



The Charge!

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Pancake Breakfast Carries On Without A Commander

The Pancake Breakfast Benefit for **Lisa Urban** was held on Sunday, May 31, 1998 in downtown Peoria at the Amvets Post #64. Lisa's co-workers at SVI Systems organized the event while the Jaycees provided manpower and helped consult the novice event planners. The event brought in dozens of people and raised \$1,950 to offset Lisa's expenses from her battle with cervical cancer.

'**Commander**' **Steve West**, a past president of the Peoria Jaycees and renown for his pancake breakfast fetishes, was no where to be found that Sunday morning. It was purported that the 'Commander' was at another pancake breakfast of sorts. It was a special blood donation drive, where not only do blood donors get free Twinkies and cookies, but pancakes as well. "No wonder he looks like he needs a suntan" claimed **Heather Zech**, a Jaycee member, "he's been donating blood every Sunday for free pancakes!"

The Pancake Breakfast committee would like to thank the Peoria Jaycees for their involvement, the Amvets for allowing the use of their facilities for the project and last but not least, a special thanks to **Dubby** for his hard work and dedication to make this a successful event.

Another Year... Yada, Yada, Yada

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) - The Peoria Jaycees swore in its newly elected executive board members on May 15, 1998 at the Annual Installation and Year-End Awards Banquet. The event was held at Jim's Steakhouse in downtown Peoria. '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens**, the outgoing president, served as a master of ceremonies, drawing out the length of his presidency by providing the volunteer organization with several long-winded speeches and award introductions.

After the dinner, the year-end award presentation took place. The Outstanding Project of the Year Award went to the Easter Egg Hunt, which was chaired by **Lori Cave** and **Kim Turner**. The Chairmen of the Year Award was presented to **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** and **Rick Owens** for their work on the 1997 Haunted House. **Theresa Diefendorf** won Runner Up Rookie of the Year while **Mike Buckley** took home the Outstanding Rookie of the Year Award. **Becky Lemont** captured the Board Member of the Year Award. **Heather Zech** received the most prestigious of awards, the Jaycee of the Year Award. And for the first time ever presented, the 'Governor' Owens Enthusiasm Award was given to **Dubby** for all his ideas, attitude, and his continued involvement in the Jaycees. The Peoria Jaycees congratulates all award winners for a job well done.

The installation of new chapter officers took place towards the end of the event, with the exception of '**Queen**' **Joann Ziegler**, who had to take a special oath of office given by the 'Governor.' Once her oath was taken, the 'Queen' wasted no time in uninstalling the 'Governor' from the powerful office of president. And with a look back at the year past and with a change of officers, the Peoria Jaycees welcomed a new-year ahead of them. To prepare for the challenge that awaits them, they adjourned from Jim's Steakhouse and headed to Champs, a nearby drinking establishment in downtown Peoria.

Adopt A School Zoo Day

The 6th graders at Calvin Coolidge School had a day at the Glen Oak Zoo on May 15, 1998, courtesy of the Peoria Jaycees. Chaperoning the youths that day was **Eric 'Crash' Gengler**, **Becky Lemont**, '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens** and **Rick Owens**. The day proved to be a walk on the wild side, with seeing all the wildlife, picnic lunch, ice cream and, for some of the kids, a run in the water fountain. Becky and Rick even had the experience of riding on the school bus with the kids. The 6th graders had a great time and showed their appreciation with hugs to the Jaycee members when returning to school. It was a day the kids won't forget and they look forward for their next outing with the Peoria Jaycees.

On May 30th, the Jaycees received a number of thank you letters from the kids. The letters are included on page 3 and are copied word for word, letter for letter and punctuation for punctuation. The Peoria Jaycees would like to become more involved with its Adopt A School program. If you have any ideas of what activities can be done or if you too would like to get involved, please call **Ross Hager** at 689-1538 or the Jaycees hotline at 676-JAYC.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

By Rick Owens



Time's running out! But as it's getting closer, I don't find myself nervous... yet anyway. It is exciting, to say the least, even to the point where I'm having difficulty in finishing this newsletter.

Yes, you guessed it... my bachelor party is tonight. **'Mad Dog' Bilsland** has been handling all the arrangements for this event. A conference room was rented at the Holiday Inn City Centre for tonight's party. And it is not only thrown in honor of myself, 'Bachelor #1,' but **'Bachelor #2' Dennis Owens** and **'Bachelor #3' John Cima** as well. With luck and some self-restraint, the Illinois National Guard won't be needed to stop the mayhem and bring order to the streets of downtown Peoria.

But bachelor(s) party aside, I am also looking forward to the wedding and becoming a married unit. It is at this time I would like to thank the Peoria Jaycees for making this possible. It was this organization which allowed me to meet **Beth** three years ago. If it wasn't for the Peoria Jaycees, I wouldn't be getting married in a few days, let alone write this newsletter.

Before I finish my last bachelor written article, I would like to announce that *The Charge!* has won the 1997-98 Outstanding Chapter Newsletter Award at the Spring GA in Decatur, IL. I would like to thank "the Academy" or the fine folks at the Illinois Jaycees, my lovely intended, Beth, for folding and labeling assistance and members who submit news and material. Also, thanks to the people I've written about over time for their patience and good sense of humor and last, but not least, all the readers and fans of this publication.

Comments I've heard from people all over the state, whether they are involved with the Jaycees or not, is the biggest reward for me at this job. But the newsletter award is a nice bonus. Once again, thanks!

Well, I need to go and prepare for tonight. As my fellow board members are in Jacksonville today getting some intense officer training, Dennis, John and myself will be getting some intense training of another sort tonight.

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Mark Your Calendars

June

Business After Hours; Thursday, June 11, 5 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Pip Printing - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

Region Officer Training; Saturday, June 13, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

Peoria Heights Jaycees TBall; Wednesday, June 17, 6:00pm, Kelly School, Peoria Heights - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

Membership Meeting; Thursday, June 18, 7:00pm, Amvets Post #64, downtown Peoria - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting; Monday, June 22, 7:00pm, Jimmy's Pub, Farmington Rd. - call Mike Buckley @ 693-7811 or Kevin Leach @ 688-6858

Jaycees National Convention; Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25, Las Vegas, NV - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

Peoria Heights Jaycees TBall; Wednesday, June 24, 6:00pm, Kelly School, Peoria Heights - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

July

Peoria Heights Jaycees T-Ball; Wednesday, July 1, 6:00pm, Kelly School, Peoria Heights - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

Board Meeting; Thursday, July 2, 7:00pm, RLO World H.Q. - call Joann Ziegler @ 689-0051

Jaycees Happy Hour; Friday, July 3, 5 - 7:00pm, The Dockside, Chillcothe, IL - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Firecracker 5000; Saturday, July 4, volunteers need to arrive 6:00am, race starts 8:00am, The RiverStation restaurant, downtown Peoria - call Mike Buckley @ 693-7811 or Kevin Leach @ 688-6858

Jaycees Hog Roast; Saturday, July 4, 2:00pm, the park behind Dubby's house - call Dubby @ 691-6608 for directions

Membership Meeting; Thursday, July 16, 7:00pm, Amvets Post #64, downtown Peoria - call Joann Ziegler @ 689-0051

New Member Orientation (Tentative); Sunday, July 19, 3:00pm, location to be announced - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

August

Board Meeting; Thursday, August 6, 7:00pm, RLO - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

Past Presidents & Anniversary Party; Thursday, August 20, 7:00pm, Amvets - call 'Her Majesty' Joann @ 689-0051



Mail Call

E-mail received
Monday, May 18, 1998

Hi! I'm a member of the Shelbyville, TN Jaycees. I was looking for ways to get our crowd active again and came across your web page. Its one of the best Jaycee pages I've seen yet. Keep up the good work!!! And good going on those 22 new members!

Tara

Thank you letters from the Adopt A School Kids

Thanks to you and all of your volunteers for the wonderful trip to the zoo! What a great day!

Mrs. Lowery

Dear Peoria J-C, & Parents

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to go to the Glen Ock Zoo. It was so much fun I think the funnest part about the zoo was when the monkeyes were singing. (remember) Dennis your wife is callon you. Well I got to go. Thank you
Amy Price

Dear Mrs. Becky,

Hi, this is Jay-C Irby from Cavlin Coolidge Mddle School. Well Im not just written this letter for a grade I am trying to say Thank You for takeing me around the zoo. And will you do me a favor and tell your daughter I said Hi,. And it was very fun. Thank you for the ice cream and free soda, I have to go. Thank You
Your friend,
Jay-C Irby

Dear Rick,

I would like to tell you thanks for giving up your day to chaperone me. I had a fun time. Once again thank you Your student for a day,
Matt Stein

Dear Mr. Rick,

This is Roderick Hamilton from Calvin Coolidge Middle School. I really want to say thank you for being chaperone. Thanks for taking pictures of us having fun, I hope you enjoy yourself.
Sincerely,
Roderick Ham ilton

Dear Eric,

Thank you for taking Sarah, Faith, Temika, and me around the zoo to see all the animals. We expecially enjoyed to fountain it was nice of you to let us play in it, we had lots of fun. Well, I just wanted to say thank you and let you know we appreciate it very much that you took time off work to do that for us.
Your friend,
Jessica Carver

Dear Eric,

I want to thank you very much for the ice cream, the soda, the bus, and expecially for chaperoning our group, it was a lot of fun. We dearly appericiate it if you took a day off of work. We do hope you can come back and see us on our next field trip.

Yours Truly,
Faith Newby

Dear Dennis,

Thank you for letting us go to the zoo. I had a lot of fun. I hope we can go back again soon. Thank you for the soda and ice cream.

Your friend,
Kristin Bowers

Dear Dennis,

Thank you for a wonderful time. Thank you for helping us with the worksheet I had fun with you I would hope you had a great time I still remember what you said about the two monkey's
Sincerely,
CASSANDRA

Dear Rick,


Thank you for taking your time to be our chaperone at the zoo. I had a lot of fun. Mrs. Bauman decided that we didn't even have to do that packet after all that. I hope you had a good time too.

Sincerely,
Chris Calvin

Dear Rick,

Thank you for taking us to Glenn Oak Zoo. We had fun. Thanks for letting us get in the fountain. Also thanks for the soda and icecream. Overall thanks for being our chaperone.

Your follower,
Jay Leonard



Jaycees Happy Hour

Friday, July 3rd
5:00 - 7:00pm

**The Dockside
Chillicothe, IL**

Join the Peoria Jaycees for their monthly Happy Hour. More info, call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or his cellular @ 696-7186 the night of the happy hour.

Congratulations!



To **Jennifer & Mark Monge** on the arrival of **Matthew Ryan Monge**, born on Friday, May 23, 1998.

Membership Report *by Rick Owens*

Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due by the 21st this month:

James Barr	Chris Maushard
Lori Cave	'Wac' McIntyre
Emily Duncan	Jennifer Monge
Bryce Huetten	Mark Monge
Norm Huff	Mark Mount
Dubby	Bill O'Neill
Angela Marasco	Jeff Ulrich
Bob Marasco	Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson

The following members are due in July:

Beth Barr	Becky Lemont
Meg Buchanan	Joe Lemont
Steve Dozard	* Valerie Mount
Scott Fletcher	Tim Rohlf
Steve Gore	Cindy Schwerer
Ross Hager	Gregg Simpson
Kris Joseph	* Jeffery V. Webber
* Rick Kern	

*- denotes associate member

Membership Status

Please welcome our newest member, **Angie Babcock**. Angie has been involved with the Jaycees since the International Beer Fest and the Easter Egg Hunt, coordinating with Godfathers Pizza on sponsorships and promotions. She joined at the May membership meeting.

I am sad to report that a long time member of the Peoria Jaycees will not be renewing; in fact she's leaving the chapter for good. Try as I might to convince her to stay, **Beth Barr** has said "I've had enough of this organization! I'm outta here!" But on the bright side, I have successfully signed up **Beth Owens** to join the Peoria Jaycees. Beth will officially join on June 12, 1998. So I guess the membership netted a zero gain in this instance.

New Billing Schedule

Last month, I revised our roster system to painlessly generate invoices for renewing members. Thus far it is working extremely well and the members renewing in June have already received an invoice. The invoice itself looks rather professional if I do say so myself, allowing the chapter to have a professional image to those outside of the Jaycees. Of course that will come to an end if they ever meet any of us.

With this new invoicing system, I am going to adjust our billing cycle and close out with the Illinois Jaycees. All members will receive an invoice a month before they are up for renewal, with the invoice payable on the 21st of the member's anniversary month. For example, if you are due in July, you should receive your invoice in June, and if you want to renew your membership, your fees are due the 21st of July. This way we can handle close out with the Illinois Jaycees in a more efficient and timely manner. Also, for your convenience, a return envelope will also be provided with the invoice.

Developing The Community *with Ross Hager*

I would like to thank everyone for electing me Community Development Vice President. I look forward to the challenges associated with this position. The first such challenge is to see that the Firecracker 5000 goes smoothly. Co-chairs Mike Buckley and Kevin Leach are asking for everyone's help to pull this project off. This is one of the biggest and most challenging projects that we do and it takes a lot of manpower. We still need members to help on the day of the race and at packet pick up the day before the race. So if you are going to be in town July 4th, please volunteer your time, you can help out and still have the rest of the day to enjoy the holiday. Call **Heather Zech** (274-4035) to sign up, or call **Mike Buckley** (639-7811) or **Kevin Leach** (688-6858) with any questions

Pancake Breakfast Benefit

The pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit **Lisa Urban** was a complete success and went smoothly. The project made a considerable amount of money to help Lisa out with her hospital bills. Kudos to all those involved!

Community Involvement with Education

We are currently putting together other projects with Adopt a School and Peoria Public School District 150. More on these projects to come. If anyone has any questions about these projects or has an idea for another project please don't hesitate to call me (689-1538).

Ross Hager

Renew fees are \$35.00 and new member fees are \$40.00.

Welcoming Committee

During my term as membership vice president, I am going to establish a "welcoming committee" to help in getting newer members oriented and involved with the chapter. For any new member, joining the Jaycees can be an overwhelming experience with meeting so many new people, learning about different projects and events while at the same time trying to fit in. The first 60 to 90 days after a new member joins is the most critical in getting members involved. As with most instances, we sign someone up and then that's it; we never do any follow up. It is time to make a change!

With the welcoming committee, I'm hoping to offer a little more personalized attention to our newer members and gradually get them to become more active. Basically, each committee member will be assigned a group of new members to call and invite to parties, meetings, events, etc. Hopefully, a new member will become acquainted with the committee member and will soon not be intimidated to show up at Jaycee events.

The welcoming committee is currently comprised of **Beth Barr**, **Cara Freehill** and **Heather Zech**. However, if you too would like to become involved, please call me at 243-7319.

State Director's Report *by Courtney Bosworth*



All I want to say at this time is that for this coming year, we need to make some visits to other area Jaycees so that we may foster stronger relations within the region and the state of Illinois.

Also, if possible, it would be interesting to plan some visits to the Springfield Jaycees and to a chapter or two near Chicago. I know the distance is vast and most of the membership meetings are during the week, but by visiting these other chapters we can show the state that the Peoria Jaycees is active and on the move!

Peoria Heights Jaycees T-Ball

The Peoria Heights Jaycees are once again holding their T-Ball League this summer and they can use our help with umpiring. I hear that this is a fun time and well worth the effort. If interested in helping, please call Bob Klannukarn @ 693-2417. The games are on Wednesday, June 17th, 24th and July 1st at 6:00pm at Kelly School in Peoria Heights.

Individual Development

by Mike Buckley

This is my first newsletter article as the ID VP and I'm having flashbacks to those school days when I was up until dawn feverishly working on a paper due later that day. I've been warned about what happens when this assignment doesn't get done on time. I'm looking forward to my term in this position. I hope to carry on the level of involvement **Becky Lemont** provided last year in this office. She was kind enough to have a few projects already set up for me such as Golf Dynamics.

Golf Dynamics took place Saturday, June 6th at Kellogg Golf Course. **Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson** was the man on this event and it sounds like it was a great opportunity to improve that golf game or to get started learning how to play. Even **Tiger Woods** had to start somewhere.

Since I am a relatively new member of the Jaycees, I don't have a strong grasp for the kind of projects that are successful and the ones that are not quite such a success. That's why it is important to put some thought into the chapter survey that will be handed out at the next membership meeting. Your suggestions will determine the ID projects run over the next year, such as Golf Dynamics.

Lastly, I would like to ask everyone who is not already involved with the Firecracker 5000 to call **Heather Zech** and volunteer to help out. This is a big project and we could use plenty of manpower. Thanks to the hard work of the committee, we are progressing towards getting the race organized, but could still use more help.

That's all I've got to say.
Mike

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



I can't believe it's already time to write my first newsletter article!

The first thing I want to do though, is thank you for the chance and the opportunity to be your president! Thank you for supporting me as we start off this new year!! Also, thank you to the people who stepped up and took the responsibility of being on the Board of Directors. It is greatly appreciated!!

This organization can be many different things to many different people! But one thing I will always believe you get out of this organization what you put in to it! If you put just a little bit of your time into changing someone else's future, I guarantee it will make a difference in your life! It will make the money your spent on dues, well worth the investment! We have all joined this organization for a reason and I want you all to share that with other people! Let's not hog the organization to ourselves, let's share it with everyone, so we together as a chapter can make a difference someone else's life. Let's make Peoria a better place to live for our future generations. To make this happen we all need to ask one person to join this year. If we did this, we would double in size this year alone! Some of my goals for the years are:

G1: Law and Order in Meetings

I would like to continue with this at the meetings. **Dennis** did a wonderful job of getting the ball rolling and I would like to keep the ball rolling.

G2: Train Members

My belief is that if you teach people about the organization, that's how you get people to get involved! You never know, they make come up with some killer idea!!

G3: Double Chapter Size

I would realistically like to see the chapter double in size! All it would take is for each person to recruit at least one person this year!

G4: More Visitations

I would like for our chapter to visit every chapter in our region at least once this year! I would also like people to check out the GA's and take advantage of all the useful information that there is available to us and meet other people in our great state of Illinois!

We have the ball rolling, let's keep it alive and move it even further!! I want everyone who's a member of the Peoria Jaycees to challenge themselves to go that extra mile and reach those goals not only in the chapter, but maybe even in their personal life as well!

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The Making Of A Newsletter



Beginning my 4th year as newsletter editor and as *The Charge!* continues its popularity, I thought it would be interesting to do a retrospective on how an issue of the newsletter is created. So during the writing of last month's newsletter, I loosely kept a log of how everything came together.

Of course, each issue is different every month. Some months there's plenty of news to write about and other months I'm close to "writer's block." But every month I try to produce an issue worth reading, whether it is factual or fictional news. And now the avid *Charge!* reader can get an idea of how a newsletter is written.

Late March, 1998

I started working on a top ten list for the April 1998 issue. The topic was "Top Ten Really Cool Things About Being President of the Peoria Jaycees." However, I didn't really finish it in time for the April issue. Instead, I wrote the "Top Ten Results in the International Beer Fest Survey." When writing the May newsletter, I found the first list and started working on it again.

April 24, 1998, 9:35 - 10:00pm

I searched the Internet for history on the game of Monopoly for the "It's A Little Know Fact" article. Unfortunately I didn't find much. Then it hit me to check my Commemorative Edition game at home for this information. And there it was! Oh well, I did get an Internet address to include on our Internet links page.

May 4, 1998, approx. 7:00 - 10:15pm

I started scanning material for the newsletter. This included a letter John Cima gave me from the Wines on the Waterfront and the Monopoly history. I also wrote 2 articles, "Jaycees Elect New Officers" and "Jaycees Sit For The Cure." The first piece made it into last month's newsletter while the second remained unpublished.

May 5, 1998, approx. 7:45 - 9:25pm

I wrote 3 more articles for the newsletter; "Peoria Heights Jaycees Recruiting Umpires," "Rowdy Jaycee Party Forces Homeowner To Sell," and "Peoria Jaycees Experience Population Explosion."

May 9, 1998; in Decatur, IL at the Spring G.A.

I took along my laptop computer to continue working on the newsletter. I wrote **Dan Schmidt's** submitted article sometime that morning. Somewhere around 1:15 - 1:45pm I wrote "Caesar' Cima Trapped in McDonald's Playground," which was inspired while **Dennis** and I were waiting for **John** at the McDonald's in Morton, IL.

In the late afternoon/early evening, Dennis and **Heather Zech** wrote their articles. As everyone was ready to go out and waiting on Dennis to finish, we joked that he was working on his "Manifesto."

May 10, 1998

Spent about 3 hours in creating miscellaneous graphics, typesetting and last minute changes and editing

May 11, 1998

Wrote the Community Development report for Cindy, but waiting on more Firecracker 5000 info. I also added another item to the top ten list. However, I still need to finish it... I need ideas... FAST!

May 12, 1998

I put finishing touches on the Community Development report, State Director's report, the Pancake Breakfast Benefit story, and the top ten list. I wrote the "Most Dangerous Writer" article while I had started running copies. With help from **Beth Barr** and **Jeff Bilsland** that evening, we folded and labeled all the newsletters and prepared them for mailing.

May 13, 1998

First thing in the morning, I delivered the newsletters to the post office for mailing. That evening, I updated the web site with the May newsletter and uploaded the files the next day.

Miss HOI To Compete At Miss Illinois Pageant

Twenty-year old **Sarah Conklin** of Morton, IL will compete at the upcoming Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant, which is to be held in Oakbrook Terrace on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd and will be eligible for thousands of dollars in awards. Sarah has been promoting the issue of early drug abuse education and has spent her year of service speaking to local students about issues of self-esteem and alternatives to drug use.

Sarah won \$3,500 at the Miss Heart of Illinois Pageant, which was sponsored by **WHOI TV 19**, the **Mark Twain Hotel** and the **Peoria Jaycees** last January.

By Her Majesty's Order (continued)

Last but not least, I want everyone to have some fun this year! We are gonna work hard this year, so take the time to relax and have some fun too!! If you ever need me my door is always open! Together let's make it happen!

Joann

PS: I need some help!! I am trying to think of a good theme for the year!! Any suggestions?? I also need a new nickname?? Let me know your thoughts!!!!

Editor's Note: Since the 'Governor' was calling you the 'Spam Queen' for all the email jokes, I figured 'Queen' Joann would be a fitting title. And how about that piece of clip art for you?!

Top Ten Steve West Pick Up Lines

10. Show me your briefs, I'll show you mine!
9. I'm the 'Commander'... strip naked!
8. Hey baby, come here and I'll show you how the West was really won.
7. I will represent your case in a court of law for sex.
6. Hi, I'm Adam West, but you can call me "Batman."
5. How about a threesome with Dr. Smith (Oops, that's 'Major' Don West pick up lines).
4. I can get you off in more ways than one, if you know what I mean.
3. I used to play bass guitar in the rock group Black Sabbath... wanna have sex?
2. What would you say if I told you my fantasies include you, a cheap motel room and a bunch of pancakes?
1. Check this out! That's my "Big One" gavel and it's happy to see you!

Jeff Bilsland Becomes Urban Legend

In a bizarre twist of irony, Peoria Jaycee member **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** became the victim of a rash of hideous crimes that he had earlier warned others about. In early May, Bilsland e-mailed several friends a warning about a crime ring of black market surgeons who drug their victims and rob them of vital bodily organs, leaving them to awake in a bath tub filled with ice.

While he was at the Louie Louie Parade in downtown Peoria, Bilsland met up with some out of town women who were heavily flirting with him. As the evening was drawing to a close, the women asked him if he would like to go back to their hotel room and continue the party. He agreed but once he arrived to their room, he remembered the email warning he had sent. Bilsland exercised caution and asked for a Shirley Temple drink. But despite his failed attempt to play it safe, the Shirley Temple was laced with a powerful knock out drug.

Bilsland awoke the next morning in a bathtub filled of ice, with a message written in lipstick on his chest saying to call 911 if he wished to live. Next to the tub was a phone. Fearing the worse that his kidneys had been stolen, Bilsland grabbed the phone and dialed the emergency number. Within minutes, an emergency crew arrived on the scene. However, upon examination, the medical technicians discovered that both of Bilsland's kidneys were intact as well as his liver. A scar detected on Bilsland's abdomen led technicians to conclude the only organ that was missing was his appendix. After a Peoria Police investigation, it was concluded that Bilsland was the victim of a new crime syndicate comprised of Polish black market surgeons. This new crime ring drugs healthy young individuals and robs them of their appendix and tonsils to sell on the black market.

Bilsland is listed in good condition and is now resting comfortably in his Peoria home.

It's A Little Known Fact Las Vegas

Las Vegas is a city in southern Nevada. The seat of Clark County, Las Vegas is located in the Las Vegas Valley, a desert surrounded by the Spring Mountains and the Sierra Nevada. Las Vegas serves as the center of one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the United States. Its population has multiplied by a factor of 25 since the 1940s—more than that of any other major American city. Las Vegas is renowned for tourism, gaming, a dry and vigorous climate, and an assortment of indoor and outdoor recreational activities.

Native American groups such as the Anasazi settled the area that is now Las Vegas about 2300 years ago. The Anasazi abandoned the region in about 1150, making way for the **Paiute** people. In the late 1820s early Spanish explorers searching for water discovered an oasis in the region that now contains the city. They named the oasis "Las Vegas," Spanish for "the meadows." These expanses of wetlands, once irrigated by artesian waters carried under pressure from the nearby mountain ranges, were a main draw to southern Nevada until the 1940s.

Population growth accelerated in the 1930s with two innovations. In 1931 the Bureau of Reclamation started construction of Boulder (later Hoover) Dam on the nearby Colorado River. The Boulder was then the largest dam in the world. Dam construction brought jobs, growth, city development, and major federal funds to Las Vegas. That same year the state of Nevada legalized gambling, facilitating the modern era of Las Vegas, which began with the construction of the Flamingo Casino by gangster Bugsy Siegel in 1945. Other lavish casinos opened soon after, most of which were influenced or owned by criminals.

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The Jaycee Creed:

We Believe:

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

Peoria Jaycees

The 1998-99 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

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