represents residents of Fort Worth, Austin and Denton state schools. "The three institutions are violent and dangerous places.

Ferleger cited numerous reports of incidents in which residents were beaten, cursed at and sexually assaulted. He submitted hundreds of pages of documents on alleged abuse from the three state schools. Following a two-day hearing, Justice said Monday that he would try to rule "pretty quickly" on whether the expert monitor's fees should be raised.

30-year affliction cured

DALLAS — A 71-year-old former Southern Methodist University teacher is tasting a full life again after a swallowing problem prevented him from eating solid food for 30 years. Marvin Hill credits a casual conversation over a bridge game with helping to solve his affliction. Hill has received surgery to correct the results of a stroke he suffered in 1954.

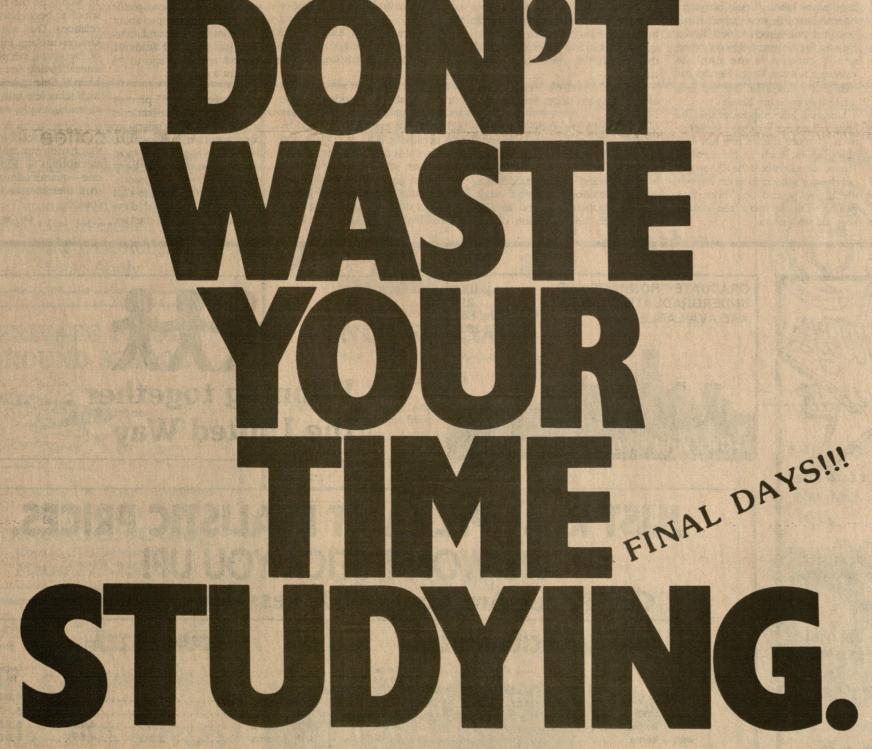
Doctors said the operation had been available for the past 15 years, but Hill didn't know about it until his daughter mentioned to her bridge partner that her father had not been able to swallow as a result of a stroke. The bridge partner said she had been successfully treated at the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute.

Hill, who had the operation in May, said he can still recall walking along a street in Highland Park, a Dallas suburb, on Nov. 5, 1954, "when I just keeled over and couldn't get up.

He said he asked for a glass of water while waiting for an ambulance and found he could not swallow. Hill was unable to eat or drink after that, and his meals have since been tube-fed.

"I made an appointment to see Dr. Steven Schaefer, who had been performing this surgery for nine years with a 90 percent success," said Hill. He said Schaefer told him the stroke had paralyzed one of the two muscles in the base of his throat that are supposed to relax for each swallow.

Schaefer, an assistant professor of otolaryngology and chairman of the division of head and neck surgery at the UT Health Science Center, told Hill that relatively simple surgery could correct the problem.



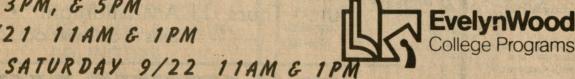
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