

CAYMAN ISLANDS

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would be happy to be home to 930 companies), and the island government is registering another 750 new ones every month. In the U.S., a third of the companies listed in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and around 400 publicly traded U.S. companies have addresses in the Caymans for tax purposes. This does not even include the much more substantial number of private companies, many of them mutual funds. As an example, one small building in the Cayman capital city is the official address for 19,000 corporations, half of them with billing addresses in the United States.

So how does the Cayman government generate revenue? These companies pay no taxes, but the government does charge them registration and annual fees. When you have 93,000 companies registered, that's a lot of revenue. Add in high import duties (90% of all Cayman Island goods are imported) and tourism taxes, then the Cayman Islands are actually in the top half of all countries in the world in terms of government revenue as a percent of GDP. Ironically, their government revenue percentage is far higher than the United States's, which actually ranks near the bottom of the list. Meanwhile, Cayman Island residents enjoy the same standard of living as those in Switzerland. And interestingly, over half of the country's labor force are non-nationals. Where do they come from and what are they doing there?

Bottom line, this utter piracy has got to stop. The Cayman Islands has been the tick sucking at the blood of the United States long enough. Talk is cheap. Laws and negotiations haven't worked. The time for military action is now.

In terms of how the operation would work, the closest example is the action against Grenada in 1983. It took the 1st and 2nd Ranger Battalions, 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers, Marines, Army Delta Force, and Navy SEALs—all totaling around 7,300 personnel—just a few weeks to eliminate the Cuba-backed government and completely secure the island. The Caymans are a bit larger than Grenada, but still only about one and a half times the land area of Washington, DC. And the population of the Caymans is half that of Grenada. Best of all, whereas Grenada had an armed military that was backed by Cuba, the Caymans have no military whatsoever, just a small police force. The only possible sticking point is that the Cayman Islands are not a sovereign country—the U.S. cares nothing about violating the borders of sovereign countries. It is technically a territorial possession of the United Kingdom. Fortunately, this is not a problem.

Grenada, at the time of the U.S. in-

vasion, was a member of the British Commonwealth—one step removed from territorial possession, having won its independence in 1974. But a commonwealth nation still maintains many of the same ties, including the promise from the mother country to come to its aid if attacked. The United Kingdom objected to the U.S. attack and the UN General Assembly even called it "a flagrant violation of international law." But did the UK come to Grenada's rescue? Not on your inbred royal family! When George Bush wanted the UK to come along on the invasion of Iraq, the same cries of foul came from the international community. But Tony Blair bent right over and didn't even ask for lube.

So what would happen if the UK did decide to engage militarily? When Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, the UK sent a boat with some soldiers and rockets and took it back. But let's take a look at the numbers. Argentina is 49th in the world in military expenditures; the United Kingdom is 5th. So this was a schoolyard fight between the kid with asthma and the kid with cerebral palsy. The UK spends \$63 billion per year on defense; the United States spends \$700 billion. The number of males available for military service in the Caymans and UK combined are 12.3 million; the United States has 60.6 million. A guy in the United States can go fishing on his favorite lake in the morning, go into a room in Texas that afternoon, direct an AGM-114 Hellfire missile into someone's living room in Pakistan, and then be in time for his bowling league that evening. We'd have the United Kingdom saying "We're sorry, sir. We don't know what we were thinking," before the first shot was fired.

NEW WORLD RECORDS

Tightest Parallel Parking

Ronny Wechselberger, at Flugplatz Kindel in Eisenach, Germany, slid a VW Up into a gap measuring just 5.51 inches longer than the car he was driving. The Up measured 11 feet 7.37 inches, which he parked into a 12 feet 0.88 inch-long space marked by two other Ups.

Coldest Concert

Charlie Simpson of the UK played a concert in -22°F temperatures at Oymyakon, Siberia. Oymyakon is the coldest populated place on Earth. Simpson played a 15-minute set for a small crowd.

Largest Firework Display

77,282 fireworks were launched during an event celebrating the golden jubilee anniversary of Kuwait's constitution. The performance lasted an hour and reportedly cost \$15 million.

Largest Collection of Hello Kitty Memorabilia

Asako Kanda of Japan has amassed 4,519 different Hello Kitty items. Her

house is filled with a huge range of products, including a frying pan, an electric fan and a Hello Kitty toilet seat.

Courtesy of Guinness World Records Visit www.GuinnessWorldRecords.com

Limerick of the Month

There was a young girl from Rabat Who had triplets, Tom, Tim and Tat.

It was fun in the breeding, But hell in the feeding When she found she had no tit for Tat. Like to submit a limerick? Write letters@policegazette.us. Maybe we'll use it!

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Datta also come from rural Broome County. The Binghamton Left is a vocal minority, but Preston and Datta knew who would be keeping them in power.

Tarik could never win outside Binghamton without meeting the people who lived there, shaking their hands, and letting them know he's a decent guy. The party at SpoolMFG was fun, but Tarik's time would have been better spent in small towns like Maine, where bureaucrats already approved acceptance of hydrofracking in secret, late-night sessions after the public was encouraged to go home. Tarik should have been out with the ladies knocking on doors to sign petitions to have the decision re-evaluated.

I was informed at the funeral that Binghamton voted Obama because the whole city is (whispered) blacks and welfare queens. When the race card was played in the county-exec election, it was a ham-handed backfire I've already written about. Bill O'Reilly proclaimed the death of the white race with the failure to unseat Obama, but Tarik Abdelazim lost in a landslide last month. Romney got us yammering about race too, didn't he? Romney was the misdirection, we're about to see the prestige.

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