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#### Lost Leg

AN upstate New York man says he's still upbeat despite losing the same leg twice. Scott Listemann told the *Poughkeepsie Journal* that he laughs about losing his foot. The Poughkeepsie man lost his leg below the knee in a November, 2007 accident. Forty-seven-year-old Listemann then lost his prosthetic leg last month while skydiving in upstate New York. The lower leg below the knee, with a foot clad in a running shoe, flew off after he jumped from the plane. Listemann says he's sure "it will show up eventually". Listemann has distributed flyers throughout upstate Gardiner and hopes someone will find his prosthetic leg and call him.



#### Someone Else's House For Rent

UNTIL recently, Carl Kopsho had no idea that the man who collected R6 500 from him every month was not legally his landlord. When sheriff's deputies told him he was living in the house without permission from the owner, Kopsho was confused. Deputies say a man pretended to own a house and rented it to Kopsho without the knowledge of the owner, who lives in New York. In January, Kopsho needed a new place to live. While he was talking about his situation with a friend at a petrol station, a man approached and introduced himself as Tyrone Grain. According to a Marion County Sheriff's Office report, the deed-holder, Sebastian Wagner, called authorities recently to say he suspected someone was living at his Marion County property, which was supposed to be vacant. The police are still investigating the case and have not located the man who called himself Tyrone Grain.

#### Pensioner Tasered In Bed

EIGHTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD Frank Lasser was subdued in his hospital bed with a taser because he was not willing to relinquish a small pocketknife he was holding. He had recently come out of heart bypass surgery and when unable to breathe properly, became delusional. He said he couldn't explain why he refused to let go of the knife, even after the Canadian Mounted Police arrived. The three officers have explained that the tasing was necessary as they were dealing with a man who had a deadly weapon in their hand. "We could not deploy our pepper spray, because we could potentially contaminate the entire hospital," said Corporal Scott Wilson on CBS news.

#### Elton's Ice-Cream

SIR ELTON JOHN has had an ice cream created in his honour. US ice-cream maker Ben & Jerry's launched the Goodbye Yellow Brick Road flavour to mark his first visit to their home state of Vermont. The chocolate, peanut butter and cookie dough flavoured ice-cream was named after Sir Elton's song *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, a hit in the 1970s. It was available for only one week, timed to coincide with Sir Elton's concert in July in Vermont, the only US state in which he had never previously played.



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#### Heavy Metal Monk

DRESSED in his traditional brown robe, sandals and twirling the rope around his waist, 62-year-old Friar Cesare Bonizzi is no ordinary heavy metal rocker. But as guitarists around him grind out heavy notes, the long-white-bearded Capuchin, a former missionary in Ivory Coast, has no qualms bobbing his head and shouting lyrics about alcohol, sex, tobacco and life in general into his microphone. Describing himself as a 'preacher-singer', Bonizzi has been singing for over a decade, and last month wowed heavy metal fans at Italy's 'Gods of Metal' festival, where he performed with his band Fratello Metallo (Metal Brother) alongside groups such as Iron Maiden.

