

Boy rescued from mine 17 hours after cave-in

PILOT KNOB, Mo. (AP) — About 30 tons of rock fell onto a teen-age boy in an abandoned mine, and rescuers using heavy equipment took more than 17 hours to roll a boulder aside to free him yesterday.

Gerald Dwayne Easter, 17, was freed about 9:15 a.m. and flown to St. Mary's Health Center in Richmond Heights, a St. Louis suburb, where he was listed in serious but stable condition after surgery.

Easter became trapped in the mine on Pilot Knob Mountain about 3 p.m. Saturday when a shaft wall collapsed and the boulder fell on his legs, said Don Wynn, the Pilot Knob fire chief.

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