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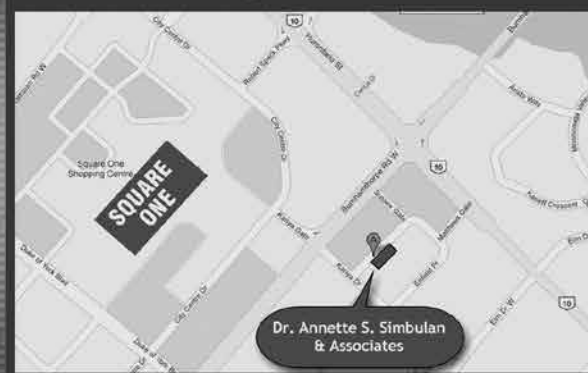
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Vagina traps Student



Emergency responders in Germany had to rescue a foreign exchange student after he became trapped in a stone sculpture of a vagina.

Police in Tübingen received a call for a person who was "trapped in a stone vulva."

The student became trapped in the Pi-Chacán sculpture outside of Tübingen University after he decided to climb in to the narrow structure.

The 22 firefighters who responded to the call reportedly freed the man "by hand" without the use of any devices.

The sculpture was created in 2001 by Peruvian artist Fernando de la Jara, who claims to see the vagina as the "gateway to the world," according to *Süddeutsche*.

The city's mayor Boris Palmer told the newspaper that he could not imagine how the student got himself into that predicament "even taking into account adolescence fantasies."

TFAT Elects 2014-2016 Officers; Rey is President

By : Tony A. San Juan, OCT

The Featineans Association of Toronto (TFAT) recently chose its new set of officers and directors for the 2014-2016 term. The election was held at Thompson Memorial Park, Scarborough, Toronto on June 29, 2014 during the alumni organization's 26th annual picnic and get-together.

Leading the new Executive Board is Engr. Oliver Rey as president. This is the second term for Rey after serving as chief executive officer from 2004 to 2011. He succeeds Engr. Moises Ga. Supporting Rey as officers are : Moises Ga, 1st vice president; Max Recaido, 2nd vice president; Rudy Ortiz, secretary; Norma Guanzon, asst. secretary; Nenita Recaido, treasurer; Greg Gravador, asst.

treasurer; Rudy Olay, auditor; Tom Flores, business mgr.; and Tony A. San Juan, public relations officer.

The other members of the Executive Board are directors Rolando Balangue, Tirso Balitian, Cesar Banda, Ed Baruela, Ramon Cespedes, Tony Gatongay, Fanny Gravador, Bert Pabustan, Jocelyn San Juan, Joey Saturno and Eric Serapio. Tirso Balitian, Annie Buiza, Julio Buiza and Tony San Juan, as living TFAT Founders, serve as Director Emeriti of the organization.

TFAT, organized in July 1989, is composed of alumni and former students, employees, and faculty members of FEATI University, an institution of higher learning in engineering, technological and professional

education sited along the banks of Pasig River in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

For the past 25 years, TFAT has been engaged and supported outreach and ongoing worthwhile programs and projects including 1) university scholarship grants, 2) financial donations to Canadian and Philippine charities, foundations, and religious groups 3) members benevolent fund, 4) calamity - disaster relief assistance, 5) academic excellence recognition awards, 6) inter-university alumni associations sports fest and 7) fundraising socials and activities. (TSJ).

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Marian Rivera like never before in GMA 7's Primetime Musical MARIAN

Beginning June 21 (Saturday), make way for the Kapuso Network's Primetime Queen Marian Rivera as she unleashes a different side of her in the newest Saturday primetime musical, *MARIAN*.

She has captivated the people locally and abroad with her undeniable acting ability, charmed audiences with her striking beauty and presence, and inspired them with her advocacies. And yet, there's no stopping the Kapuso Primetime Queen as she grooves to the beat of being the most beautiful Dance Diva in her self-titled show.

Through her mass-oriented personality, spectators get the chance to celebrate with Marian as a performing artist in the show. Marian heats up the stage through her contagious energetic vibe, as she will absolutely be a feast for the eyes with her show-stopping costumes, make-up and hairstyles.

"Sobrang excited ako dahil isa 'to sa mga pangarap kong gawin. Ibang side naman ni Marian Rivera ang makikita ng mga manonood at siyempre kaabang-abang din ang mga makakasama



namin sa show, mula sa mga magagaling na choreographers, dance crews, hanggang sa mga celebrity artists," says Marian.

Aside from Marian's special production numbers every week, viewers will also witness the high-powered, face-to-face

battle of dance crews together with celebrity dancers. Meanwhile, Marian reveals her playful side as Yan-Yan in the segment Playlist when she grooves to the top three dance hits of different genres every week.

Sharing the stage with Marian is one of Eat Bulaga hosts Paolo Ballesteros. Known for his animated charm, Paolo will be engaging himself in an insightful banter with Marian and the show's guests. Adding musical beat to the show is Kapuso Pop Superstar Julie Anne San Jose.

Captivating, grand and ever-surprising, every Kapuso will see Marian Rivera like never before as she pushes herself to the limits. The show is directed by Louie Ignacio with head writer Rommel Gacho.

Let's make Saturday nights Marian Nights as *MARIAN* premieres June 21 on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV. Get the latest updates about *MARIAN* from its official facebook page www.facebook.com/GMAMarianShow, twitter account @GMAMarianShow and the GMA Network website www.GMANetwork.com. (30)



Naku HA! by Jose Baking
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Puto & Cuchinta for Charity

Have you been approached in a mall by Filipinos selling cuchinta and puto and claiming it is for charity in the Philippines? A long time ago, somebody approached me at Finch subway. I bought 2 packs yata. Of course, I did not believe her. My sis ter got approached at Walmart also by these Filipinos claiming to sell for charity in the Philippines. My brother in law asked for their permit to sell and claim that reason. They cannot produce any and they left. If you believe them, that is up to you. I have ssen some kababayans selling suman and tinapa at the corner of Bathurst and Wislon, the plaza at the NW corner, right at the doorstep of Starbucks. Every weekend lang naman yata. I cannot remember if the suman seller claimed charity or not but I ended up buying. I am not even fond of suman. I don't mind them. I don't believe their charitable status anyway. I am jsut surprised that none of the businesses in that plaza have complained against them.

Elections Left & Right

Incumbent Mayor and candidate for re-election Rob Ford jsut came back form rehab and is already a major factor in the election. I think he just took a break because he has nothing new to say. Which is no different than the other candidates. It was aactually a smart move for him. He got a vacation and was the talk of the town with this absence. He also managed to avoid the issue of the Pride parade. His opponents would have made a big issue of his refusal to walk the parade. Why marching or not marching in certain parades is a big deal is beyond me. Electorates do not care what parade they walk in anyway.

Filipinos in the Election

Filipinos are running in the municipal election. Manny Yanga, Ace Alvarez and Paulina Corpus are running for school board trustees. Randy Bucao is running for councilor. Willie Reodica is running for Mayor. Julius Tiangson is running as the Conservative candidate for Mississauga Centre. Rafael Fabregas lost his fight for nomination for the Liberals Scarborough-Centre riding by 50 votes. I am sure there are still others who I have not been aware of. Good luck to all of them and may they all win and give us Filipinos a political presence that is sorely lacking.

Nobel Peace Prize for PNOY

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process headed by Secretary Teresita Deles is lobbying in Norway to get President Aquino nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize so the President could play up an "accomplishment" during his fifth State-of-the-Nation Address.

Naku, if a certain journalist hears about this, I will not be surprised if he asks his / her "friends" to lobby a Nobel Peace prize for him / her too.

Stateless?

Why do some Filipinos go all over the world without a final destination? They go all over the world and they go from one country to another without any intention of staying in one place? Even a jetsetter has place of residence that he or she can call. Hmmm... I wonder why. Some people cannot be called wanted. In fact, they are unwanted wherever they go. Ehe, ano ba ito?

Click Like in Facebook

Somebody wrote in Facebook "My spouse died and we are

mourning," do you click Like? I am confused. Do you like it that the spouse died, or that they are in mourning, or...? It's confusing, isn't it? FB has become a place to show compassion without thinking much about it. If you do not click Like, you are unsympathetic. But, what are you liking anyway?

Bring our daughters back

We started believing tha social media is the solution to our problems. When rebel Boko Haram kidnapped 300 girls in Nigeria, US First lady Michelle Obama held up a sign "Bring Back our Girls" and posted it on Facebook. Lots of like followed. Unfortunately, Boko Haram is not on facebook so he never got the message. Otherwise, he surely would have returned the girls. Definitely.

Ford and Chow are running close?

Municipal elections is still in October. Ford could have come back in September and still be a close second. Oh, wait, a close second? The last time the surveys called it a close race was...let me think...Oh yeah, the recently-concluded provincial election wherein the sitting Premier Kathleen Wynne, with all the scandals hanging on her neck prior to the election and running a minority government, finally won her majority government. Hmmm... I'd hate to think...

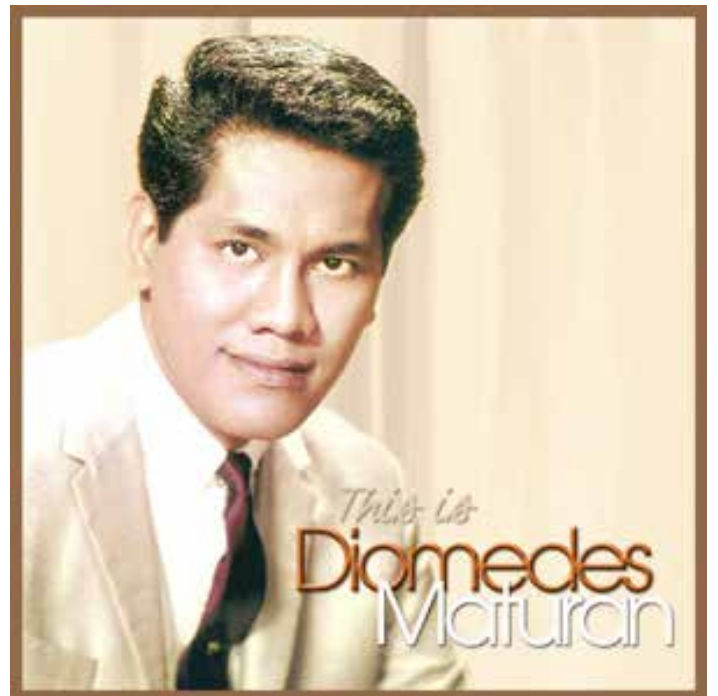
My neighbour mowed my lawn

I was in the computer room when somebody started mowing their lawn at 10:55 am, June 28, 2014. I know because I was chatting with Raymond Santos at that time. I did not pay attention to the mowing. After all, it is summer. Then, I noticed that the sound of the lawn mower sounded closer, as if it was my front lawn being mowed. I peeked from my second floor window and saw my neighbor mowing my front lawn. I was confused as to why he will do that. Well, besides the fact that my grass is long. Well, not that long. It has not gone above my head yet and I am 5'6". Then, I've thought of the winter we just had. I've often shoveled his sidewalk this past winter. And with the winter we had, that was really often, often. If it was high, I used the snow blower. If it was not, I do a quick-run with my 2 shovels side by side from theirs to mine to my other side neighbor. No need to make it perfect. I still have to go to work and catch the bus because I usually do it in the morning. After all, the city snowplow will pass by sometime during the day or eventually. I guess he was just paying it back. Thank God for good neighbors.

Spotlight

Diomedes Maturan

The Perry Como of the Philippines



Diomedes Maturan (August 16, 1940-April7, 2002 ; dubbed the "Perry Como of the Philippines") was an actor who played in Botika sa baryo (1960) and Tawag ng tanghalan.

With his humble roots in amateur singing contests, Diomedes Maturan rose to fame when he became champion of the national TV show Tawag ng Tanghalan in 1958, with his interpretation of the song "Rose Tattoo; earning for him a role in LVN Pictures' movie Rose Tattoo ng Buhay Ko with Charito Solis as co-star, commencing a colorful acting stint that would last for 24 more musical films. Some of the classics that he popularized were Velarde's Dahil Sa'yo, and Gabi at Araw. In 1984, he garnered a Cecil Award in Outstanding Light Classical Vocal Recording for his rendition of Ernani Cuenco's composition Gaano Ko Ikaw Kamahal.

Diomedes Maturan's rise to stardom may actually be likened to that of Nora Aunor. Both were Tawag ng Tanghalan grand champions. Both were dark-skinned, but were able to penetrate an industry kinder and more hospitable to those with fair complexion.

But unlike Aunor, Maturan wasn't able to maximize the power of mass media to further strengthen his career in show business. When he stopped making movies, he concentrated more on stage shows, then already on the decline.

Aside from his great musical ability, Diomedes Maturan also displayed a knack for comedy. In the 1959 film, Private Maturan, he comically reports to the army dressed to the nines - in a shimmering suit with matching sunglasses. He is supported in this comedy film by Pugo, Patsy, Bentot, Lopito and Hector Reyes (all deceased). In Detective Maturan (also filmed in 1959), he goes undercover in one scene by dressing up like a woman - wig, dress and all. Nineteen fifty nine was clearly his year - with all his films making money at the box office.

Maturan continued making movies for LVN in 1960: Lovingly Yours with Mila Ocampo (now better known as Snooky Serna's mother, she was actually a Miss Philippine Press Photography winner, introduced by LVN to film via Biyaya ng Lupa), Botika sa Baryo (with Marita Zobel) and Doon Po sa Amin (with Ocampo and Zobel).

Maturan died on April 7, 2002 of heart attack at age 61.

He was survived by his wife Sylvia and children Dennis, Ma. Teresa, Dominic, and Marjorte.

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Fil-Can Senator Enverga with Lovi Poe in Toronto

Photo shows GMA Star Lovi together with Filipino - Canadian Senator Tobias C. Enverga Jr. when she performed during the 2014 Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show in Toronto held on June 28, 2014 Saturday) at the Toronto Metro Convention Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (ST. JAMESTOWN NEWS SERVICE, Dindo Orbeso)

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The Tomato Garden

An old Italian man lived alone in the country. It was Spring and he wanted to dig his tomato garden, as he had done every year, but it was very hard work for the aging man as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was currently in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,
I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If only you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me.
Love Dad

His son replies:

Dear Dad,
Not for nothing, but don't dig up that garden. That's where I buried the BODIES.
Love Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived at the old man's house and dug up the entire area. However, they didn't find any bodies, so they apologized to the old man and left.
That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Dad,
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.
Love Vinnie

Honey Shot

Amber is IPEN's Miss Expoworld Universe 2013. This 14-year old is into tap dancing. Someday, she wants to be a doctor. She is the daughter of Eugene and Juliet. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.



Lovi admits affair

WALA nang masyadong impact ang ginawang pag-amin ni Lovi Poe sa Startalk kahapon tungkol sa tunay na relasyon nila ng matagal nang nali-link sa kanyang actor na si Rocco Nacino.



Kahit kasi kuntodo deny ang showbiz pair tungkol sa kanilang relasyon, iba naman ang nakikita sa kanila kaya walang maniwala na hindi nga sila mag-on.

Tuwing iinterbyuhin naman, masyadong vague ang kanilang mga sagot. At one point, sinabi pa ni Rocco sa press na kung anuman ang namamagitan sa kanila ng dalaga ng nasirang movie king na si Fernando Poe Jr., gusto nilang panatiling private.

Rama & Galvante are OK

Naging mainit na isyu sa showbiz ang sagutan at demandahan nina Annabelle Rama at dating GMA-7 executive Wilma Galvante noon, kaya naman ngayon, marami sa mga kaibigan nila ang natutuwa na all's well that ends well na nga sa pagitan nila.

Katunayan, pumayag agad si Annabelle nang sabihin ng anak na si Raymond na interesado si Wilma na bilhin ang rights ng reality show nilang It Takes Gutz to be a Gutierrez mula sa El channel para sa TV5.

Kuwento pa ni Tita Annabelle, wala na silang samaan ng loob ni Wilma at pati ang mga kasong isinampa, na-drop na raw.

Ang second season, sey ni Tita Annabelle, dito lang sa 'Pinas kukunan.

Out na raw ang ideyang kukunan sila sa Istanbul, bansa ng dati niyang manugang na si Yilmaz Bektas, dahil mas gusto ng mga taga-El na ipakilala ang 'Pinas sa Asya.

Pero, mukhang tuloy daw ang biyahe ng anak na si Ruffa doon. Isasama raw ni Rufing ang dalawang anak na sina Lorin at Venice para dalawin si Yilmaz.

Nang tanungin kung payag siyang pumunta si Ruffa sa Istanbul, sagot ni Tita Annabelle, "Ayaw ko, pero wala akong magagawa kung gusto ni Ruffa."



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Singapore blog riles Filipinos

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Filipinos like the ones in this photo inside the Lucky Plaza in Orchard Road are the target of an anti-Filipino blog post recently.

A Singaporean blogger who posted an anti-Filipino “guide” that suggested ways to displease Filipinos living in Singapore has riled readers and said said “Filipinos have long overstayed their welcome, and they must be advised in no less clearer terms that we are growing intolerant of their presence. Then again, let’s do this through largely ‘peaceful’, non criminal means.”

The blogger said Filipino waiters and customer service officers must be rejected. He said Singaporeans must request for the service of his fellow countrymen. “If the idiot continues rambling on, tell him/her with a smile: Your English sucks, capisce?... find me someone else pronto’,” the blogger advised. The blogger also suggested to give a “little nudge” to Filipino commuters that get rowdy but “make it look accidental”.

“We understand sometimes they just don’t get it, so a little more force must be employed,” he added.

The Blood Stained Singapore blogger said Singaporeans should eat at Filipino restaurants and make a mess by spitting the food out in their plate.

If Filipinos figure in an accident, the blogger asked Singaporeans not to help but take photos and post them on social media with a caption: “Hopefully another Pinoy has breathed his last on the little red dot. RIP. NOT.”

He said Singaporeans should pray for a flood of biblical proportions to descend upon Orchard Road which is frequented by Filipinos especially on weekends.

Lastly, he said “If you see a Pinoy cashier at NTUC, Cold Storage or Giant, throw a can of Baygon into your

shopping before approaching him/her to make payment. When the cashier picks up the insecticide spray ready to do a barcode scan, ask him/her wryly: ‘Is this effective against Filipinos? Sorry, I meant cockroaches.’”

The anonymous blogger believes he is not violating any law by raising his points that are very critical of Filipinos. But Marc Titus Cebreros, chief of the Human Rights Information and Communication Division, contradicted this and said Singapore’s Sedition Act punishes offline and online remarks that tend to incite distrust and enmity between the races with a jail term of three years and a hefty fine.

Cebreros said Singaporean authorities should penalize the blogger concerned. “At the very least, what he said was rather foolish but the fact that it is stirring negative reactions from Filipinos and other minorities in Singapore should convince the authorities to push for tough legal actions,” he added.

“It is a black and white case of hate speech and hate mongering that deserves to be condemned and penalized,” he added.

The sensationalist post has given the blogger good traffic to his site after the article has been viewed 529,301 times and shared in several social media platforms.

POLO-SG suspends recruiter for selling maids in malls

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Singapore has

suspended the accreditation of Homekeeper Agency, the recruitment firm responsible for the “discounts on maids” marketing strategy there.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said POLO-Singapore has suspended the accreditation of a foreign placement agency (FPA) of the Homekeeper, which was one of the two agencies alleged to be involved in the practice.

“Labor Attaché [Vicente] Cabe has reported that the POLO has suspended its accreditation of Homekeeper Agency,” Baldoz said.

The manager of the agency was invited to answer the allegations and was instructed to bring their workers to the Philippine Embassy for interview, she added.

Aside from the Homekeeper, DOLE had also referred the Budget Maid Agency to the Singapore Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and the Budget Maid Agency is not accredited with the POLO-Singapore.

Earlier, DOLE looked into reports that foreign domestic workers, including Filipino household service workers, were being put on display and made available for “purchase” at “discounted prices” in some shopping malls in Singapore.

Meanwhile, two of the five overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who were victims of the marketing scheme underwent a settlement and obtained a refund of the money claims with the Homekeeper and were present during the POLO investigation.

On the other hand, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has identified the four POEA-licensed agencies that have Homekeeper Agency as their principal.

The four agencies are Maanyag International Manpower Corporation, Migrant Workers Manpower Agency, Inc., Kirsten Recruitment, Inc., and Uni-Link Overseas Placement Agency Corporation.

According to Baldoz, POEA administrator Hans Leo Cacdac will meet the officials and representatives of the agencies in the Philippines to hear their side of the issue and why they allowed the Homekeeper to be their principal agency.

However, the DOLE chief explained that the sanctions that will be imposed on the recruitment firms will still depend on the answers to the queries of the POEA.

“The POEA will base its subsequent action on their explanation [for the said marketing scheme],” she said.



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For the third leg of our EXCITING adventure, Kris and Pokwang visit Chiang Mai - the largest and culturally significant city in northern Thailand.

Loyal Kapamilya viewers will get the chance to spend special moments with Kris in her own home - creating new memories to cherish. Kris, Pokwang, Carmina Villarroel-Legaspi and Judy Ann Santos-Agoncillo will prepare dishes to be shared with selected Kris TV viewers.

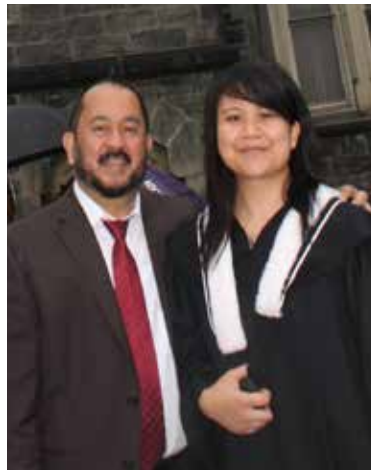
Kris also shares the stage with Vice Ganda to join our talk and musical special to celebrate love and life.

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Scenes in the City



FIRST, May Cabrias happily receives the certificate of Appreciation on behalf of hard-of-walking husband Jess Cabrias from Bicol president Rafael nebres and Congen Junever Mahilum-West. SECOND, Singer Ryan Orlanda poses with the Consul-general. THIRD & FOURTH, Proud parents of a new university graduate, Reeza the youngest of three girls graduated at the University of Toronto poses with her dad, senatro Tobias Jun Enverga and mom Rosemer and youngest sister Rocelle.

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Address by Senator Enverga:

New Funding for the Int’l Organization of Migration



And it is why today I am announcing more Canadian support—in this case to help address the immediate needs of thousands of conflict-affected families in the Philippines. Decades of ongoing fighting on Mindanao Island have caused far too many people to suffer unimaginable consequences.

They live in dire conditions, without the basic necessities

Good morning/afternoon.

Friends, I am pleased to join you today on behalf of my colleague, the Honourable Christian Paradis, Canada’s Minister of International Development and for La Francophonie.

Minister Paradis regrets that he cannot be here for the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show. He has asked me to convey his sincerest thanks for inviting him to attend.

Last fall, the Minister travelled to the Philippines, as the sun was finally rising to reveal the full destruction that Typhoon Haiyan had left behind.

It was, for Minister Paradis, an opportunity to survey the damage. And to get a full sense of what role Canada could play to help meet the growing humanitarian needs of the millions of people who were affected in some way.

If the Minister was so quick to jump on a plane and go into that disaster zone, it was because of the long-standing friendship that exists between Canada and the Philippines.

Indeed, our bilateral relations are strong and friendly, and marked by close cooperation in many areas.

Our embassy in Manila, for example, works with the Government of the Philippines, members of civil society, and international organizations to promote democratic development, good governance, rule of law, peace, and the protection of human rights for all Filipinos.

These are the very hallmarks of Canada’s principle-based foreign policy.

We believe in dignity for all people—that freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law are the values upon which pluralistic societies are built, and the values to which all human beings are entitled.

We know we have a responsibility to help the global community reach its full potential.

And we understand that our global reputation as a nation steeped in philanthropic engagement positions us well to offer assistance and expertise in areas of the world that need it.

It is why we were so quick to contribute to the recovery effort in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan.

to, if not live comfortably, then at least get by.

Canada wants to help change that. So we are providing the International Organization for Migration with \$800,000 in new humanitarian assistance funding.

This contribution is going towards a project that will address immediate needs on Mindanao Island.

It will improve access to safe drinking water.

Make sanitation and hygiene facilities easier to find and use.

And improve nutrition for families and individuals who struggle to find enough nutritious food.

Our assistance will support the IOM’s efforts to better coordinate and manage camps for more than 25,000 internally displaced people in 10 evacuation centres and four temporary shelters.

And it will improve conditions in these shelters by providing privacy partitions for approximately 4,000 families.

The IOM’s Chief of Mission in the Philippines, Marco Boasso, has called our contribution generous. And he has said that it will help thousands of vulnerable people.

Few rewards are greater than this... knowing that our assistance will make a difference in the lives of so many.

It has long been Canada’s commitment to provide appropriate, timely and effective humanitarian assistance, in response to conflicts and natural disasters.

We do it to save lives, alleviate suffering, and maintain the dignity of those who are affected.

With today’s announcement, Canada proudly reaffirms this commitment in the Philippines. And, more specifically, to the people of Mindanao Island, who bear the scars of years of conflict in that region.

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GIANNA MATIZEN'S 1ST B'DAY

Last June 28, 2014 was Gianna Matizen's (LEFT) 1st b-day. With her are the happy parents Gladys and Junray Calderon (RIGHT PHOTO) and Lola Zeny & Lolo Dr. Calderon. (FAR RIGHT)



Philippines

9 out of 10 mall goers has relatives working abroad+ other news



MANILA - Nine out of 10 people who enter a mall have a relative living or working abroad, according to an official of a leading mall chain in the country.

Data from Philippine Statistics Authority showed that 2.3 million Filipinos were working abroad in April-September 2013 alone.

Personal remittances of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) breached the \$2-billion mark in March this year, posting a single-digit growth from last year's level.

Figures from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed that the remittances in March grew 6.9 percent to \$2.08 billion from \$1.99 billion in the same month last year.

The United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong were the major sources of the cash remittances.

The major role played by OFWs in sustaining the economy prodded the SM Shopping Center Management Group to tap the huge Philippine market that is best represented by Filipinos working abroad.

Glenn Ang, vice president for operations of SM Shopping Center Management Group, said three million people enter the chain's 48 malls across the country every day.

On Tuesday, SM Supermalls, Samsung and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., through its international arm PLDT Global, signed a partnership that will make available to the OFWs products and services offered by the partners.

PLDT will carry Samsung's domestic appliances and electronics products that Filipinos abroad can pay for directly and have them delivered to their loved ones

anywhere in the Philippines.

With transactions being made online, the OFW sender is spared the hassle of shipping bulky packages to the product recipient back home.

The service is available for Filipinos in Asia and Europe, including the United Kingdom, but it will be expanded soon to those in the US West Coast, according to Eric Alberto, PLDT executive vice president for enterprise, international and carrier business.

The partnership "gives us the opportunity to offer Samsung's range of products to our overseas Filipinos who would want to provide the latest gadgets and appliances for their families," Chung Lyong Lee, Samsung Electronics Philippines president and CEO, said in a statement.

Sin tax revenues exceed target

MANILA - The Aquino administration has exceeded anew its tax collection target on "sin" products in the first four months of the year following a round of excise tax rate increase last January.

Year-on-year, sin taxes revenues increased by 12 percent from P20.58 billion.

Meanwhile, the civil society coalition that supported the passage of the Sin Tax Law (R.A. 10351) in 2012, has joined the World Health Organization's call for countries to raise taxes on tobacco.

In 2012, the Philippine government passed the controversial Sin Tax Law that resulted in steep and dramatic increases in tobacco tax rates and that reformed the tax structure, leading towards a single tax rate

and perpetual automatic adjustment for inflation of the tax rate.

One of the law's objectives is to curb the rising tobacco-related diseases in the Philippines, induced by some of the lowest cigarette prices in the world.

More than a year after the enactment of the Sin Tax Law, the coalition said "we find positive signs that the country is on track towards achieving the goals of protecting the health of Filipinos through reduction of smoking, increasing revenues, and raising additional funds for universal health care."

Even more recently, a health department-commissioned 2014 Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey on smoking has revealed lower smoking prevalence among Filipinos—from 29 percent in 2012 to 26 percent in the first quarter of 2014.

Priest: Ban One Direction

MANILA - An official of the Catholic Church said popular British boy band One Direction should be banned from holding concerts in the Philippines.

Fr. Conegundo Garganta, executive secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines-Episcopal Commission on Youth (CBCP-ECY), said the group should be banned for they might set a bad example for the youth who idolize them.

Earlier, a video surfaced showing two of the members of the group smoking marijuana.

"The government should act on this... Are you going to allow your people to be poisoned?" Garganta said in an interview.

"I don't know if they'll do that but the government vowed to protect the people. That's why it should exercise its power," he said.

Garganta also asked concert organizers to be more discerning when they invite artists to do a show.

"While an actor or actress can entertain us, we should also be discerning. Are we only for the entertainment? We should also be responsible," he said.

The Manila concert of One Direction is slated for March next year.

Daniel is more popular than Kathryn

Daniel Padilla is billed ahead in his love team with Kathryn Bernardo. This is unusual in local showbiz, where

the female is always ahead of the male partner, as in Guy and Pip, Vi and Bot/Boyet, Nida-Nestor, Gloria-



Luis, Sharon and Gabby, Maricel and William. But this is understandable because there's no doubt that between Daniel and Kathryn, it's Daniel who is the more "sikat" member of their love team. And this is not surprising because Daniel is just oozing with star quality and charisma, just like his Uncle Robin during Binoey's younger days. We don't doubt that Daniel will be like John Lloyd Cruz, who can be paired with any female star and still come up with a hit movie.

Daniel and Kath have a new romantic film to be shown on July 16, "She's Dating the Gangster," based on Bianca Bernardino's Filipino novel that's a hit online in Wattpad with 600,000 readers and sold 70,000 copies on paperback. How is this different from the first 3 films they did, "24/7 in Love," "Must Be Love" and "Pagpag?"

"Ito na ang pinaka-mature na nagawa namin ni Kathryn," says Daniel. "Yung mga una, pa-cute mostly, tapos 'Pagpag' is horror. Ngayon lang ako umeffort nang husto in a movie and I'm so proud of it. I learned so much from our director, Cathy Molina. The movie's message is that true love surpasses the test of time."

The movie was shot on location in Bicol, which is an integral part of the story.

Charee has cold feet over movie

ChareeE Pineda is one of the Kapuso Kontrabidas who played villain to Lovi Poe in "Akin Pa Rin ang Bukas." She admits she somehow regrets backing out from "Kamkam (Greed)" now that the film is eliciting very positive reviews.

"Nanghihinayang ako not being able to work with Direk Joel Lamangan, who's my dream director," she says. "Sayang nga, chance ko na siya makatrabaho, but I had to consider other factors. First, my family, especially my dad. Then my constituents in Valenzuela. Kahit 23 na ako, I don't decide for myself when it comes to those things dahil I have to take into consideration ang sasabihin nila. Kasi very daring talaga ang role. Inisip ko na lang, hindi siguro talaga para sa akin 'yung role at siguro may ibang artista talaga na meant for that project."

Direk Joel is going back to GMA7 now that his contract with TV5 has expired. What if he wouldn't want to work with her in a future GMA project? "If that would happen, I can't do anything about it. Hindi mo naman siya puwedeng piliting kunin ka kung ayaw niya. Wala akong choice kundi tanggapin anuman ang decision niya."

Filipino Entertainment at CHIN Picnic delights the crowd



FIRST, World-Famous Pilita Corrales poses with UMAC's Perly Alilio, Esther and UMAC'S Anna Eusebio. SECOND, Keeana Cerezo entertains the crowd. THIRD, The beautiful and sexy candidates of Lakambini pageant was popular with the crowd.

Laugh Resort

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea.



As he sat facing her old pump organ, the young minister noticed a cut-glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water. In the water floated, of all things, a condom! When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist. "Miss Beatrice", he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" pointing to the bowl. "Oh, yes" she replied, "isn't it wonderful?"

I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter!"

The pastor fainted.

Toronto Councillor candidate Randy Bucao kicks off campaign with a concert Fundraiser



ABOVE, Randy Bucao gets on stage with all the performers. BELOW, Candidate Randy Bucao poses with singer Amsky Chan at his fundraising concert at Prestige.

Randy! Randy! Randy! was the concerted calls by supporters and friends of Randy Bucao. They were echoed loud and clear not as a sports rooting but made as political chants during Bucao's first main fundraising activity. The successful event was actually a Concert Show in support of his campaign for councillorship to the Toronto municipal council .

Yes, it was indeed Bucao's impressive campaign kickoff - cum- dinner concert held at Prestige Club in North York on July 5,2014. The well-attended and well- admired show was highlighted by splendid performances involving musical talents of Toronto's FilCan established and promising singers, group dancers and stage performers.

Hosted by Deo Moreno, and amongst the wonderful performers were: Jennifer Camacho, Bong Castillo, Jujelyn Lescano, Britney Waito, Cheryll Samson, John Alix, Samantha Gavin, Joshua Serrano, Amsky Chan,



Marylou Malicdem, Maria Panaligan, Glenn Sevillo, Casey Lapira & Prestige MoverZ Dancers.

Bucao is a solid candidate for Councillor of Toronto 's Ward 10-York Centre, located along the Bathurst/ Wilson corridors of North York. He is proud to be the only Filipino running for elective post in the City of Toronto on October 27, 2014. For campaign financial contribution, volunteers and support to Randy's quest, contact and connect via : www.BUCAO.ca.

Gellie-Edu Reunite

GELLI de Belen has Edu Manzano as co-host in "Face the People" on TV5. We ask her how she felt when she was informed that Edu will join her and Tintin Bersola in the show. "I got excited," she says. "Kasi noong 14 years old ako, siya ang unang nakasama ko sa kanyang sariling show. Nagkasama na rin kami hosting variety shows like 'Game and Go,' pero iba itong 'Face the People'. I felt makakatulong talaga magkaroon ng male perspective dahil pareho kami ni Tintin na babae in our viewpoints. Gelli is thankful that she can do both hosting and acting on TV5. She just finished the tawaserye "Confessions of a Torpe." Both her career and lovelife continue to do well. Her marriage to Ariel Rivera is one of the most stable in showbiz. What's their secret?



"We have constant communication, which is a big factor."

Are their sons not into showbiz? "Hindi nila hilig. They're more into sports sa school nila. 'Yung isa, sa baseball. And the other one, sa basketball, which is good. Pag-aaral muna ang asikasuhin nila bago sila mag-isip ng kung anu-ano."

For the first telecast of "Face the People" today, don't miss the controversial Maegan Aguilar and her aunt Marlene walking out of the show when writers who were guests in the show sided with and defended Freddie Aguilar. Find out what are the other complaints that Maegan voiced out against her dad in the show.

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Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto, Still The Biggest Annual Fiesta!

Toronto, June 28, 2014 - Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto proved once again as the biggest annual community based Fiesta under one roof in Toronto or perhaps Canada as it culminated the 2014 festivities. Having Fun and Helping at the same time is the theme of the Fiesta. Thousands upon thousands of well wishers rose to their feet as they welcomed the multitude of performers as they enter the stage and performed to their hearts' delight.

True to their words, the organizers delivered their promises in bringing the best of the best of our local talents, everyone was amazed by the quad, Martha Joy, Lilac Cana, Emil Zarris and Bong Castillo, back to back to back with their talents as they showcased their magnificent gifts to the enchantment of the huge crowd. The local community groups performance cannot be outdone, from seniors to young ones ... they were beauty to all the senses. Culture Philippines of Ontario, the premiere dance company, once again depicted Philippine culture and traditions with much expression and artistry.

What is a Fiesta without a band. Pinoy Fiesta was once again the recipient of the band extraordinaire Philippine Heritage Band's rendition of various band music favourites, as they led the ever exciting Santa Cruzan in Toronto, full of beauties from the Miss, Little Miss and Mrs. Philippines Canada pageantry. The pageant finale was such a show to behold to everyone, the precision, the artistic choreography and the entertainment provided the Candidates an 'Experience of a Lifetime' and the audience alike. Where have you seen a pageantry where a superstar crowns its queen? Miss Philippines Canada is indeed a pageantry like no other. Lovi Poe crowned the Miss Phils. Canada and the Miss Teen Phils. Canada 2014 Winners. The pageant with a cause!



Kapuso star Lovi Poe entertain the crowd at Pinoy Fiesta.

BELOW, Officers of PCCF pose for a picture.

Lovi, Lovi, Lovi, as the audience chanted! Yes, it was Lovi Poe the crowd have been clamoring on their seats. The whole Metro Convention Hall crowd rose to their feet, hollered their loudest as the young Music princess, Lovi Poe, gave them an unforgettable renditions of their favourite songs. The King of Philippine Movies, Fernando Poe, her dad must be really proud of her talent.

The Fiesta was indeed such a success, organizers have to stop accepting vendor spaces two weeks before the big day. What is in store for next year? The president of PCCF, Romy Rafael, quipped, "It will be big, a really, really, big celebration because it will be the 5th year anniversary of Pinoy Fiesta!" To all those who want to celebrate Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto, 5th year anniversary, remember to buy your tickets early and reserve those vendor spaces soon. MABUHAY ANG PINOY! For more info, visit www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com or email pinoyfiestatoronto@gmail.com or find us on facebook and twitter.



Aljur Abrenica's Family Hurt By Robin Padilla's Offensive Words!

The family of kapuso actor Aljur Abrenica was reported being hurt by the offensive words of the award-winning actor Robin Padilla, the father of her former girlfriend Kylie Padilla.

According to the source of *Bandera Inquirer.net*, Aljur Abrenica respects the opinion of the action star however, his opinion towards him did not sit well to his family.

It can be remembered that the action star told her daughter to find a tough guy so she will not be hurt again. "Maghanap ka ng tunay na barako, 'yung barakong Pilipino, 'yung may dugong barako para hindi ka na ityak, hindi ka nasasaktan," he said. Kylie Padilla and Aljur Abrenica broke up sometime during summer when the 21-year-old actress was in Australia. She said on her past interview with "Startalk" that the actor initiated their break up hinting that his reason was not true.

Her fellow kapuso star Geoff Eigenmann was also rumored to be the reason of their split since he also broke up with her long-time girlfriend Carla Abellana that time, which Kylie Padilla denied.

Kylie Padilla clarified that third-party had nothing to do with their break up but refuses to reveal true reason. She also did not comment about the rumored blossoming romance of his ex-boyfriend with Louise delos Reyes, saying that she does not want to be reminded by the reasons of their separation.

Kylie Padilla also told Aljur Abrenica that a lot of people was angry at him and she hopes that he would learn his lessons after what happened.



Jodi Sta. Maria has no plans to get married

The Kapamilya actress Jodi Sta. Maria still remain silent when asked about her relationship with actor-turned-politician Jolo Revilla but she

noted that she have no plans on getting married.

In an interview during the presscon for the second anniversary of their top-rating series "Be Careful with My Heart", Jodi Sta. Maria denied the speculations that she is planning to tie-the-knot with the current governor of Cavite.

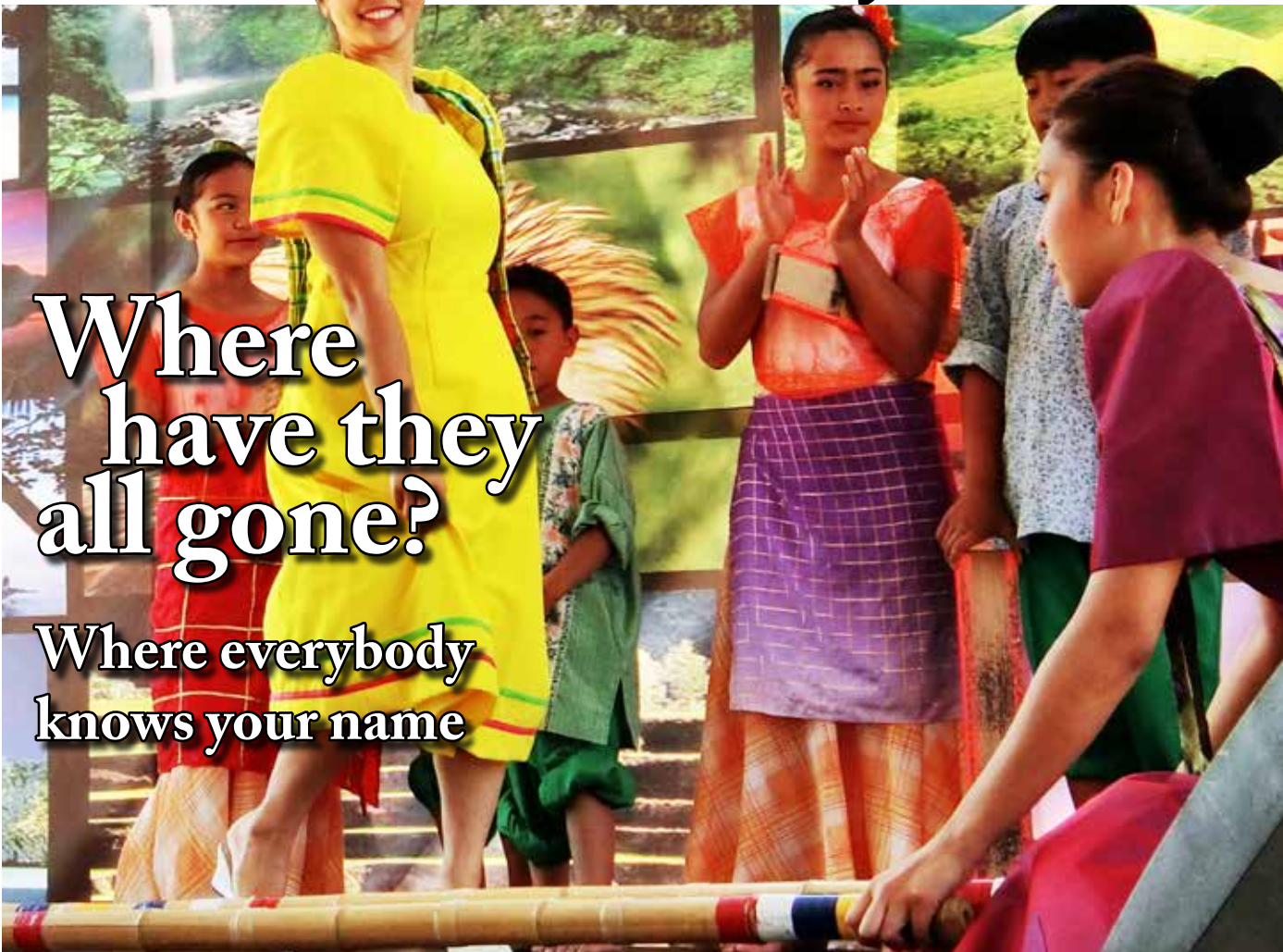
"Wala naman akong plans na magpakasal. Maayos ang ginagawa ko. Happy ako sa trabaho

ko. Happy ako sa lahat ng ginagawa ko," she said. Asked on what if Jolo Revilla will surprisingly propose to her, the 32-year-old star simply answered with a smile.

Jodi Sta. Maria was previously married to the son of the former senator Panfilo Lacson, Pampi Lacson, whom she had a son with. They separated months before Jolo Revilla and the actress

became an official couple.

Jolo Revilla had also a romantic relationship with the daughter of actress Rosanna Roces, Grace Adriano and they also have a son named Gabriel. According to the reports, Jodi Sta. Maria and Jolo Revilla have been visiting other countries together with their respective kids.



Alev Usta of Culture Philippines Ontario performs at the picnic.

Be careful what you wish for or it might come true.

The annual picnic you go to and mingle with old friends has changed.

I went to the Kalayaan picnic only to be surprised when the old familiar faces are not there anymore. I did not see Dr. Annette Simbulan, Dr. Solon Guzman, Dr Cristina Gamo, realtor Clem Cabillan among the crowd.

Dr. Simbulan and and Clem always had the hotdog fundraising going on.

The trees all had tables of the different associations underneath them with all sorts of food that you can imagine. Now, everyone is under a picnic shelter.

Besides, a handful of people, I barely recognize anyone anymore. There is Josie de Leon, Alma Torreno, Resty del Rosario and Mama Ching. Alev Usta, a dancer with Culture Philippines Ontario was there, just like last year, as was her mom Denilee. But I did not meet Alev and her mom from a Kalayaan event. I met Alev when she joined the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation Miss Philippine Canada pageant run by Rosemer Enverga, wife of FilCan senator Tobias Jun Enverga. She won the pageant in 2012.

I did see Fe Tabago, mother of singer Rita Tabago but I did not see her sing. I guess I missed her singing.

Dr. Solon Guzman had to preside at 3pm at a Santacruzian at a builkding baeside the park. I guess that explains his absence at the picnic.

I still remember that time when the Kalayaan picnic had a separated areaas a beer garden.

I guess the mometum has shifted to kalayaan's other event, the Fiesta ng kalayaan, with it's aura of glamour as it brings showbiz stars from the Philippines like Jericho Rosales (2012), Bea Alonzo, Paulo Avelino (2013) and this year, Sam Milby.

But the kalayaan picnic is different. It's hard to put into words but it reminds me of the old TV show Cheers and it's theme song.

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got.

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LEFT, RIGHT, Kalayaan President Resty del Rosario poses with chessmasters.

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You wanna be where everybody knows
Your name.
You wanna go where people know,
people are all the same,
You wanna go where everybody knows your
name.*

To me, the Kalayaan picnic is an event for seeing old friends in a relaxed setting. The picnic is not like an old shoe you grew comfortable wearing.

Rather, it is like an old friend you like seeing.

Will Maja Salvador Be Angel Locsin's Contravida in 'Darna'?

One of the ABS-CBN's finest actresses Maja Salvador answered the question if she will be the contravida in the country's biggest movie "Darna" which stars the award-winning actress Angel Locsin.

Maja Salvador have worked before with Angel Locsin in the top-rating defunct series "The Legal Wife". She drew a lot of praises after she portrayed the role as the mistress and contravida.

In an interview with reporters, the 25-year-old star was seemed having a hard time to answer if she will portray the role of villain in "Darana" and said that it would be difficult to follow their hit series since she wanted that her character as Nicole will mark on the people.

"Parang ang hirap sagutin. Pero parang ano kasi, parang ang hirap sundan ng 'The Legal Wife.' Kasi hindi ba, tumatak kami as Monica and Nicole? So parang gusto ko munang ipatatak 'yun sa mga tao," she said.

Maja Salvador added that she would rather take a break from her contravida roles first. She said that she does not want to have a series of contravida roles.

The singer-actress also said that she is looking forward to see the casts of "The Legal Wife" again because they will soon have an appreciation dinner to celebrate the success of their series.

Alessandra De Rossi tired of playing bad

Kapuso actress Alessandra De Rossi wants a break from kontrabida roles, which she has been playing since she was 19.

"Parang gusto mo rin na 'yung gift na binigay sa iyo ay magagamit mo rin to inspire people. Although hindi mo naman maliwasan kasi nga na-typecast ka. Pero pumasok siya sa isip ko, kaya kailangan ko siyang gawan ng paraan. Kaya nga sabi ko na kung hindi babaguhin, magki-quit ako or gagawa ako ng something na may saysay."

Although Alessandra admits her non-kontrabida role doesn't challenge her as much, she is happy spreading positivity through her feel-good character.

"Kahit papaano nakakapagpasaya ka ng tao at hindi na lang puro sama ng loob ang nararamdaman at nakikita nila."

She is not closing her doors on playing an antagonist role.

"Okay ako basta ang kailangan ko lang malaman kung saan siya manggagaling. Ayaw ko rin tanggap lang nang tanggap kasi ako rin ang mahihirapan."

Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto Picnic



Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto holds a picnic. It is a time of relaxation, of taking it easy before the start of the very hectic preparation for the Filipinas Expo and Multicultural Trade show on Augsut 16. The show promises the appearance of Philippine stars Janno Gibbs, Jillian Ward, Gardo Versoza and Mona Louise.



Iza Calzado and Nikki Gil

NEW SERIES “HAWAK KAMAY” REACHES OUT TO THE MODERN DAY FILIPINO FAMILY

How much can the life of a drunkard and aspiring musician change when he finds himself left with the responsibility of acting as a father to three adopted children?

This is what ABS-CBN's newest family drama, “Hawak Kamay,” will be taking on as it hits TV screens to reach out to modern day Filipino families.

The series is set to take off with acclaimed actor Piolo Pascual at the helm, who will be making a much-anticipated return to television drama following the success of his movie “Starting Over Again” earlier this year. Piolo stars in “Hawak Kamay” along with three of the country’s most powerful child stars, Zaijan Jaranilla, Andrea Brillantes, and Xyriel Manabat. The series will also introduce Grand i-Shiner Yesha Camille, who was under the mentorship of Piolo during her stint in the second season of the Promil Pre-School i-Shine Talent Camp.

Taking on the role as a father in “Hawak Kamay,” Piolo has expressed the kind of connection he feels with the country’s young stars, especially being a single parent himself. “I like working with children because I kind of see myself in them,” he said in an interview with TV Patrol.

“Hawak Kamay” details the story of a beat down man named Gin (Piolo Pascual), who has dreams of making it big as a musician and is faced with various challenges that may make or break his belief in himself and in the value of the relationships. He begins the story by the side of the woman he loves, Me-ann (Nikki Gil), and is joined by three parentless children, Emong (Zaijan Jaranilla), Harriet (Xyriel Manabat), and Ningning (Yesha Camille). Their situation unfolds under the watchful eye of the estate executor, Atty. Bianca Magpantay (Iza Calzado).

As time passes and the situation grows deeper, Gin finds himself developing a different sort of attachment to the three children, and decides to get his act together for them.

Filipino Centre Toronto *Pistahan 2014* sa Nathan Phillips Square



Filipino Centre Toronto

The Filipino Centre, Toronto had their Pistahan sa Nathan Philips Square festival. It is a celebration of Independence Day, Santacruznan, Parada ng lechon, singing contest, and assorted other Philippine festivals rolled into one. It was a complete success. Filipino food vendors courtesy of Ilocandia, and our always-reliable friendly vendors FV Foods.

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Dr. Solon Guzman poses with Congen Junever Mahilum-West and her husband during the Santacruz sa Mississauga.



Fr. Regulo Imperial of Prince of Peace Parish in Scarborough and Msgr. Dennis Imperial from Lucena, Philippines visit Fv Foods Lawrence and taken care of by FV boss Mel Galeon (CENTRE) during the busy Taste of Lawrence festival.



Manny Yanga, Ward 7 Trustee Candidate for the Toronto Catholic District School Board, with The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport of Canada, when she announced an expanded Canada-Philippines Air Transport Agreement that allows for more flights between the 2 countries. Minister Raitt was joined by Senator Tobias Enverga, when she made the announcement at the Gateway Centre for New Canadians in Mississauga, Ontario, home to a growing Canadian-Filipino Community.

The agreement offers increased flights to any destination between Canada & the Philippines, greater flexibility for airlines to offer air services using the flights of airlines of other countries (code sharing) and greater flexibility for airlines to introduce new prices to respond to consumer demand.

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Daughter of Anti-Marcos activist elected LA Superior Court judge



LOS ANGELES – A female deputy district attorney prosecuting the most violent gang-related crimes in Los Angeles County – and whose father was an anti-Marcos activist – has become the first elected Filipino-American judge in the LA Superior Court.

Teresa P. Magno, 43, was officially declared as judge-elect of the LA Superior Court – the largest trial court in the United States – after the Registrar’s Office certified the election results on Monday (Tuesday in Manila). She will begin her term in January 2015.

The first Fil-Am judge in the US, LA Superior Court Judge Mel Recana, gained a Los Angeles Municipal Court seat in 1981 by appointment. Magno is the court’s first elected Fil-Am judge.

Magno’s fellow student leader at UCLA, Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, congratulated the incoming judge on her “historic election.”

“Teresa was definitely one of our most gifted, dynamic leaders on campus,” recalled Pulido, the first Fil-Am mayor of Cerritos who recently led the first Philippine Independence Day celebration in the city.

“There is no doubt in my mind that Ms. Magno could hit the ground running, said Judge David Milton, Magno’s predecessor. “She has the experience, intellect, temperament, sense of responsibility and perspective to set aside the prosecutor’s hat and don the black robe.”

Milton retired February this year and endorsed Magno, who ran last month against Songhai Armstead for LA Superior Court Office No. 97, the seat vacated by Milton.

Magno said her father was an anti-Marcos activist and that a colleague of

her father became one of the victims of the extra-judicial killings under the Marcos regime. Her father’s experience motivated her to fight for justice, Magno said.

As a gang homicide prosecutor in the Hardcore Gang Division of the District Attorney’s Office, Magno prosecuted hundreds of serious felonies and handled 41 gang-related murder cases.

She has been recognized by advocacy groups, such as the Justice for Homicide Victims, for her staunch commitment to help crime victims.

Magno has received commendations from numerous agencies, including the LA District Attorney’s Office, San Bernardino District Attorney’s Office and the LA Police Department.

“Teresa’s experience as a deputy district attorney prosecuting the most violent offenders as well as her work as a victim’s advocate has given her the knowledge and fortitude to make the right and fair decisions as a member of the bench,” said Erick Lee, president of the Gardena Police Officers’ Association, one of several organizations that endorsed Magno’s candidacy.

Alternative jobs for Overseas maids

Look for higher-paying jobs



MANILA, Philippines - Filipina domestic helpers abroad were urged to consider other employment opportunities.

The government is offering alternative employment for women seeking to work as household service workers (HSWs) abroad.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said a wide

range of better and higher paying employment opportunities abroad is available for millions of Filipino HSWs.

“Filipino HSWs are now well equipped with skills that our country can be proud of,” she said.

“What we intend to do is to move them from the typical household jobs and we wish to see them flaunt their skills by working in establishments in positions that require similar and needed skills.”

Baldoz said HSWs could consider working as massage therapists in spas, salons, offices of physicians and chiropractors, fitness and recreational sports centers and hotels.

The average income is about \$6,351 per month or higher, she added.

Baldoz said it’s time for millions of Filipino HSWs working abroad to slowly reinvent themselves as home-based workers and become establishment-based service workers.

“Knowledge and skills are acquired mainly through years of experience; but I encourage them to at least obtain additional training, so they could vie for more opportunities and enjoy

career growth,” she said.

Baldoz said HSWs could also work as caregivers or seek employment in resorts, restaurants and other tourism-related establishments as room attendants, waitresses, cooks and kitchen helpers.

Salaries for food and beverage workers range from \$3.51 to \$7.65 in the US and between A\$10.10 to A\$15.02 in Australia, she added.

Baldoz said the basic pay excludes allowances, bonuses, overtime pay and other benefits or incentives such as customer service tips.

She has directed the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) to lay the groundwork for a paradigm shift to improve the employment and lives of Filipino HSWs, she added.

Baldoz said the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has implemented numerous reforms in the past four years to help HSWs.

“We have continuously adopted reform policies that will upgrade the skills of our HSWs,” she said.

Meet Gabrielle Garcia, Ruru Madrid’s squeeze in ‘My Destiny’

Newcomer Gabrielle Garcia plays Nicole in the primetime series My Destiny. She is the younger sister of Jacob (Sid Lucero) and the girlfriend of Paul (Ruru Madrid).

Kuwento ni Gabrielle sa aming eksklusibong makapanayam, apat daw silang nag-audition para sa role at malaki ang pasalamat niyang siya ang napili.

“Super surreal pa actually na I got the role. And I still can’t believe it, hindi pa rin nagsi-sink in sa akin na kaeksena ko sina Kuya Sid Lucero and Ms. Ayen Munji-Laurel.”

Paano nga ba napunta sa kanya ang role?

“I just signed a contract noong March. I also took Basic Acting workshops, simula sa Basic Acting 1 from May to June, and then June 5 was our culminating activity. June 6, they invited me for a look test for My Destiny. That night, I got the role, and I’m so thankful, sobrang blessed.”

Marami na raw natututuhan si Gabrielle mula sa kanyang co-stars at director. “Andami kong natututuhan sa kanila, from acting to angles of camera. Pati values, natututuhan ko sa kanila. It’s very fun to talk to them, to chat with them.”

Dagdag pa niya, “It’s very good kasi lahat tinuturo niya sa akin, my emotions, voice modulations. Itong experience na ito with Direk Joyce Bernal, I’ll treasure it forever kasi Direk Joyce Bernal ‘yun eh. This is my first teleserye so napaka-heartwarming talaga.”

Hindi naman niya napigilang sabihin na kinikilig siya kay Tom Rodriguez, ang lead actor at ka-love team ni Carla Abellana sa show. “Si Kuya Tom, sobrang nakakakilig kapag kaharap ko siya. Sobra siyang open, very friendly. Aalalayan ka niya all throughout the scene.”



Gwen Zamora says boyfriend Raymund Romualdez is ‘The One’

Almost two years na ang relationship ni Gwen Zamora at ng kanyang boyfriend na si Raymund Romualdez, anak ni Tacloban Mayor Alfred Romualdez. Tinanong ng GMANetwork.

com kung may balak na silang magpakasal. Sagot ni Gwen, “We’re taking it slow. One day at a time. We’re opening businesses together. So at least, if ever we do get married, we’ll be financially ready. No plans of getting married yet.”

We asked her if si Raymund na ang “The One” for him. “Yes. Why would you be with someone if you don’t see your future with him? You’re wasting your time. We’ve been together for almost two years.”

At higit sa lahat, “He makes me happy. He makes me laugh. He understands me. He is my soul mate.”

Hindi raw naniniwala sa soul mates si Gwen three years ago pero simula nang makilala niya si Raymund naging strong believer siya that soul mates do exist.



Summer Serenade with Jose Mari Chan & Jamie Rivera



FIRST, Jose Mari Chan and Jamie Rivera entertained the crowd (PHOTO RAYMOND SANTOS). SECOND, the MNP group of Paul Biaoco, Noel, and Mitchell Biaoco and Alyssa datu provided a very lively front act to the concert. (PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS) THIRD, Belen Biaoco, Elsieñor and Larry Jardin, Steve Biaoco and friends enjoyed the show immensely. UMAC sponsored the show and UMAC’s Anna Eusebio and family found the show very entertaining worth it for nearly three and half hour show.

Why Foreigners love calling Philippines Home



MANILA - It only took one random act of goodwill, a smile, and the positivity that Filipinos have to convince some foreigners that they have found a new home in the Philippines.

In a video uploaded online on Monday, a popular local fastfood chain sought to find out the answer to the question: “Bakit ang sarap maging Pilipino?”

Marcus Davis, an American singer, lauded Filipinos’ spirit of volunteerism and reaching out “even if no one asked for it.”

“When I arrived in the airport, I was a bit lost. Someone saw me and walked up to me and offered me to use their cellphone. While I was calling, he actually went and got me a drink,” Davis said.

“I think that was one of my

fondest memories because I’ve never showed up in a country and someone just walked up and offered to help you like that,” he added.

Anna Rabstun-Baylosis (PHOTO), a Russian singer who now lives in the Philippines, said she finds her Filipino husband Erick very sweet, loving and caring.

“It’s so personal here in the Philippines. There’s no handshake, there’s kissing and hugging. You really feel taken care of,” she shared.

Bryan Gallinger, who volunteers for a local child welfare organization, said that he only had one thing in mind when he first arrived in the country -- business.

However, after “falling in love” with the positivity of the Filipinos, he decided to stay. “I can honestly say that I’m a better person by living here in the Philippines,” he said.

As of writing, the video has already reached over 40,000 views on YouTube.

Most netizens who commented were touched by the glowing words the foreigners had for the Filipinos, but also took a chance to take a swipe at the current state of the country’s government.

PH, Australia sign pact vs human trafficking

MANILA - The Philippines and Australia signed on Thursday a AUS\$50-million subsidiary agreement on the Australia Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP) to further strengthen the country’s and Southeast Asia’s capability in combating human trafficking and prosecuting offenders.

The five-year program aims “to reduce the incentives and opportunities for human trafficking in the Philippines and Asean [Association of Southeast Asian Nations] more broadly,” Australian Ambassador to Manila Bill Tweddell said during the signing ceremony.

Justice Undersecretary Jose Vicente Salazar, head of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking, signed in behalf of the Philippines.

“The signing of this arrangement demonstrates the strength of the partnership between Australia and the Philippines in tackling the scourge of trafficking in persons. We hope that our partnership can be deepened as AAPTIP progresses,” Tweddell said.

In his speech before the signing of the Memorandum of Subsidiary Agreement (MSA), the envoy noted that human trafficking is the “biggest criminal organization in the world,” next only to drugs and illegal arms trade.

He said over half of trafficking incidents occur in the Asia Pacific region, and that as part of that region, Australia is now the “largest trafficking donor.”

“Australia is committed to practical solutions to combat trafficking in the region and we are very pleased to renew

our commitment with the government of the Philippines through the AAPTIP program,” Tweddell added.

The AUS\$50-million funding for the program will be divided among seven Asean nations that Australia is working with to stop trafficking in persons — the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia and Cambodia.

The program builds on Australia’s 10-year experience on supporting anti-trafficking program. It aims to help the Philippines on innovative responses in investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating trafficking crimes, the envoy said.

“It is a crime that can occur within a country or across national borders.

Trafficking contravenes fundamental human rights, denying basic and broadly accepted individual freedoms to women, men and children all over the world,” the AAPTIP program fact sheet said of human trafficking.

Tweddell lauded the Philippines’ role in the fight against human trafficking in the region. He said the passing of the anti-trafficking law in 2004 is a “tremendous signal in the Philippines and criminal justice response in trafficking.”

Salazar said the number of convictions from 2004 to 2010 tripled because of a renewed commitment to run after these offenders.

“When it comes to human trafficking, prosecutors are involved in the case build-up. That’s the reason why there was an increase in the human trafficking cases pending before the prosecution,” he explained.

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GLAIZA: Porke walang BF, tomboy na?



Glaiza de Castro plays Gabby Eigenmann's girlfriend in "Dading", but it turns out that Carding, Gabby's character, is a closet queen and eventually dumps her for another man. In real life, does she have a gaydar to detect whether a prospective suitor is actually a "kabaro" or "verde ang dugo?"

"Ay, wala, mahina ako sa ganyan," she laughs. Would she fall for someone who's a self-confessed gay? "Nasa sa iyo naman yun, e. It's your choice."

What if she finds out her boyfriend has a relationship with a gay?

"Ay, yun ang hindi ko makakaya. Mapapraning ako sa kaiisip na ang karelasyon, nakipagrelasyon sa kapwa niya lalake, ayoko! Di dun na lang siya."

Some folks insinuate she's a tomboy because she has no BF. "Porke wala lang lovelife, tomboy na. Hindi ko priority'yun. I trust the Lord na He's preparing someone special for me at pagdumating 'yun, gusto ko 'yung seryosohan na at magkakatuluyan talaga."

Allen defends Indie Films

Allen Dizon doesn't mind if he's more identified with indie films.

"Let's face it, ang magagaling nating mga director, nasa indie films ngayon kasi mas true to life ang stories, mas socially relevant,



mas makatotohanan and not the usual escapist romantic comedies offered by mainstream movies," he says. "So I can say proud ako sa indie films. Kasi dito rin ako nanalo ng best actor and best supporting awards in films like 'Dukot', 'Twilight Dancers', 'Lauriana', at iba pa. Hetong itong dalawang bagong indie films na katatapos kong gawin, 'Kamkam o Greed' ni Direk Joel Lamangan at 'Magkakabaung o Coffin Maker' ni Direk Jason Paul Laxamana, pareho nang nakuha as entries in an international film festival in Canada. E,

'yung mga mainstream na pelikula, nakukuha ba diyan lately? Hindi naman, di ba?

Puro indie films ang napaparangalan kasi sila ang mas tunay na sumasalamin sa buhay natin bilang mga Pilipino ngayon. Meron pa akong bagong movie sa Cinemalaya, 'Children's Show', na kaabang-abang din."

In "Kamkam", he returns to doing sexy scenes which he has shunned before. As a thug with three wives, he has a nude love scene complete with butt exposure in his bed scene with Jackie Rice. He also appears scantily clad in scenes with Jean Garcia and Sunshine Dizon. In real life, he's married and has kids of his own. Doesn't his wife get jealous when she sees him in such provocative love scenes?

"Naku, sanay na siya diyan. I agreed to do such scenes again kasi magaling namang director si Direk Joel. I trust na hindi basta kalaswaan lang 'yung ipapakita namin kundi may kinalaman talaga sa story. And when the film was previewed by the press, nagandahan naman sila. At 'yun na nga, naka-A sa Cinema Evaluation Board ang 'Kamkam' at uncut naman lahat ng sexy scenes sa MTRCB, so mapapanood yun ng viewers ng intact, pati sa premiere night namin."

Gretchen's daughter dubbed 'new It girl'



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MANILA - It seems that Dominique Cojuangco is slowly following in the footsteps of her mother, actress and socialite Gretchen Barretto.

Cojuangco, Barretto's daughter, businessman Tonyboy Cojuangco, graces the cover of the July 2014 issue of Sense & Style magazine, which referred to her as "Manila's newest It girl."

On Instagram, Barretto asked her followers to get a copy of the magazine as she uploaded a photo of the cover featuring her daughter.

"Go and get Sense & Style's July issue with @Dominiquecojuangco on the cover," she wrote.

Cojuangco made her magazine debut via the society magazine Philippine Tatler, where she appeared on the cover with her father.

Last April, she was launched as one of the endorsers of a whitening product by the homegrown lifestyle brand Bench.

Cojuangco is currently studying fashion design in London.

Janice de Belen & John Estrada's Daughter Inah Joins Showbiz

The daughter of the former couple Janice de Belen and John Estrada, Inah Estrada has joined the showbiz industry. She first appeared in the award-winning fantasy-drama anthology "Wanspanatym".

Janice de Belen, who last appeared in drama series "Honesto", said that her daughter is being managed by Star Magic. She thinks that it would be complicated if she will handle the career of Inah Estrada since she is also working.

The 45-year-old actress said that she has been teaching her daughter the things that she have to learn in the show business and she is also giving her tips. She told her that she should find her identity and she should enjoy and do well in her work.

Janice de Belen is also teaching Inah Estrada to handle her finances because she is already earning. It was also her way to teach her daughter to give value to her work since it's not easy to find money.

"[I tell her that] You will pay for your own driver, you will pay for your yaya and you will contribute a certain amount at home," she said.

Janice de Belen opened up also about her former husband, the "Ikaw Lamang" star John Estrada. She said that their children had been seeing their father regularly including the actor's wife Priscilla Meirelles

Meanwhile, Janice de Belen is gearing up for her upcoming tv series this year however, the show was not yet revealed.



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Scenes in the City



FIRST, Maria Panaligan keeps her friend and IPEN Beauty Meghan Garvida company at the IPEN party. SECOND, IPEN President Edgar Sulit poses with his candidates. THIRD, the Biaoco family poses with singer Jamie Rivera (SEATED LEFT). FOURTH, The biaoco family poses with compose-singer Jose Mari Chan (FAR RIGHT).

MANILA -- Actress Marian Rivera threw her support for her idol, Batangas Governor Vilma Santos, amid the social media



firestorm over her spelling mistakes, which were highlighted in Kris Aquino's Instagram post of her thank-you note to the TV host.

Rivera, who has been similarly criticized by netizens, also hit social media users for their unrelentless bashing of personalities, when she talked to reporters and bloggers at a FHM magazine reception over the weekend.

Rivera once again topped the magazine's top 100 sexiest poll.

“Ang laki ng respeto ko kay Ate Vi. Tinext ko siya at sinabi ko mahal ko siya at nandito

lang ako," said Rivera, who did a cameo in the indie movie "Ekstra," which starred Santos.

The veteran actress also previously announced that she will be one of the sponsors should Rivera decide to marry actor Dingdong Dantes.

“Ang importante diyan, nagkakaintindihan kaming dalawa dahil alam niyang nasa likod niya ako. At mahal ko siya, ‘yon ang importante,” Rivera said. “Kaya niya ‘yon!”

But the GMA 7 actress said she can empathize with Santos, given that she also has her share of bashers online.

“Alam ko ang pakiramdam na ganyan. Kahit sa akin nangyayari ‘yan,” she said.

“Matagal na akong immune. Hindi na big deal, ‘yong mga taong nangba-bash. Ibig sabihin niyan malungkot ang buhay nila kasi wala silang nakikita sa kapwa nila kung hindi puro kapintasan.

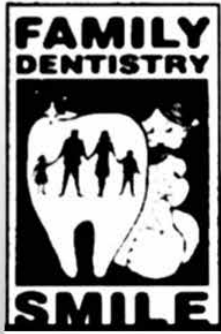
“Kasi, kung masaya ka sa buhay mo, mas makikita mo ang kagandahan ng isang tao kaysa pintasan mo siya,” Rivera said.



In celebration of the Asian Heritage Month the East York Dancers performed the Igorot dance

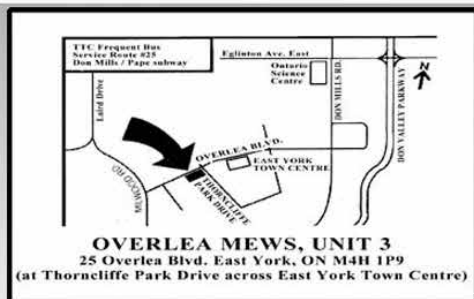
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Yam Conception admits Ejay romance

+ Nora Aunor denied National Artist Award by President Aquino+ other stories



Yam Conception was introduced by Viva as a daring nymphet in the sexy flick “Rigodon”, which sadly didn’t do well at the tills. It’s good she was later given the chance to go wholesome on TV in “Dugong Buhay”, where she played Ejay Falcon’s leading lady. She now plays a supporting role as the best friend of Alex Gonzaga in “Pure Love”. Yam is honest enough to admit that it was with Ejay that she had a relationship while taping the show. Ejay himself it too.

“But after the show ended sa ere, bigla na lang siya naglaho. Hindi na nagpakita o nag-text man lang.”

Obviously, there’s no proper closure. It’s apparent that what transpired between them is not “Pure Love”, as the title of her new show implies. “Hindi talaga. Shallow love lang. Parang ‘yung relasyon namin, co-terminus ng show.”

Rich mum about ex-bf’s affair

Rich Asuncion doesn’t mind being tagged as a Kapuso Kontrabida. “Ang mahalaga, tuluy-tuloy ang trabaho,” she says. “And I’m happy na right after my kontrabida role in ‘Kambal Sirena’, may kasunod na akong project, ‘Yagit’, where I’ll play another kontrabida role as Odette Patacsil.

She says she’ll miss taping “Kambal Sirena”. Why? Because her ex-BF Aljur Abrenica is the leading man? “No, hindi naman kami magkaeksena kasi tagalupa siya at sirena ako so underwater ang mundo ko.

Is it true Aljur and Louise de los Reyes have a secret relationship now? “Like I said, hindi ko nakikita si Aljur. Si Louise lang ang nakakasama ko sa sirena role niya. Mabait siya and we’re friends, pero hindi ko siya tinatanong about her personal life.”

Rich continues to pursue her college studies in UP where she’s majoring in Tourism.



Baby Zion is now Richard’s Priority

Richard Gutierrez is all smiles after the preview of “Overtime” at the Podium. He played a very dark character and he’s able to pull it off quite believably. At the press preview held at Podium, Richard’s special someone, Sarah Lahbati, was there to support him.

So what is Richard’s plan after “Overtime”? Is it true he’s doing a film with Star Cinema and also moving to TV5? “Nothing definite. I’m a free lancer. May offer ang Star but I still have one movie to do in my contract with GMA Films.”

What’s sure is that he’ll continue to be a



good dad to Baby Zion.

“As of now, expert na ako in changing diapers,” he grins. “He has really given me a different direction in life. Tigil na ang night outs. I’ve opened a bank account for him. May feelers for him to do commercials but Sarah and I still have to talk about it.”

TV5 Game-changing Plans

TV5 is all set to unleash a storm of game-changing programs with its “Signal No. 5: Umuulan ng Saya” third quarter campaign. No less than TV5 President and CEO Noel Lorenzana led the official unveiling of the network’s new line-up of Entertainment, News and Sports offerings at a trade launch attended by a number of business partners, media agencies, key sponsors and other VIPs.

Weekends will see the launch of three exciting weekly programs: the exclusive free-tv airing of “It Takes Gutz To Be a Gutierrez”; the much-awaited return of the country’s original and longest-running talent show of its kind, “Talentedang Pinoy”; and the premiere of a new game show that challenges contestants to complete a series of tasks without making any noise at all, “Quiet Please! Bawal ang Maingay!”, hosted by the multi-hyphenate Richard Gomez.

And very soon, viewers can look forward to the musicalserye “Trenderas”, with the country’s one-and-only Superstar, Nora Aunor.

The thrilling and action-packed reality show “The Amazing Race Philippines” also returns with a bang with its 2nd season as Kapatid hunk Derek Ramsay now takes viewers also across Asia.

PNoy: Nora Aunor not deserving of National Artist Award because of ‘drug conviction’

President Benigno Aquino III admitted that the drug case of veteran actress Nora Aunor was behind his decision not to proclaim her National Artist, but his claim that she was “convicted” in the US was quickly disputed by Aunor’s lawyer.

“I respect her. I respect her body of work, but my problem is our administration’s message is zero tolerance for drugs all the time,” Aquino said.



“National Artists should have contributed much to the Filipino race. But (Aunor) was implicated in a drug case and served sentence for it,” he added.

The President clarified that his decision was nothing personal.

“My father is a fan. And even I admire her story -- from a vendor of water bottles in bus stations to becoming a superstar,” Aquino added.

In 2005, she was arrested in California for possession of shabu. In a Facebook post, California lawyer Claire Navarro Espina clarified that she was never convicted.

Morality is also not a criterion in the selection of a National Artist, a process that took three years.

Kris Aquino truly loved Herbert Bautista but is ‘graciously letting go’

More than three weeks after Herbert Bautista admitted to a panel of news anchors on national TV that he loved Kris Aquino but has no intention of pursuing her again, the actress and TV host dubbed as the Queen of All Media finally broke her silence and poured her heart out in a lengthy and emotional interview on “The Buzz”.

When pressed by Julius Babao to explain why their relationship did not prosper, Herbert said it was because he loves his children.

As she tried to maintain her smile throughout the segment and declared that she’s neither angry nor crying, Kris even recalled some of their fondest memories, including the time they went to Starbucks and split the bill for their orders. Despite all the heartbreak, her simple message for Herbert in the end was simply, “True love graciously lets go”.



Lovi understands why netizens side with Maricel

Lovi Poe’s role in the hit “Ang Dalawang Mrs. Real” is making her quite controversial.

As Shiela, Dindong Dantes’ second wife based in Cebu, some netizens are now calling her Shielandi. “Yes, malandi raw ako kasi nilandi ko si Dingdong kahit kasal na siya kay Maricel Soriano,” says Lovi. “Lalong nagalit sa’kin ang ibang viewers noong ipakita ang kasal namin ni Dingdong

The Panaligan Girls’ Graduation



FIRST, Dad Sherwin Panaligan, daughters Ampee, Nadeene, and Aubrey. SECOND, Friend Alyssa, dad Sherwin and Aubrey. THIRD, dad Sherwin, Ampee and mom Genelie FOURTH Dad Sherwin, Ampee, Aubrey and mom Genelie FIFTH Joshua, baby Joshua, Aubrey, Alyssa and Maria Panaligan.



as Anthony Real.

What can she say to those who call her “Kabitenya” since she’s just the “kabit”? “Natural lang ‘yun kasi mabait si Millet as the real wife, lagging very supportive kay Anthony. Samantalang ako, fighter, may pagka-war freak, kaya understandable na mas mag-side sila kay Millet. Ako ‘yung gusto nilang sampalin at sabunutan.”

Yen gets biggest break

Yen Santos is part of PBB Teens 2010. Just like its winner, James Reid, it’s only now that she’s 21 that she’s given her big break as the other leading lady in “Pure Love.” Yen actually has the more demanding role than Alex Gonzaga in the story because she plays two roles no less.

“I can say na biggest break ko talaga ang ‘Pure Love,’” says Yen. “Kailangan kong makopya si Alex kasi sumasapi siya sa akin. So kailangan kong makuha kung paano siya gumalaw. Magalaw siya pag nagsasalita siya. Parang kiti-kiti. Babaeng bakla siyang talaga. May isang eksena nga na nahihirapan ako. Sabi niya, sa akin, ‘I-OA mo na lang kasi OA naman ako, e!’ Noong una ko siyang ma-meet, na-intimidate ako, but it turned ang bait niya at masayang kasama.”



‘MY BFF’ an instant hit

THE combination of talented tot stars Jillian Ward and Mona Louise Rey with the reunited love team of Janno Gibbs and Manilyn Reynes proved to be attractive to viewers who made the newest GMA family drama series, “My BFF,” an instant hit among viewers after posting high ratings in its pilot telecast.

Nielsen TV Audience Measurement surveys show that “My BFF” dominated its timeslot not only in viewer-rich Mega Manila but also in Urban Luzon that represent 77 and 60 percent of the total urban TV household population in the entire country.

Robin cringes at possible romance with Jasmine

What have been the conditions that Robin Padilla demanded from TV5 for him to accept the vital role in “JasMine,” a TV5 self-titled series of Jasmine Curtis Smith?



Robin explained that it was not actually a demand but a “request.” “Ang unang tanong ko nang ialok nila (by Wilma Galvante, Kapatid Network’s entertainment content head) sa akin ang JasMine, kung papatayin ba ako dito? Kasi ilang episodes na nga lang ang lalabasan ko papatayin pa nila ako... ayoko naman nun,” he said.

Robin added that it was Ms. Galvante who promised him that his character will not be “killed” in the series and he’ll be the “hero” who’s going to save Jasmine from the hands of her stalker. However, when Robin read the script, he became hesitant to accept his role. “Kasi bad boy ulit ako... dating matinik na pulis na naging lasenggo... so nag-request ako na kung puwede mag-usap-usap muna kami ng production people ng “JasMine” nangyari naman at ipinaliwanag nila ang logic ng character ko... maganda naman ang paliwanag kaya umokey na rin ako.”

He also mentioned that the “offer” is good. Meaning Robin’s talent fee for portraying again a bad boy image is difficult to refuse.



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TFC’s One Kapamilya Go 2014 in Toronto turns into a giant TFC 20 anniversary party

Gary V,Vice, Angel, Maja, Xian, Enrique, Tart & Vivieka deliver laughs & world-class numbers before thousands of Filipinos in Canada



Angel Locsin and Maja Salvador delight the crowd. PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS

TORONTO, CA, June 26, 2014 – The fireworks for Canada’s 147th birthday on July 1 are yet to launch but the all-Filipino Kapamilya gang from ABS-CBN’s The Filipino Channel (TFC) had already started one humongous party of thousands when it held last June 21 One Kapamilya Go in Toronto at the prestigious Direct Energy Centre and Ricoh Coliseum.

As long lines filled tens of activity booths of TFC, myRemit and event sponsors, and waves of hungry ticketholders packed the dining hall of Filipino food vendors, many attendees trooped early to the game hall for the Celebrity Bingo which was emceed by Tart Carlos and Vivieka Ravanese, the comedy duo from TFC’s global rom-com hit, Be Careful With My Heart. Gleeful shrieks pierced the air not only when winners called out “Bingo!” but also when celebrities like Maja Salvador, Enrique Gil and Xian Lim made surprise appearances. There were also well-applauded performances from local talents Inah Canlapan and singers from the Josie De Leon School of Performing Arts.

The main show under award-winning film and TV director John-D Lazatin and his team opened with one of the most creative and hilarious video spoofs in Filipino television done on the famously viral Monica vs Nicole catfight scene of TFC’s phenomenal teleserye hit, The Legal Wife.

Intentionally cheesily overdubbed with dialogue that involved mangling of hair extensions and the French language, the spoofed scuffle ended with Nicole inviting Monica to OK Go in Toronto, a dolled up Vice Ganda approving and a countdown that led to the electric opening number with Maja Salvador doing her song-and-dance rendition of J.Lo’s upbeat dance megahit, “Goin’ In”.

The cheers haven’t died down when the reigning Philippine king of the dance floor, Enrique Gil, joins Maja before breaking out with the back-up dancers with his own hit, “OHA! Kaya Mo Ba ‘To (Can You Do This?)”, as his colorful music video with an infectious beat plays on the big screen. Enrique followed this up with a sexy, updated version of the Hagibis classic, “Katawan (Body)”.

Maja returned and invited two obliging males from the audience to sing along with her as she performed her first hit, “Dahan-Dahan (Slowly)” while scenes from the music video is flashed. She then called in Tart and Vivieka who had the audience giggling with their version of Tuesday Vargas’s classic novelty hit, “Babae Po Ako (I’m Really A Girl)”.

Giggles turned into more shrieks when Tart and Vivieka introduced Angel Locsin who exuded wholesome charm with her rendition of Katy Perry’s “The One That Got Away”, followed by a cool performance of Zia Quizon’s jazzy pop hit, “Ako Na Lang (Let It Be Me)”.

Tart and Vivieka, joined by ABS-CBN North America Managing Director Olivia De Jesus and ABS-CBN Global Head of Sales & Distribution Marco Amoranto, took a brief break to announce the winner

of Philippine Airlines’ (PAL) raffle draw for two round-trip tickets from Toronto to the Philippines. The lucky one was Rosalie Siaga from North York, Ontario.

The show turned wild and wacky when Tart and Vivieka called back Angel and Maja to channel their TV alter egos, Monica and Nicole, respectively, and act as warring coaches for the The Legal Wife Royal Rumble Acting Game. The game had two contestants each for the Monica and Nicole teams who had to reenact the famous catfight scene from said show. The contestants’ very game attempts had the entire crowd inside Ricoh Coliseum, as well as the celebrities, in stitches. Judging via audience claps and cheers, the pair of Team Nicole ran away with the victory.

After the ladies came in the man for the ladies of the house: matinee idol Xian Lim whose entry was greeted with a flood of camera flashes from adoring fans. Xian thrilled them with two numbers: his own single, “Di Bale (Never Mind)” and the super band Paroka ni Edgar’s “Harana (Serenade)”. He also delighted two lady fans who he called to join him on stage and gave them gentle hugs and kisses.

The entire crowd went from swooning to standing, screaming and jumping as stand-up comic, Philippine box-office King and among the most watched TV hosts, Vice Ganda, barged into the



Kapamilya Go performers close the show. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

stage packing megatons of energy with his “Boom Panes” number that played like a national rock anthem. Two game men excitedly joined him on stage to do the dance moves and won Boom Panes shirts that Vice Ganda autographed right there. To the thousands, Vice had the presence and charisma of a charming cult leader with followers ready to do whatever he tells them to. Then he blew everyone away with his voice and range via a Rey Valera hits medley. The show was reaching its ultimate climax.

Enter TFC 20th Anniversary Ambassador – Mr. Pure Energy himself, Gary Valenciano. Ageless, dynamic and kinetic, Gary V kicked off a veritable mini-concert segment with the nostalgic, “Babalik Ka Rin (You Will Return)”, peppering it with his unique dance moves. Then he showed what world-class means with his TFC teleserye theme song medley, followed by the TFC 20 theme song, “Galing ng Filipino (Greatness of the Filipino), and climaxed with his own greatest hits medley that had everyone dancing on their feet.

“We promised to turn Toronto into the happiest place for our fellow Filipinos and we hoped that we achieved it with this year’s One Kapamilya Go. Our brothers and sisters deserved it,” said ABS-CBN Global Head of Events, Ad Sales & Trade Marketing Ricky Resurreccion.

“This is TFC’s 20th anniversary offering so we should showcase the best 360-degree entertainment experience that we have nurtured in the past two decades,” said Olivia De Jesus, ABS-CBN North America Managing Director. “We will continue to deliver this and even aim higher all in the service of the Filipino globally as our founders mandated.”

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Housing agency chief says Binay did not receive DAP funds

MANILA - Vice President Jejomar Binay and the Home Guaranty Corp. (HGC) did not receive any funds from the Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP), HGC President Manuel Sanchez said on Sunday.

“We have not received nor asked for P2.243 billion from the DAP,” Sanchez added.

Recent reports said Binay, also the chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), received DAP funds through HGC and the National Housing Authority (NHA).

“The reports are apparently intended to malign the Vice President’s name as part of the demolition job against him,” Sanchez said.

He clarified that the amount, which was allegedly reflected in the Department of Budget and Management’s records, corresponds to the appraised value of the “air rights” above the Philippine National Railway (PNR) tracks from Buendia in Makati City to the junction of Samson Road in Caloocan City.

“What we are asking for is proper compensation for the transfer of the PNR air rights to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). We bought it, it is only right that we get paid in return once we transfer it,” Sanchez said.

“We were surprised when we read the reckless reports claiming we got more than P2 billion when, in fact, we have received no payment so far,” he added.

As head of the housing sector, Binay serves as ex-officio chairman of the NHA Board and is not involved in the agency’s operations.

As for HGC, the Vice President acts as ex-officio vice chairman of the board while the Secretary of the Department of Finance functions as the ex-officio chairman.

The “air rights,” along with other assets, was conveyed to HGC in March 2003 after the agency paid the P1.38 billion obligation to investors of the failed Sariling Pabahay sa Riles (Sapari) project. Aside from the P1.38 billion guaranty call payment, HGC also shouldered the P1.083 billion project expenses.

The Sapari was a joint-venture project of PNR, NHA, New San Jose Builders Inc. and HUDCC in 1996. Funding for the project was raised through the issuance of bonds called Asset Participation Certificates (APCs), backed up by a pool of assets as security. HGC was mandated to guarantee payment of the certificates.

There were insufficient funds to redeem the APCs when they matured, however.

Pinoy Fiesta in the City

FIRST, Miss Alev Usta co-hosts the pageant protron. SECOND, FV Foods owner Mel Galeon poses with Kapuso star Lovi Poe. THIRD, Scarborough Toyota & Toronto trustee candidate Manny Yanga poses with fred Chinangan Tomas. FOURTH, FV Foods’ mel Galeon poses with model Olivia Miranda.



Santacruzán of Mississauga

Santacruzán



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary which is also part of the Santacruzán.



Dr. Solon Guzman presents Consul-General Junever Mahilum-West with a birthday cake because the parade coincided with her birthday.



Drs. Solon and Josephine's elder daughter Princess is one of the Reynas of the Santacruzán of Mississauga.



Dr. Solon Guzman and wife Dr. Jo with daughter Angeline walk the parade. They are this year's Hermanos and Hermanas.



Mark and wife Josie de Leon are Hermanos and Hermanas 2015. Dr. Josephine Guzman and husband Dr. Solon pose with their daughters Angeline and Princess.



MAXENE ON PLAYGIRL TAG:
Sanay na ako sa bashers

Maxene Magalona was at the “Overtime” pre-view at the Podium to support Lauren Young, a ward of her Mommy Pia and ex of her brother Elmo. She hasn’t had a new soap since “Basang Sisiw” ended last year but she looks so sexy in her black short pants that night. She quickly admitted that she’s loveless once again after breaking up with her 5th boyfriend, Chino Capuyoc. Her past BF’s were JC Tiuseco, Dominic Roco, Neil Arce, at Renz Fernandez. She knows she’ll be bashed for this and people will call her a playgirl but she doesn’t care.

“It’s my life,” she says.

“Ang tagal-tagal ko na sa industriya, wala na akong pakialam sa sasabihin ng ibang tao. I appreciate those who are concerned and also the haters because you guys make me stronger. Sanay na sanay na ako sa bashers. Opinion n’yo ‘yan, so it’s fine with me.”

Why did they split? “Let’s just say we’re both not ready to be in a relationship. There’s no third party involved. It just wasn’t the right time for us. So single muna ako ngayon.

Before, I go from one relationship to another. Now, 27 na ako, rest muna, time to focus on myself.”

And here’s hoping GMA gives her a new show soon.

‘My Destiny’ rates High

Carla Abellana and her co-stars in “My Destiny” are jubilant because their show is rating very well. AGB Nielsen rating show that the pilot episode of “My Destiny” registered a rating of 22.7% in Mega Manila, which is very impressive.

The only show that got a higher rating was GMA7’s primetime series “Niño,” which is the topnotcher at 23.3%, defeating the shows of their rival station.

We’re happy for their director, Joyce Bernal, who said at the presscon she didn’t really care for ratings. At least, she now has a toprating show compared to the last one which she directed, “Paraiso Ko’y Ikaw,” that was quickly scrapped because it’s a non-rater.

‘Guts’ show on Free TV

The entire Gutierrez family is very pleased and proud that their reality show, “It Takes Gutz to be a Gutierrez,” which is shown Sunday night on E! Channel, is a big hit in all of Asia. They will definitely have a second season.

“There’s also a clamor by local viewers to show it on a free TV channel kasi, paano nga naman yung walang cable service providers, e gusto rin nila itong mapanood?” says matriarch Annabelle Rama. “Dahil dito, we decided to give it to TV5. But dito sa TV5, we have seven episodes dahil may gagawing additional special ang TV5 para sa amin. This will also be shown on TV5 International. Never ko na-imagine na magiging international ang beauty ko.”

“But we’re really happy when E! told us that ours is the most watched TV show in E! Channel Asia,” says Ruffa. “The E! people are so impressed. When we went to their office in Singapore, all the employees came out to see us in person. Because of the show’s huge success, case study na raw kami ngayon sa E! at NBC in L.A. And later on, they plan for us to meet the Kardashians. For our second season, we’re told to showcase the beauty of the Philippines. So my daughters and I are going to Bohol while sina Richard, Sarah and Baby Zion are going to Palawan. Kaya salamat sa lahat ng suporta ng viewers and advertisers. They never had a show raw at E! with a huge commercial like we had.”

Entertainment

Greatest love, Greatest sacrifice in GMA Network's My Destiny



Beginning June 30, GMA Network captivates viewers with a sweeping love story for all generations entitled *My Destiny*. The series resonates the great love we have for the people we have dedicated our life's sacrifices. It is a heartwarming drama that nurtures every viewer's identity as a selfless lover. After their successful team-up in the phenomenal drama series *My Husband's Lover*, Kapuso prime artists Carla Abellana and Tom Rodriguez once again charm TV audiences through a great love story that features their addicting chemistry and how it is made even more exciting by the presence of

Rhian Ramos, Sid Lucero and Ms. Lorna Tolentino in the ensemble. Showing off Carla's versatility in acting is her portrayal of Grace Dela Rosa, a woman who's willing to sacrifice everything, even her romantic aspiration, for her family. Grace decides to work abroad and walk away from her own family to give way to her sister's happiness. Playing equally important and exceptional roles in the program are some of the industry's respected artists: Al Tantay as Arnold Dela Rosa, the father of Grace and Joy; Dennis Roldan as Mateo Andrada, a cardiac surgeon and father of Matthew; Ayen Munji-Laurel as Ruth Perez, the devoted mother of Jacob; and the Asia's Pop Diva Ms. Kuh Ledesma as Selena Andrada, an in-demand cosmetic surgeon of celebrities and a mother to Matthew. Set to add romance in the series is the tandem of Ruru Madrid and Ashley Ortega. Ruru plays the role of Paul Andrada, the adventurous younger brother of Matthew and boyfriend of Nikka (Gabrielle Garcia). Due to her closeness to the couple, Alex (Ashley) bestfriend of Nikka, becomes Paul's confidant when Nikka fails to comfort him. Will there be a chance for Paul and Alex to be together? From making the hit TV series *Marimar*, *Dyesebel*, *Ang Babaeng Hinugot sa Aking Tadyang*, *Stairway to Heaven*, and *I Heart You, Pare!*, to name a few, Bb. Joyce Bernal once again takes pride to helm this primetime series.

My Destiny offers the story of love and sacrifice between man and woman, siblings, and child and parent. Witness how much every character would be willing to sacrifice for the one they love. Can Grace and Matthew fight for their love when they know that Joy's life is on the line? Will Joy learn to sacrifice for her sister's happiness? Can Agnes sacrifice the happiness of Grace to keep her dying daughter Joy happy? *My Destiny* is created by the GMA Drama group headed by Lilybeth G. Rasonable, Senior Vice President for Entertainment TV; Redgie A. Magno, Vice President for Drama; Cheryl Ching-Sy, Assistant Vice President for Drama; Program Manager, Nini S. Matilac and Rebya Upalda, Executive Producer. The creative team is composed of Creative Director, Jun Lana; Creative Head for Primetime, RJ Nuevas; Creative Consultant and Headwriter, Aloy Adlawan; Writers, Marlon Miguel, and Glaiza Ramirez; Brainstormers, Homer Novicio, Jihan Condecido, and Michelle Amog; and Concept by Glaiza Ramirez. *My Destiny* airs worldwide on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV. For updates on GMA Network's programs, artists and events, visit www.gmanetwork.com/international, Facebook pages www.facebook.com/GMAPinoyTV, www.facebook.com/GMALifeTV and www.facebook.com/GMANewsInternational, and Twitter pages @GMAPinoyTV and @GMA_LiveTV. (30)

Bill pushes Higher pay for graveyard shift

MANILA - A new bill at the House of Representatives plans to increase compensation for employees working the night shift in business process outsourcing (BPO) centers. Filed last May, House Bill 4414 seeks to repay BPO workers "for their exposure to health hazards brought about by the nature of their work." The extra pay will be 25% more than their normal per-hour salary rate. This is 15% higher than the 10% specified in the Night Shift Differential rule that's currently in effect. If approved, companies that do not comply with the suggested law will have their business permits suspended for a month. They will also have to pay a P250,000 fine. The pay increase is something BPO companies can afford, said Maguindanao 2nd District Representative Zajid Mangudadatu. He noted "that BPOs are owned and operated by foreigners and are in Philippine Economic Zone Authority-accredited locations. This proposed increase is just a small price to pay for owners and operators of BPOs, some of whom enjoy tax benefits for being located in PEZA-accredited locations." The congressman also cited the act of taking and making irate calls, selling, and problem solving as sources of "undue stress" for BPO employees. The bill defines the graveyard shift as work between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. As of May 20, 2014, HB 4414 has been referred to the Committee on Labor and Employment.

Sangley chosen as site of new airport

It's final. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) has chosen Sangley Point in Cavite City as the location of the new airport, virtually shelving a similar proposal to build on reclaimed land in Manila Bay. Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya said the DOTC will adopt the recommendation of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to build Manila's next international gateway in Cavite. The Cabinet official disclosed that the JICA site-selection study for the new airport in Manila had also considered Manila Bay but Sangley Point emerged as the best choice among seven locations. "If you look at the JICA study, Manila Bay was also studied. Among seven locations, Sangley ranked on top after all factors were considered," he said. Although JICA is already working on the feasibility study of constructing a new airport in Sangley Point, Abaya clarified that the project is still subject to the approval of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, which is chaired by the President.

Maja Salvador as Concert Singer?



Actress-singer Maja Salvador entertains the crowd in Toronto last June 21. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS
Actress Maja Salvador was said to have following the path of actress-host Anne Curtis after she recently released her album and announced her upcoming first solo concert. Anne Curtis, who is a self-confessed

non-singer, had been inspiring a lot of people because she was able to fulfill her dreams to have album and perform at the large crowd though she knew that she is not that good in singing. After the "Legal Wife" star recently released her first album "Believe" under Ivory records, a lot of people said that she was following the "Dyesebel" star. Like Anne Curtis, Maja Salvador admitted also that she is not skilled in singing. But the issues did not negatively affect Maja Salvador and she even find it flattering to be compared to "It's Showtime" host.

"Para po ikumpara niyo ako kay Anne ay isang malaking karangalan po. Siyempre hindi ba nakapag-concert siya sa Araneta tapos sold out pa?," she said. According to Maja Salvador, people does not need to be a good singer and dancer because everyone has their own ways on entertaining and giving joy to other people. Maja Salvador dreamed also on performing at the historic venue Smart Araneta Coliseum, where Anne Curtis held her two successful sold-out concerts on 2012 and 2014.



PIDC 2014 Pageant Winners
LEFT PHOTO : From left to right: ALYSSA GUANZON (2nd runner up); RAINA RESPLANDOR (Miss Philippines PIDC 2014); NIKKI DE OCAMPO (1st Runner Up)
RIGHT PHOTO : From left to right: HAZEL KAYE KNIGHT (2nd runner up); SAMANTHA GAVIN (Little Miss Philippines PIDC 2014); EMMA VIOLA TICSAY (1st runner up)



Scenes in the City



FIRST, Camarines Norte Association lead by President Suzy Llanera join the PIDC Salo Salo sa Earl Bales. SECOND, The Waito family enjoy the festivities. THIRD, The officers of the PIDC pose for a picture.

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The ministry also quoted Philippine Labor Attaché to Singapore Vicente Cabe as saying that while he saw some foreign domestic workers sitting on one side of a room in some agencies, waiting to be interviewed by clients, “it seems a bit exaggerated to say that there is anything wrong with that.”

Proactive audit of agencies

MOM said it proactively audits Singapore employment agencies and those found to have acted “in a manner detrimental to the interest of the foreign domestic workers” will be dealt with in accordance with the Employment Agencies Act.

“MOM’s rules are clear that employment agencies have to ensure the well-being of foreign domestic workers in their care,” the ministry said in the statement. “Employment agencies are also informed that they are not allowed to restrict the foreign domestic workers’ movement or make them remain outside the employment agencies’ premises against their will.”

Spotlight



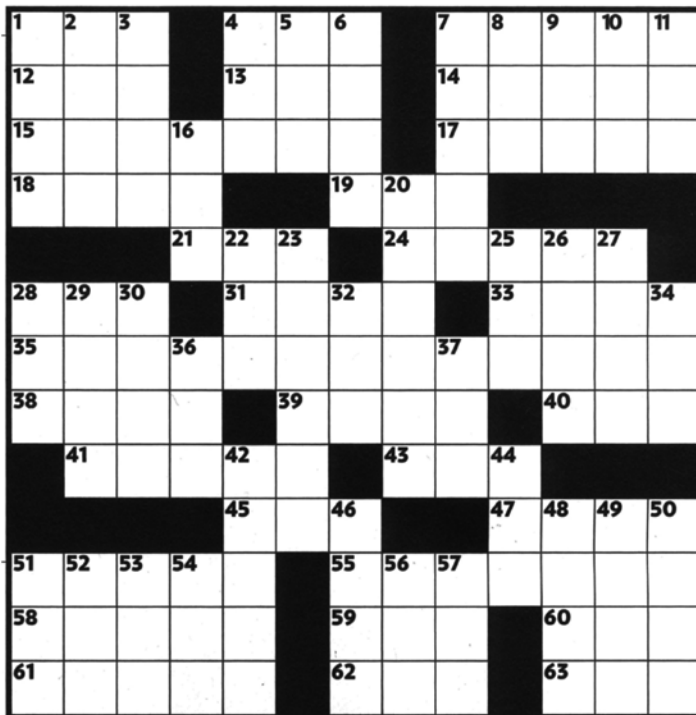
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Crossword Puzzle

Manny Yanga meets
FilCan Senator Enverga



Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga (right), the founding president of the Toronto Kapuso Lions Club and the Knights of Rizal Scarborough Chapter Commander, met Filipino-Canadian Senator Tobias C. Enverga, Jr. Yanga is running for trustee in Ward 7 of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. (St. Jamestown News Service, Photo By Philip Rafanan) - Dindo Orbeso



ACROSS

- 1 *The ____* (Denis Leary crime comedy)
4 Old, useless horse
7 “The Shortest ____” by Metallica
12 Actress Mendes
13 NFL QB Manning
14 Melba ____ (*The Fighting Temptations* costar of 35 Across)
15 Alec ____ (*Pearl Harbor* costar of 35 Across)
17 Master of Ceremonies
18 “Lonely Boy” singer-songwriter Paul ____
19 ____ *My Children*
21 “When I Hear Music” singer Debbie ____
24 ____ clock
28 “Pretty ____ Picture” by Dean Martin (2 wds.)
31 Cap and ____
33 Actresses Long and Peeples
35 *Daddy Day Camp* star (2 wds. & abbr.)

- 38 *Star ____: The Next Generation*
39 “You ____ My Breath Away” by the Traveling Wilburys
40 Step on the ____ (gun the motor)
41 “Jumpin’ Jack ____” by the Rolling Stones
43 Originally called
45 “____ Mine” by the Platters
47 Demi Lovato’s “____ Land” (2 wds.)
51 Actress Zellweger
55 Dustin ____ (*Outbreak* costar of 35 Across)
58 Russell ____ (*American Gangster* costar of 35 Across)
59 ____ *Life to Live*
60 *Holiday ____* (Bing Crosby musical)
61 Cosmetics tycoon Elizabeth ____
62 *The ____ of War* (starring 35 Across)
63 “____ No Evil”

DOWN

- 1 Country singer McEntire
2 Actress Rachel Wood
3 *Columbo* star Peter ____
4 “____ York State of Mind”
5 *Heroes* actress Larter
6 Actress Gershon
7 *Sweet ____ of Success*
8 Actor Cruise (*A Few Good Men* costar of 35 Across)
9 Charles S. Dutton sitcom
10 “____ You Lonesome Tonight?”
11 *Big Top Pee- ____*
16 *American ____*
20 *Little House* actor Michael ____
22 *Horton Hatches the ____*
23 Powers ____ (*Men of Honor* costar of 35 Across)
25 Morning show Newscaster Curry

- 26 *The Avengers* star Diana ____
27 *The Naked ____*
28 *Sister ____ 2: Back in the Habit*
29 “____’s Up”
30 Cain’s biblical brother
32 *Mission: Impossible II* director John ____
34 Elderly people (abbr.)
36 Abbreviation for alias
37 Tina Turner’s ex
42 Actor Charlie ____
44 Will Ferrell Christmas movie
46 “____ me the money!” (35 Across punch line in *Jerry Maguire*)
48 Actress Suzy or author Kingsley

- 49 Diane ____ of *Unfaithful*
50 Actress Heche
51 Record label (inits.)
52 “To ____ is human . . .”
53 “Wynken, Blynken, and ____”
54 Lamb’s mother
56 *Snakes ____ Plane* (2 wds.)
57 30 Rock star Tina ____

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Maricar Reyes postpones baby plans anew

Almost a year after they got married, Maricar Reyes and Richard Poon have postponed baby plans anew.

“We want to wait at least a year na kaming dalawa lang. Ayaw ko mag-taping ng buntis. So tsaka na. I wanna focus on being a mom,” the actress-model said at the press conference of ABS-CBN’s newest teleserye “Sana Bukas Pa Ang Kahapon.”

Maricar and Richard originally planned to wait a year after they got married on June 9, 2013 before having a baby.

Marriage has made the actress-model more mature.

“Because you have to really consider the other person. Marrying really exposes how selfish you are. You have to think of the other person now more than yourself.”

The couple are still discovering each other’s differences, but they make it a point to work things out and avoid arguments.

“He confronts every small thing. Ako kasi if I have a problem, I usually run from it. Or nananahimik na lang ako. But with him, he wants to confront it, ayusin. So nag-aaway kami. But on the same day, ayaw namin matulog nang hindi kami bati,” Maricar said.

She added, “As much as we argue, nagbabati rin kami.”

Maricar is grateful to her husband for always understanding and supporting her. She also shared that Richard always cooks for her.

Women Fake Orgasms for...Pleasure

Study shows some women are faking it for themselves



Thanks to Meg Ryan in *When Harry Met Sally*, even guys know that women fake the big O—but who knew they did it for pleasure? A study published in the *Journal of Sexual Archives* says women will fake orgasm not just for the relationship or their own insecurity, but to feel sexually excited, the *Huffington Post* reports. The US study looked at 481 sexually active, straight women with an average age of 20 who weren’t in a committed relationship, and asked why they faked it. Their top four answers:

Altruistic deceit (making the guy feel better)
Fear and insecurity (avoiding bad feelings about the experience)
Elevated arousal (turning herself on)
Sexual adjournment (getting sex over with)

The first two answers fit traditional thinking about a faked orgasm—that it’s for the man, or a woman’s emotional well-being—but the third shows a new self-determination by women in bed, says study co-author Erin Cooper. One caveat: The study looked at young, single women, and earlier studies have found this group can’t achieve orgasm as easily as women in serious relationships, *Time* notes. Still, an earlier study showed that 80% of women admitted to having faked the big O, reports *NBC News*.

Nearly Half of Young Men Report ‘Sexual Coercion’

A huge proportion of young men say they have ended up submitting to unwanted sexual advances—and 95% of the time, a female they knew was the aggressor, according to new research. The study found that 43% of high school or college-age men reported being coerced into unwanted sexual behavior, *CBS* reports. “Sexual victimization continues to be a pervasive problem in the United States, but the victimization of men is rarely explored,” the lead researcher said in a press release. “Our findings can help lead to better prevention by identifying the various types of coercion that men face and by acknowledging women as perpetrators against men.”

How the coercion broke down: 18% said they were physically forced into it; 31% said they were verbally compelled. Around half of the students who gave in ended up having intercourse, while 40% said the result was kissing or fondling, the *Smithsonian* notes. Some 7% said they were coerced after being given alcohol or drugs—and experienced “significant distress” as a result. The unwanted sex, however, did not appear to affect the young men’s self-esteem. “It may be the case that sexual coercion by women doesn’t affect males’ self-perceptions in the same way that it does when women are coerced. Instead it may inadvertently be consistent with expectations of masculinity and sexual desire,” the lead researcher says.



Summer Serenade was very Entertaining

The *Summer Serenade* concert headlined by composer Jose Mari Chan and Jamie Rivera was well worth the price of admission.

At nearly three and half hours long, it was a very enjoyable and entertaining concert.

Jose Mari Chan is not really a singer but thankfully, he can sing well. He is known more of a composer than a singer. His songs are well-known by older generation of Filipinos. Songs like “Can we just stop and talk awhile,” “Tell me your name,” are just a few of the catchy tunes that hhe created.

He mentioned being here around 12 years ago. I saw that concert at John Bassett theatre. He has improved a lot. While some people complain that he tells jokes in between and that they prefer that he just sing, we have youtube for that or a cd. The jokes, the stories in between the songs are what makes a concert enjoyable. Twelve years ago, he just sang from one song to another and it was a bore.

Unfortunately, he did not sing all the popular songs in this concert. Half the concert is taken by Jamie Rivera, who is known for her *Miss Saigon* stint. Unfortunately, not a lot know her.

MNP, a trio of guys named Mitchell Biaoco and his brother Paul with their friend Noel and a singer Alyssa Datu provided the front act. With choreographed moves, they reminded me of the *Jersey Boys*, which I just watched a week before this concert. These front acts really gave a good show.

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



Steve Pagao and Action Honda’s Rafael Nebres partake of the lechon at the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto’s picnic at Milliken Park.

Crossword Answers

REF	NAG	STRAW
EVA	ELI	MOORE
BALDWIN	EMCEE	
ANKA	ALL	
	DEB	ALARM
ASA	GOWN	NIAS
CUBA	GOODINGJR	
TREK	TOOK	GAS
	FLASH	NEE
	HES	LALA
RENEE	HOFFMAN	
CROWE	ONE	INN
ARDEN	WAY	SEE

KIDNEYS
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Eating moderately such as reduced intakes of salt, sugar and protein can help lessen the incidence of developing a kidney disease," Janairo said.

The DOH-Mimaropa has screened a total of 401 students - 193 pupils from Panique Elementary School and 208 from South Central Elementary School. At least 74 students referred to the Rural Health Unit for urinalysis and 15 showed abnormal results. They are now undergoing treatment under the RHU in Odiongan.

Urinalysis is one of the strategies of the DOH-Renal Disease Control Program (REDCOP) to detect the presence of albumin in the urine. This protein can be seen in the urine when the kidneys are damaged.

After a urine sample is collected, a nurse places a specially treated chemical strip (dipstick) into the urine. The patches on the dipstick will change color to indicate the



presence of white blood cells, protein, or glucose.

The results of a urine dipstick test may point to a diagnosis of urinary tract infection (UTI), kidney disease, diabetes, or a urinary tract injury. If test results are abnormal, other tests will be done before a definite diagnosis can be made.

According to Janairo, if the screening is positive, urinalysis will immediately be done and appropriate treatment will be given to the patient to avoid leading to an End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), wherein the kidneys no longer function.

A patient with ESRD requires either Hemodialysis or Peritoneal Dialysis before undergoing renal or kidney transplant. It usually costs a patient P 40,000/month to undergo dialysis sessions while waiting for a kidney donor.

A kidney transplant will cost P800, 000 to P1.2 million excluding maintenance medicines costing P20,000-30,000/month for a lifetime.

Janairo said the top three causes of kidney failure in the region are diabetic nephropathy, hypertensive nephrosclerosis and Chronic Glomerulonephritis.

MIMAROPA region ranks last in the number of ESRD patients on dialysis treatment but Palawan tops the list of provinces with the highest dialysis population.

File photo of a Philippine public school classroom. Raising the alarm over rising incidence of kidney ailments among children, the Department of Health has started routine urine testing in public schools, kicking off the program in the MIMAROPA region.

Hunk Shot

Raven is born in Canada but speaks and understand Tagalog. He plays hockey. His favorite subject is Math and he wants to be an Accountant. He loves pizza. Raven is very driven, hardworking and optimistic. From Vaughan

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