

# Steve Miller concert gets unruly at Gorge

GEORGE, Wash. (AP) — Grant County law enforcement officers were angry about conditions at an August Steve Miller concert that resulted in 10 arrests.

Some patrons became angry and began fighting at The Gorge amphitheater after as many as 2,000 fans became unruly because they couldn't find seats or hear the music, Sheriff Bill Wiester said.

"This can lead to a riot," Wiester said. "It can lead to serious injuries. It can lead to death. It better not happen again."

But the director of marketing for MCA Concerts Northwest said the concert was not oversold. Creighton Burke said the 19,100-seat capacity of the site was actually undersold by about 500 seats.

Burke said the audience was an "energetic capacity crowd that was having a good time."

Law enforcement officers and concert officials have had an uneasy alliance for years over events at the unique theater, located on a spectacular cliff above the Columbia River gorge, about 150 miles east of Seattle.

Despite the remote location, thousands of people attend shows nearly every weekend of the summer, straining road, lodging and law enforcement capacity.

Wiestor said many fans could not see what was happening and decided to leave and seek a refund.

Deputies made arrests when drunken fans began assaulting security guards and each other, Wiester said. Several people were treated for cuts and bruises. Two were taken to hospitals with minor injuries, Wiester said.

Officers from the towns of Mattawa and Soap Lake, as well as the Washington State Patrol, were called to the concert site to help, Wiester said.

County Commissioner Helen Fancher said that if the concert promoters are correct that they did not oversell the capacity, then perhaps the capacity limit should be reduced.

"If they only sold 19,000 tickets, then they do not have the facility to hold 19,000 folks because they were way overcrowded," Fancher said.

# Axl testifies during trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose testified that he sought a probation agreement for heroin-addicted drummer Steven Adler in a bid to force Adler to give up drugs or leave the band.

"My intent with the document was that Steven quit drugs, play properly or be fired," Rose testified last month during the trial of Adler's lawsuit against four Guns N' Roses members and the band's managers.

Adler's suit contends he was cheated out of royalties from 1980s recordings and tricked into signing the agreement in

which he risked his partnership rights.

Adler's attorney, David Chodos, contends the former drummer is owed at least \$4 million.

Rose said the band was in the process of calculating the value of Adler's partnership rights when the agreement was signed in March 1990. Adler was forced from the band in July 1990 and filed the lawsuit in 1991.

Rose also testified that he threatened to leave the band during a 1989 concert in Los Angeles because he was upset about substance abuse by fellow band members.

# 'Old' Superman back from dead

NEW YORK (AP) — Meet the new Superman — just don't be surprised if he's faster than that same speeding bullet or leaping the same tall buildings in the same single bound. The new Superman, it turns out, is the old Superman. Back from the dead.

The once-in-two-lifetimes comeback of the slain superhero hits the stands Wednesday. Don't expect a repeat of this story line; even Superman, the comic's writers agree, can only pull this back-from-the-dead stunt once.

"This is a one-time-only thing," said writer Roger Stern. "He will not be able to die and come back again."

Unless sales slide a bit. The death of Superman in November's issue No. 75 was the second-best-selling comic of all time, with more than three million copies printed. An X-Men special from 1991 was No. 1.

Hopes are high for the Superman resurrection issue. An ad-free collectors' edition will sell for \$3.50, while the standard edition will go for \$2.50.

As to those four Supermen who showed up once the original Man of Steel was killed? All red, blue and yellow herrings. The original Superman was brought back to life by the Eradicator, whose job is protecting the last surviving

Kryptonian.

The Eradicator was one of the four pseudo-Supes: the cold-blooded superbeing with his own strict code of order. In Superman No. 82, Superman hears how he was saved by the healing baths of the matrix chamber — a device similar to the capsule his father, Jor-El, used to send his infant son to Earth.

A super-recap: Metropolis' main man went to the great beyond after saving the city from intergalactic bad guy Doomsday, who also died in the epic struggle.

With Superman dead, four faux Supermen appeared in his place. One was the Eradicator; another was an evil cyborg with a history of battling Superman; next was steelworker John Henry Iron, who was buried alive in the Doomsday brawl; plus a high-spirited teen Superman.

The resolution: the old Superman, revived by the Eradicator, comes back to destroy the cyborg, John Henry and the Super-youth survive and get their own comics, Stern said.

Superman, by the end of the comic, is feeling better than ever.

"I'm rejuvenated in a way I never thought possible," he says in the final panel. "Something tells me I'll be able to handle anything better than ever."

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