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Posted by prisonpig - 2008/07/17 07:24

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Forget Vegas, try driving in Miami. That place is a nightmare.

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Posted by mom - 2008/07/20 10:23

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Posted by Blog801 - 2008/07/21 13:54

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I've noticed the "what's a turn lane" drivers around BYU, also. Guess the Code of Conduct contract at nanny-U doesn't cover that.

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Utah's population boom is mostly fueled by California and immigration. I think Arizona and Idaho were next behind California. How many of us know people who did learn to drive here? I am not originally from utah either.

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Wow piggy, you are just perfect. A perfect driver, a perfect american, a perfect employee, husband, father,,,,,jesus better

watch out, GAME ON for you two....

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