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MEETING
11:30AM
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 17th**



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APRIL 7-APRIL 10, 2006

STATE MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006 AT 2:00PM

BOARD MEETING: 12:00 NOON

IN MONTICELLO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

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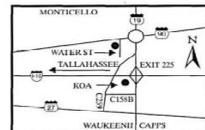
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President's Message

I sincerely hope your Thanksgiving was one of giving thanks. Thanks for the blessings we receive everyday without even knowing it, far too many to mention.

The fact that we are still here and determined to rebuild our homes and our lives in the wake of Hurricane Wilma is a blessing in itself. We made it through, we are doing our best with what we have left, and we will be stronger and wiser than before.

I was really moved by the response of neighbors helping neighbors, actually communicating with one another. I saw people climbing ladders, helping clear debris from the streets and just helping one another pick up the pieces.

There are some things, I guess, that Americans still do instinctively. We are always there to do whatever it takes. It's who we are. It's always been. It's what we do.

Having said that, whatever it takes is exactly what I intend to do to make our chapter a vital and viable voice in support of motorcycle rights, safety and awareness in the Greater Palm Beach County area.

Our goals include setting up safety programs in our schools to educate young adults to be aware and look twice, as motorcycles are everywhere; and to use cell phones responsibly, A "Save Lives, Hang up and Drive" awareness program. I personally would like to see some mandatory adult safety programs for all D.U.I. and repeat traffic offenders as in "Red light runners" for one.

We are here because I believe, given the number of motorcyclist in Palm Beach, when push comes to shove at the legislative level next year they are going to notice a much stronger and influential voice from the members of our motorcycle community than they ever imagined.

Your support of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter, as members will have a huge impact on decisions regarding our rights and safety. They haven't heard from us in years. With your support, be it active or passive, you will be heard and we will do whatever it takes to get the message through.

Presidents Message - CONT'D

I also want to let our Brothers and sisters of the American Legion Riders and Post 65 of Delray Beach know, I deeply appreciate everything they have done to help us get things rolling. I would just like everyone to know, they took us in, gave us a place to hold our meetings and made us feel like family from day one. They are indeed GREAT people.

We welcome everyone to join us for our monthly meeting the 3rd Saturday of each month at the American Legion Post 65. The next meeting is at 11:30, followed by horseshoes and BBQ. Everyone is welcome; club members, patch holders, independents. Bring your friends. People who ride motorcycles and don't know why, sometimes we can help. If you can't pitch horseshoes, who cares, I can't, I just try not to hit anybody. It's always a great time for all.

For information and or directions call Strongbow: 561-483-4283 Pres. ABATE P.B.C.
Cutter Pres. American Legion Riders: 561-313-0803

With the Holidays approaching there hasn't been much going on in Tallahassee and with the devastation left behind by the Hurricanes I'm sure that they have their hands full right now. I will be bringing you up to date on the legislative issues that are now on the table for next year.

If I don't see you at the meeting, Happy Holidays and may peace be with you and yours.

Ride Free and Ride Safe

Strongbow - President
ABATE Palm Beach Chapter
president@abatepalmbeach.com



**Motorcycle Rights & Safety
Dedicated to
"Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"**

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.

ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Because we are not a club there are no mandatory rides or meetings to attend. We do not require our members to wear our patch. If you are currently a member of a motorcycle club or any other motorcycle association or organization we welcome your support as a member.

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE.

Our most recent victories include the passing of Bill HB1697 requiring stiffer penalties for a motorist turning left in front of another motorist, one of the leading causes of injury and death to motorcyclist'. A reformed bill regarding "Ape Hangers" has also been passed, handlebars are now to be measured from the riders shoulders rather than the seat. We also helped beat down legislation proposed by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) on an amendment to the transportation, reauthorization bill (SAFE-TEA) that would re-institute a federal helmet law for all riders by denying federal transportation and safety dollars to that state.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are "anti-helmet law" if you chose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD".

There are over 7,000 members of ABATE in the State of Florida with over 30 active chapters. We feel Palm Beach County has huge potential in becoming one of the largest chapters in the state.

With its large expanse and thousands of motorcyclist', a Palm Beach County chapter would become a viable and influential voice in raising motorcycle rights, safety and awareness. This chapter borders will be primarily Northern Broward County and all of Palm Beach County.

For more information contact Strongbow - President ABATE P.B.C. 561-483-4283
President@abatepalmbeach.com

Vice President's Message

Welcome all new members to the ABATE Palm Beach chapter. I would like to take this opportunity thank you all, for supporting this chapter we couldn't have done it with out you.

This time of year we all need to be more careful on the roads. With all the cars are out there on the roads, on the cell phone doing there Christmas shopping, so be aware.

We also need to remember our bothers and sister who are not with us, and for those men and women fighting for your freedom.

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. ~Charles Dickens.

Have a nice holiday drive safe and watch your back.

DeeMan - Vice President
ABATE Palm Beach Chapter
vicepresident@abatepalmbeach.com

2006 CALENDAR

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MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE CLUB EVENTS
ARE LISTED IN LARGER LETTERS

SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
of Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations
CALENDAR EVENTS

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JANUARY

- 8 - States MC 11th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 14 - AOA MC Treasure Coast off annual
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day**
- 22 - SE ABATE Semi Annual Rights Rally
- 22 - Ride for Kids (early morning)
- 28 - Cyclepalooza at Marosa West Palm
- 29 - Der Krieger MC Annual**

FEBRUARY

- 5 - Third Tradition MC Annual
- 12 - AOA MC Ft. Laud Annual
- 19 - States MC Lake Worth Annual
- 19 - H-D of Miami's 10th Anniversary Party
- 25 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Annual**

MARCH

- 3-12 - 65th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week
- 19 - Fiasco Brothers Annual**
- 26 - Keltics MC Annual**

APRIL

- 1 & 2 - Ft. Lauderdale Bike Show
- 1 - South East Police Rodeo
- 1 - Outcasts MC Annual (evening)**
- 2 - States MC Pompano 40th Annual**
- 8 & 9 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual**
- 16 - CMA Easter Sunday Service**
- 23 - Wings of Gold MC Stars & Stripes Run**
- 28-30 - Leesberg Florida Bike Week
- 29 - Mojo's Birthday Party at Mystic 7 Clubhouse

MAY

- 6 & 7 - Ft. Laud. Air & Sea Show
- 14 - Southern MC Annual**
- 21 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual**
- 27 - BBRA - Marlins Baseball Event**
- 28 & 29 - SE ABATE Memorial Weekend Event

JUNE

- 3 & 4 - Palm Beach Bike Show
- 10 - Black Pistons MC West Palm Annual**
- 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- 25 - Nate's Toy Run Bicycle Drive

JULY

- 2 - US Military Vets MC Chapter 2 Annual
- 8 & 9 - BBRA Ride for Kids
- 15 - AOA MC West Palm Beach off annual
- 22 - Wheels of Man Chili Cookoff
- 23 - Notes Bike Drive
- 30 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Annual**

AUGUST

- 7-13 Sturgis Bike Week
- 11-13 - 11th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 20 - AOA MC 39th Anniversary
- 27 - Wings of Gold MC Stuart Annual**

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual
- 10 - States MC 13th Annual Key West Tuneup Party
- 15-17 - Phil Peterson's 34th Key West Poker Run
- 24 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

OCTOBER

- 1 - Mystic 7 MC Annual**
- 8 - BBRA MC ANNUAL
- 15 - Bobby B's "Boss" Hrlly's Grand Octoberfest Party
- 19-22 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 28 - 32nd Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
- 29 - SE ABATE 26th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

NOVEMBER

- 5 - US Military Vets MC National 19th Annual Party
- 11 - Nat's Toy Run Bike Drive
- 12 - Alternative MC Annual**
- 19 - CMA Memorial Event**

DECEMBER

- 3- Heaven Cycles 29th Annual Party w/29 FREE Kegs!!!
- 10-19th SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
- 16 - 7th Annual SFLCOC Christmas Party
- 16 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 17 - Peterson's Toys in the Park Event (Bayside, Miami)
- 17 - Calvary Chapel MM Services**

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DECEMBER

- 4- 18th SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
- 10 - 6th Annual SFLCOC Christmas Party
- 11 - Miami Latin Toy Run
- 17 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 18 - Calvary Chapel MM Services**

From the SGT-AT-ARMS

Hey fellow Abate members,

I have recently taken on the responsibility of Sergeant-at-Arms for the newly established Palm Beach Chapter. Being new to the position, and never holding a "title" like this before, I will do my best to fulfill the duties bestowed on me.

I'm looking forward to serving the chapter!

"Lowrider Dave"





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EVENTS

Car Show Registration9-11
 Show11 - 3
 Breakfast with Santa9 - 11
 Food Vendors11am - 9pm
 Holiday Craft Vendors 11- 9pm
 Kids Rides11am - 9pm
 Visit with Santa 6pm - 8:30pm
 Raffle Give Away's Every Hour
 Live MusicOn Stage

Tamarac Kids Singing7pm
 Holiday Tree Decorating Contest
 Winners announced @ 7pm
 BSO Show
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<h1>December</h1>						
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4 18 th Annual Toy Run	5	6	7	8	10----- 6 th Annual SFLCOC X-MAS	10 BBRA Santa 2005
11 Bill's Bike's Toys for Tots P.B.C	12	13	14 B.O.D. ABATE PALM BCH	15	16	17 PALM BCH CHAPTER MEETING
18----- ABATE SE X-MAS BCH/ MEETING	18 CALVARY CHAPEL MM SERVICES	20	21	22	23	24
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2006</h1>						
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 STATES BLESSING OF BIKES	9	10	11	12	13	14 AOA TREASURE COAST
15 WOG APPRECIATI ON	16	17	18 B.O.D. ABATE PALM BCH	19	20	21 PALM BCH CHAPTER MEETING
22 ABATE SE ANNUAL RALLY	23	24	25	26	27	28 DISABLED VETS WINTER CLINIC
29 DER KREIGER	30	31				



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 Friday & Saturday 12/2&3 Jack Flash
 Thursday 12/8 Rob Arenth
 Friday & Sat. 12/9&10 Procrastinators
 Thursday 12/15 Rob Arenth
 Friday & Saturday 12/16&17 Conspiracy
 Thursday 12/22 Rob Arenth
 Friday 12/23 Painkillers
 Saturday 12/24 Celebrate the holidays with us
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Sunday 12 PM - 8 PM*

For more information and membership contact Cutter 561-313-0803

Friday Night Dinner is served 6 PM - 8 PM

**Second Saturday of each month The Ladies Auxiliary dinner served from 6
PM - 8 PM**

**The Third Saturday of each month "Horseshoes & BBQ" sponsored by the
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*Third Saturday ABATE Palm Beach Chapter meeting 11:30 AM
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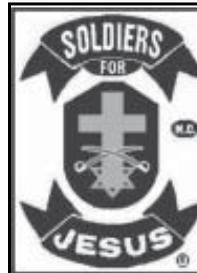
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Bill Bish - Coast to Coast

CONGRESS CONSIDERS CONSUMERS' "RIGHT TO REPAIR" Congress recently held hearings regarding the right of American consumers to have access to information regarding the repair and maintenance of their cars, trucks and motorcycles from the manufacturer. Currently, motor vehicle manufacturers are only required by the EPA to provide information about emissions on board diagnostics systems, but nothing pertaining to other repairs or services. This effectively prohibits owners from taking their vehicles to non-dealer repair facilities or from performing repairs or maintenance themselves.

The Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Act of 2005 (HR 2048) was introduced in May by Congressman Joe Barton (R-TX) and Edolphus Towns (D-NY), and was heard November 10 by the Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection. The bill would penalize manufacturers for withholding information necessary to diagnose, service or repair their motor vehicles.

If you feel that consumers should have the right to choose how and where their vehicles can be serviced and repaired, then please weigh in on this important issue by contacting your Congressional Representative in Washington, D.C. by calling 202-224-8601 and ask them to support or co-sponsor HR 2048.

GAS HIKES FUEL BIKE SALES If you think you're seeing more bikes on the road these days, you're right! As gasoline prices escalate, so have sales of motorcycles, as consumers opt for a more economic mode of transportation, and more fun too!

Motorcycles get 50.1 mpg on average, while passenger cars get 22.3 mpg and light trucks and SUVs get only 17.7 mpg.

A motorcycle with a 5-gallon tank can go 200-250 miles between fill-ups, which cost less than \$15, while a luxury car or light truck/SUV can cost \$40-\$50 to travel the same distance.

It's numbers like these that have cost-conscious motorists driving less, trading in their gas-guzzling SUVs for compact cars or hybrids, or going whole hog and buying a motorcycle. Motorcycle dealers nationwide have reported double-digit increases in sales since Hurricane

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Katrina drove gas prices over \$3.00 a gallon, and even now that the price at the pump has come down slightly, motorcycle sales are still brisk. And most new buyers are citing gas prices and fuel economy as a major factor in their decision to start riding, or to ride again.

Sales of on-highway motorcycles are up 16% compared to the same period last year (July through September), according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, and the purchase of new motorcycles is on track to exceed the one-million mark for the third straight year, marking the 13th consecutive year of record sales.

And while cooler weather typically signals the end of motorcycling in many regions of the country, the high cost of fuel has many motorcyclists considering a longer riding season.

WORLD MOTORCYCLE DEMAND EXPECTED TO EXCEED 41 MILLION Worldwide demand for motorcycles is forecast to advance 4.9 percent annually through 2009 to 41.6 million units, valued at almost \$40 billion. Demand for all categories of motorcycles is expected to remain healthy, despite the slowdown in growth in key markets such as China, which is rapidly transitioning away from motorcycles and toward cars for its transportation needs. Increased growth in all categories will also be seen in developed markets, where rising fuel prices and (in some markets) continued restrictions on car use are stoking interest in the exceptional fuel economy and cost effectiveness of motorcycles. While the market for large and expensive high displacement motorcycles will also remain strong (at least through 2009), concerns regarding demand have emerged due to the aging of the customer base, especially in the United States and Western Europe. These and other trends are presented in "World Motorcycles," a new study from The Freedonia Group, Inc., a Cleveland-based industrial market research firm.

In essence, according to their November market analysis, there are two separate motorcycle markets. One is centered in the industrialized Triad (i.e., the US, Japan and Western Europe), where motorcycles are seen as pleasure vehicles by consumers who already have one or more automobiles. The other, much larger market in unit terms is found in the emerging economies of Asia, where motorcycles are seen as primary family and work vehicles. These vehicles are cheaper, smaller and less powerful than Triad motorcycles.

Unlike the light vehicle industry, which has consolidated down to a handful of key global players, numerous motorcycle original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) exist, especially in Asia, which represents the heart of global light motorcycle demand. However, competitive intensity is increasing, evidenced by the ongoing price wars in China, Vietnam and other Southeast Asian markets. Furthermore, restrictions on motorcycle use in large metropolitan areas of China and some other Asian countries will likely cause a shift in demand away from urban

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areas to more rural markets. While Asia is dominant in terms of unit volume, most key players derive far higher revenues per unit from sales in developed markets such as North America. The clear profitability implications of this difference reveal why so many manufacturers compete so hard to sell machines in North America.

REGENT PAYS HALF MILLION FOR LENO'S HARLEY It wasn't for the prestige of owning a motorcycle once owned by late-night TV host Jay Leno, or the 78 celebrity autographs inscribed on the bike, but for charitable convictions. Southeast Missouri State University regents president John Tlappek said he submitted the highest bid on E-Bay for Jay Leno's Harley-Davidson - a half million dollars -- because he wanted to help people. All of the proceeds went to the American Red Cross hurricane relief fund.

"I thought it would be a good thing to do what I could do to help those who were negatively affected by the tragedy in the Gulf region," said Tlappek, who already owns two Harleys.

Tlappek, a private equities investor, appeared on "The Tonight Show" on October 5 and talked with Leno for a few minutes. "He seemed like a real nice guy," Tlappek said.

Tlappek, who regularly donates to charities, said it took him a while to figure out the celebrity signatures. Luckily, the show sent him an instructional video.

Bill Cosby and Arnold Schwarzenegger wrote their names on the gas tanks. Geena Davis, Shaggy and Jessica Alba scribbled their names on the saddlebags. Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Love Hewitt autographed the front fender.

As far as the motorcycle, Tlappek said he doesn't have any plans for it right now. For him, that's almost beside the point.

"I just have always felt like it was important to give back to the community," he said. "That doesn't have to mean a donation of dollars. It can be a donation of a person's time or talents. It's just important to give back."

RIDE AGAINST MCBRIDE More than 80 motorcyclists turned Myrtle Beach's City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, into "The Ride Against McBride", an event to criticize Mayor Mark McBride's earlier statements that he would like to "nudge" bikers with his car. McBride's inflammatory remarks came during a council meeting as he was explaining that he wanted to ban explicit T-shirts from sale and from being worn in public because his children

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shouldn't be exposed to the sort of T-shirt he saw being worn at the fall rally by a biker; "It was very tempting to kind of nudge the guy on the bike (with my car)," McBride told council members.

Some of the outraged bikers attending the City Council meeting to protest McBride's comments wore T-shirts that read; "Warning: 'Nudge' at your own risk" on the back. Other bikers wore T-shirts that said, "Bump me, I will bump you back" and "Nudge McBride off the ballot." Most felt that McBride's statements were more offensive than anything they'd ever seen on a T-shirt.

But don't bother calling or writing McBride to complain, as he has since been defeated in his bid for a third term as Mayor of Myrtle Beach by 576 votes to a political newcomer, John Rhodes.

"Mayor McBride's reckless comments set off a firestorm of Anti-McBride activity within the biker community," said Fred Ruddock, state coordinator of ABATE of South Carolina. "McBride lost virtually every motorcyclist vote."

Joining McBride in the unemployment line is blatant biker basher Cynthia Powell, losing her bid for Town Council after centering her campaign on her desire to eliminate the two motorcycle rallies held in May each year in Myrtle Beach.

JANKLOW CONVICTION UPHELD South Dakota's highest court has upheld Bill Janklow's conviction for a 2003 crash that killed a motorcyclist, rejecting the former congressman's argument that there wasn't enough evidence for a guilty verdict.

Ruling unanimously, the state Supreme Court also found that Janklow had received a fair trial.

Janklow, 65, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter and reckless driving for killing 55-year-old motorcyclist Randy Scott in August 2003 on a rural highway near Trent.

Authorities said Janklow sped through a stop sign. Janklow has said he was in a diabetic stupor and remembers nothing about the crash.

Janklow, a political power in South Dakota who also served four terms as governor, resigned from the House in January 2004, a month after his conviction. He completed a 100-day jail sentence but had hoped to use the appeal to clear the felony from his record. He is attempting to regain his license to practice law in the state.

BIKERS SHIELD MOURNERS One side rides motorcycles to fight what they believe is an abuse of free speech. The other side uses words and posters that, for some, seem to stretch the boundaries of First Amendment freedoms, but to them are their God-given right.

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In August, a group of bikers became outraged when they heard that Fred Phelps and members of his Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., were planning to picket and protest U.S. soldiers' funerals, claiming that God is killing soldiers because He hates America, so the bikers formed the Patriot Guard, a grassroots organization that's quickly gaining momentum.

Composed of veterans' motorcycles groups, motorcycle enthusiasts, Christian motorcycle groups and people who simply consider themselves patriots, the group provides a human barrier at funerals to protect mourners from hearing and seeing the protesters.

So far, the riders have attended three funerals. The first was Staff Sgt. John Dole's funeral in Chelsea, Okla., on Oct. 11; 40 riders from Kansas participated. The second funeral was for Army Spc. Lucas Frantz in Tonganoxie, Kan., on Oct. 17; 120 riders attended that one. In early November, more than 150 cyclists participated at the funeral for Sgt. Evan Parker in South Haven, Kan.

For the Oklahoma funeral, the group revved their cycles' engines; in Tonganoxie, they recited the Pledge of Allegiance; and in South Haven, they recited the pledge and revved their engines to drown out the protestors' chants.

The Patriot Guard would like to see laws changed either prohibiting people from protesting funerals or restricting the area or hours where protesters can be heard.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD: "DIEING TO RIDE" Tijuana police discovered a passenger aboard a motorcycle involved in an accident was in fact a corpse which the driver had been carrying through the rough border city strapped to his back.

The motorcycle driver lost control and skidded in the downtown area; when a policeman approached to investigate the mishap, the driver fled on foot. The police officer checked the passenger, who had been seated behind the driver and found it was the corpse of a man who had died at least six hours earlier.

The corpse was wearing a helmet and beneath it his head had been wrapped in a towel and bound with tape, apparently to keep blood from dripping from a head wound. The corpse was also wearing a lifejacket the straps of which had apparently been used to tie him to the driver.

Police said the dead man had wraps of methamphetamine in his pocket and an unkempt appearance, which led investigators to believe the killing was drug related.

"We think the killer was trying to take the body to a more deserted area to dispose of it," said

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Francisco Castro, a spokesman for the Baja California state police's homicide division.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: "The strongest human instinct is to impart information, the second is to resist it."

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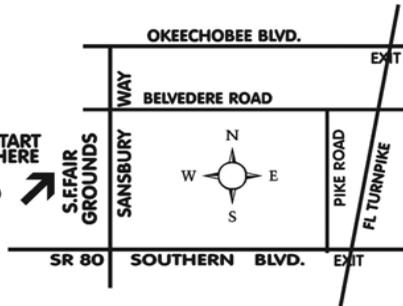
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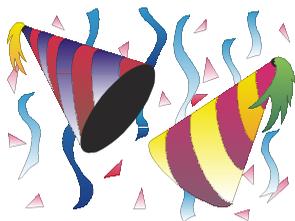
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