



# The Charge!

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## What Happened? Did Hell Freeze Over?

Hard to believe but true. **Jeff Pulfer** has quit drinking! Upon turning 40, Herr Pulfer decided to "make it happen" and to take control of his life. Prior to the Haunted House unloading and construction, Jeff started dieting and in the process, he has abstained from his drinking habit. And for the past three weeks, he has been successful at it, while his friends and cohorts in the Peoria Jaycees continue to consume in front of him. However, negative repercussions have had an impact on the global beer markets. Once Pulfer's decision to quit drinking was made public, panic selling of beer stocks on Wall Street began to take place. Market values of most micro brew beer companies tumbled in the past weeks, with inventories over stocked and stagnate. Several breweries are purportedly ready to announce major layoffs if Pulfer does not break from his diet. Even President Clinton has commented on the situation, hinting that he may direct government subsidies to these beer companies in order to hold off an economic collapse of the industry. But for now, it appears that Herr Pulfer is the man who holds the cards.

## New Board Members

The Peoria Jaycees would like to congratulate it's newest board members. They are **Jason Arends**, who was just voted in as a local director. Jason this year is not only heading up the Adopt-A-School project, but also is handling manpower for the Haunted House. He is usually seen at almost any Jaycee function. Also joining the board is **Joann Ziegle** as the Jaycees new secretary. Joann is very knowledgeable with almost any Jaycee procedure and helps out at most Jaycee events. Jason and Joann's talents will undoubtedly be a strong asset to the 1995-96 Board of Directors.

## The Great Outdoors

Despite a slight rainstorm, the Camping Dynamics turned out to be a great success, not to mention a fun evening for all who was involved. Attending this Individual Development project was **Diana Barach, Rusty Greene, Karen Griffith, Marie Martin, Jennifer Misak, Mark Monge, Val Mount, Janet Nueswanger, Dennis Owens, Rick Owens, Nancy Rice, and Susan Wilbur**. Everyone met at the Haunted House where the entire convoy headed out to Jubilee State Park for a night of roughing it.

Once there and signed in, tent setup commenced. Jennifer and Mark won that race with their tent completely set up before any of the others were off the ground. As dinner time approached, Rick gave an instruction on how to create a strong and healthy campfire. "This will be unlike any other campfire you have ever experienced!", Rick stated in his instruction. Rick was more that accurate as the powerful rainstorm that struck that night did not even effect the fire; as if it was powered by the Energizer Bunny, it kept going and going. Burgers were cooked using the unusually intense fire Rick had built as well as smores and hot dogs.

Evening entertainment was provided by Rusty and Rick with their guitars and Rusty's harmonica. Campfire songs were sang by the group while Rick and Rusty played something totally different. However, no complaints were logged.

When the rainstorm hit, Rusty, Karen, Mark and Jennifer hightailed it back home while everyone else proved to be true pioneers and stuck it out until daylight. The skies were sunny and clear that following morning. Eggs and bacon were cooked, using the same campfire that had survived all night long, thus proving that one does not need a microwave oven to make breakfast.

Members of this brave expedition all claimed that they look forward to next year to try this again (or even try it again in the weeks to come).

## From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

*by Rick Owens*

Well, I had to set aside the original article I had for this month as it was probably a little too harsh. With the Haunted House going on this month, tensions and stress levels among the Peoria Jaycees will undoubtedly be reaching critical levels, and I don't need to be adding fuel to the fire. So I guess this month I'm going from the world's most dangerous writer to a mild mannered reporter for a great metropolitan Jaycee newsletter.

The status of *The Charge* is going strong. Last month I received help in a couple of features. **Dan "the Friar" Schmidt** wrote approximately 80% of the Top Ten List while **Jeff Bilsland** supplied some material for the Tattoos for Charity article. This month, **Beth Barr** was kind enough to share with us the events of the Six Flags trip. And coming next month, I have heard that the Bloomington Jaycees want to submit an article for the newsletter (basically to cover their version of their Dates for Dimes project and not that of the Friar's and Jeff's).

The great thing about this is the fact that these people do not have to submit this type of material. They do it on their own, trying to help out the newsletter that they so apparently love... or, they just want to make sure that the editor won't write something about them. An example of that would be last month's president's letter, not written by the Commander, but myself. Hey, that what he gets for not meeting deadlines.

Until next month, I thank you for your support!

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## Mark Your Calendars

### October

**Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours;** Thursday, October 12 - call Val Mount

**Haunted House Media Night;** Wednesday, October 18 - call Sue Wilbur or Dan Schmidt

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm; at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens - call the Commander

**Haunted House Opens to Public;** Friday, October 20 and will close Tuesday, October 31

**Epicurean Pot Luck;** Sunday, October 22, 2:00pm; at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens - call Sue Wilbur

### November

**Haunted House Tear Down;** Wednesday, November 1 to Monday, November 6

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, November 2, 6:30pm; at RLO, Inc. - call Commander West

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Saturday, November 4 - call Rick Owens

**Fall Regional;** Saturday, November 4, 2:00pm at Harr's Bar (junction of RT136 & 29N), sponsored by San Jose Jaycees - call Rusty Greene

**Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours;** Thursday, November 9 - call Val Mount

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, November 16, 7:00pm at Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Commander West

**Haunted House Appreciation Party;** Saturday, November 18, location to be announced

**Santa Claus Parade;** Friday, November 24 - call Beth Barr

### December

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, December 7, 6:30pm; at RLO, Inc. - call Commander West

**Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours;** Thursday, December 14 - call Val Mount

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, December 21, 7:00pm at Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Commander West

## State Director's Report

By Rustin A. Greene



It is I, **Rustin A. Greene**, State Director for the Peoria Jaycees and it's time to (A) discuss the outcome of the O.J. Simpson trial, (B) explain camping technique's and flashlight handling **Janet Neuswanger** style or (C) update

you on upcoming visitations - (C) is correct!

First, our trip to El Paso on September 19 was canceled because they did not (A) want us there, (B) pay the light bill or (C) have a meeting - (C) is correct!

Second, the visitation to Canton on October 4 was canceled because (A) **Val Mount** did not call anyone and help over stressed Rusty out, (B) **Jeff Pulfer** would not, could not go because of his strict exercise program or (C) Rusty was tired from trying to buy a house and did not want to be around any pagan liberals - (C) is correct!

We need you for future visitations!!!

Next visitations:

Wyoming, IL - Oct. 17, 7:30pm, Resource Room,  
Mike Biggers State Farm, North 7th St.

Canton, IL - Nov. 1, 7:30pm, VFW Hall, 78 S.

Pekin, IL - Nov. 13, 7:00pm, Pekin Hospital,  
downstairs conference room

And as always, I, **Rustin A. Greene**, am proud to provide thoughts and wisdom to the Peoria Jaycees:

*"Temper gets you into trouble. Pride keeps you there."*

## Individual Development

by Diana Barach

### Camping Dynamics

Please refer to the story on page 1.

### ID Night

An individual development night is tentatively planned for the November membership meeting. However, the topic will be announced in next month's *Charge*.

### Upcoming Events

We are looking into scuba diving and CPR for possible ID projects. If anyone has any ideas for an ID project or wish to help chair a project, please call me, ASAP, at 693-0307.

## Membership Report

by Ms. Janet

### Who's Due

In October, the following members are due:

Kevin Aughenbaugh Brian Mooty  
Connie Barach Joann Ziegler

In November, the following members will be due:

Marcia Denton Mark Sennott  
Dennis Owens David Sporrer  
Rick Owens

## Chapter Management

by Valerie Mount

### Haunted House Update

Construction for the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House is under way and we have got a good start in making this the best Haunted House in years! The design we have established this year required us to build more walls to complete the house. Interest outside the chapter has been slowly surfacing

as prospective members have joined in to help out. However, manpower is always needed and welcomed. Therefore, we have **Jason Arends** to handle manpower for the Haunted House project. If you or someone you know would like to help out, please contact Jason at 681-1839.



Media night is planned for Wednesday, October 18 and the Haunted House is planned to be opened to the public starting Friday, October 20th. Prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Times the house will be opened to the public will be from 7:00pm - 10:00pm on Sunday thru Thursday and 7:00pm - midnight on Friday and Saturday nights and Halloween night.

If you still thirst for more information about the Haunted House, please contact **Susan Wilbur** at 671-7058 or **Dan Schmidt** at 691-0700 or call the Haunted House directly at 645-0413. Don't wait! Get involved now and make this the greatest haunted house ever!

### Epicurean - Pot Luck

The Epicurean Dinner for October is planned to be a pot luck and will be held at the Haunted House on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring some type of dish to pass and create a ghoulish name for the dish. **Susan Wilbur** is bringing cat's eyes (deviled eggs). Please call Susan at 671-7058 if you plan to attend and what your choice of poison will be.

## Community Development

*by Jeff Bilsland*

### Adopt-A-School

The Blaine-Summer kids will be visiting the Peoria Jaycee Haunted House on October 18 at 7:00 p.m. These will be the honor roll students and students of the month for September and October. There will be anywhere from 60 to 80 students going through the House. If you would like to participate in being chaperones, please be at the House by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. This is the first event for the year for these kids and it has become the best turnout of all the events.

This promises to be a better year for the kids because **Jason Arends** has many new ideas for projects. We will be showing the kids that it is worthwhile to stay in school by providing rewards such as baseball games, basketball games, trips to educational and new places to the honor roll students and student of the month students. Please contact Jason at 681-1839 or **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897. Call either Jason or Jeff to show your support or express some new ideas for projects.

### Santa Parade

"Chicken wire, chicken wire, chicken wire. Where oh where can I find some chicken wire" exclaims **Jeff Bilsland**. This and other material is needed to help complete the float for the annual Santa Parade in downtown Peoria on November 24, 1995. If you have a special flare for decorating or know someone who does, **Beth Barr** needs your help in making the float. So far, **Dennis Owens, Rick Owens, Jennifer Misak** and **Mark Monge** have volunteered to help decorate the float. (You four people will be receiving phone calls shortly.)

We are in need of materials such as chicken wire, a generator, old Christmas lights, paper decorations and more. The theme this year will be "A Story Book Christmas". This leaves our float wide open for decoration ideas. As a matter of fact, we need ideas. The hotline is now open. Contact the Jaycee hotline at 676-5292 and leave your ideas about the float. When you leave your message, please say the following, "Jeff Bilsland told me to call and leave ideas about the Santa Parade float", and then leave your message. (**Steve West** just loves it when I do this.)

Pick up the phone and call Beth at 691-5891 or you can call Jeff Bilsland at 682-2897. Help us get a float in the parade this year and we can all have fun.



### O.J. Simpson Trial

The verdict is in! NOT GUILTY. And for those people who participated in the O.J. Simpson pool and picked the not guilty verdict, you are in the running to win the 50/50 payoff. The entire pool brought in \$82, with half of that going to Women's Strength. The names of those who picked not guilty will be put into a bowl and one name will drawn at random the win the \$41 payoff. The drawing will be held at the October membership meeting at Haunted House/Expo Gardens (so there's plenty of witnesses to this drawing).

### An Evening of Intrigue

The cool night air held a quiet calmness to it on October 6, 1995. This Friday night held a special meaning for 3 young gentlemen departing on a mission for charity, the March of Dimes. These courageous men have reached deep down inside their souls, set all their fears aside and entered through the doors of the Paragon Ballroom. The names of these three men will go down in history, **Dan Schmidt, Jeff Weber,** and **Jeff Bilsland**

While stepping through the doors, each man felt a rush of danger upon them, like a lone deer in the woods with a pack of wolves watching it. They moved cautiously, without provocation, and slowly made their way through the tile floors of their final resting place. Eyes were upon them, watching every move. They knew that if they slipped, that could be the end of it.

As the crowd hushed, the spotlight came on and the event began. The fear washed over these men like Hurricane Opal did in Florida. Their pulses raced, they began to sweat, the tension and anticipation was so thick you could cut it with a chain saw. Then it happened, all they had waited for was finally here. "Oh God help us!" screamed one of the men. Yes, yes, it was the start of the Bachelor Auction. Dan, Jeff and Jeff were thrown like live meat to hungry wolves as women in the crowd began bidding on them and their date packages. Jeff Webber (#2) went first and raised \$750.00. Jeff Bilsland (#26) was the last to go, raising \$650.00. Dan "Friar" Schmidt (lucky #13) was sold for a whopping \$450.00! These men are not finished. They still need to complete their dates with their newly acquired women. Good luck guys, and may God have mercy on your soul.

### -- Quotables --

*"Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine."* - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

*"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."* - Albert Einstein (1889-1995)

*"That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves."* - President Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

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## Six Flags - It Was The Best of Times, It Was The Worst of Times...

by **Beth Barr**



It was a bright sunny morning when five adventurous people piled into the Party Barge. **Sue Wilbur, Cindy Schwerer, Jeff Pulfer, Rick Owens** along with myself had a box full of donut holes, gourmet chocolate chip cookies and the open road ahead on the way to a fun filled day of excitement at Six Flags - Great America in the lovely town of Gurnee, IL. It was smooth sailing all the way to our preliminary scheduled stop, to pick up Peoria Jaycees Alumna, the Fun Queen herself, **Andrea Peters**, on the western edge of Chicago. When we reached our destination however, things seemed to turn against us as we walked into Andrea's humble home. The voluptuous cable lady, who was busy installing Andrea's 3 (count them 3) HBO channels along with 62 others seemed to have a chuckle in her voice when she announced that after Labor Day, Six Flags closes during the week. OK, so maybe I should have called the park as was suggested to me before. It was just a small setback.

Chicago is a happening place, there are plenty of "rides" in a town like this. We decided to keep an open mind, and go with the flow. We first took a short walk and only had a 5 minute wait to get on the "El Ride". This ride took us all the way from Andrea's apartment to downtown Chicago. There we ran into a very nice woman with a bull horn on the street corner. She was so nice, she offered to save us. She explained that Happy Hours weren't really happy, that all they caused you to do was to get drunk and go home to beat your wife. Thank goodness we ran into her before we did something we would regret!

That experience took a lot out of us, and it was past our lunch time, so we stopped at a little snack area called Miller's Pub. Here we were able to prime ourselves for the rest of the day. We ran into a few old friends there also, Bud, Sam Adams, Messrs. Heineken, Miller and Killian were all there to welcome us. After we visited with them for a few hours, we decided to press on and try another ride. We had heard that the "Sears Tower Ride" was exciting as well as scenic. This ride was only a few blocks away, but even a few blocks can be dangerous, after rounding the first corner we had our first casualty.

It seems that the world famous Berghoff's restaurant was having an Oktoberfest in the middle of Adams Street. From the first moment we saw it, you could see how he changed - glassy eyes, a zombie-like walk, and yes, I do believe he was foaming at the mouth - we lost Pulfer! While Pulfer decided to see if Berghoff's knew how to throw a German party correctly, the rest of us decided that the Sears Tower Ride would be just too exciting to pass up. At this ride, there was no waiting. The ride up was great, the view was spectacular, and Sue was greatly impressed by the different colors of smog we could see. After waiving to Pulfer in the mingled crowd below, we decided to make our way down - which gave Cindy the perfect opportunity to grab a strange man in the elevator. That's a Jaycee for you, always trying to make new friends.



We were a little worried about finding Pulfer in the mass of German enthusiasts who had gathered. The crowd had grown, and Pulfer was not wearing his fest hat, but our worries were put quickly at ease when we spotted him from a block away waiving at us yelling "This is great! They have dark beer and they're selling these great shirts!" It seems Berghoff's throws the "wurst party of the year."

The group decided to see if Pulfer had his facts together and thought we had better see for ourselves. He was right, for a while, then it became quitting time for downtown Chicago and we began to feel a bit claustrophobic, so we decided to press on - the "Navy Pier Ride" sounded too good to be true. Sure, it was on the other side of the "park", but it was a beautiful evening, and there were plenty of "rest areas" along the way. At one rest area along the Chicago River we were pleasantly surprised with a 15 minute fireworks display. Was it a welcome for the Peoria Jaycees, or just a celebration for the 30 year anniversary that *Green Acres* and *Lost in Space* premiered on television? The controversy lives on.

By the time we reached the Navy Pier Ride, we discovered it was not all it was cracked up to be. It had a 20 minute wait, and it seemed to make one member of our party sick. Bets were placed on whether or not he would hurl into Lake Michigan. A plan was set. After a while of walking, a short "Taxi Ride", then a second go at the "El Ride" would finish out the evening.

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## President's Letter: From the Desk of Commander West

### Stand Up and Be Counted

We have already started our BIGGEST project of the year and we need EVERYONE'S help to make it successful. Calling all members! Calling all prospective members! Calling all exhausted roosters and hens! Our greatest hour is at hand. Get your tushes out to the Haunted House as many nights as possible. Construction, electrical and decoration is Monday - Friday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm and Saturday - Sunday from 11:00am to 7:00pm through October 17. Our Walk-Through Night is 6:00pm - 10:00pm on Wednesday, October 18. Our next membership meeting is at the Haunted House on Thursday, October 19.

The Haunted House opens and runs from Friday, October 20 to Tuesday, October 31 (Halloween night). Weekday hours for workers are from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. On Fridays, Saturdays and Halloween night our hours for workers are 6:00pm to midnight. The Haunted House opens at 7:00pm each night so workers need to make every attempt to arrive promptly at 6:00pm. Be there or be square. It takes 26 workers to properly staff each shift so don't be bashful! Dress warm in old clothes and be prepared to scare the pants off of some people.

The Haunted House is located at Exposition Gardens. Go in the Northmoor entrance and proceed straight ahead to the Youth Building. Then turn left and we are in the last building on the same row as the Youth Building. No Couch Potatoes allowed in October! The success of this project is essential to our financial success. We raise more money for charities and for our chapter than from any other project. This is also our most fun event of the year. Have I convinced you yet to work at least 3-5 different nights this year? Remember, you don't want to incur the wrath of your Commander. Just show up. Do not wait for someone to call you. This is a volunteer and leadership organization so start showing some personal initiative. Call the Jaycees Hotline at 676-5292 and leave a message of what nights you are going to work. **YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I CALL YOU!** Remember, just showing up is cool. In fact, taking up temporary residence at the Haunted House is strongly encouraged.

And don't forget the first week after October 31 we tar the Haunted House down and pack our materials away. Lords of destruction, we need you too.

I want to welcome our newest member, **John Cima**, who joined in September and has already helped several days with the Haunted House construction. Thanks for getting involved so quickly. The bad news is we signed 10 new members in the first 2 months of my administration and one new member in the last month. We need to keep recruiting to replace old worn out Jaycee's like myself. The Haunted House is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or acquaintance to help us.

Lest you think I am only going to talk about the Haunted House, we do want to have a big delegation of Peoria Jaycees at the Fall Regional on Saturday, November 4 at 2:00pm at Harr's Bar at the junction of Rt29 and Rt 136 near San Jose. We need a large group to attend the Fall Regional in order to encourage Prairieland Jaycees to attend the Winter Regional which we are hosting in February. So mark your calendars.

Let's see, did I mention that we want to recruit like crazy at the Haunted House, that we need all the manpower we can get each night, and that anyone that takes up temporary residence at the Haunted House will be in line for a Presidential Citation? "Just Do It" and help us out. You'll be glad you did. Remember, if this project is not a success, I will be forced to start planning a pancake breakfast, door-to-door candy sales, and about 100 more car washes for 1996! So I'm sure we will all get to know each other a lot better in October at the Haunted House. See You Soon! See You Tonight! Still proud to be your president.

With Regards,

Steve West

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## Top Ten Signs That Your Chapter Treasurer is a Crook

- 10.) During his college years, transferred from ICC to State Penn.
- 9.) Loan arrangement was made with couple of fellas named 'Moose' and 'Rocko'.
- 8.) Resume lists forgery as skills and abilities.
- 7.) Cheats at Monopoly.
- 6.) Claimed Dubby as dependent on chapter's latest tax return.
- 5.) Got involved into a real estate venture that resulted in the failure of an Arkansas Savings & Loan.
- 4.) New bank the chapter is doing business with looks suspiciously like an OTB parlor.
- 3.) Not only handles chapter finances, but publishes chapter newsletter as well.
- 2.) After collecting membership dues at meeting, tells everyone he must go to 'do some laundry'.
- 1.) Finances everything through IBF.

## Six Flags (Continued)

Due to a few laws that the taxi ride operator did not want to break, our party was split in two, confusion set in, and our taxi ride operators dropped us off at the wrong El Ride. Things looked grim. Then things turned up - we found another taxi ride operator who would take us all the way back to Andrea's house, and he was willing to throw those useless Illinois laws out the window - he would be happy to take all six of us. After piling into the taxi ride, being very cautious to make sure one of our group was by an open window, things turned bad again. It seemed our ride operator liked to listen to the music of the Spinners very loudly. This was not good for those of us in the back seat, and especially for the one in the front by the window who's life would have been much better "if things would just quit moving." We did however make it back without much incident, although none of us will be able to hear "Rubberband Man" again without having a good laugh.

The trip home to Peoria seemed to take a little longer than usual, but we arrived back just in time for Cindy to make it to work. It was suggested that someone arrange for a trip to Six Flags in the spring. A piece of advice for the future chairman - call first.

## It's A Little Known Fact... Crime, Inc.

John Dillinger was born on June 22, 1903 in Indianapolis, IN. He became a bank robber who reached national attention in the 1930's when the FBI deemed him "public enemy number one". Dillinger was caught robbing a grocery store when he was 21 years old, and did 9 years in prison. After his release, he became a leader of a bank robbing gang in the Midwest. He died on July 22, 1934 when the FBI gunned him down as he emerged from the Biograph Theater in Chicago.

Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, who were better know as "Bonnie & Clyde", traveled for four years in the southwestern United States, holding up gas stations, luncheonettes and small town banks. The duo killed 12 people before police killed them in an ambush in Louisiana on May 23, 1934.

Al Capone was born in Brooklyn, NY on January 17, 1899 and became the most famous of American mobsters. He grew up in Brooklyn involving himself in petty crimes and acquiring the nickname 'Scarface Al', due to a razor slash across his face. He moved to Chicago and worked his way up crime syndicates. He survived by killing his rivals, with the most notorious being the St. Valentine Day's Massacre. In October 1931, Capone was fined \$80,000 and sentenced to 11 years in prison for income tax evasion. He was released in November 1939, terminally ill with syphilis and died on his Florida estate.

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## **The Jaycee Creed:**

### **We Believe:**

**That Faith In God Gives Meaning And Purpose To Human Life;  
That The Brotherhood Of Man Transcends The Sovereignty Of Nations;  
That Economic Justice Can Best Be Won By Free Men Through Free Enterprise;  
That Governments Should Be Of Laws Rather Than Of Men;  
That Earth's Great Treasure Lies In Human Personality;  
And That Service To Humanity Is The Best Work Of Life.**

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## **From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America** **by Rick Owens**

The way things are going, I may soon be out of a newsletter editor job. This month, I had **Beth Barr** summarize the events that took place on the ill-fated Six Flags trip. Last month, I had **Jeff Bilsland** help write the Tattoos for Charity article and approximately 80% of the Top Ten list was written by the Good Friar, **Dan Schmidt**. Poor old **Steve West** though, I had to write his article for him since he had failed to get his material in on time.

But when you think about it, that is about par with Commander West. Steve is always doing the opposite of what other people do. When other people start handing in news articles when they don't have to, the Commander doesn't get his in. Another example: his beard; while a lot of men grow a beard in the winter to keep warm, our Commander is growing a beard in the summer, only to shave it off in the autumn. And there are probably things that we don't even know about; is he using Nair instead of Rogane; did he check into the Holiday Inn Brandywine for the camping dynamics? Who knows?

No matter how unconventional the Commander sounds, he is doing something right. If I might say, he has proved to be an outstanding president. He has gone above and beyond the call of the Peoria Jaycees!! And while he is president, this publication will continue to treat Commander West as would any late night talk show host would to the President of the United States.

Until next month, I thank you for your support.