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B.C.'s minimum wage increases to \$18.25, June 1

Province's minimum wage remains among Canada's highest

VICTORIA - As of Monday, June 1, 2026, the province's general minimum wage will rise to \$18.25 an hour.

Types of wages affected

The increase of just over 2.1% raises the general minimum wage from \$17.85 to \$18.25 per hour. The same percentage increase applies to the minimum rates for resident caretakers, live-in home-support workers, live-in camp leaders and app-based ride-hailing and delivery service workers.

The minimum agricultural piece-rate wages for the hand harvesting of specified crops will increase by just over 2.1% on Dec. 31, 2026. The Dec. 31 date for the annual increase to the minimum piece rates ensures crop producers will

not need to adjust wages in the middle of the harvesting season.

Context for this increase

* The Province is committed to a minimum wage structure that benefits the lowest-paid workers, while providing employers with certainty and predictability.

* Changes were made to the Employment Standards Act in 2024 to ensure annual minimum wage increases occur automatically based on B.C.'s average monthly inflation rate from the previous year.

* Approximately 141,300 employees in B.C. earned the minimum wage or less in 2025.

* These increases have moved B.C. from near the bottom to among the highest

minimum wages in Canada.

Learn More:

* For details on this year's minimum wage increase, read the news release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026LBR0002-000191>

* For minimum-wage rules in B.C., visit: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-\(https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/wages/minimum-wage\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-(https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/wages/minimum-wage))

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Surrey updates bylaw to improve flexibility on water restrictions

Surrey, B.C.– On Monday, Council amended Surrey’s Drinking Water Conservation Plan bylaw to provide greater flexibility in implementing water conservation measures while continuing to balance community needs and conditions. The updates maintain alignment with the Greater Vancouver Water District’s regional water conservation framework, while allowing the City to better respond to local circumstances during periods of high-water demand.

“This year, Stage 2 water restrictions were implemented earlier than usual across the region, and we heard from residents and business owners about the importance of flexibility in balancing water conservation with public activities during the early summer,” Mayor Brenda Locke said. “This update ensures we can continue to manage water responsibly while taking local circumstances into account.”

Key bylaw updates include:

- Expanding residential lawn - watering hours under Stage 1 from 5a.m. to 7a.m. to 5a.m. to 8a.m.
 - Allowing special sprinkling permits during Stage 2, with extensions permitted in Stage 3
 - Allowing filling and topping up of small residential pools (≤5,000 litres) during Stage 3
 - Maintaining access to cooling measures, including spray parks, misting stations, and municipal pools at all stages
 - Clarifying exceptions for municipal operations and construction activity during Stages 1,2,3
- The updated bylaw clarifies that the City has the authority to activate water restriction stages to reflect local conditions.
- The City will continue to keep residents and businesses informed about watering restrictions. If Surrey’s restrictions differ from

CITY OF SURREY WATER RESTRICTIONS All permitted watering must be conducted using a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off device, unless stated otherwise. For commercial and government uses, visit surrey.ca/sprinkling for details.

WATER USE	WATER CONSERVATION LEVEL			
	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
LAWNS	Residential: Even # Addresses: Saturdays Odd # Addresses: Sundays Automatic: 5am to 8am Manual: 6am to 9am Non-residential: Even # Addresses: Mondays Odd # Addresses: Tuesdays Automatic: 4am to 6am Manual: 6am to 9am	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
SPECIAL SPRINKLING PERMIT (New Lawn & Reinstatement Treatment)	Permitted	Permitted	Permit is still valid and can be renewed. NO NEW PERMITS	PERMIT NO LONGER VALID
FLOWERS, SHRUBS, TREES	With Sprinkler (any day): Residential: 5am to 9am Non-Residential: 4am to 9am All other watering types: Any day, anytime	With Sprinkler (any day): Residential: 5am to 9am Non-Residential: 4am to 9am All other watering types: Any day, anytime	SPRINKLER OR SOAKER HOSES NOT PERMITTED All other watering types: Any day, anytime	NOT PERMITTED
EDIBLE PLANTS (vegetables & fruit trees)	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
WASHING VEHICLES OR BOATS	Permitted	Permitted	Only for safety reasons	Only for safety reasons
POWER WASHING (driveways, patios, sidewalks, or exterior)	Permitted	Permitted	To prepare surface for works, for health or safety reasons	Only if ordered by regulatory authority
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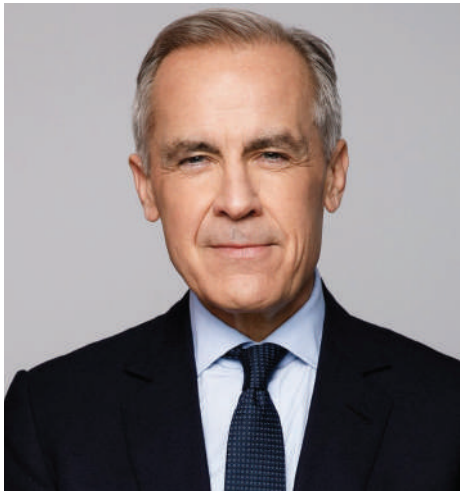
regional measures, the City will share additional updates, so people know what rules apply.

Residents and businesses found in violation of the restrictions will receive warnings. Repeat or serious offenders will be issued fines

in accordance with established bylaw procedures to ensure water is preserved for essential uses, including firefighting. Learn more about the water restrictions in Surrey at surrey.ca/sprinkling.



Greetings on Eid al-Adha (May 27)



Prime Minister Mark Carney

“Today, Muslims across Canada and around the world will celebrate the beginning of Eid al-Adha. This sacred day, also known as the Feast of Sacrifice, marks the end of the Hajj pilgrimage.

Eid al-Adha is a celebration of compassion, generosity, and service. These are values that are fundamental to Canada and at the heart of Canadian Muslims’ contributions to building a stronger, more prosperous future for all.

I wish a blessed and happy Eid al-Adha to all those celebrating. Eid Mubarak.”
(PM website)



Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture and Minister responsible for Official Languages

“Today, Muslim communities in Canada and around the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha, a lively celebration where members of the community come together and express their gratitude.

Beginning early in the morning with the Eid prayer, this holy day on the Islamic calendar marks the Hajj, the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Marked by compassion, solidarity and hope, this holiday is an opportunity for Muslims to gather, dress in new

clothes carefully chosen for the occasion, share festive meals, and give generously to those in need. Also known as the Feast of Sacrifice or Greater Eid, Eid al-Adha is a deeply spiritual time when everyone is invited to celebrate with joy.

On this occasion, we wish to reaffirm our support for Muslim communities across the country, which still too often face discrimination and Islamophobia. We believe that it is a fundamental right for all members of a community to be able to express their culture, beliefs and faith in complete safety, and we reiterate that no form of violence or hatred is tolerated in Canada.

Diversity is one of our country’s greatest strengths. It enriches us as a whole and helps us build a strong future for generations to come. The traditions and experiences that make up our society break down barriers between people and invigorate the social fabric, making our communities more welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

I wish all Muslims in Canada a wonderful Eid al-Adha filled with peace and celebrations. Eid Mubarak!” (*canada.ca*)



B.C. Premier David Eby

Premier David Eby has issued the following statement recognizing Eid al-Adha:

“Today in B.C. and around the globe, Muslims will gather together to mark Eid al-Adha, one of the holiest festivals in the Muslim calendar.

“This sacred time, also known as badi Eid, or the Feast of Sacrifice, is a time to remember the devotion of the Prophet Ibrahim, and to celebrate the conclusion of the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

“Many families observe this time of joy and thankfulness with prayers and with charitable giving, and by gathering together with friends and family for festive meals.

“During this time of celebration, I know many will be thinking of people they care about who are overseas and affected by global conflict. We join with them in wishing for peace and safety for people in Middle East and around the world.” (*news.gov.bc.ca*; photo of Eid Mubarak from flickr.com)



City staff to explore free introductory swim lessons for Surrey children

Surrey, B.C. – Council on Monday unanimously endorsed a motion from Mayor Brenda Locke directing staff to advance a new initiative that would make the first three levels of City swim lessons free for Surrey children ages three to 12.

The initiative builds on Surrey’s ongoing investments in pools, recreation services, water safety, and family-focused affordability measures. It is intended to

remove entry-level cost barriers and help more children gain the confidence and skills they need to be safe in and around the water.

“Learning to swim is not a luxury. It is a life skill,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “As one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, Surrey has a responsibility to ensure families have access to recreation programs that support safety and healthy childhood development.

Making introductory swim lessons free is a practical step that supports affordability while strengthening public safety across our city.”

The motion directs staff to report back on implementation details, including program uptake, registration processes, instructor capacity, waitlist impacts, and budget considerations, with the goal of launching the program on July 1.

The City currently operates five indoor pools and eight outdoor pools and is building the new \$310-million Newton Community Centre, which will include a 50-metre competition pool and a leisure pool. Surrey also continues to recruit and train qualified swim instructors to support current and future program demand.

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Former Comelec chief Andres Bautista under Canadian custody pending US extradition

NEW YORK — Former Commission on Elections chairman Juan Andres “Andy” Bautista has been under Canadian custody for more than two and a half years and currently faces possible extradition to the United States, documents obtained by GMA News Online showed.

According to a ruling by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Canada, Justice Catrina Braid ordered in August 2025 the “committal of Mr. Bautista into custody to await surrender” in connection with a United States extradition request.

Bautista was arrested in Canada on September 28, 2023, pursuant to a provisional warrant after a criminal complaint was filed in Florida against him on September 19, 2023.

The United States is seeking Bautista’s extradition to stand trial in Florida over allegations that he received bribes from companies awarded contracts to supply voting machines and election services for the 2016 Philippine elections. He later allegedly laundered the money through a bank account linked to Baumann Enterprises, a company he partly owns.

“In 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Florida began investigating Mr. Bautista for bribery and money laundering. During its investigation, Homeland Security established a connection between two shell companies and the company that was awarded contracts for election equipment and services [in the Philippines],” the court document read.



“In August 2016, these shell companies tried to send \$2 million USD to the Baumann Account,” it added.

US authorities claim Bautista received kickbacks from companies awarded election contracts. Alleged bribe money was transferred to the Baumann account, including \$960,000 used to purchase a property in San Francisco.

The court document stated that Bautista failed to declare his interest in Baumann Enterprises in his statement of assets during his tenure as a Philippine government official.

Bautista argued that there was no evidentiary link between money used to purchase the San Francisco property and the alleged bribe proceeds.

However, Braid said in the ruling, “I find that the respondent took steps to facilitate the deposit of funds into the Baumann Account, for which he is a signatory... These acts constitute the actus reus (guilty act) of the money

laundering offense.”

Cited as circumstantial evidence with Bautista’s “intent to convert” the proceeds include an August 2016 email wherein he “tried to facilitate the deposit of funds into the Baumann account,” and his alleged attempt to convince bank officials that transfers were “legitimate funds.”

The Ontario Superior Court ruled that there was sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case for money laundering under Canadian law.

“For all of these reasons, I find that there is sufficient evidence on every essential element of the parallel Canadian offence upon which a jury, properly instructed, could convict. Identity has also been established. Pursuant to Section 29 of the Extradition Act, I order the committal of Mr. Bautista into custody to await surrender,” Braid wrote in the ruling.

Bautista argued that a newer indictment filed in Florida in August 2024 had superseded earlier US documents and made the Record of the Case

unreliable.

He also claimed that the extradition process amounted to an abuse of process. However, the court rejected those arguments, ruling that Canadian extradition proceedings are based on the Authority to Proceed issued by Canada’s Justice Minister, not on US indictments or foreign legal procedures.

Braid also ruled that Bautista failed to meet the high legal threshold required to compel further disclosure in extradition proceedings.

The court said the additional bank documents submitted by US authorities were consistent with the allegations and did not establish “manifest unreliability” in the prosecution’s evidence.

The court documents do not specify the exact detention facility or his precise current location.

The ruling confirms that he remains under Canadian custody while awaiting the next phase of the extradition process.

A US federal court case against Bautista remains pending while Canadian extradition proceedings continue.

Meanwhile, his co-accused Roger Alejandro Pinate Martinez, Jorge Miguel Vasquez, Elie Moreno, and SGO Corporation Limited are scheduled to attend a status conference on May 28, 2026, before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. (D. Llavanes Jr/ VDV/ KG, GMA News; Photo from philippinenewsupdate.com. blogspt.com)

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Snippet of Stories

Joe Larano Jr.

What Goes Up Must Go Down

Mike Nebres, a 38-year-old engineer from Jaro, Iloilo, arrived in Canada in the late 2010s with his wife and two teenage daughters. He came with professional training, family hope, and the determination common to many Filipino migrants who rebuild their lives in a new country. In Canada, however, credentials and experience often begin again at the starting line.

In Richmond's industrial and business parks, where warehouses stretch like corridors of movement and precision, Mike's first Canadian job was far from engineering. He worked as a cleaner in a large logistics facility. The transition was not easy. From reviewing technical drawings, he now found himself sweeping warehouse floors, sanitizing loading docks, and maintaining order in spaces that rarely noticed the person behind the work.

At first, he carried the weight of contrast. The idea of "going up in life" seemed distant, while daily routines placed him at the lowest operational level of the system. Yet, over time, he began to observe something important. The warehouse itself functioned like a living structure. What appeared "high" in management depended entirely on the unseen work at ground level. The saying he often heard, "What goes up must go down," began to take on a deeper meaning.

After a few years of steady performance, Mike was promoted to maintenance assistant. The role gave him exposure to equipment systems, safety operations, and facility coordination. He applied his engineering background quietly, not as authority, but as insight. He began to understand that in every system, whether architectural or industrial,

stability depended on balance between elevation and foundation. Then came an unexpected descent.

The company underwent restructuring. Mike, despite his reliability, was laid off. The rise he had begun to experience was interrupted by a sudden fall. For a family man with responsibilities, the impact was immediate. Uncertainty replaced routine. He took temporary jobs across different warehouses, often in night shifts, trying to keep stability for his family. During this period, challenges multiplied. Long working hours led to physical fatigue and recurring back pain. Emotional strain followed especially the difficulty of explaining to his daughters why stability seemed fragile despite effort and education. There were moments when he questioned whether progress in a new country was truly linear or simply cyclical.

Yet, even in this downward phase, Mike began to reinterpret the meaning of descent. He realized that falling was not always failure; sometimes it was repositioning. Like gravity in architecture, downward force was not destruction but part of balance.

Eventually, he was rehired by another logistics company in Richmond. He started again in a lower position, but this time without resistance. His previous experience allowed him to work more efficiently, and his engineering mindset helped him identify practical improvements in workflow and safety. Supervisors began to



notice not just his skills, but his consistency under pressure.

Over the years, Mike progressed steadily, first into team coordination, then operations leadership, and eventually facility supervision. He became responsible for managing systems, staff, and daily logistics across a large warehouse facility. Ironically, his journey had come full circle; from working at the base of operations to overseeing the

entire structure.

Still, he did not forget the earlier descent. It shaped his perspective. He no longer viewed success as a permanent rise. Instead, he saw it as a continuous movement. Like a cycle of elevation and grounding. In his mind, "what goes up must go down" was

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Drive & Dish President John Raganit Pays Courtesy Call on Mayor Brenda Locke, Spotlighting Community Support and Surrey's Next Steps

By John Raganit

SURREY — In an era when civic life can feel distant from everyday residents, a quiet but meaningful meeting at Surrey City Hall offered a reminder that community-building still happens face-to-face.

On May 27, John Raganit, President of the Drive & Dish Basketball Club, made a courtesy visit to Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke at her office—an in-person gesture of appreciation for the Mayor's ongoing support of the Drive & Dish Basketball community, its youth programming, and its broader mission of mentorship through sport. Raganit was later joined by

Rey Fortaleza of Reyfort Media Group and Councillor Rob Stutt, underscoring that the visit was not only a thank-you, but also a respectful check-in on the city's direction at a time when residents are asking for clearer results on safety, housing, and trust in public institutions.

While the tone remained cordial and community-focused, Raganit used the opportunity to ask the Mayor direct questions that many Surrey families are asking—especially parents, newcomers, volunteers, and small community organizations trying to navigate a fast-growing city. During the cordial, community-focused meeting, Mayor Locke emphasized her key priorities and



(L-R) Pres. John Raganit of Drive & Dish Basketball club, Mayor Brenda Locke of Surrey, Councillor Rob Stutt and Rey Fortaleza of Reyfort Media Group/Acting President of Fil-Can Cultural Heritage Society.

commitments:

Top priorities: public safety; housing and infrastructure that keep pace with growth; stronger accountability and service delivery at City Hall.

Measurable actions: public dashboards tracking timelines/budgets/milestones; visible safety initiatives with reporting on response times and neighbourhood trends; faster delivery of core services and housing/construction approvals to reduce bottlenecks while maintaining standards.

Public safety and well-being: a coordinated approach with the Province, health authorities, and non-profits, including integrated frontline response teams (police, mental health, outreach), stronger coordination tables with clear responsibilities and measurable outcomes, and

better collaboration pathways and support for community organizations.

Housing affordability and growth management: increasing purpose-built rental supply through more predictable approvals; encouraging more family-sized units (2-3 bedrooms) in new developments; and ensuring growth is matched with infrastructure and amenities through fair development contributions and coordination with schools and transit partners.

Transparency and trust: committing to clearer public reporting on major projects, budgets, and performance, alongside stronger procurement and oversight practices to build accountability and public confidence.

A civic moment rooted in community

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no longer a warning, but a truth about equilibrium. Every rise requires grounding. Every success is supported by unseen effort below it.

Today, Mike often walks through the warehouse floors he once cleaned. He watches operations unfold; the movement of goods, the coordination of teams, the rhythm of industry. He understands now that no position stands alone. Everything above is sustained by something below. His story

is not only about rising from cleaner to supervisor. It is about understanding that life itself is shaped by both ascent and descent, and that neither defines worth without the other.

In that understanding, Mike Nebres stands grounded yet elevated in wisdom, proudly Filipino-Canadian, shaped by movement in both directions. Strengthened by the knowledge that true success is not the absence of falling, but the ability to rise with meaning after every fall.

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And don't forget Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) or even Multi-Factor (MFA). That extra layer of code can save your account.

Computer Dean's Simple Rule:

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Closing Thought: “The strongest password isn't the one you can remember — it's the one criminals can't guess.”

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Council approves contracts to widen King George for future BRT

Surrey, B.C.– The City of Surrey has awarded \$1.26 million in contracts for road widening along King George Boulevard to support the future construction of the Bus Rapid Transit project. The contract includes widening King George Boulevard between 72 Avenue and 76 Avenue by adding a third southbound lane. This road upgrade will improve traffic flow and provide better access to businesses along the west side of the corridor, like the access provided by the existing third northbound lane on the east side.

"Investing in this road work is an important step toward preparing

for Bus Rapid Transit system in Surrey," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The additional southbound lane on King George Boulevard will address current traffic congestion while improving access to local businesses including major destinations like Costco."

Road work is expected to start in June and be completed by the end of summer.

Earlier this month, Council approved advancing the King George Boulevard BRT project to full design. The future line will run along a 19-kilometre corridor with 12 stations from City Centre to Semiahmoo Town Centre, providing fast, frequent transit service for residents and commuters.

Public consultation conducted earlier this year by TransLink showed strong community support for the project, with 84 per cent of respondents saying it will improve transportation. Visit surrey.ca/brt to learn more about the King George Boulevard BRT project.



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*The Tall Order
By Mon Datol*

Walang 'Senate coup' Cayetano, lider pa rin; Imee Marcos 'kinuyog' sa con-ass video; Macoleta kinasuhan ng plunder at indirect bribery ng Ombudsman; 25 testigo ihaharap vs VP Sara, hanggang Hunyo 1 dapat sagutin Senate impeachment summons; Francis Tolentino, bagong acting DOLE secretary

Inihayag ni Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano ngayong Lunes, Mayo 25, na siya parin lider ng senado at solido pa rin ang samahan ng 13-miyembrong majority bloc ng Senado sa gitna ng usap-usapan tungkol sa posibleng pagbabago muli ng liderato sa kapulungan. Ibig sabihin nuon ay..

Buo pa '13 wala pang naghuhudas.' Lamat meron na Kabayan.

Nitong weekend, lakas usap-usapang magkakaroon nga ng 'bagong coup' ngayong Lunes para mapalitan si Alan Cayetano bilang lider ng Senado dahil nga may balitang 3 miyembro ng majority ang lilipat sa tropa nina Tito Sen, Ping at Kiko, pero, di nangyari dahil...

Si Win G gusto nina Tito Sen dahil umay na sila sa Keso.

Kinastigo ng 10 miyembro ng minority bloc sa pangunguna ni Sen. Migz Zubiri ang privilege speech ni Sen. Imee Marcos dahil sa video presentation nito na umano'y planong Constituent Assembly (Con-ass) upang mapahaba ang termino ng mga halal na opisyal ng gobyerno na tinawag niyang...

Unparliamentary, opinionated at daming peke.

Ayon pa kay Zubiri ay hindi siya pumapayag sa pagsusog sa Konstitusyon at kontra rin umano sila sa minority bloc sa Cha-cha, taliwas sa sinasabi ni Imee, kaya nga tanong pa nito ke Imee Marcos ay...

"Inday Badiday na ba tayo dito sa Senado?" tanong ni Migz.

Sa privilege speech ni Sen. Marcos, nagpresenta ito ng video kung saan nagkaroon umano ng pulong sina dating Senate president Tito Sotto III at House Speaker Bojie Dy III noong Abril 22, 2026 kung saan pinag-usapan daw ang Con-ass at term extension at ok daw yon sa mga senador. "Sana tinanong kung pumayag ba ako?" giit naman ni Sotto, dahil...

'Golf talk' main topic nina Tito Sen at Speaker Bodjie.

Nagsalita rin si Sen. Ping Lacson dahil parang lumabas na siya ang source ng sinabi ni Lito Banayo na kasama sa video. Aniya, nag-lunch sila kamakailan ni Banayo at naikuwento niya ang biruan sa Con-ass, at, itinuring naman ni Sen. Raffy Tulfo na 'hao shao' ang video presentation ni Sen. Marcos. meaning...

'Peke,' 'di tutuo. Fake News.

Kinontra naman ni Sen. Rodante Marcoleta ang pagpapabura sa video presentation ni Sen. Marcos pero nabalewala na yon dahil ang nag-mosyon na alisin na ang video sa record ng Senado, sa 'atas' ng Ambassador ng Lord of the Senate, ay si...

Manang Biday, este, Sen. Imee 'Manga' Lason, mismo.

Sinampahan na ng Ombudsman ng plunder at indirect bribery si Senador Rodante Marcoleta kaugnay ng natanggap umano nitong P75 milyong campaign donations sa 2025 midterm elections kasama mga donors na sina dating Cong. Mike Defensor at sina Joseph Varias Espiritu at Aristotle Baluyut Viray.

Lusot kaso sa Comelec, pero sa Ombudsman papasok.

Ayon kay SP Alan Cayetano, may 10 calendar days o hanggang Hunyo 1 si VP Sara Duterte upang sagutin ang writ of summons kaugnay ng impeachment case laban sa kanya.

Umpisa na ng 'bloodbath' ni Inday Sara. Madugo 'to.

Posibleng umabot sa 25 testigo ang ihaharap ng House prosecution panel laban kay VP Sara sa nalalapit na impeachment trial sa Senado at ayon kay lead prosecutor Rep. Gerville Luistro, maaaring tumagal ng tatlong buwan ang paglilitis, pero, tumanggi siyang tukuyin ang mga pangalan ng mga testigo.

Sekreto muna 'identities' mga testigo.

In-appoint ni PBBM si ex-Sen. Francis Tolentino bilang acting-Sec. ng Department

of Labor and Employment (DOLE) nitong Lunes kapalit ni DOLE Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma ayon kay PPO Undersecretary Claire Castro dahil sa isyung...

Kalusugan hindi sa katiwalian. Pramis.

Sinabirinni USEC Claire Castro na wala pang natatanggap na kumpirmasyon ang Malacañang kung babalik sa puwesto si dating DILG Secretary Benhur Abalos upang palitan ang kasalukuyang kalihim na si Jonvic Remulla.

Sisibakin nga ba si Jonvic? True or False? Abangan.

SHORT ORDER: Happiest Birthday (May 25) Kabayang Evelyn Jose-Panahon, sis of mate Lito, Dennis, Jeffrey Jose of Jaen, Nueva Ecija. ...HBeerday colleague Arman Armero (May 25) of Manila...Happy birthday (May 24) to Kabayang Yolly Bantug of Jaen, NE... Happy birthday (May 24) to veteran Photojournalist Rick Nicolas of QC & Bulacan. Tagay na brad!!!... **God Bless.**





A New Voice for Port Coquitlam: Meet Dehara Thompson

By Janice Lozano



Dehara Thompson. Port Coquitlam parent, coach, mentor and community builder. Candidate for Port Coquitlam City Council, October 2026. PoCo Built. Community Led

In every generation, certain people step forward not because they seek power, but because they feel called to serve. In Port Coquitlam, one of those voices is emerging through the candidacy of Debara Thompson — a proud half-Filipino community leader, mother, former professional athlete, and longtime advocate whose life has been deeply rooted in service, resilience, and community connection.

As Port Coquitlam continues to grow and evolve, many residents are looking for leadership that is grounded, compassionate, accessible, and reflective of the diverse families who now call the city home. For many, Debara Thompson represents exactly that.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to a Filipina mother from Kawit, Cavite and a South African father, Thompson's story is one shaped by immigration, sacrifice, culture, and perseverance. Raised in a deeply Filipino household surrounded by titas, cousins, music, food, laughter, and the spirit of bayanihan, she learned from an early age that community is not simply something you participate in — it is something you actively build and protect.

Those values continue to define her today.

Now raising her own family in Port Coquitlam, Thompson has spent years serving her community through nonprofit leadership, youth mentorship, sports administration, recreation advocacy, coaching, and grassroots community work. Long before entering politics, she was already deeply invested in the wellbeing of families, seniors,

youth, and underserved residents throughout the city.

Her decision to run for City Council did not come from political ambition alone. It came from years of witnessing where gaps still exist.

"I looked around and realized there were still many voices missing from the table," Thompson shared. "Families struggling with affordability. Seniors experiencing isolation. Young people unable to access recreation because of cost. Communities who did not always feel represented at City Hall. I knew I wanted to help change that."

What makes Thompson's candidacy resonate so strongly with many residents is not just her platform, but the authenticity behind it.

She speaks openly about the realities of balancing motherhood, career, advocacy, and community leadership. She understands what it means to work hard quietly, consistently, and without recognition — values deeply familiar to many Filipino-Canadian families.

Her campaign focuses heavily on the everyday issues residents face:

- Affordable and attainable housing
- Safer streets and stronger community safety
- Accessible recreation and sports programming
- Support for seniors and young families
- Environmental stewardship and infrastructure
- Fiscal responsibility and accountable leadership

But beyond policy, Thompson is also bringing something increasingly rare in politics: genuine human connection.

She talks about cooking for loved ones, cheering loudly at her children's games, showing up for neighbours, and building relationships through conversation and community gatherings. Her belief is simple yet powerful: politics should never feel disconnected from real people's lives.

"Politics is the vehicle," she says. "Community is the destination."

For the Filipino community across British Columbia, Thompson's candidacy also carries deeper significance.

Representation matters.



Family at Big 4-0 Basketball Champions "My family is my reason for everything. Cheering from the sidelines, celebrating wins together and showing up for each other, that is what it is all about. This is what I am fighting for when I fight for Port Coquitlam."



One of the privileges of this campaign has been connecting with remarkable women in leadership across British Columbia. Moments like these remind me why representation matters and why I am proud to step forward

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Filipinos join growing temporary foreign workers in Canadian farms

By Carlito Pablo

They grow and harvest the food served on Canadian plates.

Like the cyclical nature of the agriculture industry that employs them, temporary foreign workers (TFWs) come and go mostly after the season is done.

Because it's tough to get Canadian citizens and permanent residents to work on the farm, TFWs are essential to keeping food production going.

For years, the Philippines has been a source of agricultural workers to Canada as employers face chronic labour shortages.

Though not as numerous as TFWs from South American and Caribbean countries, Filipinos have a substantial presence in Canadian farms.

In 2025, according to information released by Statistics Canada on May 7, 2026, the agriculture sector employed a total of 77,088 TFWs, of whom more than 40 percent are from Mexico.

During that year, Filipino TFWs in agriculture were the sixth largest, numbering 2,355.

Based on the same Statistics Canada information, the Philippines sent a little over the said number in 2023 and 2024.

In 2016, Filipino agricultural workers were counted at 1,652.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) highlighted the role of TFWs in a June 2024 report titled "Harvesting a solution: mitigating agricultural labour shortages".



Canadian agriculture in 2025 employed 77,088 temporary foreign workers, including more than 2,000 from the Philippines. Photo by Statistics Canada.

"As an important sector in the Canadian economy, the inability of agri-businesses to secure local workers is concerning. The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council estimates that there will be more than 100,000 vacant jobs in the agriculture sector by 2030," the report stated.

"This is not surprising given the already limited availability of domestic labour in agriculture, which will only diminish with Canada's population ageing."

This situation leaves agri-businesses "little choice but to turn to workers from outside Canada".

"Foreign workers play a key role in narrowing the domestic labour gap, thereby having a direct impact on food security,

agricultural workers in Canada were Mexico (47.9 percent), Jamaica (17.1 percent), Guatemala (17 percent), Philippines (2.2 percent) and Thailand (two percent).

The same report noted a low transition rate to permanent resident (PR) status for agricultural workers.

It noted that about 14 percent of the 2013 entry cohort made a transition to PR in the five-year period following first entry to Canada from 2014 to 2018.

In comparison, the transition rate to PR within the first five-year period was 10.3 percent for the 2005 cohort.

In 2020, the federal government launched the Agri-Food Pilot program to provide a pathway for PR status for workers in special occupations.

The government accepted 2,750 applications to the program each year before capping it to 1,010 in 2025.

The Agri-Food Pilot ended on May 14, 2025.

Meantime, Canada will continue to rely on TFWs when Canadians and permanent residents are not available to work in farms.

sustainability and the economic development of the sector," the CFIB report stated.

An April 28, 2021 study by Statistics Canada titled "Foreign workers in the Canadian agriculture industry" shows a steady increase in TFWs in Canadian farms.

The report noted that the share of TFWs in agriculture more than doubled from 6.2 percent in 2005 to 13.2 percent by 2014.

The proportion increased further to 16.1 percent in 2017.

"The number of foreign workers employed in agriculture increased from 17,200 in 2005 to 50,800 in 2017," the report stated.

In 2017, the top five source countries for

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Tinig Migrante

By E. Maestro

“When it rains, it pours.”

I think that this expression is an apt description of what we are seeing – meaning a number of bad things happening at the same time. At sa mga nangyayari, nabanggit nga ng isang kaibigan, hind mo alam kung ika'y matatawa, magagalit, mahihiya, o maudyok na ibangga ang ulo mo sa pader!

Nagkaroon ng Senate coup nitong May 11 at tinanghal ang bagong Senate President na si Alan Cayetano at pinaalis si Tito Sotto. Very convenient, ika nga dahil sa inaasahang pagpasa ng impeachment case ni VP Sara sa Senado.

And to make sure this was done, Bato de la Rosa came out from under the rock he was hiding under and delivered his vote for Cayetano. Bilib ka naman, absent na siya mula Nobyembre 2025, tapos pumasok muli sa escuela, I mean, sa trabaho sa senado nitong Mayo 2026, at sumusweldo pa siya!

And then the amazing race happened inside the Senate with Bato running to escape being served with the warrant of arrest from the International Criminal Court. Was he not the same Bato who wanted to be with his Tatay Digong in jail at the Hague? And the panic cries of the lack of due process, of the ICC having no jurisdiction, and the grim reality of “Huli ka!”

Ang linaw naman na tinulungan siya ng kaniyang mga kaibigang Senador kaya nakatakas mula sa building ng Senado. Nasaan na si Bato? Your guess is as good as mine. Pugante na siya. Fugitive. Bakit siya binigyan ng “protective custody” ni Alan Cayetano?

Iniiimbestiga pa ang putukan diumano sa Senado, ang “We are under attack, etc.” ni Alan Cayetano, ang Best Acting Award ni senador Pia Cayetano at ang pagsalo at pagtulong ng mga senador na makatakas si Bato. Nakakagalit.

Galit ang taumbayan. Maging sa online. Maging sa labas. Nag-martsa sa kalye at sinigaw na Arestuhin si Bato, at siyempre Impeach Sara D. Ang tanong: Bakit kung ordinaryong Pilipino ang hinuhuli, mabilis pa sa alas-kuatro, walang kuwenta ang due process at pag-respeto sa



human rights, kulong kaagad, o patay kaagad? Bakit tagilid ang sistema ng hustisya? Bakit binaboy ang institusyon ng senado at ginawang sanctuary ng politiko charged with mass murder?

Pumunta pa si Bato sa Supreme Court para humingi ng TRO! Naku naman. Klaro na hindi nagbigay ng TRO ang Korte Suprema. Ano ang sabi ng Supreme Court Justice Alfredo

Benjamin Caguioa? “The court should not come to the rescue of an individual, a public officer no less, who is charged with mass murder...”

The court’s actions should not result in the coddling of those in power, should not allow impunity to continue, as it is, in fact, the last stronghold for the protection of rights for those without it. The Court should strongly guard against being

used as a politically convenient doormat. For the wiping clean of those who are charged with blood on their hands.”

The failure of the Marcos Jr government to execute the warrant of arrest against Bato is also glaring. Mas malawak ang tinatawag na conspiracy na di panagutin si Bato at ang mga na-identify na co-conspirators ni Digong ng ICC.

Teka, may amazing race rin si Zaldy Co, isa pang mayamang pugante, sangkot sa anomalya sa mga flood control na proyekto at sinampahan ng charges of graft at malversation ng public funds noong 2025 (parang ang tagal tagal na kasi). Nagpunta sa US si Zaldy Co para magpagamot daw, pagkatapos nabalitaan na nasa Portugal, tapos sa Czech Republic at ngayon ay nasa France at mag-aaplay ng asylum.

Ayon kay Co, inutusan daw siya na huwag bumalik sa Pilipinas. Ano at sino ang madadawit ni Zaldy Co sa pagnanakaw ng pera ng taumbayan sa mga flood control project kuno?

Sa mga dramang ganito, huwag natin kalimutan na katatapos lang ng Balikatan war exercises na kung saan naroon ang involvement ng Canada. Lalo na huwag ipagwalang bahala ang firing ng Tomahawk missile mula Tacloban, Leyte patungong Nueva Ecija. Hindi playground ang Pilipinas at lalong hindi launching pad ng military drill ng US.

Hindi nakakatulong na narito na ang tropang Amerikano, narito na ang kanila mga base at naglilipat na ng mga equipment mula Clark patungong Cagayan, patungong Batanes. Huwag hayaang madiskarel ang ating atensyon sa mga drama sa senado.

At huwag kalimutan na Lahat ng kurakot, dapat managot, Mula sa baba, hanggang sa tuktok.

Huwag nating hintayin ang ulan, bagyo, at baha na siguradong darating. Ituloy natin ang paniningil.

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Honouring All Mothers!

*By St. Mary the Virgin
South Hill Church*

Vancouver, May 10.-- St. Mary the Virgin Church celebrated Mother's Day which also happened to be Mothers Union Sunday at the church. At the fellowship in the hall, Grefa Pinera, the Rector's warden, honoured mothers of all types – from moms to godmothers,

aunts, yaya, maternal figures – with pink carnation corsages that she had fashioned herself. Funds for the Mothers' Day corsages were donated by Tessie Camangeg and Nida Disu. Handmade cards were also handed to all the moms during the fellowship. Everyone had a slice of the ube cake donated by Myrna Ocampo. Suzie Colobong also celebrated

her birthday that day which made Mother's Day extra special. Suzie recently arrived in Canada earlier this year. Happy birthday Suzie!

It was also a wonderful day to welcome Rev. Harold Munn, the supply priest for St Mary the Virgin South Hill church, for his first Sunday Mass. Rev. Harold Munn is the supply priest for

St. Mary's while Rev. Expedito Farinas is on vacation. Thank you to Mother's Union, the Sunday Coffee & Tea Group Two, and everyone for making Mother's Day a happy and special one!

St. Mary the Virgin South Hill is located at 808 East 50th Avenue, Vancouver.

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Flower corsages for all kinds of mothers!



COMMUNITY CORNER

BY CHRISTIAN CUNANAN AND APPLE PLATA

PRIMEWORLD LANDHOLDINGS INC. Brings Philippine Property Investment Opportunities to Canada

The Philippine Property 2026 Roadshow Canada successfully held an event hosted by PrimeWorld CEO Nelba, together with Leydace Bianco and prospective property investors and clients from British Columbia, on May 20, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Pinoy Cravings on Edmonds Street, Burnaby. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner while learning about exciting real estate investment opportunities in Cebu, Philippines.

The event featured the growing developments of PRIMEWORLD LANDHOLDINGS INC., highlighting its Cebu projects: Primeworld District located in Mandaue City, Cebu, Primeworld Pointe in Apas, Cebu City, and Eastland Estate II by Eastland Property Ventures, Inc. located in Barangay Yati, Liloan, Cebu. The projects promote modern and comfortable living under the theme: Live. Settle. Enjoy.

The Primeworld delegation, who travelled all the way from the Philippines, led the presentation, including CEO Nelba, Alexia, Mykee, and Lhei, who presented the latest updates and investment opportunities for future homeowners and property investors.

The gathering was held at Pinoy Cravings in Burnaby, British Columbia. Guests were warmly

welcomed by Roy and Audrey Lim, owners of Pinoy Cravings, who are also the owners of Pinoy Cravings Mart at 767 street New Westminster BC. Also present during the presentation were real estate leaders and global partners, including Leydace Bianco (Top 1 Global Partner), Albert Bianco (Top 1 Global Partner), Anthony Leuterio, Founder of Filipino Homes and recipient of the 2024 International Broker of the Year award, Jami Lee Laniba, REB – Regional Manager, and Audrey Lim – Global Partner.

A major highlight and announcement during the event was the ongoing Buyer's Promo for all units at Primeworld District and Primeworld Pointe. Qualified buyers may enjoy a ₱150,000 Total Contract Price (TCP) Discount along with ₱100,000 worth of premium appliances. This limited-time promotional offer provides added value and exclusive rewards for future homeowners and investors seeking to secure a property in Cebu's rapidly growing communities.

Prospective buyers interested in Primeworld properties are encouraged to book an appointment with a Global Partners representative or send a message to obtain further information regarding the available properties and investment opportunities.



Newly formed Fil-Can educators association convenes in Surrey



By Rosette Correa

The Filipino Canadian Educators Association of BC was officially formed on May 23, 2026, marking an important milestone for Filipino Canadian educators across British Columbia. Established with a shared vision of promoting professional growth, cultural pride, collaboration, and community engagement, the association aims to support educators while strengthening connections within the Filipino Canadian community.

The inaugural board of directors was composed of dedi-

cated education professionals committed to advancing the organization's mission and values. The leadership team includes the President Rosette Correa, Vice President Gay Pormento, Secretary Aleli Perez, and Treasurer Nemia Robles.

Supporting the executive team is the Communications Officer Paulette Galindo. The board is further strengthened by a group of Directors led by Homer Reyes, Carol Baniqued, Cynthia and Edwin Andal, and Marie Tapayan. The officers and board members are teacher and educational assistants in various schools in the lower



mainland.

The formation of the association reflects a collective commitment to empowering Fili-

pinos Canadian educators and fostering excellence, representation, and unity throughout British Columbia.

Cagayan de Oro City's Best Cyber Band has finally arrived

By MCBC

The acronym OPM (Original Pilipino Music) defines mostly commercial tunes, but there's also an underground Filipino music culture not fit for the masses; amazing to think that there still exists an unseen force far from the urban centres of Manila or Vancouver 5,000 kilometers away.

My first glimpse of *Cyber Band* in a 3-year-old live performance video as someone outside looking in left me in awe - why aren't these guys from Cagayan de Oro not even on the map?

I quickly got a CD copy of their latest epic album 'Through the Passages of Time' from England through Royal Mail. Surely enough, I was not disappointed.

There has to be a story to be shared as to how these Gen Z rockers managed to evolve so quickly in their melodic tastes and fearlessly faced the music (no pun intended) without peer pressure nor just the typical desire to have financial gain the easy way. Yes, this deserved a story for everybody around should hear here...

Who are Cyber Band?



(left to right) Isaac, CJ and Andrew

Cyber Band is a purely Filipino 3-piece progressive rock band from Cagayan de Oro City in Mindanao formed in 2019, owing their name to the everyday digital world we now live in. Their music explores heavy and psychedelic rock, progressive rock, new wave, cinema and experimental music. They won Best Album for "The Light" in the Indie Musicians Music Awards, as the band has been achieving global recognition through their explosive live performances seen mostly on popular social media such as Facebook and Youtube. In 2024, the band released their prog rock concept album 'Through The Passages of Time' - featuring the

23-minute long title track.

Andrew Patuasic is Cyber Band's guitarist singer-songwriter, and producer who started his musical journey when he was still a grade school student. In 2018, he started to join battle of the bands as his dad encouraged him to learn the music of Canadian rock trio Rush if he wants to win the competitions; he has won many battle of the bands, discovering the passion in writing his own music as he is inspired by '70s progressive rock giants. Andrew rocks the stage everytime, giving his 100% being wild onstage and full of energy.

Isaac Abogatal or "Saki", is the bassist, keyboardist, backup vocalist and co-songwriter of Cyber Band, known for multi-tasking bass guitar and keyboards during a live performance. His versatility is more evident as he toggles between instruments during intricate sections of Cyber Band's songs, influenced by classical, jazz, funk, heavy rock and metal.

CJ Alcantara is the band's passionate drummer-percussionist and also co-songwriter, starting in drums from Grade 6 to high school when he joined Liceo's Drum and Bugle corps; there he met Andrew and formed a band together. From then on, he has developed his drum technique by learning the famous Rush tunes as he co-founded Cyber Band with Andrew and Saki with similar inspirations in tow.

Q & A with Andoy Patuasic

Mon: You came out of nowhere, starting from poppy rock tunes to complex progressive rock, rather than more commercial rock?

Andoy: Yes, as high school kids back then we were also inspired by pop rock artists when we first started. We already love prog rock in those times but we didn't have that much knowledge to create our own prog rock pieces at the time. Through the years we've learned more, that's when we had our first prog rock album which is *The Light* and then came our magnum opus 'Through The Passages of Time'.

M: Seeing the difference between production and equally-divided songwriting credits, does being a trio (guitar/vocals, drums, bass/keys) limit your creativity, especially with the average age that draws experiences upon current events?

A: It never limits our creativity. In fact, it makes us more creative, as we are forced to sound like ten

men, pushing beyond our limits, like Isaac playing the bass and keyboards simultaneously using his feet via midi foot controller. Although we recently played with an orchestra in collaboration with Carl Justin Go and the Metropolitan Kagay-an Orchestra, it's a dream come true for us since all of our compositions were already imagined as an orchestral rock pieces.

M: Are there specific Filipino cultural elements, themes, or traditional musical nuances you try to incorporate into your prog sound?

A: Still we are currently studying Filipino traditional music on how we can incorporate it. So far now it would be the songs "Kumilos Ka Na" and "Kinabuhì".

M: Who are your biggest influences—both internationally (i.e., Rush, King Crimson) and within the Philippine music scene?

A: Our biggest influences are Rush, King Crimson, Led Zeppelin, Yes, and Mahavishnu Orchestra; in the Filipino music scene, it would be the Juan dela Cruz Band, especially to (its leader) our tito Mike Hanopol. He's been a mentor of ours for years, as he's the one that introduced me to King Crimson and Frank Zappa.

M: What is the biggest challenge in finding a crowd for technical, long-form music in the current Philippine music landscape?

A: It's quite a challenge to find an audience who loves progressive rock, but for us we just play to have fun and present our art - that's it. We don't really care that much if the masses would love our music, we care more on enjoying what we play.

M: How do you balance technical proficiency (virtuosity) with emo-

tional depth in your music?

A: All is still rooted in the emotion, the music serves the emotions we feel from our hearts.

M: Which local venues other than CDO away from the capital city or producers in the Philippines have been most supportive of your experimental sound?

A: Sir Dodjie Garcia have been a great help to us, we are so grateful for his help for bringing us to Manila for shows. So far we're also working on for outside the country shows.

M: What are your thoughts on the past and future of progressive rock in the Philippines, and do you feel part of a growing scene?

A: My thoughts of progressive rock in the Philippines, it's growing but never in the mainstream. Mainstream music seems to not innovate anymore and just sticks to a formula. In the underground scene, it shows artists are growing, and I can name a few of progressive rock/metal artists I love - they're innovative artists thinking outside the box rather than playing it safe.

M: What is the ultimate "concept" or message you hope to convey through your music to a new listener - with a clear plan within five years?

A: My ultimate message for the people from our music is to be brave to explore new paths of music and to open their eyes to the reality of this cruel society, to take a stand for what's right.

For more of this homegrown talent and hope for the future in Philippine progressive rock music, follow Cyber Band on Spotify, Facebook, IG and YouTube.





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RP NEWS ...AND MORE.....

Prelate decries mass tree cutting in Manila for expressway project

A Catholic bishop has condemned the mass cutting of decades-old trees in Manila as “ecological violence” against residents, particularly the urban poor.

Bishop Gerardo Alminaza, president of Caritas Philippines, said the removal of mature trees along Quirino Avenue directly harms commuters, workers, and families facing extreme urban heat.

“[It] is an act of ecological violence against the people of Manila, a direct assault on the poor who have been enduring the daily penance of extreme heat, poisoned air, and sudden floods,” Alminaza said.

He said the trees, which for generations lined the busy corridor, served as “silent protectors,” providing shade and relief to pedestrians in a heavily urbanized city.



Bishop Gerardo Alminaza of San Carlos, president of Caritas Philippines. (CBCP News)

The clearing is part of construction work for the Southern Access Link Expressway, a 40.62-kilometer elevated toll road being developed by San

Miguel Corporation to link Skyway Stage 3 to Roxas Boulevard.

Alminaza questioned the priori-

ties behind urban development, warning that progress should not come at the expense of vulnerable communities.

“Why must ‘development’ always demand the sacrifice of the vulnerable? Why are our cities designed for vehicles and concrete instead of for children, workers, pedestrians, and the elderly?” he asked.

“We refuse to hide this injustice behind bureaucratic language. What is legal on paper is not automatically moral in the eyes of God,” he added.

The national Caritas backed calls to halt the tree cutting and review the project under ecological justice standards, while Alminaza urged public accountability.

“Demand a development that gives life, rather than one that leaves us in the shadows of stumps,” he said. (CBCP News)

Magnifica Humanitas: Pope invokes justice to combat ‘anti-human vision’ in AI



Pope Leo XIV signs his first encyclical, “Magnifica humanitas,” on May 15, 2025, at the Vatican. (Vatican Media via CBCP News)

VATICAN— *In his encyclical Magnifica Humanitas*, published Monday, Pope Leo XIV calls on society and AI developers to implement “shared standards of social justice” in order for artificial intelligence to respect human dignity and serve the common good.

AI is not a morally neutral tool; it matters not only how it is used, but how it is designed, Leo

writes in “*Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*,” published May 25. Magnifica Humanitas means “Magnificent Humanity” in Latin.

He also warns that “a more moral AI is not enough if that morality is determined by a few ... In fact, as with every major technological shift, AI tends to amplify the power of those who already possess economic resources, expertise and access to data.”

The first encyclical letter of Leo XIV covers a wide range of social issues, focusing heavily on the impacts of AI in the areas of education, the economy, unemployment, work, the development of young people, human trafficking and war.

He proposes the principles of Catholic Social Doctrine — the dignity of the person, the common good, the universal des-

tinuation of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity and justice — as guidelines for decision-making and the “criteria for judging whether technologies truly serve humanity or are subjugating it.”

“The risk extends beyond the misuse of certain technologies. More gravely, the pervasive technocratic paradigm in which we are immersed, and that is amplified by the digital revolution and AI, threatens to normalize an anti-human vision,” he writes.

Leo borrows the term, “technocratic paradigm,” from Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’*, in which, Leo writes, Francis critiqued a paradigm “that seeks to reduce everything to an object to be dominated.”

According to Pope Leo, the central question — safeguarding our humanity — is some-

thing everyone should have a role in answering.

He invokes one of his spiritual guides, St. Augustine of Hippo, quoting from “*De Civitate Dei*” (“The City of God”): “Two loves have built two cities: the earthly city, the love of self even to the contempt of God; the heavenly city, the love of God even to the contempt of self.” As throughout history, these two loves continue to contend for dominance in our hearts today.”

From Catholic Social Doctrine to the fight for power

The encyclical’s 245 paragraphs are broken down into an introduction and five chapters, with the first two dedicated to an explanation of the development of the Church’s Social Doctrine from Pope Leo XIII to today, the main principles of that doctrine, and how they can be applied to the current technological age.

Chapter three introduces “the

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That's All

Al S. Mendoza



SPORTS

Winner of Thunder-Spurs today likely champ

SUDDENLY, the San Antonio Spurs are alive and kicking.

Playing as if there's no more tomorrow, the Spurs routed the unroutable Oklahoma City Thunder (OKC), 103-82, to force a 2-2 tie in their best-of-seven series in the Western Conference Finals of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

That was on Monday, May 25 Philippine time, the day when our tennis sensation Alex Eala was officially listed as a participant in the French Open.

Naturally, Eala's entry sparked a celebration for a country enjoying the emergence of a tennis idol after a long, long while; she was introduced as a "global phenomenon" in the year's second Grand Slam blasting off May 24 at the famed clay court of Roland Garros in gay Paris.

The announcement came after San Antonio's overwhelming 21-point win over OKC that restored Spurs pride craftily engi-

neered in their own turf. So impressive and thoroughly agitated were the Spurs that they never let up in their sweet aggression, posting margins of 50-38 and 78-60 in the second and third quarters, respectively, after building a quick 28-19 first quarter lead.

It more than atoned for the Spurs' back-to-back losses in Games 2 & 3, burying for good the stigma of a 123-108 loss in the third game for a 2-1 Thunder lead.

The Finals match-up has long been dreamed of by NBA pundits, embellished by the fact that the Thunder are the defending NBA champions, and bannered no less by repeat Most Valuable Player (MVP) awardee Shai Gilgeous-Alexander aka SGA of Canada.

Of course, the Spurs have their own superstar in Victor "Wemby" Wembanyama, the 7-foot-4 skyscraper from France.

Finishing third in the season's MVP derby, Wemby crashed

into the Conference Finals in a monstrous Game 1 performance of 41 points and 24 rebounds in dealing the Thunder the stunning loss almost single-handedly in the series opener.

Wemby highlighted his breakthrough feat by forcing a second overtime in Game 1 with his own version of a three-pointer near the buzzer.

He waxed hot, as usual, in San Antonio's Game 4 win Monday, firing 33 points against the measly 19 points of SGA—measly because SGA usually scores in the thirties.

Wemby highlighted his Game 4 heroics with a triple from 65 feet in a spectacular buzzer-beater at the half for the Spurs' 50-38 halftime bulge that was never threatened in the final two quarters.

Today's Game 5 clash is set in Oklahoma City and, for sure, the winner will have one foot inside the champagne room with a 3-2 margin.

Can SGA return to his scoring spree, in the process making his team move to within a game of retaining the Western crown?

Up to Wemby, I guess.

THAT'S IT With a new import in Chris McCullough in harness, TNT Tropang 5G is even in a stronger position to again defeat Meralco today, Wednesday. With an All-Filipino crew on Sunday following 7-foot-4 Bol Bol's exit on an ankle injury, the 5G nipped the Bolts, 77-75, on a three by RR Pogoy as TNT posted a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven semifinal series in the Philippine Basketball Association Commissioner's Cup...Davao's pride Chito Malabanan missed a second straight win in Jake P. Ayson's CFC Golf Cup, losing by count back at the Veterans Golf Club. There's always next year to look forward to, Chito. Cheers!

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POPE LEO XIV .. FROM PAGE 19

technocratic paradigm" of artificial intelligence and the imbalance of digital power.

Chapter four turns to the importance of safeguarding truth, democracy, work, education, and human freedom in the age of AI, while the fifth chapter is dedicated to an analysis of the normalization of war, the fight for power, and how everyone has a responsibility to help build a civilization of love through the cultivation of peace and justice.

Throughout the encyclical, Leo draws on the image of construction to ask how humanity will respond to the new technological age. Humanity, he says, must choose between building the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) and building a city where God and humanity can dwell together, as Nehemiah gathered together people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile (Nehemiah 2-6).

"In light of these two images, the Holy Spirit challenges us today regarding our relationship with technology and the ongoing digi-

tal revolution," he writes. "Technology has the power to heal, connect, educate and protect our common home; but it can also divide, exclude and generate new forms of injustice."

Pope Leo XIV draws on quotations from prominent 19th and 20th-century thinkers, both Catholic and Jewish, including St. John Paul II, Victor Frankl, Hannah Arendt, J.R.R. Tolkien, Giorgio La Pira, and Fr. Romano Guardini, to argue that while technology is not a solution in itself to humanity's problems, nor is it inherently evil. "In practice, however, technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise it, finance it, regulate it and use it," he writes.

The choice, he continues, is not between a "yes" or "no" to technology, but "between constructing Babel or rebuilding Jerusalem; between a power that claims to dominate the heavens and a people who work together in the presence of God to rebuild the walls of fraternal coexistence." Frequently cited sources for the encyclical letter include Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* and the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church.

Writing that he does not wish to give a comprehensive overview of AI, the pope points readers to previous writings by the Church on AI, in particular, the 2025 note *Antiqua et Nova* by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education and *Quo Vadis, Humanitas?* published earlier this year by the International Theological Commission — both of which are cited often in the footnotes of *Magnifica Humanitas*.

Christian humanism and the technocratic paradigm

The pope writes about the mindsets of transhumanism and post-humanism and how they are the ideological vision underlying technology.

He proposes a Christian humanism, where human beings "are not confined by the boundaries of their own nature; rather, they are called to self-transcendence, not through an escape from reality or a contempt for their limitations, but through their fulfillment in love."

In Magnifica Humanitas, the Holy Father also expresses concern about the "new monopolies of AI."

"To speak of the common good

means exposing this new form of epistemic, economic, and political asymmetry," he writes.

"This development offers a clear example of the Church's growth in understanding the perennial truths of Revelation that she safeguards. Although there was not always consistency in practice," he writes, "there has been a continuous affirmation throughout history of the dignity of every human being, created in the image of God, even if it took eighteen centuries for its full incompatible note. He adds that, "despite this downward spiral, we can also glimpse a great part of humanity that is striving to remain human and working to build the holy city of coexistence and peace." Concluding the document, he expresses the hope that, "In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives."

"Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation." **Check full article on CBCP NEWS . (Hannah Brockhaus, EWTN via CBCP News)**

Wisdom from
the Word

Ben Berto



MILLENNIUM AND THE END OF SIN

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.

But after these things, During this time he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Revelation 20: 1-6, nkjv

We are getting closer to the end of the series. Right now, we will be talking about the Millennium or 1000 years. I have heard many versions of the millennium, but I like the Bible version the best. It is described in 6 verses, and we find the whole story in six verses (please see the text above).

Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventists, # 26, says this. "The Millennium in the thousand-year reign of Christ with His saints in heaven between the first and second resurrection. During this time the wicked dead will be judged;

the earth will be utterly desolate, without living human inhabitants, but occupied by Satan and his angels.

At its close Christ with His saints and the Holy City (the New Jerusalem), will descend from heaven to earth. The unrighteous dead will be resurrected (the second resurrection), and with Satan and his angels will surround the city, but fire from God will consume them, and cleanse the earth. The universe will thus be freed from sin and sinners forever."

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Cleanse us, heal us, Lord!

Here is one story I heard from Fr. Ben Prado, SVD, our veteran missionary to Indonesia. In one of his mission trips, he found himself in a deep forest. It was getting dark and his horse was very slow. He remembered, hearing from the people that if he wanted the horse to run faster, all he had to do was to put "sili" (red pepper) in the behind of the horse. He did just that, and the horse took off so fast leaving him behind. Not wanting to be left alone in the forest, he also put "sili" in his behind, and he ran so fast, he even overtook the horse!

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behind. Not wanting to be left alone in the forest, he also put "sili" in his behind, and he ran so fast, he even overtook the horse!

Today is Pentecost Sunday. We need new strength, new power, new life in the church these days. We need a new Pentecost to give us renewal and freshness. We need the Lord to breathe His Holy Spirit upon us again, to open our locked doors and to remove the fear in our hearts. More than ever, we need to say the prayer "Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit!"

It is interesting to note the connection of fear, forgiveness, and peace in today's Gospel (John 20:19-23). We need peace to remove our fears. Our fears deprive us of peace. We need forgiveness to have peace. Forgiveness removes all our fears. Forgiveness then is the source of true peace and the antidote to all fears. Yes, forgiveness sets us free. Do you feel imprisoned in life? Do you feel a vacuum in your heart?

Try forgiveness: ask for forgiveness from God; forgive people who have hurt you; ask for forgiveness from people you have hurt, cheated, used, or abused; and lastly, forgive yourself and believe you are forgiven. Unless and until you have done these, you cannot have true peace.

I did some cleaning in my room recently. I have occupied this same room for the past 15 years already, and it has accumulated not only dust but also many memorabilia through the years. It is not easy to let go and dispose of things we treasure in life, but imagine if I never let go. There would be no more room for me! From time to time, we need to "unload" clothes, memorabilia, correspondence, and treasures. Letting go is never easy but it sets us free. It is the same with the heart. We need to learn how to unload what we do not need—fears, regrets, guilts, ill feelings, hurts. And the best way to unload is to forgive. Invert the word forgive and you have GIVE FOR. This is the secret of a peace-

ful life. Don't retain your sins and heartaches. GIVE FOR the Lord to take care of all your fears, burdens, sins, and problems.

We all will face our Creator someday. I wonder what you and I will present to Him at the end of our lives? The material things we surely cannot carry with us, so that's out of the question. The money, the properties, the power, the influence you and I are holding on to now will not matter, so we better learn detachment now. What will matter is the love we have shared and the goodness we have done. May the Holy Spirit enlighten us to see what is really important in this life and beyond.

"Peace be with you!" The thought that there is a greater power, that there is Someone in control, that there is a "big picture" is very assuring. May we all be reminded again that a tremendous gift has been given to us. Too bad many of us belittle, take

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for granted—if not altogether ignore—the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is ready and available for us anytime.

We all need the Holy Spirit for a real change of heart, beginning with those who lead us, precisely because they themselves are powerful agents of change. They who are in powerful positions have in their possession a tremendous responsibility toward the people whom they serve. Too engrossed in their positions and possessions, and their commissions, they have, sad to say, forgotten their mission.

Speaking of change, let us learn a lesson from the lowly diaper: that politicians who stink must be changed and disposed. Nobody is indispensable in public service nor is it an exclusive, unlimited franchise of a few individuals or families.

Pentecost goes on. In every age and time, God raises prophets who speak on God's behalf, pointing out what is not right, and what should be changed. Let's call them diaper watchers or diaper busters who are not afraid in their crusade for

good governance, and whose mouths cannot be muffled by money, favor or patronage. Let us pray that there will be more prophets in our midst who will help bring about a national diaper change.

Let us remember today our motherland, our beloved country the Philippines. We have a beautiful and a rich country in terms of our natural and human resources, but it is a poor country because of those who run and ruin her. Let us pray for a new Pentecost in our land, especially an outpouring of a new breed of leaders who have a genuine sense of mission for our people, and who are willing to take not the glorious road of power, but the lonely road of sacrifice. Without sacrifice, forget it. We will never rise up as a nation. And without truth, there will be no real moving on.

A moment with the Lord:
Come Holy Spirit, we need You! Cleanse us and heal our land. Amen.

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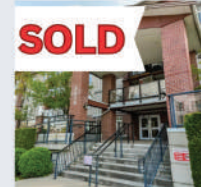
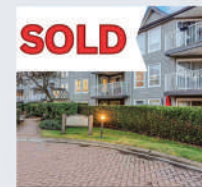
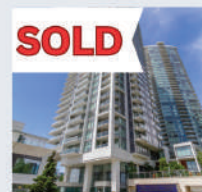
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The celebration continues in the evening with **"The Phantom of the Opera" Charity Gala, Dinner & Dance** from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This elegant black-and-white masquerade gala will feature the turnover and installation of new President Manish Karki, the rebranding of United Masskara Cultural

Society in BC, and the introduction of the new Global Youth Alliance Foundation focused on youth mentorship.

With the theme, *"Uniting for Good to Create Impact: Unmasking a New Era of Hope and Leadership,"* the evening supports marginalized communities, youth programs, cultural preservation, and community projects.

More than just events, this special day is a celebration of service, leadership, culture, and hope. Thank you for dancing, learning, and uniting for a cause.





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