



## HUMAN INTEREST

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### Meet the Chinese Susan Boyle



TAIWAN - Meet [Lin Yu Chun](#). His is the soaring voice of an angel wrapped in the body of an overweight teenager with an awkward haircut. On the Taiwanese talent show [Super Star Avenue](#), Chun floored judges with his rendition of Whitney Houston's "[I Will Always Love You](#)." Of note is the way *Super Star Avenue's* judges communicate that they are floored. The judge who does finger-drums is their ostentatious "cool guy" Randy Jackson. The other two are stoics, offering no more than the slightest, politest inclination of the head to acknowledge that, *yes, you have sent shivers down our spines, little Chun*. ([Full Story and Video](#))

### Chicken murder ruffles feathers



LOWER MERION, PA - An orange chicken named Connie was on the day's menu for one Lower Merion fireman last week. He did not know until later that his prey was a pet. Lower Merion Police received a call for a large, orange chicken running at large on a local lawn last week. So the responding officer called his fireman friend, who took care of the situation with a bow and arrow. The fireman, who reportedly enjoyed to hunt, later ate the chicken, sources told NBC Philadelphia. At the time, neither the officer nor the fireman knew the trespassing chicken was a local woman's pet. They simply thought it was a danger to domestic animals in the neighborhood, said police. "I think (the officer) made a bad decision," Lauren Steltzer said

Tuesday. Steltzer, 48, has been raising several chickens as pets for a little more than a year. She says her neighbor actually came across Connie and called police to keep her from getting hurt. "She said she was worried about it because it was cute, it was really sweet and she didn't want it to get hit by a car," Steltzer said. The Belmont Hills mom actually plastered Facebook and the neighborhood with Chickens on the Lam flyers before learning of Connie's fate. Steltzer learned about the killing from a neighbor who heard about the fireman's use of his archery skills on March 29. The Lower Merion Police Department didn't want to give an official comment, but they did say that the officer involved was concerned Connie could hurt domestic animals. They also said the animal control office was closed for the day, so he instead took another route to capture the bird. "I'm very pleased with how serious they

are taking it, I didn't expect them to," Steltzer said. She says the investigating officer admitted that the patrolman involved "didn't make a wise decision" According to police, Connie's murder was not illegal. Poultry is not protected under state gaming law and shooting a bow an arrow is allowed. Police said the investigation is ongoing and authorities have not released the names of the men involved. "I don't particularly want an apology, I'd just like to think about never doing that again," Steltzer said. The woman says she plans on taking her daughter out to buy some new chicks to make up for Connie's vacant spot. [\(Video\)](#)

### 10-year-old boy saves young girl from drowning



CAPE CORAL, FL - A four-year-old girl was pulled from a swimming pool in Cape Coral and the hero who saved her from drowning is just a child himself at only 10-years-old. Anthony Clone is just like any other kid. Typically, he's inside playing video games. But that was not the case Tuesday. "If he hadn't been there, God knows what would have happened," said neighbor Kaitlyn Stintzi. Around 5 p.m., Anthony and a handful of other children were playing outside near this swimming pool. They were picking up some plastic toys when the four-year-old girl reached for one the toys and fell right in. Stintzi says she remembers hearing chaos. "The other children didn't know what to do. They were

scared. They froze and he just acted and he got her out," she said. "I just threw off my shoes and jumped in after her. I took her and put her back on the stairs," said Anthony. "He pulled her right out. It was great. He didn't think, he just moved," said Tim McGroughran, who saw the whole thing. "His actions certainly made a difference. That's for sure." Anthony had acted just in time. It was all a near-tragedy for a family already going through so much. The girl's family is from Haiti. The earthquake killed seven of their family members with others still missing. Tuesday night, the mother said the thought of losing her own child in her back yard swimming pool would've been too much to bear. "She just started thanking me because I saved her daughter from the pool," said Anthony. At 10-years-old, he says he's already dreaming of joining the Coast Guard and his rescue resume is already well underway. [\(Video\)](#)

### Pot to go: Off-Menu Goods Attract the Police's Attention



NEW YORK CITY - The sign outside Chris Restaurant in Brooklyn listed some staples of Caribbean cuisine among its offerings: homemade fried chicken, jerk chicken and stew fish. But according to the authorities, there was one item that it apparently did not advertise, at least not openly — marijuana. Law enforcement officials on Tuesday accused workers at the restaurant, and at five other nearby businesses in Crown Heights, of peddling hundreds of pounds of marijuana along with potato chips, vegetarian entrees and incense. Outside Chris Restaurant, some people who said that they had spent their money inside said they never noticed anything that seemed illegal taking place. But one man, Tony Richards, 38, who works as a house painter and a plasterer in the neighborhood, said he had noticed one

thing about the place. "You see people go in and come out with a brown bag," he said, adding that he assumed the bags held carry-out food. The police raided the six businesses on Tuesday after an undercover operation and arrested eight people who worked at the businesses on a variety of charges, law enforcement authorities said. There were two restaurants, a deli, a bodega, a clothing shop and a music store. None of the owners had been arrested, officials said. Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly said the police had been getting repeated complaints from merchants and residents about

rampant drug dealing in the area. During a two-month investigation, undercover officers conducted a total of almost 60 drug buys at the six businesses. "At lunch it turned into a veritable pot-luck event," Mr. Kelly said during a news conference in Crown Heights with Charles J. Hynes, the Brooklyn district attorney. "You could go in and get drugs in the food itself or go to the back of the store and pick it up or even buy it over the counter." ([Full Story](#))

### Mystery Hero Who Saved Little Girl Found



NEW YORK CITY — A French tourist who rescued a toddler who fell into New York's East River says he didn't think twice about diving in to save the girl. Two-year-old Bridget Sheridan fell off a gangplank at the South Street Seaport museum Saturday. Her father, David Anderson, says she slipped through guardrails when he averted his eyes to adjust his camera. Julien Duret, of Lyon, France, jumped into the water. Anderson followed closely behind. Duret scooped up the girl and gave her to her father. The New York Daily News says the 29-year-old tourist got in a cab after the rescue. Duret says he doesn't think he's a hero and that anyone would do the same thing.

Anderson says his daughter was unhurt. He says he feels guilty about momentarily taking his eyes off her.