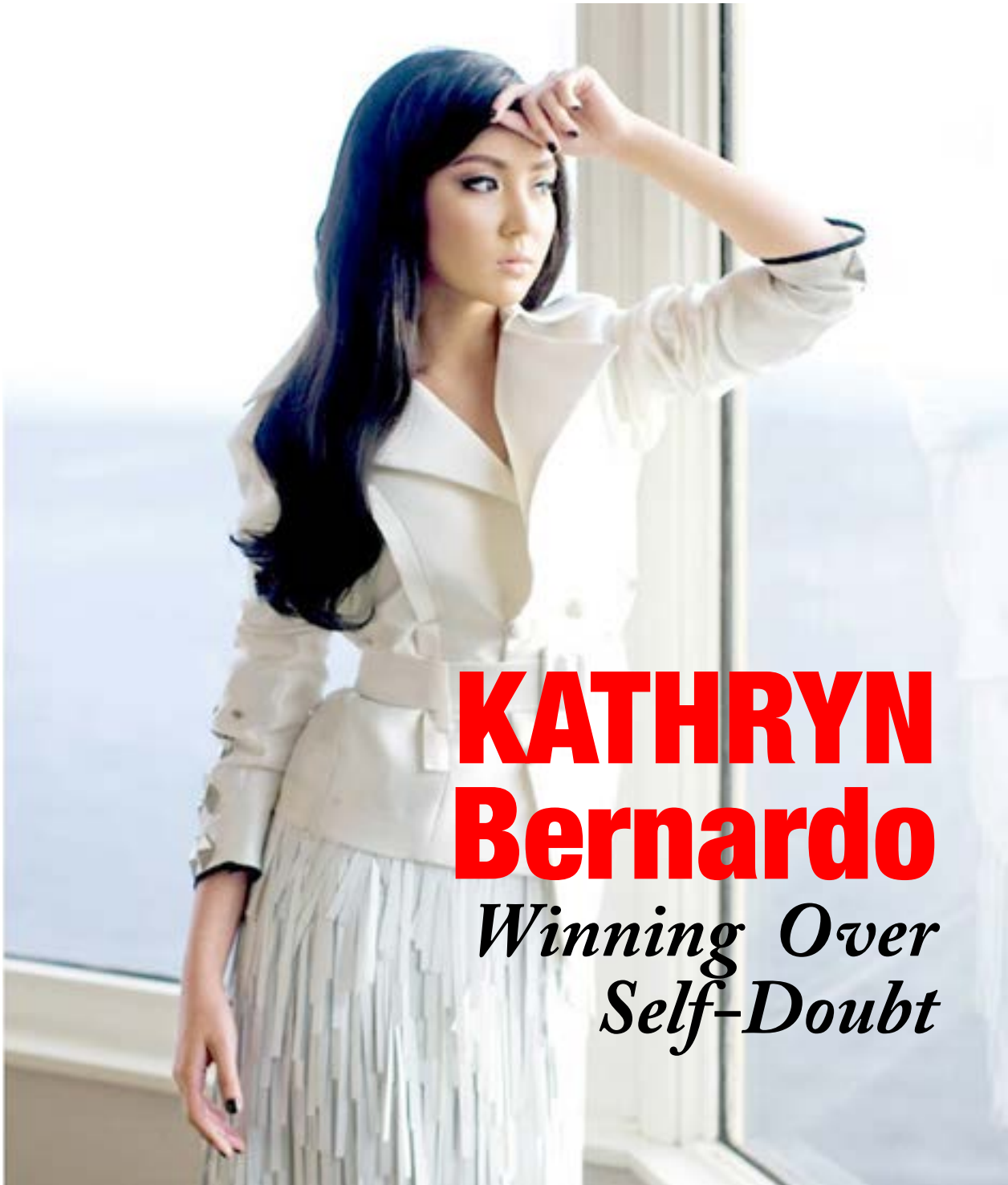




KATHRYN
Bernardo

Winning Over
Self-Doubt

Student kills self over Tuition

UP president: Reforms under way after coed’s tragedy

MANILA, Philippines - In death, Kristel Pilar Mariz Tejada has definitely grabbed her school’s attention.

A day after the student’s suicide put the University of the Philippines

and its student support system under scrutiny, UP president Alfredo Pascual said the state-run institution “can turn the tragedy into a greater resolve to act and make UP accessible to the poor.”

In a statement addressed to the UP community and alumni, Pascual said he was deeply saddened by the death of the 16-year-old Behavioral

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Stolen Art
on the
Rise in the
Philippines

MANILA, Philippines - Art dealers and buyers beware: Criminal syndicates have developed a taste for fine art and, moving like a pack of wolves, they know exactly what to get their filthy paws on and how to pass the blame on to unsuspecting gallery staffers or art collectors.

Many artists, art galleries, and collectors who have fallen victim to heists can attest to this, but opt to keep silent. But do their silence merely perpetuate the growing art thievery in the industry?

Because he could no longer agonize silently after a handful of his sought-after creations have been lost to recent robberies and break-ins, sculptor Ramon Orlina gave the Inquirer pertinent information on what appears to be a new art theft modus operandi that he and some of the galleries carrying his works have come across.

Perhaps the latest and most brazen incident was a failed attempt to ransack the Orlina atelier in Sampaloc early in February!

ORLINA’S
“Protector,”
stolen from
design space

Alabang

Creating alibis

Two men claiming to be artists paid a visit to the sculptor’s Manila workshop and studio while the artist’s workers were on break; they told the staff they were in search of sculptures kept in storage.

The pair informed Orlina’s secretary that they wanted to purchase a few pieces immediately and asked to be brought to where smaller works were housed.

Since the sculptor was out that time, Orlina’s secretary was wary of letting them inside the studio

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Mixed Martial Arts Invades PHL Scene

MANILA, Philippines - Filipinos have always had an innate affinity with sports. Pinoys young and old have a tendency of gravitating towards competition and there’s nothing that captures the pulse of the people more than combat sports.

Take boxing for instance, everyone knows how the nation literally comes to a screeching halt every time Manny Pacquiao steps inside the ring. Judging from him alone, the Philippines have already made a reputation of producing world class fighters.

However, there is one contact sport that has been making huge strides in



Ale Cali has Erwin Tagle locked up as they go down the canvas.

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Danica Elyssa Christening



Danica Elyssa looks at Rev. Patrick Gnanapragasam as he blesses her while mom Rowena holds her and dad Elmer (WITH GLASSES) looks on with the ninongs and ninangs at the Prince of Peace church.

FR. Ben Ebcas
Receives
Diamond
Jubilee Medal

FAR RIGHT, Rev. Fr. Ben Ebcas, Jr., Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church (OLA) joins his pastoral team at OLA for a souvenir photo after receiving his Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Government of Canada for his untiring and dedicated service to the Filipino chaplaincy in Toronto and advocacy for caregivers. In photo (L-R) are Deacon Alex Masongsong; Fr. Ben; Sen. Tobias "Jun" Enverga and wife, Rosemer Enverga -- who heads the Temporalities Ministry at the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission (AFCM); and, Deacon Bob Rosales.



Senator Tobias Enverga, Jr. (C, Ontario) pins a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal on Rev. Fr. Bienvenido "Ben" Ebcas, Jr., Pastor of the Our Lady Of Assumption Church (OLA) and Director of the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission, for his untiring and dedicated service to the Filipino chaplaincy in Toronto and a great advocate for the caregivers. The simple, but fitting ceremony was held recently at the OLA parish hall.



Filipino sa Canada

Hermie Garcia is new President of
Philippine Press Club Ontario

Press Club hold it's Election



LEFT, From right:Philippine Consul General Junever Mahilum-West, PPCO President Hermie Garcia and Vice President Rose Tijam at Mayette's Restaurant in Toronto, March 3, 2013. Philippine Press Club of Ontario is an organization of the Philippine media community based in Toronto-Ontario-Canada. RIGHT, PPCO secretary Jonathan Canchela and community leader and Scarborough Toyota's Manny Yanga assist the election at the PPCO.



Hermie Garcia, the editor-publisher of the progressive Philippine Reporter newspaper, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, won by landslide, as president of the Philippine Press Club Ontario in an election held Monday, March 3, 2013, at the Mayette Fine Restaurant located at Toronto's Danforth

Garcia is a veteran newspaperman who have started his journalism career in the Philippines some years ago together with his wife Mila Astorga

Garcia.
The members of the Philippine Press Club Otario (PPCO) has also picked two times president Rose Tijam as the club vice president.
The two vacancies were made due to the resignation of former President Ricardo Caluen and Ruby Talavera. (St. Jamestown News Service) - Romy Zetazate



‘Hinay-hinay lang ako
muna ngayon’ - Melai

Melai Cantiveros is up against public pressure, now that ex-boyfriend Jason Francisco is courting her again.
But Melai is not budging and will not be rushed.
“Maraming ayaw, marami ring may gusto, yung mga Melasons (Melai and Jason’s fans). Kung hindi ka pa ready, may chance na masaktan ka ulit at ayaw ko nang mangyaru iyon ulit.”

Uncertain future

Melai said she and Jason have remained friends.
“Maghintay na lang siguro siya kung kalian ako magiging okay. rtfdsfd”
Melai noted that Jason has changed, saying that he has become more caring. Before, they would always fight. Melai is now close to Kris Aquino who promised to sponsor her wedding gown if she decides to walk down the aisle.
Kris has also given Melai gifts. “Marami nang naibigay sa akin, tulad ng mga dress niya na hindi na niya nagamit. Then, gift checks, mga camera. Sabi ko lang, Ms. Kris, ‘Ang ganda naman ng camera mo.’ Sabi niya, ‘Ay, I’ll give you.’ Binigyan niya kaagad ako, pang-mayaman iyon. Sobrang nafi-feel ko na special kami kay Ms. Kris,” Melai said.

Attention from Kris makes her elated.

“Sobrang saya. Para akong nanalo sa lotto. Na-fifeel mo na favorite ka talaga niya. Tapos tinatawagan ka sa cellphone. Isipin mo kapatid siya ng president at ang mukha ng mama at papa niya nasa pera!”

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More Than Caregivers

Filipino Caregiver honored by US First lady Michelle Obama

Menchu Sanchez, a Filipino nurse from Secaucus, New Jersey, was recognized by United States President Barack Obama as a hero for rescuing 20 premature babies during Superstorm "Sandy" in 2012.

The recognition made us proud of all hardworking Filipino nurses. Ironically, a few weeks later, senatorial candidate Cynthia Villar made hurtful remarks about Filipino nurses. In a television appearance, she said in response to a question, "Kasi itong mga nurses, gusto lang nilang maging room nurse," (Nurses just want to be room nurse).

Villar said she was not given the opportunity to explain her statement but we all found it derogatory. To be a room nurse in the US would require a bachelor's degree, especially if the position was for an emergency or operating room nurse.

A nurse must also have a bachelor's degree and be offered a position higher than that of a staff nurse, like clinical nurse and nurse practitioner, to qualify for a professional working visa under the H1B category.

Degree not needed?

The statement that nurses do not need a bachelor's degree applies to registered nurses (RN) educated in the US. To be an RN, almost all states only require an associate degree. This is why registered staff nurse is not a professional position in the H1B worker visa category.

Getting an H1B visa requires at least a bachelor's degree. If the job is simply as staff nurse, the foreign educated RN will not qualify. An RN will qualify for an H1B visa if he is taking a more complex position such as operating room or clinical nurse or nurse practitioner.

While RNs are not generally qualified for the H1B professional working visas, foreign educated nurses are eligible for a straight green card. If a US employer offers a permanent full-time job to a foreign graduate, a petition is filed



under the third preference category.

The nurse may migrate directly with a green card status. However, there is considerable backlog in green card issuance under this category.

RN applications for immigrant visas in the US are processed differently from other professionals. Since nursing is considered a shortage occupation, petitioning employers do not have to undergo the labor certification process, which determines availability of US citizens or residents for the position.

Until now nurses fall under the Schedule A category, which means they are pre-certified and may file directly for immigrant visas.

A verification process is done before an RN is petitioned. The Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) administers a qualifying test to verify credentials and ensure minimum educational requirement for RN licensure is met.

RNs are also required to take the English proficiency test and to pass the US national nursing licensure examination, NCLEX.

Other care providers

Villar may have confused RNs with care providers who do not need degrees.

There are health care providers who can be petitioned by US employers even without bachelor's degrees. These are licensed vocational nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing aides or "caregivers."

But it takes longer, 7-8 years, to process their immigrant visas because their jobs are not "precertified" as shortage occupation.

In the coming decade, more than 78 million baby boomers are going to retire and there is an expected shortage of health care workers. Baby boomers will soon need health care.

Assuming that US immigration law relating to foreign educated nurses remains unchanged, there will be more nurse positions to be filled.

To prepare for the future, those who are interested to enter the profession should strive to complete their education and emulate role models such as our very own Menchu Sanchez. She is a taga-pag-alaga but her nursing skills earned her honor when her nurturing character was revealed through her heroic deeds during a time of crisis.

Indeed, she is a taga-pag-alaga with heart and pride.

No one can take that away from hard-working and dedicated Filipino nurses who work everywhere in the world.

Jane Oineza Overwhelmed With First Int'l Nod

Showbiz newbie Jane Oineza's first lead role as a

professional actress has become her biggest break to date with her nomination in the Best Performance by an Actress category at the 2013



New York Festivals (NYF) World's Best Television & Films.

"I'm very thankful po dahil na-recognize nila 'yung ginawa ko. I'm more than overwhelmed," the 16-year-old told media when she was launched as part of the Star Magic Circle 2013.

It was Jane's "Maalaala Mo Kaya (MMK)" episode with Angel Aquino that got nominated. The controversial "MMK" episode, titled "Manika," aired in mid-2012 and earned rave reviews for Jane's portrayal of a 15-year-old girl who was raped by her stepfather in front of her mother.

"Sobrang bigat ng role pero thankful po ako sa 'MMK' dahil ipinagkatiwala nila sa akin."

Jane also feels honored by the fact that she is competing in the festival with Hollywood stars Julia Stiles and Troian Bellisario, who are both from the web series "WIGS."

The 2013 New York Festivals will be held on April 9 in Las Vegas.



Naku ha! by Jose Baking
LittleManilaConfidential.com



Media reports say Isabelle Lapointe (right) is in a romantic relationship with Conservative Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, for whom she works as an aide.

The Next Senate Scandal will Not Include a Filipino

If Senator Tobias “Jun” Enverga has an assistant as beautiful as this one, he should introduce her to me at immediately before some self-styled ex-con starts writing crazy no-truth stories about them. On the bright side with regards to senator Lapointe, it’s about time we Canadians get scandals as salacious and exciting as our British or Italian counterparts. While they were having sex scandals at one time, the best we can give them is former Minister Bev Oda charging us for an overpriced orange juice in a hotel. Really? That’s a scandal? I guess by Canadian standards, it is. Besides, Senator Jun, baka magalit si misis kung may maganda kang assistant. Naku. Patay kang bata ka. Ehe, ano ba ito? Sus ginoo.

Government Has No Business in the Bedrooms of the Nation -PM PIERRE TRUDEAU

I think is is also vice-versa. But if these senior senators and their very young partners release a sex video...EWWWWWWW

They don’t Create Scandals like they Used to

Last year, Maygan Sensenberger, 23, wife of Senator Rod Zimmer, 69, caused a flight distrurbance in August. Two months later, she kicked off her acting career by starring in an independent film about a world ruled by women. Anyway, the story died down faster than you can say “front page news.” Apparently, newspapers here do not like covering scandals involving beautiful women, or sex. Witness the latest brouhaha about expense reports about senator Mike Duffy and Pamela Wallin. It seems these two were claiming expenses they were not entitled to and the coverage has been non-stop. If these two senators want to kill media interest in their scandals, they should declare that they are sleeping together. That should kill interest in their scandal. Altogether now again...EWWWWWWWW.....



Maygan Sensenberger, 23, and Senator Rod Zimmer, 69 having dinner.

How Powerful are Ethnic Newspapers

Now that we are in the 21st century, not really. Not even the Toronto Star or New York Times can claim to be powerful the way they were in the 19th century. However, the New York Times did influence public opinion towards attacking Iraq when they wrote that they found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. However, they lost their reputation when none were actually found and now seems to be living with the reputation that they somehow agreed to be used by the Bush administration. Let us go back to ethnic newspapers. When senator Jun Enverga was being accused of wrongdoings left and right, he got appointed to the senate. When, publisher Ace Alvarez was also being accused of everything wrong that happened in this world, including probably the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, he became the recipient of the Queen’s Jubilee medal. Ethnic newspapers are as good as Canadian newspapers in informing the target market of issues that are of importance. But trying to bring down someone and claiming that your newspaper is powerful is wishful thinking. Na-promote na nga iyong tao despite sa katitira mo, magke-claim ka pa na powerful ka. In fact, trying to bring down someone by writing bad about them only brings them up. Which gives me the idea that I should probably start writing something bad about myself. I might get appointed to run a government body like the United Way.

Filipinos Protest Argentinian Papabile Election



As usual, Filipinos have responded already to the appointment of the Argentinian Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (PHOTO) to be Pope over the Philippines’ Cardinal Tagle. Different Filipino association in Toronto plan to protest the result. They will demand a recount. They say that the conclave of Cardinals used automated machines with outdated software and that they used un-licensed software from Smartmatic. The mock elections showed that the machines have glitches. They demand that the cardinals hold the election again with manual voting because they suspect

the voting machines used to elect the Argentinian was tampered with and that there were flying cardinals, er, I mean voters. Ehe. susmaryosep ano ba ito? Naghalo-halo na ang mga balita ko.

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Faces from the Past
DO YOU REMEMBER THEM?

Armando Goyena

Armando Goyena (December 7, 1922 – March 9, 2011), born Jose Revilla, was a Filipino actor and matinée idol who was popular in the 1950s.[1]

He married to Francisca “Paquita” Roses. They were the parents of 8 children: Maritess, Tina, Johnny, Ces, Pita, Rossi, Malu, and Cita. Two of their daughters became popular movie stars in the 1970s: Maritess and Tina Revilla. His only son, Johnny Revilla, now plays character roles. Among his grandchildren who joined show business are Bernard and Mico Palanca, Bianca Araneta and Lexi Schulze.

Together with his onscreen movie partner, Tessie Quintana, Goyena appeared in Prinsesang Basahan, Hawayana, Tia Loleng, Virginia, and Isabelita. Goyena, together with Cecilia Lopez and Jonny Reyes, starred in Anak ng Berdugo.

His last film before his retirement was Annie B. with Jolina Magdangal in 2004.



Nurses Confused As Cynthia Villar Promises To Take Up BS Nursing If Not Elected.

MANILA, Philippines — After earning the ire of nursing graduates after her controversial answer to an interview, Las Piñas Representative Cynthia Villar has released a statement issuing an apology:

Taos-puso po akong bumibingi ng paumanhin sa labat ng mga nurse at kani-kanilang pamilya na labis na nasaktan sa aking kasagutan sa tanong na ibinatong sa akin sa isang programa sa TV.

Alam ko po ang sakripisyo at hirap na pinagdaanan ng mga nurse, mga nursing students at kanilang mga magulang at pamilya upang maitaguyod ang kanilang pag-aaral at propesyon. Hindi rin po lingid sa akin ang malaking tulong ng mga nurse dito sa Pilipinas at sa ibang bansa na nagta-trabaho nang lubos upang makatulong sa kanilang pamilya.

Humibingi po ako ng pang-unawa sa kabat ng mga nasaktan sa aking sinabi. Wala po akong intensyong maliitin ang mga Filipino nurses. (from Villar’s Twitter account)

But her apology still did not appease the nursing profession, who finds her statement insincere and rushed.

“Obviously she is clueless when it comes to nursing,” said Martin.

Evelyn, a registered nurse said, “You call that an apology? That is more like damage control!”

“Asahan na nya na wala syang makukuhang boto galing sa mga sektor ng mga nurses (She can expect no votes coming from the nursing sector),” said Myra angrily.

Villar quickly tweeted another statement after the first one did not sit well with netizens, saying:

One would think that such a remarkable gesture would finally heal the wounds her previous statements might have caused, but that would be too easy. Instead, nurses became even more confused.



Cynthia Villar
@Cynthia_Villar

Para po sa mga kababayan nating Registered Nurse (RN), sakaling matalo po ako at hindi mahalal bilang Senador sa Mayo, ipinapangako ko pong kukuha agad ako ng kursong BSN sa Hunyo para lubos kong mauunawaan ang inyong sakripisyo.

“On one hand, we can see that she now knows what RN stands for,” said Jake. “But on the other, does she know what BSN stands for?”

“Nalilito ako kung bobotohin ko sya o hindi (I’m confused if I should vote for her or not),” added Jake.

Myra, who was previously quoted as to saying that she won’t vote for Villar, changed her stance and decided to vote for her instead. “Mas gugustuhin ko nang mahalal sya at maging Senador, kesa sa maging nurse sya at maihanay kabilang namini! Yuck! (I’d rather she be elected Senator instead of her becoming a nurse and being in the same profession as me! Yuck!)”

Maaring nakaligo na sya kasama ng asawa nya sa dagat na basura, pero duda ako na kakayanin nya ang pagiging nurse, dahil hindi ito isang madaling trabaho (She might’ve swam with her husband on a sea of garbage, but I doubt she can be a nurse become this is not an easy job,” said another nurse we interviewed.

“Hindi ko tuloy alam kung anong mas masaklap. Ang maging Senador sya o maging nurse (I’m not sure what bitter pill is harder to swallow. Her becoming a Senator or her becoming a nurse).”

Remy German, a political strategist commended Villar and her social media strategist for the bold move. “Whatever votes she may have lost over the weekend due to the backlash of her statement before are now back. The nursing world would now surely vote for her because of this.”

“It’s the classic, ‘Vote-For-Me-Or-I-Will-Ruin-Your-World’ strategy from the old campaign books,” German added. “Hanep talaga!”

LAUGH RESORT

Pedro: Wow, first year wedding anniversary niyo na, anong gift mo sa misis mo?
Juan: Dadalhin ko siya sa Africal
Pedro: Sarap naman, eh next year ano naman ang gift mo?
Juan: Kukunin ko siya pabalik!!!

Si Juan ay nagpunta sa probinsya upang mag-hunting. Papunta sila sa kagubatan ng kanyang guide at panay ang pagyayabang na siya raw ay asintado at wala pa raw siyang ti-narget na di tinamaan. Pagdating sa kagubatan, agad siyang nakakita ng baboy damo, inasinta. . binaril . . sablay.

Ang guide nagkakamot ng ulo, "Akala ko po talaga kayong asintado."

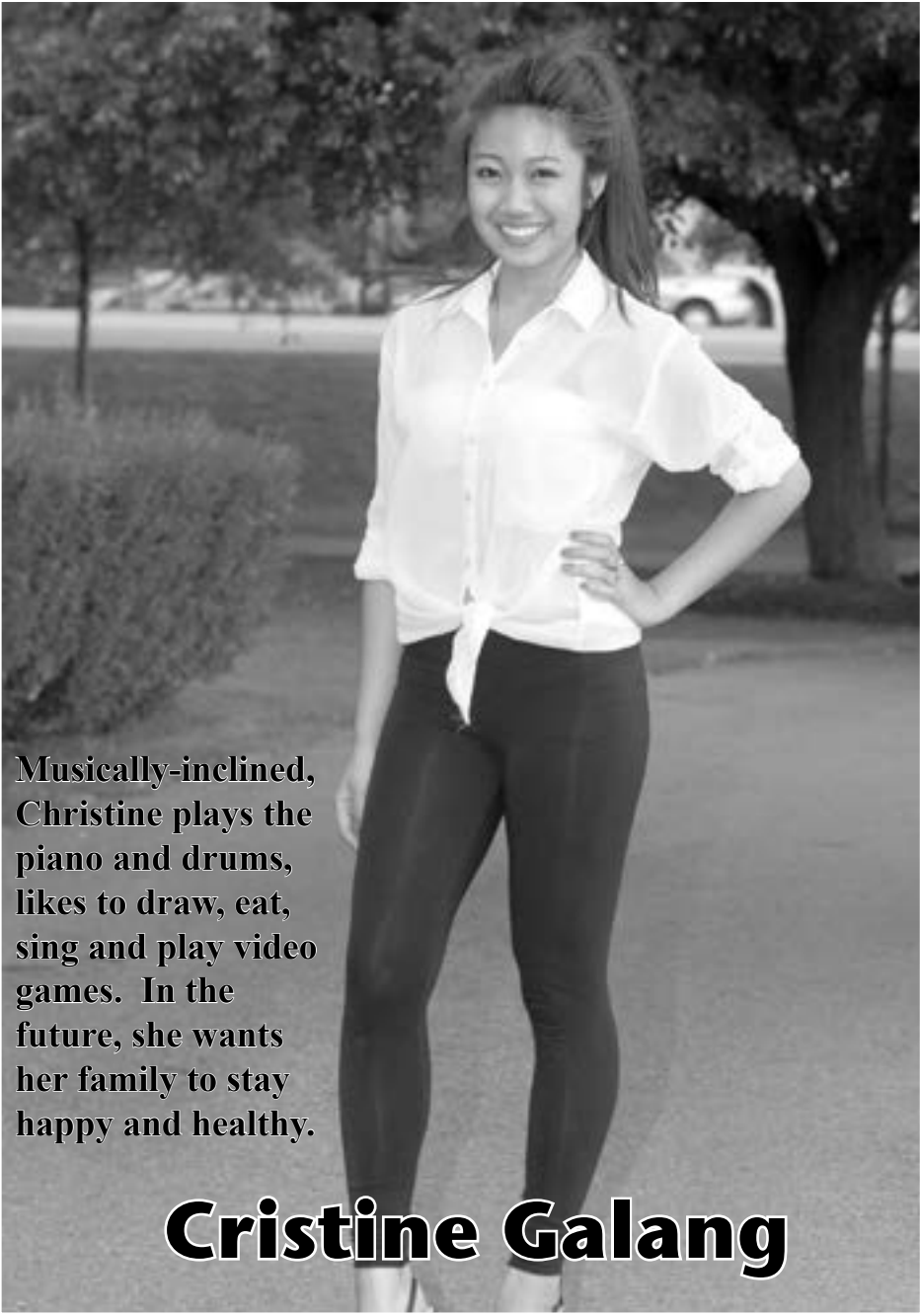
"Asintado ako talaga, nagkaroon lang ng puwing ang mata ko kaya ako sumablay. Para patunayan ko sa iyo, babarilin ko iyong mga ibon na lumilipad na nakapikit."

Ang guide nagdududa, "nakapikit at mapapalagpak nyo?" "Oo, manood ka," Pumikit si Juan na inumang at pinaputok ang baril, ng magmulat siya ng mata hinanap niya ang ibon sa lupa.

"Aba, pambihira pala ang mga ibon dito sa inyo, may tama na eh nakakalipad pa rin."

Dearest Anak, Sa susunod anak, Nido non-fat na lang ang ipadala mo sa tatang mo. Nasisira kasi ang tiyan niya sa pinadala mong Nivea Moisturing Milk... Nagmamahal, Nanay

Honey shot



Musically-inclined, Christine plays the piano and drums, likes to draw, eat, sing and play video games. In the future, she wants her family to stay happy and healthy.

Cristine Galang



Kim mum on Maja's friendship statement

Kim Chiu has chosen to maintain her silence regarding her reportedly strained friendship with Maja Salvador.

Reports of the two stars' damaged relations surfaced when the latter admitted going out with actor Gerald Anderson. Gerald is Kim's ex-boyfriend.

In a taped interview aired on ABS-CBN's showbiz talk show, Maja said she still values her friendship with Kim.

"Basta ako, alam ko na alam niya na naging totoo akong kaibigan," Maja said of Kim. "At hanggang ngayon, nandito pa rin ako."

Maja added: "Kahit na ano'ng mangyari, kaibigan niya pa rin ako. Ang pagkakaibigan, nagkakaintindihan. Pero nandito lang kami sa lugar ngayon, sa sitwasyon ngayon kung saan kailangan naming pagdaanan. Hindi ko man maibalik yung friendship na meron kami, pero sana in time, ma-realize niya, ng lahat, na nandito ako bilang totoong kaibigan."

In a previous interview with Yahoo! Philippines OMG! and other members of the press, Maja said she and Gerald are not yet a couple.

Kim, on the other hand, is mum when asked to comment on Maja's statement.

"Hindi ko po alam," she said.

Kim has this to say about working with Maja on "Ina, Kapatid, Anak": "Wag na lang po natin pag-usapan yan. Parang ang tagal na po ng isyu na yan. Paulit-ulit na lang."

She maintains that the controversy surrounding her and Maja has nothing to do with their show's success.

"The story itself naman po ng 'Ina, Kapatid, Anak'... Sa una pa lang, sinubaybayan na siya ng mga tao. So ganun talaga ang takbo ng kwento," Kim said.

"So nagpapasalamat kami dahil tuloy-tuloy ang suporta ng tao. Andyan pa rin sila para panoorin kami every night."

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AFTER THE GIG

Lesley Casey, Maria Panaligan chill out while Maria’s mom Genelie makes a phone call after their gig with the Innovation band at Bistro Manila.



Hayden on Vicki: We’re taking it one step at a time

Hayden Kho remains coy about the status of his relationship with celebrity doctor and ex-girlfriend Vicki Belo.

Recent sightings of the two together in various events and functions have made people and the press speculate that they’re back in each other’s arms after their controversial break-up February of last year.

However, the returning actor said he and Vicki are “taking it slow.”

“I can say na naaayos na. But gaya ng sabi niya, we’re really taking it slow. I agree with her na it’s really unhealthy for us to put a label on our relationship,” Hayden told the entertainment media.

Hayden added that they’re happy with whatever they have right now. “It’s a process,” he said.

“We’ve been going out as friends—as really close friends,” “The Bride and The Love” star explained. “It’s just enjoying each other’s company. We’re taking it one step at a time.”

Asked if they’re in love again with each other, he answered: “Yung mga ganyan, it’s private. It’s personal.”

Despite being together as a couple and as friends for quite some time, Hayden still finds Vicki’s company “delightful.”

“I think sa almost eight years na kaming magkasama, I think may mga discoveries pa rin kami sa isa’t isa. Kasi kahit matagal na kaming magkasama, meron pa rin kaming napaguusapang bago,” Hayden shared.

Angel Denies Hand In Angelica’s Exclusion From Film

Angel Locsin’s silence on her alleged rift with “One More Try” co-star Angelica Panganiban has been highlighted once more as the latter is no longer part of their supposed upcoming film together.

Recall that the Kapamilya actresses’ supposed misunderstanding was said to have started after Angel allegedly got hurt by a slap Angelica delivered in one of their confrontation scenes in “One More Try.”

While she has kept mum on the issue, Angel vehemently denies she has a hand in Angelica’s exclusion from the still-untitled family film under Star Cinema.

“Naisip ko nga ’no, parang nagkaroon nga ng kulay ngayon (with Angelica not being part of the cast), pero hindi namin iniisip kasi hindi kami ganoon mag-isip kapag may ka-trabaho ka. Basta kami, masaya lang kami, excited lang kami na bigyan kami ng trabaho,” Angel explained in an interview with Push.

Speaking of Angelica, Angel said, “Well, hindi pa kami nagkikita, ’yun lang. Hindi naman (sa umiiwas ako). Siguro habang mas tumatagal tayo sa trabaho natin, mas pinipili mo na lang siguro kung ano ang sasagutin mo o hindi. Kung hindi rin naman positive para sa aming dalawa, eh ’di ’wag na lang. Mas okay na ganoon na lang.”

Asked if she is willing to work again with the “Apoy Sa Dagat” star, Angel’s brief answer was “Huwag na muna natin pag-usapan.”

Filipino World

Filipina wins the bachelor

LOS ANGELES – Nearly ten million viewers watched as half-Filipina Catherine Ligaya Giudici accepted the engagement proposal of “The Bachelor’s” Sean Lowe, before riding off atop an elephant under a Thailand sunset on ABC’s reality TV finale.

The 26-year-old graphic designer and blogger from Seattle, Washington Giudici bested 25 other female contestants for Lowe’s affection.

Lowe chose Giudici over Lindsay Yenter, a substitute teacher from Missouri, in the show’s finale.

“I miss you every time we have to say goodbye. I don’t want to say goodbye anymore,” said Lowe during his proposal to Giudici, which was filmed in Thailand. “That was the biggest moment of my life,” said Giudici, recalling the proposal during ABC’s “After the Rose” special episode.

The two-hour “Bachelor” season finale and one hour “After the Rose” special netted 9.9 million viewers, dominating the Monday night prime time competition.

The 28-year-old Lowe, an insurance agent from Texas, told ABC host Chris Harrison, he and Giudici plan to get married soon and in front of all to see.

“A marriage follows a proposal,” said Lowe. “We don’t have a date yet but we have decided that it would be cool since our relationship started and cultivated on a TV show we’ll have our wedding on a TV show. ABC will cover the wedding.”

Lowe seemed very genuinely in love with Giudici openly sharing his feelings about her during the episode.

“She’s the light of my life. I feel so incredibly blessed,” he said.

Giudici described her experience on the show as “surreal” and her own “fairytale.”

Whether the two are genuinely in love, or if this is just a made-for-TV love, only time will tell.

ABC host Harrison believes the relationship is truly genuine.

“I don’t think we’ve ever had a couple in the ten or 11 years, come out of the gate so sincere, so serious and ready to take that next step,” said Harrison.

Guidici is the daughter of Cynthia Mejia-Giudici, a trustee for the Filipino-American National Historical Society in Seattle.

Her father, Carey “Trip” Guidici, is of Scottish and Swiss-Italian descent, and a renowned journalist and former editor-in-chief of Northwest Asia Weekly.



Germany welcomes Filipino nurses



MANILA, Philippines—Germany is opening its doors to Filipino nurses and Manila and Berlin are set to sign an agreement paving the way for the deployment of Philippine health workers with guarantees of professional training and a healthy work environment.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said Tuesday that German Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ursula von der Leyen is set to travel to Manila soon to formalize the deployment agreement with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

The signing follows a March 8 meeting between Philippine Ambassador to Germany Maria Cleofe Natividad and officials of the federal employment agency, International Placement Services (ZAV), in Bonn, said the DFA.

Supervised by Von der Leyen, the ZAV, along with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), “will ensure that Filipino nurses will have adequate linguistic and professional preparation, free of charge, prior to entry to Germany” as part of a “triple win formula.”

“It is all systems go for the Triple Win Project. When the agreement is signed, then we have a cooperation framework that enables Filipino nurses to work in Germany,” Natividad said in a statement.

She said the deployment agreement has safety nets to protect the Filipino workers’ rights.

“Under the agreement, Filipino workers may not be employed under working conditions less favorable

than those comparable for German workers,” she said.

The DFA said the deployment agreement is part of the enhanced labor cooperation that Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario and German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle discussed in Manila last February.

Knights of Rizal Meet & Greet Senator Enverga



LEFT, Members of the press pose with Senator Tobias “Jun” Enverga (6th from right). RIGHT, Members of the Knights of Rizal pose wit Senator Tobias “Jun” Enverga.(5th from right). On his left is KOR’s Manny Yanga of Scarborough Toyota. PHOTOS BY ALAIN CANIZARES

UP Student commits Suicide

Student unable to pay tuition

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Sciences freshman from UP Manila, who took her own life on Friday reportedly after being forced to put her studies on hold for lack of tuition money.

It was also revealed that a day before the suicide, Pascual met with the various UP chancellors and issued a directive that could have made Tejada change her mind about ending her life.

“To think that it happened a day after I instructed the chancellors at our council meeting held last Thursday that we should not deny access to qualified students who cannot enroll because of financial constraints,” he said.

“To think also that the reforms I am pushing to simplify the Socialized Tuition Assistance Program application process and increase the financial aid for poor students are already planned for the Board of Regents’ action next month.”

“It is unfortunate it takes time to implement change,” Pascual said. “We can easily be overtaken, as we have been, by a sudden turn of events. But I am confident we can turn the tragedy into a greater resolve to act and make UP accessible to the poor.”

Since 1989, the country’s premier state university has been implementing a socialized tuition scheme wherein well-to-do students pay higher tuition while those from low-income families pay minimal or no tuition.

Students are categorized according to



their capacity to pay under five brackets, with Bracket A paying P1,500 per unit and Bracket E paying no tuition. Tejada, daughter of a taxi driver and the eldest of five children, was categorized under Bracket D wherein she had to pay P300 per unit.

A report by the UP Manila student publication, Manila Collegian, said the student was forced Wednesday last week to file a leave of absence from her studies following appeals for an extension of the payment period for her tuition loan.

A day after her leave was granted, she committed suicide by drinking a silver cleaning solution at her Tayuman, Manila, residence.

News of her death drew strong reactions in the social media, largely from

UP alumni who called for a review of the tuition assistance program. On Saturday, UP graduates among the senatorial candidates in the May elections also weighed in.

“We have to review our scholarship programs and even UP itself. Although they have a socialized scholarship program, it looks like they have to temper this with more humanity,” said reelectionist Sen. Aquilino Pimentel III.

“It’s very depressing that an incident like this has to happen, more so that it happened in UP. The government and state universities should show more compassion and leeway especially to students who come from poor families and are experiencing financial constraints,” added Aurora Rep. Juan Edgardo Angara.

Pimentel and Angara are both products of the UP College of Law and are now running under the administration’s senatorial ticket.

Angara, who chairs the House committee on higher and technical education, was one of the authors of a bill establishing a student financial assistance system that would harmonize all government scholarship and grant-in-aid programs.

Makabayan Coalition senatorial candidate Teddy Casiño said Tejada’s

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Filipino actor in Hollywood movie with Vince, Owen

MANILA, Philippines - Filipino actor Tobit Raphael (photo) stars with Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson in The Internship which is set for release first in early June. Described as ‘a young breakout actor,’ Tobit said his character in the movie is ‘the new Mc Loving,’ named Yoyo who is an awkward, yet lovable computer programmer. A recent graduate of UCLA’s School of Theater, Film & Television, Tobit knows the value of bringing intelligence to comedy. His wit and comedic timing were noticed by Vaughn and other co-star Shawn Levy. His humor is said to have stemmed from his strict, sheltered life and as the film progresses, his hilarious side emerges.



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Philippine-Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) composed of representatives from numerous Filipino-Canadian organizations pledge to work together for the objectives of PCCF, among others to work for charity.

Toronto, February 26, 2013 - The Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) clarified that the organization is a non-profit organization registered with the Ontario provincial Ministry of Consumer Relations. Rafael said the non-profit corporation

was approved by the Ontario provincial government as a charity with Ontario Corporation Number 1824607. Rafael also cited numbers 1 and 2 of the Articles of Incorporation of the PCCF as follows:
1. To relieve poverty in developing

nations by providing food and other basic supplies to persons in need;
2. To provide necessities of life to victims of disasters;
Rafael said the writer of the story mixed up the registration of a non-profit corporation under the provincial

government and registration of a charity organization with the CRA for tax purposes.
For more information visit www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com

Rufa plays deal or No Deal



MANILA, Philippines - Host-actress Rufa Gutierrez returns to the ABS-CBN studio as a contestant in the hit game show “Kapamilya Deal or No Deal.” In the episode, which will be aired this Saturday, Gutierrez captivated the “Banker,” who expressed his admiration for the actress through “Deal or No Deal” host Luis Manzano.
When Banker asked the former beauty queen about her ideal man, Gutierrez said she wants someone who is tall, nice, and loving to her kids.
The “Kapamilya Deal or No Deal” episode featuring Gutierrez will air on ABS-CBN on Saturday, March 16, after “TV Patrol Weekend.”
Gutierrez earlier clarified rumors of her return as a Kapamilya, saying that her contract with TV5 is still up for re-negotiation.

Comedian Subas Herrero dies

MANILA, Philippines - Comedian Subas Herrero passed away in Rochester, New York on Friday (Manila time). He

was 69.
Singer-comedian Mitch Valdes said she got a text message from musician John Lesaca, who got the sad news from Herrero’s wife Maripaz.
The message read: “Our dear friend Subas passed away March 14 of cardiac arrest due to 4 days of double pneumonia. Pls say a prayer for our dear friend. He will always be remembered for his talents and his great attitude on life summed up as his regular yell: I LOVE THIS GAME!”
Comedian Noel Trinidad, meanwhile, said he got a call from Maripaz, who confirmed Herrero’s death.
Trinidad said his friend had several strokes before and was diabetic, adding that the comedian would’ve turned 70 on April 3.
Herrero is survived by Maripaz and their children Sandra, Inez, Cutuy, Marimi and Choy.

The Voice Correspondent

MANILA, Philippines -- A young TV host has confirmed his part in the Philippine edition of the reality singing competition “The Voice.”
Robi Domingo, a former “Pinoy Big Brother” housemate, told ABS-CBN News on Friday that he will be the social media correspondent of “The Voice of the Philippines,” which is currently holding auditions in time for its telecast in the second quarter of the year.
In the original American format of the show, the social media correspondent updates viewers on real-time Twitter reactions about the performances of the contestants and even the celebrity coaches during the program’s live telecast.

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gathering Filipino fighters and fight fans alike, Mixed Martial Arts. The sport means literally what its name suggests, it’s a combination of every imaginable combat disciplines applied in a no holds barred competition.
Using a mix of striking and grappling, fighters aim to either submit or knock out their opponent. It’s a simple concept, one that has also been observed by countless civilizations past. “It’s so natural. Even before there were any types of games with rules, opponents would fight and people would come and watch for enjoyment as well as war and sports,” explains EJ Calvo, general manager of MMA promotion Pacific Xtreme Combat (PXC).
The buzz on MMA began when the Universal Fighting Championships (UFC) started gaining popularity among local fight aficionados. And ever since the first Universal Reality Combat Championship (URCC) event was held back in 2002, the sport of MMA in the Philippines has grown by leaps and bounds.
However, it was when international fight promoters like the PXC came in the country that revolutionized how local fighters approached the game. Only by competing against foreign fighters and getting exposed to different styles and techniques did local MMA practitioners progress and evolve.
“I think it was just a matter of time. After competing against international talents

that brought different skills to the mix, they started to understand that you have to be well-rounded in this sport. That’s why it’s so fun to watch,” Calvo explained.
Originally an MMA promotion based in Guam, PXC expanded its operations here in the Philippines back in 2011 and has since witnessed the sport’s meteoric rise locally. Currently, over 30 percent of the fighters under contract with PXC are Filipinos.
As proof of the growing popularity of the sport in the country, the number of MMA gyms in Manila as well as in other regions has steadily increased. These fight dens have become estuaries of local talents looking for a place to hone their skills and interact with athletes that share the same passion.
Although famous teams are situated within the Greater Manila Area, like Submission Sport Philippines in Pasig and Full Contact International in Makati, fight hubs have been setting up shop all over the country. Regional gyms like Fightworks MMA in Laguna, Beefit Python’s Pit in Davao, and the Legacy Gym in Boracay have produced equally talented and often more competitive fighters. However, because of the sheer number of international fighters and champions it has produced, Team Lakay based in Baguio City is arguably the most successful MMA gym in the country.
“Malaki na talaga ang improvement ng MMA dito sa Pilipinas,” shares Davao born PXC Flyweight Champion Ali Cale. Although purists would disagree, MMA has the capacity to one day overtake some of the more conventional combat sports, as former boxer Cale admits. “Sabi ng karamihan nawawala na ang boxing, at nakita ko din na may katotohanan yung sinasabi nila. Kaya nga hindi na ako nagpatuloy ng boxing dahil sa MMA,” the

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‘Bareback’ orgies raise HIV cases to record levels



‘ALWAYS CARRY, USE CONDOMS’ Health Assistant Secretary Enrique Tayag said the DOH recorded 380 new HIV cases in January—the highest increase since the government began monitoring HIV/AIDS cases in 1984—even as many sexually-active Filipinos continue to avoid having themselves tested for the virus. He urged sexually-active Filipinos to always carry and use condoms, adding that unsafe sexual practices like “bareback orgies” among men who have sex with men (MSM) were to blame for the worsening HIV situation in the country.

The Philippines posted its highest ever increase in the number of new HIV infections in January and the number is expected to increase even further in the near future, a Department of Health (DOH) official said on Friday.

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Tayag said the DOH was saddened by these new figures, pointing out that the Philippines was one of only nine countries where HIV continues to increase by “more than 25 percent.”

He said that it was saddening that many of the new cases were aged 20 to 29 years old, which is considered to be their “productive years.”

Like an umbrella

“We urge everyone ... if you cannot abstain (from sex), maintain your relationship inside marriage or be mutually faithful, use a condom to save your life,” Tayag said.

“Don’t believe those who say that

condoms have holes and you cannot benefit from them. And always carry it with you,” he said.

“It doesn’t mean that when you have one always, you are a bad person. It’s like carrying an umbrella. If you have an umbrella, it does not mean that you want it to rain. You only want to have one just in case it does,” he added.

“The problem is (unsafe sexual practices). We have monitored many (in the MSM community) who join orgies,” Tayag said.

“They get participants through social media and they do it in their homes. They don’t use condoms ... They have a term for it ... bareback,” he added.

‘Barebacking orgies’

Jonas Bagas, executive director of the gay civil society group TLF Share Foundation, said the sharp increase in new HIV cases should not surprise health officials.

“They should have anticipated this, not because of the so-called ‘barebacking orgies’ but because of the orgy of ignorance and the rejection of evidence. The persistence of unprotected sex is the manifestation of the problem, not the root of it,” Bagas said.



Senator Tobias Enverga, Jr. (far right) joins the Scarborough Ontario Seniors Association (SOSA) Queen of Hearts and two runner-up beauties for a souvenir photo at the SOSA Valentine's Dinner/Dance event recently. Also in photo are Ed Banez and his wife, Carol Banez, president of SOSA; GMA TV Development and Marketing Consultant for Canada, Rosemer Enverga (5th from left); and, Marita Lee of Atin Ito (7th from left). Senator Enverga was guest speaker at the event where he highlighted the Conservative government's investment on health of seniors.

Conservative Gov’t Focuses on Active and Healthy Ageing

Senator Tobias Enverga, Jr. has highlighted the efforts of the Conservative government of Prime Minister Harper on projects reflecting a diverse range of important issues facing seniors.

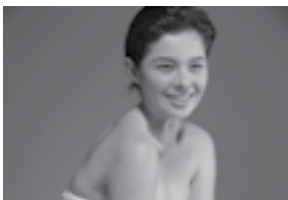
Speaking recently at the Scarborough Ontario Seniors Association (SOSA), Senator Enverga, Jr. said that among these issues are hearing loss, assisted living technologies, continence, mobility in urban areas and care in residential facilities.

He stressed that the funding for international research projects in these areas are aimed at keeping seniors active. The new information gathered would be used to guide policies, practices and programs to enhance the quality of life of seniors and their families.

Under the project, Canadian researchers will be working with partners in Finland, Sweden, Israel, United Kingdom, Luxembourg, France and Norway. Funding from the Government of Canada was provided through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

‘Mundo Mo’y Akin’ Premieres On GMA Network

GMA-7 once again comes up with a compelling family drama featuring top caliber stars Sunshine Dizon, Angelika dela Cruz, Jolina Magdangal, Gabby Eigenmann, Lauren Young, Ms. Jaclyn Jose, Alden Richards, and Louise delos Reyes.



Gabby has been with GMA-7 for the last 17 years, and “I’ve never been on vacation,” he said.

He is an actor who exudes respectability and charm. No controversies, nor any hint of moral negligence. He has been playing a variety of roles as a kontrabida. “I do not mind it,” he explained. “There is so much challenge from it.

People never get bored of it, including myself.”

Robin Padilla: Cristine Reyes’ Newest Crush

Cristine Reyes’ latest crush is no other than “Idol ng Bayan,” Robin Padilla. Cristine, 24, renewed her contract with ABS-CBN & was so excited to learn that she and Robin were going to work together.

Asked why she thinks many women fall head over heels for Robin, the actress says that aside from his good looks and great-looking body, it must be his interesting personality that women find attractive. “Tingin ko gusto ng mga babae ‘yung macho and true gentleman image ni Robin. Para kasing lagi siyang handang protektahan ka,” says Cristine.

And Robin values his fans, Cristine notes this

during their shoot for 555 Tuna. The actor had many followers who were watching at a distance. Robin didn’t want to disappoint them, so even if it was raining hard, he approached them, joined them for picture taking, and even chatted with them every chance he got. “Hanga talaga ako sa kanya,” adds Cristine. “She is also a perfectionist. Bawat take namin, nire-review niya. Bukod doon, magaling talaga siya makisama. At kahit gaano kalayo na ng naabot niya, sobrang sipag pa rin niya, bagay na bagay sa 555 Tuna - laging handang tumulong sa tao.”

John Lloyd turns emotional in another movie with Sarah

ACTOR John Lloyd Cruz had to contain his tears when asked about what he learned after portraying the character of business heir Miggy Montenegro in his upcoming movie “It Takes a

Man and a Woman” opposite Sarah Geronimo.

“Sa lahat ng nangyayayari na maganda ngayon, success, fame and money, in the end ang sasabihin (lang) sa iyo na just be a good person. Yun lang. That’s all that matters, lahat secondary,” he said. The actor said he can relate with Miggy, who had to go through a lot of challenges. John Lloyd, however, quickly clarified that he’s very much okay. John Lloyd also shared his thoughts on early retirement from show business, saying he will choose future projects that will really test his mettle as an actor.

“Gusto ko ma-enjoy ang buhay ko kasama ang pamilya ko. I’m after quality life with my family and would-be-family,” he said.

Meanwhile, John Lloyd said he is happy to work again with Sarah in the third installment of their successful silver screen romance. The two starred in box-office hits “A Very Special Love” and “You Changed My Life” in 2009.

World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA) Fundraiser



A dinner-dance was held to raise funds for the trip to WCOPA for Alyssa Datu and Katharine Reyes. LEFT, WCOPA-bound Alyssa Datu poses with Mark Crescini and wife Josie de Leon of the Josie de Leon School of Performing Arts, Chant de Leon-Bautista and Candice Agunday. CENTRE, Khandeys and Anthony David donated some prizes at the dinner-dance fundraiser. RIGHT, Food servers were more than happy to serve the packed crowd. See more at www.filipinogoodlife.com

Filipino Internet in HK

Even Non-Filipinos Flock to the Centre for Training



ADVINCULA supervises students wanting to learn more than just basic computer skills.

It may seem surprising but even in Hong Kong, a place so highly “cybertized” and quick to acquire new technology and gadgets, Internet cafés and computer shops persist.

And one of the more popular is a Filipino computer shop in Central. Jess Advincula’s Pinoy Worldnet has created a Filipino community built on technology, entrepreneurship and camaraderie.

Advincula and his family relocated in 2006 to the Chinese special administrative region after his wife, Jo, a consumer-product marketing officer, was sent to work in her company’s branch office there.

But Advincula had no plans to be a househusband while his wife worked. He looked for something to test his entrepreneurial skills.

Two years later, he opened Pinoy Worldnet in Central.

For Filipinos in Hong Kong, Central is exactly that, the center of their lives. Here they converge and socialize on their day-off, Sunday, in an area designated and secured by the city exclusively for their own use.

The district offers practically everything a resident Pinoy will need to address social, financial, cultural and overseas workers’ concerns. They can get call cards, Philippine canned goods and lutong bahay dishes. There are money changers, branches of Philippine banks and even a Jollibee branch.

The Worldwide House might as well be

called Pinoywide House because other nationalities seem to avoid intruding into the Filipinos’ get-together.

Pinoy Worldnet is about 200 meters away.

Advincula, who honed his entrepreneurial skills through various business ventures in Manila, easily made a success of Pinoy Worldnet.



Pinoy Worldnet is getting not just expatriate Filipinos but also local residents as trainees.

Adapting to change

But continued success, of course, would depend on how well he would be able to adapt to emerging situations or change course when needed.

Sensing that handheld computing was the wave of the future, Advincula opened a supplementary operation to ensure Pinoy Worldnet remained relevant. It has started offering basic day-long lessons on software, hardware, web and even business.

“This is more of an experiment because we want to develop options for the future. If everything goes well, we will pursue our plans of turning Pinoy Worldnet into a training center,” Advincula said.

While not officially a training center yet, many are already benefiting from what they learned in Pinoy Worldnet’s informal courses. Around 600 Filipinos so far have taken the courses.

The learning modules used in the courses are free.

“We get good feedback from participants,” Advincula said. “We’re glad because they’re the lifeblood of our business and this is our chance to give back.”

Michelle Tomas, who used to work in Hong Kong, attended sessions on the basics of setting up a business and bookkeeping.

Now back in Isabela where she has a carinderia in her hometown, she credits the Pinoy Worldnet for the business fundamentals she learned.

Better than school

Another “graduate” gave higher marks to Pinoy Worldnet’s free modules than the formal lessons he got in a known computer school.

Advincula is always preparing for the next digital trend. “Whatever happens to the desktop—whether mobile computing ultimately renders rental computing obsolete—we have been preparing for it... Right from the start, my goal has always been a training center with its own niche... And this niche is affordability and accessibility, especially for OFWs.

“I imagined this [the shift from desktop] was a few more years away. But, with the sudden rise of mobile-device computing, it looks like my timetable needs to be readjusted.”

But Advincula is adept at reinvention so he is confident he will cope with the challenges as Pinoy Worldnet shifts from a computer rental company to a training center. He started as a government employee before moving to the private sector and starting his own businesses.

“If the training center pushes through, it will certainly be bigger than the Internet café operation we have now. And that’s our next move,” he says.

He already has the things and people he will need for this next move—the classrooms, the machines, the trainers and the curricula are ready. Advincula is now trying to get from Philippine authorities an accreditation for Pinoy Worldnet as a training center for overseas Filipino workers.

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without permission. But he allowed them in and instructed the workers in the compound to accompany them.

The two inspected the pieces, took pictures of works they “wanted to buy,” and eventually separated, one leaving the other on the upper levels while the other headed to the ground floor.

Orlina’s assistant recounted it was an obvious effort to be rid of the workers who were keeping an eye on them.

According to the secretary, he noticed how jittery the two became when they realized the workers would stay by their side wherever they went. The supposed artists started creating alibis to make their escorts leave them.

CCTV camera captures a man stealing an Orlina glass sculpture displayed in an Alabang design space.

“They kept on asking if my men had a spare camera or a camera battery charger since their camera suddenly died,” Orlina told the Inquirer. “My secretary was up on his toes because it was obvious that the men wanted to be left alone within the workshop. CCTV cameras are all over the place. They were really eyeing particular works and even spent a good 15 minutes looking around while repeatedly trying to convince the workers to fetch a camera or charger, or whatever gimmick they could come up with.”

High alert

What the intruders didn’t know was that the Orlina atelier had already been on high alert because of recent episodes of art theft in various galleries. Moreover, an avid Orlina collector became an unknowing owner of a stolen sculpture she had bought from an independent art dealer.

Some of the latest heists were even captured by CCTV cameras installed in the galleries. The footage were viewed and reviewed by Orlina and his staff before the incident in the Orlina atelier.

Orlina said didn’t expect the syndicate to be so brazen as to visit his own studio. He said he also didn’t expect to find out that one of the men who posed as an artist and rummaged through his storage that day was a familiar face. In fact, his workers had seen the man numerous times before—from the CCTV footage.

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Last March 16, the family of Alyssa Datu and Katharine Reyes held a joint dinner-dance at the Our Lady of Assumption Church to send them to the World Championships of Performing Arts



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LEFT, Alyssa Datu is headed to WCOPA Championships. ABOVE LEFT, Alyssa's parents, Gerrie and Grace, held a dinner-dance fundraiser with the parents of another talent, Katharine Reyes at the Our Lady of Assumption parish. ABOVE RIGHT, Claudia Santos, Genelie Panaligan and their daughters Maria Panaligan and Candace Santos pose for a picture. RIGHT, Katharine Reyes is also WCOPA-bound.



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Talent, determination and luck are needed to succeed as a singer. But part of a singer's success also rely on the support, love, and hard work of parents behind the scenes.

(WCOPA) championships in Hollywood, California.

On April 27, another Filipino performer, Roy Tugbang will be having his fundraising concert entitled Splendore at the Cardinal Carter Centre for the Arts.

On July 12-21, Alyssa Datu, Katharine Reyes and Roy Tugbang will be going to the championships in Hollywood, California.

These three Filipinos will show their talents against the best of the best in the world.

"WCOPA is like the olympics of the performing arts. They get exposure and experience," said Gerrie, Alyssa's dad.

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You do not want that.

Jed Madela to be Inducted in WCOPA Hall of Fame



Isa na namang malaking accomplishment ang nagawa ni Jed Madela dahil napili siya na mapabilang sa Hall of Fame ng World Championships of the Performing Arts (WCOPA) ngayong darating na Hulyo, 2013 sa Hollywood.

"Sa July we're going back to Hollywood.

In-invite nila ako ulit to grace the 17th World Championships of the Performing Arts," simula ni Jed nang makapanayam siya. "Sa mga 'di nakakaalam, dun po ako sumali nung 2005. Dun ako sumali at nanalo." Si Jed ang kauna-unahang Pilipino na nanalo bilang world grand champion title sa WCOPA.

"And this year, they invited me to receive an award. They're giving me a Hall of Famer award sa (WCOPA) and 'yung mga binibigyan nila ng award dito ay 'yung mga tao who made a big impact in the industry where they're in," proud na pagbabalita ng singer.

Hindi maikakaila ang malaking karangalang iuuwi ni Jed dahil kabilang sa mga mabibigyan ng parehong pagkilala ay mga Hollywood icons kagaya ng singer-actress na si Liza Minnelli, ang singer na si Jennifer Holiday at ang action superstar na si Arnold Schwarzenegger. Humbling experience raw ito para kay Jed.

Tinawagan daw siya noong Disyembre at noong una raw ay inakala niyang binibiro lang siya. "Sobrang kinilabutan ako kasi

unang-unang pumasok sa isip ko pag nawala na ako, at least nakaukit ang pangalan ko d'yan... forever na," masayang balita ni Jed. "Pag wala na ako sa industriya... it depends... hindi natin alam... at least andyan na ang pangalan ko. It will be forever in the book and 'yun 'yung una kong naisip."

Isasabay rin ang induction kay Jed sa WCOPA competition ngayong taon kung saan may mga representatives ang bansa sa nasabing prestihiyosong kumpetisyon. "Medyo malaki 'yung team ng Philippines this year na pupunta sa World Championships. So aside from that award, excited ako sa team natin kasi ang daming magagaling this year," lahad niya na may kumpiyansa.

Ang singer ang kauna-unahang



WCOPA alumni Candace Santos and WCOPA-bound Roy Tugbang performed at the fundraiser.

Pilipinong mailalagay sa Hall of Fame ng WCOPA. "I think I'm the first Filipino, but I'm not sure if I'm the youngest. I'm the first Filipino na unang contestant ng World Championship na in-induct nila do'n.

Pagpapatuloy pa niya, "Usually ang ini-induct nila don 'yung mga beteterano na, 'yung mga icons na. So sobra akong honored that they even remembered me."

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CCTV cameras capture a woman entering a gallery to check the weight of



Ramon Orlina

an Orlina sculpture while aman outside hovers. Finding the sculpture portable, she takes it herself and gets away.

Art crooks have been harassing a design space in an Alabang mall since 2011. After losing four sculptures to two storage break-ins that year—three Orlinas and a Michael Cacnio—the management finally decided to install CCTV cameras in January 2012. The year passed almost without any incident until December when the thieves struck again.

This time, video footage reveals how the art fiends got away after “snatching” a small piece near the doorway. The video shows two women chatting up the gallery keeper in a false inquiry while a man hovers right outside the store’s display. In one swift movement, the man crosses

the doorway, grabs the sculpture, and goes off—his bag ready, open, and slung across his body to cover the sculpture and probably encase it once the coast is clear.

The women leave the store right after.

The same store lost another painting to robbers in January.

CCTV cameras in an Alabang mall capture two women who try to strike a conversation with art space staff. The distraction provides their companion, a man (right), the chance to take the Orlina sculpture and place it in his bag.

Also last January, a gallery in a mall in Mandaluyong City lost a painting to thieves.

The CCTV camera captured another heist involving four thieves running off with an Orlina piece worth P400,000.

The footage shows how robbers take advantage of the absence of the gallery attendant, taking off with the sculpture placed near the door.

The video clearly shows a woman in a black-and-white plaid button-down walking in the gallery and checking the weight of a larger sculpture. During this “test drive,” a man in a white shirt and another woman are seen lingering outside.

After a few moments, the “test driver” approaches the man in a white shirt, perhaps confirming that she can handle the piece. She reenters the store, secures the work in her arms, covers it with her shawl, and walks out unnoticed. Two men are seen covering her from passers-by’s views outside the gallery’s glass wall.

Once she is out of the camera’s sight, the other woman, who has been standing as a lookout, walks past the gallery door and follows the snatcher.

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Filipino nanny takes on US actress Sharon Stone

In this May 3, 2012, file photo, actress Sharon Stone arrives at A Better LA's "In the Art of the City" event in Los Angeles. Stone was sued May 23, 2012, in Los Angeles by Erlinda T. Elemen, the actress' former nanny for allegedly insulting her Filipino heritage and firing her after discovering Elemen had been paid overtime for working on family vacations and holidays.

LOS ANGELES—A US judge cleared the way Friday for a former Filipino nanny of actress Sharon Stone to go to trial against the actress for wrongful dismissal and harassment, including racist abuse.



Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mary Strobel ruled that Elemen's lawyers had provided enough evidence to support her allegations of harassment, failure to prevent harassment, retaliation and wrongful termination. "We're pleased the judge recognized that the

plaintiff's claims should proceed," said lawyer Erlinda Elemen, who worked as a live-in nanny for the "Basic Instinct" star until she was sacked in 2011, announced last year that she was suing the actress.

The trial is tentatively set for July 30. Stone's lawyers sought to have the case dismissed, arguing that comments made by the actress did not amount to harassment.

Comments only "All we have is that Ms Stone made comments about Filipino food, Filipino accents," said lawyer Daniel Gutenplan.

When the lawsuit was announced in May, the actress's publicist slammed the legal action as "absurd," claiming the ex-nanny was simply trying to "cash in" on Stone.

The lawsuit claimed the star equated being Filipino with being stupid, and ordered her not to speak in front of her children so they would not "talk like you."

Stone also banned Elemen from reading the Bible in Stone's home, even though she lived

with her to look after the actress's three children, and frequently traveled with them.

From August 2010, Elemen "was repeatedly subjected to derogatory comments and slurs by (Stone) related to her Filipino ethnicity and heritage," said the 17-page lawsuit.

2011 dismissal Elemen, who was hired in October 2006 and was promoted to head live-in nanny two years later, was dismissed in February 2011, after Stone learned she had been paid overtime when traveling with the children and on holidays.

The lawsuit asks for an unspecified amount for unpaid wages, damages and penalties, and is seeking a trial by jury.

In 2011, the actress was ordered to pay \$232,000 in compensation to a worker who injured his knee after slipping and falling in her backyard in 2006.

Danica Elyssa Baptism



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT, Ninongs and ninangs take turns carrying Danica Elyssa during her christening. RIGHT, The grandparents pose for a picture with their granddaughter.



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PH to keep UN forces in Golan Heights

MANILA - The Philippines said Thursday it would keep its contingent of United Nations peacekeepers in the Golan Heights, after Syrian rebels held 21 of them hostage for three days last March.

“The Philippine contingent to the UNDOF (UN Disengagement Observer Force) would remain stationed in the Golan Heights to perform its obligation in the name of peace,” foreign department spokesman Raul Hernandez told reporters.

“The Philippines, as a founding member of the UN, remains fully committed to the UN mandate of promoting peace and security.”

The UNDOF has been in the Golan Heights since 1974, monitoring a ceasefire between Syria and Israel.

But senior UN diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday there were fears there that Syria’s civil war could spark new withdrawals from the peacekeeping force. The force of less than 1,000 troops comprises troops from the Philippines, Austria and India. There are more than 300 Filipinos in the force.

Previously the force also included soldiers from Canada, Japan and Croatia.

The UN has recently cut peacekeeper patrols and closed down some observation points at the Golan Heights ceasefire zone amid the fresh turmoil there, the diplomats said.

The UN has complained to the Syrian government about incursions by President Bashar al-Assad’s forces into the Golan zone and about rebels who have built up their presence.

Shots were fired at one observation post after the Filipino peacekeepers were freed.

The UN peacekeeping spokesman, Kieran Dwyer, acknowledged the growing concerns on and said changes to the force were started several months ago. However he gave no details.

Philippine military spokesman Arnulfo Burgos told AFP that the 21 peacekeepers who were abducted last week would likely go back on patrol soon.

“The 21 peacekeepers have finished their stress debriefing and there are no (adverse) findings,” Burgos said.

“They are continuing with their medical exams and by all indications, by next week, they might be on full duty status.”

13-year-old stepson a suspect in Fil-Am’s murder

Filipino-American Carmen Aguelo Bailey, 34, was found dead in her home in New Iberia, Louisiana, around 6 p.m. on Tuesday after reportedly being stabbed multiple times.

Louisiana sheriff Louis Ackal said the suspect was Aguelo-Bailey’s 13-year-old stepson Dustin Bailey. Dustin was charged with second degree murder and transported to Saint James Juvenile Detention Center in Saint James, Louisiana.

Detectives have not released a motive for the brutal killing, which is still under investigation at this time.

Aguelo-Bailey’s husband, Warren, is said to be working overseas at the time of the incident.

PHL, South Sudan establish diplomatic ties

The Philippines and South Sudan, the world’s newest country, have established diplomatic ties, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said on Friday.

A Joint Communiqué establishing diplomatic relations was signed on March 13 by Philippine Ambassador to Kenya Domingo Lucenario and Sudanese Ambassador Majok Guandong Thiep in simple ceremonies held at the United Nations office in Nairobi.

The communiqué signed by Manila officially recognizes South Sudan as a sovereign and independent state soon after it declared its independence on July 9, 2011.

South Sudan used to be part of Sudan until two civil wars prompted it to break away from the conflict-stricken nation.

“The formal establishment of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and South Sudan is significant in many ways,” Lucenario said in his remarks during the signing. “It will mutually benefit our respective countries and peoples because we would now be able to intensify relations in various common areas of cooperation.”

There are more than 300 Filipinos working in South Sudan, Lucenario said, adding that the Philippines and the Filipino people would like to contribute more in the coming months and years in the development and reconstruction of South Sudan.

The Philippines also looks forward to strengthening economic relations with South Sudan, he said.

In the international arena, Lucenario said Manila looks forward to working closely with South Sudan on various global issues.

The two envoys also discussed the need to establish a Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation to identify various areas of cooperation to benefit the peoples of the Philippines and South Sudan.



Fil-Ams express support for Pope Francis

LOS ANGELES - As Catholics continued their Lent novenas, a new name was added to the daily prayers throughout the archdiocese of Los Angeles -- Pope Francis that he shall have with him wisdom and strength.

Through prayers, Filipino Catholics have been celebrating the selection of the first non-European pope, the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis.

At the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the East Hollywood neighborhood where the congregation is made up of mostly Filipinos and Latinos, they believed the Pope Francis of Argentina, with his Latin American roots and history of reaching out to the poor, is a good representative of the global community and vow to support him as the new leader.

“Having somebody outside of Europe, it is a validation of the fact that a majority of the Catholics now live in the other part of the world in Latin America, Africa and Asia and this is a very good validation. So I think he can lead, he will feel the pulse of the majority of the Catholics,” Fr. Miloy Pacanza of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church said.

“He’s good in pastoral work, he’s very humble and I think he has all the great qualification for being chosen the pope. We just all have to be united,” Wilma, a Los Angeles resident, said.

Filipinos hope the new pope, with his conservative background can continue to uphold conservative traditions, while balancing it with modern ideas such as the Philippines’ Reproductive Health Bill, which gives Filipinos access to sex education and contraceptives.

“I think he’s still going to follow the rules and regulations of the Catholics because Catholics don’t like abortion at all,” Richard Soldevilla of Los Angeles said.

Of the RH bill, Ruffa Minda Lao, a Los Angeles resident, said “It’s being passed by Congress in the Philippines, the RH bill, so I hope he could help us widen the people to accept.”

However, Filipinos agree that the issue of clergy abuse needs to be addressed immediately.

Coincidentally the Archdiocese of Los Angeles agreed to pay \$10 million to four abuse victims on Tuesday, as the papal conclave began.

“He should be very strict about the abuse because we are with the Lord so we have to follow what the Catholic policy, so that the other religions would respect us too,” Soldevilla said.

In the meantime, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) has issued a statement expressing fear that the Jesuit order, which Pope Francis comes from, has had a troubled track record on children’s safety.

“We hope that will give him the courage to shake things up and put the prevention of abuse and cover up first on his priority list,” SNAP said.

SNAP hopes that because he is not from within the Vatican, the new pope will have “the courage to shake things up and put the prevention of abuse and cover up first on his priority list.”

As the Filipino faithful continue the Lenten season, they believe the new pope is also a sign of new life and a renewal of faith for the global members of the Catholic Church.

For Kapuso actor, social work not just for show

“Being an actor is a privilege. I make sure to use it wisely,” says Enzo Pineda, explaining why he wants to become a good role model for the youth.

In 2012, Enzo became an ambassador for Children’s Hour. He tells the Inquirer: “GMA 7 called to ask if I was OK with the idea; I said, ‘Yes.’ The timing was perfect because I was looking at that time for an advocacy I could embrace.”

Children’s Hour, a program of Child Foundation Inc., requires volunteers to donate at least an hour of their time and worth to kids in need.

The 22-year-old actor, one of the lead stars of the new Kapuso afternoon drama “Ang Kakambal ni Eliana,” is also set to work with the National Youth Commission on a campaign for the May elections.

“We’re thinking of something to help encourage young voters to choose wisely,” he says.

As a role model, Enzo says, he will make sure to bring something new to the table, like maybe introduce a sport. He’s been into wakeboarding for seven months now and is planning to compete in a summer tournament.

When it comes to partying, Enzo’s guideline is: “Drink when you’re happy; not when you want to be happy. I drink with friends if I have something to celebrate. I hope all young people realize that drinking and smoking are good for no one. I practice healthy living, especially now that I’m into crossfit training. You always look good when you work out.”

The actor adds: “I was a party hardy when I was younger—mabilis din ako nagsawa (I got tired of it soon enough).”

On fulfilling one’s dream, Enzo counsels: “First, you have to determine for yourself what it is you really want, what makes you happy. Then you work doubly hard to achieve it. I’m starting to live my dream. Acting is what I really love.”

The actor vows to continue improving his craft. “The right thing to do is often the most difficult,” he points out. “There are many actors who think attending workshops is a waste of time. I enjoy it. I’ve improved a lot because of it. We should never take things for granted. Learning doesn’t end when you get a good review.”

“Ang Kakambal ni Eliana,” with Kim Rodriguez as lead actress, also features Lexi Fernandez and Kristoffer Martin. It begins airing on the Kapuso channel on April 22.

ABS wins 82 Awards



MANILA, Philippines - ABS-CBN is the most awarded TV network by the academe as it swept the awards given by five different university award-giving bodies, including Gawad Tanglaw's Best TV Station of the Year and three Hall of Fame awards. ABS-CBN proved to be the runaway choice of students and professors after receiving 82 awards for its radio and TV personalities and programs from the scholars and teachers of Gawad Tanglaw. Kapamilya stars stole the show at the Gawad Tanglaw led by Gerald Anderson, who received the perfect birthday gift, his Best Performance by an Actor award for Budoy. Coco Martin also won the same award for Walang Hanggan.

Kris Aquino was hailed the Student's Choice of Talk Variety Show Host for Kris TV, while director Chito Roño was recognized for his work in Star Cinema's The Healing which was named Students' Choice of Local Full-Length Film.

Kapatid in Winning Form

MANILA, Philippines - Success comes in fours for TV5 as its personalities,

programs and campaigns bagged trophies from four different award-giving bodies in just a matter of days.

At the 11th Gawad Tanglaw (Tagapuring mga Akademisyan ng Aninong Gumagalaw), which is comprised of academicians, six Kapatid programs and personalities were declared the best in various categories: Paolo Bediones for Best News Program Anchor; Public Atorni as the Best Public Affairs Program; The Million Peso Money Drop for Best Game Show; Untold Stories as the Best Drama Anthology; Cristy Fermin as Best Entertainment Columnist (Filipino); and Dolly Anne Carvajal as Best Entertainment Columnist (English) Hall of Famer.

Sunshine Dizon believes time heals all wounds

She and Angelika de la Cruz have buried the hatchet. After a disruptive "falling out" in 2001 that resulted in the cancellation of their then-ongoing drama series, all's well again between GMA 7 contract artists Sunshine Dizon and Angelika de la Cruz.

After many years, the two actresses will be working together again in "Mundo Mo'y Akin," Kapuso's latest primetime series.

"Time heals all wounds. I'm not the type who carries grudges," Sunshine told the Inquirer on Tuesday night.

Sunshine and Angelika were last seen together in "Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin," where their bickering got so bad that members of the production team opted to take out Sunshine's character from the show. Since then, the two were never made to work together on any drama show again.

"I guess (Angelika and I) have both become mature now that we're both married and with kids," Sunshine declared. "On the set, we now talk more about life and family. I think that back then, our bickering was fueled by the people around us."

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Marian & Piolo

Impossible team-up share screen kiss



MANILA -- Once thought as an impossible team-up due to the "network wars," Marian Rivera and Piolo Pascual will portray a couple in an upcoming film which features the indie debut of veteran actress Vilma Santos.

In "Ekstra," Rivera and Pascual portray actors who topbill a TV series titled "Nauna Kang Naging Akin," effectively making their debut project together in a film within a film.

According to entertainment columnist Ricky Lo, a recent shoot for "Ekstra" saw the characters of Rivera and Pascual play out a poor boy-rich girl scenario in the fictional "teleserye." In one scene, the two meet in a sugarcane field after circumstances forced them apart, sealing the reunion with a kiss.

Pascual and Rivera have faced off time and again on primetime TV, being the respective lead stars of shows aired by rival networks ABS-CBN and GMA-7.

Santos, who reportedly plays the maid of Rivera's character in "Nauna Kang Naging Akin," takes on another layer of portrayal as the title character of "Ekstra."

Produced by Atty. Joji Alonso under Quantum Films and directed by Jeffrey Jeturian ("Be Careful With My Heart"), the Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival entry centers on the character of Santos, who makes a living as an "extra" or bit player in films.

Dubbed the country's "Star for All Seasons," Santos has reportedly waived her talent fee for the film, as did Pascual and Rivera.

Joining Santos in the cast of "Ekstra" are Cherie Gil, Pilar Pilapil, Nico Antonio, Marx Topacio, Olive Isidro, Tom Rodriguez, Tart Carlos, Ronaline Enriquez and Roli Inocencio.

Film director Jose Javier Reyes will also make a cameo appearance as a director of the film within the film. Richard Yap of "Be Careful With My Heart" will likewise reportedly make an appearance in the Cinemalaya entry.



Alden Richards to kiss John Lloyd

Kung mayroon man daw isang artistang lalaki na papayag si Alden Richards makipag-kissing scene, ito ay walang iba kundi si John Lloyd Cruz.

Sa presscon ng bago niyang primetime series na Mundo Mo'y Akin, tinanong ng PERph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) si Alden kung sinong artista ang gustung-gusto niyang makatrabaho.

"John Lloyd Cruz po! Kasi idol ko po siya, e," mabilis na sagot ng Kapuso heartthrob.

Anong klaseng role ang gusto niyang gampanan nila ni John Lloyd?

"Mag-kuya po, magkapatid sana," sagot ni Alden, na may pagkakahawig nga sa Kapamilya actor.

Paano kung ang proyektong pagsasamahan nila ni John Lloyd ay tulad ng pelikula nitong In My Life (2009), kung saan gumanap ang award-winning actor bilang gay lover ni Luis Manzano?

"Okay lang din po!" bulalas ni Alden.

Kahit gaganap silang bading pareho ni John Lloyd at lovers sila sa kuwento?

"Opo, okay lang. Basta maganda po yung story and hindi naman po kababoy-baboy."

Papayag din siya kung sakaling magkaroon sila ng kissing scene ni John Lloyd?

"Okay lang din po," sagot ni Alden.

Paliwanag pa niya, "Acting lang naman po, as an actor lang naman po."

"Kasi pag trabaho naman at challenging po, at the same time basta maganda po yung script and then yung talagang for the sake of the story."

Para kay Alden, iyon na ang magiging pinaka mapanghamong papel niya kung sakali.

"Iyon po siguro."

Itotodo raw niya rito ang kaalaman niya sa pag-arte.

"Itotodo ko po, mag-aaral po talaga akong mabuti sa acting pag si Bossing JLC na ang makakatrabaho ko."

Ipahiram kaya siya ng GMA-7 sa Star Cinema, na siyang home movie studio ni John Lloyd?

"Sana po," sambit ni Alden.

Hindi pa raw niya nami-meet nang personal si John Lloyd.

ANNE CURTIS. Sa babae naman, ang artistang gusto raw makatrabaho ni Alden ay si Anne Curtis.

At kung sakaling isang napaka-daring na pelikula ang magiging project nila ni Anne, papayag din daw si Alden.

"Opo naman."

Paano kung may love scene siya with Anne?

"Tatanggi pa ba ako?" ang tumatawang sabi ni Alden.

Dagdag niya, "Magdyi-gym po talaga ako nang magdyi-gym para mapaghandaan ko yung role."

Kung sakali raw may butt exposure siya sa eksena nila ni Anne ay papayag din si Alden.

"Ano po bang hindi puwedeng... for a project with Anne, for me there's no limits!"

"Siyempre po, nasa producers naman po yun and the director on how to deal with those scenes."

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Different results for Actors

Recent performances on TV have been a decidedly mixed bag of hits and misses—and therein lie more than a baker’s dozen of potentially instructive observations.

Bong Revilla may be a stolid stellar presence on his “ethnic action” series, “Indio,” but the show boasts of the spot-on portrayal of Jackielou Blanco. She doesn’t even have a lead role in the series, but in a recent episode, she went for broke in a ferociously emotional scene—and left Revilla high and dry.

Similarly, in the recent “MMK” drama on the Cayetano political family, Gerald Anderson and other young actors were thoroughly swamped by senior Tommy Abuel’s powerful portrayal of the clan’s paterfamilias. They just couldn’t hold a candle up to his performance, and viewers were the poorer for it.

On “Apoy sa Dagat,” the relative revelation is Nikki Gil. She’s done poorly in past TV outings, but her “oppressed prostitute” role here is so emotionally fierce that it’s brought out the best in her. On point of contrast, Empress’ depiction of the series’ resident villainess was too shrill and hokey for words.

On “Be Careful with My Heart,” Jodi Sta. Maria’s character continues to bloom, but Richard Yap’s portrayal of her employer has withered on the vine, because he’s still as blandly nice as nice can be.

We were among the first to positively cite Yap’s debut performance on “My Binondo Girl,” but he simply hasn’t grown as an actor. He’s become more popular, but his thespic development has atrophied.—Somebody call the performance doctor, quick!

On “Juan dela Cruz,” Zsa Zsa Padilla, who’s one of our best actresses, is wasted in her aswang role that doesn’t require her to do much more than look glamorously ghoulish. This is such poor use of exceptional talent. As for lead player Coco Martin, his “heroic and dramatic” vocal placement is so patently artificial that it’s become his aural counterpart for mugging.

On “Ina, Kapatid, Anak,” Kim Chiu’s thin voice is an irritating distraction. Patrick Garcia has finally solved his vocal problem (on “Apoy sa Dagat”)—why can’t she?

What about Kim’s co-star, Maja Salvador? Her problem is the stilted and stunted way that her character is written—and not all the elaborate weeping and wailing in the world can make up for it!

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MMA really takes off in the Philippines,” he adds.

While there’s no telling what the future holds for the sport, current trends and educated projections suggest that MMA is definitely on its way up. Fight conversations have become irrelevant without the topic of MMA thrown into the mix. With the way it captures audiences, the different disciplines involved, and the complex nature of the sport, there is simply no stopping MMA from gaining ground among Filipino consciousness.

fighter shared.

Although we won’t be seeing any uprising in the near future, there is no denying that Philippine MMA is definitely on the rise. So what is it between Filipinos and MMA that makes them a perfect combination? “I think Filipinos are a passionate people and have a lot of heart,” says Filipino-American fighter Mark Striegl. “Filipinos have a good knack for combat sports in general. It’s embedded in the culture and I think it’s just a matter of time before



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Daddy Knows Best for KC

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Gabby Concepcion may not be the type who meddles in daughter KC Concepcion's love life, but he makes sure he's always there when she asks for advice.



"Hindi naman ako matanong na, 'What do you do? What do you do here? What's your job? Are you serious with my daughter?'," Gabby said.

Gabby also shared that he didn't get to really interact with KC's previous boyfriends. KC is reported to be dating French filmmaker Emmanuel Plassart.

"Hindi ko naman inaalang kung sila. Basta ang pagkakakilala lang sa akin, kaibigan. Wala, wala siyang sinasabi na, 'Pa, this is my boyfriend.' Wala namang sinasabing ganoon. At tsaka hindi naman ako nagtatanong," Gabby said.

As for relationships, Gabby only has one piece of advice for KC.

"Basically, kumukuha siya ng insights sa akin. At madalas ko namang sinasabi na, 'When you fall in love, you first fall in love with your heart. Use your mind also and, basically, just follow your feelings, your instinct.' Sa buhay kasi, hindi naman puwedeng puro puso."

He is not particular whether KC's future boyfriend comes from showbiz or not.

Yeng ready to fall for a God-fearing man

At 24, singer-songwriter Yeng Constantino is ready to have a boyfriend – a God-fearing one, that is.

"Mas mahal niya si God, mas okay sa akin. Naniniwala ako na kung may lalaki na



mahal niya si God, alam niya kung paano ako mamahalin at iri-respeto. Alam niya kung anong dapat gawin kapag sa mga desisyon at may mga problema. So, hindi kami mag-aagawan kasi puno siya ng pagmamahal."

She admitted that her parents allowed her to have a boyfriend when she turned 21, but she preferred to wait until she's ready.

"Gusto ko na po talaga. Personally kung tatanungin niyo ako kung gusto ko na po talaga magka-boyfriend? Ay oo naman po, pero hintay lang," Yeng said.

Yeng knows that a relationship is not something to be taken lightly.

Yeng added that her experience on falling in love is the inspiration behind the romantic songs she wrote in her albums.

Her latest single "B.A.B.A.Y" is inspired by a close friend who fell in love with her.

"Bigla na lang siyang nawala nang walang pasabi. Kaya pala siya umiwas kasi nai-in love na siya sa akin. Kaibigan lang talaga

tingin ko sa kanya. So parang sinasabi ko sa kanya na ang dali lang magsabi ng bye (babay), tapos bigla ka na lang aalis," she said.

HEARD: Kris Aquino on Melai Kris Aquino: "I really like having Melai (Cantiveros) here (as cohost on 'Kris TV') because she makes me appreciate being human." Melai: "Bakit Ms Kris, ano po ba kayo dati?"

Krista Miller denies being the 'other woman'

Starlet Krista Miller deny that she is out to destroy the marriage of Cesar Montano and Sunshine Cruz.

Krista told host Boy Abunda, "I respect him (Cesar). He loves his family. Hindi po para bigyan niya ako ng motibo. Alam kong pamilyado siyang tao para magbigay din ako ng motibo sa kanya. Iginagalang ko po iyon."

Krista says that he isn't her type of guy. Krista denied sending photos and messages to Cesar. She also claims that she doesn't even have Cesar's mobile number. Krista also belied rumors that she stayed with Cesar in Manila Hotel when he had a misunderstanding with Sunshine.

For Krista, Cesar is no more than her director and co-star in the Lim biopic. She insists that he treated her and the rest of the cast equally.

"Yung pagiging maasikaso niya, maalaga niya, binibigyan niya lahat ng pagkain. Everybody in 'Turning Cradle' knows that," she said.

Cesar, for his part, denied the rumored affair. He explained that he loves his family and won't do anything to destroy it.

Bea Alonzo, not worried about billing for her upcoming movie

Bea Alonzo is excited to start shooting for the movie that will also star Angel Locsin, Shaina Magdayao, and Toni



Gonzaga. The said movie which will be a family comedy will also include Enchong Dee. "Nabasa ko na 'yung script, nakakatawa," explained Bea.

Known as a dramatic actress, Bea was asked if she won't have a hard time doing a comedy project. "Hindi naman ako magpapatawa, nakakatawa lang 'yung sitwasyon," she answered.

With equally popular co-stars, one of the questions that came up was if the billing in the movie won't be an issue among them. "Hindi naman, tsaka ang Star Cinema naman gagawin naman nila, para sigurado, mas maganda na pantay-pantay [ang billing] since mga kaibigan ko din naman sila," she reasoned. She also revealed that just recently, she and Shaina went to Angel's place and spent time together. She continued that Toni wasn't able to come because she was busy that day.

Speaking of Zanjoe Marudo, Bea shared that they will be officially together for two years this March and that they are both happy with their relationship. Bea added that she and her boyfriend are trying to make the most of their time together, especially because Zanjoe is going to be busy with a teleserye, a movie, and a daily gag show on his schedule.

Auspicious debut for Daniel-Kathryn tandem

"Must be Love," the splashy big-screen launch of Daniel Padilla and Kathryn



Bernardo as a romantic tandem, has a pay-off worthy of its carefully calibrated setup. It follows the story

of tomboy Patchot Espinosa (Bernardo) and her bosom buddy, Ivan Lacson (Padilla), who realize—but refuse to acknowledge—that there's more to their relationship than friendship.

The premise isn't something you haven't seen before, but Bernardo and Padilla's chemistry balances the film between the crowd-drawing allure of its rom-com elements and the themes that substantially raise its game.

The director paces his movie with a



Knights of Rizal & the Senator

Knights of Rizal invited Senator Tobia "Jun" Enverga for a meet and greet at the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre in Mississauga.

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Singers in the Community



Candace Santos, Maria Panaligan and Roy Tugbang show support at the fundraiser for Alyssa Datu and Katharine Reyes.

briskness that mirrors its leads' youthful vibe—and idiosyncratic teenage jargon! But, the young leads generate enough sparks to light up the screen and keep their love-struck followers screaming and swooning—with good reason.

The young leads operate on synergy. Padilla knows how to put his boy-next-door charm to good use, and his acting choices come off as naturally intuitive.

Bernardo's underdog appeal keeps moviegoers rooting for her. Crying used to be the young actress' acting crutch, but she has since learned to process appropriate emotions that inspire empathy.

Sam Milby an adrenaline junkie

Taking after his elder sister Ada, actor Sam Milby got into figure skating at the very early age of 3. And by the time he was 9, he was home-schooled to give way for a daily training routine that starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m.

Sam entered various competitions in the United States where he was raised—and for a while—it looked like he was on his way to becoming a professional skater.

But at 15, Sam decided to hang up his skates. It wasn't really his passion, he confessed.

Sam eventually returned to a regular school and played other sports such as golf, ice hockey, wrestling and tennis. But as a self-confessed adrenaline junkie, he craved for something more exhilarating. And so he fell in love with motocross. From executing jumps on ice, Sam now does them on dirt—riding a motorcycle.

But despite the dangers of motocross, slowing down has never crossed his mind. "It's all part of the sport. I was



worried about taping though because I thought I was bleeding. I felt my head and face crash against my helmet and goggles," he said.

"But I like going for the extreme," he added. "Overcoming the fears and nerves is a great feeling."

Jerome Ponce loses Girl

Teen heartthrob Jerome Ponce has admitted that the girl he's been courting in Antipolo has put a distance between them.

Jerome disclosed that his non-showbiz dream girl has been cold towards him after he shared on "Kris TV" some of his romantic efforts, including visiting her on Valentine's Day all the way to Antipolo after his taping.

"Sa ngayon wala pa naman. Wala pa, wala pa, hindi siya nagte-text," Jerome said.

The newbie actor said he has lost his nerve in seeing the girl.

"Mukhang nagalit dahil nasabi ko eh. Natatakot na ako, nabanggit ko kasi," he said.

For now, the 17-year-old actor stays "single" and ready to just "mingle-mingle lang pero maraming friends."

Some fans of "Be Careful With My Heart" have linked Jerome (who portrays the role of Luke, eldest son of Richard "Ser Chief" Yap) to co-star Janella Salvador.

He is bent on learning from the workshops he attends as provided by Star Magic.

Asked if he has a dream leading lady, he said, "Para sa akin po kasi kahit sino. Mas challenging sa akin 'yung hindi ko kilala para makilala ko 'yung pagkatao niya kung paano kami magwo-work."





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Kathryn Bernardo

Winning over her Self-Doubt

Kathryn Bernardo's story is not just all about teleserye roles. It's more about her triumph in battling an enemy that lived within her for years. That enemy is self-doubt.

“Bunso ako. Sheltered ako,” she glances at her mom across her.

“Mahiyain ako noon,” she recalls. “Ayaw ko maging center of attention. When I get compliments, I say thank you, pero nahiihiya pa rin ako.”

Even her biggest break, “Mara Clara,” failed in making Kathryn shed her then shrinking violet ways.

“Kinakabahan akong mag deliver ng lines ko. Minsan, nahiihiya ako sa directors and co-actors ko,” she recalls.

Turning point

Then came the turning point. Kathryn did the teleserye “Princess and I,” and things slowly changed for the better.

“Nagbago ang paningin ko sa buhay. Nagkaron ng maturity.”

Kathryn literally and figuratively bloomed. She learned how to choose the right clothes, fix herself for the cameras and explain herself well before the press.

“Dati, isang tanong, isang sagot lang ako sa press. Ngayon, feeling ko kailangan ma-explain mo sa kanila kung ano talaga yung sitwasyon.”

Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla are seen together at the float of the MMFF 2012 entry, “Sisterekas” during ...

At 16 going on 17 (on March 26), Kathryn learned to move to the beat of her own music. She resisted the pressure of having a boyfriend just because people expect her and love team partner Daniel Padilla to be an item.

“Sixteen pa lang po ako,” she told the



media in a recent press conference.

Besides, she doesn't believe in having a real-life romance just to please others.

“Baka kasi ang dami mo ng boyfriends pag nagkaganon. E hindi naman ako ganon.”

The Star Magic artist admits though, that Daniel is helping her blossom to her fullest potential.

“Hindi naging distraction sa akin si DJ (Daniel's nickname),” Kathryn giggles.

“Siya ang nagturo sa akin to be a better person. Sinasabi niya sa akin kung ano ang dapat gawin, kung ano ang mali ko. Nakikinig ako sa kanya kasi trusted ko naman siya.”

But again, she insists, they have not gone beyond the friendship level -- yet.

Kathryn just appreciates Daniel for being real.

“Hindi niya ko sino-showbiz. Andon siya para i-guide ako.”

Just what did she learn from her knight in shining armor?

“Tinuruan nya ako mag-ukelele. At ako naman, tuturuan ko siya mag-tumbling,” Kathryn jokes.

She has become so confident in fielding questions, Kathryn can even poke fun of herself without worrying about it.

She has surprised even herself along the way.

“Hindi ko akalain na magiging ganyan ako,” she admits, eyes sparkling.

The transformation is not only emotional. It's also physical.

“Dati, hindi ako nagsusuklay paglabas ng bahay,” she strokes her long, lush hair. “Ni wala akong powder. Sobrang simple and ordinary lang ako.”

Did Daniel's intense gaze transform the simple young lady into a self-assured teen?

Kathryn is not talking. It's enough that she appreciates herself more -- her hair, her skin, her over-all look.

“As you grow older, dapat inaalaagaan mo ang sarili mo,” she relates.

Advice to young ladies

Kathryn's advice to young ladies who want to be like her comes from experience.

“Don't rush. May i-gaganda ka pa talaga. Just be confident and always smile. Yon ang perfect make-up na mailalagay mo sa sarili mo.”

Self-acceptance is also crucial. Kathryn knows she doesn't have Anne Curtis' mestiza looks. But that doesn't bother her at all. Kathryn is happy with her natural morena looks, thank you.

“Kung ano ka, huwag mong baguhin,” she declares.

She should know. Kathryn has triumphed her own doubts; answered her own what ifs.

Now, it's time to show other young ladies that they too, can do the same for themselves.

Aljur wants to be a Role Model

MANILA, Philippines - Before Aljur Abrenica landed a spot in GMA's ongoing primetime series “Indio,” his follow-up project to “Coffee Prince,” Bulletin Entertainment caught up with the 23-year-old actor during an AVP shoot for a spa, for which he is one of the new brand ambassadors.

The private chat turned into a pleasantly surprising revelation about Aljur's aspirations as an actor.

“Marami akong gustong gawing role, given the chance,” he relates.

Knowing that audiences of different ages look up to actors like him, Aljur hopes to project a more positive image to viewers. He says that although his last movie role in GMA's MMFF entry “Sosy Problems” was more of a fun outing, he is raring for roles with more weight.

“Gusto kong gumawa ng something na may moral lesson (para) sa mga kabataan. Yung ibig kong sabihin, maging role model sa kanila... Tsaka yung (makagawa ng) something to do with our culture. Yan ang gusto ko para mas maipakilala natin yung... mas maipagmalaki natin talaga yung kultura natin... (na) Pinoy tayo.”

This year, of course, is election

year and the youth vote is crucial in shaping the leadership in our country. For Aljur, being an actor is where he could help inspire change.

“Kung baga, wala naman akong alam sa politiko masyado,” he admits. “Ako, given the chance na gamitin ako mamulat yung mga Filipino, I'll take the chance.”

Perhaps this is also why he has

jumped at the chance to be part of “Indio.” In the epic-serye, he plays Datu Bagandi, who leads a small tribe. In his first day of taping, Aljur has already been thrust into a fight scene with lead star, Sen. Bong Revilla, Jr.

Aljur is also interested in self-improvement and proving his critics wrong. “I just want to enhance my acting abilities, (doing) workshops,” he notes.

“Sa ngayon kasi, yung talent ko sa singing hindi masyadong kinakagat ng mga tao. They like yung nagpapaganda ng katawan,” he admits with a smile. “(Dun ako) nakilala eh, sa katawan. Pero they are asking more of me... yung hinihiling nila sa akin is acting so 'yun yung ine-enhance ko.”

Clearly, Aljur is serious about career longevity. He also has a more proactive approach in taking care of himself by giving his body and mind a break. As an endorser of BlueWater Day Spa (along with Iya Villania, upcoming actor/model Ian Batherson, and model/TV personality Mikaela Lagdameo), Aljur says the treatments they offer are of great help to him.

6 other nations to join Philippines-US joint exercise

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) -- Australia, Brunei, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand will take part in this year's Balikatan joint military exercise in the Philippines, apart from the host and the United States, a Phl military official said.

They will participate in the Multinational Maritime Security Roundtable Discussion for the upcoming Balikatan Exercise 2013, which will run from April 5 to 17, said Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos, spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

However, the six countries will not be taking part in the actual field training exercises which will be limited to Filipino and US forces alone, Burgos added.

“The roundtable discussion seeks to determine specific humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in high-traffic international waters, and build response confidence among multi-national partners,” said Burgos.

“The event will be one of the highlights of this year's military exercise wherein more than 8,000 soldiers from the AFP and US military are set to participate,” he said.

Burgos said the annual Balikatan exercise seeks to “further promote and foster the existing friendship” between the two countries and “advance the security and stability of the region in the near future.”



Pulse Asia won’t stop pre-election surveys

MANILA, Philippines - Independent pollster Pulse Asia said yesterday it would not stop conducting pre-election surveys amid calls from political coalitions urging survey firms to disclose their subscribers.

Pulse Asia president Ronald Holmes also said they could not reveal the identities of those who commission their surveys.

Holmes said only the person who commissioned or paid for the surveys can decide whether or not his identity will be disclosed as part of their agreement in undertaking the polls.

“(We are) not required (to disclose), only those who commissioned,” Holmes said.

“We will just continue to comply with what is established by law,” Holmes said.

Earlier Supreme Court decisions allowed for the publication of systematic surveys.

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UNA and Team PNoy had urged Pulse Asia and the Social Weather Stations (SWS) to identify the financiers of their surveys.

UNA campaign manager Navotas Rep. Tobias Tiangco accused SWS of refusing to disclose the funders of its surveys, which he said was a violation of a resolution of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

The STAR tried to get the reaction of SWS president Mahar Mangahas but he could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Board warns of more Boracay violence

ILOILO CITY—The Aklan provincial board has warned that the killing of the spokesperson of the Ati tribe on Boracay Island could spur more violence on the popular island-resort if the crime is not solved quickly.

In a resolution passed during its regular



ATI TRIBE members in Boracay and their supporters demand justice for murdered spokesperson Dexter Condez during his burial.

session on March 6, the board said the killing of Dexter Condez was “an exceptional case” and a “heinous crime” that should be given proper attention.

“This murder sets an extremely terrible precedent, which can result in more violence, murders and killings over land disputes,” said the resolution, sponsored by Board Member Phoebe Clarice Cabagnet.

A lone gunman shot dead Condez, 26, on Feb. 22 as he was walking with two other tribe leaders to the Ati community in Barangay Manoc-Manoc, one of three villages in Boracay.

Condez was the spokesperson of the Boracay Ati Tribal Organization, which comprises of at least 40 Ati families or 200 tribe members on the island.

Tribe members and their supporters believe Condez was gunned down because of ongoing disputes over a 2.1-hectare beach front property that was awarded to the tribe by the government in 2011 through a certificate of ancestral domain title.

The board said in its resolution that the outcome of the murder investigation is one of the critical indicators of the security situation on the 1,032-hectare island.

Police have filed a murder case against Daniel Celestino and two other unidentified persons at the Aklan provincial prosecutor’s office.

Celestino is a security guard of the Crown Regency Boracay Resorts hotel chain, which is owned by the Cebu-based property developer J. King & Sons Co. Inc. The company is among the claimants with ownership and boundary disputes against the tribe.

Celestino and the property developer have denied involvement in the killing of Condez.

The provincial board requested the Philippine National Police for regular updates on the murder case and measures being taken to prevent killings due to land disputes in Boracay.

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Past thefts

Way before CCTV cameras became common, art theft had been plaguing the art industry. In 2005,



a newly opened gallery in a mall in Makati lost an Orlina on display worth P90,000 to a robber.

At around the same time, two Orlina sculptures were stolen in Davao using the same tactic as the robbery in Alabang.

A gallery in San Juan also suffered a break-in at around the same time. Lost were a painting by National Artist Abdulmari Imao and an Orlina.

Another shocking incident was when thieves broke into the home of a well-known collector of masters’ works in an upscale neighborhood in Quezon City. Weeks before the theft, a woman posing as a magazine journalist requested for an interview with the collector. She requested to see the collection and photograph some works.

Later, all of the works that were photographed were stolen. And the supposed art feature never came out.

Dealers of stolen art

Orlina said he and a physician-collector were trying to determine the source of some stolen artworks being sold at very low prices.

The collector had brought a newly purchased 1994 Orlina to the Orlina atelier for authentication. According to her, the work, which she thought was a steal at P35,000, had been sold to her sans authentication documents.

Orlina’s records later revealed that it was literally a steal—a piece stolen all the way from Kuala Lumpur and was reported to him by a trusted dealer.

The physician disclosed how a certain Ogie offered her the work and explained the authentication documents had been lost to a flood.

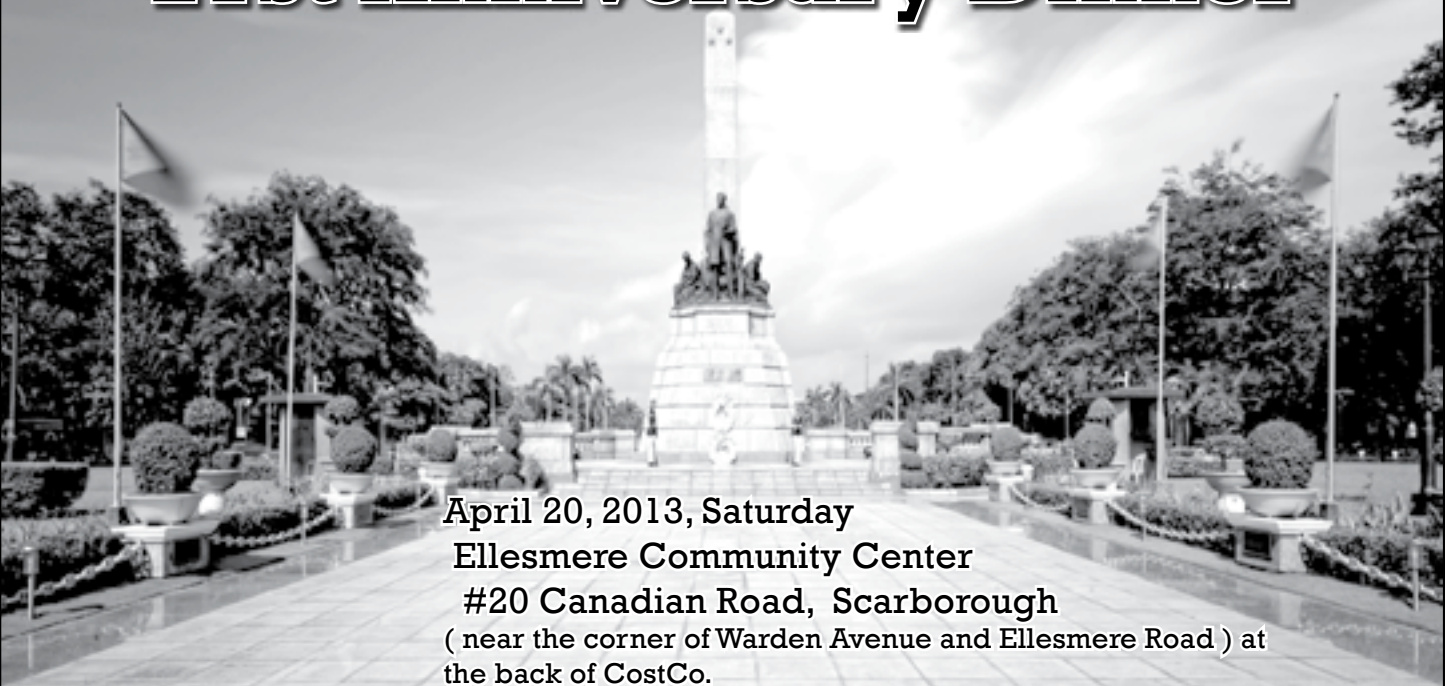
Since it was proven to be a stolen piece, the doctor surrendered it to the Orlina atelier without any refund or compensation.

According to the physician, previous conversations with Ogie revealed he was not the main source of the stolen work but a man called Francis who had released artworks without authentication in a casino.

When the physician again contacted Ogie for other works, he was told that Orlinas were “out-of-stock,” but an Alcuaz was available.

“We are letting the public know of these incidents because galleries, artists and buyers need to arm themselves against such crooks,” said Orlina. “Just as galleries must have security personnel and equipment, artists must have solid authentication processes and updated files. Customers, too, must be careful when purchasing. It is better to buy artworks from reputable galleries and institutions.”

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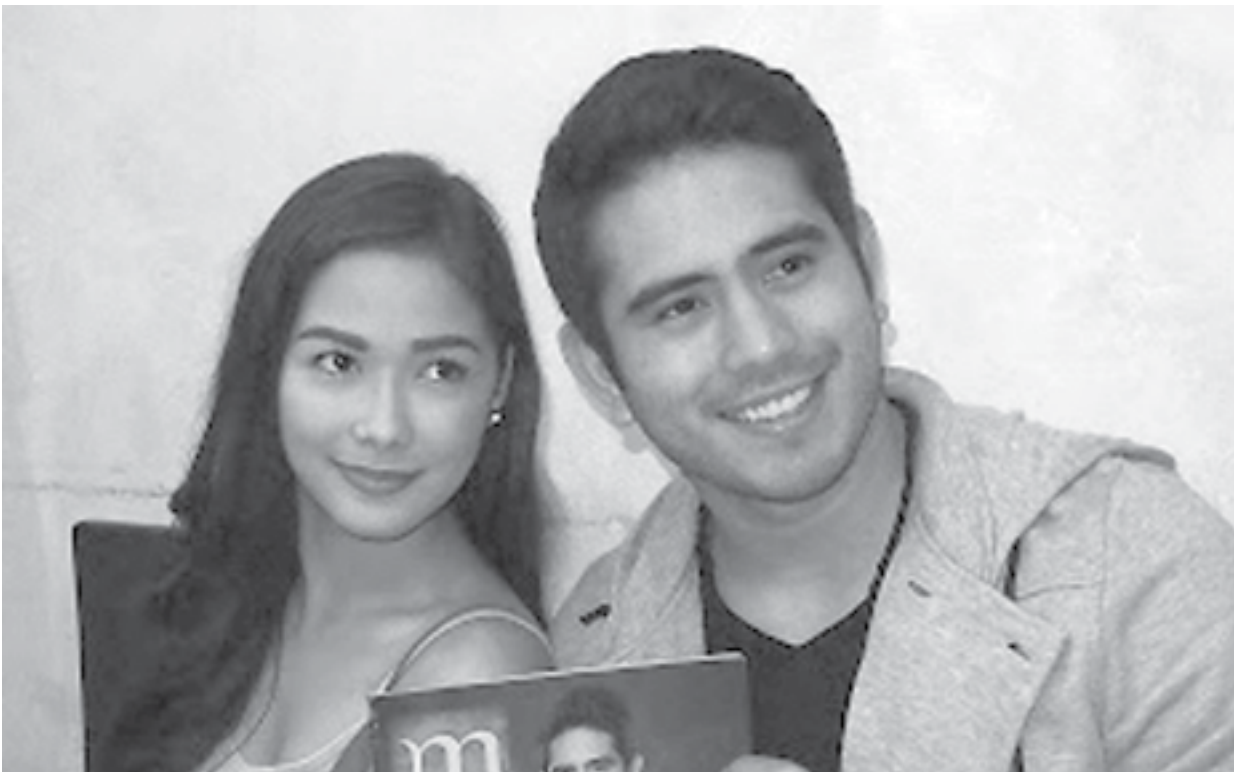
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Gerald Anderson on Maja Salvador:

‘We just have to be strong for each other’



Gerald Anderson was ecstatic when he accepted the Outstanding Performance by An Actor in a Drama Series trophy at the 2012 Golden Screen TV Awards by the Entertainment Press Society of the Philippines or ENPRESS, in Teatrino in Promenade, Greenhills, San Juan.

The press took the opportunity to ask him about his romantic involvement with Maja Salvador and about Kim Chiu and Sarah Geronimo (both were previously romantically linked to him). Gerald had previously kept mum about the issue, but he finally opened up to the media after the awards night.

He first clarified that he was not avoiding anything. “Wala ako dapat iwasan. Pero kumbaga marami tayong ups and downs sa buhay natin. Pag down ka, stay calm. Pag up ka, like tonight, stay humble, di ba?”

As for his love life, Gerald clarified that he is not yet in a relationship with Maja and that he won’t deny it if he is already committed.

As for his decision to pursue Maja, Gerald said that he has been single for a long time already. “And I found someone na gusto kong makasama; gusto kong makilala pa; masaya ako pag kasama siya. Bakit ko ipagkakait [ang] sarili [ko] sa ganon? Like I said, artista ako; ang trabaho ko is um-acting pero hindi ‘yung itatago ko ‘yung relasyon ko.”

Gerald also took the chance to clear up the misconception that he is a heartbreaker and a player. “Alam ko ang totoo, alam ko na nakakagawa rin ako ng mali sa buhay ko. I’ve made mistakes, I’ve learned from it...” he said.

Maja defends Gerald

Maja Salvador is undaunted with the rumors tagging Gerald as a “playboy” and “heartbreaker.” For her, the award-winning actor is a gentleman.

“Sa akin si Ge ay napaka-gentleman na tao. Sabi ko, kaya maraming nagagalit sa iyo e, napakabait mo. Sobrang gentleman,” she said.

Maja thanked the controversial actor for making her feel special and for staying on her side against all odds.

“Hindi ko ‘yun hiningi sa kanya pero nandyan siya, nandyan siya lagi,” she said.

Janice: Gerald is not a bad person

Janice de Belen feels for Gerald Anderson, who is the target of intrigues surrounding his budding romance with Maja Salvador.

“I feel bad for him. Kasi sa extent ng pagkakakilala ko sa kanya, hindi naman siya masama. Everybody deserves to be happy. Everybody deserves a love life. Kung



maligaya ang isang tao, bakit natin sasabihin na dapat malungkot siya,” Janice said.

Janice and Gerald played mother and son in the teleserye “Budoy.”

“Everybody deserves to be happy. Wala namang karapatan ang kahit sino na puwedeng magsabi kung ano ang tama o

mali pagdating sa pag-ibig, di ba? Dahil lahat naman tayo ay dumaraan sa katangahan o sa pagkakamali pagdating sa pag-ibig.”

Janice admits feeling tension on the set of the teleserye “Ina, Kapatid, Anak,” where she stars with Maja and Kim Chiu, Gerald’s ex-girlfriend. It will be recalled that Maja and Kim had a falling out after Gerald expressed his desire to pursue the former.

Jaclyn to Andi: Be wise

Jaclyn Jose has promised to keep her hands off daughter Andi Eigenmann’s love life. But she can’t help but advise her to “be wise” in her decisions.

Jaclyn admitted that Andi came home from London, where former boyfriend Jake Ejercito is based.

“Yes, she went but it’s between her and Jake. Ayaw ko nang makialam sa bagay na iyan,” Jaclyn told reporters.

Andi, for her part, tweeted that she didn’t meet up with Jake. Jaclyn also said Andi spent her own money – not Jake’s -- for her London vacation.

The veteran actress knows she can’t keep Andi from reviving her relationship with Jake if her daughter wants to.

“Wala akong magagawa kasi nanay lang ako, naging pregnant nga siya ng hindi ko alam. But siguro naman she’s more intelligent enough after what happened. There could always be a second time na manloko ang lalaki. Nasa kanya na iyon.”

Jaclyn added, “It’s up to Andi to decide and for me to react. Wala naman akong magagawa kundi mag-react na lang.”

What’s important for Jaclyn is that she’s happy with Andi’s daughter Ellie.

“Ang importante, si Ellie in-embrace namin siya wholeheartedly at mahal na mahal ko,” Jaclyn said.



ARNO Fuchs a.k.a. actor Arno Morales was arrested by theNBI for uploading his sex video.

NBI nabs young actor over sex video

A former talent of ABS-CBN was arrested at his Quezon City residence for allegedly posting his sex video with his former girlfriend on YouTube.

Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation arrested 20-year-old Arno Fuchs of Blueridge, Quezon City, on a warrant issued by Pasig City Judge Cesar Sulit for alleged violation of the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act and the law on violence against women and children.

Speaking to reporters while in detention, Fuchs—also known as Arno Morales onscreen—confirmed that making that video was “our idea” but strongly denied leaking it on the Internet.

He said his Blackberry phone which contained a copy of the video got lost “during a party in January,” suggesting that whoever found that phone must be the culprit.

In the presence of their respective family members, the former sweethearts had an emotional confrontation at the NBI.

The complainant, a 17-year-old college student, said Fuchs was her boyfriend for three years and that she broke up with him in January.

“He has no right to do this. We were together for so long. Why did he do this to me? I want him punished for what he did,” she later told reporters.

She said she was forced to quit her studies after being informed by the school management that it had received a copy of the video through e-mail.

The mail reached the school officials from her own e-mail address—which can be accessed using a password that she earlier shared with Fuchs, she said.

“I trusted him. Once, he had my cell phone which contained all my passwords. I didn’t care because we were together. He started making threats that he would expose everything after I refused to reconcile with him,” she said.

The NBI-Technical Investigation Division (TID), said Fuchs was placed under surveillance for weeks prior to arrest.

The TID is the same NBI unit that worked on another sex-video case involving celebrities in 2009, the one showing model Hayden Kho and some female partners in show biz.

Palmeri said the arresting team, who had also secured a search warrant, seized a laptop and other gadgets from Fuchs which will be subject to scrutiny.

An initial investigation showed that “the video (uploaded) on YouTube was the same video found in his laptop. Possession of such footage is already a violation of the antivoyeurism law,” the official said.

According to a spokesperson for Star Magic, ABS-CBN’s talent management arm, Fuchs is no longer a talent of the network. However, a source said Fuchs is part of an upcoming Star Cinema production, a romantic-comedy titled “It Takes a Man and a Woman,” where he plays the younger brother of lead star Sarah Geronimo.

Beauty & Talent



Maria Panaligan shows support to Alyssa Datu who will be competing at the World Championships of Performing Arts by attending the fundraising dinner-dance at the Our Lady of Assumption parish.

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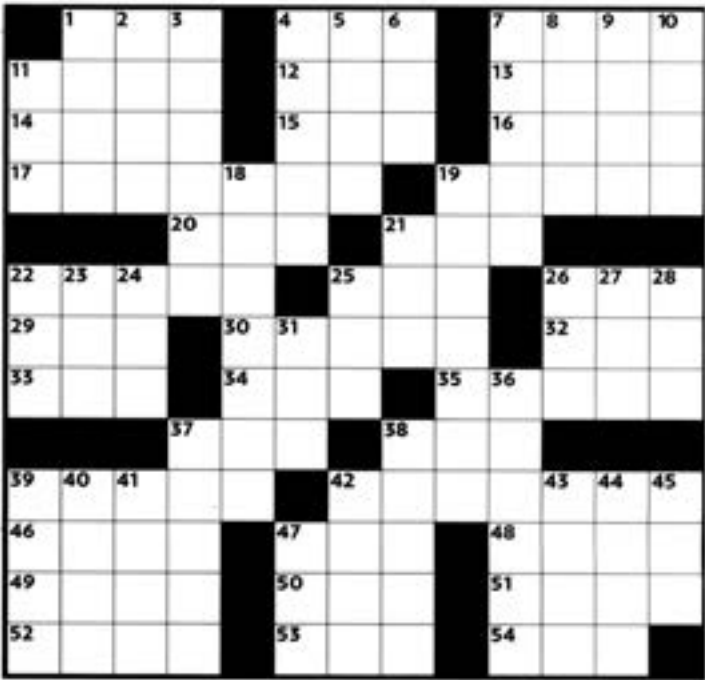
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ACROSS

- 1 "Yakety ____"
- 4 World's Greatest ____
- 7 Apple pie à la ____
- 11 Actress Collette
- 12 "Happiness ____ Warm Gun" (2 wds.)
- 13 ____ We Go
- 14 ____ and crafts
- 15 ____ Feet Under
- 16 Actress Russo
- 17 First name of 42 Across
- 19 Beverages made from fermented grapes
- 20 Creatures from other worlds (inits.)
- 21 Cat on a Hot ____ Roof
- 22 Popular Latin-American dance music
- 25 Singer-songwriter Tormé
- 26 "These Boots are Made ____ Walkin'" by 42 Across
- 29 Brian ____ of Roxy Music
- 30 Boston ____
- 32 "Honest ____" (Lincoln's nickname)
- 33 Director Lee
- 34 "Everything ____" by Kanye West (2 wds.)
- 35 New Delhi is its capital
- 37 Charlie Wilson's ____
- 38 Sheep's bleat
- 39 "____ in Me" by 42 Across
- 42 Blonde actress-pop rocker (with 17 Across)
- 46 Stratford-upon-____ (Shakespeare's birthplace)
- 47 "Runaway" rocker Shannon
- 48 Bend It ____ Beckham
- 49 Milk Oscar actor Penn
- 50 "Someday ____ Be Saturday Night"
- 51 Cut and splice film
- 52 Actress Paquin
- 53 "Shadow of the ____" by Linkin Park
- 54 "____ You Again" by Miley Cyrus

DOWN

- 1 Days of ____ (time long past)
- 2 "____ Marching"
- 3 Sweet ____ (first album by 42 Across)
- 4 Compact or floppy
- 5 China's continent
- 6 Actor Shepard (Employee of the Month costar of 42 Across)
- 7 Actress Hinkle of Two and a Half Men
- 8 The Boys Are Back actor Clive ____
- 9 Actor Cook
- 10 "I've Got My ____ on You" by 42 Across
- 11 ____ Mahal
- 18 Language spoken in 36 Down
- 19 Seann ____ Scott (The Dukes of Hazzard costar of 42 Across)
- 21 Actress Leoni
- 22 "____ of Love"
- 23 Penelope ____ Miller
- 24 Bump on a ____
- 25 Leo the Lion is this film studio's mascot (inits.)
- 26 "The ____ of the Land" by Newsboys
- 27 ____-Wan Kenobi
- 28 Stephen ____ of The Reaping
- 31 "More Than Meets the ____" by Spin Doctors
- 36 "Write to Me from ____" by Dean Martin
- 37 "I ____ Love You Forever" by 42 Across
- 38 Rocker Joel
- 39 I ____ Teenage Werewolf (2 wds.)
- 40 Microwave ____
- 41 Black Snake ____
- 42 Actress Ward
- 43 "____ Effects" by Mariah Carey
- 44 Merle Haggard's "____ from Muskogee"
- 45 Sandra Bullock film The ____
- 47 I Know What You ____ Last Summer



Sen. Tobias Enverga Jr. at the Chinese Hakka New Year Celebration



Senator Tobias Enverga, Jr. stresses the beauty of promoting multicultural events and commended the Yin Hua Association for sharing its Lunar New Year celebration with the diverse communities of metropolitan Toronto . He said that the Yin Hua Association's program during its celebration is commendable in that it exemplifies one initiative for one to understand the culture of another "so that all cultures may continue to work together for the greater development of our communities in particular, and Canada, in general." The Conservative senator was guest speaker at the Chinese Hakka New Year celebration on March 2 in Scarborough, Ontario.

Vic Sotto topbills new GMA Pinoy TV family sitcom Vampire ang Daddy Ko

If you’ve had a sleepless night, think twice before hitting the buffet line, suggest the f Vic Sotto topbills new GMA Pinoy TV family sitcom Vampire ang Daddy Ko

Filipinos abroad can now see more of ace comedian and TV host Vic Sotto as he returns to doing family sitcoms via Vampire Ang Daddy Ko, premiering on Saturday, March 16 on GMA Pinoy TV.

This original family sitcom produced by GMA Network and MZet Productions also stars Oyo Sotto, Glaiza De Castro, Bea Binene, Derrick Monasterio, Jackie Lou Blanco and Ms. Pilita Corales.

Completing the star-studded cast are Jimmy Santos, Ryzza Mae Dizon, Anjo Yllana, Jin Ri Park, Jinky Oda, and Sef Cadayona.

Vampire ang Daddy Ko is a family sitcom written along the lines Okay Ka, Fairy Ko (OKFK). OKFK established its own mythology and its own set of rules. For instance, despite powers to appear and disappear at will and the memory of others, Magenta could not bring back the dead from the living.

She was powerful, but she believed in God. Also, OKFK was a family show before anything else. It imparted wholesome family values without departing from being a situation-comedy. OKFK was a fight between good and evil but it did not aim to frighten, so that it could tap both young and old audiences.

Vampire ang Daddy Ko seeks to accomplish all that and more, using faster pace of storytelling and modern post-production editing techniques. Not only will Vampire ang Daddy remind Okay Ka, Fairy Ko

fans of the same enchanting feeling that this popular show used to bring, it will also introduce young Filipinos abroad to this television format identified first and foremost with OKFK.

The story revolves around a family where the head is a vampire, and where love is the only thing that makes them survive everybody’s suspicion and their own paranoia. But more importantly, the story focuses on the love of a son for his father and vice-versa.

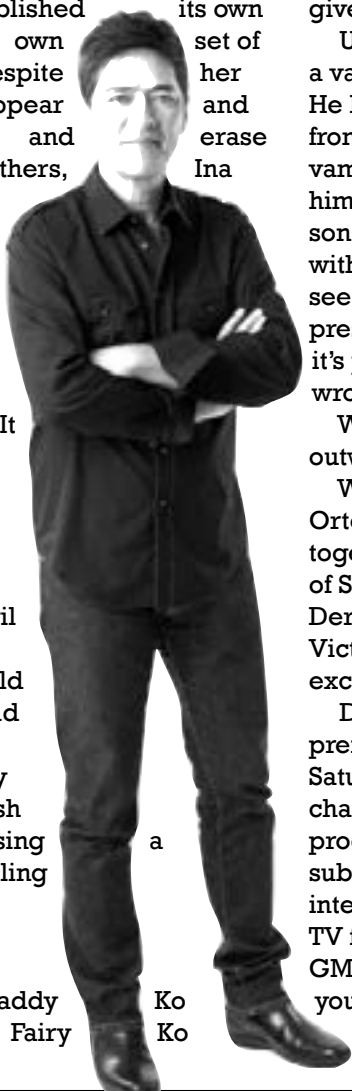
Vlad (Oyo) is a semi-retired vampire and the head of the family. He’s been making do with animal blood since he married a human, Sonya (Jackie Lou / Pilita). It is his great love for Sonya that made him want to reform. Sonya, in turn, has promised to give him fine and outstanding children, and she’s given him two sons, Vad and Victor (Vic).

Unlike his older brother, Victor is not a vampire. He has issues with his father. He knows his father is a vampire who, from time to time, still consorts with active vampires. Vic feels his father doesn’t love him as much as he does his missing older son, Vad. Vlad continues to tempt Victor with pig’s blood, measures his cuspids to see if they’ve grown into fangs, and in his presence keeps on asking his wife Sonya if it’s possible for them to have picked up the wrong baby in the hospital nursery.

Will the love between father and son outweigh their differences?

Written and directed by Ms. Bibeth Orteza, find out how Vlad and Sonya, together with the merry mix of characters of Small and Big, Bibo, Jinri, Omma, Stefani, Derry, Bebe, and Vavavoom will make Victor’s life a lot more interesting and exciting.

Don’t miss Vampire ang Daddy Ko as it premieres on March 16 and will air every Saturday on GMA’s flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV. For the complete programming grid and details on how to subscribe, visit www.gmanetwork.com/ international or like the official GMA Pinoy TV facebook page www.facebook.com/GMAPinoyTV to get the latest updates on your favourite Kapuso shows and stars.



Candid SPOOF (Pop-ups are not supposed to be taken seriously - EDITOR)



MP Joe Oliver was at tguest at the PCCFInduction dinner last December at the Alex Manoogian centre, Rembrandt hall.

Caution on Hot Yoga

The booming voice of a svelte yoga instructor cuts through the oppressive heat. “Maybe you feel a little bit nauseous sometimes. Maybe you feel a bit dizzy. Good. It’s working. You’re getting all the toxins out,” she says.

At Bikram Yoga Bloor in downtown Toronto, students engage in what seems like athletic masochism (the practice’s founder, Bikram Choudhury, refers to his studio as a “torture chamber”) to “release their toxins” and treat myriad conditions including asthma, carpal tunnel syndrome and hypertension.

Students Ann Jervis, 57, and Hayley Dineen, 23, remember unpleasant first experiences with Bikram yoga, but stuck it out because of the perceived advantages of the practice.

But some health professionals question the efficacy of the trendy style of yoga, practised for 90 minutes in stifling heat.

“As a scientist, I wouldn’t say there’s a huge stock in sweating out your toxins,” says Stephen Cheung, the Canada Research Chair in Environmental Ergonomics, whose area of expertise is heat stress. The body only releases them through sweat to a very limited extent, he says.

The extreme temperature and humidity in Bikram yoga and its less regimented spinoff Moksha yoga can be risky for those with heart conditions, as well as for those with low or high blood pressure in the normal range, says Nieca Goldberg, medical director of New York University’s Women’s Heart



Program. Review sites such as Yelp, yoga forums and Twitter are rife with tales of students feeling dizzy, passing out and being tended to by paramedics.

Bikram is no stranger to controversy: About six years ago, when it first gained popularity in North America, participants complained of injuries and pulled muscles. Doctors blamed the hot conditions, which sometimes allow students to stretch too deep.

But the dizziness and blackouts are of concern to Dr. Goldberg, a cardiologist, because hot yoga’s proponents give students the impression that light-headedness is to be expected.

When Sheila Madsen attended her first Moksha yoga class in Toronto two years ago, she was overwhelmed by the heat and felt dizzy. She continued, because an instructor told her things would get easier. She says that since she could get through tennis practice and Pilates class without difficulty, she wondered why she was struggling so much at Moksha yoga.

“Some people do well in high levels of humidity. I do not,” Ms. Madsen, 64, explains. “I couldn’t get my heart rate down sometimes for half an hour, which is really dangerous.”

She would go into “child’s pose,” a resting position, but the room’s conditions made relaxing difficult. On four occasions, she left the 39 C room to recover. Then she quit.

The science behind fainting is simple. “Your blood vessels normally expand to go to your exercising muscles,” Dr. Goldberg says. “There’s an even magnified response when you’re doing it in a very hot environment. That’s taking blood away from the blood vessels that are going to your brain, so you faint.”

She has treated otherwise healthy patients who fainted in hot yoga classes. Dana Moore, co-owner of Bikram Yoga Bloor, says there have only been a few cases of fainting in the studio’s two-year history. Instructors, trained in first aid, usually spot warning signs and guide students down onto their mats. And, as at all reputable studios, students must fill out a form disclosing any injuries, ailments or health conditions. Staff call new students to see how they’re feeling within two days of their first class.

When a student faints, “we always recommend staying in the room and that is really more for the safety of the student,” she says. “[Outside the room] no one’s there to keep an eye on them.”

But Dr. Cheung says, “That sounds completely counterintuitive to the whole point of fainting.” In a small study conducted at Dallas’s University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in 2002, researchers raised the body temperatures of nine test subjects and then tilted them upright to the point at which they’d faint. They conducted the same experiment again, but cooled participants’ skin before and during the tilting, and found those subjects were able to tolerate standing.

In the case of fainting, Dr. Cheung says, “I would get them in a cooler room and ... have cold towels to really cool their skin down.”

Instructors say the body can tolerate the extreme heat of Bikram and Moksha yoga because sweating is its “natural air conditioner.” It’s not sweat itself, but evaporation of moisture off the skin, that cools the body down, Dr. Cheung explains. “If you’re in a hot and humid environment, your ability to lose heat from sweating is hugely decreased because the air is already saturated,” he says.

At Moksha Yoga Uptown in Toronto, manager Jen Blanko says variations in class size make it difficult to regulate humidity - which is supposed to be at 40 per cent. “If we have a class of 10 people, it’s one thing. If it’s 55 people, it’s a totally different environment in there,” she says.

At times the room’s extensive exhaust system isn’t enough, and instructors have to crack a window open, she says. But Ms. Blanko believes that on the odd occasion that a student has fainted, it has been the student’s mistake - not eating before class or not properly hydrating. However, the studio does remove students from the room if they’ve fainted.

If a student mentions blood-pressure issues or heart disease, Ms. Blanko and her colleagues suggest they check with their doctors before they sign up for a class. Moksha Yoga Uptown’s website notes that women in their first trimester of pregnancy should avoid the class if they haven’t been practising hot yoga for at least six months. It also says children should not participate until their sweat glands have developed.

Dr. Cheung says that if patients feel dizzy in class, they should rest. “There’s a fine line between what is discomfort and what is pain,” he says. “This is supposed to be about health.”

- Hot yoga tips
- Don’t starve yourself before class, but don’t scarf down your lunch just before you go into the hot room. Avoid eating for two to three hours before class in order to give your body time to digest what you consumed earlier. If you forgot to eat, you can have something small (half a muffin or a banana).
 - Avoid drinking coffee before class (it will dehydrate you).
 - Drink plenty of water before and during class to make up for all the fluid your body will lose through sweat.
 - You’ll lose electrolytes (sodium and potassium, mostly) as you sweat, so add a pinch of salt, sugar and a squeeze of lemon (natural sources of electrolytes) to the water bottle you take to class. Coconut water and electrolyte tablets (which can be dissolved in water) are other good alternatives.
 - If you have a history of irregular blood pressure or heart disease, talk to your doctor before you sign up for a class.

STUDENT KILLS SELF
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suicide was a wake-up call for the government to increase support for state colleges and universities (SUCs) “instead of passing the burden to students and their families.”



UP president Alfredo Pascual said the state-run institution “can turn the tragedy into a greater resolve to act and make UP accessible to the poor.”

“It is really sad that this happened in UP and to an ‘Iskolar ng Bayan’ (people’s scholar). Our students should not suffer like this,” said Casiño, a sociology graduate at UP Los Baños.

Casiño said UP professors who had talked to the student’s family told him that she had taken a student loan in the first semester of the current academic year but was not able to pay and was thus denied another loan

for the second semester.

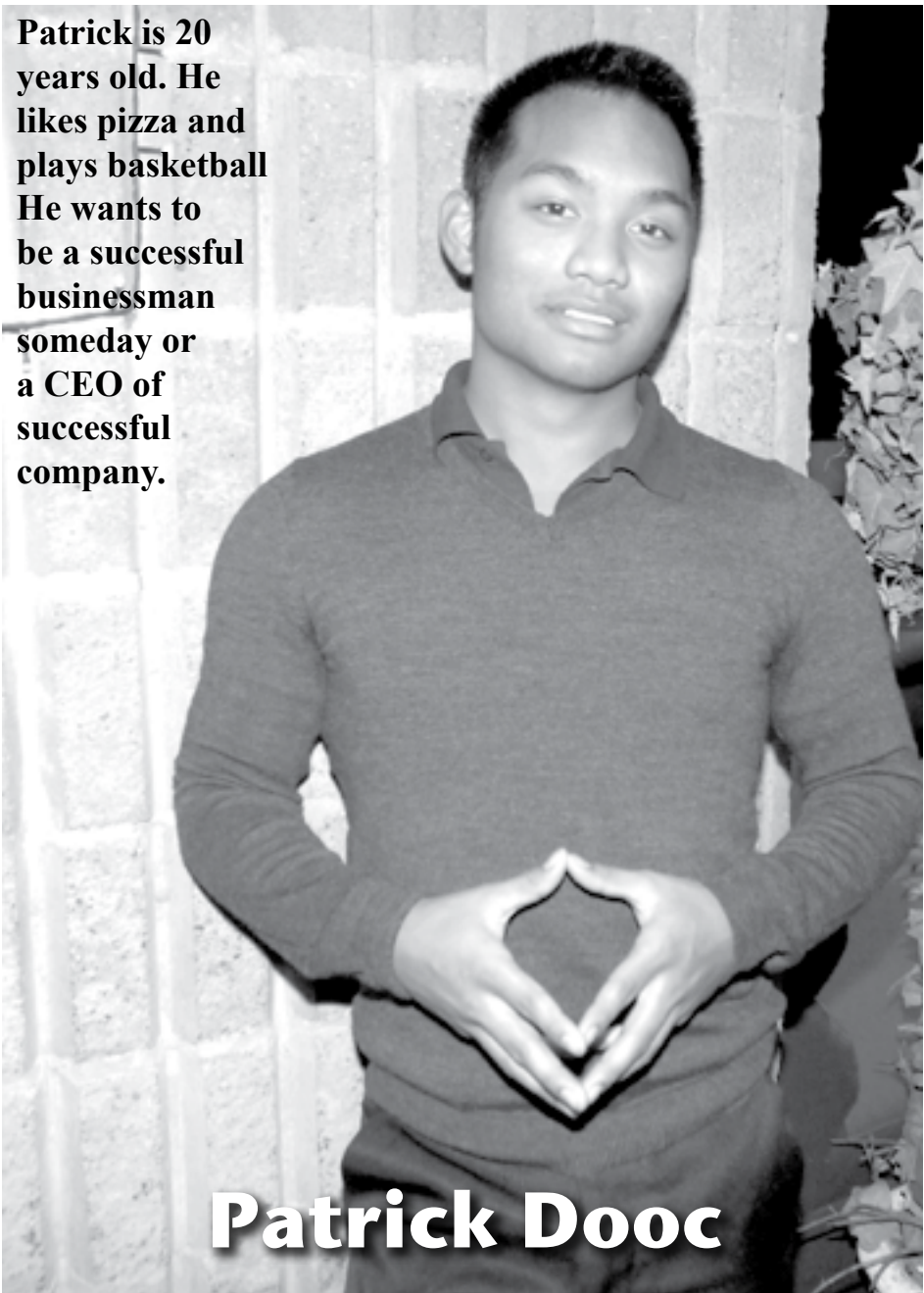
“The parents had tried to reason with the administration but were not accommodated. Because of this, the student was not able to enroll and was forced to file a leave of absence,” Casiño said.

Casiño noted that some organizations at UP Manila had already been opposing the “no late payment” policy that was implemented this school year.

A memorandum released by the university stated that “students who do not pay on the deadline for registration will, by default, not be allowed to enter their classes despite having already acquired subjects.”

hunk shot

Patrick is 20 years old. He likes pizza and plays basketball. He wants to be a successful businessman someday or a CEO of successful company.



Patrick Dooc

Louise delos Reyes confirms break-up with Enzo Pineda

Louise delos Reyes tearfully admitted that she and boyfriend of almost 2 years, Enzo Pineda are no longer together.

The Mundo Mo’y Akin leading lady looked back at how she and Enzo started out. According to her, “Nag-umpisa siya nung nasa Alakdana ako. Meron akong tinweet, tapos nag re-tweet with comment siya. Parang naging twitter friends kami, tapos he asked my number and nag-start na ‘yung conversation namin. Nagtetext siya, dumadalaw sa taping, and then eventually, nagkapalagayan ng loob.”



Louise stated that she and Enzo became a couple on May 16, 2011. She added, “Hindi lang siya basta boyfriend. Ano ko din siya, daddy ko, kuya and best friend, best buddy, kasi ang dami naming napapag-usapan. As in non-stop. Kahit hindi ‘yung mga sweet messages, hindi lang ‘yun eh. More on parang tinutulungan namin ‘yung isa’t isa to grow.”

When asked whether she and Enzo have ended their relationship, the teary-eyed Louise said, “Ang hirap magsalita.” Then she broke down and nodded, confirming the break-up. She also made it clear that there was no third party involved.

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