



# EXPAT WORLD

“the newsletter of international living”

BRINGING YOU THE WORLD IN A WAY  
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE



Vol. 14 , Issue 4

[www.expatsworld.net](http://www.expatsworld.net)

April 15, 2002

## DRIVING THE FREEDOM ROAD WHY NOT ADD ANOTHER DRIVERS LICENSE TO YOUR COLLECTION

Does Big Brother have you in a bind tying up your drivers license on some bureaucratic hegemony? Maybe it's time to turn the tables and drive right on by the bureaucratic road block. In our article this month we will give you some secret techniques in acquiring a second, third or more foreign drivers license. Whatever your reasons for wanting another drivers license we can provide you with alternative channels.

In case you don't know or understand why a second drivers license can be beneficial

let's run through a few examples:

1. You may be too old or too young to obtain a license where you live but may qualify in another jurisdiction.
2. Maybe you are a real PT type and don't really live anywhere, or at least where you don't want to be recognized as a resident, and you may not be able to get another license under normal channels.
3. A drivers license is an excellent back up when called on for identification and you do not want to provide a passport.
4. Maybe you have lost your license for some reason to the authorities. Let's not kid ourselves, many of you reading this are reading it with that concern in mind. We certainly don't condone dangerous or drunk driving but no driving ban can apply worldwide, it only applies in the jurisdiction in which it was banned
5. Perhaps you have points on your license that you want to remove legally by not using that license for the penalty duration.
6. A drivers license can be used to prove that you do not live somewhere. For the international person this can get you duty free privileges that you normally don't qualify for.
7. There are as many other reasons to get a second drivers license as there are other drivers licenses out there. The creative person can see the light.

### WHERE IS IT EASIEST TO GET A SECOND FOREIGN LICENSE.

Not surprisingly, third world countries gener-

*(Continued on page 2)*

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- DRIVING THE FREEDOM ROAD
- BITS & PIECES
- AN OFFSHORE BANK WILL PROVIDE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR OFFSHORE HIDE-A-WAY HOME
- CIA BEHIND THE ANTHRAX ATTACK?
- EXPAT WORLD'S WORLD OF TRAVEL
- HOW TO CLEAN UP DIRTY MONEY
- REPORT SHOWS TAX HAVENS NOT PROMINENT IN MONEY-LAUNDERING
- INTERNATIONAL SNIPS & CLIPS
- AROUND THE WORLD WITH EXPAT WORLD
- CUBAN MAILDROP
- CRAPPER RAPPER - POINTS TO PONDER ON THE POTTIE

*(Continued from page 1)*

ally make it very easy to get a license. In some, there isn't even a driving test. You just have to go through a bureaucratic process, "pay a fee," that usually goes into the police officer's pocket who is "interviewing" you or taking your picture, and that's that. But there are exceptions to the third world's best for easy licenses. For instance, the USA and the UK are much easier than Germany or Scandinavia.

Here are a few countries that issue easy licenses to "tourists"

- Costa Rica, Turk and Caicos Islands, Falkland Islands. Just show your foreign license and you can get one of theirs.
- Mexico -- All you need is a Mexican tax number that is issued free and on the spot at a Mexican tax office. After getting that proceed to the DMV (Dept. of Motor Vehicles) with a birth certificate, any birth certificate, foreign or not will usually do and off you go with a license.
- UK -- The United Kingdom is known to have the easiest driving test in the EU. It also has no central registry of residents. You are technically required to have lived in the UK for 6 months before taking your test, but provided you avoid using known U.K. maildrop addresses and have a "clean" U.K. address to have your license sent to, you can get a UK drivers license. A passport is required for ID.
- Venezuela -- Technically you are supposed to be present, but licenses have been issued regularly by providing a power of attorney to "your representative" in Venezuela via email, fax or letter stating that you can drive.
- Central America -- A lot of leeway here for fully registered licenses.
- USA , North Carolina. Especially good for tourists entering the US or even by "tourist" swimming the Rio Grande. You can get a license at 15 years of age and upward AND most importantly it's the only state in the US

we know of that doesn't require you to have a Social Security number to apply for the license.

- UN -- Under a United Nations' mandate, you can get an International Drivers License (called an IDP, International Drivers Permit). The major restriction is that you can not drive in the country that the IDP is issue in. Meaning if you want to use it in the USA, you can't get one from a US issuer. You must get it issued from another jurisdiction. Expat World can have you issued one from a jurisdiction you are probably never going to drive in.

## WHAT'S ON OFFER

Expat World can through its worldwide network get for you three different foreign drivers licenses plus the International Drivers License issued from a remote country you'll probably never want to drive in. Here are the countries and total fees:

Guatemala -- 5 years, renewable. Full new machine made, state of the art driver license registered with the DMV/police authorities. Cost : US \$1200.

Mozambique -- 5 years renewable. Not the prettiest license around. Issued and registered by the authorities in this third world African country. Many happy clients attest to its usefulness. Cost: US \$600.

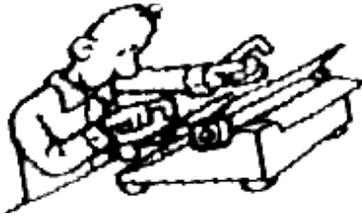
Venezuela -- 5 year renewable. State of the art license but not registered, only issued by the relevant authorities. Cost: US \$500

International Drivers License -- 4 year. Can re-apply using old IDL after 4 years. Cost is US \$135. Easy application. Good in over 180 countries.

If you want EW to obtain any of the above licenses, contact us preferably by email:

office@expatworld.net or Max Bushby c/o EW, Box 1341 Raffles City, Singapore 911745 and let us know what one(s) you want the application for . We will than email the application to you or snail mail it to you if asked.

Let's get on with driving the bureaucracy crazy. We look forward to your order. Do it today.



## BITS & PIECES

### NEWS AND VIEWS FOR THE GLOBAL CITIZEN

#### AIRPORTS

Airports and anxiety go hand in hand these days, and the last thing travellers need is for inconvenience to add more stress. The best airports are as well run as a great business hotel, and **Singapore Changi** stands head and shoulders above the rest:

- Easy of Connections (77.9) - well ahead of next-best **Reykjavik** (61.8), **Stockholm Arlanda** (61.3), and, tops in the United States, **Tampa** (58.0).
- Customs (77.6) - above international hubs such as Reykjavik (61.8) and **Hong Kong's Chep Lap Kok** (60.8).
- Facilities (71.5) - a notch above **Pittsburgh** (67.7) and **Amsterdam Schiphol** (63.1).
- Location (81.2) - marginal above **Fort Lauderdale** (78.1) and **Las Vegas Mc Carran** (77.1)
- Ambience (77.9) - above Pittsburgh (61.2) and Hong Kong (60.8)

#### TOP 10 BUSINESS-CLASS CABINS

1	Midwest Express	53.1
2	Continental	33.2
3	American	30.6
4	United	30.1
5	Delta	25.1
6	Alaska	24.8
7	Midway	23.9
8	TWA	22.7
9	Northwest	21.7
10	National	21.6

#### BUSINESS-CLASS CABINS: VALUE FOR COST

1	Midwest Express	65.5
2	Midway	47.1
3	AirTran	42.6
4	Continental	32.3
5	Alaska	29.0
6	National	28.2
7	TWA	25.9
8	Hawaiian	23.8
9	Aloha	23.1
10	United	20.9

#### TOP 5 COACH-ONLY CABINS

1	JetBlue	55.8
2	Horizon	27.6
3	Frontier	23.7
4	Southwest	23.0
5	Vanguard	18.4

#### 5 U.S. AIRLINES MOST IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT

1	America West	11.3
2	Aloha	13.0
3	AirTran	15.4
4	Hawaiian	19.7
5	US Airways	20.9

**TOP 10  
HOTEL CHAINS  
NORTH AMERICA**

1	Peninsula	83.0
2	Four Seasons	78.5
3	Ritz-Canton	75.8
4	Mandarin Oriental	74.6
5	Park Hyatt	74.3
6	Luxury Collection	71.4
7	Rosewood	65.3
8	Orient-Express	63.3
9	Westin	59.3
10	Pan Pacific	59.2

**EUROPE**

1	Four Seasons	78.4
2	Orient-Express	76.9
3	Ritz-Carlton	75.7
4	Luxury Collection	73.3
5	Hyatt	66.9
6	Renaissance	66.7
7	Marriott	66.4
8	Kempinski	66.2
9	Conrad International	64.7
10	Loews	61.4

**ASIA-PACIFIC**

1	Four Seasons	83.3
2	Ritz-Carlton	82.0
3	Peninsula	80.8
4	Regent International	80.4
5	Park Hyatt	80.0
6	Orient-Express	78.8
7	Luxury Collection	77.5
8	Hyatt	77.0
9	Shangri-La	76.3
10	Mandarin Oriental	75.9

**US AIRPORT SECURITY STILL STINKS  
SO YOU THINK THAT DANGEROUS CONTRABAND  
CAN'T BE BROUGHT ON BOARD AIRCRAFT BY PAS-  
SENGERS SINCE 911. THINK AGAIN**

Security screeners at 32 U.S. airports failed to detect most knives and simulated explosives -- and one of every three guns -- that federal investigators tried to smuggle past security checkpoints in tests after the September 11 attacks, a government official said Monday.

In hundreds of undercover tests conducted between November and March, security screeners missed 70 percent of knives, 60 percent of simulated explosive devices, and 30 percent of guns. Overall, screeners failed 48 percent of the time.

The tests were run by the inspector general of the Transportation Department following a November 9 order from the White House. Results of the tests have not been released, but a government source confirmed the details.

EDITORS NOTE:: "Of course they don't want to inform the American public on the failure of all their hype and the dog and pony shows going on at domestic airports. The US government has since taken over responsibility for airport security including screening passenger's baggage and hand carries. But if history proves itself again, they will do no better with the minimum wage, sub-average intelligence, transitional job seekers making up the core of screeners, than the free market did unless they up the pay and benefits substantially, and provide constant training and supervision. Six months down the road it will be business as usual in EW's opinion.

.....

**CHOOSING YOUR OFFSHORE LOCATION**

In choosing an offshore center for your financial dealings, keeping your money in your pocket rather than your home country's pocket, there are more than a few things to consider. Remember, most tax-havens/offshore centers can do most things to protect your financial reserves and privacy. You should still consider carefully these qualities before choosing:

1. Political and economic stability,
2. Governmental attitude to foreign entities,

*(Continued on page 5)*

(Continued from page 4)

3. Strong privacy and confidentiality laws,
4. Telecommunication & infrastructure,
5. Location & ease of access,
6. Language,
7. Streamlined bank account and corporate structure opening processes,
8. Competitive service fees,
9. Investment incentives and tax breaks.

Now choose an offshore haven and go for it. EW's favorite is Panama. If you want a company set up there or other services contact us preferably via email at: [office@expatworld.net](mailto:office@expatworld.net)

.....

### **AN OFFSHORE BANK WILL PROVIDE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR OFFSHORE HIDE-AWAY HOME**

Jyske Bank out of Denmark, a well know bank among the expatriate set. offers mortgage loans for foreigners. What you must do is move all or some of your investment portfolio to their bank, and they will lend you money against its value. The benefit of this is they will lend you money in most any currency you might want...including Japanese yen. The rates for Japanese yen loans are very attractive right now (last EW checked, the interest rate was around 1.5%). You borrow in yen, then exchange the yen into whatever currency you need to purchase your property. Of course, you have to pay back the loan in yen, so there is a currency exchange risk that you need to watch. But the nice thing about this program is that it allows you to buy the property of your dreams overseas without liquidating your stock portfolio. For more information contact Thomas Fisher at Jyske Bank, e-mail: [mailto:pbs@jyskebank.dk](mailto:mailto:pbs@jyskebank.dk)

.....

### **EXPAT WORLD'S BEST CHICKEN RECIPE**

This is a perfect recipe for those people who just are not sure how to tell when poultry is cooked thoroughly but not dried out. Give this a try.

#### **BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN**

2-3 lb. chicken, 1 cup melted butter, 1 cup stuffing, 1 cup uncooked popcorn, salt/pepper to taste Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Brush chicken well with melted butter, salt and pepper. Fill cavity with stuffing and popcorn. Place in baking pan in the oven. Listen for popping sounds. When the chicken's ass blows out the oven door and flies across the room, the chicken is done.

### **CIA BEHIND THE ANTHRAX ATTACK?**

In one of our former issues of Expat World we recommended that you get a shortwave radio and get the real news everyday. The BBC is in our opinion the best news gathering operation in the world. They are seldom wrong in their investigative reporting. Here's an article you won't find in the main stream and controlled press of America:

The BBC and Newsnight, a British TV news program, are reporting the anthrax attacks last fall may have been part of a secret CIA experiment intended to investigate the methods of sending anthrax through the mail that instead went tragically wrong with a mad scientist going berserk. BBC science editor Susan Watts reported "The shocking assertion is that a key member of the covert operation may have removed, refined, and eventually posted weapons-grade anthrax which killed five people."

Dr. Barbara Rosenberg of the Federation of American Scientists told BBC/Newsnight that she believes the FBI knows who sent the anthrax, but is dragging its feet because an arrest would be embarrassing to U.S. authorities.

Milton Leitenberg from the Center for International & Security Studies at the University of Maryland said, "Only someone with years of experience and the cowboy mentality to match his bravado could have pulled something like this off." Fort Detrick, Maryland, is a likely place for it to have happened.

Col. David Franz, who was in charge of Fort Detrick for 11 years, told BBC/Newsnight that he thinks it was someone who knew what he was doing-someone who has spent a significant amount of time in the lab working with a spore farmer that knew how to grow, purify, and dry anthrax.

.....

## GETTING BUMPED IS THE "SPORT" OF SEASONED TRAVELERS

Each summer season in the northern hemisphere members of the Expat World staff take their annual holidays. The Chief cook and bottle washer of this outfit gets a three month break, albeit, he does some work via email on his extended holiday. During this time of traveling around the world the "chief" get many opportunities to get bumped and takes advantage of these for he is rarely in a hurry and a day or two delay in getting to the next destination is no nevermind.

His techniques for getting bumped are especially relevant in the USA or flight originating from the USA. He is becoming like more and more US travelers as planes become more crowded, due to schedule cutbacks blamed on Sept. 11). He like more US travelers PLOT to get free tickets and other perks.

Our "chief" goes to the airport hoping he will miss his flight. He is part of a growing body of savvy travelers who work tirelessly, and sometimes shamelessly, to get themselves bumped off flights. They check in extra early, book tickets on the most crowded flights, even flirt with gate agents to achieve their goal. "It never hurts to be pleasant to the young ladies at the counter," says our chief.

The payoff can be worthwhile. Carriers in the US typically schedule "bumpees" on a later flight and provide compensation in the form of cash, vouchers for free travel and other perks. The chief and his "chiefess" have landed about \$5,000 in trips, plus free meals, cocktails and in-flight movies in the last few years. One time they even got bumped off a flight they had booked with free vouchers, and each was handed an additional \$800 in flight coupons.

Airlines overbook flights routinely, based on a projected number of no-shows, and as a result, end up denying boarding to about ONE MILLION passengers each year. And these days, the odds of getting bumped are getting better. With fewer aircraft flying since Sept 11, planes are as full as ever, although total travel is down. As travel picks up, there is likely to be more bumping before idled planes are dusted off and returned to service.

Travelers in the know say they can juice the airlines for thousands in future travel, meals, hotel stays and phone calls, if they play their cards right. Once recently the chief was returning from Honolulu to his home in Southeast Asia which routes Tokyo. This Honolulu-Tokyo section is notorious for being overbooked on one particular US airline that flies the route. The situation was so bad the offers for "voluntary bumpees" rose to \$500 cash, a free flight coupon to anywhere the airline flies in the US including Hawaii and Alaska, the next available flight ( 3 hours) to Guam with a 5 star hotel, meals and ground transportation and with a confirmed flight the following day to Tokyo onward to his Southeast Asia destination. Seemed everyone was in a hurry and few wanted to give up their seats. The chief volunteered on a frequent flyer ticket which he hadn't paid a cent for and was accepted because of the airlines desperate situation. Normally they only take bumpees on a paid ticket, but all rules can be amended when the situation warrants it.

Another time, the chief and his chiefess were scheduled to fly to San Diego from Phoenix in the evening, but arrived at the airport in the morning hoping to fly standby. After watching bumpees receive hundreds of dollars in travel vouchers, they instead decided to try their hand at getting bumped off their original flight.

It worked. After eight hours sitting in cramped seats and watching football games at the airport bar, the chief and chiefess got voluntarily bumped off their overbooked flight and received \$1000 in travel vouchers, dinner and a one-night hotel stay.

Right now, they aren't flying enough airplanes in the USA and people are complaining about how crowded the planes are. The smart ones or ones that don't have a pressing business meeting are planning in their travels to try getting bumped now, especially since the situation has made it so simple.

Of course, many business travelers and other frequent flyers consider it a hassle to hang around waiting for a later flight. But others, especially those with time to spare, jump at the chance to earn a

*(Continued on page 7)*

*(Continued from page 6)*

free vacation in exchange for some inconvenience. The percentage of voluntary bumpees is slowly rising: Last year 95.2% of those bumped were voluntary compared with 94.6% in 2000.

The US Department of Transportation requires airlines to pay up to \$400 in cash to involuntary bumpees, passengers who are simply told there isn't a seat available for them. But the department doesn't require airlines to compensate passengers who volunteer to be bumped, giving carriers the flexibility to entice potential volunteers with anything from a free drink to as much as a free round trip ticket.

Many airlines leave it up to gate agents to wheel and deal. Employees are empowered on the front line to handle various situations ... and are given the latitude to address unusual customer service scenarios, "says Linda R, a spokeswoman for Southwest Airlines, which has the second highest bumping rate among major carriers.

By playing the game deftly, in the past two years, a stateside friend of the chief, who the chief put on to the scheme, has been bumped five times and received \$2000 in travel vouchers, calling cards and meals. He says he sometimes books flights up to a day before meetings so he can get bumped and still make his work obligation on time. He also says he has learned to deliberately schedule flights based on "bumpability," the fuller the flight, the better. He always tries to get something for nothing. It's not as hard as it sounds. One trick he finds useful is: If you ask and you're dressed well, it gives you a little more credibility with the airline personnel.

Airlines, of course, want to reduce their involuntary bumping to avoid angering passengers. Delta Air Lines led the industry in involuntary bumping for several years until the company, in 1999, made an adjustment in its computer system to try and manage overbooking better and thus curb bumping. And AL Corp. (United Airlines) last winter reduced its involuntary bumping, a spokeswoman said, when it decided to let gate agents offer more-enticing free round trip tickets instead of travel vouchers worth a certain amount; round trip tickets typically have fewer restrictions. Still, United was better than only Alaska Airline, ARM Corp. (American Airlines), Southwest and Continental Airlines in the latest DOT bumping standing.

Understanding such nuances makes navigating the bump process a sport says our EW chief who over the last 5 years has had the opportunity to be bumped over 20 times and raked in more than \$10,000 in travel vouchers had he taken all of the offers. But, the chief warns, "In today's climate competition can be fierce. Today, more people are more educated about getting bumped (and EW now has informed even more) so that's why you have to be first in line."

.....

## EXPAT WORLD'S WORLD OF TRAVEL

### A VACATION INTO THE PAST

With the Canadian dollar down to Monopoly money against the US dollar it's time to vacation in the land of Eskimo's, Newfs, looneys and Lillooet. Lillooet???? What the hell is Lillooet?

No one, before the 1860's could have said that the tiny settlement of Lillooet was a wild, romantic or adventurous place. No one, in fact, could have said much about it at all. Hidden behind the Coast Mountains in the rugged British Columbia interior, it was known only to its native Indian population and a handful of European settlers. Then came the discovery of gold 150 miles to the north.

Overnight, Lillooet turned into a wild, romantic, and adventurous place. Swamped with fortune-seekers, freebooters and desperados streaming in from the California gold fields, it became "Mile 0" - a

*(Continued on page 8)*

*(Continued from page 7)*

busy boom town, supply depot and the starting point of the Caribou Wagon Road. Suddenly, there were 16,000 inhabitants, 25 bars and 13 brothels turning money hand over fist. For a few short years Lillooet was, after San Francisco, the largest town in North America west of Chicago.

If you go now, over a century late for the gold rush, you'll find Lillooet has long since shrunk back to a more modest town of 3,000 people, two bars, and so far as EW knows, no brothels at all. But EW still found it a pretty wild and adventurous place.

If you arrive now from some backwater town in America like Minneapolis, you may still think this is a boom-boom town -- a Canadian Wild West. You can live in a tipi on the edge of a lake. Drink with cowboys and loggers. Eat hallucinogenic mushrooms with Indians. Party at cattle ranches and hippy communes and hunter's camps far out in the hills. It could be a good holiday!

Physically, Lillooet has changed quite a bit from its gold rush years. It comes as a surprise for anyone traveling inland from Canada's gray and soggy west coast. Lillooet, tucked in below its high wall of mountain, sits in the rain shadow of wet pacific weather. This is rattlesnake country. It is arid and sun-bleached. Its hills and canyons are rocky and dry, its plateau rangelands covered with sparse grasses and aromatic sagebrush. In summer time it is blazing, one of the hottest spots in Canada. Generally, it is not a place that, like the gentle coast on the far side of the mountain, breeds temperate spirits.

Lou's Hamburgers, the Fire Hall, the Mile 0 Motel, the Royal Canadian Legion, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Rev-it-Up Motor Repair Shop, the Mugs and Jugs Bar . . . running parallel to the muddy and fast-flowing Fraser River, Lillooet's main street seemed to host most of the local flavor that makes up back-of-beyond Canadian communities.

A special flavor in Lillooet is Christal Roshar. Now in semi-retirement and still one of the busiest people around, Roshar is something of an institution herself. Until last year she was editor of the local weekly newspaper, the Lillooet-Bridge River News. She produced it almost single-handedly, writing more than 10,000 words each issue. She also had the hard task of following in the footsteps of "Ma" Murray, the newspaper's pioneer founder, a woman so controversial, so plain-speaking and hard-cussing that she gained notoriety across Canada.

Roshar does not cuss at all. But, yes, she immediately affirmed for EW, Lillooet is an adventurous kind of place where there is never a dull moment in her day.

We glanced over a few past editions of the paper. Roshar had covered everything from an angry demonstration over billion-dollar native American land claims to stalking of a man and his son by a mountain lion.

"Intoxicated citizen keeps police busy and cells full", read the title of half-a-page of local police blotter notes. "Thirty women were reported fighting, no weapons involved, at a local bar," read one of the entries. "Police hurried to the scene and found everything relatively calm, save for one intoxicated man, who was arrested."

Lillooet, it seemed is still a feisty little town. Not all Lillooeters, Roshar assured me, were hell-raisers. They are certainly an independent-minded lot, though, whose pioneer heritage is never far behind them. Even Roshar herself, a gentle, sweet-natured and diminutive creature, has her wild streak. In her spare time she can be found down at the Lillooet rifle range shooting her favorite weapon, a "dirty Harry" .375 magnum pistol.

But had not Lillooet, EW asked, been forced to move with the times? No town, after all, can stay stuck in its Wild West past forever.

Roshar agreed. Life is not as it used to be, and the winds of change are blowing through Lillooet. Ask anyone, she said.

So we did. I talked to ranchers out on the rangeland above the Fraser Canyon. There is little money left in cattle ranching, they told me; modern feed lots are killing it. I talked to ginseng growers on the benchlands beside the river. Ten years ago there was a profitable flurry of activity when this exotic cash-

*(Continued on page 9)*

(Continued from page 8)

crop was introduced. But too many people have since got in on the act and prices have crashed. What, then, I asked workers at the local timber-mill, about logging? But, like fishing, that other once-prosperous pillar of the British Columbia economy, the forest industry is in decline.

Truck drivers, railway men, farmers - all had the same story. The good times, the \$20-an-hour jobs, were disappearing. Was it all gloom and no boom, I wondered? Then I talked to Mike Leach, tribal chief of Lillooet's Tliítl'ikit Indians, and got a glimpse not just of the past, but a future as well.

Another boom is on the way, Leach promised me. The future lies in the one resource Lillooet has plenty of - wide, open space. People settle and stay on here because they enjoy the outdoor life. Vancouver and its huge and fast-expanding outdoor leisure industry is growing every-closer. Not far away, Whistler has been turned into the continent's top-rated ski resort. Now it is Lillooet's turn. Investors, Leach said, were seeking permission to develop a multi-million dollar ski resort on Lillooet's doorstep.

It is only the beginning - but this time, Leach said, aboriginal peoples would play a critical role. With growing political consciousness and expanding mastery of the judicial system, Lillooet Indians in recent years have been demanding a far greater share in the control on the land, its resources and their own lives. The ongoing process promises to be lively and controversial.

Full of thoughts, EW strolled that evening down Main Street deserted but for the passing of a lonely pick-up truck or two. Could Lillooet turn once again into a frenzied party town, making money hand over fist? A place crowded this time, not with freebooters, but ski-booters? If the past was anything to go by, it seemed a possibility. Get there early before the action begins.

• • • • •

## HOW TO CLEAN UP DIRTY MONEY

**GLOBALIZATION AND DIGITAL CURRENCY TRANSFERS HAVE MADE MONEY LAUNDERING SIMPLE AND HARD TO DETECT. JONATHAN M. WINER SEES THE SOLUTION IN A WHITE LIST OF INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN PROVE THEY HAVE CLEANED UP THEIR WORLDWIDE ACT.**

*Again, EW found someone who thinks they have found a solution to money laundering. We present it to you with our beliefs that it won't work. Giving banks "good-guy" credits for turning into squealers, in lieu of the immense profits they make through handling gross amounts of money without wanting to know too much about its origin, is just not going to work. Bank's would collapse without money the US government and its cronies call dirty money. Truth be known, the Big Brother of Big Brothers (ie. US government) wants to know the movement of every penny you have, good or bad, self made or a gift, terrestrial or extraterrestrial. Their definition of money laundering has evolved so much in recent years that virtually anyone but those on welfare could stand charged in a court of US law with money laundering at the government's wish.*

Let's look at Jonathan M. Winer's solution to eliminate money laundering. Like pissing in the wind as EW sees it:

It was only a generation ago that a sitting US president was forced to resign after two investigative reporters were given whispered advice by a deep throat in a garage: "Follow the money."

One could track money then, prior to the transformation of currencies into electronic digits, and the blowing away of local controls and the overseeing of who managed the cash.

Poor Richard Nixon, having to rely on hush money payments in local currency, and denied the money-laundering choices available to even small-timers today, not to mention the world's more significant criminals, terrorists and kleptocrats.

Where once the ability to stash your cash was limited to those sufficiently affluent to stop over in Zu-

(Continued on page 10)

*(Continued from page 9)*

rich between schussing in Gstaad, globalization has rapidly equalized money laundering between the rich and not so rich.

The results, in much of the world, has changed. It was simple for al-Qaeda's terrorists to have \$500,000 wired from a bank in Dubai for anonymous use in automatic teller machines in Florida and Maine. The US, even with its global cops and the backing of United Nations resolutions and 150 nations could find little about the money's original origin or who raised and sent those dollars.

Long before Sept. 11, good guys and bad guys have learned that banks are in business to make money not be moralizers or judges of their depositors. They simply "PLAY" at the game of "know your customer rules" to keep up an IMAGE of cooperation.

The banks only play the game to appease Big Brother governments and don't get serious about money laundering for, indeed, with remarkable frequency, governments themselves have been infected by the money-laundering disease, with senior officials hiding wrongdoings in the same nooks and crannies of the global financial system used by the bad guys that aren't politicians. Over the past decade, this pattern of governments and secret arms of the government (the CIA for one) has been played out repeatedly, as political conflict, narcotics trafficking, arms smuggling, civil war, grand corruption and terrorism has been facilitated and sustained by illicit finance networks embedded in the world's legal financial services infrastructure. You think the banks don't know this is going on? They just turn a blind eye with a well placed wink.

Less than a decade ago massive (and largely untraceable) electronic money outflows paved the way in 1994 for the collapse of the Mexican peso, costing Mexico a quarter-century of economic growth amid evidence of drug-money laundering and huge high-level corruption involving the president's family. Did Citibank rat to anyone on what they knew must be going on?

Billions vanished as governments collapsed in Ecuador, Peru and, most recently, Argentina. Fraudulent pyramid schemes decapitalized nations in transition in Albania, Bulgaria and Latvia. Meanwhile, taking advantage of the archipelago of global finance, kleptocrats were able to steal and sequester the national wealth of the Congo/Zaire, Indonesia, Nigeria and Russia. The use of offshore financial centers to mask large financial losses facilitated the industrial, corporate and governmental corruption that has burdened the economies of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

What part banks, some US big name banks in offshore destinations, played in the financial rape of Enron hasn't surfaced yet.

The tiny principality of Liechtenstein was able simultaneously to handle political slush funds for former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the corrupt proceeds of illicit arms trafficking by the son of the late French President Francois Mitterrand, the proceeds of various West African dictators, and funds set aside by some of Latin America's most successful drug lords.

Illicit finance has also made possible the trade in diamonds that fueled civil conflict in Liberia, Angola and Sierra Leone, and their accompanying arms deals and payoffs. It has sustained the narcotics trade and accompanying insurrections in Afghanistan, Burma and Colombia.

Spreading financial scandals have given birth to mushrooming government initiatives. The UN, the European Union, the Council Of Europe, the Organization of American States, and other international bodies have concocted new global standards to promote financial transparency and achieve the required level of international co-operation, all with limited success. As any true detective knows, "follow the money." Where is the money and who makes enormous profits from the deeds described above? The BANKS!

And with all the regulations and "enforcement" being laid down through government and national and international bodies, dodgy money and clean money continues to flow where it wants with little paper trail.

Is something wrong, then, with the way regulators are trying to implement financial transparency? Or

*(Continued on page 11)*

*(Continued from page 10)*

is it simply over-ambitious for domestic, national and public entities to join together to try to regulate the dark side of an infrastructure that is inherently cross-border, international and private?

Each existing government initiative is based on the premise that national financial service regulators have the capacity to determine whether their own "local institutions" meet the standards. Under the principle of consolidated supervision, each home country regulator of an international financial institution is solely responsible for exercising oversight over the global operations of that institution.

However, evidence is mounting to justify questioning whether global financial institutions, operating transnationally to move money instantaneously across national borders, can be readily regulated or supervised by any one country. With local branches and subsidiaries in dozens of nations, it may be beyond the capacity of any single state to police such institutions. In practice, even the most sophisticated and best-regulated financial centers have proved incapable of adequately overseeing the global enterprises they license. Suppose the national state of Nauru, population 12,000 wished to impose rigorous anti-money-laundering standards on banks it licenses. How, precisely, is it supposed to assess what the branch offices of those banks are doing in say, Lebanon, Liberia, Gibraltar or Macao?

In contrast to such governments, international financial institutions would seem better situated to regulate money-laundering and financial crime, and to enforce self-regulation on a global basis. Whatever the largest global financial institutions may lack, it is not human resources, or organizational capacity. Rather, what would appear to be lacking to date is an appropriate system of incentives. YES, they make a lot more money by just giving "face" to following the rules.

Today, at any international bank, a compliance officer is a cost of doing business, while a trader is a profit generator. Under the circumstances, it is easy to understand why, at any given bank on any given day, those creating a profit-making scheme involving an off-shore trusts in Belize, that in turn owns a Turks and Caicos company, could give a rat's behind about those who want them to ignore business like this. In the long run, an institution faces a reputational risk in taking advantage of financial secrecy in remote parts of the world, but, in the short term, profits are to be made so that bonuses may be paid.

Thus, while governments scurry about ranking one another's efforts against financial crime, international financial institutions (READ BANKS) face no comparable review, at least at a global level. No organization, public or private, has ranked leading international institutions for the greatest or least laundering of dirty money, although such a ranking might be compiled from court documents, public investigations and press reports.

Nor has there been a seal or certificate system to endorse institutions that have put into place a series of best practices to promote transparency.

The most relevant initiative has been the adoption over the past two years of the Wolfsberg Principles by 11 of the world's largest banks. These banks, the Wolfsberg Group, have agreed to adopt "know your customer" principles to discourage abuses of private banking by those engaged in grand corruption, and, most recently, to prevent themselves from being used to facilitate terrorist finance.

The Wolfsberg Principles have been a unique development in the world of international banking. All participating institutions have agreed to impose the principles on a global basis - from Liechtenstein to London, Nauru to New York.

However, unlike government name-and-shame exercises, the Wolfsberg Principles lack an assessment mechanism and any practical carrots or sticks for the group's members. While a reputation is a terrible thing to waste, many large international financial institutions have weathered scandals that would have felled heads of government.

The question then is, whether a new initiative could bring together the principles of universal private-sector self-regulation and the concept of lists and mutual assessment used to some effect among nation states through the OECD and the Financial Action Task Force exercise. Such an initiative could not be used to create a blacklist for private-sector institutions. Neither markets nor politics would tolerate such

*(Continued on page 12)*

*(Continued from page 11)*

an intrusion into global finance. But imagine instead a white list, to make compliance a profit center, rather than a burden on a bank. A white list - and a reward for being on it.

The World Bank and its regional cousins control billions of dollars for lending around the world. While holding these funds, these organizations deposit them not only in central banks, but also in commercial ones. The UN and other international organizations also control substantial sums in development assistance also necessarily deposited in and handled by banks, as do government-sponsored entities such as export-import banks, the world's many national and international development programs, private foundations, and non-governmental organizations.

Today, financial transparency is not a criterion for the selection of one financial institution over another. An international bank involved in money-laundering scandals or terrorist finance has about the same chance of obtaining a lucrative source of government resources as does an international bank that has imposed the highest standards of transparency and anti-money laundering policies. No wonder the compliance officer is seen as a profit drain.

An additional incentive for financial institutions to adhere to a comprehensive, global code of conduct would seem a logical goal of an international community increasingly focused on risks created by financial secrecy. It would supplement the work of nations by asking institutions that operate in many jurisdictions to adhere to the same standards in all of them, even where the governments themselves have little ability directly to regulate or enforce these standards.

To make a white-list system work, the UN could, for example, ask the world's financial institutions to adopt existing international anti-money laundering guidelines on a global basis throughout their institutions.

The institutions would be required to agree to maintain know-your-customer and other anti-money laundering policies and procedures in every office, regardless of location. They would accept the principle of having others conduct regular external assessments of its compliance with the standards, and the publications of comprehensive reports, describing how they had met the standards.

An institution that has agreed to an assessment, and passed it, would be named on a white list and, after a transition period, be rewarded with a preference for selection in processing funds controlled by the UN and other international organizations.

The opponents of globalization have sometimes characterized the process as a race to the bottom when it comes to the enforcement of laws and regulations. Its supporters have promised globalization as a deliverer of opportunity and prosperity. At this juncture, we may find ourselves like Alice. Having eaten the comfit, with hand on head, we ask ourselves: Which way? Which way?"

The establishment of a global white list could help us insure a regulatory race to the top, so that the benefits of globalization are not eclipsed by its dark side.

• • • • •

## REPORT SHOWS TAX HAVENS NOT PROMINENT IN MONEY-LAUNDERING

We've been getting all this bull crappie from the US Attorney General and GW Bush and propagated by the controlled press of America about how tax havens are part of the "evil empire" because they are the money laundering centers of the world. One word: BULLSHIT!

The Washington-based Center for Freedom and Prosperity Foundation today released a study, based on government data, demonstrating that there is no link between so-called tax havens and money laundering. Andrew Quinlan, President of the Center, remarked, "This new study uses State Department, CIA, IRS and FATF findings to show conclusively that countries with low tax burdens and financial privacy are not any more likely to be money laundering centers than high-tax countries. In fact, it

*(Continued on page 13)*

*(Continued from page 12)*

shows the opposite. Dirty money is more likely to be laundered in high-tax countries because that is where the illegal activity is most likely to occur."

The report, entitled "U.S. Government Agencies Confirm That Low-Tax Jurisdictions Are Not Money Laundering Havens," is written by Heritage Foundation tax expert Daniel J. Mitchell.

The CFP Foundation study finds that the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, and Internal Revenue Service each independently assess whether countries are money laundering centers and/or have systems that make them vulnerable to dirty money. All of these government agencies - as well as the OECD's Financial Action Task Force - conclude that tax havens do not attract a disproportionate share of the world's criminal loot. Indeed, the reports indicate that dirty money is far more likely to be laundered in high-tax nations.

"This paper should put an end to the malicious stereotype that low-tax jurisdictions attract a disproportionate share of the world's dirty money. It is time for politicians from high-tax countries to set aside their shameful demagoguery and put crime-fighting ahead of extra-territorial tax grabs," said Daniel Mitchell.

EDITORS NOTE: Please pass this article on to all you can.. Email a copy to your representatives in Congress. Send an email to Bush and Ashcroft and anyone else spreading the same old manure. Send it to the newservices with a comment to tell the people the truth about tax havens/money laundering, not the disinformation they have been passing on at the urging of the power people in Washington. It's about time that low or no tax jurisdictions get a fair shake. This is their livelihood, their business. The US and other strong foreign powers that are trying to bring tax havens to their knees are really interfering with free trade, hypocritics all of them. As we always say here at EW: "Get your money out of your country before your country gets your money out of you."

.....

## **A DANGEROUS, SLOW WITTED MAN IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE**

If GW Bush tries to take on Iraq despite world's public and governmental opinion against it, he will succeed only in destroying the Republican party, breaking the bank of the US, alienating Americans both domestically and overseas, and putting the rest of the world against us.

## **THE VENGEANCE -- THE GULF WAR II**

The military promises' huge numbers according to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld when speaking about the new Gulf War. "If you thought the first one was good, just wait until you see the sequel," Rumsfeld said of Gulf War II. In the original, as you no doubt know, we defeat Saddam Hussein, only to let him slip away at the very end. "This time, we're going back in to take out the trash," Rumsfeld said.

"The Gulf War was done 11 years ago, and war-making technology has advanced tremendously since then," Rumsfeld said. "From the guns to the planes to the missile-guidance systems, what you'll see in this one puts the original to shame."

"The budget for Gulf War II, The Vengeance. is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$85 billion," Rumsfeld continued. Waged in 1991 at a cost of \$61 billion, the first Gulf War was a major hit, making household names out of stars Colin Powell, Norman Schwarzkopf, and Wolf Blitzer. Asked who would star in the sequel, General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was coy: "I don't want to give away too much, but let's just say you're likely to see a few familiar faces pop up. I will say that the son of one of the key characters in the first one, back then just a boy, is now all grown up and ready to take his rightful place at the head of the alliance"

Myers said, " Hussein is the perfect villain: ruthless, efficient, and sinister. We're going to have more action, more danger, and definitely more kill power than the first time around."

In the 11 years since the original Gulf War few conflicts have come close to matching the level of

*(Continued on page 14)*

*(Continued from page 13)*

support and press attention generated by that operation. In comparison, the US military killing machine was disappointed by their numbers in Bosnia. According to Brumsfield, "That particular conflict played primarily to an art-house crowd. Your mainstream audiences didn't connect with the complexities of the centuries-old ethnic clash you had going there.

But this time, we feel we've got something very accessible that will play in Peoria. I mean, how can you go wrong with an 'Axis of Evil'?" The public loves it, the soldiers love it, the media love it. And even if the U.S. wins at the end of the second one, there are still plenty of possibilities for a third: Saddam could be destroyed, only to be replaced by an even greater evil.

• • • • •

## IT'S OFFICIAL: IT'S COOL TO BE RUDE AGAIN TO DUBYA

George W. Bush is back in full form six month's after his transformation from national joke into indefatigable statesman. George W. Bush was on vintage form at a recent concert given in his honor. As Stevie Wonder took the stage, the president started waving to the blind musician, only to drop his hand when he realized his mistake.

That story was buried deep in the diary page of the Washington Post but its very appearance confirms that the post-Sept. 11 moratorium on poking fun at the president's inadequacies is over. Suddenly, it's cool to be rude about Dubya again.

At the forefront of the new onslaught on Bush's intelligence is comedienne Sandra Bernhard, who delivered a hitherto unthinkable anti-Bush tirade at a show in Washington recently. "Bush is amateurish and self-serving and, frankly, it's disgusting," she told her audience. "Everybody is covering their asses with the Enron scandal and it was very convenient that Sept. 11 came along to deflect the fact that they should never have been in the White House in the first place. What happened at the presidential election was completely corrupt."

The White House might brush aside Bernhard's comments as the ramblings of a well-known liberal, but far more difficult to dismiss is the publication of two books on the release of a documentary that all deal with Bush's journey to the White House and the first months of his presidency. They present a devastating portrait of a man promoted way beyond his abilities.

Attracting most attention is "Ambling Through History," an account of Bush's 2000 presidential campaign written by New York Times writer Frank Bruni, which begins with a memorial service Bush attended for seven people killed in a church shooting in 1999. "As preachers preached and singers sang and a city prayed, Bush turned round from time to time to shoot us (reporters) little smiles. He scrunched up his forehead, as if to ask silently what we were doing back there. He wiggled his eyebrows, a wacky and wordless hello," he writes. "It is astonishing that he wasn't more concerned that one of the television or still cameras might catch him."

Bruni's account reveals a welter of detail about Bush's immaturity which runs counter to the White House portrayal of a serious, resolute "leader of the free world."

One of Bush's favorite campaign jokes was to put his hands on the head of bald reporters and shout "Heal!" Bruni recounts. His sense of humor tilted toward the Austin Powers school, not just figuratively but literally. He was, for example constantly lifting his pinkie to the corner of his mouth to mimic the Doctor Evil character in the movies."

Aaron Sorkin, creator of the TV show "The West Wing," which follows the machinations of a fictional presidency, said the George W. Bush portrayed by Bruni reminded him of a junior high school pupil on a museum field trip.

"It's absolutely right that we are all laying off the Bush bubble-head jokes," he said. "But that's a far

*(Continued on page 15)*

*(Continued from page 14)*

cry from what the New York Times and CNN and others on whom we rely for unvarnished objectivity are telling us, which is that "my God, on Sept. 12 he woke up as Teddy Roosevelt."

"The truth is we are simply pretending that Bush showed unspeakable courage by going to the World Series and throwing the first pitch or that he, by God, showed those terrorists by going to Salt Lake City and jumbling the first line of the Olympic opening ceremony."

A more polemic account of Bush's rise to the presidency is given by Michael Moore in "Stupid White Men . . . And Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation," which was due to be published on Sept. 11 but was withheld by its publishers and has become widely available only within the past few weeks. Moore, who made his name with an award-winning film about the failings of corporate American, accuses Bush of usurping democracy.

"You've been a drunk, a thief, a possible felon, and unconvicted deserter and a cry baby . . . for the sake of all that is decent and sacred take leave immediately and bring some honor to your all-important family name," he writes in a 277-page excoriation which has found a readership wide enough to carry it into the best sellers lists.

Gentler, but, many in Washington believe, ultimately more damaging is "Journeys With George," a documentary about Bush made by filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi that had its premiere in Austin, Texas, on March 15. Pelosi followed Bush on the campaign trail for one of the American networks. Her finished version has already earned rave, though squeamish, reviews.

"I found it to be entertaining as hell -- and a bit disturbing," wrote Richard Roeper, one of American's best-known film critics. "Just imagine how much fun the evil-doers of the world are going to have when they obtain bootleg copies of this tape and manipulate all the silliest images. Bush winking, Bush goofing around, Bush chewing with his mouth open, Bush doing the cheerleader routine, Bush serving reporters drinks on a tray . . . there's just way too much of the overgrown frat boy on tape."

Pelosi says the White House initially tried to rubbish her film and her methods -- falsely claiming she had told the Bush team her footage was for private use only -- but changed tack when they realized the attendant publicity would serve only to increase public curiosity.

Republicans profess to being unworried about the reemergence of "George W. Bush -- the hapless version," pointing out that ridicule from Washington's political class did little harm to Ronald Reagan's wider reputation.

However, with polls reporting that Bush's approval ratings are no longer stratospheric and Democrats becoming increasingly critical of the president's rightwing agenda, it would appear the second honeymoon is now officially over.

• • • • •

**FREE FREE FREE --- A \$90.00 VALUE**  
**"THE PAPER PT" FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

SECRETS REVEALED - Live a life free of government interference. Information your lawyer won't tell you even if he knew. Get your money out of the country before your country gets the money out of you. All can be done via the "PT" manner and philosophy as prescribed by the late, great, W.G. Hill. This book takes "PT" one step further by not necessarily voting with your feet but using a "paper highway" instead. Freedom and privacy is possible in the 21st century with this book.. Our newest book is NOT FOR SALE. The ONLY way to get a copy of the 109 large-page PAPER PT is to subscribe to the of the EXPAT WORLD newsletter (2 year sub) or renew your present subscription for two more years in the next 60 days. We will send you the PDF format file via email with the complete book on it. It's readable on line or print it yourself for reading at your leisure. So cutting to the chase, this \$90 book (the value without a EW subscription) is yours free if you subscribe to the Expat World newsletter (2 year sub). Subscribe today to the Expat World newsletter. Be sure to mark it: "The Paper PT Sub".



# INTERNATIONAL SNIPS AND CLIPS



## ANTS IN HER PANTIES



The Xandria collection ([xandria.com](http://xandria.com)) has many ladylike contraptions designed to keep your woman's kitty purring. When the Remote Control Vibrating Pany arrived in a staffer's IN box, we insisted she take it for a test drive. Made of faux leather, the g-whiz string holds what is described as a remote-controlled, "practically soundless" vibrator. We haven't seen the unit since, but whenever she sashays by, our cell phone starts buzzing.

.....

Indiana is one of 48 states that still outlaws burning the American flag, despite Supreme Court rulings that the act is protected speech. One Hoosier was arrested for burning a flag behind his home.

.....

## DEAD RIGHTS

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA-Watch what you say at a funeral home. The state legislature passed a law that prohibits the use of "indecent or obscene language in the present of a dead human body." The representative who pushed the law says it came at the request of the Board of Mortuary Science, "Out of respect for the dead and loved ones of the dead." The law also prohibits transporting an uncovered corpse in the passenger seat of a car.

.....

## BUY AN ISLAND

- A private retreat from stress, with all modern conveniences. The largest city in southern Costa Rica is just 10 minutes away. Island: 8 acres. House: 3,850 sq. ft.
- American kitchen, formal dining room, breakfast area, 2 sitting rooms, covered patio with ceramic tile, full gym, carport, helicopter pad and dual Security gate entry.

[www.islacostarica.com](http://www.islacostarica.com)

e-mail: [jphicks@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jphicks@cfl.rr.com)

In San Isidro: Bill Gettel Tel.392-2407

In U.S. Jim Hicks (407) 321-3888

.....

## TOP NINE LOB-SEARCH SITES

Want to make the search simple without going through page upon page of links to other interconnected sites? The top nine Internet sites for job searches in November, according to Nielsen/NetRatings:

*(Continued on page 17)*

(Continued from page 16)

1. Hotiobs.com
2. Monster.com
3. Jobsonline.com
4. Careerbuilder.com
5. Headhunter.net
6. Salary.com
7. Net-temp.com
8. Flipdog.com
9. www.ajb.org (America's Job Bank).

--- Gannett News Service

.....

A Pakistani court has convicted college teacher Younus Shaikh of blasphemy and sentenced him to death. Shaikh says a student asked him whether Mohammed was circumcised before receiving God's revelation at age 40; he answered that Mohammed's tribe did not practice the ritual. His students then accused him of teaching that Mohammed did not follow several Muslim practices. Shaikh is one of hundreds jailed in Pakistan for blasphemy.

.....

### THAI DOLLAR-A-DAY AIDS DRUG READY

THAI health authorities say they will be ready to start selling the world's cheapest anti-Aids drug next month for less than US\$1 (S\$1.80) a day.

The Government Pharmaceutical Organisation is behind a locally produced drug "cocktail" against acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which attacks the body's disease-fighting system.

.....

"Two female legislators, Lena K. Lee and Hildagardeis Boswell, introduced a bill in the [Maryland] House of Delegates last February that would have permitted three-year, renewable marriage contracts."

.....

### DOGGY STYLE

The latest in a growing array of nipple accessories, the possum-fur bra insert is available online from the New Zealand Nature Co. No, she's not playing possum — the nipple warmers help women avoid chills and embarrassment on cold



days. And if that doesn't work, girls, give us a call. Fleece Navidad!

.....

### EVERYBODY ASKS

*"With airline policies changing, are there customer-service numbers that handle questions?"*

If you need to ask about past or future flights, file a complaint, inquire about lost luggage, ticket refunds, or paperwork for lost tickets, contact the airlines' Customer service or consumer affairs departments. In some cases, they can also help in converting electronic tickets to paper, and can answer some questions about policies and procedures.

Finding the right telephone numbers for airline customer service can be difficult. The numbers most widely publicized are for reservations and frequent-flier desks, not for executive offices or customer assistance.

Here are the numbers for the major carriers with scheduled service:

- Alaska: 206-870-6062
- America West: 480-693-6019
- American: 317-967-2000
- Continental: 800-932-2732
- Delta: 404-715-1450
- Northwest: 612-72-2046
- Southwest: 214-792-4223
- TWA: 800-892-2247
- United: 877-228-1327
- US Airways: 336-661-0061.

Following the tragic events of September 11, the FAA added useful links to its Web site, including a page of updates on air service, and even applications for federal air marshall positions (faa.gov).

.....

## TURF WAR

SALT LAKE CITY One of last summer, Dee Dee Derian mowed her lawn wearing a bikini. A neighbor complained to the police, who showed up at Derian's home to check her compliance with



a city law against public lewdness. The local prosecutor declined to press charges, saying that the bikini sufficiently covered Derian's buttocks and breasts. Derian says other residents have it in for her because she runs a topless maid service out of her home.

.....

Don't tell white House staffers that the administration isn't giving in to terrorists. Since September 11, food deliveries from pizza and Chinese joints have been banned.

.....

## EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

### NO CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR BUSH'S ORDER

The- executive order to suppress and halt access to information from the Reagan and Bush presidential records is in direct opposition to the Presidential Records Act of 1978.

Why is the son of a former president so bent on concealing the activities of the Reagan/Bush White House years? Why does Bush Junior's executive order suddenly bestow "executive privi-

lege" on the vice presidency - where there is no constitutional basis?

The behavior of this president bodes ill for the nation - for his actions go beyond those issues related to any wartime emergency - and define a despotic regime that does not feel it will ever have to hold itself accountable to the American public now or in the future.

For a man who became president through the graces of a narrow Supreme Court decision, Bush should have great respect for the law. Regrettably, he does not.

.....

A ceiling fan in a room with a temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit will make that room feel like 72 degrees, according to the experts in such matters.

.....

## UNION LABEL

Dutch hookers-a.k.a. "workers in the sex industry"-form the world's first trade union for prostitutes. Last year Holland legalized brothels, and now pros say they need to organize to win better treatment from banks and insurance companies.

.....

## POWER DRUNK

In Florida, drunk driving is whatever the cops say it is, a federal judge rules. District Court Judge Richard

Lazzara says 0.01 percent on a breath-alcohol test-well below the state's 0.08 DUI level-can take a back seat to officers' "personal observations of plaintiff's physical appearance and his performance on the field sobriety tests, as well as plaintiff's admission to having consumed alcohol."

.....

## WAR AND GOVERNMENT

War is the great friend of the state. That is one of the lessons of 20th-century history. War increases the size and power of government; it justifies government limitations of people's liberty and exactions of peoples property World War I, World War II, in its own way the Cold War-all vastly strengthened government in the United States and many other countries.

*(Continued on page 19)*

(Continued from page 18)

So the question arises: Will the war that George W Bush and the Congress have declared on terrorism with a global reach increase the size and power of government in the United States?

.....

In Great Britain in 1997, the Labor government enacted gun controls so sweeping that Olympic shooting competitors must go out of the country to train. The impact of the stricter laws, which virtually ban handguns, is now becoming apparent. One study shows gun crimes have risen 40 percent.

.....

### VISITORS SOCKED

#### HAWAII'S HIGH TAXES MEAN FEWER TOURISTS

When this former O'ahu resident returned to the Islands last month for a short vacation, I immediately saw why tourism is in decline: high taxes.

The room tax each day at our hotel on O'ahu was about \$47. On the Big Island, the daily room tax was about \$26. Multiply those daily rates by five days on each island and you get \$365 in room taxes.

Add ear rental taxes and "airport fires," and the tax bill zooms to over \$400 for a 10-day vacation. Then add regular old sales taxes on food, clothing and entertainment.

Earth to the Legislature: When you tax something, you get less of it.

.....

"Maybe we're approaching a society - and I have a suspicion that we maybe-that isn 't so caught up in accumulation. People are starting to find that crass materialism, chasing after a new automobile every two years, is kind of weird."

-"The Future of Marriage: An Interview with Robert Rimmer"

.....

### FACE OFF

The sudden popularity of face-recognition technology ignores that using it to scan big crowds for terrorists cannot possibly work. False acceptance and detection rates combine to mean

that one in three people would have to be stopped to catch 90 percent of the bad-guys.

.....

### WAS THE MAYFLOWER A PARTY BARGE?

NEW YORK - Would you believe the pilgrims may have been more excited about New Year's Eve than Thanksgiving?

According to a new book, "What Makes Flamingos Pink?" (Harper Collins) the puritans loaded up the Mayflower with more beer than water.

In fact, the reason they landed at Plymouth Rock was because they ran out of beer earlier than expected.

.....

### JOINT VENTURE



FLIN FLON, MANITOBA-Prairie Plant Systems, which last year won a contract to produce medical marijuana for the Canadian government, is growing the reefer in an abandoned zinc and copper mine. The crop grows faster underground because of elevated levels of carbon dioxide and because heat, light and humidity are strictly controlled. Prairie Plant Systems plans to deliver enough weed to fill more than a million joints. In exchange for receiving the marijuana, hundreds of sick Canadians have agreed to test its effectiveness.

## AROUND THE WORLD WITH EXPAT WORLD

**INDIA** -- India Has No Beef With Fast-food Chains: India has presented a challenge to McDonald's since it opened its first outlet there in 1996. The company has had to avoid offending Hindu sentiments - so even though McDonald's is the world's largest user of beef, there is no beef in any of its products in India.

Then there were India's Muslims to consider - and so pork was banned. For a time, the only meat burger available was the Maharaja Mac, made of mutton. But even that has been withdrawn and is being, as the company puts it, "re-engineered".

And the rest of the menu is truly Indianized" - spiced up and made vegetarian. Even McDonald's mayonnaise in India is made without eggs, and vegetarian items are cooked in different parts of the kitchen because the Indians take their vegetarianism so seriously that not even the slightest contamination could be countenanced.

The menu in McDonalds bears little relation to McDonald's menus anywhere else. The McVeggie Burger and the McAloo Tikki Burger ( a spicy potato concoction) are the most popular items.

**CHINA** -- No such thing as a free pee in Beijing: Owners of Beijing's public toilets are using various methods to defy an official order to allow free use of their privies. Signs proclaiming Repairs in Progress or For Private Use have appeared at many lavatories since the rule took effect last month.

Many residents have also complained to the city's management committee about locked lavatories, or those which have suddenly had their toilet sign taken down, according to the Beijing Youth Daily.

When questioned by the newspaper, the attendant at one of the now unmarked toilets near the Beijing International Exhibition Center argued that the place could still be "easily identified" as a lavatory Even without a sign.

At a park swarming with tourists in western Beijing, most of the toilets which originally collected a fee were found to be padlocked, while the rest close promptly at 5 pm every day.

Filthy conditions and crude fixtures are the usual in Beijing and have long been a grouse among foreign tourists.

**THAILAND** -- Clean urine hot in Thai black market: You may remember the film where actor Richard Grant fools cops trying to arrest him for drink driving, by passing off a black market bottle of baby's urine as his own. That fictional story might just be coming true in Thailand where there is a thriving black market in clean urine.

Of course, black markets thrive in Thailand in all manner of commodities, be they pirated films and music, clothes, gold or gemstones. But this latest underground economy may surprise even veteran fake-busters, reported the South China Morning Post. The reason for this strange new boom business is clear -- mandatory urine tests for foreign workers and students soon to be introduced in the country.

The tests - urgently needed in the face of an overwhelming methamphetamine problem -- may have limited impact because of clever ways to store and produce fake samples. Compulsory urine tests for foreign laborers to determine drug dependency or pregnancy is developing a brisk trade in bogus bottles of pee.

Besides laborers, students are also being targeted. Thailand's Interior Minister, Mr. Purachai Pium-sombun, is pushing for mandatory urine tests for students as part of his crackdown on vice. The step is need after revelations that some students had turned school toilets into methamphetamine laboratories.

**MALAYSIA** -- Mugabe funds hiding out in Malaysia: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said recently that he did not know whether there was any truth to a claim that Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe secretly sent \$15 million to Malaysia through Channel Island banks.

*(Continued on page 21)*

*(Continued from page 20)*

"I wouldn't know. Don't ask me," he said. Dr. Mahathir was commenting on a report by Britain's Sunday Telegraph newspaper that British government investigators had discovered that Mr. Mugabe moved the money through financial institutions in Jersey and Guernsey in recent months without bankers knowing it was his.

The much-traveled Mugabe has visited Malaysia several times in his 22-year-rule, most recently for a five-day trip in October after the Commonwealth heads of state summit in Australia was postponed.

The Sunday Telegraph said investigators had uncovered a "complex network" of up to \$90 million that had left Zimbabwe in recent months.

**SOUTH KOREA** -- A Hungry North: A South Korean government report was seen as an embarrassment as more food was thrown away every year in South Korea than what was available in North Korea. The report was published a few days after The United Nations World Food Program warned that food aid to North Korea could run out by July. So far only 25 percent of what is needed to be donated to feed North Korea has been pledged.

**NORWAY** -- Gay government Minister makes history: Norwegian Fiance Minister Per-Kristian Foss, who married his gay partner last month, has claimed a break-through for homosexual rights by becoming the first married homosexual to head a government -- even in an acting capacity.

Mr. Foss was installed as acting Prime Minister as the normal Prime Minister was on a trip to South Korea and the Foreign Minister who normally stands in was in Spain.

Norway has a reputation as being a liberal nation. This was highlighted last year when Crown Prince Haakon married Mette-Marit Tjessem Hoiby, a single mother. Norway along with Denmark are the only two countries in the Europe that allow homosexual marriages.

**BELGIUM** -- The healthiest people in the world: Never mind their passion for steaming mussels, French fries soaked in mayonnaise, die-for chocolates, potent beer, the Belgians are the healthiest people in the world. The research project showed Belgium topped the charts in life expectancy followed by Iceland, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Italy, Norway and Australia. The United States which spends more on health care per person than any other nation placed only 17th. Sierra Leone was last on the list.

It was generally found that high spending on health care alone is meaningless. Take the case of nations such as the US and Germany. A nation must be efficient in translating expenditures into health success. The US and Germany fail the test by a high margin.

The study found the global average life expectancy was in the mid- to-high 60s but many African states the average is below 30.

**USA** -- Idaho drivers can smoke marijuana. A Federal US appeals court ruled recently that Idaho motorists can still drive high on marijuana.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals stood by its earlier ruling that marijuana users can drive legally in the state as long as they can pass a field sobriety test. While the court did rule that drivers may not drive under the influence of narcotics, Idaho law doesn't list marijuana as a narcotic.

**DUBAI** -- This United Arab Emirate State allows wife beating: The highest court in Dubai court ruled that a husband has the right to beat his wife to discipline her, but she also has the right to divorce him SHOULD SHE SUFFER MAJOR INJURY. The beating must not be so severe as to damage (break) bones or deform her body, other than that beat away! The court issued this ruling in a case where the husband "disciplined" his wife by slamming her head against a wall and hit her with sticks and an electric cable.

In an earlier court decision a Dubai court ruled that a husband can divorce his wife by sending her an SMS message on her handphone.

## CUBAN MAILDROP

As Expat World has said many times, a mail drop is your first start to financial and personal privacy. Now we have arrangements with a maildrop that the US Big Brother has no jurisdiction in. Castro won't have him! Here's the skinny:

### CONFIDENTIAL MAILDROP IN CUBA

- Address: The address is in Havana Cuba. FULL DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN ON SIGN-UP.
- Names Allowed on Mail: Two personal names may be used per maildrop account. No company names allowed, but monograms such as initials are OK.
- Registered Mail: Registered mail is NOT accepted as this requires physical presence of the addressee.
- Courier Services: The only courier services providing service to Cuba are EMS and DHL. The American-owned courier services are forbidden by US law from operating in Cuba. We advise against receiving courier packages but if it is absolutely essential you can receive documents only (no goods requiring customs clearance).
- The EMS franchise is run by the Cuban postal service and can deliver to a PO Box.
- DHL items should be sent addressed to: Client Name c/o Pedro THE FULL ADDRESS GIVEN ON SIGN UP. The DHL tracking number MUST then be emailed to [maninhavana@gmx.net](mailto:maninhavana@gmx.net) with a request to pick it up. A service charge of \$25 will be applied for each DHL received.
- Forwarding: Regular mail will be hand carried to Europe or Mexico every 2-3 weeks then mailed from there to you by airmail. If you require weekly forwarding by courier instead, this can be arranged for a fee of \$25 per shipment plus the fee charged by courier company (DHL or EMS).
- Fees: all fees quoted in US dollars

6 months	Š	\$ 200
12 months	Š	\$ 300

postage deposit required, minimum \$100, if expecting courier packages then more
- Telephone and Fax Service: At the moment there is a severe shortage of fixed telephone lines in Cuba so we cannot provide this service. However within this year 2002 we expect to be able to provide Cuban GSM telephone numbers with international roaming capabilities, voicemail etc. The GSM network is not yet fully active but roaming agreements have already been signed with some European countries. If interested, please contact [maninhavana@gmx.net](mailto:maninhavana@gmx.net)
- Other Services: Many additional services can be provided for clients wishing to visit Cuba, including tour guides, accommodation, opening of bank accounts in all major currencies, etc.

To sign up, send via REGISTERED AIRMAIL check, cash money order, payable to Expat World, Max Bushby c/o Expat World Box 1341 Raffles City, Singapore 911745 for the fees plus \$100 forwarding deposit. Include the name(s) you want on the account and the forwarding address for your mail.

## ADVERTISERS

**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE -- SEEN BY THOUSANDS OF EXPATS MONTHLY**

Do you have a product or service that is of genuine interest to our expatriate readers. Tell them about it by using our monthly ads with their low rates and high response. Ad prices and sizes are indicated below. All ads must be in black and white and camera ready. Deadline for ad copy is the 15th of the month prior to the following month's issue. (January 15 for the February 15 issue) Hurry, ad space is limited to 4 pages per issue.

### **\$ 1,000 BY THE HOUR**

Join the World's First and Only  
**TOTALLY ACCELERATED  
CASH LEVERAGING SYSTEM**

Futuristic \$2.2 million dollar  
**TOTALLY AUTOMATED SYSTEM**

\$1,000 within hours of joining  
\$1,000 per day after only 10—20 days  
\$1,000 by the hour thereafter

#### **FINANCIAL GROWTH TO INFINITY**

Instant autoresponse

**realsystem@freeautobot.com**

2 minute sizzle call

**1-800-242-0363 pin 3888#**

Hesitating could cost you thousands!

**CLAIM YOUR SHARE NOW!!!**

e-mail: realsystem2002@yahoo.com

### **FREE FIRST CLASS TRAVEL, CELEBRITY STATUS, LUXURY HOTELS, ACCESS TO TOP EVENTS WORLDWIDE INTERESTED???**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A HEM-  
MINGWAY, WOODWARD OR  
BERNSTEIN TO HOLD A PRESS  
PASS

You can enjoy all the benefits I've just described ... and many more ... without actually becoming a full time journalist. You don't even have to write well. You can still carry a press pass of your own and enjoy the many benefits of a card-carrying member of the press. We are offering you the chance to carry the press pass for the Expat World News International Press Corps. Just contact us at email: ew@expatworld.net or expatworld@pobox.com or Fax: 65-466-7006 and we will give you the full details. Please put "Press Pass" in the heading of your request.

If you want to set up a Company in

### **SPAIN**

We can help you

- Lawyers
- Accountants
- Ready Made Company
- Business Address
- Business Center
- Office fully equipped
- Short flexible terms
- Multi-lingual staff

**SESESA,S.L. CONSULTING**

Email: alserrano@sesesa.com

Fax: +034913 694 198

Web: sesesa.com

**Advertisement in the elec-  
tronic edition from US \$1 per  
world. (minimum 25 word  
payment - US \$25)**

**Ad rates and sizes: 1" x 2" = US \$40  
2" x 2" = US \$50, 3" x 2" = US \$60  
3" x 5" = US \$75, 1/4 page = US \$100  
1/2 page = US \$150, F.P. = US \$275**

## DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Expat World is offering a 25 page report with master checklist to make your demise easier on your family. It includes along with the master checklist all the forms you need to assist you in pre-planning the final chapter of your life or family members' lives. This information is vital for all who want to decrease the pain and stress of a death on those they love. Your entire family will really appreciate your pre-death actions in their time of mourning.

Get this report airmailed to you for little more than the cost of mailing -

US\$20. -- cash, US\$ check or money order to

Expat World, Dept MX, Box 1341 Raffles City, Singapore 911745.

Registered airmail is our preference for receiving your order.

### WHICH DOCTOR\* for HIRE:

*"Have Cauldron, Will Travel"*

Vanshi, traveler and guide in Other-world realities (\*Shamanic Pantheist with Ph.D.) Trance therapist, mentor, ritualist, presenter, empathic intuitive, counselor. Soul retrieval, energy balancing, rites of passage, entity releasemnt, past-life issues. Positive intent only, substance free.  
Vanshi, P.O. Box 727, Oneonta, NY 13820

### PRIVACY CLUB INTERNATIONAL

FREE information on second passports, anonymous banking, worldwide money-making and more. FREE sample newsletter. Fax your address to:  
1-443-382-2673

### FREIGHTER CRUISES

Deluxe, exotic, inexpensive. TravLtips Association, P.O. Box 580-218BI, Flushing, NY 11358.  
(800) 872-8584 or [www.travltips.com](http://www.travltips.com)  
email: [info@travltips.com](mailto:info@travltips.com)

### Shhh... SECRET MAILING ADDRESS!

Confidential Canadian mail forwarding service. Private, residential, secure address. For details by post, contact: Box 92058-EW, Bossard, QC, J4W 3K8, Canada

### BUPA INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Let the world's leading expatriate health care provider take care of you. For more information and an instant quote from BUPA International go to:  
<https://www.bupa-intl.com/onlinesales/integration.asp>

# PANDORA'S BOX

OPEN HER BOX FOR ALL YOUR EW'S (EARTHLY WANTS)

## THE PT CD - The Hill Collection \$100 GETS YOU \$1400 AT EXPATWORLD

Beat the Bureaucracy -- Outsmart Big Brother  
Live a life free of bureaucratic hassle while protecting  
your personal and financial privacy.

Now available, the "Bible" on living a bureaucratic free  
life, plus 3 additional best sellers by W.G. Hill. Get  
these 4 books in the W.G Hill "PT" collection , all on a  
single CD or 3 1/2 inch PC formatted disks:

1. PT (Perpetual Traveler, etc.)
2. The Passport Report
3. Portable Trades and Occupations
4. The Invisible Investor

These books sell in hard copy for US \$100 per  
book! Order today and all four books on diskettes are  
yours for US \$100 total and we'll include the limited  
edition "How to Become a Honorary Consul" abso-  
lutely free. (This book sold originally in hard copy for  
over US \$1000!)

For full details and ordering instructions email or fax:  
ew@expatworld.net -- 65-466-7006. Put "Hill Collec-  
tion" in the subject heading. (Also asked about being a  
"reseller")

INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE -- As seen on TV.  
Good in over 180 countries including the USA. Four year va-  
lidity, renewable. Why you NEED one: If you plan to travel,  
have present "problems" with your local license, need a mo-  
torcycle license, need a photo ID, need another form of ID

- No documentation needed!
- Good in +180 countries (including the USA)
- 4-year validity
- No documentation of present license(s) needed
- Cost US \$135

TO ORDER WE NEED:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Country and City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (write out completely, ie., June 10, 1955) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (city and country) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicle(s) you can drive: (automobile, light truck,  
heavy truck, motor-cycle, passenger bus) Circle one or  
more.

Your Mailing Address (for delivery) \_\_\_\_\_

TWO PHOTOS approximately 1 and 1/2 inches by 2 inches.  
Send details with US \$135 cash, check, money order or Visa  
Card details to: Max Bushby c/o Expat World, Box 1341,  
Raffles City, Singapore 911745. Delivery time is approxi-  
mately 3 weeks from time we get your order.

## LEGAL SECOND PASSPORT

A very special legal 2nd passport/  
nationality program for less than US  
\$4500. (A small agent fee is extra)

\*\*\*\*\*

Here's a great opportunity for readers  
of Expat World to obtain a legal 2nd  
passport at a price way below par for  
an offer of this quality. We can't say  
more here but if you want to know  
the name of the country plus more in-  
formation and an application blank.

Fax: 65-466-7006 or email:  
office@expatworld.net Put Agricul-  
ture Project X in the subject heading.  
Give us your email or fax number for  
the reply

## CAMOUFLAGE PASSPORTS

**What is a Camouflage Passport?** -- A camouflage Passport  
looks exactly like a real passport but the issuer is a non-  
existent country, but at one time did exist. It contains your  
photo, entry/exit stamps, as well as registration number and  
official seal. And that's not all! For maximum authenticity your  
passport comes with its own security hologram.

TO ORDER: Use a separate piece of paper and give us the  
following info:

(1) Country you choose -- British Honduras, Dutch Guiana,  
British West Indies, Netherlands East Indies, New Hebrides,  
Eastern Samoa, Burma, Rhodesia, New Granada, Zanzibar,  
Spanish Guinea, British Guiana, South Vietnam, USSR.

2. First name, second name, last name (surname)

3. Date of Birth in this order: Day, Month, Year (like 10, J  
une, 1949)

4. Sex

5. Height in feet, inches

6. Weight in pounds

7. Eye Color

8. Give us a residence address in the country you choose or  
we will make up an address in the country for you. We do not  
recommend a USA address.

9. IMPORTANT: Include 3 passport size photos, color or  
black and white.

- Your camouflage passport package will include the pass-  
port, two separate ID cards and a camouflage drivers license  
from your chosen country.

- Give us your shipping information: Name, Address, City,  
State, Country and Postal Code. We would also like to have  
your fax number or email address should we need to contact  
you about your order.

Send the info and photo's along with US \$315 cash, cheque  
or money order payable to Expat World to: Max Bushby c/o  
Expat World, Box 1341, Raffles City, Singapore 911745

## CRAPPER RAPPER POINTS TO PONDER ON THE POTTIE



### "MAN'S THREE RULES WHEN GETTING OLD"

- Never pass a bathroom.
- Don't waste a hard-on.
- And never trust a fart.

.....

### THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM IS FOR CRAP

As reported to the Expat World:

It was the first day of school in Dallas and a new student named Suzuki, the son of a Japanese businessman, entered the fourth grade. The teacher said, "Let's begin by reviewing some American history.

Who said, "Give me Liberty, or give me Death?"

She saw a sea of blank faces, except for Suzuki, who had his hand up.

"Patrick Henry, 1775," He said.

"Very good! Who said, Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth"? Again, no response except from Suzuki:

"Abraham Lincoln, 1863," said Suzuki.

The teacher snapped at the class, "Class, you should be ashamed. Suzuki, who is new to our country, knows more about its history than you do."

She heard a loud whisper: "Screw the Japs."

"Who said that?" she demanded.

Suzuki put his hand up. "Lee Iacocca, 1982."

At that point, a student in the back said, "I'm

gonna puke."

The teacher glares and asks "All right! Now, who said that?"

Again, Suzuki says, "George Bush to the Japanese Prime Minister, 1991."

Now furious, another student yells, "Oh yeah? Suck this!"

Suzuki jumps out of his chair waving his hand and shouts to the teacher,

"Bill Clinton, to Monica Lewinsky, 1997!"

Now with almost a mob hysteria someone said, "You little shit. If you say anything else, I'll kill you."

Suzuki frantically yells at the top of his voice, "Gary Condit to Chandra Levy 2001."

The teacher fainted. And as the class gathered around the teacher on the floor, someone said, "Oh shit, we're screwed,"

And Suzuki said, "The Taliban, 2001" !

.....

### OUR POLICY

EXPAT WORLD strongly supports the idea of Freedom of Speech, and will publish ANY articles which we feel are of sufficient quality. These articles will often contain material offensive to certain people. If you cannot handle this, please do not read the newsletter. This information includes (but is not limited to) information on getting second nationalities, out of the norm international lifestyles, anti-government (Big Brother) material, personal and financial privacy tactics in the international areas of lifestyles and ideology, anti-nationalism, sexual values, and freedom to cross international borders unhindered. If strong or deviant opinions on subjects like this offend you, do your reading elsewhere, do not read EXPAT WORLD.

We do not promote illegal activities - we write about them from time to time on a "this is what's being done basis." and a "You should not participate" point of view. Everything we write is protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

# EXPAT WORLD

"the newsletter of international living"

It's strange but true. The more you watch TV news and read the mainstream press, the less you tend to know about important issues and events and the REAL story. This phenomena is even more pronounced if you're concerned with the international scene. Fortunately at EXPAT WORLD we have developed a newsletter that challenges the bias, inaccuracies and censorship of Big Brother, and Big Business directed and orchestrated media that masquerades as news.

Our research staff monitors 100's of international TV and radio sources, the internet, magazines, newspapers, private journals, computer nets and inside sources each month to provide you information that will protect your assets along with your privacy, freedom and confidentiality on personal and business dealings on a truly international scale. We sift through the media morass, and more importantly, use our inside sources to publish EXPAT WORLD, "the newsletter of international living" in a cheeky monthly format.

We constantly reveal what "you ain't spozed to know" - give you sources and know-how to maintain your privacy, keep those hard-earned bucks away from the tax man and other asset reducers. We introduce you to tricks to sidestep Big Brother governments and bureaucracies keeping them from making you just a source of assets for their coffers - a human resource to be milked dry and brainwashed to follow the party line. We free you of those "for-your-own-good laws." We show you more loopholes than a Philadelphia lawyer for living a live of true freedom. We arm you with the knowledge needed to pursue the goal of breaking the chains of bureaucrats and BIG BROTHER wherever you're living.

In any one issue you may read about: tropical retirement havens on \$800 per month, securing 2nd foreign passports by mail, secret bank accounts, starting an offshore tax-exempt business, loophole methods of asset protection, becoming a PT (Past Taxpayer), making money in the overseas arena, instant nobility through a nobility title purchase, inside information on little known travel destinations, banking passports for financial privacy, saving 1/2 or more on travel related services by becoming an instant travel agent, 100's of loopholes or well kept secrets to beat the bureaucracies and enjoy a hassle-free, international lifestyle and so much more ... anything that will keep you ahead of the pack.

If you're one of the relatively few who realize you've be taken to the cleaners by the powergroups behind the mainstream media every time you read a paper or watch TV news program, it's time to subscribe to EXPAT WORLD. Find an application form below or use our online order form at: [www.expatsworld.net/subscribe.html](http://www.expatsworld.net/subscribe.html)



**"Expatriates Worldwide, Entrepreneurs, Freedom Seekers, Privacy Seekers, Asset Protectors and all people fed-up with the hassles of bureaucracy don't depend on jungle drums for the special information they need -- THEY READ EXPAT WORLD."** W.G. HILL



## ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

YES start my subscription to EXPAT WORLD by email

.... US \$ 30 for 1 year

.... US \$ 55 for 2 years

or EXPAT WORLD printed edition

.... US \$ 89.95 for 1 year

.... US \$ 170 for 2 years

Enclosed: cheque ..., cash ....., m.o. ....

MAILING ADDRESS  
EXPAT WORLD  
BOX 1341 RAFFLES CITY  
SINGAPORE 911745  
FAX: +65 466-7006  
EMAIL: [office@expatsworld.net](mailto:office@expatsworld.net)