

'Big' storm breaks up, forecasters say coastal storms are hard to call

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Strong, icy winds blew into central Pennsylvania yesterday, but failed to bring the snow some meteorologists predicted.

Bob Shaw, supervisor of the Penn State Weather Station, said, "We were expecting a stronger coastal storm to develop, which it did, but all the precipitation came to the east (of State College) and in the form of rain."

For reasons meteorologists do not quite understand, the developing low pressure system broke up into two storms, with each storm robbing the other of energy, he said.

"We did get the cold and the wind we predicted, but not the snow," Shaw said.

For coastal cities like New York and Philadelphia, the storm did bring heavy rain, but was not strong enough to carry precipitation to inland regions, he said.

Shaw said all the ingredients for having a strong winter storm were present — warm, moist air over the Atlantic Ocean and cold Arctic air across the eastern seaboard.

"Whenever you have a strong temperature difference between Arctic air and warm, tropical air in the Gulf stream, you have the potential for strong storm development," Shaw said.

These east coast winter storms are the bane of forecasters because meteorologists do not fully understand how they form, Shaw said. One problem is lack of data from the ocean spawning grounds of these storms.

"At this point we're not sure what went wrong (with Sunday's storm) and that's why people are interested in GALE," Shaw said.

GALE — Genesis of Atlantic Lows Experiment — is a winter-long research project to study the formation of east coast winter storms, he said.

Gregory S. Forbes, University associate professor of meteorology, is in Raleigh, N.C. with other meteorologists from across the nation collecting data on the formation of east coast storms.

"They watch the weather and when the conditions are right they gear-up and send up their equipment," Shaw said.

The data meteorologists collect with aircraft and weather balloons will be analyzed to discover what conditions lead to east coast blizzards and which produce January rains, Shaw said.

Locked doors curb thefts, police say

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While a number of recent thefts in residence halls is part of an ongoing campus problem, prevention may be as simple as locking the door.

Robert McNichol, crime control supervisor for University Police Services, estimated that 75 percent of campus crimes are thefts from residence hall rooms.

"If you took the thefts out of the picture, you wouldn't have much crime on campus at all," McNichol said.

He said the same percentage of thefts have occurred at the University during the last several years.

The chances of recovering items stolen depend on whether the burglary was an isolated incident or part of a series of burglaries, McNichol said.

Police investigations for thefts are standard, he said, and in most cases investigators have a better chance of tracing a culprit with a general target area, such as the recent rash of thefts in East Halls.

Most of the thefts occur when someone leaves an unattended room unlocked, he said, adding that forced entry, or break-ins, almost never happen.

"It's very easy for someone to just walk into a building and go up and down a hall until he finds an unlocked, unoccupied room," McNichol said.

He said the locks on doors are very good, but are useless if they are not utilized.

"If the residents don't use the available security, there's not much else anyone can do," Dave Stormer, director of University Safety, said.

He said the residence halls could offer a variety of safety measures, but these are not preferred by residents because of their inconvenience.

"Often, security systems must be traded off for convenience," he said. Stormer said one measure that was suggested was a "key system" where a student's key opens both the room and the building, so the building can always stay locked.

But Patty Martin, president of the Association of Residence Halls, said her organization suggested the key system last year, but received negative feedback from students.

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Gerhard adds depth to grapplers' lineup

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Wrestling is a sport where, at first glance, team depth doesn't seem to play a big role. It is, however, a crucial part of a team's success, and no one knows that better than Lion Head Coach Rich Lorenzo.

In his eighth season as the Penn State coach, Lorenzo has led the Lions, Lorenzo has that depth. So over the weekend, when one starter was out with mononucleosis and two others were nursing minor injuries, the Penn State coach probably did not worry too much when he sat down to juggle his lineup.

Consider this choice: Joe Hedge — your 134-pounder — has a nagging injury? No problem. Just move Tim Flynn, who is nationally-ranked at 126, up one spot and fill his regular slot with his backup — a four-time Pennsylvania State High School champion.

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Enter redshirt-freshman Matt Gerhard.

"It was really nice to see Matt stepping in this weekend and doing a fine job," Lorenzo said, after Gerhard won two bouts over the weekend at Rec Hall to help the Lions defeat Navy 27-15 Saturday and Maryland 28-12 Sunday.

"He's been behind Flynn all year, but he got an opportunity to wrestle in front of the fans and show them a little of what he can do. It is nice to see a guy come off the junior varsity squad and be successful."

In a year where most of the attention has gone to 118-pounder Jim Martin (another freshman), the native of Catasauqua, Pa., has been overlooked. But Gerhard responded to his starting assignment by posting a 10-0 decision over Maryland's Troy Lawrence and notching a fall over Midshipman Doug Stanford in 1:22.

Both wins increased Penn State's record to 11-0 and Gerhard's overall record to 10-6 and his dual-meet record to 2-1.

"I'm glad Flynn moved up this week and gave me a chance to wrestle," Gerhard said. "I feel I am good enough to start. I am still trying to crack the starting lineup and I guess I won't be satisfied until I do. I'm going to keep plugging away."

Gerhard was not satisfied with his victory in the Maryland match, even though the only points Lawrence could score were on escapes.

"I only wrestled 100 percent for two-thirds of the match," he said Sunday. "That is something I have to work on. I felt a little sluggish, a little tired. I was happy with the match (Saturday) night. One move was all it took. It really wasn't luck because I set him up for it."

Gerhard and Midshipman Stanford were tied up on their feet for about a minute when the Lion wrestler panicked him to the mat. Gerhard won the Ridge Riley Award as the outstanding wrestler in the meet for his performance.

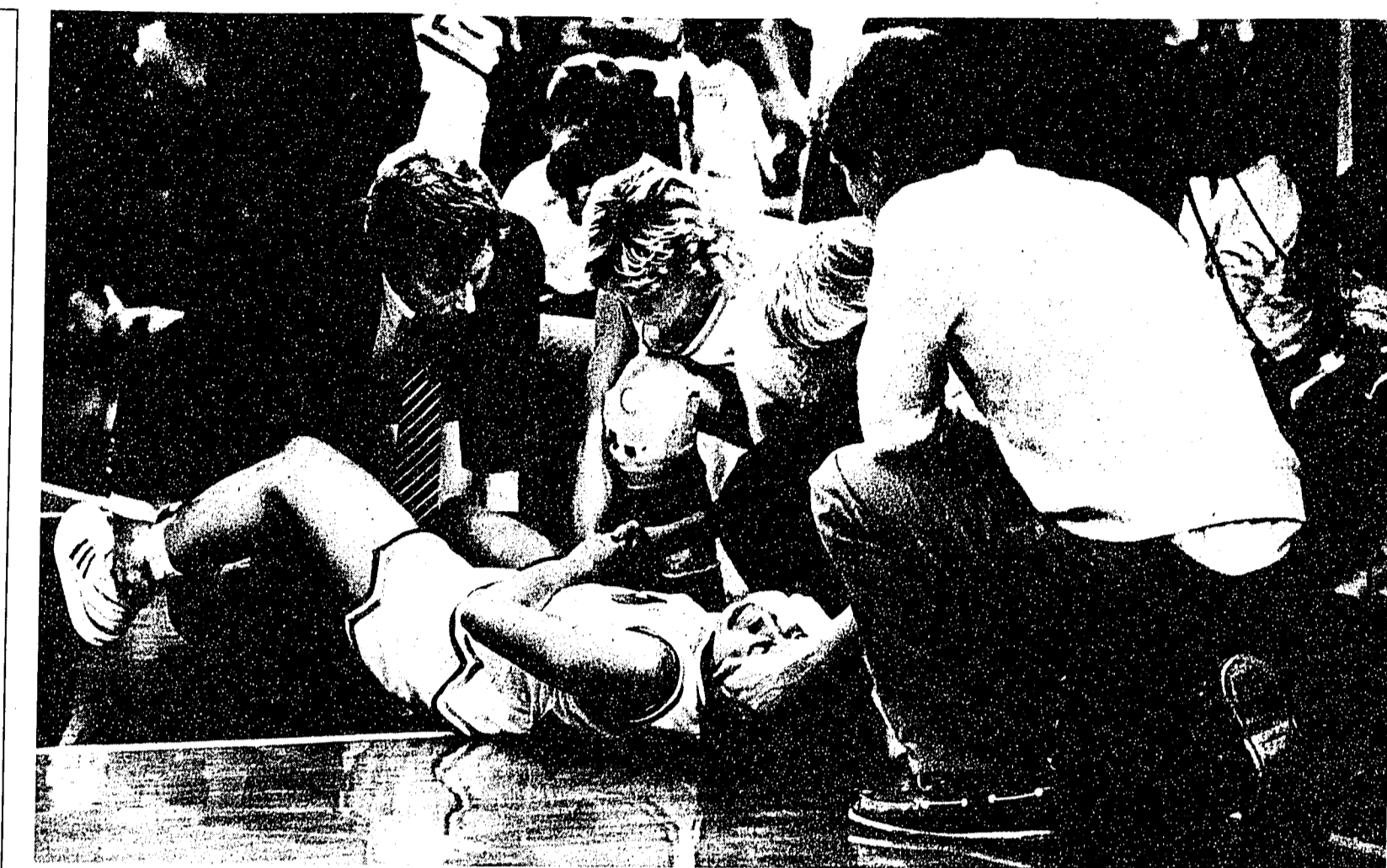
"I just took my time and set him up for it," Gerhard said. "I am more of a defense-oriented type of wrestler. I wait for the other guy to make his move. He was actually the tougher wrestler (of the two this weekend). I was really nervous until I got out on the mat."

Gerhard compiled a 127-3 record at Catasauqua High School and won the state title at 88, 105, 112, and 119 pounds. He was undefeated in his junior and senior campaigns. Gerhard has not had it as easy in the college ranks, however.

"Every match in college is good," he said. "Guys wrestle a lot smarter, and their defense is much better."

Gerhard has great potential and Lorenzo is counting on him as a future starter. But for now, Gerhard is part of a strong bench that Lorenzo can go to at any time.

"It does make it nice for a coach to be able to insert someone the caliber of a Matt Gerhard into the lineup," Lorenzo said. "That is what makes a strong program — depth. That is why Iowa is so good. They have strength and depth up and down their lineup. We have it at some weights, and that is something we have to keep working on to improve our program."



Penn State trainer Tim Madden tending to Vanessa Paynter, who injured her knee against Rutgers Jan. 18. Paynter is expected to rejoin the lineup this weekend.

Lady cagers continue to battle injuries

By MATT HERB
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Rene Portland is a troubled woman. Forget for a moment the Penn State women's basketball team which she coaches on its last game by a 35-point margin.

Forget too that the Lady Lions' record stands at 14-4 (6-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference), good enough for the No. 16 ranking in last week's Associated Press poll. Forget all that. It's a coach's prerogative to be realistic, and Portland has found a chink in her team's armor.

The issue at hand is health, or rather the lack of it, among the Lady Lions.

Penn State may have had no trouble downing Rhode Island on Saturday, but it had considerably less success fending off the most recent wave of injuries and illnesses that has hit the team. It is a problem that everyone has become painfully aware of.

"We've had a very tough schedule lately," center Pia Edvinsson said after last Thursday's narrow victory

(66-65) over West Virginia. "We've been practicing every day and you can feel it in your body and your mind."

It has seemed recently that every Lady Lion has been playing with some nagging injury or another, or the flu, if not both. With the number of walking wounded increasing, Portland's nominee for MVP is trainer Tim Madden. Which makes perfect sense, since at the rate the Lady Lions have been dropping, he may be the only team member able to accept it by the end of the season.

"Tim has really done a good job with them, and we're just trying to baby them through this whole thing," Portland said. "Last night I had to go into Riverside and everybody was laughing at me because I ended up buying \$30 worth of juice for them. I got gallons and gallons of orange juice and took it over to the dorms and told them to drink this and drink that."

Unfortunately for the Lady Lions, many of their physical problems have been the kind that do not go away with a little nursing and rest.

Despite a rehabilitation that Portland has never stopped raving about, starting forward Joanie O'Brien has continued to suffer the aftereffects of arthroscopic knee surgery performed during the off-season. O'Brien, who wears bulky calf-to-thigh braces on both legs, has virtually disappeared from the Lady Lions' offense, scoring only eight points in Penn State's last two games.

In addition, starting center Bethany Collins has been troubled by a chronic back injury that, earlier in the season, had her in traction at Rittman Health Center. The injury, plus a bout with the flu, has meant that Collins has been sharing time with Edvinsson, also part of the injured reserve.

"Yesterday it seemed like we had a team meeting in the doctor's office," Collins said. "Everyone was down there. Pia went down with a knee problem — she couldn't walk up the stairs. And I'm looking at her and thinking 'What are we going to do? I can't bend over and she can't walk up the stairs.' I just have to

concentrate and say, 'What's another 40 minutes of game time?'"

The most visible example of the Lady Lions' difficulties has been guard Vanessa Paynter, who has sat out the team's last three games with a sprained knee suffered against Rutgers. Portland expects her back in the lineup for Penn State's next game against George Washington University Sunday, but her absence has meant dipping deeper and deeper into the Lady Lions' bench for help.

So far, that help has been there when called upon. It's been the play of back-up guards Lisa Faloon and Patti Longenecker that has saved the Lady Lions' chances of making West Virginia. Still, it's a situation Penn State would just as soon avoid. And with five more days to recuperate before the Lady Lions' next game, they may get that chance.

"It's just game after game after game," Collins said. "It's tough to get yourself psyched up. After classes you have to come to the games, so we're looking forward to this week off."

At least five Pats have drug problem

BOSTON (AP) — At least five New England Patriots have a serious drug problem and five to seven more are suspected to have a problem, Coach Raymond Berry told The Boston Globe in a copy-right interview in today's editions.

"I would say we may be 28th in the league as far as this problem goes, but there are at least five players we know who have a serious problem and five to seven more whom we suspect very strongly," Berry said.

The identifications of the players, who Berry said include at least four starters, were not released.

"We have a situation that exists here that we feel is intolerable. It has been going on for a year, and I had to weigh the damages of doing something about it immediately by going public," Berry said.

"We felt with the season going the way it had, we had to keep our eye on the bull's-eye. That's why we didn't do anything before. But our bull's-eye looking is over," Berry said yesterday, a day after the Patriots' 49-10 Super Bowl loss to the Chicago Bears.

"It's time to do something about this problem, and it cannot be done in secret," Berry said.

After being addressed yesterday in New Orleans by Berry about the extent of the problem — specifically, the use of cocaine, the Globe said — and the possible consequences, the team members huddled for nearly two hours in their hotel with player representative Brian Holloway and his assistant, Ron Wooten.

At the meeting, members of the American Football Conference champions voted to become the first NFL team to accept voluntary drug testing, the Globe and other sources said. Of 59 players on the roster, seven voted against the plan. Several abstained, the newspaper said.

Berry was asked when the team returned at 11 p.m. last night to Logan International Airport if any players were going to be suspended as a result of the problem.

"Not necessarily. All of us understand that the world is out there today. It's just something we have to deal with," he said.

Prior to the vote for drug testing, injured defensive end Kenneth Sims spoke forcefully in favor of the voluntary plan, the Globe said.

"Many of the players involved are ones with important roles on this team. We can't afford to lose them. We don't want to see players traded because of a drug problem," Wooten said.

"We also didn't want our season tainted by the actions of a few players, and to be honest, most of us were shocked to learn the extent of the problem. We all thought it was just a very few players. I'm flabbergasted," Wooten said.

"What we decided to adopt was a voluntary drug-testing program that will be regular and frequent enough to prevent anyone from slipping through undetected. The key is that this is a personal agreement between this specific group of players, (General Manager) Patrick (Sullivan) and Raymond."

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Bears greeted with ticker-tape parade

By DIANE PACETTI
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CHICAGO — The triumphant Bears returned home yesterday to a ticker-tape parade, greeted by more than half a million cheering fans who braved bitter cold and clogged the streets, waved from windows and showered the Super Bowl victors with tons of shredded paper.

After the six-block parade, Bears President Michael McCaskey carried the gleaming silver Super Bowl trophy through the crowd and onto a podium at Daley Plaza, temporarily renamed "Bears Plaza."

"Today in this country, everybody is a Chicago Bears fan," said McCaskey, who drew thunderous cheers when he broke into dog bark popularized by Bears players prowling the sidelines.

Mayor Harold Washington, wearing an orange-and-blue Bears cap, displayed a street sign renaming part of Lake Shore Drive in honor of the late George S. Halas, who founded the Bears.

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—Michael McCaskey, Bears president

The Bears beat the New England Patriots 46-10 in Super Bowl XX played Sunday in New Orleans. The Bears ended the season 18-1.

The team members, who arrived about an hour late, were ferried through the financial district on buses, as children climbed trees to catch a glimpse and paper fluttered like swirling snow in the arctic temperatures. Coach Mike Ditka led the parade.

About 500,000 people lined the parade route and another 150,000 were in the plaza, said police Lt. William McTigue. The temperature downtown was 8 degrees, with a wind-chill factor of 29 degrees below zero.

Several team members climbed atop the buses and waved. Spectators also tried to climb onto the bus roofs, some falling back to the crowded street.

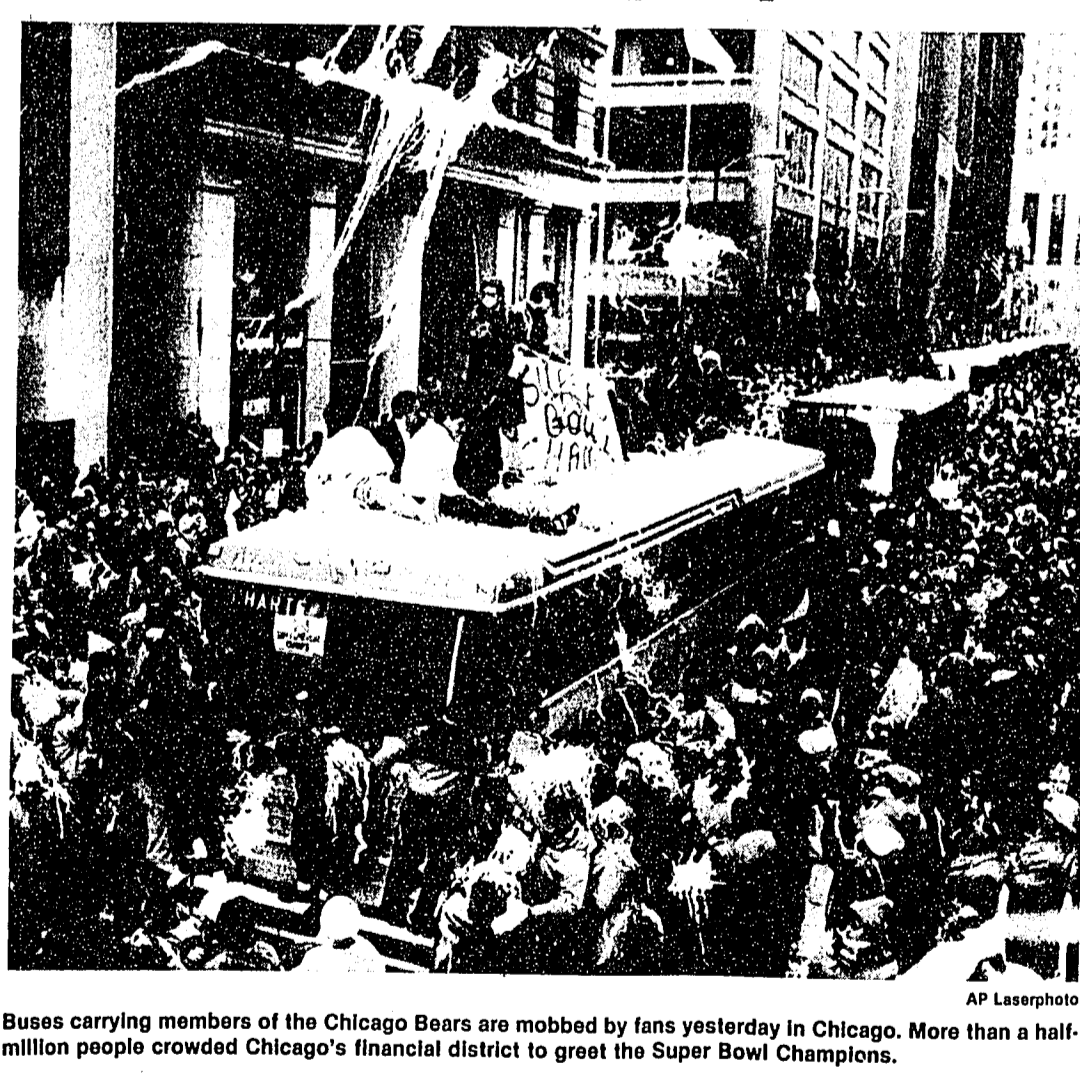
"Having a ticker-tape parade in Chicago is so wonderful, I just wanted to be part of it," said Chicagoan Dorothy Bloom, 33.

Eight of the Bears' Pro Bowl players did not attend the celebration because they went directly to Hawaii for the Feb. 2 game. Not attending were Jimbo Covert, Jay Hilgenberg, Richard Dent and Mike Singletary, all starters, and reserves Dave Duerson, Otis Wilson, Dan Hampton and offensive quarterback Jim McMahon.

The Bears' ninth Pro Bowl player, Walter Payton, had been expected to be in the parade but made no public appearance. He visited his home yesterday, then left for Hawaii, said Bears spokesman Ken Valdisserri.

The team may have to turn down an invitation to visit the White House because of the Pro Bowl and other scheduling conflicts, said Peter Rousseau, a spokesman for President Reagan.

WMAQ-TV, the Chicago NBC affiliate that broadcasts the Super Bowl, reported yesterday that the show was the most watched program ever in Chicago, with more than 5 million people tuning in — an 87 percent share of the viewing audience.



Buses carrying members of the Chicago Bears are mobbed by fans yesterday in Chicago. More than a half-million people crowded Chicago's financial district to greet the Super Bowl Champions.

Although Chicago baseball teams have come close, the city has not had a national champion in a major sport since late 1983, when the Bears defeated the New York Giants in the National Football League playoff game, in the days before the Super Bowl.

Celebration of Chicago's long-denied championship began when the game ended Sunday night. About 10,000 fans hit the streets of a popular North Side bar district, clogging traffic, tossing firecrackers and singing the Bears' praises until daylight.

About 75 people were arrested, most on disorderly conduct charges, said patrolman John McAlister. Angelo Caputo, 54, of Berwyn, an employee of WMAQ-TV, was hit by a car and suffered a broken leg, authorities said. He was in fair condition yesterday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.