

## Dick Enberg, known for 'Oh my!' catchphrase, dies at 82

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Through six decades, whether it was broadcasting one of John Wooden's basketball championships with UCLA, a no-hitter by Nolan Ryan or a dramatic point at Wimbledon, Dick Enberg excitedly summed up the big moments with two simple words: "Oh my!"

Enberg, a master at calling big events across the sports spectrum but who held a special love for baseball, died Thursday at 82.

Enberg's daughter, Nicole Enberg Vaz, confirmed his death to The Associated Press. She said the family became concerned when her father didn't arrive Thursday on his flight to Boston, and he was found dead at his home in La Jolla, a San Diego neighborhood, with his bags packed.

His daughter said the family believes Enberg died of a heart attack but was awaiting official word.

Enberg's wife, Barbara, already was in Boston and was expecting his arrival.

"It's very, very, very shocking," said Vaz, who lives in Boston. "He'd been busy with two podcasts and was full of energy."

Tributes poured in from around the sports world.

"To me, Dick Enberg was the greatest all-around sportscaster who ever lived and will never be emulated," former Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully said in a statement. "He had my respect, admiration and my friendship. He will be sorely missed."

Scully was among the first to congratulate Enberg when it was announced three years ago that he had been chosen for induction into the broadcasters' wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame as the 2015 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award.

Scully read off some names of broadcasters Enberg would be joining in Cooperstown.

"Oh man, what a list. What's this farm boy doing on that list?" Enberg replied.

That was Enberg, who grew up in the Midwest, moved to Los Angeles and got his big break with UCLA basketball before expanding his repertoire to



AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi, File

In this Sept. 29, 2016, file photo, Dick Enberg, the voice of the San Diego Padres, poses in his booth prior to the Padres' final home baseball game of the season in San Diego. Enberg died Thursday. He was 82.

calling Super Bowls, Olympics, Final Fours, Wimbledon and the Breeders' Cup. Besides calling eight of Wooden's 10 national championships with the Bruins, Enberg became known in Southern California for broadcasting Angels and Rams games and, for the last seven years of his career, San Diego Padres games.

"There will never be another Dick Enberg," CBS Sports Chairman Sean McManus said. "As the voice of generations of fans, Dick was a masterful storyteller, a consummate professional and a true gentleman. He was one of the true legends of our business."

As their careers neared an end late in the 2016 baseball season, Scully and Enberg sat down to reminisce.

"I think we do have one thing in common about our background and I think are so blessed because of that, that we grew up in black-and-white radio," Enberg said. "There wasn't television and so we were able to use our memory and imagine our great heroes and what was happening and how it was being described."

When the Padres hired him in December 2009, Enberg explained the genesis of using "Oh my!" to describe big plays.

"It's not something that's part of my normal conversation," Enberg said. "I grew up with a mother who said, 'oh my,' a lot, usually in dismay, 'Oh my, now what have you done?' But it's a Midwestern term of exclamation. People say: 'Have you heard about so and so?' Oh my! Or, 'Oh my, that's exciting!'"

Enberg said he needed a signature call after being hired to do play-by-play at Indiana in 1957, and it stuck.

"It's been a good friend for, well, 50 years," he said.

He also was known for his baseball catchphrase of "Touch 'em all!" for home runs.

"Dick was an institution in the industry for 60 years and we were lucky enough to have his iconic voice behind the microphone for Padres games for nearly a decade," Padres owners Ron Fowler and Peter Seidler said in a statement.

## NASA astronaut, 1st to fly untethered in space, dies at 80

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA astronaut Bruce McCandless, the first person to fly freely and untethered in space, has died. He was 80.

McCandless died Thursday in California, NASA's Johnson Space Center announced Friday. No cause of death was given.

He was famously photographed in 1984 flying with a hefty spacewalker's jetpack, alone in the cosmic blackness above a blue Earth. He traveled more than 300 feet away from the space shuttle Challenger during the spacewalk.

McCandless said he wasn't nervous about the historic spacewalk.

"I was grossly over-trained. I was just anxious to get out there and fly. I felt very comfortable ... It got so cold my teeth were chattering and I was shivering, but that was a very minor thing," he told the *Daily Camera* in Boulder, Colorado, in 2006. McCandless helped



NASA via AP

This Feb. 7, 1984 photo shows astronaut Bruce McCandless II, participating in a spacewalk a few meters away from the cabin of the Earth-orbiting space shuttle Challenger. The Johnson Space Center says McCandless died Thursday in California.

develop the jetpack and was later part of the shuttle crew that delivered the Hubble

Space Telescope to orbit. McCandless also served as the Mission Control

capsule communicator in Houston as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon in 1969.

Born in Boston, McCandless graduated from Woodrow Wilson Senior High School in Long Beach, California. He graduated from the Naval Academy, earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Houston at Clear Lake in 1987.

He was a naval aviator who participated in the Cuban blockade in the 1962 missile crisis. McCandless was selected for astronaut training during the Gemini program, and he was a backup pilot for the first manned Skylab mission in 1973.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Shields McCandless of Conifer, Colorado, two children and two grandchildren.

## Bitcoin goes on wild ride and it may only get crazier

By MARLEY JAY  
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — What's a bitcoin worth? Lately nobody knows for sure, but after a wild ride on Friday, it's worth a good deal less than it was Thursday.

After losses over the last few days, the digital currency fell as much as 30 percent overnight in Asia, and the action became so frenzied that the website Coinbase suspended trading. It later made up much of that ground, and slumped 9.5 percent to \$14,042 Friday, according to the tracking site CoinDesk.

Experts are warning that bitcoin is a bubble about to burst, but things might get crazier before it does: A lot of people have heard of bitcoin by now, but very few people own it.

"Bubbles burst when the last buyers are in," said Brett Ewing, chief market strategist for First Franklin. "Who are the last buyers? The general public, unfortunately."

Ewing said 40 percent of bitcoin belongs to just 1,000 people, and hedge funds and other major investors are going to start buying it soon. But those funds may buy bitcoin and also protect themselves by placing bets that it will fall. Retail investors may just buy it only to see it fall.



AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File

A bitcoin sell-off that began at the beginning of the week is gaining momentum, with a quarter of its value evaporating in the past 24 hours. Just hours before U.S. markets opened Friday, bitcoin was trading at \$13,659.85, according to the tracking site CoinDesk.

"I think investors should approach it with caution and I think many people will dive into it not understanding what it is," he said.

As bitcoin skyrocketed this month, the volume of trading was unprecedented as investors hoping to catch a ride up piled in. Prices have risen so fast, the Friday tumble returned the price of bitcoin only to where it was trading two weeks ago.

The volatility has created a circus-like atmosphere. Some companies that have added the word "bitcoin" or related terms to their names to get in on the action. The craziest thing is, it's worked. Long Island Iced Tea Corp. until this week had been known for its peach-, raspberry-, guava-,

lemon- and mango-flavored drinks. Then, on Thursday, the company announced a radical rebranding. It's changing its name to Long Blockchain Corp., shifting its primary focus from iced tea to "the exploration of and investment in opportunities that leverage the benefits of blockchain technology."

Blockchain is a ledger where transactions of digital currencies, like bitcoin, are recorded. Shares in Long Island Iced Tea soared 200 percent in one day.

The Hicksville, New York, company did what investors are doing, hitching a ride on a currency that raced from less than \$10,000 at the end of November to almost \$20,000 on Sunday.

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And it cost less than \$1,000 at the beginning of the year.

The rise of the price of bitcoin, which is still difficult to use if you actually want to buy something, has led to heated speculation about when the bubble might burst.

The currency has been, if nothing else, highly elastic, bouncing back every time it crashes, which occurs about once every quarter.

It fell 11.5 percent over two days in early December and 21.5 percent over five days in November.

Curiosity has now driven bitcoin to the futures market, where investors bet on which direction it will go.

Bitcoin futures started trading on two major exchanges — the Cboe and CME — this month. Those futures fell about 8 percent Friday.

If people get burned, it won't be because they were not warned.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Thomas R. 'Tom' Crimins

Milton-Freewater

April 16, 1954 - Dec. 18, 2017

Thomas R. "Tom" Crimins, 63, of Milton-Freewater died Monday, Dec. 18, 2017, at his home. He was born April 16, 1954. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### SATURDAY, DEC. 23

No services scheduled

### SUNDAY, DEC. 24

No services scheduled

### MONDAY, DEC. 25

No services scheduled

### TUESDAY, DEC. 26

No services scheduled

## OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at [www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform](http://www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform), by email to [obits@eastoregonian.com](mailto:obits@eastoregonian.com), by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

## MEETINGS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit [easternoregonevents.com](http://easternoregonevents.com)

### MONDAY, DEC. 25

No meetings scheduled

### TUESDAY, DEC. 26

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Ma-

rine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27**  
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-9061)  
**HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

## COMING EVENTS



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Santa will take time out of his busy schedule to pose for photos this Sunday at the BMCC Christmas Eve Dinner, 4-6 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 23

**JAMES DEAN KINDLE LIVE**, 9-11:59 p.m., Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton. Late-night solo lounge set featuring solo country & western, jazz standards and sombre Christmas songs. No cover.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 24

**KIDS KLUB**, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For children of all ages. Includes arts, crafts, music and more. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

**SAVE YOUR BACON SUNDAY**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Shop for last-minute gifts and stocking stuffers with a variety of art and crafts from across the country on offer. Free gift-wrapping station for any gifts you want to bring. (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201)

**"A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS"**, 10:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 350 N.W. Sherman Ave., Stanfield. Youth from Missionettes and Royal Rangers will sing several selections, and stories and relevant Bible verses will be read to celebrate the season. Everyone welcome. (Michael Kinlock 541-449-3434)

**CHRISTMAS IN HERMISTON SERVICE**, 11 a.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. An interactive, family-friendly event with a clear message about Christmas. Childcare provided for children under age 5. Free, but tickets must be reserved in advance by phone or by visiting [www.christmasinhermiston.com](http://www.christmasinhermiston.com). A second service will be added if necessary. (541-567-5831)

**SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM**, 12-1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100)

**BMCC CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER**, 4-6 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Free ham dinner with all the trimmings, dessert and a trip to Santa's Toy Shop for a gift and photos for the children. Donations and volunteers welcome. (Abby Pierson or Austin Shick 541-278-5921 or 541-278-5967)

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE**, 6 p.m., Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. (541-376-8108)

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**, 6 p.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Special service includes worship, music and fellowship. Valet parking and elevator available. Everyone welcome. (541-938-3854)

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, 7 p.m., Tutuilla Presbyterian Church Lowry Hall, 45682 Tutuilla Church Road, Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (Bonnie Burke 541-969-6152)

**MONDAY, DEC. 25**  
**COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Free holiday meal at new location. For delivery service, a ride or to volunteer, contact [cfd-hermiston@gmail.com](mailto:cfd-hermiston@gmail.com). 541-371-9772. (541-371-9772)

**TUESDAY, DEC. 26**  
**WALKING FOR WELLNESS**, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

**CRAFTERNOONS**, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

**THE ARC ACTIVITY NIGHT**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Games, crafts and refreshments. (541-567-7615)

**PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO**, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

## LOTTERY

### Thursday, Dec. 21

Lucky Lines

04-08-09-15-FREE-17-22-

25-31

Estimated jackpot:

\$30,000

Pick 5

1 p.m.: 5-7-9-5

4 p.m.: 3-1-0-7

7 p.m.: 5-5-7-5

10 p.m.: 6-0-2-5

### Friday, Dec. 22

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-4-4-5