



## HUMAN INTEREST

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### Mother Finds Animal Head in Frozen Veggies

HOUSTON - Ernestine Jamison cooks vegetables for her four children every night in their north



Houston apartment. But when she opened a bag of Pictsweet frozen cut green beans last month, she found more than just green beans. "I saw something in there I wasn't for sure what it was. I thought it was a rock because it was hard," said Jamison. What she found wasn't a rock at all. Upon further review, the Jamison family believes the green and black frozen object nestled in their dinner was a severed snake head. "When I saw it was a snake's head I just threw it down and called my kids and said I got a snake head in the green beans, everybody said 'oh lord, you got a snake head in the green beans,'" said Jamison. After the screaming subsided, 15-year-old Sarah Jamison grabbed her camera and took video and pictures of their uninvited dinner guest. "I saw

big eyes, with a mouth open and a tongue coming out, it looked like it was ready to attack," said Sarah. Jamison called Pictsweet, and they offered her \$150. But she wasn't looking for money and turned it down. A letter sent by the company's insurance provider to Jamison claims Pictsweet "is not responsible for this accident," and they are "denying liability." The company also claims it wasn't a snake head at all. They say it was a frog head. "But it's still gross whether it's a frog or snake," said Jamison. Now this mother has to try harder than ever just to get her kids eat their greens.

"Vegetables, umm, I don't look at vegetables the same, I never really liked the vegetables but like now I can't even go near vegetables," said 17-year-old Mariam Jamison. FOX 26 News attempted to contact Pictsweet several times in recent weeks to respond to this story, but they did not return our calls.



## Man Survives 4 Days On Mountain Dew

CHESTERTON, IN - A business trip through the mountains of the Rio Grande National Forest in Colorado took a turn for the worst when the driver's SUV got stuck in a snow drift. Jason Pede then survived for 4 days drinking nothing but Mountain Dew and melted snow. A local resident had directed him on a short-cut through the mountains, but the snow soon got too deep. When Pede decided to turn around and go back, he got stuck. When asked why he didn't leave the car and walk out he said: "I'm a driver for a living, so I know I'm out of shape --- and 7 miles is a long trip!" To stay warm, Pede rationed out the fuel, starting the car every so often and then

turning it off. He also burned wood outside the car to stay warm. When the gasoline ran out and he had heard nothing on the radio about a search party looking for him, he went ahead and hiked out to a highway. That is when passersby found him collapsed. The Pede family says they haven't been very religious, but the experience has brought them closer together. It has changed their lives, and they are glad they've been given a second chance. Jason Pede says what gave him strength during his ordeal was knowing that he had a family back home that needed him.

## [VIDEO](#)

## Woman Claims Her Love Handles Saved Her Life



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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A Florida woman said her love handles saved her life when she was shot entering an Atlantic City bar. Samantha Lynn Frazier said she heard two pops when she walked into Herman's Place early Saturday. The 35-year-old then felt pain and saw blood on her hand after she grabbed her left side. Atlantic City police said Frazier was an innocent bystander. Detective Lt. Charles Love said the gunman was aiming for a man who escaped with a bullet hole in his down jacket. The suspect remains at large. Frazier told The Press of Atlantic City that "I could have been dead. They said my

love handles saved my life." Frazier also told the newspaper that she had been "hollering" that she wanted to lose weight. She now said "I want to be as big as I can if it's going to stop a bullet."

## Giuliano Stroe, 'World's Strongest Boy', Breaks World Record For Air Push-Ups



Giuliano Stroe, from Romania, has broken a new world record for number of "air push-ups." Stroe is five years old, and this is his second mention in the Guinness book of World Records. The first mention was for hand walking. Stroe has been in training since he was 2. His dad spoke to an Italian paper about their work out routines: "He has been going to the gym with me ever since he was born. I always took him with me when I went training. But he's still only a child and if he gets tired or bored we go and play." [Video of Stroe in action.](#)

## It's a bird, it's a plane ... it's a \$1 million comic book



NEW YORK -- Since he started selling comic books at age 16, Vincent Zurzolo had only dreamt of selling a million-dollar comic book. Monday was his lucky day. That was the day that Superman hit the jackpot.

"It is the single most important event in comic book history," said Zurzolo, who co-owns auction site ComicConnect.com with founder Stephen Fishler. Zurzolo and Fishler posted a rare copy of Action Comics #1 on their site Monday morning. It was the issue where the Man of Steel made his debut in 1938. They were selling it on behalf of an unnamed collector. Within one minute, Zurzolo said, another unnamed collector bought it for \$1 million. That price is more than three times the previous record, set last year by a lesser-quality version of Action Comics #1, which ComicConnect sold for \$317,200. Monday's \$1 million sale was for a very rare edition, because it was in much better condition. Only about 100 copies of Action Comics #1 are known to exist, and of those, only two are in such good shape, Zurzolo said. For comic book lovers who have struggled to elevate their trade to the level of fine antiques, paintings and even collectible coins, record-breaking sales make for a big

victory. In the last year, Zurzolo said he's seen more non-comic fans than ever purchasing rare copies as investment vehicles during the recession. "When you look at what happened to real estate, the stock market and in banking, people are terrified. They're making no money in the banks, they're not sure about real estate, and the stock market is like playing roulette," Zurzolo said. "With comic books, they feel a lot more confident." "Now we've hit a point where you can lump us in with fine art," he added. About 15 years ago, the copy of Action Comics #1 sold Monday went for \$150,000. In its

original state in 1938, it would have sold for about ten cents.

### Teacher tackles gunman after school shootings



LITTLETON, Colo. - The gunman was walking through a middle school parking lot and taking shots at students with a hunting rifle as terrified teenagers ran for their lives. He had just wounded two students and seemed ready to unleash more violence when a math teacher named David Benke sprung into action. Benke confronted the 32-year-old gunman, tackled him and pinned him to the ground with the help of another teacher, stopping what could have been a much more violent encounter in a city all too familiar with tragic school

shootings. The shooting on Tuesday afternoon occurred less than three miles from where the Columbine High School massacre happened nearly 11 years ago. "Unfortunately he got another round off before I could grab him," Benke said. "He figured out that he wasn't going to be able to get another round chambered before I got to him so he dropped the gun and then we were kind of struggling around trying to get him subdued." The two students survived and one remained hospitalized. Police said they aren't immediately sure about what motivated Bruco Strong Eagle Eastwood to target Deer Creek Middle School just after classes had ended for the day. Eastwood has an arrest record in Colorado dating back to 1996 for menacing, assault, domestic violence and driving under the influence, and he is believed to have a history of mental issues. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said Eastwood is an unemployed ranch hand and former student of the school who has been attending community college off and on in pursuit of his GED. The department said he was cooperative with during his interview with investigators. Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink praised Benke and called him a hero, and the math teacher's status seems to be growing by the minute. A Facebook page called "Dr. David Benke.. A TRUE hero!" quickly picked up more than 1,000 fans by Wednesday morning. [FULL STORY](#) and [VIDEO](#)

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