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## Valley Star Dies After Car Wreck

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Paul Wofford, star running back for the Valley High School football team, died shortly after 1:30 p.m. Monday at University Medical Center of head injuries he suffered in a Saturday morning auto accident north of St. George, Utah.

Southern AAA All-Conference team.

Wofford, a senior, was the second leading rusher and second leading scorer in Southern Nevada this year, rushing for 976 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns.

Gerber characterized Wofford as being a great team leader.



Paul Wofford

Wofford was declared brain dead Saturday morning after the crash.

Wofford was driving north on Interstate 15 around 5:40 a.m. Saturday with passengers Johnny Yancey, a former Valley football player, and Darrel Charlton, a former Valley track runner, to see a Weber State football game in Ogden, Utah.

Valley football Coach Dave Gerber said Wofford fell asleep at the wheel and the car hit the median and swerved to the shoulder. Gerber said one of the passengers yelled and Wofford over-corrected. The car swerved off the wet road, turning end-over-end.

Wofford was thrown out of the car.

Gerber said Wofford was going to the Weber State game to watch his friends Darian Scott and Kelvin Dexter play — both had played football for Valley in 1985 — and to tell them that he had been named to this year's

"He led both on and off the field," Gerber said. "He was always in front during the drills and the rest of the kids really respected him."

Wofford, a Dallas native, had said earlier in the season he wanted to play football at the University of Texas but at 5-foot-11 and 180 pounds Wofford's chances for a major college scholarship were considered slim. What he lacked in size he made up in quickness and determination.

"Just last week we were saying how much he look like Frank Hawkins when he was a senior," Gerber said. "Frank wasn't that big as a senior but went up to Reno and put on weight."

"With Paul's quickness Reno would have loved to have him."

In last Friday's zone semi-final game, Wofford ran for 83 yards and one touchdown in overtime to lead the Vikings over Chaparral 41-38.

## Leontyne Price Featured in UNCF Benefit



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(A) A RARE MOMENT OF MUSICAL HISTORY was captured when opera star Leontyne Price recently chatted quietly with Marian Anderson, the noted contralto, now 82, just moments after Ms. Price performed to a sell-out audience at New York City's Carnegie Hall in a benefit concert for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

(B) Bill Cosby, second from right, who with his wife, Camille, was co-chairman of the benefit, delights a group of concert-goers moments before the performance. With Cosby are, from left, Linda Bowie, Area Development Director for UNCF; Christopher Edley,

UNCF President, and George Knox, Staff Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., a co-sponsor of the event. (C) Hugh Cullman, Vice Chairman of Philip Morris Companies Inc. and Chairman of UNCF's board of directors, discusses the concert with Ms. Price. Cullman and his wife, Nan, co-chaired the event with the Cosbys. A native of Laurel, Miss., Ms. Price attended Wilberforce University in Ohio, one of the 42 historically black colleges belonging to UNCF.

## Nigerian President Dead At 56

Associated Press

PARIS—President Seyni Kountche of Niger died today in a Paris hospital, French sources said, the same day his country's state-run radio announced his replacement

by the army chief of staff. He was 56.

The French sources spoke on condition they not be identified.

Kountche had been flown to Paris about seven times in

the past 10 months for medical treatment, although there has been no official explanation of the nature of his illness.

Western diplomats in Niger's capital, Niamey, said the public became aware of the president's health problems in January when he had

to be helped from the set during an appearance on national television.

It was later believed he had experienced either a minor stroke or heart attack. Recently rumors have circulated that Kountche had suffered from a brain tumor.

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