

Crashing Economy Works Well For Private Prisons

By Erin Rosa

While the U.S. economy flounders, business is booming for The GEO Group Inc., a private prison firm that is paid millions by the U.S. government to detain undocumented immigrants and other federal inmates. In the last year and a half, GEO announced plans to add a total of at least 3,925 new beds to immigration lockups in five locations. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency and the U.S. Marshals Service, which hire the company, will fill the beds with inmates awaiting court and deportation proceedings.

...continued page 14

INSIDE THIS ISSUE	
1	Crashing the economy works well for private prisons
1	Grand theft auto: How Stevie the Rat Bankrupted GM
5	Is Larry Summers taking kickbacks from the banks He's bailing out?
9	US testing weapons on their own population
25	Weaponized Education: Controlling tomorrow with The youth of today.

Grand Theft Auto: How Stevie the Rat bankrupted GM

Greg Palast
June 2, 2009

Screw the autoworkers.

They may be crying about General Motors' bankruptcy today. But dumping 40,000 of the last 60,000 union jobs into a mass grave won't spoil Jamie Dimon's day.

Dimon is the CEO of JP Morgan Chase bank. While GM workers are losing their retirement health benefits, their jobs, their life savings; while shareholders are getting zilch and many creditors getting hosed, a few privileged GM lenders – led by Morgan and Citibank – expect to get back 100% of their loans to GM, a stunning \$6 billion.

The way these banks are getting their \$6 billion bonanza is stone cold illegal.

I smell a rat.

Stevie the Rat, to be precise. Steven Rattner, Barack Obama's 'Car Czar' - the man who essentially ordered GM into bankruptcy this morning.

...Continued page 3

About Editorial Digest

The news your not supposed to know!

Editorial Digest is dedicated to keeping you informed about the real issues facing Americans today.

We are an independent news company dedicated to uncompromising journalism, seeking truth and justice and revitalizing the role of the free press as a guardian of liberty. We remain faithful to the traditional and central role of a free press in a free society – as a light exposing wrongdoing, corruption and abuse of power. We are in no way funded, controlled, or influenced by BIG MEDIA or corporate America. We will not set smoke screens by reporting on celebrity gossip, "reality shows", or the Jerry Springers of television...dumbing down of the American population is something we do not support.

The purpose of this site is to revitalize citizen participation in todays issues that threaten our constitutional rights. By developing a truly fair and balanced account of the incremental destruction of our civil liberties, Constitution, Bill of Rights, currency, middle class, national sovereignty and reputation abroad we can understand the real issues we face today, and strive to reclaim America. Through comparative analysis of recent history and current events it becomes clear that, under the guise of the "War on Terror" and similar government hoaxes, the old order is gradually being abolished to make way for the new, i.e. the integration of world financial markets, consolidation of nations into regional power blocks and the formation of international legislative, judiciary, executive and financial institutions with the ultimate aim of establishing a one-world government or New World Order.

It is our contention that these policy changes are being furtively enacted over time to avoid the resistance of our distracted populace. We hope to draw attention to the globalist agenda and empower our citizenry by providing them with the facts they need to defeat the New World Order.

We are not conspiracy nuts or anarchist, but true Americans, freedom lovers, and patriots that oppose the destruction of the United States of America.

Please support or site, our cause, and our future to continue to provide a truly fair and balanced account of the issues we face today.

We Need Your Support.

Our outreach, our website and those who work diligently to keep it up and running can not survive on good intentions alone. Your contribution by subscribing is needed and deeply appreciated.

Do not simply believe anything we publish, or you view on our web site - always check for yourself. Treat the stories and quotes in these pages as pointers to find out more. We encourage and strongly advocate **thinking**.

Learn to think for yourself and check all information, presented information is designed to engage our readers in thought.

Disclaimer - The posting of articles and other content in this publication does not in any way, shape or form, implied or otherwise, necessarily express or suggest endorsement or support of any of such posted material or parts therein.

Journalism is (or used to be) the profession of gathering and presenting a broad spectrum of news about the events of our times and presenting it to readers for their own consideration. We believe in the intelligence, judgment and wisdom of our readers to discern for themselves among the data which appears on this site that which is valid and worthy...or otherwise.

The materials comprising Editorial Digest Publication is provided by Editorialedigest.com as a service to its readers on an "as-is, as-available" basis for informational purposes only. Editorial Digest assumes no responsibility for any errors or omissions in these materials. For more information or to subscribe to our service please visit us at editorialedigest.com

If you would like to join our team and help provide truth and information to our readers please visit our site and use our contact form.



Financier, private equity investor, and “Car Czar” at the Treasury Department, Steven Rattner.

When a company goes bankrupt, everyone takes a hit: fair or not, workers lose some contract wages, stockholders get wiped out and creditors get fragments of what’s left. That’s the law. What workers don’t lose are their pensions (including old-age health funds) already taken from their wages and held in their name. But not this time.

Stevie the Rat has a different plan for GM: grab the pension funds to pay off Morgan and Citi.

Here’s the scheme: Rattner is demanding the bankruptcy court simply wipe away the money GM owes workers for their retirement health insurance. Cash in the insurance fund would be replaced by GM stock. The percentage may be 17% of GM’s stock - or 25%. Whatever, 17% or 25% is worth, well ... just try paying for your dialysis with 50 shares of bankrupt auto stock.

Yet Citibank and Morgan, says Rattner, should get their whole enchilada - \$6 billion right now and in cash - from a company that can’t pay for auto parts or worker eye exams.

Preventive Detention for Pensions

So what’s wrong with seizing workers’ pension fund money in a bankruptcy? The answer, Mr. Obama, Mr. Law Professor, is that it’s illegal.

In 1974, after a series of scandalous take-downs of pension and retirement funds during the Nixon era, Congress passed the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. ERISA says you can’t seize workers’ pension funds (whether monthly payments or health insurance) any more than you can seize their private bank accounts. And that’s because they are the same thing: workers give up wages in return for retirement benefits.

The law is darn explicit that grabbing pension money is a no-no. Company executives must hold these retirement funds as “fiduciaries.” Here’s the law, Professor Obama, as described on the government’s own web site under the heading, “Health Plans and Benefits.”

“The primary responsibility of fiduciaries is to run the plan solely in the interest of participants and beneficiaries and for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits.”

...Continued page 4

(cont – Grand Theft Auto)

Every business in America that runs short of cash would love to dip into retirement kitties, but it's not their money any more than a banker can seize your account when the bank's a little short. A plan's assets are for the plan's members only, not for Mr. Dimon nor Mr. Rubin.

Yet, in effect, the Obama Administration is demanding that money for an elderly auto worker's spleen should be siphoned off to feed the TARP babies. Workers go without lung transplants so Dimon and Rubin can pimp out their ride. This is another "Guantanamo" moment for the Obama Administration - channeling Nixon to endorse the preventive detention of retiree health insurance.

Filching GM's pension assets doesn't become legal because the cash due the fund is replaced with GM stock. Congress saw through that switch-a-roo by requiring that companies, as fiduciaries, must

"...act prudently and must diversify the plan's investments in order to minimize the risk of large losses."

By "diversify" for safety, the law does not mean put 100% of worker funds into a single busted company's stock.

This is dangerous business: The Rattner plan opens the floodgate to every politically-connected or down-on-their-luck company seeking to drain health care retirement funds.

House of Rubin

Pensions are wiped away and two connected banks don't even get a haircut? How come Citi and Morgan aren't asked, like workers and other creditors, to take stock in GM?

As Butch said to Sundance, who ARE these guys? You remember Morgan and Citi. These are the corporate Welfare Queens who've already sucked up over a third of a trillion dollars in aid from the US Treasury and Federal Reserve. Not coincidentally, Citi, the big winner, has paid over \$100 million to Robert Rubin, the former US Treasury Secretary. Rubin was Obama's point-man in winning banks' endorsement and campaign donations (by far, his largest source of his corporate funding).

With GM's last dying dimes about to fall into one pocket, and the Obama Treasury in his other pocket, Morgan's Jamie Dimon is correct in saying that the last twelve months will prove to be the bank's "finest year ever."

...Continued page 5

(cont – Grand Theft Auto)

Which leaves us to ask the question: is the forced bankruptcy of GM, the elimination of tens of thousands of jobs, just a collection action for favored financiers?

And it's been a good year for Señor Rattner. While the Obama Administration made a big deal out of Rattner's youth spent working for the Steelworkers Union, they tried to sweep under the chassis that Rattner was one of the privileged, select group of investors in Cerberus Capital, the owners of Chrysler. "Owning" is a loose term. Cerberus "owned" Chrysler the way a cannibal "hosts" you for dinner. Cerberus paid nothing for Chrysler - indeed, they were paid billions by Germany's Daimler Corporation to haul it away. Cerberus kept the cash, then dumped Chrysler's bankrupt corpse on the US taxpayer.

("Cerberus," by the way, named itself after the Roman's mythical three-headed dog guarding the gates Hell. Subtle these guys are not.)

While Stevie the Rat sold his interest in the Dog from Hell when he became Car Czar, he never relinquished his post at the shop of vultures called Quadrangle Hedge Fund. Rattner's personal net worth stands at roughly half a billion dollars. This is Obama's working class hero.

If you ran a business and played fast and loose with your workers' funds, you could land in prison. Stevie the Rat's plan is nothing less than Grand Theft Auto Pension.

It doesn't make it any less of a crime if the President drives the getaway car.

Is Larry Summers Taking Kickbacks From the Banks He's Bailing Out?

by Mark Ames

Last month, a little-known company where Summers served on the board of directors received a \$42 million investment from a group of investors, including three banks that Summers, Obama's effective "economy czar," has been doling out billions in bailout money to: Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, and Morgan Stanley. The banks invested into the small startup company, Revolution Money, right at the time when Summers was administering the "stress test" to these same banks.

A month after they invested in Summers' former company, all three banks came out of the stress test much better than anyone expected -- thanks to the fact that the banks themselves were allowed to help decide how bad their problems were (Citigroup "negotiated" down its financial hole from \$35 billion to \$5.5 billion.)

The fact that the banks invested in the company just a few months after Summers resigned suggests the appearance of corruption, because it suggests to other firms that if you hire Larry Summers onto your board, large banks will want to invest as a favor to a politically-connected director.

Last month, it was revealed that Summers, whom President Obama appointed to essentially run the economy from his perch in the National Economic Council, earned nearly \$8 million in 2008 from Wall Street banks, some of which,

...Continued page 6

(cont – Is Larry Summers taking kickbacks...)

like Goldman Sachs and Citigroup, were now receiving tens of billions of taxpayer funds from the same Larry Summers. It turns out now that those two banks have continued paying into Summers-related businesses.

According to filings obtained for this story, Summers first joined the board of directors of Revolution Money back in 2006 (when it was called "GratisCard"), the same year that Summers was forced to resign as president of Harvard after his disastrous tenure. Revolution Money/GratisCard was a startup headed by former AOL chief Steve Case. Revolution Money billed itself as the Next Big Thing in online payment, "PayPal meets Mastercard," according to their own pitch.

In September 2007, Revolution Money announced that it had raised \$50 million from a group of investors including Citigroup, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank. Some found the investment strange even then, because normally big banks don't get involved in seeding small startups -- that's the domain of venture capitalists, not mega-banks. Especially not in September, 2007, when these same megabanks were Chernobyling their way into full-fledged balance-sheet meltdown.

What seems clear is that at least part of Revolution Money's success in raising funds is due to their star-studded board of directors -- which included not only Larry Summers, but also the notorious Frank Raines, the former Fannie Mae chief whom Time Magazine named to its "25 People To Blame For The Financial Crisis" list. Raines is still a board member.

Over the next year and a half, Revolution Money didn't quite live up to its promise of competing with PayPal or Visa/Mastercard. At least some of this could be attributed to the difficulty of starting up an online credit card company in the middle of a triple-cluster credit crunch, banking crisis and recession. But there is also evidence that the company wasn't run well. Another one of Steve Case's "Revolution" brand startups, "Revolution Health," (which also features a star-studded board of directors including Carly Fiorina, Colin Powell, and several future-Obama Administration officials) essentially folded last autumn when it was sold to Everyday Health last September and merged into that company's operations.

In spite of all of this, on April 6, 2009, Revolution Money announced the happy news: it had just successfully raised \$42 million dollars in the most difficult market since the 1930s. The investors? Goldman Sachs, Citigroup and Morgan Stanley -- bankrupt institutions that Larry Summers was transferring billions in bailout funds to.

At the very same time that these three megabanks were pouring millions into Summers' former company, Obama's economic team, starring Larry Summers, was subjecting these same banks to a "stress test" to decide how deep in shit these same banks really were. The banks wanted the government to fudge the results for obvious reasons -- who wants the world to know how deep of a hole you've dug for yourself?

...Continued page 7

(cont – Is Larry Summers taking kickbacks...)

When the stress test results were finally released, the banks all came out with glowing reports that beat expectations and caused plenty of skepticism.

In an interview for this article, William Black, a former bank regulator who exposed the \$160 billion Savings & Loan scandal and its ties to powerful U.S. Senators, remarked, "Summers wasn't hired [by Revolution Money] for his expertise because he doesn't have relevant expertise in this kind of credit card operation."

"He's not a techie. He doesn't have business expertise," Black said. "So this is solely someone hired for the name and contacts because he's politically active and politically connected. And that's made all the more clear by the fact that Frank Raines was put on the board at a time when he was pushed out in disgrace from Fannie Mae. Why? Because of his political connections."

And it worked, as the recent investment shows.

"That's the pattern of this entity," said Black, "Which hasn't been doing well financially and desperately needs to get money from others, and has been able to get money from banks at a time when [these same banks] largely stopped lending to productive enterprises. But with this politically-connected entity [Revolution Money], they're happy to dump money."

According to a company spokesperson, Summers resigned from the board of directors at Revolution Money this January, just three months before the banks invested. On one of Revolution Money's main websites, Revolution Money Exchange, you could still see Summers' name still listed as a director when this story was filed

(Oddly, company filings obtained for this article show that Summers wasn't even on Revolution Money's board of directors in 2007-8, even though both he and Revolution Money repeatedly stated that he was on the board, and only served on GratisCard's board in 2006, "c/o Revolution GC Holdings LLC.")

Whatever the case, Summers was pushing Revolution Money as recently as last September, in an interview with Portfolio magazine:

"I've enjoyed being involved with a number of smaller companies such as the Revolution Money venture, which has a potentially very exciting credit-card technology, using credit and debit technology, using the internet that, in a sense, brings together bricks and clicks by providing both a capacity for regular retail transactions and also for online."

Whether or not Summers has a personal interest in the company, it still stinks that a company where the head of the National Economic Council served on the board of until just a few months ago subsequently received millions in investment funds from banks

...Continued page 8

(cont – Is Larry Summers taking kickbacks...)

Summers bailed out. Taxpayer dollars went into these banks, and from the banks into the Summers-connected firm, a firm he was hired onto precisely because his connections could bring in this kind of money.

His involvement wasn't just incidental—if you look at the press releases, Larry Summers' name is always touted as part of its selling point -- one press release in 2007 refers to Summers as "Legendary."

Moreover, Summers' longtime chief of staff, Marne Levine, who also served as Summers' chief of staff when he was in Treasury under Clinton and again at Harvard, joined Summers at Revolution Money, serving as "Director of Product Management."

Black pointed out another sleazy aspect of Revolution Money's pitch: it proudly boasted in late 2007 that it would make it easier than ever for people with low credit ratings to find access to lines of credit. In other words, Revolution Money billed itself as the ultimate ghetto loan shark.

According to a 2007 press release, the same one boasting of "Legendary" Larry Summers, "Unlike most bank credit card issuers who are limited to a narrow scope of credit approval guidelines specific to their bank, RevolutionCard seamlessly utilizes multiple partners to achieve unparalleled consumer approval rates."

Nineteen months later, Larry Summers, now in control of the economy, told Meet The Press, "We need to do things to stop the marketing of credit in ways that addicts people to it and so that our households are again savings, and families are again preparing to send their kids to college, for their retirement and so forth."

So once again, Larry Summers creates a problem that the rich profit from, then is put in charge of "fixing" it after vulnerable Americans have been picked clean.

Whether or not the three bailed-out banks' investment in Revolution Money last month represents some kind of bribe or kickback or even the appearance of corruption is almost secondary, because the shameless cronyism is the problem, and this is the reason why America is in the horrible mess today.

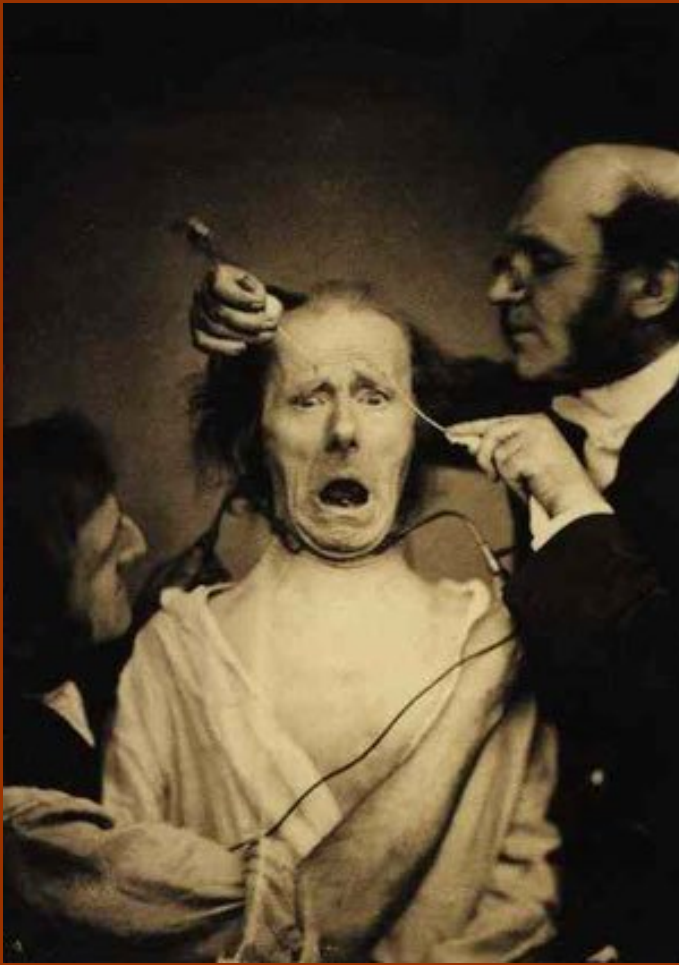
"Polite society was supposed to impose social pressures to make sure this wasn't tolerated," Black said. "Like the old phrase about hogs being slaughtered. But now the hogs get even wealthier, even fatter."

Everything about Summers, from his horrible track record in the developing world in the 1990s to the sleaze and plunder he's overseeing in the White House should make us terrified. Hell, he even looks like some old Batman villain: Summers, whose trademark bullfrog neck was enough of a distraction before Obama brought him into the White House, has seen his gelatinous layers of neck-fat swell up like an amphibian guarding its eggs ever since he took control of the economy.

Get this monster out of the White House now, before he devours us all.

U.S. Testing New Weapons on Their Own Population

[Bruce Falconer](#)



Their stories are a staple of conspiracy culture: broken men, suffering hallucinations and near-total amnesia, who say they are victims of secret government mind-control experiments. Think Liev Schreiber in *The Manchurian Candidate* or Mel Gibson in *Conspiracy Theory*. Journalists are a favorite target for the paranoid delusions of this population.

So is Gordon Erspamer—and the San Francisco lawyer’s latest case isn’t helping him to fend off the tinfoil-hat crowd. He has filed suit against the CIA and the US Army on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of America and six former American soldiers who claim they are the real thing: survivors of classified government tests conducted at the Army’s Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland

between 1950 and 1975. “I get a lot of calls,” he says. “There are a lot of crazy people out there who think that somebody from Mars is controlling their behavior via radio waves.” But when it comes to Edgewood, “I’m finding that more and more of those stories are true!”

That government scientists conducted human experiments at Edgewood is not in question. “The program involved testing of nerve agents, nerve agent antidotes, psychochemicals, and irritants,” according to a 1994 General Accounting Office (now the Government Accountability Office) report. At least 7,800 US

...Continued page 10

servicemen served “as laboratory rats or guinea pigs” at Edgewood, alleges Erspamer’s complaint, filed in January in a federal district court in California. The Department of Veterans Affairs has reported that military scientists tested hundreds of chemical and biological substances on them, including VX, tabun, soman, sarin, cyanide, LSD, PCP, and World War I-era blister agents like phosgene and mustard.

The full scope of the tests, however, may never be known. As a CIA official explained to the GAO, referring to the agency’s infamous MKULTRA mind-control experiments, “The names of those involved in the tests are not available because names were not recorded or the records were subsequently destroyed.” Besides, said the official, some of the tests involving LSD and other psychochemical drugs “were administered to an undetermined number of people without their knowledge.”

Erspamer’s plaintiffs claim that, although they volunteered for the Edgewood program, they were never adequately informed of the potential risks and continue to suffer debilitating health effects as a result of the experiments. They hope to force the CIA and the Army to admit wrongdoing, inform them of the specific substances they were exposed to, and provide access to subsidized healthcare to treat their Edgewood-related ailments. Despite what they describe as decades of suffering resulting from their Edgewood experiences, the former soldiers are not seeking monetary damages; a 1950 Supreme Court decision, the Feres case, precludes military personnel from suing the federal government for personal injuries sustained in the line of duty. The CIA’s decision to use military personnel as test subjects followed the court’s decision and is an issue Erspamer plans to raise at trial. “Suddenly, they stopped using civilian subjects and said, ‘Oh, we can get these military guys for free,’” he says. “The government could do whatever it wanted to them without liability. We want to bring that to the attention of the public, because I don’t think most people understand that.” (Asked about Erspamer’s suit, CIA spokeswoman Marie Harf would say only that the agency’s human testing program has “been thoroughly investigated, and the CIA fully cooperated with each of the investigations.”)

...Continued page 11

Erspamer's involvement in the case is deeply personal. His father was a government scientist during Operation Crossroads, a series of nuclear tests conducted at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the summer of 1946; he was present aboard a research vessel for the "Baker" test, during which a 21-kiloton thermonuclear bomb was detonated 90 feet below water. The blast resulted in massive radioactive contamination. Erspamer's father and the rest of the ship's crew, he says, all died in middle age from radiogenic diseases. Erspamer makes his living in the field of energy litigation, but has twice before argued class action suits for veterans—one for soldiers who, like his father, were exposed to radiation during nuclear tests (a case he ultimately lost in a 1992 appellate decision) and more recently one on behalf of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans denied treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. The case is on appeal in California's 9th Circuit. "Nobody out there is doing these types of cases," he says. "It's really sad because the veterans are left holding the bag, and it's not a very pretty bag."

One of those vets is Frank Rochelle. Unlike those of other test veterans, portions of his heavily redacted medical records have survived, providing a rare, if incomplete, account of his experiences. In 1968, while posted at Virginia's Fort Lee as a 20-year-old Army draftee, he saw a notice calling for volunteers for the Edgewood program. Among the promised incentives were relief from guard duty, the freedom to wear civilian clothes, three-day weekends, and, upon completion, a medal of commendation—all for participation in experiments that, according to the notice, would help the military test a new generation of equipment, clothing, and gas masks. Upon his arrival at the testing facility in Maryland, he says he was asked to sign a series of documents, including a release form and a secrecy agreement. The tests would be risk free, he says he was told, and any drugs given would not exceed normal dosage. Over the next two months, however, he was subjected to three

...Continued page 12

rounds of experiments that, Rochelle says, left him permanently damaged. His medical records indicate that he was exposed to nonlethal incapacitating agents like DHMP and glycolate, both of which act as sedatives that produce hallucinations. In the latter case, Rochelle says he was taken into a gas chamber and strapped to a chair by two men in white lab coats, who affixed a mask to his face and told him to breathe normally. He quickly lost consciousness. According to Erspamer's complaint, "Over the next two to three days, Frank was hallucinating and high: he thought he was three feet tall, saw animals on the walls, thought he was being pursued by a 6-foot-tall white rabbit, heard people calling his name, thought that all his freckles were bugs under his skin, and used a razor to try to cut these bugs out. No one from the clinical staff intervened on his behalf..."

Medical records indicate that Rochelle went through a third round of testing, but he has no memory of it. For years he's been having nightmares about the Edgewood tests and now suffers from anxiety, memory loss, sleep apnea, tinnitus, and loss of vision, all of which he claims are direct results of the experiments. Still, he didn't inform his doctor of the tests until 2006, believing that he was still bound by the oath of secrecy he swore in 1968. (The government finally released human test subjects to speak to their physicians about the tests in June 2006, under the condition that they not "discuss anything that relates to operational information that might reveal chemical or biological warfare vulnerabilities or capabilities.")

Rochelle's story is similar to those of Erspamer's other plaintiffs, all of whom claim to be suffering debilitating health effects stemming from the experiments. Of course, substantiating these claims is a challenge, given that most of the medical records were destroyed upon completion of the program. Rochelle's records remain intact, but for "others we have less information," says Erspamer. "We spent a great deal of time on that topic, and we are confident that the plaintiffs are who they say they

...Continued page 13

are, were where they said they were, and got what they said they got,” in terms of exposure to experimental chemicals. “Who bears the burden on that issue when the defendants destroyed the evidence?” Erspamer asks. “They’ve put all that stuff through the shredder.”

Compensation for injuries sustained during human testing of chemical and biological agents is not unprecedented. Last year, more than 350 servicemen who served as test subjects at Porton Down, a secret military research facility where the British government conducted its own series of mind-control experiments, were granted nearly \$6 million in compensation in an out-of-court settlement with the UK’s Ministry of Defence. Likewise, in 2004, the Canadian government began offering \$18,000 payments to eligible veterans of experiments at its testing facilities. Nevertheless, says Erspamer, “No American soldiers have ever been compensated.” The CIA and the Army “just hope they’re all gonna die off, and they will unless somebody does something.”

Judge Rules It Is OK to Taser for DNA Samples

Thomas J. Prohaska
The Buffalo News

It is legally permissible for police to zap a suspect with a Taser to obtain a DNA sample, as long as it’s not done “maliciously, or to an excessive extent, or with resulting injury,” a county judge has ruled in the first case of its kind in New York State, and possibly the nation.

Niagara County Judge Sara Sheldon Sperrazza decided that the DNA sample obtained Sept. 29 from Ryan S. Smith of Niagara Falls — which ties him to a shooting and a gas station robbery— is legally valid and can be used at his trial.

Smith was handcuffed and sitting on the floor of Niagara Falls Police Headquarters when he was zapped with the 50,000- volt electronic stun gun after he insisted he would not give a DNA sample.

He already had given a sample, a swab of the inside of his cheek, without protest the previous month. But police sent it to the wrong lab, where it was opened and spoiled. Prosecutors who had obtained a court order for the first sample went back to Sperrazza, who signed another order without consulting the defense.

WHAT’S NEXT!

(cont – Crashing economy works well for private prisons.)



GEO reported impressive quarterly earnings of \$20 million on February 12, 2009, along with an annual income of \$61 million for 2008 — up from \$38 million the year before. But the company's share value is not the only thing that's growing. Behind

the financial success and expansion of the for-profit prison firm, there are increasing charges of negligence, civil rights violations, abuse and even death.

Detaining immigrants has become a profitable business, and the niche industry is showing no signs of slowing down. The number of undocumented immigrants the U.S. federal government jails has grown by at least 65 percent in the last six years. In 2002, the average daily population of immigration detainees was 20,838 people, according to ICE records. By 2008, the average daily population had grown to 31,345.

Since 2003, more than a million people have been processed through federal immigration lockups, which are part of a network of at least 300 local, state and federal lockups, including seven contracted detention facilities. GEO operates four of those seven for-profit prisons.

Numerous investigations and reports have documented problems at GEO's immigration detention facilities.

...Continued page 18

Subscription Center

Editorial Digest has now launched its

Subscribers Referral Program

Subscribers to our online newsletter and member community now have another reason to be excited.

Editorial Digest has now launched a Subscriber Referral Program. We have decided to use word of mouth and friend to friend referrals instead of placing huge amounts of advertising dollars in the hands of BIG MEDIA! So when you tell others about our service, and they subscribe, we will continue to pay you for as long as they subscribe.

This simply is our way of saying thank you for telling others about us. Our online edition, authors, and breaking news and documentaries provide our viewers with a truly fair and balanced account of the rarely reported on real issues facing Americans today.

Our subscribers get instantly alerted to new authors, breaking news, and newly added documentaries and urgent announcements.

There are many great sites out there that viewers support through donations and advertising dollars. Our program is designed to not only bring you information that main stream corporate America won't, but to also provide you with a way to earn money by advocating for our cause.

Our promise to you is to continuously strive to bring you all sides of the big issues facing our country, and world today. As revenue increases through membership, our ability to bring on full time authors and investigative reporters will increase as well.

Our time as a free society has almost come to an end. We must understand the real issues we face today, educate ourselves, and most importantly learn how to regain the rights our forefathers died to secure for us.

Subscribe here:

<http://www.editorialdigest.com/top/subscriptions/asub.html>

How our Subscriber referral Program Works

For every referral you make we will pay you \$10.00 dollars. This payment will be paid to you year after year for as long as the person you referred remains a subscriber.

To also increase your ability to earn money from our referral program, we have extended this to a multi tier payout system. For those that do not know what this means, this allows you to not only earn \$10.00 dollars for everyone that you directly get, but also \$10.00 dollars for everyone they get, and also again on the referrals that they make as well.

Our intentions are not for our viewers to focus on our referral program, but on the great wealth of information we provide, and most importantly the major issues we focus on that could change life as we know it in America, and the rest of the world.

Why subscribe to Editorial Digest:

Three main reasons

- 1.) Support freedom and free press. Today's main media channels are owned and operated by a handful of powerful corporations, pushing the agendas they want you to focus on! Their intent, the dumbing down of America.
- 2.) Subscribers receive breaking news, new author alerts, focus groups and event announcements, and updates on the important issues facing America (and the world) today.
- 3.) As a subscriber you can participate in our newly introduced Subscribers Referral Program. It is our attempt to promote and reward word of mouth and friend to friend grass roots advertising and marketing. Our aim and focus enrich our viewers with information, and now financially. Our intent is to redirect marketing dollars that would have to be spent with Big Media, and redirect the gains to those that need it the most. Our Subscribers Referral Program has huge potential for individual gain, as media companies like ours spend millions of dollars a year in marketing programs, we have decided to funnel it back into the communities we serve instead of the corporations that have been milking our communities dry.

We Need Your Support.

Our outreach, our website and those who work diligently to keep it up and running can't survive on good intentions alone. Your contribution by subscribing is needed and deeply appreciated.

Do not simply believe anything on our web site or within this publication - always check for yourself. Treat the stories and quotes in these pages as pointers to find out more. We encourage and strongly advocate thinking.

Learn to think for yourself and check all information, our site is designed to engage our readers in thought.

Obama's Elite Agenda: Black Abortion for Profit

by Richard Evans



In a 1934 letter, Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, wrote to her financial sponsor, Clarence Gamble (the Proctor & Gamble heir) :

"We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

2007:

Speaking before Rockefeller sponsored Planned Parenthood's 'Action fund' banquet July 17th 2007, candidate Barack Obama made his public announcement that his 'first act as President' would be signing FOCA ("Freedom of Choice Act")

The "Freedom of Choice" act amounts to de-regulation of the abortion industry and provides free federally funded abortions on demand. Obama is that 'colored minister with social-service background and engaging personality' Sanger envisioned.

Planned Parenthood's slogan last year -- "why should I be punished with a baby?"-- was featured in television commercial campaigns.

Obama mouthed this very slogan at a campaign speech in Johnstown PA: "I have two daughters. If they make a mistake, I don't want them punished with a baby".

PLANNED PARENTHOOD TARGETS BLACK ABORTIONS

PLANNED PARENTHOOD operates the largest chain of abortion clinics in the US. It has more than 850 "Health Centers" (abortion centers), 80% are in minority neighborhoods. The organization performed 22 percent of all abortions in 2005 (260,000 out of 1.2 million abortions.)

According to a Fox TV story, "Blacks do, indeed, have much higher rates of abortions than

...Continued page 23

(cont – Crashing economy works well for private prisons.)

At the company's Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington, federal prosecutors charged a GEO prison administrator in September 2008 with "knowingly and willfully making materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements to senior special agents" with ICE, according to court filings. A February 2008 audit found that over a period of more than two years ending in November 2005, GEO hired nearly 100 guards without performing the required criminal background checks. The GEO employee responsible, Sylvia Wong, pleaded guilty. In the plea agreement the federal government stated that Wong falsified documents "because of the pressure she felt" while working at the GEO lockup to get security personnel hired at the detention center "as quickly as possible."

Two months before the fraud charges, a study by the Seattle University School of Law and the nonprofit group OneAmerica reported that conditions at the Tacoma facility violated both international and domestic laws that grant detained immigrants the right to food, due process and humane treatment.

Federal immigration officials have the authority to incarcerate undocumented immigrants, asylum-seekers, and even lawful permanent residents while they await hearings with immigration judges or appeal decisions. ICE reports the average length of stay is 30 days, but detentions can last years, according to a November 2008 ICE fact sheet.

Pramila Jayapal, executive director with OneAmerica, took part in interviewing a random sample of more than 40 immigrants detained at the Northwest Detention Center, which holds approximately 1,000 immigrants at any given time.

"It's a very giant concrete box. It's just like a jail," said Jayapal. "You're only supposed to meet in the client area, which is only a few rooms."

...Continued page 19

One inmate from Mexico, Hector Pena-Ortiz, told interviewers that guards had interrogated and handcuffed him twice, demanding that he sign immediate deportation papers despite the fact that he had a pending appeal. Under federal law, immigrants cannot be deported from the United States if their immigration legal cases are still pending. During one of the incidents, guards admitted to having a file on the wrong inmate, Pena-Ortiz said.

In addition to violations of legal rights, inmates cited food as a major concern. The vast majority of the 40 prisoners interviewed at the facility said rations were inadequate and sometimes rotten. Inmates with financial resources depended on food bought from the lockup's commissary. Others went hungry. A man identified in the study as "Ricardo" said he had lost 50 pounds of his original 190-pound weight since arriving at the detention center.

ICE officially denied the claims in the report, but in 2005, annual agency inspections at the Northwest Detention Center documented problems with the quality and quantity of food and found that some meals were so poor, guards had to collect and replace them.

Looking for Opportunities

The Tacoma lockup, site of the most recent GEO controversy, is located on top of a former toxic waste dump that borders coastal wetlands near the Port of Tacoma, Washington. In August 2008, the firm announced plans to expand its 1,030-bed Northwest Detention Center to 1,575 beds, "to help meet the increased demand for detention bed space by federal, state, and local government agencies around the country."

Just four months after GEO's announcement, ICE notified government contractors that the agency was looking for a contractor-owned and -operated detention facility.

...Continued Page 20

According to federal procurement data, the new facility should be capable of providing 1,575 beds — the same number GEO was set to build — to be completed no later than September 2009 — the same date GEO had set for the completion of its own construction project.

Lorie Dankers, ICE spokeswoman in Washington state, implied that the similarity in numbers and date was a coincidence. “I would never comment, nor have I in the past, on what GEO is doing and why they’re doing it. That’s a business decision that GEO made,” said Dankers. “To insinuate that there was some kind of connection, or that they has some inside information as to the request, that would be incorrect.”

Dankers added that ICE’s request for more space is still in the “pre-solicitation” phase, meaning that there is no guarantee a contract will be offered, and the agency is simply requesting information from contractors to “guage interest.”

“I don’t have any information one way or the other as to what would happen,” Dankers said. “I think often times, if I had to speculate, they see where there’s a need. I think they’re always looking for opportunities.”

Canceled Contracts

And opportunities, like prisoners, abound. GEO owns more than 62,000 prison beds in the United States, with approximately 3,000 beds used for detained immigrants. The company also claims a global market share of 25 percent of the private corrections industry. Currently, the Northwest Detention Center incarcerates immigrants mainly from Oregon, Washington and Alaska, according to Dankers.

In the last five years, criminal immigration prosecutions have surged by 388

...Continued page 21

percent according to federal court data obtained by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University in New York. The most recently available court information shows that there were 11,454 prosecutions in September 2008 alone. Adding to GEO's profitability and prospects are immigration laws introduced in the 1990s, the expanding use of immigration detention without bond, and a greater emphasis on prosecutions after 9/11.

The company's relationship with government officials has also proven valuable in winning corrections contracts.

In 2006, while on the state payroll as director of prisons at the Colorado Department of Corrections, Nolin Renfrow helped GEO obtain a \$14 million-per-year contract to detain 1,500 inmates in a proposed state prison project in the northern part of the state. Renfrow was moonlighting for GEO — with an expected compensation of \$1 million — when a 2007 state audit and news reports uncovered the public servant's business deal.

The audit found that Renfrow's actions could “arguably present a conflict of interest and result in a breach of ... the public trust,” because state law prohibited an “employee from assisting any person for a fee or other compensation in obtaining any contract.”

The county district attorney with jurisdiction over Renfrow declined to press criminal charges, but in the wake of the scandal, officials with the state's corrections department rescinded the contract.

Prisons as Money Makers

Immigrant facilities are not the only GEO lockups that have sparked claims of negligence and abuse.

...Continued page 22

In 2007, the firm settled a lawsuit with the family of an inmate for \$200,000. LeTisha Tapia, a 23-year-old woman incarcerated at the GEO-owned Val Verde Correction Facility in southern Texas, told her family in July 2004 that she had been raped and beaten after being locked in the same cell block with male inmates. Shortly after, she had hung herself in her cell. The nonprofit Texas Civil Rights Project sued GEO on behalf of Tapia's family.

"The jail drove this young woman to kill herself," charged the family's attorney, Scott Medlock, in a February 15, 2006 press release from the Texas Civil Rights Project. "GEO cuts corners by hiring poorly trained guards, providing inmates with cut rate medical care, and running their facility in a grossly unprofessional manner." Citing confidentially provisions in the settlement, Medlock refused further comment.

More recently, in 2008, civil liberties attorneys sued the company for failing to provide adequate medical attention to inmates outsourced from Washington, DC, to the Rivers Correctional Institute, located in North Carolina and overseen by GEO through a contract with the federal Bureau of Prisons. That same year, Idaho state authorities removed 125 inmates from a GEO prison after an investigation — spurred by the suicide of a detainee at the facility — revealed poor staff training and health care.

"Pretty immediately when people started going to Rivers we started to get letters about how bad the health care was, and just how people were really scared of dying there," said Deborah Golden, an attorney with the DC Prisoners Project, a group that is representing inmates in the legal case against GEO. One inmate named in the report, Keith Mathis, claims he was denied medical treatment for a cavity until the tooth became infected and caused an open ulcer on his face that eventually "burst open," requiring surgery and three days hospitalization.

...Continued page 23

“The more we looked into the situation the more we realized it was a systemic problem,” said Golden. “I suspect that it’s a pattern all over. When you try to run prisons as money makers what you do is cut back on the most expensive thing you can, which is medication and medical care.”

GEO has said it will not publicly comment on pending legal cases or abuse claims by third parties, including nonprofit groups. Company spokesman Pablo Paez says that on the subject of business plans, “we have no comment beyond what’s in our public disclosures.”

Despite a wide array of grievances and tragedies, GEO has accrued contracts worth more than \$588 million in federal tax dollars since 1997, according to available federal procurement data. And as long as federal officials continue to remand a growing number of inmates and immigrants over to private businesses, without imposing strict oversight, GEO will likely remain profitable.

The comparison with whites and other minorities is striking. Whites made up 78 percent of live births, but only 57 percent of abortions. Non-black minorities had 7 percent of live births and 5 percent of abortions. Data from 1973 on indicate that black women's share of abortions has consistently been at least twice their share of live births."

According to "KlanParenthood.com," A black baby is three times more likely to be murdered in the womb than a white baby. Since 1973, abortion has reduced the black population by over 25 percent. Twice as many African-Americans have died from abortion than have died from AIDS, accidents, violent crimes, cancer, and heart disease combined. Every three days, more African-Americans are killed by abortion than have been killed by the Ku Klux Klan in its entire history. About 13 percent of American women are black, but they submit to over 35 percent of the abortions."

THE ABORTION INDUSTRY

Bernard Nathanson, M.D., co-founder of pro-abortion "National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws" recalled creating the slogans for 'pro-choice' public relations with Betty Friedan back in 1968. Such slogans included, "Women must have control over their own bodies." , and "Freedom of choice - a basic American right."

"I remember laughing when we made those slogans up. We were looking for some sexy, catchy slogans to capture public opinion. They were very cynical slogans then, just as all of these slogans today are very, very cynical."

...Continued page 24

(cont – Obama Elite Agenda: Black abortion...)

It was a racket. Promote the breakdown of marriage while simultaneously promoting promiscuous sex behavior, with abortion as handy backup birth control. The only thing better would be if the federal government covered the abortion cost for impoverished teens - the very demographic targeted by Sanger's eugenics agenda.

Nathanson and other former abortionists and clinic personnel have come clean after becoming revulsed by the rampant profiteering of abortion providers. Nathanson says all abortion doctors and staff are well aware they're in the business of terminating live human beings. After performing thousands of procedures, literally butchering the unborn, all rationalizations break down.

Thousands of young women die annually from botched legal abortions performed at a rate of 120 procedures per urban clinic per day, 8 am to midnight shifts, seven days a week. Nathanson himself estimates he's performed 75,000 abortions during his career as an abortionist. The average cost to the patient for an abortion is around \$480.00.

Doctors and staff who do the dirty work are expendable and replaceable. Abortion clinics now are operated as large franchises with profits going to their boards and shareholders. Only so much profit can be had from the abortion market alone, which with Obama's signing of FOCA will reach saturation shortly. Tax payer funded abortion will increase the numbers to the maximum, but the corporate owners and investors of this industry want more profit.

Human baby corpses --stem cells and tissue-- are worth money. What's left of the ban on wholesale harvesting of aborted human cell tissue has cost investors billions of dollars a year.

Margaret Sanger and Heinrich Himmler probably never dreamed that exterminating 'undesirables' could be so profitable. Sanger merely wanted to rid American society of 'weeds'. Himmler dreamed of his Aryan supermen perpetuating the thousand year Fourth Reich.

TRUE EVIL WALKS AMONGST US.

Weaponized Education: Controlling Tomorrow With The Youth of Today

By Amy de Miceli

There has been and continues to be an effort by some of the worlds most elite families to establish a global community, with a global government, some call it the new world order. The plan always benefits them at our expense, and they believe as long as we show no opposition they can retain control. The massive goal is to bring the global populace into harm-ony, but it is an impossibility unless family loyalty is dissolved and individuality is eradicated.



Psychological force has been introduced to achieve their world domination, and it is our children's minds that are being attacked most viciously. The crux of which is being done at school, through both passive and aggressive formulas.

Our enemy is ruthless, picking us off one community at a time, using a multi prong approach inside American schools, Pavlovian behavioral techniques, coupled with soviet brainwashing and scariest of all, trauma based mind control (which also sheds light on a disgusting display of the most power hungry men and women in uniform).

"the real goal of the earth charter is that it will in fact become like the ten commandments." —

Maurice Strong

Soviet brainwashing techniques have been a part of the overall agenda of mass education for well

...Continued page 26

over a hundred years, but today the globalists are flaunting their agenda. As recently as April of 2009 UNESCO announced its plan to promote their Earth Charter to encourage all children to become responsible, "global citizens in the 21st century". The charter is a loaded document that also promotes, redistribution of wealth, "among nations" (communism).

One system already promoting that exact agenda is the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, which claims to be an 'elite' international education, and it is being implemented in 2,591 schools in 134 countries.

Miami Beach Florida has been the most recent community to adopt the IB Program, and it will be the only curriculum used throughout the entire city for all grade levels. The announcement was made shortly after the IB council met in Miami in March 2009.

"In this new world system international education will become more indispensable than ever, but also more possible." - John Goormaghtigh

The IB was founded in 1968 in Switzerland, and was an offshoot of the International School of Geneva, which was founded in part by the League of Nations, and it is where IB's founding Director, John Goormaghtigh, served as chairman of the Board prior to IB. Goormaghtigh also served as the director of the European Centre of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, whose nefarious goal of 'controlling the education in the united states' had been previously revealed by the Reece commission in the early 1950's.

"In order to raise children with equality, we must take them away from families and communally raise them." - Dr. Mary Jo Bane

This is how the ruling class does it, when they are exposed they merely change a few things and have another go at us. They believe that the key to controlling our minds as adults is to dominate us as children, when we are impressionable. They get us all inside our schools away from the influence (and loving care) of our parents, and sadly it does get worse.

"It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity.... But, the work is now much more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government." -David Rockefeller

Since Columbine, and 9/11 the ante has been upped, trauma based mind control has been added to their arsenal. Using terrorism drills, not to capture terrorists but to define them.

...Continued page 27

The most terrifying drills are taking place inside public schools, usually without warning for the parents, or teachers and worst of all, the unsuspecting children who will see little difference between a real terrorist or a masked man acting like one.

"The children were in that room ... begging for their lives, because they thought there was someone with a gun after them," -Mother of mock victim

Some drills are terrorizing children as young as five years old. A stranger comes plowing through a classroom door, wielding a gun shouting at everyone splattered in fake blood. Children are screaming and crying and wetting their pants. The conditions are torturous, no food or water for hours, no access to restrooms, and no way of knowing when it will end, some drills have gone past normal school hours. This is known as trauma based mind control, and it would be called abuse if it wasn't being promoted by the Department of Homeland Security and acted out inside our public schools.

Their drills are specific, the mock terrorists are homeschoolers, angry parents, and Christians, they tote guns and bombs, leaving the mock victims wondering who the "terrorists" really are. Imposing the idea that people we are familiar with (a father, classmate, or neighbor) could be terrorists, (and they may not even know it) leaves a suspicious paranoid population.

It is plain to see that they are the terrorists, no matter what or who they dress up as, the "authorities" are the ones terrorizing us and these scenarios are not preparing our children for anything other than how to be afraid, and how to be a slave, condition them now, control them later.

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people." -Martin Luther King, Jr

The elite families running the world that exists behind your television, just out of view, will never quit, they are committed to their goal of global dominance. They won't just go away they have to be fought off, constantly, continuously - intergenerationally. We can not just work to be free and go along to get along, instead restore your families and pass knowledge along, this is a fight our children will face. The elite do not have broken families like many of us, they work together to hold their place at the controls.

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN – STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY

Has America Been Defeated Without a Shot Being Fired?

The Founding Fathers said we have given you a Republic if you can hold on to it. In the midst of the financial ruin, the corruption of our leaders, the endemic voter fraud and the worldwide destruction of the faith in America, we are done. The open abuse of the press has violated the very foundation of Freedom of the Press and is nothing more than a propaganda machine geared towards abject socialism for this country. Support independent media and news distributors.

It is time we stand up and take back our Country.



Visit our Community forums to meet others and GET ACTIVE!