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Age catches up with criminals, teacher says

WINNIPEG — Canada's decreasing crime rate may be due to the fact we're getting too old to be criminals. Most crimes are committed by people between the ages of 15 and 29, said Rick Linden, a University of Manitoba sociologist. And there are a lot fewer people in that age group than there used to be. Linden is predicting a dramatic drop in street crime and burglaries as the baby boom generation leaves behind the wild days of youth. The numbers would appear to back him up. In 1994, the country's crime rate dropped for the third straight year and violent crime took its biggest plunge since data collection began in the early 1980s.

Airborne arsenic pollution on legislative agenda

YELLOWKNIFE — Complaints about a gold mine that has dumped arsenic and sulphur dioxide into the North for generations could lead to new national regulations on the pollutants. Federal Environment Minister Sheila Copps has promised to release proposals by November for controlling emissions at the Giant mine on the outskirts of Yellowknife. Enforceable regulations on releasing arsenic into the air are likely to be among those proposals, said an Environment Department official.

Vigil marks anniversary of inmate's death

KINGSTON — About 100 people marched Saturday night from Queen's University's main campus to the front door of Kingston Penitentiary to mark the second anniversary of the death of prisoner Robert "Tex" Gentles. Gentles, 29, was serving a sentence of 31 months for sexual assault, uttering death threats, and possession of a stolen credit card when he was sprayed with Mace by a six-member team of guards during a cell extraction on Oct. 24. Gentles' family is appealing a decision by the Crown last

George Strait, spokesman for Clearwater Fine Foods Inc., one of Atlantic Canada's big three offshore fishing companies.

"I would be quite surprised if, four or five years from now, it won't be on vessels virtually everywhere — and sooner than that in Canada."

Still, some fishermen have their doubts. Brian Giroux of Yarmouth, N.S., who runs the Nova Scotia Dragger Fishermen's Association, was lukewarm to the idea, estimating about half the fishermen probably like the idea and half dislike it.

But he likes the idea if it will require foreign trawlers fishing Canadian waters for under-utilized species to carry transponders.

There appears to be general agreement among fisheries officials and fishermen that satellite surveillance will find its greatest use on big offshore

Harcourt meets party executive to discuss scandal

VANCOUVER (CP) — Premier Mike Harcourt and members of the party executive met face-to-face Sunday, trying to repair damage and provide explanations after a devastating report on a charity scandal severely damaged the party's reputation.

Harcourt, dressed casually in jeans and windbreaker, has repeatedly said he was unaware of much of what was uncovered in a forensic audit released Oct. 13.

The B.C. premier, who must call an election within a year, said he had many questions for the executive.

He has said he didn't know until the report's release that a party fund-raising arm skimmed bingo profits intended for charity and funneled them toward political purposes.

The meeting followed another two-day meeting between Harcourt and his caucus that ended Friday in Victoria.

At that meeting the caucus indicated support for Harcourt but pointed fin-

FISHING FOR TROUBLE: The fishing community will be more supportive of satellite surveillance if it is used on foreign trawlers working Canadian waters

vessels and little use on the small ones that stay near shore.

But how much they will be used on mid-size boats like draggers, seiners and longliners is an open question.

"I think you would find a majority of boat owners willing to employ this technology, but it all comes down to cost," said Clifford Fanning, executive director of the Eastern Fishermen's Federation.

Canada is already using some satellite surveillance to track salmon fishing on the West Coast. But on the East Coast fishing fleet it's still at the pilot stage on a few dozen vessels.

However, satellite surveillance soon come into its own in international waters off Newfoundland — the Grand Banks where the government launched its turf against the Spanish fleet last year.

On Jan. 1, an agreement goes into effect by which the Northwest Fisheries Organization settled dispute. One of its clauses requires 100 per cent of vessels in the area to themselves to satellite surveillance.

The surveillance units have side benefits. If a ship gets in trouble, the crew can push a button and

You Must Remember

In the final years of this area log drive, more than 300,000 cubic metres of logs were harvested. On average, it took a log two years to go from forest to mill. Name the river on which the logs made their journey.



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