HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in homeless

Rémanence d'une fausse information : comment un canular du 1^{er} avril peut se transformer en une « information » le 7 avril...

Cette information avait été envoyée le 1^{er} avril sur la liste de Politech, elle avait été démentie ensuite par son expéditeur Declan McCullagh <u>declan@well.com</u>, le même jour

Il est intéressant d'étudier quel a été le parcours de cette information et que l'impact qu'elle a eu sur différentes personnes sont plus d'ordre sociologiques et psychologiques (réf : besoins physiologiques de base, selon Maslow), que suscité par une réaction objective faisant suite à une analyse.

Il faut noter que l'analyse en amont de cette information était aisée. Lles divers documents qui font allusion au projet Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), du Department of Health and Human Services and HUD, étaient disponibles dans les sources ouvertes, de plus des instituts comme EFF avaient un dossier traitant de ce projet.

Les diverses étapes qui ont prédisposé à la rémanence de ce canular (cliquer sur les lien pour atteindre les éléments désirés):

- □ 7 avril 2004 > La rémanence: Philadelphia Independent Media Center | Forced Injected Spychips In Homeless (information diffuse le 9 avril sur le fil RSS de RFID Tags Topix.net)
- □ 1er avril 2004 > Le poisson d'avril: [Politech] HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in homeless [priv] (avec mention d'une source: Copyright © 2001-2004 United Press International).
- Iter avril 2004 > Le démentis du canular par son auteur (en début du message): [Politech] Google in plans to buy Acxiom data-mining firm [priv]
- □ 23 août 2003 > Information de base: Politech: Feds craft homeless tracking system, from Chris Hoofnagle Fri, 22 Aug 2003 00:07:32 -0400 (EDT)
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- □ 2 avril 2004 > Rediffusion incontrôlée de l'information: RFID Log Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Information: Friday, April 2nd 2004, RFID implanted in homeless?
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Forced Injected Spychips In Homeless

By Anonymous

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New technology may chip away at privacy The Edmonton Journal is reporting that Watchdog groups are warning of the potential sinister uses for RFID inventorycontrol methods.

Blocker tag protection from RFID

<u>Australian IT</u> has a story about <u>personally-controlled blocker</u> <u>tags and how they may offer a technical solution to</u> <u>unwanted consumer tracking</u> by radio-frequency ID chips as retail stores begin to adopt (RFID) for inventory and antitheft purposes.

Microsoft creating RFID group

<u>Geek.com</u> has the scoop about <u>Microsoft announcing its plans</u> to form the Microsoft Radio Frequency Identification Council. The goal of the council will be to enable the companies to create a wide array of RFID devices based on Microsoft software, including BizTalk, SQL Server, Visual Studio, and Windows CE.

Here is the <u>Computer Weekly article</u>.

Lack Of Cheap Tags No Reason To Ignore RFID <u>TechWeb</u> says that While <u>much of the clamor around RFID</u> <u>has centered around a cry for the chip-equipped tags to</u> <u>come down in price</u> to five cents each, that's short-sighted, a research firm said Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 7th 2004

Woolworths to put RFID on hold <u>Vnunet</u> is reporting that <u>Woolworths has delayed plans to</u> <u>introduce radio frequency identity (RFID) tagging</u> after deciding it can achieve better returns from other investments.

Tuesday, April 6th 2004

Defense pushes for a single RFID standard Government Computer News is reporting that <u>The Defense</u> Department is coordinating its rollout of radio-frequency ID tags with other federal organizations in hope of arriving at a single set of standards.

RFID Solution to Bolster Security at U.S. Army Ammo Depots

From <u>Tmcnet</u>: Savi Technology, in partnership with SAMSys

RFID Log is a non partisan Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Resource site.

We are a clearing house of information about RFID inovations, privacy issues, impliemntations, and more.

If you have RFID news or info and would like us to link to it, just fill out this short form and we'll check it out.

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Technologies, announced the successful design, integration, and delivery of a passive RFID tracking solution for the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command (JMC).

Monday, April 5th 2004

R4 Global Services Addresses RFID Hype and Realities

From <u>Business Wire</u>: Jeff Richards, president and CEO of R4 Global Services(TM) <u>presented a front-line view of the issues</u> <u>facing suppliers and the overall RFID technology market</u> during his keynote speech at the recent Lazard Freres U.S. Equity Research "RFID Hype & Realities" conference.

Friday, April 2nd 2004

RFID implanted in homeless?

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said Thursday that it was about to begin testing <u>a new</u> technology

designed to help more closely monitor and assist the nation's homeless

population...

No idea if this is true or not, found on Politech.

Thursday, April 1st 2004

Principal Research Scientist at RSA Security Addresses RFID Policy Issues

<u>Yahoo</u> has a press release detailing the forum will address the <u>current and potential uses of sensor technologies</u> by industry and government, as well as the public policy implications of widespread deployment.

ADT at Gartner ITxpo: Gartner on RFID

<u>ADT Mag</u> says the sensor network, already emerging from applications of RFID chips, will transform computing and life as we know it by 2014, predicts Gartner fellow Tom Austin.

RFID deadline hits a wall, study says

<u>Zdnet</u> reports: Radio frequency identification technology, seen as a way to streamline supply chain operations, isn't exactly on the fast track to widespread use. According to a new report from Forrester Research, <u>an</u> <u>overwhelming majority of Wal-Mart Stores' top suppliers will</u> <u>not be able to meet a January 2005 deadline</u> for adopting the technology.

Wednesday, March 31st 2004

Oracle pushes new RFID systems <u>TechWorld.com</u> is reporting that <u>Oracle has made good on its</u> <u>promise</u> that the next version of Oracle Warehouse Management would be RFID-ready with the launch of Oracle Sensor-Based Services at the RFID Journal Live! conference.





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9/24/2003 update: I'm in the middle of moving Politech to Mailman, so the usual archive below is not up-to-da Instead see the temporary Mailman archives. Thanks, Declan

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EFF's Cindy Cohn on RIAA amnesty, alternatives to lawsuits *Fri, 12 Sep 2003 02:31:10 -0400 (EDT)*



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Weekly column: A defense of the FCC's vote on media ownership Tue, 9 Sep 2003 09:56:00 -0400 (EDT)

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Reply to Hugh Prestwood and RIAA suing individual P2P users

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CEO of one firm with "do not spam me" removal list replies *Tue, 9 Sep 2003 02:39:42 -0400 (EDT)*

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New Zealand minister wants to implant new cars with tracking chips *Tue, 9 Sep 2003 01:01:19 -0400 (EDT)*

RIAA finally acts: Sues individual P2P users Mon, 8 Sep 2003 12:35:55 -0400 (EDT)

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More on German Net-anonymity service backdoor, from bugtraq Fri, 22 Aug 2003 02:13:08 -0400 (EDT)

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Feds craft homeless tracking system, from Chris Hoofnagle

- *Date*: Thu, 21 Aug 2003 23:59:28 -0400
- *To*: politech@politechbot.com
- Subject: FC: Feds craft homeless tracking system, from Chris Hoofnagle
- *From*: Declan McCullagh <declan@well.com>

----- Forwarded message from Chris Hoofnagle <hoofnagle@epic.org> -----

From: Chris Hoofnagle <hoofnagle@epic.org>
Subject: Homeless Tracking System Guidelines
To: Declan McCullagh <declan@well.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2003 13:16:57 -0400

Hey Declan,

I've been doing some work on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and I thought it would be of interest to Politechbot readers.

HMIS are database systems intended to track recipients of benefits in order to assess the number of persons receiving care, and to improve efficiency of services to the poor. There are benefits to this tracking, but the proposed implementation is extremely privacy invasive. For instance, under the proposed guidelines, federally-funded care providers would have to collect SSNs, names, date of birth etc. This information would be linked to health (mental and physical) info, shared amongst care centers, and stored for seven years. National security and Secret Service Agents can get the information by merely asking for it.

Just imagine how this system could be used to retaliate against the homeless, say in advance of the a major public event such as the Olympics. Or imagine how you could become enrolled in the system--let's say you were in Manhattan last week during the power outage and you had nowhere to go, except for a homeless shelter. You'd be in the system for 7 years.

Anyway, I have a page on this at http://www.epic.org/privacy/poverty/



HUD's HMIS page, along with the guidelines, are at http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/hmis/index.cfm



[Politech] HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in homeless [priv]

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Public comment is open until September 22, 2003, but HUD is not providing any means for electronic submissions. While they are advanced enough to collect all this data electronically on the homeless, your comments must arrive in the mail for irradiation and then perhaps review by the agency.



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The RFID technology was developed by HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in partnership with five states, including California and New York. "This is a rare opportunity to use advanced technology to meet society's dual objectives of better serving our homeless population while making our cities safer," HRSA Administrator Betty James Duke said.

The miniscule RFID tags are no larger than a matchstick and will be implanted subdermally, meaning under the skin. Data from RFID tracking stations mounted on telephone poles will be transmitted to police and social service workers, who will use custom Windows NT software to track movements of the homeless in real time.

In what has become a chronic social problem, people living in shelters and on the streets do not seek adequate medical care and frequently contribute to the rising crime rate in major cities. Supporters of subdermal RFID tracking say the technology will discourage implanted homeless men and women from committing crimes, while making it easier for government workers to provide social services such as delivering food and medicine.

Duke called the RFID tagging pilot program "a high-tech, minimally-intrusive way for the government to lift our citizens away from the twin perils of poverty and crime." Participating cities include

[LINK] Re: 1/4: [Politech] HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in homeless [priv]

Jase Przychodzen/CoM Jas.Przychodzen at marion.sa.gov.au Fri Apr 2 10:04:33 EST 2004



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Yes yes hilarious April the 1st joke.

HOWEVER.

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Have you all seen the device to monitore the elderly with RFIDs? Its a glove with a small reader on it (the size of two AA batteries) it talks to a unit at home, monitoring what the elderly touches. Then if the touch pattern is out of the norm the unit rises alarm.

I am not sure if I have sent it to the list.

---Jase Przychodzen

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Note the date. I've used this theme many times in presentations, but this presentation of the argument is much more nicely composed.

>Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2004 10:15:52 -0600 >From: Declan McCullagh <<u>declan at well.com</u>> >To: politech at politechbot.com >X-URL: <u>http://www.mccullagh.org/</u> >Subject: [Politech] HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in >homeless [priv] > >[This is a joke... I hope! --Declan] > >---> >From: DELETED at mail.house.gov> >Subject: latest HHS outrage... please circulate widely! (REMOVEEMAIL) >Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2004 09:26:25 -0500 > >WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services >said Thursday that it was about to begin testing a new technology >designed to help more closely monitor and assist the nation's homeless >population. > >Under the pilot program, which grew out of a series of policy academies >held in the last two years, homeless people in participating cities will >be implanted with mandatory Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags >that social workers and police can use track their movements. > >The RFID technology was developed by HHS' Health Resources and Services >Administration (HRSA) in partnership with five states, including >California and New York. "This is a rare opportunity to use advanced >technology to meet society's dual objectives of better serving our >homeless population while making our cities safer," HRSA Administrator >Betty James Duke said. > >The miniscule RFID tags are no larger than a matchstick and will be >implanted subdermally, meaning under the skin. ... [My seminar line has always been that subcutaneous isn't good enough, because people will scratch them out, or get their mates to do so. Look for a place that people will be too squeamish to attack. People usually suggest the male scrotum. But I've always argued for the gum] >... Data from RFID tracking

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>stations mounted on telephone poles will be transmitted to police and >social service workers, who will use custom Windows NT software to track >movements of the homeless in real time.

I guess the utter non-credibility of relying on an MS OS to perform a real-time function was meant to give the more gullible readers the clue that the whole article was a sham.

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>for government workers to provide social services such as delivering
>food and medicine.

A lovely linkage of the initiative to an idea in good standing. The middle-classes are thereby able to overcome their hesitancy, and embrace the proposal as being necessary to protect the nice folk.

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It took me a while to get much out of that bit. I guess it provides the link to the gaming and gambling markets: sci-fi has played around with the idea of dungeons and dragons devotees getting to play with real people; and there's bound to be money to be made by running boards on whether a particular hobo will move, stay put, drink or die.

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That underlines very nicely what a vacuous notion 'privacy safeguards' is, when the privacy of your person has been fundamentally violated.

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Yes, there actually is a Tenth Amendment, and it is about reserving of powers.

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Now *there's* a good application for them!



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Last year I found it almost impossible to adopt a kitten or cat that didn't have an RFID tag implanted under its skin. The city animal shelter and the SPCA both "chip" all their animals -- and pet hospitals who offer adoption get all their pets from these shelters. The people we spoke with in the shelters were confused by our opposition to their "safe, sane, and humane" policy of RFID-tracking every animal that came within chip-gun range of them. When a cat is lost, they scan 'em like a bag of potato chips, pull 'em up in the database, and call their owner.

Eventually by reading the bulletin boards in pet stores, we found a local Mexican family who had two litters of kittens. They had been born at home and never subjected to "chipping". Our kittens are now grown and healthy (and untracked).

I would not be a bit surprised to see bureaucrats at any level advocating RFID tracking of the homeless. They're already taking blood samples of every newborn, storing them away "just in case we ever need to check their DNA". And giving every infant their own Social Security Number, just to make sure they get tracked from birth to death. A kitten or an infant who comes to the attention of the authorities can't tell you who they are or where they belong. So why not chip the homeless, who frequently can't or won't answer the same question? It's a fair question. What's YOUR answer?

John

PS: If Larry Hilbel had had a chip implanted in him, Deputy Dove wouldn't have had to arrest him. This would have saved the Supreme Court some work. http://hilbel.com

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Declan McCullagh declan@well.com Thu Apr 1 14:22:41 CST 2004



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>[This is a joke... I hope! --Declan]

I think not.

What's not a joke is that animal implants were used in humans in SE Asia (Can't remember where - Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia?) to track poor women who had birth control implants. Sorry I don't have a reference since I read it several years ago.

I know this is Apr. 1st, but there was a re-authorization bill for the PATH program, so it does exist I couldn't find the original authorization Bill for PATH but its on the HHS web search. Also they have a HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) see EPIC. None of this is shocking from the New World Orderers. www.epic.org - search homeless, HMIS, RFID

Since the homeless may need medical care, and sometimes get state benefits, they need identification they don't carry around. So HHS may want to put an ID chip in them like a dog at the vet or the women aforementioned.

----- Original Message ------Subject: RE: [Politech] HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in homeless[priv] Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2004 11:15:37 -0500 From: Tom Lipscomb <<u>tomlipscomb@mindspring.com</u>> Reply-To: <<u>tomlipscomb@mindspring.com</u>> To: 'Declan McCullagh' <<u>declan@well.com</u>>

How bout implanting RFD tags with the US Postal Service?

It is such a pain keeping track of these "homeless."

That way they could always get their welfare and social security checks and VA payments and drugs wherever they wandered in their homeless way?

And the geheimstatspolizie... excuse me... the Homeland Security boys...

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could easily keep track of them.

With compassion always....

Tom



----- Original Message ------Subject: Re: [Politech] HHS announces program to implant RFID tags in homeless [priv] Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2004 11:13:51 -0600 From: Michael Harris <<u>mharris@smbtrials.com</u>> To: <<u>declan@well.com</u>>

Declan:

A reminder of an old posting, just as an FYI:

http://www.politechbot.com/p-05037.html

But this is a UPI story, right? If so, we should get a huge amount of hits on Google News on a phrase from the article, but no results for "to help more closely monitor and assist":

http://news.google.com/news?svnum=10&as_scoring=d&hl=en&edition=us&q=%22to+help+more+closely
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Mike

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Just to be clear, the HHS RFID article was an April Fool's day joke. certainly hope this one is as well! --Declan

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Google plans to buy data mining firm Published: April 1 2004 12:33 | Last Updated: April 1 2004 12:33

Google is in negotiations to purchase Acxiom Corporation, the massive data warehousing company that has been embroiled in numerous privacy scandals over the last few years.

Sources close to the talks said Thursday that the search engine company hoped to use Acxiom's databases, which feature information on nearly every American family, to optimize search results, share more information with law enforcement, and target advertisements with greater accuracy. Acxiom's expertise is intended to allow Google to make money from its new Gmail concept, which gives every user a gigabyte of free email space.

"This is a great way to leverage Acxiom's industry-leading collections of personal information on Americans and deliver more value to all of Google's customers and advertisers," a Google executive participating in the talks said. While no details are final, one source said the purchase could be around \$1.8 billion, an affordable sticker price for a company valued at over \$15 billion in an expected initial public offering.

Acxiom, based in Little Rock, Ark., sells police and corporate customers products including InfoBase, touted as the "largest collection of U.S. consumer" data, and Personicx, which tracks the "specific consumer behavior" of almost every American and can sort households into one of 70 distinctive segments. Acxiom and JetBlue were involved in a scandal last year after providing personal information on Americans to the Transportation Security Administration, and documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that Acxiom would have been a primary source for the Defense Department's short-lived Total Information Awareness project.

To offset the cost of providing up to 1 GB of email storage, Google plans to employ real-time customer data integration (CDI) to target offers based on the link between email content and information about each family in Acxiom's vast databases. "This is a truly innovative,



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unique solution that provides consumers with real value," said a source close to Acxiom Company Leader Charles Morgan. "Because we know their drugstore shopping habits, CDI can show them ads for condom, birth control pills, or day-after pills, whichever is most appropriate."

Google spokesman Nate Tyler declined to comment on the proposed acquisition.

Lisa Dean, chief privacy officer for the Transportation Security Administration, applauded the proposed deal, noting that the CDI system would be designed to detect terrorist conversations in Gmail and forward the relevant email correspondence to law enforcement.

Because Google sets what's known as a "cookie" that records all searches ever done on a specific computer, it has accumulated a wealth of data about hundreds of millions of Internet users. By linking that CDI data with Acxiom's information about family income, shopping habits, and bank account balances, Google expects itself to be in the enviable, and profitable, position of being the largest personal information repository on the planet.

Acxiom's shares increased 2.8 percent Thursday to \$22.58 on word of the pending deal. In anticipation of the purchase, Acxiom on Wednesday cut 230 jobs and upped its earnings estimate for the fourth quarter ending March 31.

Company sites:

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