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# Union leader, Hilton official clash outside Vegas hotel

**United Press International**  
LAS VEGAS — An officer of the 13-million-member AFL-CIO and a Hilton official tangled in a verbal confrontation outside the world's largest hotel Sunday as hundreds of picketers on strike against 29 Las Vegas hotel-casinos stood by jeering.

The week-long walkout had not stopped tens of thousands of weekend gamblers from getting their bets down, however.

Tom Donahue, secretary treasurer of the AFL-CIO, stood at an intersection in front of the sprawling Las Vegas Hilton as corporation executive vice president Henri Lewin walked outside to greet him.

"I came to see these pickets and I don't understand the attitude of the Hilton," Donahue told Lewin.

"We are not looking to butt the unions, I can assure you of that," replied Lewin. "The Hilton is not in a position to threaten."

Lewin invited Donahue inside for lunch. The labor leader declined but said he would take a rain check "for the day there are no picket lines to cross."

Several hundred pickets chanted "Come on Henri, give us a break," and then shouted, "We are ready! We are winning!" Many waved the flag as they sang "God Bless America."

The enthusiasm of some 17,000 strikers from four unions manning picket lines on the Strip otherwise appeared dampened as the weekend drew to a close. Their ranks had been sharply reduced by a court order and the struck gambling spas reported business was

booming.

Six days ago 19 pickets, including nine union officials, were arrested for inciting to riot during a club-swinging brawl which broke out when pickets tried to move onto the private Hilton Hotel property.

Donahue, on an eight-hour swing through Las Vegas to visit picket lines and bolster the spirits of the strikers, initially spoke to pickets and the news media in a wind-whipped dirt lot across from the Las Vegas Hilton.

"I came to support the people who are here fighting for their rights," said Donahue. "The AFL-CIO and the entire labor movement across the country supports this strike."

Donahue said the national AFL-CIO would lend financial as well as moral support to the

strikers. He said the AFL-CIO would support a boycott of struck hotels.

A bargaining session Sunday, only the second since the strike began, lasted less than 15 minutes and was described as unproductive.

Owners of multimillion-dollar gambling palaces contend that the the walkout of the nation's largest culinary union more inconvenient than economically damaging.

The striking waiters, waitresses, cooks, bartenders, bartenders, stagehands and bellmen want an 8 percent pay increase and fringe benefits.

Teamsters Union truckers stopped picking up garbage two days ago and said they refuse to deliver supplies Sunday.

# Father of Marvin Gaye admits to fatal shooting

**United Press International**  
LOS ANGELES — Marvin Gay Sr., the father of entertainer Marvin Gaye admitted he shot and killed his son but didn't "mean to" do it and thought the gun was loaded with BBs or blanks, it was reported Sunday.

"I didn't mean to do it," Marvin Gay Sr. said in a jail cell interview published in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

"I fear God. I respect God. I'm sorry and I regret what happened," he said.

The elder Gay — whose name is spelled differently because his son added an "e" to the family name when he began his career — said his son was troubled and prone to violent outbursts.

Gay, a retired minister, was found not competent to aid in his own defense during arraignment last week and was ordered to undergo three weeks of psychiatric examination. If he is later found competent, bail will be set at \$100,000, Municipal Court Judge Michael Tynan said.

In the newspaper interview, the father said Gaye had been

using cocaine heavily during the four months he lived in his parents' home.

Gay said the singer-composer feared someone was trying to kill him and kept guns in the home. He said the gun that fired the fatal shots belonged to the singer, and that Gaye carried a gun in his robe the morning of the argument that ended in his death.

Gay said his son's drug use made him prone to bizarre outbursts.

Gay said the argument began early last Sunday when he went looking for his wife to ask her where to find one of the couple's insurance policies. Hearing her voice, he entered a guest bedroom being used by the singer.

The father said an argument began with his son and, "He took me from the back and he grabbed me and he slung me to the floor and he started beating me, kicking me. He kicked me everywhere he could kick me," he said.

"He knocked me onto the bed and when I fell, my hand happened to feel the little gun under the pillow."

"I pulled the trigger," Gay called. "The first one didn't seem to bother him. He kept hand up to his face like he been hit with a BB. And he fired again."

"I thought it was loaded blanks or BBs," Gay said. "I didn't know any bullets were in the gun."

Police Lt. Robert Martin said physical evidence in statements from Gay's wife, Berta, paint a different picture out in an upstairs bedroom where the father was "apparently pushed to the floor and he was in a state of shock. There was no indication of bruises or head, nothing like he had been punched out or that kind of stuff."

The two were separated from the mother. Martin said Gay was on the bed talking to his mother when the father appeared at the doorway with a gun in his hand and fired one round. He said they fired a second round with a point blank range.

Gay said he fired because he was trying to ward off his blows.

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**Bouvia leaves hospital**  
United Press International  
RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Beth Bouvia, the quadriplegic who waged an unsuccessful court fight to starve to death under doctor's care, has been discharged from the hospital where she spent 217 days of her life. Bouvia, 26, left Riverside County General Hospital Sunday about 6 a.m. Saturday, a hospital spokeswoman said. She had spent 217 days in the hospital since admitting her condition to the county hospital's psychiatric ward last September. Her dependent dependence on others for survival had stripped her of her will to live. "She was discharged at her own request," Ella Andersen, nursing supervisor, said Sunday. "She made her own choices and arrangements to get to her destination or her plans." When the hospital refused Bouvia's wish to withdraw nourishment while providing hygienic care and painkillers, she went to court with the American Civil Liberties Union.

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