



## HUMAN INTEREST

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### 17-Year-Old Philly Fan Runs On Field Gets Tasered In Front Of 44k



PHILADELPHIA, PA - For the first time in Phillies history, a fan running on the field at Citizens Bank Park was subdued by a Philadelphia police officer using his Taser gun. With 44,817 fans watching in the stands Monday night, the teenage male wearing a black baseball cap, red T-shirt and khaki shorts, ran on to the field during the eighth inning against the St. Louis Cardinals. "This is the first time that a Taser gun has been used by Philadelphia police to apprehend a field jumper," Phillies spokeswoman Bonnie Clark said in a statement. "The Police Department is investigating this matter and The Phillies are discussing with them whether in future situations this is an appropriate use of force under these circumstances. That decision will be made

public." The fan made several loops in center field with security personnel and the police officer in pursuit. The officer appeared to fire several times before hitting the man. The man fell to the ground. He was then helped off the field. The police officer "utilized his Taser," when a fan ran onto the field of Citizens Bank Park, said police spokesman Lt. Frank Vanore. Running on the field during a game is a crime and has been for decades. Normally, such suspects are wrestled to the ground, escorted off the field and arrested. It was unclear Monday night if a Taser has ever been used on a Major League Baseball field to subdue such a suspect. Vanore said police internal affairs will open an investigation to determine if the firing "was proper use of the equipment." The Phillies' Clark said the suspect was 17 years old and would be charged with criminal trespass. The team would not release his name because he was underage. Monday night police did not release the name of the man arrested or the charges.

[\(Video\)](#)

### Man seals self inside foreclosed residence



STONY RIDGE, Ohio - Through a golf ball-sized hole drilled into a front window, Keith Sadler has a message for banks foreclosing on people like him who fall behind on their mortgage payments. He wants a little help, a little understanding, and a big demand: an end to foreclosures and evictions. In the meantime, the 53-year-old said he's not leaving the house that he owned for 12 years and lived in for 20. "Even though on paper and legally it's no longer my house, I still consider this my home and I refuse to be kicked out by a greedy bank that is only interested in its bottom line," Mr. Sadler said in a phone interview. Through an agreement with the Wood County

Sheriff's Office, he was to have been out of the house on U.S. 20 in Stony Ridge by midnight yesterday,

but instead, members of the Toledo Foreclosure Defense League, an organization he co-founded, helped seal him inside. A cell phone - and the hole in the front window - are his only means of communication. "I hate touting the Obama plan, but it's a plan based on a percentage of income you make and the bank has to work out an interest rate that allows you to make payments," Mr. Sadler said. "I'm not looking for a free ride. I'm not looking for the bank to just let me have the house, but to work with me." Members of like-minded organizations were camped out in the yard yesterday outside the yellow brick bungalow - some carrying signs that read, "Bail out people not banks," along busy U.S. 20, others perched in a tree or lounging on the front porch. Brian Siefke of Bowling Green, a member of both the Toledo Foreclosure Defense League and the Black Swamp Autonomists Collective, said he supports what Mr. Sadler is doing. "I think this is an important issue not just for local but for national dialogue," Mr. Siefke said. "It's a symptom of an economic crisis I think people should pay attention to, and I support people taking things into their own hands." Also at the scene was Max Rameau of Miami, Fla.-based Take Back the Land, an organization that advocates "community control of land and housing as a human right." He said it's ludicrous to live in a society filled with vacant houses and homeless persons. ([Live webcast](#) and [full story](#))

### Film buff goes Back To The Future to propose to girlfriend



NEW YORK CITY - Corey Goldfeder edited his girlfriend's favourite flick, Back To The Future, to put himself centre stage on screen so he could pop the question. The 28-year-old also arranged a fake Michael J Fox festival at a cinema and hired a full audience to make sure his cameo appearance came as a complete surprise to partner Andrea. He said: 'The cinema manager was happy to help with supporting details such as adding Back To The Future to the cinema front and getting someone to man the popcorn machine. 'After 20 minutes, the movie on the screen began to differ from the original script. Using borrowed

equipment, I had digitally replaced Michael J Fox's face with my own.' 'With some careful splicing and voiceover work, I staged a conversation between Doc and Marty McFly - with my face - about whether it was time to propose.' 'At the end of this conversation, the movie-me turned to face the camera and prompted the real me to propose.' The pair from New York, who married last August, are now hoping their engagement based on the hit 1985 film will be named the most romantic in the US. ([Video](#))

### Great Grandmother Attends Her First Prom



KANSAS CITY, MO. - A 90-year-old great grandmother has something special to celebrate. Hasselteen Rumba attended her first prom on Saturday night. Rumba had her great-grandson on her arm as her date for the Fort Osage Prom at the Arrowhead Pavilion. Her evening started out like any other prom night. She posed for pictures for her very first prom after missing out on school dances in her youth. "Well about 60 years ago my folks was real strict," said Rumba. "They said oh no you're not going to a dance. I couldn't do that." Rumba had her dancing shoes on, but since she's never danced, she's not sure what she'll do on the dance floor. "I was told to sway back and forth." said Rumba. She fulfilled her first bucket list wish, going to her first concert and meeting Reba McEntire. The bucket list idea came to the Independence Care Center Manor after the activities director saw the movie 'The

Bucket List'. "We believe you're never too old to learn something new or try something new," said Tracy Bunch, the center's activity director. Bunch helped escort Rumba to the prom and made sure she hit the dance floor. Tracy said she's been able to fulfill some of her wishes by helping the residents check off their bucket list. But Rumba's real date to the prom was her great-grandson, Ron Blalock. "She never went to a prom and I figured I'm having a prom so she should come with me and enjoy herself," Blalock

said. He danced with her to a special song dedicated to her, Garth Brooks "The Dance". Blalock says he's glad to help his great-grandmother dance for the first time "I love she's my grandma," he said. "She's 90 years old and deserves to have a good time." Rumba said she doesn't. ([Video](#))

### **Ew, what's that smell?! Better Marriage Blanket keep smell of farts contained**



It sounds like a gag gift, but the Better Marriage Blanket is meant to keep you from gagging – if you're on the receiving end of the silent-but-deadly problem it's designed to combat. Inventor Francis Bibbo devised the idea of using a layer of activated charcoal fabric in his comforter that absorbs odor-causing molecules emitted during, well, nighttime flatulence. He got the idea from military chemical suits that employ the same type of fabric, according to Health Business Week. The official Web site bills the blanket as an ideal wedding or anniversary gift, though it's hard to imagine a partner feeling particularly romantic after unwrapping such a package. At a surplus store, Bibbo had purchased a suit made with the activated carbon fabric because he was looking for a way to keep deer from detecting his scent when he went hunting, according to Health Business Week. Then he noticed that it was effective for another little problem, too, and this led to a

prototype. The Better Marriage Blanket, which the Web site notes could be used with roommates, too, costs \$39.95 for the twin size and \$49.95 for the queen size. Bibbo foresees its use on planes, cruise ships, submarines and senior citizen homes as well. "People hear about it and their first reaction is a good laugh," he told Health Business Week. "But then they think about it for a few seconds and realize that it could be much more than a gag gift; it is a very practical bedding option." And apparently also a very popular product. Callers to the toll-free ordering number get a recording saying that because of the high volume of calls, orders must be placed online. ([Video](#))