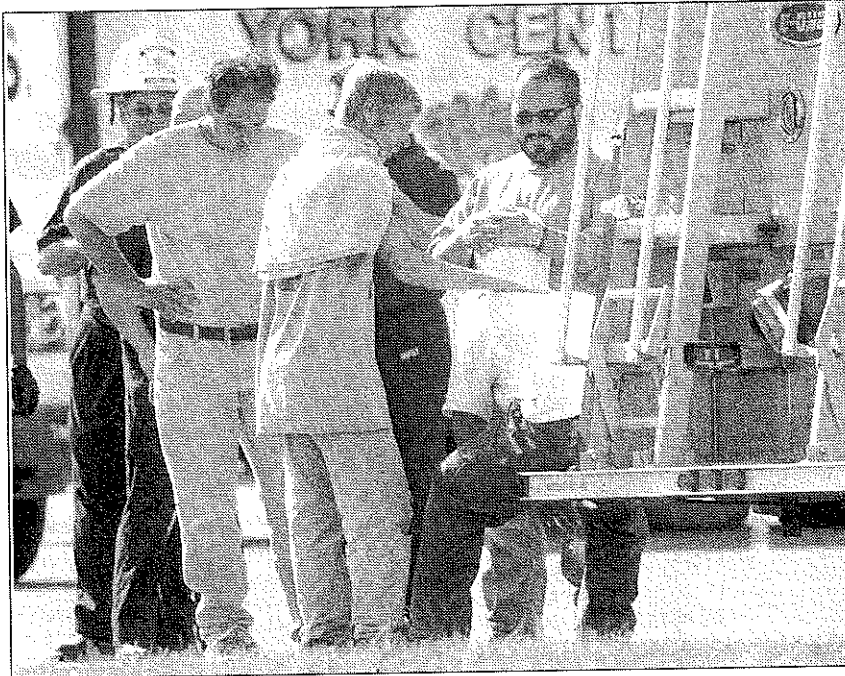


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Construction workers console each other Monday at Wheaton Warrenville South High School after the accident. —RICH HEIN/SUN-TIMES

## Worker killed, another hurt in trench collapse at school

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A trench collapsed Monday at a Wheaton high school construction site, killing a 74-year-old worker and injuring his son when both were trapped by tons of dirt in the 15-foot-deep ditch, officials said.

The cave-in occurred about 3 p.m. at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, pinning the two workers, who were laying pipes in a trench.

Rescue work proceeded slowly as rescuers carefully removed the tons of dirt to ensure there were no further collapses that could threaten the trapped workers or firefighters.

One worker was conscious when pulled out about 6 p.m. He was helicoptered to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, where a source said he was treated for a broken hip.

Rescuers at 9:20 p.m. extricated the second worker, who died in the collapse. He was identified as Herman Calloway Sr., 74, of Chicago's South Side, DuPage County Coroner Pete Siekmann said.

The injured man was Calloway's son, Herman Jr., authorities said.

"It did not appear there was any bracing or shoring" typically used to prevent collapses, Wheaton Fire Department Battalion Chief Peter O'Leary said, adding there was a "trench box" outside the ditch.

Wheaton-Warrenville District 200 officials deferred questions to the Chicago-based construction manager, who couldn't be reached for comment Monday night.

Officials from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were on the scene.

O'Leary said the mood at the scene was grim. "People are saddened by what's happened," he said.