

# Singer Gaye shot, killed after fight with father

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marvin Gaye, the smooth-voiced soul singer who topped the charts in the 1960s with such hits as "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," was shot and killed yesterday by his father after a fight, police said.

Gaye was at his parents' home on the eve of his 40th birthday when he became involved in the fight and was shot twice in the chest with a handgun, said Lt. Robert Martin. Police later booked his father, Marvin Gaye Sr., 48, for investigation of murder, said Sgt. Mike Pustee. The elder Gaye was being held without bail.

—He became involved in a physical altercation with his father "around 10:30 p.m., Martin said. "Marvin Sr. subsequently armed himself with a handgun . . . and fired several rounds."

(The New York Times reported that a re-

port had been filed with the Los Angeles Police Department last week alleging "some kind of an assault" involving the son had occurred at his parents' home.

(In the Times story, Martin declined to comment on a report circulated by neighbors that the argument involved a birthday party that had been planned for the singer today.)

Gaye, whose career spanned nearly 30 years, was taken in critical condition to California Hospital. He was pronounced dead at 1:03 p.m., said hospital spokeswoman Michelle Barker.

The argument between father and son began Saturday night "over some insurance dealings," Martin said, adding the fight resumed yesterday as Gaye first ordered his father into the younger man's bedroom and then ordered him out again.

After the two men pushed at each other in the hallway, Martin said, the elder Gaye got a .38-caliber handgun and fired two shots into his son's chest, Martin said. Gaye's mother, Alberta, 71, who witnessed the shooting, ran to the next-door home of her son, Frank, who called police.

Martin said the singer's body was found in an upstairs bedroom.

"As best we can tell, there has been some bad blood. We don't know the extent of it," Martin said.

The shooting was "tragic," family lawyer Howard Beach said at the police station where 25 people, including Gaye's mother, waited to be questioned by police. "I loved Marvin. I'm very sorry," Beach said.

Gaye was born in Washington, D.C., on April 2, 1939.

"Just like Muhammad Ali was built to box, I was built to sing," he once said.

He began his career with the vocal group the Rainbows in the 1950s and his last completed album, "Midnight Love" won acclaim for the comeback hit "Sexual Healing," which won two 1983 Grammy awards.

He was nominated for a 1984 Grammy for "Midnight Love."

Last year, "I Heard It Through The Grapevine," his 1968 hit, was reissued and featured in the film soundtrack of "The Big Chill."

Other songs from his career which became soul standards include "What's Going On" and "Mercy, Mercy Me."

Gaye grew up in Washington playing the organ in church. He was a shy performer who



Marvin Gaye

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## Lava threat to Hilo is 'still real'

**VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP)**—A lava flow kept crawling toward outlying homes in Hilo yesterday, and officials said the threat to the city was "still real" as Mauna Loa's massive volcanic eruption entered its second week.

"The estimated average volume of lava is 1 million cubic meters per hour, which is about what it has been all along," said Kapa Maki, a ranger at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Reports earlier yesterday that the output of lava from a fissure at the 8,400-foot elevation on the 13,677-foot mountain had decreased between 20 percent and 30 percent since Friday, "apparently represented only a fluctuation in what appears to be a pattern developing for Mauna Loa," Maki said.

Scientists believed increased fuming yesterday indicated a slight increase in the volume and possibly a fresher magma with a higher content of gas coming to the surface, he said. The fuming prevented a National Geographic magazine crew from landing near the vent yesterday.

The flow advancing toward Hilo, Hawaii's second-largest city, was moving about 120 feet per hour yesterday, Maki said.

"An extremely tentative estimate is that the flow has moved about two-thirds of a mile since 3 p.m. Saturday," Bobby Camara, a naturalist at the park, said yesterday morning.

The leading edge of the lava flow was burning through a forested area. See MAUNA LOA, Page 2A



Test of faith — The Rev. Stanley Carter delivers his Sunday message to the congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Newberry, S.C., outside the tornado-wrecked church building. The building was destroyed Wednesday by one of the swarms of tornadoes that ripped through North and South Carolina, killing 50 people and leaving nearly 3,000 homeless. One person died in Newberry.

## Israelis hit Bekaa with tanks

**Lebanon criticizes U.S. for intervention failure**

By G.G. LaBelle  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli tanks shelled positions in Syrian-held Bekaa Valley yesterday for the first time in a year, and Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan met with the Soviet ambassador and criticized the U.S. failure to secure an Israeli withdrawal.

The rightist Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station said Israeli tanks took positions on hills just north of the village of Medouna, about 30 miles southeast of Beirut, and shelled Syrian positions.

It also said there were heavy exchanges near the villages of Sultan Yacoub and Yanta and the western slopes of Mount Hermon, or Jebel Sheikh, whose summit is at the Syrian-Lebanese border, 40 miles southeast of the capital.

The Israeli military command said its artillery attacked and destroyed two guerrilla command posts in the Bekaa Valley that had been used to prepare attacks on Israeli troops.

The command said the shelling was a response to recent attacks that wounded eight Israeli soldiers.

It was the first time in at least a year that Israel used artillery to attack guerrillas in Syrian-held Lebanese territory. See ISRAELIS, Page 2A

## OSHA reportedly ready with new asbestos limit

By Merrill Harp  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which has been seeking for 13 years to restrict worker exposure to health-threatening asbestos fibers, is on the verge of proposing new and sharply lowered limits, government sources say.

"It's down to a matter of a sentence or two" before the proposal is accepted by the Office of Management and Budget and sent to the government printers by OSHA, said one well-placed source involved in developing the government's new standard for workplace asbestos protection.

He and other officials said they could not comment publicly until after the proposal appears in the Federal Register, a daily govern-

ment publication, probably sometime this week.

Several sources said the proposed new limit might be as low as two-tenths of a fiber per cubic centimeter of air, against the current limit of two fibers per cubic centimeter. A cubic centimeter is about the size of a small sugar cube.

OSHA Administrator Thorne G. Aucther, whose resignation took effect last Friday, excused himself from involvement in the final development of the standard because he is becoming president of B.B. Anderson Co. Inc., a Kansas construction firm, another source said.

But Aucther, who has been harshly criticized over three years by labor groups for being too pro-business in his handling of job, See RULE WOULD, Page 2A

## 2nd blaze destroys S. Tucson fruit stand

**Arson blamed in printing-shop fire**

An arson fire that began shortly after midnight yesterday caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage to a Flowing Wells-area printing business, and a later blaze destroyed a South Tucson fruit stand, fire officials said.

A third fire that broke out last night sent three people fleeing from their apartment on South Seventh Avenue. No one was injured in any of the incidents.

Eleven Tucson Fire Department units and 27 firefighters arrived at Monitor Printing-Sundance Press, 3605 N. Romero Road, at 12:01 a.m. and found the entire south half of the building engulfed in flames, officials said. It took firefighters about 35 minutes to bring the blaze under control.

The fire had been deliberately set, officials said. Building damage was estimated at \$150,000 and equipment damage at \$200,000, officials said.

In the second fire, three units and 12 firefighters from the South Tucson Fire Department were dispatched to Frank's Fruit Stand, 2818 S. Sixth Ave., at about 11:40 a.m. It took firefighters 10 minutes to bring the blaze under control.

Building damage was estimated at \$15,000, and stock and equipment at \$1,000, fire officials said.

"It's hard to imagine that everything is gone," said owner Frank Hernandez, 51, as he watched firefighters battle the blaze. He said his business was not covered by insurance. "It's just one of those things. What are you going to do?"

Hernandez said he heard a hissing noise in the back of the building, went to investigate and left the building immediately after an explosion.

He began his fruit stand operation 20 years ago across the street from his present location. That property now houses El Zarape restaurant and tortilla factory, which was itself damaged by a fire on Saturday.

The apartment fire, in the 4766 block of South Seventh Avenue, broke out at about 5:18 p.m. Five units and 15 firefighters took 12 minutes to bring under control. Damage estimates were set at \$15,000 to the building, \$5,000 to contents. The fire's cause was not known.

Bonnie Quintero, 35, her daughter, Kimberly Barr, 15, and another woman who was not fully identified all escaped the single-floor apartment without injury.

Donald West, 22, suffered a cut on his hand and some mild smoke inhalation. West told firefighters that he was passing the area, noticed the fire and tried to combat it. He was treated at the scene.

## Weather

**Breezy, wheezy.** There will be partly cloudy skies today, with some breezes this afternoon. A high near 82 and an overnight low around 40 are expected.

Yesterday's high and low were 64 and 50.

Yesterday's temperature extremes in the continental United States were 10 at Marquette, Mich., and 82 at Presidio, Texas. Details on Page 2A.

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