

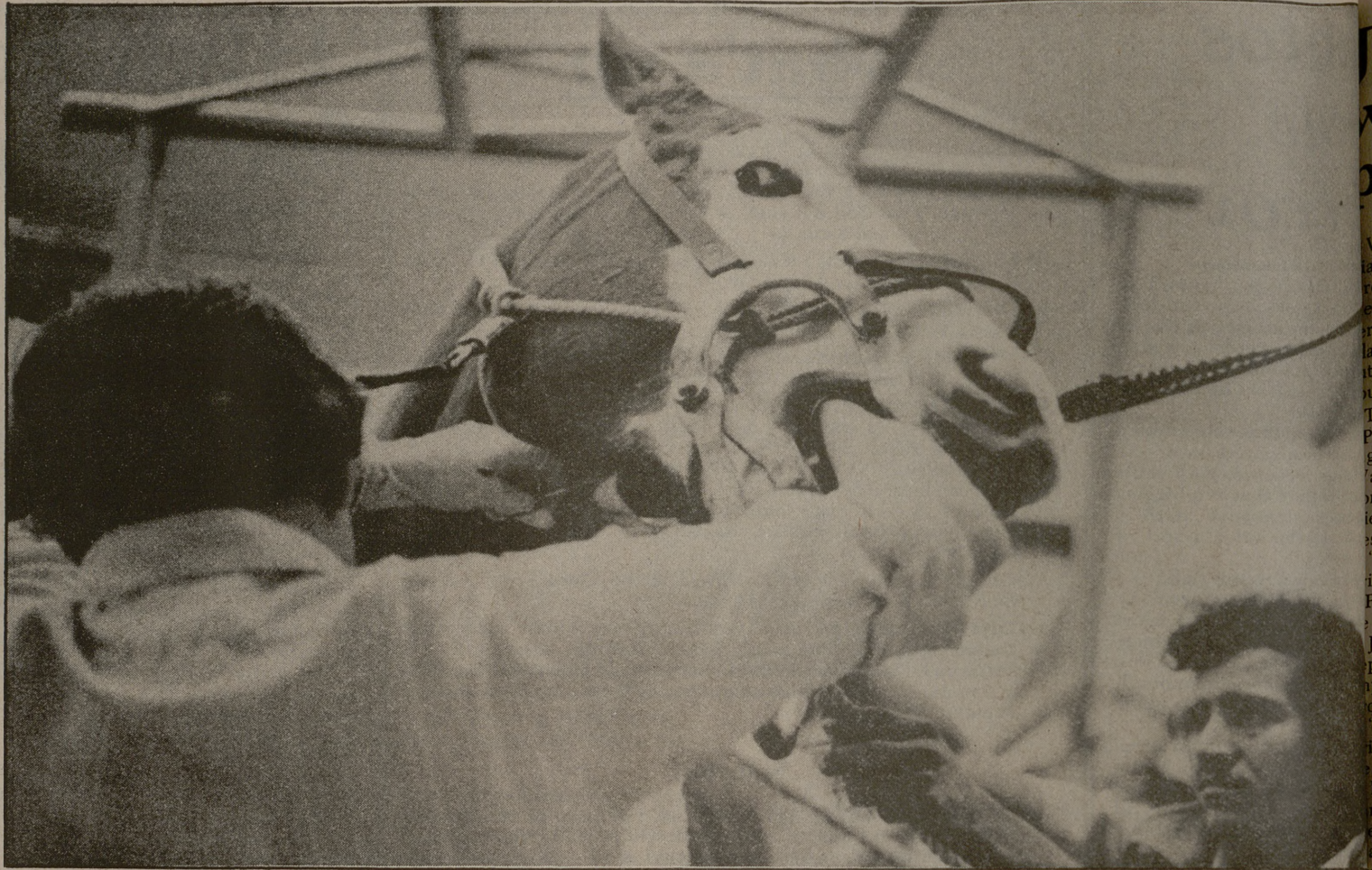
*Fighting it out under the earth*

# Two compete for record

United Press International  
GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — Country Bill White is having a hard time getting himself buried, but he's experienced at that sort of thing and there's a special challenge this time so he vows it's going to happen this week.  
Last time White, 45, spent 134 days, two hours and 55 minutes buried underground in New Bedford, Mass. — setting the world record — but in discussing that feat on a television talk show he said he made a mistake.  
Country Bill said he didn't think a woman should stay underground that long, and within days Linda Barker, 26, from Henderson,

Tenn., challenged him. The whole show, including White, Ms. Barker, a promoter and manager, moved to suburban Dallas to have it out, or, rather, under.  
"Bill likes Texas and this is going to be his last burial (at least his next to last) and so he wanted to have it here," said the manager, Otha Reddick.  
Bill's been buried seven times before, but he said he's never had such trouble as this time.  
"First it was the rain last weekend," White said. "The telephone company and the electric company couldn't get the telephones and electricity into the box."  
"Then they were taking the box

off in a pickup to a place where they could keep it dry and it fell off the truck and busted all to hell. So we got to build another box. They're working on it and they say they'll have it finished.  
"If it all comes together, we'll do it Friday. I'd say we're going to do it Friday. I want to get started and get it over with because I got other things to do."  
Ms. Barker and White will be buried in a double coffin which is 6 feet, by 6 feet by 3 feet. They'll be separated by a three-quarter-inch plywood partition. The coffin will have ventilation chutes at their heads, telephones and electricity. Food will be passed down a pipe, and people on the outside also will be able to look at them through the pipe.  
The telephone number has not been released yet, but when it is White said he expects calls from all over the world, as he has received during past burials.  
White protested that Ms. Barker misunderstood him in the television broadcast.  
"I didn't say women couldn't do it," he said. "I said they shouldn't do it. I figure women have a lot more problems under there than a man, just cause they are a woman."  
"We're going to stay down there until somebody gives up. I got the world record, and I am going to defend my world record."



*Straight from the horse's mouth*

Dr. Andrew K. Currie of Houston examines the mouth of a 3-year-old gelding at the Houston Livestock Show last

weekend. The horse had recently had a tooth removed and a doctor had to check the horse's mouth for further problems.

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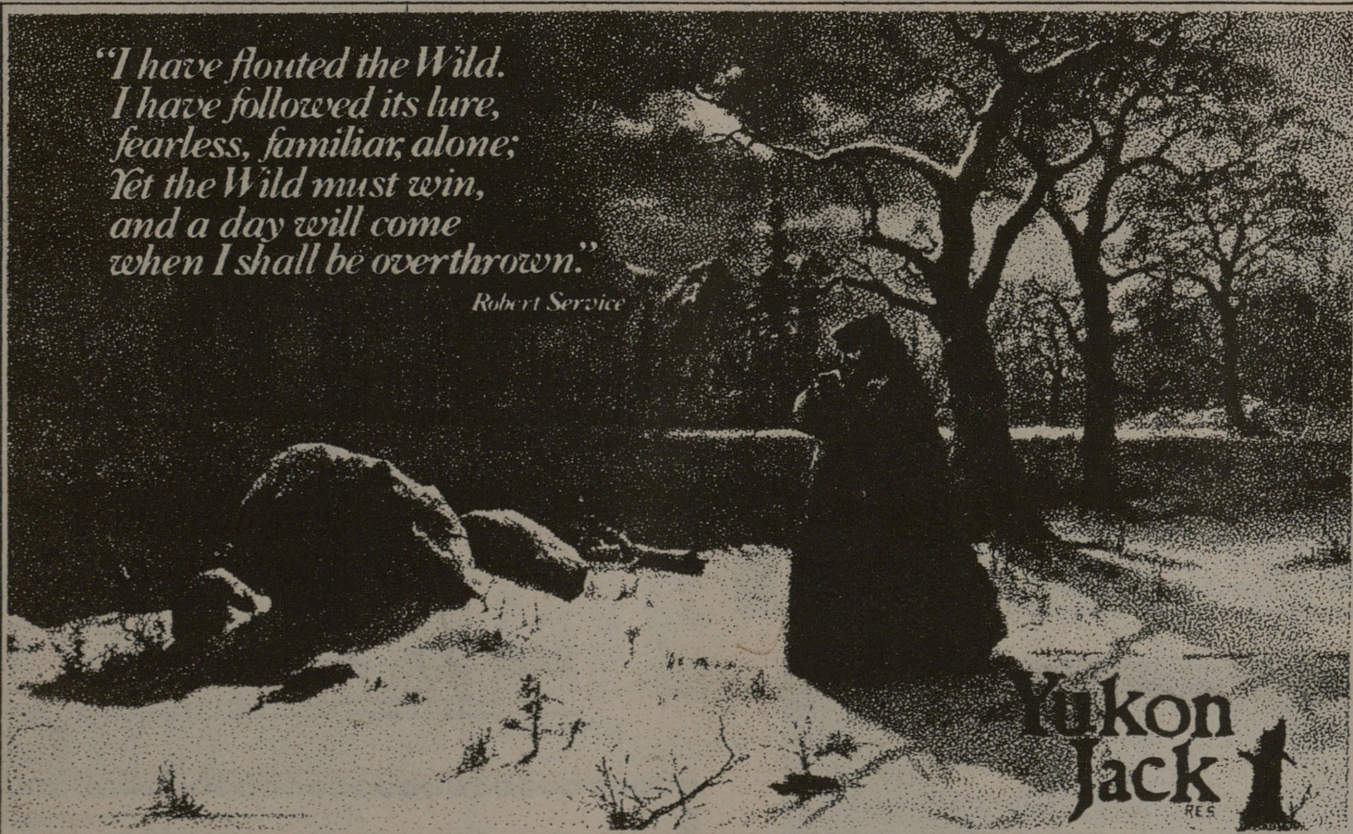
## Helping handicapped kids: Mistakes have been made

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Many of the nation's more than 9 million handicapped children are receiving "the wrong or inadequate services" or no help at all, according to a recently published study.  
The authors of a new book, "Handicapped Children: Strategies for Improving Services," also said, "If one-in-ten existing handicaps in youth had been prevented, the future savings to the government might have been about \$500 million per year for all handicapped youth."  
Garry D. Brewer, professor of organization and management at Yale University, and James S. Kakalik of the Rand Corp., said that more than 9 million of the 83.8 million youths aged 21 or younger in 1970 were handicapped.  
They said 193,000 suffered visual impairment; 490,000 hearing impairment; 2.2 million speech impairment; 1.67 million crippling or other health impairment; 2.8 million, mental retardation; 1.5 million emotional disturbance; 740,000

learning disability; and 50,000 multiple handicaps.  
"Currently there are over 50 different major federal programs and hundreds of state and local programs, which together expended at least \$7 billion for handicapped youth in fiscal year 1976, up from less than \$5 billion in FY 1971," Brewer and Kakalik said.  
They said the average annual government expenditure per handicapped youth is \$495, but added that while some handicapped children receive much more than that amount in government services, others receive nothing.  
Brewer and Kakalik said that most of the programs are worthwhile and services are improving, "but the service system faces major problems, and with better organization and support it could do far better."  
"Many of the handicapped children are not receiving services, or are receiving the wrong or inadequate services," they said.  
"Extreme inequities prevail in the delivery of services; there are

serious gaps in services offered; information is insufficient, often inadequate, and most important, the resources devoted to meeting youths' needs are insufficient. Approximate terms, sometimes in half of the services needed by handicapped youth, were not received in 1971."  
Brewer and Kakalik said that management does not place enough emphasis on preventing handicaps, spending about 3 percent of available services of prevention, education and direction. Only 19 percent is targeted for preschool, 99 percent goes for service after children are handicapped."  
They offered the following recommendations:  
—Give a single federal prime responsibility and authority for prevention as a service.  
—Revise and strengthen existing programs, and provide funding for an open-ended program.  
—Without deductibles, cover prenatal care, routine immunization services for children, examinations for youth up to age 18, and preventive medical treatment in Medicaid and in any health insurance that may be established.  
—Expand voluntary genetic testing and counseling services, accompanied by a high-risk registry of parents and potential parents of handicapped children.  
—Evaluate and research existing and proposed physical and mental impairment identification programs for both school-age and preschool-age children.  
—Institute a comprehensive screening program for physical and mental handicaps throughout the country.

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*"I have flouted the Wild,  
I have followed its lure,  
fearless, familiar, alone;  
Yet the Wild must win,  
and a day will come  
when I shall be overthrown."*

Robert Service

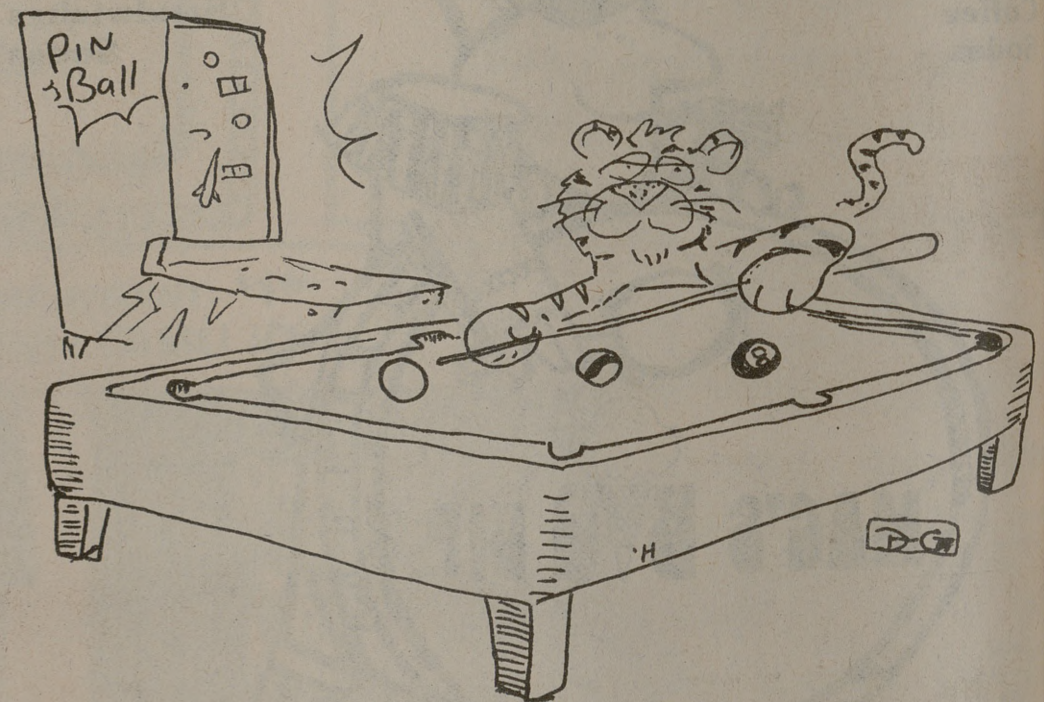
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