

Advice applies to PH Filipinos & OFWs Save Your Money

MANILA - If Filipinos want to save and become financially sustainable in the future, they should start changing their culture of spending beyond their means, world-renowned personal finance guru Suze Orman said.

“Don’t spend money you don’t have to impress people you don’t know or even like,” she said in a media briefing in Makati City, May 16.

The finance icon is back in the Philippines for the second time to give advice on how to manage personal finances, something which heavy-spending Filipinos need.

The personal finance guru lauded the Filipinos’ love for their family and the innate nature of making

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Competing for PCCF’s Ms. Philippines Canada 2013

A beauty from Leyte, Michelle Angelique Veloso, is one of the candidates in the Miss Philippines Canada 2013. The pageant is an undertaking of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation and final judging & coronation will be during the Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on June 22nd, 2013. (PHOTO BY WILLIE SANTIAGO - St. Jamestown News Service, Dindo Orbeso)

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VICTORIA CUP

Filipino Centre, Toronto held another successful Victoria Cup Basketball Invitational at the Hoopdome. Players of every age saw lots of action as these photos will attest.

MAIN PHOTO, A Forex player goes for the shot in a friendly game against the Toronto Police.
INSET FROM TOP, Michelle Beloso goes for the drive; A Durham player goes for the shot; A Robinsons player goes against the Angels.











GMA orders Geoff Eigenmann “Lose Weight” *Heart* tells co-star to go easy on the Food

MANILA, Philippines The Kapuso Network is facing a “heavy” problem - one of its top-tier actors needs some time off the limelight, hit the gym and reclaim his best shape. The management

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Pinoy Fiesta brings the Stars



Pinoy Fiesta will bring the Stars of the TV Network in the Philippines, GMA Pinoy TV. Accomplished and award winning artists, DENNIS TRILLO, GLAIZA DE CASTRO and RAFAEL ROSELL will surely entertain you with their extra ordinary performances, it will indeed be an evening to remember for everyone. Mark the date, June 22 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Hall D.



No Alternative for Taiwan

Taiwan suspends hiring PHL workers over shooting of Taiwanese Fisherman

MANILA, Philippines – The alternative labor markets being eyed by the Philippine government for Filipino who may be affected by the brewing tension between Taiwan and the Philippines are not feasible, a recruitment industry expert said.

According to Emmanuel Geslani, there are no alternative markets for OFWs in Taiwan in case the Philippines eventually loses this labor market, which, he said, was the most sought-after destination of OFWs.

“Malacañang should stop deceiving the public... that there are other markets where OFWs can find work,” he said, adding, “This will further infuriate Taiwanese employers who are now serious in removing Filipinos as their contracts expire.”

He also disclosed that more employers in Taiwan have recalled job orders for Filipinos issued this year and transferred these job orders to other countries in support of their government’s stand.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said

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Filipino sa Canada

Sen. Enverga, Jr. Urges the Fil-Can business community for increased trade with PH



TORONTO, Canada - Sen. Tobias Enverga, Jr. (C, Ontario) has issued a call on the Filipino Canadian business community to work in furtherance of an increased trade between the Philippines and Canada.

Speaking at the Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) Induction Ball and Dinner Gala in Toronto on Saturday, May 4, 2013, Sen. Enverga, Jr. recalled the initial steps taken by PCCT when its representative traveled to the Philippines as part of the official delegation of Prime Minister Stephen Harper. He said that PCCT President Oswald Tugadi initiated in principle the signing of MoU with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) in the Philippines, as well as with several chapters of the PCCI.

The only Filipino Canadian in the Senate of Canada took note that the PCCT begun implementation of those initial steps when it formed a delegation and conducted a trade mission to the Philippines in February this year. Among those which initially yielded positive results were those in the cosmetics and logistics, trade and cargo forwarding industries.

Sen. Enverga, Jr. told the Filipino Canadian business community not to hesitate to reach his office for assistance on matters in pursuance of the objectives of the PCCT.

The Conservative Senator for Ontario urged the newly-

inducted officers and directors of the PCCT to explore working with other Chambers of Commerce elsewhere in the country to expand markets for two-way trade with the Philippines. In mid-April, Sen. Enverga, Jr. had a dialogue with the Manitoba Filipino Business Council which expressed interest in working with various business organizations across the country for economic prosperity of the Filipino Canadian community in Canada.

TOP LEFT, Senator Tobias Enverga addresses the PCCT. TOP RIGHT, PCCT poses with the Congen. ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT, Consul General Junever Mahilum-West inducts the officers of PCCT. BOTTOM LEFT, FV Food's Mel Galeon and Flor Vendiola poses with the Congen. BOTTOM RIGHT, Ted Dayno of THD Consultants and wife Rhodora, Consul-General Junever Mahilum West and Perly and Joseph Alilio of Forex Cargo pose for a photo.



Sam Pinto will not do Frontal Nudity

SAM Pinto is only second to Marian Rivera in the early stages of FHM'S annual contest for the Sexiest Woman. Would she want to be Number 1 again after topping it for two consecutive years?

"Siyempre naman, but I won't be campaigning for myself," she says. "Hahayaan ko na lang ang fans ko to campaign for me. Bahala na sila if they want me to win. Kundi naman, okay rin lang for me."

She was Number 1 twice at FHM. How come her home studio Viva, has still not given her a launching film whereas newcomers like Yam Concepcion and Meg Imperial (both brought by Viva to ABS-CBN) have already had their launching films, "Rigodon" and "Menor de Edad"? "Okay lang. I'm not in a hurry. I'm sure the right time will come. Ako naman, I want to really prepare for that perfect moment na magsosolo na ako. Ayoko ng madaliang project lang. At 'di ko rin kaya yung sobrang pa-sexy, like 'yung ginawa ni Yam. Friends na kami before she joined showbiz and I admire her guts, but ako, 'di ko talaga kaya mag-frontal. At 'di rin makakaya ng family ko. Okay na sa'kin as of now doing teleseryes like 'Indio'. My role as Diwata ng Tubig at Dagat really helped para mas makilala ako ng tao. Enjoy kami lahat sa set dito kasi puro mababait ang mga kasama kong diwata and si Sen. Bong Revilla. Now that it's ending next week, we're all proud to be part of a big-budgeted historical epicserye like 'Indio' na napakahirap talaga gawin but very fulfilling."



Heard: Sir Chief on being 'Papa-ble!'
Richard Yap, or Papa Chen/Sir Chief, reveals his secret to being "papa-ble"—which was why he was chosen C-Lium Fibre endorser even at age 46. "I was on the thin side when I was younger... (so) I started working out," he says. "Instead of heavy meals, I opt for five to six light meals throughout the day."



Photo shows Mel galeon of FV Foods with Richard Yap

Camilineos Fiesta Dinner & Dance



FROM LEFT, Camilineo president Harold Guarin (right) greets guests; Officers pose with Consul Paez; Young ones perform a dance number; Officers Nieva Carpio address the crowd as emcee Roger Guarin looks on; Former president Louie Molina tells the crowd to enjoy the night.

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Nancy Binay is hurting from Inquirer OpEd

TARLAC CITY, Philippines— Like many other candidates, those belonging to the United Nationalist Alliance's senatorial ticket have had to endure the intense summer heat in an effort to court voters with only five weeks to go before election day.

No different is Nancy Binay, a 39-year-old mother of four best known for being the eldest daughter of Vice President Jejomar Binay, her main "credential" as far as her critics are concerned.

These same attacks have been tough for the younger Binay, who is on her first national campaign as a candidate. Binay admitted as much during a break in the UNA motorcade in Concepcion.

"The personal attacks have become very vicious, but it does not discourage me in any way. But I just hope they will

spare my parents, especially my mother, from their demolition campaign," she said in a statement later on.

Binay singled out a Philippine Daily Inquirer editorial that questioned her qualification to run for the Senate, especially in her first attempt at an elective position.

"That she is rating well in the surveys is not an argument for qualification. We can already hear her professional supporters say, 'Let the people decide.' But popularity, or 'winnability' in her case, cannot be a substitute for her lack of experience, preparation, or achievement," the editorial said.

In the statement, Binay admitted she had "kept a low profile politically before her decision to run for the Senate." But she maintained she had been "active in charitable foundations providing scholarships and assistance to the youth."

She said the Brighthalls Children's Foundation Inc., of which she is a trustee, "provides temporary refuge for infants and children below two years old who are abandoned or neglected."

"Its mission is to give the best possible physical and emotional care to children in a safe and comfortable place while looking for loving homes that will take them in and take care of them," she added.

Binay said she was also connected with the Bigay Pagmamahal Foundation as its executive director. She said the foundation "provides access to quality college education in public and private learning institutions to poor and underprivileged youth of Makati."

But there was no denying that she worked as her mother's "personal assistant" when Elenita Binay served as Makati mayor from 1998 to 2001. She is also an "executive assistant for housing concern" to the vice president.



BEA FAVORED OVER BARBIE

IS Bea Binene now the more favored teen star of GMA7 over her rival Barbie Forteza? She has her own primetime soap, "Home Sweet Home," while Barbie has been idle since "Paroa." "Hindi naman po," she says. "Pareho

naman kaming inaalagaang mabuti ng GMA. I heard she'll have a new show rin, 'Anna Karenina', with Derrick Monasterio, so hindi na siya bakante."

Bea is happy that "Home Sweet Home" is now the number one show in its timeslot before "24 Oras." As Lucy, she and partner Jake Vargas as Benjie are imprisoned in a harsh fantasy world and they need to get a magic "kabibe" to be able to escape from it.

They stumble on a fun house where Raymart Santiago as Reden and daughter Jillian Ward as Jessie are frozen by the Snow Queen.

Bea is put on a giant dartboard and a clown throws daggers at her. Later, the clown is split in half and turns into monsters controlled by Celia Rodriguez as Pandora to chase her and Benjie.

Meantime, Raymart as the fake Reden dumps his wife Roxanne Guinoo as Dulce. He wants their marriage to be annulled so he can be with his other woman, Rochelle Pangilinan as Wendy.



18% Unemployed are college grads

MANILA, Philippines - At least 18 percent of unemployed in the country today are college graduates, according to the National Statistics Office (NSO).

The NSO has reported that in January 2013 alone, 608,000 people were added to the labor force. However, the number of employed increased only by 606,000, meaning another 2,000 were added to the ranks of the unemployed. Speaking at a recent forum organized by the Ayala Foundation Inc. at the Ayala Museum in Makati City, Socio-economic Planning Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said the figures point to a disturbing high rate of unemployment among college graduates. "The rate of unemployment is very high among college graduates, which partly reflects a mismatch between what is produced by schools and what is required by the market," Balisacan, who is also director general of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), said.

He added the government is looking into expanding employment opportunities in several priority sectors, including agribusiness, manufacturing, tourism, information technology-business process outsourcing (IT-BPO), housing, infrastructure, and logistics.



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Vin Diesel is like Audrey Hepburn

In the movie Roman Holiday, Audrey Hepburn plays a princess. In a press conference scene from the movie, she was asked which city she enjoyed the most. She says “Rome, above all, Rome.” Vin Diesel was asked the same question and answered, the Philippines and was asked why. “Maybe because the Filipinos is [are] IN-CRE-DI-BLE?!!” Well, in the movie, Audrey Hepburn was not asked why she liked Rome the best. So, give credit to Vin for bravery.

Will the speaker shut up? We cannot hear ourselves talk.

Why is it that Filipino audience are so noisy when someone is speaking or performing in front? Even when it is an important invited official is speaking, the guests tend to drown out the

speaker. They think that nobody hears them. Unfortunately, if everybody on the table is talking, multiply that by 10 people per table, with 50 tables in an event and it becomes louder than the speaker. Why bother inviting any speaker or performer at all?

Movies that cost too Much

Why does Hangover 3, a movie about bachelor party gone bad now cost \$100 million to make. I don't understand that. Give me 4 guys and beers and liquor and we won't even spend 1 million. Give me \$10,000, and I am sure I'll be able to buy all the booze that 4 guys can consume, complete with a hooker for each one and everyone will be happy. But \$100 million for a movie about a bachelor party gone wrong is just too much. With that amount, One can have thousands of bachelor parties. I see a reality TV show in the making here. Shoot all bachelor parties and and somebody is going to make a lot of money.

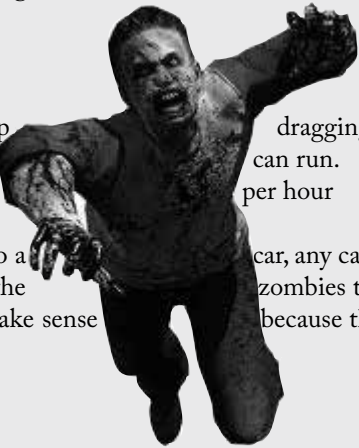


Lone Ranger producer must be tunto

‘Lone Ranger’: Disney's attempt to revive the masked hero, with Johnny Depp as Tonto, cost \$225 million. This is another puzzle. Why a movie about 2 guys on horses will cost \$225 million. Go to expedia.com and you will find a ranch with a great deal compete with horseback riding. Or subscribe to Groupon or LivingSocial.com and you will get email offers to be able to live like Lone ranger and Tonto - at least for the weekend.

Fast Zombies

Why do zombies who keep dragging one of their feet when they walk manage to catch people who can run. It is a mathematical impossibility. A zombie walking 2 km per hour manages to catch healthy people that can at least run 5km per hour. How is that? That is like a one-horse buggy catching up to a car, any car. What would make sense is if the healthy people are chasing the zombies to bite them and make the zombies healthy again. That would make sense because the zombies cannot run.



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“Kasintahan sa Pangarap” by Sampaguita Pictures shows Pancho Magalona and Tita Duran in 1951. PHOTO COURTESY OF VIDEO 48

Tita Duran

Teresita “Tita Durán” Durango (1929–1991) was a Filipina film actress who began as a child actress. She was the first ever successful child star of Philippine cinema.

Actor Pancho Magalona was her husband. She is the mother of the late Filipino rapper Francis Magalona and grandmother to Maxene Magalona who, as a child, showed a striking resemblance.

Durán joined a movie in her earliest career as an 8 yr old child who abandoned by their mother in 1936 family-drama of Awit ng mga Ulila, aka The Songs of the Orphans.

In 1938, Sampaguita Pictures spotted the child and cast her in a tear-jerker movie of Inang Mahal aka (Dear Mother). Her second movie in Sampaguita was Ang Magsasampaguita (The Sampaguita Vendor).

Durán made two movies under LVN Pictures and it was Pangarap (Dream) and Sawing Gantimpala (Lost Prize) both in 1940.

After World War II, she made a comeback in her studio Sampaguita Pictures. She joined in a war film with Carmen Rosales entitled Guerilyera and typecasted in numerous musical films paired by some of the Sampaguita's finest actor.

After her last movie in Sampaguita Isang Halik Mo Pancho, she made Maria Went to Town under Deegar Cinema Inc.

Delia Rosales' Birthday

Birthday celebrant Delia Rosales was joined by the panaligan family and serenaded by a song by Maria Panaligan.

Delia's family gave her the surprise party.



LAUGH RESORT

CAMEL

May isang Pinoy sa Saudi maisipang takasan ang kalupitan ng kanyang mga Amo. Sa kagipitan, ipinasya niyang tawirin ang disyerto at humanap ng magandang kapalaran sa Kuwait.

Sa kanyang konting ipon, bumili siya ng Camel at gamit sa paglalakbay at dahil di niya alam paluhurin ang Camel para sakyan, nagdala na rin siya ng hagdanan.

Ikatlong araw sa paglalakbay sinumpung ang Pinoy ng matinding pangangailangan (Libog). Sawa na siyang magparaos sa pamamagitan ng kanyang kamay kaya ipinasya niyang pagparausan ang Camel (total nasa gitna siya ng disyerto at wala namang makakakita sa kanya). Dahil mataas ang Camel, gumamit siya ng hagdan, ngunit sa tuwing tatangkain niyang 'ipasok' nakikiliti and Camel at humamakbang kaya si Pinoy nahuhulog.

Ganoon ng ganoon hanggang sa magsawa ang Pinoy sa pagtatangka at ipinasya niyang magpatuloy sa paglalakbay. Ganoon pa man, hindi matanggal ang kanyang pagnanasa na makaraos sa kanyang pangangailangan.

Ika - limang araw sa paglalakbay ng makakakita siya ng napaka-gandang Pinay na hinahabol ng Arabyano.

"Tulongan ninyo ako" ang sigaw ng Pinay "gusto nila akong pagsamantalahan at patayin."

Si Pinoy pinagbabaril ang mga humahabol at iniligtas ang kababayang Pinay. Ang Pinay nagpapasalamat:

"Salamat po at iniligtas ninyo ako, utang ko sa inyo ang aking buhay, at gagawin ko po ang kahit na ano bilang pasasalamat.

Ang Pinoy nangangailangan (nalilibugan) pa rin: "Talaga?"

"Opo, kahit po ano gagawin ko para sa inyo" Ang Pinoy tumutulo ang laway sa pagnanasa: "Talaga, kahit na ano?"

"Opo, kahit po ano"

"Kung ganoon, PAKI HAWAKAN MO ANG CAMEL"

Honey shot

Twenty year old Michelle works as a keyholder at M for Mendocino, a women's clothing store. When shopping for her own though, her favourite store is Aritzia. Her favourtie food is sushi and St. Louis chicken wings. She likes to travel and would like to one day go to California.

Michelle Ann Briones



Meet Apple's Top 25 Most-Downloaded Free Apps

This is pretty impressive given that apps weren't even a business less than a decade ago. Now there are more than 800,000 apps in Apple's App Store, and that Apple has paid out more than \$7 billion to developers.

As part of the promo, it's done two things: First, if you happen to be the owner of the 50 billionth download, you'll get a \$10,000 App Store gift card; second, it's released a list of its all-time most-downloaded apps.

Here is the list of Apple's top 25 most-downloaded free apps:

1. Facebook
2. Pandora
3. Instagram
4. YouTube
5. Skype
6. Words With Friends
7. The Weather Channel
8. Twitter
9. Temple Run
10. Google Search
11. Netflix
12. Shazam
13. Angry Birds Free
14. Draw Something Free
15. Flashlight
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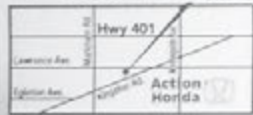


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LA honors Catandunganon hero



FAITH AND COURAGE Nida Arjona Tapel, a modern day hero in a challenging global community. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

LOS ANGELES, California - A Filipino teacher and caregiver received last month the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Courageous Citizens Award for foiling a kidnap attempt on her 95-year-old ward who suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

Nida Arjona Tapel, 52, of San Miguel, Catanduanes, received the award from District Attorney Jackie Lacey, who cited the Filipino caregiver "for her presence of mind, bravery and heroic act" in thwarting the crime.

According to a press statement announcing the award at a lunch hosted by the Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5) on April 12, 2013: "On December 19, 2011, Ms. Tapel, a caregiver for a 95-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease, risked her life in an effort to prevent the kidnapping of her elderly client in West Los Angeles. The perpetrator of the crime was the elderly woman's daughter, who was barred by court order from having unsupervised contact with her mother.

"The daughter arrived at her mother's home and tried to take the mother away. When Ms. Tapel tried to stop her, the daughter pushed Ms. Tapel and doused her with pepper spray. The daughter tried to drive her mother away in an SUV, but Ms. Tapel (after signalling a neighbor to call 911) got into the vehicle to protect her client. When police arrived, the daughter sped away, leading police on a chase for several miles before surrendering. The defendant pleaded no contest to charges of attempted kidnapping, battery and evading an officer."

Nida, who has been working in the United States for five years now as a teacher and a part time home care provider, accepted her award with three other brave LA residents who helped thwart crimes. They included two men who came to the aid of a 77-year-old woman who was battered and robbed by a gang member and a bus driver who pulled a badly injured woman out of a burning car after her angry ex-boyfriend ran her car off the road.

Making community safer

The District Attorney's Courageous Citizen Award, according to its official web site, was "created to commend those individuals who have acted with courage and at considerable personal risk to help a victim of crime, assisted in the capture of a suspect, or testified in the face of extraordinary pressures."

The LA County District Attorney hailed Tapel and the other awardees "who have taken extraordinary steps to assist others when they were most vulnerable. They stopped a crime. They made sure that a criminal was prosecuted. They helped a crime victim during a terrifying moment of need. They are vital to the pursuit of justice and our community is a safer place because of them."

Small town, big hearts

An alumna of the Catanduanes State Colleges, now Catanduanes State University (from undergraduate to post graduate studies), Nida was overwhelmed by the congratulations she received from her kababayan.

"I felt happy because, as a Catandunganon, I was able to show to America that even if we come from a small province, we do have big hearts to help others," said Nida in an interview.

Nida credits her "resolute faith" for being able to do what she did that day.

Prayer is the only weapon

"As an OFW, my only weapon is prayer. God has made me strong, because it is really very hard to be in a foreign land. There are plenty of challenges along the way, so embrace God tightly." She acknowledges the nurturing she got from her aunt, Dr. Cleofe Buen Reyes, for her resilient spirit. "I was raised by my aunt to call God all the time."

Tapel said she dedicates her award to her fellow Catandunganons and to the Filipinos as a whole. "Let us show to the world that our purpose in life is to help others, not to hurt them. We only live once in this earth; let us make it significant. Let us not be afraid of death for God will be always there for us."

Courage comes with humility, she added. She remembered her teachers at the Catanduanes State Colleges (now CSU) who always reminded students of the value of humility.

"The school taught me to be humble—the higher you get, the more humble you must be. "Saan mang sulok ng mundo tayo mapadpad, alalahanin natin na dapat ang ating mga paa ay sa lupa pa din nakatapak. (Whatever corner of the world we may find ourselves, we must always remember to keep our feet on the ground)."



John Lloyd Cruz says 'no' to doing a sitcom with Sarah Geronimo

After the box office success of It Takes A Man And A Woman, John Lloyd Cruz told Push.com.ph that he's no longer interested in doing a TV sitcom with leading lady Sarah Geronimo. "No. Ako ayoko. Hindi dahil sa ayoko katrabaho si Sarah, pero more on the business aspect of it. We're also aware na hindi naman kami baguhan. We want to protect yung [na-achieve namin] with our movies." To which Sarah added, "Ayaw muna namin itapon yung pinaghirapan ng pelikula. Nasa taas ka na, ibababa mo pa."

Apparently, John Lloyd just wants to make the most out of their box office team-up especially as It Takes A Man And A Woman nearly reached the 300 million-peso mark in ticket sales.

On a different note, he explained why he gave Sarah a Cartier watch, which the young actress happily showed to ABS-CBN reporters during the victory party of It Takes A Man And A Woman last week. "Time is something that we share in a very special way." But when asked what Sarah gave him in return, the latter stopped John Lloyd from revealing her simple gift to him. "Hindi naman importante yun [kung maliit o malaki ang regalo]. Makinig daw ako sa kanya," said John Lloyd, leaving the media people wondering if Sarah gave him a playlist of her songs or something.

At the end of the interview, John Lloyd stated how grateful he was to the Popstar Princess for the success of their team-up as well as their friendship. "Siguro hindi niyo kilala si Sarah. Lagi ko sinasabi yun na I've had this privilege of being here with Sarah and knowing her intimately, professionally, as a friend. Hindi siya, pwede sana siya napunta kahit kanino... Very vocal naman ako. I just wanted to give her something special. She's very instrumental kung nasaan man ako ngayon."

PCCF Mrs. Philippines 2013 Pre-pageant



FROM LEFT, Manny Yanga of Scarborough Toyota is one of the judges of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation's Mrs. Philippines pageant; A contestant impresses the judges; PCCF's Rosemer Enverga is happy with the program; Pors Canlas and Manny Yanga relaxes before the pageant.

PHL govt ends formal peace talks with Communist rebels



MANILA , Philippines - Saying peace talks are “going nowhere,” the government said they no longer want to return to formal negotiations with the Communist Party of the Philippines.

“We cannot wait forever for the other side if they continually refuse to go back to the negotiating table without preconditions. The government will be taking a new approach to pursue peace,” said Alexander Padilla (PHOTO), chair of the government panel negotiating with the Communist Party of the Philippines-National Democratic Front (CPP-NDF).

Padilla said the “new approach” comes amid a 22-month impasse in the negotiations. He also cited the “mounting violence” by the NPA on civilian targets. He did not elaborate what this new approach would be.

Earlier last April, 78-year-old mayor Ruth Guingona was wounded when her

convoy was attacked by the NPA. Two of her bodyguards were killed. The NPA later apologized for the tragedy.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte insisted the government’s termination of the talks did not stem from the attack.

“Walang kinalaman ang approach sa naging ambush kay Mayor Guingona,” Valte said. She added that the Palace will let presidential peace adviser Teresita Deles come up with the details of the “new approach” hinted at by Padilla.

“Tayo ay matagal na handang makipag-usap sa CPP-NPA-NDF. Hindi natin alam kung sila handa o gusto makipag-usap sa atin,” she added.

“Pre-conditions” to formal talks

Padilla explained that while the government had always been open to resume formal negotiations with them, “they keep on insisting on preconditions, such as the release of their detained consultants.”

“The ball is now in their hands, They were the ones who initiated the Special Track and they were the ones who ended it. The government doesn’t want to return to the regular track (formal talks) because it has been going nowhere for the last 27 years,” Padilla said.

Even discussions under the Special Track have been closed since they have come up with new demands, he added.

The OPAPP said CPP founder Jose Maria Sison proposed the special track

to fast-track the negotiations, via a draft declaration on “national unity and just peace.”

With the special track, the government and NDF panels met last Dec. 17 and 18 in The Netherlands and agreed to further discuss a draft Declaration of National Unity and Just Peace.

However, when they met again on February 25 and 26, Padilla said the NDF proposed three new documents that he said “backtracked” from their original position and issued more preconditions.

He said the CPP also demanded that the government abolish its peace and development programs, including the controversial Conditional Cash Transfer, PAMANA and Oplan Bayanihan.

Padilla also reiterated the government’s call to the NPA to stop hostilities on the ground following attacks on civilian targets, including that on Mayor Guingona.

“If the NPA understands the true meaning of taking responsibility, it should stop inflicting violence on our society,” Padilla said.

Reacting to the NPA statement that it did not intend for the Guingona firefight to happen, Padilla asserted: “What did he expect to happen when 50 armed rebels accost a convoy of a politician in a deserted rural road in the middle of the night? If they did not mean to kill Mayor Guingona, why was her car so mercilessly peppered with bullets and decimated with grenades?”

Brillantes: ‘Since when is citizen’s arm entitled to so many things’

MANILA, Philippines — “Since when is a citizens’ arm entitled to so many things?”

This question was posed by Commission on Elections chairman Sixto Brillantes Jr. when asked about a poll watchdog’s plea that the Comelec provide them with data on manually uploaded election returns.

He was referring to the statement of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) and the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), “begging” the Comelec to provide the election returns which are still unaccounted for. “Why are they asking for those? We have a resolution accrediting them as a citizens’ arm. They have functions, if they want to do something else then they should make a formal request,” he said.

So far Brillantes said that he knew of no such request. “If they sent us such a request we would have acted on it,” he said. But PPCRV chairperson Henrietta de Villa said that they were just trying to help the Comelec ensure a “clean, transparent and peaceful elections.”

“They can always refuse. But we are just here to help the elections to be more credible. We are not here to cast doubt on the Comelec nor are we here to ask for more than we are entitled to,” she said.

The poll watchdog has suspended the release of information on its unofficial count of the election returns pending the proclamation of the 12 winners of the senatorial race.

Once all the new senators have been proclaimed, the PPCRV will resume its unofficial count of the election returns, De Villa said.

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‘80s concert a huge success, brings out groove in crowd



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TORONTO - It wasn't a Standing Room Only venue, and yet the audience were on their feet from the first time Back to '80s concert artists Gino Padilla, Joey Albert and Raymond Lauchengco appeared on stage up to their finale songs. Everybody was singing and dancing in high spirits reliving the music and memories of the '80s.

The seamless production ensured that the audience enjoyed the night away with the '80s pop and jazz icons of Original Pilipino Music (OPM) taking center stage at the Global Kingdom Ministries on May 4, 2013.

To add to the audiences' excitement, concert producers Bodybliss and Primetime Events Group formally launched their winter 2013 project Allegiance, a new



Cristine and Raymond Santos pose with Gino Padilla, Joey Albert and Raymonmd Lauchengco.

American musical, in Broadway, New York which stars multi-awarded actress and mezzo-soprano singer Lea Salonga.

The show started with an '80s medley performed by students from the JDL School of Performing Arts. Toronto talent Anna Estrada-Rejante continued the '80s music renditions and the audience had already warmed up by the time Gino Padilla set foot on stage who sang his hit song Let the Love Begin with Anna which added flavor to his repertoire.

Meanwhile, a projector screen showing her muted music videos served as Joey's backdrop.

An unexpected but heartwarming surprise was the Bakit Ngayon ka Lang duet between American Geo Bryja and Joey. Geo was born and raised in Detroit Michigan and is married to Gin, a Filipina. He loves Filipino songs and can sing them fluently even in the Visayan and Ilocano dialects.

Fans of the stars of the '80s teen movie Bagets were awed by the performance of debonair Raymond Lauchengco, whose song selections included Just Got Lucky and graduation song Farewell. Another soulful performance was Raymond's duet with Joey on How Do You Keep the Music Playing.

Concert producers Bodybliss and Primetime Events Group also gave a sponsors night at Max's Restaurant and a cocktail hour before the concert to express their appreciation to sponsors. After the show, the producers also gave VIP ticket holders the opportunity to mingle and have their photos taken with the stars of the show.

Sani Baluyot, production, concert and events director for Primetime Events, said they are inviting interested investors for their upcoming Allegiance project. Complete details about this musical production are found at <http://www.allegiancemusical.com/>. Baluyot said those interested may send him an e-mail at primetimeeventsgroup@yahoo.com or call 647-242-6949.

Francis Rementilla, chief executive officer (CEO) of Bodybliss, expressed his gratitude to all the sponsors, production crew and volunteers who made the concert a huge success (a complete list is available at the Back to the 80's Facebook page). He said the concert is just one of the ways Bodybliss is showing its appreciation to its loyal and growing clientele. Bodybliss has been providing Ontario clients with exceptional physiotherapy, orthopedic and wellness services for over 12 years now.*



Please Be careful with My heart

FV Foods' Flor vendiola and Mel galeon pose with actress Sylvia Sanchez (CENTER) of ABS-CBN'S teleserye Please be careful with My Heart at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Angara urges PNoy to put a stop to contractualization

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan — Team PNoy senatorial bet Aurora Rep. Edgardo Angara called on the government to look into corporations that implement “rotating contractualization” in hiring workers. Angara has expressed confidence that President Benigno Aquino III that has the political will to stop big corporations' contractualization practice.

For the longest time, big malls and fast food chains only hire workers for five months, a practice of circumventing the labor laws. The lawmaker underscored the need to address the long-standing issue of labor contractualization and to put a stop to the abuse of Filipino workers.

However, Angara also proposed to the government to provide incentives to the companies so they could hire more regular workers.

“We should look at how we can encourage them by providing them incentives, rather than being punitive, the incentives could be tax reductions,” he said. Under the “rotating contractualization” scheme, workers can only work for five to six months at a time, renewable for another two to five- or six-month periods. After which, they could work as an open contract worker with no security of tenure.

Under the Labor Code, contractual employees are not entitled to benefits mandated by law for regular workers such as the 13th month pay, sick and vacation leaves.

The scheme also prevents the formation of unions in companies, even if the law recognizes the workers' rights to organize, since contractals are easy to hire and fire.

Reduce red tape -- Magsaysay Jr.

NAGA City -- The government should institute a continuing policy to reduce the bureaucratic red tape that drives away

investors and carry out a blueprint that makes doing business in the Philippines easier, Liberal Party senatorial candidate Ramon “Jun” Magsaysay Jr. said.

For one, Magsaysay Jr. said one way of simplifying doing business is legislating one-stop shop in all local government units, where all mandatory permits needed to register an enterprise would be placed in one location so that entrepreneurs would not go through the rigorous process of transferring from one office to another.

“One-stop shop should be a model for all. Just simplify it and make life easier for investors and start-ups who after all are taking risks just to start business,” Magsaysay Jr. pointed out, lamenting that despite the passage of Republic Act No. 9485 state agencies and local governments have been remiss in improving efficiency.

The former legislator noted, however, that some LGUs have set up one-stop shops to ease business registration. Starting with one-stop shops would also help LGUs rank well in the Anti-Red Tape Act-Report Card Survey (ARTA-RCS) of the Civil Service Commission.

A more friendly business climate, Magsaysay Jr. said, would also encourage development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which comprise more than 90% of enterprises in the country.

“The important thing is to lessen the requirements. When you go into business, there's so many red tape. After three months, you are not yet finished with the registration alone. I've gone through that many times. We have so many bunch of bureaucrats who just want to make life difficult for businessmen,” he added.

“We must be business friendly. We need good government policies to make doing business in the Philippines simpler, easier and more convenient to local and future foreign investors.

Camilineos *Fiesta* Dinner & Dance



FIRST, Marilou Tamboong and Jose Soto of Marylou's Fashion sell their items. SECOND, Teresita Primero hands a gift basket to Consul Paez as emcee Roger Guarin looks on. THIRD, Birthday celebrants for the month of May blow the candles. FOURTH, Andy gabriel, the singing cook renders Engelbert Humperdinck's 'A Man without Love.'



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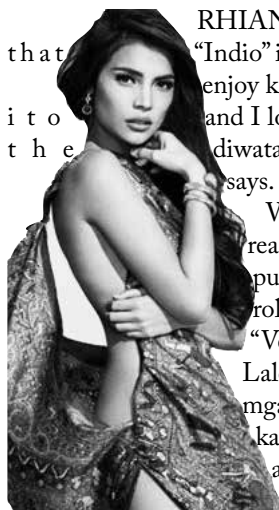
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Rhian ramos is at peace with KC Montero



RHIAN Ramos is sad that “Indio” is ending. “Na-enjoy ko talaga gawin and I love my role as diwata Magayon,” she says.

What’s the reaction of the public to her role as a diwata? “Very positive. Lalo na ‘yung mga Bicolano, kasi Magayon is a Bicol word meaning beautiful and Mayon Volcano came from the word Magayon.”

So what’s her next project after this? “I don’t know yet. But GMA has a coming big show at pinag-audition ako roon kasama ang iba pang GMA actresses. Hindi ko lang alam kung makukuha ako. Sabagay nga mawawala ang ‘Indio’ and ‘Party Pilipinas’ and I also don’t know kung kasali pa rin ako sa ipapalit doon. Kung hindi, it means I can join my family again on Sundays. Kasi with Party P, I can’t join them having lunch together and watching a movie pag-weekends.”

Her life is peaceful now. Doesn’t she miss all the controversies she got involved in before? “Naku, hindi. I’m so happy to give chance to others to be controversial.”

Has she forgiven DJ Mo? “I’m not sure. But in life, everything is possible. Basta I know, hindi siya makakabalik

dito sa dami ng kaso filed against him.”

And how’s her new BF KC Montero? “Almost one year na kami. Everything is so peaceful, light, relaxed, happy. We don’t even have a big fight, petty ones lang kaya stress-free. Nasasanay na ako sa ganito.”

Patrick evades Jennylyn Issue

AFTER doing cameo roles in “Apoy sa Dagat” and “Dugong Buhay”, Patrick Garcia and Carlo Aquino are now back in a regular primetime teleserye, “Annaliza”. Both Patrick and Carlo started as child stars and won awards right away. As teen stars, Patrick joined ABS-CBN’s teen stars in “Tabing Ilog” while Carlo did memorable dramas like “Minsan May Isang Puso” and “Sugatang Puso.”

Their careers as leading men didn’t really take off. Patrick is now 31 and has two kids: a son, Alex Jazz, with Jennylyn Mercado who’s now 5 years old and a daughter with non-showbiz GF Jessica Martinez named Chelsea, 3 months old. We just saw his son at the set of “Indio” with Jen and it cannot be doubted the boy is his since they look so much alike. But Jen said he barely gets in touch with them. “Pero okay lang,” Jen told us. “Kaya ko naman, e.” Patrick was asked about why he doesn’t see his son and he just said: “No comment na lang. It’s a sensitive issue. Basta ayokong pag-usapan ‘yan.”



Introducing... Canada Philippine Fashion Week

All proceeds to benefit Kol Hope Foundation for Children

TORONTO (May 13th, 2013) --- Kol Hope Foundation for Children will serve as the beneficiary of the inaugural launch of Canada Philippine Fashion Week, to be held from Monday, June 10th to Saturday, June 15th, 2013. It also celebrates Philippine Independence Day on the 12th day of June, and is proudly presented by internationally renowned sponsors.

This dazzling week of Filipino fashion, culture, entertainment, and philanthropy, founded by Jeff Rustia, will feature a series of events spread over six days at incredible venues like Roy Thompson Hall and TIFF Bell Lightbox. There will be runway shows by top fashion designers from Canada and the Philippines, legendary exhibits from Fashion Statement of Jose Rizal and a special Mangyan Tribes Exhibit, to Francis Libiran’s 100 Dress Collection, as well as a spectacular array of Filipino performances, world premiere film screenings, live music, art and food.

“2013 will be an incredible year for Filipino fashion, as we present the very first Canada Philippine Fashion Week showcasing the best in haute couture, style, innovation, culture and creativity of designers in the Philippines and in Canada. The best part is that it is all for a great cause. We are partnering with Kol Hope Foundation for Children, a charitable organization that reaches out to help and support children with disabilities in both countries. It is truly fashion with a heart. We are blessed to have the help and support of friends and

talented people from the Philippine and Canadian fashion industries, as well as the loyalty and commitment of our sponsors and benefactors, and the creative brilliance of an army of international designers, models, makeup and hair professionals all coming together with a single goal in mind --- to make a real difference in the lives of children through the Kol Hope Foundation for Children,” says Jeff Rustia, Executive Director and Founder of Canada Philippine Fashion Week.

“We are very honoured and touched to have the loving support of Canada Philippine Fashion Week and everyone involved. This event will assist us in our mission to help and support children in Canada and the Philippines,” says Melinda Rustia, President of Kol Hope Foundation for Children. “We are extremely grateful and waiting with bated breath for this pioneering event.”

SAVE THE DATE for the official Canada Philippine Fashion Week press conference on Friday, May 24th at Museum Room, Shangri-La Hotel Toronto. Registration for media accreditation starts at 10:30am.

Also note the VIP film screening on Wednesday, June 12th at TIFF Bell Lightbox and fashion show gala on Friday, June 14th at Roy Thompson Hall. Refer to event listing for more details: <http://www.canadaphilippinefashionweek.com/schedule/>.

PCCT Induction



Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Toronto's Rafael Nebres poses with Consul-General Junever mahilum West and Steve Pagao of DTD Cargo

Police arrest call center exec

Cops raid Cebu office, seize 300 computers allegedly used for US scam



A Policeman examines piles of computers that were seized during a raid on the office of the call center Interface Techno-Phil Inc. in Cebu City.

CEBU CITY—Police raided an outbound call center company at Cebu Business Park in Cebu City on suspicion that it had been duping Americans into buying bogus

gift cards.

Police later arrested Rolando Hornaes, vice president for external affairs of Interface Techno-Phil Inc., for allegedly attempting to bribe the Anti-Cybercrime Group (ACG) with P300,000 in exchange for not seizing all its 300 computers.

But company lawyer Glenn Villariza explained that the money was intended for the bail bond of the supervising agents

who were arrested during the raid.

He denied that the company was engaged in illegal activity. “The operation is legal,” he said.

ACG operatives seized more than 300 computers and invited for questioning almost 100 employees.

Senior Inspector Michael Vertudazo, ACG chief in Central Visayas, said the owners and officers of the call center company, which had been operating for three years, faced criminal charges.

Vertudazo said authorities received a tip from five employees that Interface Techno-Phil had been duping customers.

Two of the employees signed an affidavit that convinced the judge to issue a search warrant, Vertudazo said.

He said call center agents would call customers in the United States and ask them to buy a registration card, which would cost \$2.99 excluding processing fees, in exchange for \$100 gift card vouchers for all gasoline station in the United States, gift cards exclusive for Walmart and other freebies.



Charice alienates Fans

YEARS from now, Charice can write a book on “How to Alienate Your Fans and Ruin Your Career.” No doubt she has gone far conquering international markets as a singer, as she has even done Hollywood movies like “Here Comes the Boom” and “Alvin and the Chipmunks.”

But now, her career is neither here nor there and if you’d read the reaction of her former fans on the net, they don’t really favour what she did to herself lately. First, she dressed up like a guy and now, she posted pictures of herself in a tank top showing off the tattoos in her body.

We don’t mind her sexual preference, that’s her own prerogative, but she shouldn’t have flaunt it. And now, the ugly tattoos? What’s she trying to prove? That she can get away with anything and everything?

The public loved her for being this simple, pint-sized but very talented singer from the Philippines who looks so pure and unassuming. But with her looks now, her image has definitely been tarnished and it’s not helping her career, locally and otherwise. Even her own relatives don’t approve of it.

The scuttlebutt that she eloped with Alyssa Quijano, the “X Factor Philippines” contestant who became her ward, also didn’t help her. Shades of Aiza Seguerra and “Protegee’s” Krizza Neri? It’s said the parents of Alyssa were so outraged and got back their daughter.

PH stock market one of world’s ‘hottest’ but more Pinoys remain poor

MANILA, Philippines --- The Philippine stock market is one of the “hottest” in the world so far this year, a CNN report said.

The local bourse was ranked as the fifth top-performing stock market globally, with CNN Money noting growth of 20 percent as of April 24.

The Philippine stock market was topped only by the of Kuwait, Argentina, United Arab Emirates, and Japan.

However, The country’s poverty situation hardly improved nearly two

years through the Aquino administration.

In fact, poverty has become harder to escape, results a Cabinet official said was below expectations.

“the problem of poverty requires a comprehensive, multi-pronged, multi-sectoral solution involving many stakeholders.” Socioeconomic Planning Sec. Arsenio Balisacan

Sen. Tobias Enverga, Jr. congratulates first Filipino Canadian appointed to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

TORONTO - Senator Tobias Enverga, Jr. has sent his congratulatory message to the Hon. Steve Coroza on the latter’s appointment as a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Brampton) effective July 8, 2013. For this, Justice Coroza becomes the first Filipino Canadian to ever hold such office.

Mr. Justice Coroza will replace Madam Justice N.M. Mossip, who was elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Coroza is presently a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines, where he was appointed in 2009. He received a



bachelor of laws from University of Windsor Law School in 1995 and was admitted to the Bar of Ontario in 1997. He also completed a master of laws degree at Osgoode Hall Law School in 2003.

Prior to his appointment, Justice Coroza was a senior counsel with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada from 1998 to 2009, and prior to that was staff duty counsel for Ontario Legal Aid in Toronto, where his main area of practice was criminal law.

Mr. Justice Coroza was a member of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers. He was

an instructor for the Bar Admission Course (2001-2009), a part-time instructor at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology (2004-2007), and an instructor of the Trial Practice Course and Trial Advocacy Workshop at Osgoode Hall Law School where he is currently an adjunct professor. He is also the co-author of a publication entitled, “Sentencing Drug Offenders”.

(Office of Sen. Tobias Enverga, Jr.; also with files from the Department of Justice, Canada)

One Kapamilya Go *Festival* Sells Out \$20 tickets in Toronto



FROM LEFT, Mel Galeon of FGV Foods is swamped with customers at the festival; This line and another one lead to FV Foods; Richard Yap and Jodi Santa drive the crowd wild (PHOTO BY NOEL PERADA) Maria Mutya Orquia performs (PHOTO BY NOEL PERADA); TFCKat East 2012 winner Maria Panaligan performs at the festival

Filipino domestic workers push for basic rights



LOS ANGELES—More than 100 Filipino domestic workers and their supporters yesterday (Friday in Manila) held a “cupcake party” in front of the state building here to show their support for a bill that will grant domestic workers in California basic labor rights, such as overtime pay and breaks.

The California Assembly bill, AB 241, passed in the labor and employment committee in Sacramento.

“We’re celebrating this first victorious step, the first legislative action on the bill” said Lolita Andrada Lledo, senior community organizer of the LA-based Pilipino Workers Center (PWC), who were among the rally participants who held trays of cupcakes and carried balloons on a sidewalk in front of the state building.

The PWC has been lobbying for the passage of AB 241—also known as the California Domestic Workers Bill of Rights—which will extend basic rights to domestic workers and help protect them from abuse, Lledo said.

Mostly caregivers

There are more than 200,000 domestic workers in California and of these, about 50,000—mostly caregivers—are Filipino, Lledo estimated. One of these Filipinos workers is Amelia Bernachea, a live-in

caregiver.

Shortly before the bill was approved, Bernachea testified before the committee that she earned \$70 (about P2,870) for a 24-hour job caring for an elderly woman with Alzheimer’s, with no breaks and overtime pay.

“Domestic work requires a lot of responsibilities, patience, kindness and understanding,” she said. “Most of the time I can hardly sleep a straight eight hours because I want to make sure that my employer is taken care of throughout the night.

“I endure the work because it’s important, and because I financially support my children (so they can) go to college,” Bernachea added. She said AB 241 would recognize her work as “real work” and give domestic workers equal rights under state labor law.

A similar bill, AB 889, was introduced last year but was vetoed by California Gov. Jerry Brown, who cited concerns that the proposed law could unreasonably burden disabled, low-income or elderly individuals who may need around-the-clock care.

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, who reintroduced the bill, said he will make sure “that doesn’t happen again.”

Overtime protection

“If we can’t pass this bill this year and get it signed, we will owe an explanation to the workers. They are people, mostly women, who keep some households running smoothly and enable people with disabilities to live at home, instead of in institutions,” Ammiano said. “Why shouldn’t they have overtime protections like the average barista or gas station attendant?”

The National Domestic

Workers Alliance said the mostly female and immigrant domestic workers are vulnerable to abuse because of the “isolated nature of the industry, where women labor behind closed doors and out of the public eye.”

These workers are also excluded from most employment laws and are not able to collectively bargain, “which means they are unprotected when asking for respect of their basic rights,” according to the alliance.

In a study, the group found that more than 85 percent of the workers surveyed encountered problems with their working conditions in the previous year but did not complain because they were afraid to lose their job or that their immigration status would be used against them. Among live-in workers, two in three were paid below the minimum wage, according to the survey.

Lledo said she and other PWC members support the bill because it would provide domestic workers “overtime protections, meals, rest breaks and worker’s compensation” among other basic labor rights.

Threat to economy?

The California Chamber of Commerce opposes the bill, saying it would harm the state’s economy.

Having passed the Labor and Employment Committee, the bill will now go to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for approval. If approved, it will move through the Full Assembly, the Senate Labor Committee, the Senate Assembly and then the full Senate.



Coin toss decides Philippine election contest

A coin toss has decided the lucky winner of mayor for a small Philippine town, after rival candidates were tied at the end of the vote count, an election official said.

The dramatic conclusion to the contest for San Teodoro, a farming town of about 16,000 people in the central Philippines, took place in the local election office, with the politicians tossing the coin to decide their fate.

“They agreed to a coin toss, with the candidate getting the most heads proclaimed the winner,” San Teodoro election chief Reny Pagilagan told AFP.

He said tension built as the first tie-break competition of five coin tosses each also ended in a draw, with both politicians getting two heads, according to Pagilagan.

Marvic Feraren, a member of the ruling Liberal Party, finally emerged the winner.

“Both of them accepted the result. They shook hands and embraced,” Pagilagan said.

Pagilagan said Philippine election law stated that tied electoral contests must be settled by the drawing of lots, of which a coin toss was an acceptable variant. Pagilagan said this week’s event was not unprecedented and he had presided over another coin toss in 2004 to decide the winner of the final seat on a council board for a nearby town.

More than 44,000 candidates contested about 18,000 posts in Monday’s mid-term elections, from local positions up to seats in the nation’s parliament.

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Long Distance Family Affair

I drive to Ohio on a regular basis. I drive the Panaligan family. Their mom Genelie has her sisters and youngest brother Jun. Gen's sisters Geraldine, Gina, Girlie, Glenda, Genette and Jun has put roots in Columbus, Ohio.



TOP, The Panaligan clan pose for a picture. • INSET FROM LEFT, The Our Lady of Consolation church and the statue of Jesus Christ inside.

The Filipino population in Columbus is not that big yet. There are no Chinese groceries there. There is a chain of 3 stores called Asian Market. You will not find a lot of selections like you will here in Toronto. You can get pork bungs (intestine) but they are frozen.

So, if you want to bring them to Ohio, boil them first so you are not breaking the law when you cross the border.

There is one Filipino restaurant but he calls his restaurant Chuchay's Asian cuisine. If Asians ever make an inroad in Columbus, it will probably be lead by the Chinese, as is what happens anywhere in the world. As for now, their idea of Asian is probably limited to Chinese cuisine. This is probably the reason why he calls it Asian, instead of Filipino. Filipino

cuisine is not that well-known. If the Chinese make inroads for Asian cuisine in Ohio, then, we'll probably call it Filipino cuisine then.

They have Costco but they are not located close to one another like we have in Scarborough and Markham. Their distance to one another is 100 miles. That's like going to the next state.

Meanwhile we salve our longing for familial bond by driving the distance from Toronto to Columbus. A drive that takes from between 8 hours or 6 and a half hours, depending on how fast you are driving.

Last February, Gen's youngest daughter Nadeene celebrated her 7th birthday the third time by going to Ohio. Yes, she had 3 celebration.

Last April, we went for the 2nd birthday of Bella, Gen's niece by

her sister Genette and brother in law Archie, a relative of Toronto dentist Dr. Miriam Bernacer. They do have the Hollywood Casino. If they did not have it, people from Ohio will probably drive to Cleveland.

Driving long distances like what we do when we drive to Ohio to bond with family is something Filipinos like doing. Any small event is a reason to go there.

It does not even have to be an anniversary or a wedding. Birthdays are a good reason enough. Why wait for a big event to get close to family?

Besides, going to the US for a family get-together makes cross-border shopping as a side-trip even more enjoyable.

Kim Chiu

Not ready to pose for a men's magazine

Naging usap-usapan ang mga pahayag ni Kim Chiu noong nakaraang Linggo sa The Buzz tungkol sa mga taong nakasakit sa kanya. Inamin din kasi ng dalaga na kahit mapatawad niya ang mga ito ay hindi niya malimutan ang nagawa sa kanya.

Sa ekslusibong panayam ng Cinema News kay Kim sa kanyang birthday celebration na kanyang idinaos para sa kanyang mga fans, natanong siya kung ang dating matalik na kaibigang si Maja Salvador at ang dati niyang karelayon na si Gerald Anderson ang kanyang pinatutungkulan. Ang nasabi na lamang ng aktres na tila iwas pa rin sa isyu, "Sabi ko nga, sila talaga? Ano ba naman tong world na ito?"

Tungkol naman sa kanyang positibong estado sa buhay sa kasalukuyan, aniya, "Wala naman talaga. Yun nga mahirap kalimutan yung mga ginawa sayo pero mabilis naman ako nagpatawad parang okay na, sige bahala na sila."

Isa din sa mga gumawa ng ingay noong araw ng kanyang kaarawan ay ang kanyang post sa social networking account na Instagram kung saan siya ay nakasuot ng two-piece swimsuit na tila may ipinapahiwatig. "Side view lang naman yun pero kapag full view iba na ibig sabihin nun. Wala lang, since 23 na ako siguro pwede na, hindi na sila magsasabi na hindi pa dapat, bata pa dapat ganyan ganyan. Side view lang yun, one angle lang ng body ko, di mo nga kita yung tiyan ko e, legs lang."

Kaya naman maraming mga kumento ang lumalabas na tila nagsasabing handa na siyang mag-pose ng sexy para sa isang men's magazine. Ilan na rin sa kanyang mga kasamahan sa Star Magic tulad ni Melissa Ricks at Empress ang nauna nang gumawa nito. "Hindi pa, huwag naman muna, okay pa ako ng ganito."

Maliban sa Ina, Kapatid, Anak na kanyang pinagkakaabalahan, nagbigay na din siya ng update sa inaabangang pelikula nila ng kanyang kalove team na si Xian Lim. "Bakit di ka crush ng crush mo? It's a rom-com, directed by Bb. Joyce Bernal under Star Cinema. Sobrang iba, akala ko ako si Eugene Domingo, si Direk Joyce akala niya ako si Eugene Domingo.

At sa kanyang kaarawan, hiling lang ni Kim na magtuloy-tuloy ang anumang kasiyahan na meron siya ngayon. "Sana tuloy tuloy lang ang success, tuloy-tuloy lang yung happiness na nangyayari sa akin. Hindi man ganun kakumpleto pero masaya ako sa kung ano man ako ngayon."



P90 Million Willie Contract is Absurd

"P90 million? That's absurd," Wowowillie business unit head Jay Montelibano said Friday when Yahoo! Philippines OMG! reached him for comment about a gossip blog entry on the alleged botched contract between TV5 and Willie Revillame.

According to local gossip blog Fashion Pulis, TV5 called it quits for Revillame and the network after the Wowowillie host demanded a P90 million contract despite the show's "terrible ratings." The meeting between the network bigwigs and Revillame allegedly happened on May 16.

Montelibano laughed off the scenario and vouched that no meeting took place since he and Revillame were together at Wil's Events Place that time. He added that TV5's incoming president Noel Lorenzana has yet to assume office on June 1 and any negotiations about the renewal shall happen after he comes in.

The business unit head also clarified that Revillame is still in good terms with the management.

"RCE (Ray C. Espinosa) and Kuya (Willie Revillame) met before the announcement of a new president. They seem ok," he said. "RCE even assured us that we'll be in good hands with Noel Lorenzana. Sabi niya, 'Aalagaan kayo nun.'"



Serendra at Camilineos dinner



Camilineos president Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda poses with the people of Serendra during the Camilineos Fiesta dinner party.



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MANILA - UNA senatorial candidate Nancy Binay zeroed in on the root cause of high unemployment and underemployment, which is the cause of widespread poverty all over the country: “We don’t have enough electric power to create factory jobs.”

Unemployment is still above 7 percent, and underemployment is still at 21 percent. “And the root cause of all this is: We don’t have the power plants to induce foreign companies to move their factories to the Philippines,” Binay said.

Binay lamented that our attempts to try and solve the electric power shortages in Mindanao and in Western Visayas are stop-gap and inadequate.

“Electric power is not just about lighting homes and commercial establishments,” Binay added. “It has a much more important purpose, which is to provide the power base for our manufacturing sector – where workers earn more because they are more productive.”

‘Seasonal’ jobs cause higher unemployment

MANILA - Malacanang attributed the rise in the number of jobless Filipinos during the first three months this year to “seasonal” types of jobs during the past holidays.

“May paliwanag po diyan ang mga ekonomista... Normally, marami pong temporary jobs for December. Alam po natin na panahon po iyan ng ka-Paskuhan kaya marami po tayong nakukuhanang seasonal jobs,” Presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda told Palace reporters yesterday in his regular briefing.

It will be recalled that a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey, released to the media showed that unemployment rate in the country has risen to 25.4 percent, which is equivalent to 11.1 million jobless Filipinos. Based on previous SWS polls, unemployment rate always rose every first quarter during President Benigno Aquino III’s almost three years in office.

Lacierda said the Aquino administration is already working to generate more jobs in three specific sectors: tourism, agriculture and infrastructure.

“We are creating jobs in areas where we can generate more employment,” he said.

Lacierda said the government, through the Department of Tourism, is taking steps to translate the increase in tourist arrivals to more jobs for Filipinos.



US backs ASEAN code of conduct on disputed sea

MANILA - The United States has expressed support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) code of conduct and reaffirmed its support for the Philippines arbitration move against China.

Senior officials from the ASEAN and the United States recently met in Washington DC to deepen ASEAN-US cooperation and discuss regional and international developments at the 26th ASEAN-US Dialogue. The US and Myanmar served as Co-Chairs of the meeting.

Senior Officials exchanged views on the South China Sea and other maritime disputes.

Foreign Undersecretary for Policy Evan P. Garcia said the need for a COC was made more urgent by recent developments in the West Philippine Sea.

Garcia also gave an update on the Philippines’ recourse to international arbitration under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), citing that it “is rooted in good global citizenship and will benefit all parties as it will clarify maritime entitlements under UNCLOS.”



Zanjoe ok on gay Kissing Scene

Zanjoe Marudo said he is proud of being offered challenging roles that are far from his real character like his gay character Brandy in Bromance. “Hindi naman ako natatakot na kahit paulit-ulit kong gawin yun kasi kung gusto naman nila, kung gusto naman ng tao... Bakit si Mang Dolphy diyan naman, marami siyang pelikula na gustong-gusto ko na bading yung role niya so hindi naman ako natatakot na ma-typecast,” he explained.

If ever he would be offered a role with a gay kissing scene, Zanjoe said he would consider it. “Depende siguro sa tema kung medyo art film siya o di puwede kung ipanglalaban sa mga festival. Pero kung pangbata o pang-masa, hindi naman siguro patok yung mga ganung klaseng eksena. Depende talaga sa project,” he said.



Xian Lim feels blessed to have witnessed Kim Chiu’s reconciliation with her dad

Xian Lim admitted that it was a blessing to have been there when Kim Chiu reconciled with her father in Mindoro. The two Ina Kapatid Anak stars were there for a show when the unexpected reunion came about. When teased if Kim introduced him as her boyfriend, Xian merely smiled and said no. “We were in their hometown. May show kami dun. Siyempre nakakatuwa na napunta kami dun at nandun ako sa very meaningful moment between Kim and her dad,” he said



Jennylyn Mercado get new shows after 3 axed

This is truly a nice gesture after a show she’s been hosting, “Hot TV,” was axed two weeks, simply because it didn’t click with viewers. Honestly, after watching a few episodes of it, we got bored and we wondered why “Showbiz Central” was cancelled to give way to it. As we expected, it didn’t last very long. John Lapus must now be having the last laugh. The second show of Jen to be axed is “Party Pilipinas.” And then the primetime show “Indio,” will also end. So that means she won’t have a single show anymore.

But knowing GMA7, they’ll surely include Jen in the new show.

“Positive ang attitude ko with shows that end kasi lahat naman ng shows, natatapos,” says Jen. “Eto nga, I’ve already been informed that I’ll be hosting a new show reality show, ‘Anak Ko ‘Yan,’ a talent show for kids and their moms. Meron din daw new soap for me and a new film in the works.



Genelie’s Baby Shower

LEFT, In one of the games, Shirley Leblanc tries to make a baby out of play-doh.

BELOW, Genelie Panaligan poses with daughters Nadeene, maria, Ampee and Aubrey.



Workers prefer to work in PH

MANILA - For the first time in the history of the Philippine labor force abroad, more Filipino workers are deciding to return and work here instead of continuing to sacrifice working outside the country. “The government is now seeing an extra-ordinary reverse migration, with more local firms now offering high compensation. The Philippines is also seeing for the first time a return migration of our workers from Macau being absorbed by the emerging entertainment and gaming industry in our country,” Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said.

Baldoz said the OFWs were attracted to work in the entertainment industry after they were offered same salaries they were receiving abroad.

She said government is exerting all efforts to reduce overdependence on foreign remittances to sustain economic

and social growth and President Benigno Aquino III wants to give Filipino workers a genuine choice whether to leave or stay in the country.

“The President said the challenge for his administration is to expand the base of employment here, have jobs and employable work force and to ensure all labor laws are being complied by the employers so that the benefits that are due to our workers are assured,” Baldoz said.

DoLE data showed there are over 10 million Filipinos working in more than 200 countries and remitting \$22 billion to their families annually. “Based on our surveys, migrant workers identify four priorities such as daily consumption, education, health, and housing needs of their families in working abroad,” Baldoz said.

Support PNoy - Drilon

MANILA - Team PNoy appealed to Filipino people for their continued support on the anti-corruption and anti-poverty program of President Benigno “Noy” Aquino III in the next three years following the proclamation of 12 winning senatorial candidates.

“We ask the Filipino people to unite and fully support the President’s anti-corruption and anti-poverty agenda. We in the legislature will do our part and work doubly hard to achieve the goals of good governance, peace and security, and inclusive growth, with the President’s daang matuwid as our clear guide to change and transformation in the next three years,” Team PNoy campaign

manager Sen. Franklin Drilon stressed after the nine senatorial candidates of Team PNoy won the 12 Senate seats while the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) got three slots. Drilon also called for a healing process as an offshoot of the highly-divisive 2013 midterm polls.

“The Filipino people have spoken. The nation must set aside rancor and recrimination and forge ahead with the social, economic and political reforms already begun by the President,” Drilon pointed out.

Drilon also said the “Filipino people gave President Aquino a fresh mandate to govern by electing a majority of the Team PNoy senatorial candidates.”

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Vin Diesel enjoys his Philippine Trip

Hollywood action star Vin Diesel, during the press junket for his new movie "Fast & Furious 6, confessed how he fell in love with the country and its people.

Diesel heard a lot of good things about the Philippines from his sister-in-law who is Pinoy that's why when he learned that Manila will be part of the world premiere of his movie "Fast & Furious 6," he got excited to experience firsthand the world-famous warmth and hospitality of Filipinos.



The Hollywood action star arrived in the country on May 13 via a private jet and the very moment he landed on Philippine soil, he experienced how welcoming the Filipinos are in an instant.

His amusement grew even more on May 14 when he explored the city by bus (or jeepney).

"Yesterday I went around, I rented one of those buses and I was in the bus... There was a guy that's selling stuff on the road. He came to the back of the bus and I thought he's going to sell me something. He said 'You're Vin Diesel, you're

Vin Diesel.' He lit up like a Christmas tree and this is a guy that's working in the streets, selling stuff to cars going by. He forgot about all that, I just saw his heart come out. It makes me fall in love with the Philippines," he said, adding that the street vendor's reaction was a "testament" of the Filipinos' nature.

"Mahal ko kayo! I love Manila! I love you all so much! We are so proud to do the first Hollywood premiere here in the Philippines. This is the best place I've ever been to in my life," he said.

The action star revealed that he wants to shoot the upcoming installment of "Fast & Furious" in the country.

An Indonesian reporter asked him: "I come from Jakarta, Indonesia. I want to know the reason why you chose Pilipina (Philippines) [for the press junket and red carpet premiere] and not Jakarta where many many people know you and admire you?"

Vin Diesel replied: "Really? Why we chose the Philippines? Maybe because the Filipinos is [are] IN-CRE-DI-BLE!!!"

He received cheers and applause from Filipino press people.

"Or maybe because I wanted to come to the Philippines my whole life... I wouldn't trade a trip to the Philippines for anything. The people here are so wonderful. They have this kind of warmth, and welcoming energy that I don't see everywhere. I don't think the world realizes how special the Philippines is, it's a special place," he added.



Bella Flores passes away at 84

Bella Flores (real name: Remedios Papa Dancel), the actress moviegoers loved to hate for decades because of her villain roles, passed away at the Quezon City General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 1:27 a.m. on Sunday, May 19.

Bella's only child Ruby Arcilla posted in her Facebook page: "I will miss you mommy! I love you very much. Rest now for you have done so much for your loved ones. God will welcome you in His Kingdom."

Bella's granddaughter Jessica also said that the iconic screen villain had a stroke around four months ago and suffered from Alzheimer's.

Bella's only child Ruby, her husband Jessie and Jessica left their life in the US three years ago to bring the actress home to the Philippines, where she was able to do what she loved best: perform on screen. Bella's latest film was shown last December in celebration of Bench's 25th anniversary.

An accident which damaged her hip led to the deterioration of Bella's health.

Lady Dean of Contravidas

Bella is known as the Lady Dean of Contravidas. She has made life miserable on screen for such big stars as Nora Aunor, Vilma Santos and Maricel Soriano.

"Alam kong mahirap at di gawang biro ang maging kontrabida," she said in an interview published the "Artista sa Pelikula '85 Actors' Yearbook." "Ibigin ko mang maging bida ay talagang di pwede, at ayoko naman ipilit sa 'kin. Ngunit mabalik tayo sa kontrabida, dito masukat ang kakayahan ng isang artista. Kung tutuusin, mas mahirap ang papel kaysa bida."

Bella was introduced in "Kilabot sa Makiling" and became a full-fledged star in Sampaguita Pictures' "Roberta." She was named FAMAS Best Supporting Actress in 1967 for "Ang Kaibigan Kong Sto. Nino" and won in the same category for "Dugo ng Bayan" for the Olongapo Film Festival in 1973.

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Chapter Commander Sir Manny Yanga, KCR, welcomed the guests. Adviser Sir Joe Luzadas, KGOR briefed the attendees of the history of Scarborough Chapter, that was formed by Sir Joe Faminial, KGOR on April 26, 1982. (We missed the Chapter founder Sir Joe Faminial, KGOR and his wife Lady Olive, who cannot attend this celebration.) The program included songs by Philippine Broadway singer Ms. Karen Tan and the Hawaiian dancers who entertained the guests

Rizal Awards were presented to the active Scarborough Knights.

- Award of Excellence to Sir Manny Yanga, KCR for leading the Scarborough Chapter in many projects in the past two years (presented by Region Commander Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR and Deputy Region Commander, Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR)
- Award of Merit to Sir Bert Mondragon, KCR for his leadership in the recent projects of Scarborough Chapter (presented by Chapter Commander Sir Manny Yanga, KCR)
- Award of Appreciation to the Knights and Ladies of Scarborough Chapter who supported the recent Canada Region projects. (was presented by Chapter Commander Sir Manny Yanga, KCR, and Region Commander Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR.)

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Alice Dixson leaves for Canada
Lovi Poe is the reason

MANILA, Philippines – NOW that her soap ‘Never Say Goodbye’ has ended, Alice Dixon decides to leave for Canada for a long vacation. She’s supposed to have a follow up project right away, “Minsan May Isang Ina,” but it can’t start yet since the actress TV5 wants to get for the lead role. Lovi Poe, is “urong-sulong” or indecisive whether to stay with GMA-7 or move to TV5. But as of yesterday, she’s supposed to sign up anew as a Kapuso.

While in Canada, Alice will attend to the divorce case she and estranged husband Ronnie Miranda have filed. "Before we parted, napag-usapan naman namin nang maayos pati ang aming division of properties, like our house, so I think hindi na kami mahihirapan in getting our divorce papers," she says.

She also has some catching up to do with her work there as a real estate broker, for which she has an official license. "Ayoko namang i-give up 'yun at pinaghirapan ko 'yun. Isa pa, I'm a Canadian citizen na, and malay natin, baka I might work there din again sometime."

So is she entertaining new suitors? “Naku, tigilan muna natin ang love life. Right now, kung wala akong work, I just want to spend time with my widowed mom who’s staying with me.”



A black and white flyer for a "Dinner and Dance" event. The flyer features silhouettes of three couples dancing in various styles. The text includes the event title, location (Holy Angel's Church Hall, 63 Jutland Road, Etobicoke), time (6:00 pm to 1:00 am), date (November 23, 2013), day (Saturday), and attire (Semi-Formal). Logos for the Camiliños Association of Canada and the Bayan ng Camiling are also present.

Ai-Ai opens up about Marriage split

+ *Marian to go Independent* + other stories



Ai Ai delas Alas finally confirmed on the separation rumor from his husband of 1 month, Jed Salang.

The 48-year-old comedienne tied the knot with Jed, 28, last April 4 in a ceremony held in Las Vegas, after a year-long relationship. A little more than a month after, they separated.

In an interview with Boy Abunda on "The Buzz" Ai Ai revealed that a friend of Jed told her last year that Jed doesn't love her and that he is only after her money.

"Sinabi sa akin na may balak si Jed na papatulan lang ako ni Jed then later on, kukuha...ayokong sabihin 'yung word... tapos kapag nagawa na niya 'yung bagay na 'yun, iiwan na niya ako," Ai Ai told Boy and added that the completion of the plan is that the guy will settle down with his ex-girlfriend," she said.

Abunda asked the comedienne if she believed the things that Jed's friend had told her and why she did not listen.

"Alam ko dahil from the very beginning ramdam ko naman 'yun kaya lang natatakot ako, natatakot ako sa totoo, and natatakot ako na kapag nalaman ko ang totoo, sobrang sakit," she replied.

"Sobrang minahal ko 'yun e...alam mo naman na dream kong magkaroon ng asawa, akala ko siya 'yung bigay sa akin, siyempre tao lang ako nagkakamali. Di ko naman alam na magiging ganun ang buhay namin," she added.

Ai Ai called it quits on the day Jed started

to physically abuse her, the same day she gave him the car he had always wanted.

"Nung May 2, gusto niya mag-monthsary kami sa Casino. E ayoko nang mag-Casino siya kasi hindi naman healthy para sa kanya at hindi na rin maganda para

sa akin. So sabi ko sa kanya dun na lang kami sa bahay or any hotel, huwag lang dun kasi may Casino dun.

"Pero nagalit siya. Napunta na naman kami sa physical fight...hinahagis ako sa kama, ganun, sampalan, bunuan. E 'nung araw na 'yun, kasi ang feeling ko, 'yung time na hinila niya ko sa sahig at kinaladkad niya ko, doon ko na-realize na hindi ko na 'to kaya kasi parang feeling ko, kabibigay ko pa lang 'nung dream niya e, binigay ko 'yung makakapagpaligaya sa 'yo, binigyan ko siya ng kotse, e 'nung araw na 'yun kinaladkad mo ako sa sahig.

"Parang pakiramdam ko, ano pa ba ang magagawa mo sa akin habang ako lahat naibigay ko na ang lahat sa 'yo," she said.

Marian Rivera changes manager

Marian Rivera has declared her independence from former manager Popoy Caritativo.

Marian is now under the one who discovered her, Antonio Tuviera, head of Triple A.

In a move that surprised even showbiz insiders, Marian told reporters that she is going back to her showbiz roots after giving Popoy a letter explaining her feelings.

"Pareho kaming nag-agree na mabuting maghiwalay na kami kasi hindi nagiging productive ang relationship namin bilang talent manager at bilang kaibigan," explained

Marian.

The Kapuso actress added that she just wants to have the freedom to decide about her career, something she wasn't able to do when she was under Popoy, simply because she started being his talent when she was still a newbie and didn't know so much about the industry.

Marian clarified that there is no bad blood between her and Popoy. In fact, she is grateful to him for handling her career



for seven years. But Marian admits she is not yet ready to face her former manager, even if there is no contract binding their business relationship.

As for whether she is sticking to GMA 7 after her contract expires in August, Marian was non-committal.

"Upuan namin yan ni Tatay (Tuviera). Humihingi kami ng isang araw para makausap ng grupo namin ni Tatay si Popoy. Hindi ko sinasarado ang pintuan ko sa iba't ibang klaseng network."

Marian promised to honor all the commitments -- contracts, shows, etc. --Popoy got for her even if she's no longer his talent.

On a lighter note, Marian happily announced that she set up her Instagram account on April 24. The account now has 11,000 followers. Marian credits boyfriend Dingdong Dantes for helping her put up the account and multiplying the number of her followers after he liked the photo she posted.

Lara, Miriam advise Janine to take criticisms in stride

Precious Lara Quigaman and Miriam Quiambao feel for 2012 Miss Universe first runner-up Janine Tugonon whom netizens are criticizing for allegedly treating ex-boyfriend Jaypee Santos unfairly by announcing that they have broken up on national TV because of The Script vocalist Danny O'Donoghue.



This has given rise to the term "Na-

Janine," a verb which refers to someone who has experienced a "candid and public" break-up.

Lara advised Janine to keep mum over the issue.

"Better not to say anything because the more she talks, the more it will be blown out of proportion," Lara said.

Miriam, herself a Miss Universe first runner-up, offered her sympathy to the beleaguered Janine.

"Ganun talaga sa showbiz. She should just put it in stride," Miriam said.

Miriam, who has decided to focus in the corporate world and distance herself from hardcore showbiz, gave another piece of advice to the lady who duplicated her feat in 1999.

"Kung ano man ang papasukin niya, she should be wise. It's a plus to invest in business."

Richard Poon and Maricar Reyes are engaged

Less than a year after they became sweethearts, Richard Poon and Maricar Reyes have decided to get engaged.

Richard revealed this new development in his life at but he remained tight-lipped on the details of the engagement.

"Pina-plan pa talaga namin. If you are planning for a wedding,

ang daming detalye na pumapasok," Richard said when asked when he and Maricar will tie the knot.

"Pag may detalye, dahan-dahan naming ibibigay," he added.

The crooner shared that their respective parents highly approve their relationship.

"I met her parents. I also told my parents about her. Every Sunday, nagmi-meet kami sa resto ng daddy ko. Lagi silang nag-uusap ni Maricar. Gustong-gusto niya si Maricar," he said.

Richard admires Maricar's character and simplicity.

"Unang kita ko pa lang kay Maricar sa Betty La Fea, crush ko na siya. May character siya, grace under pressure. She has gone through a lot. I like how her character handled it. She's a very simple and private



Victoria Cup 2013



The Victoria Cup Basketball Invitational named after Toronto philanthropist Dr. Victoria Santiago, held at the Hoopdome and organized by the Filipino Centre Toronto was a complete success.

FROM LEFT, Philip Beloso poses with the Raptors dance pak, FCT's Vicky Guerra, Baby de Villa and president Linda Javier tackle the paperwork, FCT's Rey Tolentino (on the right) poses with Miss Caregiver candidates.

person.”
The couple announced their relationship on Kris TV in August 2012.

The healing of Shaina Magdayao

Shaina Magdayao feels healed from her trials, including a painful breakup with John Lloyd Cruz, thanks to her trips to Paris, Spain and Italy, where she found time to reflect on life.

Shaina visited the Shrine of Padre Pio in San Giovanni, Rotondo, Italy to thank the Lord and seek healing from “bitterness and negative feelings.” She is a Padre Pio devotee.

“Yung trip na iyon ay personally na makapag-pasalamat sa kanya kasi hindi niya ako pinabayaan. Nalagpasan ko na naman yung kabanata ng buhay ko and at the same time humingi na din ng guidance na harapin ang taon na ito,” Shaina said at the press conference of “Juan Dela Cruz” at the ABS-CBN compound. Her experiences have strengthened Shaina’s faith.

“Talagang healing. Humiling ako na para maging free ako doon sa bitterness and negative feelings and tulungan ka na mahanap yung mga positive. Sana i-heal niya ako at tulungan niya ako maging buo uli. Kapag healing, sa iyo nanggagaling yun, hindi sa ibang tao. Gusto ko isipin na kaya ako na heal and naging buo dahil sa sarili ko.”

Shaina admitted she her breakup with John Lloyd hurt her. But now that she’s whole again, Shaina is in no rush to have a new relationship.

“Ngayon ko lang na-experience kung gaano kasaya maging single, walang problema and ini-enjoy ko lang.”

Shaina belied rumors of a romance with Piolo Pascual and Sam Milby.

Mark Bautista’s humbling experience

Mark Bautista is used to the trappings of a star. He has PAs (personal assistants) who cater to his simplest needs. He can enjoy a soothing massage to energize him in-between takes.

But Mark didn’t have any of these when he was rehearsing for the play “Full Monty,” where he plays Jerry Lukowski, a desperate divorcee on the brink of losing custody of his beloved son.

“Ang dami kong natututunan sa theater,” he admits. “First time kong ikaw pa mag-iisip ng isusuot mo, ikaw

ang magha-hanger ng suot mo. Five minutes lang ang pahinga ko lang for three hours. Iba ang training ng teatro. It keeps you grounded. Grabe ang hard work.”

It goes without saying that he is glad he finally overcame his fears of baring it all to play the role.

Mark believes that “what happens inside the theater stays inside the theater.”

“Walang piracy. Hindi makikita sa bangketa ang ipapakita mo. Safe ako.”

More than that, Mark fell in love with the “Full Monty” story about a man who does everything to survive. Mark saw pieces of himself in Jerry.

Mark knows that he’ll return to recording – among others -- once his “Full Monty” stint is over. He’ll be promoting “The Sound of Love,” his new album of standards.

And this time, he’ll be all suited up as a suave singer crooning well-loved classics to a generation who may not know them from Adam.

Mark can swing from daring to tried-and-tested without skipping a beat – thanks to those struggling years when he bucked the odds to be where he is now.



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Toni Gonzaga to marry Paul in 2015

+ Daniel Padilla still prefers a loveteam + Kathryn college-bound

BIHIRA ang nakakaalam na kasalukuyang enrolled si Toni Gonzaga sa University of the Philippines (UP) Open University. She is taking up a course in Multimedia Arts, na bagay na bagay sa kanyang titulong Multimedia Star.

Don't look now, she is a scholar ng bayan daw, dahil nakapasa siya sa entrance exams. Magmi-midterm na nga raw sila, ani Toni.



As in common knowledge,

enrollees ng UP Open University ay nag-aaral via online. Bagama't

anytime at any day, the student ay puwedeng pumunta ng U.P. kapag may gusto siyang personal na malaman sa lesson na tina-tackle.

Enrollees in the same University include Sarah Geronimo and Sharon Cuneta.

"Actually," ani Toni, "matagal ko nang balak na magbalik-school. Ngayong natupad na ito, I'll make the most of it."

Kasama ba rito ang desisyon niya na huwag muna silang pakasal ng director-boyfriend of five years, Paul Soriano.

"In two years pa sinabi kong pakakasal kami ni Paul," sagot ni Toni. "And I hope matupad 'yon."

Ayon nga pala kay Toni, may sinu-shoot na indie movie si Direk Paul, ang Sunset.

Direk Paul's last directorial film was Thelma, which won for Maja Salvador, who played the title role, her first Urian best actress award.

Daniel Padilla on Loveteam

INAMIN ni Daniel Padilla na 'di pa siya ready na "kumalas" kay Kathryn Bernardo as a loveteam. Feeling daw niya, the two of them still need each other.

No wonder na ang next project nila, isang series na may pamagat na Got To Believe, will reunite them on screen. No less than blockbuster director Cathy Garcia Molina is directing the teleserye.

Whether or not sila na ni Kathryn sa tunay na buhay, sey ni Daniel, napakabata pa nila to commit seriously to each other.

"Tama na 'yong alam niya (Kathryn) na mahalaga siya sa akin. And I feel na ganundin ang nararamdaman niya sa akin.

"Kasabihang love can wait.

Although, it's unavoidable, may tamang panahon diyan.

"At the moment, pareho kaming desidido ni Kathryn to concentrate sa aming careers, especially as a loveteam," pahayag pa ni Daniel.

Kathryn Bernardo goes to college

Young people, take note. Teen star Kathryn Bernardo is bent on going to college, even if she's busy with her showbiz career. The Kapamilya actress shared that she take the entrance exam at Enderun



Colleges in Taguig City this week. Kathryn is eyeing a certificate course on Fashion Marketing, which she said can lead to a bachelor's degree.

Kathryn and her friends Julia Montes and Miles Ocampo wanted to take similar courses and enroll in the same school. But their conflicting schedules prevent them from doing so.

"Hindi ko alam kung ano ang mangyayari sa plan na iyan kasi inaasikaso pa rin nila yung sa kanila. So, yung sa akin muna yung mauuna. Dapat sana sabay-sabay," Kathryn said at the make-over event of Procter & Gamble's Ganda Trio brands Olay, Rejoice and Whisper on Tuesday, May 14.

Kathryn advised teens to finish their studies and take education seriously.

"Yung education, iyon talaga ang kailangan nilang tapusin kasi malaking achievement kapag naka-graduate sila. Super importante ang education, hindi iyon makukuha ng kahit sino."

She is flattered that many young people look up to her and her love team Daniel Padilla as role models. But she downplays

the 'idol' tag, saying that they're just like any normal teen.

"Thankful kami na isa kami sa mga naging inspiration nila. Hindi rin naman namin nilalagay sa ulo namin na inspiration nila kami, normal na tao rin kami na nagkakaproblem, may insecurities rin. Happy kami sa support rin nila."

Kathryn's personal role model is Iya Villania.

"Ever since bata ako, si Iya kasi natapos niya yung college niya. Ang bait niya in person, ang fun niya. Gusto ko ganoon rin ako years from now."

How long will Christian kiss Karylle?

Expect inhibitions to fly out the window when two actors used to working with each other reunite for a major theater project.

Karylle plays the title role and Christian Bautista is Prince Charming in Resorts World Manila's production of the classic fairy tale "Cinderella," which premieres in October.

"My kiss is gonna be longer and I put that in the contract," said Christian in jest, referring to previous intimate moments on stage moments opposite Karylle..

Karylle and Christian acted opposite each other in Ballet Philippines' Rama Hari last year. They also represented the Philippines in the TV musical drama series "The Kitchen Musical" in 2011.



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Customs Commissioner Ruffy Biazon (left) answers questions during a press briefing with Russian Embassy Deputy Head of Federal Customs Service Vladimir Malinin on Wednesday. The two officials later signed a mutual administrative assistance pact to strengthen the two countries' fight against transnational crimes, commercial fraud, and the prevention of customs offenses.

Phl, Russia ink Customs cooperation agreement

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippines and Russia signed the first customs cooperation agreement between the two countries that will help the government's campaign against border security breaches and transnational crimes, including smuggling.

Customs Commissioner Rozzano Rufino Biazon represented the Philippines while Deputy Head for Federal Customs Service Vladimir Malinin represented the Russian government during the signing of the Customs Mutual Administrative Assistance Agreement between the two countries last April 24. The Office of European Affairs represented the Department of Foreign Affairs in the event. The landmark agreement established the relationship of the two customs administrations in strengthening cooperation to fight transnational crimes, commercial fraud and the prevention of customs offenses. The cooperation also prevents breaches of customs laws to protect the economic, fiscal, social and commercial interests of both countries, including the assurance for appropriate and efficient customs duty collection.

On the whole, this bilateral partnership paves the way towards a healthy, dynamic, fair and safe business environment.

The agreement ensures that the data, documents and other information to be exchanged between the two countries' customs agencies will be used exclusively in combating customs offenses.

Supporting Victoria Cup



FV Foods and Forex Cargo has been supporting Victoria Cup Basketball Invitational since it's inception. Besides sponsorships, FV Foods sells ready to eat food at the venue while Forex also supports a basketball team. Left photo shows FV Foods co-owner serving a customer while right photos shows the Forex team.



Ryzza Mae asks... & Georgina Wilson in a Twitter war

At age 7, she may be the youngest co-host of Eat Bulaga, but Ryzza Mae Dizon is the only one with a self-titled show. Working on two daily shows for five hours (and a few more to tape a weekly sitcom with Vic Sotto), the reigning Little Miss Philippines plays with her pink toy bike

as she answers our questions--noticeably trying to balance work with the thing most kids her age enjoy at great length especially during summer.

Her pint-sized frame hides an unusual wit that can readily banter with the middle-aged hosts of the noontime show. And Just like on The Ryzza Mae Show where she guests big names like Maricel Soriano, Marian Rivera and Mike Enriquez, throws out some names she can interview in the future. Ryzza Mae has these questions:

Dingdong Dantes: Mag-girlfriend po ba talaga kayo ni Ate Marian Rivera?

President Noynoy Aquino: Bakit wala ka pa pong asawa? Kamusta po ang Pilipinas? Pwede po bang makita ang Malacanang?

Georgina starts twitter War

The so-called "Battle of Manila" may be over, but remnants of the tense political contest seem to have spurred another fight, this time between socialites on Twitter.

Netizens braced for war after Jake

Ejercito slammed model and TV host Georgina Wilson's tweet against his father, former President Joseph "Erap" Estrada.

An obviously disappointed Wilson tweeted: "ugh i hate politics - but I only have one thing to say: Anyone that votes for Erap is a f***ing idiot."

Estrada, who had been ousted from power in a popular uprising and convicted of plunder, won as Manila mayor in the May 13 polls, beating incumbent Alfredo Lim.

The tweet has since been deleted from her account, but not before Ejercito, Estrada's son with Laarni Enriquez, saw it. Ejercito rushed to his father's defense, telling the Filipina-British model not to "hate without knowing the facts."

"Ms. Wilson, social media might be a free world but I think it's quite irresponsible to express such an opinion unless you are well-versed with the current situation of the city of Manila and how the present local administration has failed to handle it," Ejercito said via Twitter.

"Moreover, to call 325,288 Manileños, including the 9.4 million Filipinos who voted for him in 2010, "f***ing idiots" is harsh and truly uncalled for," he added.

Ejercito, returned to the country from London, where he is taking up political science, to help in his father's campaign.

Pinoys on Twitter soon took sides, with some slamming Wilson for her remark and others expressing the same sentiment as hers.



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everyone at home and comfortable but said that they should also be true to themselves in terms of spending money. She cited, as an example, the kind of extravagance that Filipinos put in terms of celebrating events. Filipinos try to accommodate everyone to the point of spending money beyond their means, which in turn puts them in debt. "I understand the Philippine culture. But if you continue to do something that you don't have the money to do then you end up poor, you end up being dependent on others," she said.

The goal of money, Orman said, is not for people to be slaves of it but to make them feel safe and secure, not only in the present, but especially in the future.

Learning to say no

Another notable thing about Filipinos according to Orman is their inability to say no, especially to family members. In a country kept afloat by consumer spending and remittances, Filipinos need to learn how to better manage their finances, according to Orman.

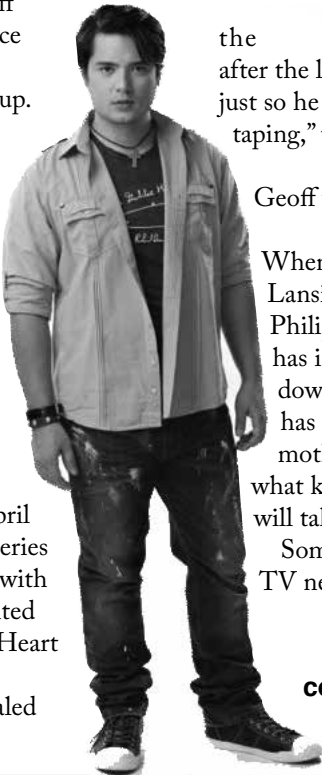
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has recently served Geoff Eigenmann what a source calls a "fat" memo and reminded him to shape up.

An insider familiar with the production of "Forever" related that GMA's entertainment unit was left with no choice but to serve the memo to its contract star. Geoff has visibly relied on layering clothes to conceal his weight throughout the three-month run of the series that ended last April 19. The defunct drama series was Geoff's last project with GMA-7 where he reunited with on-screen partner Heart Evangelista.

The same source revealed



that it took a while before the memo reached the 28-year-old actor. "Geoff's manager (Perry Lansigan of PPL Entertainment) requested that the memo be handed to Geoff after the last taping day of "Forever" just so he wouldn't get distracted in the taping," the source recounted.

Geoff willing to cooperate

When reached for a comment, Perry Lansigan confirmed with Yahoo! Philippines OMG! that the network has indeed asked his ward to "slim down." Perry continued that Geoff has pledged to "cooperate" with his mother studio. But he doesn't know what kind of slimming regimen Geoff will take.

Some industry observers said the TV network has been problematic

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GMA Life TV celebrates five years of being the first international Filipino lifestyle channel

GMA Life TV, the first international Filipino lifestyle channel by GMA International, is commemorating five years of celebrating the best in Pinoy lifestyle this May through a colorful and vibrant television



campaign representing all the wonderful things that the channel is known for.

For five years already, GMA Life TV – one of GMA’s overseas channels alongside its flagship channel GMA Pinoy TV and international news channel GMA News TV International – has been a leading source of not only informative and entertaining, but also inspiring and meaningful Filipino lifestyle shows among Filipinos outside of the country.

To celebrate this important milestone, GMA Life TV has tapped six of the Network’s most sought after stars - Alden Richards, Mikael Daez, Rocco Nacino, Maxene Magalona, Bela Padilla and Louise Delos Reyes - to be the faces of the channel for its GMA Life TV: Fly High @ Five anniversary campaign. As the GMA Life TV VJs, they will take turns in introducing each program lending the channel their unique and colorful personalities.

“Highlighting the distinct and exceptional traits of the Pinoy lifestyle has ever been the primary goal of GMA Life TV,” said GMA Vice President and Head of International Operations Joseph T. Francia. “This year, we want to make things even more exciting as we present the GMA Life TV VJs, who equally embody the best traits of the channel – being fun, hip, original and inspirational.”

GMA Life TV prides itself in being the first and only Filipino lifestyle channel abroad to air English-dubbed

Filipino drama series and the only Filipino channel offering classic black and white Pinoy films. In the coming months, viewers must especially await new movie titles (both mainstream and independent) as well as the premiere of GMA Life TV’s first documentary series “Home is Where the Heart Is,” which will take a peek into the homes of Filipinos lliving abroad.

The channel is set to even further diversify and enrich its content through the launch of new programs created by the country’s pioneer publisher of glossy magazines, One Mega Group. Such programs include a new fashion/reality program, a cooking show and also a home design show that fit right into the channel’s diverse mix of program genres focusing on home, fashion, food, travel, drama and reality.

GMA Life TV is available in the U.S, Canada, the Middle East, North Africa, Europe, Hong Kong, Guam, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Madagascar with an estimated one million viewers from all over the world. It will also be launched in additional pay-TV systems in North Africa and the Asia Pacific Region this year.

For more information on the channel, interested parties may visit www.gmanetwork.com/international.

Kaye Abad on getting married: ‘Hindi ko pa nararamdaman na ready na ako’



Even after turning 31 years old this month, Kaye Abad said

she is not ready to walk down the aisle yet with singer-actor Guji Lorenzana. During the grand presscon for her upcoming new show, the remake of the classic ‘80s soap opera Annaliza, Kaye said she is in no rush to bid single life goodbye. “Sinabi naman niya pag ready na ako sabihin ko lang sa kanya. Yun nga yung sabi niya, ‘O sabihin mo lang pag ready ka na,’” she admitted to the press.

Kaye, who has also dated actor John Lloyd Cruz and Parokya ni Edgar singer Chito Miranda in the past, said that even though she has had long-term relationships, it does not mean she is ready to settle down. She admitted she and Guji have been dating for less than a year. “Yung kay John Lloyd five years bago yung kay Chito. Matagal akong magka-relasyon. Wala ayoko muna. Ayoko pa talaga. Hindi pa ako handa. Hindi ko pa nararamdaman na ready na ako,” she added.

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her department was eyeing new markets, especially in the manufacturing sector, the Middle East, South Korea and Malaysia.

But Geslani explained that the markets identified by DOLE could not absorb the yearly deployment of OFWs to Taiwan.

In South Korea, there is a yearly quota which cannot be increased at will by the Philippine government, and this year it is for only 7,000 workers, positions which the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has not been able to fill, he said.

“The Middle East does not have electronic factories or manufacturing companies where most of our workers are working and there is no country which can offer the same salary that our factory workers are getting [in Taiwan] which is P30,000 a month plus overtime,” Geslani added.

Malaysia has some electronic and assembly companies but these are small compared with the giant factories in Taiwan, which is the leader in information technology components and semi-

conductor assembly, he said.

“The government is just taking our people for a ride by issuing statements which cannot be backed up by facts and the POEA statistics will show that Taiwan is the 7th largest destination of our OFWs,” Geslani said.

He said the government should instead take measures, including taking negotiations on a higher level, to solve the situation and not to inflame further the emotions of the Taiwanese.

A statement posted on the website of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Teco) in the Philippines said: “As per the Council of Labor of the Republic of China mandate, effective May 15, 2013, all work permit applications of Filipino blue-collar workers, including the first time applications, substitutes, and re-hiring are frozen.”

But Baldoz said that Taiwan was still open to accepting Filipino workers although at a slower pace.

“There is no hiring freeze but only a slow down in hiring of Filipino workers because Taiwan imposed additional requirements for the processing of visa applications,” she said.

SUZE ORMAN ‘S OFW ADVICE Say No to relatives



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In 2012, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said personal remittances from Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) reached a record high \$23.8 billion. Consumer spending has been on an upward trend yet only 2 out of 10 Filipino families have bank accounts – an alarming figure, said the personal finance expert.

Orman narrated the generic story of how most OFWs tend to send all their money to their families in the Philippines while they suffer in poverty in the foreign country they are working in.

Instances when relatives tend to ask a lot of demands to things not really necessary in everyday life as well as OFWs being bound to the duty of bringing home a lot of souvenirs and throwing a grand party everytime they come home.

This, she said, makes family members of OFWs heavily dependent on the remittances they send without actually

trying to find work and stretch their muscles to earn money to help.

“Here is the truth.

I understand the Philippine culture, but it needs to be rethought. It is not to disgrace the culture. You are not turning your back on your culture, but you should not turn back on the truth of yourself and your situation. Live within your means,”

Orman said.

“When your relatives ask you money for clothes or vacation expenses, learn how to say no. Give them money for their needs but not luxuries. It is not hurting them because you denied what they wanted. You are actually helping them to become better managers of their finances.”

Teaching people how to say no to these things, according to the personal finance guru, is her goal in visiting the Philippines.

“I just want to be clear. I don’t want to come to the Philippines to change your culture. I don’t want to come to the Philippines to change your culture and change the love you have with your families and with each other. I want to come here and give a voice to those who don’t have the voice, to people who tell me what they wish to tell their families but don’t have the courage to do so,” she said.

Orman is a New York Times best-selling author 9 times over and is considered one of Forbes 100 most powerful women in the world in 2010.

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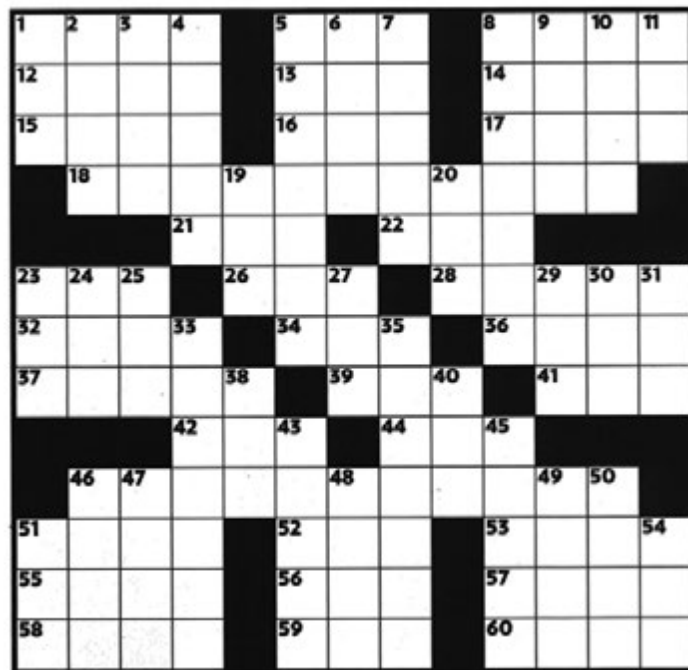
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- 13 Remy in Ratatouille
- 14 Actress Maffia of Nip/Tuck
- 15 First segment of a play (wd. & no.)
- 16 "____ Day Like Today" by Bryan Adams (2 wds.)
- 17 Actor Cumming (X-Men 2 costar of 18 Across)
- 18 Star of Australia (2 wds.)
- 21 ____ to Me
- 22 Actress Basinger
- 23 Cool lemon drink
- 26 Most desktops and laptops (inits.)
- 28 ____ of Endearment
- 32 Tony Shalhoub TV series
- 34 Road-surfacing material
- 36 "____ Down" by the Beastie Boys
- 37 Country of Slurdog Millionaire
- 39 Actress Ryan (Kate & Leopold costar of 18 Across)
- 41 Someone Like ____ (starring 18 Across)
- 42 Actress Long
- 44 Sheep's cry
- 46 X-Men costar of 18 Across (2 wds.)
- 51 The ____ Collector
- 52 Rocker Ocasek
- 53 Actor Schreiber (Kate & Leopold costar of 18 Across)
- 55 Actress Paquin
- 56 And so forth (abbr.)
- 57 Author Bombeck
- 58 The ____ Hunter (1978 five-Oscar film)
- 59 "____ of Love" by Phil Phillips
- 60 Brooks & Dunn's "____ Moon"

DOWN

- 1 "Harper Valley ____"
- 2 ____ of Triumph
- 3 Ballerina's skirt
- 4 Katherine ____ of Grey's Anatomy
- 5 The Blair Witch ____
- 6 Eric ____ of Troy
- 7 Robert ____ of TV's The Untouchables
- 8 Kelsey ____
- 9 "Whatever ____ Wants"
- 10 ____ for All Seasons (2 wds.)
- 11 Actor Aykroyd
- 19 Beyonce's "____ Hop Star"
- 20 ____ Kittredge: An American Girl
- 23 "What ____ to You?" (2 wds.)
- 24 Actor Cheadle
- 25 "Until the ____ of Time" by Justin Timberlake
- 27 Actor Shepard (Swordfish costar of 18 Across)
- 29 Rocker Orbison
- 30 Cow's call
- 31 Letters between R and V
- 33 Greg ____ (costar of 18 Across in 41 Across)
- 35 Actress Hall (The Prestige costar of 18 Across)
- 38 "Ready! ____! Fire!"
- 40 "Big Boned ____"
- 43 Green ____
- 45 Woody ____ (Scoop costar of 18 Across)
- 46 Actress Skye
- 47 Actress Hathaway of Bride Wars
- 48 The ____ Runner
- 49 Name for the Republic of Ireland
- 50 Finding ____
- 51 "You Give Love a ____ Name" by Bon Jovi
- 54 ____ Helming (starring 18 Across)



Scenes from Camilineos



Singer Michael Magali entertains the guests of the Camilineos Fiesta annual Spring dinner dance party while Camilineos President Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda hams it up at the photo booth.

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Philippines is third prevalent Tipper in Southeast Asia

BANGKOK, Thailand - Restaurant diners in Asia's emerging markets are more likely to leave a tip than their more developed counterparts, according to a survey across the Asia-Pacific region. The survey found that diners in Bangladesh (88 per cent), Thailand (79 per cent) and the Philippines (77 per cent) were the most prevalent tipplers in the region.



Philippines tagged as “Most stupid Country” a Hoax! -

FROM THE BLOG PINOYCHIZMIZ

An article that supposedly came from Time Magazine allegedly called the Philippines as most stupid country has been shared in social networking sites, with a certain Marilou Martin writing the article that breaks the heart of Filipinos.

Filipinos are surprised, I ,too, am surprised and hurt when a hoax issue of TIME magazine tagging Philippines as the most stupid country to elect a 20-year OJT as senator has become viral and has broken the hearts of Filipino people.

Yes, who could accept such branding? When Filipinos around the world are known for being fast-learner, dependable, honest and hardworking? May be, the political system of the country is to blame but it is not enough reason to call the Philippines stupid in general. Seeing the politics in the country become a dynasty could be the reason why our system still rots in some aspects, but Philippines is improving based on the current ratings.

The article was posted in several blogs, I posted it, too. Not because I found it a laugh, but because I am dismayed with such satirical posts. I am a Filipino. And whatever happens I keep the feeling of being patriotic, I feel sad whenever a disaster hit our country. And it disappoints me when those people in our government do not do their job.

It was just a hoax, it seems. I did my research and I felt bad having stirred angry emotions to my fellow Filipinos. I've learn a lesson from it. And I am brave enough to say I was wrong, yet it makes me glad it is fake! Studying the image was a factor that made me doubt, then in deep thought it came across my little mind that why the state-run websites doesn't react from it? I should thank two of my commenters, who said its a hoax and that Time Magazine doesn't put a barcode in the mag. I'm just wondering what's in the mind of the source. It isn't a wise idea to do such thing just to increase traffic source.

Time Magazine never published that cover photo nor it has even an article about it. Everyone deserves the



Benefit of the Doubt and so does Nancy Binay.

One thing is for sure and will never change, I am a proud Filipino and will always be.

I am willing to take down the article upon my readers' request.

I am dismayed by 2013 Elections results but still I am proud Filipino.

And to the one who started the hoax and the image, Kudos...

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



Philippine Consul-General Junever Mahilum-West talks to a well-wisher at the Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto Induction night.



KANDANA, Sri Lanka—A hot cup of Ceylon tea is better known as being soothing and relaxing, but Sri Lanka is now marketing its most profitable export as a luxury boost for the libido.

The tea industry is increasingly plugging Ceylon's supposed aphrodisiac qualities in a bid to radically change perceptions of the brew, which manufacturers say can sell for less than water in some markets.

“We are highlighting the properties of tea that can give you an edge in the bedroom,” said Rohan Fernando, whose firm HVA Foods sells a small 60-gram jar of premium Ceylon for \$350.

The industry may not yet have hard medical proof of Ceylon's performance-enhancing powers, but they have long been the stuff of legend among Sri Lankan tea lovers.

The brews known for their potency are the top-quality white teas, known as Silver Tips and Golden Tips, which are gaining popularity among well-heeled Chinese businessmen along with rich Saudis and Japanese, Fernando said.

Unlike orthodox teas, the white varieties are made with just the tender tea buds, which are sun-dried and carefully tended until they turn gold or silver in color.

‘Virgin white’ tea

At his tea factory in Kandana town, north of the capital Colombo, Fernando held up a ceramic urn wrapped in black velvet and sealed with a gold ribbon, explaining that a cup is not only good for sexual health.

The tea contains polyphenols, flavonoids and antioxidants—known to improve the immune system and blood circulation.

Leading tea maker Herman Gunaratne is also keen to promote such qualities in his rare “virgin white” tea, so called because it is untouched by human hands in production, unlike orthodox types hand-plucked from the tea bush.

The product retails at the Mariage Freres tea emporium in Paris for \$88 for a 20-gram box, the equivalent of \$4,400 per kilo.

Health benefits

The Sri Lanka Tea Board is about to embark on a major international marketing campaign for the first time in decades, which will promote the health benefits of a high-end cup.

Currently only 42 to 43 percent of Ceylon is exported in packets of less than 3 kilos each, but the target is to raise this to 60 percent in the next five years, board director Hasitha de Alwis said.

Anil Cooke, head of Asia Siyaka Commodities, agreed that Ceylon should be “repositioned globally” with a focus on increasing its value.

“It is being done in a small way by a few companies, but it can be given a bigger boost,” Cooke said.

Leading the way is Gunaratne's tea plantation, which has become a key tourist attraction with a tea museum, tours and tasting sessions.

Crossword Answers

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LOSE WEIGHT
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of late since its Entertainment unit has been struggling to keep up with the competition, and serving a “nasty yet logical” memo is deemed needed. “It saddens the program think tanks because we have to adjust the characters to fit our talents. The creative team suffers. We can’t ask Richard Gutierrez or Geoff Eigenmann to do offbeat roles,” the source continued. The person embedded in the production is unsure whether the management has already served Richard the same memo.

Advice from Heart

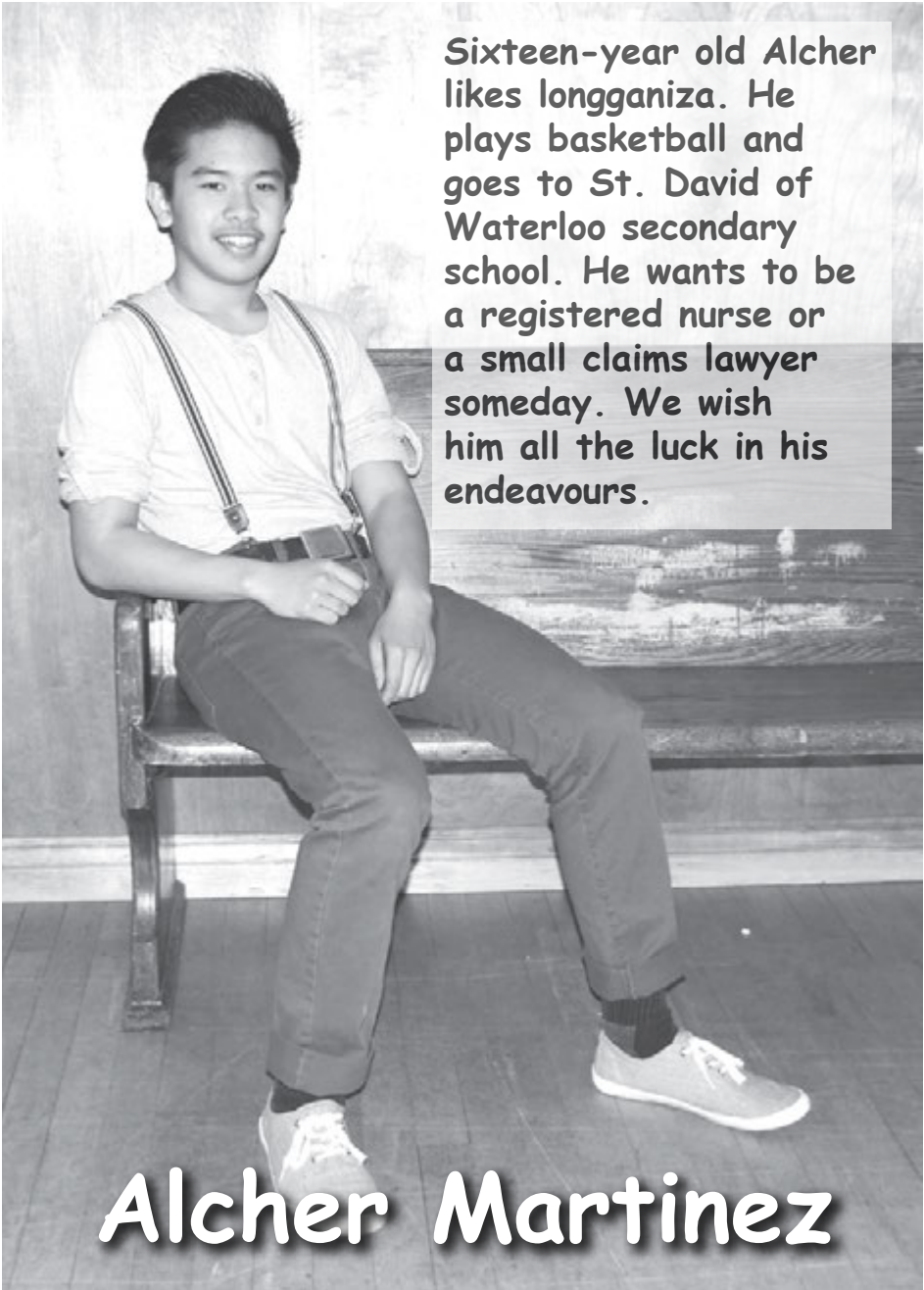
The visibly fit Heart Evangelista has allegedly advised her co-star to lessen the food he’s been eating. “Heart took notice of Geoff’s eating habits in the set and asked him to take it easy on eating.” This well-meaning advice is something to consider given that the Kapuso actress has recently graced the cover of men’s magazine Esquire Philippines’s latest issue.

In 2009, Geoff secured an underwear endorsement.

GMA’s has yet to give a response on the issues as of press time.



hunk shot



Sixteen-year old Alcher likes longganiza. He plays basketball and goes to St. David of Waterloo secondary school. He wants to be a registered nurse or a small claims lawyer someday. We wish him all the luck in his endeavours.

Alcher Martinez

Jobs with livable wages needed Enrile

MANILA, Philippines - “Despite the constant reports regarding our country’s economic growth, this achievement has not translated into the creation of employment opportunities, particularly those that provide decent wages for majority of our work force,” United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) candidate for senator Jack Enrile said as he called on the administration to address the situation.



“At least 2.76 million Filipinos are unemployed. And many of those who are employed have salaries that are way below the estimated family living wage of P1,022 a month. What is ironic is that we have vast resources where enough jobs and livelihood can be generated. There is need to change the labor pattern in the country, and our officials should perhaps shift their focus to the modernization of our main food producing sectors – agriculture and fisheries,” Enrile said.

The Cagayan congressman is an advocate of food sovereignty which concentrates on the right of people, communities and countries to define their own agricultural, fishing, food, labor and land policies that are ecologically, socially, economically and culturally appropriate to their specific requirements and circumstances. He authored HB 4626 or the Food for Filipinos First bill which addresses the same issue and concerns.

“Food security is a way out of the hunger situation which is a big factor in helping solve the main problem of poverty,” Enrile stressed. “From there, job and livelihood opportunities, with decent, liveable wages for our labor force will follow.”

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