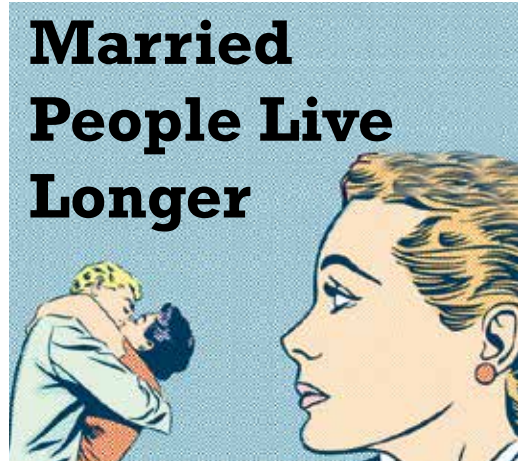




Manny Yanga Runs for Trustee



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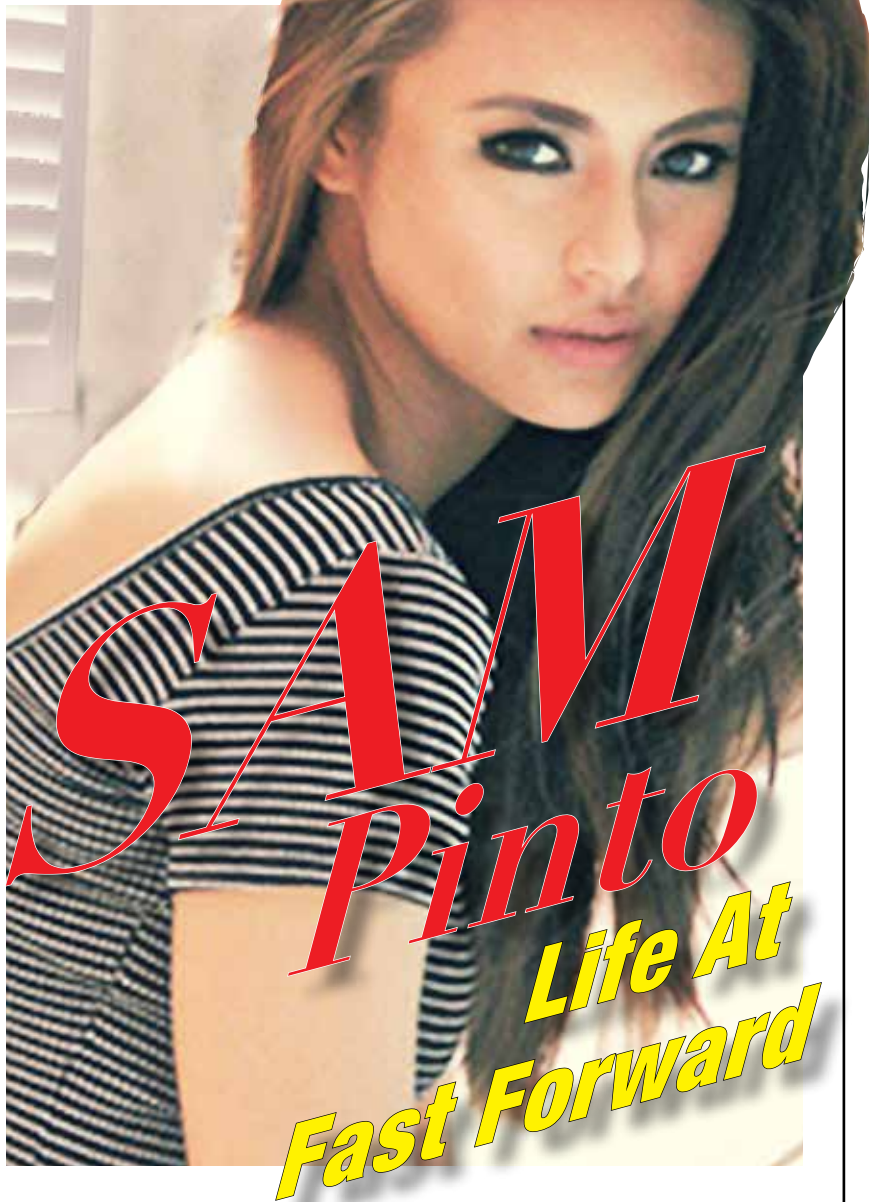
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Balikbayan Boxes May Be Delayed

MANILA -The “ber” months – from September to December – are supposed to be peak season for importers.

Not this year.

Importation of food is unlikely to increase in volume in the “ber” months due to the continuing port congestion, a group of truckers, importers and brokers said.

“There is no peak season that we are expecting,” said Aduana Business Club President Mary Zapata, noting that foreign vessels

continue to avoid Manila due to lack of space in the Port of Manila (POM) and Manila International Container Port (MICP).

She pointed out that a drop in the number of imported goods is expected since many shipments from Singapore, China, and Hong Kong have yet to reach Manila ports. “They don’t want to go here simply because of the delay in

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Small Towns Boom

Transforming
Secondary Cities as
Centers of Trade and
Industry is critical to
Economic Growth



Cars and Jeepneys sit in traffic at a junction in front of the Iloilo Provincial Capitol building, seat of the provincial government, in Iloilo, Panay Island, Philippines.

ILOILO, Philippines - Jennifer Ann Palmares-Fong has come home. Fifteen years after leaving Iloilo in the Philippines for the bright lights of Manila, she and her friends have been lured back as her once-quiet hometown is transformed.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I expect there would be these developments mushrooming all over,” Palmares-Fong, 32, said as she prepared to take clients to view a site for new \$57,000 condominiums. “It used to be a sleepy place, now at night it’s all lights.”

Iloilo, an hour’s flight south of Manila, is at the center of the country’s biggest provincial transformation since independence in 1945

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UN Ordered Peacekeepers to Surrender Weapons

Last month, Filipino and Fijian peacekeepers were given the same order to surrender their weapons to Syrian rebels. Who made the right choice?

MANILA, Philippines – Peacekeeping forces from two countries were caught in a similar situation, and were given the same order by their overall commander. Each took a different path – one defied it and the other followed – leading to different outcomes.

Fiji’s Army Chief Brigadier General Mosese Tikoitoga revealed in various interviews that the detained 45 Fijian peacekeepers, in fact, surrendered to the Syrian rebels following the orders of United

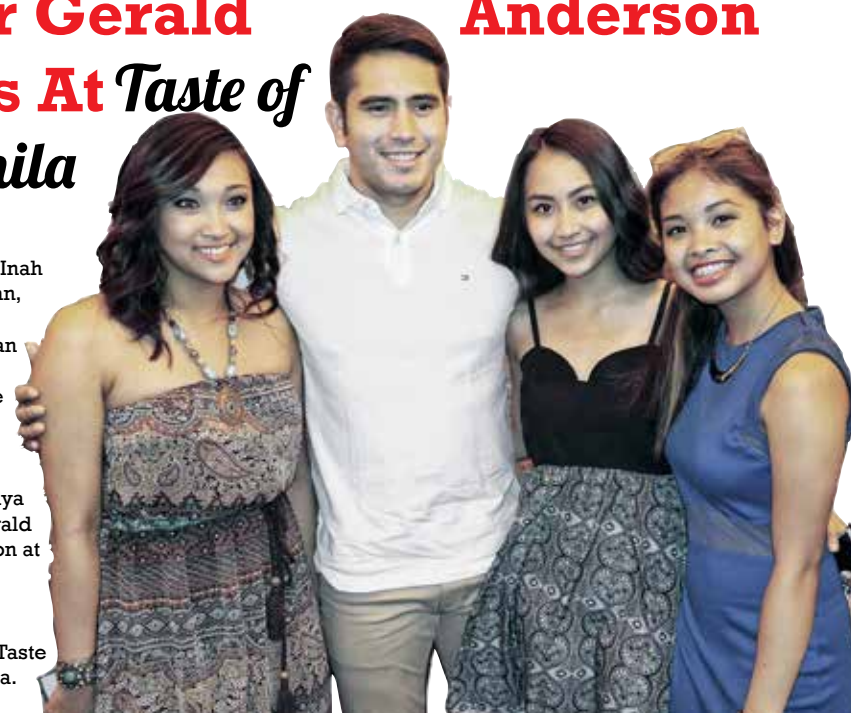
Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) Commander Lieutenant General Iqbal Singha, based on various reports in Fiji.

“At no stage in an operation would I expect any of my officers not to follow the decisions of the first commander....The Filipinos chose to do so and the Philippines government has supported them for having chosen that path,” Tikoitoga said in new interview defending the surrender. The situation of the Fijians was being compared to the Filipinos who were

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Star Gerald Was At Taste of Manila

Singers Inah Canlapan, Maria Panaligan and Monarie Ocray pose with Kapamilya star Gerald Anderson at the first Filipino street festival Taste of Manila.






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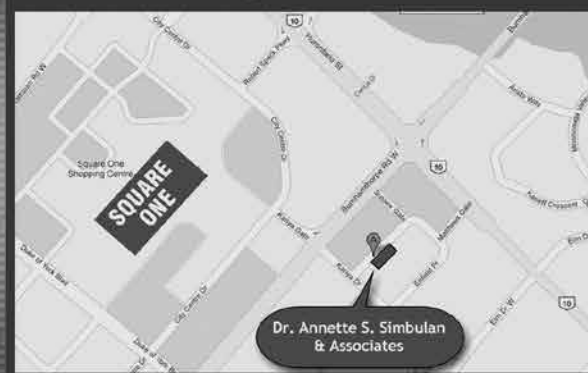
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TCDSB Ward 7 Trustee Candidate Manny Yanga Reaches Out To Filipino Community Leaders

By Tony San Juan

In a purposeful and plausible strategic move, Emmanuel "Manny" Yanga, candidate for TCDSB Trustee of Ward 7 in the North York & Scarborough areas, hosted and met with his supporters, friends, relatives and business associates at a special "Meet-the-Candidate" Dinner Event on August 28, 2014 at Casa Manila, North York.

The hearty occasion, which is a fundraiser, was in accord with Yanga's desire and purpose of engaging the attendee-leaders to promote his campaign platform and to achieve reasonable success in his political quest.

With pride, Filipino elan and many of the Canadian plans to achieve

community leaders present readily endorsed and enthusiastically expressed their collective support to Yanga's candidacy. Admirably, those who lend moral and financial support include Manny's fellow Knights and Lions of the Scarborough Knights of Rizal and Toronto Kapuso Lions Club respectively as well as his colleagues in the Filipino business community.

Among the notable personalities present were: Mario Alpuerto, Joey Baking, Larry Bercasio, Popoy & Ligaya Cana, Pons & Mitz Canlas, Jess De Francia, Jimmy & Bing Marasigan, Bert & Nellie Mondragon, Placido Minique, Joe Nolasco, Deacon Bob & Jeanette Rosales, Rollie Sagurit, George Samson, Tony & Joy San Juan, and Emil Zarris, Sr.

FilCan soprano Lilac Cana and tenor Emil Zarris, Jr. provided the evening's much-applauded opera-music renditions. Deacon Bob Rosales started the event with a stirring homily and very encouraging remarks.

With his charming wife, the former Elizabeth Polintan Quiazon, Yanga acknowledged to his guests his profound thanks and outlined convincingly his priorities once afforded the opportunity to work and serve as a Trustee at TCDSB-Canada's largest Catholic school board and to promote and support meaningful Catholic education policies and academic programs to ensure meaningful student success and performance.

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Julie Anne wants to write a song for the Royal Couple's wedding

Sunud-sunod na ang mga pinagkakaabalahan ng dalawa to make sure na smooth sailing ang darating nilang kasal sa December 30.



Kamakailan lang nakipag-meet ang Kapuso Primetime King at Queen kay Fr. Aris Sison, ang rector ng Immaculate Conception Cathedral sa Cubao. Kasama rin sila sa bagong music video ng Rivermaya na may pamagat na "Tayo lang dalawa." Kitang-kita na nag-enjoy sila kaya maraming fans ang nagkomento na tila pre-nuptial video na ito ng magkasintahan. Para sa Asia's Pop Sweetheart na si Julie Anne San Jose, kung mabibigyan daw siya ng pagkakataon na mag-suggest ng wedding song para sa Royal Couple, mas pipiliin daw ng Kapuso singer na sumulat ng original composition.

Aniya, "Perfect wedding song, if siguro given the chance na ako 'yung kumanta siguro own composition or magko-compose ako, kasi like since mga idol ko naman sila 'di ba and sobrang hinahangaan ko sila ng sobra talaga."

Tinuturing din ni Julie Anne na inspiration sina Dingdong at Marian dahil sa outlook nila sa life at wagas nilang pagmamahalan sa isa't-isa.

"Sa lahat ng bagay actually, and I love the way, how they perceive life, 'tsaka 'yung positive outlook nila. Parang they don't care no matter what people say as long as masaya silang dalawa, nagmamahalan silang dalawa, parang siguro it would be nice if a composition, a new song [for their wedding] would do."



Naku HA! by Jose Baking
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TRUCK BAN HITS AQUINO

Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada Truck Ban Puts Aquino's Power In Question according to an influential Japanese publication. Aquino's economic miracle will be derailed if Estrada, whom he is trying to sabotage politically manages to slow the economy because of the ruck ban. Containers will be unable to get out of the docks. Goods cannot come in and out. It will make Estrada look more powerful than him. And now, with traffic becoming a mess, President Aquino is looking bad as the truck ban becomes a traffic mess. Not looking good.

Taste of Manila is Deliciously Successful

I am shocked! And Happy!
The number of people who flocked to the Taste of Manila street festival is simply astounding. The organizers only expected around 2000-5000. City said around 20,000 came. I thought they were just going to close one northbound block of Bathurst from Wilson to Southborne Ave, the length of No-Frills parking lot but they closed it up to Allingham Gardens, around 400m, based on my search on google map. If they can keep this up, it will be Toronto's answer to Mississauga's Fiesta ng Kalayaan which has been going strong for 3 years now, if I am not mistaken.
Let us keep this festival going strong.

Mabuhay Festival is Colorful

Unfortunately, PIDC's Mabuhay festival was also held on the same weekend. I was not able to cover this festival anymore. Ironically, while TM had it's parade with the businesses wand associations holding their banners, Mabuhay also had a more traditional and colorful Flores de Mayo parade complete with costumes to add to those associations who joined the parade. Never mind that it's already August, it was wonderful. PIDC should decide what date and place is their festival in 2015. I've heard they will go back to Harbourfront. That is a nightmare location. But then again, construction will probably finished because 2015 is the PanAm games. I am not sure if it will affect any of our festivals but the only location close to downtown for the PanAm games is at the CNE for the volleyball games between July 10-26 and August 7-15 for the Parapan Am Games.

All Summer long is OK

Like I've always said, we Filipinos use Independence Day as a reason to hold an event and stretch it the whole summer. Toronto Filipinos are the only ones who do it. Based on some reactions I have heard from Filipino visitors from other provinces or United States, they are surprised that we hold our celebration on the weekend, of even one or two months ahead

or later. Independence Day is June 12 which fell on a Thursday this year. That is marked by flag-raising by different organizations on different city halls, provincial and federal buildings. The visitor said that they hold the celebration on the day of Independence itself, that's it. If that is the case, our summer will be so boring.

To The Russian Crime Ring That Stole Those 1.2M Password

Can you tell me what my password is for twitter? I have 3 followers.

To the hacker of Apple's Icloud

Please release my nude compromising pictures with Jennifer Lawrence all over the internet. If you don't I will release my inner Liam Neeson, hunt you down, tie you up, tape your eyelids open and make you watch a slide show of only my own naked body minus Jennifer Lawrence.

MRT Operator

The operator of the MRT that crashed suffered a heart attack when he heard that President Aquino wanted a second term. Apparently, the passengers went berserk when they heard the news of Aquino's intention to run again so they went started kicking and destroying everything inside the train and swaying the train side to side. That is the other reason the train was derailed. The passengers who ran out of the MRT were jumping out of joy and sheer jubilation, not panic. We are still trying to confirm this new. Ehe. Sus Guinoo ni Marian Rivera.

My Life Is Over

I forgot my cellphone at home. To all the women trying to get hold of me, do not panic. I will call you back. Apparently, my voice full was full because were calling just to hear my voice. Unfortunately, because of this, the other women were not able to access my voice mail. Ehe, susmaryosep, ano ba itong nasabi ko?

Remember

Mario Montenegro

From Real-Life War Hero To Reel Hero



Mario Montenegro (born Roger Collin Macalalag; July 25, 1928 – August 27, 1988) was a Filipino film actor best known for his heroic leading roles.
Montenegro was born in Pagsanjan, Laguna to a Filipino father and a French mother.

Montenegro was a student at the University of the Philippines upon the invasion of the Philippines by Japan during World War II. At the age of fourteen, he joined the armed resistance against the Imperial Japanese Army as a member of the Hunters ROTC guerilla unit. He was only sixteen when he, along with the Hunters ROTC, participated in the famed raid on the Japanese internment camp at Los Baños, Laguna on February 23, 1945. He received multiple medals for distinction before he rejoined civilian life in 1946.

In 1949, Montenegro was cast in his first film role in the World War II drama Capas. The following year, he was cast by director Manuel Conde in his first leading role, in Apat na Alas (1950).

During the 1950s, Montenegro was among the mainstays of LVN Pictures studio headed by Doña Sisang de Leon. He was often cast in costume dramas and action films, dabbling occasionally in comedy roles. He portrayed heroic leads in such historical films as Dagohoy (1953), Lapu-Lapu (1955), Kilabot ng Makiling (1959) and Alyas Sakay (1959). Throughout his career, Montenegro would be nominated for a total of three FAMAS acting awards, including two Best Actor nominations.

As he aged, Montenegro found himself cast in character roles. Among his more notable later roles was in Mike de Leon's Itim (1976), for which he received a Best Supporting Actor nomination from the Gawad Urian.

His last movie was Madonna: Ang Babaeng Ahas in 1988, but it was released posthumously in 1991.

Montenegro died of a heart attack on August 20, 1988 in Manila, Philippines.

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Danica blows out the candles on her birthday cake with a little help from her brother as her other cousins look on.

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Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the "Chrysler Eagle" the "Chrysler Beagle"?

What do you call a mixed breed of Bulldog and Shihtzu?

A woman got on a bus holding a baby. The bus driver said, "That's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!"

In a huff, the woman slammed her fare into the fare box and took an aisle seat near the rear of the bus. The man seated next to her sensed that she was agitated and asked her what was wrong. "The bus driver insulted me," she fumed.

The man sympathized with her and said, "Why, he's a public servant and shouldn't say things to insult passengers."

"You're right," she said. "I think I'll go back up there and give him a piece of my mind."

"That's a good idea," the man said. "Here, let me hold your monkey."

Three old ladies were sitting on a park bench and a man came up and flashed them. Two of them had a stroke. The other one couldn't reach.

Honey Shot

Nineteen-year old Chloe is a PIDC Ms. Congeniality and Maria Clara titlist. Her favorite food is Palabok. She also plays the piano. Someday, she wants to be a magazine editor. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.

Chloe Dumasal

Carla Abellana: It's about time Heart and Chiz settle down

Isa si Ismol Family star Carla Abellana sa mga kaibigan ni Heart na unang bumati sa kanila ni Senator Chiz sa kanilang engagement.

Ayon sa dalaga, ikinagulat man niya na ikakasal na ang pretty Startalk host, naniniwala naman ito na Heart deserves to be happy. Aniya, "Congratulations ah. Hindi ko ini-expect pero I guess ano parang it's about time. She deserves to be happy 'yung ganyan so congratulations sa kanila. Sobrang happy ako at 'tsaka excited para sa kanilang dalawa."

Nakaka-inspire rin daw ang istorya ng pag-ibigan ng power couple dahil dumaan sila sa butas ng karayom, pero pinili nilang dalawa na magsama at harapin ang lahat ng pagsubok.

"Siyempre hindi naman madali maging senador, hindi din madali maging artista. So ang daming pinagdaanan nung relationship nila, rollercoaster ride talaga. So the good thing about is talagang hindi nila iniwan 'yung isa't-isa. Talagang ano sila partners sila."

Nakikita rin daw ni Carla na glowing si Heart with Senator Chiz, kaya ang mahihiling lang niya sa couple ay happiness for the rest of their lives together.

"Kasi nakikita ko kung gaano kasaya si Heart eh. I see how blooming, how glowing she is, how happy she is. So sana ipagpatuloy lang nila 'yun. Sana maging ganun pa rin sila kasaya for the rest of their life. So happiness, joy 'tsaka lots of love. 'Yun lang wini-wish ko sa kanila," saad ng aktres.



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‘Anti-selfie’ bill in Congress

A Lot of Details Need to Be More Defined Or It Will be Used to Suppress Press Freedom



MANILA - If you're the type of person who enjoys taking random snapshots of people, places, things and even the ubiquitous selfies and groupies and then posting them on social media, better be careful.

According to Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate, there's a bill in Congress that seeks to bar taking photos of people without their permission.

House Bill 4807 or the Protection against Personal Intrusion Act is now up for 3rd reading in plenary.

It defines "intrusion of personal privacy" as "any person who willfully intrudes into the personal privacy of another, without the consent of that person and with the intent to gain or profit therefrom, shall be civilly liable to the offended party."

Section 4 of the bill says any person whose personal privacy was intruded as defined

may in a civil action against the person who committed the intrusion, obtain any appropriate relief, including compensatory damages, punitive damages, and injunctive and declaratory relief.

Any person obtaining relief may be either the person whose visual or auditory impression has been captured or the owner of the private property trespassed to capture the visual image, sound recording or other physical impression of another.

the provisions of this act," the bill explained.

The only exemption from this act are legitimate law enforcement activities.

The bill is authored by Congressmen Rufus Rodriguez, Maximo Rodriguez, Jorge Almonte, Gwendolyn Garcia, Linabelle Ruth Villarica, Lito Atienza and Leopoldo Bataoil.

No More Selfies, Paparazzi?

Critics said the bill has wide ranging implications on press freedom and even social media.

Jose Torres Jr., board member of the Photojournalists' Center of the Philippines (PCP), Inc., said the bill needs to define what "intent to gain or profit therefrom" means.

"It would seem that people from the media and journalists can be targets of the proposed measure. Worthy of being emphasized is the phrase 'with intent to gain or profit therefrom.' In case a complaint is filed in court against a photojournalist, can lack of intent to gain be used as defense?"

"It must be clearly defined what can be classified for 'gain' or 'profit.' News outfits - newspapers, magazines, television, online publications, radio, and news wire agencies - are basically for profit organizations. There must be clear provisions that specify that news gathering must be exempted from this section," he added.

The group said it wants media to be exempted from the coverage of the proposed law.

The group is also pushing for a definition of "private property."

"We worry that this proposed measure can become a tool that 'unwilling public figures' will use to suppress press freedom."



A lot of attendees at the Taste of Manila were posing with Don Laurel.

Former Star Magic actor now a police-man in Toronto

TORONTO, Canada - A former Star Magic actor traded in television scripts for a police badge in Toronto.

Police officers of the 32 Division in Toronto were confused when Constable Don Laurel would do calls.

"When he went out on the road and did some calls I noticed that he had a little bit of a fanfare following him around and recognizing him," said Sergeant Lawrence Sager of the Toronto Police Service 32 Division.

It all became clear when they discovered Laurel was once a star in the Philippines.

He appeared on TV shows like the 90s Filipino teen drama series, Gimik and Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan with Claudine Barretto and Carlos Agassi.

But Laurel said his dream as a kid was always to be a police officer.

"I'm very proud to wear this uniform and helping out not just the Filipino community as well, but the whole city of Toronto," Constable Laurel said.

He's been living the dream for six years as a front-line officer for the 32 Division.

Since then, Laurel has contributed a lot to Filipinos who are the second largest ethnic community in Toronto.

He works with the Philippine Consulate in Toronto and holds information sessions for newcomers, explaining the laws and their rights to them.

Laurel's acting and ethnic background have helped him on the job.

"I'm always looking for people that can represent the police service in a professional way that can talk well to people and can interact and he has the advantage of knowing language," said Superintendent Sam Fernandes.

Laurel tells kababayans not to be afraid to reach out to the police for help.

"I just want them to know that it's ok to speak, we're there to help you," he said.

Calls For Duterte Presidency Grow

DAVAO CITY - The nationwide signature drive aimed at convincing Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte to run for president come 2016 is now reaching more provinces in the country.

The movement's prime mover, Barangay Captain Mar Masanguid, said provincial coordinators are already working in various areas to gather signatures for their cause.

"These coordinators do not receive a single centavo from us. They work as volunteers", Masanguid said.

A number of governors, congressmen, mayors, councilors and barangay captains have already been reached by the movement, not only in Mindanao but also in Visayas and Luzon.



Crime under control

MANILA - Malacanang said the public remains safe amid the rash of violent crimes recently, including the killing of a Quezon City policeman.

Presidential Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. said the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement units are on top of the situation. According to him, there is a continuing effort by the government to "instill respect for the law. The crime situation is well under the control of the police authorities," Coloma pointed out.

To contain crime, Interior and Local Government Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas 2nd directed the PNP to increase police visibility to curb crime despite a report by the National Capital Regional Police Office (NCRPO) that criminality was on a downtrend in August.

DOH Must Pay Taxes - Customs

MANILA - The Bureau of Customs (BOC) stood firm that the almost 1,000 boxes of drugs for people carrying the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) would only be released if the Department of Health (DOH) submitted required documents and paid duties and taxes on imported products.

If the DOH complied, it could have the drugs after only "several hours," BOC spokeswoman Charo Logarta said. She added that there is no exemption to paying taxes on the imported products even if the transaction was made through two government agencies.

"We will make sure [the drugs] will be cleared. This is a normal thing. We don't want to give special treatment because it is a government agency [that is a party to the transaction]," Logarta said, referring to the DOH.



Scenes in Cities

FROM LEFT, LM Confidential correspondent Froilan Baking is seated beside actor Daniel Padilla on the way back from Davao; UMAC joins Filipino Expo; Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto president Oswald Tugadi receives a certificate of Appreciation from Canadian Senator Tobias "Jun" Enverga (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS) ; FV Foods Mel Galeon poses with TV5's stars Arnel Ignacio, Gellie de Belen and Derek Ramsay (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS).

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OF PENAFRANCIA *Fluvial Parade*

On September 20, 2014 (Saturday) is the Feast Day of our Lady of Penafrancia, the Patroness of the Bicol Region in the Philippines. The Devotees of the Virgin of Penafrancia of the Bicol Canada Community Association (BCCA) together with the organisers of the 9 Day House to House Novena are hosting the celebration with the traditional Fluvial Parade at the Bluffers Park Lake at Brimley Rd. in Scarborough, Ontario (by the Lake) and an evening Mass Celebration at the Our Lady of Assumption Church at 2565 Bathurst St. , Toronto.

DETAILS OF THE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION : SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 (SATURDAY)

MORNING CELEBRATION AT THE BLUFFERS PARK & MARINA at Brimley Rd. South (by the Lake)

8:30 AM – Assembly for the procession of the Virgin to the Dock at the Bluffers Park Marina where the Fluvial Parade will start. (Eastside of the Bluffers Park Marina)

9:30 AM - PROCESSION TO THE DOCK STARTS

10:00 TO 11:30 AM FLUVIAL PARADE ON THE LAKE

Devotions will be celebrated at the park after the Fluvial Parade. Pot Luck lunch (picnic) at the Park will follow after the Devotions.

EVENING CELEBRATION AT THE LADY OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH at 2565 Bathurst St. Toronto.

6:45 PM Starts with a procession of the Virgin of Penafrancia around the church yard.

7:10 PM Con-Celebrated Holy Mass with the Our Lady of Penafrancia Choir

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Muntinlupa Rep. Rodolfo Biazon (2nd from left) and Hiroshi Nakada (2nd from right), head of the Japanese delegation, shake hands after signing the Joint Document for Cooperation on the Promotion of the Rule of Law at Sea on Wednesday. With them are Bukidnon Rep. Joey Zubiri (left) and Hiroshi Miyake (right) member of Japan's House of Representatives.

MANILA - Japanese and Philippine lawmakers on Wednesday signed an agreement that they hope will jumpstart a global campaign for peaceful resolution of disputes in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) and East China Sea.

The Joint Document for Cooperation on Promotion of the Rule of Law at Sea states that both sides recognize that in settling maritime disputes, states should make and clarify their claims based on international law and they should not use force or coercion in pursuing their claims.

The agreement seeks to settle disputes by peaceful means and avoid any unilateral attempts to change the status quo through force or coercion.

He added that they are looking at promoting the same agreement in Vietnam and other affected countries.

Make China aware

Nakada said the 2002 Declaration on the Code of Conduct (DOC) signed by China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) did not stop China from raising tensions in the region through its "activities and actions."

"What we are trying to do here is essentially to make China aware that the global community wants China to act within established principles that have been agreed upon," the lawmaker added.

Tokyo has warned Beijing over its expansive claims in that region, with Japan's new government removing the shackles of its pacifist Constitution to

allow it to militarily engage long-time allies and even foes in the Asia-Pacific region.

Lots of chicken joy at Jollibee

MANILA - Despite the #ChickenSad issue last month, Jollibee Foods Corp. said its sales performance for the period was still higher than that from a year ago.

For August 17 alone, when all the temporarily closed branches resumed operations, Jollibee said total system-wide sales in the Philippines amounted to P288.3 million, a 28.2 percent jump versus the same day a year ago.

"The sales growth was very significant, most likely due to pent-up demand resulting from the lack of available products in the past two weeks," it added.

Operations returned to normal after a systems upgrade compelled at least 72 branches of the fastfood giant to close down while others continued to operate on limited menu.

The JFC Group, which owns Jollibee, disclosed that it recently upgraded its computer systems on August 1, but was bogged down in the process by technical difficulties. As a result, there was a slowdown in deliveries of products from the Jollibee commissary to its outlets.

Moving forward, Jollibee said sales growth will likely stabilize at eight to 10 percent on a same store basis, comparable to the growth rates in recent quarters.

"The JFC Group of Companies looks forward to the full restoration of its excellent service to its customers and the complete availability of its products in all the stores in the Philippines," it said.

Ex-actor Dennis Roldan gets life for Kidnapping

MANILA - Former Quezon City Representative and actor Dennis Roldan was sentenced to life imprisonment after he and two of his co-accused were found guilty of kidnapping a three-year-old

Chinese-Filipino boy in February 2005.

In a 26-page decision, Pasig Regional Trial Court Judge Rolando Mislang sentenced Roldan, Rowena San Andres, and Adrian Domingo to reclusion perpetua for the crime of kidnapping for ransom.

Roldan or Mitchell Gumabao in real life, was arrested in 2005 and more than a year later posted bail of half a million pesos while three other co-accused remained in jail after their arrest.

Roldan said the court's decision was unexpected and questioned why the judge who decided on the case was not the same judge who heard it. Roldan said he has nothing against the judge, but he disclosed he has no demeanor on the case.

"Hindi niya nakita. Hindi niya napanood. Nag-hearing kami for seven years. Nabasa lang niya ang transcript tapos in one month time nakapag-come up siya ng decision (He did not see nor watch the proceedings. The hearing went on for seven years. He just read the transcript and in one month's time he came up with a decision)," he disclosed.

He likewise questioned why his other co-accused, Octavio Garces who pleaded guilty, was acquitted. "Yung wala namang ebidensiya na laban sa akin, ako naman 'yung guilty (They held no evidence against me and yet I was sentenced guilty)," he said. Garces, who has been in prison for nine years, was acquitted on the grounds of reasonable doubt, and ordered released.

All three guilty will be brought to the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa City and were ordered to pay P100,000 as civil indemnity, P100,000 as moral damages, and P100,000 as exemplary damages.

In the course of the trial, four judges were forced to inhibit, and the boy's father died in a suspicious car accident.

The kidnap victim, now 12, and his mother were not present during the promulgation.

Movement for the Restoration of Peace and Order (MRPO) founding chairperson Teresita Ang See, whose organization supported the family see the case through, said that the victim and his family have already heard about the decision and were very happy and relieved.

Shaina Magdayao Breaks Her Silence About Sam Milby & Piolo Pascual

Shaina Magdayao said that she felt embarrassed every time Piolo Pascual and Sam Milby were being asked about their relationship with her, adding that she would rather get asked about her ties with them.

"Nakakahiya na nga sa dalawang lalaking yun. Kapag kay P (Pascual), tinanong si Sam. Kapag si Sam, tinatanong si P. Ako na lang ang tanungin niyo. Sasabihin ko naman ang totoo. Huwag niyo na idamay yung dalawa," she said.

The 24-year-old star is hoping that people would respect them. She also said that they should talk about their respective careers not their personal lives. "Respeto na lang din na there are interesting things that are happening sa buhay nila. Meron silang kani-kanilang projects so yun na lang ang pag-usapan natin dahil wala naman akong kinalaman doon," she further said.

Shaina Magdayao said that she is still good friends with the kapamilya actors despite the issues and rumors surrounding them. She added that she will not hide anything from the public if the right one comes. Shaina Magdayao and Piolo Pascual were rumored dating last year. However, the award-winning actor said in his previous interviews that they choose to remain friends.

Last month, Shaina Magdayao admitted that she and Sam Milby were "Hanging out" together with their common friends. They also clarified that they are not yet dating.

Shaina Magdayao last public relationship was with box-office actor John Lloyd Cruz, who is currently in a relationship with Angelica Panganiban.

Daniel Matsunaga Wants To Be A Naturalized Filipino

Brazilian-Japanese model and "Pinoy Big Brother All In" Big Winner Daniel Matsunaga reveals that he wants to be a naturalized Filipino.

He also plans to bring his whole family here from Brazil, and is simply waiting for his father to retire from his job. His sister, Vanessa, is also a model here and is married to a Filipino.

"We can't choose where we are born, but we choose where we belong." He's been living in the Philippines for five years, and he considers himself a Filipino already.



Manny Yanga *runs* for TCDSB Trustee in Ward 7



TCDSB Ward 7 Trustee Candidate Manny Yanga Reaches Out To Filipino Community Leaders and hopes to win with a little help from friends and family. SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

Ontario Bikolanos Enjoy a Summer Kaogmahan Blast at the Park

by Tony San Juan



TOP, BCCA members enjoy the picnic. LEFT, BCCA officers pose for a picture. RIGHT, Team Honda wins the volleyball tournament. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

TORONTO - Welcoming the rites of summer, Ontario Bikolanos and Bikolanas from the 6 Bicol provinces of Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon celebrated collectively at an annual potluck picnic and games, dubbed as Bikol Kaogmahan, on August 2, 2014 (Saturday) at Earl Bales Park, North York, Toronto.

With the enshrined image of the Vergen de Penafrancia at the park, more than 180 devotees and participants joined in the yearly event with lots of popular sili -laced, ginataan-based & diet-busting food salo-salo, line-bailehan and fun-filled fellowship . The day’s 12- hour event, organized and hosted by Bicol Canada Community Association (BCCA), was led by its long-serving & energetic el presidente, Rafael “ Paeng” Nebres.

Notable amongst the picnic revellers are former presidents Jess Cabrias and Bobby Achacon and current officers and directors of the well admired community-based organization such as : Noli Aquino, Larry Bercasio, Nestor Canton, Estrella Dilla Carpenter, Ronnie Dela Gana, Naty & Toti Gutierrez, Helen Lopez, Virgie Manaog, Arlene Martinez, Ely Olayon, Fely & Boy Ortega, Ching & Tony Ragos, Monsie Royong, Benhur Salcedo, Louie Calayca and Raul

Tarin and their respective families, friends and guests. Absent were directors Aida Lagarde and Gidget dela Torre.

Likewise, joining the celebration were Susan & Jess Llanera, Merle Canlas, Nely Lopriego, Ino Sanchez, Minda Mendoza-Sayoc, Diego Linan, Lourdes Balce & partner, and Tony & Joy San Juan of Camarines Norte Association Canada-Ontario (CNAC-O).

Sportingly competitive, the men’s and women’s volleyball teams from the 6 provinces vied for the championship trophies and prizes. BCCA veep Noli Aquino, for the past 7 years, has been solidly organizing and directing the park games. The Camarines Sur (TEAM PINOY RADIO volleyballers won the men’s championship while the volleybelles from Albay (Team ACTION HONDA) garnered the women’s title for 2014.

In his welcome address,prexy Paeng Nebres expressed his message of “ tanging kita gabos magkasararo “ (so that we can be together as one) and reiterated Bicol Canada Community Association’s hope and aspiration for a long-lasting and united Bikolanos purposefully working , serving and contributing together for the common cause of achieving the greater good of everyone. (TSJ Tony A.San Juan,OCT tnysanjuan@yahoo.ca)

Camarines Norte-Ontario Association to Hold 7th Anniversary Gala

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Autumn breeze and falling leaves are now almost upon us, after a brief 2014 bearable warm summer. Proudly and greatly encouraged, the Camarines Norte Association Ontario-Canada (CNAC-O) is celebrating its 7th Foundation Anniversary with a Gala Dinner on October 18, 2014(Saturday), 6:00 p.m. at Rembrandt Banquet Halls, 930 Progress Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario.

CNAC-O, with its Masquerade-themed event, will hold also a formal induction of its new set of Executive Officers and Directors for the 2014-2016 term. Led by president-elect Susan SJ. Llanera, among those to be sworn to office are officers : Merle Canlas, 1st vice- president, Pong Ostonal, 2nd vice-president, Nely Lopriego, treasurer, Jocelyn San Juan, auditor, Carlito Cruz, public relations officer, Liwayway Nabus, business manager and directors : Lourdes Balce, Elizabeth Cruz, Sonia Dela Cruz, Diego Linan, Eva San Andres, Andrea A. San Juan, Marie A. San Juan, Virginia G. San Juan, Minda Sayoc-Mendoza, Rey Senes, Homer Senson, Faye Silvio and Rommel Yanto.

Invited as guest speaker and inducting officer is the Philippine Consul General - Toronto, Ms. Junever Mahilum-West. GTA FilCan leaders attending include PIDC’s Norma Carpio & her officers, FCT’s Rosalinda Javier & her directors , BicolCCA’s Rafael Nebres and other notable community personalities. To be hosted by Ramon Carretas and Karen Pascual-

Binaday, other local radio,stage and musical talents to be gracing the event are Martha Joy, Chyrell Samson, Scott Dion Brown and Nicole Samantha Huff.

The only Tagalog-Bikol speaking organization from Bicol Region, CNAC-O is composed of natives from the 12 towns of Camarines Norte, namely : Basud, Capalonga, Daet, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Mercedes, Paracale, San Lorenzo Ruiz, San Vicente, Sta. Elena, Talisay and Vinzons .The empanada- shaped province is widely noted for its sweet palm-sized pineapples, beach resorts and gold & iron mines.

Organized in April, 2007, it has developed initiatives and delivered ongoing projects including 1) a scholarship program in Camarines Norte State College for 12 deserving freshmen students from each of the province’s 12 municipalities, 2) a calamity-relief assistance scheme, 3) outreach food- and -in kind donation to town parishes and needy beneficiaries, 4) books and learning materials donation to targeted schools and 4) continuing partnership and collaboration with FilCan community-based organizations in the GTA.

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3. He's God-fearing
There is nothing more attractive in a man than his faith in God. You have to admire someone who has good values and is a man for others.
4. He can make fun of himself in ways that are too adorable to ignore
When someone knows how to make fun of himself, it makes that person more exciting. You'll surely be in good company when you're with Ben because, hello, he can post a picture of himself with Maleficent horns on. Isn't that cute?
5. Smart might be a bit of an understatement for Ben
He graduated with a degree in English Literature and was Summa Cum Laude. Whew. This smart stud can scribble away profound poetry and short stories for you. He is also extremely well-read, so basically, he is oozing with substance.
6. He is good with kids
You have got to have a soft spot for someone who gets along well with kids. It's a bit of a rarity these days, especially for guys, so this gives even more pogi points for Ben.
7. Those killer looks (SEE ABOVE)
Seriously, should there be an explanation?

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Emergency powers still an Aquino option



President Benigno Aquino has not given up on seeking emergency powers from Congress to address the energy crisis, Malacañang said.

But Presidential Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. made it clear that such powers are not connected with initiatives to open the Constitution to political amendments that would pave the way for allowing the President to run for a second term.

"For the malicious, this has nothing to do with the Charter change some quarters are pushing," Coloma said in a radio interview.

He added that they were aware of the urgency of resolving the energy crisis and had looked into the options suggested by Energy Secretary Jericho Petilla.

Petilla "already said the President is looking for options, where industry players can help in," Coloma said.

"We assure the public that the government is doing everything to make sure there is a sufficient supply of electricity," he added.

There is enough capacity to cover the supposed shortfall in the energy supply for summer of 2015, he said.

Colmenares said even if there is a power shortfall, the government can tap state-owned power plants like the Malaya power plant and the Sucat power plant.

"This emergency power is even probably designed so that Malacanang can dip its fingers again on the Malampaya fund, the spending of which was already restricted by the November 2013 decision of the Supreme Court," Zarate said.

Look Ma, No Gas

Several e-trikes are tested along Molino Blvd. in Bacoor City, in Cavite. The e-trikes run on batteries.



Palace On Smear Drive to Sabotage 2016 Rivals

A political activist said President Benigno Aquino 3rd has begun a smear campaign against Vice President Jejomar Binay and other possible presidential contenders from the opposition to sabotage their chances of winning.

"It is clearly hypocritical for President Aquino to unleash his attack dogs against VP Binay and other leaders of the opposition, while shielding himself and his allies from similar demands and mechanisms for accountability," Dr. Carol Araullo, chairperson of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), which has anti-government leanings, said in a statement.

Araullo also said Aquino was obviously behind the summary dismissal by the administration-dominated Congress of the three impeachment complaints against him,

Bayan was among the complainants in the three articles of impeachment against the President. All three were dismissed for lack of substance.

Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. quickly dispelled the accusation, saying the 2016 elections has never entered their minds.

Araullo said the President enjoys even larger control over the Senate, where the family of Binay is being investigated for alleged fraud. The Senate inquiry is clearly "politically motivated," she said.

"The administration-led Senate has had only one inquiry on the P144-billion Disbursement Acceleration Program [DAP] in contrast to the three inquiries already held regarding the P2.7-billion Makati parking building," Araullo said, referring to the alleged overpricing of the Makati parking facility which is the focus of the Senate investigation.

She predicted more "attacks" against Binay to diminish his chances in the elections.

"Vice President Jejomar Binay's early public announcement of his presidential bid and his high approval ratings certainly invites moves by his opponents in 2016 to question his track record as a public official, most especially expose possible wrongdoing along the lines of graft and corruption," Araullo said.

Coloma argued that President Aquino had no hand in Binay's predicament.

Araullo said Bayan has "no illusions" that the "latest selective investigation and prosecution of the political opposition" would end up with a better government, neither it is part of an honest and thoroughgoing effort to clean up government.

The persecution of the political opposition is partly aimed at "perpetuating and defending the plunder of the national coffers under his watch through the redesigned pork barrel system," Araullo said.

Coloma also said Malacañang sees nothing wrong with Binay announcing his intention to tap business tycoon Manuel Pangilinan as his running mate in 2016.

He said he respects Binay's decision and that it is the right of the Vice President to make public his political plans.

Binay has said Pangilinan is among the personalities he is considering to be his running mate, citing Pangilinan's track record as a "successful businessman."

Pangilinan has declared he will not run for any government position, saying "there is no political blood that runs through my veins. I believe I can serve our people better some other way."

Enzo Pineda's advice to artista hopefuls: 'It's okay to fail, but it's not okay to give up on your dreams'

Unang nakilala si Enzo Pineda bilang First Prince ng StarStruck V, kung saan tinanghal bilang Ultimate Male and Female Survivors naman sina Steven Silva at Sarah Lahbati. First Princess naman noon si Diva Montelaba, at Second Prince si Rocco Nacino.



Ikinuwento ni Enzo kung paano nabago ng Star-

Struck ang buhay niya.

"I'm really thankful kasi ito 'yung way para makapasok ako sa GMA, makilala ako ng mga tao, magkaroon ako ng fans, and para magkaroon ako ng career lalong-lalo na I am very passionate in acting, dancing, and hosting."

Dagdag pa niya, "Kung walang StarStruck, I wouldn't be here right now or I wouldn't be living one of my dreams which is being an actor. Ito ang naging stepping stone ko, naging training ground ko para maging ganap at magaling na artista." Hindi daw naging biro ang pinagdaan niya sa StarStruck. "They really train you. Hindi ka nila papakawalan kung hindi ka pa marunong. It's not the easiest, but if you get in StarStruck, your life will change and it will change for the better." Any particular experience does he consider as the most memorable? "Siguro ang most memorable moment ko was 'yung dalawa na lang kami ni Steven sa stage, where hinihintay na ng mga tao kung sino ang mananalo bilang Ultimate Male Survivor. Masarap sa feeling 'yun dahil nung time na 'yun, everyone was shouting our names. Maririnig mo talaga sa buong Araneta [Coliseum] na sinisigaw kung sino ang gusto nilang manalo," he shares.

Ngayong malapit nang bumalik ang naturang reality-based artista search, may payo si Enzo sa mga nais mag-audition at pumasok sa mundo ng showbiz.

"Make sure if you're joining StarStruck, you're not just up for the fame. You'd want to join because passion niyo talaga ang umarte, kumanta, sumayaw, mag-host. Always stay humble, and always remember that it's okay to fail, but it's not okay to give up on your dreams."

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WHO'S TORY NOW? Candidate for Toronto Mayor JohnTory (SEATED) looks bored while listening to speakers at the Taste of Manila Festival while emcees Rey Tolentino, Philip Beloso and Josie de Leon listens to the speaker.



More Filipinos are Jobless

Rise blamed on Lack of Government support

MANILA - The figure could be misleading as it excludes the underemployed, or those doing part-time jobs, or farmers and fishermen whose livelihood depends on the planting season and the vagaries of the weather. The number may as well exclude those tending the sari-sari stores and plying their trade on the wet markets, and the familiar street hawkers. They, too, should be considered jobless.

The National Economic and Development Authority clearly underestimated the jobless situation the other day, but it was forthright enough to concede that the Aquino administration had lagged behind in providing social protection and creating jobs despite a robust 7.2 percent economic growth in 2013.

Neda director general Arsenio Balisacan said that while the government achieved its economic growth targets last year, the unemployment rate was at 7.1 percent, or in the upper ceiling of the state's forecast range of 6.8 to 7.2 percent.

The latest Social Weather Stations survey revealed that the number of jobless Filipinos, out of a population close to 100 million, rose to 12.1 million during the last quarter of last year, from 9.6 million recorded at the end of September 2013.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, were not wrong to question the accuracy of the gross domestic product data. The economic growth, the second-fastest pace in Asia, next only to China, is not producing the desired results. It does

not have a trickle-down effect and will not ultimately eradicate poverty.

The growth is not inclusive because it is concentrated on the urban areas, simply because the government failed to draw up an economic plan that encourages labor-intensive jobs. The Philippines also has failed to attract enough foreign investments that could offer jobs on a more permanent basis.

The Philippine economy has transformed into a service-oriented one and neglected the industrial sector that could provide a stronger base for economic growth. The government, in addition, is slow on erecting infrastructure projects that should link up the farmers in the countryside to the major markets in the urban centers.

FilCan Mother Introduces Skin Care Line

TORONTO - Entrepreneur Gina Aranas revealed to media and guests the 'ARANAS Skin Solutions products.

Aranas, a mother of three who migrated to Canada in 2005, decided to create her own skin care line when she started experiencing skin ageing, an inevitable reality for women reaching past their prime. Along with ageing came common problems like skin changes, pigmentation, and uncontrolled oil glands. She had tried many different products to determine which ones worked against those that did not. During all these trials, she passionately researched and constantly found new and better ways to improve and care for her skin as well as that of others. Eventually, she became a proponent of great and natural skin care products. In her objective to help ageing women gain renewed confidence and look their best, she developed 'ARANAS Skin Solutions when she did not find a product that suitably met her needs. Her skin care line was initially distributed among



New face of Aranas, Josie de Leon, Aranas founder Gina Aranas, and Chat de Leon pose at the launching.

friends when it first came into the market in July 2013.

"Although 'ARANAS' is a North American brand, the roots are Asian and it follows the logic that caring for the skin is better than just covering it. Its vision is to care for the skin using naturally derived products and extracts rather than chemicals, which is always a better option," according to Aranas

ARANAS Skin Solutions are formulated using the best combination of skin treatments, regimens, and ingredients that harmoniously work together to provide the finest results for the skin. Primary examples are a moisturiser that works well with sunscreens and a face cleanser that effectively cleanses and prepares the skin for the application of other products.

'ARANAS Skin Solutions have afforded the same benefits to men and other skin tones and types. The products have shown significant improvements in the skin of users such as a decrease in blemishes and dark spots.

The event also showcased videos on ageing gracefully, beautiful and natural women as well as the New Face of 'ARANAS Skin Solutions., Miss Josie de Leon. It was capped with entertainment from Chelsea Angeles and John Alix.



Dawn addresses Bamboo 'half-brother' hoax

Actress Dawn Zulueta has broken her silence over rumors that say she and singer Bamboo Mañalac are siblings.

Dawn recently took to Twitter to address the "persistent rumor" that she said she "didn't pay much attention to before."

She decided to speak out after the issue has "spiraled into several 'official' announcements on social media."

Pointing out that she has "high respect" for the OPM artist, Dawn denied that Bamboo is her half brother and also urged him to also submit his own account "as a courtesy." The actress, whose real name is Marie Rachel Salman Taleon-Lagdameo, said that she and her brother George are the only children of their parents, Jose Fazil Tahanlangit-Taleon and Maria Cleofe Soleta-Salman.

Aside from the two half-brothers - Jed and Josiah - from her father's remarriage, she detailed that "both my parents can attest to no other offspring."

Dawn described the "gossip-gone-viral" as "both disconcerting and mortifying" to her parents, as well as to Bamboo.

"I implore everyone who has taken part in spreading this wild rumor to please check and RE-CHECK your sources." She hopes that after making the statement, "we can put an end to this confounding tall tale."

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She Earned Peanuts

All her life, Zenny Corcuera has been selling goods for her daily expenses until she became Laguna’s ‘Mani’ Queen



MANILA, Philippines – All her life, Zenny Corcuera of Laguna has been selling goods to help her get through her daily expenses.

Corcuera, whose family used to live by the side of the train tracks, started selling sampaguita when she was only six years old.

“Kita ko ‘yung hirap namin. Tapos noong umabot ako ng elementary, nagkaroon ako ng kahit kaunting pambaon so naisipan ko magtinda ng sampaguita sa tren,” she told “My Puhunan.”

At a young age, Corcuera already learned the value of money as she spent

her hours after school to earn extra money from the sampaguita she herself picked from her neighbor’s backyard.

To make even more money, she also sold water by the glass and peanuts to train passengers.

Despite being a full-time student and a part-time vendor, Corcuera managed to finish college with a degree in banking and finance.

But even as an employed bank teller with a fixed income, Corcuera continued to do what she knows best: sell.

“Para makapasok sa bangko, may dala akong isang booklet ng ticket ng sweepstakes. Dinadala ko ‘yun sa opisina at binebenta ko naman sa mga taga-bangko para pag-uwi ko, may pamasahé ako pabalik,” she said.

She also sold bags of peanuts to bank customers.

“Sabi ko, ‘May dala akong mani.’ Sa ilalim ng booth ko, nagtatakal ako ng P5

mani at iaabot ko doon sa depositor,” she said.

When she retired in 1991, she used for retirement pay of P6,000 to put up her own food business.

Her experience in being a vendor helped the business grow from being selling only 2 kilos of peanuts daily to 150 kilos everyday.

Corcuera’s ZC Food Products is also set to export its popular peanuts as well as its other products such as banana chips, camote chips, garlic chips, shing-a-ling and yema.

Zennies Banana Chips. Photo from My Puhunan Facebook page

But despite her success, Corcuera has not failed to look back to where she was before she became a successful businesswoman.

“Pag nakakakita kami ng nagtitinda na bata, nafefeel ko ‘yung hirap nila kaya minsan, binibilhan ko sila, parang tulong ka na din sa kanila, ganoon kasi ako noon,” she said.

Corcuera believes that when starting a business, success does not lie on the capital but on the hard work and patience needed to make it grow.



JADINE. James Reid and Nadine Lustre will star for the third time in a story which gained popularity through Wattpad. Photo from Instagram

James Reid and Nadine Lustre in a new TV show

MANILA, Philippines – The tandem of James Reid and Nadine Lustre is coming to television.

The pair, known as JaDine to their fans, is set to star in a TV series based on a story popularized by online platform Wattpad.

According to a report from ABS-CBN, the two will star in My App Boyfie, written by Noreen Capili . The story is about an application designed to create the deal boyfriend.

Dreamscape Entertainment Television, who will produce My App Boyfie, posted photos of James and Nadine’s pictorial for the show. Joining the two is Dominic Roque, who was last seen in Moon of Desire.

The show will be directed by Jojo Saguin, who also directed the ABS CBN dramas Mirabella and Muling Buksan Ang Puso.

Nash Aguas & Alexa Ilacad Admit Having A Crush On Each Other!

The rising teen stars Nash Aguas and his on-screen partner Alex Ilacad admitted that they have a crush on each other .

Nash Aguas and Alexa Ilacad, whose tandem was dubbed by their fans as “NLEX”, said that their chemistry is not just seen on TV because in real life, they also admire each other.

The kapamilya stars said that their parents are allowing them to have a conversation through call and mobile messaging. According to Alex Ilacad, they know their limitations and their parents are guiding them.



No more limit on political ads

SC declares unconstitutional Comelec ceiling on candidates’ advertisements

MANILA - Limiting the airtime of candidates’ advertisements in radio and television is unconstitutional, the Supreme Court ruled.

In a decision, the SC declared unconstitutional a provision of Commission on Elections (Comelec) Resolution that limits the advertisements of national candidates to 120 minutes in television networks and 180 minutes in radio stations; and 60 minutes for television and 90 minutes for radio for local candidates.

It, however, upheld the constitutionality of the other provisions of the Comelec resolution.

“Wherefore, premises considered, the petitions are partially granted, Section Section 9(a) of Resolution No. 9615, as amended by Resolution No. 9631, is

declared unconstitutional and therefore null and void,” the SC ruled.

While the Comelec’s resolution was issued before the May 13, 2013 elections, the poll body was not able to implement it because the SC, in its 2013 summer sessions in Baguio City, issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) that stopped its enforcement. The SC’s decision on airtime of candidates will be applicable in future elections.

According to Spokesman Theodore O. Te, the SC ruled on the unconstitutionality of the particular provision in the Comelec resolution based on the following findings:

Arbitrary manner by which the Comelec changed the previous regulation from ‘per station’ to ‘aggregate total.’

Violation of freedom of expression, speech and of the press.

Violation of the people’s right to suffrage.

Absence of prior hearing before the adoption.

The petitions against the Comelec’s airtime limit were filed by GMA Network, Inc., ABC Development Corporation, Manila Broadcasting Company, Kapisanan ng mga Broadkaster ng Pilipinas, and the Radio Mindanao Network, Inc.

Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano had also intervened in the petition. He said the Comelec resolutions “limit the people’s right to information.”

GMA7 said the Comelec resolution are “too restrictive,” while TV5 said the rule was vague because the Comelec failed to provide a definite manner or mode of time aggregation.

Jacob and Alana’s Dedication and 1st Birthday



FIRST, Jennifer and Alan Conchada carry twins Adrian Jacob and Alana Jasmine during their dedication and 1st birthday. SECOND, Children scramble for goodies after the pinata game. THIRD, The Panaligan family enjoy the party. FOURTH, grandpa Ed Tubale carries twin Jacob while Lola Beth Tubale (FIFTH) carry grandchild Alana.

Erik Matti-Lovi Poe Rift Is Just Misunderstanding-Solenn Heusaff

Solenn Heussaff commented on the rift between Direk Erik Matti and her good friend, Lovi Poe. Solenn said the rift may just be a misunderstanding between the two camps.

Solenn and Lovi share the same manager, Leo Dominguez. Direk Erik lamented on his Facebook post that although it was under contract, Lovi did not fulfill his obligations to complete a two-day shoot for “Kubot: The Aswang Chronicles.”

Lovi and Dingdong Dantes starred in the first installment of the series, “Tiktik: The Aswang Chronicles.” The movie came out in 2012 also under the direction of Direk Erik.

Lovi was supposed to reprise her role for the beginning of the movie, although Dingdong’s character already has a new leading lady in Isabelle Daza.



Direk Erik alleged that Lovi will only agree to do the two-day film if she will be paid handsomely.

Solenn said she was surprised by the issue after she read about it. The model-actress added that although she hasn’t worked with Direk Erik, she heard he was really good. They were supposed to work before for a movie under Regal Films, but this did not progress.

She may not be able to work with Direk Erik because he doesn’t want to work with talents under Leo anymore. Lovi is not after the money, Solenn said, adding that the actress has done many cameo roles already and she wasn’t paid for them.

It must be something else, the actress-model said. This is the first time something like this happened to Lovi, so it might be something deeper that the public and even Direk Erik have no idea about.

Solenn said she understands Direk Erik even though the issue became personal to him that he announced he won’t be working with any of Leo’s talents.

“Tiktik” received good feedbacks before, so Solenn understands that the director is pressured.

Direk Erik and Lovi might just need to talk in person. Solenn also said Leo is an “okay” manager because he also allows her to do cameo roles.

Meanwhile, Solenn is also happy for her friend Heart Evangelista who just got engaged to Senator Chiz Escudero. She added that although she wasn’t there during the actual proposal, she learned it from Georgina Wilson and from Lovi’s Instagram post.

She thought Senator Chiz was going to propose during his and Heart’s vacation in Paris, but this did not happen. The proposal in Sorsogon with their friends and loved ones is actually simple and perfect.

Heart and her mom also mended their differences, so everything’s perfect for her friend. Aside from that, they are going to get married next year, so Solenn said it was like a whirlwind romance.

Solenn said the engagements of celebrity couples recently should not pressure her boyfriend, Argentinian Nico Bolzico. If ever Nico decides to propose to her, Solenn will be saying “yes” to him, of course.

But, the model-actress said she will not announce her engagement unless someone sees her ring.

They have been together for four years, and they have been living in together for three years. She’s also 30 years old next year, so Solenn is ready for that next step in her life.

Nico is “the one” for her already, Solenn said.

Glaiza de Castro wishes Heart & Chiz have 4 kids

Dumagsa ang pabati sa power couple na sina Senator Francis Joseph Escudero at StarTalk host Heart Evangelista after maganap ang intimate wedding proposal nila last August 23 sa probinsiya ng Sorsogon.

Sa pan-ayam kay Dading star Glaiza de Castro, isa ito sa nagbigay ng mensahe sa soon to be Mr. and Mrs. Escudero.

Ani Glaiza, “Lahat kami nagulat at natuwa na finally ‘eto na panibagong chapter na magse-seal sa kanilang relationship bilang mag-boyfriend and mag-girlfriend and we’re very excited to see what happens parang ano [ang] panibagong storya[ng] ‘to sa buhay nila.”

Pinayuhan din ng Kapuso actress ang dalawa sa mga bashers na patuloy na bumabatikos sa kanila.

Ayon kay Glaiza, importante lang daw na wala silang inaapakang tao at magtiwala lamang sa mga taong nagmamahal sa kanila.

“Well hindi naman natin makontrol kung paano mag-isip o magsalita ‘yung mga tao sa paligid mo ‘di ba. As long as though cliché na siyang pakinggan wala kang inaapakang tao ‘di ba and at least sa sarili mo at sa mga tao na laging nagtiwala sa ‘yo nagmamahal sa ‘yo na then I think your fine.”

Tinanong din siya kung ilang babies ba ang wish niya for Heart and Chiz.

Magiliw na sinagot ito ng dalaga at sinabi, “Ako parang siyempre kaya naman nila i-handle ‘yun dahil strong naman ‘yung mga personalities nila. Parang tama ‘yung ano, two to four children.

“Para balanse. Para[ng] maganda na dalawang babae at dalawang lalaki. ‘Yun ‘yung tama sa paningin ko na ano sapat lang at ‘tsaka balanse ah number of children,” saad ni Glaiza.

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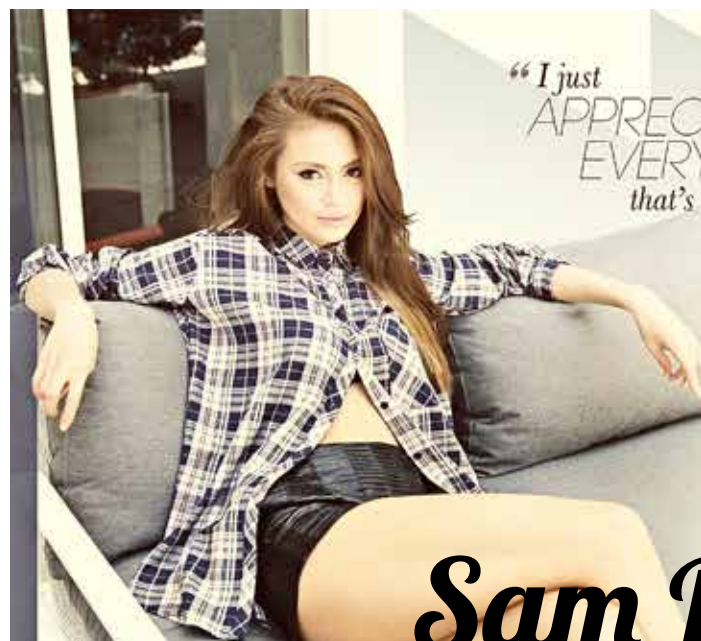
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Is there anything about showbiz you don’t like?

I can’t really go to public places anymore. I used to take up fashion design and buy my fabrics at Divisoria. But now I can’t go to places like that.

My favorite would be modelling. I’ve been modelling since I was ten years old so I already know the ropes. It’s much unlike singing, dancing, acting, and hosting which is all new to me. I’m still learning every time I do it.

Sam Pinto Life At Fast Forward

MANNY YANGA, runs as Candidate For Trustee With a Little Help From His Friends



LEFT, Uber Public Relations Man Tony San Juan joins Elizabeth and Manny Yanga at his fundraising launch at Casa Manila.

RIGHT, Ward 7 Trustee Candidate Manny Yanga is joined by Miss Saigon Canada’s Emil Zarris and Soprano Lilac Cana.



ABOVE, Aranas Endorser Singer Josie de Leon helps raise the flag at Taste of Manila (TM) with TM CEO Rolly Mangante. RIGHT, Kapamilya star Gerald Anderson was a featured artist.



Camilineos President Harold Guarin (LEFT) stops to pose with members after putting up the sign at their picnic.

Balik-tambalang Rey “PJ” Abellana at Leni “Arlene” Santos, malapit na

Sa mga batang ‘80s, muling kayong papakiligin ng tambalang Rey “PJ” Abellana at Leni “Arlene” Santos sa upcoming primetime series na More Than Words.



Unang napanood ang PJ-Leni love team sa kauna-unahang primetime soap opera ng GMA na Anna Liza noong 1980s.

Nanatiling aktibo sa showbiz si PJ, samantalang nagpasyang manirahan si Leni sa Amerika kung saan siya nag-asawa at nagkaroon ng dalawang anak.

“Natutuwa talaga ako dahil eto na naman kami ni PJ, magkasama na naman,” ani Leni. “Oo nga at thank you, Leni Santos, at pinagbigyan mo ang production na ‘to at kaming lahat na magsama tayong ulit,” tugon ni PJ. Malaki raw ang magiging papel nila sa kanilang comeback TV series. Ang kwento ng nasabing teleserye ay iikot sa kanilang dalawa at pati kina Elmo Magalona, Janine Gutierrez at Jaclyn Jose.

“Excited po ako na marami na naman kaming mapapasaya, mga dati na naming followers ng Leni-PJ na mapapanood na nila kami ulit. Malapit na, dito ulit sa GMA,” saad ni PJ. “And happy din kami na kasama namin ‘yung bagong love team ngayon, si Elmo Magalona and Janine Gutierrez,” dagdag ni Leni.

Proud din si PJ sa takbo ng career ng kanyang anak na si Carla.

Sa kanyang panayam sa 24 Oras, ikinuwento niya, “All the while ang alam ko ayaw niyang mag-artista or pumasok ng show business. Look at her now, she’s in the business.”

Michelle Beloso’s Debut



ABOVE, Michelle Beloso’s 18th birthday is happy to spend her debut with her loving parents Philip and Maritess Beloso at Qssis. RIGHT, Michelle poses with TFCKat winner Maria Panaligan.

Gabbi Garcia, feels sad for Dennis Roldan

“Very fatherly nga siya, tini-treat niya kami as anak niya.”

Ito ang paglalarawan ni Gabbi Garcia sa kanyang My Destiny co-star na si Dennis Roldan. Gabbi plays the role of Nicole, ang girlfriend ni Paul, played by Ruru Madrid.



Si Dennis naman ang ama ni Paul na si Mateo. Last August 26, the Pasig City regional trial court found Dennis Roldan, o Mitchell Gumabao in real life, guilty of kidnapping a Filipino-Chinese boy in 2005. Hinatulan siya ng reclusion perpetua o 30 na taong pagkakabilanggo.

“Ever since the first day of taping, si Tito Dennis is very mabait sa akin,

as in. Pinapakain niya kami, nagdadala siya ng dragon fruit galing sa plantation niya. Sobrang bait ni Tito Dennis. Lagi kaming nagkuwentuhan about kahit ano, like his dogs,” malungkot na pahayag ni Gabbi nang aming makapanayam bago ang live chat nila nina Ruru Madrid at Ashley Ortega. Kuwento pa ng young actress, the week before the news broke ay nakasama pa niya si Dennis sa taping kaya magkahalong gulat at lungkot ang kanyang naramdaman.

“Kasama ko lang siya last week, tapos first thing in the morning, ‘yung ang unang bumungad sa akin sa Twitter. Na-shock ako, at habang sinusubaybayan ko lahat ng articles, sobrang nakaka-sad kasi nagkaroon na rin kami ng pinagsamahan.”



Gerald Anderson, Julia Montes & JC De Vera To Team Up In A Horror Film

For the first time, Kapamilya stars Gerald Anderson and Julia Montes will be working together in a horror film. This movie also features actor JC De Vera.

At the moment, the said horror movie doesn't have a title yet. But one thing is for sure, it also includes a love story. This will be directed by Manny Palo who is also the director of the movie "A Moment In Time" and an indie film "Sta. Nina." This is according to the news in ABS-CBN.

The principal photography of the said movie is set to start in September 10, 2014 in Baguio City. The whole movie itself will also be shoot in the said place.

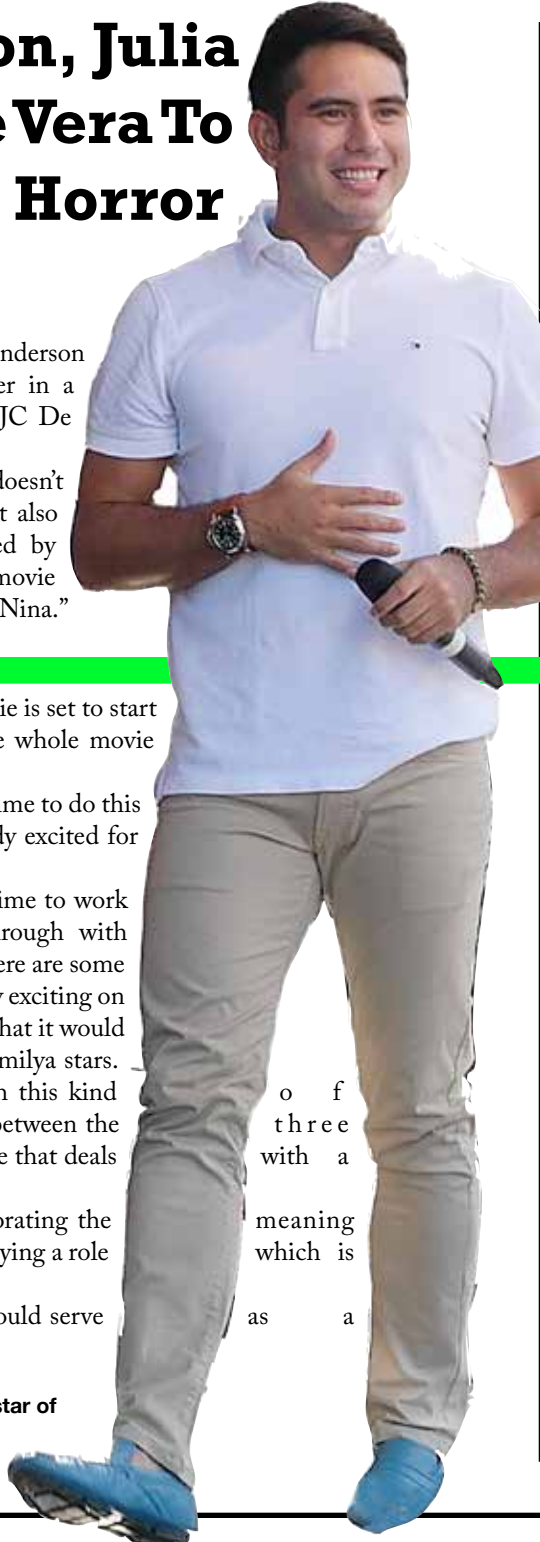
According to Gerald, it would be his first time to do this kind of movie. He also said that he is already excited for the said horror film.

On Julia's part, it would also be her first time to work with a romantic-horror film. Same as through with working with Gerald and JC. Base on her, there are some elements of the movie which seems to be very exciting on her part. Same as through with JC who says that it would be his first time to work with the said Kapamilya stars. He also said that he is happy to work with this kind of movie. The story will be about a love story between the of them. In other words, this is a love triangle that deals horror and romantic aspects.

Julia also said that the story will be elaborating the of love. She also said that they will just be playing a role much likely as their age.

They will also undergo workshops that would serve preparations for the said film.

Gerald Anderson was the featured Kapamilya star of Taste of Manila Festival in Toronto last month.



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Taste of Manila 2014

Filipino's First Toronto Street Festival is off to a very Deliciously Good Start

Last August 23 and 24, Taste of Manila festival delivered on excitement the Toronto Filipinos have been waiting for. The inaugural street festival took place at Toronto's Little Manila community with Bathurst Street being closed off between Wilson and Allingham Street. About two dozen vendors offered a sumptuous sampling of Filipino food, drinks and pastries - and live music and performances on a stage at Wilson and Bathurst entertained the busy crowd. "I wished they had a walking area where people cannot stand," says Maritess Beloso, a TFC vendor. She wanted to

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Budol-budol eating, courtesy of Cusina Lounge was featured. PHOTO BY OLIVIA MIRANDA



Other *Tastes* of Toronto

ABOVE, Senator Tobias Enverga and Consul-General Junever Mahilum-West cuts the ceremonial ribbon ad the first Halo Halo Festival at Wychwood Barns. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

RIGHT, Derek Ramsay of TV5 thrilled fans at the Filipino Expo. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

FAR RIGHT, CNE added a Northern Saloon to their features this year. One of the rising Canadian artists featured was Leah Daniels.



No Sex Until Marriage

MANILA - When Nikki Gil's breakup with Billy Crawford made headlines last year, the Kapamilya actress was made to address speculation that her supposed preference not to have sex until marriage was a factor in the separation. But before Gil, several other local celebrities have made known their preference to stay a virgin until after getting married to their partners. One thing they in common: they are all Christians.

1. Toni Gonzaga

The 30-year-old actress-host openly admitted that she and her boyfriend of over eight years, film director Paul Soriano, have never shared a bedroom to "avoid temptation." What she said: "Ako kasi, ang paniniwala ko, at saka kung paano rin ako pinalaki, I think that love should be greater than your lust for each other." Both Gonzaga and Soriano have been vocal of their hopes to get married. The 32-year-old producer, in an interview in June, said he plans to propose to Gonzaga "very soon," once their respective schedules allow them to have a break.

2. Yeng Constantino

The 25-year-old singer said she and her boyfriend, Victor Asuncion, have agreed to set clear limitations when it comes to physical intimacy. What she said: "There's no pre-marital sex. Gano'n talaga. No pre-marital sex, iyan 'yung clear na, 'No to it.' Kasi we want to honor marriage. Kasi, 'diba, ang tagal-tagal kang prize-serve ng mga magulang mo, nanay mo, papa mo. Lahat ng paggalit, pananakot para hindi ka lumabas ng bahay, pumarty, pero sa isang iglap, 'It's all gone, Ma.'" At the time Constantino opened up about this "no-sex policy," she was seven months into her relationship with Asuncion, who is a worship director at a Christian church. They are each other's first official relationship. The two got engaged in March and are planning to get married in early 2015.

3. Janine Tugonon

The Miss Universe 2012 first runner-up opened up about her relationship with then-boyfriend Jaypee Santos. The two were asked directly whether, as Christians, they agreed to not have sex before marriage. What she said: "Wala nang lalaki na ganyan

Scenes in the *City*



FIRST, Dr. Solon Guzman (LEFT) goes shopping with his daughter Princess and wife Dr. Josephine Guzman (NOT IN PHOTO) at the CNE and poses with vendors Ann Ellen Yanga and Tristan Yanga from the Philippines. SECOND, Jennifer and Alan Conchada carry twins Adrian Jacob and Alana Jasmine during their dedication and 1st birthday. THIRD Ashley Softbay poses with boyfirend Rob during her birthday at prestige. FOURTH, Newscaster Pauline Chan poses with Ready Honda's Anita Diaz at PIDC's gala night.

Canada Accredits 1st Female Philippine Ambassador

SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 – Presiding over the presentation of credentials of six (6) newly-arrived Ambassadors to Canada, His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, warmly received today Her Excellency, Philippine Ambassador Petronila P. Garcia in a stately ceremony at the Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Ambassador Garcia handed over to Governor General Johnston her letter of credence and the letter of recall of her predecessor, Ambassador Leslie B. Gatan.

In his welcome address, the Governor General recognized the knowledge and skills that Ambassador Garcia will bring to bear on Philippines-Canada relations, which are largely shaped by people-to-people ties fostered by some 660,000 Filipinos in Canada. He expressed confidence that the Philippines and Canada will benefit from the Ambassador's dedication to building a better world. Noting that he and the Ambassador find common ground in their legal education, the Governor General hoped to discuss their common interest when time permits and looked forward to new and exciting partnerships between Canada and the Philippines.

During her tête-à-tête with the Governor General, Ambassador Garcia summarized her priorities for growing bilateral ties with Canada, among them more educational partnerships in the fields of agriculture, engineering, environmental protection, educational technology and information technology. The Philippine Ambassador took the occasion to convey the Filipino people's gratitude for Canada's tremendous disaster relief assistance in the aftermath



of Typhoon Haiyan last year, including the deployment of Canada's Disaster Assistance Relief Team (DART) by Canada to the island of Panay. The conversation also dwelled upon the recent designation of the Philippines as a Country of Focus for Canada's development assistance and high-level official exchanges, such as the visit of Prime Minister Stephen Harper to the Philippines in 2012 and the planned reciprocal visit of President Benigno S. Aquino

III to Canada in 2015.

"Today, I carried to the Governor General not only my credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary but also the good wishes of President Aquino and the affection of the Filipino people for the entire Canadian nation. My mission is to ensure that Philippine-Canadian friendship will continue to flourish on the back of healthy political and economic relations with the large Filipino diaspora in Canada providing a rich context to pursue our goals," Ambassador Garcia remarked.

Ambassador Garcia was accompanied at today's ceremonies by the Philippine Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission, Uriel Norman R. Garibay, Minister and Consul General Eric Gerardo E. Tamayo, Minister and Consul Flerida Ann Camille P. Mayo, First Secretary and Consul Porfirio M. Mayo, Jr., Consul General Junever M. Mahilum-West of the Philippine Consulate General in Toronto, Consul General Neil Frank R. Ferrer of the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver, Labor Attachés Leonida V. Romulo and Jaime P. Gimenez as well as the Ambassador's sons Angelo Victor Garcia and Jose Gabriel Reyes.

Can Morissette Amon move out of Sarah Geronimo's shadow?

"The Voice Philippines" third placer Morissette Amon wants to have her own identity even if she feels flattered and honored to be constantly compared to Popstar Princess Sarah Geronimo.

"Hindi naman ako nao-offend, honored nga ako kasi sa nag-iisang Sarah Geronimo ako naco-compare. Pero I just have to find a way to separate myself from her," Morissette said.

She admitted that Sarah, her mentor and coach in "The Voice Philippines" is one of those who have influenced her musically.

"Hindi ko lang siguro maiwasan yung pagka-Sarah ko kasi influence ko naman talaga siya. But I have to look different from her and to stand

out para makagawa ako ng sarili kong identity. Para to be known more as Morissette."

The Cebuana singer has a bigger fan base now, but she also has her share of bashers. She is just happy Sarah does not take the comparisons negatively.

"Natutuwa nga ako kasi siya mismo nagsasabi na 'Uy, magkapatid daw tayo. Tapos kino-compare tayo. Okay naman daw po sa kanya. Hindi naman natin maiwasan na may magbash sa akin na 'Uy second Sarah ka lang, hindi mo siya malalagpasan.' Kinakausap ko naman siya, humihingi pa din ako ng pasensya sa kanya na 'Coach, wala po akong intention na ma-hurt ka.' Gusto ko lang gumawa ng sarili kong identity."

Almost a year after "The Voice of the Philippines," Sarah and Morissette still get in touch regularly. Morissette always remembers Sarah's advice -- pray and sing from the heart.

"Always keep the faith sa Lord talaga. Sobrang religious ni Coach. Lagi niya kaming sinasabihan na huwag makalimutan mag-pray. Of course, that's something you have to keep throughout the journey. When it's about interpreting, dapat yung emotions mo totoo inside. Dapat ma-feel mo din. Kung hindi ka man maka-relate, you look for something else para true yung song sa iyo," Morissette said.

Aside from preparing her album, Morissette si promoting Himig-Handog with other singers.

na mag-sa-sacrifice and 'yung respetuhin ka nang gano'n, iyong talagang papanindigan na, 'This is my stand, this is my principle.'"

"For me, marriage is sacred. Ngayon kasi, parang nagiging norm na lang, eh, sa tao na, 'Come on, let's do it.' Pero iba pa rin siguro 'yung pakiramdam pag ginawa mo siya after [getting married]."

At the time of the interview, Tugonon and Santos were eight months into their relationship. In April 2013, the beauty queen became the subject of criticisms when she revealed in a live, joint interview with Santos that they had broken up over her ties with The Script vocalist Danny O'Donoghue.

4. Miriam Quiambao

Less than a week after she got engaged to author Ardy Roberto, the Miss Universe 1999 first runner-up took to Instagram to detail their "purity pledge," or a promise not to engage in any sexual activity before their wedding.

What they said: "Let it be known that I, Ardy Roberto aka Mr. Pogi, and I, Miriam Quiambao, aka Ms. U, vow before God to protect each other's purity from this day onwards until the day, by God's grace that we are wed. Therefore, we shall not engage in any act that shall ignite sexual desires or passions prematurely, such as passionate kissing (lips-to-lips), pheromone sniffing or foreplay."

"The only expressions of affection allowed are: kissing on the cheek, holding hands and hugging or 'akbay.' I, Ardy Roberto, promise to take the lead in this purity pledge and protect you, Miriam Quiambao, and your testimony. So help us God! In Jesus' name."

Quiambao and Roberto, who is also a Christian motivational speaker, got married in March this year. This is both their second marriage. Roberto's first wife passed away in 2013, while Quiambao was divorced from her former husband Claudio Rondinelli, whom

she married in 2004.

5. Nikki Gil

The 27-year-old actress said her decision to stay a virgin until marriage still stands, months after she first opened up about it in a Cosmopolitan interview tackling breakup with Crawford.

What she said: "O, sige, 'yan na ang kapintasan ko! Peope have said, 'Eh, kasi, lalaki. May pangangailangan.' My point exactly! See? Kung 'yan lang pala ang issue, [he didn't really deserve me]. Nobody told me to stay a virgin, or because I'm a stuck-up prude na holy-holy. It's my choice. I've always been ma-pride. If sex is something I value, [gano'n talaga]!"

Four months after her controversial split with Crawford, her boyfriend of five years, Gil admitted starting dating again in November 2013. She is now reportedly in a relationship with businessman BJ Albert, while Crawford has openly admitted his relationship with "It's Showtime" co-host Coleen Garcia.

BELOW, Eugene Deocareza of Gino Solutions and Nieves Mangante pose with Kapamilya star Gerald Anderson at the Taste of Manila Festival.



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No Relationship with Raymart

BETTINA CARLOS

Bettina Carlos was grilled about her relationship with Raymart Santiago at the launch of Indomie, a new brand of instant noodles made by Indofood, the largest noodle factory in Indonesia. Indomie was launched in 1972 and is already a top seller in so many countries, but it's only now that it's being introduced in our country by Roshan Mirani of Mirage Manufacturing.

They chose Bettina and her daughter Gammy as their endorser, along with Dino Guevarra and his son Joaquin.

Bettina was asked what the real score between her and Raymart Santiago is. "No, we're not in a relationship," she says. "Hindi ko alam kung bakit kami nali-link. Nagkasama kami sa 'Villa Quintana' and we became friends. Pero never naging kami."

It's said that their photos were posted in social media and she was even with her daughter at the home of Raymart, so some wags quickly concluded that they're already living in.

He invited us for dinner. Hindi lang ako kundi pati mga kasama namin sa show, pati production staff.

He cooks and I also cook kasi I took up culinary arts. Potluck dinner 'yun so nagluto ako, nagluto rin siya. Pero hindi ako nakatira roon. Dala-dalawa ang bahay ko, bakit ako titira roon?"

Right now, she's also busy with two shows. "I'm co-hosting 'Idol sa Kusina' with Chef Boy Logro and I'm the provincial host of what will be the biggest talent show in the country, 'Bet ng Bayan', hosted by Regine Velasquez and Alden Richards. I do the hosting sa Mindanao and Visayas."

Why was Bettina chosen as endorser of Indomie? "We want someone active in social media and Bettina is very active in her accounts," says Mr. Mirani. "We also want a mom and someone who's very articulate. Bettina fits all that, so we got her and her daughter after we learned that they really like our instant noodles."

"Masarap kasi talaga ang mi goreng stir fry noodles nila that come in various flavours like barbecue chicken, rending, pedas and satay," says Bettina. "Pinoy working abroad are already familiar with Indomie kasi imported nga ito and I'm glad it's now also available locally."

Dino Guevarra To Bounce Back

The other endorser of Indomie is Dino Guevarra, a contemporary of Dingdong Dantes during their "TGIS" days. What can he say now that Dingdong is about to wed Marian Rivera? "It's about time," he says. "34 na siya. I'm only one year older than him. I wish them all the best."

At 35, Dino already has two teenage sons, Ethan, 16, and Miguel, 15. This means he was already a father at 19 when he was paired by with Kim de los Santos, who eventually became his wife. The mother of his sons are Monica de Leon, now working as editor of In Flight Magazine for Air Asia. He and Kim have long separated and Dino is now with Karen Gabriel, with whom he has two kids, Joaquin, 9, and Annika, 5. At the launch of Indomie, both Monica and Karen were present and they all get along fine.

How come Dino's career didn't flourish? "After Kim and I separated, puro bad publicity ang lumabas sa akin at naapektuhan talaga ang career ko. Dati, I had five shows. Isa-isang nawala. Tapos, tinatawaran na ang talent fee ko na para akong isda. Nadismaya ako so I just went into the buy and sell of cars. But now, I'm all set to make a comeback. Nag-guest ako sa show ni Jean Garcia na 'Love Hotline' at may mga kumukuha sa'kin, but I want to get a good manager muna."



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Michelle Beloso' Debut



Michelle Beloso had her debut attended by family and friends. These are some of the photos from that momentous event. **MORE PHOTOS AT FILIPINOGOODLIFE.COM**

Is Maja Salvador Willing to Work With Kim Chiu?



The kapamilya actress Maja Salvador was asked if she is willing to work with her former best friend actress Kim Chiu in one project during her contract signing held on Friday August 15, 2014.

In an interview with ABS-CBN News' Gretchen Fullido, the "Legal Wife" star said that she refuses to work with Kim Chiu even with her boyfriend actor Gerald Anderson since she knew that people will talk about their personal lives.

"Siyempre tao din kami, alam mong pag pi-piyestahan kaming tatlo. Maganda na

may kanyang-kanya kami trabaho tapos okay na lahat," she said.

Maja Salvador had a rift with "Ikaw Lamang" star before after she was romantically involved to Gerald Anderson, the former boyfriend of Kim Chiu. The kapamilya star only reconciled on March this year.

Kim Chiu and Maja Salvador previously worked together in the hit and now defunct series "Ina, Kapatid, Anak" which concluded in 2013.

Gerald Anderson said also in his recent interview that he is not willing to work with Maja Salvador and Kim Chiu in one project because he knew that people would talk about their personal lives not the project.

"Ang problema doon masyadong mangingibabaw ang personal. People will talk about our personal life instead of the project.. Eh sayang lang 'yung project kung maganda. Siguro mas maganda kung hindi," he explained.

Meanwhile, Maja Salvador is currently gearing up for her upcoming TV series with Jericho Rosales and John Lloyd Cruz.

TCDSB Ward 8 Trustee Garry Tanuan Runs for Reelection

by Tony A. San Juan, OCT. By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

True to his strong Christian faith & Catholic roots and purposefully committed to continuing his faith filled actions and Christ-centred initiatives for Toronto students, parents, staff and his constituents, incumbent Ward 8 Trustee Garry Tanuan of Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) recently filed his candidacy for reelection in the upcoming Toronto municipal election on October 27, 2014.



Asked by his constituents, friends and supporters why he is running for a second term, Garry meaningfully reasoned out that more than ever he is fully- focused and expected much to continue to serve and stand for "Authentic Catholic Values, Greater Student Achievement and Success and True Stewardship".

Serving as a Trustee from 2012-2014, he is proud of many achievements and accomplishments among which are : 1) promoted faithfully the teachings of the Catholic Church in Catholic schools and kept a campaign promise of fighting for preserving the true meaning of authentic Catholicism, 2) helped ensured, as a Budget Committee member, that the school board resources and funding were balanced and consistent with the Multi-Year Strategic Plan(MYSP) and its goals, 3) worked successfully with board staff and school administrators in the resolution of parent and student concerns, enrollment over-subscription, and other issues such as transportation, exclusions, bullying,4) advocated readily for the opening and offering of a French Immersion program in the newly-established area Catholic school, and 5) enhanced student health, well-being & physical fitness through improvement and provision of school playground facilities in twelve Ward 8 schools.

Born in Dumaguete City, Philippines, Garry has been raised in a devout Catholic family and educated early by the Holy Cross Fathers. He has a degree in Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Silliman University. In Toronto, he has worked for over 22 years as a consultant and project manager in the financial, biotechnology, clinical research, energy and education industries. He was also an instructor in the School of Computer Studies at Seneca @York University.

Garry's professional standing includes: Certified Project Manager -PMP of Project Management Institute and membership with the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) . He was President ,Class of 2003-Christopher Leadership and Effective Speaking, Lumen Institute of Canada.

A proud Scarborough resident and happily married, Garry attends church and has lived in Ward 8 for fourteen years with his wife of 22 years Marla and four teen-aged children who all went to Catholic schools in the area.

As a parishioner for 14 years, he is a lector minister at St. Joseph Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus . For 21 years, he is an active member of Couples for Christ, Children of Light, Servants of God and One With God Community. Twice elected Ward 8 Representative of Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)- an official TCDSB advisory committee, he was also the Representative for Cardinal Leger Catholic School at the city-wide Toronto Association of Parents in Catholic Education(TAPCE).

Prior to being elected Ward 8 Trustee in 2012, he has worked steadfastly and represented parents at the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and was school representative for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education(OAPCE) having resided and understood the issues being faced by parents and students.

In 2013, as part of his community outreach and with the help of Filipino educators and parents, Garry was instrumental in forming the Filipino Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education(FCPACE) which proposed for the creation of a Filipino Advisory Committee (FAC) within the TCDSB. Also for two years, he initiated 2 Board- hiring consultation sessions productively for internationally-trained educators in co-operation with the Philippine Teachers Association of Canada(PTAC)

In his earnest desire to serve anew, Garry pledge that he "will continue to defend Catholic Education" under the best of spiritual engagements and value-rich faith. He has observed first hand that "the existence and identity of Catholic education continues to be threatened today". To stop this unhealthy slide, he "will defend and promote our legal, denominational and constitutional rights to an authentic and fully-funded Catholic School system". (T. San Juan)

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Kathryn Bernardo Is A Promise Fulfilled

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It was three years ago when an emerging star named Kathryn Bernardo was voted Awesome Young Actress in the first Yahoo! OMG! Awards.

She had just been in her breakthrough role in the Mara Clara remake, when people noticed how this teener had what it takes to rival the accomplishments of previous young stars who hit it big in the Kapamilya network, including the actress whose first major role she essayed—Judy Ann Santos.

Now Kathryn is living that dream, a promise fulfilled.

Credit that to her screen charm, talent, versatility—and Daniel Padilla, incidentally just the onscreen replacement of Kathryn’s original loveteam partner Albie Casino in their first Sunday afternoon drama, Growing Up. Controversy forced Albie to lie low in his career.

Fiery chemistry

With a chemistry igniting a firestorm that made them this generation’s hands-down most phenomenal and celebrated teen stars, Kathryn and Daniel’s careers zoomed to the top with highly-rated dramas such as Princess and I and Got To Believe. Both had since appeared in major films, such as 24/7 In Love and Must Be...Love.

KathNiel’s (the name coined from Kathryn and Daniel’s names combined) phenomenon has reached its apex with their latest film, She’s Dating The Gangster, a movie adaptation of Bianca Bernardino’s Wattpad hit- turned-bestseller. It breached the P100 million mark in its first week alone.

Her partnership with Daniel is just part of Kathryn’s success. On her own, Kathryn has surged in the limelight. She has been hailed as among the finest actresses in her

generation, with her most notable thespic moments in the thrillers Shake Rattle and Roll 13 Presents Parola and Pagpag: Siyam Na Buhay, not to mention She’s Dating The Gangster, where her performances drew critical acclaim.

Beyond Daniel

Is Kathryn an actress to watch even beyond the comforts of a showbiz love team? This should be the next challenge, whether Kathniel fans like it or not. Will the fans accept Kathryn without Daniel? Will her career still blossom on its own? With the right career moves like those taken by Nora, Vilma, Maricel, Sharon, Judy Ann, and Kim, who emerged from their loveteams unscathed and became even more successful in their careers, it’s just a matter of time.

Sharon bolts TV5

Happy Network ang TV5, pero mukhang hindi naging happy si Sharon Cuneta kaya umalis na siya sa naturang network. Hindi na tinapos ng megastar ang five-year contract niya na may natitira pang dalawang taon. Could it be mega ang dahilan?

Mukha namang walang balak idemanda ng TV5 si Sharon for breach of contract. Sa official statement nito, nagpasalamat pa ang management kay Sharon for being part ng Kapatid Network for three years.

Sa post niya sa kanyang social media account, may pahiwatig si Sharon na may malaking project na “niluluto” para sa kanya. Curious ang kanyang fans kung babalik daw

ba si Sharon sa ABS-CBN? May pahiwatig din ang megastar na pinagsisihan niya ang desisyong umalis sa Kapamilya Network.

No Baby for Heart yet

Ayaw muna ni Heart Evangelista magkababy agad sila ni Senator Chiz Escudero pagkatapos ng kasal nila on Feb. 14 next year. Aniya, gusto muna niyang mag-aral magluto, i-enjoy ang pagiging misis at pag-aalaga sa kanyang husband.

Hindi pa siya talaga handa maging isang ina. “Maybe after five years,” ewan kung seryoso o birong sabi ni Heart.

Intimate, simple wedding ang gusto nina Heart at Sen. Chiz dahil ayaw nilang maging circus ang big event sa buhay nila.

Kasama sa wedding entourage ang BFF (best friends forever) ni Heart na sina Lovi Poe at Alessandra de Rossi at ang kambal na anak ni Sen. Chiz sa kanyang first wife na si Kristine Flores. Kakausapin (o, baka nakausap na) pa lang nila si Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago para maging ninang. Ang senadora ang naging cupid kina Sen. Chiz at Heart. Nagtagumpay siya sa pagiging matchmaker.

Hoping si Heart na ang daddy niya ang maghahatid sa kanya sa altar. Pero kung anumang ang maging desisyon nito, maiintindihan niya. Ang mahalaga’y ibinigay nito ang blessing para magpakasal siya kay Sen. Chiz. Nagkausap na rin si Heart and her mom at may blessing din nito ang kanyang pagpapakasal.

Wala pang pormal na pamamanhikan si Sen. Chiz sa parents ni Heart. Wala ang mga ito noong nag-propose siya ng marriage kay Heart. Even then, ang mahalaga’y may blessing ng parents ni Heart ang pagpapakasal niya kay Sen. Chiz. Ayon sa huli, si Heart ang masusunod sa lahat ng detalye sa kanilang wedding.

Is Cristine Reyes is preggy?

It also says that this was the reason why Cristine made a pronouncement at the presscon for her currently shown movie, ‘The Gifted’ with Anne Curtis and Sam Milby that she is staying away from sexy roles.

While she has said that she is not in a relationship at the moment, the grapevine says she is seeing a foreign guy. Well, maybe they’re not really in a relationship, but they’re dating.

In a quick interview by Kris Aquino on Kris TV with Cristine’s sister, Ara Mina, the latter made a slip by saying, “Dapat,

paunahin na niya ako,” when asked about her reported wedding with Bulacan Mayor Patrick Meneses who’s the father of the child she’s infanticipating.

Does this mean Cristine is now ready for motherhood, too?

Will Julia Montes Go Daring In Her Upcoming Film?

The kapamilya young star Julia Montes was asked if she will go daring in her upcoming horror film with Gerald Anderson and Jc De Vera.

Julia Montes become hesitant to answer and said: “Hindi daring but kung tumitingin tayo sa mga mahal natin, hindi porke’t tinitingnan mo, isa at isa lang ang ibig sabihin ng love.”

When asked if she is willing to go daring, the former “Ikaw Lamang” star said that people should watch the movie since she will do something that he have never done before. “Mayroon silang mga dapat abangan. Ito ang nakaka-excite kasi never ko pang nagawa,” she said.

According to the film’s director Manny Palo, Julia Montes will play the role of Mia who will fall in love for the first time with Gio or Alvin, to be portrayed by Gerald Andron and JC de Vera respectively.

The upcoming horror film’s released date has yet to be announced.

Bela Wants to Make people Laugh Too

Bela Padilla is becoming prettier and sexier everytime we see her. Aside from that, she is showing versatility in her career.

In the middle of doing Sa Puso ni Dok, a relevant drama series on GMA News Channel with Dennis Trillo, Bela still manages to make people laugh as she guests on Bubble Gang.

“Enjoy po talaga akong magpatawa,” says the sexy actress. “Para hindi naman po puro iyaan ang nararanasan ko.”

Given more breaks, Bela is here to stay in showbiz.

Xian’s Gimmick?

Xian Lim looked like he was joining the

Camilineos Summer Picnic



FIRST, Prayer before meals SECOND, Mariposa Association of Canada joined Camilineos at the picnic. THIRD, Camilineos president Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda chats with some members.



fad (is it?) of making proposals to their girlfriends when he proposed to Kim Chiu, not to marry him, but to be his date in the Star Magic Ball.

The trouble is, neither one of them is admitting to the public that there is something between them which is more than being friends or love team mates.



May nagsasabi tuloy na mahilig lang gumimik si Xian. O baka naman pakana lang ito ng mga handlers nila? Hmmm.

Rocco Nacino’s Hard Work Pays Off

Just ask Rocco Nacino who has gone from being an artista hopeful to one of the top leading men of the Kapuso Network—in just a span of almost five years.



Rocco made his mark as a serious drama actor in the afternoon soap, Gumapang Ka Sa Lusak. He also took part in GMA News TV’s Pluma: Rizal, Ang Dakilang Manunulat, a multi-awarded docu-drama produced to commemorate Jose Rizal’s 150th birth anniversary where he portrayed the character of Jose Rizal, depicting scenes from historical events in our national hero’s life. It wasn’t long before Rocco’s acting performance was noticed. His stint in the drama series Koreana earned him his first acting nomination from the Golden TV Awards for his outstanding portrayal in the said teleserye.

Rocco also captured the hearts of TV audience as he portrayed leading man characters in GMA’s drama programs.

His acting prowess excelled role after role. In GMA’s new primetime drama this September, Hiram na Alaala, Rocco will breathe life into the character of Joseph Corpuz, an ideal soldier and a dedicated boyfriend, whose life is forever altered upon his captivity.

There is no doubt that the GMA Artist Center star’s career took flight after joining Starstruck V with his string of teleseryes, films, and endorsements as major testaments to this.

Ruffa Gutierrez, Shaina Magdayao reconcile

Three years after their reported rift, Shaina Magdayao and Ruffa Gutierrez have settled their differences.

John Lloyd Cruz’s ex-girlfriends bumped into each other at the gym after not seeing each other for many years.

#happyday at House of Pain



“Back at the #HouseOfPain with @cjaplyo2 & guess who I bump into? After all these years dito pa kami nagkita. and just like that, all’s well that ends well. Peace, Shaina! #happyday at House Of Pain,” Ruffa said in her Instagram post, which showed her and Shaina together with other friends in the gym.

Shaina and Ruffa’s rift started in 2011, when they accused each other of sending hurtful messages in relation to John Lloyd. Ruffa and John Lloyd had a relationship in 2009, while Shaina became the actor’s girlfriend a year after.

Shaina reposted Ruffa’s photo and said, “Talk about starting this BER season right.”

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go to a washroom but got trapped in her booth by the deluge of people watching Kapamilya star Gerald Anderson on the second day. On a happy note, this is the first festival I’ve seen where the people stayed even after the star left at 4:30. They stayed until closing time at 6 pm on Sunday, the last day.

Visitors also soaked up the saucy and greasy goodness with garlic fried rice or pansit - and washed it down with traditional beverages like sago at gulaman (made of brown sugar, water, gelatin and tapioca pearls) or buko pandan (refreshing coconut and gelatin beverage known for its distinct green colour).

There were also desserts like Halo Halo (“mix mix” of shaved ice, evaporated milk and ingredients like red bean and purple yam ice cream).

Ironically, I heard that Cusina Restaurant, one of the organizers, run out of Halo-Halo on Sunday, a hot day too.

The organizers estimated a crowd of 2000-5000 people coming. In fact, the City of Toronto was only estimating a low of 2000. They probably based it on Filipino festivals that happen downtown.

Philip Beloso, a board member of the Philippine Cultural Community Centre, who organized the fest said that 20,000 came, based on estimates of the city. “What do you want us to do” was PCCC’s CEO Rolly Mangante’s response when the city asked him about his estimate that only 5000 people were expected.

“The turnout has been incredible,” said Pepito Torramba, Vice Chairman of the PCCC, which was expected to attract over 10,000 people. Torramba said the neighbourhood is the ideal festival location, because of its vibrant Filipino population.

Mark Adler, MP for York Centre christened the area Little Manila. Afterwards, the Philippine Ambassador did their own photo-op to christen it also but got confused whether to call it Little Manila or Little Philippines.

I think all this christening is just ceremonial anyway. Until Toronto council designate it,

Filipinos will know it unofficially as Little Manila.

The crowd was predominantly Filipino indeed. Visitors packed the streets - many sitting on the edge of the sidewalk with overflowing styrofoam containers in hand. Chatter and laughter was muffled by the loud live music and performances.

“It’s like being back home,” said Bolivar Bao, Vice Consul, Philippine Consulate General of Toronto. “The support that the City has given to the street festival has simply been great and shows the strength in (Toronto’s) diversity.”

However, not all reviews were glowing. The blog ‘Foodie, EH?’ has this to say.

As much as we like Filipino food, this event was an epic fail as a food event. It failed in that it didn’t showcase savoury, and often considered delicacy, that is Filipino streetfood. Instead it was a collection of existing local Filipino restaurants in the area bringing their menu to a tent. We felt it was a missed opportunity here to highlight what Philippine street food is all about. The food vendors offered combos (often rice with 1 or 2 side dishes) like the ones they offer in their restaurants instead of a sampling of authentic dishes that is more conducive to these types of events. There was no opportunity for legit food event goer to get a sampling of dishes. Instead, the food vendors banked on monopolizing the business by offering a slew of dishes in a combo. One to note is the Kabalen Restaurant’s food tent, which offered a buffet table style service. You get a serving of rice and 2 sides of your choice for \$9. In fact, Kabalen was such a turn off for us with just overall bad servers (one decided to be mute to patrons but not to fellow staff) and food running out, that we left the queue. Another one to note was Bella’s Lechon, who wasted an opportunity to advertise their lechon (roast pork) by not serving any at all. Just as bad was Grill Heaven, which has ran out of their own specialty (Filipino style skewered pork and chicken) just as the crowd was gathering. We just don’t think the food vendors and organizers get what a “taste” festival means. If this is the Filipino community’s translation of the word, it is an epic fail.

The majority of attendees may not have noticed it but thge above points merit some attention.

All in all, it was a fantastic event as a result of the hard work of all the people involved.

This is a great festival that needs to grow and be supported by the community.

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anchorage and berthing,” Zapata said. Starting this September, importers intend to get hold of their cargoes ahead of the Christmas holidays.

From an average of 1,000 and 2,000 container vans per day, POM and MICP should be releasing 1,500 and 3,000 containers daily, respectively, during the “ber” months.

But Zapata said the Manila ports remain congested and that these ports can’t accommodate more shipments in time for the expected spike in cargo volume.

POLITICAL THREAT, TOO

Meanwhile, the daytime truck ban imposed by the Manila city government is not only an economic scourge but also a political threat to the Aquino administration, according to the influential Japan-based Nikkei Asian Review.

The report asked “Who has power?” amid the stubborn refusal of the Manila city government to lift or even suspend the ban despite its negative effect on the economy.

“The Philippines is Southeast Asia’s fastest growing economy, but there are concerns that this growth could slow in the face of looming political risks,” the report said.

OVERSTAYING CARGOES

The government has given importers and brokers a week to claim their overstaying customs-cleared cargoes inside the ports of Manila before finally relocating them off to Subic and Batangas to reduce port congestion in the capital.

Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Juan C. Sta. Ana said containers that will be left unclaimed by Sept. 8 will taken out and hauled off to locations identified by government as temporary warehousing facility.

‘LAST MILE’

In a latest bid to help decongest the port of Manila, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is considering the implementation of what it called “the last mile” wherein delivery trucks would be allowed to ply beyond designated truck lanes in the metropolis.

BALIKBAYAN BOXES

UMAC and Forex Cargo were affected by this. Some customers were wondering why the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) kept getting pushed back.

“It’s the truck ban in Manila. Our containers are actually parked in Taiwan right now, waiting for a call when they can sail for the Philippines,” said Anna when asked about this. “There is no space at the Manila port.”

And that ETA is just the time the cargo vessel will arrive in Manila, not the delivery of your box to the final destination yet. So, add a couple or more days until it is delivered.

CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

When Vancouver truckers went on strike, Prime Minister Stephen Harper called unaccpetable. Besides calling the strike unacceptable, Harper said he cannot get involved because the labor dispute falls under provincial jurisdiction even if the port is under Federal authority.

Entertainment

GMA’s Strawberry Lane to Inspire Bea, jake Fans+ other news

MANILA, Philippines - Kilig alert, JaBea love team fans: Bea Binene and Jake Vargas will make primetime viewing even sweeter as they star in the upcoming series, Strawberry Lane. But make no mistake, Bea and Jake’s characters in the light family drama will not only leave fans swooning — but will also inspire and tug at the heartstrings.

Guaranteed to awe and delight viewers, Strawberry Lane makes a case for why it is possible to redeem oneself despite the adversities

life throws. Bea’s character is Clarissa, a 17 year old who aspires to become a fashion designer. In the series, Bea’s character also leaves no room for romance — until she meets Jake’s character, Gabo.

Gabo, 18, is part of the cleaning crew at Angel’s Haven. He befriends Clarissa and eventually finds himself secretly falling for her.

For the on and off-screen pair, their latest project inspires them to continue to be at their best as a love team. The real life couple was dubbed as the Most Promising Love Team for Movies and TV in the 42nd Guillermo Mendoza Memorial Scholarship Foundation Awards in the year 2012 — and Celebrity Couple of the Year at the 2014 Yahoo! Celebrity Awards just last July. “Proud ako sa Strawberry Lane dahil marami talagang matutunang aral dito, at siyempre mas inspired ako kasi makakasama ko ulit si Jake. Definitely, wala ‘yung part na naiilang kami sa isa’t isa,” says Bea.

“Sa ganda ng istorya, bata man o matanda, maaantig. Nandoon din siyempre ‘yung kilig factor. Masaya ako na kami pa rin ni Bea ang magkasama,” shares Jake.

Strawberry Lane will air on the GMA Telebabad block this month.

Robin Padilla Is The Johnny Depp of the Philippines

Robin appears in an event in Tondo, Manila to encourage youths to take advantage of DepEd’s Abot Alam to seize education opportunities. Robin Padilla seems to be making the right moves.

While the sun might not have always shone throughout his career of over three decades, who would have thought he would stay on top of his game?

But Robin Padilla is the Johnny Depp of the Philippines, a Hollywood actor who takes different roles to challenge him and still manage to stay on top of the business.

He has transformed himself through the years—from comedian (La Visa Loca) to TV host (Pilipinas Win na Win) to dramatic actor (Kailangan Ko’y Ikaw), even to rom-com heartthrob (Till I Met You). Robin’s other amazing trait is his willingness to take big risks. His roles may not be as appealing to the mainstream audience, but they are too significant, provocative and meaningful to pass over.

His big comeback after a lull in projects in 2012 , was this kind of gamble that paid off. His unconventional role – that of a senator

exposing government corruption in the 2013 Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) entry 10,000 Hours earned Robin rave reviews and best actor plums.

Robin has also spread his wings from his comedic TV appearances to being part of the avante-garde suspense drama Jasmine on TV5, where he’ll portray a former police officer attempting to apprehend and unmask Jasmine Curtis Smith’s stalker.

But the most-anticipated film in Robin’s recent string of ambitious projects is his upcoming entry to this year’s MMFF, Bonifacio: Gusto Mo Ba Siyang Makilala?, which Robin sees as the most substantive, refreshing and engaging tale on the life and tragic death of the nationalist and revolutionary hero every Filipino must experience. Robin, who is at the forefront of film production, revealed that he has been pulling out all the stops just to tell Andres Bonifacio’s “true story” for more Filipinos to understand and appreciate.

‘Abot Alam’

Robin has also been so admired by the people he entertains not only because of his talent and prominence, but also with his advocacies, from his drive against malaria to an education initiative to help build a free pre-school for Muslim children. He further pushes this education advocacy with his recently-announced support of the Education Department’s “Abot Alam” program that brings back out-of-school youth to the classroom, and assists them in employment opportunities. Robin is actively involved in awareness campaigns about “Abot Alam” through his continuing commercial endorsement of Talk and Text, the program’s key corporate supporter. Talk and Text organizes on-the-ground community events where Robin talks about how “Abot Alam” can help out-of-school youths regain education opportunities.

Indeed, there’s no stopping Robin, whose family is nominated in the 2014 Yahoo! Celebrity Awards as the Celebrity Family of the Year. Clearly, he is here to stay and deserves to remain on top, not only due to his undaunted quest to achieve, but also because of his unrelenting efforts to reach out and help.

Iza Calzado’s BF isn’t the jealous type

Iza Calzado is happy she has an understanding boyfriend in Ben Wintle he didn’t mind that she brought Piolo Pascual as her date in the 8th Star Magic Ball. She revealed that her “Hawak-kamay” co-star asked her to go with him to the ball, since Ben is not attending the annual event.

“Napag-usapan lang sa set. I wasn’t sure kasi if I’m going to bring Ben. Normally kasi kapag mga showbiz gatherings, I go alone. Sabi ko sa kanya, ‘Uy, Peej (Piolo), baka naman pwede tayo magkasama sa table?’ Tapos sabi niya, ‘Let’s just go together,’” Iza explained at the press conference of Star Cinema’s newest horror movie “Maria Leonora Teresa.”

Iza even joked about making Ben jealous, for once. “Pagkakapehin ko nga, para kabahan.”

She is glad Ben supports and understands her work, where she gets paired with different leading men. Iza even joked that her boyfriend is only envious of Piolo’s calves.

“He’s a very understanding guy. I guess he’s secure with our relationship. Alam din naman niya na sobrang crush ko si Piolo at isa itong pagkakataon na hindi basta-bastang dumadating sa buhay ko or any other girl.”



Ashley Softbay’s Birthday



Ashley Softbay (STANDING AT LEFT, FIRST PHOTO) celebrated her 30th birthday at Prestige with friends. The wonderful and exciting evening was planned by Candace Mallari David of Pinta and producer of Lakambini Pageant.



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as President Benigno Aquino tries to reverse decades of migration to Manila and abroad. New airports, roads and ports are drawing property developers, retailers and business processing companies that fueled a decade of growth in the capital, like U.S. call-center operator StarTek Inc. and hotel chain Marriott International Inc. (MAR)

“The government has been working hard to develop secondary cities, recognizing them as critical centers of economic growth,” said Alexandra Vogl, an urban development specialist at the Asian Development Bank in Manila. “Many are rapidly becoming tourist hubs and centers of trade, services and industry.”

Construction continues at the site of the 6,400 square-meter Iloilo Convention Center, being built for the APEC meetings in 2015, in Iloilo,



Panay Island, Philippines, in this undated handout photograph released to the media on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014. It can accommodate 3,700 people and is located inside Megaworld Corp.’s Iloilo Business Park.

From Jakarta to London, governments are trying to counter the draw of dominant capital cities that soak up the lion’s share of workers and investment. In the Philippines, that means spreading some of the wealth from Manila, an urban sprawl of about 22 million people that accounts for more than a third of the nation’s economy.

Iloilo is among those leading the charge. Downtown, it seems like any other provincial city -- with jeepneys, motorbikes and pushcarts weaving through narrow streets of old churches, shops, peddlers and faded low-rise buildings.

On the edge of town, the contrast is stark. The old airport, replaced by a new one in 2007, is a construction site, where developer Megaworld Corp. is building a 35 billion-peso (\$800 million) business park with a Marriott hotel and condos sporting names like One Madison Place and Lafayette Park Square.

A mile down the road, the planned hospital, shops, hotel and homes of Ayala Land Inc.’s Atria Park District may create 10,000 jobs on former salt pans. For Ilonggos and Ilonggas, as the city’s residents are known, the growth brings new opportunities.

Julius Valderrama, 48, was unemployed for two years and couldn’t afford to send his daughter Jonalyn to college. This year, the father of six got a job as a driver for a property company, while Jonalyn works at McDonald’s Corp.’s fourth outlet in the city, giving them the chance to pay for her studies.

“Now she’s even helping us,” Valderrama said in the restaurant, which opened in June, as 19-year-old Jonalyn serves burgers and fries to customers. “Hopefully, she can be a working student so she can get an education.”

“It takes a lot of planning and vision to turn Iloilo into what it is today,” Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog said. “We built roads and bridges and the big investments started to come in.”

This year, Iloilo completed 14

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ABS-CBN'S "TULONG NA" CAMPAIGN WINS AT PANATA AWARDS



ABS' Zita Aragon and her assistant Micah Rivera pose with the awards.

ABS-CBN Corporation's "Tulong Na, Tabang Na, Tayo Na" campaign won the excellence award in the External Communications Programs for Cause Marketing category at the recent PANata Marketing Effectiveness Awards.

PANata, organized by the Philippine Association of National Advertisers (PANA), recognizes effective communication materials based on improved business results, key brand metrics, increased employee satisfaction and well-being, and improved business partner relationship, among others.

The "Tulong Na" campaign raised hundreds of millions of cash and in-kind donations for the victims of Typhoon Yolanda. Its initiatives also included two sold-out and star-studded solidarity concerts at the Araneta Coliseum and the selling of Tulong shirts to help in the relief and rehabilitation efforts for

the victims. The campaign previously bagged gold and silver awards at the Asia-Pacific Tambuli Awards 2014.

As of May 31, 2014, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. has spent P171.8 million on delivering relief and rehabilitation services to Samar, Leyte, Panay Islands, Palawan, Iloilo, Antique, Aklan, and Northern Cebu.

The rehabilitation activities that have been implemented focus primarily on livelihood and education, including fishing boat building, fishing gear provision, fishing market chain development, ecotourism, agriculture, housing, patrol boat provision, and passenger boat provision, and school building and development.

ABS-CBN's 60th anniversary campaign, meanwhile, was also shortlisted in PANata's External Communications Programs- Brand Category.

PANA, an organization that promotes truth in advertising, originally launched PANata as a values-centric competition. This year, PANA opened entries to industry affiliates, broadcast and print media, public relations and, non-government organizations, and educational institutions with communications that hit targets and register growths.

Hunk Shot

- from a combined Hebrew Irish and Latin name meant "given of God", "champion", and "nobleman" respectively. Nathaniel is a choir member in school and his church in Brampton CWS. He enjoys baking. He fully understands Tagalog, but only speaks a bit of the dialect. He has been to Philippines once and he enjoyed his trip to Intramuros, Tagaytay and Boracay.

He is the only son of Noli and Nena of 4ensphotography. He is an amazing brother to Nicole. When ask what he wants to be? He says, "a drug dealer" (a pharmacist).

Nathaniel Neil Patrick Gumapac

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Kris Bernal Teams with Dennis



Kris Bernal is still on cloud nine because GMA decided to pair her with long-time crush Dennis Trillo.

“Noong una ayokong maniwala (na magkaka-trabaho kami). Sabi ko, ‘Ay, hindi ako maniniwala hangga’t hindi ko nakikita si Dennis. Hanggang sa nagkaroon ng story con (story conference), ‘Ay, Diyos ko, totoo na pala,” she told the media on Thursday (August 28) at the pocket interview for her upcoming series with Dennis, “Hiram na Alaala.”

She adds, “Dati every time na tinatanong ako kung sino ‘yung crushes ko sa showbiz, lagi naman siyang kasama.”

Second time around

This is the second time Dennis and Kris are starring together in a series. But the first one, “Zaido: Pulis Pangkalawakan” was seven years ago—back when Dennis still considered the then 18-year-old star too young for him.

Another difference was their characters back

then were siblings so they never had the chance to do intimate scenes. And judging from their first scene, the 25-year-old actress seriously needs some fresh air all throughout the series.

“Uy naririnig mo ba yung hininga ko?,” she asked Dennis during one scene. “Syempre kinikilig talaga ko. Nawawalan talaga ko ng hangin kapag magka-eksena kami. Siguro napapansin niya ‘yun.”

Respect, admiration

The petite actress admitted GMA Artist Center is transitioning her from rom-com to mature actress. And what better way to start than pairing her with an award-winning actor like Dennis?

But Kris has yet to find the answer if she really deserves to partner with the 33-year-old actor. “Syempre nahiihiya pa rin ako kasi ang laki ng respeto ko sa kanya,” she said. “Hindi pa naman talaga kami close o nakakapagusap. Pero nakakabilib lang talaga ‘yung ang galing niya lang talagang umarte. Nakikita mo na kahit matagal na siya sa showbiz, nandun pa rin ‘yung love, ‘yung passion niya for acting.”

Moving on after ‘breakup’ with Carl

The “Hiram na Alaala” star said she hasn’t entertained suitors after she broke up with “unofficial” boyfriend, Carl Guevarra.

“May mga lumalapit (para manligaw) pero sa totoo lang hindi pa ko pumapayag. Ngayon hindi pa ko ready ma-in love. Syempre hindi

rin naman ako rin basta-basta porke’t nawala na.”

It will be recalled that Kris and Carl never labeled their special relationship that lasted for two years, until the latter admitted their falling out.

“Si Carl masasabi ko naman na mabait talaga siya. Loving siya very sweet siya. Wala akong maireklamo sa kanya. Pero ‘yun nga, may ugali siya, may ugali ako na hindi lang nagkakasundo talaga. Napag-aawayan n’yo ‘yung pinakamaliliit na detalye.”

Readying heart for Dennis

Kris is not closing her doors as far as her long-time crush is concerned.

“Hindi naman yes agad, pero pwede i-try,” she said when asked what she will do if Dennis asks her out. “Pero syempre magpapakipot pa rin ako. Girl pa rin ako no.”

But the Kapuso star is not yet ready to become “instant mommy” to Dennis’ son Calix as of now. “Hindi ko pa kayang maging mommy,” she said, laughing giddily. “Tita, tita muna.”

Dennis, for his part, knows his business too well. The actor said he won’t be surprised if he gets linked to Kris.

“Kasama naman talaga ‘yun sa trabaho, ‘yung mapag-usapan. Pwede (ma-link) pero kung ako, kung tutuluyan ko, hindi muna kasi masyadong bata.”

Julie Anne San Jose on Loving Earth

Busy man sa sangkaterbang showbiz commitments, hindi nakakalimutan ni Asia’s Pop Sweetheart Julie Anne San Jose ang tumulong.

Kaya naman hindi nag-atubili ang aktres-singer na maging parte ng isang Climate Change Advocacy Campaign ng Kapuso Network kasama ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

Mapapanood sa mga susunod na araw ang video testimonials ng singer at ilan pang Kapuso stars kung saan ikinukuwento nila ang mga ginagawa nila para mapangalagaan ang Inang Kalikasan at ito ay may slogan na: “Nagbabago na ang panahon. Panahon na para magbago.”

Sa panayam ng GMANetwork.com sa Sunday All Stars mainstay, natutuwa raw siya na isa siya sa mga napili para sa information campaign na ito.

Aniya, “Actually sobrang natutuwa po talaga ako kasi isa rin ‘to sa mga paraan para makatulong tayo sa ating kalikasan, kay Mother Earth ika nga. Bilang isang tao, hindi lang isang artista or isang estudyante, pero alam mo ‘yun parang patuloy tayong nire-remind na pangalagaan ‘yung Inang Kalikasan natin.”

“I think this is a good idea and this is a good campaign para matulungan din na maging maging aware ‘yung mga kapwa natin [na] mga Pilipino na pangalagaan ‘yung ating kapaligiran,” sabi ni Julie Anne.

Pagmamalaki ng Kapuso singer, kahit daw



sa school sinusubukan niya na mag-set ng good example sa mga kapwa niya estudyante.

Dagdag pa ng dalaga, bilang isang lider sa Angelicum College sinisiguro niya na ang mga classmate niya ay nagtatapon ng basura sa tamang lugar.

“Well ako kasi, pag nasa school, sinasabihan ko ‘yung classmates ko. [Kapag may nakita] akong mga nagkakalat diyan, pinapaalalahanan ko sila. Bilang isa sa mga lider [ng Communications], kailangan mong gumawa ng good example na gagayahin ng mga ibang mga estudyante natin.”

Kuwento rin ni Julie Anne na malaki ang naitulong ng mga pinag-aaralan niya sa school para mas maging aware siya sa issue na kinakaharap ng environment.

Nagkaroon daw siya ng kurso na Environmental Communication kung saan gumawa sila ng project na mag-set up ng isang Facebook Fan page na magsisilbing way nila para makapag-raise ng awareness on the issue

of protecting the environment.

Saad ni Julie Anne, “Actually, last semester nagkaroon ako ng ng course na Environmental Communication so we had this parang Facebook fan page, kung saan nandoon lahat ‘yung mga about like awareness sa nature natin. It was called ‘NOW NA.’”

“Basta parang awareness starts now. Lahat ng mga kakilala ko ini-invite [invite] namin ng mga kagrupo ko sa school. It’s actually one of our projects na kailangan talagang i-sustain hanggang sa dumami nang dumami ‘yung likes ng Facebook fan page na ‘yun, para it’s all about awareness.”

Nag-conduct din daw sila ng ilang seminar at nagpa-contest pa sa web para maging epektibo ang environmental campaign nila. Nakakataba raw ng puso na maraming mga Kapuso natin ang may pagpapahalaga pa rin sa kalikasan.

“Nagpa-contest kami like online [na] gumawa ng parang jingle, poems about nature so talagang nakakatuwa talaga kasi everyone really participates and marami talaga na may care pa rin sa nature.”

Bago matapos ang aming panayam, nagbigay ng paalala ang Kapuso star sa lahat ng mga Pilipino na kailangang tumulong at makialam para maproteksyunan ang Mother Earth. Kung hindi, malaking consequence ang maaari nating kaharapin sa kinabukasan.

“Kailangan natin ng home (Mother Earth) so kailangan talaga nating pangalagaan ‘yun.” -

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able to escape.

“We cannot criticize them for it, nor can we follow the decision they have made. We live by our own ethos of following command,”Tikoitoga added.

Forty Filipinos in the besieged UN facility Position 68 disobeyed Singha’s orders to surrender their weapons and executed an unauthorized escape mission after a 7-hour firefight with rebels.

Philippine military chief General Gregorio Catapang Jr said there was no guarantee that the Syrian rebels – among them members of the Al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria, the Al-Nusra Front – will not also take them hostage after they surrender their firearms. While Filipinos celebrate the daring escape of their soldiers in the middle of the night when the rebels were asleep, Singha is telling Indian media that the move was an “act of cowardice.”

“The higher UN echelon as well as the Indian Army agrees with me that the decision was correct. It is an act of cowardice to desert posts especially when a delicate ceasefire was in place....They broke the chain of command and UN orders,” Singha was quoted in various Indian news outlets.

Singha said the Filipinos also endangered the lives of the 45 Fijian peacekeepers who were taken hostage by the Syrian rebels.

“The non-professional actions of the Filipino troops have endangered the lives of the Fijian soldiers. They have defied orders at a time when we had negotiated a ceasefire with the rebels to ensure that all troops in the conflict area could exit,” Singha added.

The Philippine military has questioned Singha for using the Filipinos as “sacrificial pawns” to save the Fijians. Catapang said Singha should have extracted the Filipinos first, and the Philippine peacekeepers would later help rescue the Fijians.

Risks of surrender

Caught in the middle of the blame game is the UN, which has backed Singha and denied there was an order to for the Filipinos to surrender their weapons. UN Under Secretary for Peacekeeping Operations Herves Ladsous said the order was “not to shoot.”

The Philippines said Singha verbally issued the order to surrender the weapons and supposedly refused to put his order in writing. The new interviews with Singha and Tikoitoga back the narration of the Filipinos, however.

Surrendering weapons to rebels is risky, as UN experience shows.

In 1993, 10 Belgian peacekeepers who surrendered to the ethnic Hutu extremists in Rwanda were executed. They were members of UNAMIR, the UN Assistance for Rwanda. The Hutu militia is behind a genocide of about 800,000 people of the minority Tutsi community.

The UN peacekeepers’ role in Rwanda during the genocide was questioned as the world body was accused of allowing the genocide by refusing to send in more troops to control the situation. Most of the UNAMIR troops were pulled out after the execution of the peacekeepers. Singha, however, was confident of the talks with the Syrian rebels. A negotiated ceasefire would supposedly ensure that all troops could exit the conflict area. But the Filipinos claimed they monitored the rebels massing up after the 7-hour firefight and believed they would be “massacred” if they did not escape.

The crisis in Golan that started August 28. The UN continues to demand for the unconditional release of the Fijian peacekeepers. Tikoitoga said there’s been a “lull” in the negotiation for their release, however. The Al-Nusra Front earlier issued 3 demands: its deletion from the the UN terrorist list, compensation for 3 colleagues killed in firefights against peacekeepers, and humanitarian assistance for a town it dominates.

It is not clear if the 3 Syrian rebels were killed during the firefight with Filipinos. Syrian government forces also provided fire support to prevent the rebels from closing in the UN facility.

Fiji started deploying to Golan last year to replace troops of Croatia and Japan, which already decided to pull out as the internal conflict in Syria continues to deteriorate. Peacekeepers in Golan are tasked to monitor the 1974 ceasefire between Israel and Syria

While the Fijians are new in Golan, they have a long experience in peacekeeping operations in the “Middle East, notably with UNIFIL in Lebanon, with UNAMI in Iraq, and with the Multinational Force in Sinai,” according to the Fiji government.

The Philippines has been deploying to Golan since 2009 and has occupied high-level positions in the UNDOF Command. Singha in fact succeeded Filipino Natalio Ecarma III, now a defense undersecretary who was present in the war room in Manila that approved movements of the Filipino troops in Golan.

Before the standoff, the Philippines decided to pull out the peacekeepers when their tour of duty ends in October.

Malacañang defended the decision of 75 Filipino peacekeeping troops to defy their commander’s order to surrender to Syrian rebels who had surrounded their positions in the Golan Heights.

Scenes at the CNE

CNE added a mechanical bull to it’s features this year.

Ricky Castellvi mans the Ethnic Media Council Booth at the CNE.



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kilometers (9 miles) of new roads and widened the 16-kilometer highway to the airport. A 3,700-person convention center is being built for next year’s Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings to be held in the city.

It’s a long way from the town Palmares-Fong yearned to escape from as a teenager. “Iloilo was a small, quiet town, everybody knew everybody,” she said. “I felt like I was in an aquarium, I wanted to be out in the ocean.”

When Manila-based Megaworld offered her the chance to become a sales director in Iloilo last year, it was her ticket home.

“I wanted to be able to say someday that I was part of this,” she said. Two of her childhood friends also returned from Manila this year, one to work in a family-run hotel and the other in a call center.

Iloilo’s growth is also fed by a tide of migration from surrounding villages. The United Nations estimates the Philippine population will grow 18 percent in the decade through 2020 to 110.4 million.

Other provincial cities in the archipelago of more than 7,000 islands are also benefiting, such as Cauayan in the north and Cagayan de Oro on the southern island of Mindanao. BDO Unibank Inc., the nation’s largest lender by assets, has opened more than half of its new branches outside Manila since 2013.

The regional boom is helping the national economy, which grew an average 7 percent in the past two years. The World Bank forecasts a 6.4 percent expansion this year, and 6.7 percent in 2015.

Rising provincial incomes also combat poverty in a nation where the World Bank estimates 42 percent of people live on less than \$2 a day. Minimum wages in provinces are as low as 205 pesos a day, less than half the 429 pesos in Manila.

In Iloilo Business Park, plumber John Jadulos and his uncle are installing drains and pipes for the Richmonde Hotel. He’s hoping to get a job as kitchen, maintenance or housekeeping staff once the building is completed next year.

“Iloilo’s changing; it’s brimming with job opportunities now,” said Jadulos, 27, taking a break from his nine-hour shift. “Who knows? Next year I could be working in a hotel.”



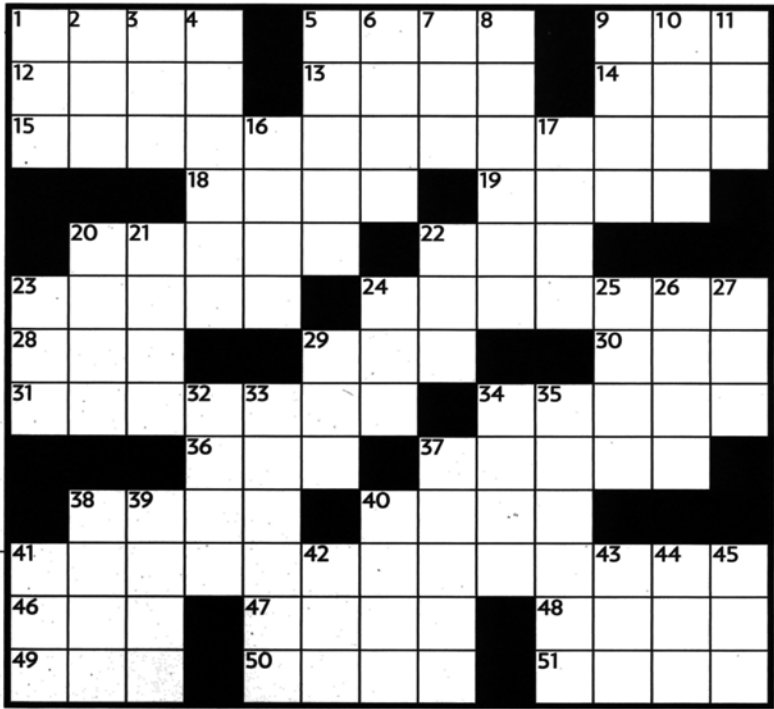
Pasig River, Manila 1960’s

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UMAC delivers Love



Photo shows the UMAC Express Cargo team that supported the ANCOP Walk which was held on August 24, 2014 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The project is doing a fund-raising activity in th whole to raise fund give needly childran in the Philippines education and to build homes for the poor. Shown in photo include UMAC Manager Anna Carina Eusebio, Patricia Baguisa, Karen Baguisa, and Patrick Baguisa. For more information, please call 416 - 298 - 1274, Email: umactoronto@yahoo.ca. (St. Jamestown News Service, Romy Zetazate)



ACROSS

- 1 *Diary of _____ Housewife* (15 Across’s first movie; 2 wds.)

5 Actress Pinkett Smith

9 _____ *Girl Friday*

12 The L in *SNL*

13 Actress Lena

14 *America’s Psychic Challenge* talent

15 He played Nixon in *Frost/Nixon* (2 wds.)

18 Streak of silver, e.g.

19 Humorist Bombeck

20 *CSI: Crime _____ Investigation* starring Laurence Fishburne

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- 31 *Bad _____* (movie starring 15 Across)

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50 Kevin Kline movie costarring 15 Across

51 *Those Lips, Those _____* (movie starring 15 Across)

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2 Russian space station

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4 “Annie’s Song” singer John

5 Actress Angelina

6 Alda or Arkin

7 *Gunga _____*

8 Actress Bassett

9 Dean Martin movie hero Matt

10 *Confessions of a Shopaholic* star Fisher

11 Restorative resort

16 Casino game

17 *Ugly Betty* actor Mabius

20 Han _____ of *Star Wars*

21 Study for tomorrow’s test

22 Before, to poets

23 Actor Efron

24 A _____ *White Season*

25 _____ *Major*
- 26 Durocher and Gorcey

27 *Dancing with the Stars* judge Carrie _____ Inaba

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32 Actress Angeli

33 _____ *Created Woman* (movie starring 15 Across; 2 wds.)

34 Ellen Page comedy

35 “Is Anybody Goin’ to San _____?” (Charley Pride hit)

37 Squiggly mark in “señor”

38 *Family _____* (John O’Hurley-hosted game show)

39 Decomposes
- 40 Roman 1104

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43 “No” vote

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Lauren Young's Versatility

Lauren Young could be branded as a "chameleon" actress of her generation.

Give the 20-year-old any role and she can easily get into the character.

The GMA Artist Center star keeps exploring new territories in the field of acting and she continues to flex her acting muscles in the programs assigned to her.

It was in the year 2013 when Lauren officially became a Kapuso artist, all psyched to showcase her range as an actress. To kick things off, she was enlisted to play a kontrabida role in the primetime drama series *Mundo Mo'y Akin*. Lauren depicted the role of a despicable yet pitiable character of Darlene Carbonel.

In the suspense-thriller-drama, *Dormitoryo*, Lauren took a 360-degree turn, switching from being a tormentor to a heroine. The Kapuso star also played vital roles in the sci-fi drama series *Genesis*, as well as in the teleserye *Paraiso Ko'y Ikaw*.

Lauren's persistence in improving her craft paid off by landing a leading role in the black comedy film produced by GMA Films, *Overtime*, where she proved to be a gem. It was her first mainstream film where Lauren played the role of a pharmaceutical company employee who ends up being a bomb-strapped victim of a hacker.

There's no doubt that Lauren can be distinguished as a versatile actress—uninhibited to take on roles which do not always seem familiar to her. Despite the raves she's been earning, Lauren continues to carve her own path as an actress by always being at her best.

Stay Single & Die Younger

Men and women who are married or in long-term relationships are more likely to survive to old age than singletons, research suggests.



It is news that could prompt even the happiest singleton to make finding a partner a matter of urgency.

Scientists have found that being married, or being in a permanent stable relationship, could lead to a longer life.

Middle-aged people without a spouse or long-term partner were discovered to be at greater risk of premature death than those who were settled down with their other half, they said.

So stark was the difference in outcomes that those who never married or settled down with a long-term companion were more than twice as likely to die in middle age than those who had been in a stable relationship throughout their adult life.

Even when personality and risky behaviours were taken into account, marital status continued to have a major impact on survival into old age, researchers from Duke University Medical Center in the US said.

The increased emotional support enjoyed by married people was thought to be an important factor in helping them to live to an old age.

Dr. Ilene Siegler and colleagues examined the effect of marriage history and the timing of marriage on premature death during midlife, analysing data on 4,802 people born in the 1940s.

The authors of the study, published in the *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* journal, said: "Our results suggest that attention to non-marital patterns of partnership is likely to become more important for these baby boomers.

"These patterns appear to provide different levels of emotional and functional

social support, which has been shown to be related to mortality.

"Social ties during midlife are important to help us understand premature mortality."

It is not the first time marriage has been shown to have a beneficial effect on one's health.

The mental health of people with long-term partners has been found to be better than that of singletons.

Men and women in relationships for longer than five years are less likely to be depressed, consider or attempt suicide, or be dependent on alcohol or drugs, research has shown previously.

A separate study found that being married or in a long-term relationship improves an individual's ability to deal with stress.

Office for National Statistics figures have shown that widowed men and single mothers suffer the worst health, with the greatest number of acute and chronic conditions seen in this group.

But the 2011 census found that married and civilly partnered couples make up just 47 per cent of households, down from 51 per cent in 2001.

Any single man wanting to act on the latest findings about the correlation between being alone and dying in middle age might want to consider their choice of partner carefully, however. It has been suggested in one study that a man's chances of dying early are cut by a fifth if their bride is between 15 and 17 years their junior.



Stephanie Sol on climbing mountains:

"Na-in love ako sa kanya"

Mountain climbing is no longer only for the daredevils and the adrenaline junkies.

A lot of celebrities, including Kapuso artists Mike Tan at Miguel Tanfelix, engage in this outdoor activity in their free time.

Stephanie Sol joined the list of stars who have taken interest in mountain climbing.

"Nagka-climb ako semi-regularly, during my free time. Last year ko lang siya inumpisahan tapos parang na-in love ako sa kanya, hinahanap ko siya. Mas gusto ko na sa bundok kaysa nasa beach. Pero maganda rin 'yung nasa bundok tapos may cove," kuwento niya.

Tatlong bundok na raw ang kanyang naakyat, namely Pico de Loro in Maragondon, Cavite, Mt. Batulao in Nasugbu, Batangas, and Mt. Maculot in Cuenca, Batangas.

Paano nagsimula ang hilig niya sa pag-akyat ng bundok?

"Random lang 'yun. 'Yung friend ko kasi, sabi lang 'Uy, climb tayo ng mountain.' Na-excite lang naman ako, day climb lang naman 'yung Pico. Nag-overnight kami sa Tagaytay, sa house nila, tapos early kami pupunta sa Pico para mag-climb. Hindi ko akalain na mahirap pala siya, especially Pico."

Kilala ang Pico de Loro sa monolith nito, o Parrot's Beak, at hindi raw ito inatrasan ni Stephanie kahit pa mahirap itong akyat.

As for her future climbs, Stephanie has set her eyes on Luzon's highest peak, Mt. Pulag.

"Balingkilat is one. Pulag din siguro, Sabi nila mga November daw 'yung okay. Pero kailangan prepared, may gear ka talaga para sa lamig."

Candid SPOOF

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



Joshua Panaligan curiously pulls her sister Maria's hair.



Crossword Answers

AMAD	JADA	HIS
LIVE	OLIN	ESP
FRANK	LANGELLA	
VEIN	ERMA	
SCENE	ELI	
ZORRO	DRACULA	
ALA	ARE	REN
COMPANY	JASON	
INA	TUNAS	
FRED	MINT	
GEORGE	CLOONEY	
OUT	IVID	NATE
TDS	DAVE	EYES

Why the latest Jadine and Kathniel films do local movies a favor



It started with one endearing yet formulaic title, *Diary ng Panget*. After the *Viva* movie became a sleeper hit, catapulting once-ignored teen actor James Reid and Pop Girls mainstay Nadine Lustre to superstardom, the rampage was on.

Star Cinema soon released the box office smash *She's Dating a Gangster*, with Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla proving this was no fluke.

Here to stay

Now *Viva* has countered with *Talk Back and You're Dead*, another blockbuster headlined by Panget leads James and Nadine.

So with 3 certified box office hits derived from stories published on the writing community site Wattpad, can we safely declare a trend?

After all, the pop novels published on Wattpad by nameless or anonymous authors are the stuff of Pinoy cinematic dreams.

Welcome news

First, you get a goldmine of material from writers, who, without Wattpad, may not have had the opportunity to get their stories on screen,

Second, their often immense following from the Wattpad community and the fan base they've cultivated through the print versions of their stories mean a surefire box office hit.

Third, the hits invigorate both the pop literary scene and serve as a shot in the arm for the moribund movie industry with offerings beyond the usual exclusive season for Pinoy films, the Metro Manila Film Festival.



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MABUHAY Festival

Flores de Mayo Parade is a kaleidoscope of colours honoring the theme of the year, "Pagdiriwang" which means celebration, highlighting the six popular fiestas of the Philippines. The parade of fiestas and the exhibits is a fitting culminating activity related to the celebration of the 16th anniversary of the Mabu-Philippines and the 116th anniversary of the pine Independence Day.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP - Sharmaine Sotto and Keesha Cerezo of Lakambini; Krista Bella of Lakambini and escort; Alison Garcia of Lakambini; Participant; Miss PIDC Congeniality and Maria Clara Chloe Dumasal; Participant

Love your own

Seeing scores of people, specifically teenagers and young adults from all walks of life, lining up to watch such Filipino films is certainly a wonderful sight.

Appreciating local material, much less movies, owing to the seductive appeal of big-budget foreign productions, has been virtually non-existent until this: cultishly followed stories by love-struck teenagers all over the Philippines.

Viva Films made sure it seized this opportunity and reaped the rewards with Panget, which now opens the door for more film outfits to (hopefully) relive the glory days of Filipino cinema.

And tapping Wattpad for its content can only inspire writers and authors to be more creative with their work and capture the imagination of a new breed of



Filipino moviegoers.

It also bears watching how this pop lit trend plays out insofar as altering the face of Philippine cinema: for the budding storyteller with the Big Idea or that luckless author in search for that Big Break, and, of course, their own online fans who do not appreciate anything else than the story they are reading—not the marketing, promotions, stars or budgets involved.

But of course, a Jadine or a Kathneil, can help.

Danica's Birthday



Danica Ramos waits as her mom Rowena and dad Elmer Ramos lights up her birthday candles. Assisting them are her two grandmas.

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