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Trump wants Jackson to perform in Vegas

NEW YORK (AP) — What do Wayne Newton, Celine Dion and Michael Jackson have in common? If Donald Trump and his partners have their way, they all will have a resident performing gig in Las Vegas on their resumes.

Trump's Las Vegas partners have been courting Jackson to perform at the New Frontier Hotel and Casino, *Us Weekly* magazine reports. New Frontier owner Phil Ruffin and partner Jack Wishna have reportedly spoken to representatives of Jackson about a long-term residency.

Trump and Ruffin are partners in Trump International Hotel & Tower, which is being built behind the New Frontier.

"Everything I do is the best, and everything Phil Ruffin does is the best, and this would be no exception," the magazine quotes Trump as saying.

Jackson's spokeswoman, Raymone K. Bain, didn't immediately return a call from The Associated Press Wednesday for comment.

The 46-year-old pop star is on trial in Santa Maria, Calif. He is accused of molesting a boy, now 15, at his Neverland ranch, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive in 2003.

"There'd be moral clauses in the contract," Wishna told *Us*. He added that Jackson would draw more than the \$80 million Dion grossed in 2004. Dion continues to perform at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. Newton is touring the country.

Jackson has in the past reportedly been interested in performing in Las Vegas. The singer is a frequent visitor to the city, where his parents and sister LaToya live.

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