

BOY IN WELL RESCUED

2-Year-Old in 18-Foot Shaft for 4 Hours in Colorado

AURORA, Colo., April 16 (AP) — Two-year-old David Mark Counterman, his face scratched and smeared with tears, was raised to safety late today after spending nearly four hours at the bottom of an eighteen-foot well shaft. The shaft was eighteen inches in diameter.

"He screamed all the time he was in the hole," said George Moorehead, fire chief of this Denver suburb. "But the minute we laid hands on him he gave a feeble grin and stopped."

Workers drilled a parallel shaft, then angled under the child; Mr. Moorehead and two other men made their way to the bottom of the rescue shaft and dug through to the boy.

They pulled him head first into the new shaft and then to the surface as his mother and nearly 1,000 neighbors and other onlookers cheered.

David tumbled into the shaft when his father, Charles, 24, turned away to rest from working a hand-operated auger he was using to dig a water well in the rear yard of his home.

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