

Will there be a better voter turnout
on November 5 municipal elections?



Incumbent Mayor, Denis Coderre, Equipe Coderre, running for 2nd term

Valerie Plante, Projet Montréal Candidate for Mayor

Jean Fournier, Coalition Montreal candidate for Mayor but recently endorsed Projet Montreal Plante

Montreal elections 2017: Combating voter apathy
By Amanda Jelowicki
Anchor/Reporter Global News

With just two weeks to go before Election Day, candidates are out in force on the campaign trail. They're making daily announcements and promises for a better Montreal, but despite all the work, a big question remains: Is anyone paying attention?

"I have no idea about the municipal elections, I am clueless," said one Montrealer Global News spoke to.

"I think people don't take it seriously, they think it just does not impact their lives," another resident said.

Historically, municipal elections have low voter participation rates. In 2013, only 43 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots. That compares to over 70 per cent for the last provincial and federal elections.

Experts cite many reasons for voter apathy. Candidates have small budgets, and don't spend much on advertising. And some people think municipal elections aren't important.

"They think the issues are too small for them to take an interest in," said McGill doctoral student Chris Erl,

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Palace slams IPU for 'bullying'

MANILA, Philippines — Malacañang on Saturday accused an international lawmakers group of bullying for its plan to send an observer here to monitor the trial of a detained senator who is critical of the administration.

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This was part of the recommendations made by a delegation of the IPU's human rights committee, which visited the country recently to check on the status of De Lima and the alleged extrajudicial killings under the Duterte government.

In a statement, Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar slammed IPU for "meddling" in the country's internal affairs.

Andanar said deploying a monitoring team to observe De Lima's case would be a "classic example of bullying."

"We should stand up to this kind of meddling into our domestic affairs. Their intent is not to merely observe De Lima's trial by our laws, but to meddle in our democratic as well as judicial processes," Andanar said.

"Over and over, pronouncements from the IPU portray the Philippines as a lawless nation when there is abundant evidence to the contrary," he added.

De Lima was arrested last February 24 upon warrant issued by the Muntinlupa Regional Trial Court on drugs charges she says were hurled against her as part of a presidential vendetta.



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EDITORIAL

Municipal elections should be every voter's top priority

Imagine what will happen if your municipal government does things half way? It's quite a dramatic image to see a little boy playing on a slide but he suddenly drops to the ground because the slide is cut in half. But this is the way people treat municipal elections - less than half go to the polls. In 2013, only 43% was the voter turn out.

This time, Elections Montreal is spearheading a campaign to change attitudes of voters. An advertising blitz before November 5 is heard over the radio as well as ads being posted on TV. A bus stop waiting shed suddenly exposed the people to the elements when the roof got blown away. This will happen if you do not vote.

When a TV reporter went around to ask people about the elections, one admitted being clueless. Others cited the lack of understanding of the issues which they say maybe attributed to lack of advertising by political candidates who usually have small budgets and cannot afford to pay for enough ads to explain their platforms.

Voter apathy in municipal elections is not only a problem in Montreal but also in other parts of Canada and in the U.S. People lose interest in politics because of their beliefs that nothing will change whether they vote or not. How do we make everyone realize that this is certainly not true? Almost everything in our daily life is affected by decisions of the municipal government. Our municipality provides the day-to-day services we count on, such as fire and police services, water, parks, transit and public libraries. Our municipality decides how our property tax dollars are spent. Our vote does make a difference.

Voting for our school board trustee is also important. Trustees decide how best to meet the needs of students by administering the building and maintenance of schools, hiring the teachers and staff needed to run them, and authorizing spending on

educational programs and initiatives.

What kind of city do we want to live in? It all depends on who will be elected the mayor, the borough mayor, and councilors of our district. We need to find out what they stand for and if we agree with their vision.

Voters who are interested to learn and understand the issues can easily do so by watching the debates, reading newspapers where the different parties advertise their platforms, discussing with other people in your neighborhood who really can represent your interests, and by calling the political candidates offices to ask your questions or express your concerns. It is only during elections that every citizen can have the opportunity to make a difference by electing the right person for the job.

If we ever make a mistake in our choice, it will take another four years to correct it, however, it is better to make a mistake than not vote at all. At least, we can learn to vote more wisely next time around.

The issue in this current election seems to be whether to choose a new, unproven leader or to stick with the same leader for another four years. Projet Montreal candidate for mayor, Valerie Plante, will be making history if she is elected for being the first female mayor. But does she have what it takes to negotiate with the Federal and Provincial governments to support the further development of Montreal to reach its full potential? On the other hand, Denis Coderre being the incumbent is easily the object of criticisms for some of his decisions. It is up to the electorate to choose a mayor who they believe can make Montreal the best city in the world.

Let us do our homework before election day and make a wise decision to vote for the best person. We need many more people to care enough for their own city to turn out and use their right to vote. Voting should be a top priority for everyone.

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In the drug cases, De Lima is accused of receiving around P10 million in drug payoffs from high profile convicts engaged in the drug trade in the New Bilibid Prison.

A former justice secretary, she launched a Senate probe into alleged unlawful killings by the police in President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs.

Last week, the Supreme Court effectively kept her in detention after it denied her petition seeking the nullification of her arrest.

READ: SC votes 9-6 to junk De Lima petition to nullify her arrest | Carpio: SC ruling on De Lima 'one of the grossest injustices' in recent memory

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IPU to send observer to De Lima trial

By Marvin Sy (The Philippine Star) | Updated October 21, 2017 - 12:00am

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The IPU aired its concern over the statements of President Duterte, Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II and other officials against De Lima that it claimed were meant to portray her as guilty even before the trial started.

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An in-depth interview with Erik Hamon

By W.G. Quiambao

Below is an in-depth interview with Erik Hamon, Coalition Montreal's candidate for councillor in the District of Darlington. Hamon, a real estate broker, was an adviser on cultural communities at city hall from 2002 to 2006. He has done community services over the years for numerous non-profit organizations, notably the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Montreal SPCA and Cote-des-Neiges housing right group Project Genesis.

WGQ – Lionel Perez beat you in the 2013 municipal election but you gave a good fight. Don't you think he did a good job as a city councillor? Should you win this time, what will you do differently to improve the living conditions in your riding?

EH- Thank you for the question and thank you for the opportunity to convey my thoughts to the Filipino community, Mr. Quiambao.

To answer your first question, I salute anyone who chooses to work as an elected official. Serving the public as a career should always be commended. That said, I believe that as a city councillor, I will bring a new perspective, new ideas and enthusiasm to the job. Not only will I be the first member of the Filipino community to hold office at Montreal city hall, but I will be the first visible minority elected in Darlington. I am sure you'll agree that in one of the most multi-cultural districts in the city, proper representation is important. Additionally, I intend to be much more accessible to the people of the district. I plan on working for the people of Darlington much like my long-time friend and mentor Marvin Rotrand does for the district of Snowdon.

WGQ – Lionel Perez, who has been serving the Darlington riding for 8 years, is well-received by many Filipinos. What are you doing now to win some of the Filipino votes?

EH – Besides being a stronger voice for them at city hall, I will also serve as something of a role model to the younger generation. I want to show the children of the Filipino community that working as an elected official is in fact a possibility for them. It is mind-boggling to me that there has never been a visible minority councillor in Cote-des-Neiges, let alone in the district of Darlington. It is time to show our youngsters that we can have our own representative at city hall. As many people I've met over the course of the campaign have told me, "It's about time."

WGQ – Why should the voters support you and the Coalition Montreal?

EH – Besides promoting more diversity at city hall, Coalition Montreal also stands for more responsible government. Here is what I mean - unlike the current administration, the leader of our party is not our boss. You, the voting public, are our boss. You may have noticed that members of Equipe Coderre have never disagreed with the mayor. From the Formula E fiasco, to the dog bred ban to the \$45 million glow-in-the-dark bridge, every member of the mayor's party has said "yes" to all of this. Conversely, a Coalition city councillor is free to vote how he or she chooses at city hall, depending on the best interests of his constituents in the district. As an elected official, I stand firmly behind our party's slogan of "working for you".

WGQ – Any message to the

voters, especially the Filipino people?

EH – As someone who's done much volunteer work in the district, I can tell you that there is much work for a city councillor to do. I've seen

4 years and 8 years respectively to tackle these problems. I know I can do better. I'm encouraged by the fact that I've tremendous support in the Filipino community, including many (if not all)



Erik Hamon (center) flanked by Dante Tabamo, Team Malaya leader on the left, and Cesar Manuel on the right, Samahang Makabayan leader.

firsthand many buildings in states of disrepair and I've met many people living in conditions you would not wish on your worst enemy. This is completely unacceptable. The current borough administration and the current Darlington councillor have had

of the church leaders, FAMAS president Cesar Manuel and Team Malaya Dante Tabamo. They believe I make a great city councillor. On November 5, let's all go vote and make it happen.

Rotrand seeking 10th term as Snowdon Councilor

PRESS RELEASE

Popular Snowdon district Councillor Marvin Rotrand is seeking his 10th term of office. Rotrand, well known to Montreal's Filipino community as well as in other ethnic groups, has been a consistent voice for minority rights at City Council.

As the dean of City Council who has served for 35 years, Rotrand ascribes his longevity to being close to his constituents and advocating strongly for them at Borough and City Council.

"I don't believe in parties at the municipal level," says Rotrand. "Councillors shouldn't have to toe a rigid party line but have the ability to speak freely for their electors. I have never been a rubber stamp. I prefer my voters' interest over the interest of the so-called municipal parties."

Rotrand was instrumental in winning the Montreal - Manila agreement of 2005 and has worked to enhance the agreement ever since. He has met with Manila's Mayor and Vice Mayor on several occasions during his trips to the Philippines.

In the past years, Rotrand



Souvenir photo taken during the visit of the singing priests from the Philippines

hosted well known Filipino artist Manuel Baldemor for an art exhibit at 6767 Cote des Neiges, opened a concert by star Rico J. Puno during his visit to Montreal and has piloted various grants through the Borough Council to aid Filipino seniors, sports and cultural organizations.

"I count the members of the Fil Can Chess and Social Club as good friends and it is an honour to speak at the excellent events organized by the seniors," Rotrand says.

Rotrand, who is an honorary Knight of Rizal, is again hoping to take

part in the upcoming Winter Escapade to be organized by the Philippines Embassy in Ottawa. As a close acquaintance of Ambassador Petronila Garcia, Rotrand hopes to increase the size of the Montreal delegation taking part in 2018.

The Montreal municipal

election is slated for November 5. Councillor Rotrand is on the Coalition Montreal slate. Coalition, an alliance of independent candidates, also includes Erik Hamon in Darlington district. Rotrand indicates that he will work closely with his many contacts in the Filipino community to get out the vote.



Photo shows Marvin Rotrand standing beside Manuel Baldemor, well-known Filipino artist during the art exhibition he hosted at 6767 Cote des Neiges.

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who studies municipal governments. “Sometimes it is garbage collection and sewer pipes and parks, and they think these are issues better dealt with by bureaucrats.”

Erl says the reality is municipal governments directly affect people daily, with issues like garbage collection, bike paths and public transit at the forefront. However, Erl argued that a lot more can be done to make voters care.

“It’s the city’s responsibilty to do a better job to reach out to people. It’s also the citizen’s responsibility to get engaged so they can participate at a much higher rate.”

The group Apathy is Boring is working hard this election to get young people out to vote. They actively use social media to engage people, but say politicians can do better.

“You create a vicious cycle because people aren’t voting, candidates don’t want to spend as much energy on talking to those constituents, so we need to break that vicious cycle,” said Caro Loutfi, the executive director of Apathy is Boring.

Election Montreal says it’s trying to reverse voter apathy. It is mounting a \$500,000 advertising blitz next week, but admit it’s a challenge.

“People don’t realize they have the possibility to change things, and they don’t go to vote, and it’s pretty sad,” said Election Montreal spokesman Pierre Laporte.

Although the election date is Nov. 5, Election Montreal says it is trying to make it as easy as possible for people to cast ballots.

Eight candidates

Although Jean Fortier of Coalition Montréal abandoned his campaign for mayor on October 17, 2017, his name will officially remain on the ballot.

There are eight (8) candidates for Mayor of Montreal listed below:

Party	Candidate
Équipe Denis Coderre pour Montréal	Denis Coderre
Projet Montréal - Équipe Valérie Plante	Valérie Plante
Coalition Montréal	Jean Fortier
Independent	Gilbert Thibodeau
Independent	Bernard Gurberg
Independent	Fabrice Ntomba Ilunga
Independent	Tyler Lemco
Independent	Philippe Tessier

There’s an advance poll Oct. 29, but there will also be five other days when people can cast ballots at their local chief returning officer’s headquarters.

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Advance voting in Montreal election starts on Friday, Oct. 27

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Welcome to Montreal’s electoral system, which can be confusing if you’re voting for the first time or you are among the majority who abstain in municipal elections.

With Tuesday’s deadline to get on the voters’ list looming, here’s a guide.

What elected offices will be filled Nov. 5?

One hundred and three represent-atives will be elected.

Everyone gets to cast ballots for the city mayor. On the local level, citizens will vote for 18 borough mayors who are also city councillors;

Candidates for the position of borough mayor in the CDN/NDG:

Equipe Coderre	Russell Copeman
Projet Montreal	Sue Montgomery
Coalition	
Montreal	Zaki Ghavitian

Candidates for Councilor

Cote des Neiges	
Equipe Coderre	Tiffany Callender
Projet Montreal	Magda Popeanu
Coalition	
Montreal	Raphael Assor
VCM	Maureen Chin

Darlington	
Equipe Coderre	Lionel Perez
Projet Montreal	Graham Carpenter
Coalition	
Montreal	Erik Hamon

Loyola	
Equipe Coderre	Gabriel Retta
Projet Montreal	Christian Arsenault
Coalition	
Montreal	Keeton Clarke
Independent	Jeremy Searle
	Angeluz Aguirre
	Gianpaolo Trani

Notre Dame de Grace	
Equipe Coderre	Elaine Ethier
Projet Montreal	Peter McQueen
Coalition	
Montreal	Caroline Orchard

46 other city councillors who represent specific districts; and 38 borough councillors.

How many ballots will I get?

You’ll be handed two to five ballots, depending on your borough.

In Ville-Marie, the downtown borough, every voter casts a ballot for the city’s mayor and for one city councillor. If you live in LaSalle or Verdun, you’ll fill out five ballots — city mayor, borough mayor, local city councillor and two borough councillors. In other boroughs, voters will cast three or four ballots.

If you don’t know your home district, visit the Elections Montreal’s page and click Do you know your district?

What’s the difference between borough councils and city council?

Montreal has 19 borough councils, which decide on such issues as snow clearing, parks and traffic measures for local streets. The larger city council oversees city-wide services, major projects and Montreal’s \$5.2-billion budget.

City councillors have more power than borough councillors because they sit on the city council as well as the local borough council.

The 65-member city council is made up of the city mayor, the borough mayors and city councillors.

Borough councils consist of at least five elected representatives: the borough mayor, local city councillors, and, in boroughs that have them,

Darlington	
Equipe Coderre	Salvador Cabugao
Projet Montreal	Irma Maria Grecu
Coalition	
Montreal	Marvin Rotrand

Eligible voters by district:	
Cote des Neiges	17 818
Darlington	18 533
Loyola	22 073
Snowdon	19 666

Montreal election: Coalition outlines major environmental issues

Jason Magder, Montreal Gazette
Solving the public’s reliance on cars for transportation will be the greatest challenge facing the next mayor, says a coalition of environmental groups.

Saying that some good work has been done in recent years, the Conseil Régional de l’Environnement unveiled about 30 challenges it would like to see the next mayor tackle during the next four years.

The group is not taking sides in this election, but it held a conference at the Sustainable Development building downtown on Tuesday to outline what it sees as the major environmental issues facing the city. Key among nearly all issues is curbing car use, explained Coralie Deny, the

borough councillors.

How is Ville Marie, the downtown borough, different?

In Ville-Marie, the city mayor is also automatically the borough mayor. Ville-Marie is unique in the makeup of its borough council, as well. Residents vote for three city councillors; the city mayor appoints two additional city councillors from among those elected across the city, to sit on the Ville-Marie borough council.

Who can vote?

To vote, you must be on the electoral list, a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years old on election day. Only those who have lived in Montreal since at least March 1, 2017 are eligible. Building owners and tenants of commercial buildings can also vote, under certain conditions.

How many people vote in city elections?

In Montreal’s 2013 election, 477,000 of 1.1 million eligible voters cast ballots. Denis Coderre beat his nearest mayoral opponent (Mélanie Joly) by 26,000 votes.

Montreal’s turnout of 43 per cent was below the municipal average of 47 per cent. By comparison, 71 per cent voted in the last Quebec election, and 68 per cent in the last federal vote. *Andy Riga, Montreal Gazette, Montreal Gazette*

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group’s director general. “Everything is linked to this,” Deny said. “We’re seeing much more opening on this front, and you can see that all the major parties have public transit and active transportation at the heart of their platforms, so that’s very encouraging.”

Deny said there have been good policies put in place over recent years, and now it’s time for the city to go from words to concrete actions.

Probably the most pressing matter for the next mayor is to advocate for the province to add bicycle infrastructure to the Turcot Interchange reconstruction project, the group said, adding it’s unacceptable that there are very few measures to improve the mobility of bicycles in the largest roadwork project in the province’s history.

The group said the next mayor should push for the reinstatement of what’s called the Dalle-Parc, which was in the original plans for the Turcot. It called for the construction of a wide concrete overpass covered in grass and trees reserved for cyclists and pedestrians crossing between the Lachine Canal and a new bike/walking path at the foot of the falaise St-Jacques, an escarpment just north of the former Turcot train yards. There’s also urgent action needed to outline

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'It's not a coercive law,' Quebec says amid criticism over face-covering ban



Warda Naili, a Muslim woman, poses for a photograph on a city bus in Montreal on Saturday. Quebec's new law on religious neutrality requires people to uncover their face to access public services, though how that will be enforced remains unclear. (Graham Hughes/Canadian Press)

Province has no plans to establish patrol unit to ensure compliance, official says

By Benjamin Shingler, CBC News

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The Quebec government's new face-covering law will be approached with "common sense," a spokesperson for the province's justice minister says, amid criticism, protests and confusion over how the rules will be applied.

Isabelle Marier St-Onge said the provincial government has no intention of establishing a patrol unit to ensure compliance with the legislation, which effectively prohibits a Muslim woman wearing a niqab or burka from

accessing public services.

"It's not a coercive law," Marier St-Onge said in an email, adding that there are no sanctions listed in the legislation for those who don't comply.

Generally speaking, she said, the government wants people to uncover their faces when they receive a public service but, she stressed, "we will apply common sense."

The rules are for communication, identification and security reasons, and will only apply when deemed necessary.

• There's nothing neutral about Quebec's religious neutrality bill, Muslim advocate says

The comments appear to be a departure from those made last week



Referring to Quebec's new law on religious neutrality, Quebec Justice Minister Stéphanie Vallée said 'it's not easy to carve a path when legislating, when presenting new law.' (Jacques Boissinot/Canadian Press)

by Marier St-Onge's boss, Quebec Justice Minister Stéphanie Vallée.

Last Monday, Vallée told CBC Montreal's Daybreak that the law would be in effect for the duration of the public service provided, including a ride on a city bus.

"As long as the service is being rendered, the face should be uncovered," she said at the time.

Rules fast-tracked

Premier Philippe Couillard's Liberal government has faced a flurry of criticism since the law was adopted last Wednesday.

Bill 62 protesters ride Metro wearing niqabs, other face coverings Opponents have called the bill an attack on Muslim women, while municipal politicians have said it's unfair to ask public servants such as

bus drivers or library workers to decide who they serve.

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The premiers of Alberta and Ontario have denounced the law, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said governments shouldn't tell women what they can and cannot wear.

Guidelines for how the law is to be applied were originally to be released by next summer at the latest, after a round of consultations with

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Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

Team Équipe Denis Coderre — Russell Copeman

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Denis CODERRE

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Maire d'arrondissement

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City Councillor
Conseiller de ville
District
Darlington

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City Councillor
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Opinyon/Komentaryo ni Willie Quiambao

May kaniya-kaniyang batayan tayo sa paghalal ng kandidato

Pinag-uusapan ngayon ang municipal election sa Nov. 5 dahil may dalawang Pilipino-kandidato sa pagka-konsehal sa Cote-des-Neiges-Notre Dame-de-Grace. May nagsasabing dapat nating suportahan ang mga Pilipino upang magkaroon tayo ng kinatawan sa city hall. May nagsasabi naman na susupor-tahan nila ang mga kandidato kahit na anong lahi basta may kakayahan, tapat at handang maglingkod sa komunidad. Ayon sa kanila, kung minsan, ang mga Pilipinong kandidato ay lumalabas lamang kung eleksyon. Kung alam nila na kakandidato sila balang araw, sana, nagpunla muna sila bago umani. Halimbawa, nag-miembro muna sila sa mga asosasyon tulad ng FAMAS, CCFAQ, Knights of Rizal at naging aktibo sa paglilingkod sa komunidad. Pero kung sino man ang gusto ng

ating mga kababayan na manungkulan sa pamahalaan, siguraduhin nilang bumoto sa Nobiembre 5.

Payag ba ang komunidad na ang FAMAS ang magbayad sa abogado kung magdemanda ang Malaya Team dahil sa gulong nangyari noong eleksyon?

Dahil sa mga hindi pangkarani-wang nangyari at pag-uwi ni Julie Parado ng mga kahon ng balota sa kaniyang bahay noong eleksyon, nagreklamo si Dante Tabamo sa abogado. Sumulat naman si Angie Ogerio kay Dante, "We would like you to know that we are prepared to engage the services of a lawyer at the expense of FAMAS if you continue to pursue the case."

Chairman ng Board of Trustees si Angie at Chairman ng

COMELEC si Julie pero akala nila ay pag-aari nila ang pera ng FAMAS. Bago mag-eleksyon ay madalas sabihin ni Julie na siya ang in charge. Sa madaling salita, ang gusto niya ang nasusunod. Hindi niya sinasangguni ang ibang miembro ng COMELEC, mga lider at miembro ng komuni-dad. Ayon sa kaniya, hindi siya gumawa ng advance voting at dinala niya sa kaniyang bahay ang mga kahon ng balota dahil wala raw nakasaad sa FAMAS constitution na hindi niya puedeng gawin ang mga ito. Ngayon, sabi ng marami, hindi rin nakasaad sa konstitusyon ng FAMAS na ito ang magba-bayad sa abogado ng COMELEC kapag nagkade-mandahan. Dapat ay si Julie rin ang in charge sa mga gastusin dahil hindi niya pinangalagaan ang kapakanan ng FAMAS.

Hindi ako marunong gumamit ng cellphone

Hindi kapani-paniwala pero wala akong cell phone. Matagal na akong pinagsa-sabihan ng aking pamilya at mga kaibigan na kumuha ng cell phone. Kailangan ko raw ito lalo na kung emergency. Hindi ako nakikinig sa kanila dahil sa aking palagay ay komplikado ang paggamit ng cell phone. Pero dahil sa paniwala kong ito, nagkaroon ako ng nakatatayang karana-san noong nakaraang municipal election. Hindi ako nakatanggi nang pakiusapan ni James at Rose de la Paz na magtatawag ng mga Pilipinong

botante para sa isang kandidato. Akala ko ay ordinaryong telepono lamang ang ipagagamit sa mga volunteer pero nagkamali ako. Halos karamihan ay cell phone. Madaliang itinuro sa akin ang paggamit ng cell phone na ibinigay sa akin pero hindi ko kaagad natutuhan. Upang hindi mahalata na ignorante ako sa paggamit ng cell phone, para akong luku-lukong inahawakan na lamang ito at nagkukun-waring may kausap ako sa Tagalog. Sa eleksyon sa Nov. 5, talagang nindi na ako mag-vovolunteer na tumawag ng mga botante.

Ang buhay ay parang panahon

Sa umaga, paggising ko ng mga 7:00 ay madilim pa at medyo malamig na rin. Taglagas na. Sa lahat ng panahon ay taglagas ang paborito ko. Napakagandang tignan ang mga kulay ng mga dahon mula sa paggiging luntian, kahel, pula, ginintuan. Pagkatapos ay isa-isang nalala-gas ang mga dahon. Gusto ko rin ang klima na hindi mainit at hindi malamig. Pero kung minsan ay nakadarama ako ng hindi maipaliwanag na kalung-kutan. Siguro, dahil sa malapit na naman ang kinatatakutan kong taglamig. Napakahaba nito. Higit sa lahat, hindi ko maiwasan ihambing ang buhay ng tao sa panahon. Nag-uumpisa sa tagsibol, tag-araw, taglagas at taglamig.

From Page 4 Environmental issues

land use for the area being abandoned in the Turcot Yards, which is adjacent to a linear park around the Lachine Canal, it said.

Other concerns outlined by the group were to push for the extension of the métro's Blue Line by five kilometres to Anjou, and the completion of the SRB Pie-IX. The latter project would see a portion of Pie IX Blvd. reserved for a high-capacity bus to run from the city's north end to the Olympic Stadium.

The coalition would also like to see quicker action on organic waste collection and a better plan to protect the St. Lawrence River around the island. A policy on dumping was promised after the city dumped billions of litres of untreated sewage into the river in 2015 while it repaired its sewage system.

From Page 2 IPU to send observer

that their statements, first and foremost, those of the Head of State, forcibly carried great weight and may put undue pressure on the course of the criminal cases," the report stated.

Because it believes there is no evidence to justify the criminal cases against De Lima, the delegation called for her immediate release from detention and for the authorities to

consider dropping the charges against her.

If the trial would proceed, then the delegation urged due process should be accorded to De Lima.

"The delegation considers it of utmost importance that an IPU trial observer then monitor and report on respect for due process in the legal proceedings," the report stated.

According to the delegation, the Senate, through Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III, should "do everything possible in this regard and thus help ensure that Senator De Lima can participate again in its work as soon as possible."

In a statement, De Lima expressed her elation to IPU's resolve to get a clearer and unbiased view of the trumped-up cases of illegal drug trade filed against her.

"Despite the Duterte administration's obvious effort to intimidate and silence me through my continued unjust detention, I am grateful that the Inter-Parliamentary Union vows to fight for my right to fair trial," De Lima said.

She thanked the IPU for its support for her as she vowed to continue appealing her case to the Supreme Court.

The high court last week dismissed her petition seeking release from detention.

"I thank the IPU for defending my causes and vouching for my integrity. I know that my fight is not my fight alone as this is the fight for human rights, democracy and rule of law. I will

never be cowed until this government decides to value democratic principles and respect for human rights," De Lima said.

"As I've mentioned before, the support I'm getting from international groups and local supporters who refuse to turn a blind eye on the injustices happening in the country gives me more courage and strength to keep fighting the good fight."

Facebook launches 'election integrity initiative' to fight hacking and fake news

Facebook is teaming up with an Ottawa-based non-profit organization to teach the federal government how to combat hacking and fake stories ahead of the next election.

Karina Gould, minister of democratic institutions, marked the two-year anniversary of the last election by announcing the partnership.

Facebook launches 'election integrity initiative' to fight hacking and fake news

The cooperation between politicians and tech giants comes in an era where misinformation and cyber threats are plaguing elections.

In the last year, the American election was disrupted by the release of hacked emails from former

presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and French President Emmanuel Macron's campaign was also hacked.

Facebook has released a "cyber hygiene guide" for political parties, candidates and their staff to train them how to deal with the online world. It's also setting up a hotline for people to report security breaches.



Democracy at stake

Ottawa's MediaSmarts is turning to the younger generation, teaching children about digital literacy in the world of news.

Most children are smart when it comes to sifting out bad information, said Matthew Johnson, director of education for MediaSmarts. However, they needed guidance when that information was posted on social media.

"We found that almost all of them authenticated information they were seeking for school," he said. "When they found information for their own purposes ... they were much much less likely to take steps to double-check."

By teaching young children

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Ten Halloween Safety Tips

1. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
2. Children should wear clothing that can easily be seen at night. Retro-reflective materials are best.
3. Children should trick or treat in one well-known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.
4. All candy should be inspected by an adult to make sure that no one has tampered with it. If it looks suspicious, the police should be contacted.
5. Children should avoid stray animals.
6. Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.
7. Children should watch for moving vehicles when crossing streets.
8. Costumes should be short enough that the child will not trip.
9. Trick or treaters should dress appropriately for the weather and carry a flashlight.
10. For extra safety, organize a Halloween party for children in your neighborhood.

Home Fire Safety for Seniors - What Family Members Can Do

Fire safety is a crucial issue for seniors who choose to live in their own home. Those caring for aging loved ones who wish to remain at home need to understand the fire risks and how to deal with them.

Older adults face fire risk factors which do not affect the young. Weaker physical (and sometimes mental) capabilities make it harder to identify and respond to a fire, and create a higher risk that a fire will start.

Age-related changes affect the senses and reduce mobility. Cognitive changes, from memory loss to dementia, can be more hazardous than the physical changes: individuals may not realize they are in danger and may even engage in risky behavior. Alcohol consumption or the side effects of prescribed medication can add to the risks.

Seniors on fixed incomes may feel they cannot afford home

improvements. Nonetheless, adaptations and repairs are necessary to enable independent living. Older adults should install safety aids, and replace outdated appliances and electrical devices. Emergency evacuation can pose a challenge for older adults, and should be a priority when planning renovations.

Seniors will often need assistance from family members to put safety measures into place. As well, family members are in the best position to reinforce the precautions necessary to help their loved ones prevent or respond to a fire. Focus on these six priorities to help aging family members protect themselves against fire in the home.

1. Smoke Alarms

Install a smoke alarm on each level of the home and outside all sleeping areas: in Ontario this is now the law. Anyone who sleeps with the bedroom doors closed should have a smoke alarm inside the bedroom. Test each alarm monthly and replace the battery twice a year. Remind loved ones that if they hear the smoke alarm "chirp" it means the battery needs to be replaced immediately. Seniors who are deaf or hard of hearing should consider purchasing flashing or vibrating smoke alarms.

2. Escape Plan

Many seniors still depend on escape routes that were planned when the kids were young. Update these plans with their current capabilities in mind, and practice with them. Make sure there are two ways out of each room. Keep hallways and stairs uncluttered. Instruct seniors to call 911 from a neighbor's house, and not to go back inside their home. If they cannot leave on their own, they should still dial 911. Place a telephone beside the bed, as well as slippers, house keys, eyeglasses and a flashlight.

3. Smoking

Careless smoking is a leading cause of fire deaths for the elderly. If your loved ones smoke, stress that they must never smoke in bed. When they are finished smoking, have them soak the ashes in water before discarding them. Advise them never to

See Page 19 Safety Tips

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Five steps to Easy Headshots

Advice from Vanessa Joy –
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Headshots are becoming
higher in demand with the rise of social

kind of photo I'll take. It's the first thing
to address before touching on the rest
of the four steps to easy headshots.



media. In the age of startups, more and
more people need to have a
professional photo that represents
them and their brand. If you're not
taking advantage of this exploding
market in photography,

1. Not all headshots are created equal.

Whenever a new client walks
in, one of the first things I ask is what
they do for a living and what they'll be
using the headshot for. Other than
reading their personality in general,
this is crucial to how I photograph
them, light them and work with their
expression.

If a lawyer comes in, I'll
typically make her appear more
powerful, maybe even a little
intimidating. If an actor comes in, I'll
likely want to give him one
"commercial" happy photo, and
another "character" style showing off
more personality. What they do and
how they use the photo impacts what

2. Modify your light.

Anytime you're using strobes, you
have the unique advantage of shaping
the light to anything you want. When
photographing headshots, I'm looking
for a soft, even light to complement
skin tones and hide blemishes.

My go-to is the Profoto 3x4
softbox. It provides a soft, double-
diffused light that is ideal if I need to
step back for a three-quarter or full-
length shot. I like having the large
white diffuser double as a reflector
when I turn off one of the lights for a
more dramatic, angular look. I use a
butterfly setup: two lights on my
subject and a third light bringing up the
background.

Next to that, I love my Profoto
beauty dish for a clamshell setup. I
rarely use this setup for the average
headshot, but I do whip it out when I
have an actor come in. I like using it
with a darker background, which I
achieve by toning down the power of
my background light or turning it off



completely.

3. Set your exposure.

Because I'm in a studio with powerful
lights (three Profoto D1's), I shoot all
my headshots at ISO 50. My shutter is
at 160 and my aperture is usually set
to 3.2 because I like the eyes to be in
focus, but don't really need every pore
to be (and my clients appreciate that).



I manually set my white balance to the
color of my lights (5600K) and start
my two front lights' power at the
lowest setting, 4.0 on the D1 and my
background at 7.0, so that it goes
completely white. I start off at the
lowest setting for the main lights so I
can slowly manipulate them to where I
want them to be.



My lights are set up first in an
even butterfly position. They are at
about a 45-degree angle to the subject,
at an even distance. This casts an even
light on them, which I'll end up
changing depending on which is their
good side.

4. Pose them on their good side.

Everyone has a good side. If
you're lucky, you've got two. After I
chat with my client about what they do
and have an idea of how I want to
photograph them, I still need to
determine their best side.

Because I'm tethering during
my shoot, clients can collaborate with
me on this, which I love. It makes them
feel like they're part of the process, and
it's fun to let them know which is their
better side. I have them look at the
camera dead on, then turn their head a
little to the left and then a little to the
right. We end up with three pictures to
look at side-by-side. Most of the time
we agree on the better side.

After that, I pose them in a
relaxed stance with their feet in
skateboard position and hands in their
pockets, on their hips or folded. My
goal is for them to feel comfortable
standing in front of my camera, and
then work on their head position
afterward.

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Talking to my clients during the
shoot is key to making them feel more
comfortable. As I'm tilting and turning
their head and making them do weird
things like stick their chin out (not up,
not down, but pushed forward), they
need constant feedback to let them
know how they're doing. Always keep
feedback positive and encouraging.

5. Cut the post.

My favorite part about headshots is the
post-processing work. Why? Because
there practically isn't any. Tethering
allows my clients to pick their pictures
on the spot, eliminating the proofing
process. After they leave, I export the
pictures from Lightroom, applying only
lens corrections (which is actually
auto-applied upon import) and maybe
adjusting the contrast or exposure
slightly. Then I send the pictures to my
editors for basic retouching like shine
removal, skin smoothening and
slimming the face. A few hours later,
the images are ready to deliver to my
clients. Done and done.

Don't forget to check out the
video for a few more headshot tips. If
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How to cook 'ukoy'(shrimp fritters)



Ingredients:

1 cup small shrimps, cleaned
1 cup cornstarch
1/4 cup flour
1 1/2 cups mung bean sprouts (togue)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 piece raw egg
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/4 cups water
2 cups cooking oil

Cooking procedure:

Combine cornstarch, flour, baking powder, egg, water, salt, and ground black pepper then stir until diluted.

Add the shrimps and mung bean sprouts in the mixture and lightly stir to distribute.

Heat a frying pan or small cooking pot and pour-in the cooking oil.

When the oil is hot enough, scoop about 2 to 3 tablespoons of the mixture and quickly (but cautiously) drop it in hot oil.

Cook each side for 2 to 3 minutes or until the color turns golden brown. Please note that cooking time may vary. Repeat this step until the entire mixture is consumed.

Remove the deep-fried ukoy from the pan and place in a plate lined with paper towel to absorb the oil.

Remove the paper towel and serve with a dip mixture of vinegar and fish sauce.

Share and enjoy!

In a pan, heat oil and saute garlic until aromatic. Add flaked pork and cook for 3 minutes, stirring often. Add the rest of the filling ingredients and cook until pork is tender and the sauce has thickened.

Once filling is ready, discard anise and laurel. Set aside.

Assembling:

Prepare steamer, or use a large wok with a plate or a metal rack set atop some water.

In muffin cups (lined or greased depending on preference), pour a little amount of batter then add a tablespoon of filling. Cover the filling with another amount of batter until cup is nearly all the way full. Top with salted egg and cheese.

Steam for 10 to 15 minutes or until done. Puto-pao are done when the tops have domed and are soft and springy to the touch, and a toothpick inserted in the center

Ingredients



Filipino style pork and vegetable stew (Lauya)

1-2 kg pork knuckle
if you dont want pork knuckles just use other cuts
and add 2 to 4 pcs of pork leg bones
3 medium potatoes
3 eggplants
3-4 stalks chinese cabbages
2 green chilli
4-5 pcs star anise
1 stalk green beans
1 tbsp anatto seeds
1 large red onion
salt
pepper
sugar
fish sauce
Method

Clean and boil the pork knuckles until tender. you can also use any pork cuts just make sure you add pork bones.

Remove the scums above it then add the onions and potatoes then simmer until the potatoes are tender or soft enough

When the meat and potatoes are tender transfer the broth on another pot then without the meat and potatoes because it might get overcooked. so add the eggplants, green chilli, star anise and string beans

On a small bowl add some of the broth on anatto seeds to activate it. This will give the dish some color

When all vegetables are cooked add the anatto seed extract, the pork and potatoes then season with sugar about 4 tbsp of it and 1 tbsp of fish sauce, salt and pepper and simmer for 3 to 5 minutes

Turn off the heat then add the chinese cabbages and let it sit for 5 minutes.

Serve and enjoy.



Homemade puto-pao

INGREDIENTS

For the batter:

3 large eggs
500 grams all purpose flour
250 grams white sugar
1/4 cup baking powder
1 cup powdered milk
3 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled
2 1/2 cups water

For the filling:

500 grams flaked pork
2 tablespoons cooking oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 cup soy sauce
1 piece star anise
1 piece laurel leaf

For the toppings:

Cheddar cheese, sliced
4 salted eggs, sliced

PROCEDURE

Making the batter:

In a large bowl, mix together the flour, sugar, and baking powder. Pour in water and powdered milk, then stir well.

Add in the eggs and butter then mix until well blended. Set aside.

Making the filling:

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Election Time ! Elect Alex Bottausci for Mayor of Dollard des Ormeaux! Who is he? A city councilor for twelve years since 2005, he is married to Kim Singerman with three young children, He was born, raised in



Alex Bottausci, Mayoralty candidate for Dollard des Ormeaux

DDO and has been in politics since 1990. He is an entrepreneur who worked in leadership roles for the US and Canadian companies. This has given him the expertise in his work for Concordia University as a COOP Coordinator linking companies with working students. One of Alex's policies is his Technoparc project aimed to increase revenue thereby saving money for DDO residents. Let us all vote for Alex Bottausci for DDO Mayor this coming November 5. Many DDO Filipino residents trust him because of his good policies. His many attributes in addition to his youth, energy, and drive will propel DDO to CHANGE FOR THE BETTER (the party slogan) !!!

Jesus Is Lord (JIL) Church 18th year Anniversary ! What a blessing to attend a new church and discover something enlightening. It's food for the soul. Attending JIL strengthened my conviction that you can worship where God is honored as there is only one God. JIL celebrated their 18th year on October 1, 2017 at the Jean de Brebeuf Auditorium on Cote St. Catherine, Montreal. Worship songs and dances dominated the event. Here are the different minis-tries that participated in the event: Men's, Women's, Teen's, and the Children's Ministries. Pastors from Nova Scotia and from Toronto were in attendance. JIL Pastor Mercy Galera and the congregation worked hard to make this evening memorable.

On the same day, Mr. Gerry Danzil, President of the Council of Filipino Canadian Associations of Quebec (CFCAQ) arranged a seminar about dentistry held at 6767 Cotes des Nieges, Montreal. Discussed were dental implants, the fixed bridge, periodontal disease and endodontic treatment, among others. An open forum followed the presentation.

Usually, we take dental care for granted, so guests were amazed to know that we should really take care of our teeth from birth to death !

Winter Escapade 5 - It's More Fun in the Philippines ! This will take place on February 5-11, 2018. The Philippine Ambassador to Canada, Honorable Petronila Garcia, and her entourage came to Montreal last October 5, 2017 purposely to invite our kababayans and friends to join this annual escapade. If interested, please call the Embassy for information regarding name of airlines, choice of hotels, rates of single/ double/triple occupancy, provinces and resorts included in the package, etc. It's really more fun in the Philippines ! (Take it from me who joined a similar tour, the Consuls General and Ambassador Tour under the leadership of former Philippine Ambassador to Canada, Honorable Jose Brillantes). Here is a sample of a Day 1 itinerary: It starts with Briefing and Orientation at the hotel followed by Wreath Laying Ceremony at Rizal Park. After lunch, the tours begin. There are three choices: The Millennial Tour (Bahay Tsinoy, National Museum and UST Museum), Intra-muros Tour (Charms of Old Manila, Fort Santiago, San Agustin Church, Casa Manila and Bahay Tsinoy), and the Museum Tour (Malacanang Museum, National Museum and Metropolitan Museum). In the evening will be a Welcome Dinner at the hotel of choice.

The Philippine Benevolent and Scholarship Society of Quebec (PBSSQ) celebrated its 33rd Annual Awards Night on October 8 at St. Malachy Parish Hall in Clanranald Avenue. PBSSQ President Dr. Ermelinda Pelausa in her greeting spoke of the great potential in each of us to make a commitment "to feel compassion and extend a helping hand to some-one in need and to keep in our hearts the spirit of kindness, caring, and generosity." Not to be missed of course is the beautiful prayer of Mrs. Natalie Pelausa (founder)! The annual Michael Pivarnik Scholarship Awards were given to the Top Elementary Scholar (300\$), the Top High School Scholar (500\$), the Top University Scholar (1000\$). These are ongoing scholarships granted each year during the Annual Awards Night. I should have mentioned the judges first! Well, here they are: Tess Pascual, Cora Abdon, Nilo F. Valenzuela, Princess Jara Elegado, and Carmen Caro. The keynote speaker was Judge Barbara Seal, a public figure whose claim of a distinguished career includes serving as a councilor for the city of Hampstead at one time, Board of Director of Place des Arts, and presently sits as Director of the National Arts Center in Ottawa and many more advisory boards. She has been honored with many awards, one of

which is the Golda Meir Award. Other awardees are: Lita Lerios (Benevolence Award), Valentina Datu Lee (Community Service Award), and Frederick Lupena (Best Essay and Filipino Topic Synopsis).

School Achievement is one of the landmarks of educational success. Such is exhibited by the following awardees: Elementary scholar Abigail Jimenez (daughter of Odaline Tadeo and Melchor Jimenez) attends Iona school and aspires to be a pediatrician or a nurse. The judges based their selection of Abigail on her many certificates of excellence. Another elementary scholar (daughter of Leila Salazar and Costa

soccer and hockey.

The CEGEP Scholarship Award went to Frederick Lupena (son of Maritess and Edgardo Lupena) who aims to become an engineer. His all-around strength in the Applied Science Program and various awards and academic honors will help him achieve his ambition. Another CEGEP Scholarship Award went to Alexandria Pagabao (daughter of Gil & Mary Ann Pagabao). She aspires to be a software engineering specialist. At the present time, she is enrolled at Vanier College. Her resume includes being an honor student and a tutor in French, Math, Architectural Technology, Photography and Lector Ministry at St. Kevin's Church. How about that! It is obvious why the judges recommended her to be an awardee !

God Bless !



Mikaella Jasmin Lambrakis

Lambrakis) is Mikaella Jasmin Lambrakis who is enrolled at Twin Oaks Elementary School; her ambition is to be a veterinarian. On a side note, remember Leila, the Bb. Pilipinas Montreal 1993 ? I wrote in the edition of the Filipino Star then, "Well-coiffed, well-poised and well-wrapped in a figure-hugging black velvet gown, Leila is ready for the Bb. Pilipinas contest" ... which she won! No wonder where Mikaella got her good looks from! Back to Mikaella, the judges gave her one of the top elementary scholarship awards because of her strong academic performance and her involvement in



NINA MAYER, one of the five finalists at CFSM's 2017 Search for Ms. United Nations poses with Ms. Nora Antenorcruz, Saturday, October 14th at St. Kevin's Parish Social Hall on Côte des Neiges Rd.



Mary and her sister, Bernie Paano, are guests at the CFSM's Search for Ms. United Nations 2017 held at St. Kevin's Church Hall, October 14th.

North Korea's nuclear threat now at 'critical and imminent level', says Japan

The threat from North Korea's developing nuclear and conventional weapons programme has reached a "critical and imminent level", Japan's defence minister has claimed.

Speaking in the Philippines, in the company of his US and South Korean counterparts, Itsunori Onodera said it was essential those countries concerned about the threat acted to confront it.

"[The] threat posed by North Korea has grown to the unprecedented, critical and imminent level," he said.

According to Reuters, he added: "Therefore, we have to take calibrated and different responses to meet with that level of threat."

The comments from Mr Onodera came amid escalating tension between North Korea and the West. Since Kim Jong-un assumed leadership of the country in 2011, he has overseen a rapid escalation of its nuclear weapons programme.

In recent months, it has continued to test intercontinental ballistic missiles, despite repeated

calls from the international community not to do so. Many experts believe those missiles - which North Korea



Kim Jong-un inspects weapon North Korea says is powerful hydrogen bomb

has tested by firing them over Japan - could reach the US mainland. At the same time, it has also been testing the nuclear payloads that could be carried by such missiles.

The US has responded by

sabre-rattling and a barrage of rhetoric. During his first speech before the United Nations General Assembly, Donald Trump said the US may be obliged to "totally destroy" North Korea. He has also denounced

"I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man," Mr Trump said on Twitter earlier this month, using the nickname he has adopted for the North Korean leader. "Save your energy Rex. We'll do what has to be done!"

Mr Onodera's remarks, which highlighted the deep concern in Tokyo about North Korea's weapons testing, were more outspoken than the comments from US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis and South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-Moo.

Mr Song said "North Korea's provocative behaviour is becoming worse and worse". Mr Mattis also renewed criticism of North Korea's tests, saying they "threaten regional and global security".

Meanwhile, former US President Jimmy Carter said he was willing to travel to North Korea on behalf of the Trump administration to try and help diffuse the situation, the New York Times reported over the weekend.

Trump to Meet Duterte on Asia Trip, and Maybe Putin Too

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President leaves Nov. 3 to visit 5 Asian countries and Hawaii North Korea crisis, economic relations key themes on agenda

President Donald Trump will meet with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and may meet Russian President Vladimir Putin during a 12-day trip to Asia and Hawaii in November, a White House official said.

Trump also is likely to visit a U.S. Army base in South Korea, Camp Humphreys, instead of the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea in a trip that will focus on maximizing pressure on Pyongyang to abandon its missile and nuclear programs, said the official. A visit to the DMZ hasn't been ruled out, said the official, who briefed reporters at the White House on the Nov. 3-14 trip on condition of anonymity.

Many of Trump's predecessors have taken the opportunity to visit one of the world's most heavily fortified borders during their trips to South Korea. President Bill Clinton memorably walked partially down the Bridge of No Return crossing the military demarcation line between North and South Korea. Presidents Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush and Barack Obama peered into North Korea with the aid of binoculars. President George H.W. Bush is the only U.S. leader since Reagan's visit in 1983 not to have stopped at the DMZ as president, though Bush did visit while serving as Reagan's vice president.

Trump's vice president, Mike Pence, and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson went to the border during

their visits to South Korea earlier this year. The official said Trump was unlikely to have time to visit both the DMZ and Camp Humphreys.

president plans to raise are forced technology transfer, intellectual property theft, and reciprocal treatment for U.S. services companies



Rodrigo Duterte - Photographer: Tomohiro Ohsumi/Bloomberg

Humphreys, a facility largely paid for by the South Koreans, was a good example of cost-sharing, a principle the president has stressed with U.S. allies, the official said.

Trade and economic relations will be the other key priority for the trip, which will be Trump's longest foreign journey to date as president and take him to five countries and two regional summits, the official said. Trump plans to visit South Korea, Japan, China, Vietnam and the Philippines after first stopping in Hawaii for a briefing from the U.S. military's Pacific Command.

In China, the official said, the president plans to stress fair and reciprocal trade and economic relations. Among the issues the

seeking to invest in China, the White House said.

The trip will be Trump's first foray to Asia as president, and it takes place amid escalating tension in the region over North Korea's weapons programs. It will come just after Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling coalition was returned to power in parliamentary elections and Chinese President Xi Jinping further consolidated his power in his country's party congress, which occurs once every five years.

Trump would send a clear message on human rights principles in his meeting with Duterte, the official said. Duterte has been criticized over extrajudicial killings in the Philippines

as part of his crackdown on the drug trade. Trump has previously offered praise for Duterte, telling the leader on a private phone call that he he had done "an unbelievable job on the drug problem," according to a transcript of the conversation obtained by the Washington Post.

Obama canceled a scheduled visit with Duterte during his final visit to Asia after the Filipino leader said it would be "rude" to raise human rights issues in their conversations and referred to the former president by a vulgar epithet.

From Page 6 Facebook launches

how to spot fake news, getting them familiar with the online world and teaching them about how information works, Johnson said they can help combat issues of misinformation.

"It's up to each of us that when we spread information we have reason to believe it's accurate."

But now anyone can post online without requiring an editorial eye.

"As useful a tool as [the term fake news] has been to get the word out there ... it really does simplify a complex issue. There's a much lower barrier to publication. Now anyone can create a fake website ... and start sending out news stories."

Though the decades-long battle won't be won in a day, educating children is a good place to start, he said.

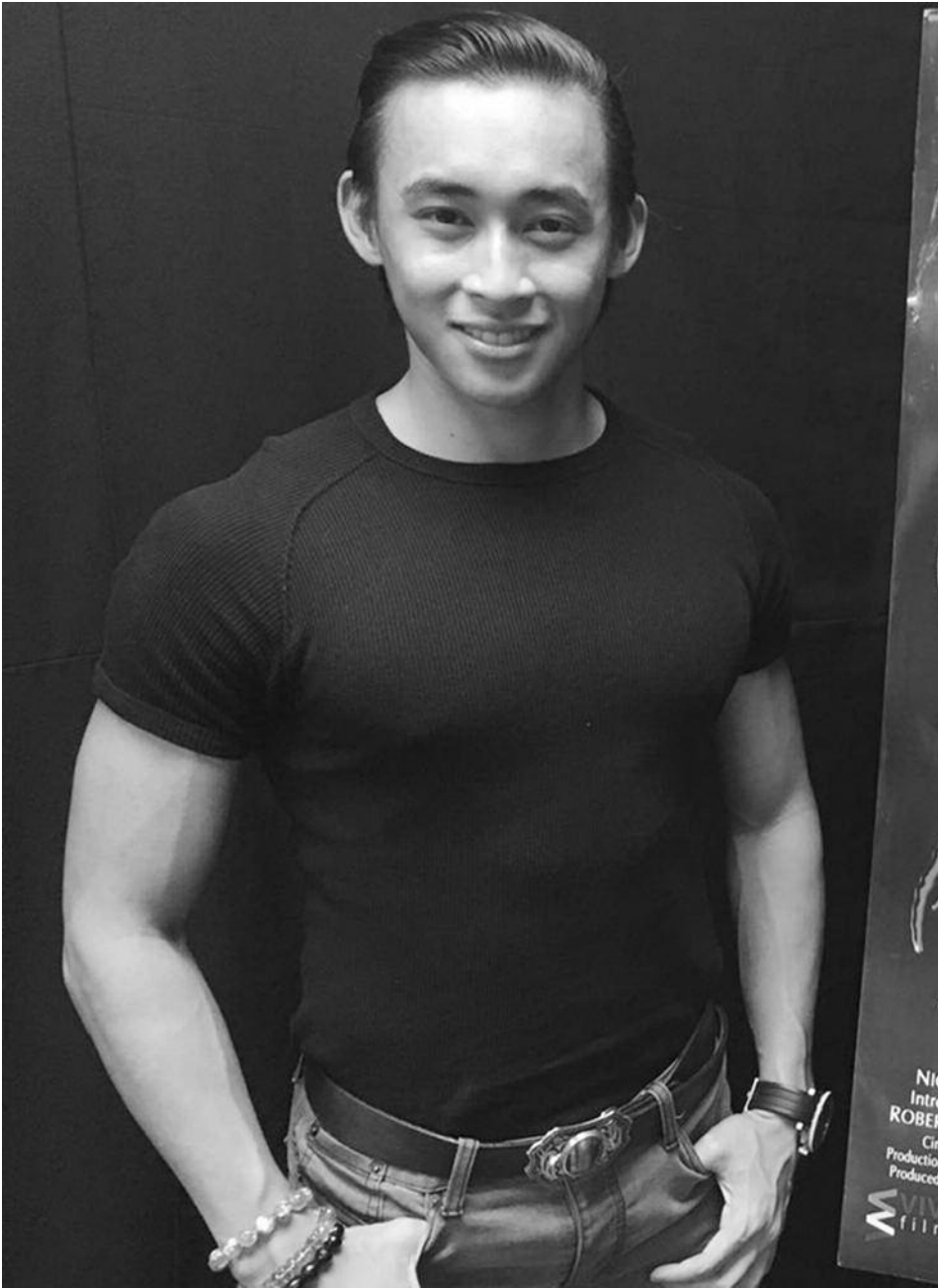
"It's important for the health of our country, our democracy that we are receiving and sharing accurate information," Johnson said.

With files from CBC Radio's All in a Day

FILIPINO STAR

SHOWBIZ GOSSIP

More gothic than rom-com for Jerico



Jerico Estregan

While most of his contemporaries prefer entering showbiz with a rom-com project, Jerico Estregan is fast-tracking his way to stardom by standing out with a gothic-action movie.

Before his launching movie, he took on supporting roles in the films of his father, actor-politician E.R. Ejercito. These include “Manila Kingpin: The Asiong Salonga Story,” “El Presidente” and “Magnum Muslim .357.”

Now comes “Amalanhig: The Vampire Chronicles,” about an evil creature based on Visayan mythology, particularly among the Hiligaynon-speaking groups of Panay Island.

In an interview, Jerico said he prepared hard for his role in the film.

“I attended acting workshops, may mga physical training din para anytime ay ready ako sa iba’t-ibang klaseng eksena. Then ang mindset, kailangan din talagang paghandaan ’yon,” he said.

Jerico is into mixed martial arts, parkour, gymnastics, and arnis, to name a few, so he is perfect for

action-adventure movies.

“Kailangan tuloy-tuloy ang training para din sa paghahanda sa susunod na mga pelikula,” Jerico pointed out.

Asked to cite the hardest thing he did in filming the movie, Jerico recalled jumping off a waterfall.

“Siguro ’yun ’yung pinakamahirap na part, ’yun ’yung climax ko, kasi napakataas nu’n. Nasugatan lang ako sa tuhod kasi madulas eh sobrang mabato pero overall nag-enjoy naman ako. Sabi nga, you only live once so just do it.”

Building relationships

Playing her leading lady in the film is the comely actress Sanya Lopez.

According to Jerico, Sanya is nice to work with.

“Kasi she’s easy to talk to, she’s down to earth, mabilis siya pakisamahan, and very well rounded. Dahil sa ganu’ng characteristics niya we were able to blend on the set without any pressure or awkwardness,” he said.



Jerico and some of his co-stars in ‘Amalanhig: The Vampire Chronicles’

Jerico also established a strong relationship with their director Francis “Jun” Posadas.

“Working with him was smooth, everything was clear. Sa set very well coordinated naman kami tapos pagdating pa sa bawat eksena eh inaadvise niya ako na ‘Okay ganito ang approach, ganito ang tamang kilos, ganito magbitaw ng linya,’” he shared.

The 25-year-old actor believes building good relations with fellow workers is sure way to establish connections in showbiz.

He related audiences should look forward to “Amalanhig: The Vampire Chronicles” as it is totally different from the usual action thriller.

Aside from “Amalanhig: The Vampire Chronicles,” Jerico will also star in two more films: “Alias Ben Tumbling” and “Pancho Villa.”

Jerico wants to explore other film genres in the near future, noting he is keen on working with the likes of Anne Curtis, Yassi Pressman and Erich Gonzales. He also wants to work with his showbiz crush, Bianca Umali. ■

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Angel Locsin's vampire transformation tops network ratings



Angel Locsin as Jacintha Magsaysay in "La Luna Sangre."

The transformation of Jacintha Magsaysay (Angel Locsin) into a vampire in ABS-CBN's "La Luna Sangre" surprised viewers nationwide as the show hit a national TV rating of 34.1 percent versus GMA-7's "Alyas Robin Hood" (14.7 percent), according to data from Kantar Media released on Monday.

ABS-CBN's hit fantasy action series "La Luna Sangre" continues to keep viewers on the edge of their seats and opened the week with the heart-stopping revelation of Jacintha (Angel Locsin) as the mysterious "Lady in Red."

To everyone's surprise, Jacintha finally showed her true self as a vampire and effortlessly killed Sandrino's (Richard Gutierrez) men, including Boris (Ali Khatibi). It was also revealed that she was behind the shooting of Sandrino by Sen. Paglinauan (Freddie Webb) using a bullet made of wolf fang, which caused the supreme vampire's heart to beat again.

Malia, on the other hand, is slowly embracing her destiny as her powers gradually unfolds. She successfully led La Liga Unida in overtaking Sandrino's lair and even

killed Omar (Ahron Villena). Their victory, however, led Tristan (Daniel Padilla) to discover that she has long been working with werewolves and vampires.

Following Jacintha's great unveil, the hashtags Angel and #LSSBagongPinuno became among those top trending on Twitter on Tuesday.

character in the show. While some are happy for Angel's comeback as an "action star," others were enraged and even alleged ABS-CBN of trying to overshadow KathNiel with ChardGel, the love team Angel shares with fellow "La Luna Sangre" star Richard Gutierrez, who is a villain vampire in the show.

What will be the plans of Malia



Angel Locsin and Richard Gutierrez

Fans of Angel and "La Luna Sangre" lead love team KathNiel (Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla) had mixed reactions about the emergence of Angel as a major

as the new Punong Bantay? After killing Sandrino's allies, what is next for the Lady in Red? What will happen if she and Malia cross paths? Will Sandrino become a mortal again? ■

Kris Aquino: I'm not a crazy rich Asian



Actress and multimedia queen Kris Aquino is the new endorser of antihistamine brand Claritin.

Before the year ends, multimedia star Kris Aquino will be opening new branches of her fast food chain franchise.

For the first time, she will also spend Christmas in her new mansion in Quezon City, the latest addition to her many properties that include some of the country's most expensive condo units in Makati City.

The new modern minimalist house comes with a high-tech pool, two grand pianos, arcade games for Kris's sons Josh and Bimby, gym equipment and furniture by world-

renowned Filipino interior designer Kenneth Cobonpue. Outside, several of Kris's multi-million suburban utility vehicles (SUVs) were parked.

In spite all this, Kris does not consider herself a "crazy rich Asian," as the title of her new Hollywood flick goes.

"I'm not that rich," Kris told Philstar.com in an exclusive interview with select media at her new home.

"Wala ako sa stratosphere na 'yan!"

According to her, many people have been asking her why

she still has to work when she already has businesses enough to cover her kids' needs throughout their lifetime. She explained that after about 20 years of working non-stop for ABS-CBN, her body misses the daily grind, so she will not give up being on the limelight just yet.

"Hinahanap-hanap ng katawan ko 'yung ganitong trabaho," she said.

In her 20 years with the Kapamilya network, she said among her most unforgettable projects were "Game KNB" because to this day every game show has the word "game" on it; "The Buzz," where she originated the expression "Love, love, love;" and "Kris TV," because it brought her all over the Philippines.

"Crazy Rich Asians" is also important to her "because it is career-defining."

"Ang ganda talaga. Iba 'yung set, production design, ilaw, tapos kalmado silang lahat. Walang sumisigaw. Ang class!" she said of the film being directed by Jon M. Chu and based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Kevin Kwan.

Kris said Kwan praised her performance in the film. "Naiyak ako! Kevin told me, 'I'm so proud of you, my dear!'"

She said Kevin read and learned about her because he loves

politics.

"He's so smart but humble and appreciative and he does not want to stop learning," Kris said of the author.

When asked about her love life, Kris said she plans to have someone "When Bimby is 12."

Bimby, her youngest son, is now 10.

She said she is putting love on hold as she is still saving for her new venture as an online star. "Nakaka-distract eh (love life). 'Pag nag-away kayo, the next day pangit ka, 'di mo matago!"

Does this new guy also have to be a "crazy rich Asian"?

"Di realistic kung ka-tax bracket ko," she said, affirming that she does not mind marrying a "poorer" guy.

"Basta ayaw ko lang ng tamad. Dapat meron s'yang dependability, trustworthiness and intelligence," she enumerated.

She is also open to a Christian, as long as the guy's religion is Bible-based.

Above all, the man must go along well with her sons.

"Dapat may Bimby seal of approval kasi si Josh mabait sa lahat, lahat gusto because he's laking lola!" ■

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The lover boy in Dennis Trillo



Dennis Trillo

'Pag nakita ko na hindi na nagwo-work, hindi na nag-go-grow 'yung relationship, feeling ko it's better na tapusin na lang.'

No wonder even his exes have a soft spot for Dennis Trillo.

"Pag nakahanap ka ng someone na hindi ka matatakot ipakita 'yung totoo mong pagkatao... someone na pwede mong sabihin kahit ano kasi open ang communication niyo sa isa't-isa at pwede mong i-share 'yung mga dreams mo sa buhay, 'yun ang ideal relationship," he said in an interview.

An ideal partner, the actor added, should be honest and lives with integrity.

Asked if he sees girlfriend Jennylyn Mercado as "the one" for him, Dennis said he really hopes so.

"Gusto kong isipin na ito na talaga," he said. "Pero marami pang pwedeng mangyari kaya mahirap magsalita ng tapos. Basta ngayon masaya po kami sa mga nangyayari sa buhay namin, career man o love life."

Time heals all wounds

Looking back, it's also no secret Dennis has had "colorful yet complicated love life" with other women.

Despite that, the actor believes there is nothing wrong remaining friends with them all as "time heals all wounds."

"Yan (being friends) ang ideal na

gusto kong mangyari talaga pero siyempre bawat relationship meron 'yang nangyari na minsan hindi maiwasan na magkasamaan kayo ng loob," he explained.

"(Pero) kahit papaano at ease ako sa kanila (ngayon). Mas maganda kasi 'yung ganon kasi at the end of the day, sayang naman 'yung pinagsamahan niyo kung hindi kami magiging mag-kaibigan 'di ba?"

He noted some people are better off as friends.

"Minsan kasi merong mga hindi talaga pwedeng pilitin, may mga factors na nagte-take place kaya hindi umuubra 'yung relasyon," he shared. "Sa experience ko kasi, 'pag nakita ko na hindi na nagwo-work, hindi na nag-go-grow 'yung relationship, feeling ko it's better na tapusin na lang pero of course, kailangan pa din ng communication kasi you might end up thinking kung ano 'yung nagiging pagkakamali."

On notions that he is "the one that got away" to his exes, Dennis didn't know what to say.

"Pag na-inlove kasi ako binibigay ko lahat eh. 'Yung kahit na maghiwalay kami, hindi niya ako makakalimutan kasi talagang pina-experience ko sa kanya 'yung the best experience na pwedeng makuha ng isang partner sa isang relationship," he explained. "Though hindi naman ganoon ang tingin ko sa sarili, okay na rin at least hindi

naman pala ako 'yung walang kwentang ex-boyfriend."

Refreshing role

Dennis might not feel he is "the one that got away" in real life but he is one on-screen.

The so-called Kapuso Drama King will play the ex-boyfriend of Max Collins, Rhian Ramos and Lovi Poe on GMA's "The One That Got Away" helmed by Maryo J. delos Reyes.

In it, he is Liam, a smart and handsome entrepreneur who likes women with sense of humor which is the common trait of his exes: Zoe (Rhian), Darcy (Max) and Alex (Lovi).

Dennis is excited over his character deeming it "very refreshing."

"After ng 'Mulawin,' na puro action, it's nice lang na bumalik ako sa medyo light lang 'yung theme, so I'm very happy na sa akin binigay itong role," he said.

This is also the first time Dennis will be working with Lovi, Rhian and Max on a teleserye. He looks forward to forming new

camaraderie and on-screen chemistry with them.

"I know na very talented silang tatlo and excited akong makasama sila. Excited ako kung paanong timpla 'yung dadalhin namin sa primetime," he maintained. "Actually challenge din ito kasi coming from 'Mulawin' na wala naman akong permanent love team, tapos ngayon tatlo pa. Bumalik ako sa rom-com tapos times three pa."

Do Rhian, Lovi and Max have similar qualities with his exes?

"Kahit papano naman, nakaka-relate ako ng konti. Bawat character naman nila eh, paiba-iba. So siguro mayroon ding konting similarities."

If anything, Dennis shared he will never be picky when it comes to accepting projects despite having acting trophies on his shelf.

"Kahit anong trabaho naman po – whether it's light or heavy – may kanya-kanyang bigat pa din. So lahat ng project na ibigay sa akin, iniisip ko na challenge palagi." ■

Nadine Lustre opens up about her brother Isaiah



Nadine Lustre

Days after the reported death of Nadine Lustre's brother Isaiah, the Kapamilya actress finally opened up on their family's loss.

Reports say that Isaiah was found lifeless in their room and was rushed to Pacific Global Medical Center on Saturday evening, Oct. 7. He allegedly committed suicide but neither Nadine nor any of her family and close friends confirmed the cause of death.

In a lengthy Instagram post by Nadine on Oct. 12, Nadine shared her message for her brother, who would have turned 17 Thursday.

"Im so proud of you. Never knew you had such talent with words. Im happy to have read all of your

entries and discover that you have such a beautiful mind. Excited to read your scripts/stories soon." she said.

Nadine thanked her brother for giving everyone an inspiration. Amid the loss of Isaiah, Nadine finds comfort and strength through him.

"I want to thank you for teaching everyone a very important lesson. Thank you for opening my eyes and making me braver. I know now that whatever challenge I will have to face, I will be able to pull through because of you. Im gonna miss your face and miss hearing your corny jokes. I wish you stayed with us longer. I am keeping my promise and we will still travel the world together. No more crying. Happy Birthday Dude. ■

Kim Chiu balks at getting 'Horror Queen' tag



Kim Chiu

"Parang doble-dobleng pressure po ang nararamdaman ko ngayon. Hindi ko alam kung sino ang tatawagin kong santo. 'Lord, sana po

ay panoorin siya ng mga tao." For starring in three movies of its genre, Kim Chiu is being called "Horror Queen," first bestowed on her close

friend Kris Aquino years ago.

"Horror lang, walang queen," she joked at the press conference of Star Cinema's "The Ghost Bride."

"Wala pong ganoon (kuhaan ng title). Ate Kris is Ate Kris. Nag-iisa lang 'yon, hindi pwedeng pantayan, hindi pwedeng sapawan. Siya po talaga ay isang Kris Aquino na ang dami nang napatunayan."

Asked who between them is better when it comes to shrieking, Kim reiterated, "Si Madam Kris, nag-iisa po iyon, walang katulad 'yon."

She thinks it's just coincidence she had starred in as many films, previously "Shake, Rattle & Roll X" and "The Healing."

"Nagkataon lang siguro. Wala pa naman akong box-office film pero hoping ako (na magkaron). Wala pa akong napatunayan so hindi ko pa matatawag ang sarili ko na ganoon."

"Sa totoo, kinakabahan ako, sobra. Lalo na kapag nakikita ko ang poster araw-araw. Oh, my God, (pinakaunang) pelikula ko ito (mag-isa) after eleven years (in show business)."

"Parang doble-dobleng pressure po ang nararamdaman ko ngayon. Hindi ko alam kung sino ang tatawagin kong santo. 'Lord, sana po ay panoorin siya ng mga tao.'"

Kim thinks it's hard to discern what movies will click with the public these days.

"Wala naman po siguro kung horror or drama or comedy. Siguro nasa kwento po 'yon. Ngayon kasi ang mas gusto ng tao ay 'yung mga kwentong makaka-relate sila. Hindi ko na po pangungunahan kung ano ang mga susunod na mangyayari sa susunod na buwan, taon. Ang importante po ay ang mangyayari po sa Nobyembre (when the movie hits theaters)."

Relating to her role, Kim said being a ghost bride paid to marry a dead person entails sacrifices.

"Lahat ng ginagawa ng isang asawa kailangang magampanan mo bilang ghost bride, pati na rin sa kanyang pamilya. Kailangan lahat ng okasyon nandoon ka sa kanila, kailangan araw-araw dadalawin mo siya sa libingan niya at mag-aalay ka ng kung ano-ano," she said.

But in return, ghost brides are paid well.

"Talagang malaking halaga, bukod sa isang bagsakang bayad sa'yo, may monthly pa. Pero kung ano-ano ang mga posibleng kapalit o kabayaran nito, 'yan ang ipakikita namin sa movie," she shared.

Being athletic who joins duathlon and triathlon competitions helped Kim do the more physical scenes in the movie.

"Nagamit ko naman siya dito sa paghabol sa akin ng multo sa ibang dimension. 'Yung pagsigaw, na-master ko na siguro. Namaos na po ako sa kakasigaw pero exciting ang pelikulang ito. Ang daming mundo na ipapakita namin sa inyo, mundo ng Chinese tradition, mundo ng isang untold Chinese tradition na ghost bride na hindi alam ng karamihan. I-introduce namin sa kanila kung ano ang kwento ng pagiging ghost bride."

"Ipapakita din namin dito ang Nepal at ibang mundo na si Direk Chito lang ang may alam kung anong klaseng mundo 'yon at saan 'yon. At 'yung lugar na 'yon, takot na takot kami doon. Malamig sa loob ng bahay pero paglabas mo ay mainit."

Kim feels Chinese culture pervades Filipinos' everyday life.

"Ang lakas kasi ng Chinese culture dito sa Pilipinas, eh. Naniniwala tayo sa feng shui, naniniwala tayo na bawal ang kama sa harap ng pintuan kasi malas. Ang dami nating pinaniniwalaan na Chinese tradition kahit hindi tayo Chinese."

Does the ghost bride believe in ghost month?

"Ang ghost month, totoo 'yun. Hindi ka pipirma ng anything kasi naka-open ang gates ng hell and heaven. Sa bahay namin (ay) pina-practice namin 'yon. Lagi kaming may mga paalay diyan sa malapit sa pinto kasi kakainin ng mga naglalakad na espiritu."

"Sa Chinese dinadasalan pa. Every Friday nagpapasermon sila sa mga Buddhist Temple. Sa bahay namin sa Cebu ay ginagawa namin 'yan pero kami, dito sa Manila, nag-aalay lang ako ng pagkain kasi magagalit ang lola ko kung hindi ko gagawin." ■

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Lovi Poe hurt in controversial slapping scene; PLUS here's line producer's official statement



Lovi Poe

Hindi buo yung kumakalat na video na sampalan scene nina Lovi Poe at Erich Gonzales kung saan ito ay kuha sa shooting ng pelikulang The Significant Other.

Bago pa man ang eksenang nasampal si Erich ay may naunang eksena kung saan ay matindi ang pagkakasampal ni Erich kay Lovi.

Kalakip sa artikulong ito ay ang video na pinost ng kaibigang si Trixie Dauz na nakasaksi sa pangyayari at nakunan ang eksena na talaga namang lumagapak at ang lakas ng tunog nang dumapo ang kamay ng Kapamilya star sa pisngi at panga ng Kapuso actress.

Sa sobrang lakas ng sampal ay maaaring dito nagmula ang sugat sa daliri na natamo ni Erich. Ganunpaman, sobrang sakit din ang tinamo ni Lovi na kinailangan niyang humagulgol na hindi nakunan ng picture at tanging kay Erich lang na may dugo ang gown at umiiyak ang kumakalat ngayon sa internet at social media.

Lumalabas kasi na itong si Lovi ang parang may kagagawan sa kinahantungan ni Erich pero sa totoo lang hindi hahagulgol ng iyak ang Kapuso star kung hindi rin grabe ang natamo niyang sakit sa todo-todong pagsampal sa kanya ng Kapamilya actress.

Kinalma lang siya nina Dina Bonnevie at ang direktor nilang si Joel Lamangan kaya kahit sumama ang pakiramdam ay tinapos niya ang shooting.

Samantala, nagbigay ng pahayag ang line producer ng pelikula na si Dennis Evangelista hinggil dito. Narito ang nilalaman na kuha sa kaniyang facebook account.

"Being the Line Producer of

the film The Significant Other, na witness ko ang insidente. Multi-awarded director Joel Lamangan instructed both Lovi Poe and Erich Gonzales to be realistic in this cat fight confrontation. The scene is so intense, an accident happened, what you saw in video is that Lovi Virginia Poe is the only one slapping Erich Gonzales, hindi po yan ang kumpletong video para i-judge and blame Lovi Poe. I love Lovi and Erich Gonzales but the truth is no one to be blamed in this kind of accident.

"Kaya naduguan si Erich, tumama ang kamay niya sa hikaw ni Lovi sa sobrang lakas ng sampal niya dito again this is also part of this intense scene. Nakahikaw si Lovi hindi para sa intensyon na paduguin ang kamay ng kaeksena kundi accesories na nilagay 'yun ng kanyang stylist since we are doing high end fashion show.

"We feel bad na naduguan si Erich, pero nasaktan din si Lovi, namaga ang panga niya sa tindi ng sampal ni Erich. Ang maganda sa dalawa ay tinapos nila ang eksena.

"Sabi nga ni Direk, this is the risk of being an actor, si Nora Aunor nga muntik ng maputulan ng tenga sa isang pelikula na ginawa niya. Please stop bashing and making "contravida" Lovi Poe. Just like Erich Gonzales, mabait siyang bata at pareho silang mahusay na artista. All ends well naman dahil nagkasundo sila after shooting.

"We are about to finish "The Significant Other" in two days shoot schedule on Friday October 6 and October 8 Sunday. Official statement of Cineko Productions regarding this matter will be out soon!!!" ■

James Reid nominated for MTV EMA Best Southeast Asia Act



Filipino singer-actor James Reid

Filipino singer-actor James Reid has been nominated for Best Southeast Asia Act at the 2017 MTV Europe Music Awards (EMA), to be held in London on November 12.

Reid will be going against Faizal Tahir (Malaysia), Dam Vinh Hung (Vietnam), Isyana Sarasvati (Indonesia), Slot Machine (Thailand), The Sam Willows (Singapore) and the social wildcard winner, Palitchoke Ayanaputra (Thailand).

MTV's website describes James as "not just an ordinary cutie."

"He's smart and talented too!," the music channel says of the Filipino singer-songwriter, actor, dancer, model, and now producer.

Since releasing his self-titled debut album in 2012, Reid has established his own music label, Careless Music Manila and has just dropped his new album, "Palm Dreams," featuring "bass-boosted club bangers that could easily induce eargasm," says MTV.

The music channel considers "Cool Down" (2017) as Reid's biggest hit yet.

Last year, Filipino pop star Sarah Geronimo was also nominated for the same spot. Sarah and James have recently announced their team up for a movie.

Lovato, singer-songwriter Shawn Mendes, rockers The Killers

and grime artist Stormzy are set to perform at the EMAs in London. The awards will also feature performances from Kesha and Camila Cabello. Rita Ora is due to host the November 12 ceremony at London's SSE Arena, Wembley.

MTV said Thursday that awards presenters will include "Game of Thrones" actress Natalie Dormer, teen star Madison Beer and actress Sabrina Carpenter.



Taylor Swift leads the race with nominations in six categories, including best video for "Look What You Made Me Do." Other multiple nominees include Mendes, Ed Sheeran and Kendrick Lamar.

Winners will be selected by fans across the continent. The EMAs, held in a different European city each year, were last held in London in 1996.

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various ministries and government agencies.

EXPLAINER Answers to some key questions on Quebec's face-covering law



Coalition Avenir Québec Leader François Legault has played up identity issues in the lead-up to the 2018 provincial election. (Jacques Boissinot/Canadian Press)

Now, in an effort to quell concerns, Vallée's office says the rules will be released this week.

Already, on Monday, Health

Minister Gaétan Barrette told reporters that "patients needing care in the emergency room will have care provided to them," even if they are wearing a burka or niqab.

Gatineau Mayor Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin said he's anxious to

Municipalities, told Daybreak.

"Our main message in cities is that this is very at odds with our priorities to make sure people live together better, and we don't see how in any way this bill is going to help us," he said.

Civil rights advocates, meanwhile, predict the law will be challenged.

Marie-Claude Landry, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, said it was "extremely worrisome" that the "government would use the law to target and marginalize a group rather than protect those who already suffer at the hands of discrimination."

"Laws should be adopted to end discrimination, not promote it," she said.

Province facing criticism from both sides

In an interview with The Canadian Press, Vallée said the province is prepared to fight "tooth and nail" to defend both the elements of the law and the province's right to legislate.

"We get criticism both from those who say we're going too far and those who consider that we're not going far enough."

- Stéphanie Vallée, Quebec justice minister

She noted that most members of Quebec's legislature agree with the

Contract faculty are paid less per course than their full-time colleagues, and they don't get health or pension benefits. They have little to no job security, often hired for one academic term at a time, which means they have no guarantee of a steady income.

"It's not a great way to live your life," said Al Uhryniw, a teacher at Algonquin College in Ottawa.

Uhryniw is among the 12,000 college staff who went on strike last Monday when their union and the College Employer Council failed to reach an agreement. More than 500,000 students are affected.

Ontario's striking college teachers are asking for longer contracts for contract workers, an equal ratio of part-time and full-time teachers, and other wage and job security improvements. The teachers are getting support from academics across the country.

Why Ontario college faculty members are on strike

College faculty strike about more than job status, teacher says

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) is backing them, and this weekend in Toronto it is holding a conference focused on the issue of contract faculty. It's also in the midst of conducting a national survey to gather better data on the trend's prevalence and how it affects teachers and students.

Paid less than permanent staff

David Robinson, executive director of CAUT, estimates one-third of the about 75,000 professors in Canada are on contracts. The association estimates they get paid about one-third less than their permanent colleagues.

"When I tell people there are people with PhDs teaching and living below the poverty line, they are quite shocked — but it happens," Robinson said in an interview.

principle behind the bill.

The two main opposition parties, the Parti Québécois and the Coalition Avenir Québec, have been pressing the government to take a hard stance on the issue.

As well, an Angus Reid poll published in early October, before Bill 62 became law, showed that 87 per cent of Quebecers support the bill's objectives.

For supporters, Quebec's face-covering law a matter of safety and respect

Part of the reason the debate has become so heated, Vallée said, is because Quebec is trailblazing onto new legislative territory, as it did when it passed medically assisted dying legislation.

"It's not easy to carve a path when legislating, when presenting new law," she said.

"We get criticism both from those who say we're going too far and those who consider that we're not going far enough."

With files from Ainslie MacLellan, Daybreak's Sara DuBreuil and The Canadian Press

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Safety Tips

leave smoking materials unattended, and ensure that they collect them in large, deep ashtrays.

4. Cooking

Cooking fires are the number one cause of fire injuries among older adults. Emphasize that they must never leave cooking food unattended. If they need to step away, they should turn off the stove. Keep lids nearby so that if the pan catches fire, they can carefully slide the lid on it and turn off the stove. Mount a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, and check the pressure gauge monthly. Also, remind seniors not to wear loose clothing when cooking: a dangling sleeve can easily catch fire. Keep towels and potholders away from the stove. Clean the exhaust hood and the duct over the stove regularly.

5. Heating

Have the furnace and chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of winter. Keep newspapers, rags, and other combustible materials away from the furnace, hot water heater, or space heater. Keep flammable materials, such as curtains or furniture, at least three feet from space heaters. Watch for electrical overload signals such as dimming lights when a heating appliance goes on; call a qualified electrician if this occurs. Stress that the oven should never be used as a heater if the house feels too cold or the furnace goes off.

6. Candles

Candles exude an aura of warmth and coziness - but they are causing more and more house fires. The best policy for those with age-related changes is simply not to have candles in the home. For festive decor, choose CSA approved electric lights. In preparation for an emergency, place flashlights in key locations, for example, beside the bed, favorite chair, and in the kitchen. (Source: Canada Safety Council)

Ontario college strike spotlights 'new norm' of precarious labour in academia

Hiring short-term contract faculty in colleges and universities is a growing and worrisome trend, critics say

By Meagan Fitzpatrick, CBC News
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College faculty walk the picket line outside Algonquin College in Ottawa. The strikers want an equal ratio of part-time and full-time teachers. (Adrian Wyld/Canadian Press)

see those guidelines, "because as far as we see it now, it's not applicable."

"We're waiting for them," Pedneaud-Jobin, the caucus president of large cities in the Quebec Union of

increasingly the new norm," said Frankie Cachon, a contract professor in the University of Windsor's women and gender studies department.

Precarious labour in academia is now "entrenched within our institutions," said Cachon, who has worked on contracts since 2004. "And people are suffering."

Cachon, 40, said she loves her job, but the fact that it's not a secure one means plenty of challenges — professionally, financially and emotionally.

Striking faculty stand on the



College faculty walk the picket line outside Algonquin College in Ottawa. The strikers want an equal ratio of part-time and full-time teachers. (Adrian Wyld/Canadian Press)

Precarious work is a trend in the labour market in Canada in general, but it's not necessarily associated with the ivory towers of the country's post-secondary institutions. Universities and colleges, however, are increasingly putting faculty on short-term contracts instead of hiring them for full-time, permanent jobs.

"I'm not an anomaly. I am

picket line outside of Humber College in Toronto. Faculty at 24 Ontario colleges went on strike late Sunday, affecting more than 500,000 students. (Cole Burston/The Canadian Press)

"I know all too well the psychological cost of having to reapply for your job every four months," said Cachon, who has a PhD in sociology and specializes in social justice issues.



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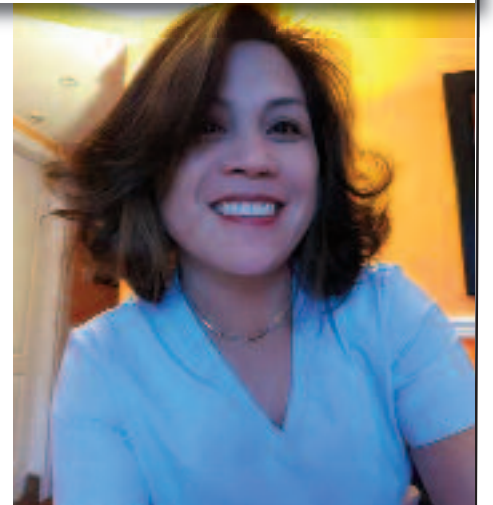
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