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July 21

Crime falls to 1973 levels as Tories push for sentencing reform

New statistics show the national crime rate is continuing its 20-year decline – reaching levels not seen since 1973 even as the federal Conservative government prepares legislation that would put more Canadians behind bars for longer periods of time.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/crime-falls-to-1973-levels-as-tories-push-for-sentencing-reform/article2104745/>

Seeking justice, not jails

Crime is falling in Canada, but anyone who lives in Winnipeg (or most other places, for that matter) knows that statistics do not tell the whole story. There is a crime problem. It is real and it is serious.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/editorials/seeking-justice-not-jails-126053558.html>

Opinion: Tough on crime and good for profits

The Conservative government's approach is proving beneficial for private companies building jails, but not necessarily for anyone else

<http://www.vancouversun.com/Opinion+Tough+crime+good+profits/5142236/story.html>

Approach to justice not conservative, nor is it rational

Conservative philosophy is marked by a hesitance to approve dramatic new programs or

initiatives unless there is substantial evidence that they will be both effective and costeffective. One look at the federal government's justice reforms reveals that there is nothing conservative about them.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Approach+justice+conservative+rational/5148892/story.html>

Tories out of touch on crime, critic says

There were fewer homicides, attempted murders, serious assaults and robberies across Canada in 2010, according to a Statistics Canada report released Thursday.

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/Tories+touch+crime+critic+says/5142670/story.html>

Tories judge evidence of falling rates inadmissible

As we have seen many times before, evidence doesn't count when it comes to the Harper government and crime policy. Emotion apparently does.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/opinion/tories-judge-evidence-of-falling-rates-inadmissible/article2106974/>

PSP making a name for itself in private equity

The Public Sector Pension Investment Board, the investment arm of the Public Sector Pension plan, isn't a name you hear too often. But if it continues to put out numbers like the ones it just posted for the last fiscal year, you'll probably be hearing it a lot more.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/investment-ideas/streetwise/psp-making-a-name-for-itself-in-private-equity/article2106492/>

July 19

Improve private pensions, leave public sector alone

In his article "Unsustainable pension gap growing" (Opinion, July 8), Bill Tufts argues in favour of publicsector pension reform, including a move toward calculating benefits based on career-average salary.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/business/Improve+private+pensions+leave+public+sector+alone/5122298/story.html>

The business case for funding legal aid

Depending on what province you're in, if you're a small-business owner and you have to make use of Canada's courts, you're likely aware of one aspect of the justice system that is far from perfect: the length of time it takes to actually go to trial.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/small-business/start/tony-wilson/the-business-case-for-funding-legal-aid/article2101910/>

Médias francophones

21 Juillet

Négos en douce

Québec a conclu au cours des dernières semaines des ententes avec ses médecins, ses policiers, ses ingénieurs et ses juristes. Les informations disponibles sont parcellaires, mais le gouvernement a puisé profondément dans ses goussets pour conclure ces ententes.

<http://www.pressdisplay.com/pressdisplay/fr/showlink.aspx?bookmarkid=YU0G7R69D051&preview=article&linkid=f64be73f-a3cb-4709-b390-f20b2fce1fd7&pdaffid=f%2fZXUkdex3a1Rmzn%2bt77kw%3d%3d>

La criminalité recule sans vous, M. Harper

Stephen Harper pourrait ainsi être un homme heureux à peu de frais. La criminalité, contre laquelle il a promis de dépenser des millions, diminue à vue d'oeil. Pas au point de rayer cette activité de la liste des priorités de la police, bien sûr. Mais assez pour remettre en question les sommes qu'Ottawa veut englober dans son système carcéral, et faire dépenser aux provinces par ricochet.

<http://blogues.cyberpresse.ca/edito/2011/07/22/la-criminalite-recule-sans-vous-m-harper/>

16 Juillet

Québec s'entend avec ses juristes

Les avocats et notaires du gouvernement du Québec enterrent finalement la hache de guerre : ils ont entériné à 94% une entente de principe avec leur employeur.

<http://www.pressdisplay.com/pressdisplay/fr/showlink.aspx?bookmarkid=5R5D88NS58N7&preview=article&linkid=aefed8b9-2a59-4c7a-821c-1f63808e1b37&pdaffid=f%2fZXUkdex3a1Rmzn%2bt77kw%3d%3d>

15 Juillet

Les juristes de l'État approuvent l'entente de principe avec Québec

Les juristes de l'État ont approuvé à 94%, jeudi, l'entente de principe proposée la semaine dernière.

La nouvelle convention collective sera en vigueur pendant cinq ans à partir du 1er avril 2010. Elle comporte des hausses salariales moyennes variant de 15 à 18%. Un montant forfaitaire de 5000 \$ pour les griefs a aussi été ajouté.

<http://lejournaldemontreal.canoe.ca/journaldemontreal/actualites/national/archives/2011/07/20110715-104056.html>