Giving Back, Moving Forward

Thank you. Merci. Salamat. Canadian-Filipinos should be familiar with these words of gratitude. And this may be the most appropriate words to start this month’s Waves issue. We look back at the blessings. Thanksgiving is a holiday associated with the food, reunions of family and friends and of course, the iconic stuffed turkey on the table. The operative word here is “stuffed”. We celebrate Thanksgiving by over-filling the dining table with lots of entrees, desserts and of course, a mix of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

Traditionally, it is about being grateful for the harvest. And for us Canadian-Filipinos, we have reaped bountiful blessings.

We are living in a place often assessed to be one of the safest and best countries to live in. Our health care is among the best in the world.

In Canada, inclusiveness has brought about diversity. From the onset of his term as Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau affirmed that, “Diversity is Canada’s strength.”

We are on the heels of a federal election. And so we look back and reflect.

One of the most significant accolades given to Canadian-Filipinos is the declaration of the month of June as Filipino Heritage month across Canada. On October 30, 2018, motion 155, authored by Liberal MP Salma Zahid, was passed and approved unanimously in the House of Commons.

Canada has allowed us to be proud of our rich cultural Filipino heritage. Canada has a special way of celebrating every culture, giving each of us the opportunity to share who we are with the rest of the community.

Filipinos in Canada have been extremely fortunate as we have been given the freedom to express ourselves and pass on our customs from the motherland.

We feel safe. We feel welcomed by Canada and we are encouraged to continue sharing our culture with others.

Now it’s time to give back to this great nation that we call home.

On Oct. 21st, may we choose the right people to help us move forward.

Trudeau’s campaign continues despite threats

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau vowed he won’t change how he campaigns despite being the target of an undefined threat that forced him to wear a bulletproof vest and beef up protective measures during a rally in Mississauga, Ont., on Saturday.

Speaking Sunday to reporters in Toronto, Trudeau refused to offer any specifics about the threat, saying only that his first concern was for the safety of his family and for all the Canadians at the Mississauga event.

“This will not change at all how I campaign, but I’m not going to make any further comments on it.”

Trudeau’s scheduled appearance at Saturday’s rally, which attracted 2,000 supporters, was delayed by 90 minutes and featured a much heavier security detail once he took the stage.

Uniformed tactical officers wearing heavy backpacks surrounded Trudeau during his address. Trudeau’s wife, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, had been scheduled to introduce him, but she did not appear on stage. CBC News sources later confirmed the beefed-up security was a result of a security threat.

Trudeau also scolded the Conservatives for launching personal attacks leading up to the Oct. 21 vote, and spreading falsehoods and misinformation online about him that he said has also led to increased polarization and

PH Actress Amalia Fuentes laid to rest

Amalia Fuentes was laid to rest beside the grave of her mother at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina City last Tuesday, Oct. 8, after a three-day wake at Mt. Carmel, Quezon City, a stone’s throw from her house in New Manila. She died early morning last Saturday, Oct. 5, at 79.

Here’s one last misty-eyed look at “The Elizabeth Taylor of the Philippines,”

Amalia Fuentes (August 27, 1940 - October 5, 2019)
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New Election Rules Allow All Canadians Abroad to Vote Even If They've Been Away for Years

By Lisa Belmonte

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In the past, Elections Canada had rules that made it so those who were living abroad couldn’t vote if they had been out of the country for five years or more. Now, the new rules allow any Canadian living outside of the country to vote regardless of when they last lived in Canada.

You just need to prove your citizenship to get on the International Register of Electors. In January, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that every Canadian living abroad deserves the right to vote in Canada’s elections, no matter how long they’ve been living outside of the country.

The Liberal government had passed legislation a month before the Supreme Court ruling that ensured voting rights for Canadians outside of Canada. But this ruling could stop future governments from restricting the voting rights of Canadians living abroad.

"Any limit on the right to vote must be carefully scrutinized and cannot be tolerated without a compelling justification," the judgment stated.

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Since you can’t just go to a polling station the day of the election if you’re living abroad, you have to actually mail in your ballot before the election for it to count.

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Elections Canada needs to get your completed registration application by Oct. 15 at 6:00 p.m. ET. - nacpac.com

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By Lucy Middleton

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Giving Thanks To Our Parents
The Filipino Way

By Teresa Torralba

One of God’s greatest commandments was #4: Honour Thy Father and Mother.

No matter what versions of the Bible we follow, God’s greatest commandment declare that honouring one’s human parents is compared to honouring God. It also requires honouring our stepparents, an older sibling who’s helping one, our teachers, and grandparents.

We are all here because of the trust in love our parents have bestowed on us. Since the second we breathed our first.

Most Filipinos would always wish to give back to their parents for all their sacrifices in giving them the children the best of what life has to offer.

For someone like me who has lived most of her life in Canada, not an iota about the feeling of giving back to my parents has changed. In fact, the desire to do so has increased through the years.

In this article, I would like to share some of the solid and genuine gifts that I believe will bring the greatest happiness to our Filipino parents (in no particular order).

College or University Diploma

In a Filipino parents’ psyche, the diploma is the ticket to a well-paying job. This category is more significant if the child lands his/her first job upon graduation as it conveys the assurance of a better future for the child, and in some cases, for the whole family. It also means they have fulfilled their parental responsibility dutifully and significantly.

A decent well-paying job

If there is one great source of happiness and fulfillment for our parents, which would be the gift of a grandchild. For them to be surrounded by grandchildren is happiness at its best. Sometimes, you wonder why parents are ever ready to help their married children take care of their grandchildren. In fact, our parents are always looking forward to the gratifying task of helping in the upbringing of their grandchildren and would love to be around every step of the way.

Grandchildren

Some 80 percent of businesses in the Philippines are family enterprises. Our entrepreneur parents build family business to build the family wealth and leave a lasting legacy while some doesn’t go beyond the 3rd generation. Therefore, Filipino parents would like to see this world in complete satisfaction if one or two of their children continue the business that they have painstakingly worked hard to leave behind for their children’s future.

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• When Sampaguita Pic-
tures opened its gates to the public for a one-day charitable event called “Trip to Movieland” in 1955, co-organized with LVN and Premiere Productions, Amalia along with her mother Concepcion toured Sampaguita’s various studi-

• She was crowned as ‘Miss Number One’ after topping the Prince Charming con-
test, beating 200 hopefuls shortlisted from over a thousand who had their screen tests; among the fin-

• Their parents’ perennial pride and joy is to see that diploma hanging in the family home - above all the special awards, medals and citations previously received through elementary and high school.

• Although hesitant, Amalia finally agreed to be courted at home by Sampaguita Pictures in 1960. He quickly said, “My parents would have died of happiness.”

• She was crowned as Miss Philippines in the same year. Amalia was the first to have her photo taken which was handed to Sampaguita Starmaker Dr. Jose Perez who hastily said, “This girl looks like Elizabeth Taylor. Get her at once.”

• The contest was conducted by Sampaguita Pictures in the year 2000.
LOUIS VUITTON SENDS FLOWERS TO REGINE VELASQUEZ AFTER ‘DISCRIMINATION’ INCIDENT

MANILA — French fashion house Louis Vuitton has reached out to Regine Velasquez after the Filipino superstar disclosed, in an October 1 vlog, feeling discriminated against when she visited to the brand’s store in New York.

The luxury retail company sent flowers to Velasquez “in response to her revelation about the shopping incident,” according to a report from "Tonight with Boy Abunda" that aired Monday, citing the singer’s management.

The program did not mention whether the gift from Louis Vuitton included a message of apology to Velasquez.

Velasquez, along with fellow OPJM icon Sharon Cuneta, were the guests in the October 14 episode of "Tonight with Boy Abunda," ahead of their joint concert dubbed "Iconic.

The gesture from Louis Vuitton was mentioned in light of Velasquez’s recollection, during the interview, of the discriminatory behavior of a store representative against her.

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search of 12 charming ladies who would be part of the entourage for a bridal sequence in Prince Charming that stars Eddie Arañas, Myrna Delgado, Ric Rodrigo, Inelda Concepcion, Zeny Zabala and Boy Alano. It led to Amalia’s signing an exclusive contract with Sampaguita Pictures from 1955 to 1962.

• Amalia was billed as “Miss Number One” in her first four films: Prince Charming Lydia (with Carmen Rosales, Rogelio de la Rosa and Paraluman), Señorita (with Gloria Romero and Ric Rodrigo) and Emma (with Loli Rodriguez and Ric Rodrigo). Amalia was paid from P1,000 to P2,500 as talent fees.

• She was finally named Amalia Fuentes in her fifth film, Rodon, with Parulaman, Van de Leon and Juanco Gutierrez. Amalia was promoted to full star-dom in her sixth film, Movie Fan, opposite Juanco, and was P3,000. Both films were shown in 1956.

Amalia’s screen’s last name, Fuentes, was derived from her stepfather, Isagani, a church minister.

• In 1964, Amalia became the first-ever Filipina image model of Lux bath soap. The USA had glamorous actresses like Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Crawford, Rita Hayworth, Jane Wyman, Loretta Young. Debbie Reynolds and Marilyn Monroe, among others as Lux endorsers.

• She was named "Asia’s Most Beautiful Actress" in a survey conducted by Asia Magazine in the ’60s.

• Amalia won FAMAS Best Actress for Ikobong Mo Sa Hangin (1966), and MMFF Best Actress for Pag-ibig Mo...Buhay Ko! (1973).

• She received eight other FAMAS Best Actress nominations, namely: Kulay Dugo Ang Gabi (1964), Sapakot’s Ikaw Ay Akin (1965), Pagsintang Labis (1967), Kapadot Ko Ang Akin Na! (1969), Darna Bastarda (1971), Babae Ikaw Ang Dahilan (1972), Pag-ibig Mo...Buhay Ko (1973) and Isang Gabi...Taong Babae (1974).

• Amalia wrote the stories of Talong Kasaysayan ng Pag-ibig (1966), a three-part film directed by Gerardo de Leon. She played the roles of Betty, Cynthia and Tina, opposite her then husband Romulo Vazquez. The story of Ito Ang Aming Kasunduan (1973) was Amalia’s idea, directed by Fely Caoe-Soto and topbilled by EddieRodriguez and Rosanna Ortsiz. Both movies were produced by AM Productions, Amalia’s film outfit.

• PNP Titanium Control of Training Cops. Philippine Public Safety College president Ricardo de Leon hands over the symbolic flag and the roster of trainees of the National Police Training Institute and its 18 Regional Training Centers across the country to PNP chief, Gen. Oscar Albayalde at the formal turn-over ceremony in Camp Gen. Vicente Lim, Calamba City on Oct. 7, 2019. Albayalde said the public was so time that the PNP took full responsibility for training policemen "to address current dysfunctions". (Photo by Saul E. Papa)

By Saul Papa

CAMP GEN. VICENTE LIM, CALAMBA CITY – The Philippines’ leading training institute now has the sole authority and control over the Police National Training Institute (PNTI) and 18 other regional training centers for cops following the formal turn-over rites on Monday here.

PNP chief, Gen. Oscar Albyalde, led the ceremonial turnover during his visit to the training institute, housed at the Calabarzon police regional command camp, which used to be under the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC).

Albayalde said it was "high time" that the PNP took full responsibility for training policemen "to address current dysfunctions".

He said the transfer would pave the way for and ensure that reforms and innovations in the police training program "are followed to the letter".

"With the PNTI now under the PNP, candidate patrolmen and women and active duty personnel undergoing mandatory in-service training will be able to learn skills, knowledge from a competent corps of instructors and professors coming from the ranks of active and retired PNP personnel," he said.

Police Maj. Gen. Ramon Raquel, PNP Director, said the institution has become the "catalyst for change" in the PNP's campaign on its rejuvenated internal cleansing program and as frontline and training ground for police non-commissioned officers.

"Today marks another milestone in the history of the PNTI for the official transfer to the PNP from the PPSC. This (transfer) now takes on the challenge of bigger responsibilities to the police organization and the community," Rafael said.

He said the institution is looking forward to keeping in step with the marching orders to train and mold police officers to become morally upright, disciplined, fit and competent.

"PNTI now aims to be the center of development for the new generation policing," he said.

Dr. Ricardo de Leon, president of the PPSC, said it is about time to transfer the PNTI to the PNP, citing the need to integrate the aspects in policing.

"We do not welcome ‘kotong’ (extortionist) cops in our midst," de Leon said, as he cited various reform programs that the PNTI had undertaken, including PNP’s upgrade and capacity building programs including a salary increase for the cops.

Republic Act 11279 signed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on April 12, 2019, paved the transfer of sole authority and jurisdiction of both the PNP Academy (Continued on page 6)
Web is changing lives in PH

BY DIVINA NOVA JOY
DELA CRUZ

THE Philippines can look forward to better and faster access to information and enhanced business processes as new technological trends and innovations, including improved connectivity, artificial intelligence and data analytics, unfold.

The latest industrial revolution sweeping the world will also change the lifestyle of Filipinos and the way businesses and local governments are run, experts said.

Christopher Monterola, head of the Asian Institute of Management's Abotit School of Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship, believes the entry of more telecommunication providers will lead to improved connectivity, easier access to data and cheaper internet services.

For Monterola, healthier competition will lead to faster and more affordable wi-fi services, allowing more Filipinos to connect online. This could open up possibilities such as easier access to information for entrepreneurial opportunities, mobile applications and smart cities.

"I feel that if properly regulated by the government — hopefully by 2020 — we would have a healthier telecom competition with the third and fourth player becoming relevant immediately, together with other independent broadband providers," Monterola said.

With this scenario, the cost of internet service at 3 megabits per second (Mbps) to 5 Mbps could be reduced from an average of P1,000 to P100 per month if the government strongly pushes for it, he added.

"I think this is a game changer and can induce equality. Since information is money and power, it will allow everyone to understand what are the trends, what are the opportunities," Monterola said. With the "democratization of information," more people will be able to access the internet, and innovation will not be limited to a few.

Randy Roberts, operations head of market research company IDC Philippines, said improved connectivity could help the economy grow. It is essential for the

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Public to gain access to products and services online, he noted, because 65 percent of the economy is projected to be digital by 2022. Those without access to the internet will be left out.

“In order for a country to grow in the digital world, they have to be connected just for information, for news, to get to government services, to get to healthcare, to get to banking, to buy products. It helps them, it helps the economy grow,” Roberts said.

Experts also pointed out that the entry of fifth generation cellular network technology (5G) would be key to increased connectivity. 5G is 10 times faster in speed, 10 times quicker in sending messages and information and has 10 times the capacity in accommodating multiple devices.

Digital transformation in businesses

Digital transformation is essential for businesses to thrive, with Roberts stressing that companies should keep up with digitalization of products and services. IDC studies in the past five years show 10 to 20 percent revenue growth for digitized companies across industries, compared to flat or declining revenues for those that bucked the trend. Profitability for digitized companies has also gone up by 20 to 40 percent, Roberts said.

“Clearly now, it’s an imperative that if you want to survive, almost regardless of the industry, you must go to a digital transformation of the business,” Roberts continued, explaining that consumers now prefer more convenient, efficient, paperless transactions that can be accessed online or from a smartphone.

Banking transactions that can be accessed through mobile applications, he pointed out, have gained popularity because customers no longer have to go to the bank and queue.

Cloud Phase 2

Cloud technology is also seen as one of the primary drivers for digital transformation, allowing companies to explore more innovation in enhancing the capabilities of their core systems. IBM Philippines Chief Technology Officer Lope Doromal said companies were now more confident in utilizing cloud technology and in trying out more aggressive changes in their essential functions.

“Now that the companies have tried out the cloud, they understand it better. We’re seeing now that they are more comfortable in terms of adopting cloud [technology] with their more traditional applications,” Doromal said.

He added that big companies now had the edge in creating new applications and exploring possibilities given increased confidence in cloud technology, which is more practical and more cost-efficient compared to installing physical infrastructure and data systems.

Artificial Intelligence and data analytics

The incorporation of artificial intelligence and data analytics is helping companies to analyze data and make informed decisions. This is particularly important in industries such as finance, healthcare, and manufacturing.

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Levitt and Mendicino: Friends of Filipinos

Liberal candidates Michael Levitt (York Centre) and Marco Mendicino (Eglinton Lawrence) always supportive to Filipino events and community activities such as, the procession around the Our Lady of Assumption Parish in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Penafrancia held September 21. PHOTO COURTESY OF Earl and Cha Dacara

Thanksgiving Visit to Lola Gloria Mendoza

Grandchildren: Standing - Bryce, Chantel, Jade, Presley, Kaillin, Cheska, Myles; Seated: Cole, Lola Gloria, Chloe and great grandkid Damian. (Not in photo - Carlos, Cassandra, Joey, Riley and Nico) PHOTO BY AURORA MENDOZA

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ficial intelligence (AI) in businesses, meanwhile, is seen to gain more prominence. Experts explained that the massive amounts of data collected from various sources globally need to be analyzed and configured to produce capability for software, programs and machines to make processes and services more productive and efficient.

Monterola said adopting AI and data analytics would be the trend in the coming year. “Companies will be forced to have a strong analytics initiative or team. Companies that are in denial with AI in the coming of Industry 4.0 in 2020, I expect, will suffer considerably in 2021,” he added.

Roberts, meanwhile, said AI was geared towards augmenting capabilities with its ability to take on repetitive and menial tasks. A prominent example would be customer service tasks at call centers, where AI could take calls or an online “chatbot” handle simple transactions such as balance inquiries. This, according to Roberts and Doromal, could benefit both customers and companies via more efficient transactions and productivity, leaving human agents to handle more complex tasks.

AI can also be beneficial for other sectors. Manufacturing processes could be improved. Even agriculture could benefit from increased mechanization and better crop monitoring.

Augmenting capabilities and upskilling

While there is fear that AI could replace workers, experts are optimistic that it will mean enhanced capabilities in the workplace and upskilling of the workforce. With AI taking over repetitive tasks, the workforce, to remain relevant, will need continuous retraining and learning.

Information technology and data analytics have seen new and growing demand. Among the jobs and skills that are seen to grow are in data science and analytics and cybersecurity. Since there is inadequate supply, experts cited the need for closer ties and collaboration among companies, the government and the academe to fill the gap.

In this regard, IBM has partnered with schools to help train students, Doromal said. AIM’s data science graduates, meanwhile, have started to share their learning in their communities, Monterola said.

Skills in demand are not only confined to the technical aspect. Creativity and analytical skills, Roberts underscored, can also be developed in the arts and humanities.

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Filipinos do not only consider Christmas and New Year as special occasions to gather the entire family. A child who has just left the family home would soon return on the first weekend after the big move. Filipino parents often look forward to seeing their children during special occasions and at simple get-togethers such as a Sunday lunch after church. It brings immeasurable happiness for parents to see their children and grandchildren gathered around the old family dining table for a sumptuous meal usually prepared the same old way.

Peace and harmony among siblings
One of the greatest gifts we can give to our parents is the feeling of peace and harmony among their offspring. Sibling rivalry is a part of life; however, parents would always wish for their love to spread strongly amongst their children. They do not want for their children to see growing up as a race to win against each other. To honour our parents is to spread their love among our brothers and sisters until the day they die.

A touch of simple luxury
Parents love receiving gifts from their offspring especially if the giver was a favourite child. So let’s indulge them with simple luxury such as an all-expenses paid vacation to their dream destinations or a new family car to replace the old one your parents used to drive the siblings to school. The smiles from your parents’ faces will remain a lasting memory.

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Polish bishops open beatification process for parents of St John Paul II

Krakow, Poland, Oct 10, 2019 / 04:01 pm (CNA).- The Polish bishops’ conference has agreed to begin the canonization process for the parents of Saint John Paul II.

The Polish episcopate made the announcement on Oct. 10, setting in motion the first steps for the beatification of John Paul II’s father, Karol Wojtyla, and mother, Emilia née Kaczorowska.

The next step will be to ask the Holy See to initiate the process of sainthood at the level of the Archdiocese of Cracow.

Karol, a Polish Army lieutenant, and Emilia, a school teacher, were married in Krakow Feb. 10, 1906. The Catholic couple gave birth to three children: Edmund in 1906; Olga, who died shortly after her birth; and Karol Junior in 1929. The family was known to be deeply religious and rejected the increasing anti-Catholicism of the time.

"Emilia Wojtyła graduated from the monastery school of the Sisters of Divine Love. With full dedication and love, she ran the house and looked after the sons Edmund and Karol," the conference said.

His father raised his sons alone until his death 12 years later. According to Catholic Online, Karol was a prayerful man and pushed Karol Jr. to be hardworking and studious. The father also took on family chores such as sewing his son’s clothes.

"Karol Wojtyła senior as a father was a deeply religious, hard-working and conscientious man. John Paul II repeatedly mentioned that he had seen his father kneeling and praying even at night. It was his father who taught him the prayer to the Holy Spirit which accompanied him to the end of his life," the conference said.

October is Holy Rosary Month

By Ben Cal

MANILA – October is Holy Rosary Month as declared by the Catholic Church and renewed its call to the faithful to pray the rosary daily to attain a genuine and lasting peace in the world.

Rev. Fr. Kit Ramirez of St. Jude Parish in Malacañang, Manila, quoted St. Padre Pio of Petrelcina, who said that the “Rosary is the weapon of our time” to fight evil forces, adding that “it is the form of prayer of the faithful to allow God to work on us.”

He also said that the Blessed Mother during the apparition at Fatima, Portugal to three little shepherds – Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco – to tell the people to pray the Rosary.

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency (PNA) Monday, Fr. Kit also called on the “faithful to allow God’s power to enter in our life so that love will prevail in our hearts.”

“We have to move and ask God to save us in these troubled times,” he added.

“Since we have free will, man is free to choose between good and evil so that it is very important for us to pray, especially the Rosary to ask God’s help to find the way of righteousness,” Fr. Kit said.

He expressed the hope that Filipino Catholics in their individual home will pray the Holy Rosary every day for the world to attain peace, and we will be delivered from dangers.”

The Rosary relates to the entire life of Jesus Christ on earth – His birth, teaching, passion, death, resurrection, and glory.

Fr. Kit said that the Holy Rosary is composed of four Mysteries – Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous.

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St. John Paul II's parents, Emilia and Karol Sr. Woyałwa

Emilia had received a formal religious education. Before she died of a heart attack and liver failure in 1929, the mother was a staple of faith for the house. At the time of her death, Karol Jr. was a month away from his ninth birthday.

“The immediate family strongly influenced spiritual and intellectual development of the future Pope,” the bishops’ conference said.

"Your sorrow will turn into joy," (John 16:20). Like the flight of many OPWs and other migrants, Our Lady’s journey was not without challenges: the 15-day delay due to the typhoon in the Philippines, the 5-day delay in Vancouver (the port of entry) due to rigorous inspection and finally the release of a certain Customs officer to release the statues citing insufficient documentation. With unwavering faith and prayers offered in unison by the devotees of Our Birhen Dolorosa in the Philippines and in Canada, the statues were eventually released to the custody of Philip Beloso on August 26, and joyous celebrations ensued thereafter.

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Gymnastics phenom Carlos Yulo wins historic gold on world stage

Carlos Yulo gave the Philippines its first gold medal in the world artistic gymnastics championships when he topped the floor exercise of the competition in Germany on Saturday.

The youngest competitor in this year’s event at 19, Yulo took the title with a winning margin of just 0.1 point ahead of silver medalist Artem Dolgopyat of Israel, while China’s Xiao Ruoteng claimed bronze at Hanns Martin Schleyer Hall in Stuttgart.

Yulo consistently posted controlled landings to post an impressive score of 15.300 points.

Raising the degree of difficulty from 6.2 to 6.5 paid dividends for Yulo as he outperformed Dolgopyat, who came into the final as the top qualifier.

Based in Tokyo, Yulo improved on last year’s bronze medal, which made him the first Filipino ever to occupy a podium spot at the championships.

Russia’s all-around champion, Nikita Nagornyy, blew the chance to win a second gold in 24 hours after picking up a 0.3-point penalty to finish sixth.

**Men’s Floor Final:**
1. Carlos Yulo, 15.3
2. Artem Dolgopyat, 15.2
3. Xiao Ruoteng, 14.933
4. Artur Dalaloyan, 14.8
5. Lin Chaopan, 14.7
6. Nikita Nagornyy, 14.666
7. Kim Hansol, 13.833
8. Dominic Cunningham, 13.566

The first individual apparatus final was the men’s Floor Exercise, and it’s a historic for as Carlos Edriel Yulo improves on his 2018 Yulo is on a hot streak of personal feats this week.

The 19-year-old punched a ticket to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics when he ranked high enough in the men’s individual all-around competition on Monday.

Then, performing against the world’s elite, he finished 10th in the competition’s final on Friday.

The floor exercise is considered Yulo’s strength, and with his victory over the weekend he also strengthened his reputation as a favorite in the Southeast Asian Games.

—With a report from Reuters

Carlos Yulo defies the odds to cop the country’s first ever gold medal in the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships. Photo from Jat Tenorio/Red Ox Media Events (inset photo credits: PSC-POC Media group.

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3 Reasons Why Renting Can Be Smarter Than Owning a Home in Retirement

By Carla Fried

If you’re nearing retirement, it’s likely that renting is a distant memory. But if your retirement plan includes making a move, renting might be a sweeter financial and lifestyle fit.

Among households with someone at least 65 years old, 8 in 10 are homeowners, according to Harvard’s Joint Center for Housing Studies. Yet retirement sometimes calls for flexibility, whether that’s the ability to downsize in your current location, relocate to be closer to the kids and grandkids, or chase better weather and/or a lower cost of living in another state. And these moves become harder if they necessitate putting your home on the market.

Use Your Gains to Stretch Your Retirement Savings

While homeownership is the dominant housing choice, more seniors are renting today. An analysis of government data by Rentcafe reports that the percentage of renters at least 60 years old increased more than 40% in the 10 years through 2017. That exceeded the 31% growth rate for homeowners of the same age. And some big cities saw more than double the average renter gain: renters ages 60+ rose more than 80% over the decade in Austin, Phoenix, Fort Worth, and Jacksonville.

If the cost of renting is lower than your annual housing costs, that’s obviously a financial win. (Factor a 3% annual rent increase into your calculations.) Moreover, if you have a boatload of equity in the home, selling today and renting means you could pile your gains from the sale into your pot of retirement savings. The profit from the sale can make it easier to delay starting Social Security until age 70 to lock in the highest possible benefit.

Don’t Underestimate the Cost of Home Ownership

If you’re thinking about selling your home and buying another, make sure you’re realistic about the costs involved. Plan to own without a mortgage? Great, but remember you’ve still got property tax, maintenance and insurance to contend with.

“When people come to me with a budget, the number one missing item is home maintenance,” says John Crumrine, a certified financial planner based in Shallotte, N.C. He says clients lose track of how much they spend on this because it’s not a fixed monthly outlay. He advises budgeting 1% to 2% of your home’s value for annual maintenance costs and adjusting it for inflation.

Moreover, you may find that home projects and chores that are DIY today—garden and lawn maintenance—will cost you more when you have to hire it out.

Why We Need Blankets to Sleep, Even When it’s Hot

By Jeremiah Rodriguez

TORONTO – No one likes tossing and turning at night, but one sleep expert says getting the right blanket can stop that.

Sleep consultant Alanna McGinn told CTV’s Your Morning that there is fairly documented science of why we need blankets to sleep – even when it’s summertime.

Quite simply, she said, using a blanket helps us to deal with our lower nightly core body temperatures. It also increases the serotonin and melatonin levels in our brain which helps relax us and fall asleep.

“Our circadian rhythm – that’s our natural sleep rhythm – is a huge driver for our sleep,” McGinn said. “It starts to lower our core body temperature at around 2 p.m.”

The body’s natural temperatures continue to drop through the evening; this happens later for night owls. But the problem is that it can make people feel too cold. That’s when having a nice blanket can help warm us up.

And in the past several years, a cottage industry has popped up revolting around weighted blankets which build upon another benefit of blankets.

“The firm pressure of the blankets activates the nervous system and releases serotonin – a chemical in the body that helps us feel calm and also helps to release melatonin, which is a natural sleep hormone that helps prepare us to sleep,” McGinn said.

BLANKETS ARE PART OF OUR NIGHTTIME ROUTINE

But she also pointed out that humans are “creatures of habit,” so there is a huge association to when most people used blankets as children. “We’re cuing to our body (and) cuing to our brain that it’s time to go to sleep because you got the blanket on,” she said.

McGinn says “we sleep better cooler” and that the ideal room temperature hovers between 19 to 23 Celsius.

She also recommended that “hot

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“Hello, Love, Goodbye,” the romantic drama movie that holds the record of being the highest-grossing Filipino film, is heading to Cannes, France for the 2019 MIPCOM, as ABS-CBN aims to showcase the movie among producers and film industry practitioners all over the world.

The Filipino blockbuster, which earned a worldwide gross of P880.60 million, follows the story of two young overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Hong Kong who find comfort in each other, while trying to hurdle personal challenges in the bustling metropolitan.

Critics have lauded the movie for being relatable and for putting the spotlight on the plight of OFWs. The performances of the film’s cast, particularly its main stars, Kathryn Bernardo and Alden Richards, also garnered glowing reviews.

Also in ABS-CBN’s showcase lineup are three of the network’s most watched TV series. These include “The Killer Bride,” “Sino Ang May Sala: Mea Culpa,” and “Kadenang Ginto.”

MIPCOM is an annual trade event in France, where content producers, buyers, financiers, and distributors in the fields of entertainment and advertising from all over the world, can connect, make deals, and learn future trends in the industry.

ABS-CBN’s content, popular for their heartfelt Filipino stories, are available across other territories through ABS-CBN International Distribution, recognized in the global arena as a reliable foreign content provider. It has been a premier source of high-quality Filipino programming in over 50 territories all over the world and has sold over 50,000 hours of content worldwide. Living up to this recognition, ABS-CBN International Distribution commits to add to its lineup of high-caliber programs and movies with cast and storylines that appeal to various cultures.


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McGinn even suggested that these groups use light-coloured blankets which absorb less light, and added that these sleepers should also consider cooling pads or blankets.

“it’s a lot of work,” she admitted, adding that everyone needs to find the right method for them to get a good night’s rest.

Maja Salvador Wins Best Actress in 1st Asia Contents Awards

Maja Salvador bagged the first ever Best Actress award for drama in the 1st Asia Contents Awards held in Busan, South Korea, for her portrayal of the lead character in the hit Philippine TV series, “Wildflower.”

Salvador, who is also the lone winner from the Philippines, portrayed the role of Lily Cruz who changed her identity to Ivy Agua, a feisty young woman out to avenge her parents’ death and fight the oppression brought by the cruel and corrupt Adriente clan.

Salvador and her show were the only nominees from the Philippines as “Wildflower” was also nominated in the Best Drama category.

“Wildflower” competed with other outstanding Asian TV series from South Korea, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Cambodia.

The 1st Asia Contents Awards recognized the region’s finest TV dramas that were produced in the last five years. It is organized by the renowned film festival Busan International Film Festival and Asian Film Market, an annual film market in South Korea.

“Wildflower” has begun airing in three French-speaking countries, including New Caledonia, Polynesia, and Reunion Islands, with the recent partnership of ABS-CBN with Amper sand fiction, a French content distributor and will soon air in Madagascar this October with ABS-CBN’s deal with Startimes.

“Wildflower” reigned supreme in Philippine prime-time TV for a year. Its main protagonist Ivy Agua/Lily Cruz was noted for her embodiment of women empowerment.

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sleepers” or “night sweaters” not sleep naked but instead use lighter, breathable fabrics when choosing blankets, bed sheets and pajamas. These fabrics can include flax, cotton or even bamboo.
Philippines wants to attract more cruise ships to its ports

Salomague Port in Ilocos Sur province, scheduled to open this month, will receive Royal Caribbean Cruises’ biggest ship in Asia in December; the “Spectrum of the Seas” will return again in January and February. PHOTO ROYAL CARIBBEAN

By Ditas Lopez

MANILA (BLOOMBERG) - The Philippines, a country of 7,000 islands where you’re rarely more than a few miles from the sea, wants a bigger slice of Asia’s growing cruise-tourism industry.

For years the South-east Asian nation has lagged behind its neighbours in attracting cruise visitors, partly because of spotty infrastructure. That’s bound to change as more ports are built and officials look at cruise tourism as a key source of arrivals.

Tourism accounted for 12.7% of the Philippines’ gross domestic product last year, reaching 7.2 million visitors for 2019.

Tourism has been growing in the south.” The Philippines’ cruise strategy focuses on Manila, Boracay and Puerto Prince sa, as well as potential new destinations in the northern part of Luzon, the country’s main island.

By 2022, according to the Department of Tourism, the Philippines’ cruise tourism, which was closed for six months last year for environmental rehabilitation, has reopened to tourists.

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Employment in tourism and related industries has been rising faster than overall job growth. Tourism accounted for about 13.4 per cent of Philippine jobs in 2018, projected to rise to 14.4 per cent by 2022, according to the Department of Tourism.

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"There is great potential in cruise tourism," Tourism Undersecretary Benito Bengzon told Bloomberg by e-mail. "While our Asian neighbours have the advantage of a regional land connectivity, our archipelago is ideal for cruise tourism."

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Doug Peng, Manager of a Canadian based PEO Agency

The simple answer is CANADA.

This has nothing to do with which is a better country, which has more opportunities, or which is more accepting of immigrants. It has to do with which country allows you to live there permanently as oppose to kicking you out after a few years.

Many foreigners seek the American dream and go to the United States to study at a great American university, or work at a great American company like Apple, Google or Microsoft under an H-1B or L1 work visa. What they don’t realize is that it’s next to impossible to obtain US permanent residency (i.e. Green Card) after they arrive.

I manage a Canadian based PEO agency that assists many foreign H-1B workers in the United States to immigrate to Canada by moving their highly paid US jobs over to Canada because they are about to be kicked out of that country as US immigration clamps down on H-1B and L1 workers.

Many are still waiting for their Green Card applications to be processed after having worked in the US for 6–12 years, got married and even having US born children. A common theme I encounter is "My children are born in America. They will die if they have to move back to my home country which they haven’t even visited in their life. I desperately need to come to Canada before we get kicked out of the US ."

I met a young Venezuelan who graduated from a Canadian university and is now a Canadian PR working in Canada. He told me that he has many Venezuelan friends who studied at a US university but must now return back to Venezuela as they aren’t allowed to stay after graduation and having worked in the US for a year.

When you think long term, the obvious choice is Canada. ■
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