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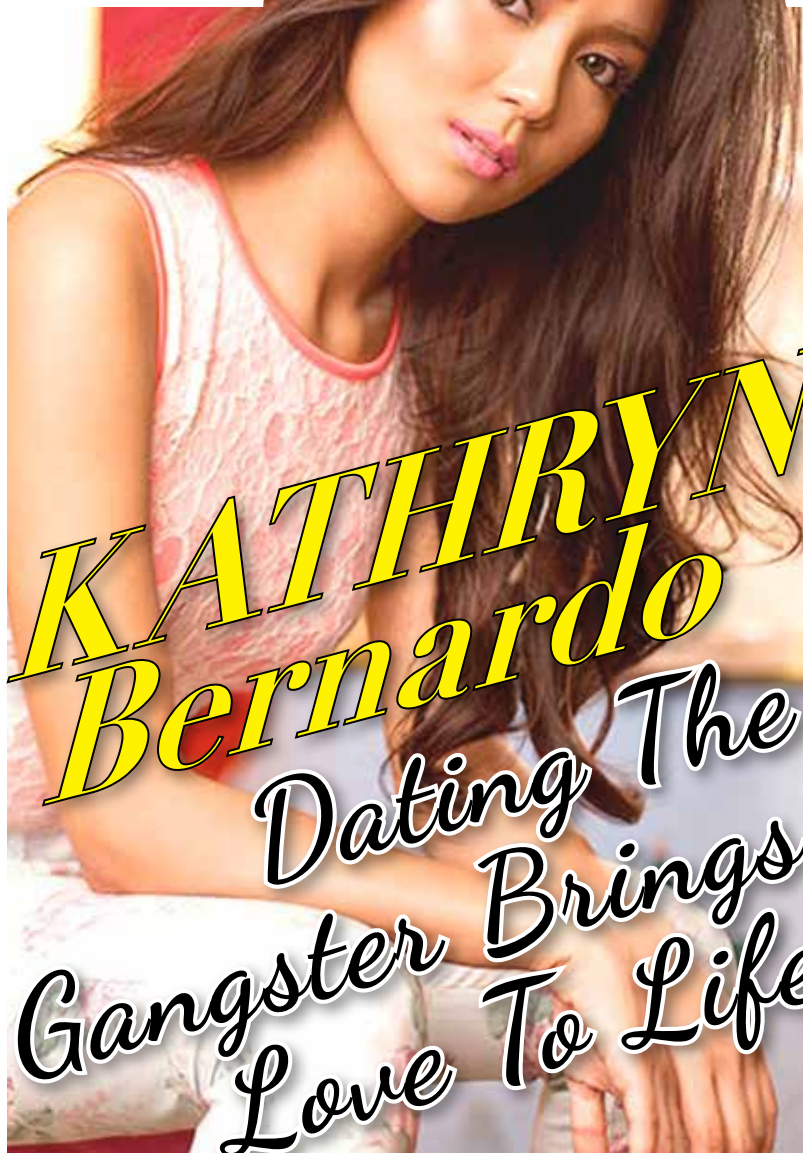
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Cordilleras Want Moro Autonomy Law

MANILA - As a Result of the national attention the creation of the Bangsamoro entity is getting, Northern Luzon's lawmakers are now pushing for the creation of the Cordilleras Autonomous Region after the previous Organic Acts failed ratification in 1990 and 1998.

"Cordillera autonomy will bring to the national attention as well the benefits of accepting and promoting cultural diversity through the formulation of multi-cultural policies for indigenous

peoples and indigenous cultural communities," the lawmakers said in a statement.

Two Organic Acts creating the CAR were enacted in 1990 and 1998, but both Organic Acts failed ratification mainly because of the people's lack of awareness and understanding of the autonomy issues coupled with the misinformation drives undertaken

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Restore Death Penalty

Heinous Crimes Prompt Call for Reimposition

MANILA - Senator Vicente Sotto III has reiterated the need to reimpose the death penalty amid a spate of heinous crimes - including child rape with murder.

"I stand once more advocating the return of the death penalty for certain heinous crimes like murder, rape and drug trafficking," Sotto said in a privilege speech last September 24, the last session day of Congress as it went into a recess.

"Let me ask my colleagues that we revisit the issue of the death penalty. There are now compelling reasons to do so. The next crime may be nearer to our homes, if not yet there. We must act to a crime situation in the best way to protect society and the future generation," he said.

Sotto cited several reported heinous crimes to prove his point such as the murder of movie actress Cherry Pie Picache's 75-year-old mother; the murder of a seven-year-old girl in Pandacan; the discovery under a jeepney of the body of a one-year-old girl, possibly raped; the arrest of six resort crashers for rape, robbery; the arrest of three suspects in the rape-slaying of a 26-year-old woman in Calumpit, Bulacan; the killing and rape of a 91-year-old woman among others.

"The influx of heinous crimes committed poses an alarming situation in the country nowadays. The indiscriminate and horrendous brutality happening everywhere compelled me to file Senate Bill No. 2080 or an Act Imposing Death Penalty in the Philippines. I know the objections to the reimposition of the death penalty," he said.

"Their objection No.1 is that we have an imperfect system of justice. Baka daw walang

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China Warnings Hits Tourism

Philippines asks China Newspaper Not To Politicize Crimes

MANILA -Tens of thousands of Chinese tourists have cancelled trips to the Philippines after a travel warning by Beijing, inflicting major pain on hotels, airlines and tour operators, industry figures said.

China warned its citizens this month to avoid visiting the Philippines, citing a foiled bomb plot against the Chinese embassy in Manila and the danger of criminal gangs.

The alert had an immediate impact on the Philippines' most famous destination, Boracay island, with nearly 20,000 Chinese tourists cancelling bookings

within five days, regional tourism director Helen Catablas said.

"This is serious. The hotels were counting on income from these reservations. It's like money disappeared," Catablas told AFP, adding the cancelled bookings led to about 500 million pesos (\$11 million) in losses.

The country's biggest budget carrier, Cebu Pacific, said it had cancelled 149 flights to and from China for the rest of

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Viva La Virgen Penafrancia



Devotees scramble to get flowers being given that was used for Our Lady of Penafrancia during the Fiesta/Celebration at the Our Lady of Assumption after the mass. It was part of the Kumustahan, Karakanan, Baraylihan asin Kaogmahan sa Kapistahan para "Viva La Virgen" celebration.




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Knights of Rizal Canada 15th Commander's Ball is slated on October 18, 2014 in Mississauga

By Dindo Orbeso

The Order of the Knights of Rizal, Canada Region, is set to hold its' 15th Commander's Ball on October 18, 2014, at the Kalayaan Cultural and Community Center, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

The event will be jointly hosted by Mississauga chapter of the Knights of Rizal headed by Commander Sir Tom Eng, KCR and Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, adviser, together with the Brampton Chapter headed by Sir Del Palileo, KCR and Former Brampton Chapter Commander Romy Sinajon, KCR.

The officers and members of the two KOR chapters are calling all the officers and members of the different chapters of the Knights of Rizal to support this event considering that we are not only promoting the vision and mission of our country's national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, but more so creating awareness of the role played by Rizal during the Spanish era in his campaign to reform then the government while our country was then a colony of Spain.

Officers and members of the Knights of Rizal throughout the world including the Philippines signified their willingness to attend the historical event in this part of the world.

The outgoing Regional Commander of the Knights of Rizal of the Canada Region is Sir George Poblete, KGCR while the incoming Regional Commander is Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR.

For more information, please get in touch with Sir Tom Ng, KCR, Mississauga Chapter Commander of the Knights of Rizal, Tel. 647 - 283 - 7878, Emails: tominurer@yahoo.ca and tomsunlife@yahoo.ca and Sir Joe Damasco, Tel. 647 - 717 - 3461, Email: jdamasco@rogers.com. (St. Jamestown News Service)

Resign now, *Belmonte to Purisima*

BACOLOD CITY, Philippines—Former Interior and Local Government Secretary Rafael Alunan has one piece of advice for Philippine National Police Director General Alan Purisima in the wake of graft allegations against him: Go on leave and clear his name.

Alunan recalled that when he headed the DILG under Ramos, a police officer was asked to go on leave pending investigation of allegations.

But in the case of Purisima, no action has yet been taken even if various charges have been filed against him for alleged unexplained wealth, including a mansion in Nueva Ecija and the remodeling of the PNP commander's official residence costing P25 million.

House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (PHOTO) also demanded Purisima to resign.

However, President Aquino continued to defend his police chief, saying it was not right to dismiss him when he "leads the police force and does his job dutifully." But Belmonte said the President should refrain from defending his men, and allow them to face the charges and be held accountable. "It gives a bad impression when he (Purisima) is seen hanging on," Belmonte said.

But Purisima appears to enjoy the confidence of his men in the field.

The Police Regional Office in Central Visayas has declared support for their chief despite the charges against him. "We, the men and women of Police Regional Office 7, strongly support the leadership of the current Chief, Philippine National Police, as well as his staunch programs against all forms of criminality and against all illegal activities of our own personnel," said Chief Suprtintendent Prudencio Tom Bañas, PRO-7 chief.

To show that his command was serious in weeding out the scalawags, Bañas ordered a lifestyle check on the regional command's 8,550



personnel in Central Visayas.

Under fire for the very public daytime robbery and abduction on EDSA in which the suspects were policemen, Purisima has maintained his silence.

Senator Francis Escudero called for lifestyle checks on the rank-and-file of the PNP to find out how the poorest of them lived. He said the department should take a closer look at the prevalence of poverty among the lowest-ranking members of the police force, so they can take steps to improve the lives of the majority who are genuinely committed to their duties. "I am sure that many of them will flunk it," Escudero added.

He cited a 2004 study, which he believes still applies today, showing that six in 10 policemen did not own the houses in which they lived. "If we are shocked by reports about policemen owning prime properties then all the more should we be angered by the fact many police officers rent rooms no bigger than a pig pen," the senator said. "For every police who has many bank accounts, there are a thousand policemen who are heavily indebted," said Escudero.

An entry level policemen receives a basic pay of P18,549 a month minus taxes and other mandatory deductions.

This year, the PNP has an actual strength of 148,458 uniformed personnel out of the total authorized ceiling of 164,410.

Maricel Going Thru Mid-Life Crisis

Maricel Soriano admits that, like her contemporary, Sharon Cuneta, she also went through mid-life crisis. "Yes, dinaanan ko rin 'yan. It was triggered by the death of my mother five years ago," she says. "Pero quiet lang ako.

Parang nung nanganak ako. Ine-expect nila, mag-iingay ako sa pag-sigaw. Pero hindi, tiniis ko lang 'yung pain. Nasa kabaong ang mommy ko, kinakausap ko siya, 45 minutes. E, buddy buddy ko ang nanay ko. Tuwing maaalala ko, nalu-lungkot ako. Ganito pala 'yun, ano'ng magagawa ko? Hindi ako makatulog. Naging catatonic ako. Naintindihan ko, I need professional help. I took a break from showbiz to deal with it. I learned how to count my blessings."

And now, as her successful comeback show, "Ang Dalawang Mrs. Real", ends this Friday, she has a lot more things to be thankful for. "Pinagdasal kong maging successful ito at binigay naman ni Lord. Inspired ngayon ang lola n'yo na magtrabaho uli. Abangan n'yo kung paano tatapusin ang show. Hindi ko sasabihin ang ending, but it's going to be quiet, intelligent, mature and satisfying para sa lahat. The show realistically presented the real consequences of having two families and the changes in the life of the betrayer and the betrayed, that there are no victors and everyone is affected to the point that even one's loved ones took sides."





Naku HA! by Jose Baking
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Two Filipinos run in the Same Ridings

Why is this even an issue? Some Filipino voters are asking this when Ace



Alvarez and Paulina Corpuz are running in the same riding. They have the impression that all Filipinos will vote for Filipinos and that will split the vote. You do not hear the Italians, Sri Lankans or Chinese make it an issue. When the population of a certain ethnicity reaches a certain level, it is just natural that more than one



candidate from that ethnicity - whether Filipinos or not - will eventually faceoff in one riding. Not all Filipinos will vote for the Filipino candidates just as not all Canadians will vote for the Canadians. There are Canadians who will vote for the Filipinos too. If Ace was not there, does it mean that those Canadians would have voted for Paulina? Not necessarily. They will probably vote for a fellow Canadian, a Chinese or whoever are the other candidates. That's life. That's what a free election is.

More Nude Photos Hacked



Apparently, there is a second hacking of nude photos from the cloud, wherever that is. What I do not get is why do people, including Hollywood stars like Jennifer Lawrence take nude photos of themselves

and store it in the cloud, knowing that there is always somebody out there trying to hack it and upload it to the internet? Why can't they just keep it in the hard drive in their house? Or is this part of their publicity? Are they really storing it in the cloud with the hope that somebody will hack and spread it on the internet to increase their popularity? I am not sure that works. I've stored my nude pictures in the cloud and the hackers left it there. Ehe, sus Guinoo, ano ba itong nasabi ko?

Wild Wild West

With the number of high-profile killings happening in the Philippines, it is just a matter of time before somebody calls for the resignation of the chief of the Philippine National Police. House leader Feliciano Belmonte called for the resignation of PNP chief Director General Alan Purisima. But this is not about the killings and the

kidnapping in broad daylight by policemen. It is about allegations of corruption in Nueva Ecija. But President Aquino is still defending him, even after he himself encouraged critics to file charges against his allies if they believed these officials had strayed from his reformist programs. Hmmm...

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Max Alvarado (19 February 1929 – 6 April 1997) was a FAMAS award-winning Filipino film actor known mainly by his portrayals of villains in a career which spanned six decades.

Max Alvarado was born as Gavino Maximo Teodosio in Manila. In his youth, he was a member of street gangs, as well as an itinerant manual laborer. He broke into films in 1948 as a bit player in *Halik sa Bandila*. Soon after, he was frequently cast as a villain in films produced by Premiere Production and its sister company, Larry Santiago Productions, as well as People's Pictures. He first gained critical notice in the 1953 film *Ang Sawa Sa Lumang Simboryo* directed by Gerry de Leon. For that role, he garnered a FAMAS Best Supporting Actor nomination. Ultimately, Alvarado was nominated for 5 FAMAS Best Supporting Actor nominations, winning the trophy in 1971 for *Ang Kampana ng Sta. Quiteria*.

Alvarado was also nominated for a FAMAS Best Actor award in 1968 for *Tatak Sakramentos*. Beginning in 1967 with *Alyas Chain Gang*, he was cast in leading and supporting roles even as a romantic lead, despite his swarthy and somewhat villainous appearance. Alvarado also showcased his versatility by sometimes playing gay roles, such as in the 1978 film *Gorgonia* as well as *Non-Villain or supporting Roles*. As a villain, Alvarado was frequently cast opposite the heroic roles of Fernando Poe Jr., although he has also portrayed a supporting ally to the latter in films such as "*Walang Matigas na Tinapay sa Mainit na Kape*" alongside Paquito Diaz, also in a non-antagonist role which starred former child star Vandolph, and fellow villain actor Paquito's younger brother Romy Diaz as the main antagonist.

Towards the end of his life, Alvarado became a commercial spokesperson for Maxx candy, a popular rock candy eponymous to his own screen name. He died from heart failure in 1997, aged 68.

Dolorosa Offering



Perly Allio of Forex Cargo brings offering to the Virgin Mary during the Dolorosa celebration. With her is her daughter Hannah.

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Doc: Iha, mukhang pumapayat ka at hinang hina pa. Sinunod mo ba advice ko na 3 meals a day?
Girl: Diyos ko! 3 meals a day ba? Akala ko 3 males a day eh!!!

PEDRO: Sikat na talaga si Pacquiao.
JUAN: Bakit naman?
PEDRO: Bumili kasi ako ng bagong fone, may option na send to many.
JUAN: Ang tanga nito, matagal na kaya yan. Hindi naman nagrereply

Misis: O bakit ka may black eye! dalawang mata pa?
Mister: E kasi yung babae dun sa Mall, nanapak!
Misis: Anu ba gnawa mo?
Mister: Nakita ko kasi sya na nakaipit yung skirt nya sa gitna nang pwet nya.. ayun, hinila ko! tapos sinapak ako!
Misis: Nge, e bat dalawa ang black eye mo?
Mister: kala ko kc, gus2 nya nakaipit eh kaya sinuksok ko uli!

Nanay: Anak, wag kang bibitaw sa palda ko para di ka mawala ha?
Anak: Opo nay!
2 hours later.
Nanay: Huhuhu! Mamang guard... may nakita ba kayong bata may dalang palda?

Sa harap ng nursery window sa isang maternity hospital.
KAIBIGAN: Pare, pag laki ng anak mo, palagay ko magaling mag-drive
DAD: Bakit, malaki ang kamay?
KAIBIGAN: Hindi pare, kasi parang kamukha siya ng drayber ninyo!

Honey Shot



Bettina is a PIDC Ms. Spirit awardee. Her favorite food is a red velvet cake. Someday, she wants to be a international English Teacher. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.

Bettina Ysabelle Carlos



Tom Rodriguez wants “beyond (My) Destiny” with Carla Abellana

“Carla (Abellana) is very very special to me.” This much Kapuso hunk Tom Rodriguez admitted to Startalk host Heart Evangelista when he guested in the show Sept. 20. Tom and Carla are the lead stars of My Destiny so they’re always seen together. “Pero sana it would be even beyond that. Sana,” Tom said.

“Carla is very, very special to me, and sana she would always be there for me. I will pray for that. Katulad ng andoon din ako lagi para sa kanya,” he also said.

He said he is “very happy” being with Carla, whom he is courting.

Tom had broken up with girlfriend K-La Rivera while Carla recently parted ways with Geoff Eigenmann.

Carla has met Tom’s family in their recent trip to the US.

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Aquino Likes Praise Releases

Aquino complains that the Media only prints bad news about his administration but not the good news



President Benigno Aquino III slammed what he called an unbalanced reporting on crime, again drawing the ire of a journalism advocacy group. “Is it too much to ask that reportage on crime be balanced?” Aquino said in his speech at the agenda-setting dialogue with partners at Malacanan. “It is indeed dismaying sometimes, because we see that if a sensational crime occurs, it reaches the headlines; while if the crime is solved, we would need to scour the pages for a small report on page 20,” the President said further. He cited as an example reports that policemen were involved in a

kidnapping incident along EDSA, which made recently made rounds in social media.

Putting PH in bad light?

“Might I ask: is this the first time that we have seen scalawags in the police? It might be true that there are some scalawags in uniform,” Aquino said. “But who, after all, caught those who held up a businessman in EDSA? It was the police, as well, under the leadership of General [Alan] Purisima who investigated, pursued, and caught those lawless elements,” he said. The President also noted that “a plethora of crimes has already been solved, including high profile cases” and that the police’s images has been transformed. “And because the solution is not adequately covered by media, it cannot be avoided, then, that a number of our countrymen continue to believe that the Philippines is a dangerous and lawless country,” Aquino lamented in his speech. China issued a travel warning for the Philippines, amid rumors that criminal groups are planning to attack the China

embassy and other public areas. *‘Not Aquino’s cheering squad’*

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, however, said Aquino is only looking for “someone to blame for the woes plaguing our country under his watch.” “[M]edia is not bereft of prominently placed articles, features, columns and even editorials extolling him and his daang matuwid,” said NUJP Chair Rowena Paraan. She noted, however, that, these reports are “alongside, of course, material that is critical of the many missteps he and his acolytes seem to have a penchant for.” “We are called the Fourth Estate for good reason, to act as a watchdog and a foil, on the people’s behalf, to the corruption and abuse of power that passes for governance in this benighted land,” Paraan said. “May we again remind Mr. Aquino that the media are not your cheering squad,” she said further. “We are not obliged to churn out only praise releases for you.”



Sam Concepcion and Jasmine Curtis Smith

Online Novels Now on free TV

FOR the first time on Philippine television, some of the most popular stories loved and shared by the world’s largest community of readers and writers on the website Wattpad is featured in a series of TV adaptations on TV5. In the daily primetime mini-series Wattpad Presents, TV5 brings to life the characters in the widely read love stories shared by up and coming authors whose novels have gained a huge following of readers and fans on the on-line pop novel site. Wattpad started in 2006 and has established a dynamic and interactive community of readers and writers from around the world. It has a community of 35 million readers, five million of which are in the Philippine who spent close to one billion minutes immersed in Wattpad’s free stories in the previous month alone. The site has become so popular in the country that a number of budding Filipino writers have grown their own fan-base of readers, while some of their stories have already been bought by major film outfits and have become blockbuster hits. In TV5’s Wattpad Presents, Wattpad fans need not pay for movie tickets as they are able to watch their favorite love stories for free in weeklong mini-series that airs daily on the Kapatid Network’s primetime block. For its initial offering, TV5’s Wattpad Presents features My Tag Boyfriend by Wattpad author Maevelanne that has posted 15.2 million reads—with the first TV pairing of Jasmine Curtis Smith and her real-life boyfriend Sam Concepcion. For its second offering, Wattpad Presents Mr Popular Meets Ms Nobody with Artista Academy scholar Mark Neumann playing the famous role of Kyle Shin-Woo, the perfect guy who is head over heels with an ordinary girl named Chelsea Torres (Shaira Mae de la Cruz). Watch and find out how author Pinkyjhewellii got 11.9 million followers hooked with the magic of love between Mr. Popular Kyle and Ms. Nobody Chelsea. Mr Popular Meets Ms Nobody airs on Sept. 29. For its third installment, Wattpad Presents Maxinejji’s touching story of Poser which has almost 400,000 followers and readers who fell in love with the fictional characters of Brix Torres and Jammy Ocampo. Artista Academy scholars Akihiro Blanco and Chanel Morales will both give life to these well-loved characters and show how it is to fall in love beyond pretenses. Poser is the Wattpad Presents feature for the week of Oct. 5. Lastly, Wattpad Presents also offers the modern-age Cinderella story of Wattpad entitled Almost a Cinderella Story, written by Soju and with over 500,000 reads.

Philhealth for seniors Approved by Senate

MANILA - Sen. Francis Escudero sought an allocation in the 2015 budget for mandatory Philhealth coverage of senior citizens after the Senate passed a bill granting automatic health insurance coverage to the elderly. He said the amount should be specified in next year’s budget regardless of whether the House of Representatives will pass a similar measure, which was necessary before the proposal can be enacted into law. “Without prejudice to our counterparts in Congress, Philhealth’s 2015 budget will feature an amount to cover the premiums of all senior citizens,” said Escudero, who is chairman of the Senate finance committee. “We will not wait for the approval of the counterpart measure of this bill in the House. It could take a while before

this gets funded so we might as well appropriate funds now,” he said. The assembly passed Senate Bill 712, seeking to provide automatic PhilHealth insurance coverage to all senior citizens. It will amend the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, which provide coverage only to indigent senior citizens. PhilHealth has provided health insurance coverage to 3.9 million senior citizens but 2.16 million more have no protection. The bill was introduced by Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto and sponsored by Sen. Teofisto Guingona. Guingona explained the government will need about P5.2 billion annually to provide health insurance cover to 2.16 million senior citizens, but Recto said PhilHealth has P116 billion in reserves and has enough fiscal room to absorb



the amount. Escudero said the 2015 benefit for the elderly has been extended to barangay officials, who are now included under the National Health Insurance Program through the PhilHealth. He said he inserted a special provision in the PhilHealth budget a specific amount to cover the premium of barangay officials, who are not yet enrolled in the government’s health insurance program.

Dolorosa Canada Celebration



LEFT, Dado and Noemi Laguer enjoy the Dolorosa Welcome Kababayan Night at Qssis. MIDDLE, Senator Tobias Enverga poses with Dolorosa’s longtime supporters. RIGHT, Children Oceana and Skyea, Anna Zarina Buce and Mutya ng Silangnana pose for a photo at the Dolorosa Fiesta.



Filipino Canadian Educators
Slate 8th Annual Teachers
Conference in Toronto

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Purposefully meeting its mission and mandate to engage and assist productively Filipino Canadian practicing and prospective teachers in Ontario schools in respect of professional development and certification , the Philippine Teachers Association of Canada (PTAC) will hold its 8th Annual Teachers Conference on November 8, 2014 (Saturday), 9:30 am. - 4:30 pm. at The Finch-Bathurst Community Hub, #540 Finch Avenue West , North York, Toronto.

The conference , with its theme: “Career Reconnection : Employment Challenges and Realities”, is aimed specifically at providing insights and information to registered participants regarding : Ontario teacher certification, career building in teaching and education, teacher mental health, and classroom oral communication skills for Filipino educators.

Speakers and Presenters invited to the conference are notable education professionals from the Ontario College of Teachers-the province’s teacher regulatory agency, and other teaching-learning practitioners from GTA school boards. Additionally, a panel of experienced teachers from selected public-and-Catholic schools will give advice and best strategies through a moderated round-table session.

The whole day free event is being jointly sponsored anew with Kababayan Multicultural Centre (KMC), a 37-year settlement and integration service agency in the GTA. KMC is headed by Executive Director Flor Dandal and Board Chair Aguido De la Cruz. PTAC, organized in 2006, is composed of Ontario licensed -and- practicing FilCan teachers and former educators from the Philippines.The socio-professional group is led by Boni Curutan and supported by PTAC senior officers Cielito Drapeza, Maricon Bernasor, Bernadette Gapuz, Red Andres and director emeritus Tony A. San Juan.

Interested individuals wishing to attend are requested to register, on a first- come, first-served basis, by contacting ASAP : Cielito Drapeza, conference co-chair at cielitodrapeza@yahoo.com.ph or Bernadette Gapuz, PTAC veep at: bgapuz@griffin-centre.org.(T. San Juan).

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Former Mayor of Niagara On The Lake (NOTL), Honourable Art Viola (FAR LEFT) and wife Julie invited The Philippine Reporter (TPR) staff and family and friends in NOTL for its annual picnic. The Philippine Reporter invited Philippines Press Club - Ontario (PPCO) Board members and their friends. The picnic was held on the shores of Niagara On The Lake.PHOTO- ARIEL RAMOS



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Tacloban Recovery Ongoing

Former actress grateful to all the help of people but does not mention the national government and points out three endearing Filipino qualities



Former actress and now politician Cristina Gonzalez-Romuladez flew from Tacloban to Manila to make an appearance in Walang Tulugan. In an interview with Kuya Germs and Aster Amoyo, she expressed gratefulness for the help their city has been receiving. The councilor also gave updates on their progress through three salient descriptions of the Filipinos.

The Filipino is generous

Following the news of the typhoon, different individuals and groups gave outpouring support for the victims of the calamity. “Maraming tumutulong. Up to now, talagang malaki ang pasasalamat namin sa [lahat],” she said. She also mentioned that the GMA Kapuso Foundation had houses built in Tacloban. “Ang unang-unang nagpapatayo ng bahay ngayon, and by December, nandun na, is ang GMA Kapuso (Foundation). That’s 400 houses,” she added.

The Filipino is resilient

According to the councilor, the silver lining to all these is the realization that the Filipino can rise above any challenges thrown at him. “Yung kulturang Waray-waray, very thankful sila. I think it’s also kulturang Pilipino... Nagkuwento ‘yung ibang NGO, na syempre galing sila mga

disgrasya sa iba’t-ibang bansa... and iba talaga ‘yung sa atin. ‘Yung iba, sila pa nagdedemand na kulang pa ‘yung bigay. Tayo daw, sa Pilipinas, talagang laging nagpapasalamat, tuwang-tuwa. Nakangiti pa,” she noted.

The Filipino is loved

Her husband Tacloban Mayor Alfred Romualdez is currently focused on bringing the people who live in tents to safer shelters. She said that this endeavor wouldn’t be possible if not for the support that they’ve been receiving. “Unti-unti naming nalilipat with the help of some good friends of ours, also other groups and other NGOs [and] faith-based groups. Nalilipat po natin sila unti-unti,” she said. The city is also preparing for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI in January 2015. “Gusto [natin na] pagdating ng Santo papa, medyo maayos na sa may airport... [We’re praying] for peace and order also,” she shared.



Jake’s kissing photo hurts Andi

Although she had already seemingly called out Jake on Facebook by posting a link to the item and photo that appeared on an entertainment blog site, she spoke to ABS-CBNNews.com and said, “Siyempre masakit pero wala tayong magagawa, it happened already.” She shared that she had already spoken with Jake about the story behind the viral picture. Noting that while she “would really love to forgive” him, Andi, who is still mourning on the death of her father Mark Gil, said she needs space for now. The 24-year-old single mom is moving on and focusing on things that are “more important to me and deserve my attention and my love.”

She added, “I’m not going to dwell on something that shouldn’t be important... not waste my time on something that doesn’t treat me of any importance.” Although she keeps her “never say never” attitude because “it’s always a matter of choice,” the actress pointed out, “If we want to fix things, we can. Pero I guess everything happens in its own time. Right now is not the right time.” Following the issue, Jake once again stirred intrigue on social media after supposedly deleting tweets about not giving up on love. Fashion Pulls posted a screengrab of one of the purported missing tweet that read: “Bury the past, build a castle where they lay. Be my princess again @andiegengirl.” This was apparently originally posted roughly a week ago. Meanwhile, heartthrob James Reid denied rumors that he is courting Andi after their photos together – along with Bret Jackson, the former’s housemate on “Pinoy Big Brother” 2010 edition – circulated online. “It is actually my friend who is dating Andi,” James said on “Aquino & Abunda Tonight,” without actually naming which friend he meant.

Philippines NEWS

UK Praise Makati Vaccination

MAKATI - The door-to-door mass immunization campaign against measles, rubella and polio of the Makati Health Department (MHD) was recently commended by the British ambassador to the Philippines. Ambassador Asif Anwar Ahmad visited Makati City to personally oversee the door-to-door vaccination drive in several barangays and was impressed with the direct involvement of barangay leaders in the immunization of young children using free vaccines donated by His Royal Highness Prince Charles and the Serum Institute. “I am impressed with the way barangay captains themselves have been involved in doing house-to-house work to optimize the coverage of the MR-OPV outreach,” said Ahmad.

Help Urban Poor

QUEZON CITY - A proposed ordinance has been filed before the Quezon City Council that would restructure the payment scheme of delinquent beneficiaries who acquired properties sold by the city government. The proposed measure allows concerned parties to pay their outstanding balance by dividing the remaining years based on the option chosen by the vendee as indicated in the original contract. The payment may be extended but should not exceed 20 years from the date of the approval of the amended contract with the payment being made in equal monthly installments. First District Councilor Victor Ferrer Jr., the author of the proposed measure, said a number of former informal settlers who now own properties in a lot in Barangay San Jose covered by TCT number 17718 sought the assistance of local officials.

Whose Reward?

DAVAO CITY – Following the fall of the suspects on the murder of racing champ Ferdinand “Enzo” Pastor, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte now would like to know if who should get the P1 million reward he previously offered to solve the crime. Duterte said the reward must be given to the person who provided the information that led to the arrest of the suspects. The two police officers were arrested by the Philippine National Police (PNP) last August 23 in Manila for their alleged involvement in the murder of Enzo. One of the officers was identified as PO2 Edgar Angel. On August 26, a businessman identified as Domingo de Guzman III was also arrested by authorities in Muntinlupa City, who was accused as the mastermind behind the killing. The racing champion was murdered last July in Quezon City.

Meet the Filipino Candidates Dinner at FV Foods

The Filipino candidates are (from left to right, then the back row) Manny Ching, Lauroz Mercader, Michelle Serrano, Joey Abrenilla, Paulina Corpuz, Erlinda Insigne, Randy Bucao, Willie Reodica, Julius Tiangson, Ace Alvarez, Manny Yanga, and Gary Tanauan. Manny Ching - for Trustee of Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 8 Lauroz Mercader - for Councillor, Mississauga Michelle Serrano - for Nomination for MP, Scarborough Liberal Party Joey Abrenilla - for Trustee of Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 5 Paulina Corpuz - for Trustee of Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 12 Erlinda Insigne - for Trustee of TCDSB, Ward 4 and 5, Vaughan Randy Bucao - for Councillor, Ward 10, York Centre, Toronto Willie Reodica - for Mayor of Whitmore/Stouffville Julius Tiangson - for Nomination for MP, Mississauga Centre, Conservative Party Ace Alvarez - for Trustee of Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 12 Manny Yanga - for Trustee of Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 7 Gary Tanauan - for Trustee of Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 8 PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS



All Hands On Deck This Coming Election :

It's High Time...Panahon Na ! By: Tony A. San Juan



Trustee candidate Manny Yanga chats with friends before the start of the PPCO forum.

TORONTO - As part of its public service, last Friday, September 19, 2014, the Philippine Press Club of Ontario (PPCPO) led by prexy Rose Tijam, sponsored a Press Forum for all Filipino Canadian candidates running for elective positions in the upcoming municipal elections on October 27, 2014.

Among those who joined and attended the Meet-the-Press event were: Toronto Ward 10 Councillor candidate Randy Bucio and six Toronto CDSB Trustee candidates :Joey Abrenilla(Ward 5), Ace Alvarez(Ward 12), Manuel Mendoza Ching(Ward 9), Paulina Corpuz(Ward 12), Garry Tanuan(Ward 8), and Emmanuel Yanga(Ward 7).

Also in attendance were Mississauga Ward 7 Councillor candidate Louros Mercader, YorkCDSB Wards 4/5 Trustee candidate Erlinda Insigne, Whitmore/ Stouffville mayoral candidate Willie Reodica , Mississauga Centre Conservative MP nomination candidate Julius Tiangson and Scarborough Southwest Liberal MP nomination candidate Michele Serrano.

Other Pinoy candidates, but unable to attend, were Dufferin-PeelCDS Trustee candidate Luz Del Rosario(Wards 6 &11) and YorkCDSB Trustee reelectionist Marlene Mogado(Area 2), Markham Councillor reelectionist Alex Chiu, and Mississauga Ward 4 Councillor candidate Barbara Hazel Tabuno .

All the present candidates, able, courageous and well-qualified, were given the opportunity to present briefly their campaign platforms and answering questions posed to them. Truly an act of solidarity, the Press Forum was indeed a welcome opportunity for the candidates to be heard and address those in attendance.

Their candidacies, all 16, positively reflect the composite sentiments and aspirations of the Filipino Canadian community being one of the largest-and-growing immigrant groups in Canada, to get involve and be an active political player in their adopted country's

parliamentary democracy.

As many Filipino leaders and residents collectively echo, it's time ..not only time, but really high time..... napa panahon na talaga, for a concerted action and wholesale change to move forward and claim political maturity . That is why it is very significant, if not sensitively emotional, that our fellow kababayans take this election.....city councils and school boards....more seriously with minds in patriotic mode when we go to the polls on October 27th.

Amid the usual malaise of having a "fragmented character", that is, the ongoing "corrosive description" within our community, it is easy to overlook what is at stake in voting for a FilCan candidate that comes under much greater scrutiny... kahit may kaunting kapintasan. Our FilCan candidates, in whatever political stripes they are, have a vital role to play in keeping up the fight for political awareness and productive community engagement. By doing so, they can be role models for a generation of young Filipinos who either immigrated to Canada or were born and raised here but who will appreciate and see generational leadership and governance participation as a major political and social concerns too.

The big question now for the community though is whether many eligible Filipino citizen-residents will get out and vote for our kababayan candidates to achieve respect and recognition as well as to prove and show to the world that we are certainly part and parcel of the Canadian mosaic.

We don't have much of the luxury of stepping back but we hope to have the wherewithal to reset our community's moral compass and perform the democratic exercise of a patriotic and partisan action, if you may. So aggressively pay attention who will control your tax dollars, promote our economic & social interests and oversee the education of our children. Do not just write or check off the most familiar name or the first one on the ballot but choose our kandidatong kababayan.

Numerically, as Filipinos, we have the numbers. Critically, though, it is your vote as serious and determined electors that will make or break our FilCan candidates to be placed in the winning column. More importantly for our FilCan candidates is our hope and wish for strong support that will provide them a solid base on which to start announcing a notice that "we are here to stay in order to promote, protect and preserve our interests". Should we fail , sure we will keep on trying but we should avoid the pitfall of going to the dustbin of political moribund.... a big challenge, indeed. Kaya magkaisa at itaguyod po natin sila .Good luck and God bless all ! (T. San Juan)

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Anne's international film to be released in PH

MANILA - Anne Curtis took to her Instagram account to announce that her first international indie film "Blood Ransom" will also be released in the Philippines.

"Something to look forward to next month! My very first international indie film. I actually auditioned to get this part and got to experience filming in the States! So excited to see how it turned out! Yaaaaahooooooo," she said.

According to Curtis, the movie will be shown in cinemas in the Philippines on October 29 and in North America on October 31. It was originally slated for release last year. Curtis shot the movie in mid-2012.

The preview clip for "Blood Ransom," which was released early this year, shows Curtis as Crystal with co-star Alexander Doetsch, whose character, Jeremiah, appears to be in disbelief that she is still alive.

No other details about the movie's plot have been released, although earlier promotional images showed Curtis with her sharp fingernails pressed against Doetsch's bare chest.



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NY-based Pinoy breaks own record, Eats 40 'balut' in 5 minutes

NEW YORK - He did it again: Wayne Algenio won the balut-eating contest for the third straight year, wolfing down 40 duck embryos in five minutes.

Wayne, 29, a sterilization technician at SurgiCare of Manhattan, first won the competition - the only one of its kind in New York City - by finishing 18 balut in five minutes in 2012. Spectacular even by Philippine standards! The following year, his record shot up to 37 balut. His capacity just kept getting bigger.

Balut-eating is a yearly competition and held as part of the annual Hester Street Fair.

"I was nervous, I'm always nervous at the start of the contest," he said.

Wayne said two people tied for second place: a young American man and an older Filipino or what he called a 'tito.' They each finished 35 balut.

"They did really good," he quipped.

As in previous years, Wayne said he never prepared for this year's contest. On his first year, he did watch YouTube videos of how balut is eaten because at the time, he had never tried one.

Surprisingly, Wayne is not a devoted balut eater. He gets his fill only when he's in the race. Otherwise, he does not look for it in Asian grocery stores, and gets no craving.

He said, "It's not bad. They're just boiled eggs."

No they're not, but whatever you say, Master!

PNOY Did Not Ignore Fil-Am Community

LOS ANGELES - President Benigno Aquino III is back home after his Europe and US working visits. But some Filipinos are not happy he chose to stop by a gun shop and a hamburger joint in San Francisco, instead of meeting the Fil-Am community.

"He was already there and he have time to visit a gun store to satisfy his hobby. He's able to satisfy his stomach by going into In N' Out but the community was never given any sense to be with the president," Dr. Orlando Cagampan of Los Angeles said.

Aquino's failure to meet with Fil-Ams has been met with criticism, especially in Los Angeles, home to the largest Filipino American population which was never part of his itinerary. "At least, if there is one group that should complain about being snubbed it's Los Angeles," Arturo Garcia of the Filipino American Community of Los Angeles (FACLA) said.

But with the President touting a productive trip, securing billions worth in

pledges, some say it's understandable if he wasn't able to meet with the community during the five day working trip.

"The most important thing here is you have completed your mission. After your mission you should have time for your own personal thing also. Maybe go for a tour go visit a friend, relatives," Dr. Veronico Agatep of FACLA said.

While these Filipino support some of the accomplishments of the President's trip, they do wish he was more active in handling the maritime conflict with China.

But Coloma said he was not aware of any plan for Aquino to visit Los Angeles.

"We ask for their understanding. The President's itinerary was quite hectic: 94 events in 11 days in 7 cities across continents and time zones," he explained.

He said Aquino spent most of his short time in San Francisco meeting with business leaders.

Pinay is NYC Tech Chief

NEW YORK - Mayor Bill de Blasio has tapped a Filipino-American financial technology veteran to make New York City "the number one center for technology and innovation" across America.

De Blasio named Philippine-born Minerva L. Tantoco the city's first chief technology officer (CTO) and is tasked to develop a coordinated strategy for technology and innovation as it affects the city as a whole and the role of technology in all aspects of civic life from the economy and schools to civic participation, leading to a "redemocratization of society."



He called Tantoco the perfect fit for the position as somebody who is "great with technology, has a lot of experience, ability and energy to create from scratch and is a true New Yorker."

Tantoco, who is related to the famous Tantoco clan of the Rustan's luxe department store in Manila, was most recently UBS'S CTO for client-facing technology in the Asia-Pacific based in Hong Kong.

Kwek-kwek in Hollywood

A new food truck offers these Pinoy street food specialties—along with other faves such as balut, adidas, betamax and lugaw—in the celebrity-studded area, and it's already proving a hit among Fil-Ams, expats.

The Dollar Hits Pinoy Street Food food truck plies its wares on Temple Street in the Historic Filipinotown district of Los Angeles. True to its name, each item is a dollar apiece—and while a local in Manila would balk at having to shell out P44 for

one stick of isaw or a single balut, many of those in L.A. snacking on Enrile (chicken head dipped in tempura batter and deep-fried) don't seem to mind. A taste of home for a dollar is not bad at all.

The food truck is open for business from Thursday to Sunday. Sisters Josephine, Elvie and Nellie Chan (not in photo) operate the wildly successful Dollar Hits.



"It's really the year of love"

"It's really the year of love. Everybody's on that chapter in their lives," declared Kapuso actress-host Heart Evangelista.

Heart's ex-boyfriend John Prats recently just proposed to his girlfriend of two years, Isabel Oli.

Heart and Isabel are friends, having worked together in GMA shows like Forever and Magkano Ba Ang Pag-ibig?

"Sobrang happy ako para sa kanila. Noong nakausap ko si Isabel, nag-uusap kami about love life. Talagang sinabi ko sa kanya na alam mo, bagay kayo ni Pratty. I'm so happy for her. I'm so happy for them," said Heart.

She added, "Talagang meant to be sila. Isa ako sa supporters nila and fan nila ako."

Heart herself is busy with preparations for her wedding. She shared that she and fiancé, Senator Chiz Escudero have already started shooting their pre-nup video.

"Nahirapan siya, pero sobrang masayahing tao naman iyon, so na-capture naman ni Bob Nicolas 'yung kanyang moments," added the chinita beauty.

"Excited ako sa mga makaka-experience ng aming reception kasi kaunti lang ang makaka-experience ng aming kasal sa Balesin, so we want to make sure na makabawi kami sa reception namin."

There are rumors that internationally renowned Filipina designer Monique Lhuillier will be designing Heart's wedding gown. The actress said that nothing is final yet.

"We are talking to her people, but we're still fixing the schedule dahil ang alam ko, ang minimum na time is seven months, so ayoko din naman ma-stress," she said.

"Basta ako, as much as possible, gusto ko ng local designer at hindi naman importante kung sino ang gagawa ng gown. Kahit simpleng gown lang iyan, kahit bagong designer lang iyan. Ang importante, masaya ka," added Heart.

She is also very happy that she and her Dad have patched things up.

"At the end of the day, kung magdedecide siya na hindi siya makakapunta for his own personal reasons, I am still gonna be his daughter and we're still gonna be a family and nothing will change," said Heart.



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Expect These in Pinoy Soap Opera

Ah, Pinoy soap operas. Rehashed plots, hysterical acting and unoriginal storylines – but entertaining nevertheless.

In fact, key elements keep appearing in these teledramas/telenovelas that they have become laughably predictable.

But whatever.

There's always that one family member who tunes in night after night, watching raptly the continuing saga of destitute protagonists and moneyed villains in highly improbable circumstances. We can't help but watch either!

Here are nine sure signs that you're watching a Pinoy soap opera.

1. The bida always gets bitch slapped.

Oftentimes, more than necessary. But nothing screams good ole' teledrama than getting your protagonist bitch slapped out of her senses by the extremely evil kontrabida. That's to evoke sympathy for the straight-haired, immaculately innocent bida and anger towards the curly-haired, dressed-to-the-nines kontrabida.

The climax happens of course, when the bida finally returns the favor by bitch slapping the kontrabida back, to the triumphant cheers of avid televiewers.

2. The protagonist is either adopted or switched at birth.

It all goes down to clumsy parenting, really. Either the protagonist was lost as a child (how the hell do you even manage to lose your baby?) in some sepia-colored backstory replete with actors in bad wigs OR switched at birth (because, yeah, people switch babies all the time) by the kontrabidas to hide a dirty secret.

To complete the picture, there's either a diary or a key person that knows the truth about the protagonists' parentage.

3. There are always goons.

It doesn't matter what the plot is like; the kontrabida always has goons at his or her disposal.

They do all sorts of stuff too: kidnap protagonists and children, blow up cars, assassinate important people, be in cohorts with dirty policemen, hell they even rig DNA results! More importantly, there's a dress code: goons wear black. Leather jackets (in the tropics, really?) and dark sunglasses (even at night) are wardrobe staples.

4. There has to be a kidnapping incident.

This is also a telltale sign that your favorite telenovela is coming to an end. Somebody gets kidnapped. There has to be a rescue mission of course, complete with car bombings, bomb detonation and someone dying.

In the end, one kontrabida gets an epiphany: he/she must sacrifice his/herself by taking a bullet or dying in an explosion in lieu of the bida. And just before he/she dies, goodbyes are said and apologies exchanged. Boohoo.

5. The protagonist's loved one always dies.

They really can't help it! They either die from a heart attack (after a heavy confrontational scene), cancer, vehicular accident, bombing incident or they get shot (either by intention or taking the bullet for the bida).

The bida's grandparents and parents are the easiest to eliminate, and while shedding a truckload of tears, a slow-motion flashback with this dead loved one's good memories ensues, with an awfully sad music playing in the background.

6. Somebody needs to have an amnesia.

amnesia + honesto + pinoy drama

It's either the protagonist or somebody important to the protagonist. They get into an accident and lose their memory. In turn, an important information is temporarily lost.

The kontrabidas gain an upper hand until the day the amnesiac recovers. But of course, that's not going to happen until the drama nears ending. This happens every freaking time, especially with telenovelas involving switched children and inheritance wars.

7. The bida is a saint. He/she has to tick the following boxes:

Must be a good son/daughter • Must be a good grandson/granddaughter • Must be compassionate • Must be kind • Must languish in poverty • Must suffer some form of maltreatment • Must be patient • Must have an extraordinary talent of sorts • Must dress drably • Must have a best friend

8. The doctor delivers the bad news.

If a character is in a life-threatening condition, a doctor always emerges from the operating room mumbling the same dialogue about doing everything they can and apologizing. Yeah, we get the point: that loved one is dead.

A huge crying festival/ breaking down scene soon happens, blame gets thrown around until it rests upon the bida, no matter how improbable.

9. There has to be a love triangle or a third wheel.

Whether it's a childhood friend, a colleague or a boss, there's always that third person who's romantically interested with the protagonist and would often devise ways to break up the couple.

Actually, this person will have nothing better to do, just spend his/her days plotting ways to split up the love team. Of course he/she will never be successful and would most often die, concede, get thrown into prison or go insane.

We Pinoys love our soap operas. It's "prime time entertainment". No matter how old and stale the plots are, we watch intently. Last night's episode is next day's discussion in our workplace, at the grocery and even in public transport.

Is it too much to hope for an avant-garde local soap opera that doesn't dwell on hysterics and newbie acting? One that does not use these same old elements? Perhaps. But then again, it won't be Pinoy Soap Opera.



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Ontario Filipino Women's Club 32 years and still going strong

By Angeli Hopper, Ontario Filipino Women's Club Secretary



Senator Enverga (LEFT) was a special guest at the Ontario Filipino Women's Club 32nd Anniversary Gala at the Ellas Banquet Hall in Toronto, Ontario on September 20, 2014. He congratulated the group on their 32 years of unwavering support of Canadian and international charities that provide assistance to families in need of medical treatment. Posing with the senator are Willie Reodica, Mayoral candidate for Stouffville and Senator's wife Rosemer Enverga. PHOTO FROM SENATOR ENVERGA'S FACEBOOK

It is with great pride and jubilation that the officers and members of the Ontario Filipino Women's Club (OFCW) celebrated their 32nd anniversary with a



ABOVE, Singers Britney Waito poses with fellow singer and Diva jenifer Camacho. BELOW, OFWC President Annabelle Migalbin poses with Mayoral candidate Willie Reodica and singer Jenifer Camacho. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS



Viennese theme party at Ellas Banquet Hall last Saturday September 20, 2014.

The highlight of the celebration was the coronation of Chona Stinson as the OFWC's 2014 Queen and Anne Yamoto Licayao as the 2014 Princess. Both ladies have been instrumental in raising funds for the Herbie Fund at the Sick Kids Hospital.

President Annabelle Migalbin who will be stepping down next year after heading the club for four successful years gathered her staff and members together to put forth a memorable evening. Emceed by Rebecca Reyes and Angeli Hopper, who are both officers of the club, the evening was marked with song and dance performers. The Agape Dancers entertained the audience with Filipino folk dances. Betty

and John wowed the audience with their ballroom dancing and daring lifts. Jennifer Camacho sang a medley of songs that got the audience up on their feet and dancing. Victoria Flores sang a beautiful Filipino song entitled "Hawak Kamay". Britanny Waito and Jujelyn Brown gave a wonderful rendition of the Canadian and Philippine National Anthems, Michelle Rasie serenaded her sister, outgoing 2013 Princess Melissa Rasie and 2013 Queen Mary Grace Enciso as they made their final walk as Queen and Princess. But, unquestionably, the main attraction for the night was "Julia", our six year old singer who impressed and entertained everyone by singing the famous song "Let it Go" from the Disney movie "Frozen". The event was also graced by the presence of Senator Tobias Enverga, Deputy Consul General Susanna "Jing" Paez and Hildegard Gmeiner, who addressed the crowd that evening and acknowledged the hard work that has been done.

No one can forget the closing performance of the OFWC's Rockettes (officers and members of the OFWC) dancing to the tune of New York, New York which brought the house down. It was a truly fun-filled evening and the after-event dancing went on till very late. This celebration was supported by many volunteers as well as by Luminous Financial who were on hand to assist.

The OFWC anniversary celebration was an overwhelming success, and if the future leaders of this club continue the vision and work set by their predecessors, we can look forward with anticipation to another 32 years of success.

Illegals in the Philippines

Over 1-M Foreigners are overstaying in Philippines



MANILA - There are over 1 million foreigners in the Philippines who are TNTs (Tago nang Tago). Bureau of Immigration (BI) Commissioner Siegfried Mison said there are around 1.5 million foreigners in the country, but only about 200,000 are registered with the BI. “Based dun po sa database namin, mga 200,000 pa lang po ang nagre-register... Based on the foreign national index sa buong mundo at based on our

population na 100 million, mga 1.5 milyon ang dayuhan natin dito. So dun sa 1.5 (million), lumalabas 200,000 pa lang yung nagre-register,” he said. According to Mison, foreigners staying more than the allowable 59 days are required by law to register with the BI. With the new Alien Registration Program, Mison said they will be giving overstaying foreigners in the country a one-year grace period to register. The Alien Registration Program will start on October 1 and end on September 30 next year. Foreigners can register with any of the 43 immigration offices nationwide. NOT AN AMNESTY PROGRAM The BI commissioner assured overstaying foreigners who will register with the bureau that they will not be deported as long as they are not facing any criminal charge. “Kung ang inyong offense ay purely on the basis of visa status, kung overstaying

kayo, gagawan at gagawan po namin ng paraan para matulungan kayo. Yun nga lang, voluntarily you have to come out in the open,” he said. “Ang bureau, we really do not prefer deportation. Gusto talaga namin mag-comply lang kayo sa immigration law,” he added. However, if they still do not register within the one-year grace period and are later caught by any law enforcement agency, “ay, ide-deport po namin sila,” he warned. Mison also stressed that fugitives or foreigners facing criminal charges in or outside the Philippines will also be deported. “Kahit nagpa-register po kayo pero fugitive po kayo, ika nga bad guy po kayo sa ibang bansa, bad guy po kayo dito, ide-deport pa rin po namin kayo,” he said. “So it is not really immunity, it is not parang blanket authority na you can do anything in this country kasi nag-register kayo dito sa amin,” he added.



PAL must face price-fixing claims - US judge

Five international airlines, including Philippine Airlines, must face a class-action lawsuit from passengers accusing them of fixing the prices of tickets on trans-Pacific flights, a U.S. judge has ruled. But in doing so, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer in San Francisco on Tuesday narrowed the suit somewhat, ruling that certain fares to the Philippines and Japan are exempt from price-fixing claims under federal law. Christopher Lebsock, an attorney for the proposed class of passengers, said most passengers’ claims would not be affected by the ruling. Attorneys for the airlines - Air New Zealand Ltd, Philippine Airlines Inc, Japan’s All Nippon Airways Co Ltd and Taiwan’s China Airlines Ltd and EVA Airways Corp - could not immediately be reached for comment. The first class-action suits over alleged price-fixing of trans-Pacific fares were filed in 2007, and multiple cases were consolidated in a multi-district litigation in San Francisco in 2008. The plaintiffs claimed that airlines used alliances, trade associations and other means to fix prices. The suit originally named 13 airlines, but eight of those have settled for a total of \$39.5 million, according to Lebsock. The remaining five airlines asked the judge to toss the case, arguing that all the passengers’ claims were pre-empted by federal regulation, which requires airlines to file certain international fares with the U.S. Department of Transportation. Breyer ruled that claims over fares that were not filed with the DOT, as well as claims over fuel surcharges, can go forward. He dismissed only claims over fares that were filed with the DOT. The International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 treats countries differently depending on their trade agreements with the United States. As a result, fares to New Zealand and Taiwan are not filed with the DOT, while only non-discounted, one-way economy class fares to the Philippines are filed, according to court documents. Certain fares to Japan were filed until a change in the law 2012. The case is In re: Transpacific Passenger Air Transportation Antitrust Litigation, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, MDL 08-1913.

Philippines NEWS

NFA Chief Quits

MANILA - National Food Authority (NFA) administrator Arthur Juan has tendered his irrevocable resignation. “It is with regret and sadness that we received the irrevocable resignation of Mr. Art Juan,” Presidential Adviser on Food Security and Agricultural Modernization Francis Pangilinan said. Pangilinan said Juan, who is facing allegations of extortion, cited “failing health” as the reason for his resignation. Juan is accused of extorting P15 million from rice trader Jojo Soliman, whose warehouse was padlocked in July after his workers were allegedly caught mixing broken rice intended for animal feed with imported rice. Last August, the NFA chief tendered his courtesy resignation but Pangilinan rejected it. Meanwhile, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said the NBI will continue with its probe into the alleged extortion of Juan despite his resignation.

Our Man at Vatican

MANILA - A few months before the Philippine visit of Pope Francis, the pontiff appointed appointed a Filipino priest as a new member of the International Theological Commission. An article posted on the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) website said Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner 3rd, O.P. was appointed by Francis to the commission for a term of five years. “Pope Francis named thirty new members of the said commission, all of whom are theologians from different countries,” the CBCP article said. Now the only Filipino member of the commission, Timoner will serve it from 2014 to 2019. The commission was established by the Servant of God Paul VI in 1969. It aims to examine questions on matters of doctrine. He is also the Vice Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomas.

Smugglers Caught

DAVAO CITY – A Smuggling “pipeline” between Malaysia and the Philippines starting from Sabah and ending up at various ports in Mindanao was uncovered by the Intelligence Group (IG) of the Bureau of Customs with the apprehension of a local carrier loaded with 260,000 liters of smuggled gasoline at the sub-port of General Santos last Sept 6. However, Manila customs authorities expressed fears that unscrupulous persons connected with the foiled smuggling attempt still succeeded in spiriting out the content of ‘M/T Elaine’ currently being held at the privately-owned LC Fishing Compound wharf in Tambler, General Santos, after receiving information on that the gasoline was “all gone.” Aside from oil products, the IG has also uncovered massive smuggling of rice in Mindanao also passing thru the port of Davao with some of them also landing in the Port of Zamboanga.

Dolorosa Canada Celebration



FIRST, Mutya ng Dolorosa Canada beauties representing different barangays pose with hermanos and hermanas at the Dolorosa Fiesta. RIGHT, Nene Panganiban enjoy the Welcome Kababayan Dinner at Qssis with her partner Metin.

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Eric Yerro & Cheryl Yan's Wedding

Eric Yerro and Cheryl Yan got married last September 6, 2014 at St. Basil's Church in Toronto. The reception was held at West River Event Centre where everyone was served dumplings, duck crepes, turon, fried shrimp wrapped in egg roll wrappers and the formal dinner was a 14-course Chinese lauriat meal.

The happy couple was joined by family and friends who came from near and far, including some from the United States.

To both of them,
*May the blessings of the day last
for as long as they both shall live!*

Jenifer Camacho

WILD WILD WEST

Birthday Celebration



JENIFER CAMACHO GOES WILD
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A Western theme birthday bash was held for Jenifer Camacho by her family and close friends. Led by Aspi Wadiwalla, assisted by Santa Baccaray, Christine & Kiana Craig helped organized the party in a few days time frame. Daniel Scenna and Nate Camacho also help turned their backyard into a Western Oasis.

With only a few days notice, invited guests arrived in their cowboys and cowgirls attire and brought the "hoe down" mode with them. The table was packed with lots of food with yummy desserts and eight delicious cakes that was so hard to resist.

Thank you to all the guests and well wishers for sharing your Sunday afternoon to celebrate with Jenifer and her family. Thank you Mr. Aspi Waldiwalla for orchestrating this event; Daniel Scenna for leading the stampede in your beautiful place; and Nate Camacho for endless help and support to your mom. The celebration won't be complete without the DJ Mr. Bong Molano and photographers like Bong Molano, Ding Castillo and Pinh Tanthavong.

The night was wonderfully celebrated as if there's a stampede going on. It was an amazing night with lots and lots of barrels of fun. Her son Nate said "what if it wasn't a Sunday?" Well, with lots of her close friends and supporters, the night will never end.

Leader In Four Large Catholic Organizations Endorses Alvarez, 2 Others, To Be Elected As Trustees In The TCDSB



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT, TCDSB Candidate Ace Alvarez; Don Quilao; Ashley Molloy

TORONTO - A leader in four large Catholic organizations in Toronto has endorsed print and broadcast journalist Ace Alvarez, together with two other candidates, for election as Trustees in the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Don Quilao endorsed Alvarez as Trustee for Ward 12 (Scarborough) in the forthcoming October 27 Municipal Elections in Toronto, together with Joey Abrenilla for Ward 5 (North York) and Emmanuel Yanga for Ward 7 (parts of Scarborough & North York) in an email sent recently to the Board, Officers and Members of his organizations.

Quilao is a Director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) Formation Institute in the Archdiocese of Toronto; a Board Member of the Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities; Head Servant of the Filipino Canadian Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities and Chair of the Education Ministry of the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission.

In unconditionally endorsing Alvarez, Abrenilla and Yanga, Quilao wrote that the three candidates "... are practicing and devout Roman Catholics who strongly support the idea of sustaining and maintaining the Roman Catholic teachings and values in our Catholic schools. They are active in supporting and defending the Church."

Sharon Barlow, Chair of the CCRC in the Archdiocese of Toronto, received the information enthusiastically, saying, it is a "very important information" and that she would share it out through her personal email contacts.

In a related development, Alvarez was endorsed likewise by internationally-recognized expert in special education, Ashley Molloy, Pd.D.

In his endorsement letter, Mol-

loy – who was once a Catholic school teacher, principal and Toronto Catholic education system board-wide administrator, wrote:

"I have known Ace Alvarez for many years.

"His candidacy (for Trustee, Ward 12, TCDSB) brings forth a Catholic vision of education that sees faith as its center.

"His journalistic background ensures that decisions will be reached through careful analysis.

"Ace would bring to this role a diligent work ethic coupled with unquestionable integrity. I am proud to offer my support for him as a Catholic school trustee."

In thanking Quilao and Dr. Molloy, Alvarez reiterated to effect his mission to bring back the essence of Catholicism in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), which he said, continues to fade through the election of the wrong people to the governing body of the TCDSB.

Among other talks before several religious and community organizations, Alvarez has enunciated the goals that he wants to accomplish at the TCDSB in a speech before more than 1,000 participants to the ANCOP Walk at the Nathan Phillips Square in downtown Toronto recently.

ANCOP, an acronym for "Answering the Cry of the Poor", is a program founded by Couples for Christ (CFC), a faith-based, Vatican-recognized international lay organization of the Catholic faithful that has a worldwide membership and active in over 100 countries and dependent territories, and was made for the purpose of consolidating CFC's effort in shelter-building and child education sponsorship for the poor. (Campaign for Ace Alvarez)

Are Pinoys ready for molecular gastronomy?

MANILA – The overall chairperson of this year's National Food Showdown believes that chefs here first need to master their skills in preparing classic Filipino cuisine before venturing into molecular gastronomy, which is characterized by avant-garde cooking techniques.

Chef Myrna Segismundo, who is also the vice president and managing director of ABS-CBN's Restaurant 9501, believes that the priority now should be to elevate Filipino cuisine instead of experimenting with the science of cooking.

"Even as we tweak the presentation, we must, as usual, stay close to the classics. I have nothing against fusion and modern cuisine and molecular gastronomy and all, but we're not there yet," Segismundo said Monday in an interview on "Mornings@ANC," where she appeared together with chef Jill Sandique to promote the eighth edition of the National Food Showdown on September 23 and 24 at the World Trade Center.

"As far as I know, if you are strong in your basics, you can take off from there," she added.

Segismundo noted how becoming a chef "is so much in fashion these days," a trend that can be attributed to the popularity of food and travel shows, as well as reality cooking competitions both here and abroad.



While she said there is nothing wrong with this, Segismundo reminded aspiring Filipino chefs to make it a point to promote and preserve the country's cuisine.

"Even as we try to learn French and Italian and Thai and Japanese, there's our very own Philippine cuisine that needs to be on center stage," she said.

"It's important to know what our heritage is all about," she added. "That the generations that come after us – and we're really in the danger of losing all this if we don't do anything about it – still know what Filipino cuisine is all about."

"We need to document, we need to make the regions aware that their cuisine is important for tourism, as well as for our culture."

Segismundo said the National Food Showdown is their own way of contributing to the growth of Filipino cuisine, with the event calling on participants and attendees to return to their roots.

The theme for this year's National Food Showdown is "Practice Makes Perfect," and will feature 35 professional teams and 60 student teams in various cooking competitions.

"It sounds very basic, but as in everything that we do, we have to start with the basics," Segismundo said.



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KATHRYN BERNARDO & DANIEL PADILLA ARE A COUPLE

Loveline Blooms After “She’s Dating The Gangster”

After the success of the movie “She’s Dating The Gangster,” Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla, two of the most well-loved celebrities in the country today, are now reportedly calling each other babe. But before that, their movie titled “She’s Dating The Gangster” is being recognized as one of the blockbuster movies in the history of Philippine cinema because of its remarkable performance in the box office, in fact, it broke the box office record of the Sarah Geronimo-Coco Martin movie.

Based on the report, “She’s Dating The Gangster” earned Php262.6M in its local run and earned \$333,000 in its international run while the movie titled “Maybe This Time,” the first big screen team up of the TV series king with the pop star and certified box office queen only earned Php134.6M. Going back to Kathryn and Daniel’s term of endearment, some observers say they are already a couple contrary to their



claims that they are just friends. A video of the rumored couple calling each other’s babe is now going viral on web.

And in case you missed, you can still

watch it on the official YouTube account of ABS-CBN News. Their fans and supporters are now making a barrage on social media. They are spreading the video using their official social media accounts to make sure that their fellow fans and supporters will also watch it. As of this moment, the Teen King and Queen, Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo are still keeping their silence regarding the issue despite the call from their fans to admit their relationship.

Meanwhile, a rumor regarding the possible remake of “Pangako Sa’yo,” a classic TV series which aired on ABS-CBN some years ago starring Kristine Hermosa and Jericho Rosales is also making the rounds online. According to some observers who are following the ABS-CBN’s prime time TV series, Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla are a good catch if the management really wants to remake the series.

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CHRISTIAN, 32, LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

AFTER the morning soap “With a Smile”, Christian Bautista is glad to be part of the new primetime serial, “Strawberry Lane” that starts airing after “24 Oras”. “I will play the role of Richard, younger brother of Sheryl Cruz and Sunshine Dizon, with Boots Anson Roa as our mother,” he says. “I welcome the challenge of acting with them dahil puro sila magagaling. They’ll inspire me to give my best in every scene. Maganda rin ang role ko kasi I’ll start as a bad boy, but eventually, babait ako and I will try to reconcile my feuding sisters. I also do charity work here singing for the inmates of Bahay Bagong Pangarap to inspire them.”

Aside from this, Christian is also in “Sunday All Stars” and he is now the new co-host of Marian Rivera in the second season her dance musical show on Saturday nights, “Marian”. Because he’s so busy, he has no time to cultivate a lovelife. “I’m 32, puwede na akong mag-start ng sarili kong family,” he says. “But sad to say, zero ang lovelife ko kasi sobrang busy ako and may concerts pa ako here and abroad. But if ever na matagpuan ko na ang babaeng sa palagay ko will be the best partner for me and the best mom of my future kids, I won’t have any second thoughts na pakasalan siya.”

Let’s help Christian pray that he finds Miss Right soon.



ON THE SPOT

Bheng Basinang Mariano gets Colleen Garcia ready.



Ontario *Filipino* Women’s Club



LEFT, Singer Jenifer Camacho entertain the crowd. MIDDLE, Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation, with Senator Tobias Enverga show their support for the OFWC. RIGHT, Senator Enverga presents OFWC Annabelle Migalbin with certificate of Recognition for providing assistance to families in need of medical treatment. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

GMA Pinoy TV airs HIRAM NA ALAALA



(Rocco) instantly became friends when they are deployed to war. They endure the ravages of armed conflict with Joseph's tales of great love for Andrea (Kris), highlighting shared memories of their years together as lovers, much to Ivan's amusement.

However, in an encounter with rebels, both men are captured, imprisoned and tortured. Fate separates them as Joseph is left in captivity while Ivan is rescued by the military.

GMA Network presents HIRAM NA ALAALA, another innovative primetime series that will captivate the hearts of viewers as it showcases how the power of shared memories can cause great love to become real. The show premieres September 22 on GMA Pinoy TV.

Hiram na Alaala narrates how one soldier's trauma becomes instrumental in sustaining and bringing back great love between man and woman.

This unique intertwining of lives and love stories fostered by shared memories will prove that GMA is determined to lead in primetime TV while showcasing the versatility of its stars led by Drama King Dennis Trillo as Ivan Legaspi and Kapuso drama sweetheart Kris Bernal as Andrea Dizon, together with multitalented actress Lauren Young as Bethany Sandoval and award-winning actor Rocco Nacino as Joseph Corpuz.

The series also stars respected movie and TV actors and actresses, Jackielou Blanco as Regina Legaspi; Nina Ricci Alagao as Martina Sandoval; Shyr Valdez as Araceli Corpuz; Dexter Doria as Ola Dizon; Antonio Aquitania as Benedict Corpuz; Allan Paule as Xander Dizon; and Lotlot de Leon as Annabelle Sta. Cruz.

Completing the powerhouse cast are Julia Lee as Gelai, Kenneth Paul as Chris Corpuz, Jenny Rose as Krissy Corpuz, and Rap Fernandez as Bruno.

In the series, Ivan (Dennis) and Joseph

The suffering Ivan experienced triggered him to assume the identity of Joseph, while losing memories, perception and awareness of his own life and past. With this regained freedom and assumed identity, Ivan finds great love in the arms of Andrea as Joseph.

Meanwhile, Andrea was devastated when she found out that Joseph was missing. But she will be surprised when Ivan claims that he is Joseph. Andrea eventually falls for Ivan because through him, she feels Joseph is still around. She carries on her great love for Joseph by allowing herself to relive her shared memories with her missing lover.

Joseph is eventually saved only to find out that Ivan and Andrea are already in love with each other. He thinks that he is betrayed by his best friend and girlfriend and is now left with the daunting challenge of bringing back Andrea's great love for him.

The same holds true for Bethany (Lauren), Ivan's girlfriend. Upon Ivan's return, Bethany is surprised to find out that her boyfriend is claiming that he is Joseph. What makes things worse is the fact that Ivan doesn't remember her and he thinks he is in love with someone else. Bethany will then become determined to do everything to get Ivan back.

Under the helm of the highly acclaimed director of Temptation of Wife and My Husband's Lover, Dominic Zapata, Hiram na Alaala airs Monday to Friday on GMA Pinoy TV.

Judy Ann Santos-Agoncillo on TV every day of the week!

“BET ON YOUR BABY” RETURNS DUE TO INSISTENT PUBLIC DEMAND

Following a triumphant first season, the Philippines' cutest game show “Bet On Your Baby” is returning on ABS-CBN this September due to viewers' requests.

What's more is that this time, the program will now run from Mondays through Fridays—set to bring five times the amount of joy that it delivered the

past season. This also means that the country's award-winning host will be taking on television every day of the week, with “Bet On Your Baby” airing on weekdays, and her new program “I Do” capturing the hearts of many over weekends.

Given stellar reviews as “Bet On Your Baby's” host, Judy Ann had also received high regard from the show's original company creator, Electus. They identified Judy Ann as the only host of “Bet On Your Baby” internationally to bring such a high level of enthusiasm by even being the only host in the world to dance on set despite her superstar status. The uniqueness of the Philippine edition of “Bet On Your Baby”

even made it an international peg that Electus shows to countries that seek to take on the franchise.

Launched on September 22, more joy, inspiration and even more prizes are well on the way.

“Bet On Your Baby's” Season 2 will be delivering something new to the table, two new exciting segments namely: “Wachamakulit” and “Dice Dice Baby.”

This season's jackpot round now has more piggy banks to break. 15 piggy banks will hold cash prizes no lower than Php25,000 and families may win special prizes. Of course, the major prizes of either a house and lot package or Php1 million are also up for grabs.

With all the show's brand new games, weekdays are sure to become more exciting for the whole family.

Don't miss out on “Bet On Your Baby: Season 2” and will run from Mondays through Fridays before “Pure Love” on ABS-CBN. For updates, visit and like “Bet On Your Baby” on Facebook (www.facebook.com/betonyourbabyph), and follow @BetOnYourBabyPH on Twitter and Instagram.



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KRIS Bernal’s reaction is: “Ha? Sinabi niya, two years kami? Hindi ko kasi binilang but nu’ng una pa lang, alam na niyang may limits sa relationship na hindi puwedeng ganyan, ayoko ng ganito, alam niyang may rules na kailangang sundin. Hindi naman kasi talaga naging official na kami. On and off siya. So, hindi ko rin masabi ngayon na two years.” So Carl is lying? “Hindi siya sinungaling, pero ewan ko sa kanya.” Carl said in his instagram account that he is tired and: “Ayoko nang magpakatanga.” “Oo nga, ewan ko sa kanya! Siya pa ang tanga? Nasaktan ako sa sinabi niya.

Kasi ako, bago ako magbitaw ng salita, iniisip ko kung masasaktan siya. So sana, ganu’n din siya. Hindi naman ako perfect. Alam kong may mga pagkakamali rin ako. Pero hindi tanga ‘yung right word para du’n. Siguro ano lang, hindi ako perfect na tao, so accept my flaws. Parang gano’n. Pero hindi naman siya naging tanga. Hindi tanga ‘yung right word, eh. Ang sakit nu’n, eh. Masyadong masakit, e. Mabait naman si Carl. Kaya lang, lagi kaming nagtatalo, so let’s not talk about him na. Let’s just talk about ‘Hiram na Alaala.’” So how does it feel to be the leading lady of Dennis Trillo? “Alam naman ng lahat he’s a good actor. So, siguro, kahit ano ipagawa sa’kin sa eksena namin, kahit na tumambling ako, pagulungin ako sa putik, go na ako. Kasi syempre, nahihiya ako kay Dennis. 100% talaga kasi siya, e.” She had a kissing scene with Dennis. How was it? “Malambot ang labi ni Dennis.” So who kisses better: Dennis or Carl?

“Grabe naman, isama talaga si Carl? Wala siya sa ‘Hiram na Alaala’, ha. Pero siyempre, si Dennis na.

Dennis na lang. Mas Dennis ako!” Will she fall for Dennis? “Posible naman, pero parang hindi siguro ako maniniwala sa una na liligawan ako ni Dennis. Parang... Joke ba ‘to? Kumpara kasi sa past girlfriends na niya, parang ano lang ako, isa lang akong bubwit.” Will she entertain new suitors after Carl? “Ayoko muna. Focus muna ko sa ‘Hiram na Alaala’ kasi biggest break ko ito on primetime. May non-showbiz guy na nagpaparamdam, pero ayoko namang magpaasa ng lalaki. Gusto ko munang single ako. Ayoko na muna ng stress sa personal kong buhay.”

Solenn’s Marriage Will be a Quiet Affair

Her ex-BF Derek Ramsay, is currently controversial because of the case filed against him by his ex-wife, Mary Christine Jolly. Did she know then that Derek was already married? “We had our relationship more than ten years ago. Teenager pa ako. So if you’d ask me about it, I’d rather not comment on it na lang.” Marian Rivera and Heart Evangelista, who she got to work with in “Temptation Island”, are both getting married soon. How about her and her Argentinian BF Nico Bolzico? “Super happy ako for them. But just because two former co-stars of mine are having their wedding doesn’t mean na, dapat makisunod na rin ako. If ever I’d get engaged, I won’t make it a big thing. Basta pag sinuot ko yung engagement ring at nakita ng tao, yun, aaminin ko. In my mind, alam ko nang Nico is the one for me. Four years na kami, e. But I won’t force him to

propose. Basta it will happen when it happens.”

Tom Unbelieving of Success

Tom Rodriguez doesn’t care if the new game show “Don’t Lose the Money” was first offered to Richard Gomez, who chose to do TV5’s “Quiet Please, Bawal ang Maingay” instead. “The important thing is that a new opportunity was given to me to do hosting for the first time,”he says. “You know, I’m really so blessed kasi when I first came to Manila to join PBB, I didn’t know I could act. But nakuha nga akong artista. If you told me when I was in the U.S. na magiging artista, singer at game show host ako, I wouldn’t believe it. And yet here I am now doing all those things.” We heard that GMA management is happy with the way he hosts “Don’t Lose the Money” that was why he was chosen over their other actors who auditioned, like Rafael Rosell and Rocco Nacino. “Don’t Lose the Money”started airing last Monday just before “The Ryzza Mae Show” and quickly gained a lot of followers. Tom is now being seen day and night on TV as he’s also in the primetime soap “My Destiny,” where he played the son of Dennis Roldan, whose character has since been killed since he’s now in prison for kidnapping. How did he feel about this? “He was very good and helpful to me so balak ko talagang dalawin siya one of these days, basta nakaluwag-luwag na ako sa schedule kasi, aside from taping for my two regular shows, may movies pa akong ginagawa, ‘T’yanak’ with Judy Ann Santos and Solenn Heussaff, at yung ‘Beauty in a Bottle’ with Angelica Panganiban.”

Nora is Indie Queen

Nora Aunor is being tagged as the New Indie Queen. She was just seen in “Hustisya” where she won Cinemalaya best actress awards and also in “Barber’s Tales” where she played a rebel leader. She’ll next be seen in “Dementia,” the well praised directorial debut of Perci Intalan that opens in theatres today. After that,she’ll be seen in two more indie films, “Padre de Pamilya” with Coco Martin and “Whistleblower” with Cherry Pie Picache (our condolences and prayers for the tragic death of Pie’s mom and we’re

praying the culprits will soon be apprehended and punished.) “Wala namang problema kung tawagin man nila akong ganun,” she says. “Basta ang importante, magaganda naman’yung mga ginagawa mo, like ‘Hustisya’ and ‘Dementia’ na pareho nang acceptedfor showing in film festivals abroad.” She admits her talent fee is not as big as when she’s doing a mainstream film. “Pero okay lang yun. Basta gusto ko ‘yung script, gusto ko ‘yung istorya, maski nga walang bayad, eh,gagawin ko basta gusto ko.”

Sheena OK work with Rocco

Sheena Halili has not had a regular show since “Binoy Henyo” that was shown a year ago. She’s glad when she was informed that she’s joining the cast of “Hiram na Alaala”. “Special participation daw ako as a probinsiyana who’ll get involved with Rocco Nacino. So how is it working with Rocco, her ex-boyfriend who’s now on with Lovi Poe? “ Medyo awkward at first, but mga artista naman kami so we were able to enact our roles well.” Meanwhile, GMA7 is very happy that the pilot week of “Hiram na Alaala” rated very high.

Janno Multi-Tasker

Janno Gibbs turned 45 last September 16 and he’s in a good mood these days because his new album has just been released, “Novela, Written, Produced and Inspired by Janno Gibbs”. It’s now available on iTunes, spotify and other outlets. Janno is a multi-tasker who acts, sings, writes songs, produces albums. He is currently the resident theme song composer of GMA’s drama shows and all the songs he has written lately are included in the album. Meantime, he is also cast as Christian in GMA7’s “My BFF”. Watch out for the last few weeks of “My BFF” which will end soon.

Katrina ‘Combs’ Her Way To Success

Katrina Velarde is a certified Tondo Girl. She was born on December 5, 1994 and raised in Solis St., Gagalangin. The fourth of six kids, her dad is a carpenter and her mom is a stay at home mom. She was 17

Last Blast of Summer in the City



FIRST, Josie celebrated her birthday on Sep. 7, 2014 in North York; with husband Johnny De Leon, and their children Adrick, and RJ. It was also a reunion of former roommates, and their families. SECOND, Arnold Aedan Domingo celebrated his 1st birthday at Earl Bales Park on Aug. 10, 2014. THIRD, Nico Villa Pineda celebrated his first birthday at Imperial Buffet on Sept. 7, 2014. Proud parent Lyla Villa, and Florencio Pineda invited their friends, colleagues, and coworkers; and of course the Ninang and Ninongs. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS





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supporters and honor their deceased members with the 7 sorrows and also



give thanks with their 7 gifts. A mother also talked about the miracle of how the her daughter was helped by the Virgen Dolorosa through prayers. On Saturday, they have their procession at St. Rose de

Lima and their Fiesta celebrations afterwards.

On Sunday, they ahd thei budol-budol style picnic at the Scarborough Bluffs.

On Monday, they all attend Weight Watchers and ask their doctors for prescription Lipitors.

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when a video of her using a comb as a microphone was uploaded on Youtube. She was dubbed the Suklay Diva. She started joining amateur singing contests as a child.



She joined a group that competed in “Talentadong Pinoy” but they didn’t win. She then joined “X Factor Philippines” and was tutored by Gary Valenciano who she considers her mentor. “Grabeng bait niya,” she says. “Very encouraging sa mga pangarap namin ng mga kasama kong baguhan.”

She’s part of the group AKA JAM who performed with Gary in his recent concert, “Arise”, and Gary is taking them with him in his concert tour in the U.S. They left last September 24. She has advanced some episodes of “Trenderas” that will be shown while she’s in the U.S.

“I’m so happy to be part of ‘Trenderas’ dahil napakabait nila sa TV5 at ng lahat ng kasama ko sa show,” she says. “Alam nilang baguhan lang ako sa pag-arte kaya very considerate sila. Nakuha ako nang mag-guest ako sa ‘Mega and the Songwriter’ and I’m thankful for this big break that TV5 is giving me. Dahil din sa show na ito, nakasama ko ang Superstar, Nora Aunor, at nagpapasalamat ako dahil naging napakabait din niya sa amin ng mga kasama kong sina Isabelle de Leon at Lara Maigue.”

“Trenderas” started airing last September 20 and quickly gained a lot of followers and advertisers.

Jake is not a Battered BF

Bea Binene and Jake Vargas both vehemently denied the reports that Bea gets violent when they have a fight and Jake

is a battered boyfriend because Bea is so domineering and he’s under the saya. “Hindi po totoo ‘yun,” says Jake. “Four years na ang love team namin at two and a half years na kaming on, pero wala po



kaming mga bayo-lenteng away gaya ng binabalita nila. Sa ngayon, very smooth na ang relationship namin. Magka-mis-understanding man, nalulutas din agad sa mabuting pag-uusap. Wala nang mga selosan kaya wala na ring away-away.”

He’s now 22 while Bea is only 16. “Dahil ako ang mas matanda, ako ang mas umuunawa. Natsismis ding nagli-live in kami, pero hindi rin totoo. Hindi papayag ang parents namin, pati manager ko, si Kuya Germs (German Moreno). Sobrang bata pa namin at alam naman namin ang aming limitations. Ang nagkakalat naman niyan, ‘yung bashers ng love team namin at gawa-gawa lang talaga.”

They’ve been paired several times on their own, but this time, in their new show, “Strawberry Lane,” they co-star with other GMA young stars like Kim Rodriguez, Joyce Ching, Kiko Estrada, Joanna Marie Tan and Jeric Gonzales. How do they feel about it? “Okay lang naman po ‘yun. Walang problema. We trust the decision of GMA management. They know what’s best for all of us. Basta masaya ang supporters ng love team namin, ang JaBea, na mapapanood nila kami uli on primetime. Kasi ang last show pa namin together was ‘Home Sweet Home’ na almost a year ago na. Thankful kami kasi it’s nice to be acting together again at gamay na talaga namin ang isa’t isa kaya mas maganda na ang working relationship namin.”




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by some sectors, the lawmakers said.

The lawmakers jointly filed House Bill 4649 that seeks to create an autonomous region in the Cordilleras.

They filed HB 4649 on July 30 and the House plenary referred it to the House committee on local governments led by South Cotabato-General Santos City Rep. Pedro Acharon Jr.

The authors invoked Article X, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution, the same provision that mandates the creation of autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao and in the Cordilleras consisting of provinces, cities, municipalities and geographical areas sharing a common and distinctive historical and cultural heritage, economic and social structures, and other relevant characteristics within the framework of the Constitution, the national sovereignty, and the territorial integrity of the country.

The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, in accord with the Constitution, was created under R.A. No. 6734.

However, the authors said, the Cordillera Autonomous Region had yet to be realized.

Early last week, the House’s 75-member special ad hoc committee on the Bangsamoro Basic Law, chaired by Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez, approved its rules of procedure to guide its consideration of the Palace-proposed BBL as contained in HB 4994 and designed to replace the ARMM that President Benigno Aquino III has tagged as “a failed experiment.”

Isabela Rep. Rodolfo Albano III warned that the BBL might prompt other regions, such as the Cordilleras, to also

demand autonomy if some provisions, for instance, allowed the Bangsamoro to have its parliamentary system of government.

The CAR proponents recalled that on July 15, 1987, President Corazon Aquino issued Executive Order 220 creating the Cordillera Administrative Region with the mandate to administer the affairs of government in the region, accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units of the region, and prepare for the establishment of the autonomous region in the Cordilleras.

Subsequently, the lawmakers said, two Organic Acts creating the CAR were enacted in 1990 and 1998 but both failed ratification mainly because of the people’s lack of awareness and understanding of the autonomy issues.

In 2006, the authors said, the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region or RDC-CAR decided to renew the pursuit of regional autonomy after it had determined that the only way to drastically address underdevelopment and poverty in the region was through regional autonomy.

“With policy and budgetary support from the national government, the RDC-CAR has since engaged in information, education and communication and capability-building activities towards regional autonomy at all levels,” the lawmakers said.

This campaign, they said, resulted in the draft Organic Act filed in the 15th Congress as HB 5595.

The authors of HB 4649 stressed that Cordillera’s autonomy would be the most effective option to provide the region with the needed solid foundation to pursue sustainable development as the region hoped to benefit from the management and use of its natural resources.

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Strawberry Lane Challenges

Kim Rodriguez + other news

Halos six months din ang hinintay ni Kapuso teen star Kim Rodriguez bago dumating ang kanyang next project. Pero kahit matagal-tagal daw siyang nabakante sa drama, thankful pa rin daw ang aktres dahil hindi siya nalimutan bigyan ng birthday gift ng GMA.

“Sobrang happy ako kasi nasundan na agad ‘yung Paraiso Ko’y Ikaw kaya nagpapasalamat po ako sa GMA kasi patuloy nila akong pinagkakatiwalaan. Sobrang happy ko talaga dahil parang birthday gift ko ‘to eh,” pahayag ni Kim.

Dagdag niya, “Noong August po [‘yung birthday ko]. Kasi after noong birthday ko, at saka nila sinabi na may show ako.”

Ang tinutukoy ni Kim ay ang kanyang current project, ang Strawberry Lane, na pumalit sa Niño sa GMA Telebabad slot.

Nang tanungin ang role ni Kim, inamin ng teen star na medyo nahihirapan siya sa pagganap nito dahil maituturing daw niya itong bago. Aniya, “Sobrang iba sa personality [ko]. Iba sa mga naging role ko.” Malayong-malayo raw sa kanya ang character niyang si Jack. “Yes siyempre, sobrang hrap kasi ano ako eh, sobrang kikay na jolly talaga ako kung makikilala talaga nila ako. Sobrang kulit ko. Pero sobrang kabaligtaran ‘yung character ko,” paliwanag ng Strawberry Lane star.

Lalaki raw kumilos si Jack ayon kay Kim. At para magampanan nang maayos ang character, mayroon daw siyang ginagawa tuwing tapping. “So boyish ako, athletic, so sobrang nahihirapan ako kaya ginagawa ko minsan, sumasama ako sa mga lalaki sa mga [production] staff,” kuwento ni Kim.

Dagdag pa niya, “So tinitignan ko ‘yung mga ginagawa nila, ‘yung mga kilos nila. Tapos siyempre sa suot ko, lalaki ang suot kaya medyo nadadala ako ng suot ko.”



pinies,” she added. A natural on stage and in front of people, being a candidate for the prestigious pageant is not difficult for Valerie. “Nag-e-enjoy ako sa mga bagong experience. Alam [niyo] naman ako, very open sa lahat,” she said.

The Miss World 2014 Philippines coronation night will be held on October 12 in the Mall of Asia Arena.

“We’re doing okay” Daughter after Dennis Roldan’s conviction

MANILA, Philippines - Michele Gumabao remains strong after his father, Dennis Roldan, got convicted.

It was last month when her dad was sentenced to life imprisonment after being found guilty for kidnapping a three-year-old boy in 2005. Michele said that it was her mother who is “keeping us together.” “She’s very strong,” she said, admiring her mother. “She’s the one who is holding our family together. Traveling from Quezon City to South [Muntinlupa] just to visit my dad because [me and my] siblings are busy with work, school. So since she’s a house wife, she always travels to go to my dad.”



Though the head of the family is away from them, Michele says that “We’re doing okay, my family’s doing okay, my dad’s doing okay.” She also adds, “I think we just really prepared ourselves for whatever because the case has been going on for nine years. So since it didn’t end, we didn’t stop also from preparing for whatever is to come.” Since their dad is a public figure, being a former actor and Quezon City representative, the public could not help but comment about the issue.

Still,, Michele’s mom would always remind them to “just said respect whatever they have to say because everyone is entitled with their own opinion.”

For now, all they pray for is “the security for my dad, and really to fulfill what God has in store for him because everyone in our family is looking forward to whatever God has in store for him. This is a big challenge, but there’s a bigger blessing.”

ELEMENTO GMA’s Halloween Series airs this October

Every creature has a story of goodness – this is the message behind GMA’s Halloween Special Series ELEMENTO.



Elementos or entities of the dark have long been perceived as evildoers who prey on unwilling human victims. ELEMENTO allows viewers a peek into the other side – perhaps elementals are also victims – and we humans the first to sow fear by destroying their natural world.

In ELEMENTO, the elementals are all fighting for a cause – a manananggal for the protection of children played by Glaiza de Castro (PHOTO), a kapre and his best friend (played by Kuya Bodjie Pascua) for the preservation of the forest, a beautiful river fairy (portrayed by Solenn Heussaff) against water pollution, and many more. The program shows the elementals as they fall in love, rear their children and protect the legacy of their own kind.

Watch creatures from Philippine myths and folklore come to life – but with a twist - in the upcoming ELEMENTO. The show launches on October 13, only on GMA Pinoy TV.

Philippines in Terror Watchlist

MANILA - The Immigration Bureau has sought the assistance of the Armed Forces of the Philippines’ intelligence branch to provide the bureau with specific identities of persons who are returning from travel overseas and are suspected to have joined the Islamic State group in Syria.

The BI’s request for assistance came a day after France raised a “vigilance alert” on 40 countries, including the Philippines, whose militant nationals may have been recruited by the IS jihadists. Apart from the Philippines, the French foreign ministry’s ‘alert list’ also included Indonesia and Malaysia, Asian countries with large Muslim populations which may be vulnerable to ISIS enticement.

France raised the alert following the beheading of French national onal Herve Gourdel by ISIS militants in Algeria.

The United States, without naming any country, also said that at least 1,000 militants may have already joined the ISIS, based on its own intelligence report.

Immigration Commissioner Siegfred Mison on Saturday requested assistance from the AFP for a list of specific identities of “persons of interest” so his agents could intercept these people and prevent them from re-entering the various ports and air strips in the country.

“We have sought help from the intelligence agencies if they had specific identities of these people to kindly provide to us so that when we intercept them we know what to do,” Mison said.

Mison said the bureau would also coordinate with other spy agencies to do the same to be able to protect the country from potential international terrorist groups such as the ISIS.

Last July, the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter (BIFF) claimed to have reportedly dispatched 200 of its warriors to Syria and Iraq to join ISIS rebels fighting in the two war-torn countries.

But the military and the police said that they have yet to established concrete evidence as to the veracity of reports of Filipinos who have joined the ISIS. At the same time, however, they ordered intelligence units to keep a tight watch on local militants who may seek to join the Islamic state group.

Mison said they have not raised a red alert on the growing ISIS threat, but are giving special attention to passengers coming from certain countries.

At present, Mison said the bureau is not monitoring any list of passengers as they have no basis to do it. “That’s (list) what we need from the intelligence agencies,” Mison said.

He also underscored the need for a cohesive intelligence sharing of information among agencies.

Unkaya Pukan Mayor Joel Maturan said the armed forces should provide more troops in his areas, which could serve as deterrent against militants, a day after he was informed of an allegedly ISIS-initiated meeting among young Muslims in a mosque in Basilan.

“We call on the military to put more soldiers and to install detachments in rural areas so that we can prevent militants from infiltrating us,” the mayor said.

Valerie Weigmann: From Dabarkads to Miss World candidate

From being part of the Sugod Bahay Gang in Eat Bulaga, Valerie Weigmann now takes on a different challenge as she makes it as one of the official candidates of Miss World 2014 Philippines.



As this is an entirely new experience for her, Valerie is excited about this chapter in her life. “It is such an amazing experience for me since it’s my first time to join [a beauty pageant]. Nag-e-enjoy naman ako sa lahat ng nakikilala ko, ‘yung mga kasama ko. Natutuwa ako na meron akong bagong mga kaibigan” she said.

Most importantly, she is driven by her desire to spread the word about the cause she supports.

“[Excited din ako] to raise awareness [about] my advocacy which is [playing] street music [for] our indigenous brothers and sisters. ‘Yung [advocacy ko] ‘yung nag-push sa akin to join,” she shared.

For Valerie, the pageant can help give her a wider audience who will listen to her and hopefully help with the cause she is representing.

“[Miss World 2014 Philippines espouses] beauty in giving so for me, nung nakita ko ‘yung impact ng Miss World, dun ako nag-decide. Gusto ko talaga sumali para mag-create ng awareness para sa aking advocacy na helping indigenous communities in the Philip-

Scenes in the City



LEFT, PCCF officers meet with GMA Pinoy TV International Vice President and Head of Operations - Joseph Francia. Photo shows GMA Pinoy TV International; Vice President and head of Operation Joseph Francia is shown in photo came to Toronto some few days ago conferring with Ms. Rosemer A. Enverga, the GMA Pinoy TV marketing consultant for Canada in conjunction with the TV Network Plan in partnership with the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) to put up a live show with stars coming from the TV network by the months of December 2014 and June 2015. (St. Jamestown News Service, Manny Papa)

RIGHT, Melissa Rasie (OFWC Princess 2013) celebrated her 19th birthday at Ellas Banquet Hall on September 20, 2014; attended by her family, friends, and colleagues (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS).



'Jealous' Maja Salvador eases up on Gerald Anderson



Gerald Anderson and Maja Salvador share a sweet moment in this photo posted by the actress on her Instagram page.

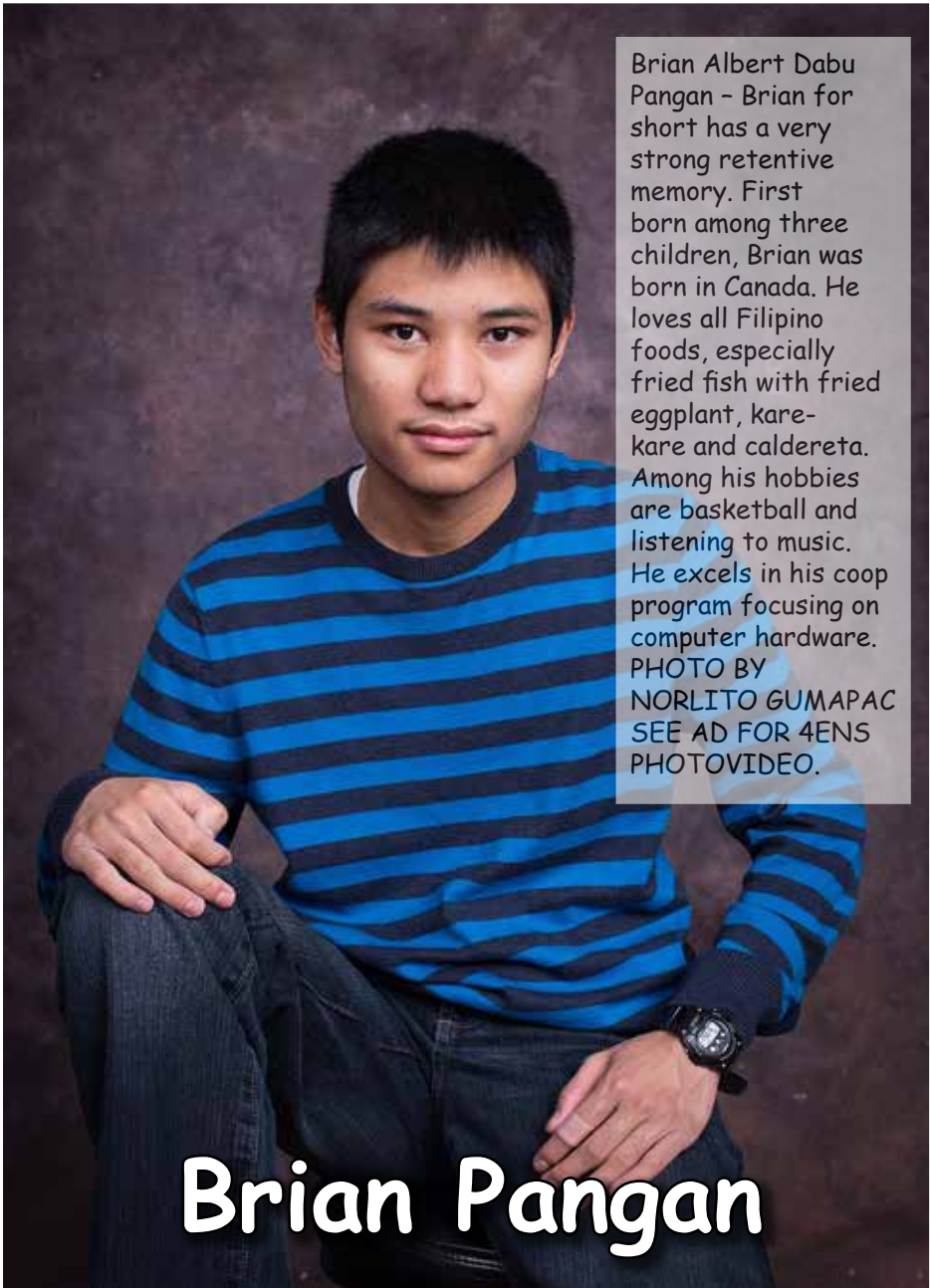
MANILA -- Maja Salvador admitted being a jealous girlfriend in her previous relationships. But according to the 24-year-old actress, that's changed. Now in a relationship with actor Gerald Anderson, Salvador said she has learned to control her emotions, allowing her to be more lenient with her partner. Salvador was previously in a relationship with actor Matteo Guidicelli. "Selosa ako eh, pero ngayon nako-control ko eh. Kung dati mapang-check ako ng phone, ngayon, wala," she said in an interview on "Showbiz Inside Report" aired Saturday. "Parang feeling ko kasi, may mga bagay na... parang 'di ba, meron kayong sine-share sa isa't isa. Meron din naman 'yung sa sarili mo lang," Salvador added. Asked how she is as a girlfriend, the actress related she gains fulfillment when she gives people dear to her a reason to be happy. "Buhos eh. Alam ko pa rin naman

kung paano magtira sa sarili ko, pero gusto ko 'yung mga mahal ko sa buhay, hangga't kayo kong gawing happy sila, mapasaya sila, kahit sa maliliit lang na bagay, gagawin ko. Kasi sobrang mahalaga sa 'kin pag nakikita ko na napapangiti sila," she said. Agreeing when asked whether she considers Anderson "perfect" for her, Salvador said mere words cannot express how much she values her relationship with the actor.

"Kulang ang words. Kasi grabe rin naman siya magparamdam kung gaano ako ka-espesyal," she said. The celebrity couple, who are both artists of Star Magic, was embroiled in a controversy early this year in relation to their ties with fellow Kapamilya talent Kim Chiu.

Chiu was known to be a close friend of Salvador, until the latter admitted seeing Anderson. The actor and Chiu broke up in 2010. On whether she and Anderson have managed to move on from the controversy, which saw them as the target of criticisms, Salvador said, "Sobrang okay [na kami], masaya." "Hindi mo nararamdaman ang problema, ang mga steress sa buhay. Parang, syempre, it's your choice kung paano mo iha-handle 'yung mga problems at nangyayari sa buhay mo. "It's your choice kung didibdin mo at lagi mong iintindihin 'yun, or maging positive ka lang. And I am happy," she said.

Hunk Shot



Brian Albert Dabu Pangan - Brian for short has a very strong retentive memory. First born among three children, Brian was born in Canada. He loves all Filipino foods, especially fried fish with fried eggplant, kare-kare and caldereta. Among his hobbies are basketball and listening to music. He excels in his coop program focusing on computer hardware. PHOTO BY NORLITO GUMAPAC SEE AD FOR 4ENS PHOTOVIDEO.

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Freddie Aguilar doesn't like TV singing contests



MANILA – OPM icon Freddie Aguilar believes “The Voice of the Philippines” winner Mitoy Yonting has the “ammunition” to become successful unlike other reality show contestants because of his long experience in the music industry. Yonting famously performed Aguilar’s megahit “Anak” during the finale of the TV talent contest. “Kailan pa iyan si Mitoy? Kasabay pa namin, matagal na. Pero kaya ni Mitoy, sanay na sa tugtugan iyan,” the outspoken Aguilar said. “Kung ang nanalo iyong [walang experience], tapos ihaharap mo. Nasaan na ang ibang na-discover nila? Wala na.” Aguilar said most music artists nowadays do not have what it takes to deal with live audiences. According to Aguilar, reality shows and TV singing contests are not the best way to discover talent. “Ito ang disadvantage ng reality shows. The guy can sing, okay. Pero kapag humarap na kaya siya sa live audience, kaya kaya niya? Mayroon kaya siyang lakas ng loob? Parang ang mga bagong banda. Hindi marunong magtono [ng instrumento],” he explained. During his time, he said musicians took live performances very seriously, unlike

one band he recently encountered, which did not know how to prepare for a gig. “Sino may kasalanan noon? Ang sistema. Ang dami-daming musikero diyan, magagaling, hanapin mo lang sila.” **Experience and hard work** Aguilar said it takes time, experience and effort for a musician to be successful, recalling how he himself sewed sequins onto his hat until his hands hurt just to create a look that would be memorable to audiences back in the ‘70s. He also noted how he was given a lot of creative freedom when he was signed by record label Vicor Music Corp. due to his admirable portfolio of ready-to-be-recorded compositions. While he concedes that reality shows has made it easier for young talents to get discovered and be given a break, he feels it is important for the public as well as media executives to recognize experienced musicians. He recounted that when he was a young performer, he struggled to get noticed among the many talented musicians in Olongapo’s thriving music scene. It also helped that he had a unique look

that differentiated him from the other musicians. “Sinisigawan ako, ‘Superstar!’ kasi ang sombrero ko kumikinang. Pang-superstar daw ang sombrero ko,” he said of his trademark hat.” However, he cautioned musicians to be wary of selling out. “Dati sina Rico Blanco, si Bamboo, akala ko noon ganoon sila hanggang mag-commercial sila,” he said. “Minsan iniisip ko, pwede naman siguro akong mag-compromise pero hindi rin, eh. Masisira talaga ako. Ang heart masisira talaga. Siguro kung bata ako nagsimula,” he said. **A dream, not a job**

That’s because ever since, Aguilar never considered music a job but a dream. When he was just starting out, he never asked how much he was going to get paid for his gigs. “The mere fact na tinanggap ako, masayang masaya na ako. Malalaman ko ang sweldo ko kapag first night, pagkatapos ko tumugtog, kapag pumunta ako sa cashier,” he said. He expects new artists to be this way as well, he said, which is why a lot of new acts disappoint him. When performers audition at his bar Ka Freddie’s in Tomas Morato, Quezon City, he said some would ask immediately how much they are going to be paid. Freddie Aguilar owns a bar in Quezon City, “Ka Freddie’s”, where he performs twice a week, which he manages with his family, including his new wife, who took culinary lessons to help improve its menu. Aguilar recently self-released a new album, “Bagong Bayan Ko,” which is exclusively distributed at his bar and online, with the proceeds going to victims of calamities.

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the year because of the sudden drop-off in demand. Regional carrier AirAsia also said it had indefinitely suspended its twice-weekly flights between Kalibo airport, one of the main gateways to Boracay, and the Chinese financial hub of Shanghai. On Boracay, famed for its powdery white sand and calm blue waters, the biggest ferry and bus shuttle service said it had lost a third of its average 150 passengers daily. “We are very far from Manila, but we are the ones getting hit. The government must address China’s security concerns and assure them there’s no problem,” said Bonnie Javelona, operations manager at Southwest Bus Tours. Before the travel warning, China was the Philippines’ third-biggest market for tourists after South Korea and the United States. Chinese tourist arrivals in the first half rose 13.6 percent to 226,163, according to government data. Many foreign governments warn their nationals to avoid large parts of the southern Philippines due to the threats of kidnapping. But no other government has issued a travel warning for the entire country. China’s warning has been interpreted by some politicians and tourism officials in the Philippines as an attempt to exert economic pressure over a long-running territorial dispute in the South China Sea.

Palace to China newspaper: Don't politicize crimes

Malacañang asked a state-run newspaper in China to stop politicizing crimes involving Chinese citizens in the Philippines. Presidential spokesman Secretary Edwin Lacierda described as “unfair” accusations published by the Global Times on the supposed “serial attacks” against Chinese citizens in the Philippines. “You should not put any political color. We will deal with those criminal elements as an ordinary police enforcement issue, a law enforcement issue, and nothing political,” Lacierda told reporters. The Palace official was reacting to an editorial published by a Chinese state-owned tabloid demanding public apology from President Benigno Aquino III for a supposed “spate of incidents targeting the Chinese.” The same editorial branded the Philippines as a “quasi-rogue state” due to supposed “poor social governance” and “an anti-China sentiment.” Lacierda did not directly respond when asked if Aquino will issue a public apology. He said Malacañang wouldn’t “comment on an editorial.” Aquino’s spokesman, however, said that Filipinos were in no way targeting or discriminating Chinese citizens in the Philippines. “I think we are one of the most, if not, the most friendly country in respect of our Chinese brethren,” he said. “We have not seen any discrimination. We have not seen any form of hostility towards our Filipino-Chinese, or the Mainland Chinese, who are here,” he added. The Philippines has already brought its territorial dispute with China before the Netherlands-based Permanent Court of Arbitration. Beijing, however, has rejected the arbitration proceedings, repeatedly insisting on bilateral talks to settle to issue.

Older is Better - CARMi MARTiN

Hindi kumpleto ang Sunday night viewing niyo, kung hindi mapapanood ang magulo, pero nakakatawang pamilya ni Jingo Ismol. At siyempre, pinakahihintay ng mga Kapuso natin ang kuwelang scene ng ‘resident cougar’ ng show na si Mama A, played by the veteran comedienne Ms. Carmi Martin. Masayang nakipagkuwentuhan si Carmi sa GMANetwork.com nang bumisita kami sa set ng Ismol Family at nag-share siya ng kanyang opinion on dating guys that are much younger than her.

Ani ni Carmi, hindi daw niya type talaga ang mga lalaking mas bata sa kanya, dahil para sa kanya maaring maging komplikado daw ang sitwasyon when dating guys that are less mature than her. “Ako I had boyfriends na much older, pero ‘yun nga, I would say that siguro mas fun to portray si Mama A, kasi alam mo pagkatapos ng take, tapos na. Para kasing I find conflicts in a relationship that I would



be much older than the guy,” paliwanang ng aktres. Pulido man ang pag-portray niya sa karakter ni Mama A, magkaibang-magkaiba daw talaga sila ng taste ng kanyang karakter when it comes to boys, because she prefers dating someone older. Pero enjoy daw ang Ismol Family mainstay sa pag-portray niya as the hot biyenang of Jingo Ismol (Ryan Agoncillo), dahil nagagawa niya daw ang mga bagay na in reality is totally out of her comfort zone.

Penafrancia Salo Salo



FROM LEFT, Devotees pose with the statue; Former Ambassador poses with bicol Canada president Rafael Nebres and Ricky Castellvi; Bicol President Rafael Nebres poses with Suzy Llanera (SEATED MIDDLE) and friends; Former Ambassador Clemencio Montessa poses with Julio Buiza.

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sala ang maparusahan ng kamatayan. Mr. President, in a human world, nothing is perfect. This is no reason not to provide for the death penalty. Otherwise, let us not provide any penalty anymore for any crime, because we have an imperfect system,” he said. He said that anti-death penalty law advocates say that it does not deter criminals. “I beg to disagree. No Filipino overseas worker now seriously thinks of being a drug courier in China. They don’t joke about the death penalty there. Is this not proof of the deterrent effect of the death penalty? Furthermore, the lethally-injected criminal has been deterred to kingdom come. He can continue his crime in another world,” he said.



“Their objection No.3 is that only the poor will get the death penalty. We now have the Public Attorney’s Office and the Legal Aid Office of the IBP (Integrated Bar of the Philippines) and UP. Everyone is going to get his day in court. In the 1960’s the (late) President (Ferdinand Marcos Sr.) then sent four rich boys to the next world on conviction of rape,” he said. Sotto said that when society and government was created, according to sociologists and political scientists, “the law of revenge in the hands of each one of us, was given to the government. We in government must wield that power now, or else we shall regret its absence in our future,” he said.

“Every day, we are confronted by the following headlines in our daily newspapers: P100-million shabu lab found in The Fort; 2 more ‘shabu labs’ discovered in Ayala Alabang; 3 chinese nationals convicted for operating shabu lab in Paranaque; ‘Shabu’ lab raided in Guiginto, Bulacan; Shabu factory falls in GenSan; PDEA smashes shabu lab in Lipa,” he said.

“Just a week ago, some P4 billion worth of methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu) and drug ingredients were seized while four persons were arrested in a raid conducted on a big shabu laboratory and facility in the province of Pampanga,” he said.

“It seems that these criminals are no longer afraid of committing heinous crimes. Even large-scale drug syndicates find it very convenient to put up drug laboratories in the Philippines. They perpetuate crimes without fear of being caught and punished by lifetime imprisonment,” he said.

Sotto added: “These past many years without a death penalty, we have become a virtual wild, wild west in these eastern islands. Whether it be murder, rape, drug manufacturing, pushing and using, the numbers are on the rise. Criminals have more fun in the Philippines.”

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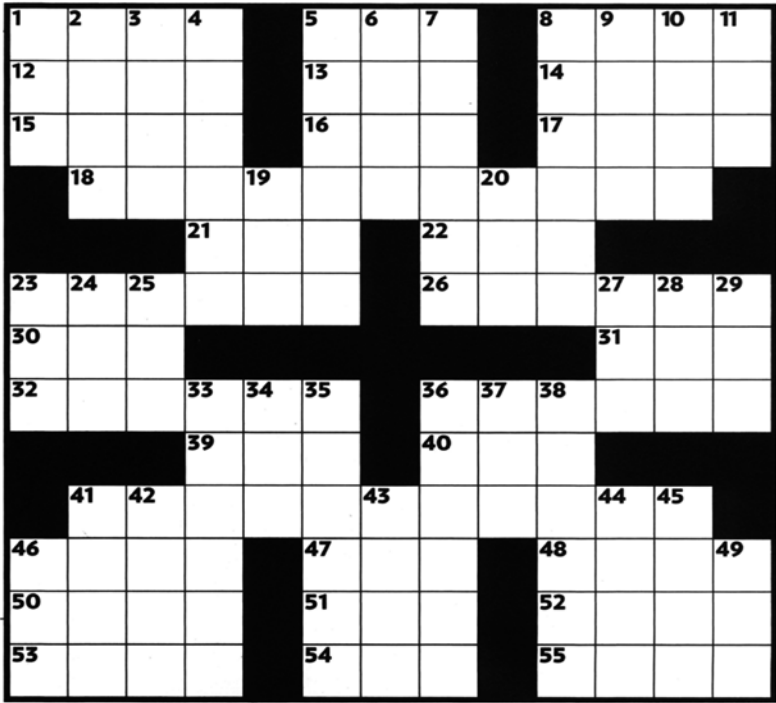


Crossword Puzzle

STARSTRUCK



FV Foods’ Mel Galeon poses with Kapamilya Showtimes’ Colleen Garcia.



ACROSS

- 1 “Flip ___ Rock”
by Outkast
5 Health resort
8 “___ Up and Drive”
by Rihanna
12 ___ Croft: *Tomb Raider*
13 Play by ___
(without sheet music)
14 “___ Speed”
by Coldplay
15 Actor Epps of *House*
16 In a ___ (fixed routine)
17 ___ Woods
(Reese Witherspoon
Legally Blonde role)
18 Star of 50 Across
(2 wds.)
21 “Lion’s ___”
by Bruce Springsteen
22 Sex Pistols rocker
Vicious
23 Actress Bonham
Carter
26 Actress Momsen
(50 Across costar
of 18 Across)
30 “100 Years ___”
by the Rolling Stones
31 *Wheel of Fortune* vowel
buy (wd. & ltr.)
32 Actor Sutherland
of *Dirty Sexy Money*
36 No Country for ___
(2 wds.)
39 Rocker Chris or
actor Stephen
40 Grammy winner
Rickie ___ Jones
41 50 Across costar of
18 Across (2 wds.)
46 Cinco de ___
47 Direction opposite
south-southwest (inits.)
48 Actor Herschman
(Accepted costar
of 18 Across)
50 Gossip ___ (drama
starring 18 Across)
51 Annapolis graduate
(abbr.)
52 *Righteous Kill* star
Robert De ___
53 TV talking horse
(abbr. & wd.)

- 54 “The Best is ___
to Come”
55 Hankerings; yearnings

DOWN

- 1 Polly Holliday Alice role
2 “Mary Had a Little ___”
3 Kind of hygiene
or exam
4 “Don’t Rain on My ___”
5 ___ van der Woodsen
(18 Across role on
50 Across)
6 Actor Rudd
7 *The Pick-Up* ___
8 Ally ___ of *Perestroika*
9 Jonah ___ (Accepted
costar of 18 Across)
10 ___ Betty (starring
America Ferrera)
11 ___ *Sisterhood
of the Traveling Pants*
(starring 18 Across)
19 Barbie’s best beau
20 “___ Chicago”
by Wilco
23 “If I ___ a Hammer”
24 “___ Trippin’”
by Snoop Dogg
25 Horror film star
Chaney Jr.
27 On the ___ (running
away from the police)
28 “___ Step Closer”
by Linkin Park
29 Director Howard
Schwarzenegger
34 Actor Cariou
or author Deighton
35 Actor Coleman
36 ___ *Living Confederate
Widow Tells All*
37 Peg ___ (pirate’s
artificial limb)
38 Dana ___ of *Desperate
Housewives*
41 “An Old ___ of Shoes”
(Randy Travis hit)
42 *Jane* ___
by Charlotte Brontë
43 Actress Hathaway
44 Actress Falco
45 Knitting material
46 Leo the Lion’s movie
studio (inits.)
49 Actor-rapper ___ Def

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Jasmine Curtis-Smith,
Daniel Padilla
Audiogate

MANILA, Philippines - Actress Jasmine Curtis-Smith has spoken up about the rumors linking her to Daniel Padilla. This, after a viral audio file featuring Padilla’s voice surfaced, and seemed to hint that there might be something more between them.

Jasmine said she and Daniel became friends while they were filming the movie Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo. She said that Daniel sent her a friendly text message when she was feeling down when her father was in the hospital.

“He (Daniel) texted me to ask about my dad Iyon (There), that’s where it ended,” she said. “Really, everything revolved as if we were friends. I thought nothing else of it.”

Even her sister, actress Anne Curtis came to her defense when bashers started flooding her social media accounts.

Jasmine clarified that she is not one to break the tandem between Daniel and Kathryn Bernardo.

“I don’t want to interfere with his relationship with Kathryn, and I don’t want to be labeled as anything else but a friend to both of them,” Jasmine said.

Daniel confirmed that it was his voice in the the audio file.

He also confirmed that a friend of his recorded the conversation. He also thanked his love team partner Kathryn Bernardo for her understanding.

“Nagpapasalamat ako dahil pinatawad niya ako. Dun lang ako nagkamali... lalaki ako, e.

“Kung may sisihin dito, ako lang siguro yun, kaya ako na lang po,” he said.

Not only is it good for your heart



Would you Adam and Eve it? The forbidden fruit just got a whole lot sexier as it helps with your sex life

Giving new meaning to the Biblical tale of Adam, Eve and the forbidden fruit, researchers have found apples are linked to better sex lives among females.

The new study, published in the Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics reveals that eating more apples can increase a woman’s sex drive.

Take a bite: Apples contain similar chemicals to red wine and chocolate which increase blood flow to sexual organs

Apples also contain a substance that is chemically very similar to the female sex hormone

Apples, the study discovered, contain polyphenols and antioxidants that can stimulate blood flow to the genitalia and thus helping with arousal.

Chocolate and red wine also contain the same powerful chemicals.

More than 700 women took part in the study but scientists say more research is needed to establish an indisputable link

Further to this, researchers also found apples contain phloridzin—a common phytoestrogen—that is similar chemically to estradiol, the female sex hormone.

While scientists admit the study sample is relatively small, the results were ‘intriguing’ and warranted further research.

An apple a day reduces risk for heart disease by 40 percent: study

A seven-year study involving nearly half a million subjects concludes that daily fruit consumption cuts the risk of developing cardiovascular disease (CVD) by 40 percent.

Dr. Huaidong Du from Oxford, UK presented the study at the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Congress in Barcelona.

About 18 percent of participants consumed fruit daily and 6.3 percent never consumed fruit, with the average daily amount being 1.5 portions, about 150g.

Overall risk of CVD was reduced by 25 to 40 percent for those who ate fruit daily. Eating fruit also lowers blood pressure, according to the study. Among this group, daily fruit consumption reduced overall risk of death by 32 percent by comparison to non-fruit eaters.



Jake to Study Acting

JAKE Cuenca is leaving on September 29 for New York to study acting at the renowned Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute which trained some the most famous Hollywood actors like James Dean, Marlon Brando, Robert De Niro, Angelina Jolie, Scarlett Johansson, Claire Danes and Sean Penn. “Suwerte naman, natanggap ako.”

He’ll stay by himself in a loft apartment in Manhattan near his school. “I’m excited as this is the first time I’m doing this, being on my own, walang P.A. or alalay to help me.”

How about his girlfriend, model Chanel Thomas? “She’ll be going on vacation with her family to Korea, so pareho kaming wala rito.”

He’s glad that he’s leaving at a time when he got praises for his villain role as Franco in Book 1 of “Ikaw Lamang”, for which he won the Yahoo Award as best male contravida of the year.

Isn’t he scared he might be typecast as a villain? “Before ‘Ikaw Lamang’, I played a lead role naman in ‘Maria Mercedes’, so it shows I can do both lead and contravida roles effectively and that’s what I want to establish, being versatile. Last year, I did six movies and I portrayed both lead and supporting roles. I won best supporting actor for playing a gay role in ‘When the Love Has Gone’ and I can feel nandun yung respeto sa’kin ng co-actors ko.”

Before he leaves, he has taped an episode of “Maalaala Mo Kaya”. “I play the eldest brother ng maraming magkakapatid na naging both dad and mom to my siblings. Marami pang trabaho before I leave for New York.”

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



Community leader Chito Collantes reads the next performer at Mabuhay Philippines. PHOTO BY BONG MOLANO

New Condom Planned

Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates said progress is being made on developing a “next-generation” ultra-thin, skin-like condom that could offer better sexual pleasure, help population control and be financed by first-world investors.

Last year, the Microsoft co-founder and one of the world’s richest men offered inventors \$100,000 in start-up grants to develop a “next-generation” of super-sheath condoms through the charitable Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

It looks like “there are some technological materials that will be able to maintain a (condom) barrier with a very thin, thin material”, Gates said in New Delhi.

Gates, who was speaking at a question-and-answer session with his wife Melinda, said the foundation received a lot of proposals from inventors to its “Grand Challenges” programme aimed at improving lives of the poorest.

The Seattle-based foundation has given one grant of \$100,000 to the University of Manchester to research a condom using a super-light conductive material known as graphene.

Crossword **Answers**

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Undisputed as the Filipino Party Animal organization in Toronto

What other organization do you know can party Friday evening, Saturday evening and picnic on a Sunday?

Oh, the parties are free

attend Friday and Saturday. But Sunday, I needed to rest and I missed their delicious spread of Budol eating, that marine-style of eating of eating from banana leaves.

Led by their indefatigable President Philip Beloso, Dolorosa Canada, yearly celebrations is a moveable



I have yet to attend all three.

This year, I managed to

feast for party-goers with endurance to attend all get togethers for three days in a row.

On Friday, they had their Welcome-Kababayan dinner at Qssis where they honored their hermanos and hermanas, show their appreciation for their long-time

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TOP, The Beloso family pose with son's girlfriend Michelle Briones.

FROM FAR LEFT, Dolorosa President Philip Beloso poses with singer Maria Panaligan; Teo Paculan, Perly Alilio and daughter Hannah of UMAC enjoy the dinner; Ferdie Baguisa and wife of Forex Cargo show their support; Mother and daughter talk about the miracle.

LEFT, Mutya Anna Zarina Buce poses with FV's Mel Galeon.

LEFT BOTTOM, Dolorosa Canada shows it's appreciation for it's supporters from UMAC, Forex, FV Foods, Dolorosa USA, and husband and wife team of Felino and Linda Javier.



Eric Yerro & Cheryl Yan's Wedding Reception



Scenes in the City



FIRST, FV Foods' Mel Galeon, Dr. Solon Guzman, Dr. Vicky Santiago, and Dr. Josephine Adorna Guzman attend a wedding in Milton. SECOND, Bicol Canada devotees pose at their get-together at the Our Lady of Assumption. THIRD, Action Honda's Rafael Nebres (ON THE RIGHT) pose with a priest at the Penafrancia celebration get together.

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