



HOME, STREET HOME A family makes its home on a street in Makati City, the site of the country's top financial district. Millions of Filipinos go to bed hungry despite the soaring economy, according to the latest survey of the Social Weather Stations. EDWIN BACASMAS

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15M PH kids hungry—Poe

Pemberton no-show again in 'Gapo probe

By Allan Macatuno
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OLONGAPO CITY—The American soldier facing a murder complaint for the death of transgender Filipino Jeffrey "Jennifer" Laude again failed to appear and submit a statement at his preliminary investigation on Monday, prompting the chief prosecutor to proceed with the investigation without a challenge to the evidence presented against him.

The lawyer for US Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, however, brought a motion to "declare the absence of probable cause for murder or any other crime" against him.

"If prosecutors elevate the case to court, Pemberton asked that the murder charge be reduced to homicide considering the lack of circumstances qualifying the offense to murder," said his lawyer, Rowena Flores.

Murder carries a maximum **PEMBERTON/A15**
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Santiago, Bello file resolution to end VFA

By Gil Cabacungan and TJ Burgonio

SEN. MIRIAM Defensor-Santiago and Akbayan Rep. Walden Bello have filed a joint resolution seeking to terminate the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) more than two weeks after a US Marine has been accused of murder in the death of a transgender Filipino in Olongapo City.

Santiago and Bello also filed a similar resolution seeking the abrogation of the 15-year-old VFA in the previous Congress.

"The US will be brazen about their violations because they

SANTIAGO/A15

Senator urges gov't to deal with crisis

By Leila B. Salaverria

IT'S THE PARADOX of our times: A great number of Filipinos, including 15 million children, remain hungry or malnourished while the Philippine economy continues to soar, Sen. Grace Poe lamented yesterday, as she called for concrete action to address these scourges.

Poe said the government and every Filipino should do their part to help end hunger.

"We shouldn't allow the applause of rating agencies drown out the grumbling of empty stomachs," she said in a privilege speech.

"We should let the issue of hunger gnaw at bureaucracy's thick walls or the officialdom's thick hides the way an ulcer lacerates the gut," she said.

Poe called for more budget next year for feeding programs for children, which could be done by doing away with "frivolous" budgetary items.

She also called for sincere efforts to invest in and improve

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12M families say they are poor in latest SWS report

A TOTAL of 12.1 million Filipino families considered themselves poor in September, while 9.3 million families said they were food-poor, according to a Social Weather Stations (SWS) report.

The nationwide survey, conducted from Sept. 26 to 29, found 55 percent of the respondents saying they were poor, the same as in the previous quarter.

12M FAMILIES/A6



EYEING HUNGER Sen. Grace Poe (left) calls for an increased budget for feeding programs for children like this tot (right), in a privilege speech at the Senate on Monday. CESAR TOMAMBO/PRIB AND ARNOLD ALMACEN

Congress members least trusted, says new survey

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THEY are supposed to represent the nation's interests, but members of both Houses of Congress remained the least-trusted government officials in the country, a new survey re-

leased this week showed.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives were the least-trusted institutions in a survey conducted earlier this year. This skepticism toward the legislative branch of government

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Palace spokespersons split on Binay question

By Christian V. Esguerra

WHY IS Vice President Jejomar Binay attacking the administration when he is a member of President Aquino's official family?

President Aquino's spokesperson, Edwin Lacierda, threw that question at the Vice President when he was asked the same thing in the face of Binay's criticism of the Aquino administration.

"I think that's a good question to ask the Vice President," Lacierda told reporters.

Lacierda said Binay's camp should clarify who the Vice President was attacking in particular when he ranted about rampant criminality, looming power shortages and worsening conditions at Metro Manila's train systems last week—basically governance issues that raised questions about the Aquino

PALACE/A15



Gov apologizes but wife's lawyer not impressed

By Shiena M. Barrameda
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in Manila

DAET, Camarines Norte—It was supposed to be just another Monday morning flag ceremony but it turned into high drama with all the elements of a soap opera.

In near tears, in a slightly shaky voice, and begging for forgiveness, Camarines Norte Gov. Edgardo "Egay" Tallado made his act of

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Resorts World Manila to host Oktoberfest Darts and Beer Pong tournaments

Oktoberfest is far from over at Resorts World Manila (RWM) as the integrated lifestyle hub hosts tournaments of two of the fastest rising bar sports today.

On October 30 and 31, darts enthusiasts may troop to RWM for the 2014 RWM Darts Tournament sanctioned by the National Darts Federation of the Philippines. A total of Php250,000 in cash is at stake for the two-day tourney, with open triples and open singles categories.

RWM will also hold the 2014 RWM Beer Pong tournament at The Plaza in Newport Mall on October 29, with a total prize pot of Php100,000. The tournament is sanctioned by Beer Pong Philippines and is open for singles and group divisions.

Registration fee for the darts tourney is Php300 and is required on the day of the tournament from 9AM to 11AM only. For beer pong, registration fee Php500 for singles and Php800 for groups of two on the day of the tournament from 10AM onwards. Visit www.rwmanila.com or call the Tourist/Visitor Hotline at (632) 908-8833 for more details.

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