

Critics claim Newark lost its pride to Stern's show



NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Some critics say the city sold its soul to Howard Stern by renting the shock-jock a hall for his New Year's Eve pay-per-view "beauty pageant."

While the mayor spent most of the evening outside directing traffic, Stern was inside Symphony Hall, delivering on his promise to provide an offensive television

program with "truly moronic stuff."

Along with the nudity and profanity, Stern took aim at his host city, calling it the "carjacking capital of the world."

After viewing the program — which New York Post columnist Adam Buckman called "the most disgusting two hours in the history of television" — City Council members scheduled a meeting for Tuesday to discuss ways of preventing offensive shows at city-owned property in the

future.

"Every comedian on national TV will be taking potshots at us," Councilman Henry Martinez said. "The joke was on Newark."

Members of City Council worry that Stern's shots at Newark will revive its reputation as a city still burned out from the 1967 riots and for its auto theft rates.

Stern delivered.

At least 375,000 households around the

country paid \$39.95 to watch the "Miss Howard Stern New Year's Eve Pageant" — making it the most profitable pay-per-view entertainment event ever, said Main Events TV, which produced the program. The previous record was 275,000 homes for a 1990 New Kids on the Block concert.

Stern's show included a contestant who stuffed her mouth with maggots and another who lay on her back and appeared to masturbate. He also called Newark a "piece of — city"

Cyclists ride in name of peace



HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — With three shouts of "Peace! U.S.A. Vietnam!", a group of 59 cyclists led by an Oregonian began a 1,200-mile cross-country ride today.

The group, mostly Americans, headed down Highway 1 wearing fluorescent racing tights and sleek white helmets. In a country where biking is a necessity, not a sport, they dodged a massive morning surge of Vietnamese trudging to work and to the market on battered bicycles. Most of the cyclists were doing it for the adventure of untrod paths.

Rick Bauman, a former politician in Portland, Ore., organized the trip after doing it himself last year. His 19-year-old daughter, Hillary, a Bennington, Vt., College student, is the youngest of the cyclists. The oldest is Don Ross, 69, a public relations executive in New York City. Other cyclists are from Canada, Britain and Denmark.

Vietnamese officials who couldn't comprehend why anyone would want to bike that many miles sent them off with firecrackers and a speech extolling Vietnamese-American reconciliation.

One cyclist responded with a triumphant fist in the air and shouted "Hoa Binh! U.S.A., Vietnam!" Hoa Binh means peace. Others joined him.

On the road, peasant women in conical bamboo hats turned to stare in disbelief as they took vegetables to town. Young men on motorbikes — the new generation that sees America as a model — gave them the thumbs-up.

The 16-day "Cycle Vietnam" goes from Hanoi, capital of what used to be North Vietnam, to Ho Chi Minh City, which as Saigon was the capital of South Vietnam when war raged.

For many years, only pain and sorrow traveled along Highway 1. Hundreds of thousands of war refugees flooded it. U.S. forces fought Communist forces using it as the main invasion route. The road passes through sites of major battles including Hue, Da Nang, and Quang Ngai Province, site of the My Lai massacre in which U.S. soldiers killed hundreds of civilians.

Just before Ho Chi Minh City, the road splits. The route west toward Cambodia is where in 1972 Kim Phuc, 9, was photographed fleeing naked after being seared by a U.S. napalm bomb.

After the U.S. trade embargo recently was eased, a dozen U.S. companies bid for internationally-financed projects to rebuild the highway.

From the road you can see bomb craters, bunkers and hundreds of spartan military cemeteries, each with hundreds of tombs. But the red clay delta marshes and the limestone cliffs of sheer emerald and white that rise just a few kilometers outside Hanoi begin a series of spectacular natural scenes that only poverty can preserve.

"This is one of the last times you'll be able to walk into a society that still has the charm and innocence that existed 50 years ago," Ross said.

"Things are going to change very quickly," added Amy Keiter, a 36-year-old public relations executive from Portland, Ore. "I think the American trade embargo is going to be lifted very soon. I just wanted to get here before it changed."

The cyclists include seven American veterans, almost all returning for the first time. An eighth dropped out and flew back to California. The nightly blast of firecrackers in Hanoi since New Year's Day brought back memories too painful for him.

One veteran who did make it is John Milliken, an engineer in Portland, Ore.

"I was scared," is the way he remembers his trips on Highway 1 for food and spare parts for his unit more than 20 years ago. "Around every curve you wondered what was coming up ahead, about being ambushed. I'm looking forward to a really nice ride."

More nervous is Dien Huynh, a New York City bartender who had fought for South Vietnam's Air Force. Huynh said he would ride only with a big group because he feared Communist soldiers might arrest him.

But for Huynh, there also will be the joy of long-separated family members waiting when his weary bike comes to rest in the south's lush rice delta.

Resorts bill skiers for rescue costs

PRINCE GEORGE, British Columbia (AP) — The thrill of the unknown can carry a steep price tag for skiers who deliberately head out of bounds and get lost.

Powder King Ski Village, near Mackenzie about 125 miles north of Prince George, is following the example of an Okanagan ski hill and billing two sets of out-of-bounds skiers for the cost of their rescues.

Two 18-year-old men from Prince George skied away from the designated Powder King trails and got lost recently. A

few days earlier, two Mackenzie men in their 20s skied out of bounds and had to be rescued. They were found within hours.

Signs and ropes make it clear where the designated trails are, Powder King manager John Bury said.

Bury said the skiers will be billed for ski patrol members' efforts and the equipment used in searching for them. He estimated the cost of each rescue "in the thousands of dollars. The last one alone should be between \$3,500 to \$4,000."

Bury said the cost does not

include the efforts of volunteer searchers, emergency personnel, police and special equipment such as helicopters.

"All of these people could have saved themselves and their families a lot of grief if they had carried a \$5 compass and knew how to use it," Bury noted.

"I feel that they should have to pay," agreed Mike Fillion of Tabor Mountain Ski Resorts Ltd., east of Prince George. "People start putting their own lives on the line when someone's lost."

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