**Prenatal privacy not an issue**

Canadian moms appear to have few qualms about posting their prenatal sonogram online.

So says a study commissioned by security software maker AVG, which surveyed 2,200 mothers in Canada, the U.S., the U.K., and several other countries. The study suggests 81 per cent of today’s kids have some kind of digital presence online before they turn two.

The survey also found Canadian moms were the least concerned about future privacy issues when posting information about their children online.

On a scale of one to five, with five being very concerned, Canadian moms had an average response of 3.1.

The global average was 3.5 and Spanish moms showed the most concern with an average response of 3.9. Almost one in four kids had a copy of their prenatal sonogram posted online.

Thirty-seven per cent of the Canadian mothers surveyed posted the image online, compared to only 13 to 15 per cent of the parents from France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

The report was released to coincide with a new release of AVG’s online security software.

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The European Union and environmental officials fear an environmental catastrophe affecting half a dozen nations if the red sludge, a waste product of making aluminum, contaminates the Danube, Europe’s second-longest river.

Officials from Croatia, Serbia and Romania were taking river samples every few hours Thursday but hoping the Danube’s huge water volume would blunt the impact of the spill.

The Hungarian reservoir break Monday disgorged a toxic torrent through three villages and creeks that flow into waterways connecting to the Danube.

Creeks in Kolontar, the western village closest to the spill site, were still swollen and ochre red days later and villagers said they were devoid of fish.

The red sludge reached the western branch of the Danube early Thursday and its broad, main stretch by noon, Hungarian rescue agency spokesman Tibor Dobson told the state MTI news agency.

Dobson said the pH content of the red sludge entering the Danube had dropped and was unlikely to cause further environmental damage. It had been tested earlier at a pH level of 13 and now was down under 10, and no dead fish had been spotted in the Danube, he said.

The Hungarian Academy of Science said sludge samples taken two days ago showed the muck’s heavy metal concentrations do “not come close” to levels considered dangerous to the environment.

But the academy said Thursday it still considered the sludge dangerous — apparently due to its caustic characteristics.

**Oversight bill signed by Obama**

U.S. President Barack Obama has signed into law a bill designed to strengthen oversight of sensitive spy operations.

The legislation had been faulted for not informing Congress fully about highly classified programs, such as a secret plan to target terrorist leaders that CIA director Leon Panetta ended last year.

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If analysts are even close to being right about how many jobs the economy created in September, the Bank of Canada’s push to raise interest rates this summer will go into hibernation for the winter. There is an unusually solid consensus among economists that about 10,000 jobs were added in September. BMO Capital Markets economist Douglas Porter says that’s not even enough to absorb the rise in the number of people entering Canada’s labour force each month.

As a result, the Statistics Canada monthly jobs report to be released Friday may show the unemployment rate flat at 8.1 per cent or rising slightly in August. That Statistics Canada report on September employment will be considered by the Bank of Canada as it assesses whether to raise interest rates at its Oct. 19 meeting.

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Pakistan: Impasse

Pakistan said Thursday it has not decided when to reopen a key border crossing NATO uses to ship supplies to Afghanistan, despite a U.S. apology for a helicopter attack that killed two Pakistani soldiers. Suspected militants have taken advantage of the impasse to attack stranded or rerouted trucks.

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