

Elvis Presley dies at 42

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Rock 'n' roll superstar stricken at mansion

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elvis Presley, the Mississippi boy whose rock 'n' roll guitar and gyrating hips launched a new style in popular music, died Tuesday afternoon at Baptist Hospital, police said. He was 42.

Presley, who parlayed a \$4 trip to a recording studio into a multimillion-dollar business, was taken to the emergency room of Baptist Hospital, suffering from what hospital officials said was respiratory distress.

His physician said he may have suffered a heart attack.

Presley had been a frequent patient there over the past two years.

Robert Walker, director of the fire department's fire services division, said Presley was unconscious when a department ambulance arrived at Presley's Graceland mansion. The call for the ambulance was received at 2:33 p.m.

7-mile trip

When the ambulance arrived, with a driver and a paramedic, there was a doctor with Presley, and he accompanied the singer on the seven-mile trip to the hospital.

When Presley was rumored to be suffering from various incurable diseases, his physicians had blamed his hospitalizations on eye trouble, a twisted colon and on exhaustion.

Earlier this year, he canceled several performances in Louisiana and returned to Memphis, where he was hospitalized for what his physicians said was exhaustion.

He had rarely been seen in public recently, and his weight was said to have ballooned.

Presley's death was confirmed by a police department spokeswoman shortly after 4 p.m.

"I can confirm his death, but not the time or the cause," the spokeswoman said.

Shocking in '50s

Presley's gyrating hips were only mildly suggestive compared to most of today's rock performers. But, when he appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in the late 1950s, his sexuality seemed so overt that he was shown only from the waist up.

His shake, rattle and roll showmanship — with such million sellers as "You Ain't Nothing But A Hound Dog," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Love Me Tender," kept teen-age girls sighing.

He performed with slicked-back hair and sideburns.

Presley went from driving a truck to driving the girls crazy in the mid-1950s. They screamed, jumped and hollered as he gyrated about the stage in sequined skin-tight outfits.

Frank Sinatra had had that impact on females a decade before, but with a different style. No one else did until the Beatles came along almost a decade later.

He once asked his mother, "Momma, you think Ah'm vulgah on the stage?"

Elvis said his mother replied: "You're not vulgah, but you're puttin' too much into your singin'. Keep that up, you won't live to be 30."

Elvis Aron Presley was born in a two-

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Raiders raided

Authorities carry weapons by ammunition cases and what federal officials said was one of three boats to be used in

a raid on Cuba. The weapons were seized in Miami, Fla., where one man also was arrested in the case. Officials

said the would-be commandos came under surveillance after a TV show on militant Cuban exiles. AP photo

681 missing, 31 POWs

U.S. to review MIA cases

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The administration has decided to review the status of 712 Americans currently listed as missing in action or prisoners of war in Southeast Asia, Rep. G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., said Tuesday.

The review, on a case-by-case basis, would be to determine whether they should be changed to a "killed in action" status. Montgomery said an announcement from the Pentagon was imminent and that families of the 681 MIAs and 31 POWs were notified by the Defense Department Monday.

Montgomery, chairman of the House Select Committee on MIAs, applauded the President's decision to review the status of MIAs and POWs to determine if they should be classified as KIAs.

"It is neither fair, nor realistic, to the families of the MIAs and POWs to continue to hold out false hopes that these Americans are still alive," Montgomery said. Montgomery, who was part of a group that went to Hanoi to seek information on the missing, said the decision "is right and proper and represents a humanitarian approach to a very sad situation."

Montgomery said most of the servicemen classified as MIAs or POWs have been missing for more than 10 years and said

his committee's investigation found no evidence to support a belief that they were being held captive by the Vietnamese.

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., a member of the House committee on the MIAs, criticized the decision.

"Wholesale status reviews... will deal the final blow to this nation's internationally acknowledged right to obtain all

available information on its missing in action," Gilman said.

Gilman said there are some who feel "this nation should bow to Vietnamese recalcitrance, and by changing the status of MIAs to KIA (killed in action) extinguish what they refer to as the last troublesome trace of this nation's painful Vietnam experience."

3 police cruisers crushed in 50-mile chase

JACKSON, Tenn. (UPI) — A wild trucker "drove over" three police cruisers with his 18-wheel tractor-trailer rig Tuesday and sideswiped at least 20 other cars and trucks during an "incredible" two-hour, 41-minute chase that covered 50 miles.

Two of the tractor-trailers he hit were disabled.

Jim Henderson, information officer of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, said the trucker finally was stopped in Jackson when the windows were shot out of his cab.

"He came out fighting, and it took five

officers to subdue him," Henderson said.

He identified the truck driver as Melvin Davis, 36, of Philadelphia. He was checked into Madison County General Hospital for observation. Henderson said he did not know whether the man was injured.

The incident began at about 1:30 a.m. when the Jackson Highway Patrol dispatcher received a call from another trucker that he saw a trailer rig "weaving all over the road" between Nashville and Jackson.

The dispatcher sent trooper Lynn Allen

to investigate.

"Allen stopped the truck east of Jackson and pulled him over and told him he would have to go into the rest area, and the man told him he would not," Henderson said.

"He rolled to the next exit and started back up the interstate toward the east. When Allen caught up with him, he ran the trooper off the road," he said.

"Allen shot out one of his tires but he kept going," according to Henderson.

The patrol spokesman said that many (Continued on Page 28, Col. 1)