

Boost Defense

MANILA - China has to learn to “play by the rules” and the Philippines must sharply boost its defences to keep South China Sea territorial spats from escalating, two former US officials said Friday.

The Philippines has consistently accused China of aggressively pressing its claim to most of the South China Sea, even up to the coasts of neighbours like the Philippines, raising tensions in the Asia-Pacific region.

Speaking at the sidelines of a maritime security forum in Manila, ex-US defence undersecretary Walter Slocombe stressed that no one wanted to see a confrontation with China over territory.

“We (military allies the Philippines and the United States) must find a way to defend our interests and our sovereignty, the rule of law and the proposition that issues like this are to be resolved peacefully and not by the threat of the use of force.”

He warned: “There is a real danger of an incident blowing up and becoming a source of a much bigger conflict.”

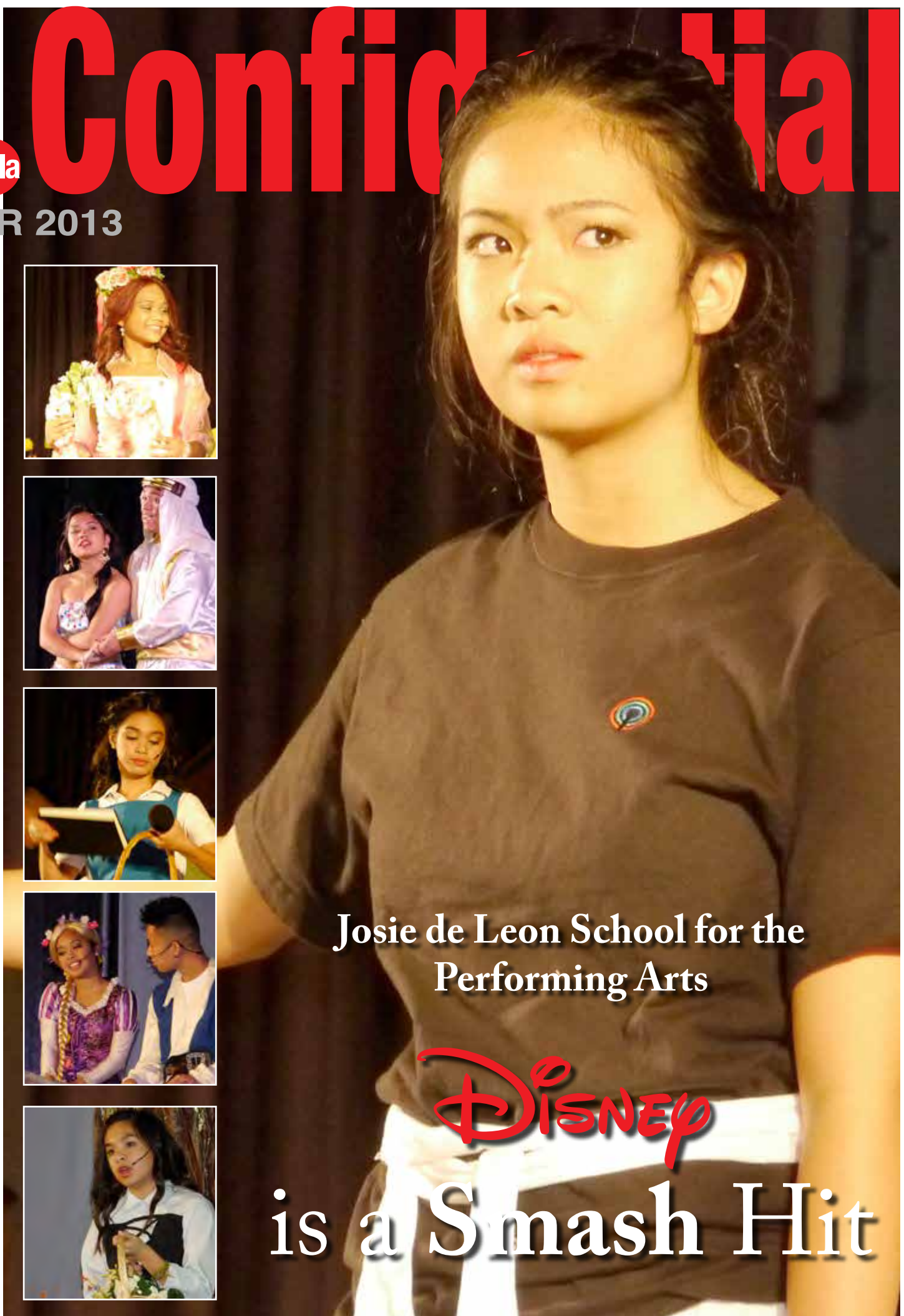
Dennis Blair, former commander of US forces in the Pacific, added: “We have to convince China that as it involves the rest of the region and the world in solving its problems, it has to play by the rules whether those rules are in business, diplomacy or in military force.”

Both men said they could not fully explain why China was now pressing its territorial claims.

It could be a case of leaders manipulating nationalism, a mistaken assumption that the United States was withdrawing from Asia, or even the belief of some important Chinese figures that “China should run the world”, Slocombe said.

China’s restiveness had produced

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Lara Capistrano plays Mulan in the Josie de Leon School for the Performing Arts production of Disney. The show, with an all-JDLSPA student cast was spectacular and a joy to watch from beginning to the end.

INSET FROM TOP, Rita Tabago stars in enchanted; Danya Garcia and Josh Ocray for Aladdin; Elle De Lizo in Beauty and the Beast; Monarie Ocray and Martin Torres for Tangled; Kristine Reyes as Sleeping Beauty.

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TFC Kapamilaya Reloaded



Piolo Pascual, Pokwang, Sam Milby and Angeline Quinto brought laughter and entertainment to the capacity crowd at the Sony Centre. MORE PHOTOS AND ARTICLE IN NEXT ISSUE.

Why Pinoys Love Basketball

MANILA - You know you’re in the Philippines when you see makeshift basketball courts everywhere, in a parking lot, in a dead-end spot, or just about any spacious area when you can go for a drive and score a basket.

National Geographic Channel tackles this national obsession for basketball in a new series called “Pinoy Hoops.”

The three-part series, hosted by American author Rafe Bartholomew, discusses Filipinos’ love for basketball

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You Cannot Bribe a Senator - RECTO

Senator Ralph Recto finds it impossible to bribe a Senator



MANILA, Philippines – “You can’t bribe a senator,” so said Senate Pro Tempore Ralph Recto amid questions on the alleged millions of pesos worth of projects given to senators during and after the impeachment of then Chief

Justice Renato Corona last year.

“Sa tagal ko na rin sa Senado, naging congressman din ako, it’s hard to believe that you can bribe a senator. That’s my experience here... Mahirap isipin (It’s hard to think) that you can bribe a senator,” Recto said.

“Some people would be suspicious like many of you are asking now but... my thinking is that you can’t bribe a senator...” he added.

But Recto himself admitted that he did not make any requests for projects at the height of Corona’s impeachment out of prudence.

“Because at that time, I know there’s

an impeachment and of course, prudence dictates that I should not make a request,” he said.

He said he only made a request after the impeachment trial was over.

Former Senator Joker Arroyo said that 11 senators were given more than P500 million in Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) or “pork barrel” funds in April, 2012.

Last week, Senator Jose “Jinggoy” Estrada, in a privilege speech disclosed that senators, who voted to impeach Corona in May, 2012, were given P50 million “incentive” each but clarified that it was not a bribe.



Matteo Guidicelli on Sarah:

**‘We’re friends,
that’s it’**

Although he is rumored to already dating The Voice of the Philippines coach Sarah Geronimo, Matteo clarified that he never admitted anything regarding the real status of his relationship with the Popstar Princess. “Wala naman akong sinasabi na nililigawan ko si Sarah. Pero wala, my time right now is sobrang concentrated ko sa Galema at naghahanda talaga ako for taping so gusto ko itong project, I really wanted to put credibility in myself and gusto ko talaga gawin yung 110% ko dito. We’re friends, that’s it. Galema muna yung liligawan ko (laughs). Hindi ko alam basta as of now, you know I live by the day so today Galema muna,” he explained.

The 23-year-old actor-triathlete also weighed in on showbiz folk dating exes of other celebrities. “Siyempre hindi maganda di ba kung paikot ikot lang palagi pero you can’t help it if you really love somebody, it’s your true feeling you’re following di ba?” he added. Matteo has since commented that he is happy for ex-girlfriend Maja Salvador who is now happily in a relationship with Gerald Anderson.

Filipinos Scam Filipinos

Housing Project in LA used to Scam Low Income

LOS ANGELES - The soon-to-be opened Larry Itliong village is being used in what appears to be an apparent scam, which targets low income Filipinos, believed to be orchestrated by other Filipinos.

Last July, close to a thousand people applied for units in the low-income housing project operated by the Pilipino Workers Center (PWC).

While the application period ended in July, and prospective tenants have already been selected, the phones of

PWC has been ringing with applicants claiming that within the past few weeks, they paid between \$34 to \$200 to apply and enter in a lottery for the chance to rent units that cost as little as \$300 a month.

“There is a group of Filipinos distributing the applications for this housing. This is a big scam because application period has been closed

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Birthday Girl

Birthday celebrant Annemarie Princess Guzman (LEFT) paints her house as friend looks on during her birthday party.



Naku HA! by Jose Baking
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Well-Made Film

“On the Job” is a Filipino well-produced, film-noir style action movie with complicated storyline to be told here.



“‘On the Job’ or OTJ is simply a well-packaged, crime thriller with a clever idea, and doesn’t pretend to be anything more. Its high-up villains are standard politicians, and its heroes and killers are street-level types who operate in a separate universe. For local release, the film will have minor changes, including the **addition of another sex scene.**” Iyan ang isa sa mga review sa internet ng pelikula na “OTJ” starring Piolo Pascual and Gerald Anderson.

There are only two kinds of movies that make money in the Philippines - romantic comedies and... Oh, iyon lang pala. So, I guess, for action movies, you have to add a more torried love scene. The sex scene between Gerald Anderson and Dawn Jimenez is not explicit enough. For the sake of the

Philippine audiences, I hope the additional sex scene is not between the male prisoners.

Freddie’s lovelife is his business

Philippine singer Freddie Aguilar, 60 has a 16-year old girlfriend. To borrow from Casablanca, “it doesn’t take much to see that the affairs of two little people don’t amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world.” So, this is the lead story on all media for the next couple of days. God help Freddie that politicians and bureaucrats of every side do not take this as their pet cause to get away from the heat of their own corruption and incompetence. What happened to Zamboanga? Bohol earthquake? Iyong pera na para sa Bohol, sigurado, mas marami ang mananakaw ngayon dahil lahat kay Freddie nakatingin. Lucky are the thieves in government now that everyone is paying attention to Freddie.

Reaction is 100% Against the affair?

Everybody is shocked that Freddie is dating a 16 year old girl, if you base your impression on the media. But if you agree with his relationship, or even do not care, you cannot or will not say so dahil you will be crucified by the people who condemn the relationship. And some are calling for him to be charged with statutory rape. Let us put this in perspective. Nobody has said they are having sex. She has not. He has not. So, why are so many “anonymous morally upstanding netizens” shouting “statutory?” Granted he has said he wants children, he has not said they have had sex yet. Whether it is true or not is irrelevant. They may have already or not. If Freddie or the girl says they have, they can be charged. However, what if they get to court and both deny that have have had sex, then the case crumbles and all the time and money wasted. It is not enough for them to say they have had sex to the media. For titillation purposes lang iyan. What counts is what they say when they get in the courtroom. That is what the judge will base it on. At least that is how it works here in Canada and United States.

Pick another case, DSWD

Kung ako ang Department of Social Welfare & Development, this is not worth the time and money. The DSWD is going to interview the parents if they have the consent for the relationship. Sinabi na sa tv, sa radio, sa print media na may consent ang parents. Bakit gagawin pa nila iyon kung ginawa na ng media? It only means they want attention, not

conviction. It also means they have cases that they cannot win kaya they want the attention somewhere. DSWD should have stayed away from this showbiz case. You have cases of children being raped and murdered and you cannot even solve those. Leave this to the netizens who do not count anyway. What about the child molestaion cases of the priests? Why do they not tackle those? What about the welfare of the people in Bohol and Zamboanga? The netizens think they represent the majority when they do not. Why do you think Nancy Binay won despite the put-down she received from the netizens?

Relationship is Consensual

The girl consented and the parents ok’d it. Let us leave it at that. Solve cases like rape, murder, kidnapping, robbery and other despicable cases. This Freddie-girlfriend is not a case to be solved. It is just an issue for our prurient fascination and our willingness to show off our high moral standards, if we have any. Nothing more.

Enrile’s Ploy

Senator Defensor Santiago accused Enrile of paying the MNLF around 40M Pesos to attack Zamboanga to distract the attention of the gov’t investigation about their mis-use of Pork barrel funds. If that is true, I think this is a cheaper distraction. Wala pang namatay.

No More Self-Respect

PNOY goes to South Korea and gets \$300,000 for relief effort. Embarrassing na nga. Ang sabi minsan ng Tito ko who used to work in Thailand, that the Thais are ashamed to ask for help even after calamity like a tsunami. Tayo, para bang expected na natin na tutulungan tayo and we are not ashamed to ask for help. Hay Dios mio. Whatever happened to our self-respect and pride? Nowadays, we take pride when countries end us millions of dollars in aid instead of getting embarrassed. How did it come to this?

Dennis Trillo deny Involvement In Luis-Jennylyn & Derek-Cristine splits

Don’t look at me, wala rin akong kinalaman diyan. Me and Maja and Jennylyn are just friends. Ehe ano ba ito?

Spotlight

Chiquito

Master of the Slapstick Comedy



Chiquito was born Augusto Valdez Pangan, Sr., in Manila. His entertainment career began at the age of 13, when he appeared in a major musical production at the Manila Grand Opera House. In the next several years, he was a fixture in the Manila bodabil circuit, popular for his skill in dancing the boogie-woogie.[1]

Chiquito was befriended by Fernando Poe, Sr., and with Poe’s assistance, started a film career.[1] He broke into films with Sanggano from Palaris Pictures. He would star in over a hundred films, mostly comedies, in the next 5 decades. He brought to life on film several memorable comic characters, such as the Larry Alcala creation Asiong Akaya, the caveman Barok, Charley the mute in Bamboo Gods And Iron Men and the quack doctor Mang Kepweng. He established his own production company, Sotang Bastos Productions, named after his favorite film role from the 1950s. He would ride on the crest of ever popular comedy spoofs of Hollywood genres such as the gangster film and the western. In one of these Western spoofs, 1970’s The Arizona Kid, he co-starred with the sometime Hollywood sex symbol Mamie Van Doren. Chiquito also portrayed the very first male version of Darna in the film Terebol Dobol, preceding Dolphy, who only later came out with his own “portrayal” of the superheroine in Darna Kuno.

In 1984, Chiquito was nominated for a FAMAS Best Supporting Actor Award for his role in Lovingly Yours Helen, a film dramatization of the radio and GMA television show hosted by Helen Vela.

Chiquito also entered into local politics. He was elected three times as member of the local council of Makati City, serving from 1969 to 1972, 1988 to 1992, and from 1995 until his death. He also served a brief stint as Vice-Mayor of Makati. In 1992, Chiquito made an unsuccessful bid to the Senate of the 9th Congress.

In 1994, Chiquito made a brief showbiz comeback when he teamed up with rapper-comedian Andrew E. in the movie “Pinagbiyak na Bunga (Lookalayk)” under Viva Films. The movie was a big success and later on had a television spin-off that same year entitled “Puno’t Bunga” aired over GMA Network. He later had supporting roles in movies like “Ang Pagbabalik ni Pedro Penduko” (opposite Janno Gibbs), “Bangers” (with Joey de Leon and Andrew E.), and “Strict ang Parents Ko” (with Amanda Page).

Chiquito died at age 65 due to liver cancer at the Makati Medical Center on July 2, 1997.

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Princess Guzman’s Birthday



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A driver was stuck in a traffic jam on Kalayaan Avenue near Batasan. Nothing was moving. Suddenly, a man knocks on the window. The driver rolls down the window and asks, "What's going on?"

"Terrorists have kidnapped the entire House of Representatives and Senate, and they're asking for a P100 million ransom. Otherwise, they are going to douse them all in petrol and set them on fire. We are going from car to car, collecting donations."

"How much is everyone giving, on average?" the driver asks.

The man replies, "Roughly a liter."

Marriage Lessons

BOY: Sa wakas! Hindi na ako makapaghintay!

GIRL: Gusto mo na ba ako umalis?

BOY: Nagbibiro ka ba? Siempre, hindi!

GIRL: Kaya mo ba akong halikan?

BOY: Kung may pagkakataon...

GIRL: Sasaktan mo ba ako?

BOY: Hindi!

GIRL: Mapagkakatiwalaan ba kita?

BOY: Oo naman!

GIRL: Ipagpapalit mo ba ako sa iba?

BOY: Of course not!

GIRL: Mahal mo ba ako?

BOY: Yes!

GIRL: Darling!

"AFTER MARRIAGE"

(basahin pabalik)

Honey Shot

Angelica's favorite food is sushi. She likes singing. She paints for a hobby. And she plays basketball.



Angelica Jasmine

Julie Anne San Jose And Lauren Young are OK

Julie Anne San Jose said she and new Kapuso actress Lauren Young are okay.

Young is the rumored girlfriend of San Jose's loveteam, Elmo Magalona.

San Jose said she and Young are okay, and that the ex-Kapamilya actress even gave her make-up.

She insisted they are not affected by the intrigues coming out about them.



"Kasinokey na okay talaga kami."

But when asked about their fans, San Jose said she cannot control what everybody

wants to think about them. She also said Young's and Magalona's supposed relationship will not affect her team-up with the actor.

"Individual artist naman po kami. Kumbaga, parang bonus na lang po yung loveteam. At saka we're working as professionals talaga."

Meanwhile, San Jose's self-titled album just reached triple platinum.

It was unexpected, she said.

The singer-actress thanked her fans for supporting her album. When it went double platinum, she thought that would be the end of it, she said.

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Filipino Food Movement Rise in NYC

NEW YORK - Filipino food is conquering New York, one balut a time. Or lumpia, or halo-halo.

There seems to be some stars aligning somewhere as Filipino dishes and snacks are being talked about and discussed on the streets of New York. Not as much as conversations about cronuts, but we'll get there. Hopefully.

Over the weekend, the team behind Maharlika and Jeepney staged the 2nd annual Balut-eating Contest. For the uninitiated, balut is a fertilized duck egg between 14 and 21 days old, on average – hard boiled and consumed warm on the shell and ideally with a pinch of rock salt to taste. Last year's winner, 28-year-old Wayne Algenio devoured 37 pieces of balut to win the title again, beating 11 other valiant competitors.

"I had never tried it before, so I had no clue what it was going to taste like or the texture would be," Algenio said. "It tastes similar to a regular boiled egg, but with sauce."

For the team behind the summer eating contest of the year (at least in the Filipino-American community), it is about opening the doors to showcase more Filipino cuisine out there.

"Hopefully it gets bigger every year. We want to have Filipinos, expats together and they have a place here in New York where they can go with friends and family," said Nicole Ponseca, co-owner of Jeepney and Maharlika. "I'm incredibly proud of our team. We've been really working hard to put the word out, so that the city can embrace Filipino food. I pinch myself everytime I open a magazine or a newspaper and there is a feature about Jeepney or Maharlika. It's great. How many times do we get to see Filipinos and non-Filipinos celebrating Filipino culture and food? It's a multi-cultural crowd celebrating with us."

A lot of New Yorkers are curious eaters and they are adventurous enough to try and eat food they would consider exotic or foreign to them. That is why the balut-eating contest gained traction balut a lot of media mileage following the inaugural competition last year at Dekalb Market, attended by hundreds of curious eaters and foodies.

This year, among these curious eaters was Carlos Borges, originally from Puerto Rico and now a resident of NYC.

"I didn't think this through," he said laughing, referring to the balut-eating contest which he joined upon the prodding of his Filipina girlfriend Anafe Casas. Last Saturday, the couple ate balut for the first time. He finished 23, she ate 11.

"I hate losing. Balut is a very unique dish, I'm not sure if I'll eat it again," he



said. "I almost lost it a couple of times because I got a few raw ones. I wanted to one but he (Algenio) is the champ."

Another contestant, Dale Watkins is no balut virgin. In fact, he was described prior to the competition as "someone who eats balut like candies". He was able to finish 11 as well.

"I'll be back next year to redeem myself," he said laughing. "I'm not making excuses but opening them up was a little more difficult than I thought. I'll have to strategize a little bit and eat more balut on the side. I have no problem eating them, I'll just practice how to open them faster."

"We may or may not have been drinking when we came up with the idea for this competition," Nicole told them. "But, really, it's less about the intimidation factor and more about finding a fun way for us to gather everyone together around something our culture loves."

This year, it was one of the gatherings for the season. Its new location at the Hester Street Fair in downtown may have been smaller than Dekalb but the loyal followers of Filipino cuisine were not deterred by that. With craned necks and all, they witnessed a long row of participants break open hundreds of balut, collectively filling the air with that unique smell and immediately transporting them back home, no matter where it is. "I have to say thank you to Andrew Zimmern, Anthony Bourdain, April Bloomfield, Mario Batali and all these chefs who have come before us to try all these kinds of meats and offals and different kinds of cuisines. Without this kind of people pushing multi-cultural food, I don't think we'd be as successful without them," Nicole added.

Just this week, Anthony Bourdain, host of Parts Unknown on CNN ate balut during an interview with Piers Morgan.

"This is a fetal duck egg very popular in the Philippines and Vietnam. There is

a very hot, hispster restaurant currently in New York where hipsters with ironic facial hair and sunglasses are lined up twelve feet in to eat this. It's not one of my favorite things but it's not that bad," Bourdain said.

US Supreme Court denies Pinoy veterans' appeal for benefits

SAN FRANCISCO – Winning their discrimination case against the U.S. government and finally getting full military benefits could have given them the perfect gift this holiday season. But once again, these Filipino World War II veterans ended up empty-handed.

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Court of Appeals decision and denied the appeal in a case that would have granted full benefits to about 120,000 surviving Filipino World War II veterans and their widows.

"Wala na, namatay na yung pag-asa ng mga beterano at widows na magkaroon ng full recognition. Nakakalungkot nga pero ganun talaga yung nangyari," said Violy Reyes, coordinator for the advocacy-group Justice for Filipino-American Veterans (JFAV).

The case did not close based on merits, but on procedure. The Supreme Court wanted the case to be heard by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Judicial Board.

But according to JFAV, this process could take a long time. There are reportedly about 600,000 claims pending right now with the DVA Judicial Board. The advocates feel the case would not be heard fairly, because the case is against the DVA itself.

The veterans admitted they are losing hope.

"This discrimination against us is wrong, and it needs to be corrected," Aquilino Delen, a Filipino World War II veteran, said.

Veterans' advocates said that technically it's not a closed case, because no oral arguments were heard at the Supreme Court. They could still file a new case with the district courts, but that means spending more money and that's something the veterans don't have.

Their other recourse is to convince lawmakers to finally pass the Filipino American Veterans Fairness Act, which would give them full benefits.

The veterans said if they can't win in court, they can win in Congress.

"May kasabihan nga na pagnabubuhay ay may pag-asa," Filipino veteran Porfirio Robea concluded.



Dennis Trillo deny cause of Break Ups

Dennis Trillo is quite curious as to why he's suddenly being pointed as the culprit in the Luis Manzano-Jennylyn Mercado and Derek Ramsay-Cristine Reyes break ups.

Cristine and Jennylyn were both Dennis' ex-girlfriends. Derek and Cristine broke up after a month of being together while Jennylyn and Luis have been together for about two years before they parted ways.

Dennis said he hopes the issue won't drag his name since he's very happy with his career, and he is also choosing to enjoy his single life for now. He also joked around, saying he's more focused now on boys. He was referring to his loveteam with actor Tom Rodriguez on "My Husband's Lover," which just ended. The actor just laughed at these rumors whenever he hears them.

Dennis said he has no time for his lovelife right now. He doesn't want to enter into a relationship because he's not ready yet. The actor then shared he would want a non-showbiz girlfriend next time.

Luis-Jennylyn call it quits

After being a couple for almost two years, Luis Manzano and Jennylyn Mercado have called it quits.

ABS-CBN News reported that Luis confirmed this to them via text message. In a "TV Patrol" report, he asked for privacy.

Rumors about the falling-out started as a blind item. Luis had consistently denied it, although in a previous Kapamilya interview last month, he said, "Ang relasyon naman ay dalawa lang 'yan – either magkakatuluyan kayo or maghihiwalay kayo."

Joseph & Perly Alilio Dinner with Aegis



Joseph and Perly Allio of Forex Cargo (1ST & 2ND FROM THE LEFT OF THE FIRST PHOTO) hosted a dinner for the Aegis band when they performed here last October. Here are some more of the photos with the band memebtrs and their entourage in their lovely home.

PIDC to Hold Elections

The Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), fresh from a series of successful events in 2013, will be holding its mandated elections on Saturday, November 30, 2013 (location to be determined). The purpose of this election is to select PIDC's Officers and Board Members that will serve the organization for the next two years.

PIDC is a non-profit umbrella organization whose mandate includes the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on the 12th day of June every year. It also strives to promote unity within the Filipino-Canadian community and showcase Philippine heritage and culture.

PIDC is a volunteer-based group that organizes annual events for the Filipino-Community such as Miss

Philippines and Little Miss Philippines PIDC, Salu-Salo sa Earl Bales, The Independence Day Gala, Mabuhay Cup Basketball Tournament, The Mabuhay Philippines Festival and more. It is a member of the Canadian Multicultural Council of Asians in Ontario and Festivals and Events Ontario.

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, one must be a regular member of PIDC which is defined in the organization's Constitution and By-Laws as:

- Willing and consenting Presidents of all Filipino-Canadian Associations in Ontario or his/her designate
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Bea Alonzo Denied Cool-Off Rumors

Bea Alonzo denied she and boyfriend Zanjoe Marudo have cooled off for the meantime. She said the reason behind the gossip was probably the two months they were hardly seen together because of their showbiz commitments.

Bea was busy taping for "She's The One" while Zanjoe started taping for his afternoon soap "Annaliza" and the gag show "Banana Split."

The actress said their time apart actually helped in their relationship because they missed each other so much more. Zanjoe has become sweeter to her, the actress added.

She has no concerns, however, about spending time apart from her boyfriend since she trusts him not to fool around. Zanjoe, she said, also gives the same amount of trust.

Also, Bea said they never get tired or reassuring themselves of their love for each other.



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Father Ben Ebcas issues Phl Earthquake Humanitarian Relief

FROM : FATHER BEN EBCAS, Director of Filipino Catholic Mission, Archdiocese of Toronto

TORONTO - The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief as the death toll continues to rise following an earthquake that struck the central Philippines on October 15.

The earthquake, centred about 620 km southeast of Manila, has been blamed for more than 160 deaths so far, with hundreds of people injured and dozens still missing. Government reports suggest more than 158,000 people have been displaced, with 100,000 of them were housed in 85

evacuation centres. The official Catholic relief agency on the ground, NASSA-Caritas Philippines, has already released fund assistance to augment the relief operation of the dioceses in the Bohol region. Local funds from the local church are also being tapped to also provide emergency assistance to the affected localities.

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Please use the generic humanitarian relief envelopes that were distributed to parishes for relief collections. If your parish requires humanitarian relief envelopes, contact the Supply and Services department at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced. Thank you for your

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Annemarie Princess Guzman's Birthday



FROM LEFT, Princess (WITH GLASSES) works with friend Kelly with their art work; April uses the dryer on some finished artwork; Angelina Guzman gets her face painter; A kid just wants to play with the dog; A kid finishes her artwork.

A Guinness Record for 2000 Labanderas



Aling Juliet has been a labandera for almost 20 years. In her occupation, she washes clothes by hand—still the method of choice preferred by her clients. “Laba sa kamay po talaga ang palaging request ng mga pinaglalaba ko. Kahit may mga washing machine po sila, pagdating sa mga damit na maseselan o di kaya masyadong madumi, gusto pa rin mano-mano,” she said.

Nanay Nora, a mother of three, agrees. “Iba po ang laba sa kamay,” she says. “Mas natatanggal po ang mantsa at mas kontrolado ko ang kamay ko kaysa sa washing machine.”

Aling Juliet and Nanay Nora were two of more than 2,000 who gathered at the University of Makati last August 17 for a curious world record attempt: the most people simultaneously hand-washing a piece of fabric.

Under the watchful eyes of Guinness officials and independent witnesses, the women set to washing.

Despite the heavy downpour, the participants—all women—trooped to the school’s football field and gamely hand-washed a 1,200-meter long single piece of fabric stained with grape juice, blue ink and chocolate.

Guinness World Record adjudicator Kristy Bennet and 47 independent witnesses roamed among the washers during the attempt, inspecting the participants and the cloth to ensure that the record-breaking feat was being done properly.

Bennet explained to GMA News Online the criteria for breaking the record and validating the success: “The fabric must be dirty, the participants must be washing simultaneously for at least five minutes, the cloth must be stain-free after washing, and importantly, the number of participants must exceed Vietnam’s record.”

Success! World record achieved. Vietnam’s record was 1,968 people.

Shortly after, the announcement was made which delighted the crowd: the Philippines now holds the world record—that of 2,132 people simultaneously washing one piece of fabric by hand.

According to event organizers, 75 percent of Filipino households still prefer doing their laundry by hand, either by necessity or in the belief that washing by hand removes dirt better than using a washing machine.

The triumphant participants, world record holders all, were treated to free meals, shirts and other goods at the event.

Mass breastfeeding record attempt in Philippines

Thousands of lactating mothers across the Philippines simultaneously breast fed their babies last October 24 in an attempt to break a world record and break down social taboos.

Organized by the advocacy group Breastfeeding Philippines, the event was held in 1,000 cities across the conservative, largely Catholic country, where advocates say there remained a stigma against women who breast feed in public.

“When women bare their chests for sex in movies or wear skimpy clothes the public thinks its okay, but when a mother bares her breast to feed a child, people generally think its gross,” group director Nona Andaya-Castillo told AFP.

“One of our members was once told to breastfeed her child in the toilet. This thinking and attitude has got to stop.”

The event is meant to break the group’s own Guinness World Record of the most number of women simultaneously breastfeeding in multiple sites—15,218 mothers in 2007.

An estimated 21,000 joined on Thursday, but it would take Guinness representatives up to three weeks to verify the final tally, she said.

HK officials receive Manila’s formal apology for 2010 bus hostage crisis

Hong Kong officials on received the city government of Manila’s formal apology for the 2010 Manila bus hostage crisis that killed eight Hong Kong tourists, a television report on Saturday said.

Manila councilor Bernardito Ang personally delivered to Hong Kong officials a copy of the City Council of Manila’s Resolution No. 115 Series of 2013, which is the local government’s apology to the People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and families of the eight Hong Kong tourists for the hostage incident that occurred at the Quirino grandstand three years ago.

On Tuesday, Manila mayor Joseph Estrada said he will personally deliver the city resolution to officials in Hong Kong and in Beijing, China.

A report that appeared on the same day on the “South China Morning Post” quoted Estrada as saying that he plans to apologize to Chinese officials when he flies to Hong Kong and China next month.

According to Vice Mayor Isko Moreno, Manila’s City Council did not seek the approval from the Foreign Affairs Department nor the Palace on the written apology. He asserted that the local government of Manila may file a resolution without the approval of the national government under the Local Government Code.

In August 2010, dismissed police officer Rolando Mendoza seized a tourist bus and held hostage 25 Hong Kong nationals at the Quirino Grandstand. The eight hostages were killed in a botched rescue attempt.

President Beingo Aquino III has been adamant about his refusal to issue an apology for the incident, saying that he does not think it is “appropriate” for the whole country to apologize for what one person did.

Earlier this month, Aquino met with Hong Kong Chief Executive C.Y. Leung to express his regret for the 2010 Manila hostage crisis but maintained that the Philippines will not say sorry for the incident.

Philippines exports rice

TALavera, Nueva Ecija, Philippines—The country has tripled its production of heirloom rice for export two months before its target date and is expected to export more before the year ends.

“We have already exported more than 300 metric tons to different countries,” said Dante Delima, agriculture undersecretary and coordinator of the national rice program.

“[That volume was] three times more than our target of 100 MT to be exported this year,” he said on Thursday at the warehouse and processing center of SL Agritech Corp. here.

Delima was a guest at the send-off program for the six container trucks of rice for export to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The exports produced by SL Agritech were intended to determine how Philippine rice would be received by other countries, he said.

“We will be exporting 100 MT more of premium and colored rice, including the heirloom rice of the Cordillera, this year,” Delima said.

The black and red rice varieties, he said, were produced in North Cotabato province. The commodity has been certified as organic and the volume already exported has reached 100 MT.

The reception to Philippine rice exported to Dubai, Singapore, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Germany, Macau, Canada and the Netherlands had been good, he said, although the government’s rice export program still had to be evaluated.

A basic question that needs to be addressed is: Will rice export be beneficial to farmers?

Delima said the first rice export by the Aquino administration was sent to Singapore in July, with a total volume of 45 MT. It fulfilled the rice demands of 146,000 Filipino workers in that country.



Patrick Garcia Says New-Born Daughter Gave Him Direction

It appears Patrick Garcia is turning over a new leaf.

The actor has revealed that his new-born daughter really gave him and his non-showbiz girlfriend Nikka Martinez direction in their lives.

“We were just typical, selfish kids before all this, so it’s a total lifestyle change,” Garcia said in an interview with Smart Parenting for its October 2013 issue.

Garcia, who also has a son with Jennylyn Mercado, said that Chelsea, his and Martinez’s daughter born this March, changed the relationship between him and his girlfriend.

“Before Chelsea came into our lives, medyo magulo, parang bata lang kami, away nang away, or lakwatsa lang. Chelsea gave us focus, nagkadireksyon kami,” he said.

What’s more, Martinez revealed details that paint Garcia as a great dad.

“I’m thankful because no matter how tired he is, even if he comes home from a 24-hour taping, he really does his part. He’ll cuddle her, put her to sleep,” Garcia’s girlfriend said.

According to Martinez, Garcia is even the calmer parent between them.

She said that during the first month after Chelsea was born, the kid would not stop crying. There was even a point that Martinez was also crying because of this, she revealed. However, Garcia remained calm during those times.

“Patrick hasn’t broken down and cried pa naman,” she said.

As for future plans, Martinez says he constantly asks her actor boyfriend about this and that his replies assure her that he will marry her.

According to Martinez, she asks Garcia “O, ano, are you going to marry me ba?”

It appears, however, that the two are focused now on rearing Chelsea.

“I think that Nikka and I, we’re both growing up along with Chelsea. And I guess, that’s the best thing,” the actor

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Children at Play



Annemarie Princess Guzman poses with the family dog during her birthday party. The theme of the party was arts and also science as the kids watch the science guy demonstrate the fun things you can do.

PNOY rating to keep falling

MANILA - A party-list lawmaker believes President Aquino's defense of the benefits of the pork barrel system including the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) of lawmakers affected his current net satisfaction ratings.

ACT Teachers Party List Rep. Antonio Tinio predicted Aquino's numbers will dip further unless he acts on the pork barrel.

"Pinapakita ng survey na may responsibility si PNoy sa PDAF. Malaking bahagi dahil nakita ng publiko pinagtatanggol ni PNoy ang PDAF," he said.

A recent Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey showed net satisfaction with President Benigno Aquino III has dropped 15-percentage points in the wake of the P10 billion pork barrel scam.

SWS said net satisfaction with President Aquino is now at +49 in September 2013, from +64 in June 2013, or a drop of 15-percentage points. It said Aquino's net satisfaction ratings fell across all areas, socioeconomic classes and gender.

Tinio said the SWS survey was conducted even before the controversy over the Disbursement Acceleration Program came out. Several groups including Palace allies have said the DAP is also another form of pork.

"Tandaan natin survey results that's before



the DAP issue came to light. Sa palagay ko lalong mapupuruhan si PNoy sa isyung ito. Lalo pang dadausdos ang kanyang satisfaction ratings," he said.

Bayan Muna Rep. Neri Colmenares, meanwhile, said he was not surprised with a Pulse Asia Survey showing a majority of Filipinos saying that the misuse of the PDAF continues under the Aquino administration.

"Hindi ko pa nakikita yung survey pero malinaw sa lumabas sa media na persistent under the Aquino administration. Di kami naniniwala na it was only under the previous administration nangyayari ang PDAF scam,"

he said.

Pollster Pulse Asia today released a survey showing awareness of the pork barrel is reported by practically all Filipinos (90%) while a big plurality of Filipinos (45%) favor the complete abolition of the pork barrel of lawmakers.

On the use of the PDAF, similar percentages of those surveyed said either that it is used by politicians to get elected (32%) or it provides lawmakers with opportunities to receive bribes and commissions (27%).

About one in three Filipinos (32%) said politicians use the PDAF to get elected into office.

On the other hand, 27% of Filipinos say the PDAF provides lawmakers an opportunity to receive bribes and commissions, 23% think it is used by the President to obtain the support of lawmakers for his administration's priority bills and 19% opine that the PDAF provides significant local development assistance.

A sizable majority of Filipinos (63%) approve of the response of President Benigno S. Aquino III to the alleged misuse of the PDAF; nearly the same percentage of Filipinos (67%) believe that the reported anomalous use of the PDAF has continued under the current dispensation.



GMA7 execs cleared

MANILA, Philippines—Saying that actress Sarah Lahbati had no proof she was threatened into signing a contract, the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office dismissed the grave coercion charge she filed against seven officials and employees of TV network GMA 7, including its chair and chief executive officer Felipe Gozon.

First Assistant City Prosecutor Meynardo Bautista Jr. cleared Gozon, his daughter and GMA Network Films president Anna Teresa Gozon-Abrogar, Lahbati's handler Michael Uycoco, GMA talent development and management department head Arsenio Baltazar III, Icons Celebrity Marketing (Icons) president Andrew Dee, the company's talent management division head Shiela Buendia and Alberto Muñoz.

Bautista said there was not enough evidence that the three had forced Lahbati to sign a comanagement contract with Icons

LGUs, NGOs told: Work together

SAGBAYAN, Bohol—President Aquino urged the local govts and private organizations to work together to bring relief to residents of this island province that was

devastated by a 7.2-magnitude earthquake.

Aquino played down reports that Maribojoc Mayor Leoncio Evasco Jr. drove away Philippine Red Cross for refusing to turn over relief goods to the municipal government.

Aquino said the reports he had received was that Evasco was not

forcing the Red Cross volunteers to turn over the relief items, but was merely asking them to coordinate their relief effort with the local government.

"Why do we need to coordinate? We should, to be sure that all people who need aid will get help. We need to have a system," Aquino said, in effect agreeing with Evasco,

who had angered the Red Cross, which wanted to ensure that the aid reached needy quake victims instead of being cornered by allies of local politicians.

Aquino said that the system would allow local governments to bring relief to areas that had not received any help yet.

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Why Moody’s took so long to give PH investment grade Rating



MANILA, Philippines - Moody’s Investors Service finally upgraded the Philippines’ credit rating to investment grade last October 3.

This comes a few months after Fitch Ratings upgraded the Philippines to investment grade in March. Standard & Poor’s followed suit in May.

So what took Moody’s so long to give the Philippines an investment grade rating?

In an interview on ANC, Moody’s senior analyst Christian de Guzman admitted they were “quite cautious” about the Philippines’ economic gains.

“I would say we have been quite cautious with regards to the gains that have been made by this government. So we wanted to take our time and see what happened with the elections first before actually making a call on the ratings,” he said.

Moody’s raised the Philippines’ rating by one notch to Baa3 from Ba1. It assigned a positive outlook to the rating on expectations of strong economic growth.

Asked Moody’s took note of the recent controversy about the disbursement acceleration program (DAP), de Guzman said this is only a “tiny” part of the Philippines’ fiscal finances.

“It’s important to look at the big picture, this disbursement acceleration program is just a tiny part of fiscal finances that we look at. And the fiscal finances as shown in fiscal outcomes over the past few years, shows this administration has managed the Philippines’ fiscal finances pretty well. This has contributed to falling debt, which has in part contributed to the upgrades so far,” he said.

In its statement, Moody’s said the

positive outlook for the Philippines “reflects the expectation of continued economic outperformance by the Philippines relative to peers.”

‘PNoy administration not calloused’

MANILA, Philippines - President Aquino maintains that his administration is not “calloused” and will continue to be proactive in addressing the needs of Filipinos, especially those affected by calamities.

Aquino made this statement on various occasions when he visited Bohol, which was devastated by a 7.2-magnitude earthquake.

The President said that from distributing relief goods to ensuring the safety of homes and offering flexible terms for housing loans, his administration would not just do things automatically but with care for the people.

“I suppose, especially this government, is not calloused, isn’t it? It is not insensitive,” Aquino said.

He also promised that his government and officials would not be part of the problem but rather provide solutions to alleviate the plight of those affected by the quake.

Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr. also said during the awarding ceremony for the Outstanding Public Officials and Employees for 2013 in Malacañang that Aquino himself is leading public servants in showing concern, especially to those affected by calamities.

Ochoa said that in this way, no public servants could give excuses because the President himself would know the

situation on the ground even if various government agencies have responded for rescue, disaster, relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Currently, he said, about 3,300 civil servants are attending to the needs of the people of Bohol.

He added, however, that “in a country that is hit by natural calamities on a yearly basis, where 20 or so typhoons wreak havoc to our capital and the countryside, it is easy to take for granted that on a regular basis, thousands of government employees risk life and limb to help Filipinos trapped in floods and high-risk areas.”

Philippines ‘indigenizes’ basic education

MANILA - The Philippines is “indigenizing” its basic education curriculum for the country’s various ethnic groups to boost the development of what has been regarded as marginalized people without dissolving their respective cultures and traditions.

Rozanno Rufino of the Education Department’s Indigenous Peoples Education Office said the process of consulting leaders of various tribes to “interface” their cultures and practices with the curricula for elementary and high school education in their respective communities began after the issuance of the policy in 2011.

“The process of indigenizing would depend on the pace of each community. It will not happen in one snap. Our target is that each school with indigenous people learners should indigenize its curriculum. The curriculum should be culture-sensitive, contextualized, responsive and flexible for the communities,” Rufino said during the National Indigenous Peoples Education gathering in the capital Manila.

“And it’s starting now,” he added.

Out of the 20.8 million students currently enrolled in elementary and high schools all over the Philippines, 5.7 percent, or close to 1.2 million, belong to indigenous groups.

The country has around 100 ethno-linguistic groups, the majority of them being in the southern island of Mindanao and falling below the poverty line owing to both their traditional reliance on agriculture and lack of access to education.



Jake Cuenca Says He’s Sincere In Courtship Of Jessy Mendiola

Jake Cuenca is not courting Jessy Mendiola merely for publicity since they star as lovers in the ABS-CBN teleserye “Maria Mercedes” that premiered this month.

Jake said he’s now courting Jessy by bringing her food and medicines (when she’s sick) and asking her to go out once in a while. This is the way he can show that he’s really serious in pursuing her.

The actor denied there’s any tension between him and Sam Milby, who’s also courting the sexy actress. He said he and Sam are friends and they both wish the best for Jessy. Also, Jake can accept whoever Jessy chooses.

As long as she’s happy, then that’s good enough for Jake, he added. However, he would feel like the luckiest guy in the world if she chooses him.

The last time he tried to pursue a girl was about a year ago. Although he didn’t mention names, Jake might be referring to his failed relationship with Kapuso actress Lovi Poe. The actor added that he misses courting somebody, and that he feels giddy when it comes to Jessy because people in the set are teasing them.

That’s the reason why he sometimes feels shy when he’s around the actress.

It’s easier to work with Jessy since he’s courting her. That way, Jake can show how genuine is his feelings for the actress. He takes care of her and makes things easier for her, so she would want to work with him again in another project.

Also, Jake admitted the teleserye is getting them closer to each other. Asked about Jessy’s reactions to his gestures, the actor said she’s flattered and thought it sweet of him.

“Hindi ko naman siya ginagawa for publicity or for anything like... I do it because of her. Like I said, I mean, what I do, sana ma-appreciate niya.” Because they are often together taping for the teleserye, some said Jake has more advantage than Sam. But the actor denied using their taping hours for his benefit. He wants Jessy to get to know him outside of work. -

Maria Panaligan records at Mark Cuizon Crescini’s Studio

Maria Panaligan recorded two songs of Vehnee Saturno’s songs at the recording studio of Mark Cuizon Crescini

1. Maria Panaligan listens to instructions before recording.
2. Maria poses with mom Genelie and sister Nadeene after recording.
3. Recording studio Producer / Engineer Mark Cuizon Crescini pose with Maria Panaligan.
4. Mark Cuizon Crescini, Maria and sound engineer Waleed Deyab pose after the recording.

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Phl must boost defenses

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negative reactions, said Slocombe, who was in the Pentagon when Bill Clinton was US president. “In a very short time, China has made the US very popular in the Western Pacific.”

But while the Philippines is relying on the United States to back it up against China, Slocombe said it must also undertake a serious effort to develop “a minimum deterrent military capacity”.

“The Philippines needs to do a strategic analysis of what it needs to do for its



US and Philippine marines participate in small boat operations training at the seaNavy Education Training Center in San Antonio, Zambales province.

maritime defence,” added Blair, the US Pacific commander in 1999-2002.

This would include a multi-year programme to acquire modern weapons, properly train its personnel and develop military doctrines and mechanisms, and “organise itself in a more effective manner”.

Such a programme for the poorly-armed Philippines “will not only support its relations with China but will find a much more willing and able and ready partner from its treaty ally, the United States”, he added.



Toni, Charlene leave ‘Buzz’

After hosting the show for three years, Toni Gonzaga and Charlene Gonzales bid the showbiz talk show “The Buzz” goodbye on Sunday, October 13.

Without explaining the reason for their decision, Toni and Charlene thanked the show’s management, the staff and the viewers for giving them the chance to host “The Buzz.”

“It was a wonderful journey. It was a privilege and honor to be able to share the stage with two of the greatest artists in the industry, Toni Gonzaga and Boy Abunda,” Charlene said.

The former beauty queen added that she’s happy for the friendship she formed with co-hosts Toni and Boy.

“Isa rin sa mga reasons kung bakit ko tinanggap ang show na ito is because I want to work with the greats like the both of you. I would say that katulad ng sinabi mo, one of the best gifts that I received from this show was the friendship I have with you Boy and Toni. It was a wonderful ride.”

Toni added, “Hindi ako naniniwala sa goodbyes. I believe that goodbyes don’t really mean that it’s the end or tapos na ang lahat. It just simply means na yung pamamaalam namin sa hapon na ito ay I’ll see you again. I will miss all of you.”

“Maraming salamat din kay Tito Boy, the most generous person na nakilala ko sa industriyang ito. Hindi po nagsasawang ibahagi sa amin ang nalalaman niya sa industriya, at yung wisdom niya. I learned so much from him. Ate Charlene, I will always look up to you as a mom and as a wife. Sana pag naging asawa at nanay na rin ako, parang si Ate Charlene. I have so much respect for the both of you. It’s such an honor.”

Boy hinted in the video presentation that there will be changes in the show.

UPAAT Leads Filipino Citizenship Oath Taking

By Rose Tijam

With one long serious sentence , and the raising of the right hand, 36 Filipino Canadians reclaimed their Philippine citizenship in what Ambassador Leslie Gatan named the largest group he has sworn in at the solemn ceremony that made them dual citizens of the Philippine homeland and Canada. The event, sponsored by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association Toronto and the Philippine Consulate General in Toronto, was held during the UPAAT fellowship “Kapihan” at the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre in Mississauga last October 12, 2013. In the past, Filipino nationals who acquired Canadian citizenship were not allowed to re-acquire Philippine passports and lost many of the privileges incumbent on Philippine subjects. Recent laws changed this and thousands of Filipino nationals with Canadian citizenship have retrieved their Philippine birthright when two countries agreed to grant dual citizenship.

While conversations among newly-sworn in dual citizens are tinged with humor and light banters , the topic of citizenship has always been a deep emotional issue due to nationalistic , heritage, tradition, culture and family ties. Thus, the heart skips a few beats specially at the part of the Oath of Allegiance declares “.... I will maintain true faith and allegiance (to the Philippines) and impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.”

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Of the 36 newly-sworn dual citizens, 17 are UPians and the rest are family members and friends. Several UPian family members took the oath together, like husband and wife UPAAT president Fred and Diana Gamboa, former UPAAT president Joe and Lita Zagala, lawyer Red Liboro, wife Lita and daughter Rosalie Liboro ; Alice and Romy Herrera; Mary Ann and Dennis Morales and their two sons; Maestro Romi and Necie Mananquil, Oswald and Mila Magno; Nemesio and Susan Villanueva; Minda Mendoza and Diego Linan, and others like Terry Chua, Marissa Fortuno, Marie Rosali, Doreen Cortez, etc..

In the same gathering, Ambassador Leslie Gatan, himself a UPian, formally announced the Philippine Winter Escapade, wherein a special tourism program invites participants from Canada and the USA to a grand tour of various

places in the home country, on January 18-24, 2014. The tour highlights five destinations – Kalibo, Boracay, Iloilo, Guimaras and Manila – for only CDN \$850 , including a formal dinner with President Noynoy Aquino. The package includes domestic flights, overnight stay at select hotels, meals and snacks, cultural shows, guided excursions, domestic travel insurance, domestic terminal and portage fees, and other perquisites. More information is available at various Philippine Consulates in major Canadian cities, and Department of Tourism in major US cities. In Toronto, call 416-922-7181.

In a separate interview, UPAAT president Fred Gamboa stated that the Board (also called Council) have on the table a plan to hook up with as many Canadian- and US –based UP alumni associations to form a North American-wide UP alumni umbrella. Thus there will be concerted efforts to hold periodic conventions, plan fundraising, and in bringing in the UP president for a visit, and other activities.

President Gamboa said some of the scheduled activities at UPAAT are the Christmas Party on Dec. 6, 2013, the annual Career Development Seminar on March 22 and 23, 2014, and the Tee UP high golf tournament on June 22, 2014.

The UPAAT is now on its 36th year of existence, and takes strong leadership in the community with many of its members serving in different capacities at various organizations.

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Kris Reyes shares her Insight Philippine Press Club Ontario's speaker series is a Success



Philippine Press Club Ontario's speaker series featuring successful Filipino Canadians is proving popular with members. ABOVE, PPCCO officers and members pose with Kris Reyes of Global's Morning Show and reporters Dyan Ruiz and Joseph Smooke of The Real News Network and The Philippine Reporter. RIGHT, Kris Reyes BELOW RIGHT, Pokwang in darna costume poses with a contestant at the TFC Kapamilya Reloaded concert.



The Philippine Press Club Ontario is having a speaker series featuring people who make a difference.

First of this series featured reporters **Dyan Ruiz** and **Joseph Smooke** of The Real News Network and The Philippine Reporter. They report on human rights issues in the Philippines.

Next speaker was **Kris Reyes** of Global News. If you wake up early and turn on the TV before leaving your house, you probably see her as one of the hosts of The Morning Show. Kris shared her experiences on how she got to be on television, and her insight on how to break in the mainstream media which was appreciated by the members of the ethnic Filipino press members and other people in the community.

The Josie de Leon School for the performing Arts showcased their student's talents with a presentation Disney and it was a delight to watch young Filipino talents entertain the crowd with popular numbers. The power couple of JDLSA, **Josie de Leon** and **Mark Crescini**

The Filipino Channel, now presenting their own shows without partnering with local festivals presented Kapamilya Fiesta World Reloaded at the Sony Center featuring **Piolo Pascual, Sam Milby, Angeline Quinto** and **Pokwang**. As expected, Pokwang made the audience laugh but Piolo and Sam got the most shrieks of delight and the most kilig factor just by appearing. They did not even have to open their mouth to entertain the crowd.

It is getting busier and busier

in the community now that Christmas is getting close. The Paskuhan festival, which was launched to great fanfare last year is on again on November 30 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Make sure to check that out.



FJCC MEMBERS IN JERUSALEM



Pastor Teck Uy (1st from left) is shown in photo together with some members of the congregation of the Friends of Jesus Christ Canada (FJCC) after participating in the Jerusalem March in Jerusalem, Israel, recently which were attended by thousands of Christians all over the world. (St. Jamestown NewsService, Romy Zetazate)

Miss Philippines Canada 2013 to join Winter Escapade in the Philippines.

Miss Philippines Canada 2013, Caitlin Pantaleon and Little Miss Philippines Canada, Anjali Pathmanathan of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) to join Winter Escapade with Ambassador Gatan in the Philippines. Winter Escapade - It's more fun in the Philippines, organized by the Department of Tourism will highlight a tour that showcases tourist destinations like the Ati Atihan in Aklan, white beaches in Boracay, Kaon ta sa Plaza in the beautiful Iloilo City, an island tour in the exotic Guimaras Island and a visit to Malacañan Palace .



Prior to the Winter Escapade, to add to the Experience of a Lifetime of Miss Philippines Canada and Little Miss Canada, the Pageant Winners will visit and inaugurate the ANCOP PCCF village in Paranaque. PCCF pageants contribute immensely to the realization of PCCF's advocacy to help the poor and in this regard, PCCF will provide 10 houses to the poor and deserving families, a PCCF project worth \$30,000. The event will surely be an emotional and touching experience for everyone who will witness the inauguration of the ANCOP-PCCF Village.

Caitlin and entourage will also visit the Kapuso Foundation Office to present the PCCF Donation for the recent typhoon and earthquake victims worth over \$2,000. The donations are the result of the support of everyone throughout the various activities of PCCF, namely the pageants and the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto. Kudos's and great appreciation to the passionate and hardworking PCCF officers, members and supporters. They are indeed advocating for charity. Everyone had fun and helped at the same time!

To join the Winter escapade contact the Philippine Consulate or call Fe Taturan at (416) 456-4891 or visit www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com.

Covering the Event



Jess Cabrias of Talakayan Radio and Joe Damasco share a few moments before the start of the Anghel ng Tahanan cum Aegis concert at the Toronto International Centre.



Ai Ai Delas Alas Admits ‘Kung Fu Divas’ Was Lackluster

Ai Ai delas Alas was honest enough to admit that her recent movie was not a big box-office success. The Comedy Concert Queen recently starred with Marian Rivera in the digital movie ‘Kung Fu Divas.’ It was a project released through Star Cinema, although it was jointly produced by her, Marian, and other partners.

During its first two weeks in the box-office run, the movie generated over P32 million in gross ticket sales. To many observers, the performance of the movie could be considered as lackluster. That is because most of Ai Ai’s past movies all grossed more than P100 million.

Her last project ‘Sisterakas’ with Kris Aquino and Vice Ganda was even listed as the highest grossing Filipino film so far. Before that, her ‘Tanging

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Match Made in Music

With his background in music production and her background as a singer, Mark Cuizon Crescini and Josie de Leon were made for each other. Their recent Josie de Leon School for the Performing Arts production of Disney was a spectacular production and even more enjoyable to watch. May they have more productions to come and may they continue to prosper.

Ina’ series of filmfest movies were all top grosser, some even earning more than P200 million on the entire box-office run.

Used To P100-Million Grosses

In a short interview, Ai Ai admitted that she is not really used to dealing with box office gross of just less than P100 million. That is why she was declared as Box Office Queen for several times.

But this time, she was quick and humble to admit that her latest film was not as big as her past flicks.

However, Ai Ai clarified that she is still happy with its earnings. She emphasized that the movie was not as big as her past films but it was not a box office flop.

Repeat: not a box office flop.

That is because the movie more than just break-even when the gross is compared to total production cost.

Don’t Blame Marian

Ai Ai also asked people not to put any blame on Marian for the dismal box-office results of the movie. Many critics also pointed out that Marian, who is crowned as the primetime queen of GMA-7, has never experienced having a blockbuster movie yet.

To this, Ai Ai appealed to the public not to entertain that thought. That is because she thinks it would be unfair to Marian. She said she also gets hurt when other people blame the dismal performance of their movie on her partner, Marian.



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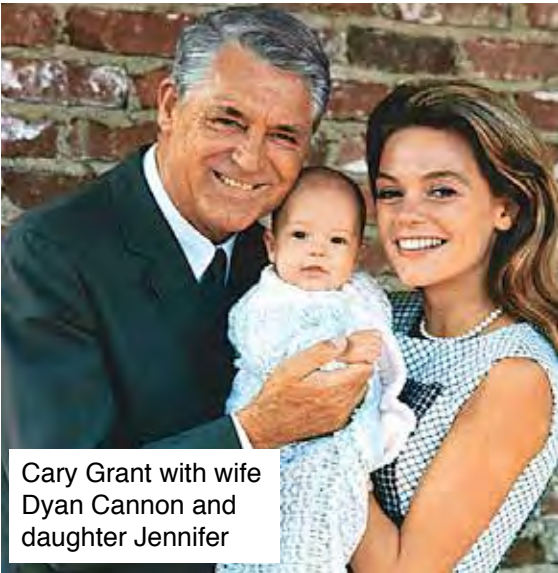
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Are May December relationships really that different?

by Ron and Gayle, Psychotherapists from maydecembersecrets.com



Cary Grant with wife Dyan Cannon and daughter Jennifer

Are May-December relationships really that different from romances with little or no age difference? It's a simple question with a complicated answer.

May-December couples have much in common with couples of all ages and all age differences. We fight about the same things as non-gappers. Money, kids, sex, communication, ways to spend time, friends, jobs, etc. are all part of our daily lives. Disagreements about these things cause arguments.

So if May-December relationships are just the same as partnerships between similarly aged people, why the attention? This answer is more simple – perception.

The mice think they are right, but my cat eats them anyway. This is the point, reality is nothing, perception is everything.
~Terry Goodkind

When you are in a relationship with someone whose age significantly differs from yours, it is easy fall into the mousetrap and attribute the problems that arise to the age gap. Likewise it is easy to ignore red flags in the beginning of a May December romance and say “love knows no age.” When Regina and Jerry began dating, their 22 year age difference wasn't an issue. They married after seeing each other for a couple of years and were passionately in love. Shortly before their one year anniversary (Regina was in her early 30's) Jerry was suddenly faced with a dire medical condition that landed him in a hospital for nearly a year. She didn't want to admit it out loud, but she wondered if she had made a mistake marrying a man so much older than her. Almost 10 years later Jerry and Regina are still together. He has recovered and is living a healthy life. They are still very much in love. Today she gets irritated because Jerry's “a slob”, he thinks she's too picky, but they no longer question the age difference.

No one could have predicted what happened to this couple, but Regina might have given up if she stayed with the perception that the age

difference was the problem. Luckily she worked through her doubts. For May December couples it's particularly easy to point the finger at the age difference. An age gap is permanent.

Generally, when couples show up in our office their chief complaint is related to sex, money, communication, and/or family regardless of their ages. We know there are most likely core issues driving the grievance. The core issues we will assess are:

- problems with intimacy (“into me see”)
- not feeling equal to each other (an imbalance of power)
- trust issues
- dishonesty or the inability to communicate in a safe and open

- manner
- addictions
- problems coping with stress
- poor or rigid boundaries with each other and/ or their families
- health problems
- unresolved issues from the past (including other relationships and the family of origin.)

You'll notice that nowhere on the “core issues” list is age difference.

With all that said, there are certain issues for which May December couples need to prepare. The following concerns are common to couples with significant age gaps: *Family relationships with parents and siblings. Blending the family if there are step-children involved. Determining whether or not to try to conceive children with each other. Retirement intentions and goals. Consider how the age difference will impact both of you when this time comes. Sexual performance differences may occur due to hormonal and physical changes as you age.*

How you will handle it when people notice and/or comment on your age difference.

The navigation of these issues for May Decembers will often be different than with non age-gapped couples.

Below are some of the famous May-december couples.

Age Difference / Older Man / Younger Woman
19 Years
Cary Grant . . . Betsy Drake

23 Years
Aristotle Onassis . . . Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy
Sylvester Stallone . . . Jennifer Flavin

30 Years
Paul Anka . . . Anna Yeager
John Tyler . . . Julia Gardiner (He: 54, 10th U.S. President. She: 24. Year: 1844.)
George Frederic Watts . . . Ellen Terry (He: 46, British artist. She: 16, actress. Year: 1864.)

31 Years
Robert Evans . . . Catherine Oxenberg
Dennis Hopper . . . Katherine LaNasa

32 Years
Billy Joel . . . Katie Lee

33 Years
Tony Bennett . . . Susan Crow
Cary Grant . . . Dyan Cannon (He: 57. She: 24 when first met. He: 61. She: 28 when married.)

34 Years
Rod Steiger . . . Paula Ellis

35 Years
Woody Allen . . . Soon-Yi Previn
Doug Hutchison . . . Courtney Alexis Stodden (He: 51, American actor. She: 16, singer. Year: 2011, Las Vegas chapel.)
J.D. Salinger . . . Joyce Maynard (He: 53. She: 18. Year: 1972.)

36 Years
James Doohan . . . Wende Braunberger (He: 54, Star Trek's “Scotty. She: 18. Year: 1974.)
Clint Eastwood . . . Dina Ruiz

37 Years
Jim Clark . . . Kristy Hinze (He: 65, billionaire. She: 28, Australian supermodel. Married: 2009.)
Hugh Hefner . . . Kimberley Conrad
Rupert Murdoch . . . Wendi Deng

38 Years
Rupert Murdoch . . . Wendi Deng
Patrick Stewart . . . Sunny Ozell

39 Years
James Woods . . . Ashley Madison (He: 57, actor. She: 18 when first met.)

40 Years
Pablo Picasso . . . Françoise Gilt

41 Years
Robert Duvall . . . Luciana Pedraza (He: actor. Both have same birthday: January 5)

42 Years
Ginger Baker . . . Kudzai Machokoto (He: 70, former rock star. She: 28. Year engaged/married: 2010.)

44 Years
Fred Astaire . . . Robyn Smith

45 Years
Tony Curtis . . . Jill Vanden Berg

46 Years
Dick Van Dyke . . . Arlene Silver

47 Years
Cary Grant . . . Barbara Harris

48 Years
Kirk Kerkorian . . . Lisa Bonder

51 Years
Tony Randall . . . Heather Harlan

54 Years
Hugh Hefner . . . Holly Madison

60 Years
Hugh Hefner . . . Crystal Harris

63 Years
J. Howard Marshall II . . . Anna Nicole Smith (He: 89. She: 26 when first met.)

95 Years
Ahmed Muhamed Dore . . . Safia Abdulleh (He: 112. She: 17 when married.)

Freddie Aguilar, 60, dates 16-year-old girl

MANILA, Philippines—The news on music icon Freddie Aguilar giving the thought of marrying his 16-year-old girlfriend drew mixed reactions from netizens.

Most comments border on the negative, saying Aguilar could be sued for seduction or child abuse.

The 60-year-old Aguilar admitted he is dating someone 44 years younger than him.

But Aguilar said there's nothing to worry about since the parents of the girl have approved of the relationship, only with a warning that she should be careful because Aguilar is known to be a ladies' man.



Gov't Steps In

Finally, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has announced that it would intervene. The department said it is within its jurisdiction to conduct a probe into the May-December affair to protect the girl who is still considered as a minor under the country's law.

Under the country's Revised Penal Code, child abuse is a public offense. Government agencies like DSWD could possibly file a legal complaint for the victims under the legislation Republic Act 7610, also known as Special Protection of Children against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act.

The department wants to determine if the girl's parents had the approval for their daughter to get into a relationship with Freddie.

Maegan Aguilar defends her dad

Maegan Aguilar, daughter of legendary musician Freddie Aguilar, has taken to social media to lash out against her father's detractors. “Mahigit na sa isang dekadang hiwalay si Tatay sa Nanay namin... 6 kaming magkakapatid at sa tingin ko'y wala siyang naging pagkukulang bilang AMA sa amin,” Maeagan said.

She continued, pointing out, “Lumaki kaming 'independent' and absolutely FREE FROM THE SHACKLES OF SOCIETY. None of us are LIARS or CORRUPT like most people around us.”

Maegan added that they (with her siblings) have no problem with their “Tatay dating,” saying, “desisyon nilang dalawa yun-walang nagpilit sa kanila na maging sila...”

In the end, she asked, “SO ANONG PROBLEMA NIYO? Kasi INAMIN NI TATAY? anung masama dun? Anung masama kung nagpakatotoo siya? Sige ngal”

Freddie's girl
Meanwhile, Freddie's girlfriend has also finally reacted to the negative comments being hurled against him.

“Oo, masakit, pero wala 'kong magagawa eh, ganun 'yung utak nung ibang tao,” she said. “Basta ang alam ko mahal ko si Freddie.”

She also confirmed that she and Freddie have her parents' consent, narrating, “Sabi nung nanay ko ‘Oh sige, kung dun ka masaya, edi susuportahan ka namin,’ tapos ‘yun sinabi din nila na ‘Pero mag-ingat ka... babaero iyan’”

On what she liked about Freddie, she simply said, “Maalaga, ganun. Tapos ang maganda dun, 'yung mga pagkakamali ko, kino-correct niya palagi.”

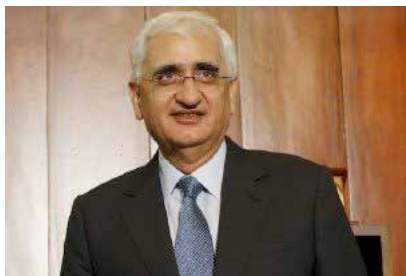
Scenes in the City



LEFT, Ricky Castelv, and Juliet Parel from the Filipino Community attended the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) recruitment drive held at Mel Lastman Square on September 21, 2013. RIGHT, Newly inducted officers of the Zamboanga Hermosa Association; the dinner dance was held at Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT) on October 5, 2013. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS



India supports Philippines



MANILA, Philippines—India has expressed its support for a peaceful resolution to the territorial conflict in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), adding it hoped the Philippines’ arbitration bid would prosper and lead to the stability of international waters.

“India has very clearly stated our position of support for free access to sea lanes and, of course, international law, the Unclos (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) being the basis of peaceful resolution of any such disputes,”

visiting Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said in a forum in Manila.

The visiting Indian minister explained India’s position in response to questions following his lecture on India’s foreign policy at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

“[A]rbitration is one answer. I hope it works. But at the end of the day, whatever the institutional response is ... it is the will of the people of the region that is very important, and that will of the people of the region is there should be a peaceful resolution,” said the official, when asked about his take on the turf issue between Manila and Beijing.



Dr. Solon Guzman (CENTER) entertains the parents of the children at the 8th birthday of his daughter Annemarie Princess Guzman in Mississauga.

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Universal Pictures options rights to OTJ

Variety magazine has confirmed that the critically acclaimed Filipino film “On The Job” is up for a Hollywood remake.

Variety writer Justin Kroll revealed in an exclusive report that Universal Pictures has optioned the rights to the film with Baltasar Kormakur (“Contraband,” “2 Guns”) as writer and director; and Scott Stuber and XYZ Films, which handled the worldwide sales of “OTJ,” as producers.

Kormakur will also produce for his RVK Studios while Stuber will produce through his Universal-based Bluegrass Films banner.



“While some inspiration for the concept came from Erik Matti’s Filipino movie ‘On The Job,’ Kormakur actually had already begun developing a project based on the same events as ‘On The Job’ with XYZ Films before the Filipino film began production,” Kroll wrote.

The article noted that Kormakur’s action thriller “Safe House,” which could have similarities to the story of “OTJ,” hit big making

more than \$200 million worldwide.

In describing “On The Job,” Kroll wrote: “The pic is based on the real-life scandal where prison inmates were temporarily released from prison to work as contract killers on behalf of politicians and high ranking military officials.”

Variety is positive about the remake, noting that “Universal and Kormakur have already seen good returns with ‘Contraband’ and ‘2 Guns’ and teaming him up with one of the studio’s top producers could lead to even bigger results.”

Variety was among the first international publications to rave about the Filipino film, singling out actors Joel Torre and Gerald Anderson for their stellar performance in the film.

Produced by Star Cinema and Reality Entertainment, “OTJ,” which had its world premiere at the Directors Fortnight in this year’s Cannes Film Festival, opened to rave reviews from critics of international publications in the US late September.

“OTJ” also won a Jury Prize and the Best Actor trophy for Joel Torre at the 17th Puchon International Fantastic Film Festival.

Kc Concepcion Gets Back At Bashers

KC Concepcion is seemingly hurt by bashers who have gone over the line. She said people keep on criticizing her for having dinner with NBA Houston Rockets player Chandler Parsons without knowing the real score.

After Chandler admitted having dinner with KC, the actress-singer immediately clarified they went out as a group and the date wasn’t romantic at all. She added that she is not seriously dating anyone right now.

But the actress is seemingly pissed off because people on Twitter and Instagram kept on bashing her regarding Chandler, who already has a girlfriend.

KC said the comments are rude. “Walang kwentang comment minsan. Nakakabastos na bilang isang babae.”

She has always been honest when she has a boyfriend, and she only had two well-publicized relationships in showbiz—one with Rico Blanco and the other one with Piolo Pascual. She and Piolo broke up in 2011.



Fans put distance between Kylie Padilla and Kris Bernal?

Kylie Padilla is not on speaking terms with Kris Bernal though she doesn’t harbor ill feelings towards her.

According to the 20-year old actress, the situation stems from an ongoing misunderstanding between their respective fans. Apparently, the fans have been exchanging words against each other on social media sites. Note that Padilla and Aljur Abrenica are said to be an item while Bernal is his reel partner.

Padilla maintains that she had tried to keep the peace, instructing her fans not to engage in such matters. “Sumunod po sila,” she said.

However, she declined to comment when asked if Bernal’s fans were eager to do the same.

The actress said she “tried” to reach out to Bernal to settle the issue saying “I tried! God knows I tried, pero mahirap talaga.”

Padilla admits she is “scared” where the feud between the fans might lead.

“Yung sinasabi ng mga fans, iba. Iba yung fans po... natatakot ako, masakit silang magsalita, e.”

But why is she letting the fans dictate on them?

Padilla says she is only being supportive of her followers as she assumes Bernal is with hers. “Parang mga kaibigan namin, e. Kaibigan ko ‘yung mga fans ko, kaibigan niya yung mga fans niya.”

Padilla can only wonder how Bernal feels about the whole thing. “Hindi ko alam kung saan ba talaga ako (lulugar),” she said.

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LEFT, The induction of new officers of the Ontario Filipino Womens Club was held at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Banquet Hall on September 27, 2013. RIGHT, September and October birthday celebrants (Tess, Ceasar, and Bro. Louie) met on October 20, 2013 and jointly celebrated their birthdays. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

PCCT, PCCF Cease Partnership for Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show 2014

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Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto and Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) and the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) will separately hold their events next year, which for the last three years had been billed under the “Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto” banner at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

This was disclosed jointly by Oswald Tugadi and Romy Rafael, Presidents of the PCCT and PCCF, respectively, saying that PCCF will hold its event on Saturday, June 28, 2014 and PCCT’s, on Saturday, August 16, 2014.

This developed after the PCCT Board of Directors decided not to renew the contract with PCCF on the “Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto” to accommodate an offer made by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines (CanCham) to have a suitable month with which its members may participate in the annual PCCT Trade Show. The PCCT and CanCham have an existing business organizational partnership.

During a meeting by the PCCT last July with CanCham Executive Director Cora dela Cruz, she said that the month of June when the “Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show ...” is held annually is simply not an ideal month for CanCham members to travel to Toronto. The PCCT and



CanCham have an existing MoA to work together for the common benefit of its member-businesses.

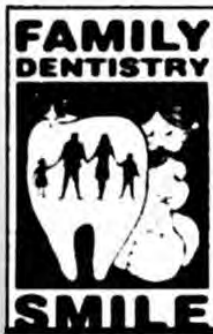
In his letter, Tugadi thanked the PCCF for the opportunity of having worked with the group. The contract between PCCF and PCCT’s partnership on the staging of the biggest annual indoor summer event for Filipino Canadians is renewable every year.

In his response on behalf of the PCCF, Rafael thanked the PCCT for the effort and trust that it has shown for the past three years and wished the Chamber all the best in its future endeavours.

Most likely, the PCCF will retain the event billing “Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto”.

Meanwhile, the PCCT decided to bill its event as “Taste of Manila Multicultural Event & Trade Show”..

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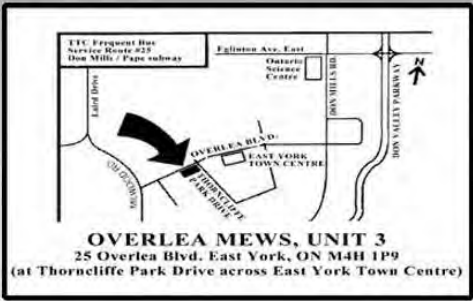


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UN asks for \$46M Aid for Bohol

The United Nations on Friday appealed for \$46.8 million (P2.01 billion) in international aid for more than 380,000 people in Bohol province now living in tents after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Central Visayas last week.

Australia was the first to respond, announcing on Friday that it would provide up to P124 million in aid to support the Philippine government’s response to the humanitarian emergency caused by the

earthquake in Bohol and Cebu province.

The earthquake flattened homes, schools, clinics, centuries-old churches and other vital infrastructure, killing more than 200 persons.

A further 35,000 families need emergency shelter while more than 380,000 residents of Bohol require assistance for basic needs like water, sanitation, food and health services for six months, UN resident humanitarian coordinator Luizha Carvalho

said.

“At this moment, the Philippines is the one [country] that really stands alone with the highest of needs and the highest requirements,” Carvalho told a news conference.



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Entertainment

Maja shrugs off bashings

+ *ABS tops TV Ratings* + other stories

MAJA Salvador is glad to be part of Regal's contemporary sex-comedy, "Status: It's Complicated."

"It's my most mature movie so far at bagay sa celebration ko ng 10th year ko in showbiz," she says. "So many things have happened to me in the 10 years na nasa showbiz ako, maraming blessings na dumating and this is a perfect movie to celebrate my 10th year in a business where stars come and go. I'm glad I'm still here and I welcome the chance to work with Direk Chris Martinez. I'm so proud to work with him and my co-stars na sina Eugene Domingo, Jake Cuenca, Solenn Heussaff and Paulo Avelino. The movie is about love, sex and relationships at tiyak akong magmamarka ito sa viewers dahil totoong-totoo ang mga sitwasyong ipinapakita rito."

Maja's career is really doing well. She has won best actress awards for "Thelma" and got much acclaim as Margaux in "Ina Kapatid Anak." Now, aside from "Status: It's Complicated," she has a new soap, "Hanggang Kailan Kita Mamahalin" with Jericho Rosales and JC De Vera.

In the love department, she is also doing very well as her beau Gerald Anderson is so sweet to her even in social media. Because of this, some bashers harass her but she has learned the art of "deadma."

"It's best to just ignore them. Their aim is to ruin the day of the celebrities they bash, so I won't let them do that to me."

In "Status: It's Complicated," Maja plays Rina, a sexy hot but conservative chick who won't entertain the

advances of Jake Cuenca as Manny, a playboy chef whose aim is to bed as many girls as possible. She gives him a lesson on love and he learns how to be more faithful as a one-woman man.

ABS-CBN Tops Nationwide TV Ratings in September

ABS-CBN Corporation, the country's leading and largest multimedia conglomerate, maintained its lead over rival TV stations in terms of viewership across urban and rural households with an average audience share of 42%, or eight points ahead of GMA's 34%, based on data from Kantar Media, which

uses a nationwide panel size of 2,609 urban and rural homes that represent 100% of the total Philippine TV viewing population, while the other ratings data supplier AGB Nielsen reportedly has only 1,980 homes based solely in urban areas that represent only 57% of the Philippine TV viewing population.

Data show that more Filipinos tuned in to ABS-CBN's high caliber primetime offerings (6PM-12MN) with an audience share of 47%, a solid 14-point lead over GMA's 33%. The primetime block is the most important part of the day when most Filipinos watch TV and advertisers put a larger chunk of their investment in to reach more consumers effectively.

Twelve out of the country's top 15 most watched programs were produced by ABS-CBN.

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Elmo deny rejecting offers

Elmo Magalona says that contrary to rumors, he never rejected any project offered to him by GMA7.

"Wala talaga akong tinatanggihan," he says.

How come he didn't join "Sunday All Stars"? "Kasi may iba akong plans na gawin, like 'yung album ko. I enrolled pa sa St. Benilde taking up culinary arts."

Is he taking up culinary arts with the plan of putting up a restaurant? "May balak, in the future. Kasi ang food business, hindi mawawala yan, e."

Did he and partner Janine Gutierrez see the original show? "No, our director, Gina Alajar, said there's no need. He's not been visible on TV for five months now, so he's glad that his comeback vehicle is a good drama like "Villa Quintana."

have her own family? "Ready kung sa ready, but then, hindi naman sa'kin manggagaling ang proposal.

Alangan namang i-pressure ko siya. It has to come from the man, di ba?"

Lovi's Other Journey Ends

LOVI Poe can now concentrate fully on her weeknights soap on GMA7, "Akin Pa Rin ang Bukas." "My journey in 'Titser' as Michelle ended," she says. "She has really travelled a long and difficult journey from high school girl to domestic helper to college scholar to working student to substitute teacher in the course of the series.



Melai's Baby will be Legitimate

JUST before Melai Cantiveros got pregnant, with PBB colleague Jason Francisco as the father, she was able to tape all new episodes of the entire Season 2 of "I Dare You," which she co-hosts with John Prats, Robi Domingo and Deniesse Aguilar. She he announced that her baby will not be born out of wedlock as she and Jason have decided to get married.

Kris Aquino will be the ninang to their wedding.

Their wedding will be held at her hometown, Gen. Santos, come December. Jason personally went there to make formal "pamanhikan," asking the hand of Melai from her parents. They are now attending to the details of their wedding which they want to keep simple and not showbizy. They're also taking seminars with the Population Commission about responsible parenthood and a marriage preparation seminar with the church in GenSan where they'll have their wedding. Melai and Jason broke up several months ago, then they kissed and made up. It's said that Jason somehow got jealous because Melai's career is more successful than his. Bashers of Jason malign him on the internet. But Melai implored them to stop it. "Masaya po ako, napakabait and supportive ng mapapangasawa ko," she said. "Maayos po

Ara waiting for Marriage Proposal

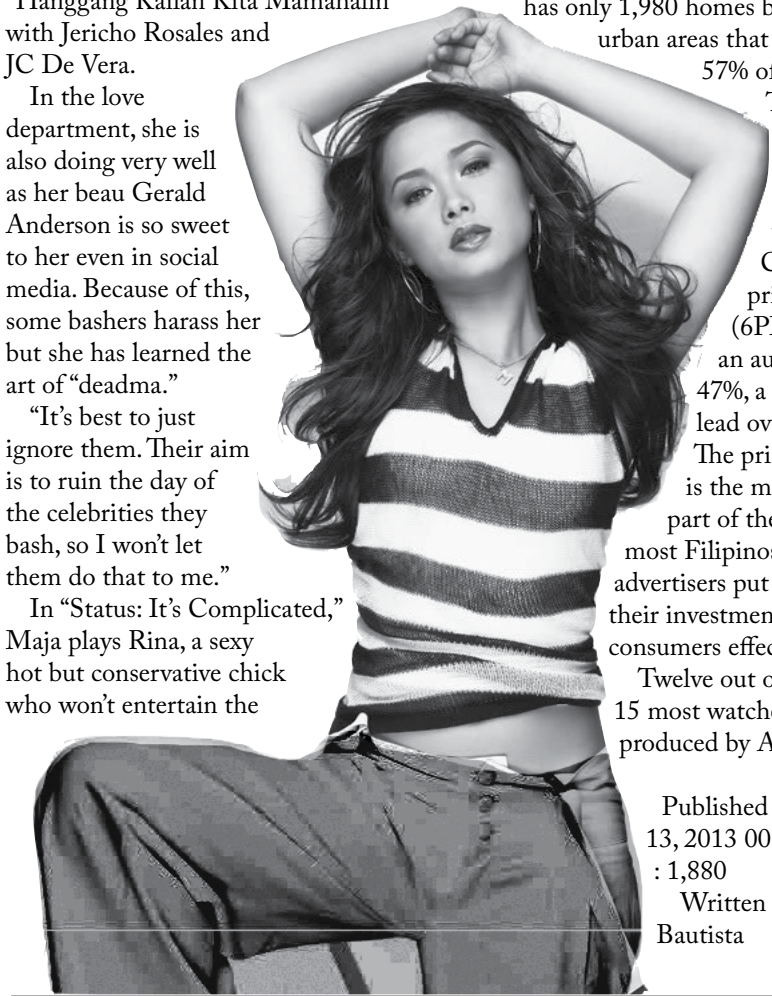
ARA Mina plays a short but meaty role in TV5's "The Gift" whose airing date has been postponed to give way to the PBA Finals. Ara was at the TV5 trade launch and she's asked how her sister Cristine

Reyes is doing after the break up with Derek Ramsay. "I asked her about it sa text pero hindi siya nagre-reply so I supposed ayaw muna niyang pag-usapan ang tungkol doon," she says.

"I can feel malungkot siya pero gusto muna siguro niyang sarilinin 'yun. I'm sure when she's ready to open up, magsasalita rin siya. But right now, they're together doing shows in Hawaii, so hindi natin masasabi kung anong puwedeng mangyari. Kasi, nakikita ko, mabait naman si Derek. Even our mom has met him at marespeto raw. Makikita namang he's a gentleman dahil ayaw niyang pag-usapan with the press kung anong nangyari sa kanila ng sister ko."

What about her own lovelife? Is she still on with Bulacan mayor Patrick Meneses? "Oo, maayos naman kami."

Is she ready to walk down the aisle and



Martinez Family - A 20th Anniversary Milestone



LEFT, Ariel and Flor Martinez, with son Jezriel have a 20th Anniversary dinner at Max's of Manila. CENTER, Jezriel, Flor, are joined by Gen Panaligan's family, with Gen's daughter Aubrey and baby son Joshua. RIGHT, Sisters Ampee, Tess and Nadeene Panaligan enjoy the dinner with the Martinez.'

kami so stop bashing him.”
Here’s hoping their marriage will be successful and last forever.

Mikael Daez split with Megan Young

Before and after the recent Miss World pageant held in Bali, Indonesia, many were asking if Megan Young, the Philippines’ representative to the



contest, and Mikael Daez, a Kapuso actor, was an item. Most of their friends and people who personally know both of them had asserted that they have been indeed seeing each

other.

As we all know, Megan won the crown and is now serving her term as the 2013 Miss World. She would be based in London for a year as she fulfills her duties and responsibilities as the winner of the pageant. So what happens to her relationship with her supposed boyfriend Mikael?

It is clear that both Mikael and Megan are separating not because of another party. According to sources, they have also agreed to prioritize their respective careers for the meantime. It is not clear by now if there would be any chance that the two of them would get back together after a year, or when Megan passes her crown to the next Miss World.

Angel Locsin And Phil Younghusband Reportedly Break Up

Rumors have been spreading in showbiz that high-profile couple Angel Locsin and Phil Younghusband have broken off their relationship.

Both their talent managers were not able to shed some light into the issue. Both said they have no idea whether or not Angel and Phil have broken up already.

Angel and Phil have not updated their social networking sites regarding their relationship. Phil’s last tweet about Angel was on September 7 while he was watching “It’s Showtime” wherein the actress was a part-time host.

Angel’s last Instagram post about Phil was in August when she surprised him with a birthday cake while they are in a skating rink. Phil’s last Instagram post about Angel was also in August.



If rumors are true that the couple has broken up, they will be the fourth high-profile couple to have separated this year, following the break ups of Billy Crawford and Nikki Gil, Derek Ramsay and Cristine Reyes and Luis Manzano and Jennylyn Mercado.

Luis, by the way, is Angel’s ex-boyfriend.

Angel and Phil started their love story through a Twitter post by the Azkals team captain asking the actress for a date on Valentine’s Day two years ago. They weren’t able to push through with their date because Angel was busy with work, but they went out eventually.

On May 27, 2012, Phil and Angel became official. Phil even said he is ready to marry Angel when the time is right. He added that she’s “the one.”

Angel shared his sentiments.

She even shared how happy and lucky she feels for having Phil in her life. In May of this year, rumors also started circulating that Phil already proposed to Angel. The athlete denied that rumor. -



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Marian Rivera is champion of the masses + other stories

MANILA - Could Marian Rivera be the female version of Fernando Poe, Jr. (FPJ) or Joseph “Erap” Estrada?

FPJ and Erap have translated their charisma into winning (or almost, in the former’s case) the highest position in the land. And as some observe, the Kapuso Primetime Queen has the makings of being the next queen of the masses.

“Ayy, walang masama sa pagiging masa dahil ang mga masa ang nagluklok sa’kin para maging Marian Rivera ako,” she said.

Marian also cried foul over those



who look down on the masses.

‘Yun ang hirap sa mga Pinoy e. Masyado ang discrimination e. Porke’t masa ganito ang tingin nila. Dapat mismo tayong mga Pilipino, pantay-pantay. Tao naman tayong lahat e.”

As for Marian’s mataray image, Roderick Paulate admitted that being too open in showbiz can be detrimental at times, which is why he constantly reminds Marian to be less frank to the public because “... Medyo sobra pa ‘yung pagkatotoo niya eh. Alam naming na matatagal na sa show business na totoo siya, na mabuti siyang tao, that’s enough.”

Marian, for her part, albeit only indirectly, has owned up to being “mataray.” Wala namang masama sa pagiging totoo as long as wala akong tinatapakang ibang tao. Katulad niyo lang din ako na tao na nagre-react,” she explained.

She even added, “Katulad nga ng sinabi ni Kuya Dick di ba kung ano yung ibigay mo yun din ang ibibigay ko sa ‘yo. Siyempre naman inaway ka na nga mag-thank you ka pa ba?”

Much to the press’ surprise, co-star Ai-Ai de las Alas revealed that when it comes to Marian’s boyfriend Dingdong Dantes, the latter is anything but feisty. “Sa love life niya submissive siya. Tina-try niyang maging submissive. Kunyari naghihinahinaan siya pero actually malakas naman siya,” Ai Ai revealed.

Derek deny rumored Cristine-Rayver sex video

Derek Ramsay said he paid no attention when reports came out that his girlfriend Cristine Reyes allegedly has a sex video with her ex-boyfriend Rayver Cruz.

A text message blast circulated recently, providing the link the website that supposedly contains the video. Members of the entertainment media were among those who received the text message. The Kapatid actor said he also got the said text message and merely “laughed about it.” “I didn’t bother opening it. I know what it is. I didn’t even bother,” Derek said. Derek added he didn’t even ask Cristine about the alleged sex video, adding he trusts his girlfriend.

The Kapatid actor is currently doing two drama shows for TV5 and a movie for Viva Films, while Cristine is working on the ongoing primetime drama “Bukas Na Lang Kita Mamahalin.”



Julie Ann San Jose is Happy

’Katuwa si Julie Anne San Jose at hindi yata aware na marami talaga siyang fans dahil tuwing may pa-meet-and-greet ang ini-endorse na Get Laud, nagugulat sa rami ng pumupuntang fans.

“Ang dami ninyo” ang una nitong bati bago kumanta at magpasalamat sa walang tigil na suporta sa kanya.

Natutuwa si Julie Anne dahil kahit pahinga muna ang love team nila ni Elmo Magalona, suportado pa rin siya ng JuliElmo fans at pinapanood ang soap nila ni Kristoffer Martin na Kahit Nasaan Ka Man.

Naintriga lang kami sa inamin ni Julie Anne na may mga



nagpaparamdam sa kanya, wala lang binanggit na pangalan at hindi rin nagbigay ng clue.

For sure hindi kasama si Alden Richards sa mga nagpaparamdam sa kanya dahil may nangyari sa friendship nila at ngayon ay “civil” na lang ang status nila.

Megan Young’s shows on all Networks

Magtatagal pa ang mania ni Miss World Megan Young dahil kahit nasa London siya at pinu-fullfill ang kanyang reign, patuloy siyang mapapanood ng mga Pinoy dahil ibabalik ng ABS-CBN at TV5 ang mga show na kasama siya.

Ibabalik ng ABS-CBN ang Hiyas at ang TV5 nama’y iri-replay ang Misibis Bay na kasama rin sa cast si Megan.

Ang GMA-7 naman, sa kanilang mga report tungkol kay Megan, isinasama ang pagsali niya sa StarStruck 2.

Sa afternoon time slot yata ilalagay ng ABS-CBN ang Hiyas, pero ang TV5, sa primetime slot at daily nila inilagay ang Misibis Bay na kundi kami nagkakamali, sa unang airing ay sa weekend napapanood.



Is Rocco Nacino GMA’s favorite?

Hindi maiiwasang pag-isipang favorite ng GMA Network si Rocco Nacino dahil may bago na namang show. Siya ang host ng reality show na OC o Out of Control at ibinalita nito sa Twitter na magti-taping o nag-taping na sila at ang tweet na “I’m honored to be hosting the show.”

Wala pang ibang detalye sa reality show gaya nang kung kailan ang pilot nito at kung anong klaseng reality show siya. Ang importante siya ang napili. At ‘pag umere na ang OC, magiging tatlo na ang regular shows ni Rocco.

Sumasayaw siya sa Sunday All Stars, nagda-drama sa Akin Pa Rin Ang Bukas at maghu-host sa OC.

Wala pa bang naiinggit kay Rocco sa ibang Kapuso stars?

Anyway, sa Akin Pa Rin Ang Bukas, sina Jerry (Rocco) at Lovelia (Lovi Poe) na, magugulat lang si Jerry nang yayain siyang magpakasal na ni Lovelia. Pumayag kaya ang binata gayung hindi niya mahal ang dalaga?



Raffy Tulfo Slams Willie Revillame For Allegedly Being Ungrateful To TV5

Yesterday’s allies could be today’s enemies. That could be the case between Raffy Tulfo and Willie Revillame. The former is still identified with TV5 while the latter, as we all know, was kicked out of the network due to his show’s poor ratings and incredible costs of operations.

No one could recall any bad blood between the two in the past. That is why many were shocked when Raffy started criticizing Willie through his radio show in TV5’s FM radio commentary station 92.3 Aksyon Radyo. Raffy did not directly drop Willie’s name but it was very obvious (in fact as clear as the sun’s light) that he was referring to the TV host-comedian.

In a recent episode of Raffy’s radio show, he made an opinion about a popular celebrity who supposedly says bad things about TV5 as published in various newspapers. He alleged that Willie, though he did not mention his name, has been criticizing his former TV network, which is Raffy’s current employer.

In his usual direct, firm, and strong tone, Raffy said that celebrity was ungrateful and was non-genuine. He further asked, “Why would you do that to the company that paid you too much money?” It can be recalled that TV5 reportedly paid Willie a hefty P90 million per month, excluding overhead costs of running his daily game show. He was declared as the No. 1 taxpayer for 2012.

However, by the end of his radio show, Raffy said the unsolicited advice was directed to the public in general. But most of his listeners easily figured out that he was referring to Willie all throughout the duration of his unsolicited advice.

Meanwhile, Willie is yet to make any reaction about this issue. It was notable how he has changed his contact numbers since his show ‘Wowowillie’ ended.

Philippines

Freedom to travel: PH ranks 69th

MANILA - Filipinos have visa-free access to only 58 out of 218 countries, putting the Philippines in 69th place in a global survey on freedom to travel.

The July 2013 Visa Restrictions Index drawn up by Henley & Partners, an international residence and citizenship planning company, ranked countries according to the number of nations their citizens can access with a passport.

The Philippines’ score was a far cry from those of Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, whose citizens can visit 173 countries without a visa.

Other countries in the Top 10 were Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, United States (172); Belgium, Italy, Netherlands (171); Canada, France, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Spain (170); Austria, New Zealand, Switzerland (168); Australia, Greece, Singapore; South Korea (166); Iceland (165); Malaysia, Malta (163), and Liechtenstein (159).

Among the lowest were Pakistan and Somalia (32); Iraq (31), and Afghanistan (28).

Of the maximum attainable score of 218, one point is subtracted to account for a national traveling to their own country, with the exception of nationals who must hold a visa to re-enter their home country, and for nationals of countries not considered as a destination. The latter group can reach a highest score of 219.

The Henley & Partners’ Visa Restrictions Index is a global ranking of countries according to travel freedom their citizens enjoy.

It analyzed the visa regulations of all countries in the world.

This is the first time that a global ranking shows the international travel freedom of the citizens of various countries as well as the international relations and status of individual countries relative to others.

“In today’s globalized world, visa restrictions play an important role in controlling the movement of foreign nationals across borders. Almost all countries now require visas from non-nationals who wish to enter their territory,” Henley & Partners said.

Annemarie Princess Guzman’s 8th Birthday



FIRST, Angelina Grace plays with the dog. SECOND, Dr. Josephine dries some of the artwork. THIRD, Dr. Jo and mama Zeny help the kids. FOURTH, A kid gets her face painted. FIFTH, Dr. Solon Guzman poses with the clown entertainer. SIXTH, Birthday celebrant Annemarie Princess gets her face painted first.

GMA International Channels Now Available in Saskatchewan Via SaskTel maxTV!

Our kababayans in Canada are in for a treat as television provider SaskTel has launched all three international channels of the GMA Network in the Saskatchewan area. Starting September 10, GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Life TV, and GMA News TV International, were made available to Kapuso viewers there.

Proving that it is indeed bringing Filipinos closer to home, GMA International's flagship channel, GMA Pinoy TV, offers a top-notch selection of entertainment programs that Filipino viewers from any part of the world can relate to. Audiences can expect a noteworthy line-up of new teleseryes starring the biggest and brightest names in the industry today. Canadian viewers can catch the highly-anticipated Akin Pa Rin Ang Bukas series topbilled by Kapuso Premier Actress Lovi Poe and dashing Kapuso leading man Rocco Nacino. The return of the Aljur Abrenica-Kris Bernal tandem can be seen in their newly-launched romantic comedy series entitled Prinsesa ng Buhay Ko. Kahit Nasaan Ka Man is a musical drama that is set to capture the hearts of audiences with Kapuso Pop Superstar Julie Anne San Jose and newest Kapuso primetime leading man Kristoffer Martin as its lead stars. New and exciting shows are set to premiere this month as well, like Dormitoryo, a weekly suspense-thriller that will surely keep viewers on the edge of their seats. And soon, they will be able to watch the eagerly-anticipated, much-talked-about sci-fi drama Genesis starring Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes and talented Kapuso actress Rhian Ramos.

Saskatchewan viewers can definitely get their comedy and fun fix on GMA Pinoy TV. Filipino noon-time show institution Eat Bulaga! airs on the channel, as well as the longest-running comedy show Bubble Gang. They can also get up-to-date, relevant news about the country on 24 Oras anchored by two of the Philippines' most-recognized broadcast journalism stalwarts, Mel Tiangco and Mike Enriquez.



Our Canadian kababayans will also enjoy watching GMA LifeTV, GMA International's Lifestyle channel, and its exciting line-up of programs that celebrate the vibrancy and creativity of Filipinos in different genres. Some of the must-watch programs are Kusina Master with Chef Boy Logro that offers ways on how to have a fun and enjoyable experience in the kitchen via; Fashbook with multi-talented singer, actress and host Solenn Heusaff, brings viewers the hottest and the newest fashion, beauty and lifestyle news; and MARS, which gives viewers fresh, fun and intelligent conversations for and by mothers, and is hosted by celebrity moms Suzi Entrata-Abrera and Camille Prats. GMA Life TV is proud to be the first and only Filipino lifestyle channel abroad to air English-dubbed Pinoy drama series and the only Filipino channel offering beloved classic black and white Pinoy films. Airing the latest and most relevant news from home is, GMA News TV International is

backed by the Philippines' most-trusted, multi-awarded news organization – GMA News and Public Affairs – and is led by the most respected names in Philippine broadcast journalism today: Jessica Soho, Mike Enriquez, Mel Tiangco, Arnold Clavio, Vicky Morales, and Howie Severino. Only on its second year of operation, GMA News TV has already won its first George Foster Peabody Award for an episode of the documentary program Reel Time entitled “Salat” (Bone Dry). This is GMA News and Public Affairs and the country's third Peabody award. Reel Time tackles the lighter side of the Filipino culture via movie-like documentaries. The country's number one local news channel, GMA News TV boasts of a formidable line-up of programs to give Pinoy viewers overseas timely and credible news reportage all throughout the day. Viewers can look forward to an interesting mix of news and public affairs shows on the channel. The flagship newscast State of the

Nation is at the forefront of the list of the programs. Anchored by no less than GMA News TV pillar Jessica Soho, SONA delivers in-depth and comprehensive news reporting. Meanwhile, Powerhouse is a program hosted by Peabody awardee Kara David that lets viewers peek into the private homes and lives of Philippines' most-powerful and controversial personalities. Finally, Tonight with Arnold Clavio treats viewers to a no-holds barred and informative discussion of the hottest issues today with the most-sought-after personalities. GMA Pinoy TV can be found on channel 250, while GMA LifeTV is on channel 248 and GMA News TV International is on channel 249 SaskTel is available in the following communities in Saskatchewan: Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, North Battleford, Swift Current, Weyburn, Estevan, White City, Martensville, Warman, Lloydminster, Melfort, Melville, Humboldt, Canora, Kamsack, Nipawin, Rosetown, Meadow Lake, Tisdale, Esterhazy and Kindersley. “SaskTel is working to expand our Max programming to better serve our customers,” said Jason Durant, acting Chief Marketing Officer. “Saskatchewan has been welcoming more and more people from the Philippines, so we are proud to reflect our changing population by offering these new programming choices. Aside from Canada GMA Pinoy TV, GMA LifeTV and GMA NewsTV International, can also be seen in the US, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia Pacific. To subscribe to SaskTel, call 1-800-SASKTEL (1-800-727-5835) or visit www.SaskTel.com. For more details and program information, visit the GMA International website www.gmanetwork.com/international, Facebook pages www.facebook.com/GMAPinoyTV, www.facebook.com/gmalifetv, and, www.facebook.com/gmanewsinternational, and Twitter pages @GMAPinoyTV and @GMA_LifeTV.

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Dantes, Alonzo, Gil shine in “She’s the One”

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Top-grossing Filipino romantic comedy now showing in 42 theatres in U.S. & Canada

REDWOOD CITY, CA, October 25, 2013 – Love in the digital age is not necessarily a novel topic in movies today. But in ABS-CBN Star Cinema’s latest 20th anniversary offering, She’s the One, new life and a fresh spin was injected to the familiar story of romantic entanglements in this social media-driven generation.

Directed by Mae Czarina Cruz, She’s The One is about how a long-time friendship can change because of one crazy circumstance that forces two friends to re-evaluate how they feel for each other in this new generation of Facebook, Twitter and viral videos.

She’s The One stars three big-name actors who have been part of two huge Filipino box-office hits and one top-rating teleserye on TFC this year. In January, Dingdong Dantes impressed North America filmgoers when the drama, “One More Try” screened in multiple theatres around the region. The film was hailed Best Picture at the 2012 Metro Manila Film Festival and gave Dantes a Best Actor nod.

Back in July, fans formed long queues at the movie theatres for the blockbuster, “Four Sisters and A Wedding”, that starred Bea Alonzo with Angel Locsin, Shaina Magdayao, Toni Gonzaga and Enchong Dee.

On TFC this year, Enrique Gil joined Enchong Dee and Julia Montes in the popular

teleserye, “Muling Buksan Ang Puso”, a star-making turn that gave Gil the title, “The Next Ultimate Leading Man” of Philippine showbiz.

Together for the first time under Cruz’s direction, Dantes, Alonzo and Gil are making a killing at the box office back in the Philippines with She’s The One, which had an opening day take of P12 million a week ago and fast climbing. Written by the award-winning Vanessa Valdez, the film is woven around the idea of an “epiphany” – a “Eureka moment” that could change one’s entire life and where it’s heading. But in this era of “it’s complicated” relationships, how far would one go toward that realization before it’s too late?

Co-starring with Dantes, Alonzo and Gil in She’s The One are Maricar Reyes, Liza Soberano, Tony Mabesa, Perla Bautista, Pinky Amador, Guji Lorenzana, RS Francisco, Marc Solis, Erika Padilla, Garlic Garcia, Daniel Matsunaga, LJ Reyes and Coleen Garcia.

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Coco Martin deny dating Gretchen Barretto

Now that Juan dela Cruz is finished, Coco Martin admitted that he will miss everyone that he got to work with on the soap. “Unang una nakakalungkot kasi sa haba ng pagsasama namin at sa bonding namin ng mga kapwa artista ko, mga staff and crew, ‘yung pagmamahal na ibinigay sa amin ng mga tao nakaka-miss so ayaw pa sana namin matapos pero ‘yun nga lahat ng bagay may katapusan.”

When asked if Juan dela Cruz is going to be mad into a movie, Coco revealed that there’s a plan to do it some time next year.

After JDC, Coco plans to make an indie

movie while waiting for his next soap. “Gusto ko muna bumalik muna sa indie para makawala man lang. Kumbaga ‘yun ‘yung puso at kaluluwa naming mga artista, ang paggawa ng pelikula, habang nagpapahinga ako at habang wala pang soap opera.”

When asked if he went out on a date with Gretchen Barretto when the actress was a guest on the soap, Coco said that there is no truth to that rumor. “Wala, walang katotohanan [na nag-date kami], kumbaga napakabait niya lang na tao. Nung una lahat kami gandang ganda sa kanya, sobrang bait niya, sabi nga namin hindi namin inaakala na ganon siya kabait na tao. Sabi ko nga sana bigyan pa kami ng pagkakataong magkatrabaho kami o kung sakasakali man sa future sa pelikula,” he stated.

‘The Legal Wife ‘is ABS-CBN’s newest primetime offering

ABS-CBN is set to air its newest primetime offering in November. Titled The Legal Wife, the soap will showcase the much-awaited return of Angel Locsin on primetime television. She will be joined by Jericho Rosales, Maja Salvador and the new Kapamilya, JC de Vera.

In the press briefing of The Legal Wife last October 25, the management behind the soap headed by its business unit heads Malou Santos and Des Tanwangco, dished out some details of this latest offering.

“Mas mahirap maging legal wife and sa show na ito makikita niyo na kung ano pang pinagdadaanan ng isang wife at papaano niya laging nilalagay sa konsiderasyon ang anak. Ipapakita sa show na ito kung ano ang kino-consider para i-keep ang relationship, kahit sabihin ng buong mundo na ang tanga-tanga mo na. Bakit siya kumakapit bilang isang asawa o bilang isang ina para i-keep ang family? That’s what we really wanted to show in the serye,” relayed by Henry Quitain (Star Creatives’ Creative Manager).

He further shared that this soap would focus more on the story of the wife. “We would really like to focus on the legal wife, kung ano ang pinagdadaanan niya. It’s not just about the problem of the legal wife with another woman. It’s more of the journey ng character ni Angel.”

The Legal Wife will be helmed by award-winning directors Rory Quintos and Dado Lumibao.



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since end of July. The property management already verified the tenants so there’s no point in applying now,” said PWC associate director, Lolit Andrada Lledo.

The perpetrators are believed to have found victims near Filipino businesses in the area according to what victims have told the PWC.

Lledo said the victims were then given copies of her old business cards.

While there have been at least 10 inquiries in the past several days, PWC has yet to see the bogus applications.

Andrada said they are now in the process of filing a police report while pushing through with the Larry Itliong Village’s grand opening.

The first batch of tenants is expected to begin moving into the Larry Itliong Village next month as originally planned.

It will also house the PWC which offers services to low income immigrant families.

Champion



Maria Panaligan is all smiles at the Hidden Talent contest as she wins the contest.



Disney cast students and mentors with the Josie de Leon School for the Performing Arts pose for a picture.

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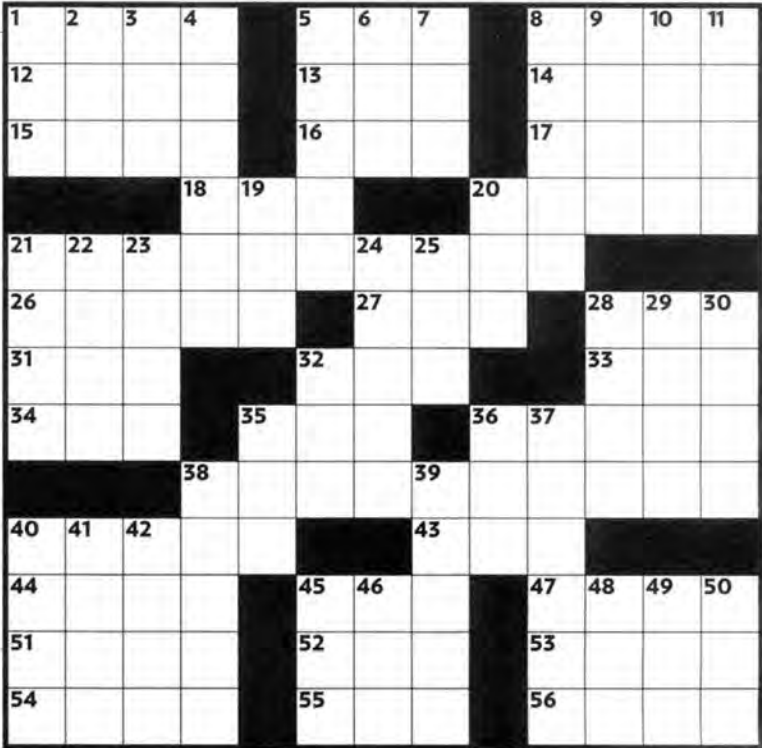
ACROSS

1 First name of 21 Across
5 ___ of Days
(Schwarzenegger film)
8 "A partridge in a ___ tree"
12 Jeopardy! emcee
Trebek
13 Jane Doe movies'
Thompson
14 Sea eagle
15 Artist Vincent van ___
16 Myrna ___ of
Thin Man films
17 Actress Hathaway
(Brokeback Mountain
costar of 21 Across)
18 Affirmative vote
20 Drama starring
Gwyneth Paltrow and
21 Across
21 With 1 Across, star of
Zodiac and Rendition
26 Climbing campus
vines
27 "___ Be Good to You"
by Najee
28 Benicio ___ Toro
of Che
31 Anna Nicole Smith,
___ Vickie Lynn Hogan
32 Greek H
33 Quarterback Manning
34 Donkey
35 One of the Seven
Dwarfs
36 My Own Private ___
38 Supporting Actor
Oscar nominee for Milk
(2 wds.)
40 Legendary violinist
Mischa ___
43 James Bond creator
Fleming
44 Taken star Neeson
45 Stir-frying pan
47 Peebles and Long
51 Jennifer Lopez's "___
Have" (2 wds.)
52 Chingy's "___ Call
Away"
53 Confessions of a
Shopaholic's Fisher
54 Moonlight ___ stars
21 Across
55 Charlie Wilson's ___
56 ___ of Eden

DOWN

1 David James Elliott's
naval lawyers series
2 Penélope Cruz's
phone greeting
3 Beer cask
4 Waiting to ___
5 TV host DeGeneres
6 Keanu Reeves' Matrix
films role
7 The ___ After
Tomorrow stars
21 Across
8 Ben Affleck movie
___ Harbor
9 Rubik of cube fame
10 Part of A.D.
11 Donovan's ___ stars
John Wayne
19 Jim Carrey's ___ Man
20 ___ Joey
(Sinatra movie)
21 Gershon or
Lolobrigida
22 Designer Saint Laurent
23 Mike Leigh film
Secrets and ___
24 Will Smith romantic
comedy
25 Pie ___ mode (2 wds.)
28 ___ or No Deal
29 Of K-12 curriculum
30 The ___ King
32 Greek dawn goddess
35 Comedian Rickles
36 Rosemary's Baby author
Levin
37 ___ Darko stars
21 Across
38 Actor Foxx (Jarhead
costar of 21 Across)
39 Lance Armstrong
is one
40 Jack ___ of westerns
41 Julie Andrews film
Darling ___
42 Paul Blart: ___ Cop
45 Rapper Bow ___
46 Snakes ___ Plane
(2 wds.)
48 Force M.D.'s "Love
___ House" (2 wds.)
49 Gore and Pacino
50 Perched

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Grandma's Baby



Perly Allilio of Forex Cargo dotes on her granddaughter during a dinner for the Aegis band.

Confidentials

FEATURETTES *People & Parties* LIFE HEALTH ARTS

You're Invited to My Wedding, now, SHOW ME THE MONEY

My friend Romy attended a wedding shower where they had to pay for the food, the drinks and everything else. The motif of the night was casino night.

The wedding itself was outside Toronto, in Wasaga. The invitation even said “Cash only.” The invitation included their daughter, so, they were out at least \$300. The wedding itself coincided with their daughter’s debut, who was happy to just have dinner with friends to celebrate her 18th birthday. It also coincided with their own wedding anniversary which they forego also.

Another overpriced wedding, another bride shaking guests down for cash.

Earlier this month, a bride whipped out her phone and texted one of her guests: The newlywed woman was still waiting on a money-stuffed card and congenially reminded her guest that she’d attended “for free.” The guest, a childhood friend saddled with student loans, fired back with a refreshing smackdown. “If you cannot afford a wedding, then do not have one,” she wrote in a letter. “Do not dare make your friends/family feel financially responsible for your decisions/parties/extravagances.” The guest taped a penny to the letter, then bid farewell to their friendship.

Wedding planners and bloggers are appalled by the recent episodes, pointing to one cause: desperation born of poor budgeting.

Many couples treat the wedding as a “potlatch,” says Karina Lemke, a Toronto wedding planner. “It is an opportunity for them to have a great party, to show off and then expect that people are going to subsidize it. It’s a very crass and unpolished approach to things.”

New York wedding planner Xochitl Gonzalez compares brides and grooms who hound guests for cash to “gangsters.” A low point for Gonzalez involved a personal friend invited to a colleague’s wedding; guests were greeted with a manned cash box and \$50 cover charge at



the reception door. “It’s crazy,” Gonzalez said.

Catherine Lash, creative director at the Wedding Co., which hosts an upscale wedding show in Toronto annually, chalks it up to entitlement on the part of brides and grooms, a mentality that’s making guests antsy. “It’s become so expected now that people are thinking, ‘Okay, how much is this meal going to cost? I have to give that much money.’ What a gross thing.”

Tara O’Grady, founder of Bliss, a Toronto wedding planning and decor company, says “You are choosing to spend this amount of money on the wedding that you want, that reflects you and your families,” O’Grady said. “There should be zero expectation about what the guests are going to subsidize.”

Goading guests is hardly the answer – don’t plan a wedding you can’t afford, say wedding planners, vendors and bloggers, even as many of them are thriving in a wedding industrial complex that churns out must-have trends annually.

Still, much of the current rotten behaviour boils down to the lost art of good hosting. “If you are having people

over for dinner and spend money on steak, groceries and wine, you don’t expect people to turn around and give you money,” says Gonzalez.

Beyond basic etiquette, Lash points out that tussles with guests over money can ruin friendships for life. Nor do they spell good things for a marriage.

“It’s so wrong in so many ways. This is the time you’re supposed to spend with your friends, not spend their money.”

Ballooning costs for the big day

More than two thirds of engaged Canadian women go over budget on their weddings, according to the 2013 Bridal Survey from Weddingbells magazine, which in April polled 2,200 Canadian female readers. Women who were a quarter of the way through planning their nuptials foresaw a total cost of just more than \$29,000. But women whose planning was 75 per cent complete realized the total would be 30 per cent higher, estimating a final tally of nearly \$38,000.

The average engagement period was 1 year and 11 months. This time frame has ballooned by nearly half a year since 2008, meaning more time for brides-to-be to splurge. Not surprisingly, registry requests for cash are on the rise: 73 per cent wanted money in 2013, up from 66 per cent last year.

“‘We’re not registered anywhere’ is code for cash,” says Wedding Co. creative director Catherine Lash, but points out, “Registering for money is different than expecting your guests to pay for a wedding.”

Toronto wedding planner Tara O’Grady says brides and grooms need a strong understanding ahead of time of what every element will cost, or a planner to break it down for them with a line-by-line budget. “You add up all those lines? You are agog. You cannot believe what the grand total is coming to.”



Jennylyn Mercado Posts Cryptic Message On Instagram

It has been days since Jennylyn Mercado and Luis Manzano reportedly broke up and until now, nothing has been heard from the former couple. Jennylyn, however, posted a message on her Instagram account. “When people walk away, let them. Your future is not about people who walk away, it’s about the people who stay in it for the ride.” There was no caption for the message. It can also be noticed that the actress already deleted all her pictures with Luis.

But in Luis’ Instagram, photos of him and Jennylyn have not been put down.

Yam Concepcion Denies She’s The Reason Of Luis Manzano-Jennylyn Mercado Breakup

Yam Concepcion said she barely knew Luis Manzano so when news broke out she was the reason for the TV host’s recent split with girlfriend Jennylyn Mercado, it surprised and embarrassed her. Luis already joked that the media should next link him to Hollywood star Kate Beckinsale.

Yam, for her part, said she doesn’t know where the rumors started. She is afraid netizens might start calling her names because of these rumors.

Yam said she met Luis through their common friends even before she joined showbiz. She also met him again when she guested on “Minute To Win It,” but that was a long time ago.

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



Bing Marasigan takes aim at a board attached to husband Jimmy at at fun game during the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation picnic at Milliken Park.

Crossword Answers

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Paulo Avelino, LJ Reyes split

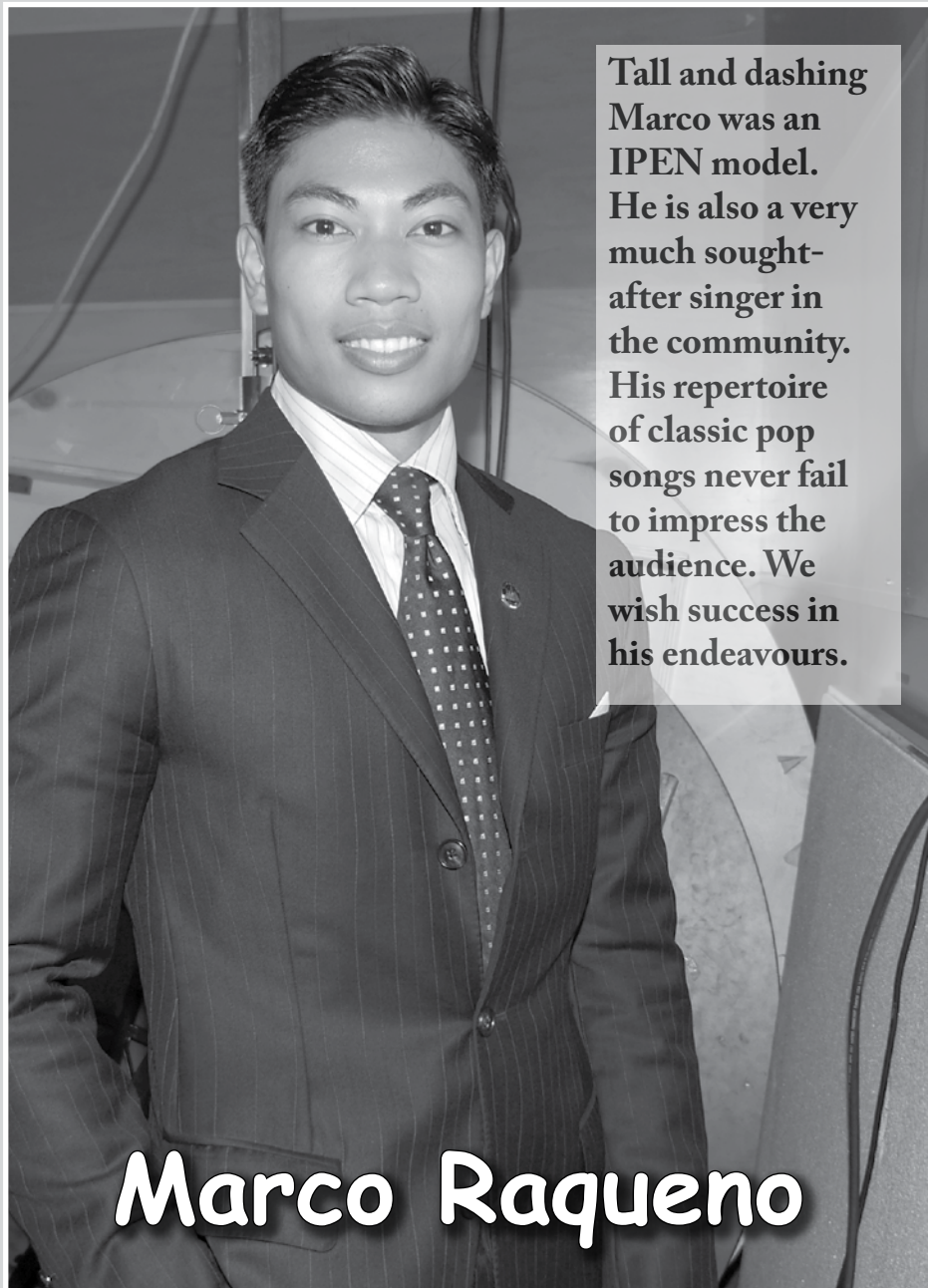
Actor Paulo Avelino has always tried to avoid answering questions about the status of his relationship with LJ Reyes, the mother of his son. But since he's doing a teleserye that highlights the importance of being honest, the actor had to finally give the answer many have been waiting for.

He confirmed that he and LJ have been living apart for a while, and that their only relationship centered on their son. "Single and complicated" was how Paulo described his civil status.

He admitted to being aloof before when it comes to answering personal questions. It is because he is also protecting some people in his life, and he also wants to keep some things in his life private.

Breaking things off was a mutual decision, Paulo said, adding that he is not closing his doors to love. If it one day comes knocking again, then he won't shy away from it.

Hunk Shot



Tall and dashing Marco was an IPEN model. He is also a very much sought-after singer in the community. His repertoire of classic pop songs never fail to impress the audience. We wish success in his endeavours.

Marco Raqueno

US 'pivot' to Asia gaining strength— admiral

ABOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON—The United States has significantly increased its warships and aircraft deployed in Asia despite Washington's budget woes, adding punch to its "pivot" to the region, a senior naval commander said.

Rear Admiral Mark C. Montgomery, commander of an aircraft carrier strike group homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, said the expanded military presence would have a calming effect on simmering tensions and territorial disputes in the region.

"The strategic rebalancing has resulted in an extremely higher number of surface combatants, cruisers and destroyers that support the strike group," Montgomery told Agence France-Presse in an interview aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

"What we've seen is an increase in surface combatant presence here in the Western Pacific... so these ships are spread throughout those areas," he said, in the interview at the flag bridge of the nuclear-powered supercarrier as fighter jets took off and landed on the deck as part of drills.

"Having more ships gives us more presence. It allows us to have a greater force."

Montgomery said US defense budget cuts and the recent 16-day partial US government shutdown have not affected his command.

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