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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
JOYEUSES FETES

1. Police personnel and expenditures - 2007-StatsCanada

Canada's complement of police officers recorded its second largest annual increase over the past 30 years in 2007. This resulted in the most police per capita, 195 per 100,000 population, since 1993.

As of May 15, 2007, the nation's police forces employed 64,134 officers, a 2.7% increase from the previous year. Ontario and British Columbia alone accounted for nearly two-thirds of the total gain of about 1,700 male and female officers. Police strength in Canada increased steadily during the 1960s and 1970s, peaking in 1975 at 206 officers for every 100,000 population. It then declined slightly over the following 20 years, but has been on the rise over the past decade. The 2007 rate was 5% lower than the peak, but 2% higher than in 2006.

2. L'affaire Latimer - Le père qui ne méritait pas la prison

Quand un homme est en prison alors qu'il devrait être en liberté, les gens de justice, dit-on, ne dorment pas en paix. Mais l'erreur est humaine, et l'erreur judiciaire aussi. On se rassure en pensant que ces cas sont rares et, sitôt découverts, équitablement et promptement corrigés. Pourtant, on en découvre de plus en plus, souvent entachés d'incompétence, de préjugé ou de carriérisme.

3. U.S. prison system a costly and harmful failure: report (USA)

The number of people in U.S. prisons has risen eight-fold since 1970, with little impact on crime but at great cost to taxpayers and society, researchers said in a report calling for a major justice-system overhaul.

4. Justices Restore Judges' Control Over Sentencing (USA)

The [Supreme Court](#) on Monday restored federal judges to their traditional central role in criminal sentencing.

In two decisions, the court said federal district judges had broad discretion to impose what they think are reasonable sentences, even if federal guidelines call for different sentences.

5. Whittling Away, but Leaving a Gap (USA)

There was an avalanche of sentencing news last week. The [Supreme Court](#) gave trial judges more power to show mercy, the United States Sentencing Commission gave almost 20,000 prisoners doing time on crack cocaine charges a good shot at early release, and even President Bush commuted a crack sentence.

6. Un comité de révision a suggéré au gouvernement fédéral d'éliminer les libérations d'office

Un comité de révision a suggéré au gouvernement fédéral, hier, de construire de plus grosses prisons régionales et d'éliminer les libérations d'office de façon à ce que les détenus des prisons fédérales aient à mériter leur libération conditionnelle.

7. En bref - Clémence pour Robert Latimer

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L'Association canadienne des libertés civiles presse le gouvernement fédéral de faire montre de clémence envers Robert Latimer, ce fermier de Saskatchewan qui a tué sa fille lourdement handicapée.
