

'You are all winners': Prince Harry opens
Invictus Games with message of inspiration



Firm friends: Prince Harry meets with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Toronto on Saturday, September 23

(CBC NewsCBC News Posted: Sep 23, 2017 6:49 AM ET Last Updated: Sep 24, 2017 5:55 PM ET) Hundreds of wounded warriors from around the world descended on Toronto for the Invictus Games Saturday, with Prince Harry on hand to kick off the night's opening ceremony.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Melania Trump joined Harry — the founder of the Games — at the Air Canada Centre for the festivities that included a star-studded show featuring performances by Sarah McLachlan, Alessia Cara and the Tenors, along

with a "parade of nations." Trudeau was among the first to speak at the ceremony.

Day 1 of 2017 Invictus Games gets underway with wheelchair tennis, athletic heats

' Master of my fate': 7 things to

see and do during the Invictus Games "To the competitors, through your athleticism, through your drive and your competitive spirit, you are showing the world that illness and injury can actually be a source of tremendous strength," Trudeau said in his address at the sold-out event. "We know that no one leaves a battlefield unchanged and that not all scars can be seen."

Prince Harry started the Invictus Games in 2014 as a way to inspire and motivate wounded soldiers on their paths to recovery. And before the games were officially declared open, he took to the stage to explain their meaning.

"In a world where so many have reasons to feel cynical and apathetic, I wanted to find a way for veterans to be a beacon of light, and show us all that we have a role to play. That we all win when we respect our friends, neighbours and communities. That's why we created Invictus," said Harry.

'Representing your countries again'

The true scale of that, he said, was brought home to him when he left Afghanistan after his first deployment there in 2008. He shared the plane home with the coffin of a Danish soldier loaded on by the man's friends as well as several wounded British soldiers, he told the audience.

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Solon pushes for swift passage of
journalist protection act

MANILA, Philippines — A lawmaker on Wednesday called on his colleagues to pass his proposed bill on protection of journalists. Deputy Minority Leader and Kabayan party-list Rep. Harry Roque is hopeful that the House Committee on Public Information will swiftly endorse his authored bill, House Bill No. 913 or the Journalist Protection, Security, and Benefit Act, to the plenary. "A free press is a sign of a healthy and vibrant democracy. There is therefore a very urgent need to protect journalists and let them perform their jobs without fear of harassment," Roque said. Roque cited the growing

number of journalists being harassed for "simply doing their jobs." The bill defines a journalist as "one who regularly imparts information to the general public, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for rendering such service." "Journalists nowadays are being targeted by partisan groups and individuals for the mere reporting of news," Roque said. "The latest case of harassment I read about was the journalist who was sent threatening messages because she reported

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Editorial

Freedom of the press has become more a concern than a privilege

In a democracy, it is important to have freedom of the press. It is one of the bulwarks of a democracy. But lately, it seems as if the press is always being attacked. To make matters worse, the existence of what is called "fake news" put some doubts on the reliability of news in general. How does one know which is authentic and which one is made up news by partisan interests?

When the news broke out about journalists' phones were being tapped, it became not only the media's problem. Private citizens could also be tapped if the police could do this to journalists.

There was also a question of the right of journalists to protect the identify of their sources. But the court still has to make a clear ruling on whether or not the priority is security over privacy.

The news about a Philippine congressman's proposed bill to protect journalists should be welcomed and supported. It is a well-known fact that to be a journalist is not a secure job. There are some personal security risks, specially when they are covering some criminal activities. But we wonder if there will be enough lawmakers who believe that journalists are performing an essential job in informing the public of what they should know in order to keep our politicians more honest and responsible.

Freedom of the press is enshrined in our constitution. It is both a privilege and responsibility to be a member of the press. But lately, it is becoming more a concern than a privilege. The U.S. President has taken a very antagonistic stance towards journalists and even accuses them of producing 'fake news'.

"It's really quite amazing when you think that freedom of the press, is not only sort of a cornerstone of the US Constitution but very much something that the United States defended over

the years is now itself under attack from the President," Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini said.

Another excerpt from a news source profoundly undermines press freedom: *President Trump took his anti-media rhetoric to a new level, doubling down on his description of journalists as "the enemy of the people" and calling for an end to the use of anonymous sources. This on a day when his press secretary Sean Spicer barred reporters from The New York Times, BBC, BuzzFeed News, CNN, Politico, The Los Angeles Times and The Huffington Post from his daily White House press briefing.*

The unrelenting attacks on the news media damage American democracy. They appear to be part of a deliberate strategy to undermine public confidence and trust by sowing confusion and uncertainty about what is true. But they do even greater damage outside the United States, where America's standing as a global beacon of press freedom is being drastically eroded.

On the other side of the globe, The Philippine president also has been very disrespectful of journalists when he said that they deserve to die because they are corrupt. It was strange to hear a president talk this way about journalists. Will he be changing his attitude if the proposed bill is passed by the Philippine congress? It will be interesting to hear what President Duterte will say.

Just like other rights, we must be well informed and it is only through the freedom of the press that we as citizens can get the information we need in order to live peacefully in a democratic society. But we also require that press freedom be not abused. Indeed, to be a member of the press is both a privilege and a responsibility.

Open letter of invitation from Councilor Lionel Perez

This is a reminder that the Official opening of our CDN - Darlington Election Office will be held this Thursday September 28th at 7 PM at 6570 Côte-des-Neiges (Corner Barclay). (<https://www.facebook.com/events/213495505851879/?ti=ia>)

Please accept this as a personal invitation from myself. My colleagues and Borough Mayor Russell Copeman will be in attendance.

I am counting on your presence to show your support to myself and my colleagues for the work

accomplished over the last 4 years. Your presence will speak much louder than words (although they are also always appreciated). Its also an opportunity to visit our local office and here my address about what has been accomplished over the last 4 years and what we plan to do for the next four years.

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Best regards,

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The 1st Golden Balangay Awards: A Night to Celebrate & Remember

Achievers, movers and shakers gather for the first-ever nationwide search for outstanding Filipino Canadians

Claire Dela Gana
iKubo Media

As the sun set on September 9, 2017, Filipino Canadians from all over Canada started arriving at the doorstep of the BMO Institute for Learning for the premiere awards night of the Golden Balangay Awards. It is the first ever nationwide search for outstanding Filipino Canadians – individuals and organizations – who have made significant contributions to their community through their achievements exemplifying leadership, good citizenship and dedication. After five (5) months of gathering nominations, there were almost 150 submissions then whittled down to 90 completed and valid nominations from 5 provinces. That night, the top 3 nominees were called out and only the winner of the 16 categories went up on stage to claim the honor of being the first recipients of the Golden Balangay trophy.

The first Golden Balangay awardees were as follows: Sandra Sabongui from Toronto Montessori School (Ontario) for Educational Excellence Secondary; Adrian De Leon from the University of Toronto for Educational Excellence Post Secondary; Robert Diaz from the University of Toronto for Educator of the Year; Christopher David, interior



(From L to R) Rachelle Cruz, Golden Balangay Co-Ambassador, PCCT Business Excellence awardee Agnes Miranda for WFG, Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement awardee Tomas Avendano Sr. from Vancouver, PCCT 1st Vice President Michele Serrano, and, Toronto performer Josie De Leon (James P. Paderno photography)

designer and owner of David Visual Communications Limited (Ontario) for the WFG Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Entrepreneur of the, Julian Baricuatro, owner of BitSource Interactive (Ontario); PCCT Business Excellence Award goes to WFG by Agnes Miranda (Ontario); Excellence Award in Arts & Culture, Romi

Mananquil, Philippine Artist Group (Ontario); professional boxer (Ontario), Marc Pagcaliwangan for Excellence Award in Sports & Fitness; Krystle Alarcon, multimedia artist (Quebec) for Excellence Award in Media; multi-instrumentalist musician (British Columbia), Raffy Ramiro, for Excellence Award in Music &

Entertainment; Annie Chua (Alberta) for Manggagawang Pilipino of the Year; Norma Carpio (Ontario) for Senior Achievement Award; Zene May Maceda, National Representative, United Food and Commercial Workers (Ontario) for Young Leader of the Year; Tony San Juan (Ontario) for the Community Service Award; and, Ancop International Canada for LBC Most Influential Community Organization. The first Pinoy of the Year award went to Patrick Alcedo, a multi-awarded associate professor, writer, director and producer from Toronto, Ontario.

One of the highlights of the evening was the first Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement Award conferred to Tomas "Tatay Tom" Avendano Sr. from Vancouver, British Columbia. The 88-year old, founder of the Multicultural Helping House Society, won the hearts of everyone in the room. In his 8-minutes acceptance speech, he filled the four corners of the room with laughter and applause. "We have to be conscious of our historical background. It (the Golden Balangay Awards) is a development of historical consciousness. And when you admit you are a Filipino, you must promote

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the culture of the Filipinos. Hindi porke marunong ka ng mag-English nakalimutan mo na ang Tagalog or Ilokano. No. Your color is your color. Regardless of what it is, we have to love our own country, we have to promote our own culture."one of his many remarks that was loudly applauded.

Over 250 guests from British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec and Ontario proudly walked the red carpet in their barongs and Filipinianas. P.A. Dayz, a child duo, entertained the audience with their lively song and dance number. Josie De Leon, hushed the audience with her heartfelt rendition of "Hahanapin Ko", an Anthony Castelo original. A group of cultural dancers showcased a heart-stopping cultural dance from the Luzviminda: the Philippines Dances for



Founders Jovy Favila of Awards Online Canada (leftmost) and Ronnie Dela Gana of iKubo Media (rightmost) with Peyton and Ariella of P.A. Dayz

Canada 150, a dynamic program of dance that celebrates Filipino-Canadians and the embodiment and expression of their diasporic identities.

Rachelle Cruz, an ABS Correspondent, and DK Tijam of DK Talents, hosted the awards presentation. Lilac Cana, Wanda Gaddon, Sugar Pops, Emil

Albania and Shairah Garrido filled The Bow with a mix of classical, pop and Pinoy music during the Balangay Ball while the guests enjoyed the sumptuous dinner prepared by Chef Alvin Guilas of BMO IFL.

The Golden Balangay Awards is the first ever nationwide search for outstanding Filipino Canadians – individuals and organizations - who have made significant contributions to their community through their achievements exemplifying leadership, good citizenship and dedication. The 2018 Golden Balangay Awards will be held on September 08, 2018. Host city is not yet confirmed although Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement awardee, Tatay Tom, offered to host next year's event in Vancouver. 2018 nominations will be opening March 2018. For more information, check out www.goldenbalangayawards.com and follow it on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Prince Harry

"The way I viewed service and sacrifice changed forever, and the direction of my life changed with it," said Harry. "I knew that it was my responsibility to use the great platform that I have to help the world understand and be inspired by the spirit of those who wear the uniform."

Before he closed, Harry addressed the competitors directly.

"You have all come such a

Games about 'making it to the starting line'

At a news conference featuring an emotional Mike Myers, Canadian comedy icon, organizers

I was living without purpose. I needed to believe in myself again, and I needed to be inspired.

- Melanie Harris, veteran and bioarchery competitor

said that sports fans will "see things you've never, ever seen before" on the field of play.

"These Games aren't about the

stress disorder (PTSD) and lingering pain from a back injury sustained overseas. In 2008 she was assigned to a multinational medical unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where she

happy he shook my hand," said a dazzled Robinowe Bukirwa, who wondered if she was dreaming even as the prince faded into the distance. "I don't think I'm going to wash my hand



Invictus Games Training 20170922 Prince Harry, left, meets an athlete from the Denmark wheelchair basketball team during training in the lead-up to the Invictus Games in Toronto on Friday. (Nathan Denette/Canadian Press)

long way... Now you are here on the world stage, flags on your chests, representing your countries again, supporting your teammates and looking up into the stands and into the eyes of your families and friends. You are all winners."

he Games for wounded and sick soldiers, including current and veteran members of the forces, run until Sept. 30. At least 550 competitors from 17 countries are slated to compete in 12 sports.

Earlier Saturday morning, Harry toured the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), where he participated in two roundtables — one with nine senior staff members focused on research, the other on dealing with youth coping with mental illness.

finish line. These Games are all about making it to the starting line," said Michael Burns, chief executive officer for the Toronto 2017 organizing committee.

"For those who have arrived in and around Toronto in the last few days, that, in and of itself, is a major accomplishment."

Melanie Harris, 42, is set to compete in bioarchery at the Games. She spent 20 years in the Armed Forces, serving four tours, including two in Afghanistan.

"An international stage like this allows us to share our journeys and to tell those veterans that 'you are not alone.' Reach out that hand and someone will be there."

All about 'will'

Harris lives with post-traumatic



Melania Trump Prince Harry Prince Harry speaks during a bilateral meeting with Melania Trump, wife of U.S. President Donald Trump, ahead of Saturday's opening ceremony. (Danny Lawson/Associated Press)

carried the wounded and dead on stretchers into the hospital.

The horrors she witnessed there made an indelible mark. She returned home in a state of inertia.

"I was living without purpose. I needed to believe in myself again, and I needed to be inspired," she said during the news conference. "These Invictus Games, that's what they did."

Ultimately, Harris said, she'd like to show other people living with injuries, mental or physical, can excel at sports and other physical activity.

"The world of adaptive sports is about will."

Royal reception

During Harry's visit to CAMH, hundreds of spectators waited patiently behind a barricade in unseasonably blazing sunshine for a chance to get a glimpse of the prince.

The prince did not disappoint, crossing the road after his tour to talk to children, meet a pup and shake hands with members of a crowd that whooped when they glimpsed him and called his name repeatedly.

"Oh my goodness, I'm so

today. I'm so very excited."

Dressed in a blue blazer and grey slacks, the British royal stopped briefly to chat with those gathered and thanked them repeatedly for coming out.

Harry then set off for meetings with Gov. Gen. David Johnston, Trudeau and Melania Trump, who's in Toronto with the U.S. delegation.

Trump's decision to lead the U.S. delegation, whose members include Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin, professional golfer Nancy Lopez and entertainer Wayne Newton, reflects her "utmost respect" for the hard work, courage and sacrifice of the U.S. military, said Stephanie Grisham, a spokesperson for the first lady.

Grisham said Trump also has "great admiration for the role the games have played in empowering those who have been injured while serving."

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about the non-existent bank accounts of a senator," he added, referring to GMA News' Jam Sisante who recently covered Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV in Singapore.

The proposed measure wants the DOJ to formulate and implement a protection, security and program for journalists in consultation with existing media groups such as the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, the National Press Club and the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas.

Roque said those who have reasonable grounds to believe a threat exists to his or her life or security could be admitted to the program.

Under the protection program, journalists facing threats will be given a secure housing facility until the threat, intimidation, or harassment disappears or is reduced to a manageable or tolerable level.

HB 913 also allows a protected journalist to relocate or change their identity and be provided with security detail by the Philippine National Police or other law enforcement agencies if the circumstances call for it. The affected journalist and his family will likewise be entitled to financial assistance.

Journalists under the program will also be provided free medical treatment for any injury or illness sustained. On the other hand, if the protected journalist is killed despite enrollment in the program, the heirs

shall be entitled to a minimum of P500,000 burial benefit.

The children left by the deceased journalist would be entitled to free education from primary to college level in any state or private school, college or university.

Roque said the threat and harassment to journalists are a personal issue to him since his wife is also a former journalist.

"I have long been an advocate of the freedom of expression and freedom of the press," Roque said.

'Philippines dangerous for media personnel'

In August 2017, The Reporters Sans Frontieres or Reporters Without Borders expressed worry over the recent spate of media killings in the country.

The RSF considers the Philippines as the world's second most dangerous country for media personnel and ranked it 127th out of 180 countries in the 2017 World Press Freedom Index.

Prior to his presidency, Duterte claimed some journalists sought their deaths because of engaging in corruption. He also dared the members of the press to boycott him. Despite this, the Duterte government created the presidential task force on violations to the media's right to life, liberty and security. This is the first administrative order of Duterte. —

Rosette Adel

PDP-Laban submits draft Charter adopting federalism



Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III

By: DJ Yap - Reporter / @deejayapIN

Proponents of federalism from President Rodrigo Duterte's Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban) party have submitted their own draft of a Constitution that adopts a parliamentary-federal system of government, allows the President to run for reelection, and scraps the Office of the Vice President.

Under the draft Charter submitted by the PDP-Laban Federalism Institute, the President's term is five years with reelection for one term, or a total of 10 years.

In the event of the President's death, the Senate President will assume the presidency.

All constitutional provisions

pertaining to the Vice President are repealed under the draft Charter prepared by the institute's executive director, Jonathan Malaya, and University of Santo Tomas professor Edmund Tayao.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III, president of PDP-Laban, said some of the ideas in the party's proposal may have been "tweaked."

"The Vice President abolition is part of our version A, but we also have a version B, where [the VP's office] is retained," he said.

"The plan is to pass the new Constitution during the Duterte administration even if the actual shift to federalism occurs after," he said.

Parliament
Malaya and Tayao proposed other sweeping changes, including the creation of a Parliament consisting of two houses: the Federal Assembly as the national legislative authority and the Senate as the legislative body representing regional governments.

The President, who is directly voted into office, will be the head of state while the Prime Minister, who will be nominated by the President from the roster of Federal Assembly members after elections, is the head of government.

No party-list system

The proposal abolishes the

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MAG-IINGAT SA PAGGAMIT NG MGA SALITANG HINDI NATIN TIYAK ANG KAHULUGAN

Noong Agosto ay ipinagdiwang sa Pilipinas ang buwan ng wika, ang Pilipino, opisyal na lenggwahe ng ating bansa. Ipinagdiriwang ito upang mapalaganap ang ating wika na siyang tulay na nagdurugtong sa mga komunidad na naninirahan sa ibang bansa. Nagsisilbi ito bilang ating pagka-kakilanlan. Ang wika ay batayan ng kultura ng isang bansa.

Hindi pa ako nakababalik sa Pilipinas mula nang dumating ako sa Canada mahigit apatnapung taon na ang nakalilipas. Simula noon, marami nang lumang salita ang bihira ko nang naririnig at marami ring bagong salita ang lumalabas na ang karamihan ay hindi ko kaagad maintindihan. Noon, ang lalake ay tinatawag na “kelot” at ang babae ay “bebot” at ang dalaga ay “bulig”. Ang bakla o “sioke” ay “bading” o “beking” na at ang lesbian ay “tibo” naman. Ginagamit noon ang “common tao” na ang kahulugan ay karaniwang tao at ngayon naman ay ginagamit ang “madlang people” na pinasikat sa Showtime. Noon, kapag

ang isang bata ay hindi sumusunod sa mga magulang, tinatawag lamang siyang matigas ang ulo pero ngayon ay isa siyang “pasaway”.

Minsan, dahil sa paggamit ko ng salitang hindi ko tiyak kung ano ang kahulugan ay napahiya ako. Mahigit na sampung taong na nang may nakilala akong Pilipinang manganganta na galing sa Japan. Malapit na ang Independence Day kaya inanyayahan ko siyang kumanta sa McKenzie King park. Nagpaunlak naman siya. Bilang malaking pasasalamat ko, binigyan ko siya ng magandang fanfare sa souvenir program at sa entablado. Buong pagmamalaki kong ipinakilala siya na isang “Japayuki”. Naririnig ko kasi ang salitang iyon na ang akala ko ay karaniwang ginagamit sa mga Pilipinong galing sa Japan.

Kinabukasan ay tumawag sa akin ang manganganta. Para siyang maiiyak na nagtanong, “Kuya, bakit tinawag mo naman akong “Japayuki”?” Nagulat ako, “Hindi ba galing ka sa Japan?” tanong ko naman. Hindi siya sumagot. Narinig ko na lamang ang pagbaba ng telepono. Tinanong ko ang isang kaibigan kung ano ang “Japayuki”.

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party-list system, leaving only a Federal Assembly with no more than 400 members.

The current Constitution sets the limit at 250 House members along with party-list representatives.

The draft also includes a ban on political dynasties, prohibiting the spouses and other relatives of a candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity from seeking an elective office.

The proposed Charter creates regional governments that will enjoy autonomy but not sovereignty. Malaya and Tayao presented their proposed amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of a subcommittee of the constitutional amendments panel of the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

The draft Constitution is one of two proposals under deliberation on the House panel, the other being Resolution of Both Houses No. 08 prepared and submitted by Pampanga Rep. Aurelio Gonzales Jr. and ABS Rep. Eugene Michael de Vera. Patronage policy

Tayao said the President, under the proposal, would retain his powers as Commander in Chief of the military and architect of the country's foreign policy, but the power of the purse and of expenditure will be with

the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

“Patronage policy is no longer with the President but in a collegial assembly,” he said.

Malaya said the proposed model would not give sovereignty to regional governments. “Only the federal government should have sovereignty,” he said. Surgical approach

He said there was no need to come up with an entirely new Constitution, noting that the proposal retained many provisions of the current Constitution.

“Many good provisions in the Constitution need not be changed. We proposed a surgical approach,” he said.

But Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn Garcia said it must be clarified if the proposal was for an “overhaul” of the entire government structure or simple amendments.

Common denominator

“We hope to set it as a common denominator, whether we are looking at amendments or a revision,” she said.

Malaya conceded that his proposal might actually entail an overhaul of the system, and not simple changes, though he stressed that many constitutional provisions need not be amended.

“We do not want an entirely new Constitution,” he said.

Nabigla ako nang ipaliwanag niya na hindi magandang tawagin na “Japayuki” ang isang babae. Entertainer o “hospitality girl” ito sa mga club sa Japan. Gusto kong tawagan uli ang manganganta para humingi ng paumanhin pero baka lalong magalit sa akin. Simula noon, ingat na rin ako sa paggamit ng mga salitang hindi ako sigurado kung ano ang kahulugan.

PINATATAWAD NA RAW NI JULIE ANG MGA IGNORANTE SA FAMAS CONSTITUTION

Sa nakaraang isyu ng Filipino Forum ay isinulat ni Fred Magallanes at Julie Parado, COMELEC chairman ng nakaraang FAMAS eleksyon, na mali raw ang mga komento ni Budz Sarmiento, Dick Ribaya (mga dating COMELEC chairman) at ako tungkol sa advance voting. At may utang na loob pa pala tayo kay Julie dahil pinatatawad na raw niya ang mga ignorante sa FAMAS constitution na tulad ng mga kandidato at botante na nangutya sa kaniya. “Advance voting is a constitutional violation,” sabi ni Fred at Julie. Ayon kay Julie, illegal daw ang election noong 2011, 2013, 2015 at 2017. Kung illegal ang mga iyon, ang ibig sabihin ay mga illegal din ang mga eleksyon at opisyal na naupo bago 2011? At bakit ngayon lamang sinasabi ng dalawang ito? Naghahanap sila ng dahilan upang i-justify ang desisyon ni Julie na walang advance voting? Tradisyon na ang FAMAS advance voting kaya marami ang nagulat nang hindi ito gawin ni Julie. Ang masama pa, hindi niya muna ipina-alam sa mga kandidato at

mga botante ang kaniyang balak.

Isa pa, ang malaking isyu ay ang pag-uwi ni Julie sa mga kahon ng balota sa kaniyang bahay. Nang tanungin siya ng abogado ng Malaya Team bakit niya ginawa iyon, ang sagot niya ay wala na naman nakasaad sa Constitution na bawal gawin iyon. Dahil dito, napagkasunduan nga nila ni Cora Aberin ng Samahang Makabayan na dalhin sa bahay niya ang mga balota. Ang sabi ng iba, wala rin naman nakasaad sa Constitution na dalhin sa bahay niya ang mga balota. At kung totoo ang sabi nang marami na labag sa batas ang kanilang ginawa, malaki ang problema nila.

Pagkatapos ng eleksyon ay lamang si Dante Tabamo ng mga 101 na voto kay Cesar Manuel. Paano nangyari na matapos iuwi sa bahay ni Julie ang mga kahon ng balota ay nakalamang pa si Cesar nang 22 voto? Binuksan ba ng COMELEC ang mga kahon na walang nakasaksi na mga miembro ng Malaya Team? At bakit nasa Facebook kaagad ni Svetlana Suarez ang pagbabago ng resulta? Ayon sa mga balita, dalawang malalaking defamation suit ang magkahiwalay na nakahain kay Julie at Fred mula sa dalawang magkaibang tao. Humihingi raw sila ng out-of-court settlement pero ayaw ng mga nagdedemanda. Kung si Julie ay nagpatawad sa mga ignorante sa FAMAS Constitution, ang mga nagdedemanda ay hindi handang magpatawad sa mga ignorante sa batas. Kung alam ni Julie at Fred ang batas sa pagsusulat, hindi sila magkakaroon ng problema ngayon.

The draft Charter retains the preamble, Bill of Rights, suffrage provisions, among other features of the 1987 Constitution.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) will tap civil society organizations for the promotion of federalism.

DILG officer in charge Catalino Uy said on Wednesday that the agency would accredit organizations as partners in the promotion of federalism and train them in information content and dissemination. —WITH REPORTS

In Laguna, federalism drive starts with storm aid

FROM CHRISTINE O. AVENDAÑO AND JEANNETTE I. ANDRADE

By: Maricar Cinco - Correspondent / @maricarcincoINQPhilippine Daily Inquirer / 06:30 AM September 20, 2017

SAN PEDRO CITY — Volunteers, who described themselves as loyal “warriors” of President Rodrigo Duterte, have started recruiting members to push the proposed government shift to federalism.

The group is called Sincere Warriors of Rodrigo Duterte-Advocating Federalism and President Support Movement (SWORD-AFPSM), or “Sword” to its members. “As the (group’s name) implies, we are

composed of people advocating federalism,” said Christopher Sanji, Sword’s chapter chair in Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) region.

In Laguna province, the group’s first public activity was Tuesday’s relief drive for 1,500 families affected by Tropical Depression “Maring.”

Maring dumped heavy rains in the region last week and left at least four people dead and P18-million worth of crop and infrastructure damage. The Laguna government declared the province under a state of calamity.

Sanji said the relief drive was a “social responsibility” component of the group’s advocacy.

Mr. Duterte has long been campaigning for a shift to a federal form of government, which he believed would solve underdevelopment and the conflict driven by extremist groups in Mindanao.

‘Independent’

Sanji said Sword was convened by Dioscoro Esteban Jr. in June and was launched in Calabarzon in August. The group claims membership of around 300,000 around the country, about 60,000 of which from Laguna alone.

The group’s name does not

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Storm aid

An in-depth interview with Lionel Perez

By W. G. Quiambao

Lionel Perez, a lawyer, has been the city councillor in the District of Darlington for the last eight years. He will run again with the Mayor of Montreal Denis Codere, together with Borough Mayor Russel Copeman.

WGQ: What have you accomplished since you were first elected as Darlington councillor since 2009?

LP: I'm very proud to be the representative of the District of Darlington for the last eight years and I look forward to doing so for the next four years. It's an awesome opportunity that I take very seriously and for which I'm extremely dedicated.

First and foremost, as a city councillor, you are very close to the population which means that you can have an impact on seemingly "small matters." But for me, it's the most satisfying part of my duties. Whether it's adding a speed bust on a busy street to ensure the safety of children, the cutting of branches from dangerous trees, a repair to a sidewalk in front of an elderly person's home. It's the type of things that people remember and for which you are improving the quality of life of residents.

For example, I recently asked that we add two handicapped parking

spots next to the intercultural library at 6767 Cote des Neiges following a request from United Pilipino Seniors and they greatly appreciated it. When FAMAS needed information about installing the Gazebo in the back, I facilitated the exchange with the Borough to ensure compliance. In

brought live webcasting of our borough council meetings, ensured the publishing of council documents ahead of council on our website and making our urbanism committee meetings public, among others. This brought back much faith in our municipal institutions. Also, I established the preventative home inspection programme to ensure safe dwellings which added 2,000 annual inspections. Recently, together with Borough Mayor Russel Copeman, we

budget. Moreover, as Executive Committee Member responsible for infrastructure, among other dossiers, I've had a significant impact in improving the roads of Montreal. We know how terrible they were and in the last four years, we have redone close to 40% of all our borough streets – it's quite amazing!

At the city level, we have more than doubled our investments to improve our roads. We know it's difficult at times but it will be worth it in the long run and we are already seeing the tangible positive results. I was also a strong advocate to getting an expansion of Cote La Voie High School so that our children don't have to go to a high school in another borough. Lastly, I was very proud presenting a motion at borough council and City Hall which was the catalyst of changing the Quebec Rules on hospital parking fees requiring them to have reasonable fees and lower fees for recurring visitors and patients.

WGQ: Cote-des-Neiges has a large Filipino community, what can you tell about your relationship with them?

LP: I've had the honour of representing the District of Darlington which has the highest concentration of Filipino-Canadians in Montreal. I'd like to say that they have welcomed me with open arms. While I was not born a Filipino, I truly feel that I was "adopted" by the Filipino community of Darlington.



Hon. Petronila Garcia, Philippine Ambassador to Canada, is flanked by Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre and Darlington Councillor Lionel Perez during the launching of the Montreal Charter of Rights & Responsibilities in Filipino, June 13, 2017 held at City Hall.

terms of broader borough accountability, I would say that I was the pioneer for true transparency and accountability at the borough. I

announced an emergency repair funds for tenants who needed emergency repairs and full-time inspectors to our

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Ask the Video Guy

Technological Tidbits
by

Al Abdon

Tangerine Dream: How a film shot on an iPhone made it to the big screen

by Tony Myers

With a budget of \$100k, indie film director Sean Baker shocked the Hollywood establishment by shooting his full-length feature film, “Tangerine,” on an iPhone 5s with stunning results. A hit at the Sundance Film Festival where it lit up the big screen, the film won over critics and those in the industry who were skeptical of using a mobile device to make a film.

When director Sean Baker said “we wanted to separate ourselves from the pack”, for his next feature film, *Tangerine*, it was not only the subject matter that raised eyebrows in Hollywood — it’s about transgender sex workers in Los Angeles — but also the fact that he was able to shoot the entire movie exclusively on the iPhone 5s.

With no financing, but a cracking story that needed to be told, Baker had no choice but to go down the micro-budget route to get “Tangerine” made. If it weren’t for Duplass Brothers Productions stumping up a grateful \$100,000, the movie would not have been made. It sounds like a lot, but not really when the average budget for a Hollywood film is in the millions.

Surprise Ending

Baker’s edgy comedy ended up shocking the Sundance Festival when it premiered in 2015, not because of its LGBTQ storyline, but because of what happened at the end as the credits rolled, along with the line “Tangerine was shot entirely on the iPhone 5s with our anamorphic adapters.”

The director had kept that part under wraps to allow the film to be judged on its own merits — and “Tangerine” quickly won over film critics. The Hollywood Reporter described the film’s production quality as “crisp and vigorously cinematic.” More important, “Tangerine” finally showed that, yes, you can make a feature-length film with a smartphone and show it on the big screen, just like a proper movie.



Sean Baker, director of ‘Tangerine Dream’

So how did Baker, whose previous indie output includes “Prince of Broadway,” “Take Out” and “Starlet,” manage to pull off such technical and sumptuous production wizardry by using only an iPhone as a principle camera?

Essential Tools

Ingenuity certainly played a part, and tenacity, vision and a good deal of luck and goodwill were also factors. Any filmmaker relies, to an extent, on all of these attributes when navigating a project from script to screen.

Once he had decided to shoot his script on a smartphone, Baker’s lucky break was provided first by Apple, who had just released its iPhone 5s with its 8-megapixel camera upgrade. His next piece of luck came from Moondog Labs who had just release a prototype its 1.33x Anamorphic Adapter for iPhone 5s, which gave

the director a 2.40:1 aspect ratio from the original 16:9 when filming on his mobile device.

If you’ve seen “Tangerine,” then you will have not been able to miss the widescreen cinematic effect this piece of kit brought to the production. In a post screening Q&A at Sundance, Baker described the adapters as “amazing.” “I wouldn’t have made the film without that. I think it really elevated the look,” he said.

The \$160 device works by clamping onto the phone to squeeze out a 30-percent wider image onto the sensor, whose native video is captured in 16:9.

“Not only does it enable a 2.40:1 aspect ratio after a desqueeze in Final Cut Pro or [file converter] Handbrake, but it also offers anamorphic touches such as horizontal flares, which ‘Tangerine’

film a ‘pop vérité’ feel, as one critic described *Tangerine*.

To prevent the shoot from running out of juice, Baker bought a bunch of Mophie battery chargers to keep the iPhones powered up.

Creative Methods

When it came to casting *Tangerine*, Baker scoured Instagram and Vine to find extras and spotted the two main actresses, Mya Taylor and Kitana Kiki Rodriguez, at the Santa Monica Boulevard and Highland Avenue intersection.

Baker also used his ingenuity for the soundtrack by searching Soundcloud, the online audio distribution and file-sharing platform, for suitable music, which again was used to stunning effect.

The other great advantage of filming on iPhones was that it’s easier get

uses to great effect,” says Patricia Thomson, writing on the ASC website.

To achieve a really impressive cinematic effect the FiLMiC Pro App is also essential — and a gift for any mobile filmmaker. The app enables the camera operator to lock exposure, focus, white balance and more with better compression — 50mbps encoding at 1080p for each shot.

Baker also gave cinematographer Radium Cheung a Steadicam Smoothee, and he used his 10-speed racing bike as a dolly, to prevent camera shake.

Lighting on the set was mostly natural, except for three battery-operated Rosco LitePads — 1’x1’, 6’x12” and 3’x12” — to provide additional lighting. In post-production, Baker amped up the color with a saturating effect in the final edit in Final Cut Pro — to reflect the colourful characters and give the

away with shooting without a permit if you need to, though we officially don’t advise doing this. But be careful on this point and don’t break the law — Baker said that for “Tangerine,” they did obtain permits for the main shoot, but working with such a small production crew meant that they didn’t have to close off any streets or areas, which helped keep costs down.

Using an iPhone also made the mainly amateur cast more relaxed and brought out natural and realistic performances, which made the entire film fun and exciting, and it just shows what, in the right hands, an iPhone or any quality smartphone, can achieve, when you really put your mind to it. ■

Al Abdon
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For the love
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Recipes compiled from Philippine cuisine sites by
Zeny Kharroubi



Steamed meat loaf (Embutido)

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 kg. Ground pork
- 2 tablespoon Calamansi juice
- 1/4 cup Soy sauce
- 1 Onion, chopped
- 1 large Egg
- 1/2 cup Bread crumbs
- 1/2 can small Tomato sauce
- 2 tbsp. Grated cheese
- 1 tsp. Ground pepper

1 Combine and mix all the ingredients except tomato sauce and cheese.

2 Put in a llañera or a loaf pan baking tin.

3 Pour tomato sauce over the top to fully cover.

4 Put grated cheese on top.

5 Steam for 30 minutes.

6 Serve with steamed white rice and enjoy!



Pork Menudo

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. pork
- ¼ lb. pig liver
- 1 cup potatoes, diced
- 1 medium carrot, cubed
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ½ piece lemon
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ¾ cup tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 4 pieces hotdogs, sliced diagonally
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 2 to 3 pieces dried bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Combine pork, soysauce, and lemon in a bowl. Marinate for at least 1 hour.

Heat oil in a pan

Saute garlic and onion.

Add the marinated pork. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes.

Pour in tomato sauce and water and then add the bay leaves.Let boil and simmer for 30 minutes to an hour depending on the toughness of the pork. Note: Add water as necessary. Add-in the liver and hot dogs.Cook for 5 minutes.

Put-in potatoes, carrots, sugar,salt, and pepper. Stir and cook for 8 to 12 minutes.

Serve. Share and enjoy!



Chicken Adobo

Ingredients

- 4 to 5 pounds chicken thighs
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 3 bay leaves
- Steamed rice, for serving

Directions

Combine the chicken thighs, vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, peppercorns and bay leaves in a large pot. Cover and marinate the chicken in the refrigerator for 1 to 3 hours.

Bring the chicken to a boil over high heat. Lower the heat, cover and let simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the lid and simmer until the sauce is reduced and thickened and the chicken is tender, about 20 more minutes. Serve with steamed rice.



Kare-kare (Beef or Pork)

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 1/2 lbs Pork or Beef hocks or Ox tail ,cut into 2" lengths
- 6 tbsp peanut butter
- 1 bundle sitaw or long beans (cut 3" length)
- 2 bundles bokchoy / pechay
- 2-6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 tsp achuete powder for coloring
- 1 medium eggplant (cut into 6 pieces)
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- bagoong or shrimp paste

HOW TO COOK KARE-KARE:

Boil the pork hocks until soft. Set aside. Reserve the broth.

In a wok, saute garlic and onion.

Add pork hocks and fish sauce. Cook for few minutes.

Add 2 1/2 cups of the pork/beef broth, salt, achuete and peanut butter.

Simmer for 5 mins.

Add the vegetables and cook until vegetables are tender. Stir occasionally.

Season with salt to taste.

Serve with bagoong or shrimp paste.

*** You can also use Mama Sita's Kare-Kare Mix and omit 4 tbsp peanut butter and achuete powder.

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The North American Filipino Star Photo Gallery



Media group from Montreal and Toronto posing for souvenir of the Balangay background screen where nominees' photos were flashed as their names were called.



Tony San Juan raises his hand holding the Balangay trophy that he received as the winner in the Community Service award category among three top nominees selected from more than 15 nominations.



Shaking hands with the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Tomas Avendano, Sr. is the North American Filipino Star editor & publisher, Zenaïda Kharroubi, who was one of the three top nominees for community service award. Others are from left: Von Canton, Radio Pinoy founder, nominated for Excellence in Media category, Tenne Rose Dayandante, and Lot Canton.



From left: Janet Mahilum Haydock, nominated in the Most Influential Community Organization Category, Tenne Rose Dayandante, Pinoy Pa Rin TV host, and Zenaïda Kharroubi nominated in the Community Service award category.



Pinoy of the Year Patrick Salcedo (Ontario), and Lifetime Achievement Award, Tomas Avendano, Sr. (British Columbia)



A two-day seminar for professional development in journalism was held on September 23, & 24, 2017 at Toronto City Hall by the National Ethnic Press and Media Council headed by Tomas Saras (on the right), president of the Council who presented certificates of appreciation to the guests. Shown here are representatives from the Canadian Heritage Department who heard the Council members' concerns and pleas for changes in the criteria for funding small community newspapers. The department has a budget of \$71 million but none of this goes to small community newspapers due to the requirement of having paid subscriptions to receive funding, hence, only mainstream newspapers get funded.

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Social Tidbits Fely Rosales Cariño

Easily the social event of the year in Montreal was the Philippine Tapestry neo-ethnic cultural show, the brainchild of Rene Salud, a veteran designer and icon in the Philippine fashion scene. It was held last August 29, 2017 at Crown Plaza in Cotes de Liesse, Ville St. Laurent. Filipinos ought to be proud – the clothes can easily compete with the world's famous fashion shows !!! There were gasps of raves as the 9 local models (Aishalynok Ogunkaya, Kevin Cote, Rashica Yavichandran, Diandra Arroyo, Yashica Vir Nabor, Elodie Lima, Minkyung Suk, Yakoub Drame, and Romane Manceau) appeared one after another garbed in intricate combinations of beadwork and use of native textiles. Rene Salud highlighted the show with Igorot fabric (weaves of Cordillera), abaca (Bicol), pina (Visayas), and inauk, yakan (Mindanao silk). Other models from the Philippines were Angelee de los Reyes, Anne Barete, Anna Bradborn, Jaime Herrell, Jasmine Maerhofer, Melanie Mader, Leren Mae Bautista, and Raphael Kefer. Even without their makeups, they were all gorgeous! One has to understand that to be a model one has to be 5ft9 and above, of good posture with weight distributed in the right places, etc. Men have to be 6 ft and above. The men showed the Philippine flavor in their different barong styles and colors. This assembled very beautiful and very handsome models could take one's breath away. Their statuesque appearance and regal walk gave Michael Devantes (the expert model trainer) a gem to work with! Agnes Miranda, who spearheaded this fashion show-on-tour, is a close friend of Rene Salud. This one-of-a-kind cultural fashion show has been part of fashion exhibitions all over the world (Tokyo, Taipei, Seville, and the Caribbean Islands, to name a few). Petronila Garcia (Philippine Ambassador to Canada) graced the event with her presence. Among the other guests were MNAs from different ridings (Honourables Pierre Arcand, David Birnbaum, Helen David, Jean Marc Fournier, and Carlos Leitao), Consul Jeff and wife Jazz (representing the Philippine Embassy), and Miss Siera Bearchell (Miss Universe Canada 2016). Musical entertainers Carolyn Fe and Michelle Lao sang their hearts out and the Sindaw dancers enhanced the runway with their spirited performance. The hosts of the evening, Serge Cayanong and Caterina Mazzone (herself a picture of elegance) are to be commended for ably fulfilling their roles! The Bureau of Tourism of the Philippines lent their support by flying more than 35 models, musicians, choreographers, etc. And let's not forget the people behind the scenes – the evening was

sponsored by the Federation of Filipino Canadian Associations of Quebec (FFCAQ) under the leadership of President Ed Tupaz. Between basketball practices and every evening rehearsals held at Ruby Foo Restaurant on Decarie Blvd., Mr. Tupaz, the overall chairman initiated and guided everything from transportation of models, their food and accommodation, with the help of his supportive wife, Tess. Equally a giant in this extravaganza was the effort of the event Chairperson, Mrs. Minda Mazzone. She left no page unturned when it came to the successful execution of the different tasks she assigned to hardworking Fred and Jovy Narvas, Robin and Cristy Hunter, Michael Devantes, Al Abdon, Remy Monteagodo, and Nico Mazzone. Minda's precious gift for her efforts was a beautiful ensemble (courtesy of Rene Salud) which she stylishly modeled on stage. Bravo, Ed and Minda! Your enthusiasm and vigorous effort contributed to the success of the show!

The photography class of Professor Al Abdon held its second graduation at the Gilmore International College. The seven graduates are: Eppie Gevero, Fely Bisares, Nancy Castillo, Sylvia Lemaire, Nenita Licayao, Evelyn Lopez, and Ciony Nueva. Certificates and prizes were awarded by Trans Liganor, president of the Quebec Association of Canadian Filipino Teachers (QACFT). There is not a dull moment with this group. They love the end result of their photos and the comfort of each other's company, as well as the expert teaching style of their prof, who apparently is very patient even when their cameras are upside down (or closed!) during picture taking! Al, this is the true epic hallmark of a good teacher and according to your students, you are the BEST!

Another very special event was the wedding of Ding Alzate to Randy Guerzon at the same venue where Tapestry was held, at the Crowne Plaza. As in all weddings, the couples' friends (the younger ones) and their parents' friends (the older ones) came together for this happy occasion. There was the church ceremony followed by the reception. The bride, Ding, looked stunningly beautiful while the groom, Randy, super debonair! The band very well supported soloist Michelle Lao. Not to be outdone, Ding's mom was dressed to the nines and so were Greg and Cathy Guerzon, Randy's parents. Hosts Tenne Rose Dayandante and Michael Davantes made the event extra special with the funny adlibs and expert emceeing. As well, I enjoyed the pleasant company of Table 16 guests, namely Myrna and Thelma Castro, Alex and Josie Pineda and Zenaida Kharoubbi. It was a marvelous night for the new couple and

all the beautiful people in attendance!

A joyous occasion occurred on July 22, 2017 – the 60th Birthday celebration of Ely Domingo! It was held at the St. Michael Parish Social Hall. The place was decorated with a vintage feel (the burlap touches were a delight!) and pictures of Ely tastefully bedecked the tables and walls! The photos seem to bear an uncanny resemblance to a handsome, young Jose Rizal, the Philippines' National hero! I am certain he is a hero to his charming wife Mona and children Mathew and Rachel! The celebrant himself was youthfully dressed and he gave thanks to the Lord for his 60th! The couple had a romantic dance while the audience looked admiringly. There was a loving video tribute to the celebrant which he undoubtedly appreciated. Then came the SUPER DUPER SURPRISE of the evening... trumpets please! To the astonishment of the crowd, a stunned Rachel was being proposed to... by a nervous and hopeful prospective groom, Arnan Alcantara. By now, the audience burst in deafening cheers as the lights were dimmed, the band played, and Arnan approached his lady (I'm sure his heartbeat matched the thunderous glee of everyone!). He knelt on one knee and put the ring on a teary-eyed Rachel's finger. The young couple had tears of JOY as the birthday celebration turned into an engagement party!!! Aside from many friends from the Living Waters International Fellowship, in attendance too were Arnan's parents Sabino and Maria Luisa Alcantara & family and out of town guests Lino Abello, Marcello & Michelle Tolentino. Rachel and Arnan, having known each other for 9 years, bonded through their church group. Thankfully, the evening ended with relief to Arnan and bliss to Rachel, who is going to marry her best friend!!!

Elysha Madrid's sweet 18th held at the Marcel Morin Community Center on August 19, 2017 gets my vote as one of the sweetest debuts I've ever attended!!! The cowboy/cowgirl themed evening boasted of tables decorated with colorful bandannas and guests came in their favorite hats and some in boots! The young emcees, Mae Ann Pagarigan and Ryan Alvarado, handled their roles well. The audience was encouraged to give their advice to the beautiful debutante. Among the encouragers were NildaCristy Moreno, Riza (stay with God and stay humble), Tito Eli (seek God first, Joshua 1:8,9), Mae Castillo (praised Crosstalk), Johnny M (continue to be a good girl), Andrea (put God first), and Pastor Faia (work it out with the Lord, make God your priority and the single pursuit of your life). Zeny de Leon, the debutante's aunt, gave the most surprising advice... in Tagalog! Listen up, youngsters, to her top ten list: 1-Maglinis ng kuwanto, 2-Ayusin ang mga damit sa cabinet, 3-Maglampaso ng sahig ng buong bahay, 4-Magusang linisin ang toilet, 5-Ayusing ang mga gamit sa eskwelahan, 6-Simulan na ang mga homework kahit matagal pa ang submission nito, 7-Tumulong sa paglalaba, 8-Palitan ang mga punda ng unan, 9-Tanggapin ng alikabokang mga appliances, 10-Mag-advance reading para sa mga susunod na lessons! How about that for advice!!! Last but not least was Pastor Rene Saquing who challenged the audience to consider Jesus who said that He is the

bread of life, the One who quenches the thirst and hunger in a person's heart and the One who gives purpose and meaning to life. The Pastor stressed a personal relationship with Jesus, not merely a 'religion', and reminded us of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, will not perish but have everlasting life." Other performances were: emcee Ryan sang a delightful rap, Jay Costa gave a stirring rendition of "You're Just Too Good to be True", a trio of Joshua C., Mae Ann & Miriam de Vera delivered a fun version of "Sometimes", and the group of Melina, Eman, Gabby, Jenna & Donna sang in 'Zulu' language. The audience enjoyed the presentation of 18 candles to the debutante by 18 of her friends who also gave encouraging words. In addition, 18 male friends gave her 18 roses and danced with her too! A delightful treat came from the debutante herself who sang "Climbs" and offered her personal testimony! She stated that she was raised in a Christian home, enjoyed Sunday school but didn't really understand at the time, remembered her dad who left when she was 9 years old and brought up by mom. She later recalled Hosanna making an impact and that talking to God soothed her and stressed a personal encounter with Him. The evening's fitting finale was the debutante and her friends dancing to the able choreography of Mae Ann P! Just a wonderful sight to behold! The dance floor opened and more eating continued. What can I say! What an inspiration!!!!

I was handed this notice and it needs to be published as a reminder. There will be a General Assembly of the United Filipino Seniors (UPS) on September 24, 2017 (1:00-4:30pm) at the St. Kevin Church Hall on 6500 Cote des Neiges. Everyone is invited to attend.

The catchy words – Free, Free, Free! – caught the eye of friends and supporters of the Canadian Filipino Seniors of Montreal (CFSM) last August 12, 2017 at St. Kevin Social Hall. There was the usual Flag Ceremony, singing of the National Anthems, Invocation, Welcome Address (Josie Tapia and Luz) and Introduction of Officers: Josie Tapia (President), Luz Domingo (Founder and VP), Tes Mamagat (VP), Arthur Flores (Financial Officer), Nora Antenor Cruz (Asst. Finance Officer), Felina Flores (Social Events Director), Ebby Landicho (Secretary), Elvira Serono & Mae Ong (Asst. Secretary), Mary Paano (Treasurer), Florence Uy (Asst. Treasurer), Josie Morales (Auditor), Doreen San Juan (Assistant Auditor), Eddie Valdez (PRO), Simon Hanna (Asst. PRO), Linda Armelon & Pillar Chripko (Business Managers), and Dora Tyson & Dahlia Ashby (Security Advisers). This was a Western Dance Party. Everyone came with their boots and cowboy hats. Not to be missed was the ubiquitous line dancing. This was truly a party enjoyed by everyone! Good Work, Josie and Luz and all other officers!

God Bless!

**Enjoy the rest of
summer. Be good to
one another.**

National News Media Council, National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada align to strengthen inter-cultural dialogue in Canadian media

TORONTO, September 5, 2017 – The National NewsMedia Council of Canada is excited to announce a new alliance with the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada. This agreement will amplify the reach of both organizations on issues of shared concern, such as press freedom, multicultural representation in the media, news literacy, and journalism ethics.

"This landmark agreement provides the foundation for a more productive intercultural dialogue in Canadian media," says John Fraser, President and CEO of the NNC. "It recognizes the power journalism has to influence and effect significant social development."

As part of the agreement, the NNC and the NEPC have agreed to act as 'steering committees' to help each other inform and resolve editorial complaints raised against members when issues of race or ethnicity are of central focus. In addition, the two organizations have agreed to collaborate on public outreach and research projects to act as a bridge between mainstream and multicultural media in Canada.



John Frazer, CEO & President National News Media Council

"This is the beginning of a new era for our organization and our members," says Thomas Saras, President and CEO of the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada. "Working with our brothers and sisters at the NNC and in the mainstream press will be extremely valuable in helping shed light on the ever-changing experiences of ethnic Canadians."

ABOUT THE NNC:

The NNC was established in September 2015 as a voluntary self-regulatory body dealing with issues of journalistic standards and ethics. The NNC is the successor organization to



Thomas Saras, CEO & Pres. National Ethnic Press & Media Council

the former Ontario Press Council, Manitoba Press Council, BC Press Council and Atlantic Press Council. It has over 800 members representing daily and community newspapers, magazines and digital news platforms in every province in the country.

ABOUT NEP:

The National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and integrate the economic, social, and cultural interests of ethnic communities into the mainstream of Canadian society. Over the last twenty-six years, the NEP has built a strong membership that today stands at more

than 800 titles.

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appear when searched in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) website. Sanji said Sword had just finished working on the requirements for a SEC registration this month.

He said the group, despite being vocal about its support for the

Anticrime, drugs

According to Sanji, also the information officer of the Laguna government, the group also supports the President's other programs, like its anticorruption campaign and the war against illegal drugs that has so far claimed thousands of lives in police operations.

He said Sword works in support of the Department of the



Storm victims in Calamba City share a meal amid the debris. —GRIG C. MONTEGRANDE

President, remained an "independent" and nonpolitical organization.

Esteban, he said, was part of the so-called "Marco Polo 15," the Davao City-based group that convinced Mr. Duterte, then Davao mayor, to seek the presidency.

Esteban was also a complainant in the 2016 treason and espionage case filed against former President Benigno Aquino III and Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV over the latter's back-channel negotiations with China. The Ombudsman later dismissed the case.

Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Iligal na Droga (Masa-Masid) program. The project recruits civilians to help report to authorities any illegal drug and criminal activity in the community. A few weeks ago, a photograph of Sword's membership form circulated online, with captions saying it was being distributed in some Laguna villages.

Manuel Gotis, DILG Calabarzon director, however, said he had not heard of the group.

Defense chief unaware of source of Duterte info on Chinese triads



Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said that neither the country's intelligence agencies nor he was aware of the source of information of President Rodrigo Duterte in saying that the country was now a transshipment point for drugs bound for the US. Philstar.com/AJ Bolando, File

By Audrey Morallo (philstar.com) | Updated September 27, 2017 -

MANILA, Philippines — Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana is unaware of the source of information that President Rodrigo Duterte used in declaring that the country is already being used by syndicates as a transshipment point for narcotics destined for the American market.

On Tuesday night, Duterte said that two international syndicates were behind the proliferation of illegal drugs in the Philippines and called for a closer cooperation between Manila and Washington to combat their drug problems.

Duterte said the Bamboo triad of Taiwan and 14K of Hong Kong were shipping their drugs to Manila before sending them to the US.

"I said we are in trouble. This is

the first time I would reveal it because we're talking about the Constitution and the interest of our country and of course the Bill of Rights and due process," Duterte said in another rambling, desultory and long-winding speech during the 56th anniversary of the Philippine Constitution Association in Manila.

Beijing and Taipei, however, have denied being the source of drugs in the Philippines.

When asked about the president's source of information and if it has already been verified by the country's intelligence services, Lorenzana said that he was not "privy" to the information.

"Noon ko rin lang narinig yan

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FILIPINO STAR

SHOWBIZ GOSSIP

Sunshine Cruz: Bright future ahead



Sunshine Cruz

With a happy heart, three lovable daughters and new talent manager, what more could Sunshine Cruz ask for?

Almost a year after Sunshine Cruz and Macky Mathay's relationship was publicized, the actress couldn't be happier.

In an interview, she said she is "very blessed" to have someone like him.

"I am very blessed na mayroong isang taong na hindi lang sa akin nagmamahal kun'di sa mga anak ko, na tinatrato sila na parang mga anak."

Her children – Angelina, Angel and Samantha – are on good terms with him, thank God.

"Wala kaming pinlano. When they first met their Tito Macky kasi ano (nag-uusap) sila sa text and Instagram, they're friends already. So wala kaming pinilit. Even 'yung kids ni Macky, kids ko, nag-jive lang talaga nang 'di namin ine-expect," she said.

At this point, Sunshine shared she and Macky enjoy and support each other.

"Yun ang masarap na meron isang tao na sumusuporta sa'yo. Tanggap ka lahat, tanggap kung ano 'yung nakaraan mo," she said. "Masaya lang ako, wala na akong mahihiling pa."

Unader lens

As a celebrity, Sunshine is aware her life is an open book. She is used to being scrutinized by media, particularly her personal life.

"Ako naman madaldal ako eh, wala akong tinatago. Though 'yung sa'min ni Macky, nu'ng una, sabi ko kung maaari sana 'wag ng

pag-usapan. Pero 'di ba may nag-viral na photo pa rin naming dalawa?" she maintained. "At tsaka kasi parang kahit hindi naman na ako mag-kwento, nasa social media ko na eh. Kumbaga, what you see is what you get na lang."

However, there are things she still hopes to keep private including anything about Cesar Montano, post-estrangement.

If anything, Sunshine said what's important to her now is that she enjoys her life without hurting anybody.

"Basta ako, ang wala akong inaapakan, sinasaktang tao at masaya, 'yon ang importante."

Momma knows best

On top of being an actress, motherhood is her utmost priority.

She described her relationship with her daughters as "parang barkada lang."

"Pero strict din minsan dahil nanay pa rin nila ako," she pointed out.

Sunshine is thankful her kids are obedient and value the importance of education.

"They really know how to listen. Lagi kong sinasabi sa kanila na it's not easy to be a mother and father at the same time and what I'm doing is not for me," she maintained. "Sinasabi ko din na pabalik na ako, kayo papunta pa lang. So, kung ano ina-advise ko is not for me, pero para sa kabutihan nila."

She has no worries if her "babies" already have crushes, believing it is normal for teenagers. If anything, she wants them to be at least open to her about these things.

"Hindi naman panget ang

mga anak ko para hindi magkaroon ng admirers," she said, smiling. "Basta ang deal namin be open lang. Sabihin nila lahat sa akin kung meron silang crush, kung meron nagkaka-crush sa kanila para ma-advise ko sila ng tama."

Take it from Shine

Sunshine has no problem with her eldest daughter Angelina venturing into showbiz as long as she prioritizes her studies.

The actress happily shared Angelina is a consistent honor student.

"Sinasabi ko sa kanya na 'Just be dedicated and focus (sa singing career) but at the same time don't ever forget your studies.' Pangalagaan niya 'yung (pag-aaral niya) and I know she can do it. In fact, she's already doing it," she enthused.

The 40-year-old actress also gives advice to Angelina when it comes to handling bashers. She says not to dwell on negativity, particularly on social media.

"Sabi ko 'Wag mong patulan nandito si mommy to protect you.' Eh alam naman natin dito sa industry, kahit anong buti mo, kahit anong galing mo, meron pa rin silang masasabi sayo. Eto ang showbiz eh, so just be the classy



one, block and delete na lang," she shared.

Juggling showbiz, work and motherhood seems easy with Sunshine looking radiant and fresh at 40.

Asked to reveal her elixir, she said: "Exercise and healthy food lang. Nagda-diet ako pero every weekend my cheat day din." ■

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Top stars pay tribute to teachers today



Ogie Alcasid and Regine Velasquez

Some of the country's biggest stars tip their hats to educators today via "#GabayGuro10" at the Mall of Asia Arena.

They include singers Lea Salonga, Regine Velasquez, Gary Valenciano, Ogie Alcasid, Sarah Geronimo, and Jaya. The stars are

said to have waived their talent fee for the event. Gabay Guro is an education arm and flagship project of the PLDT-SMART Foundation.

"We're grateful to ABS-CBN, TV5 and GMA, na despite their competitive stance, they put that aside for this event and the teachers,"

Gabay Guro Chairman Chaye Cabal-Revilla said.

"When we approach the stars and tell them that we need them to do something for the teachers, on a scale

of 1 to 10, 8/10 they would normally say yes unless their schedule is really tight," Brand Advocacy Head Gary Dujali added.

Now on its ninth year, Gabay Guro is able to get the support of more performers who also believe in their mission. Gabay Guro offers scholarships, livelihood programs, broadband and computerization, and housing and educational facilities for teachers.

"When we started the first time, there were only five (stars). The second year and every year, padami ng padami. So every year, they see na we're serious about this advocacy and they know what we intend to do," he said.

Other performers this year are Vina Morales, Jona, Michael Pangilinan, Sam Concepcion, and The Voice Kids. The event will be hosted by Pops Fernandez and Derek Ramsay.

Hosting an event like this is an answered prayer for Gabay Guro. They are also thankful to Department of Education for supporting their programs. ■



Lea Salonga

Noven Belleza finally pursues music career after imprisonment, rape case



Noven Belleza

After overcoming controversies, "Tawag ng Tanghalan" grand champion Noven Belleza is ready to leave the past behind, start his life over, and continue building a career in music.

"I want to thank, first of all, the Lord, my family, all the people who support me until now. I want to tell them that I'm very thankful for them and I fully understand my responsibilities to them," he said.

"I have a lot of inspirations right now. First of all, your family will always be there for you, whatever problems you have, whenever you're at your lowest and weakest. There's no one else you can run to but them. Second of all, my Novenatics," said Noven.

More inspired than ever, Noven said he will use his experiences to give emotion to the music he will put out – a longtime

dream that is now coming true.

The music video for Noven's first-ever single "Tumahan Ka Na" shows the struggles of families of overseas Filipino workers and soldiers, as well as the brokenhearted. The single has performed well and has remained in radio charts for 10 weeks now, peaking at number one.

Noven added that he intends to inspire people through his music, whatever they are going through.

"I think a lot of people will relate to my songs. It will empower those who feel mistreated. If you feel disheartened, my songs may motivate you and give you strength," he said.

As a newbie in the industry, Noven intends to sing timeless songs that will make a mark on the hearts of Filipinos, just like his idols did.

"I think many of us miss the old OPM. The songs by April Boy Regino, Martin Nievera, and Rockstar. They resonated and stayed with us. I want to bring them back," he said.

This week, Star Music will release Noven's debut album. The rape charge, which was then lowered to an assault, against him has been dropped.

When asked about the most important lesson he learned after winning "Tawag ng Tanghalan," he said, "Whether you are poor, ugly, or have a disability, it won't hinder you from being successful if you have a dream. You will reach your dreams if you work hard and pray. But don't just dream, you also have to do the work."

Stunning! Angel, Marian in viral behind-the-scenes photo



Angel Locsin & Marian Rivera

"La Luna Sangre" star Angel Locsin gave a glimpse of her latest photo shoot with actress Marian Rivera, and fans could not help but express their excitement.

On Instagram, Locsin posted a photo showing her at a bar with Rivera, which had the caption, "BTS."

Locsin did not give further details about her upcoming project with Rivera, although the two have

previously worked together in endorsements and magazine shoots. Fans heaped praise on both Locsin and Rivera, who both previously portrayed the iconic Filipino superhero Darna. The photo eventually went viral, with over 115,000 likes on Locsin's Instagram page as of writing.

Locsin and Rivera are prized talents of rival networks ABS-CBN and GMA, respectively. ■

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'Birdshot' is PH Oscar bet



Mary Joy Apostol in "Birdshot"

"Birdshot" has been chosen by the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP) as the country's official entry for the best foreign language category in the 90th Academy Awards.

The coming-of-age thriller was shown at the recently concluded Pista ng Pelikulang Pilipino, where it won the critics' choice award for best film.

A year prior to the victory, "Birdshot" made its world premiere at the Tokyo International Film Festival,

winning best picture in the fest's Asian Future Film section.

The film's latest achievement came as a surprise to director Mikhail Red.

"What a spectacular turn of events... I'm thankful to the FAP for giving us the opportunity to represent our country," the 24-year-old Red said.

The 90th Academy Awards will be held in California on March 4, 2018.

Sarah Lahbati, Richard Gutierrez thank God for second baby



Richard Gutierrez and fiancée Sarah Lahbati (with son Zion) happily display sonogram of their second baby

Kapamilya actress Sarah Lahbati announced on her social media pages that she is carrying her second child with Kapamilya actor and "La Luna Sangre" star Richard Gutierrez.

"We are thrilled to announce that our little family is growing. Zion is about to be a kuya!!! So excited for the future," Sarah excitedly posted on her Facebook and Instagram account.

The actress gave her gratitude to God for always protecting them and for giving them another blessing through her pregnancy.

Sarah also added that she is now experiencing back pains, breakouts, cramps, mood swings, and also craving for Hakaw Dim Sum.

"The silver lining to this craziness is that there's a healthy baby growing inside of me who I'm very much excited to meet next year," she posted.

She also asked her followers to guess the gender of the baby in her tummy.

"Do you think we're having a boy or girl?" she wrote.

Her partner Richard also posted the good news on Instagram, saying: "We would like to thank the Man from above for another blessing."

He also thanks his partner Sarah for "staying strong and patient despite my hectic schedule, she's able to take care of me, Zion and our little one on the way, she's truly a super mom."

The actor also gave his gratitude to his family, friends and supporters. "Thank you for the love, we are very excited for this new journey," he wrote.

Last July, Richard and Sarah announced their engagement in their Instagram accounts. ■

Much awaited Piolo-Toni reunion movie



Toni Gonzaga & Piolo Pascual

If it's your last night on earth, what do you intend to do? Or what do you need to do?

"Last Night" is the title of the movie reuniting the tandem of Piolo Pascual and Toni Gonzaga and for the first this, under the direction of Bb. Joyce Bernal. It answers the two questions for the characters they play.

It was in 2014 when Piolo and Toni co-starred in Star Cinema's Valentine offering and made it a blockbuster at the box-office. In 2005, Toni was first directed by Joyce in the comedy-horror flick "D'Anothers." In 2007, Direk Joyce megged Piolo and Regine Velasquez in the romantic comedy "Paano Kita libigin."

Definitely, fans of Piolo and Toni are eager to see their idols in "Last Night" where both portray unique roles entirely different from their previous roles. For one, there's a certain mystery surrounding the story and in

Piolo's mind, it's a "dangerous" character, in a "dangerous" love story.

Toni, as Carmina, said her character has reached a breaking point. One dark night, she meets Mark (Piolo), a man who has lost everything and like Carmina feels he's at the end of life.

"Last Night" is based on a screenplay written by actress Bela Padilla who it seems is likely to be more involved these coming days in creative endeavors like writing. She has written a few screenplays and she revealed she would like to be a film director like Bb. Joyce Bernal someday.

Asked if "Last Night" has anything to do with her personal experience, Bela said, "No, this is purely fictional."

"Last Night" opened in cinemas nationwide Sept. 27. ■

Nadine Lustre surprised to be alive after two weeks of dengue



Nadine Lustre

Actress Nadine Lustre posted on her Instagram story that she has been diagnosed with dengue but said she is now recovering from it.

The "It's Showtime" host said since they got back from Mt. Ulap

together with boyfriend James Reid and their friends, she has been really sick but she just ignored it.

"Just to give you a quick lowdown on what's happening... I've been really sick since we got back from the mountains, On and off fever, weakness, bruising, cold, thinking it was probably just off season for me," she said.

She jokingly added that she is surprised that she is still alive after two weeks of ignoring it, knowing that dengue is one of the deadliest diseases if not treated early.

"Didn't really think about it too much. Fast forward. Got a check up today.. Doctor comes in and tells me it was Dengue. DMN. Im surprised Im still alive after two weeks of leaving it ignoring it."

However, she assured her family, friends and fans that she is now getting better.

"Recovering now. Thanks everyone," she wrote. ■

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from the president," he told Philstar.com in a text message, adding that the queries should be directed at the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency or the Dangerous Drugs Board.

According to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Taiwan has been working with the Philippines in its fight against illegal drugs for years.

"Taiwan had never been the source of illegal drugs entering the country," the TECO said in a statement.

The Chinese Embassy meanwhile admitted that some of their nationals may be involved in the trade of illegal drugs in the Philippines although it clarified that the policy of its government had been consistently firm.

"We do not know much about the syndicates or the drug rings that are operating in the Philippines. China will not protect its nationals who have committed crimes in the Philippines. They need to be punished in accordance with Filipino law," Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jianhua vowed.

In May, P6.4 billion worth of illegal drugs from China were discovered in a warehouse in Valenzuela City. This prompted congressional investigations into how such a huge amount of illegal drugs was able to escape Manila's port.

Davao City Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, the president's son, and Mans Carpio, the son-in-law of the chief executive, are accused of abetting smuggling and drug trafficking at the Bureau of Customs.

The inquiry and the explosive revelations have already led to the resignation of Customs Commissioner Nicanor Faeldon, who is also alleged to have received millions in bribe payments.

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The war is far from over — and we shall win,' Quebec premier says after Bombardier ruling

By Benjamin Shingler, CBC News
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Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard came out swinging following the U.S. government's decision to impose sky-high tariffs on the Bombardier CSeries, accusing Canada's largest trading partner of trying to "eliminate a competitor that makes better products."

"Boeing may have won a battle but let me tell you the war is far from over — and we shall win," Couillard said at a news conference Wednesday, in which he called for a united front among the province's political parties.

"We're going to continue to make this remarkable plane. We're going to continue to sell it all over the world."

Tuesday's decision sent shockwaves through Quebec, with the province's two main opposition parties, the Parti Québécois and Coalition Avenir Québec, calling for an emergency debate today at the National Assembly.

Montreal-based Bombardier and the federal government also slammed the ruling, which has stock watchers bracing for a drop in the company's shares.

The investigation was sparked by a complaint from U.S. aerospace giant Boeing, after Bombardier secured a deal last year to sell up to 125 of its CS100s to Delta Air Lines.

Tariffs would triple cost of CS100s

In a preliminary decision, the U.S. Department of Commerce ruled that Bombardier benefited from improper government subsidies, slapping duties of nearly 220 per cent, effectively tripling the cost of the jets.

"The U.S. values its relationships with Canada, but even our closest allies must play by the rules," said U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

The U.S. investigation was sparked by a complaint from aerospace giant Boeing, after Bombardier secured a deal last year for up to 125 of its CSeries jets with Delta Air Lines. (Francois Mori/Canadian Press)

Couillard disagreed with the decision, saying the \$1 billion US invested by the province in the CSeries program was not a subsidy and that no other investment in Bombardier was currently planned.

Calling the jets the "best planes in the world," Couillard said the issue



Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard says he will defend Bombardier workers in the wake of the U.S. ruling on the Montreal-based company. Jacques Boissinot/Canadian Press)

has nothing to do with subsidies.

"We [were] hit because a giant, itself created, fed by decades of government support in the U.S., has decided to eliminate a competitor that makes better products. It's as simple as that."

Steep duty 'disconnected from reality'

Olivier Marcil, Bombardier's vice-president of external relations, said the duty was "completely disconnected from reality."

"Boeing did not compete against Bombardier in the Delta deal," Marcil said. "It's not like they finished number two on a deal — they were not even on the playing field."

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Workers assembled at a Bombardier plant in Toronto last week amid calls for Boeing to drop its trade complaint against Bombardier. (Chris Young/Canadian Press)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has promised to continue to stand with Bombardier — and threatened to cut government ties with Boeing.

"Obviously, we are disappointed by the decision and I will continue to fight hard for good Canadian jobs," he said Wednesday.

Couillard said he asked Trudeau to make sure that "not a bolt, not a part, of course, not a plane from Boeing" enters Canada until the conflict is resolved, he said.

Boeing 'not attacking Canada'

Boeing, in fact, has a substantial presence in Canada, employing about 2,000 people, according to company spokesperson Dan Curran. Curran said Boeing

represents 14 per cent of the Canadian aerospace industry and contributes about \$4 billion annually to the Canadian economy.

"Boeing is not suing or attacking Canada," said Curran in an emailed statement. "This is a commercial dispute with Bombardier, which has sold its C Series airplane in the United States at absurdly low prices, made possible by a major injection of public funds, in violation of U.S. and global trade laws."

"We like competition.... And Bombardier can sell its aircraft anywhere in the world," he said. "But competition and sales must respect globally accepted trade law."

The decision faces multiple hurdles before going into effect. Bombardier has numerous avenues to appeal, including the U.S. Court of International Trade, NAFTA and the WTO.

Boeing lands direct hit in Bombardier fight, but battle is far from over

Part of Trump's pledge to 'make America great again'?

David Baskin, president at Baskin Wealth Management in Toronto, told CBC Montreal's Daybreak "Bombardier is not on a level playing field in the United States."

"Boeing has home court advantage. Donald Trump wants to make America great again. His commerce secretary, Wilbur Ross, a billionaire in his own right, is on his side, and that's what happened yesterday," Baskin said, adding that the stock could take a substantial hit as a result of the ruling.

"It's a cliché to say that stock markets hate uncertainty, but there's a lot of truth in it, and right now there's a tremendous amount of uncertainty regarding Bombardier."

The head of Bombardier's machinists union, for his part, charged that the "dice were loaded" in favour of Boeing.

"We knew ahead of time that we were not necessarily going to get a favourable decision. It's a temporary decision until the case is heard before the courts, but we never expected 220 percent," David Chartrand said.

"This could dramatically slow things down."

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Pacquiao mocked as his official IG account comments on 22-year-old woman's livestream



Arzaylea Rodriguez

Senator Manny Pacquiao caught netizens' attention when he left comments on the livestream of Arzaylea Rodriguez, a 22-year-old American who counts the likes of Kylie Jenner as friends.

Twitter users took screencaps of Rodriguez's Instagram livestream where the

boxer's verified account is seen to have commented "Hello!" and "Where are you from?"

While Pacquiao's account may be managed by a team, it didn't stop netizens finding amusement at the prospect of the 38-year-old politician taking interest in an Instagram blogger. ■



John Lloyd Cruz has 'no regrets' over viral videos, but apologizes



John Lloyd Cruz

After photos and videos of an intoxicated John Lloyd Cruz went viral early this week, the award-winning actor apologized for his misbehavior but does not regret it.

In an Instagram post, John

videos and photos that went viral on Facebook showed the actor singing and dancing weirdly and holding up dirty fingers, making others comment that he might be under the influence of illegal drugs, a hot topic nowadays



John Lloyd Cruz' viral "drunk video"

Lloyd said that while he is sorry to "the little boys & girls" for setting a bad example, he has "no regrets" because as he explained, what he did was "just life revealing its raw beauty."

As seen on the post, the actor said what happened was a "learning" and a "very humbling" experience.

Netizens have mixed reactions on the Instagram stories posted by a friend of actress Ellen Adarna. The

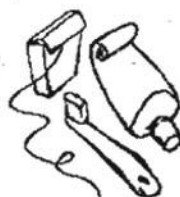
given the government's war on drugs.

Meanwhile, on JLC's apology post, some netizens commented that they understand that the actor just wanted to be true to himself and to have fun. Others advised him to also choose his friends or "the right company." They added that though the actor is entitled to get drunk and be merry, he should not forget his values.

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From Page 7 Interview with Lionel

One of the proudest moments I have experienced as a city councillor was when I was made a Knights of Rizal. "You're not truly Filipino until you're a Knight of Rizal," I was told.

I have also discovered a community that is proud of its heritage and language, that very caring and giving to its community and city, very reliant and with whom I've many friends. I've learned about their culture, have participated in numerous activities and presented congratulations to countless events. I'm a richer person for it and I'm thankful of the support the community has shown to me, especially in the last four years. I look forward to their continued support.

Because of my attachment to the Filipino community and as Executive Committee member responsible for democracy at the Executive Committee, I had the Montreal Chapter of Right and Responsibilities translated into Filipino and the inauguration at City Hall last June with the Canadian Ambassador of the Philippines. It was a momentous event and occasion. It was a demonstration of the community attachment to and integration in Montreal. Naturally, the borough provides funding to many community activities including the Filipino community for them to cover the costs of events and programs such as Pista sa Nasyon, Philippine Independence Day celebrations, FIL-CAN Chess Club, UPS event, Knights of Rizal community events, basketball and volleyball leagues among other. We have a wonderful

collaboration with the community groups and I look forward to continuing to work together with them

WGQ: In the 2013 election, a candidate of partial Filipino origin ran against you, and garnered an appreciable segment of the Filipino votes and he has decided to again run against you this time, how do you think the community will respond?

LP: Ultimately, people have a right to vote for whomever they want based on whatever reason they so choose. I ask that they look at my record and judge me on my performance and accomplishments and that I've been present for the last four years. If people ask community leaders, they will discover that I am a hardworking, dedicated, honest and caring councillor. I've been there for the community. I also caution them it's important to remember not to waste their votes with candidates with party that will not have a real influence on any or any contact with the Mayor. The community deserves better. Moreover, we have the dean of the Filipino community, Salvador "Buddy" Cabugao, running with Team Codere - Russel Copeman in the Snowdon District.

WGQ: What comments would you have for the members of the Filipino community?

LP: On Nov. 5, there will be a municipal elections and it's important for everyone to go out and vote. Naturally, I hope that they will support the Denis Codere-Russel Copeman-Lionel Perez Team. Mabuhay!

Chinese alumnus pledges \$12 million to McGill School of Architecture



McGill Principal Suzanne Fortier, centre, with architect and McGill alumnus Peter Guo-hua Fu, left, as he announced Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, his pledge to donate \$12 million to the School of Architecture. PETER MCCABE / MONTREAL GAZETTE

A prominent Chinese architect who studied at McGill University 27 years ago is donating \$12 million to the School of Architecture, a landmark gift the university says will transform teaching and research and build stronger ties with China.

Peter Guo-hua Fu, who has helped design several buildings in Shanghai, will donate the money over six years. He said his time at McGill was "a transformative part of my life," and he wants to give back to "the students of today and tomorrow."

Fu said his life changed forever in 1990 when he received a fellowship to

study architecture at McGill.

"At that time, we (Chinese students) could not come to McGill to study," he said on Tuesday after a ceremony at the McGill Faculty Club. "It opened my mind and opened a new world for me. I hope that my fellowships will change the lives of other students."

To thank Fu for his donation, McGill will rename the school the Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture.

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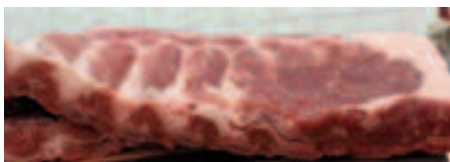
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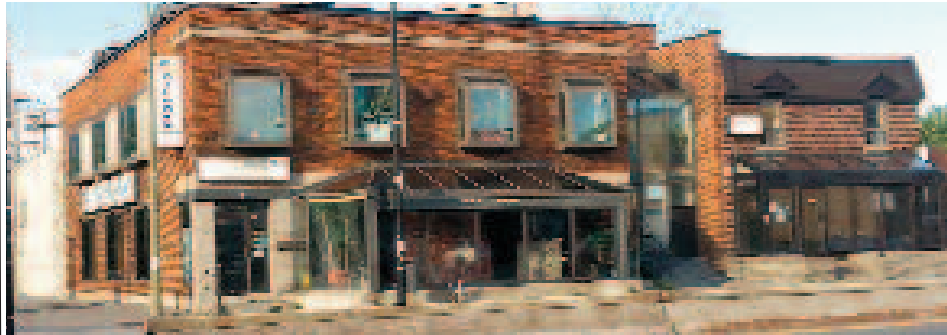
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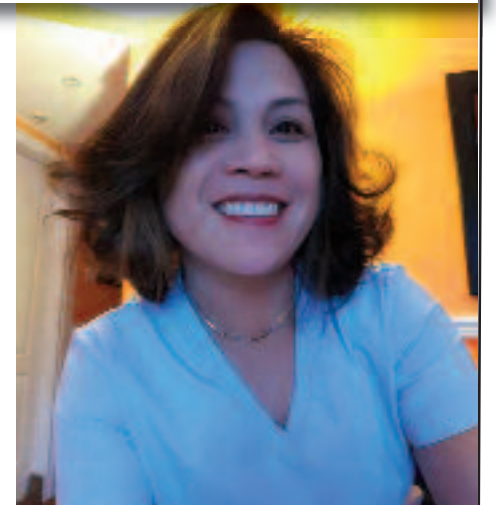
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Batch 6 PAB students who did their practicum at St. Margaret CHSLD. Seated in front: Clarice Mackay, Nina Schiff and Zenaïda Kharroubi, director-general and founder.



Gilmore College International provides immigrants the tools for a successful career change. The training and the skills that I learned gave me the confidence to work as a nursing aide. Adele Lascano (October 2009 graduate)



The knowledge and skills I learned at Gilmore College gave me the edge to work in the health care field where one needs to show willingness to render service to the sick and the elderly. (Ethel Tugna, March 2011 graduate)