

Man Survives Fall Down Mine Shaft

CALVERITAS, Calaveras Co. — William Kerr, 31, of Calveritas escaped injury yeasterday afternoon in a 35-foot fall down in a mine shaft.

Kerr, his mother, LaDonna, and their family dog were walking in a field near their home when the dog fell down the 75-foot-deep shaft. Kerr got a rope and began lowering himself down the shaft to retrieve the small dog.

The rope broke when Kerr reached the half-way mark and he fell to the bottom of the shaft.

Mrs. Kerr ran to a nearby telephone and called sheriff's deputies for help. Officers pulled out both Kerr and the dog with the aid of safety harnesses and lines. Kerr suffered only minor cuts and abrasions and the dog had no apparent injuries, officers said.

1975 William Kerr rescued after fall down mine shaft in search of dog

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