



## HUMAN INTEREST

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### No more Mr. Brown Eye



Most dogs have long, straight tails that conveniently keep their more "unsightly" parts under wraps. But for pets with stubby, curly-cue or non-existent nubs, there's Rear Gear to the rescue. [Rear Gear](#) is a decorative cover for your dog's, cat's (or ferret's) bottom. Previously, they had been thought of as a kind of "pet product mythology" — and the perfect gag gift for the prudish friend who almost didn't get a dog because of the pooper-scooper factor. But no. Rear Gear is real. In the word's of the product's founder: "Is your pet feeling left in the dirt

because of his/her unsightly rear? I've got them covered..." Rear Gear is handmade in Portland, OR and offers a cheerful solution to be-rid your favorite pet's un-manicured back side.



### Kid left behind at his own birthday party

WARREN, Mich. - Workers at the Caesarland were shocked to find a three-year-old boy all alone on Saturday night. He was left behind after his birthday party ended. The birthday party was a celebration at a Caesarland in Warren complete with pizza and presents. It was a Saturday filled with fun, that is until the three-year-old found himself alone at about 9:00 p.m. "The party ended at around 7:30 p.m.," said Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer. "This is being treated as a criminal matter... There's neglect. There's abandonment charges possibly coming." 36

hours passed from Saturday night until Monday afternoon when the boy's father came back to Caesarland looking for him. Since Saturday, the three-year-old boy has been in the custody of Child Protective Services. Monday, the parents gave the following explanation to police. "The father is indicating... that he thought that the mother had picked up the three-year-old. They're separated, but they live in the same apartment complex. The mother is telling us that she thought that the father or grandmother had taken the three-year-old home," Dwyer said. In nearly 50 years as a cop, Dwyer says this is one of the most outrageous and disturbing things he has seen. The three-year-old is not being released from foster care until further notice. "How can they forget or assume that the other parent for

two days has their son? I mean, there's no excuse for this," said Dwyer. Warren Police have turned over their findings to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. They will decide if there will be criminal charges. ([Video](#))

### **New Jersey Woman Wants to Weigh 1,000 Pounds**

New Jersey -- Meet Donna Simpson. She's going to cost you. A lot. Simpson, of Old Bridge, N.J., is 42 years old, has two kids and a boyfriend, and she weighs 602 pounds. That's right ... 602 pounds. She's on a diet, of course, because she has a goal in mind: She wants to weigh 1,000 pounds. That's right ... 1,000 pounds. It's a nice, extra-round figure — almost as big as what her unhealthy choices will ultimately cost taxpayers. Simpson claims she is normal and healthy, and she has a right to eat what she wants and weigh what she wants. "I love eating and people love watching me eat," she says. "It makes people happy, and I'm not harming anyone." But she needs to use a motor scooter when she goes grocery shopping, because she can't walk more than 20 feet. The human



body, after all, is not designed to scarf down 12,000 calories a day in the quest to weigh half a ton. Simpson is definitely harming someone — herself, says Dr. Carla Wolper, a registered dietitian and research faculty member at the New York Obesity Research Center at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York. And you, the taxpayer, could wind up paying for it. ([Full Story](#))

### **Belmont teen gobbles up the animal caller titles**

Belmont, CA -- Greg Hubbell Jr. appears to be a normal 14-year-old kid until he starts shrieking and



baying like a lovesick elk cow. The Belmont teenager also blurts out quacks, honks and gobbles that are quite alluring, if you're a bird. Hubbell's odd emanations won him his seventh World Elk Calling title a week ago at the 2010 World Elk Calling Championships in Reno. It was his 11th age-group world calling title, including championships for his impersonations of ducks, turkeys and geese. He is so good that he makes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year in cash and prizes from the competitions, including payments for appearances at sales events. He has been on national news and television talk shows all over the country. Making

animal noises may not seem like such a big thing - most teenagers are proficient, especially at the dinner table - but Hubbell has turned the practice into a kind of art form. The San Mateo County kid won his first national championship at the age of 7 and regularly humiliates the farm boys and country folk who traditionally thrive in these competitions. "The country boys call me pretty boy," said Hubbell, "but then when I beat them in a contest they all understand." In truth, Hubbell is nobody's pigeon. Like his father, also named Greg Hubbell, he is an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He plays football and baseball at Carlmont High School in Belmont and, rumor has it, can attract chicks even without doing a birdcall. ([Read Full Story](#))

## Florida vampire to run for president



TAMPA, Florida - Not satisfied with living in Florida, Jonathon "The Impaler" Sharkey wants to move to Washington, D.C. to become the nation's first vampire president. Sharkey, 45, spent Friday on a Greyhound bus with his new fiancée, Audrianna Foster, a 19-year-old girl from Ohio he met online. She too believes she is a vampire, or vampyre. "I haven't dated a girl older than 19 since 2006," said the Tampa man as his 19-year-old daughter and his 2-year-old grandson met him at the Greyhound station. "It's good to be me." "The Impaler" claims he's a direct descendent of Vlad II the Impaler, better known as Dracula. He has scheduled a Monday press conference in Tampa to announce his plans to file paperwork to run for President of the United States in 2012. He recently switched his party

affiliation from Independent to Republican so he can run with the G.O.P. He ran for Governor of Minnesota in 2006 and also had short-lived bids for U.S. Senate in 2000, U.S. President in 2004, and U.S. President in 2008. In an extended interview with 10 Connects, Sharkey shared well-thought-out opinions on capital punishment, the abortion issue, and veterans issues. However, he also bragged about having numerous teen-aged girlfriends in recent years. Sharkey was once on the Executive Committee of the Hillsborough Co. Republican Party (HCRP) in the 1990s, but A.J. Matthews, HCRP State Committeeman, says he didn't show any of the extreme behaviors he's exhibiting now.

"He does believe in Republican values," Matthews said. "Is he going to make a big splash with his current identification of being a vampire? That's up to the voters to decide." Matthews said he'd help Sharkey with campaign basics, just like he would any Republican candidate. But he's been trying to advise him to focus on mainstream issues and away from the extreme behaviors. ([Jonathon's Site](#)) ([Video](#))

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