



The Charge!

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Cima Makes Good On Deal

John 'Caesar' Cima came through on a secret deal he had with the Peoria Jaycees. The little known deal was that if the Jaycees should recruit 4 people by March 31, 1999, he would cut his hair to almost nothing. As the Peoria Jaycees signed up **Ann McSorley**, the Jaycees forth recruit for the 1999-year, John made good on his offer and almost completely shaved his head.

"It looks horrible... I can't believe I married this man!" stated Cima's newlywed wife, **Cara**, "The dog didn't even know who he was when he came home." During the Good of the Order at the March membership meeting, Cima announced that he had got a haircut, despite objections of some individuals, referring to an embarrassed Mrs. Cima. However, the haircut was quite apparent to all at the meeting. After the meeting and a few pitchers of beer, Cima made yet another challenge; if the Peoria Jaycees should recruit another 4 members by June 30, 1999, he would get a tattoo!

In a similar deal, membership vice president **Bob Klannukarn** has offered to shave his head if the Jaycees should recruit 31 or more paid members by December 31, 1999. The countdown now stands at 27 more recruits to go!

So Many Eggs... So Little Time

The Peoria Jaycees held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th at Detweiler Park in Peoria. With warm temperatures and a clear and sunny sky, an estimated 300 kids showed to hunt an estimated record setting 13,000 eggs and meet the world famous **Dubby the Bunny**. In addition, special prizes were offered to kids who found specially marked eggs. The prizes were enclosed in large dinosaur eggs. Kids that took part in the event were thrilled. "There's eggs everywhere" cried one child. It was definitely an event that will be remembered by all the kids for the rest of their lives.

The plastic Easter eggs were stuffed with candy a week earlier by several Jaycee members. According to project chairperson **Beth Owens**, it took nearly 6 hours to stuff 13,000 eggs. Egg stuffers were treated to a party and bon fire afterwards. The Peoria Jaycees would like to thank everyone who helped with the event and to those who came out for the fun.

Community Development Vice President **Shari Owens** stated that plans are now being made for next year's Easter Egg Hunt. "We are starting negotiations and plans now for next year's Easter Egg hunt, which will include a googolplex eggs." Owens testified. A googolplex is an incredibly large number, where a googol is a 1 with a hundred zeros following it. A googolplex is a 1 with a googol zeros following it. "Our biggest problem is finding someone who can store all these eggs." Owens added.

Newsletter Editor Confesses: "Publication Was Ghost Written"

Dunlap, IL (Charge! News Wire) - A startling announcement came from the home of **Rick Owens**, the senior newsletter editor of the *The Charge!*, that he had the popular Jaycee publication ghost written for several years. During a televised news conference, Owens claimed that he had suffered a serious case of writer's block three years ago. Desperate to produce new material and to publish hard Jaycee news, Owens resorted to a Heineken drinking binge. Unfortunately, Owens' writer's block only worsened with his Heineken abuse. He shortly contacted an acquaintance of his to begin writing the acclaimed news publication, *The Charge!*, and continued to do so to this day.

"I'm so sorry" Owens stated at the press conference, "I have mislead the American people, the Jaycees, my friends and worse yet, even my wife." *The Charge!* went on to win five prestigious state awards in that time.

Avid fans and readers of *The Charge!* were stunned with the news. "I'm completely shocked!" stated **Sandy Pearce**, "We knew that Rick ghost written many of the board's news articles, but it really blows my mind to think that these articles were double ghost written."

"It's a lame excuse. He's just spending more time building his house." said **Bob Klannukarn**, a vice president for the volunteer organization, "This doesn't surprise me at all!" Owens has since dried out and has returned from Heineken House, a facility to help people addicted to Heineken. "I'm now ready to get back to my newsletter duties!" Owens reaffirmed, claiming he was fully recovered from his addiction and writer's block.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

By Rick Owens



Ground Digging Ceremony

My apologies if this newsletter arrived late. I usually spend the first weekend of the month organizing and putting this newsletter together, but between building a new house, my investment club, social and other obligations, Easter weekend... something's gotta

give! Therefore, the newsletter might be a day late.

And the answer to the question everyone seems to be asking **Beth** and I as of late, we hope to dig ground for the new house at the end of April. I would like to give advance warning that after the ground digging ceremony, I will probably not be as involved as I normally am with the Jaycees. I might miss a few events here and there. But fear not, I still intend to continue my current responsibilities with the organization.

April Fool's Ceremony

If you recall from last month's newsletter, there was mention of this being an April Fool's edition. As you read, you will probably think that this is no different than any other issue. You are correct.

Believe it or not, at one time there was more fact than fiction in this newsletter, meaning that there weren't that many "made up" stories. The first year I was editor and April 1st came around, I thought it would be interesting to do an April Fool's issue. After writing some pretty outlandish stories, fans and readers loved them and thirsted for more. Therefore, I continued doing this type of reporting. Anymore, each issue has contained some unbelievable and invented news.

But every April I seem to manage to make some people believe what is in print. Last year I had people believing that Beth and I took off for Vegas to get married. I had to accept a lot of congratulations as several people fell for that one... even my Dad.

Just remember, if it's in print, it's gotta be true.

Mark Your Calendars

April

Business After Hours; Thursday, April 8, 5:00 – 7:00pm hosted by Kirby Risk – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

IBF Appreciation Party; Saturday, April 10, 6:00pm - ??, Grand Army of the Republic Hall, 411 Hamilton, downtown Peoria, to show appreciation to beer fest volunteers, guests and prospective members welcomed too – call Dan 'the Friar' Schmdit @ 682-5432

Flower Power Dynamics; Tuesday, April 13, 6:00pm, Greenview Nurseries, Cedar Hills Dr, Dunlap, learn about gardening – call Mike Buckley @ 693-7811

Flower Power Adopt-A-School Day; Thursday, April 15, 2:30 – 4:00pm, Calvin Coolidge School, assist kids with a gardening project – call Jeff Bilsland or Vicki Aecshleman @ 682-2897

Membership Meeting; Thursday, April 15, 7:00pm, Amvets Hall, downtown Peoria, all members and the public welcomed – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Peoria Heights Lawn Mower Clinic; Saturday, April 17, 9:00am – 4:00pm, PAL Automotive, Peoria Heights, volunteers needed – call Rita Haijenga @ 364-3911

Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting; Monday, April 19, 7:00pm, Mulligan's – call 'Governor' Dennis Owens @ 574-3484 or Rusty Greene @ 243-1027

Xmas in April; Saturday, April 24, providing manpower in fixing up homes of the elderly and underprivileged - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

Springfield Jaycees Beer Festival; Friday, April 30, 5:00 – 11:00pm, Illinois State Fairgrounds Expo Building, interested in going? – call 'Queen' Joann Ziegler @ 689-0051

May

Board Meeting; Thursday, May 6, 6:00pm, RLO World HQ, newsletter articles due – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035 or Rick Owens @ 243-7319

3 Miles of Men; Saturday, May 8, early morning, - call Dubby @ 691-6608

Indoor Football; Saturday, May 8, <TENTATIVE>, if enough interest Jaycees will get a block of seats – call Dubby @ 691-6608

Business After Hours; Thursday, May 13, 5:00 – 7:00pm - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

Illinois Jaycees General Assembly; Friday, May 14 – Sunday, May 16, Henry VIII Hotel, St. Louis, MO, hosted by the Gateway Region Jaycees, interested in going – call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051 or Heather Zech @ 274-4035

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Amvets Chicken Tuesdays



Join the fun! Every Tuesday at 12 noon for lunch, enjoy **Sonny's** fried chicken.

Only at the Amvets Post #64, 237 Monroe St. in downtown Peoria.

Social Director's Report

by Dubby



Mmmmmm, Mmmmm!! This soylent green is the best thing to eat on a warm spring day. Let me finish up and give you my report.

I would like to start out by thanking everybody that helped with the Beer Fest and the Easter Egg Hunt. They both were a great success. Remember,

without your help, these projects wouldn't be possible. Keep up the good work.

Well, we are going to be getting into warmer weather. If anyone has any ideas for your social director, call **Dubby** at 691-6608 and we will try to work them in.

Indoor Football

On May 8th we are working on the indoor football night. Game starts at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$9.00 a piece. If you want to go, call me by April 19th so I know how many tickets to order. Remember how good the hockey party was. Don't wait... sign up today!

We will also be doing another night out at the Peoria Chiefs game so be on the lookout for that.

3 Miles of Men

On May 8th we are getting some guys together for the 3 Miles of Men at the Race For The Cure. I have a few people signed up, but I need a team of 15 to go help support the biggest race in town. If interested, call Dubby at 691-6608.

Well, I've got to go now. It is my busy season with softball, golf, hockey playoffs and eating. I will be very busy.

Dubby

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



Board Meetings: Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 6:00pm at RLO, Inc.

Membership Meetings: Held the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at the Amvets Post in downtown Peoria, on the corner of Monroe & Fayette.

Results From The Beer Fest/Community Survey

A small survey was conducted at the 7th Annual International Beer Festival on March 13, 1999. A total of 177 surveys were either fully or partially completed, compared with 176 surveys the year before. Here are some of the results from the beer fest section of the survey:

	1998	1999
Percentage Living in Peoria	63%	58%
Age Group (21-30)	43%	50%
Age Group (31-40)	27%	27%
Age Group (41-50)	21%	16%
Age Group (51-60)	5%	4%
Age Group (61 & over)	2%	0%
Heard About the IBF From...		
Radio Add	37%	37%
Newspaper Ad	2%	4%
Word of Mouth/A Friend	32%	47%
Previously Attended Event	22%	2%
Internet	3%	1%

Here are the results from the community awareness section of the survey. Please keep in mind not all questions were answered in this part of the survey.

How serious of an offense is perjury?

Very Serious	42%
Somewhat Serious	27%
Not Serious	7%
No Answer	24%

Do you believe Pres. Clinton committed perjury in the Lewinsky investigation?

Yes	60%
No	16%
No Answer	24%

If found guilty of perjury, how do you think Pres. Clinton should have been punished?

Restitution	20%
Removed From Office	17%
Censure	16%
Acquittal	15%
No Answer	31%

The budget surplus is project to be over \$70 billion. How do you think this money should be applied?

Education	28%
Tax Cuts	14%
Social Security/Medicare	12%
Repayment of Debt	10%
Military/Space Program	1%
No Answer	35%

Chapter Management

by Jeff Ulrich



International Beer Fest

The International Beer Fest was a roaring success for the year. We had a turnout between 3,500 to 3,700 people with vendors from as far away as Florida. With approximately 240 different beers for our patrons to sample,

the Peoria Jaycees Beer Fest can easily be considered one of the finest independent beer fests in the country. The event ran very smoothly with no fights or pushing matches. The only problem that occurred was that the kitchen ran out of food and the hungry crowd was left waiting for the pizza delivery man.

The majority of the people that attended the event were there to have a good time and try different beers, not get wasted. Many thanks go **Mike Rhodes** and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** for a well-run event. Bravos must also go to '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens** and **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** for keeping operations during the event running very smoothly. Last but not least a big thank you to **John Cima** who managed and organized over 200 volunteers to work the Beer Fest.

The International Beer Fest Appreciation Party will be held on April 10 at the GAR Hall. The hall is located at 411 Hamilton. For directions call Dan Schmidt at 682-5432 or John Cima at 693-0631. The party will start at 6:00 PM and will end when the last person leaves. Remember to invite anyone that helped at the event and any potential new members. This party is a great recruiting tool and should be used to its full benefit. The Peoria Jaycees will provide the beer, soda, and food for the party. You just need to bring yourselves and a desire to have fun.

Business After Hours

In April, the Business After Hours is downtown at Kirby Risk. The event is on Thursday, April 8 from 5-7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce provides free food and beverage to anyone that attends this event. You must show your Jaycees card or badge to get in. This event is a great opportunity to meet people from different fields and companies. It is also a good way to pursue future involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

We Don't Want Your Name, Just Your CPGs

In response to a call put out by **Heather Zech** I am looking for any CPG's from past years. The CPG's can be on paper and disk formats. The hope is to gather any CPG's we have in one place so that future chairman and boards can use them. So please give or e-mail me or Heather any old CPG's you might have.

A CPG is known as the chairman's planning guide. It is a written form to be used by the current project chairpeople to better organize and manage their event. It can also be used by subsequent chairpeople to give them an idea on what will need to be done when organizing the event.

Individual Development

by Mike Buckley

Flower Power

Have you ever looked at your flower garden and thought "Why is it that the only thing green in here are weeds?" If that's you, then come to the gardening program on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00pm at Greenview Nursery, 2700 W. Cedar Hills Dr. A representative from Greenview Nurseries will give a flower gardening demonstration followed by a question and answer session. If you are interested in attending, please call me at 693-7811. Greenview would like to know how many people anticipate on attending, so they can plan accordingly for the presentation.

Speaker at April Membership Meeting

We all know about the dangers of drunk drivers. There is the potential for an arrest or worse, an accident. The media reports drunk driving accidents all the time. But have you ever considered how it affects the victims and their families?

At April's membership meeting, we will have a speaker from the Victim Impact Panel. She will share her story of how her brother was victimized by a drunk driver and how it affected her. It will make you think before getting behind the wheel after having too many drinks.

Mock Stock Update

Here is the latest in the mock stock contest.

BECKY LEMONT	18,483.33	85%
RICK OWENS	12,885.12	29%
JOANN ZIEGLE	12,767.05	28%
JOHN CIMA	12,753.35	28%
ERIC GENGLER	12,304.57	23%
VICKI AESCHLEMAN	11,532.31	15%
HEATHER ZECH	11,167.66	12%
STAN MUTON	11,081.00	11%
SHARI OWENS	11,064.80	11%
LAURA BUCKLEY	10,909.80	9%
MIKE BUCKLEY	10,151.40	2%
DENNIS OWENS	9,770.04	-2%
BOB KLANNUKARN	9,468.17	-5%
JEFF BILSLAND	8,922.71	-11%

The best stock so far has been Excite.com that has doubled in value since purchased by **Shari Owens**. Maybe Shari should do **Dennis'** investing for him. E-Bay took a huge hit since last report moving **Becky Lemont** down 30%, but she is still in the lead. And **Jeff Bilsland** has fallen in last with having the bad luck to purchase several stocks at yearly highs.

Internet stocks are the current big winners with AOL, E-bay, Yahoo, Excite.com all leading the pack. Remember there is plenty of time to get in. If interested, please call **Jeff Ulrich** at 693-7871.

Community Development

by Shari Owens

IBF Soup Kitchen

Well, I guess the kitchen was a success this year since we sold out of all of the food. Although at the time, it didn't seem like such a success. We bought more food than last year, but we ran out of food by 7:00. At that time we had to call Dominoes and have them rush 12 pizzas at a time to feed the hungry beer drinkers and IBF volunteers. One man even indicated that we would have a lawsuit on our hands if we didn't get more food. That was a little scary. All he cared about was how much food he was going to get to eat. What about the poor guy who was stabbed in the hand by the meat thermometer or the lady who cut her tongue when she was licking the last of the nacho cheese from the can? Now, those are lawsuits!

Anyway, I would like to thank **Nathan Wagner**, **Vicki Aeschleman's** brother, for being such a wonderful cook and for organizing the kitchen. I don't think it would have run quite as smoothly without his help. He ought to be in the restaurant business. I would also like to thank the "Moms" **Jeannie Quin** and **Hootie Owens** for devoting their entire day and night to working in the kitchen. Hootie was talking everyone into having sauerkraut on their brats.

Thanks to my co-chair **Mary Owens** for cleaning the kitchen before we could even use it and for organizing everything.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt was Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 at Detweiler Park. It was another wonderful hunt thanks to **Beth Owens** and all of the other volunteers who helped fill and hide over 12,000 eggs. **Dubby** was once again an excellent Easter Bunny.

Adopt-A-School

The Peoria Jaycees are holding the 1999 Adopt-A-School Flower Power Project at Calvin Coolidge Middle School on Thursday, April 15th from 2:30 - 4:00pm. We are basically helping the school's annual gardening project, where the kids get to plant flowers and other plants. For more information or if you are interested in helping, please call **Vicki Aeschleman** or **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897.

Firecracker 5000

The Firecracker 5000 is a foot race that runs along the Riverfront on July 4th. I am glad to announce that we have two chairmen that have stepped forward to run this event. Thanks to **Rustin A. Greene** and **Dennis Owens** for volunteering to chair this project. If you are interested in sub-chairing or helping, call Rusty at 243-1027 or Dennis at 579-3484 for more information. The first Firecracker 5000 committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19th at 7:00pm at Mulligan's.

Community Service

I regret to inform that we will not be doing any community service at the Neighborhood House on April 10. I cannot find the list of people who signed up at the Membership Meeting. I thought I picked up the list before I left the meeting but it is not in my notebook. I will attempt to be more organized in the future.

United Way Day of Caring

United Way solicits local businesses and people like us to help their charitable organizations in a Day of Caring. Volunteers are given a specific job based on how many people are in the group and how much time can be donated to the job. The Day of Caring is Friday, May 14th. If you are interested in helping out, please call **Shari Owens** at 579-3484. United Way needs to know how many people by mid-April. Okay, so I can't find this sign-up sheet either but I recall there was only a couple of people on the list. If you signed up, please call and let me know.

State Director Report

by 'Queen' Joann Ziegler



Visitations

We have our first visitation scheduled for Monday, April 20th for the Peoria Heights Jaycees. The meeting will take place at O'Leary's at 7:00pm. If you are interested in going, please call me at 689-0051, or just simply show up.

A visitation is when 3 or more members from our chapter go visit a meeting or project of another Jaycee chapter. If there is any other Jaycee meeting or event you would like the Peoria Jaycees to make a visitation to, please let me know and we'll work something out.

State and Region News

The Washington Jaycees have won a reprieve! They recently recruited 15 new people, saving the chapter from extinction. You may or may not have known, the Washington Jaycees were close to dissolving due to a lack of membership. In a last ditch effort, they managed to pick up some much needed members.

The Illinois Jaycees will be holding their Spring General Assembly on the weekend of May 14th - 16th. This time it will be held at the Henry the 8th Hotel in St. Louis. Several Peoria Jaycee members have stressed interest in going. If interested, please call me at 689-0051, or **Heather Zech** at 274-4035 so that we can make the proper arrangements.

The Peoria Heights Jaycees are holding their annual Lawn Mower Clinic on Saturday, April 17th at Pal's Automotive in Peoria Heights. The Peoria Heights Jaycees are looking for volunteers to help clean and tune up lawnmowers. No experience is necessary; they will train all volunteers. And for those who cannot volunteer, you can get your lawnmower cleaned and tuned up for the upcoming summer season. To get involved or for more information, please call **Rita Haijenga** with the Peoria Heights Jaycees at 364-3911.

The Springfield Jaycees will be holding their beer fest on Friday, April 30th from 5:00 - 11:00pm at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Expo Building. Several Peoria Jaycee members have expressed interest in attending. If you too are interested, please call me at 689-0051.

Membership Report

by Bob 'Buzz' Klannukarn



Welcome Anne

I hope everyone takes the time to welcome **Anne McSorley** our newest member. Anne joined at the March membership meeting. The countdown now stands at 27! Keep up the great work in recruiting new members!

New Recruitment Newsletter.

At the April board meeting, a draft copy of the new recruitment newsletter was passed around for review and comment. The new recruitment newsletter is two pages instead of four pages, uses two columns instead of one and has been edited for the shorter space. I hope to have the final copy of the new recruitment newsletter at the April membership meeting. I then hope to have each current member receive a copy of the recruitment newsletter to pass it on to one prospective member. Remember, recruiting is a chapter effort of every member not just the Membership VP!

Confidential Report From The Z-Files

by Heather Zech



Hello all!!!

March went fast. Guess that happens when you're having fun! (Ha!) The Beer Festival ran as smooth as it ever could and the Easter Egg Hunt was excellent.

As I am reflecting on the 1st quarter of our Jaycee year. I think everything seems to be

order. We have had some great projects, great fun and even some new members. Keep up the good work!

If you are new to the organization or haven't been around lately, I must encourage you to come out and have some fun with us. Don't be shy! Just show up at an event, party or one of our meetings. Now is a great time to get involved!

I have a mission that I would like to complete before the end of my term as President and I need your help. I would like to have a log of all Final Chairman's Planning Guides (CPG's) from the past couple of years to pass on the next presidents and project chair people. If you have them on Microsoft Word or any other word processing software and can put them on disk great, but I also want hard copies as well. So if you have any CPG's even if we no longer run these projects or haven't for a while, please forward them on to me.

Hope to see everyone at the IBF Appreciation Party and the next meeting.

Heather

Jaycees Hold 7th Annual Beer Fest

The Peoria Jaycees along with **Specialty Imports Distributing** held their 7th Annual International Beer Festival on Saturday, March 13th. The event, which is boasted to be the third largest beer festival in the country, ran smoothly and more efficiently than ever before. And like previous years, the list of beers available for tasting grew even longer. This year featured up to 240 different micro brewed and imported beer. It was estimated that over 3,500 people attended the annual event.

Once again, the Peoria Jaycees maintained a membership booth at the event and obtained not only leads to prospective members, but ran a favorite beer vote and beer fest/community survey. In the favorite beer vote, the oatmeal stout won hands down. However, it is suspected that the ballot box was stuffed, so the results for the vote were not taken too seriously. The survey turned out very interesting. A total of 177 surveys were taken (*please see page 3 for survey results*). For the 7th year in a row, respondents claimed that **'Commander' Steve West** still talks way too much.

The Peoria Jaycees and Specialty Distributing would like to thank their co-sponsors, **Cromwell Radio Group** stations **WGLO 95.5**, **WFYR 97.3FM** and **99x**, **The Peoria-Times Newspapers** and **Deep Elm Brews**. Thanks also go to all the beer distributors that took part in the event, the volunteers who helped that day and of course, all the beer-loving patrons that came out to taste some new beer. Without the support of the aforementioned groups and individuals, the International Beer Festival could not continue to be the success it is.

Proceeds from the 7th Annual International Beer Festival are to benefit the **Arthritis Foundation**, the **Grand Army of the Republic Hall** (the historic Civil War Veteran's Hall in downtown Peoria) and the Peoria Jaycees.

**Special Occasions...
...Merit Special Guests!**

You Are Invited! Bring A Guest!

International Beer Fest Appreciation Party

Saturday, April 10, 1999

6:00 PM - ???

Grand Army of the Republic Hall
(the Historic Civil War Veteran's Hall at the corner of Madison & Hamilton, downtown Peoria)

- **Food**
- **Music/Entertainment**
- **Domestic and Imported Beer**
- **Soft Drinks**
- **Fun! Fun! Fun!**



Top Ten Signs That The Editor Has Writer's Block

10. Includes disclaimer saying "You get what you pay for!"
9. You receive a completely different newsletter, with names whited out and replaced with Peoria Jaycee members.
8. The font size of the newsletter could be used as an eye examination chart.
7. Recycled the same jokes on all 8 pages of the newsletter.
6. Claims to have gone on strike for more money.
5. You overhear him say to himself, "What would Clark Kent do?"
4. The material is so bad that the printers refuse to print the newsletter for fear it will damage their equipment.
3. The top ten list reads suspiciously like last night's top ten list on *David Letterman*.
2. A large mass of empty Heineken bottles lay in the trash.
1. In actuality, several of the stories may not be true.

Jaycees To Begin New Lunch Schedule

Modeled after the Amvet's successful Chicken Tuesdays, where a fried chicken lunch is offered every Tuesday at noon, the Peoria Jaycees are attempting something similar for Thursdays. Soy lent Green Thursdays will be offered every Thursday at noon at the residence of **Dubby Janosov**, where Jaycee members can get together and have some delicious soy lent green for lunch.

The new lunch program was announced at a press conference last week. Peoria Jaycees spokesman **Jeff Ulrich** claimed that Jaycee member Dubby Janosov has volunteered to head up the preparation of the green-colored substance. "If you take a good look at me," Ulrich said, "you can tell I've put on a few pounds from Dubby's home-cooked soy lent green." Janosov, a renown cook in his own right, has prepared soy lent green in a number of ways, including deep fried, baked and grilled. Janosov, who was also present at the press conference, claimed that he will be trying a few new recipes during the lunches, including soy lent green a-la mode.

The new lunch program did not come to be without some controversy. Peoria Jaycees president, **Heather Zech**, was suspicious of the fine food product. "This smells of government cover-up and conspiracy," a frustrated Zech stated, "I demand to know... what is the secret of soy lent green? What is it, damnit?!" Despite her objections, the membership voted and opted to continue its plans to organize Soy lent Green Thursday lunches.

It's A Little Known Fact April Fool's Special: Stories From the *Weekly World News*

Elvis Painting Weeps Real Tears (Baden-Baden, Germany)– Scientists say a painting of Elvis Presley weeps whenever the owner puts *Heartbreak Hotel* on the stereo and doesn't stop until she plays *Jailhouse Rock!* Analysis of the inexpensive velvet-backed painting remains inconclusive. But Dr. Waring Mayer, the eminent German chemist, says the liquid that flows from the painted King's eyes "is a saline solution that's indistinguishable from human tears."

We Were Married On A UFO (Montgomery, AL) – Sandy Herner and Thomas Hallon were kidnapped by space aliens – and forced to tie the knot aboard an alien starship. The young couple says they were on their second date when a giant spaceship swooped down beside their parked car and whisked them away to outer space. They say the captain of the alien spacecraft ordered them to participate in a bizarre ceremony after which he pronounced them "a biological unit."

New Fad In Funerals: Strippers Dance Naked Around Coffin (Melbourne, Australia) – Fun-loving Lionel Kitz figures most funerals are far too stuffy. So the madcap mortician originated the bump-and-grind funeral, where shapely showgirls dance around the dead guy's casket – and strip to the skin! And the steamy services have proved such a smash that mourners across America and around the world are now laying their dearly departed to rest to the strains of *The Stripper*.

Doctor Shortage Sending Sick Folks To Veterinarians (Chicago, IL) – The medical crisis in this country will soon be so severe, an expert says, that millions of people will be standing in line behind dogs and cats, waiting for veterinarians to treat their ailments. Quoted from the September 29, 1998 issue of the *Weekly World News*, if things get to this point, Americans are going to be in bad shape. And America's pets are going to be suffering, too, because vets will be too busy – and too expensive – to treat them.

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

Peoria Jaycees

The 1999 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

'Queen' Joann Ziegler	Chairman
Heather Zech	President
Jeff Ulrich	Chapter Mgmt VP
Shari Owens	Community Development VP
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Alleged Slave Labor Used In Soup Kitchen

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) - Several beer festival volunteers were found chained and shackled in a kitchen at Expo Gardens, where they testified that they were being held against their will and used as slave laborers at the recent Peoria Jaycees International Beer Festival Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen, which is a concession stand for the beer festival, has been accused of false imprisonment and holding volunteers as slave laborers. **Shari Owens** and **Mary Owens**, co-chairs of the project claimed that they issued an early warning that if people would loiter in the kitchen, they would be put to work immediately. Such a warning was posted in the March issue of *The Charge!*

Joe Burkitt, a crew chief for the beer festival claimed it was a complete sweatshop environment. "I merely went back there to get something and then the next thing I knew, I was netted and soon washing pots and pans." Burkitt managed to escape via a makeshift Underground Railroad. However, others were not as fortunate.

"I was sold a bill of goods and then shanghaied," stated **Doug 'Magilla' Graham**, a beer-pouring volunteer. "They told me I'd get a discount on food for volunteering, but when I went to go get something to eat, I was forced into this!" Graham went on to testify that past president '**Governor' Dennis Owens** ran the operation and served as a "walkin' boss." "There was a whole slave trade going on in there!" Graham added.

It wasn't until '**Commander' Steve West** entered the kitchen and saw what was happening. "Let my people go!" West commanded of them. Authorities stated that the magnitude of this injustice had not been seen since the use of slave laborers by German companies during World War II. In their defense, Ms. Owens and Owens said, "Maybe next time you will listen to us when we say we'll put you to work."

Evidence Suggests Bilsland Still Is A 'Mad Dog'

Just to be on the safe side, you may still want to get him his rabies shot. For almost two years after meeting his current girlfriend, **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland's** namesake was beginning to come into question. Was he still a 'mad dog?' "It's become a 'Big Bad Bill is Sweet William now' story in this case," stated '**Governor' Dennis Owens**, a long time friend of Bilsland's. Since becoming involved with girlfriend **Vicki Aeschleman**, Bilsland was becoming more worthy of the name 'Lap Dog' rather than 'Mad Dog.'

However, during the Easter weekend, witness testimony suggests that Bilsland could still be considered a 'Mad Dog.' Bilsland was seen eating at The Outback Steakhouse in Peoria, where it was suspected that he had been drinking. A waitress even inquired as to how long he had been at the bar. Since it was the Easter weekend, Bilsland reportedly ordered the rack of lamb. **Rick Owens**, who dined with him that night, testified that Bilsland had eaten the entire entrée in roughly two minutes. "I only had two or three bites of my rib eye until I looked over and saw a plate of clean bones sitting on his plate," Owens stated. "What kind of person can do something like this?" Owens asked.

The day before, Bilsland was purportedly seen at an adult entertainment lounge in Creve Coeur, Illinois, suggesting further that he can still live up to his namesake. "I wouldn't discount the 'Mad Dog' yet," Owens commented.
