

Girl Rescued From Mine Pit

**Trapped During
Senior Class Visit**

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Canon City, Colo., May 24—

A 17-year-old high school girl today was reported in "serious" condition at a Canon City hospital from injuries suffered when she tumbled 100 feet down a mine shaft and was pinned by a boulder for two hours.

Donna Zarnowski of Burns, Kas., was trapped in the shaft by a quarter-ton boulder yesterday during a senior class visit to scenic attractions which included the abandoned mine shaft near Royal Gorge.

She and 21 classmates scrambled out of their chartered bus at a lookout point on skyline drive and threaded 100 feet down the cliff to view the entrance to an old shale mine.

A boulder at the entrance on which Donna was leaning gave way and she tumbled down the 60-degree entrance shaft after it. She came to rest 100 feet down the shaft and the boulder rolled back and pinned her against a slate pillar.

A doctor was lowered into the pit to give her a hypodermic while a wrecking truck and firemen were en route. A Catholic priest was also let down by rope at her request.

Two hours later the boulder was moved by a winch and cable. Firemen strapped the girl to a stretcher and she was hauled to the mine entrance.

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