



# The Charge!

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## Special Report: Jaycees Held Hostage

On the night of Friday, September 26, 1997, several Jaycee members arrived at Expo Gardens in Peoria, IL to volunteer their services for the Haunted House. An excellent turnout of 27 Jaycee members, 12 Youth Farm kids and 4 other non-Jaycee members reported for trailer unloading and construction. However, in the course of their efforts, the Haunted House was stormed by foreign terrorists who took several Jaycee members hostage. The terrorists' demands were promptly made. They included that the Jaycee hostages continue their construction endeavors without rest, followed by the unrelenting scare tactics and horrors pitted against the city of Peoria. The terrorists' also stated that if these demands are not met by Halloween, the hostages would be killed.



Upon receiving the news of hostages being taken, **'Governor' Owens** called an emergency meeting with his administration and advisors, despite the fact that most of his staff were the hostages. The 'Governor' immediately called in the Jaycee militia and surrounded the Haunted House barn. In a press conference that followed the special meeting, 'Governor' Owens, in a display of stern leadership stated "I'm afraid that my hands are tied here. Due to the circumstances, our available options are extremely limited and the only logical course of action that my administration can take at this time is to give in to the terrorists' demands."

Since that time, the hostages have continued to be held captive against their will. Forced to work as slave laborers, the hostages managed to complete the entire setup of walls within 24 hours. Following that, they succeeded to complete certain bracing and painting of the Haunted House. At Day 8 of what the Peoria Jaycees are calling "The Hostage Crisis," only the front facade, room decor and electrical work remain in the way of the terrorists' goals.

This year's Haunted House is being co-sponsored with **99x** and **WHOI TV**, who will soon begin promoting the terrorists' demands to haunt Peoria. At this time, it is asked that you come to the aid of your volunteer organization and help out at the Haunted House. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Haunted House co

chairs **Rick Owens** at 243-7319 or **Jeff Bilisland** at 682-2897 or simply just show up at Expo Gardens, home of the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House.

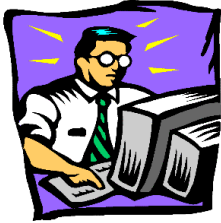
## Jaycees Kicked Out Of Clubhouse

The Peoria Jaycees was abruptly kicked out of the Hollow Creek Apartments clubhouse just two days before any member could set foot inside. Scheduled to hold the Jaycees Open House at the north Peoria facility, the volunteer organization was prematurely banned when the apartment manager received a flyer promoting the event. According to project chairman **Rick Owens**, several flyers were distributed on the windshields of cars in the parking lot of Hollow Creek Apartments. The next day, the property manager discovered one of the flyers and called the event off. "She just freaked out after she read it (the flyer)," claimed Owens. Apparently, the flyer stated 'Open to the Public' and the property manager got paranoid about the event becoming an underage drinking party, or something where a liquor license would be needed and several liability issues would be raised. At the last minute however, Owens managed to secure a facility at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

According to records, approximately 46 people consisting of 28 Jaycee members and 18 non-Jaycees attended the event. Several less active members were at the Open House with 1 person signing up that night and 2 others joining at the membership meeting a week later. The change in location caused the project to go over budget approximately \$85, but despite the last minute snafu, the project turned out to be marginally successful!

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

*by Rick Owens*



### A Day in the Life

I am currently writing this month's Most Dangerous article from the plush and luxurious confines of the 1950 Haunted House party bus. As you most of you know, I am the newsletter editor and webmaster for the Peoria Jaycees. In addition, I also

keep the current chapter roster database and handle many other administrative duties of the chapter, be it my job or because no else is capable of and/or fails to do it. Currently, I have also been chairing the Open House and the Haunted House, thus resulting in a lack of personal time. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. If I really didn't like this, I wouldn't do it. But this is a perfect opportunity to illustrate why a newsletter editor of a volunteer organization appreciates receiving news articles from it's board members. If I may, allow me to detail a recent day in the life of the Most Dangerous Writer in America.

I awake in the morning to bathe in a shower under a current state of disorder (meaning it's extremely dirty). I have not been home enough to handle simple household chores. I back out of my driveway looking at my increasingly long grass in desperate need of mowing. I arrive at work roughly 9:00am to handle not only "real" work, but also throw in plenty of Jaycee stuff. Nine o'clock am sounds great, but as you will see, I have been keeping long hours. It's one of the few luxuries I have as of late.

As the Haunted House is now being built, I should be on the premises every night. Since it does not make logical sense to drive all the way home (I live outside of Peoria for those who do not know), I remain at the office until 6:00pm. I then arrive at the Haunted House to volunteer my services. Fortunately this year we are ahead of schedule and I'm able to leave at 11:00pm to go home. When I get home, a midnight snack sounds good, but my cupboards are bare as I haven't been able to get to Kroger's to do any shopping. Therefore I go to bed hungry or at best, grab fast food from a drive thru. The next day I again awake to the same filthy shower.

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## Mark Your Calendars

### October

**Haunted House Construction;** Wednesday, October 1 - 14, Expo Gardens, Peoria - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or Jeff Bilsland @ 682-2897

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, October 9, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, sponsored by Holiday Inn Brandywine - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Night Glow Ball Golf Tournament;** Saturday, October 11, 8:00pm, Detweiller Golf Course - call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Ms. Heart of Illinois Pageant Committee Meeting;** Sunday, October 12, 12:30pm, Emily Duncan's residence - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035 or Amiee Fuller @ 693-8377

**Coloring For Kids Committee Meeting;** Sunday, October 12, 1:30pm, Emily Duncan's residence, after the Ms. HOI Pageant meeting - call Emily Duncan @ 692-4512

**Haunted House Methodist/Media Night;** Wednesday, October 15, 7:00pm, Expo Gardens, Peoria, Volunteers Needed - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or Jeff Bilsland @ 682-2897

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, October 16, 7:00pm, held at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens - call the Governor @ 693-8771

**Haunted House Open to Public;** Friday, October 17-31, 7:00pm, Closed Monday nights, Volunteers Needed - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or Jeff Bilsland @ 692-2897

**Friendship House Halloween Party;** Wednesday, October 22, 6-8:00pm, at Friendship House - call Bryce Huetten @ 676-0030

### November

**Haunted House Tear Down;** Saturday, November 1, 9:00am, Donuts Available to workers while they last - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or Jeff Bilsland @ 692-2897

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, November 6, 7:00pm - call Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Thursday, November 6 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, November 13, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, sponsored by Caldwell Banker - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Illinois Jaycees General Assembly;** Friday, November 14 - Sunday, November 16 - call John 'Caesar' Cima @ 693-0631

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Attention! All meetings are open to all Jaycee members and the public!



**Board Meetings:** Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at RLO, Inc.

**Membership Meetings:** Held the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Amvets in downtown Peoria

## A Demented Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, a Peoria Jaycee member named **Mark Rosenberg** really enjoyed receiving the organization's newsletter. He would drop everything he was doing when he would find it in his mailbox so he could read and savor it. It was a treat like no other for him.

Then one day he moved his place of residency but failed to report his new address to the chapter. The weeks passed. Mark faithfully awaited for the monthly publication to arrive. However, a newsletter was never sent to the new address. After a period of time without a newsletter, Mark became severely depressed and started drinking excessively. Nights of binge drinking and continued depression from the withdrawal of the award winning newsletter led Mark to taking drugs. Now addicted to a combination of different drugs, Mark's monetary resources for his new found habit were thinning. To finance his addition, he resorted to prostitution, selling himself to older, divorced women. Mark had hit a personal low.

Awaking one morning with a strange woman in bed, Mark's head was somewhat clearer and sober. He thought to himself, "I gotta make some changes." He went immediately to a local mission where he met an individual named '**Friar Schmidt**'. Mark confessed his problems to the good Friar. With a thoughtful and somber look on his face, the Friar devised a solution for Mark's problem. All Mark needed to do was to report his new address to the Peoria Jaycees. Since *The Charge!* is sent via bulk mail, he did not receive his newsletter because bulk mail does not get sent to forwarding addresses.

The Friar reported the address change to the newsletter editor. Mark was once again receiving *The Charge!*, broke his addiction to drugs and alcohol and lived happily ever after.

So the moral of this story is to report any and all address changes to **Rick Owens** or phone the Jaycees hotline at 676-JAYC. Let this example be a lesson and don't let this happen to you.

## Individual Development... ...Served Hot and Fresh

from your hostess, **Becky Lemont**

### Mock Stock

The winners for the first three months are in! They are 1st place, **Dennis Owens**, 2nd place, **Jeff Ulrich** and bringing up the rear, **Cara Freehill** in last place.

Prizes awarded at the end of the three months were awarded at



the September membership meeting. For 1st place, actual stocks selected by the winner (to be selected at the end of the mock stock). The prize for 2nd place was a two week subscription to the *Wall Street Journal* and the booby prize for last place were selected items from the loser's stock picks. Cara received a hamburger Happy Meal, a pack of cigarettes from Phillip Morris and a Coca Cola. We still have another 3 months to go. Good luck everyone!

Accounting Note: If you are wondering how Dennis came out way ahead of the others, a glitch with Jeff and Monica's stock picks had their quoted prices in error. It had been misstated from the start.

Here are the results (amounts are gain/loss):

<u>Name</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Dennis Owens	1,796.06	2,050.99	6,077.64
Jeff Ulrich	8,342.45	9,977.76	2,799.9
Joe Burkitt	91.36	1,490.63	2,110.88
Angela Manasco	350.87	745.61	1,754.38
Monica Rhodes	4,325.66	5,881.41	1,648.97
Theresa Diefendorf	577.03	1,027.45	1,254.47
Bob Manasco	700.00	2,500.00	1,233.33
Dan Schmidt	1,392.14	1,484.14	1,178.55
Rick Owens	511.55	817.20	1,016.65
Bryce Huette	916.71	1,625.32	545.53
Scott Fletcher	481.91	594.05	490.89
Jennifer Routzon	228.40	5.16	350.37
JoAnn Ziegler	1,152.37	926.59	225.10
Mike Buckley	348.20	915.24	159.84
Kevin Leach	559.34	149.62	148.01
John Cima	512.25	N/A	98.36
Heather Zech	(20.93)	172.68	90.08
Kim Turner	(271.43)	(281.92)	27.22
Steve West	(66.68)	(227.03)	(233.48)
Eric Gengler	211.41	622.61	(355.49)
Cindy Schwerer	(332.39)	(549.41)	(432.66)
Cara Freehill	N/A	(248.44)	(660.18)

And always, I'm looking for new and different ideas for Individual Development. If you have ideas or would like to run an ID project, please give **Becky** a call at 676-2780.

## Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



Hello! Everyone-- I hope you are enjoying the season as much as I am. It's my favorite time of year....Fall. This time of year also brings a lot of great projects that are fun. It's a great time to start getting involved if your a new member or if you have been around but have not been active lately.

### Haunted House

As many of you know, construction of the Haunted House is going great!! We have seen a lot of old and new faces come out and help. Thank you everyone! With your help, we are currently way ahead of schedule. If this pace is kept up, we could open a week early!

I am in charge of manpower for the Haunted House. I hope all of you could try to come out at least two nights while we are open. I am going to have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting so please look at your schedules and reserve some time to come out and help. If you have not participated at this event before you have to come out and experience it. It's a lot of fun.

### Christmas Party

Christmas is right a round the corner!!! Well, OK. it's a little early to start thinking about Christmas. But stores are already getting ready for Xmas rush. A group of Jaycees with the prompting (or pushing!) of **Beth Barr** went to Jeffrey Allans on Tuesday, September 30th and helped assemble Christmas trees. If all trees were put together by the end of that evening, \$500.00 would be donated to Tyng School. The time was well worth the reward to know we could help out Tyng school.

This little story leads me into thinking about this year's Christmas party. We have already picked the date of December 12th, but I am looking for someone to head up the project. Several ideas have been tossed around, like a formal dinner out, cocktails at someone's humble abode, and of course Secret Santa. If someone is interested in arranging the party let me know!!

### Ms. Heart of Illinois Pageant

Last but not least... the MISS HEART OF IL SCHOLARSHIP/PAGENT meeting will be held on October 12th, 12:30pm at Emily Duncan's house. In exchange for corporate sponsorship, the Jaycees have agreed to handle the promotions and ticket sales for the event. Also, the Jaycees are to provide manpower the day of the event which is scheduled for January 24, 1998. Please come and find out more about the pageant and the Jaycees role in it. **Aimee Fuller** is the chairman of this project and if you have any questions please call her at 693-8377.

### Epicurean Pot Luck

This month's Epicurean Night will be a pot luck at the October membership meeting, held at the Haunted House on Thursday October 16th (my birthday... Yeaaaa!). Please bring your favorite side dish, appetizers, chili, dessert, whatever. Epicurean Night will start at 6:00pm with the meeting at 7:00pm. And as always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to call me at 274-4035.

## Community Development

by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer



Hello everyone! Hope you all had a good summer, because it's done. Now it's time for different kinds of fun.

### Night Golf Tournament

Besides the Haunted House, there will be a night time golf tournament on Saturday, October 11, at Detweiller. Get a team of 4 people together and sign up before we have all 18 slots filled. The cost is \$20 per person and it will cover your greens fees, glow balls and other items. It should be a lot of fun and even I am playing. (*Editor's Note: Lookout!*) This should be no small feat in the dark, because I don't even play in the daylight. Trophies will be awarded. Call **Dubby** at 691-6608 if interested in playing and/or helping out. Proceeds from this event will benefit **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**.

### Halloween Party

Another great project is a Halloween party we are holding for the kids age K thru 16 at Friendship House, Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. **Bryce Huette** has volunteered to chair this event and will run from 6-8pm. Friendship House is a non-profit Christian agency that holds programs for lower income kids. We only need about 5 people to supervise.

### Adopt A School/Coloring For Kids

Also, as we discussed at the last membership meeting, we are adopting Calvin Coolidge school. Based on our survey, people are interested in being in the mentor program where you become a role model to an individual kid and meet with the kid once a week. Also, there was interest in helping them learn things such as health, careers, history, drug/alcohol awareness, family and values through various projects. One way of teaching them is through the coloring book Emily is designing for kids. We would sell these to raise money for Jaycee events. Artists and ideas are needed. A committee meeting for the Coloring for Kids is set for October 12th, 1:30pm at Emily Duncan's house, immediately following the Miss Heart of IL Scholarship/Pagent meeting. Emily already has some great ideas to include the kids in the book.

I guess that's all for now. See ya around! If you have any questions or if you're interested in helping, call **Cindy** at 685-4906 or **Emily** at 692-4512.

Love,  
Cindy & Emily

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## A Stay of Execution from 'Governor' Dennis Owens



Have you seen it, the most terrifying house ever constructed. This haunted house was also constructed in record time. This is because Proper Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance. **Rick** and **Jeff** had a good house design that we could follow easily. There is only one

week to go before we open and a lot of decorating needs to take place before Oct. 15. We need fresh souls to help finish this thing. Moving on to other events, we will be hosting a night golf tournament Sat. Oct. 11 at 8:00 PM at Detweiller Golf Course. The proceeds will go to **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**. Very few Jaycees have signed up for this and that is very disappointing. You know when you play golf at night nobody can see you, so it doesn't matter how good you are.

Now on with the goals...

G1: Law and Order in Meetings. This goal is slowly being lost. If you have been to all 5 of my membership meetings to date, than you have spent 6 hours of your time at our membership meetings. Remember the meetings are only supposed to last 1 hour. We have used 6 hours for 5 meetings, do the math! Now I am not going to name any names but there are only a few rotten apples that are spoiling the whole batch. The meeting is for making decisions, conveying information and voting. These people are using the meeting as an infomercial and they are not even paying us for our air time.

G2: Train and Involve More Members. This goal is not bad but it is not good either. Construction training has been good at the haunted house but as for CPG training, new member orientation and other things, it is non-existent. Well, maybe in November we can do some of this stuff.

G3: Give More Donations. Well no major projects have been completed so there are no major donations to give out. Haunted House and Night Golf should produce some cash though.

G4: 150 Members. Good Lord we only broke even in September. No increase in membership was achieved. As for Oct. we have 0. Maybe this goal is unachievable this year and maybe we should change this goal to 50 active members by year's end. As you know most of the new members this year have done nothing except join, what good is that. So from now on there is no more discount on joining the Jaycees, it is now back to FULL PRICE or almost full price. It will be \$40 dollars to join from now on, as you may not know the Illinois Jaycees charge us \$41.50 for each new member. If people really want to join they will pay \$40 dollars.

ITS BETTER TO BURN OUT THAN FADE AWAY  
**Governor Dennis Owens**

## Membership Report by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this month:

Terry Gavin	Jeff Pulfer*
Mark Klokkenga	Cathy Schwerer
Marty Lacefield	Joann Ziegler
Charles Pulfer	

The following members are due in November:

Holly Brinker	Dennis Owens
Marcia Denton	Rick Owens

\* - indicates Associate Member

Remember, renewal dues are \$35 and for your convenience, you can send a check made payable to the Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61650. If you have any questions, please call me, **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** at 674-5290.

### Open House

We had 4 new members join in September, mostly a result from the Jaycees Open House. Please welcome **Steve Arianoutsos**, **Laura Buckley**, **Bill Grundon** (an associate member) and **Brett Tilly**. The Open House was a great success as we got to see some members that haven't been around for a while as well as meet many prospective members.

I would like to take this opportunity to let all of our prospective and new members know that you are more than welcomed to take part in any of our events and projects. As our membership grows, it becomes more impractical to call everyone (plus we don't want to pester people all the time), so instead of calling all chapter members, events are posted in the newsletter to let everyone know what projects are coming up.

I want to also thank **Rick Owens**, our mild-mannered and most dangerous writer to chairing this project. Also thanks to **Eric 'Crash' Gengler** for e-mailing every employee of Caterpillar and inviting them to this event. I think the Open House will be something we'll definitely try again as everyone had a great time!

### Membership VP Does a Lot of Work

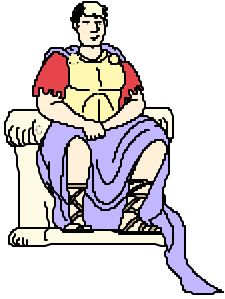
There has been some idle chatter in the chapter recently about my accomplishments in the area of membership. While many of you probably think that I haven't done anything, it's basically a lot of behind the scenes work; tasks that don't get noticed much. Let me list the many things I have done.

I had the idea of the Jaycee card. This is a business card with the Peoria Jaycees name and addresses on it. On the flip side, it details a map where we hold our membership meetings. The executive board has passed the budget for this card, but it has not been ordered or printed yet.

And there you have it! Now you can see how busy I've been in Membership!

## State Director's Report

*by John 'Caesar' Cima*



Friends, Romans, Jaycees, lend me your eyes, it is your State Director, **John 'Caesar' Cima**. I am here to clue you in with what is going on in the great state we call Illinois.

### Visitations

We have a visitation set for Wednesday, October 8th to the Bloomington Jaycees. We are meeting at the Haunted House and will drive down there together. Of course by the time you read this, it will probably be old news and a little late. But we are heading down there to basically check out their Haunted House. They usually have a pretty good one, but we'll find out. We also need to make a visitation to Lincoln to check out their Haunted House and to get back our creed.

A visitation is when members from our chapter go to a neighboring chapter's membership meeting. Three or more Peoria Jaycee members are needed to make a visitation. Visitations are fun! You meet new people; learn of new projects and usually socialize with other Jaycee members. If anyone is interested in going on a visitation, give me a call at 693-0631.

### General Assembly

The Fall Illinois GA is coming up on the weekend of November 14 -16th in Springfield, IL. **Rick Owens** and **Heather Zech** have already expressed their interest in attending. The cost will be \$10 for the room and \$5.00 if you wish to attend the mixer that Friday night. If you would like to go, please call me at 693-0631 or call the '**Governor**' at 693-8771.

## Most Dangerous Writer (continued)

This past weekend I spent the most time at home in quite a while, basically due to the fact that I have to put a newsletter together. It would be nice if I could get to the Haunted House and get some work done there, but first things first. Not to sound like a broken record, but place yourself in this situation. It takes considerable time and effort to assemble a newsletter such as this. Turning in required news articles helps me immensely! It saves me time from calling other people to find out what news there is. It saves me time trying to write something for them. Many other newsletter editors in America know where I'm coming from and hopefully this example has illustrated to the others what I'm talking about.

I must admit that most the board is extremely good at their newsletter responsibilities. But there are still one or two people who have trouble understanding this concept. How much intelligence does it take to remember that your newsletter article is due at the board meeting? And is it too hard to accomplish this; you can hand write it, fax it, e-mail it or even phone it in. Therefore, I submit to you, am I asking too much for some acknowledgment in this regard?



## Peoria Jaycees Haunted House

**October 17-31**

Closed Mondays

7:00 - 10:00pm weekdays

7:00 - midnight Fridays, Saturdays & Halloween

**Expo Gardens, Peoria, IL**

(Next to Richwoods H.S.)

**Children Ages 4 & Under Not Admitted**

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**call 676-JAYC**

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## Top Ten 'Governor' Owens Pick Up Lines

10. Want some Budweiser little girl?
9. Did you know you can judge the size of a man by the truck he drives?
8. Invites a woman to a Little Rock hotel room, drops his pants and demands sex... (oops! that's Gov. Clinton pick up lines).
7. My gavel is considered by many to be the 'Big One.' Wanna see?
6. Let's hop in my truck, go to the dump and make out!
5. To hell with the Lincoln Room! How about a sleep over in my bedroom?
4. I've got 4 goals, but you can be my 5th goal.
3. Let's go play with my power tool!
2. Your place or my bus?
1. How about a pardon from the 'Governor'... if you know what I mean.

## Jaycee Member Sues Big Fast Food Companies

In the mire of recent senate investigations and lawsuits against the big tobacco companies, a 32 year old Peoria Jaycee member is making a similar case against the major U.S. fast food corporations. **Richard L. Owens, Jr.**, senior editor of the Peoria Jaycees acclaimed publication, *The Charge!*, is alleging that the fast food industry has caused his high cholesterol level. Owens claims that the food served at chain restaurants such as Pizza Shack and Burger Kingdom contributed to his current health problem. In addition, Owens alleges that slick advertising and marketing along with convenience enticed him to eat what he considered their "deadly food."

After a routine physical examination, Owens discovered his cholesterol level was at 250. The ideal cholesterol level is 200 and under. Upon learning this distressing news, Owens sought the legal council of prominent Peoria attorney **Steven J. West**. In a press conference late yesterday, attorney West stated "My client has suffered dearly. Testimony from his doctor says he is just one cheeseburger away from a stroke. For that, these fast food companies will pay!" Also at the same press conference, Owens commented that since he is active in a volunteer organization, he often does not have time for a decent meal. Therefore he is forced to resort to fast food. "A crisco burger here and a cholesterol lover's pizza there, it all adds up you know," Owens said.

Attorney West, best known for his representation work in the landmark *Bilskind v. British Health Authorities* and the *Schwerer v. Big Pharmaceutical Companies*, is now forming his renown legal team of **Robert Shapiro**, **Johnnie Cochran** and **F. Lee Bailey**.

## It's A Little Known Fact...

### Sputnik

Sputnik, name of the first of several artificial satellites launched by the Soviet Union from 1957 to 1961. The goals of the Sputnik program included studying the earth's upper atmosphere, observing animal survival in space flight, and testing Soviet rocket technology. The launch of the unmanned Sputnik 1 and of Sputnik 2, which carried a dog, spurred the United States to invest more money and resources into its fledgling space program, initiating a race between the two nations to land a person on the moon.

The Sputnik program began on October 4, 1957, with the launch of Sputnik 1, which weighed 83 kg (184 lb). The official name of the satellite was *Iskustvennyi Sputnik Zemli* (fellow world traveler of the earth). The launch vehicle was a test version of the Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile. Sputnik 2 was launched on November 3, 1957, and weighed 508 kg (1100 lb). It carried a female dog named Laika. On-board instruments showed that Laika survived in space for several days until her oxygen supply was exhausted.

In addition to initiating the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union, the Sputnik series of spacecraft also had alarming military implications. The intercontinental ballistic missiles that were used to launch the Sputnik satellites were also capable of traveling from the Soviet Union to military targets in less than an hour—much less than the several hours required for conventional bomber aircraft. President Dwight D. Eisenhower of the United States reacted to the space race by signing the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, which created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Eisenhower also established the Advanced Research Projects Agency (now the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), a division of the U.S. Department of Defense.

**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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