

“Be Not Afraid,” Pope Francis Exhorts the Youth Pilgrims of the World

By Alvin Dahan Veloso



The Notre Dame des Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal delegates happily posing for a souvenir photo at the Lisbon World Youth Day.

The youth, like the Blessed Mother, must go in haste to reach out the world as missionaries of the Gospel was Pope Francis message to the over a million pilgrims at the recently concluded gathering in Lisbon, Portugal. (Lk 1:39. Mary arose with haste) in reference to the visit to her cousin Elizabeth. To illustrate the role of the Blessed Mother, the Pope went to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, some 150 miles from Lisbon to seek the intercession of Mary for the ills of the world and, to pray the rosary with the sick and the children.

He resonated the message of the late St. John Paul II, who started the WYD in 1986 in Rome and urged the youth pilgrims not to be afraid and to be cheerful soldiers of Christ as they travel to the corners of the world to

spread the Good News of Salvation with a renewed commitment of faith as living examples of the Gospel.

Pope Francis was overjoyed to see the multitudes of youths among whom were delegates from Notre Dame des Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal, Spain, France, Portugal, Italy, the United States, Canada, Philippines and from other countries, who joined the Pontiff to dialogue, pray and celebrate the week of Aug. 1-6, 2023. He also announced that the Vatican will celebrate the WYD silver jubilee in Rome in 2025; and hold the next World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea in 2027.

The Lisbon World Youth Day was an occasion for the youths to encounter Christ and experience

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Superior court rules Bill 40 abolishing English boards unconstitutional



Quebec English School Boards Association president Dan Lamoureux, left, and executive director Russell Copeman leave the courtroom during a hearing on Bill 40 on Tuesday June 23, 2020. PHOTO BY PIERRE OBENDRAUF /Montreal Gazette files

Although it took a long time, the decision rendered Wednesday by Quebec Superior Court Justice Sylvain Lussier was worth the wait.

It recognized that Bill 40 infringes the anglophone community’s Section 23 rights and nullified parts of the law. It’s a legal victory for English-speaking Quebecers, local democracy and the autonomy of schools.

“(Bill 40) does not allow the anglophone minority of Quebec to fully

exercise its rights,” Lussier wrote. “The linguistic minority transcends the restrained group of individuals whose children are registered in school. The transmission of the culture is at stake with the scholastic project, which is not limited to classrooms. The community must recognize itself in its representatives. It has a voice in their designation.”

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Korean firefighters battling blazes in Northern Quebec



Jang Puruensol, 28, with the Korea Forest Service, says none of the Korean firefighters believed at first that they could only advance several hundred metres at a time. He’s pictured at base camp in Lebel-sur-Quévillon on July 20. (Jennifer Yoon/CBC)

Jennifer Yoon · CBC News Jul 29, 2023

Dressed in their red uniforms, the men of the Korea Forest Service move as one, stretching and chanting along with the staccato instructions of the drill instructor. Next to where they’re warming up is their base camp, where boxes of ramen noodles, instant rice and sweet Korean snacks are scattered all around.

At first glance, you could

mistakenly believe you are somewhere in South Korea.

But these firefighters are in Lebel-sur-Quévillon, a small city in the north of Quebec that’s been evacuated twice already this summer due to the threat of wildfires.

The Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC) told CBC

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FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

Let's focus more on improving schools than running a legal battle

Zenaïda Ferry Kharroubi

Now that it is again time to go back to school, the same age-old questions about quality, efficiency and relevance of education will be interesting topics. However, it appears that it is quite more interesting to underscore the significance of the Superior Court's ruling stating that some provisions of Bill 40 violate the rights of minorities which are clearly unconstitutional. The Liberals have stated: "... that future changes to English school governance be subject to a political and institutional consensus, and are urging the CAQ to act on issues directly affecting school success: high dropout rates, hordes of students failing written French exams, presence of more than 30,000 legally unqualified teachers, and the rising number of dilapidated schools" instead of appealing the decision.

Bill 40 adopted at the National Assembly in the early hours of February 8, 2020 converted French school boards into school service centres, resulting in the abolition of Councils of Commissioners, replaced with board of directors. The QESBA was awarded a stay of legislation, therefore making Bill 40 inapplicable to the nine English school boards until the case was heard on its merits. Now, the Québec Superior

Court's extensive 125-page judgment has found that many provisions of Bill 40 are unconstitutional and infringe upon section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, safeguarding minority language education rights.

Many writers applaud Superior Court Justice Lussier's decision and hope the government will not waste any more time and money to make any appeal. They have noted that abolishing school boards will only put more power in the hands of the Minister of Education but not improve the educational system nor tackle the problems that must be solved such as teacher shortage, the disconnect between the needs and the services provided to learning disabled students. Abolishing school boards that have managed to provide educational services faithfully for the past 175 years does not solve the real problems in the efficient delivery of educational services to the most vulnerable and the development of the full potential of every individual.

Indeed, it would be better to have government leaders adopt policies that would promote peace and harmony in a democratic society rather than weaken the minority communities' rights to run their own educational institutions. #

America's richest 10% are responsible for 40% of its planet-heating pollution, new report finds



John Amos Power coal-fired power plant, in Winfield, West Virginia. America's richest have an outsized climate impact due to the carbon pollution linked to the money they make, according to a new report. (Visions of America/Joseph Sohm/Universal Images Group/Getty Images)

By Laura Paddison, CNN

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America's wealthiest people are also some of the world's biggest polluters – not only because of their massive homes and private jets, but because of the fossil fuels generated by the companies they invest their money in.

A new study published Thursday in the journal PLOS Climate found the wealthiest 10% of Americans are responsible for almost half of planet-heating pollution in the US, and called on governments to shift away from "regressive" taxes on the carbon-intensity of what people buy and focus on taxing climate-polluting investments instead.

"Global warming can be this huge, overwhelming, nebulous thing happening in the world and you feel like you've got no agency over it. You kind of know that you're contributing to it in some way, but it's really not clear or quantifiable," said Jared Starr, a sustainability scientist at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a report author.

This study helps build a clearer picture of individual responsibility by going beyond what people consume, he told CNN.

To do this, the researchers analyzed huge datasets spanning 30 years to connect financial transactions to carbon pollution.

They looked at the planet-heating pollution produced by companies' direct operations, as well as those relating to companies' climate impacts further down the supply chain – for example, the bulk of an oil company's emissions comes when its customers burn the oil it extracts.

That gave a carbon footprint for each dollar of economic activity in the US, which the researchers linked to households using population survey data that showed the industries people work for and their income from wages and investments.

They found the wealthiest 10% in the US, households making more than about \$178,000, were responsible for 40% of the nation's human-caused, planet-heating pollution. The income of

the top 1% alone – households making more than \$550,000 – was linked to 15% to 17% of this pollution.

The report also identified "super-emitters." They are almost exclusively among the wealthiest top 0.1% of Americans, concentrated in industries such as finance, insurance and mining, and produce around 3,000 tons of carbon pollution a year. To put that in perspective, it's estimated people should limit their carbon footprint to around 2.3 tons a year to tackle climate change.

"Fifteen days of income for a top 0.1% household generates as much carbon pollution as a lifetime of income for a household in the bottom 10%," Starr said.

Climate impact is not just about the size of the people's income but the industries that generate it. A household making \$980,000 from certain fossil fuel industries, for example, would be considered a super-emitter, according to the report. But a household making money from the hospital industry would need to bring in \$11 million to produce the same amount of planet-heating pollution.

The report's authors call on policymakers to rethink how they use taxes to tackle the climate crisis.

Carbon taxes that focus on what people buy – the food we eat, the cars we drive, the clothes we buy – "disproportionately punish the poor while having little impact on the extremely wealthy," said Starr. They also miss the chunk of wealth rich people spend on investments rather than buying things.

Governments instead should focus on taxes that target shareholders and carbon-intensive investments, the report said. Although it will be "a hard political ask," Starr acknowledged, especially as the wealthiest tend to have disproportionate political power.

Many ideas for taxing carbon have been floated around the world including windfall taxes on fossil fuel companies and wealth taxes, but few have been politically viable.

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It was unfortunate that the excitement of the FAMAS milestone celebration of 60 years last June, highlighted by the Leaders Service Awards was overshadowed by the election cancellation fiasco. The failure of the opposition to present their candidates had obliged the COMELEC to declare the ruling party the winner of the forfeited August 2023 election.

As planned, the new executive board will take the oath of office on September 2, 2023. Hopefully, nobody would label the decision draconian, "my way or the highway" style, although some level-headed peace-

Relevance and Recognition - Potential Problems for FAMAS

loving groups have expressed misgivings and would have preferred for a compromise solution to resolve the election dilemma.

The challenge of reimagining will remain a tall order for the Filipino community association to reinvent its wheels and tackle the responsibilities of governing. The declining enthusiasm for civic organizations has reached its peak and should be addressed. If past members are to come back, FAMAS must have a new image that is challenging and worthwhile. Routine activities have diminished their lustre and do not leave room for the

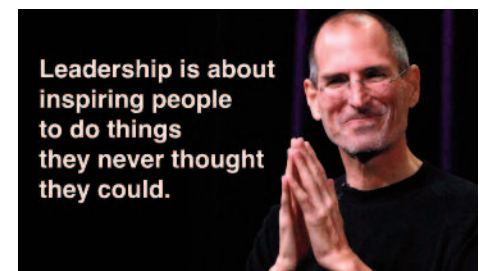


Nida Quirapas
Incoming President, FAMAS

imagination. The descriptive titles of officers have become meaningless; their titles do not correspond to actual performance implied in their designated positions. The core activities should be energetically spirited and involving.

On the other hand, the role of young leaders must be seriously studied for the future of the community. Their vitality, dynamism and new visions of life should place them in the forefront to gain experience as future leaders of the community. The ideas proposed are suggestions for improvement which currently remain in the realm of possibilities. Their fruition depends primarily on the leadership and the people around who are willing to do what is best and honourable for the Filipino identity.

Soliciting advice from past officers might be a splendid idea because of their experiences and talents. Good luck to everybody!



MP Rechie Valdez becomes Minister of Small Business in the latest Cabinet shuffle by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



Ontario MP Rechie Valdez is the new minister of small business, taking over a portfolio previously under Minister of International Trade and Export Promotion Mary Ng. The Honourable Rechie Valdez was elected as the Member of Parliament for Mississauga—Streetsville in 2021. She has been a member of various parliamentary committees and associations, including the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association, as well as the Chair of the Canada-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Minister Valdez is a Canadian entrepreneur, television personality, and community advocate. She is the first Filipino-Canadian woman elected as a Member of Parliament and

appointed to Cabinet, and is committed to ensuring the diverse voices of her community are heard.

Before entering politics, Minister Valdez owned and operated a small business, and dedicated herself to growing her online business avenues. She was also the host of a television show that shares the stories of entrepreneurs, creators, and artists. Prior to that, she worked in corporate banking for 15 years, where she developed her expertise in change management and strategic initiatives. Drawing on her longstanding advocacy, Minister Valdez also sponsored the National Women's Entrepreneurship Act in 2022.

A sports enthusiast, Minister Valdez has used her love for basketball to raise funds for children's charities. She has made numerous media appearances, was a public speaker, and is a mentor dedicated to the empowerment of women, girls, youth, and diverse and marginalized groups.

Born and raised in Zambia, Minister Valdez immigrated to Canada with her family in 1989. She is married and the mother of two children.

She is only the second Filipino to hold Cabinet rank in Canada as the very first one was Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, MP Winnipeg North—St. Paul Manitoba during the time of Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

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Christian heritage, practices and traditions. The activity packed



Some members of the Notre Dame des Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal delegation ride the subway train in Lisbon, Portugal.

God's love; and the opportunity to connect, share and learn with fellow pilgrims about the basic tenets of

schedule was a test of endurance but spiritually uplifting to help pilgrims

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Bill 40

The judgment only pertains to Bill 40. But it nevertheless offers many pearls of wisdom that speak to the broader context in which minority rights are under attack in Quebec.

Whether it's Bill 21, banning civil servants in positions of authority like teachers and police officers from wearing religious garb, or Bill 96, turning English-speaking Quebecers into second-class citizens, the CAQ unapologetically governs by majority rule. And in shielding the discrimination resulting from both laws by pre-emptively using the notwithstanding clause, it has demonstrated that it just doesn't care about the collateral damage.

But the decision makes it clear that this kind of attitude just isn't acceptable in a free and democratic society where the rule of law prevails. The judge calls out the government for willfully ignoring minority rights, all while pretending to listen.

"Governments are obligated, not only to find out what the needs and concerns of the linguistic community are, but to take them into account in the measures it adopts," Lussier wrote. "In acting without finding out what these needs are, and without taking them into account once informed, the government risks seeing its measures invalidated."

This requires much more than consultation, he added. And it certainly extends beyond the disingenuous dialogue that has become a pattern under the Legault government when it comes to all manner of policies and legislation.

"It's not sufficient, for the representatives of the anglophone community were heard out of politeness. A real consultation comes with obligations," Lussier noted about Bill 40. "The court concludes from the evidence that the government did not respect the rules of meaningful consultation. It did not make efforts to retain the concerns of the anglophone community. It didn't provide crucial



Quebec Superior Court Justice Sylvain Lussier

information in a useful amount of time to allow representatives to know the intentions of the government and to react. It did not collect information allowing it to understand the needs of the minority."

The judge also expounds on the delicate balance between individual and minority rights and collective ones, which Legault often uses to justify various draconian measures:

"Minorities don't have a veto, of course, but they do have an expectation of having their rights respected. And the majority must have a reasonable justification for overriding the concerns of the minority."

Lussier also sagely points out that no matter how laudable it is to preserve the French language and identity in the English sea of North America, it's not a licence to run roughshod over the interests of others.

"That the protection of French remains a legitimate and urgent concern in Quebec doesn't factor into the present file," he said. "It is not sufficient to justify the measure through an otherwise legitimate legislative objective for the majority. It must be justified for the minority."

Excerpts from the opinion ed:
"Allison Hanes: Quebec doubles down on its school governance failures"

(World News Platform, August 3, 2023)



A view of the huge crowd in the Tejo Park in Lisbon, Portugal

navigate their spiritual journey.

The event started with a Holy Mass and continued during the week with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, conferences, meeting with volunteers among others which kept pilgrims on task. Cardinal Francisco Tagle of the Philippines, pro-prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization called

upon the youth social media influencers "to preach the Gospel of Jesus" and "hope they would find a way to understand and learn from Jesus" how to influence others.

The 36th World Youth Day concluded with a Holy Mass at the Tejo Park before Pope Francis departed for Rome.#

Observers worry about impact of Métro Média closure on local democracy



A person holds a phone displaying the home page of Métro Média, which announces that the company is suspending activities on Aug. 11, 2023. PHOTO BY GIORDANO CIAMPINI /The Canadian Press

"It's the end of hyperlocal coverage in Montreal and Quebec City. There's going to be no coverage of borough councils."

The Canadian Press

Marie-Ève Martel, Published August 13, 2023.

The abrupt closure of Quebec newspaper publisher Métro Média will end news coverage of local government in parts of the province's two largest cities, media observers say.

Andrew Mulé, Métro Média's president and CEO, announced the immediate suspension of operations at the company's more than 30 hyperlocal publications — including 17 print newspapers — in a statement sent to employees, colleagues and contributors late Friday afternoon.

He said he was informed Wednesday that the company no longer had the liquidity to continue, despite what he described as a "healthy balance sheet."

"Time was my worst enemy and what I

feared has unfortunately arrived, in an abrupt and sudden manner," he wrote.

Jean-Hugues Roy, a journalism professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal, said the end of the company's operations was a tragedy, even if it was expected.

"It's an atomic bomb for local news in Montreal and Quebec City," he said in an interview. "It's a piece of journalistic history, but also the history of certain neighbourhoods that's disappearing."

One of the company's papers, Métro Verdun (formerly Le Messager de Verdun), celebrated its 110th anniversary this year, he said.

"These are communities that counted on their newspapers as sources of information."

His colleague Patrick White, who also teaches journalism at UQAM, said the closure will create "news deserts" in Quebec's two largest cities.

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Trudeau overhauls his cabinet, drops 7 ministers and shuffles most portfolios

Cabinet shakeup introduces new faces to Trudeau's front bench

Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Jul 26, 2023 4:00 AM EDT |

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau today dropped seven ministers and changed nearly three-quarters of his cabinet, overhauling his team at a time of heightened tensions overseas and scandals at home.

Trudeau unveiled a new cabinet team meant to have a renewed focus on economic priorities, such as housing, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall Wednesday morning. The shuffle promotes seven new faces and tasks more than a dozen ministers with new roles, including a new minister of defence and public safety.

Reporters asked the prime minister repeatedly whether the shakeup amounts to an admission that his nearly eight-year-old government is slumping.

"On the contrary," he responded.

Recent polling indicates the Liberals are trailing the Conservatives. Opposition parties have criticized how the government has addressed the cost of living crisis.

"This is a difficult time right now for millions of people in Canada and around the world, and making sure that we have the best possible team aligned to respond to Canadians' challenges with the supports necessary, but also show that optimism, that ambition for getting us through these consequential times and building a brighter future for everyone



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau looks on as Leader of the Government in the House of Commons Karina Gould takes the oath during a cabinet swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. (Adrian Wyld/Canadian Press) —that's what we're focused on," Trudeau said.

Amid those global challenges, Toronto-area MP Bill Blair takes over the defence portfolio from Anita Anand, who becomes president of the Treasury Board.

Blair, a former police chief who was most recently the minister of emergency preparedness, becomes the country's point person at NATO and will be responsible for Canada's response to the war in Ukraine.

The Canadian Armed Forces is also reeling from a sexual misconduct scandal; Blair is now responsible for overseeing the military's attempt to change its culture.

New Brunswick's Dominic LeBlanc will now lead public safety, an often-challenging portfolio that includes the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the RCMP. He also takes on the democratic institutions file and will continue to serve as intergovernmental affairs minister.

LeBlanc, who represents Beauséjour, will play a key role in determining how the government responds to allegations that China interfered in the past two federal elections, and to the damning report on the Mounties' handling of the 2020 mass shooting in Nova Scotia. He'll also have to stickhandle negotiations

with the provinces about the future of RCMP contract policing.

His predecessor, Marco Mendicino, was dropped from cabinet. His demotion ends a tenure at the cabinet table plagued by multiple controversies, including the government's poorly received gun control legislation and lingering questions on the foreign interference file.

More recently, Mendicino was under intense pressure due to the controversy over the transfer of serial killer Paul Bernardo to a medium-security prison.

Along with the new names heading up security and intelligence-related portfolios, the Prime Minister's Office announced Wednesday it will follow the example of its Five Eye allies and set up a cabinet committee on national security and intelligence. The lack of one has been cited by the national security community as an oversight in light of recent controversies.

A PMO spokesperson called the new National Security Council a "forum for ministers to deliberate on and address issues of pressing concern to Canada's domestic and international security."

7 fresh faces called up

Seven new MPs received a promotion to cabinet:

- Toronto MP Arif Virani, who represents Parkdale—High Park, becomes minister of justice and

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"It's very, very bad news for local democracy," he said in a phone interview. "It's the end of hyperlocal coverage in Montreal and Quebec City. There's going to be no coverage of borough councils."

Montreal and Quebec City's boroughs are responsible for a wide range of municipal services, including urban planning, waste collection and maintenance of local roads and parks.

A large Quebec media union, the Fédération nationale des communications et de la culture, is calling for government action to preserve local news on Montreal Island.

Union president Annick Charette said the labour organization worked with Métro Média's owners and met with investors and the city of Montreal to try to find solutions.

"I hope that this closure will only be temporary," she said.

Métro Média was created in 2018 when Montreal businessman Michael Raffoul acquired 30 publications, including the daily free newspaper Métro and 29 weekly community papers, from printer Transcontinental Inc. Several



Andrew Mulé of Métro Média makes a statement with union leaders and publishers in defence of the Publisac in Montreal Dec. 9, 2019. PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY /Montreal Gazette files

publications had already been shut down before Friday's announcement.

The company said on its website that Métro had 100,000 readers every week and its site received nearly two million unique visitors a month. It distributed a total of 165,000 copies of its weekly papers each month.

The company had around 100 employees, though it went through layoffs last winter and over the course

of the past few weeks.

Mulé declined an interview request from The Canadian Press, saying his statement included everything he wanted to get across.

Despite a major shift online, Mulé said that "Métro received a particularly devastating blow when the mayor of Montreal announced the end of our distribution method, Publisac."

Since mid-May, the city of Montreal has banned distributing bags

of print flyers except to people who opt in to receive them, replacing the previous opt-out system.

Métro Média's weekly newspapers were distributed through those flyer bags.

Mulé said the company "couldn't suffer a sudden, devastating revenue loss and follow our ambitious and costly digital road map without external financial assistance."

"We are, after all, a small business without financing, and the premature end of our print media made it so that we had no means to rapidly finance our future without a major investment."

Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante issued a post on X (formerly Twitter) saying the closure was a major loss, but she didn't respond to Mulé's criticisms that her decision to limit the distribution of flyers led to the closure.

"The radical transformation of the media's business environment requires urgent consideration and collective solutions," she wrote.

Mulé responded to her post saying that "the beauty of communicating on social media is total control of the message when you publish it, without the need for independent fact-checking. Good luck with that, Montreal." #



ONTARIO Community News

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PIDC HOLDS MABUHAY PHILIPPINES FESTIVAL IN TORONTO

In purposeful celebration of its 35th anniversary, the Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), a leading and prominent community-centered and culture-focused organization in the GTHA, is offering and delivering several meaningful community events in Toronto. The not-for-profit umbrella entity recently released its schedule of its flagship summer program, the "2023 Mabuhay Philippines Festival". Started earlier last June 3, 2023, with a "Picnic Salosalo", and "Mabuhay Volleyball Tournament" at Earl Bales Park, Toronto, the annual PIDC celebration is also going to hold and continue with 5-part main festival events on August 13, 24, 26, & 27, 2023.

The PIDC Board of Directors and Executive Officers led by President Agnes P. Miranda and Mabuhay Philippines Festival (MF) Founder Norma Carpio and supported by the PIDC Council of Leaders are presenting five major activities to celebrate also MPF's

25th anniversary. The Opening day ceremony will begin at 10:00 am on August 26th at Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square with Canadian and Filipino dignitaries invited to attend.

With its theme "Pasasalamat" (Gratitude), amongst the upcoming festive events covering 4 days are:

1. Gala Night. To be held on August 24, (Thursday) at Rembrandt Banquet Hall in Scarborough, this event will have dinner show featuring design collections of California based designer, Kenneth Barlis and several performing artists including the winners of the Miss/ Little Miss Philippines pageant competition.
2. Pinoy Food Booths. During the 2-day festival, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm., there will be on-the-spot participation of different food vendors selling favourite Pinoy culinary delights as well as community organizations, and business sponsors who will exhibit, promote and sell their products, and services.
3. Line Dancing Competition. This is a

special contest open to line-dancing groups and is happening on August 26, (Saturday) from 10:00 am. to 12 noon at Nathan Phillips Square. Several prizes await the winners. Coordinating the competition are Jean Pardo and Ramon Estaris.

4. Cultural- and Entertainment Show. Filipino American artist and actor Martin Nievera will perform live together with other surprise celebrities and local talents on August 26, (Saturday) starting

PIDC officers directly incharged are Suzy Llanera (Chair), and Rory Elefano (Co-chair). The culminating activities of the MPF Festival include Hip Hop Dance, Zumba, Martial Arts, and Battle of the Bands Competitions scheduled to be held at the City Hall Grounds from 3:00 pm. to 10:00 pm.

It is desired and expected as ever before that interested Canadians and Filipinos alike together with their families, friends, guests, and visitors will

Mabuhay Philippines 25th Year Festival
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Nathan Phillips Square
Toronto City Hall Grounds
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Philippine Independence Day Council

Picnic Salu-Salo	Sat June 3 9:30AM	2
Annual Golf	Sun July 16	1
Pageant	Sat July 29 2PM-10PM	0
Line Dancing	Sat August 26 10AM - 12N	1
Parade & Santacruzan	Sun August 27 11AM - 1PM	2
Hip Hop Dance Competition	Sun August 27 3PM - 6PM	3
Battle of the Bands	Sun August 27 6PM - 10PM	3

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at 6:00 pm., including a fashion show by Kenneth Barliss and Jacqui Peñalosa.

5. Community Parade, SantaCruzan, Dance & Band Competitions. To be undertaken on August 27 (Sunday) from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Several Filipino-Canadian associations, dignitaries, special guests, pageant beauty winners, faith-based devotees, marching bands, and the general public were invited. The

collegially welcome, support, visit, participate, and enjoy the fun, food, fellowship, entertainment, and meaningful activities that PIDC is proudly offering during the summertime festivities this year. Halina tayo at Makisaya sa Mabuhay Philippines Festival!#

From Page 1 Quebec forest fires

News over 3,700 foreign firefighters have travelled to Canada to help battle the historic forest fires this summer — including 140 South Koreans, the first-ever team sent from there to help battle the blazes.

The South Korean foreign ministry told CBC News their team was selected after a competitive process, and those who made the cut are the best of the best. The team includes former spies sent to infiltrate North Korea, special army forces and Navy SEALs.

They've been camping next to a golf course in the small town that's about 625 kilometres northwest of Montreal, with a population of 2,000 people.

They've spent their days here since the beginning of July, waking up around 5 a.m., travelling an hour or two on yellow school buses to the fires, then coming back to the campsite, exhausted and covered in bug bites.

One of their tasks is digging up the earth still smoldering below ground, and extinguishing it. It's a kind of firefighting none of them are used to.

"None of us believed it at first. But putting out fires here, we saw how the fires are burning through the roots of the trees," said Jang Puruensol, a 28-year-old firefighter from Gwangju, in the country's southwest, who left behind his fiancée to fight fires in Quebec.

"We're used to going several kilometres, putting out fires as we go," he continued in Korean.

When the team got to Quebec, Jang says Quebec's forest fire prevention agency told them they would only be able to advance around 600 metres in a day. Working together

The team has had to get used to

more than a new style of firefighting. Some said it took some time to get used to the food, too. But the Korean community in Montreal sent some familiar items up their way, the South Korean foreign ministry told CBC News. Now, the Koreans are fighting fires with canned kimchi in their pockets.

Canadian wildfires are burning at an unprecedented pace this year. There were 1,004 fires across Canada as of Friday, according to the CIFFC, burning 12.3 million hectares — a total area larger than South Korea, itself.

The team is working closely with U.S. firefighters, who have also been deployed to the area. Each day at a morning briefing, the teams go over the situation on the ground, and come up with a plan for how to fight the blazes.

It's not the first time Canadians, Americans and South Koreans have worked together — they're old allies from the Korean War over 70 years ago. Now, they're again working across languages to come up with a battle plan.

A Korean man in his thirties dressed in an orange firefighting uniform smiles to the camera. Behind him is a pickup truck and two other firefighters as well as a Canadian flag on a mast pole.

Kim Dae Hyun, with Korea's National Fire Agency, says his fiancée worries about him fighting fires so far away, but he knows how important it is to be here. (Jennifer Yoon/CBC)

Kim Dae Hyun, 36, is getting married next month. He says his fiancée has been worrying about him. He, too, worries about loved ones back home, as heavy torrential rains have claimed dozens of lives there.

"The situation in Korea right now is quite bad, and on that point I want to go back and help, too, but I also know that it's important for me to be here and help out," said Kim.

Kim Man Ju, 54, who has over 15 years of experience fighting fires, says the heavy rains back home and the historic wildfire season in Canada show the global scale of climate change. The responsibility to help, he feels, extends past borders.

"In my mind, it's the same forest. We should keep the forest. That means a promise to the future, a promise to the globe."

Kweon Ki Hwan, who is leading the South Korean disaster relief effort, says it's what friends do.

"We remember Canada sent 26,000 troops to Korea during the Korean War to defend the freedom and democracy of Korea, and you paid a heavy price," Kweon said.

"We Koreans never forgot your

sacrifice."

Wildfires likely to get worse

It's possible Canada will need their help again. Scientists say wildfire seasons are likely to get more intense in the future.

And even with the thousands for international firefighters already here, CIFFC says more will certainly be needed before the summer's finished.

The Canadian government says it recognizes all the help it's getting from other countries, and is working to bolster domestic firefighting capacities. In a statement, a spokesperson for the office of the Minister for Emergency Preparedness said Canada is hiring more than 300 Indigenous firefighters and buying more

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"If you are depressed you are living in the past.
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If you are at peace you are living in the present."
Lao Tzu

"Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway."
Earl Nightingale

"There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called Yesterday and the other is called Tomorrow. Today is the right day to Love, Believe, Do, and, mostly, Live."
Dalai Lama XIV

"One cannot always tell what it is that keeps us shut in, confines us, seems to bury us, but still one feels certain barriers, certain gates, certain walls. Is all this imagination, fantasy? I do not think so...
Do you know what frees one from this captivity?
It is very deep serious affection. Being friends, being brothers, love, that is what opens the prison by supreme power, by some magic force."
Vincent van Gogh, letter to his brother, July 1880

"You are constantly in the act of creating yourself.
You are in every moment deciding who and what you are.
You decide this largely through the choices you make regarding who and what you feel passionate about."
Neale Donald Walsch

"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things."
Albert Einstein

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specialized equipment.

"While we don't know what the next wildfire season has in store, we'll continue to build our capacity to respond to these events and work to mitigate the risks facing Canadians," said Annie Cullinan, a spokesperson at the Office of the Minister of Emergency Preparedness, in a statement.

The Koreans CBC News spoke with in Lebel-sur-Quévillon say they'd be happy to come back if the need should ever arise again.

They add they also hope Canadians will also step in to help out if they ever need the help, too. #

Quebec Liberals urge government to drop any plans to appeal Bill 40 ruling

The Liberals say in the letter that they believe Bill 40, which reforms the school-board system, was flawed from the get-go.

Author of the article: Philip Authier • Montreal Gazette
Published Aug 09, 2023 •

QUEBEC — There is more pressure — this time from the Quebec Liberals — for the Legault government to forget about appealing a Superior Court decision declaring sections of Bill 40 on school boards unconstitutional.

In a letter to Education Minister Bernard Drainville and Justice Minister Simon Jolin-Barrette, three Liberal MNAs urge the government to not launch an appeal of the ruling issued last week by Superior Court Judge Sylvain Lussier.

They also urge the government to set aside legal procedures and focus on more concrete education issues, such as lowering the dropout rate, improving the quality of education, finding qualified teachers and improving the quality of school infrastructure.

"While respecting the ruling rendered and in the interest of not compromising the constitutional rights that English-speaking Quebecers and francophones outside Quebec benefit from equally, we ask you to not appeal the judgment," the letter states.

"And any future changes affecting governance of the English-language school network should be the subject of a large political and institutional consensus."

The letter is signed by education critic Marwah Rizqy, justice critic André Morin and Gregory Kelley, the Liberals' spokesperson for relations with English-speaking Quebecers.

In addition to Drainville and Jolin-Barrette, a copy of the letter was sent to Eric Girard, the Coalition Avenir Québec minister responsible for relations with English-speaking Quebecers.

The letter follows a similar request by Conservative Party of Quebec Leader Éric Duhaime, who argued any appeal of the ruling would be a waste of money and time, and would exacerbate the government's already poor relations with the anglophone community.

In a 125-page judgment, Lussier invalidated many clauses of Bill 40, which was adopted in 2020 by the Legault government, but whose application for English school boards had been suspended pending a decision on its merits.

In his decision, Lussier said: "The court considers that several of the articles covered by this action infringe upon the rights of Article 23 and that these infringements are not justified."

Article 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms grants parents belonging to a province's linguistic minority the right to education in their language anywhere in Canada.

Lussier wrote that "it is not only parents with children enrolled in English schools who enjoy the rights, but also



Education critic Marwah Rizqy signed the letter with Gregory Kelley, who is party spokesperson for relations with English-speaking Quebecers, and André Morin, the justice critic. PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY /Montreal Gazette files

those who have the right to enrol their children there, or who have had their school-age children enrolled there, or had the right to do so."

In other words, Lussier ruled that Quebec erred in trying to limit the rights related to education only to parents whose children attend English school. These rights, he said, extend to the entire English-speaking community.

The Liberals say in their letter that Bill 40 was flawed from the get-go, which is why they voted against it. Instead of putting the emphasis on student success, they write, the government chose through the bill to focus on governance.

"Bill 40 did not attack the shortage of labour which compromises the delivering of services which students are entitled to and which, ultimately, make the difference between success and failure," they write.

"The changes imposed in the functioning of anglophone school boards included in this law have the direct effect of reducing and limiting the right to control and exclusively manage

education institutions by the English-speaking minority, a view which was clearly expressed even before it was adopted."

The letter urges the government to take "concrete action" to ensure the educational success of students, and says it's clear Bill 40 failed in that regard. The proof, the Liberals argue, is that in June the government tabled another piece of legislation, Bill 23, which corrects the shortcomings of Bill 40.

The English-speaking community has also criticized Bill 23 because it means an even greater loss of autonomy for anglophone boards.

The government has yet to decide whether it will appeal the ruling on Bill 40.

"The analysis of the ruling is continuing," said an official in Jolin-Barrette's office. "The government will make known its intentions in due time. We will not comment further for the moment." #

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Quebec teachers' unions call for better working conditions to address staff shortages

Teachers' workloads have become unsustainable, unions say

Thomas MacDonald · The Canadian Press · Posted: Aug 21, 2023 4:42 PM EDT | Last Updated: August 21

Unions representing Quebec teachers are calling on the provincial government to address staff shortages by improving working conditions, after a recent report indicated as many as 5,000 positions were vacant ahead of the start to the school year.

Labour leaders held a joint news conference on Monday morning to issue what they characterized as an urgent plea for the government to better support school employees, including teachers, administrators, psychologists, speech therapists and other professionals.

The appeal came as teachers' unions renegotiate a collective agreement with Quebec that expired at the end of March.

Josée Scalabrini, president of the Fédération des syndicats de l'enseignement, an association of 34 Quebec teachers' unions, told reporters that classrooms have become unmanageable due to chronic neglect by successive governments over the past two decades.

"We've been saying for a long time that the composition of classes in Quebec no longer makes any sense," she said, pointing in part to a lack of resources to manage the number of students who have learning difficulties.

Teachers' workloads have become unsustainable as a result, she explained, calling on Quebec to "lighten the load before we let go."



The province is dealing with a shortage of qualified teachers, just days before students head back to class. (Darryl Dyck/The Canadian Press)

With Quebec short more than 5,000 teachers, education minister hoping for 'one adult' per class Scalabrini insisted that negotiations should focus on classroom conditions to encourage teachers to stay in the profession and help them "rediscover" their calling — a passion she said has been "uprooted" by government inaction.

Monday's news conference followed findings from an organization representing Quebec school administrators — the Fédération québécoise des directions d'établissement d'enseignement — that suggested as many as 5,000 full- and part-time teaching positions were still vacant in the province ahead of the start of the school year next week.

1 adult per class, says minister

Quebec Education Minister Bernard Drainville has reportedly

conceded that it will not be possible to find enough fully qualified teachers by then. The minimum goal, he has told reporters, is to instead have one adult per class.

But tapping unqualified individuals to lead classrooms could just make the situation worse by further straining existing teachers, according to Steven Le Sueur, president of the Quebec Professional Association of Teachers, a union with more than 8,000 members.

"It's definitely not a good idea," Le Sueur said in a phone interview. "When we get somebody that doesn't know what they're doing," he said, "we have a bigger burden on the other teachers in the schools that are going to step up and help that person."

"It's just a heavy burden, all around."

Le Sueur agreed the

government needs to improve working conditions to address the root cause of the staff shortage in schools. He, like Scalabrini, pointed to a "lack of support for our special needs and at-risk kids."

The result, he suggested, has been a vicious cycle that has gutted the labour force and discouraged students from entering education programs.

"We're in crisis," Le Sueur said.

Teaching, he added, is "just becoming less and less attractive."

Quebec Health Ministry recommends COVID-19 booster dose for vulnerable people this fall

Vaccine adapted to new variants will be available in October, ministry says
CBC News · Posted: Aug 23, 2023

Quebec's Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS) is advising vulnerable and at-risk individuals to get another COVID-19 booster shot this fall.

The decision, issued in a news release Tuesday, follows a recommendation by Quebec's immunization committee (CIQ) and Dr. Luc Boileau, Quebec's public health director.

Vulnerable groups at higher risk include:

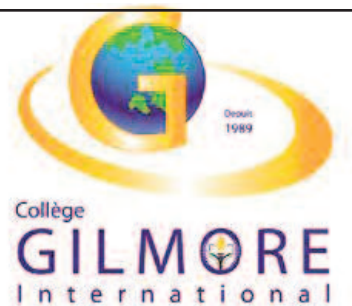
- Adults 60 years old and older.
- Long-term care and assisted living residents.

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Isang pamilya na nsa dagat ng anim na oras upang tumakas at makaligtas sa sunog ng buong nayon ng Maui, Hawaii noong ika-8 ng Agosto 2023.

Maraming pangyayaring hindi natin akalain at nagbibigay ng babala na dapat nating pansinin upang maiwasan ang mga panganib na dulot ng tinatawag nating "climate change" o pagbabago ng panahon. Ang mga litratong nakikita nating palagi ng mahigit na isang linggo sa telebisyon at nababasa sa mga diaryo tungkol sa pagkasunog ng Maui sa Hawaii ay hindi lamang nakakagulat o nakakapagtaka kung bakit nangyari itong bigla sa isang iglap, ito'y nagpapa-alala sa

sunog ngunit maaring dumami pa ito dahil hindi pa natatapos ang paghahanap sa mga nawawalang mahigit pang 1000.

Bakit hindi nabigyan ng babala ang mga taong tumakbo at pumunta sa lugar na malayo sa sunog ng gubat? Bakit nangyari ang sunog na natuturing na pinakamalaki na nangyari sa 100 taon sa istorya ng bansa?

Ayon sa mga panayam ng mga opisyal, mayroong malakas na hangin dahil sa bagyo, at ang mataas na init



atin na ang "wildfire" o sunog sa gubat na biglang lumitaw sa isang lugar ay mapanganib at hindi namimili ng biktima - mayaman at mahirap, walang makakaligtas sa apoy na hindi kayang labanan ng mga bombero.

Hindi kayang isipin ang takot at panganib na tiniis ng mga taong taga Maui. Hanggang ngayon, hindi pa alam kung ilan talaga ang namatay dahil hindi pa natatapos ang imbestigasyon at paghahanap sa mga taong nawawala. Ayon sa huling bilang, may mahigit na 114 taong namatay sa

ng panahon ang nagpatuyo sa lahat ng gubat at punong kahoy. Maaring ang malakas na bagyo ang nagpatumba sa mga alambre ng koryente at nakapag-umpisa ng apoy na kumalat na bigla dahil sa lakas ng hangin ng bagyo. Ito ang isang bagay na nagpapatunay ng tinatawag na global warming o climate change.

Sana'y magkaroon tayo ng paraang maiwasan ang sunog ng mga gubat kung magtutulungan sa pagbaka ng "global warming."#

With Quebec short more than 5,000 teachers, education minister hoping for 'one adult' per class

Bernard Drainville says this person would ideally have a bachelor's degree, but it's not a requirement

Sabrina Jonas · CBC News · Posted: Aug 18, 2023 9:02 AM EDT

Quebec Education Minister Bernard Drainville says there will be "a lot of unqualified teachers this year" due to a severe shortage of educators across the province.

According to a survey conducted by the Fédération québécoise des directions d'établissement d'enseignement (FQDE), 5,000 full-time and part-time teaching positions have yet to be filled — about three times as many as last year.

The number doesn't include positions in schools on the island of Montreal.

With the start of the school year fast approaching, some 1,440 special education technicians, 1,608 daycare educators and 912 speech therapists and other types of special educators are also missing from the education system.

"Of course, there will be unfilled positions," said Drainville during a news scrum Wednesday in Quebec City.

He said he's hoping for at least one adult in each classroom at the start of the school year.

"The first priority is to have a legally qualified teacher in the class, that's No. 1. If we are not able to have a legally qualified teacher, then we have to accept an unqualified teacher ... and in certain cases ... we hope to have one adult," he said.

He said the adult would ideally have a bachelor's degree, but it's not a requirement.

As of Friday, Montreal's main French school service centre, the Centre de services scolaire de Montréal (CSSDM), said 500 full-time and part-time positions were vacant.

"You can't just wing being a teacher"

FQDE president Nicolas Prévost says the situation heading into the new school year is far from ideal for students.

"Is it normal to see people without a bachelor's degree teaching in schools? We can't accept that. Our students are entitled to optimal service by having qualified people in their classrooms," he told Radio-Canada in an interview.

"You can't just wing being a teacher, so ... this will certainly have long-term repercussions. It's a worrisome start to the school year."

Josée Scalabrini, president of the Fédération des syndicats de l'enseignement (FSE-CSQ), says she's not at all surprised by the extent of the teacher shortage.

"We've been saying for years that the teaching profession has been



Education Minister Bernard Drainville undervalued, ... and that we need to negotiate quickly and intelligently to send a positive message to teachers who want to leave the profession, but that hasn't been done. Now we've hit a wall," she said.

Quebec's new education minister unveils plan to improve French in schools, fast-track teacher training.

Quebec education minister skewered for suggesting teachers don't deserve same pay hike as MNAs

Scalabrini, whose federation represents some 87,000 teachers in school service centres and school boards, says it's imperative that the province works to revalorize the profession to encourage those in the system to stay in the field.

"We want to improve working conditions, and that means class composition, lessening duties and, inevitably, upping compensation, which ultimately also has an influence on all that," she said.

Scalabrini says 25 per cent of young teachers leave the profession within the first five years, and, in recent years, even more experienced teachers have been leaving at higher rates.

She's calling on the government to "seize this opportunity" to respond to teachers' demands by entering into "real negotiations ... with the aim of improving their working conditions."

Drainville's office did not respond to Radio-Canada's request for comment.

In January 2022, the Quebec government said it wanted to recruit and train 8,000 teachers over the next five years to counter the labour shortage in education — an objective it intends to achieve, in part, by calling on retirees.

The government had promised a lump sum payment of \$12,000 in May to teaching staff eligible for retirement if they volunteered to remain on the job full time or return to classroom.

A survey conducted by Radio-Canada in July, however, showed that fewer than 100 people had accepted the offer to date.#



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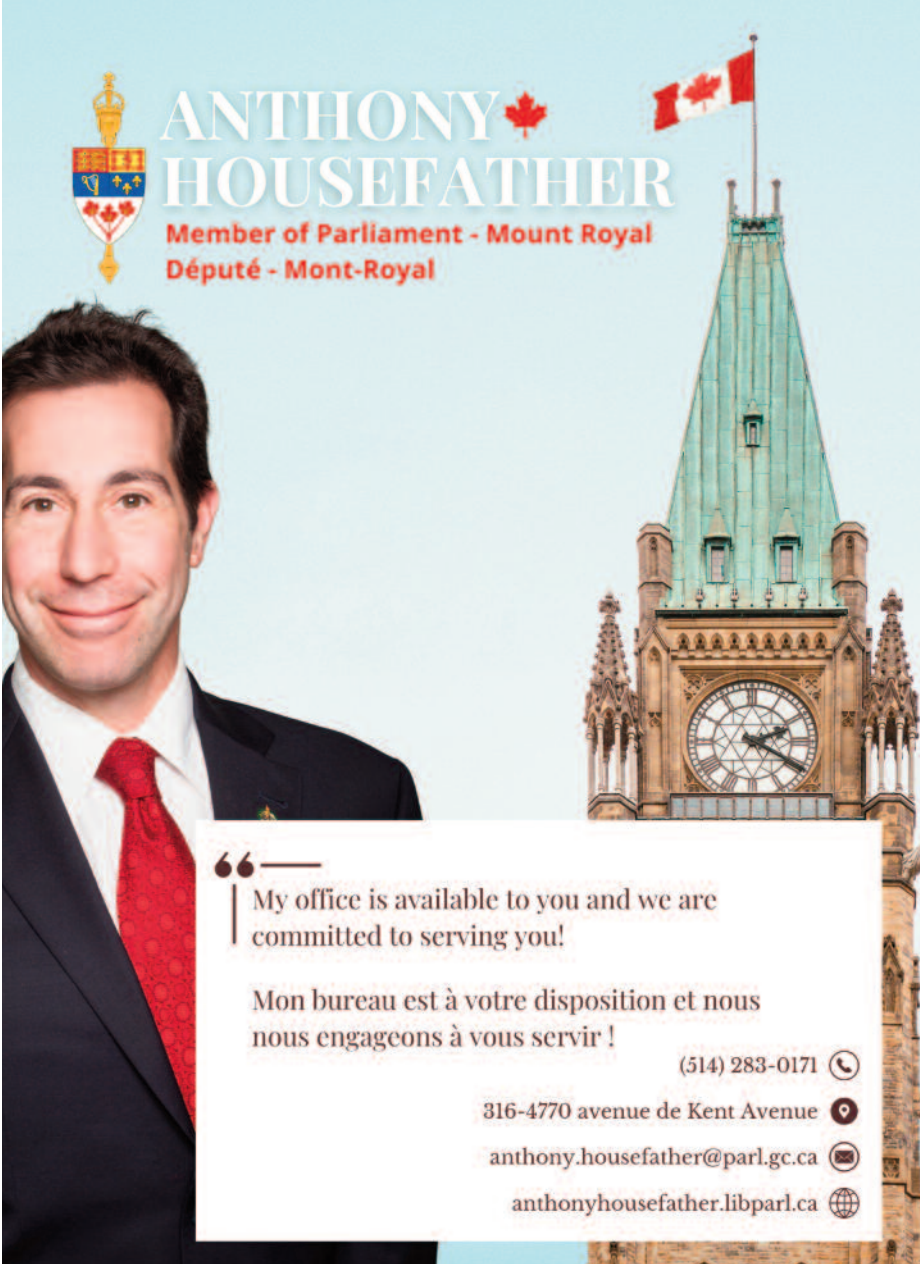
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Salmon Wellington

Ingredients

1 (1 1/4-pound) piece salmon loin, skin and bones removed

4 large light green Savoy cabbage leaves (6 ounces)

Kosher salt

1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined

2 egg whites

1 teaspoon fish sauce

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives (about 1/4 ounce)

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh dill (about 1/4 ounce)

1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest (from 1 lemon)

2 sheets nori

2 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed (from a 17.3-ounce package)

3 egg yolks, beaten to blend

Lemon thyme or regular thyme leaves

Flaky sea salt

Directions

Cut thickest portion of salmon loin into a rectangle 8 inches long and 3 inches wide; trim and remove thin section of flesh. You will have a 14-ounce piece of salmon left; reserve trimmed salmon for another use.

Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Stir in 1 tablespoon salt. Prepare a large bowl of ice water. Add cabbage leaves to boiling water, pressing to submerge. Cook until wilted and pliable, about 2 1/2 minutes. Transfer leaves to ice water to cool. When leaves have cooled, transfer to a baking sheet covered with a few layers of paper towels to drain, shaking off excess water. Remove 2 to 3 inches of the thick stalks on bottom of each leaf by cutting on either side to remove. Pat cabbage dry.

Place shrimp, egg whites, and fish sauce in a food processor

and blend just until smooth. Transfer shrimp mousse to a medium bowl and fold in chives, dill, and lemon zest.

Season salmon with salt.

Place a sheet of nori on a work surface. Lightly dampen hands and pat nori to dampen very slightly. Place salmon on top of nori (nori will begin to shrivel once dampened). Quickly wrap salmon with nori; if it doesn't completely cover salmon, cut a piece from a second sheet of nori to fit.

Place a large sheet of plastic wrap on a work surface. Arrange cabbage on plastic, forming an 8- x 8-inch square completely covered with an even layer of cabbage. Using an offset spatula or spoon, spread shrimp mousse evenly on top of cabbage to a thickness of 3/4 inch. Place salmon in center. Use kitchen scissors if needed to trim cabbage to match the length of the salmon. Roll cabbage around salmon, using plastic wrap overhang as an aid while rolling. Wrap salmon roll in 5 layers of plastic wrap, forming a firm, tight cylinder. Freeze 30 minutes.

Place another large sheet of plastic wrap on a work surface. Place 1 sheet of puff pastry on top. Roll out slightly into a 9-inch square. Lightly brush pastry with egg yolks. Remove plastic wrap from salmon roll and place salmon in center of pastry. Roll the pastry over, pressing seam to seal; trim off any excess pastry and press ends to seal. Roll Wellington tightly in plastic wrap and freeze 30 more minutes. Cover and refrigerate remaining egg yolks.

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Unwrap Wellington and place, seam side down, on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Chill in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Cut remaining piece of puff pastry with a plastic lattice cutter and

then place it evenly on the Wellington, or cut into 1/2-inch strips and arrange in a lattice, trimming edges to fit Wellington. Brush with beaten egg yolks and place lemon thyme leaves in every gap of the lattice. Sprinkle with flaky salt.

Transfer Wellington to a fresh sheet of parchment paper and return to baking sheet. Using a sharp knife, slash top of pastry in a few spots. Bake until pastry is dark golden brown and an instant read thermometer registers 125°F, about 45 minutes, tenting with foil if browning too quickly after 25 minutes cooking. Allow Wellington to rest for 30 minutes before slicing



Guinness and cheddar shepherd's pie

INGREDIENTS

2 tbs olive oil

1kg lamb mince

2 onions, finely chopped

2 carrots, finely chopped

2 celery sticks, finely chopped

3 cloves garlic, crushed

1 1/2 tbs plain flour

440ml can Guinness

2 cups (500ml) beef stock

1/4 cup (60ml) Worcestershire sauce

3 tsp dried mint

2 tsp ground cumin

1 kg desiree potatoes, peeled, chopped

3/4 cup (180ml) milk

See Page 18 Shepherd's pie

From Page 5 Cabinet reshuffle

attorney general of Canada

- Quebec MP Soraya Martinez Ferrada, who represents the riding of Hochelaga, becomes the minister of tourism and minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for Quebec Regions.
- Gary Anandasangaree, who represents Scarborough—Rouge Park, becomes minister of Crown-Indigenous relations
- B.C. MP Terry Beech of Burnaby North—Seymour becomes minister of citizens' services
- Toronto-area MP Ya'ara Saks, who represents York Centre, becomes minister of mental health and addictions and associate minister of health
- Ottawa-area MP Jenna Sudds, who represents, Kanata—Carleton, becomes minister of families, children and social development
- Mississauga—Streetsville MP Rechie Valdez becomes minister of small business

Multiple ministers changing responsibilities

Wednesday's shuffle also saw

several current ministers change positions or add to their portfolios:

- Pablo Rodriguez becomes transport minister
- Pascale St-Onge becomes minister of Canadian heritage
- Mark Holland becomes minister of health
- Sean Fraser becomes minister of housing, infrastructure and communities
- Lawrence MacAulay becomes minister of agriculture
- Jean-Yves Duclos becomes minister of public services and procurement
- Marie-Claude Bibeau becomes minister of national revenue
- Gudie Hutchings remains minister of rural economic development but now takes on responsibility for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- Diane Lebouthillier becomes minister of fisheries, oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
- Harjit Sajjan becomes president of the King's Privy Council and minister of emergency preparedness, and keeps his role as minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of

Canada

- Carla Qualtrough becomes minister of sport and physical activity
- Karina Gould becomes government House leader
- Ahmed Hussen becomes minister of international development
- Seamus O'Regan stays on as minister of labour and adds the seniors portfolio
- Ginette Petitpas Taylor becomes minister of veterans affairs
- Mary Ng remains minister of export promotion, international trade and economic development but drops small business from her files
- Jonathan Wilkinson stays put but his portfolio is being renamed "energy and natural resources"
- Marc Miller becomes minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship
- Randy Boissonnault becomes minister of employment workforce development and official languages
- Kamal Khera becomes minister of diversity, inclusion and persons with disabilities.
- Freeland, Joly staying put

Just eight ministers kept their portfolios:

- Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland
- Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly
- Environment and Climate Change Minister Steven Guilbeault
- Innovation, Science and Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne
- Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu, also minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario
- Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Filomena Tassi
- Northern Affairs Minister Dan Vandal, also minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
- Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien

Gould recently announced she is expecting her second child in the new year. Trudeau announced Wednesday that Government Whip Steve MacKinnon will serve as House leader in her absence and Ruby Sahota will fill in as whip.



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Greetings, my dearest readers! By the time this month's issue is in your hands, fall is in the air. Fall comes with its own charming appeal; leaves will soon turn out in vibrant hues as we say hello to fall activities. In the meantime, Thank you God that we still enjoy Your beautiful sunshine and warm weather. Thank you God also for upholding the Filipino community as it faithfully undertakes its many tasks.

Let's start with the Candon Association whose members held a celebratory picnic on July 16, 2023 at Mackenzie King Park. It's to celebrate many new members who came with great memories to share. President Julius Abad was his usual hospitable and energetic self. His culinary skills were again evident in his tinola that many went back to for seconds. He is planning an anniversary party soon, perhaps at the Hellenic Center. Let's wait and see what he's cooking up! Many are looking forward to it.

On August 5, 2023, the Knights of Rizal (KOR) Eastern Canada Region, Area 1 Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Chapter, held their 4th year anniversary at 6767 Côte-des-Neiges, led by Sir Stephane Morin. It was a fantastic gathering. Emcee Sir Edmour Valdez KGOR, LM, not missing a step, started the program with the anthems, followed by the opening prayer by Sir Bert Abiera KGOR, LM. As expected, we heard an inspiring message from Sir James de la Paz, KGOR, LM, Eastern Canada Region Chancellor. Other speeches were delivered by Sir Stephane Morin (KOR, LM DSS/NDG Chapter Commander), Sir Dario Boco (KOR, LM, Eastern Canada Region Commander), Sir Gerry Danzil (KGOR, LM, Area 1 Commander), and current FAMAS President Sir Romeo Remigio (KOR, NDG chancellor). After the speeches, everybody's gaze was towards the appetizing food table and soon people queued up to enjoy our Filipino favorites such as pancit, adobo, etc.

To the delight of the crowd, several KOR members were at the ready with the microphone. Singing like seasoned crooners were the duet duo of the evening: Sir James de la Paz and Sir Julius Abad. Their rendition of To All The Girls We've Loved Before was an instant hit (it never grows old!). And line dancing, a perennial favorite, was the order of the night with Sir Cipriano Galang (who also sang beautifully) leading the dancers. Dante Tabamo sang well too. At dinner, Stephane Morin's own spaghetti sauce took special attention. With pride he said, "I

made the sauce!" Well, he should take a bow as it was delicious! Many, including myself, went for seconds.

The most nostalgic evening of the month surely goes to Montreal's Grand Lady, Mrs. Natalie Olarte Pelausa. Family and friends gathered on July 29, 2023 at 6767 Côte-des-Neiges to celebrate her 96th birthday! Her son, Dr. Ed Pelausa arrived from Norfolk, Virginia to assist his sister, Dr. Hermie Pelausa, in honoring her day. Hermie went around and acknowledged the attendees, waving cheerfully to all. The dance hall was beautifully decorated; the color red seems to be the favored motif. On each of the twelve tables was a sheet of paper that read "Back in 1927" (when Natalie was born) with a list of notable events, inventions, and people. One cool fact was that she shares a birthday with Roger Moore - yes, that James Bond! Can you imagine? On the flip side of the paper was the space to write wonderful birthday greetings. And DJ Dennis M. played the evening right! His selections matched the order of the program, as we shall see. The Emcee of the evening was the enthusiastic Cynthia Purray Pacheco, her niece who ensured a smooth pacing of the program and livened up the evening. She noted that Natalie was the youngest of 14 children and is the only one alive in the Olarte clan. As the wife of Dr. Jess Pelausa, she was well known in the community as a good public servant as well as a pillar of the family who gathered those who didn't get along, gave guidance, and encouraged get togethers, etc. Then many were in awe when Natalie read a message to the adoring audience. Still articulate at 96! And without glasses! (Who among us can do that at this age?) She gave thanks to God for her many blessings, especially for her parents and her longevity. She recalled her husband saying, "Happy wife, happy life." She also observed that one should count age not by years but by friends, that 'Disney laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever! (DJ plays 'Isn't She Lovely!'). And she greeted herself, "Happy Birthday to me." Utterly inspiring! She gave a vigorous wave as she was brought around the tables. She also had picture taking for each table. (DJ plays 'You Are So Beautiful!').

When Natalie was taken to the front center table, she was joined by family and friends and the apos (grandchildren), and Reverend Andrew gave a special blessing. Definitely one of the highlights was when her son, Dr. Ed Pelausa, gave a birthday toast and a



Natalie Pelausa is not showing her 96 years as she happily poses for a photo during her birthday party on July 29, 2023. (from Derek Neal's FB post)

touching tribute. He credited her as the reason he and his sister are doctors today. He described her as someone quite brilliant, did well in school, went to college, was magna cum laude, and became an excellent teacher. With her husband, Jess, both encouraged their children, Ed and Hermie, to be doctors. (DJ plays 'This Girl is on Fire') And of course, who can forget the usual serenade performed by Freddie Espinosa? His rendition of 'Love Story,' Natalie's favorite, seems to be a tradition that people look forward to and his beautiful voice lends it the perfect nostalgia. Carmen Caro gave thanks for the food and Jeannette Perignon lit the candles. The crowd joined in singing a rousing Happy Birthday; the DJ played different versions as well. A message from Father Moutu was read, "Kindly give my blessings to her and may she find happiness and contentment from family friends." And a delightful surprise was performed by the Emcee, who danced to 'You'll Never Walk Alone' by Josh Groban (group singing requested by Natalie). That dance was certainly heartfelt and unique! Well, Natalie, congratulations on your 96th! Everyone would be so fortunate to reach your age and age well too. A miracle in itself!

This one is interesting. Do you want to know about the Filipino Association of Montreal and Suburbs (FAMAS)? Well, last July 21, 2023 a gathering was held to discuss about the election that was supposed to take place on August 13, 2023. Those

present were Comelec Chairman Sir Ray Balansi and members Ben Buddy, Paul Imperial, Edith Fedaliso, Alvin and Hilda Veloso, Dante and Julie Tabamo, Manny and Lina Lagasca, Pierre and Nida Quirapas, Danny and Lisa, Agnes Garna, Romeo Talabocon, Perlita Viernes, Mercy Umipig, Sia Francisco Bernabe, and Raquel Trinidad. The discussion was about the pros and cons of having an election. In the end, they agreed to hold a proclamation instead. So, those who applied for the position they chose will be proclaimed as FAMAS officers for two years (2023-2026) at a later date. Other members are Leo Pacheco, Jun Diaz, Gerry Danzil, Eliza Tolentino, Bert Abiera, Benie Sandoval, and Sir Dario Boco.

Here are the candidates who will celebrate their proclamation at a later date: Nida Quirapas, Dante Tabamo, Raffy Lacaden, Leah Baldeovar, Corazon Remegio, Mary Ann Suelez, Lorenza Penular, Francisco Bernabe Jr., Raquel Trinidad, Glenda Lasaten, Mercy Umipig Sia, Jose Mari Laud, and Carmelita Cuizon. Looking forward to the official proclamation soon.

In closing, I encourage you to "Love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 11:13) and "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Until the next issue and God Bless!#

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SHOWBIZ GOSSIP

Angel Leighton's gymnastics background comes in handy for role in GMA show



Angel Leighton is Pretty Competente, an enthusiastic police trainee. The Sunday action-comedy series is Angel's first project in which she's part of the main cast. Angel's love for the action genre and background in gymnastics come in handy.

Playing a patrolwoman in *Walang Matigas na Pulis sa Matinik na Misis* is right up Angel Leighton's alley. Why? The Sparkle GMA Artist Center talent simply loves action and her gymnastics background comes in handy in physically-demanding sequences.

That's why she enjoys her participation in the Sunday action-comedy series with Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. and Beauty Gonzalez in the titular roles (as policeman, Major Bartolome "Tolome" Reynaldo and wife Gloria).

"It is the first (Kapuso) project in which I am part of the main cast," said Angel in a brief chat with *The Philippine STAR*. "That's why I'm an introducing artist in it. I guested before in *AraBella* (an Afternoon Primetime drama) with Shayne Sava and Althea Abla and *Luv Is* (series adaptation of a Wattpad webnovel) with Kyline Alcantara."

Yes, to the weekend viewers, she is *Pretty Competente*, an enthusiastic police trainee of Bartolome and early object of Gloria's jealousy. Angel's character

is into intelligence work.

"It has been my dream role since I was a kid," shared she. "I was very happy to play the character. That explained why I cried and got emotional during the press conference kasi nagawa ko na siya at natupad ko na yung isa sa mga gusto ko sa buhay (because I was able to do and fulfill another item on my wish list in life)."

Pretty joins Lt. Sylvester "Style" Salonga (a police sidekick, played by Niño Muhlach) and Bartolome in solving different cases.

Given the series' hybrid genre, Angel has her own share of action-packed scenes, and she also shows her flair for comedy. Angel takes on a fun and fearless character to play.

"For me, action is parang astig tignan (or cool to watch), hindi siya basta-basta (it's not just a walk in the park). You need to learn the right way to execute stunts. You need to be strong and tough since your character will be in fighting mode. Ang cool lang niyang tignan. I idolize Angelina Jolie," said Angel about her interest in the genre and

her character's representation of an empowered woman.

"It feels good that I've been working with veteran actors. I'm so blessed that I'm learning from them, like how to get better or improve



myself (in this craft) and in the industry," shared Angel. "One of the things I have picked up from them is the right delivery of lines. When you're new, you tend to be monotone in delivering dialogues."

She has also learned from them to get the right expressions and keep up with spontaneous changes in the script from lines to scenes.

"I don't go to the gym, payat na talaga ako," answered she when asked if being in tip-top shape was a requirement for the role. "Before, I was into gymnastics, which is one of the reasons why I wanted to do action, kasi alam ko na kaya ko, mabilis lang at madali yun sa akin, kasi flexible talaga ang katawan ko."

Angel is among the promising talents of Sparkle GMA who have been given a platform to show their potential. She has been in the business for more than a year.

With the way things are going in her career, Angel is happy and grateful "for everything that has happened in my life," said she. "I think I need to improve my acting, lahat naman ng bagay pwedeng i-improve. Every day, we learn new things, especially when we are at work. Every day, I get to learn a lesson in life."

Angel, who can also sing and dance, initially didn't see herself acting, but that changed when she attended workshops by Sparkle. "Parang naisipan ko na, 'Ah ang sarap pala!' (I have come to realize that it's enjoyable)," said she. "Through it, I get to explore different emotions and experiences that people go through. I'm able to share these to the audiences and inspire them."

Last Aug. 6, Angel turned 21 and had birthday wishes for herself.

"I just want to be happy, and I also wish happiness to my siblings, family, and friends. Of course, I want my career to be a success," said she, who is also taping for *Abot-Kamay Na Pangarap*.

As a showbiz newbie, she wants to do a film and another teleserye.

"I hope (these opportunities) will happen soon," said she, who also looks at the possibility of making a switch to play antagonist and protagonist roles.

Angel said that she's "willing to wait" for the right time and opportunity to come. ■

'Anne Hepburn': Anne Curtis' emotional meeting with idol Audrey Hepburn's son, Manila exhibit visit



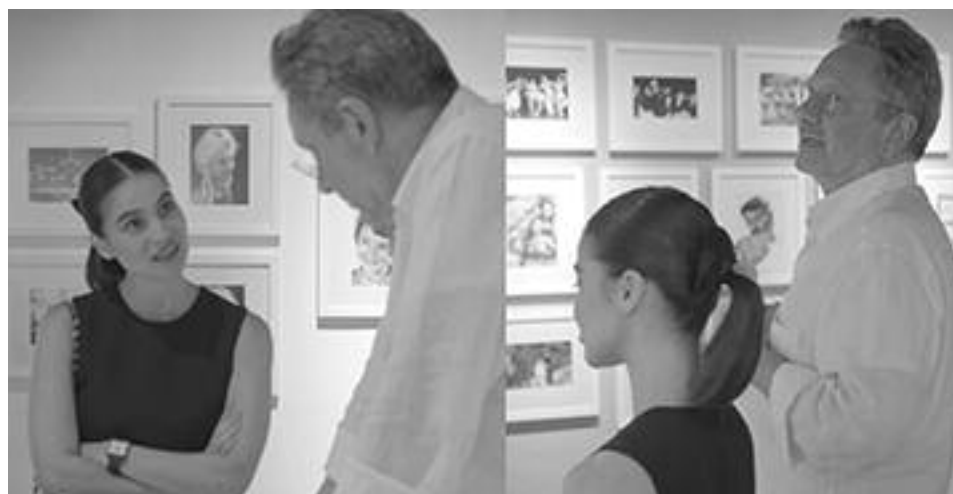
Anne Curtis dressed up as Audrey Hepburn for her 37th birthday

There would have been no more Kapamilya actress Anne Curtis turned emotional upon visiting Audrey Hepburn's Manila exhibit.

In her Instagram account, Anne posted a video of her visit to "Intimate Audrey Exhibit Manila" where she met the Hollywood icon's son Sean Hepburn Ferrer.

fashion style and acting but this exhibit is so special because it lives true to its name, by getting to know more about Audrey, intimately," she added.

Anne said she never imagined that she would, in real life, would be able to see bits and pieces of Audrey's life.



Anne Curtis with Sean Hepburn Ferrer

"I have been an admirer of Audrey Hepburn since my father first introduced her films to me, the initial being 'My Fair Lady.' It was an instant admiration that has lasted till this day... from watching all her films, collecting what memorabilia I could, and of course, respecting & being inspired by her humanitarian work," she wrote.

"When I heard that her exhibit, @intimateaudreymanila would be visiting the shores of Manila I couldn't believe it. Thank you @seanhhepburnferrer for showing this Intimate side of your mother. We have all loved her for her

"A really special moment too, is when you walk in and hear her voice and see her silhouette. I tried so hard not to cry (kasi nakakahiya) but failed," she said.

"You have to experience this. Definitely won't be the last time I visit! Will be bringing my dad next. The exhibit is at S Maison at Conrad. Near the Mall of Asia," she added.

She thanked Sean for letting her know his mom more.

"Thank you again @seanhhepburnferrer was so special to meet you and hear personal stories behind each photo and memorabilia," she said. ■

Toni Gonzaga introduces daughter to public



Actress-singer Toni Gonzaga recently gave fans an intimate peek into the moments leading up to the birth of her second child.

In a recent post, the 39-year-old candidly disclosed that she discovered her pregnancy December of last year.

And exactly 39 weeks and three days later, on Aug. 11, at 2:05 p.m., they joyously welcomed their 6.8-pound bundle of joy, Paulina Celestine "Polly" Gonzaga Soriano.

In the birthing suite, emotions

ran high as Toni embraced the moment of her becoming a mother once again, while her husband, film director Paul Soriano, excitedly cut the umbilical cord.



Toni expressed her profound gratitude, calling Polly "the greatest reward I've ever held in my arms" and thanking her for arriving precisely when she needed her the most, becoming her "new best friend." ■

AJ Raval graduates from high school



Actress AJ Raval graduated from high school at the age of 22.

In her Instagram account, AJ posted photos of her wearing her toga.

AJ finished the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program in Pampanga.

"Congratulations po sa ating lahat ALS Learners," AJ wrote.

"Sa aking guro na si Sir Jay Gopez, maraming salamat po

sa pag titiyaga saamin hanggang dulo.

"At sa pamunuan po ng ALS SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA DIVISION.

"MARAMING SALAMAT PO SA INYONG ADBOKASIYA AT MABUHAY PO KAYO."

AJ is also preparing for a project with Aljur Abrenica to be directed by Law Fajardo.

She confirmed her relationship with Aljur last Valentine's Day. ■

Showbiz Gossip *Continued from p.15*

Maja Salvador, Rambo Nuñez tie the knot in Bali



Maja Salvador and Rambo Nuñez at their wedding in Bali, Indonesia.

Actress Maja Salvador and Rambo Nuñez have tied the knot in a Bali, Indonesia earlier today.

Videos and photos of Maja and Rambo getting married in Apurva Kempinski, Bali were trending on Twitter as of writing.

Maja wore an elegant wedding gown, while Rambo wore a white tuxedo.

Celebrities spotted in the

wedding include Maine Mendoza, John Lloyd Cruz, Richard Gutierrez, Sarah Lahbati and ABS-CBN CEO Carlo Katigbak, among others.

"From Baguio to Bali," Maine said in a video.

Maja and Rambo got engaged last April 2022.

Maja confirmed that she and Rambo got back together in March 2019. The couple first dated in 2010. ■

Hi Barbie! Janella Salvador nails Margot Robbie's 'Barbie' character



Janella Salvador recreating Margot Robbie's looks from "Barbie"

Move over Margot Robbie, there's a new Barbie in town painting it pink.

Actress Janella Salvador has become the latest celebrity to join the Barbie craze by holding a photoshoot recreating some of Margot's looks from the new summer blockbuster "Barbie" directed by Greta Gerwig.

In a series of posts on Instagram, Janella shared some of her photos taken by Claude Villahermosa and makeup by Carissa Cielo Medved and Corra Dela Rosa as she went into Barbie-mode.

These include a recreation of Margot's first scenes in the movie as Janella wore a pink-and-white gingham dress and hair ribbon, a necklace with white flowers, and heels as she waves at Barbie Land and floats down to her car.

Janella recently wrapped up shooting in Hong Kong for the movie "Under Parallel Skies" opposite Thailand's Win Metawin of "2gether: The Series" fame.

"Barbie" continues to break records at the global and local box office, and is still showing in Philippine cinemas. ■

Vanessa Hudgens sizzles as Philippine tourism ambassador in July 2023 magazine cover



Vanessa Hudgens

Newly-minted global tourism ambassador for the Philippines and actress Vanessa Hudgens is the latest cover model for Tatler Philippines.

The fashion magazine wanted to celebrate this July Filipinos who are breaking boundaries and making their

presence felt in their given fields, and it set its eyes on the Filipino-American Vanessa.

Tatler joined Vanessa, her sister Stella, and their mother Gina as the Hudgens ladies visited El Nido, Palawan last March, days after she

was designated her new role as a global tourism ambassador.

For the cover photo, Vanessa wore a piña dress by Vania Romoff and documented by celebrity photographer BJ Pascual.

Other outfits Vanessa wore to the El Nido shoot were a Dennis Lustico pink top, a Patty Ang sheer dress, a Boom Sason swimsuit, a Rajo Laurel crochet dress, and a Hannah Adrias sarong.

Celebrity peers from the United States like Paris Hilton, Ariana DeBose, Sarah Hyland, Haley Reinhart, Alexandra Shipp, Joe Pantoliano, Melanie Lynskey, and "High School Musical" co-star Monique Coleman all showered praises for Vanessa.

The cover story revolved around an interview conducted by celebrated host Boy Abunda, who asked Vanessa her personal description of the Philippines.

"It's got a bit of everything. It's got a metropolitan city. It's got paradise. It's beautiful and eye-opening... It's got kindness," Vanessa said. "Everybody is so warm and friendly. The people here are unique: I haven't met anyone who seems to be having a bad day. The hospitality is unmatched; it's a magical place."

Vanessa is set to take part in a Filipino travel documentary directed by Paul Soriano, who called the actress "super cool, chill, laidback and low-key."

The actress also expressed optimism in coming back to the Philippines, whether to film a project or simply just visit again.

"My time here has been incredible and special, but I need more time. The country is so big, and it has so much to offer. I'm a big nature girl, a big beach girl... There's just so much to do. I can't wait to come back," Vanessa ended. ■

Liza Soberano opens up about her insecurities

Liza Soberano has been hailed as one of the most beautiful faces in Philippine showbiz, but she admitted that, just like anyone else, she harbors numerous insecurities.

During a conversation with Vicki Belo, Soberano said her number one insecurity would be her weight.

“Throughout my showbiz career, I would always get criticized for my weight fluctuating back and forth, and the rumors about me being pregnant just because of me gaining a little weight, it would really affect my mental health,” she said.

While saying that she doesn't think she is unhealthy because she tries to live a healthy lifestyle, Soberano said the demands of being in showbiz is “physically unattainable.”

“I always get compared to girls that are smaller than me, my peers that are smaller than me. Because I am [half-American], I also am a little bit on the bigger side,” she said.

As such, Soberano tends to always cover herself up with bigger sized clothing or



Liza Soberano

“by dressing in the same silhouettes over and over again because that became my comfort zone.”

Aside from her weight, Soberano said she's also insecure about her skin especially on her legs.

“I had really bad skin growing up. I had allergic reactions to the air, changing environment. Because I grew up in America and I came here, all of a sudden, I had all these rashes coming up my legs. I kind of got bullied in school for that. People would call me ‘Hayop’ instead of saying ‘Hi Hope.’ People would say I had galis like a dog because my skin was really bad,” she said.

Coming into showbiz, Soberano shared that individuals would consistently draw attention to her knees, noting their scarred and darker appearance in contrast to others blessed with flawless skin.

Furthermore, Soberano said she's also become insecure about her hair recently.

“As I got older, my hair started thinning a bit. I got alopecia actually around 2020 due to stress, and also I guess the nature of the industry that we are in, we are constantly getting our hair and make-up done, constantly under a lot of pressure, and then lack of sleep,” she said. ■

Kim Chiu shares joys and lessons of being breadwinner



Kim Chiu

With her successive endorsements and acting projects, Kim Chiu is thankful for all the opportunities that have landed in her lap. Through hard work, the breadwinner of the family is able to provide for her loved ones and share her blessings.

“(I am grateful for) the blessings that I've been receiving. Of course, hindi naman pwedeng mapuno yung baso na umaapaw lang. You have to share it,” she told The

STAR during the press event for WorldRemit. She is the latest ambassadress of the digital global payments company.

“And I am blessed to be given this job. I was able to help my siblings finish their studies and now my nieces and nephews. It's not a secret that I came from humble beginnings,” she went on.

“I know the feeling na wala talaga so with everything that is happening right now (in my career), I'm just very grateful, very happy and very blessed. I am also glad that I was able to help other people.”

One of her accomplishments was that she was able to support her brother's education who recently graduated from a pilot program in Canada. “I used it (WorldRemit) during that time for my brother in Canada. It's not a secret that I financed his studies to become a pilot and by God's grace, he was able to graduate. He is now earning hours and all (to complete the training).”

The Kapamilya star also

recalled one unforgettable moment from her modest beginnings that motivated her to chase her dreams. “I am able to buy food that I want (now). Hahaha! I wasn't able to do that before. It's that simple. Yung parang gusto kong kumain ng ganito. But I wasn't able to buy it because I had no budget for it. It reached a point na ganun na sobrang gusto ko yung food na aamuyin ko na lang kasi hindi ko siya mabili.”

It became one of her goals to buy the food that she likes one day. “I started with that simple dream until lumaki na ng lumaki. And then hindi pa rin naman ako tumitigil sa pangarap ko. So tuloy-tuloy lang.”

With a lot on her plate right now, she is appreciative of all the opportunities that were given to her. Besides endorsements, Kim also stars in Prime Video series, Fit Check: Confessions of an Ukay Queen, and she will take on a “daring” role in upcoming ABS-CBN series Linlang with Paulo Avelino, JM de Guzman and Maricel Soriano.

Citing a song from It's Showtime, “Ang buhay ay gulong, umiikot lang. Hindi naman laging nasa baba yan. Aangat at aangat ka din,” she said of all the career milestones she is enjoying right now.

The It's Showtime host likewise admitted that she doesn't have plans of slowing down from showbiz anytime soon. “Siguro hindi ko kaya. I will miss acting. Mami-miss ko makakita ng nakangiting tao kapag nakangiti ako. Mami-miss ko yung umiiyak yung mga tao while they see me on screen doing dramatic (scenes).

“I started from the reality show (Pinoy Big Brother) so I think my life is an open book. They know what happened in my life. So I owe everything to all my supporters so I'm just giving it back to them.”

She is keen on pursuing her showbiz aspirations and doing great projects as long as there are people who will still continue to support and trust her. ■

The media must do more coverage on the impacts of climate change

Climate change weaves through our daily lives -- from global politics and business to sea levels and weather to the clothes we wear and the food we eat. From insect-borne diseases to seasonal allergies and "superbugs," climate change is quite

Climate change communication research shows that coverage has grown and become more accurate but there are also some researchers and journalists who believe that coverage of politics of climate change is biased or inadequate.



Polar bears are starving due to climate change - Thanks to a camera trap, a polar bear unwittingly makes a self-portrait in Svalbard. PHOTOGRAPH BY PAUL NICKLEN, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

literally getting under our skin, affecting our health in often surprising ways. Yet, it appears that not enough coverage by major media outlets is devoted to climate change stories, with the exception of the recent Maui wildfire that has been cited everyday on TV news and other newspapers for over a week since it happened.

Some important questions we may ask ourselves are: How do we disseminate important information and encourage people to do their part in fighting climate change? How do we balance factual reporting that will prevent fear-mongering?

Media coverage of climate change has had effects on public opinion on climate change, as it conveys the scientific consensus on climate change that the global temperature has increased in recent decades and that the trend is caused by human-induced emissions of greenhouse gases.

From Page 2 America's richest

professor of sustainability science at Lund University in Sweden, who was not involved in the report, said the study helps reveal how closely income, especially from investments, is tied to planet-heating pollution. Sometimes when people talk about ways to tackle the climate crisis, they bring up population control, said Mark Paul, a political economist at Rutgers University who was also not involved in the study. But studies like this "shine light on the outsized responsibility that the rich have in generating and perpetuating the climate crisis," he told CNN.

Identifying the main actors behind the climate crisis is vital for governments to develop policies that cut planet-heating pollution in a fair

While there are many preventative measures and new technologies being made to combat further climate change, the truth is that the forecast for climate change in 2023 isn't looking much better. New research, focused on Quebec, found that human-caused climate change made the weather conditions that cause wildfires twice as likely, more intense and will probably happen more frequently. More efforts are needed to protect biodiversity, reduce global warming, and heed the warnings of our scientists.

With historic records of warming temperatures, and thousands of wildfires in Canada and other countries, we must now face the task of getting the right message to everyone - the decision makers and private citizens who all have a stake in the worsening state of climate impacts on the planet. #

way, he added. Although he disagreed with the study's assertion that carbon taxes on consumption disproportionately affect the poor, saying there were ways to implement them fairly.

The outsized climate impact of the rich is, of course, far from just a US problem.

Globally, the planet-heating pollution produced by billionaires is a million times higher than the average person outside the world's wealthiest 10%, according to a report last year from the nonprofit Oxfam.

"At the moment, the way the economy works is that it takes money and turns it into climate pollution that is destabilizing life on Earth," Nicholas said. "And that fundamentally has to change." #

Ukraine and Bulgaria discuss cooperation to secure Black Sea "grain corridor" after Russia quits deal

From CNN's Olga Voitovych and Tim Lister

Hong-Kong-flagged container ship "Joseph Schulte" transits Bosphorus in Istanbul, Turkey, on August 18.

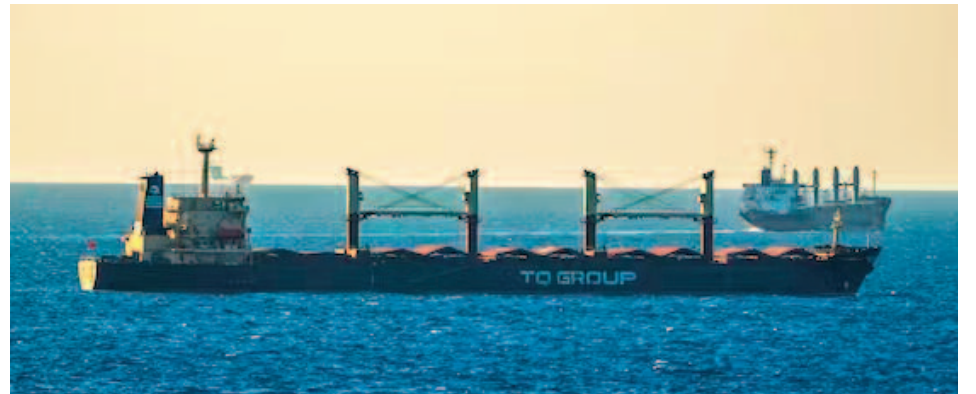
Leaders of Ukraine and Bulgaria have discussed their countries' cooperation on the Black Sea to secure a "grain corridor" in the wake of Russia's withdrawal from a crucial deal that has led to growing fears about global food security.

The withdrawal of Russia from the grain deal negotiated by Turkey and the United Nations has had a chilling effect on merchant shipping using the

Some context: Kyiv is in talks with some of the world's biggest insurance companies to cover ships traveling to and from its ports in the Black Sea — a crucial step toward a full resumption of vital grain exports around the globe.

Work on an insurance mechanism follows Russia's withdrawal from the Black Sea Grain Initiative last month, which threatens the safe passage of ships carrying grain to and from Ukrainian ports.

The collapse of the deal — brokered by Turkey and the United Nations a year ago — has already pushed up global food prices and



Bulk grain cargo ship TQ Samsun is anchored in the Black Sea near Istanbul, Turkey on July 17, 2023. Russia recently halted a deal that allowed grain to flow from Ukraine to countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. (Sercan Ozkurnazli/Dia Images via AP)

three Ukrainian Black Sea ports from which most grain is exported. Russia has warned that ships leaving these ports may come under attack.

Ukraine has since created its own maritime corridor for shipping, but it is unable to guarantee its safety because of Russian naval superiority in the Black Sea.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky met with Bulgaria's Prime Minister Nikolai Denkov to talk about the corridor on the sidelines of Ukraine-Balkans Summit held in Athens, Greece on Monday.

The two leaders "discussed cooperation between the Black Sea states to ensure sustainable security in the Black Sea and the functioning of the "grain corridor" in alternative ways," Zelensky's office said.

Zelensky thanked Denkov for the recent Bulgarian decision to provide defense support to Ukraine, according to the office.

From Page 12 Shepherd's pie

2 egg yolks

Pinch of nutmeg

150g vintage cheddar, coarsely grated

METHOD

1.Heat oil in a heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat, add mince and cook, breaking up lumps with a wooden spoon, for 8 minutes or until liquid has evaporated. Add onion, carrot, celery and garlic and cook, stirring often, for a further 5 minutes. Sprinkle in flour and stir for 1 minute or until well combined. Stirring continuously, add beer, stock, Worcestershire sauce, mint and cumin, bring to the boil and cook, stirring

could tip millions in poor countries into hunger.

To keep grain shipments moving, Ukraine's government will share potential losses with insurers, which should make cover for travel through risky Ukrainian waters more affordable for commercial shipping companies. #

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often, for 20 minutes or until sauce has thickened and lamb is tender. Season and pour into an 8-cup (2-litre) baking dish.

2.In a saucepan, cover potato with cold salted water, bring to the boil and cook for 15-20 minutes until very tender. Drain in a colander. Add milk to saucepan, bring to a simmer, then take off heat, add potato and mash until smooth. Fold in yolks, nutmeg, two-thirds of the cheese and season.

3.Preheat oven to 200°C. Top lamb with mash, scatter with remaining cheese and bake for 30 minutes or until potato is golden and sauce bubbling. Cool slightly for 15 minutes before serving. #

On Ninoy Aquino Day, Marcos calls for unity: 'Let us transcend political barriers'

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MANILA, Philippines — President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. wants to "transcend political barriers" for Ninoy Aquino Day.

Aquino had been the leader of the opposition during the term of Marcos Jr.'s father, late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr.

In 1983, Aquino was killed upon his return from exile, which many believed to be the turning point in Marcos' rule.

Despite the famed political rivalry between the Marcoses and the Aquinos, the President seemed to praise the martyred Ninoy Aquino.

"I stand united with all Filipinos worldwide in commemo-rating Ninoy Aquino Day. By standing for his beliefs and fighting for battles he deemed right, he became an example of relentlessness and resolve for many Filipinos," said Marcos in a message.

For most of his message, Marcos focused on how to move past



NO MORE CONFETTI Supporters of the late former Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. on Sunday leave yellow ribbons tied around his monument at Ayala Avenue, the scene of huge protests after his assassination on Aug. 21, 1983. —RICHARD A. REYES.

differences.

"In our resolute quest for a

more united and prosperous Philippines, let us transcend political

barriers that hamper us from securing the comprehensive welfare and advancement of our beloved people," Marcos said.

According to Marcos, the common love for nation must create an environment for empathy, compassion and dialogue.

"Together, let us develop a Philippines grounded in reason and fortitude, where the boundaries of our personal biases fade and the welfare of all become our priority. As we take measured yet realistic strides towards progress, let us allow our indomitable spirit to drive us to uplift every Filipino and build an inclusive and more progressive Philippines," he said.

"I wish everyone a meaningful remembrance."

Decades later, the death of Aquino, as well as who masterminded it, had been shrouded with mystery. After the killing, Marcos Sr. had ordered a fact finding mission to search for the mastermind behind Aquino's death, with yearslong efforts that came after.#

Gilas Pilipinas' Final 12 for the Fiba World Cup

MANILA, Philippines — The new-look Gilas Pilipinas, composed of NBA star Jordan Clarkson and a mix of veterans and the current top players in the country, will have a chance to defend the country's home court and chase an Olympic dream in the Fiba World Cup 2023 on August 27, 2023 at the Araneta Coliseum.

These 12 men and their coaches will represent the country in its historic hosting of the biggest

appearances—but also is setting its sights on becoming the best Asian team to book an outright ticket to the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The Philippines trimmed down its 16-man pool to the Final 12 on Wednesday with Ray Parks Jr., one of the steadiest scorers of Gilas in the past tournaments, Thirdy Ravena, Chris Newsome, and Calvin Oftana not making the cut.

Pool members Carl Tamayo,



Gilas Pilipinas' Final 12 for the Fiba World

basketball spectacle for the first time in 45 years as the Filipinos try to defy the odds in Group A against the Karl-Anthony Towns-led Dominican Republic, Angola, and powerhouse Italy.

Gilas Pilipinas is not only seeking to reach the next round—which it hasn't done in the last two World Cup

Jordan Heading, and Poy Erram already begged off due to their respective injuries, while naturalized players Justin Brownlee and Ange Kouame have accepted that Clarkson will represent the nationals after their commitment and huge contributions to the program.# Excerpt from report of Lance Agcaoili in the Inquirer

IMF to revise PH growth forecasts

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) will be revising its growth outlook for the Philippines following the second quarter's steeper-than-expected slowdown.

"In light of the second-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) estimates and considering the challenging outlook for the global economy, it may prove difficult to reach the 6.0- to 7.0-percent growth target for 2023," IMF Resident Representative Ragnar Gudmundsson told The Manila Times on Wednesday.

The Washington-based multilateral organization, which just last month revised its 2023 and 2024 projections for the country to reflect the first quarter's surprisingly strong results, is now looking to again change its outlook.

"We will be revising them (the growth forecasts) based on the



IMF Resident representative Ragnar Gudmundsson. Photo by J. Gerard Sequia

second-quarter numbers and after discussions with the government agencies," Gudmundsson said.

While growth was expected to keep slowing as the year progressed, the second-quarter result of 4.3 percent was well below the 6.0-percent median forecast. The disappointing result has been blamed on a contraction in government spending.#

A minimum six-month interval between your last dose and the booster dose is recommended. The booster is especially important for people in high-risk groups who have never had a COVID-19 infection, Boileau said.

Rapid tests still available

Rapid test kits for COVID-19 are still available free of charge to the general population in vaccination and screening centres. Due to the evolution of the situation in recent months, their distribution in pharmacies is reserved for vulnerable people.

Testing kits also remain available in schools and educational child-care services. Depending on demand, these settings may receive more in the coming weeks.#

From Page 8 Covid booster

- People with underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk of severe disease.
- People who are pregnant.
- Health-care workers.
- Adults living in remote or isolated communities.

A new vaccine adapted to the new variants is in the process of being approved by Health Canada, according to Boileau.

"There will be a campaign that will most likely be launched at the very beginning of October ... with the new vaccine," he said.

The new vaccine will be offered at vaccination and screening centres, as well as local pharmacies, to vulnerable people, but will also be available to anyone looking to protect themselves.

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The hall of historic Waiola Church in Lahaina and nearby Lahaina Hongwanji Mission are engulfed in flames along Wainee Street on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023, in Lahaina, Hawaii. (Matthew Thayer/The Maui News via AP)



A group of volunteers who sailed from Maalaea Bay, Maui, form an assembly line on Kaanapali Beach on Saturday Aug. 12, 2023, to unload donations from a boat. Maui residents have come together to donate water, food and other essential supplies to people on the western side of the island after a deadly fire destroyed hundreds of homes and left scores of people homeless. Rick Bowmer / AP Photo



Pollution degrades the health of Lake Maracaibo, great freshwater lake, one of the oldest — and largest — in the world. A cat walks over waste lining the shore of Lake Maracaibo in the Santa Rosa de Agua neighborhood of Maracaibo, Venezuela, Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)



Biden visited Maui after devastating wildfires, Aug. 17, 2023. He was met with grief over relief efforts. Biden's experience with personal loss has burnished his reputation as empathizer-in-chief but received criticisms for late response. (USA Today)



Flares are seen on the horizon as fire advances through the forest toward the town of La Laguna and Los Rodeos airport in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Firefighters have battled through the night to try to bring under control the worst wildfire in decades on the Spanish Canary Island of Tenerife, a major tourist destination. The fire in the north of the island started on Tuesday and had forced the evacuation or confinement of nearly 8,000 people. Regional officials say Friday's efforts will be crucial in containing the fire. (AP Photo/Arturo Rodriguez)



A woman digs through rubble of a home in Maui. (AP photo)



Screenshot of some of the Canadian wildfires currently consuming more than 33.8 million acres, according to Canadian fire officials. – Credit: Reuters/ABC News footage. The weather conditions that led to the wildfires in Quebec earlier this summer were twice as likely to occur because of human-induced warming than without it, the researchers found.