

Price of Hendrix Museum keeps going up by millions

SEATTLE (AP) — The Jimi Hendrix Museum planned by billionaire Paul Allen has grown from a modest \$400,000 project to an \$80 million celebration of the region's rock history.

The price tag for the museum — now envisioned as a 100,000-square-foot facility with memorabilia displays, interactive exhibits, virtual-reality presentations and creativity rooms — was gleaned from a federal court file by *The Seattle Times*.

By comparison, the downtown Seattle Art Museum built several years ago covers 150,000 square feet and cost \$60.5 million.

"There is a lot more to the Jimi Hendrix Museum than the Jimi Hendrix portion," said Susan Pierson, a spokesman for Allen and the museum, originally envisioned as a 10,000-square-foot facility. She declined comment on its cost.

Allen, a Hendrix fan since high school who co-founded Microsoft with super-rich software king Bill Gates, is also spending \$5 million to back Hendrix's father in legal battles, *The Times* reported in Sunday editions.

Pierson would not confirm that sum and the newspaper quoted Allen as telling an attorney he did not know within a million dollars how much he was contributing.

Al Hendrix filed a federal lawsuit last year to secure the rights to his son's music. He contends his longtime lawyer, Leo Branton, and others have cheated him out of millions of dollars. The case is to go to trial in June.

If the defendants win, they say Allen will need their cooperation to use Hendrix's music for any new films or interactive exhibits — key features of the museum. And such permission may not be

granted, *The Times* quotes an attorney for the defendants as saying.

The museum project will proceed regardless of how the lawsuit is resolved, said Pierson.

"It will be a great institution," Pierson told *The Associated Press* on Tuesday, though she acknowledged some museum plans could be affected if Hendrix loses his lawsuit.

While Allen is backing both the museum and the lawsuit, they are separate issues, Pierson said, and he won't profit from either endeavor.

"I want to make it clear that his motives are nothing more than philanthropic," she said.

"He felt that Mr. Hendrix did not get a good deal" from Branton, she said. And the museum "is a charitable institution. Paul Allen is funding it himself, as a gift to the city of Seattle."

Two museum sites are being considered, she said Tuesday — one at the Seattle Center and the other in the International District, where the project could include revitalizing Union Station.

Jimi Hendrix — a Garfield High School dropout who became one of rock's greatest guitarists — died in London in 1970, reportedly near bankruptcy.

His legend, estate and record sales have only grown.

Two years ago, MCA Entertainment offered more than \$30 million for the music rights alone — a deal that figures big in the lawsuit.

Al Hendrix's lawsuit said Branton, a prominent Los Angeles lawyer, gained control over the unsophisticated seventh-grade dropout and tricked him into selling his son's musical legacy for bargain-basement prices to foreign companies controlled by Branton and others.

50 illegal aliens arrested in Washington

TACOMA (AP) — Fifty illegal aliens were arrested at a seafood processing plant in an Immigration and Naturalization Service crackdown aimed at their employer, Y&L Washington Inc.

The bust was the biggest ever in Tacoma, officials said.

The undocumented workers were found processing sea urchins at Y&L Washington.

Company officials refused to comment on the raid, which occurred at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Most of the workers arrested were Mexican nationals, but included one El Salvadoran and one Nicaraguan, INS spokes-

woman Irene Mortensen said. About half of those arrested were women, including one with five children in Nicaragua.

After the raid, work seemed to go on. Two employees were seen in the brick building across from Freighthouse Square, moving gray garbage cans full of brown sea urchins.

The focus of the raid was the company owner, who was not arrested Tuesday, Mortensen said. INS officials will determine within the next couple weeks whether to cite the owner, whose name was not released, she said.

Federal law requires employ-

ers to verify employees' eligibility to work in the United States. Failure to comply can result in a fine of up to \$3,000 per illegally employed worker and six months in prison.

An informant tipped off the immigration agency to the business, Mortensen said.

The agency estimates more than 30,000 illegal immigrants live in Washington state.

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