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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

MJ's Neverland faces permit changes

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Pop star Michael Jackson's bid to remove unapproved development on part of his 2,600-acre Neverland Ranch from state agricultural protections was approved by Santa Barbara County officials.



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Jackson has received tax breaks — about \$70,000 a year — on the Santa Ynez Valley ranch for a decade.

The Board of Supervisors, meeting in Santa Maria on Tuesday, voted 4-0 to accept Jackson's offer to remove his house, amusement park, zoo and several other structures from the state Williamson Act agricultural preserve program. About 70 acres are involved.

The board's decision follows a county investigation that found Jackson had failed to file building permits on much of the development on his Neverland estate over the past 10 years.

"The permits that should have been filed are for everything from a gatehouse and a three-car garage to a primate center, a go-cart track, seven rides at his amusement park and a giant outdoor movie screen," county planner Larry Appel said.

Supervisors are still considering legal action to collect back taxes and possibly fines for permit and zoning violations.

Under provisions of the Williamson Act, created to protect ranchers and farmers, Jackson's tax payments will gradually be increased over a nine-year period beginning in January.

The county assessor put the 2002-03 assessed value of the Neverland Ranch at \$12.3 million, which will rise by about \$6 million without the tax break. Jackson's property taxes this year were estimated at about \$130,000 but they will rise to about \$200,000.

Jackson legitimately leases most of Neverland Ranch property to a cattle-ranching operation.

Indiana karaoke bar faces off with BMI

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A music licensing agency that represents singers such as Sheryl Crow and Dolly Parton has filed a federal copyright lawsuit that could silence karaoke nights in central Indiana.

In a lawsuit filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, Broadcast Music Inc. alleges an eastside bar violated copyright laws by hosting karaoke and live music shows without paying licensing fees to use popular songs.

New York-based BMI is a performance rights organization that collects license fees on behalf of songwriters when their music is played on radio, television, the Internet, or is performed publicly.

The lawsuit claims that Parrotheads Bar and Grill failed to pay licensing fees for using songs such as "God Bless the USA" and

"Old Time Rock and Roll."

Parrotheads would likely have to pay annual license fees of about \$1,000, said Jerry Bailey, a spokesman for BMI.

Besides the bar, the lawsuit names former owner Gary S. Neumann and Triple L. Inc. as defendants.

Neumann was out of town, his wife said Wednesday when The Associated Press called seeking comment. There was no number for Triple L. Inc. in Indianapolis listings. The phone of Parrotheads rang unanswered.

Scores of nightclubs and restaurants in Indianapolis play music without paying licensing fees, and the lawsuit could lead some to reconsider karaoke and live music shows, The Indianapolis Star reported.

"Everyone will be watching to see how this turns out," said disc jockey Justin Posav of GTI Sounds in Noblesville. "Many of them view BMI like the police."

Buffet and Jackson to perform at CMA Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett will perform their hit duet "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" on the 37th Annual Country Music Association Awards show on Nov. 5.

"The song has been a summer phenomenon and we are thrilled to have Alan and Jimmy perform it together to open the CMA Awards," CMA executive director Ed Benson said in a statement Tuesday.

Jackson and Buffett are nominated for vocal event of the year for the song. Jackson also is nominated in the entertainer and male vocalist categories.

Hank Williams' 'lost songs' recovered

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Nashville court has freed to release 150 "lost songs" recorded by country star Hank Williams.

The catalog was ruled to be the exclusive property of his heirs--son Hank Williams Jr. and daughter Jett Williams.

Since the late 1980s, Jett Williams has had transcription discs of pre-produced segments that Williams recorded in 1951.

The discs contain live versions of 40 songs that were never commercially released, such as "On Top of Old Smokey" and "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain."

Through publicist Kirt Webster, Hank Williams Jr. said of the resolution, "It worked out the way Daddy would've wanted."

Hank Williams would have celebrated his 80th birthday Sept. 17.

He was found dead in the back seat of his Cadillac on New Year's Day 1953. The cause of death was ruled as heart failure.

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