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comes before us... He is not the only developer in the city.

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Duncan, who have complained about the ongoing development next to their homes. "You might have a different opinion," Vagnozzi said.

Schafer said he lowered the grade — at his own expense "just to be a nice guy" — to try to help alleviate drainage problems for the neighbor in question. He also noted the city council approved the initial grade.

"What can I say other than the mayor treats me unfairly and singles me out," Schafer said Tuesday.

At a July council meeting, a woman in Old Colony Farms subdivision complained about the noise and the sight of a construction worker urinating out at another Phoenix project, Pine Meadows, south of 10 Mile and north of Inkster.

With the city's help, Phoenix recently worked out a consent judgment with Woodcreek homeowners over the proposed 37-lot Hickory Oaks development.

## Jaycees' haunted house opens Friday

The Farmington Area Jaycees will get a bit spooky this week. "The Nightmare on Orchard Lake" haunted house opens for its frightful annual run Friday, at the Kmart parking lot on Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile.

Times are 7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 7:30-9:30 on Thursdays and Sundays. Admission is \$5.

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wouldn't agree."

With a guilty plea, Jamieson agrees not to appeal or complain about the sentence, Stabilein said.

Circuit Court Judge Hilda Gage denied a motion that would've entitled Jamieson to the 10-20 year mandatory minimum since the statute was changed while he was in Canada. Gage turned down the request because she ruled Jamieson's case was not pending since he was in Canada at the time, Jamieson's attorney said.

Jamieson was going to appeal the decision, but worked out an agreement with the prosecutor.

"Michigan has the worst drug sentencing schemes anywhere," said Neil Rockind, Jamieson's attorney. "They make no sense; They're absolutely pathetic."

"People who deal drugs all of their lives probably deserve a high sentence. Someone who is a mule, who gets asked to do it by a friend as was kind of Danny's situation, that's ridiculous to assume the kid should go to prison for 20 to 30 years."

A group of activists is fighting the state's mandatory minimum sentences, saying they should be in line with those imposed at the federal level.

Such statutes take the discretion out of a judge's hands and have filled state prisons with low-level drug offenders, said Laura Sager, FAMM director. Most high-level drug dealers — which mandatory sentences target — are likely to be charged at a federal level where jail terms are less lengthy.

The federal penalty for a first-time offender convicted of trafficking in 650 grams of heroin or cocaine is five years or less, Sager said. "In Michigan, it's non-paroleable life for the same



Daniel Jamieson FILE PHOTO

quantity," she added.

"It's just not possible to target where a person is in the drug trade by quantity alone. A judge has to be able to look at other factors. Many individuals charged under the statute have had minimal involvement or are first-time offenders. Eighty-six percent have never been in prison before."

Bills that "make important strides towards reforming these laws" are pending in both House and Senate judiciary committees to address, Sager said.

Jamieson and an acquaintance, David Michael Schultz of Farmington Hills, were arrested in the basement of his parents' Hayden Street house Nov. 13 after an undercover Livonia police officer bought 273 grams (10 ounces) of cocaine.

Farmington police subsequently raided the house, which is believed to be the biggest drug case in the city's history. Schultz was convicted and sentenced, but successfully appealed his mandatory 20-year term. Schultz was re-sentenced 4-30 years.

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