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Michael Jackson | 1958-2009

FOR HIS LEGIONS OF FANS, he was the Peter Pan of pop music: the little boy who refused to grow up. But on the verge of an attempted comeback, he is suddenly gone. Michael Jackson's quintessentially American tale of celebrity and excess took him from musical boy wonder to global pop superstar to sad figure haunted by lawsuits and failed plastic surgery.

Jackson died Thursday afternoon at UCLA Medical Center after arriving in a coma, according to a city official. He was 50 years old, 39 of which he spent in the public eye he loved.

Jackson was pronounced dead at 1:07 p.m. Pacific time. He had been rushed to the hospital, a six-minute drive from the rented mansion in which he was living, shortly after noon by Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics.

"It is believed he suffered cardiac arrest in his home. However, the cause of his death is unknown until results of the autopsy are known," his brother Jermaine said. Police said they were investigating, standard procedure in high-profile cases.

As with Elvis Presley or the Beatles, it is impossible to calculate the full effect he had on the world of

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never a dull moment

From his musical greatness to his bizarre antics, there never will be anybody like the King of Pop. Look back at his life and how he grew from child phenom to worldwide superstar.

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always an icon

Michael Jackson's dance moves helped revolutionize the music industry just as much as his songs. Above, he performs at the 1995 MTV Video Music Awards.

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By BROOKS BARNES | The New York Times

FAITH ALIVE MINISTRIES

'Not only did I sin, I sinned a lot and I sinned for a long time'



Pastor Bob Groves apologizes for affair with married church staff member

By Mike Saewitz
The Virginian-Pilot

CHESAPEAKE

Pastor Bob Groves stood in front of a packed house – surrounded by his wife, a moderator who flew in from Georgia for the night and two boxes of tissues.

It was the first time Groves had spoken to the whole congregation in nearly two months. He went back to Faith Alive Ministries on Wednesday to apologize for having an affair with a married church staffer.

Groves didn't go into detail, but many church members had heard already. They gave a standing ovation when he returned to the sanctuary stage.

"I sinned," Groves told the audience of roughly 1,500. "Not only did

I sin, I sinned a lot and I sinned for a long time."

In May, Groves said he was leaving Faith Alive, a church he led as pastor. It has grown quickly from a dozen members to more than 2,000 – including some high-profile people in the city, such as Mayor Alan Krassoff, who was among those embracing Groves on Wednesday night.

Now it appears Groves is on track to return to his lead pastor's post. "Faith Alive, I love you," Groves told the crowd. "And I'm so sorry for what I've done."

Groves, who was raised in Virginia Beach, said he got into drugs and alcohol when he was 13. He straightened his life out after surviving a frightening car crash in 1984.

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The 1970s sex symbol turned activist had a long fight with cancer. Front section, Page 2



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