

# GLOBAL NEWS



## LADY GAGA AND THE NEW YORK TAXI...

It does seem as though hot hit singer Lady GaGa has gone beyond the notorious 'one step wonder' graveyard that many of her contemporaries usually fall into. Although coming across as something of a bimbo on Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, other interviews across the globe show that this Beatles fan is hugely intelligent. And of course it's difficult to avoid seeing pix or reading about her in most tabloid newspapers.

Of late, she has told a gig consisting of mainly gay males that her number one hit track, Poker Face, was meant to infer that she was bisexual but could keep it hidden! She also told an Aussie paper that she enjoyed walking around with even less than hot pants on – dubbed by some as Not Pants – and to see what the police make of it. Sure enough, according to her press office anyway, the cops in Chicago warned her that she could catch a cold walking around like that!

But perhaps the one element of Lady GaGa that might interest readers of Global News, whose greatest desire is to read about taxi news the world over so quickly that it almost has yet to happen, is that Toronto's Fab magazine recently asked the singer (born the rather more boring Stefani Germanotta) about the craziest place she'd ever had sex? According to Lady GaGa, she once did it in the back of a New York City taxicab! "It was fun," she said, "and I would do it again. It's always fun to do things that are sneaky. Sneaky in sex is good."

Sadly Lady GaGa failed to explain in more detail how she managed it in a space that almost makes a Smart car look big! But hey, she puts on a great live show so perhaps we'll allow her imagination to occasionally run wild!

## PASSENGER GIVES PARIS CABBIE 1 MILLION EUROS!

Parisian cab driver Michel Lombroche was said to be dumbfounded after being given one million Euros – close to a million quid nowadays - by a passenger who claimed that the money had only bought him unhappiness. No it's not another Lady GaGa record! Lombarde had listened to his passenger as he recounted how his wife had deserted him - taking their two children with her - soon after he had won the money at a casino table during a family holiday to Monte Carlo.

At first everything had been wonderful, but he soon developed a compulsion to go back to the casino to try to win more. He also began betting on everything and although he lost more than he won, it was still only the interest on his winnings. He wanted to save the bulk of the cash

to feed his compulsion in Monte Carlo. This led to constant rows and eventually his wife's decision to leave him. The sad passenger climbed into Michel's cab outside Le Louvre Metro station and within minutes of telling the story, suddenly gave the stunned driver a briefcase containing one million Euros. He was apparently just about to leave for Monte Carlo but suddenly decided that he was happier with the way things were before.

Michel reported the matter to his local Gendarmerie expecting to hear that the cash had been stolen, but there had been no robbery reports linked to the serial numbers and now he has been told that if the money is not claimed within three months, it will be returned to him.

Taxi Globe's advice to Monsieur Lombroche is to gamble it all on the tables at Monte Carlo or else hand it to the Taxi Globe's London office where Editor Sandie Goodwin has kindly offered to do it for you – if she has time...

## KISSING IN THE BACK OF A UAE TAXI? ONE YEAR IN PRISON!

With a population of 200,000 and little for tourists to do, the United Arab Emirate state of Fujairah is far from being as popular as Dubai as a holiday destination. However, it does attract the type of holidaymaker looking for the sun and little else in the way of entertainment.

Fujairah's main claim to fame is that holds a unique position in the UAE as the only emirate that lies along the Gulf of Oman, while all six other Emirates are situated along the Arabian Gulf. It could be perceived as the ideal place for lovers – but Taxi Globe would advise any potential holidaymakers thinking of hot sunny beaches and romance to think again! Anis Balnabra and his girl friend Bani Buna were in Fujairah for a quiet, romantic holiday but ended up in jail after being reported by a local taxi driver for "kissing and cuddling" in the back of his cab!

Fujairah Supreme Court heard that the two tourists had "committed the offence" while taking a trip in the taxi. Bani had hired the cab and stopped along the route to pick up Anis and later, en route, the taxi driver spied them hugging and kissing in his backseat. So engrossed in each other were the two, that they didn't notice the taxi driver leaving the usual route and instead drove the couple to the nearest police station.

According to a police statement, both admitted that this was not the first time they had kissed and cuddled in the back of a taxi and even more disgustingly, admitted doing it in other places as well! The prosecutor charged the man with indecent assault by consent and his girlfriend with facilitating the offence. Both were sentenced to one year each in jail. As we said earlier, perhaps UAE holidaymakers should stick to Dubai...!

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