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'Gener' Ends Rampage

Storm Leaves 26 Dead, Hundreds Of Thousands Flood-Stricken



By AARON B. RECUEÑO
and ELLALYN B. DE VERA

Storm "Gener" was expected to blow out of the country last night or early today after dumping torrential rains and whipping gale-force winds for several days.

Government officials reported 26 people died from Gener's (international name: Saola) wrath and hundreds of thousands were flood-stricken.

The weather disturbance has been inside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) since July 24. Its presence intensified the southwest monsoon and sucked in a low-pressure area, magnifying its effects.

Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) forecaster Jori Loiz said Gener slowed after making landfall in Taiwan Thursday morning.

The storm is forecast to move north-northwest at 9 kilometers per hour. (Turn to page 17)

FLOOD 'VICTIM' – The emergency room of the Valenzuela City Emergency Hospital is knee-deep in floodwaters after a heavy downpour coincided with the high tide yesterday, August 2, 2012. (Mark Balmores)

More US Subs, Bombers In Pacific

By JIM WOLF

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Pentagon planners will consider adding bombers and attack submarines as part of a growing US focus on security challenges in the Asia-Pacific, a senior Defense Department official said on Wednesday.

"We will take another look" at sending more such muscle to the

strategic hub of Guam in the western Pacific, now that this has been recommended by an independent review of US regional military plans, Robert Scher, deputy assistant secretary of defense for plans, told lawmakers.

US strategy calls for shifting military, diplomatic, and economic resources toward the region after a decade of land wars in Iraq and Afghanistan sparked by the September

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Chinese Badminton Star Quits

By AFP and AP

One of the star Chinese badminton players disqualified from the Olympics for throwing a match has announced she is quitting the sport, saying her dreams had been "heartlessly shattered."

"This is my last time competing. Goodbye Badminton World Fed-

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Palace Confident On RH Bill; Religious Battle Royale Looms

By GENALYN D. KABILING
and BEN R. ROSARIO

Malacañang remains confident that administration allies would not abandon efforts to push for the passage of the responsible parenthood bill despite the active involvement of

former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in the crusade against the bill.

This ticklish issue may also end up in a battle royale on which religious group wields the stronger influence on politicians. This battle has started to shape up in the House of

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SPECIAL REPORT

Island's Schoolkids Lose Fondness For Reading

(8TH IN A SERIES)

By LEO ORTEGA LAPARAN II

"We have 'extreme' students here," said Lyceum of Camiguin officer-in-charge Marcelino Antonio, describing how the school's students

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HEAT MAN – Eric Spoelstra, the Fil-American coach of the NBA champion Miami Heat, hands President Benigno S. Aquino III a Heat jersey with his name on it during Spoelstra's courtesy call at Malacañang yesterday, August 2, 2012. (Ali Vicoy)

Outlook.com: Microsoft's New Web-based Email Service

By MB TECHNEWS

Microsoft seems to be doing all the right moves lately.

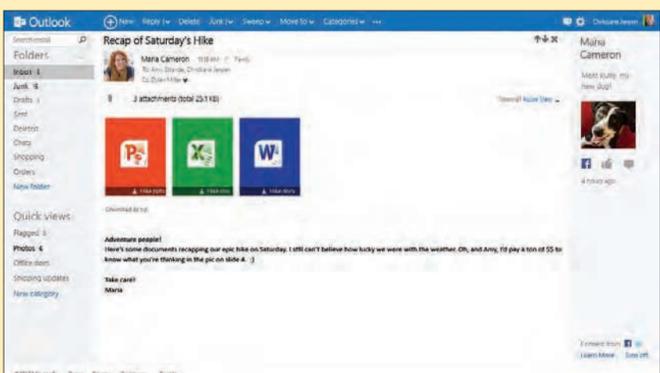
After unveiling the Surface tablet, the Windows Phone 8, and Windows 8, the company recently unveiled Outlook.com, the company's Web-based email service re-imagined.

Brian Hall, general manager of Windows Live, in an exclusive

interview with the Manila Bulletin, dubbed Outlook.com the "modern email for the next billion mailboxes."

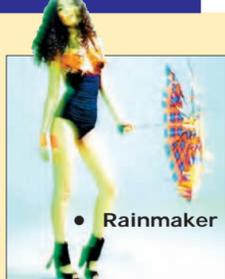
"We've been hard at work on a mission to re-imagine personal email — from the datacenter all the way to the user experience. Today, we're starting to deliver on that goal with a preview of the new Outlook.com — modern email designed for the next billion mailboxes."

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MICROSOFT'S Outlook.com email service.

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ENTERTAINMENT E-1

• Gossip Cop Blasts Pet Custody Battle Between Stewart, Pattinson



WEATHER FORECAST

Luzon	rains or monsoon rains
Visayas	partly cloudy to at times cloudy w/ isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms
Mindanao	partly cloudy to at times cloudy w/ isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms
Manila	Light rains/ light passing rains
Temperature Range: 25.1°C - 30.2°C	
Tides: High: 0:00	0:00
Low: 0:00	0:00
Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.	Sunset: 6:25 p.m.

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