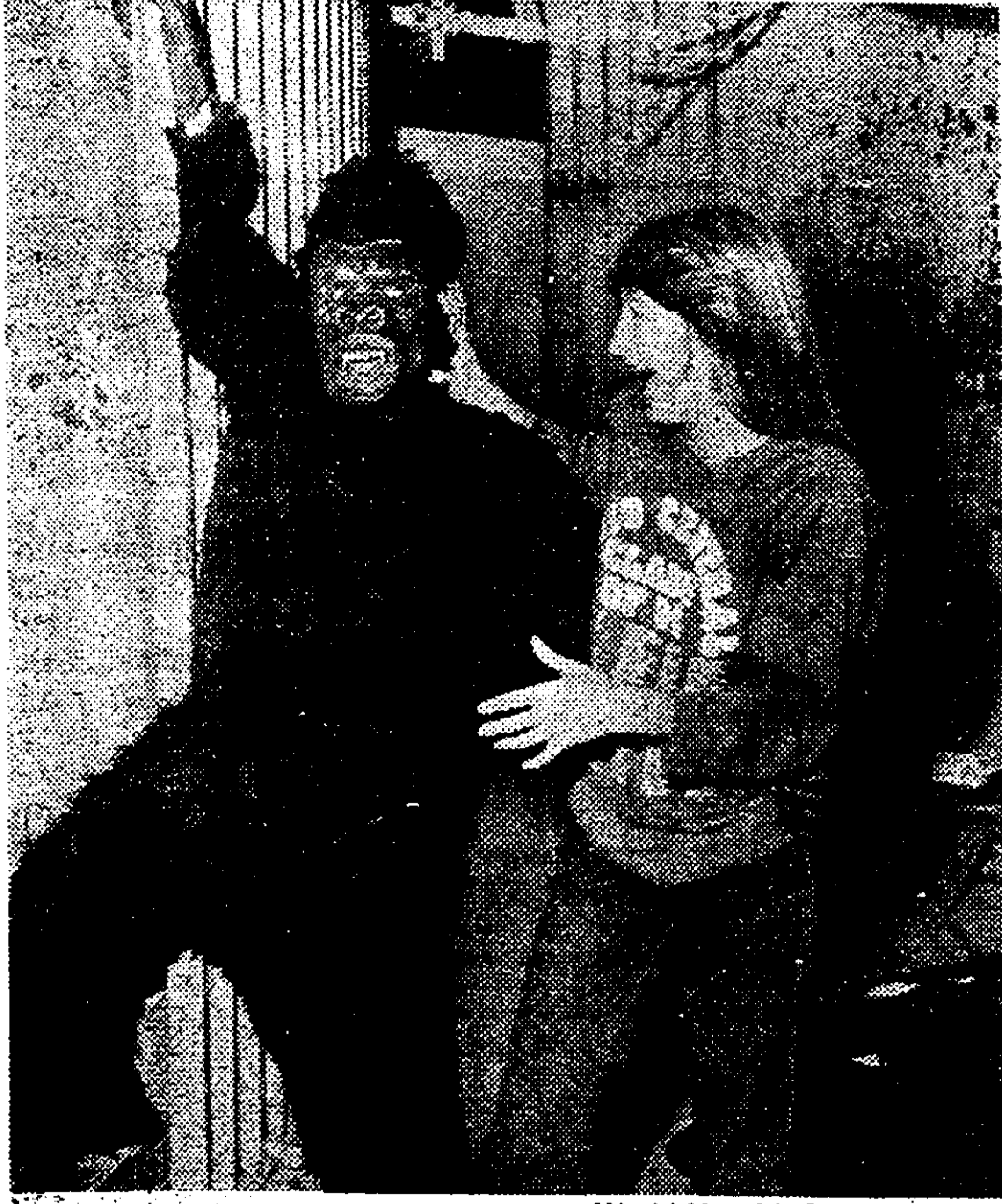


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Youth in the Midlands

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In Bluffs jail "scare cell" . . . Thomas Jefferson High junior Russ Carlson plays gorilla for Lewis Central High freshman Michelle Rhoades.

A Good Scare Helps Raise Project Funds

Screams are starting to echo from nine houses and other buildings in Omaha, Council Bluffs and Carter Lake.

They will increase in number through the end of the month, then fade.

The screams are coming from haunted houses and other Halloween-spook activities.

These aren't the haunted houses of mystery-story lore, but the commercial spook hangouts which make money for Midlands charities.

Visitors pay to get scared by monsters, spooks, goblins, spider webs, eerie sounds, crawling creatures and things unseen pawing at you in the dark.

Depending on the house, visitors may encounter a swamp, mortuary, drifting ghost, headless horseman or scores of other weird creatures.

One of this year's unusual new houses is The Hex, six semitrailers linked together — with each offering a different experience — at Westgate Plaza, 3457 S. 84th St.

Each room has a sound system, sponsors said. A "pumpkin patch" provides a supervised play area for children.

And the Omaha Magical Society is giving shows at The Hex, marking Magic Week.

Here is a rundown of houses and other spook activities (Houses are open through Oct. 31 except the Variety Club's, which will close Nov. 1.):

Youth for Christ-Sweet 98 Radio — 180th Street and West Maple Road, in an old farmhouse. Open from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Sundays. Proceeds go to support Youth for Christ's Campus Life programs involving students from 10 schools, plus work with juvenile court systems in Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie counties.

Millard Jaycees — 115th Street and West Dodge Road, a 10-room house. Open from 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. A costume contest will be held at 8 tonight and Oct. 28. Proceeds go to sponsor community projects, ranging from free family movies and projects for the elderly to sports programs.

Variety Club-WOW Radio — 1216 Howard St., in the Old Market. Two floors of activities. Open from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds help sponsor such Variety Club activities as the infant development program at Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute.

KYNN-Viking Ship — 2582 Redick Ave., in the old Birchwood Club. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 to 11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds go to Viking Ship activities, such as its gymnastics program.

Septemberfest — 314 N. 23rd St. Three floors, plus an outside slide and graveyard. Open from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Proceeds go to Septemberfest activities.

The Hex (sponsored by the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, KOIL, Center Bank and Mangelsen's) — Hours are 7 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Proceeds help finance March of Dimes programs.

Historical Pottawattamie County Jail (sponsored by the

County Historical Society and Beta Sigma Phi sorority) — 212 Pearl St., Council Bluffs. Open from 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Proceeds go to jail renovation and a local charity.

Bluffs Jaycees — Haunted house at 1304 Avenue B, Council Bluffs. Open Friday through Oct. 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Proceeds go to such civic projects as the Special Olympics.

Fontenelle Forest "Spook Hike" — Fifteen spook scenes in the forest near 1111 Bellevue Blvd., Bellevue. Oct. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. For members and guests. The Oct. 26 hike for youth groups is filled. Sponsored by the Fontenelle Forest Guild, with proceeds going to forest activities.

Bluffs Jack-o-Lantern Contest — Judging of carved and decorated entries at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at Washington School, 207 Scott St., Council Bluffs. Decorated pumpkin contest open to children 8 and under; carved pumpkin contest for children 9 through 12. Sponsored by the Bluffs Recreation Department.

Carter Lake Optimists — Spook house at 13th and Locust Streets. Open 7 to 10 p.m. week-nights, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Proceeds go to civic projects.

Paul VI High School — Three-story haunted house at 1723 S. 17th St., open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly except Wednesdays. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students and 50 cents for those under 12.

Writing Entries

Missed the Saturday deadline for the October World-Herald Opportunities for Writers Contest?

Don't worry, you've got a month now to revise your entry so it will be ready for the November contest. Deadline for

the new competition is Nov. 16.

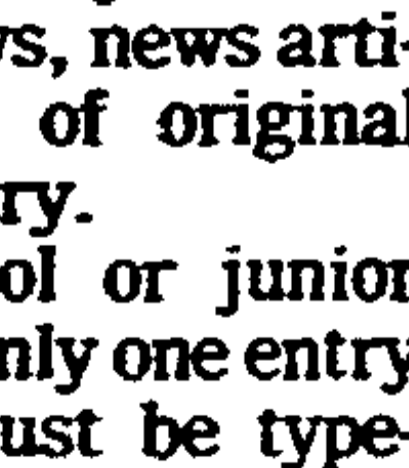
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