



# The Charge!

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## Peoria Jaycees To Change Name

The Peoria Jaycees, which has been established for more than 55 years in the Peoria community, is changing their name to the Dark City Jaycees. The name change became effective on September 23, 1998. The new name coincides with the theme of their latest haunted house, now celebrating it's 28<sup>th</sup> year.

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**DARK CITY OF PEORIA**  
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The new Haunted House design for the Dark City Jaycees. Look for it everywhere while you are in... Dark City!

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While there was a small opposition to the name change, their voice was loudly heard in the form of **'Commander' Steven J. West**. "What?!" West exclaimed at the membership meeting when the chapter was ready to vote on the name change. "Dark City?! What kind of name is that?" West sternly questioned. "Changing our name makes about as much sense as the US Jaycees changing our calendar year!" West added. An anonymous member at the meeting then told West, "You can't vote anyway, old man!"

Meanwhile, progress on Dark City, the 1998 Haunted House, is making slow but sure progress. Ulrich acknowledged that the project was off to an excellent start, due in large part from a group of kids from the Youth Farm. But since then, progress was slower.

"Attendance has been a bit below average," Ulrich stated, "but the people who have been there have done a great job. Things are coming together nicely." This year, the haunted house features many new rooms. Only one room is a hold over from years' prior; everything else is relatively new.

However, some problems have arisen during the construction of Dark City. The wormhole, a giant moving tube where patrons would enter, has been scrapped due to lack of time and materials. As several design changes were required to get the wormhole to operate, there was not enough time for its completion. Therefore, the decision was made to scrub the wormhole in order to finish the building of Dark City.

Dark City, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House, opens to the public on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Dark City Jaycees would like to encourage all its members to come out and help, whether its help building, painting, decorating, being a

monster, running the cash box or tear down. The haunted house is located at Expo Gardens. For more information, please call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or **Angela Babcock** at 637-0280 or check out the haunted house on the Jaycees Internet site at <http://www.jaycees.com>. Proceeds from this year's haunted house go to benefit the **Youth Farm, St. Jude Midwest Affiliate** and the Dark City Jaycees.

The Dark City Jaycees will once again rename itself back to the Peoria Jaycees at the stroke of midnight on October 31, 1998... moments before they turn into a pumpkin.

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

***By Rick Owens***



### **Employers Take Note!**

At last, autumn is here! The crisp cool air is clearing my head somewhat and I am able to rid myself of last month's writer's block. There's now plenty to write about. The only real challenge was calling ourselves the Dark City Jaycees instead of the

Peoria Jaycees. That's going to take some getting use to.

But alas, fall is here, the best time of the year. That also means that the Haunted House is in full swing. I chaired this project last year and have worked at it many times. I know what the chairpeople are going through and I know what needs to be done to make this a successful project.

This project is an opportunity to learn new carpenter skills for when you want to do some home improvement projects. This project is donating its proceeds to very worthwhile causes in the local community. This project allows someone's imagination and artistic ability to take flight. This project also offers a lot of fun and camaraderie. But yet, the project has yet to see many members come out and help. Even some of the sub-chairs of this project have yet to be heard from. It's beginning to look as if the same 6 to 8 people who are out at the haunted house every night are the ones who are going to have to run the whole thing. Very disappointing.

It goes to show that these members are hard working, dedicated people. They work hard and definitely party hard! Any prospective employer should have a list of these people. One would be a fool not to employ any of them for they have proved to go above and beyond the call of duty.

People like these have great carpenter skills, donate to local charitable causes, have imagination, and get the most out of life and made lifetime friendships in the Jaycees. And why is this? It is because they became involved!

It is here where I would like to take this opportunity to commend these fine individuals for jobs (PLURAL!) well done.

## Mark Your Calendars

### October

**Chapter Visitation;** Wednesday, October 7, Bloomington Jaycees - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, October 8, 5 - 7:00pm, Peoria Civic Center, sponsored by the Rivermen - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2708

**Monday Night Football;** Monday, October 12, 6:00pm, Chi Chi's restaurant - call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Haunted House Media Night;** Wednesday, October 14, 6:00pm - 10:00pm, all media invited to the Haunted House before it opens to the public, hosting Adopt-A-School kids & others - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Dan Schmidt @ 674-5290

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, October 15, 7:00pm, held at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens, Peoria - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

**Haunted House Opens to Public;** Friday, October 16 - 31 volunteers needed, 6:00pm - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Angela Babcock @ 673-0280

**Monday Night Football;** Monday, October 19, 6:00pm, Jimmy the Saints, University St., Peoria - call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Haunted House Kids Day;** Sunday, October 25, 2:00 - 5:00pm, \$1.00 per child, haunted house lights are on and monsters pass candy to the kids, volunteers needed - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 for details

**Monday Night Football;** Monday, October 26, 6:00pm, The Galley, E. Peoria - call Dubby @ 691-6608

### November

**Haunted House Tear Down;** Sunday, November 1, 10:00am - ?, will continue for next 23 days - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, November 5, 7:00pm, RLO, Inc, - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Thursday, November 5, at the board meeting - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Jaycees Happy Hour;** Friday, November 6, 5:00 - 7:00pm, Vonachen's, Junction City, Peoria - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Haunted House Appreciation Party;** Saturday, November 7, 7:00pm, Dennis & Shari Owens' residence - call Dennis Owens @ 579-3484

**Illinois Jaycees General Assembly;** November 13 - 15, Springfield Holiday Inn - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

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### Mail Call

E-Mail Received 9/28/98  
Re: Fellow Jaycee Member

Just wanted to drop a note to say that I think your web page is killer. I wish our chapter here in Chattanooga, Tennessee had a web page. I feel that we are all brothers and sisters since we are proud members of the Jaycees. Again, just wanted to drop you a line to say Hello. Continue the work with your homepage and your local efforts.

Respectfully yours in service,

Barry D. Vinson, Sr  
Chattanooga JAYCEES

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### The Dubby Report

#### Night Golf

I would like to report that the night golf outing was a great success. It netted \$380, which will be donated, to the YMCA. Thanks to everyone who helped and played that night.

#### Monday Night Football Schedule

- October 5<sup>th</sup> – Tom Cats Back Alley
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – Chi Chi's
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – Jimmy the Saints
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – The Galley

Attendance to the Monday Night Football outings has been a bit light, but it is probably due to the Haunted House. Still, I would like to see a few more people show up. But beside that, everything is going good.

#### Dinner & Movie Nights

Dinner and movie night will start in November after the Haunted House is over. Be looking for that in November. This will be an outing where we go to dinner and see a movie afterwards. If you have any ideas or something specific you would like to try, please give me a call at 691-6608.

I would also like to thank all the local directors for calling their 10 people each month for me. Well, I got to go.

Thank You,  
Dubby

### Meeting Reminder

The October membership meeting will be held at the Haunted House, located at Expo Gardens on Northmoor Rd, Peoria IL, on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

In addition, announcements will be heard from those who intend to run for an executive office at the chapter elections in November.

The membership meetings are always held the third Thursday of the month and are open to all prospective members and the public.



## The Dark City Jaycees Presents...

# The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House

Media Night - Wed., Oct 14<sup>th</sup>  
Open to the Public - Oct. 16 - 31<sup>st</sup>

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7-12am Fridays & Saturdays

Kids Day - Sun., Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

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## Membership Report *by Rick Owens*

### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due October 21<sup>st</sup>:

Terry Gavin	Cathy Schwerer
Mark Klokkenga	Stan Whetsell
* Jeff Pulfer	Joann Ziegler

The following members are due in November:

Courtney Bosworth	Dennis Owens
Holly Brinker	Rick Owens
Eric Gengler	Steve Weers
Clayton Hoffman	

\*- denotes associate member

### Membership Status

The month of September proved to be another poor month in membership as the chapter netted a loss of two more members. Since May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Peoria Jaycees have lost a total of 10 members, bringing the membership to a total of 83. However, there is a bright side to this. Almost all of these members were never very active in the Jaycees to begin with, resulting in no real loss of involvement. In turn, the chapter's participation rate has increased substantially.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that it is not the membership vice president's sole responsibility to recruit; it's every member's duty to help recruit. I would like to encourage members to recruit people who will become active in this organization. Don't recruit them just because they are a breathing human being that just happens to be the right Jaycee age. If they don't become involved and active in the Jaycees, their membership is not going to do us any good and it's not going to do them any good.

If you have any questions about recruiting new Jaycees or ideas for membership, please call me at 243-7319.

### Jaycees Happy Hour

We had a better turn out for October's happy hour at the Haunted House than I originally imagined. There were about 12 to 15 people who showed to partake in a pony keg of Beck's beer, chocolate chip cookies and **Laura Buckley's** world famous chocolate crispy corn treats (or whatever those things are called... their good!). Thanks to all for coming out for the fun!

Our next happy hours will take place on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Vonachen's Old Place in Junction City and December 4<sup>th</sup> at Alexander's Steakhouse. December's happy hour will coincide with the Christmas party and Installation and Year-End Awards Banquet. The happy hours take place from 5:00pm to 7:00pm (or later). For more information, please call me at 243-7319.

The next membership vice president will decide the location for January's happy hour.

## By Her Majesty's Order *by 'Queen' Joann*



Hey All!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, because it's about time for fall to be here. Before you know it, the snow will be falling. Along with the leaves and snow falling will bring the end of our short year. Even though it's sneaking up as I am typing, it's not too late to do things for the chapter, yourself, and the community. All we need to do is light

the spark and pretty soon it will be a blaze. One way to light that spark is to bring on any and all ideas. You never know, your idea may be the next Beerfest in the making. Another is to bring in new people. The more people we can recruit, the more of an impact we can make in our communities. We can also use our resources and contacts to better impact our community and make it a little better for our future generations.

It's almost time for new elections too. So if you are interested in running for the new board, please step up to the plate and go for it. It's a great opportunity to challenge yourself and learn something you can possibly use in your personal life or professional life. You may never know unless you take that chance! It's a lot of fun and you can work with some really great people.

It's also Haunted House time! I hope to see everyone out there. It's one of our biggest fundraisers! We can't do it without your help. Come out and support Jeff and Angela. It's their first time chairing a project.

We have some good news and some bad news. Congratulations to **Cindy** for stepping in and filling in for **Ross'** vacancy. Ross has been offered a great offer out in Utah. We wish him good luck in his new adventure and hope he drops us a line and lets us know how he is doing. Thank you to Cindy for helping us out and filling the spot for now! Also a big Congrats to **Becky!!!** She gave birth to her beautiful daughter **Ciara** on the same day that **Shari** and **Dennis** were wed. What a deal two big events in one day. Congratulations to the newlyweds, may you have a lifetime of happiness.

Its never too late to get people excited and interested in Jaycees. We can't do that if we hog the organization and don't share it with others. Let's show them the fun they can have, the things they can learn, and the things they can do to help the community.

I'm out!! See ya'll soon!!  
Joann

## Chapter Management *by Becky Lemont*



It seems that **Dennis** and **Shari Owens** picked a great day to get married....our new daughter, **Ciara Claire-Marie Lemont** also picked this day to be born. Well, she did get some prompting from my Doctor, **Marc Boyd**. I had to be induced to get her moving but once she got moving, we were done in one hour and ten minutes. My only complaint????....**Joe** kept squeezing my hand instead of vice-versa. He was a nervous Dad but I could have never done it without him. Thanks Joe.

So, now I am trying to type with Ciara wanting my attention. I have another 18 years or more of this now. It is even harder to believe that I have been constantly changing diapers for 5 years, 2 months and 22 days. I still have at least 2-3 years to go also. Thinking about having kids....**Dennis? Shari? John? Cara? Rick? Beth?** (*Editor's Note: Sorry, that's not an option.*)

### Haunted House

Haunted House is full swing and this is our project that needs attention. Any time that every member can spare will be appreciated. It is not only manpower for the nights we are open but also construction now. Painting and decorating are just two areas that everyone can help with. Please check your schedule now and be ready to chip in to help this month.

### Chapter Elections

Elections will be next month at the General Membership meeting on November 19th. Now is the time to announce your candidacy at the October membership meeting, which is to be held at the Haunted House. All officer positions are up for grabs. I urge all members to consider running for a position on the executive board. It is truly a positive and fulfilling experience.

### Xmas Party/Installation Banquet

Christmas party will be part of the new Installation Banquet this year. Mark your calendars now to join us at Alexander's Steak House on Friday, December 4th at 8:00pm. We still need a chairperson for this event and a volunteer to host the after dinner party. This party is where we exchange Secret Santa gifts and have a dessert potluck.

Hate to think that we are moving in less than a year. Needs of the Navy. We will know in December where we are needed the most. East Coast, West Coast, Gulf Coast and even Hawaii are some options. We will let you know. We won't start saying "Good-bye" yet but it will be in back of our minds.

Thanks, Becky

## State Director's Report *by Courtney Bosworth*



### Visitations

The Dark City Jaycees will be travelling to Bloomington on October 7 to scare the daylight out of the Bloomington Jaycees at their haunted house (given that the

Dark City Jaycees are much scarier than our Bloomington counterparts, they are next to normal!) In November, given the close holiday season, the Peoria Jaycees will try a return trip to Peoria Heights again. Call Courtney at 673-5492 for more information and for directions.

### Illinois Jaycees GA

The Illinois Jaycees Fall General Assembly is set for the weekend of November 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Once again, it is scheduled to be at the Holiday Inn in Springfield, Illinois. If interested in going, please let me or Joann know as soon as possible as rooms fill up pretty fast.

Have a "boo-tiful day!"

## Individual Development

*by Mike Buckley*

### Astronomy Night

The Dark City Jaycees will be holding an astronomy night at Northmoor Observatory at Leo Donovan Golf Course on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The observatory is being open especially for the Jaycees to gaze at the stars and learn a little something about 'the final frontier.' Please come out that night and bring a friend!

Thus far, I have been organizing this outing, but if someone is interested in helping out, or if you have more questions or need directions, don't hesitate to call me at 693-7811.

## Cindy Schwerer's Favorite Radio Station

Dark City Jaycee member **Cindy Schwerer** has found a new radio station that she cannot quit raving about. The Fox 94.3, which is in the process of changing formats, is Cindy's new favorite station. "Oh my God!" Cindy enthusiastically confesses, "It's such a great station. I always know what songs they are playing... I can't get enough. I listen to them all the time!" Currently, the Fox 94.3 is playing nothing but the 1981 Hall & Oats number 1 single, *Kiss On My List* as an introduction to their new format that is to begin soon.

"Gosh! If we lose this station" Cindy added, "I don't know what I'll do."

## Community Development

*by Cindy Schwerer*



Hi everyone! I have been asked to be **Ross** until the upcoming elections, probably because I did it last year. I don't look much like him.

### Adopt A School

This is a fun time of year when the Haunted House gets kicked off. Everyone is needed and encouraged to come on out! We need you! Our Adopt-A-School kids from Calvin Coolidge will be out there on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This is media night when news stations and the media will be present.

### Night Golf

Many thanks to Dubby for a great job on the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual night golf tournament. There were some crazy screaming golfers. One particular team even brought their own boombox. Our team couldn't figure out which club to use in the dark. It's a good thing our president Joann was there to assist us. At least one of us had golfing experience. I had a blast!

### Santa Visits the Kids

The Dark City Jaycees are looking for someone to chair our Santa Visits the Kids project coming up in December. This project involves the acquisition of toys so that we can distribute them to kids in the hospital at Christmas time. We usually have a member dress up as Santa while other members will portray his elves and helpers. Then, away we go to area hospitals and children's homes, delivering toys to good little boys and girls. If interested in chairing or helping with this worthwhile project, please call me.

Until later,  
Cindy

## Get Out Of Working The Haunted House... Legally

Don't want to be a monster at the Haunted House? Don't want to spend cold October nights hearing all that loud screaming and noise? Don't want to mess with putting all that make up on your face? Don't want to mess with the large crowd of people that come out to the house? But yet, do you want to help and do your part for the Dark City Jaycees? Then consider becoming a member of the tear down crew.

By becoming a member of the Haunted House Tear Down Crew, you will be assured the freedom from harassing phone calls soliciting help. By becoming a member of the Haunted House Tear Down Crew, you will not be expected to be at the house during the entire month of October. Do whatever you want during the month of October without the feeling of guilt. But on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am, report for tear down.

## Officer Positions Available

Chapter elections are coming up at the November membership meeting and now's the time to get the word out if you intend to run for an office. At the October membership meeting, you will be allowed to announce your intention to run for an office. You may still run for an office if you do not make your announcement at the October meeting, however, you will need to be nominated by one of your Jaycee peers.

Here is a brief listing of the executive board offices. For more information on what responsibilities that each office holds, contact that current officer.

**President** - 'Queen' Joann Ziegler; responsible for the direction of the chapter, sets agendas and runs board and membership meetings

**Chapter Management VP** - Becky Lemont; responsible for the day to day needs of the chapter and most administrative duties, fills in when the president is not available

**Community Development VP** - Cindy Schwerer; responsible for chapter activities which directly benefit the community

**Membership VP** - Rick Owens; responsible for the administrative duties of membership, i.e. invoicing and collecting dues, also organizes membership nights and recruitment activities

**Individual Development** - Mike Buckley; responsible for all personal training activities

**State Director** - Courtney Bosworth; keeps chapter informed of district, region, state and national Jaycee activities

**Secretary** - Jeff Ulrich; responsible for recording and publishing minutes of board and membership meetings

**Treasurer** - Mike Rhodes; responsible for all bookkeeping activities; handles all financial statements, tax filings and other financial matters

**Local Directors** - Dubby; up to 12 maximum, responsible for communicating the current events and need of the chapter back directly to the membership

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Tear down should not take that long. With a good crew working together, it should only take 3 days to tear down. Join the tear down crew and avoid the hassle of the Haunted House operation. For more information, or if you want to join the Haunted House Tear Down Crew, call **Rick Owens** at 243-7319.

**Warning:** Failure to show for tear down after joining this elite crew will result in extreme humiliation and ostracism of your personal character in any and all forms available. This means you better be there!

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## Top Ten Jaycee Excuses For The Failed Wormhole Project

10. Bob Vila kept getting in our way, asking us all those stupid questions.
9. Failed?! It actually worked and was sucked into another universe.
8. By the time we figured out we needed a circular design instead of a square design, we were out of time and over budget.
7. Aye, we gave 'er all she had Captin', but we still needed more power.
6. Blueprints came from TV's "Home Improvement."
5. Wormhole police shut us down in violation of physics law.
4. Couldn't call for help after dropping it on the cell phone.
3. We should have used screws to hold it together instead of all that duct tape.
2. The Wormhole Workers Union went on strike at a really bad time.
1. It was just too damn big!

## Jaycees Begin *Seinfeld* Support Group

The fall television season is here, offering fresh episodes of returning and new series. However, several Dark City Jaycee members have found something lacking this television season, which appears to be causing widespread depression. After careful research, it was discovered that the popular television program *Seinfeld* is absent this season; something that has not happened for 9 years.

Fearing that this could be a devastating problem for others in the community, the Dark City Jaycees immediately took action and started a new project to combat this depression in the form of a support group. The *Seinfeld* Support Group meets on a monthly basis, the third Thursday of the month at an Amvets hall in Peoria, IL. It is an opportunity for people who are suffering from this depression to come together and share their stories and feelings.

The support group has been receiving great complements from the Jaycees as well as the community. "I am glad that we can offer this kind of support to our community" stated Dark City Jaycees president '**Queen**' **Joann**. Former community development vice president **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** claimed that he was crying like a baby everyday and was on the verge of a nervous breakdown until he came to the support group. "I was a mess! This group has really made a difference!" the hyperactive Bilsland exclaimed. Peoria Heights Jaycees' very own **Bob Klannakarn** hailed the program in high regard. "I go to all the meetings." he commented, "It's a great place to meet women!"

## It's A Little Known Fact Impeachment

Impeachment in the United States and Great Britain is a proceeding by a legislature for the removal from office of a public official charged with misconduct in office. Impeachment comprises both the act of formulating the accusation and the resulting trial of the charges; it is frequently but erroneously taken to mean only the removal from office of an accused public official. An impeachment trial may result either in an acquittal or in a verdict of guilty. In the latter case the impeached official is removed from office; if the charges warrant such action, the official is also remanded to the proper authorities for trial before a court.

The U.S. Constitution, in Article I, Section 3, provides for the impeachment of federal public officials and gives explicit directions for conducting impeachments. The House of Representatives initiates impeachment proceedings by resolution and appoints a number of its members to act as managers in prosecuting the impeachment before the Senate, which serves as a court to try the official. The vice president, who presides over the Senate, also presides at impeachment trials, except in the case of an impeachment of the president, when the chief justice of the U.S. presides. A two-thirds majority vote of the senators present at an impeachment trial is necessary to secure conviction. Most impeachment proceedings in U.S. history have involved federal judges, and acquittals have been more numerous than convictions.

In 1868 President Andrew Johnson was impeached on charges of defying the authority of Congress and of violating a federal law, the recently enacted Tenure of Office Act. Johnson was acquitted. In 1974 three articles of impeachment against President Richard M. Nixon were voted by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. The president was charged with obstructing justice, abusing his constitutional authority, and failing to obey the committee's subpoenas. Nixon resigned, and the House accepted the committee report without further action.

**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***

**Dark City Jaycees**

**The 1998-99 Dark City Jaycees Executive Board**

'Governor' Dennis Owens	Chairman
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Jeff Ulrich	Secretary
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Amiee Fuller	Local Director
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While there was a small opposition to the name change, their voice was loudly heard in the form of **'Commander' Steven J. West**. "What?!" West exclaimed at the membership meeting when the chapter was read to vote on the name change. "Dark City?! What kind of gay name is that?" West sternly questioned. An anonymous member at the meeting then told West, "You can't vote anyway, old man!"

Meanwhile, progress on Dark City, the 1998 Haunted House, is making slow but sure progress. Ulrich acknowledged that the project was off to an excellent start, due in large part from a group of kids from the Youth Farm. But since then, progress was slower.

"Attendance has been a bit below average," Ulrich stated, "but the people who have been there have done a great job. Things are coming together nicely." This year, the haunted house features many new rooms. Only one room is a hold over from years' prior; everything else is relatively new.

However, some problems have arisen during the construction of Dark City. The wormhole, a giant moving tube where patrons would enter, has been scrapped due to lack of time and materials. As several design changes were required to get the wormhole to operate, there was not enough time for its completion. Therefore, the decision was made to scrub the wormhole in order to finish the building of Dark City.

Dark City, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House, opens to the public on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Dark City Jaycees would like to encourage all its members to come out and help, whether its help building, painting, decorating, being a monster, running the cash box or tear down. The haunted house is located at Expo Gardens. For more information, please call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or Angela Babcock at 637-0280 or check out the haunted house on the Jaycees Internet site at <http://www.jaycees.com>. Proceeds from this year's haunted house go to benefit the **Youth Farm, St. Jude Midwest Affiliate** and the Dark City Jaycees.

The Dark City Jaycees will once again rename itself back to the Peoria Jaycees at the stroke of midnight on October 31, 1998... moments before they turn into a pumpkin.

## Prominent Attorney Sued By Gay Community

Prominent Peoria attorney **Steven J. West**, renown for his landmark legal cases, is being sued by a local libertarian gay organization for a comment at a recent Dark City Jaycees meeting. <ORGANIZATION TO BE NAMED> alleges West used the term "gay" in a derogatory nature at a Jaycees meeting in disapproving a measure being taken by the volunteer organization. A spokesman for <.....> claimed "This man has degraded and humiliated us; we demand justice and we demand compensation."

An official statement from the office of attorney West stated that there was no intention of degrading or humiliating the homosexual community with any statement that he might have made. He also claimed that the allegations against him are being made by "an extreme political correctness group looking to make a fast buck."

No firm court date has been set at the time of writing.

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## Vagrants Discovered In Haunted House

Peoria, IL (Charge News Wire) - Haunted House co-chairman **Jeff Ulrich** was in for a real horror when he arrived at Expo Gardens to continue efforts on the Jaycees seasonal project. After opening the doors of the barn where the haunted house was located, he discovered it was being used by others; and it wasn't being used for Halloween purposes. The haunted house was being facilitated as a crack house of sorts by a group of vagrants engaged in a wide array of drug use.

After Ulrich surmised the situation, he had made another discovery. The vagrants were not vagrants at all; they were fellow Jaycee members. "What are you people doing?" Ulrich demanded from them. The group appeared to be headed by **Monica Rhodes**, a former member of the Peoria Jaycees, which is now known as the Dark City Jaycees. Rhodes explained to Ulrich that she was holding a staff meeting of a newly formed company of hers called Negative Bodies. Included in this "staff meeting" were **John 'Caesar' Cima, Heather Zech** and **Rusty Greene**.

"Come on in and have a bowl" Rusty Greene yelled as he lit up a vial of crack cocaine. Heather Zech was busy with a can of spray paint and a paper bag. After a deep inhalation of the paint, she started coughing violently. Ms. Rhodes then said, "It looks as though you could use a cigarette, Heather." "Now you're talking" Ms. Zech responded.

Ulrich was appalled at this pathetic display. "I thought you promoted good healthy living?" he asked of Rhodes. "Oh, I did. But then I changed the business plan a bit and renamed the company." she answered. Ulrich had seen and heard enough. Disgusted, he ordered them to pick up their dope and get out of the house. The group of drug users laughed at him. Ulrich was becoming flustered when Cima told him to "panic and start yelling 'Call it off!'"

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