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DOLOROSA

Philip Beloso of Dolorosa Quezon plucks some flowers from the Virgin Mary to give to singer Maria Panaligan during the annual fiesta celebration held at St. Rose of Lima parish.

It's beginning to feel like Christmas

MANILA - Christmas, Filipinos' favorite time of the year, is less than 100 days away. The countdown to Christmas has stores nationwide abuzz with excitement as they start to play Christmas carols to remind customers that the Holidays is, indeed, just around the corner.

Christmas lanterns start becoming a

common sight in the Philippines. The Philippines, being a predominantly Catholic country, observes the longest Christmas season in the world. The official observance is from December 16 with the start of Simbang Gabi (midnight or dawn mass) until the first Sunday after New Year's Day for the Epiphany or Three

King's Day. Since 2011, the Catholic Church mandated that the season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, held on either the Monday after Epiphany or the second Sunday of the year. But it's the start of the "ber" months that heralds Christmas time for Filipinos who extend the celebrations up to the third Sunday of

January for the Feast of the Santo Nino de Cebu. Christmas in September kicks off with early bazaars for the intrepid Christmas shoppers. A website, fitzvillafuerte.com has

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Maja reacts to Sex Video Scandals

Maja Salvador is not the type who attracts controversy because of her strongly-worded comments. But she decided to

speak her mind about the sex video scandals rocking showbiz these days. "Kayo mismo, dapat protektahan

ang sarili. Kung may gagawin kayong isang bagay, (dapat) private yon. Nakalulungkot lang. Sa bawat pamilya,

may nanay, may kapatid, may kaibigan na

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Jenifer Forever 4

Diva Jenifer Camacho sings "Just give me a reason" by Pink with fellow singer Amsky Chan at her birthday bash / presscon for her next concert entitled Jenifer Forever 4 in 2014.

Peace in Mindanao Questioned

Guns, clans, rogue Muslim rebels undermine south Philippine peace

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, Sept 15 - A week of violence in the southern Philippines has undercut hopes of lasting peace in the resource-rich region and exposed the government to criticism for underestimating rogue Muslim rebels who feel ignored by a landmark deal last year.

The agreement signed by President Benigno Aquino and the biggest Muslim rebel group last October was meant to pave the way for a revival of southernmost Mindanao island after 40

years of conflict, giving Muslims there more autonomy in the Catholic-majority country.

That deal, with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), remains on track, but the assault on the commercial hub of Zamboanga City by hundreds of armed rebels has underlined fears that the region's volatile mix of guns, clans and disgruntled rebel factions could yet

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Phl Most Improved Biz Climate in Asean

Availability of Trained Personnel is a Factor

MANILA -The Philippines was the most improved in business environment among ASEAN countries, a new survey of American firms operating in the region revealed.

Based on the 2013 ASEAN Business Outlook Survey conducted by the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in 10 countries in ASEAN revealed that from 2008 to 2013, the Philippines showed the greatest improvement in its business

environment.

The most attractive countries for new business expansion are Indonesia, followed by Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar. On the Philippines, the survey showed that corruption topped the list of concerns with 59 percent followed by tax structure (56%), infrastructure (54%), laws and regulations (46%), and ease of moving products through customs (44%).

With the exception of corruption, these concerns have remained quite

consistent over the last five years, the survey said.

Satisfaction in the Philippines increased across fourteen of the sixteen business factors over the last five years, led by a 50% increase in satisfaction with the stability of the government and political system.

The latest survey showed that 87%

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Johnny Depp lets Amber Heard date women

Do Johnny Depp and Amber Heard have a secret deal with one another, allowing for an open relationship? That's what a new report alleges, though it's not Johnny looking for extra company, it's Amber.

The couple came to an agreement that would allow for Amber to explore her bisexuality. "Johnny always knew this aspect of her life was important and he says as long as she makes it clear he's her number one, she can do whatever she likes," an insider says. "It's liberating for both of them."

Amber reportedly told Johnny at the beginning of their relationship that she'll always be interested in both women and men. However, it's alleged that the pact between the couple only allows for Amber to see other women on the side, not men.

The pair have been dating on and off since 2012, when Depp split from his partner of 14 years, Vanessa Paradis. Heard was previously in a four year relationship with photographer Tasya van Ree and came out of the closet as bisexual in 2010.

Kill Pork, Revive FOI

Why Escudero wants cedula scrapped



Demonstrators chant slogans during a protest against official corruption at Luneta park in Metro Manila, August 26, 2013, to demand the abolition of a misused fund for legislators' pet projects. PHOTO BY FROY BAKING

MANILA - The call to kill the pork barrel should be followed by a push to revive the Freedom of Information (FOI) Bill, business groups said.

This, as they noted that misuse of the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) stresses the need for greater government transparency.

"[T]he PDAF controversy illustrates to us the power of information as a check on abuses in government," business groups led by the Makati Business Club said.

The FOI bill, along with other reforms, "will institutionalize the highest standards of transparency and accountability," they noted.

This, even as they lauded President Benigno Aquino III's call to abolish the PDAF, which they said has

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Mia Napao at Aegis

Mia Lising Napao sings at the Aegis concert held at the Toronto International Celebration Church.



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Hoax News

Marian Rivera, placed second to Justin Bieber who is being listed as number one in the “World’s Top Ten Most Hated List” with 17% of votes.



In my humble opinion, this is a hoax. People got tired of killing Jackie Chan, so now they make a news that Marian Rivera is in the list of most hated people of the world. How can Marian Rivera be included in that list when she is not even an internationally-known star. Her star power is only in the Philippines. Nobody knows her outside the Philippines except Filipinos who keep in touch with the local news. On the other hand, Justin Bieber is known worldwide. Ironically, if Marian is hated worldwide, she should be happy because it means that she is already known worldwide like the Bieber.

That’s a Name?

Entertainers’ eccentricity in choosing baby names does not extend to their Canadian counterparts. British musicians Bob Geldof and wife Paula Yates have daughters named Fifi Trixibelle, Peaches Honeyblossom, and Little Pixie. American magician Penn Jillette and wife Emily named their daughter Moxie Crimefighter. Last August, Canadian crooner Michael Buble and wife gave birth to a son named Noah. NOAH? So ordinary. However, I am sure that the son is going to thank them in the future that they did not name him Sennheiser Amplifier or Bose Loudspeaker Buble.

They become Politicians

Aspiring lawyers in the Philippines used to have only five attempts to fulfill their dreams. But now, they may keep on trying until they finally succeed. Apparently, the real reason is that failed lawyers become politicians, where no test is needed for competency. Then, when they get elected, they start getting even with the judiciary. So, the Supreme Court of the Philippines decided that they might as well let them keep trying to be a lawyer. And there is no truth to the rumour that the Freedom of Information bill has not been passed is to prevent people from finding out which politicians are failed bar-takers. Hmmm...interesting...! Ehe, ano ba ito? Santisima, Santa Maria.

No, you don’t

When some people insult you as being gay, by the way you talk, you write, you move, and they follow it up with a disclaimer “I have nothing against gays. In fact, I have gay friends,” my response is “no, you don’t. More likely, they call them friends for convenience but they do not mingle with them. They can say that they are friends with gays just for their benefit. Pang

cover lang. To appear na hindi sila homophobic. you can call them friends with benefits. Ehe, mali yata. But what do I know?

Another Sex Scandal o Gimmick?

Another scandal is brewing over “Eat Bulaga” host Wally Bayola and EB Babe dancer Yosh having a sex video circulating online. Is there any other way? Last month, it was Parokya ni Edgar Chito Miranda and his gf Neri Naig who had a sex video leaked and wants the NBI to investigate. Ano ba iyan? Kailangan mag-launch na rin ako ng sex video ko. Otherwise, magiging luma na itong gimmick na ito at wala nang papansi sa akin. Ehe susmaryosep.

Cashless Society

“Transforming PH into a modern, cashless society” is an article sa inquirer and is about using your card or cellphone to pay for items instead of bringing cold hard cash. With the proposal of senator Vicente Sotto of making mandatory 14th month pay, it might mean a different thing. Baka talagang mawalan na ng pera ang mga Pilipino sa Pilipinas. Who else is going to open a business sa Pilipinas? Magsasara na mga small business and big business will just layoff workers. Philippines has more holidays than Canada and the united States. Then, we add more paid holidays whenever we think of someone or a place needs to be honored. Is this his way of bribing voters dahil they are under investigation sa pork barrel scam? Hmmm...the timing kasi is very suspicious.

Another sex video

Mmay isang artista na naman po ang nasangkot sa sex video. Pero unlike the 2 previous ones where it went viral, nobody is paying to this one. Is it because the person in the video is alone? HUH! Ewwww.....

Spotlight

Maricel Soriano - William Martinez

COMEDY LOVE TEAM OF THE 80s



The Maricel Soriano- William Martinez love team, always funny, hilarious and riotous, is one of the well-loved, closely followed, and successful screen tandems in local cinema in the 80s.

Maricel Soriano was launched to full stardom in 1980 via Regal Films’ Underage, while William Martinez got his biggest break in Ishmael Bernal’s City after Dark. Regal Films bigwigs found a right and perfect combination when Maricel and William were paired for the first time in the movie, ironically in a drama vehicle, Oh My Mama in 1981. The two young stars reminded me of the 50s screen favorites Nida Blanca and Nestor de Villa. Regal Films could have patterned and packaged the two in the mold of these veteran thespians (Regal did a remake of 1954’s Galawgaw and a sequel to Waray and Manang Biday movies--- Anak ni Waray vs Anak ni Biday)..

While the Sharon- Gabby love team dwell more on the couple’s stormy personal love life, the Maricel- William, on the hand tackle on the funny and wacky sides of life. Both stars are comfortable with each other--- they blend well, they have the right chemistry, right timing, they can throw their lines with ease --- the elements of great comedy duo are all there. There was no stopping them as they churned out multiple box office hits especially in the genre of comedy

To this day, William, sad to say, was relegated and consigned to secondary roles, movie and TV roles came in trickles; Maricel, on the other hand, continue to mesmerize audiences with her versatile performances whether it be drama or comedy, or even action and horror. Regal’s top honcho, Mother Lily (Monteverde) once quip, “Regal without Maricel is nothing.”

PPCO Welcomes Members



ABOVE, PPCO members, welcome Directors, and friends from the Philippines, to participate in the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). The lunch meeting was held on September 7, 2013



RIGHT, Philippine Press Club Ontario (PPCO) members, welcoming the three new members, namely Belinda Corpuz, Willie Jose, and Marissa Corpuz on September 7, 2013. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

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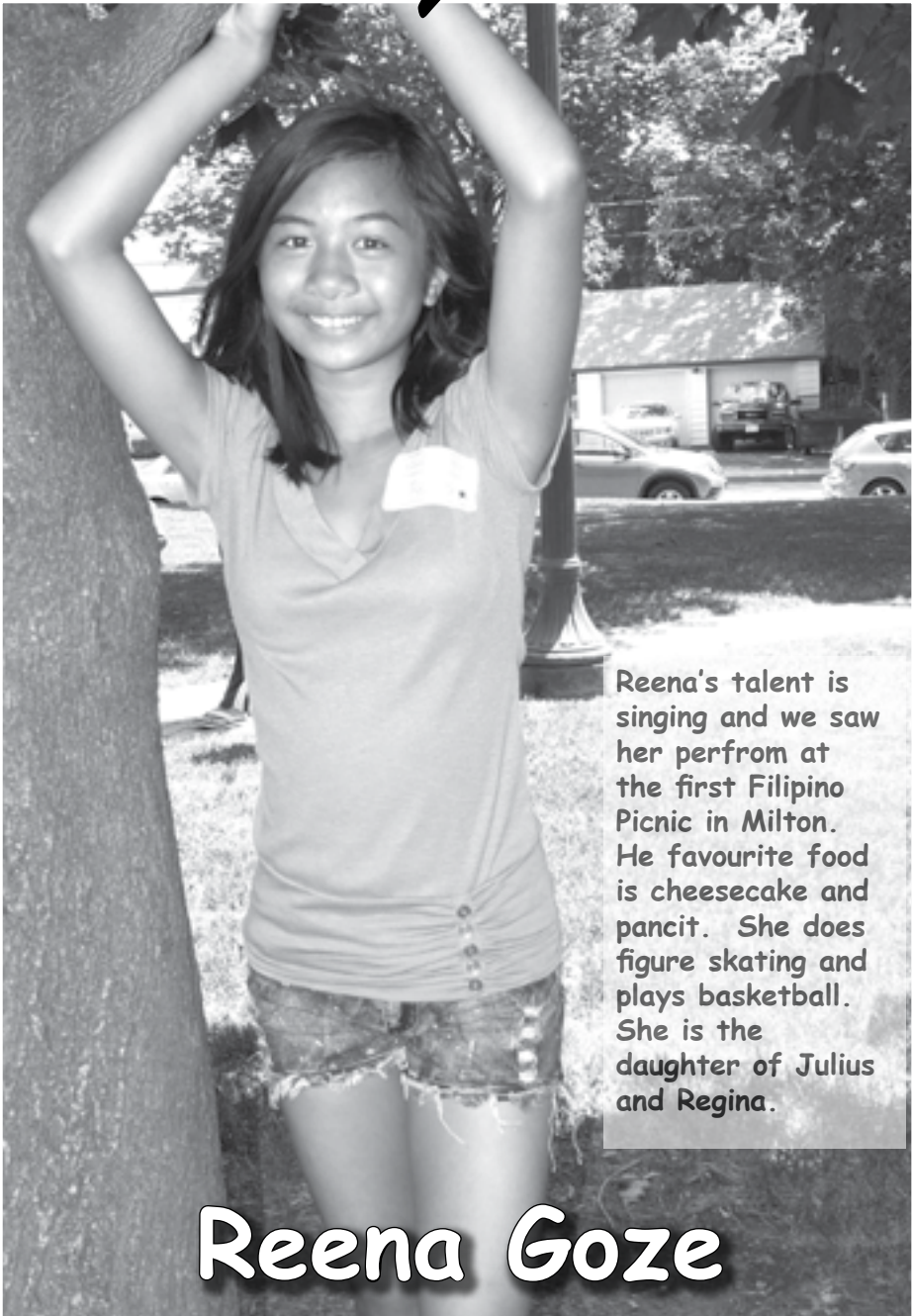
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DALAGA: Oo naman sir. Sure!
SUNDALO: Okay po maam tumayo na po kayo at pahiram ng upuan mo kanina pa po kaming nakatayo eh.

Panliligaw

Nagkasabay ang AIR FORCE, NAVY, PULIS, MARINES, at SCOUT RANGER sa bahay ng nililigawan nilang dalaga at habang inaanatay nila ang dalaga nakausap nila ang nanay ng dalaga:
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PULIS: Pag ako sinagot ng anak nyo nay masisiguro ko na magiging masagana ang buhay nya.
MARINES: Matatapang kaming mga Marines nay masisiguro ko ang kaligtasan ng anak nyo kasi kami ang First to fight, last to leave!
SCOUT RANGER: Syanga pala nay saan po pala ang anak nyo?
NANAY: Hay nako! Mga ginoo naunahan na kayo tinanan na kagabi ng SEKYU sa kantol!

Honey SHOT



Reena's talent is singing and we saw her perfrom at the first Filipino Picnic in Milton. He favourite food is cheesecake and pancit. She does figure skating and plays basketball. She is the daughter of Julius and Regina.

Reena Goze



WiFi Sheds will flop

MANILA, Philippines—Waiting sheds equipped with free Wi-Fi service and solar-powered streetlights will soon be installed in Manila, in line with the local government's revival plans for the city.
Vice Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso said the city will save around P18 million monthly for the streetlights’ bill. Domagoso said commuters may start seeing the Wi-Fi-ready waiting sheds within the next two weeks.
However, Phoebe Magdirila of TechnAsia says providing free wi-fi access sounds awesome. But doing so out in the open, in the streets of Manila, just won’t work. For one, only a few courageous people will even dare to pull their phones from their pockets. Why? Because whether the government admits it or not, a huge number of snatchers and pickpockets are scattered around the city.
The commuters who succumb to the available internet connection will simply risk losing their phones, or worse, risk their own safety. As Filipinos know, bad guys will use any means to snatch people’s things. They might carry guns or knives in case their culprits fight back. Looking at the scenario this way, it could bring about higher crime rates in Manila.
I think this goes the same for other cities in the metropolitan area. Manila is still far from neighboring countries like Singapore, where people can practically pull out their phones in public places or while walking on the streets. Sure, free wi-fi access is cool, but before such a thing could work in Manila, I believe the government should strengthen its efforts to catch the bad guys in the city, which could take a while.

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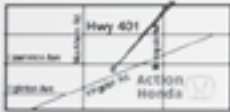
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US-based Pinoy producer dreams big

LOS ANGELES – The recent youth congress by the Philippine Heritage Institute International, in collaboration with the first youth conference by the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement on August 24 in Carson featured speakers who have excelled in their chosen fields, from politics to entertainment.

Among them was twice-E Emmy nominated TV producer Marc Anthony Nicolas or MAN for The Tyra Banks Show. He now produces The Talk at CBS with hosts Sharon Osbourne, Sara Gilbert, Julie Chen, Aisha Tyler, and Sheryl Underwood, and was again nominated for Outstanding Talk Show/Entertainment on June 16, at the 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards staged at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills.

“I am the only Filipino producer and employee of CBS’s talk show,” MAN quipped.

Born in the Philippines, Nicolas came to America at age four and was raised here.

“Now I live a life that I only read about in books and magazines,” he told Philippine News. “I didn’t think it could actually happen to me.”

He produced The Tyra Banks Show in New York and in Los Angeles, and had received two Outstanding Talk Show Daytime Emmy Award nominations: the first was in 2007, followed two years later with the GLAAD Media Award*. “I was also

a ‘Daytime Emmy awardee for Outstanding Informative Talk Show’ of The Tyra Banks Show in 2008 and 2009,” he added. The TV series ran from 2005 to 2011.



Angel Locsin says she has other priorities before marriage

If her boyfriend Phil Younghusband were to propose to her any time soon, actress Angel Locsin would rather hear it directly from him in order for her to have her own “moment,” rather than to learn about it say from another people. But she clarified during a recent visit to the Toda Max set that her Fil-British beau has yet to propose to her and she wants it that way, for now.

“Hindi ko talaga alam eh. Sa ngayon kasi basta masaya kami pero ang hirap kasi kapag may mga priorities kami eh, gaya ng pamilya niya, pamilya ko. So andaming kailangang i-consider,” supplied Angel when asked if she’s ready to say “I do” to her boyfriend of two years now. She added happily, “Pero ewan ko, pag tinanong ka na hindi mo naman alam kung ano ang mangyayari. Basta I love, love.”

Four months ago, Phil, in an interview with Push.com.ph expressed with certainty that Angel will be the one whom he will be spending the rest of his life with. According to him, the only thing that’s left to be determined is when they will make it happen.

Angel, for her part, shared that the said declaration of the Azkals member got her a little nervous. “Ewan ko naunahan ata ng balita tapos andaming nagtatanong sakin kung ikakasal na ako. Magko-congratulate sakin, natakot ako kaya tinanong ko siya,” started the 28-year-old Kapamilya star.

Korea relaxes visa rules for Filipino tourists

Are you itching to go back to South Korea but don’t have the time to process another visa?

Well, you just got lucky as the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) has decided to relax its visa rules for Filipino tourists.

In a statement released on Friday, the KTO office in Manila announced that Filipinos who have visited Korea at least once will be eligible for a one-year multiple-entry visa.

The new rules, which has been implemented since September 1, also makes Filipino travelers who have visited South Korea at least twice eligible for a three-year multiple-entry visa.

It noted that Filipino visitors, as well as those coming from China and other countries in Southeast Asia who previously held a three-year multiple-entry visa can get a five-year visa.

Sangyong Zhu, director of KTO in Manila, expects more Filipinos to visit South Korea than ever before with the implementation of new visa rules.

In this year alone, tourists from Philippines alone increased by 61.5 percent in March, 8.5 percent in April, 12.1 percent in May, 47 percent in June, and 74.4 percent in July compared to 2012.

“Korea is always ahead in visa processing compared by other countries. We are confident that visitor arrivals to Korea will surpass more than 12.5 million visitors again this year,” Zhu said.

From January to July 2013, Korea welcomed more than 6.3 million visitors.



Knight of Rizal - Scarborough Chapter at the KOT Int’l Convention Montreal

Here are pictures of our Knights of Rizal - Scarborough Chapter members who went to Hyatt Regency Hotel in Montreal last weekend to attend the KOR International Convention.

The names of our members in the pictures are ; Bert Mondragon, Deputy Chapter Commander and wife, Lady Nellie Mondragon. Dong Mineque, Chapter Pusuivant, Sol Delas Alas,

Chapter Archivist and wife, Lady Agnes dela Alas, Lady Emy Amante, Leody and Lady Eufring Huerto and Tito Sanchez.

Others in the picture include members of the Knights of Rizal - Toronto Chapter.

The one in the center wearing a black suit is our Knights of Rizal Supreme Commander Reghis Romero heading the Philippine delegation.



LEFT, Knights of Rizal, Scarborough Chapter Commander Manny Yanga poses with Consul-General Junever Mahilum-West. MIDDLE, Manny Yanga (FAR LEFT) of Scarborough Toyota poses with other knights. RIGHT, Manny Yanga (CENTRE) enjoys dinner in the company of other knights.

Bishop blasts selfies, excessive watching of Telenovelas

MANILA - Novaliches Bishop Emeritus Teodoro Bacani slammed the excessive “selfies” on social media, saying it is not just anymore a symptom of selfishness.

In a report from CBCP News, Bacani was quoted as saying: “We are selfish, this is what we need to do away with. [It’s all about] I, me, myself [like] those who keep on taking selfie photos.”

Bacani made the statement in a homily he delivered before 2,000 people gathered to see the image of Our Lady of Fatima - Portugal last week.

The bishop said selfishness already transcends to politics.

“If by any chance, you don’t take pictures yourself, you take from the pork barrel instead.”

He said the world now is all about picture-taking and not on picture-giving. This trend also means that the people are in dire need of God.

“What God wants to say is, ‘Leave your selfishness.’ This is what you need to leave and live in God instead because in God is true peace,” Bacani said.

He also asked the public to spare 15 minutes of their time watching telenovelas and pray the rosary instead.

Belmonte: ‘Pork’ probe

won’t spare PNoy allies

MANILA, Philippines - The pork barrel scam investigation being conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ) will not spare administration allies, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said. Belmonte said the fear of opposition Sen. Jinggoy Estrada that President Aquino’s supporters who have been linked to the scam might be treated as sacred cows is premature.

“Justice Secretary (Leila) de Lima has made statements several times that there will be a second and even a third wave of filing (of charges). It is premature for him to even assume that allies of the President would be spared,” he said.

“The President has made a strong position that those who have been implicated, regardless of political affiliation, would be made to answer and be held accountable for their actions,” he added. Estrada and Sen. Ramon Revilla Jr. are reportedly planning to deliver privilege speeches this week to claim that the DOJ is targeting opposition senators in its pork barrel scam investigation.

Estrada is expected to name some of his own Senate colleagues and possibly some congressmen who were

mentioned in the special Commission on Audit (COA) report on the use of Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) allocations from 2007 to 2009, but were not included in the first batch of criminal charges filed with the Office of the Ombudsman last week.

Charged with plunder were Estrada, Revilla and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

According to the complaint, the three received P581 million in kickbacks from bogus non-government organizations (NGOs) associated with alleged pork barrel scam brains Janet Lim-Napoles.

Charged with them was Napoles. The senators’ chiefs of staff are also facing criminal cases for allegedly receiving commissions and facilitating the flow of funds to the Napoles NGOs. Belmonte said he would give senators and members of the House of Representatives mentioned in the COA report as having given funds to NGOs only once or twice the benefit of good faith.

Other House leaders have urged Estrada and Revilla to just prepare to defend themselves before the Ombudsman instead of resorting to mud throwing.



Derek says “F” word to Cristine

It’s official! Derek Ramsay and Cristine Reyes are in a relationship.

Derek Ramsay said the “f” word. No, it’s not what you’re thinking silly. Less than a week after he admitted his relationship with Cristine Reyes, the actor has one word to describe his new found love - “f” for forever.

While it’s too early to tell whether the celebrity couple’s relationship will lead to marriage, the 36-year-old actor and Cristine who is 12 years younger are obviously very much in love.

“This is forever!” - “Queen” Cristine on the other hand, is having fun with his “king”.

The couple was also spotted on September 1 during the charity event, Hero Ball organized by Gerald Anderson. Cristine cheered for Derek who was among the celebrity players.

Katrina Halili not in a hurry to marry Kris lawrence

KATRINA Halili is glad to be reunited with Director Maryo de los Reyes in “Magkano Ba ang Pag-ibig” that starts airing today, Monday.



Maryo was her director in the soap where she played the lead, “Magdusa Ka,” which was even nominated in the international Emmy Awards.

“Iba talaga si Direk Maryo J. dahil he brings out the best in his actors,” says Katrina, whose

daughter Katrence turned one year old last Wednesday. “Dito sa ‘Magkano Ba ang Pag-ibig’, tatlo kaming aktres na nag-Valentina ang nagkasama-sama. Una si Tita Celia Rodriguez na

nag-Valentina kay Gov. Vilma Santos sa ‘Lipad Darna Lipad’ in 1973. Then si Alessandra de Rossi na nag-Valentina on TV to Angel Locsin’s Darna noong 2005, at ako na nag-Valentina kay Marian Rivera sa 2009 version ng ‘Darna’.”

She and Kat-rence’s dad, singer Kris Lawrence, hosted a Candyland-themed birthday party for their baby. “She’s really a blessing kasi ang bait-bait, hindi iyakin at all. Ganyan din daw ako noong baby ako.”

So do they plan to get married soon for the sake of the baby? “Huwag muna. Siguro pag 30 na ako. Mag-iipon muna kami. I’m having a dive resort constructed in El Nido, Palawan, para naman may income pa rin ako pag walang trabaho rito. Mas conscious na ako sa mga gastusin ngayon. Di gaya ng dati, wala akong

pakialam sa bills, bayad lang ng bayad, but now, teka magtipid naman tayo sa kuryente, sa tubig.”

So Kris doesn’t live with them? “Hindi, dun pa rin siya sa pad nila ni Jay-R. Sila talaga ang magka-live in, e. Malapit lang naman sa bahay ko sa New Manila ang bahay nila, kaya madalas siyang nakakadalaw sa’min ng baby naming si Kate. Napakabait ng parents niya, laging may pinapadalang supplies sa amin ni Kate from the States.”

What can she say now that Sen. Bong Revilla, who helped her at the height of the Hayden Kho scandal and who’s now in the eye of the storm due to the pork barrel brouhaha? “Wala. I’m just praying for him na malampasan niya ang mga pinagdaraan niya ngayon.”

Scene with the Stars



FROM LEFT, Flor Casas, fan,pose with Vehnee Saturno and singer Ladine Roxas: Singer Josie de Leon serenades John Lloyd; Mel poses with John Lloyd; Josie de Leon (CENTER) poses with compose Vehnee Saturno and singer Ladine Roxas; Mel and Flor pose with Xian Lim and Kim Chiu.

Guingona disappointed as Senate decides to consult Ombudsman over Napoles subpoena



MANILA, Philippines – Senator Teofisto Guingona has expressed disappointment over the Senate’s decision to seek the opinion of the Ombudsman on his committee’s request to invite Janet Lim-Napoles into the P10 billion “pork barrel” scam investigation.

Guingona is chairman of the blue ribbon committee, investigating the scam.

“I think this is wrong, in my opinion and it should not have been done,” the senator told reporters in Filipino on Tuesday.

“I’m disappointed. Yes, I am disappointed,” he added.

Guingona said he was surprised to learn that Senate President Franklin Drilon had to seek the opinion of the Ombudsman on the subpoena that he issued to Napoles for her to appear on Thursday’s committee hearing.

Napoles, who has been detained for serious illegal detention of whistleblower Benhur Luy, was among those charged with plunder at the Office of the Ombudsman.

“I didn’t see that coming and I was surprised this morning that that was the action taken,” Guingona said.

Asked then if there was a need for the Senate to invite Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales herself to know her opinion about the subpoena against Napoles, the senator said, “Not anymore. In the first place, I’m not in favour of asking the Ombudsman’s comment,” he said.

“The power of the Senate is Supreme. We do not have to get the opinion of another branch of government. They can’t interfere,” Guingona added.

Recall of customs men to reduce collections, says regional exec

DAVAO CITY, Philippines—Customs chief Ruffy Biazon’s order recalling customs personnel to their original units or positions is to take a heavy toll on the collections of the regional offices of the Bureau of Customs, a regional official of the agency here said.

Speaking to reporters here on Monday, Southern Mindanao deputy collector for operations Edward James Dy Buco said collection performance was forecast to suffer a reduction of about 60 percent in the next two months as a result of the implementation of Customs Personnel Order No. B-134-2013.

The BOC Southern Mindanao office has an average collection of between P15 million and P20 million a day.

Biazon issued the order as part of the reforms being implemented at the agency, which is widely seen as one of most graft-ridden government agencies.

The first batch of employees affected by the order were Supervising Customs Operating Officers and Customs Operations Officers III. They were recalled to their original posts starting September 13.

The second batch of recalled personnel were Chief Customs Operations Officers and Customs Operations Officers V.

Under Biazon’s order, all BOC employees were expected to be back to their respective permanent positions within the next few days.

“The CPO (Customs Personnel Order) has a big effect on operations and collections,” Buco said.

He said that aside from collection, the BOC Southern Mindanao’s exports division was also affected by the order.

The assessment-related job of the division is now being carried out by a trimmed down manpower complement, Buco added.

“Among the most affected is the assessment works in the exports division, where about 70 percent of employees were lost due to the CPO,” he said, adding that from a high of 23 employees, the division now has five personnel.

Buco described the export division as a crucial component of the BOC’s operations.



Misuari promised fighters P10,000 and a firearm each

MANILA, Philippines — Nur Misuari, who promised P10,000 and a gun to each of the fighters that tried to declare independence in Zamboanga City, is believed to be in Sulu, according to Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Gov. Mujiv Hataman.

“We have a report that he’s now in Sulu, not in the mainland, but in an island. He’s mobile,” Hataman told reporters after the Senate hearing on the ARMM billion budget on Monday. He declined to identify the island.

Hataman said surrendering fighters told authorities that Misuari cajoled them into sailing to the southern city, saying they would be rewarded money from the United Nations and a firearm if they succeeded in declaring independence.

“Misuari just told them to go there because they’re going to get paid by the United Nations. If they go to Zamboanga City and are able to raise the flag, and the UN will declare their independence, they’ll get paid P10,000 per participant through the ATM,” he said.

They were told that upon the arrival of a UN peacekeeping force, they would get their prize, plus a firearm, he added.

The UN has twice issued a statement denying it would send a peacekeeping force and recognize Bangsamoro independence declared by Misuari fighters, Hataman said.

President Aquino, who oversaw the military offensive to flush out the rebels for nine days before flying back to Manila Sunday night, said charges of rebellion would also be filed against Misuari for his key role in the attack.

The national police has filed rebellion and other criminal charges against 29 of his followers.

Hundreds of Moro rebels landed by boat in the city on Sept. 9, and threatened to march to the city hall and declare independence, but were repulsed by soldiers. They retreated to the seaside villages and seized 200 civilians, some of whom had escaped or been freed.

After days of fighting, government troops have boxed in the rebels, who were down to 30 to 40 and were holding at least 20 hostages.

Hataman said the group of Ustadz Habier Malik was confined to six buildings in Sta. Barbara and surrounded by security forces, as of Monday.

“The security forces are very cautious because of the hostages,” he said.



MAJA from page 1

babae. Sana ma-realize nila na may mga kamag- anak silang babae. Dapat alam nila paano respetuhin ang mga babae.”

Maja is well aware of the ups and downs of social media because she herself is active on Twitter and Instagram.

Thanks to her Coby Kyros tablet (she has just renewed her endorsement of the brand), Maja has become social media savvy.

Still, she knows too much of anything is bad. So Maja has learned to draw the line.

“Dati, sobrang addict sa Twitter and Instagram. Ngayon, only the best moments and special events ang sine-share ko. Hindi lang post ng post.”

Maja’s posts border more on the feel-good. “Kung alam mong makakatulong, post mo. Pero kung makakasama or puro nonsense, tahimik na lang ako.”

Sure, Maja has her share of bashers. Who doesn’t? But she has learned how to deal with them. “Hindi yan mawawala san mga artista. Kailangan respect mo opinion nila.”

Maja admits some of her bashers have crossed the line too much, she has decided to block them from her account.

For the most part though, Maja simply refuses to let them get into her system. “Smile na lang tayo. Hindi ako apektado. Hindi ko na lang binabasa ang mga comments. Pag nag-post ako, deadma na. Mga likes na lang ang nakikita ko. Kung masaya ka, wala kang ibang hangad sa paligid mo kung hindi (ang) maging masaya ang lahat.”

Only goes to show that Maja is happy with her relationship with Gerald Anderson, her partner in the just-concluded Star Magic Ball.

Communication, she says, makes her relationship rock-solid. “Kailangan nandiyan kayo para sa isa’t isa. Kung anong gusto mo, i-share mo lang.”

And what does Maja still want in her career?

Ten years after she entered showbiz, Maja wants to work with more brilliant actors she can learn from like Sharon Cuneta, Nora Aunor and Christopher de Leon.

Meantime, projects are waiting for her. “Maja Unveils@10” concert shows nationwide celebrate her decade-long stay in showbiz. A teleserye and movies – indie and mainstream are in the works.

In an industry where stars have risen and fallen, how does Maja maintain the luster in her career?

“Yan din ang tinatanong ko. Ang daming mga bata diyan. Mahirap mag-maintain kung nasaan ka. Kahit sobrang tagal mo na, may darating na sisikat na bago.”

The key, she says, is an open mind and a willingness to be always up on one’s toes.

“Kailangan tanggapin mo (ang mga nangyayari). All these, plus prayers (“pwedeng magdasal kung nasa traffic”) keep Maja’s star shining ever so brightly. And she knows these will see her through in her career – where competition is tough, and longevity is a privilege reserved only for a few.



Scenes in the City



Manny Yanga (FAR RIGHT) of the Knights of Rizal poses with fellow knights at the convention in Montreal. RIGHT, Suzy Llanera (SEATED CENTER) poses with friends at Nieves mangante’s birthday.



Wider US military role in Phl

MANILA - The United States and the Philippines are moving towards an agreement that will expand the American military’s presence in the Philippines, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said during a visit to Manila.

Hagel and President Benigno Aquino “reaffirmed the progress being made” in talks begun earlier this month to allow a bigger military footprint in the Philippines, the Pentagon chief said.

“This progress is welcome and encouraging. I noted that our negotiating teams are working hard to finish the framework agreement in the near future,” he told reporters.

Hagel’s optimistic comments appeared to open up the possibility that the negotiations, which resumed this week in the US capital, could be wrapped up in time for President Barack Obama’s expected visit to Southeast Asia later this year.

An accord opening the way to a more visible role for the American military marks a shift in relations between the two countries, more than two decades after the United States closed down large bases amid anti-American sentiment.

But the Philippines now faces territorial disputes at sea with China and has asked for US assistance to better monitor coastal waters. The United States, meanwhile, is seeking to bolster its ties across Southeast Asia, partly to counter China’s growing military power.

The proposed deal would allow more US troops, aircraft and ships to temporarily pass through the Philippines, at a time when Washington is refocusing its attention on Asia after a decade of war.



Philippines President Benigno Aquino (R) welcomes US Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel at the Malacanang Palace in Manila August 30, 2013. The United States and the Philippines are moving towards an agreement that will expand the American military’s presence in the Philippines, Hagel said.

But Hagel sought to reassure Filipinos, whose senate had voted out the American presence in the early 1990s, saying Washington had no interest in setting up permanent outposts.

“The United States does not seek permanent bases in the Philippines -- that would represent a return to an outdated Cold War mentality,” he said at a joint news conference with his Filipino counterpart.

“Instead, we are using a new model of military-to-military cooperation befitting two great allies and partners,” he said.

Philippine Defence Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said the proposed agreement could permit US forces to regain access to Subic Bay, a large naval base north of Manila that the Pentagon handed over to Philippine control in 1992.

“Subic Bay is one of the facilities that was

mentioned for the US forces to (have) access in. As soon as the framework agreement is complete, we will provide the necessary access to all these facilities,” Gazmin added.

The US defence chief went ahead with his overnight visit to Manila despite a tense showdown over Syria, with US forces prepared to launch punitive strikes against the Damascus regime if ordered.

Even with the turmoil in the Middle East, Hagel said the US remained committed to a strategic focus towards Asia, as well as its 1951 mutual defence pact with Manila.

The tensions have forced Aquino to call off a planned visit on September 3 to the Chinese city of Nanning to attend a trade conference.

The Philippines accuses China of aggressively pushing its territorial claims over most of the South China Sea, including waters close to Philippine shores.

Hagel endorsed efforts by China’s smaller neighbours in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to negotiate a South China Sea “code of conduct”, as well as Philippine efforts to solve the disputes.

Without mentioning China, he said that Washington wanted nations to settle their disputes through international law “without coercion or militarised attempts to alter the status quo”.

Hagel held separate talks with Gazmin and Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario, and visited the US military cemetery in Manila before heading back to Washington.



Sharon ‘ tears of joy

MANILA, Philippines - Sharon Cuneta was so moved when she saw old TV clips of herself singing, she found herself shedding tears of joy. The clips are for her upcoming TV5 show, “The Mega and the Songwriter,” her musical variety program with Ogie Alcasid.

“Naiyak ako sa tuwa. I started to turn senti since singing reminds me of my first love – music. It’s been years since I’ve done a musical – that was 2004. People tend to forget I’m a singer. (Those clips) showed how far a 12-year-old girl has gone (Sharon broke into the music scene via the hit song ‘Mr. DJ.’, which she sang when she was 12).”

Marriage, motherhood and tri-media success after, Sharon has gone full circle. It’s her first time to do a musical with Ogie, who she describes as the youngest in a league of masters that includes George Canseco, Willy Cruz, Rey Valera and Ryan Cayabyab. And she’s looking forward to it.

Why do people make sex videos?

Sex videos aren’t new. But we have to admit we still get pretty shocked when a celebrity is involved. In August, people were aghast when a sex video featuring Parokya ni Edgar frontman Chito Miranda and his girlfriend Neri Naig was leaked. This month, it’s being alleged that comedian Wally Bayola is featured in a sex video with a dancer who appears in the noontime show that he’s in. If Bayola is indeed the man in the leaked sex video, then his life must be pretty complicated. You see, he’s known to be married

with kids.

Then again, it’s not for us to judge if Bayola (or any other person who appears in a sex video) is a good or bad person. We’re just going to speculate about the reasons that drive so many individuals—whether they’re celebrities or not—choose to make sex videos. Despite the danger of leaks, they still dare to record their intimate encounter.

Here are some of the potential reasons why they do it:

1. They want to fulfill their “exhibitionist” and “voyeuristic” needs. There are people who are turned on by seeing themselves engaging in sexual acts. Some of them may view their own videos so that they can get in the mood.
2. They want to remember the moment. For whatever reason, there are couples who want to have a “keepsake” of their wildest encounter. Perhaps, they want to view it when they’re senior citizens and can no longer so adventurous or flexible in bed.
3. They’re bored. There are couple who want to spice things up by trying new things. They think capturing their bedroom antics on video is just one of those things that seems like a good idea.
4. They want to use it to be popular. There may be some individuals who want their 15 minutes of fame at all costs. They think being in a sex video is one of them.
5. They think it’s perfectly normal. There are pleasure-seeking people who no longer have inhibitions and aren’t disturbed if their intimate encounters are seen by everyone else. These people may or may not be suffering from some sort of psychological disorder which makes them reckless and totally oblivious to what everyone else will say about them.

Whatever their reason may be, Dr. Michele Berman, editor of the blog Celebrity Diagnosis, says, “As long as the activity is consensual and causes neither party distress or impairment, it’s their business and nobody else’s.”

Bottom line: People can do what they want as long as they’re not hurting or endangering anyone. However, we’d like to say that if couples can’t make sure that leaks will be prevented, they should probably stop themselves from making sex videos.



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UP eyes Schedule change

+ Philippines eyes a subway system

While proposals to shift the school calendar in the Philippines have long been floated, the country’s premier state university has moved one step ahead.

The University of the Philippines (UP) is now deliberating a proposal to move the start of the school’s academic calendar to mid-August, the implementation not later than 2015.

“It is proposed that the academic calendar be shifted from a June-March schedule to August-May academic year,” said the proposal.

The shift will apply to all academic programs, undergraduate and graduate. If the new scheme is approved, classes in the state-run university will start on:

-the third week of August for the first semester

-the third week of January for the second semester

-the third week of June for summer

The Office of the UP President said the new academic year will be rolled out upon the approval of the UP Board of Regents, the schools’ highest policy-making body.

The implementation should not be later than 2015 however, the proposal said, to coincide with the ASEAN Economic Cooperation.

Such a schedule will match the academic calendars in other schools worldwide, especially in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member-states.

“This proposal therefore aims to fully implement the provision of UP’s Charter to be a regional and global university,” the Office of the UP President claimed.

This, as it noted that among countries with schools in the ASEAN Universities Network, only the Philippines starts the academic calendar in June.

Most ASEAN universities start their first term in August or September while their second term starts in January or February.

This means that UP students who cross-enroll in an ASEAN school

where classes start in December will have to miss the second semester in UP when they return.

If they choose to cross-enroll during the second term, on the other hand, they will have to wait until January for classes to begin.

Under the proposed schedule, “there will be less problems with semestral overlaps and students can easily get credit transfer on a per semester basis,” UP said.

The new academic calendar will also address the issue of class continuity in the second semester which UP says “interrupts the momentum of class activities.”

At present, the second semester in UP starts in November and will be broken by a two-week break for the holidays, with classes resuming after New Year’s Day.

“The shift will allow for continuous classes to be conducted and a longer semestral break that will coincide with the Christmas break,” UP said.

Moving the start of classes will also reduce the probability of typhoons disrupting classes, the proposal claimed, noting that June-July marks the start of the country’s rainy season.

“The shift in the academic calendar will extend classes to April-May where there is less disruption of classes compared with classes being held in June-July,” UP said.

PHL eyes subway system to beef up public transportation

The Department of Transportation and

Communications (DOTC) is currently studying various ways of addressing public transportation problem in Metro Manila, including a subway system, its top official said.

“We’re doing a study with the DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways) to build a subway,” Transportation Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya said Tuesday at the Philippine Economic Briefing in Pasay City.

“Given the population, demand, and the size of Metro Manila we are ready for subways,” he said, noting available technologies make a subway system in the capital region possible.

Abaya said DOTC is also studying the possibility of implementing a bus rapid transport (BRT) system, but is faced with the problem of limited road space. “We need to put more lanes for buses if we’ll implement a BRT,” the Cabinet official noted.

“Mass transport and rail is the way to go for any metropolis, like Metro Manila,” said Abaya.

Some 70 percent of Metro Manila residents take public transport and the challenge is providing an efficient public transport network, according to the Transportation official.

“The biggest challenge is that we’re playing catch up. But I’m not naming names, just moving forward and working,” he added.



Nicole Datol Bello sings at the Aegis concert.

Eat Bulaga Sex Scandal?

The showbiz industry is in shock yet again after an alleged sex video of “Eat Bulaga” host Wally Bayola and EB Babe dancer Yosh started circulating online on Monday night, September 2.

The comedian is married with five children, while it is not immediately known whether the alleged EB Babe member



is in a relationship. The issue of leaked intimate private videos challenges the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act of 2009 authored at the height of sex scandals involving local celebrities. The law was the product of a Senate investigation that led to the eventual revocation of Hayden Kho’s medical license.

Just recently, an intimate video of Parokya ni Edgar vocalist Chito Miranda and girlfriend Neri Naig was also leaked online. Chito sought help from the NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) to pin down the uploader of the video.

Meanwhile, Eat Bulaga executives have not issued any statement as of posting time.

PCCT Golf Tournament



1. Consul General Junever Mahilum-West receives her trophy from Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) President Oswald Tugadi for winning the longest drive award – female category at the PCCT Golf Tournament on Sept. 8, 2013. Also shown is Front Page Philippines TV Host Gie Alvarez, who emceed the awards night.
2. Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) President Oswald Tugadi congratulates Charlie Borromeo (right) for his hole-in-one, winning a weekend for two in Las Vegas at the PCCT Golf Tournament Awards Night on Sept. 8, 2013 as Front Page Philippines TV Host Gie Alvarez, who emceed the event, looks on.
3. Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) President Oswald Tugadi (right) joins the “Best Foursome” winners, namely (L-R), Sophie Tse, Andre Yong, Albert Frias and Melissa Frias, at the awards night of the PCCT golf tournament on Sept. 8, 2013.
4. Moises Calo is the winner of the putting contest at the Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) Golf Tournament Awards Night on September 8, 2013. To hand over his prize is PCCT Director Nimfa Drilon (center). Also in photo is Front Page Philippines TV Host Gie Alvarez, who emceed the event in Stouffville, Ontario.
5. Ralph Jao (right) receives his trophy from Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto President Oswald Tugadi for the longest drive award – male category at the PCCT Golf Tournament on Sept. 8, 2013 in Stouffville, Ontario. Jao was also awarded the “Low Gross – male” trophy.

Then, starting November 30 until December 8, the Cultural Center of the Philippines will present Edna Vida-Froilan's ballet performance based on Charles Dicken's popular novel, *A Christmas Carol*. It is Ballet Philippines' Christmas offering in a ballet multimedia storybook form that should add joy to the



Touristy events are also in the pipeline. Expect the Giant Lantern Festival held the Saturday before Christmas Eve in San Fernando City, Pampanga. It will have the usual competition of giant lanterns that earned this city the title “Christmas Capital

While it could be hard to think about Christmas with the ongoing armed conflict in Zamboanga, the gut-wrenching P10 billion pork barrel scam, the unsettling developments in Panatag Shoal, and other issues that weigh the country down, there's really nothing to stop Christmas from happening. Perhaps, what Filipinos could do is to take inspiration from a Christmas song by the late great composer and lyricist Levi Celerio that ended with these words: *"...At maghubat ngayon, kahit hindi Pasko ay magbigayan."*



Raid sa Divisoria by NBI
NBI: Fake mga bags na ito, ah!
Tindera: Hindi sir, lokal ang mga ito!
NBI: Lokal ang YSL?
Tindera: Oo naman, "Yari Sa Laguna!"
NBI Hmmm... Ang DKNY?
Tindera: Gawa sa "Divisoria Kanto Ng Ylala!"
NBI: Ang GQ, local pa rin?
Tindera: ?Op kors! "Galing Quiapo!"
NBI: Eh ang Lacoste?
Tindera: Hay naku sir, yang

buwaya - *Galing Congress!*

OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

Action Honda's Paeng Nebres (SECOND FROM LEFT) and Jun Salcedo pose with friends at the penafrancia pot-luck dinner.

PHOTO BY JUN SALCEDO



Annabelle Migalbin - Reyna Emperatriz and Mrs. Philippines 2010; and Lauren Fernandez - Reyna Elena and Miss Philippines 2013 with IPEN beauties and gents.

PHOTO BY ARIEL
RAMOS

Old man gets friosky with Wife

After nearly 50 years of marriage, a couple was lying in bed one evening, when the wife felt her husband, begin to massage her in ways he hadn't in quite some time. It almost tickled as his fingers started at her neck, and then began moving down past the small of her back. He then caressed her shoulders and neck, slowly worked his hand down, stopping just over her stomach. He then proceeded to place his hand on her left inner arm, working down her side, passing gently over her buttock and down her leg to her calf. Then, he proceeded up her thigh, stopping just at the uppermost portion of her leg. He continued in the same manner on her right side, then suddenly stopped, rolled over and became silent.

As she had become quite aroused by this caressing, she asked in a loving voice, 'Honey that was wonderful. Why did you stop?' To which he responded: 'I found the remote.'

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Jenifer Forever 4

Singer and Diva Extraordinaire Jenifer Camacho goes for 4



September 20, 2013 was a night of glamour and fashion as Jenifer Camacho celebrated her birthday and press conference for her upcoming concert.

The party was held at the elegant Qssis Banquet Hall in Kingston Road, Scarborough. The event was attended by different members of the Filipino community media and special people in the diva's life. Jenifer Camacho, Toronto's singing diva, was surrounded by well-wishers headed by her family Daniel Scenna, only son Nate Camacho, her older sister Beth Oable and her family. Her supporters and friends such as pinta's Candace Mallari David for her hair and make up contribution, Annak Ti Abra founders Buena Bersalona and Alfonso Ternal, Ms Agnes Miranda of WFG were also at the event. It is very notable to see her supporters in the business community as well, such as Bong & Sally Capitin of Cusina and long-time friend Dr. Solon Guzman. The evening was a powerhouse, leaving the guests with awe as they were entertained by Mobistar Grand Champion Jeanette Ricasio, a diva and a music instructor Amsky Chan, upcoming singer Kayla Obra, G- power dancers, host and singer Mitchie Fernandez and the dashing and handsome crooner/ model Marco Raqueno. The celebration will not be complete without the diva's solo performances and indeed, the night was a blast!

The cake was created by Juvy Obra.

The press conference launched the announcement for Jenifer 4ever 4 concert that will be held on March 29, 2014. The committees for the upcoming concert are: Jennifer Sy (JCR Entertainment), Chris Park (JCR Entertainment), Aspi Wadiwalla well known political /social and community leader, pinta - Candace Mallari David, and Mitchie Fernandez.

Bayan hosts NABA



Officers of bayan Newmarket pose for a picture at the NABA basketball tournament.

PHL ships 15MT heirloom rice to California

Philippines is shipping 15 metric tons of heirloom rice from the Cordilleras to the United States before the year is out, the Department of Agriculture (DA) said Monday, citing the shipments can help maintain the rice terraces as World Heritage site.

The shipment left the Manila International Container Terminal and is expected to reach California after 23 days.

The shipment includes 10 tons 'mina-angan' variety from Banaue and 'hungduan' from Ifugao, and 5 tons 'ulikan' variety from Pasil and Lubuagan in Kalinga. The initial shipment is valued at P870,000.

The shipment – consolidated by Rice Terraces Farmers Cooperative (RTFC) in cooperation with US-based non-government organization Rice Inc. – will be received by Eighth Wonder Inc. in California.

“This will help sustain the status of rice terraces as a world heritage treasure,” said Marilyn Sta. Catalina, director of DA Regional Field Unit-Cordillera Administrative Region.

“These grains represent the best in the Cordilleras, notably the industry and ingenuity of its people, as they are organically grown, and manually harvested and pounded to perfection,” she added.

The shipment is part of the 27.6 MT that the Philippines will export to the US this year.

Now undergoing organic fumigation in the Philippine Rice Institute laboratory in Nueva Ecija – in line with US sanitary and phytosanitary requisites – is the remaining volume, according to the Agriculture Department.

The department is encouraging farmers in the north to preserve ways of traditional rice farming and grow indigenous varieties for export, because the Philippines is not competitive in selling ordinary rice abroad, compared with Southeast Asian neighbors. Thus, the focus in on premium rice varieties.

As part of preparations for this endeavor, the department gave the Ifugao provincial government P20 million in grant to rehabilitate damaged portions of the Batad rice terraces.

Philippine culinary legend Nora Daza passes away

Philippine culinary legend Nora Daza, 84, passed away Friday morning, her grandson Joe Daza Puyat confirmed.

Daza had a vibrant career as a chef, restaurateur, food columnist, cooking contest judge, Manila Gas Cooking school director, radio show host, and the host of several hit TV cooking shows, one of which was “Cooking It Up with Nora,” and another of which took on the name of her well-known cookbook, “Let’s Cook with Nora.” The said cookbook has been guiding the culinary experiments of Philippine housewives since 1969.

Her other cookbooks include: “Festive Dishes,” “Galing Galing Philippines Cuisine,” “Nora V. Daza: A Culinary Life – Personal Recipe Collection,” “The Best of the Maya Cookfest,” volumes 1 through 3. In the 70's, the Philippines' first culinary icon opened a Filipino restaurant in Paris called Aux Iles Philippines and a French restaurant in Manila called Aux Bon Vivant.

In 1992, she also ran for the Senate.

Apart from Chef Sandy, Nora Daza is survived by daughter Nina Daza-Puyat, editor-in-chief of Appetite Magazine, food entrepreneur Bong Daza, father of actress and commercial model Isabelle Daza, and an array of grandchildren.

Anghel ng Tahanan



From Left to right: Jemalyn Dancel (1st runner-up), Lyn Shamaine Jalos is Miss Anghel ng Tahanan 2013, and Lylane de Ocampo (2nd runner-up); the coronation was held on September 21, 2013 at 196 Railside. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS



After the balut, next comes bibingka

If the “balut” can do it, why not the “bibingka?” Go mainstream, or as Eileen Formanes, 39, said with a shrug and a smile: “Americanize it.”

“I want it to be the next chocolate chip cookie,” she declared to The FilAm followed by sparkling laughter. Eileen has taken the rice cake of our childhood Christmases—traditionally steamed on a banana leaf and eaten with freshly grated coconut—and

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Tess Panaligan sleeps beside her 2-month old brother Joshua.

given it an all-American twist. Imagine it tasting like peanut butter and jelly or strawberry or s’more. Campfire bibingka: What took you so long?

She has been baking bibingka full time since she left her job as vice president for human resources at a public relations agency.

“My bibingka is chewy with a crunchy crust,” describing it on her website. It is the same bibingka she brought to her office’s celebration of International Day. The raves from coworkers ignited the idea.

Eileen marked June 10 on her Facebook page as her “first day of freedom.” Which means she has been baking, cooking, experimenting with a medley of flavors and selling at pop-ups and street fairs around Manhattan for more than three months now. Her Bibingka-esk.com, which accepts orders, was up and running a month earlier (“esk” combines the first letters of her name and her daughters, Shea and Kaye).

“I wasn’t happy anymore,” said Eileen about being an HR professional for 20 years. Before a NextDayBetter (NDB) gathering of young Filipino American professionals and students celebrating innovation and entrepreneurship, she said, “It was time to make a change, to do something for myself. I did and never looked back.”

She is constantly finding new ways to reinvent Philippine desserts. “Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn’t so you just keep trying,” she said. What’s important, she stressed, is she is doing something that makes her truly happy.

Felix Sichantha’s 1st Birthday



Felix is carried by his dad Vins above while his brother Liam is carried by mom Heidi at his 1st birthday celebration.



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Fil-Am filmmaker raises \$50,000 for ‘Lumpia’ sequel

LOS ANGELES—Fans of the movie Lumpia, will get a second helping from Fil-Am filmmaker Patricio Ginelsa.



Ginelsa and his team at Kid Heroes Production and Xylophone Films earlier in the week raised their goal of \$50,000 on Kickstarter to fund a sequel of his 2003 low budget film, Lumpia. Kickstarter is a website that helps raise funds for creative projects through crowdsourcing. According to the Kickstarter Lumpia page, the movie raised \$52,238 in donations from 712 people. “They’re believers not only in this movie, but in us as filmmakers and in what we’re trying to accomplish,” Ginelsa said of his supporters. Ginelsa is a well-known filmmaker in the Filipino-American community.

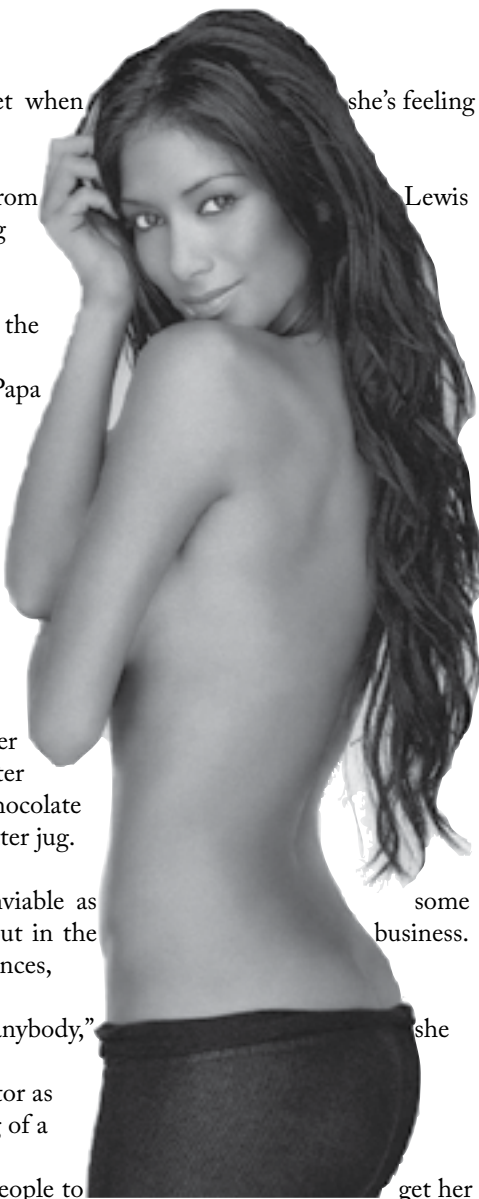
He’s directed music videos for the Black Eyed Peas, and was instrumental in working and promoting The Debut. Ginelsa said the Lumpia sequel would be an action comedy film about a group of heroes trying to stop a Filipino gang syndicate in Fogtown, which is in the Bay area. The first film was shot in 1996 using hand held camcorders and on a budget of \$1,000. Despite the low quality, the movie received a positive film review from Variety. He plans to shoot the film this winter, but gave no deadline to the completion of the project.

Help sought for Pinay jailed in Israel

MANILA – A Filipina overseas worker is in need of assistance from the Philippine government after she was jailed for allegedly physically abusing her elderly ward in Israel. Vice President Jejomar Binay said he requested the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to extend all the needed assistance to Winnie Rose Ganaden. Ganaden has been detained in Israel since July. “Ms. Ganaden denies the allegation that she abused her ward and her relatives claim she was falsely accused as she had signified her intention of leaving her employer,” Binay said in a press statement. The Presidential Adviser on OFW Concerns said the Philippine embassy in Israel has already petitioned for her to be released under house arrest. “On July 28, the judge granted Ms. Ganaden’s petition for house arrest, provided she could present to the court an Israeli national who would stand as guarantor,” Binay said. Binay said the court had also ordered a social worker to interview the OFW to assess her condition in prison. “Ms. Ganaden was able to present two Israelis as guarantors. However, she remains in prison as the social worker who was assigned to interview her failed to show up in her last hearing due to prior commitments,” said Binay. Binay appealed to DFA to continue monitoring the case to ensure Ganaden’s release at the soonest possible time. “We are counting on DFA and the Philippine embassy in Israel for their support and I thank them for always being ready to help our Global Filipinos who are in need,” he said.

Nicole Scherzinger and her Breakup Diet’

Nicole Scherzinger relaxes her diet when she’s feeling blue. Finding herself once again on the singles market following her split from Hamilton, Nicole has been comforting herself with pizza and chocolate. “You know those fancy pizzas you Europeans have, with Parma ham and the rocket? Too healthy. When I’m really down in the dumps I order me some Papa John’s. “Same toppings me and my sister always had growing up. Onions, tomatoes, mushrooms, extra cheese,” she admits to Britain’s Glamour magazine. Her pizza craving doesn’t end there. The super svelte ex-Pussycat Doll then adds even more calories into the mix. “I pour my garlic butter sauce all over it. Drowning my sorrows in garlic butter sauce! And then you take a block of chocolate and just scoop it out of the peanut butter jug. Heaven. Instant therapy,” she said. At 35, Nicole’s figure is just as enviable as young starlets who are just starting out in the business. Although she allows herself indulgences, fitness is still high on her agenda. “I could out-work and out-sweat anybody,” she bragged. Currently starring in the UK X Factor as a judge, Nicole is known as something of a fashion icon. But she has the help of a team of people to get her looking fabulous each week. “I devote so much time, like seven-hour-straight-fittings with my glam team, trying on things I love. Hair, make-up, eyeliner... I have a complete vision,” she said. “If I can’t have the mic, then Lord have mercy, I better be bringing it somehow.”



Dingdong stays at GMA

Dingdong Dantes started his career as a Kapuso and will continue being one. In the presence of GMA executives led by its chair and CEO Felipe Gozon, Dingdong renewed his exclusive contract with the network for another five years. It was a decision, he says that came from the heart. “Ang pinakaimportante, throughout the 15 years I’ve been with GMA, they were always there to support me. Nung nag-uumpisa pa lang ako at nangangarap, when I failed at hindi ko alam ang gagawin ko, they were there to support me and my dreams. Beyond just being a company and a network, GMA is my home,” Dingdong said at the contract signing held at Manila Polo Club.

Looking for a sign

The actor admits he looked for a sign to help him decide which network he would sign up with. The sign came five minutes before his 33rd birthday was over last August 2. “Every birthday ko kasi, parating umuulan,” he recalls. “For some reason, nung araw na yon, it was clear and sunny. Then, at 11:55 p.m., bumuhos ang ulan. It lasted for five minutes. I felt something.” That something, he says, told him to choose GMA’s offer. The new contract contains an increase in his talent fee, a new family drama (“Genesis”), a duty to act as GMA’s ambassador worldwide, and the privilege of having his voice heard in all his projects. Dingdong doesn’t know who are the Kapuso stars he will work with again after “Genesis,” but he is sure of a TV special once a year. “I’m looking at my advocacy, education, as theme,” he says.

Nieves Mangante’s Birthday

LEFT, Ramon Cruz, Former Niagara on the Lake Mayor Art Viola, Willie Reodica, singer Josie de Leon, Forex’s Ted Dayno, Jess Cabrias and Mon Datol chat before the party.

MIDDLE, Josie de Leon, May Cabrias and Doris Dayno enjoy the night away.

RIGHT, Martha Joy and boyfriend pose with Suzy Llanera.



Phl bananas enter US

MANILA, Philippines – The first batch of fresh Philippine bananas has finally arrived in the United States.

A shipment of 7.047 metric tons of highland cavendish from Bukidnon arrived September 9 in California, making the Philippines the first Asian country to export bananas to the US.

“With this shipment, we are hopeful that Philippine bananas would be able to find and satisfy a niche in the competitive US banana market,” said Philippine Ambassador Jose Cuisia Jr.

The shipment came after eight years of negotiations with the US on quarantine and sanitation issues.

“Philippine bananas are among the best in the world and there is opportunity to bring in the unique and special banana varieties like lakatan and latondan, which



Filipinos in the US have long been craving for and which Americans can learn to love,” said Agriculture attaché Dr. Josyline Javelosa.

Javelosa said the shipment, a first of an estimated 3,000 metric tons from Dole Philippines, was transferred to a ripening warehouse and will soon be available in the Los Angeles market.

She said they are hoping that the new market will help the Philippine banana industry, especially Mindanao which is recovering from the onslaught of the recent typhoons.

With the successful shipment, US joined other Philippine banana importers – Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Korea, China, Singapore, the Middle East, Canada, Russia and Indonesia.

Bananas are among the country’s dollar earners.



Dr. Solon Guzman, Jenifer Camacho’s son Nate and Jenifer pose during her birthday party at Qssis. PHOTO BY RAMIL BANAAG

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Kris Bernal can see Carl

Kris Bernal denied she is being prevented by GMA-7 to admit her relationship with Kapuso actor Carl Guevara. She even said that her loveteam partner Aljur Abrenica is very open about his relationship with Kylie Padilla.

Bernal continues to deny that she and Guevara are already together even though the actor-model earlier said they have been in a relationship for eight months. Bernal said Guevara is still courting her up to now, but admitted he was the one who dropped her off and picked her from the airport when she recently vacationed in Europe.

Nothing is wrong with that, Bernal said, since she and Guevara are both in good terms. She was, in fact, supposed to have dinner with the actor-model during the latter's birthday but she has a taping for "Bubble Gang."

Meanwhile, Bernal is very happy to be starring again in her own teleserye "Prinsesa Ng Buhay Ko," which is scheduled to premiere next

week. The last show she did for GMA-7 was "Coffee Prince" last year. She admitted to being impatient for her next project.

In fact, "Prinsesa Ng Buhay Ko" was supposed to be Sarah Lahbati's teleserye, but the actress got into trouble with the Kapuso network's management. Bernal clarified the teleserye was offered to her quite a while ago, but she has to finish a certain endorsement first before she begins taping for the teleserye.

"Prinsesa Ng Buhay Ko" is about a story of an Avon representative, so Bernal also has to be the endorser of the said company.

The actress said it doesn't matter if she's only the second option for the role since the important thing is that it finally landed on her lap. "'In fairness naman, maraming puwedeng gumanap sa role na ito. Kung para sa akin, para sa akin. Kung para sa kanya, para sa kanya."

Bernal was supposed to do a sexy indie film when the teleserye was offered to her. She pulled out of the indie film to give way to the teleserye. The indie film, which was about a drug addict, then went to Ellen Adarna.

Asked if she's ready to have more mature roles in the future, Bernal answered with a resounding "yes." She added she wants more challenging roles because she doesn't want to be only known for her teenybopper roles.

"Puwede naman, pero siyempre, hinihintay ko lang din ang GMA kung ano ang balak nila sa akin. Siyempre, sumusunod lang ako sa kanila, sila naman ang nakakaalam kung ano ang mas maganda para sa akin."

In "Prinsesa Ng Buhay Ko," she will be paired again with Abrenica. Asked if she's worried about her so-called bashers, Bernal said she's getting used to it already. Although, of course, there are times when she gets hurt too by the posts they make.

Some of her bashers once called her mother a foul word, while others criticized her for posting a photo of her feet with spider veins.

However, the actress learned how not to mind these things and to just focus on her career.



Maja Salvador is supportive of Gerald Anderson's charity work

Maja Salvador said she is proud of boyfriend Gerald Anderson's passion for charity. Maja, who was spotted on the sidelines of the recently concluded Hero Ball basketball tournament organized by Gerald at the Makati Coliseum, said she was very happy to have been part of the event.

"Siguro pang third time ko palang siya napapanood magbasketball. Siyempre nakakatuwa na napapanood ko yung mga ibang talent niya hindi lang puro acting. Eto naman basta sobrang love niya yung pagba-basketball," she said, adding, "I'm happy na naka-attend ako sa event na nagawa niya."

Maja confessed to being blown away by Gerald's kindness as profits from the event would be for the benefit of Hero Foundation, an organization aiming to provide secured and consistent educational support for children of soldiers from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

"Yes for Hero Foundation. Nung nalaman ko nga eh sinabi ko nga 'Grabe itong taong 'to. Parang he's [just] out there to share his blessings,'" quipped the dancer-actress.

Meanwhile, for her part, Maja related that she's thrilled about the seventh Star Magic Ball happening on September 7. "Pag may time magte-treadmill lang siyempre ikaw mismo yung mga kinakain mo, yung meals mo ikaw mismo [ang magmo-monitor]. Kailangan for Star Magic Ball," she said.

While she didn't categorically confirm that the OTJ star would be her date for the ball, she noted, in a separate ABS-CBN News report, that, "Exciting ang Star Magic Ball for me this year. Hindi pa niya (Anderson) nakikita [yung gown ko]. Hindi ko pa rin nakikita 'yung isusuot niya. Siyempre, maganda 'yung may surprise." Cebu-based international designer Cary Santiago will be making her gown for the Star Magic Ball.

"... 'Yung mga ginagawan niya ng gowns sina Ms. Charo Santos, Kris Aquino, Ruffa Gutierrez. 'Yung beauties nila talagang royal so feeling ko kahit paano lumelevel ako sa kanila," added the actress.

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Nieves Mangante's Birthday



LEFT, Nieves Mangante blows the candles on her cake surrounded by family. MIDDLE AND RIGHT, The Mangante siblings band called Kuya's Fault perform at their mother's birthday party at Peter and Paul Banquet hall.



FilCan Teachers Association Holds 7th Annual Seminar in Ontario for Internationally-Trained Educators

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT

The September month being the start of the school year in Canada and “all things” related to the education and training environment ,the Philippine Teachers Association of Canada(PTAC) conducted successfully its Seventh Annual Seminar on Ontario Teacher Certification on September 21, 2013, Saturday at The Hub, 540 Finch Avenue West, corner Bathurst Road, North York, Toronto, Ontario.

PTAC, the 7-year old socio-professional organization of Filipino Canadian certified and practicing education professionals in Ontario organized and spearheaded the 1-day event in partnership with Kababayan Multicultural Centre(KMC),a 37-year old community- based multicultural settlement and integration provider in the Greater Toronto Area(GTA).

With 69 registered participants and meeting its theme:”Building a Career - Meeting the Challenges and Moving Forward”,the sessions afforded meaningful insights and valuable information regarding procedures and requirements of teacher certification in Ontario. Ms.Stephane Horace(OCT), of the Ontario College of Teachers made the presentation on behalf of the province’ regulatory body for teachers. Mr.Tony

A. San Juan(OCT), PTAC president, explained the Ontario Education System, its structure, programs and practices.

Before the end of the 7- hour session, a 60-minute round table , open panel consultation engaged the internationally trained teacher- participants into a free-wheeling question- and- answer exchange on matters impacting their career search and teacher-certification plans. Facilitated by Boni Curutan(OCT) and Grace Dela Reyna(OCT),the members of the Resource Panel included;Jerry Arroz(OCT),Norma Bernal, Maricon Bernasor(OCT),Marissa Ciacico(OCT),Bernadette Gapuz,Marissa Miana,and Virginia Parucha(OCT).

Jointly hosted by Cielito Drapeza(OCT) and Aguido Dela Cruz, KMC Chairman, the yearly event, with PTAC’s Maricon Bernasor and Flor Dandal, KMC executive director,aply provided planning and coordination tasks, together with KMC’s settlement counselors Elena Pacelo and Amy Basingan and other PTAC members & community volunteers. PTAC plans and hopes to offer additional career search and development events in early Winter, 2013 or Spring, 2014. Watch for further announcements before year end.(TSJ)



Harold Guarin (2ND FROM RIGHT) of Roadsport Honda and Gemma Pascual (FAR RIGHT) pose with friends at the birthday party for Nieves Mangante.

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that the MILF was signing its “death warrant” by agreeing to the latest deal.

“His intention is to provoke violence and internationalize this to make the MNLF a more important player in the peace process,” said Stephen Norris, a security analyst with the Control Risks group in Singapore. Rodolfo Garcia, a retired general, said the government should open talks with Misuari, who has kept a low profile since the violence

started and has not acknowledged any role in it. Business leader Soliven said the government had committed a blunder by ignoring the MNLF founder.

“Misuari may no longer be powerful, but he is still the icon of Muslim struggle,” Soliven told Reuters.

But Teresita Quintos-Deles, presidential adviser on the peace process, said that three MNLF factions had been due to attend a planned meeting with the government hosted by Indonesia - and that Misuari’s faction had pulled out.

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Sarah hides the Pain

+ *Jake Cuenca deny rift with Sam Milby* + other stories



Sarah Geronimo is into so many things – singing, hosting, acting, endorsing, voice coaching (for “The Voice Philippines”). Now, after a little self-prodding, Sarah has finally tried her hand at songwriting.

Sarah describes her composition, “Make Me Yours,” as a religious song she hopes can inspire not just her beloved Popsters, but everyone as well.

“It took courage para maisulat ko yon,” she told reporters in an interview after the presscon for KakaoTalk, the local mobile messaging application she is endorsing.

The song is Sarah, raw and stripped of all useless (emotional) baggage.

“Para akong naghubad. Ang sarap na pakiramdam na I was able to share it with people.”

The song, a cut from Sarah’s latest album “Expressions” also happens to be a dream come true for the newbie songwriter who has always dreamed of making a Christian album.

Although Sarah has yet to fulfill that dream, she has started somewhere by enlisting veteran musician Louie Ocampo’s help in providing the melody that gave the singer-actress’ lyrics more meaning.

Speaking of meaning, Sarah’s search for something beyond the here and now continues as she dreams of doing what many young people take for granted – their

studies.

Ironically, Sarah is sending a Paris-based sister money to finish her studies when she (Sarah) herself can only dream of earning a college diploma.

A teary-eyed Sarah admits she wants to be in her sister’s shoes someday.

So she’s thinking long and hard about returning to formal school, preferably abroad.

Sarah has two options. Since she is a singer, Sarah says she can take up music production to improve her craft. Maybe this can also help her fulfill her dream of being able to play a musical instrument someday.

Option two is a non-music related course.

“Fallback ito kasi hindi forever ang career sa showbiz.”

Sarah is not that vocal when it comes to fellow Kapamilya Matteo Guidicelli, the latest to be linked to her. But her eyes, threatening to well up in tears, say it all. Something is bothering Sarah.

“Okay lang, hanggang don na lang. Kung ano man ang sasabihin ko ayaw ko na magsalita. Gusto kong maging truthful sa inyo the best way I can. Gusto kong manahimik muna.”

Just like her new single “Ikot-Ikot”, Sarah Geronimo is making the rounds in

the world scene once more. The Pop Star Princess is nominated in the Best Southeast Asia Act category in this year’s MTV Europe Music Awards (MTV EMA).

The official MTV EMA page describes Sarah as Philippines’ Popstar Princess, who has “achieved achieved multiplatinum albums, record-breaking concerts, blockbuster movies, and high-rating TV shows.” It also mentioned Sarah’s latest album “Expressions,” as another “breakthrough.”

Jake Cuenca: ‘Wala kaming alitan ni Sam Milby’

While he didn’t flatly confess to courting his “Maria Mercedes” co-star Jessy Mendiola, Kapamilya actor Jake Cuenca’s recent remarks about her has stirred conclusions that he is having a silent competition with singer Sam Milby, who admitted recently on national TV that he was wooing the young actress.

Sam, for his part, has clarified a couple of weeks ago in a previous Push.com.ph report that, “There’s no issue between Jake and I. There’s no issue between any other guys.”

As to whether Jake plans to really pursue the actress, he didn’t give a response but said “Sobrang confident ko bilang lalaki pero pagdating kay Jessy, natotorpe talaga ako. For the first time sa buong buhay ko na matorpe, ngayon pa,” he shared.

Erich Gonzales shares non-showbiz BF’s qualities

Regarding her privacy with utmost value, Kapamilya actress Erich Gonzales has got the public puzzling about the details of her love story with her businessman boyfriend for a while now. There were no photos of them together online nor has she revealed his name or even his initials.

But for the first time, the Juan dela Cruz actress has shared a few other points about him that doesn’t only involve how

they met and how they manage to get-by with their much-questioned 10-year age gap.

The birthday girl who recently turned 23 during a live guesting at The Buzz on Sunday shared that what endeared her the most about him was his similar, high-regard for privacy.

“Special dahil he’s a very private person. When I say private, meron po kasing mga non-showbiz na gusto ng showbiz exposure ganyan, but siya po hindi siya ganon,” she said.

At this point, Erich claims that she is very much contented with what she has in her life, career and most especially with her love life.

Is he ‘The One?’

“Yes. Sana po. Sino ba naman ang may gusto na iba-iba yung magiging boyfriend mo, magiging kasama mo. So I’m praying po,” she said.

What’s eating John Lloyd?

In a career of any celebrity, there’s always a time when they feel they’ve already reached the pinnacle of success that they begin to overlook what made them starting when they were still virtually unknown.

One of those celebrities is actor John Lloyd Cruz.

According to reports, Lloydie is starting to gain weight. We wonder why John Lloyd became stubborn as to monitoring his weight. Some are asking if it has something to do with being idle as he has not been seen in a long while whether in a show or a movie in his mother network.

On the other hand, we can’t stay away from the fact that girlfriend Angelica Panganiban has been spoiling him, according to people close to them.

But whatever the circumstances are, John Lloyd himself still has his own responsibility on making sure he’s physically fit and good looking being a celebrity.

So a lot are not surprised he’s not given any project on ABS CBN.

Or yet has the time come that John Lloyd’s interest as celebrity has waned based on what he has declared that he wants to retire early?



Manitoba Street Festival - A Huge Success



Senator Tobias Enverga, Jr. joins 43 community associations and hundreds of participants at the Manitoba Filipino Street Festival. Over 4000 festive goers were on hand to welcome back the senator and his wife, Rosemer, to Winnipeg on Saturday, August 24, 2013. Senator Enverga reiterated the importance of Philippine Arts, Culture and Unity. Congratulations to the organizers of the event led by Ley Navarro and Aida Champagne.

Gov. Vi Top Tourist Attraction in Batangas

Besides the natural attraction the province of Batangas has, no other than the governor herself perhaps is considered the best one there.

After various tourism students were invited during the Batangas Tourism Conference to catch a glimpse of the province's natural attractions and of its historical sites, the students were rather more interested in seeing Batangas Governor and Star for all Seasons Vilma Santos-Recto when they visited her in the provincial capitol.

According to the report, the students were more ecstatic when they had their pictures taken with Ate Vi rather than the views there like Taal Volcano.

This news is no surprise at all. Celebrities especially in this country are that huge that whenever they join elections, they even win.

With regards to Ate Vi, she has done more than much to Batangas that's why she has been in her current post for a long time.

Angel asks her fans and marian's to stop fighting

We're glad Angel Locsin is trying to knock some sense into the heads of her and Marian Rivera's diehard fans who can be unreasonably fanatical at times. After she and Marian posed together for a cover shoot (along with Judy Ann Santos, Charlene Gonzales and Anne Curtis) for Rogue Magazine, their fans again exchanged heated words in social media to uphold their own idol and berate the other one. The shoot's

photographer, Mark Nicdao, then posted on Instagram showing Angel and Marian looking sweet together with the note: "It's clear your idols are okay so stop the hating. Ur negative vibe is not welcome here."

Angel concurs and says she and Marian have no personal issues with each other. At the shoot, she found Marian friendly and always smiling. They even made the usual beso-beso to each other and were exchanging stories like old friends during the photo shoot.

"We're both tired that people always compare with each other at 'yung fans, nag-aaway pa gayong kami mismo, wala naman kaming issue at all," she says. "Kaya sana, tigilan na nila dahil wala kaming away between us. Tigilan na yung mga panlalait sa isa't isa kasi kaming lahat, masaya kami noong shoot."

Heart & Sid neve ON

Heart Evangelista says she didn't take it against GMA7 that she didn't have a soap for half a year after she did "Forever" with Geoff Eigenmann. She's now paired anew in 'Magkano ang Pag-big Mo', with Sid Lucero who was linked to her when they did 'Legacy' on primetime. Didn't her beau Sen. Chiz Escudero get jealous?

"No. When it comes to our work, we don't meddle with each other. Walang problema kahit na-link sa'kin ang bagong kapareha ko. He knows Sid and I just dated but never na naging kami as I was not ready then for a new relationship.





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Ellen Adarna

Goodbye Showbiz, Hello Corporate Life

Sorry guys. Ellen Adarna is turning her back on show business.



Her father, a wealthy businessman based in Cebu, has summoned his “prodigal daughter” to go back to him, three years after their misunderstanding. “I’m going back to Cebu next year and I think 90% I’m gonna quit with my dad asking me to go back. And I am convinced to go back,” she said. The Kapuso star also said she misses the corporate life. She

used to work for her father’s primary business, a chain of motels in Cebu, Manila and Davao. “I’ll work for my family again. Marketing, I guess, since we’re building condominiums now. I’m more of a corporate girl. “I am the type who wants an 8-to-5 job. I grew up like that. And then I resigned to my father and went here. I’m not really patient [in the showbiz grind].” But going back to Cebu isn’t entirely the reason why she’s quitting showbiz. Ellen doesn’t seem to enjoy some of the not so glamorous aspects of the industry. “I don’t like the waiting, the long hours. Some people are very unprofessional. I hate it when people waste your time coz for me time is gold. That’s about it.” Ellen will exit showbiz on a high note as she plays the lead role in Gil Portes’ “Ang Tag-araw ni Twinkle,” an entry to the Film Development Council of the Philippines’ Sineng Pambansa Film Festival. The 25-year-old sultry movie star relates that her character in “Tag-araw” mirrors herself. And although she never went to rehab, Ellen said she can easily relate to her role. “I play a troubled teenager who got into drugs and then went to rehab. I based [my acting] on my experiences. Let me say I’m 99% [of the character].” And for those too embarrassed to ask, Ellen is currently single and isn’t ready to settle down. “Not yet! I just broke up with my boyfriend. I don’t have plans of settling down,” she said, referring to her beau of three years, Filo Cucuenco. Who could be her Mr. Right? “I’m very hard to handle. [I want] someone who will understand me. Someone who will not cage me, and someone who will just let me be and trust me... and of course tall. I like tall and good-looking.” The “motel heiress” said she’s not keen on finding a wealthy man. “As long as he’s hardworking... I can stand on my own. [A rich guy] is not something I’m really looking for. That’s never been a problem.”

“Masarap dahil parehas kami ng lenggwahe”

Ina Feleo on working with mom, Direk Laurice Guillen

Kahit sa pilot week lamang mapapanood ang character actress na si Ina Feleo sa Akin Pa Rin Ang Bukas, masasabing importante ang kanyang ginagampanang role dahil sa kanya magsisimula ang kuwento. Mas napadali daw ang trabaho para kay Ina dahil ang mismong mommy niyang si Direk Laurice Guillen ang nag-direct sa kanya.

Sa panayan namin kay Ina sa press conference ng nasabing teleserye, naikuwento sa amin ng talentadong aktres ang kanyang mga karanasan sa taping ng drama series, kung saan gaganap siya bilang Emma Ignacio, isang kasambahay. Magkakaanak sila ng mayamang si Roel Villacorta (Gary Estrada)- si Lovelia (Lovi Poe), ang bastarda ng mga Villacorta.

Pangatlong teleserye na ito ni Ina sa Kapuso network, matapos gawin ang Kahit Kailan at Pilyang Kerubin. Kumusta naman katrabaho si Direk Laurice?

“Actually, madali siya para sa akin dahil siyempre plus side sa akin na hindi ako ganoon ka-takot or intimidated dahil nanay ko naman siya. Masarap dahil parehas kami ng lenggwahe. Sa dami na ng workshops na nagawa namin together, minsan hindi na niya kailangan i-direct talaga,” anang aktres.

Tuwang tuwa naman si Ina sa role na napunta sa kanya dahil kakaiba ito sa mga nagawa niya noon.

Ayon sa kanya, “Masarap at saka kasi blessed ako dahil itong role na ito, ngayon lang ako gumanap ng kawawa pero walang halong kontrabida.”

Dagdag pa niya, “Grabe ‘yung character, binasa ko ‘yung week 1, lahat ng puwedeng mangyari, pinagdaanan niya. Ang bibigat, and to top it all off, ‘yung anak niya, sakitin.”

Nabanggit din ng aktres na isang sexy scene kasama si Gary Estrada ang una nilang shinoot noong first taping day. Kabado daw siya dahil first time din niyang makilala si Gary noong araw na iyon. Paano dinirect ni Direk Laurice ang eksena?

“Ang style niya, blocking lang talaga siya. At saka siya, ‘pag ako ‘yung dinidirect niya, sinasabi niya kung nasan ‘yung camera,” ani Ina.

“Tapos parang ano lang siya, sabi niya, sensuality kayo dito. Sa workshops kasi, may sensual way of acting na not necessarily sexual. ‘Pag na-capture mo siya, kahit ‘yung hawak lang, merong meaning,” dagdag niya.

Hindi ba siya na-conscious na nanay niya mismo ang nagdirect ng ganitong klaseng eksena?

“Actually, naiilang ako pero parang inaccept ko lang na nakakailang dahil nanay ko siya at makikita [niya] na finifeel ko ‘yung nangyayari, pero siyempre, ‘yung attitude ko, gawin mo na, kasi kung patagalin mo, mas dyahe,” aniya.

Abangan si Ina Feleo sa kanyang natatanging pagganap bilang Emma Ignacio sa Akin Pa Rin Ang Bukas, pagkatapos ng Anna Karenina sa GMA Telebabad.

PHILIPPINES

Binay drops his P200-million 2014 budget

MANILA - The country’s second highest executive official has formally asked for the removal of P200 million budget, which was supposed to fund local projects of the Office of the Vice President (OVP).

In an official letter sent to the Senate Committee on Finance, Vice President Jejomar Binay asked the panel to remove the allocation for OVP from the 2014 national expenditures.

“I made this decision even though authorities have yet to describe the characteristics of this fund to avoid speculation and to stop others from politicizing this matter,” Binay said. “I’m hoping that through this decision, we can tell our countrymen that those serving in the government are always listening and that we are ready to serve them honestly,” he added.

Binay is the second elected public official to decline funding for projects with ambiguous descriptions, taking lead from Senator Vicente “Tito” Sotto, who announced he will forego P600 million of his Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) or pork barrel until his term as senator ends in 2016.

Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero, chairman of Senate Committee on Finance, says Binay should be praised for giving up the funding, which he considered as a form of PDAF.

Escudero said the P200 million budget has been transferred to the OVP from the PDAF that was intended for President Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III if he stayed a senator.

“Special provisions say this (fund) should follow PDAF rules and regulations and menu for its release and it is itemized as locally funded projects,” Escudero told reporters. “Only the Office of the Vice President has this kind of budget and they were instructed to be conscious and sensitive about the public’s opinion about PDAF or pork barrel,” he added.

Dolorosa Fiesta



FIRST, Beauties enjoy the celebration SECOND, Chat de Leon-Bautista (center) enjoyr the dinner with friends. THIRD, Noemi helps out with the preparations of the food. FOURTH, Tess panaligan and mom Genelie, FV Food’s mel Galeon and Philip beloso smile for the cameras.

Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF)

PCCF DONATES \$9,000 TO BUILD MORE HOUSES FOR THE POOR

True to its Vision and Passion to advocate for charity, the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) Officers, led by president Romy Rafael, presented a cheque in the amount of \$9,000 to ANCOP President, Temi Pangilinan. To date, PCCF has donated to ANCOP \$27,500. The donation will fund the building of houses for the poor in the planned PCCF Village in Paranaque. Inauguration of the village is scheduled in January 2014. Rosemer Enverga, EVP of PCCF, indicated that the donation is the result of everyone's support in all of the events of PCCF, namely, Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto, Miss Philippines Canada, Little Miss Philippines Canada and Mrs. Philippines Canada Pageants. Everyone had fun and helped at the same time. A few weeks ago, PCCF donated \$3,500 for a fencing project at the home of the Filipino Mission.



Joining the cheque presentation were the officers and supporters of PCCF, parliamentarians Senator Enverga, founder of PCCF, and Brampton MP Parm Gill. *Advocate for Charity, advocate for Community!*
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Sex Video of Marian & Dong uploaded by Pauleen Luna?

Another controversy is about to rock local show business. According to reports, a link to a sex video scandal featuring Marian Rivera and Dingdong Dantes is circulating across the social media. Marian and Dingdong are among the most popular and well-loved showbiz couples today.



There are reports that the link to the sex video scandal originated from Pauleen Luna's Facebook account. Pauleen is also allegedly continuously spreading it across the social networking site.

Pauleen herself was surprised after

hearing the issue. At the same time, she was alarmed because the supposed scandal might make Marian and Dingdong's fans to react negatively towards her. Thus, she wants to set the record straight.

In her own and official Instagram account, the 24-year-old Kapuso actress and 'Eat Bulaga' host clarified that the rumor is not true. She has reiterated that she does not own and maintain a Facebook account because she is focused on Instagram.

The message was clear: Pauleen is not responsible for disseminating the

controversial link to the sex video scandal.

Pauleen insisted that she is a victim of another poser, who is obviously pretending to be her in Facebook. She recalled how her 'Eat Bulaga' co-host was recently victimized by another poser. A few weeks ago, a poser of Jose Manalo on Twitter claimed that Wally Bayola was suspended in the noontime show due to his sex video scandal. Jose later clarified that he does not own a Twitter account. This case may serve as another lesson to everyone. Not everyone in the social media are real people. Many are just posers, who are out to wreak havoc and confusion to the gullible netizens.

On the other hand, what was the

supposed sex video between Marian and Dingdong all about? According to those who have obtained access to the link, there was really nothing on it. There is no video conveyed, not even photographs of the two popular stars.

Meanwhile, IT experts warn the public about retrieving and checking out such supposed links to sex videos of popular celebrities. According to them, such links may just be disguised as interesting materials to entice online users to click on them.

Everyone should beware because the link may actually contain malicious software or malware.

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Daiana Menezes bares all

+ Xian Lim happy with success of movie with Kim Chiu + other news



Brazilian model and TV host Daiana Menezes is clearly out to keep people off-balance this year.

Back in June, Menezes stirred up controversy with her Instagram posts, which seemed to suggest that she was experiencing some sort of crisis involving the man in her life, former Cagayan de Oro Rep. Benjo Benaldo. Then, as June drew to a close, Benaldo ended up shooting himself in the chest while he was at his office in Congress.

This is why people were even more confused (among other things) when UNO magazine unveiled the cover of their 88th issue featuring Menezes in nothing but a loose tie around her neck. Many of them noted that it was reminiscent of Jennifer Aniston’s January 2009 GQ cover.

Foam finger inventor says Miley Cyrus ‘degraded an honorable icon’

LOS ANGELES (TheWrap.com) - The man credited with inventing the foam finger - like the one Miley Cyrus brought to the forefront of national attention at the MTV Video Music Awards - is not her No. 1 fan.

Iowa native Steve Chmelar, who created the foam finger prototype in 1971 (which Geral Fauss would later go on to mass produce in



1978), said he didn’t like his invention’s newfound infamy.

“She took an honorable icon that is seen in sporting venues everywhere and degraded it. Fortunately, the foam finger has been around long enough that it will survive this incident. For people who like that kind of entertainment, I’m sure that it met their needs,” Chmelar said.

Winwyn Marquez Chooses Bb. Pilipinas Over Lovelife

Winwyn Marquez, the daughter of former showbiz couple Alma Moreno and Joey Marquez, will choose joining the Bb. Pilipinas over her lovelife anytime. She said that if the guy is really worth it, he would wait for her too reach her dreams first.

For now, she and her ex-boyfriend of two years (a Philippine Airlines flight attendant) are dating again.

However, Winwyn said they want to take things slow because there are so many things they have to talk about and settle.



Although it is hard for them to fix things because of their work schedules, they still often see each other especially when the guy visits her at home. They see each other twice to thrice a week.

The actress-model said she is so far happy with the progress in their relationship.

However, if she will have to choose between her lovelife and joining the prestigious beauty contest, she will definitely choose the latter. Winwyn said she has always wanted to be a beauty queen, even if she will just reach the semi-finals.

She has at least two years to train for the beauty contest.

Meanwhile, Winwyn shared that she rarely sees her mother Alma because the latter is very busy preparing for her candidacy as president of the Councilors League of the Philippines. The last time she saw her was when they taped for Jennylyn Mercado’s “Anak Ko Yan.”

Winwyn is used to not seeing her parents since they separated when she was just 12 years old. She just talks to her mother over the phone, she added.

She is currently starring in “Dormitoryo.”

This is the first time Winwyn will be working with Lauren Young, who she described as a great actress.

Lovi Poe not ready for a new relationship

After getting out of a serious relationship “a few months ago,” Lovi Poe claims she is not ready for a new romance, even if fellow Kapuso star Rocco Nacino is said to have eyes only for her.

“Wala akong present (boyfriend),” she said. Lovi, who plays the lead role in the film, won’t admit rumors that she and Jake Cuenca used to be an item. Lovi is so focused on work she admits not having suitors at the moment.

“Hindi ako ligawin,” she explained as members of the press who huddled around her all raised their eyebrows.



Teri Malvar beats Nora Aunor in best actress race

Thirteen year old newbie actress Teri Malvar pulled off a surprise at the first CineFilipino Film Festival awards night held on Sunday, Sept. 22 at Genting Club of Resorts World Manila by winning the Best Actress trophy and beating multi-awarded Nora Aunor (of Ang Kwento ni Mabuti).

The seventh grader at the Immaculate Heart of Mary College in Paranaque won for playing 12-year-old Anita, who falls in love with the new woman in town (Angel Aquino) in “Ang Huling Cha-Cha ni Anita.”

Nora, who was at the awards rites, accepted the judges’ decision. “Maraming magagaling na bata,” she told reporters.



Anita Diaz at PIDC Gala



Anita Diaz of Ready Honda enjoy the PIDC Gala in the company of amily and friends. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

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been “corrupted by unscrupulous individuals.”

‘[T]he measures to limit discretion and to open the entire process of allocating development assistance to public scrutiny will lead to a more judicious and transparent management of public funds,” the business groups said.

They also egged on probes by the Justice department, the Commission on Audit and the Office of the Ombudsman.

“It is our hope that those found to have been involved in this scandal, whether private individuals or public figures, regardless of political affiliation, be prosecuted and convicted to the law’s fullest extent,” they said.

The groups also called on people to remain vigilant in ensuring that public resources are used properly and conscientiously.

Hundreds of thousands of Filipinos gathered at Luneta in what has been dubbed the “Million People March” against pork barrel.

“We fervently hope that with the quick resolution of this scandal, integrity and transparency will become the primary standard in our country,” the business groups said.

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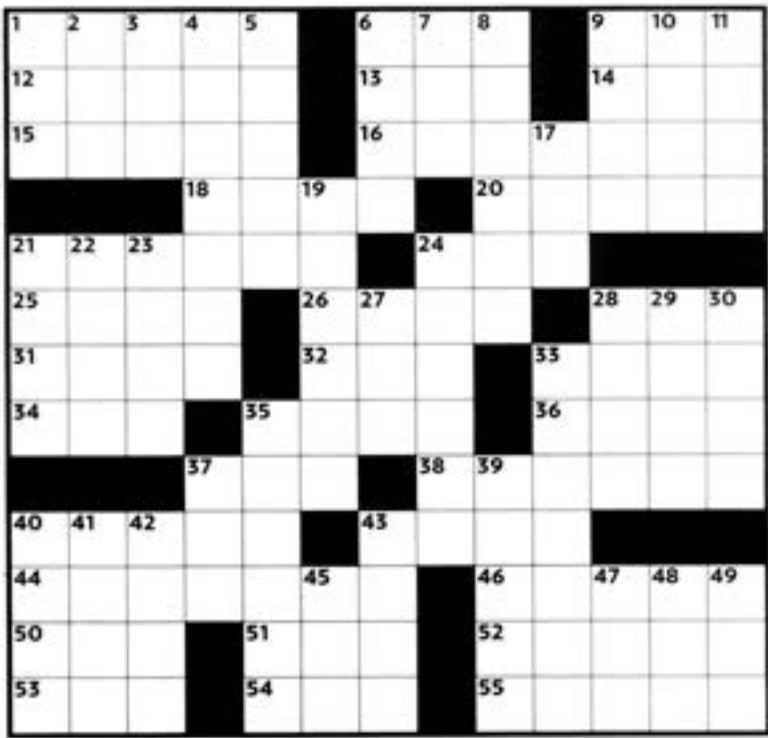


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Morning at rush hour, Taft Avenue during the 80's.

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| 6 42nd, Bourbon, Elm and Main (abbr.) | 2 Wheel of Fortune vowel buy (wd. & ltr.) |
| 9 "____! Humbug!" | 3 Actress Gretchen ____ |
| 12 "____ Gay" by Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark | 4 "____ Things (Come to an End)" by 16 Across (2 wds.) |
| 13 Joan of ____ | 5 "____ Right" by 16 Across (2 wds.) |
| 14 "I Go to ____" by Peter Allen | 6 Storage for valuables |
| 15 First name of 16 Across | 7 "____ Love" by Faith Evans |
| 16 "Promiscuous" pop-rocker | 8 Split ____ (two images at the same time) |
| 18 "____ It to Me" by 16 Across | 9 Actor Pitt |
| 20 Jeff Beck's "Cause We've ____ As Lovers" | 10 ____ de camp (assistant to a superior officer) |
| 21 Philip Seymour Hoffman Oscar role | 11 Boyz N the ____ |
| 24 "I Don't Believe You've ____ My Baby" | 17 Blasting explosive (abbr.) |
| 25 Folk rocker Guthrie | 19 Mount ____ (George Washington's home) |
| 26 American Idol host Seacrest | 21 The Truth About ____ & Dogs |
| 28 Keanu Reeves The Matrix role | 22 Singer India ____ |
| 31 "Pretty ____ Up" by Guns N' Roses | 23 "Kneeling Drunkard's ____" by Johnny Cash |
| 32 "Hide ____ Hair" | 24 Actress Matlin |
| 33 ____ Peterson (George Wendt Cheers role) | 27 "Scared of ____" by 16 Across |
| 34 20,000 Leagues Under the ____ | 28 Eat a snack; have a nibble (slang) |
| 35 Aerosmith's "Hole in My ____" | 29 Cleveland's lake |
| 36 China's continent | 30 Actor Epps of House |
| 37 Tap dancer Miller | 31 ____ Born Killers |
| 38 Actress-swimmer Williams | 33 ____ on a Plane |
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| 53 ____ Given Sunday | 47 Olive ____ (Popeye's ladylove) |
| 54 "____ You Again" | 48 "____ Trick Pony" by 16 Across |
| 55 Talk show host DeGeneres | 49 No Country for Old ____ |

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KOR Manny Yanga



Knights of Rizal - Scarborough chapter commander Manny Yanga (CENTER) gets a Distinguished Service Medal award at the KOR convention held in Montreal. Manny Yanga is a Senior Product Advisor with Scarborough Toyota.

Akin Pa Rin Ang Bukas

GMA Network pulls off an ensemble cast

As GMA Network continues to bring superior and world-class entertainment to its viewers locally and abroad, another compelling drama



masterpiece is primed to dominate the airwaves and captivate the hearts of Filipinos via AKIN PA RIN ANG BUKAS. It premiered worldwide on September 10 replacing Mundo Mo'y Akin on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy

TV.

The drama series features the country's most respected and talented artists in plum roles headlined by no less than Kapuso Station's Premiere Actress – Lovi Poe – as she takes on a winning lead role as Lovelia Villacorta, a woman who turns vengeful against the people who betrayed her.

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Iwa Moto and Pampi Lacson welcome their baby girl Eve

Nagsilang na ang StarStruck 3 First Princess na si Iwa Moto ng malusog na baby girl nitong Lunes ng gabi, September 23.

Mismong boyfriend ni Iwa na si Pampi Lacson ang nag-post ng maiksing video sa Instagram, kung saan makikitang itinabi ng nurse ang sanggol sa kanyang ina.

Naging emosyunal naman si Iwa, 25, habang masuyong hinahagkan sa ulo ang anak.

"Anak, nandito si Mommy. Sorry, Anak," naluluhang sambit pa niya.

Proud daddy naman si Pampi, 31, base na rin sa caption ng kanyang Instagram post: "Welcome to the world, Eve."

Pinangalanan nina Iwa at Pampi ang kanilang anak na Eve.

Ai Ai delas Alas kay Marian Rivera: 'Mukha siyang si Virgin Mary, ang puti-puti niya'

Napuno ng tawanan ang pag-guest nina Marian Rivera at Ai Ai delas Alas sa GMA show Startalk nitong Sabado para i-promote ang pelikula nilang Kung-Fu Divas.

Buong puwersa ang hosts ng programa na sina Joey de Leon, Ricky Lo, Butch Francisco at Lolit Solis, na nagbato ng mga katanungan kina Marian at Ai Ai, na hindi lang bida ng nabanggit na pelikula kundi mga producer din.



At dahil unang pagkakataon na nagkatrabaho ang dalawa, inalam kina Marian at Ai Ai ang kanilang first impression sa isa't isa nang unang magkita.

Natatawang paglalahad ni Ai Ai: "Yung mga ano sa kaniya (Marian) ganito, mataray, matapang, ganyan- ganyan...pero nang unang makita ko siya ang napansin ko talaga sa kanya, mukha siyang si Virgin Mary, ang puti-puti niya."

Dagdag pa ng komedyante, sobrang sweet katrabaho ni Marian at lagi siyang dinadalhan ng pasalubong.

Puring-puri naman ni Marian ang kababaang loob ni Ai Ai at hindi raw niya naramdaman na umasta ang komedyante na big star.

"Una pa lang nakatrabaho ko si Ate (Ai Ai) hindi ko naramdaman na nandito siya (itaas), na Queen siya, kasi napaka-down to earth (niya)," kwento ng Kapuso primetime queen.

"Kumbaga sabi ko nga sa bawat eksena namin, hindi siya yung nag-aano na, 'ay si Ai Ai delas Alas ako.' Hindi kukunin ka niya para maging pantay kayong dalawa," patuloy ni Marian.

Idinagdag ng aktres na masarap at magaang katrabaho ang box-office comedy star.

Ayon pa sa dalawa, hindi naging problema sa kanila ang billing sa kanilang pelikula.

Successful woman seeks supportive boyfriend: *an impossibility*, study says

I always told a dear friend of mine that she was living the dream: a business woman who owned a beautiful home in downtown Toronto with her charming boyfriend. They shared one of those inexplicable connections; being in the same room as the two of them, others felt invisible.

Last month, out of nowhere, he ended it. Packed his bags and left. She was baffled, even after he openly admitted his reason: She was just promoted at her office, with a jaw-droppingly great salary, and he was "unable to cope" with her new position. He had tried, he said, but the "little voice in his head" was too much.



It sounded like a reason from a 90s sitcom. Surely, I told her, no man is that two-dimensional to actually run from a successful woman. But it turns out he's not alone.

A new study published in the American Psychological Association's Journal of Personality and Social Psychology found that straight men feel worse about themselves when their girlfriends succeed.

Lead researcher Dr. Kate Ratliff of the University of Florida said "men automatically interpret a partner's success as their own failure, even when they're not in direct competition."

The research, which identified the effect as the "self-evaluation maintenance model," studied 896 people in five experiments.

Men subconsciously felt worse about themselves when they thought about a time when their partner succeeded. (Their self-worth was measured by a computer that tracked how quickly they associated positive and negative words with their identity.)

Women weren't affected by their man's success, but felt better overall about their relationships when their partner did well.

I'm tsking as I type this – how would a partner, a great partner, actually resent me for doing well in life?

That's not a guy I want in my corner. But, on the other hand, aren't we all hardwired to compare ourselves to others? That impulse – whether it's your best friend who's lost weight or a sibling who just got engaged or, I admit, a friend who seemingly has it all – is human nature.

Still, I wouldn't want to be with someone who isn't happy when I'm happy. The study seems to affirm a man's desire to be the breadwinner of the family – understandable, but can't we both win some bread?

But even worse, does this mean women can't really have a great career and a great relationship simultaneously?

Is the power couple, gulp, a myth?

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



Joy Sarmiento of Pinoy News (SECOND FROM LEFT) and Eva Agpoa (FAR RIGHT) poses with friends at Jenifer Camacho's birthday bash.

Crossword Answers

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of respondents are satisfied with the availability of trained personnel in the Philippines, the highest percentage in ASEAN. Corruption, insufficient infrastructure, and the tax structure remain challenges in the country, but it is clear business leaders have seen significant progress in recent years.

Other areas of satisfaction include sentiment toward the US (79%) - also the highest percentage in ASEAN, availability of low cost labor (74%), stable government and political system (62%), personal security (56%), housing costs (56%), office lease costs (51%), new business incentives offered by government (44%), free movement of goods within the region (41%), availability of raw materials (38%).

Overall, U.S. companies remain optimistic about business prospects in the ASEAN) with 79% reported that their company's level of trade and investment in ASEAN increased over the past two years, and an overwhelming 91% expect it to increase over the next five years. Sixty-three percent of respondents said that over the past two years, ASEAN markets have grown as a portion of their companies' worldwide revenues. Thirty-three percent also said that ASEAN markets' importance has held steady over the past two years.

Further, the majority of respondents (73%) say that ASEAN markets will become more important to their companies' worldwide revenues over the next two years.

Some business leaders show interest in diversifying their investments from China into the ASEAN region over the next two years, but the majority do not.



LEFT, Composer Vehnee saturno, singer Josie de leon and Ladine Roxas pose. ABOVE, Jing, Vehnee, Josie, ladine and Char de Leon-Bautista pose after the Vhenee concert.



LEFT, Flor Martinez, Genelie and daughter Nadeene Panaligan, Ed Tubale, Vehnee Saturno, Ladine Roxas, singer Maria Panaligan and Bong Castillo pose for the camera.



Singer Ladine Roxas (FAR LEFT) and composer Vehnee Saturno (5TH FROM RIGHT) pose with FV Foods' owners Flor Vendiola (2ND FROM LEFT), Mel Galeon (FAR RIGHT STANDING) and staff at FV Larence E. location.

RIGHT, Maria Panaligan, mom Genelie, Vehnee, Nadeene, ladine, Aubrey Panaligan and Ampee Panaligan pose for a picture.



" FORMATION JOKE"

Isang umaga habang nasa formation ang tropa para sa briefing at instructions ng platoon leader nila halos medyo inaantok pa ang lahat dahil na din sa puyat at pagod. Lahat ay tahimik lang habang nakikinig sa opisyal. Pero sa may bandang likuran ay may isang sundalong natutulog habang nakatayo. Nakita ng opisyal ang sundalo:

PLATOON LEADER:

Anaknangtinapa! Bakit ka natutulog sa formation Sarge!?

SUNDALO: Pasensya na po sir habang nakikinig ako sa boses nyo hindi ko napigilang makatulog sa ganda ng tunog para itong musika sa aking tenga.

PLATOON LEADER: Anaknangbaka!

Bakit yung iba hindi nakatulog sa boses ko! Ako ba niloloko mo!

SUNDALO: Sigurado po ako sir hindi sila nakikinig sayo.

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