

GLOBAL NEWS



RANDOLPH, THE US HERO CABBY!

The American State of Miami has, since the inception of the long-departed TV series, been nicknamed 'Miami Nice', but now, thanks to taxi driver Randolph Wynns, it has lived up to its name with Randolph having been hailed a hero!

After her mother-in-law had dropped Californian chemical engineer Lesley Scappatura at Miami International Airport, Lesley suddenly realised that she had left her purse in the back seat of the car. She flagged down Randolph Wynns' taxi, hoping that they could catch the older woman who was heading home along Interstate 95 to Hobe Sound, almost 100 miles north of the airport.

With her 11-year-old daughter in tow, a rather worried Lesley hopped into Randolph's cab and together they hightailed it towards the highway. Randolph explained to The Globe's American reporter: "I figured that she was in her 60s and a woman, so how fast could she be driving? So I came up with an idea..."

The intrepid cab driver worked out that the speed limit on Florida's Turnpike was 70 mph while the Interstate 95 limit was 55 mph. They would shoot up the Turnpike and head off at the junction where both roads met and wait for Lesley's mother-in-law's car to pass. Then they'd stop her and reclaim Lesley's purse!

However, the idea failed. There was no sign of her and after 30 minutes, Randolph headed his 1996 Crown Victoria cab back to the airport. In the meantime, Lesley had watched the cab meter ticking up and it was now well over \$200, but she was still without her purse and that meant totally broke. "She was so upset," said Randolph, "and I just can't stand to see a woman cry. It just broke my heart."

So he told Lesley not to worry about the \$292 fare and even offered her \$200 to tide her over. He also gave her his mobile and home telephone numbers in case she got stuck. An astonished Lesley graciously accepted \$40 and caught her flight home to Southern California. Randolph later received a thank-you note from his purseless passenger. "You were a hero," it read, "your kindness was priceless, but I've enclosed a \$100 tip to say thank you." Also enclosed was a \$292 cheque for the fare plus the \$40 loan. Meanwhile, Lesley Scappatura is still stunned. "When he offered me the money, I just couldn't believe it," she said, "a stranger in Miami who I already owed almost \$300 wanted to lend me cash. Never in my life have I come across such generosity."

As for Randolph? "Anything to help a lady in distress," he modestly told Taxi Globe...

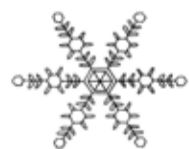
RING-A-DING DUNG SAYS MR BELL...!

With the current fuel crisis bringing worldwide concern to motorists, one American inventor has come across a rather remarkable answer. Richard Bell, who lives in Colorado and spends most of his time on a Navajo Indian Reservation as Richie White Cloud, has managed to make a motorbike run on refined human excrement! The Globe's US correspondent turned down the chance of a face to face meeting, preferring to speak from a safe distance by phone! He asked Richard exactly how the excrement made the bike work and how you got it into the tank. The complicated answer involved alterations to the engine while mixing other liquid substances (available from pharmacies) together with tap water and filtering the mixture, allowing the liquid only to pass into the tank. "However," said Richie, "the cost of altering the engine to a motorcycle cost under \$100 and the liquids required cost little and last for some time as water is by far the largest constituent."

"But," asked Taxi Globe's puzzled reporter, "why would you even contemplate trying out the excrement in the first place?" "I have never liked the smell of gas (petrol) and I wanted to try something else," he replied in all seriousness! We left it at that...!

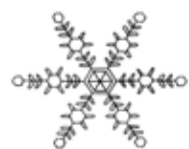
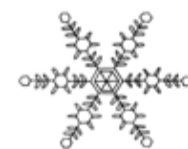
EGYPTIAN ROAD RAGE - CABBY SHOT FOR SPLASHING MOTORIST!

Road rage is a term that seems to have been universally accepted as a synonym for stupid driving. However, an incident of road rage against a local taxi driver in Cairo has astonished even hardened motorists. The Egyptian motorist shot the cab driver in his leg after the taxi drove through a puddle of sewage and splashed his recently washed car! The furious motorist chased the taxi for several miles and finally forced it to a stop by an amusement park near Cairo airport. Then the car driver drew a pistol and shot the cab driver - fortunately only catching his leg. The screaming taxi driver was taken to hospital, but the gunman drove off and escaped...

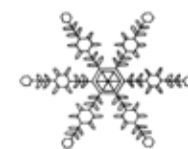


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