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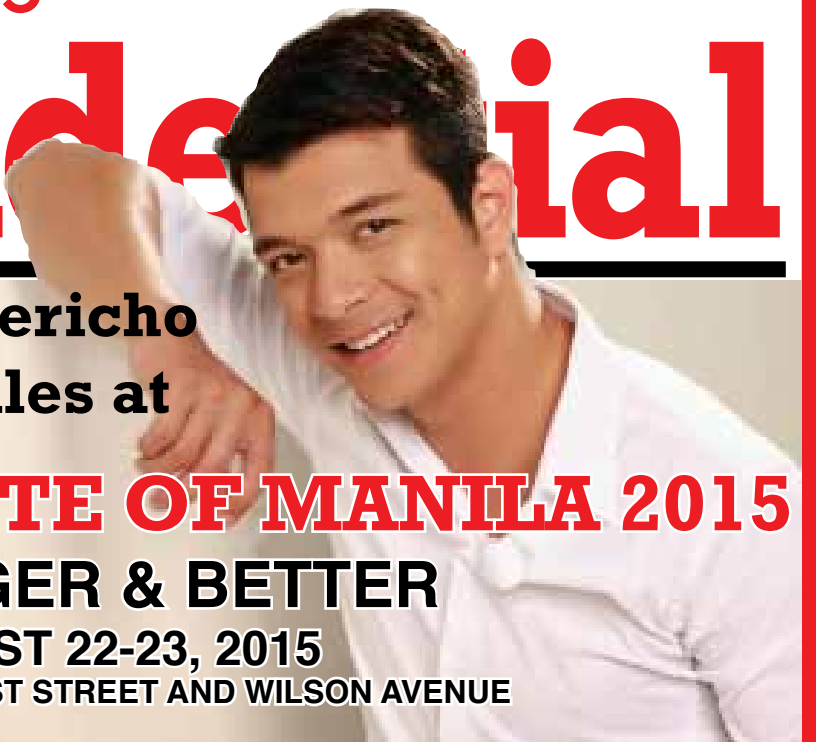
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Charry Alviz looks happy as she receives her bag of school supplies at San Juan Elementary School in Pampanga, courtesy of Fina Joven of Annset Travel and Tours.

## PH failed to stamp out human trafficking

Public Officials are complicit in the human trafficking operations

The Philippines has not done enough to stamp out human trafficking, according to the 2015 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report released by the United States.

The report placed the Philippines at Tier 2 in its three-tier ranking system, which means that the country has yet to fully comply with the Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000.

The TIP report provides the most comprehensive information on government efforts around the world to combat modern slavery.

"In this latest report, the State Department determined that the Philippines made significant efforts to combat human trafficking; however, the country has not yet fully complied with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking," the US Embassy in Manila said.

The report released by Secretary of State John Kerry identified the Philippines as a "source country," and to a much lesser extent, "a destination and transit country for men, women and children subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor."

An estimated 10 million Filipinos work abroad, and many are subjected to sex trafficking, forced labor and debt bondage in the fishing, construction, education, nursing, shipping, agricultural industries and hospital-related jobs throughout the Middle East, Asia, Europe and North America, the report said.

Aside from recruitment agencies that use illegal practices to persuade Filipinos to work abroad, traffickers also use email, social media, as well as student, intern and exchange program visas "to circumvent the Philippine government

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## Philippines defense spending increase because of China



MANILA - The Philippines plans to ramp up military spending over the next 13 years, earmarking more than \$20 billion to modernize its forces in the face of Beijing’s maritime ambitions in the disputed South China Sea, a top Air Force official told Reuters.

Major-General Raul del Rosario, military chief of plans, said the blueprint includes installing radars and sensors, and buying equipment such

as submarines, frigates, fighters, surveillance planes and missile systems.

“By the time, we complete this plan, we will have complete coverage of the South China Sea,” said del Rosario, a former fighter pilot, showing the military’s detailed plan that was approved.

“We will have 24/7 awareness of what is happening in the disputed area and we’ll be able to respond quicker to any contingency in our own exclusive economic zone.”

He said the ambitious plan was initiated in 2013, but top brass had only approved overall spending of 998 billion pesos (\$22.11 billion).

Del Rosario said 83 billion pesos had been earmarked for the first five years,

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## Scandal will affect ‘INC’ movie

Some folks are wondering how the scandalous power struggle and family feud currently rocking the Iglesia ni Cristo sect will affect the movie “Sugo, The Last Messenger”, an ambitious project of the INC which is about the life story of their founding father Felix Manalo, played by Dennis Trillo.

It was shot in 58 shooting days by Director Joel Lamangan with an unlimited budget.

Incidentally, whatever happened to the arch enemy of the INC, Eli Soriano of Ang Dating Daan? He and the INC spokesmen used to trade barbs on TV as they try to prove which one is the better sect: Dating Daan or the INC’s Tamang Daan? We’re sure Mr. Soriano will have a lot to say about this controversial fracas that the INC is now going through.

## Miriam to run for President?

MANILA - Elated by results of a recent survey, her cancer kept at bay, the feisty



senator appears keen on joining the presidential race

Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago’s interest in the presidency has been rekindled by a survey which placed her in

the top three choices for the next president. and she was “elated and gratified” by a special visit and consultation with one of the world’s leading lung cancer specialists who found her lung cancer “arrested.”

Santiago said that she was “happily surprised” by the publication in a news website of a survey by Publicus Asia listing presidentialibles in the following order of voter preference for the 2016 presidential elections: Sen. Grace Poe, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Vice President Jejomar Binay, Sen. Francis Escudero, Davao Mayor Rodolfo Duterte, and Interior and Local Government Secretary Mar Roxas.

“To remain in the consciousness of voters despite an absence of over a year is certainly a challenge, including remaining in public service. And I consider it in that light,” said Santiago.

All of the above candidates are active in government service except for Santiago, who is on qualified medical leave from the Senate due to lung cancer. This means that she is allowed to be absent because of her cancer, but at the same time, she is also allowed to participate, if necessary, in certain official Senate activities.

Interest in Santiago’s health was aroused when supporters posted on her Facebook page a video of Santiago from

the back. At present, the senator exercises by walking some two kilometers every day.

Santiago has been under treatment by her correspondent doctor, Dr. Mark Kris, a distinguished medical oncologist who serves as chief of the Thoracic Oncology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. She noted that Kris holds the Joy Ruane Chair at the same Center. He is also a professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College specializing in lung cancer.

She also said that Sloan Kettering is the world’s oldest and largest private cancer center and in 2014-2015, it was ranked the number one hospital for cancer care in the United States.

Kris had a consultation with Santiago last July 17 together with her team of local doctors consisting of Dr. Esperanza Cabral, cardiologist; Dr. Gary Lorenzo, oncologist; and Dr. Ruth Divinagracia, pulmonologist.

The team, together with Kris, examined at the St. Luke’s Global City Medical Center all the PET (Positron Emission Tomography) and CT (Computed Tomography) Scans of Santiago which Kris had already fully studied in his New York clinic.

Kris said that although no patient can be pronounced cured of cancer, Santiago, while following his medical prescriptions, has been able to control the cancer, meaning that cancer growth in her left lung has been arrested.

At present, Santiago occasionally participates in Senate work, but mostly remains in her La Vista house, where she has produced two best selling joke books and the latest 2015 editions of over two dozen law books.

## AFFAIR WEBSITE

Hackers break in.

**AshleyMadison.com, the website with the slogan “Life is short. Have an affair,” has been hacked. The website, which specializes in giving married people in 48 countries an outlet to cheat has been hacked by the Impact Team, a hacker group. The IT claims to have private information including names, nude photos and credit card data. Imagine if your spouse found out that you are having an affair with the partner of your brother, sister...etc...Que horror. It just goes to show you that free sex is not free. Wait a minute. If this becomes a teleserye, I demand a royalty from Rosary Escano of TFC.**

**But first, is there a Filipino in the list?**

### Madam Raided

Remember Heidi Fleiss, the Hollywood madam that got raided along with her black book and the names of rich, powerful and famous people? Well, Charlie Sheen was one of those people on the list. But instead of waiting to be outed, he came out, admitted it willingly and went on the star in the hit series “Two and a Half men,” where he played a womanizing, hard-drinking brother to Jon Cryer. Eventually, he was also fired from that show after 8 seasons for personal reasons. Well, at least he was single when the madam was raided. The only ones who suffered were the escorts who lost their living.

### Double Standard on Poe

Why are they asking Poe to run as VP first when nobody asked Aquino to run as VP to Roxas before? Both of them were senators with no accomplishments. Yet, Aquino ran for presidency on the strength of his family name. And that is what Poe is banking on also. Besides, asking Poe to step aside is like asking Bruno Mars to stay out of the spotlight so people will buy my music. You can spray perfume on rotten egg but you cannot make people buy it.

### Free For All

They assume that if Poe runs with Roxas, both of them will win. But the vote for president and vice president in the Philippines is separate, just like in the US. It is still possible to have a scenario where Binay wins as President and Poe wins as VP. Now, I read that Vilma Santos will run as VP to Roxas. What they are probably hoping is that the popularity of the Poe or Vilma wil rub some off on Roxas enough that people will vote for him as president.

### Why Carne Norte

I have been living in Canada since 1986. Recently,

my friend’s wife posted photos of corned beef that she cooked. I praised it and joked if she will send me some through her husband (my friend and co-worker). She told me she will give me the corned beef she cooked if I can answer why it is called carne norte. I got no answers on the internet either but also some asking. I asked my nephew why who is visiting in Canada. He said there is an Argentinian brand of corned beef in the Philippines called Carne Norte. From that, I can only guess that we Filipinos started using it as a generic term just as all hot tubs are now referred to as Jacuzzis, even if the brand of the hot tub is Grand Rapids or Aura.

This is just my guess po. If you have other answers, feel free to share them.

### Aquino’s Promise

“Magpapasagasa ako sa train if MRT and LRT do not improve” is what President Aquino said. I am not sure if it is a promise or not. Sus Guinoo naman. As if it wil happen naman iyan. We all know that no politician keeps their promise in the Philippines, if it is indeed a promise.



## What the Philippines brings to casinos worldwide

Aruze’s Batangas plant supplies almost 10% of slot machines worldwide



**PRODUCING.** Workers at the facility working on its staple product, slot machines. The facility shipped out 4,500 units in 2014.

MANILA, Philippines – The bright lights and vast amounts of money laid down in Macau and Las Vegas have always been linked with the heady cocktail of the fast, high stakes lifestyle, constantly attracting those who wish to try their luck.

The Philippines plays a part in this, as the country contributes directly to one of the backbones of the gaming industry – the slot machine.

In Sto Tomas, Batangas, a 650,000-square meter facility churns out about 10% of the slot machines that people from all over the world flock to. The factory is operated by Aruze G.A. Philippines Branch (Aruze), part of gambling magnate Kazuo Okada’s vast empire which includes Universal Entertainment Corporation (UEC) and its Philippine subsidiary, Tiger Resorts Leisure and Entertainment Incorporated (Tiger Resorts).

Okada, who plans to open up the 4th casino to rise in Manila’s Entertainment City next year, started it all by repairing jukeboxes and leasing them out in 1969.

This was soon followed by the manufacturing and selling of pachinko machines and eventually slot machines, the beginning of Aruze.

The firm now concentrates on manufacturing slot machines and electronic gaming table and distributes them to casinos worldwide.

Although it is owned by Okada, the firm is not connected to UEC and it sells slot machines to other casinos as well, company officials pointed out.

Software-based

Aruze Group Chief Executive Officer Takahiro Usui describes Okada as “a genius” who revolutionized slot machines by adding computerized software to its mechanical components.

Usui explained that previously, slot machines were purely mechanical until Okada combined this with software that allows for pre-determined winning results. This is much more secure and reliable as slight mechanical faults do not result in payouts, and it is also much harder to cheat, he said. It allows for flexibility. Since the result is pre-determined, the display can consistently produce combinations that are very close to winning ones, creating “more excitement for players,” he added. Okada also added facets of Japanese culture, such as the blazing lights of pachinko machines to the slot machines in order to create a unique identity.

“It’s this kind of innovation, started by Mr Okada that runs in the DNA of the company. Without him the company wouldn’t survive,” Usui said.

Based on this innovation, Aruze has grown to supply almost 10% of the slot machines worldwide, and 15% to 20% in Asia.

In 2014, it booked a revenue of \$100 million (P4.5 billion) and is targeting at least a 20% increase this year, for a projected revenue of \$150 million (P6.8 billion), Usui said.

The company has supplied about 1.5 million slot machines to casinos worldwide, all made in its Batangas factory.

From the Philippines

Aruze’s original manufacturing base was in Japan, Usui shared, but it decided to move its manufacturing base to the Philippines in 2009.

Starting out originally in Laguna, the firm then invested \$35 million (P1.5 billion) to build a 65,000 sqm facility in Batangas, its only manufacturing plant in the world.

“We produce all our products here in Batangas and send them to Macau, Las Vegas, all over Europe, and Asia, Sydney, and Johannesburg. When you see our machines there, it all came from this plant,” Usui shared during a tour of the facility on July 22.

Last year, 4,500 units were exported from the plant. Usui added

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# LAUGH RESORT

## First Confession

A Priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner. However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited: Thank Goodness we Catholics have a wonderful sense of humour!

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents; embezzled from his employer; had an affair with his boss's wife; had sex with his boss's 17 year old daughter on numerous occasions, taken illegal drugs; had several homosexual affairs; was arrested several times for public nudity and gave VD to his sister in-law.

I was appalled that one person could do so many awful things. But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk:

"I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession."

# Honey Shot



Britney Waito, who just turned 13, is a young wonder and talented girl. She sings and dance. She is a total performer & entertainer in Toronto and is a Little Miss Philippines 2013 PIDC titlist.

Britney Waito

# OGIE'S ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER CHANNEL CREATORS

MELISSA Ricks is not the only actor who's a creator in ABS-CBN's ChickenPorkAdobo multi-channel network. Melissa will talk about her own experiences as a mom to her daughter in her own channel. Also having their own channels are AJ Dee who talks about fashion and lifestyle, Erik Tai of "Showtime" who uploads his own dance videos, and singer-filmmaker Jeffrey Hidalgo who deals with music and movies (he has finished directing the movie "Silong" with Piolo Pascual and Rhian Ramos).



One interesting channel belongs to writer-actor Ogie Diaz who will talk about his family (he has four daughters aged 13, 11, 7 and 5), dish out balitang showbiz, blind items and his own opinions about the latest issues in tinseltown. "Ang advantage ko, may access ako sa mga artista kaya puwede ko silang i-video asking them to do funny stuff, like magduling-dulangan sila, na puwede kong i-feature in my own channel," he adds.

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## 7.1 M Pinoys have cellphones Less than half a million have no toilets

MANILA - About 7.1-million Filipinos defecate in the open because they have no toilets, Senator Ralph Recto said as he quoted a joint report that the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund said.

"The family cellphone ownership rate in this country is higher than toilets per household," Recto said.

The joint report says 570,000 Filipinos use "unimproved sanitation facilities" like buckets and open-pit latrines when defecating.

It says more than half a million Filipinos have no toilets, 8.4 million have no access to clean drinking water, and about 2.3 million use untreated "surface water" from rivers, dams, canals for drinking.

"Clean water and sanitation must be part of the assumption of the 2016 budget," Recto said.

The Aquino administration's sixth and final budget, which reportedly will



breach P3 trillion, is expected to be submitted to Congress by the end of the month.

"To our credit, we have made great progress on these two items," Recto said.

He said the government had brought clean water to 40 million people since 1990 and 41 million Filipinos had also gained access to clean toilets since that year.

But on sanitation facilities, "due perhaps to the number of people resorting

to 'open defecation'", the Philippines was graded as having merely made "good progress."

Among the ongoing projects that should get more funds next year is the construction of toilets and communal drinking faucets in public schools, a component of the Basic Educational Facilities program of the Department of Education this year.

He said clean-water projects must be pursued "because water-borne diseases cost Filipinos P2.8 billion annually in treatment costs and lost economic opportunities."

"Hand-washing cuts by one-third to one-half the number of diarrhea cases. If we use the number of people diarrhea downed in 2010, which was 269,000, imagine how many cases will be avoided and lives saved if we can bring more clean piped water to homes."



## Andrea goes out of comfort zone

Andrea Torres is happy to be joining the cast of GMA7's primetime drama, "Pari 'Koy". She will appear after the story concerning Kris Bernal and Mark Herras has been resolved, with Kris admitting she's the culprit in the crime that Mark is accused of. Andrea will play the role of an escort girl and nightclub dancer who will have an affair with title-roler Dingdong Dantes' own father, Don Manuel, played by Spanky Manikan. "Nailiba 'yung role ko rito, something I haven't portrayed before, 'yung maging other woman," she says. "This is out of my comfort zone and so different from the lead roles I've done before na ako 'yung api-apihang bida. So this is going to be a big challenge for me dahil I don't see myself na malalagay ako sa ganoong sitwasyon in real life. Hopefully, with the help of our director, Maryo de los Reyes, maitatawid ko naman ito nang maayos."

She's looking forward to be doing scenes with Dingdong as Fr. Kokoy.

"We have worked before in 'My Beloved' na si Mikael Daez ang kapareha ko. This time, magkakaroon daw kami ng dramatic confrontation scenes kasi nga may affair ako sa daddy niya."

"Pari 'Koy" is extended for one more month and after Andrea, more big guest stars will follow. The character played by Carla Abellana, Michelle, will also make a surprising comeback. Will she be the reason why Dingdong as Fr. Kokoy will no longer return to the priesthood?

## Governor Vi will not run for any position in 2016

Batangas Governor Vilma Santos-Recto will not be running for any government position in the next election. This is according to a report as rumors have circulated that she is one of the prospects for the Vice



President position.

"After this time, wala po akong political plan... andito ako sa Balayan regarding

scholarship; this is my focus now. So hindi ko po priority yan, para pag-isipin o magplano regarding a national position," she said.

She also added that she does not entertain formal dialogues about her running for Vice President even though there are people who are convincing her to run for a higher position.

At present, she is now on her last term as the Governor of Batangas and Gov. Vi said, "Malaki ang utang na loob ko sa Batangueño na ako ay pinagkatiwalaan at nakatapos po ng siyam na taon. At ngayon po ay nasa huling termino na ako bilang Gobernador. Maraming maraming salamat po sa tiwala."

This was after Roxas, the presumptive standard bearer of the ruling Liberal Party, admitted that a tandem with the multi-awarded actress is always a possibility.

"Well, bakit naman hindi? It's not for me to say. Pero tignan na lang natin ang record (ni Ms. Santos)," Roxas said in a chance interview during the distribution of police patrol vehicles in Batangas City just recently.

Roxas noted Santos' almost flawless performance in running the affairs of the province of Batangas has qualified her for the vice presidency.

## Conida Marie Halley Wins Miss Philippines PIDC 2015 Title

By: Tony A. San Juan ,OCT.

**"It is important for me to help promote our unique & enviable heritage, culture and values of what Filipinos are".**

With this convincing and confident answer to the question : "If you win the beauty title what would you do during your reign?", Contestant No. 9 has clearly proven to the beauty pageant's board of judges that she deserves to be adjudged the complete winner. Unanimously picked, Conida Marie Halley, a 15- year old James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School Grade 9 student from North York was crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2015 amongst 8 other beautiful contenders. Raina Resplendor , Miss Philippines PIDC 2014, after a curt video showing of her 2014 reign, donned the royal headdress to Conida Marie, her highly elated successor.

Being the audience darling, Conida Marie Halley was awarded a tiara, sash,

cash award and returned airfare by Korean Air to the Philippines as well as doubly honoured with 3 distinctions, the "Miss Photogenic", "Miss Maria Clara" and "Miss Intellectual" titles. Other winners recognized with tiara , sash and cash prizes were: Marina Saleeb, 1st Runner-up and Janelle Apresto, 2nd Runner-up. Marina also received the "Miss Charity " & "Miss Online Sensation" trophies while Janelle was named "Miss Popularity".

The strong bevy of winning beauties with trophies and sashes, includes :1) Maygen Hinchliffe who was accorded with 4 awards, as "Best in National Attire", "Poise and Beauty", "Spirit" and "Casual Wear", 2) Joie Ann Merana, garnered "Miss Freedom" and "Best in Talent", 3) Lara Denise Capistrano, won "Miss Congeniality", 4) Georelle Mendoza, as "Miss Heritage", 5) Lovely Valentine Valenzuela, the "Miss Pearl of the Orient " winner; and 6) Leah Villanueva, named "Miss Tourism".

The popular and prestigious beauty and

talent event, organized and sponsored by the 16- year old Philippine Independence Day Council ( PIDC), is a major part of the annual celebration of the 117th Araw ng Kalayaan anniversary of the Philippines in Toronto, Canada. PIDC is an umbrella organization of more than 15 Filipino Canadian community associations in Ontario.

Engagingly led by Norma Carpio, PIDC president, the members of the pageant's organizing committee is composed of overall pageant chair Gene Pardo-Elamparo, "Miss Philippines" chief Aurora Ticzon Elefano and "Little Miss Philippines" head Helen Pico-Lao. Karen Pascual-Binaday served as floor manager, Aris Elefano as stage manager, Karen Amador- Lopez and Daniela Pozo acted as choreographers and as well, Click Frame Creative, photographers.

Other event coordinators & staff include: Luz Aguila , Peter Eli-Gonzales, Karen Liguiligid, Melanie Marasigan, Lester Millado. Among the PIDC officers and volunteers who provided assistance and

guidance were: Mel Alphonso, Randy Bucao, Verth Bugtong, Rose Calvo, Pedro Carpio, Ben & Paulina Corpuz, Ding Cruz, Rose Cruz, Aris Elefano, Mercy Lagumbay, Jess & Susan SJ Llanera, Cesar Manebo, Aimee Maravilla, Minda Neri, Alma & Jesse Pacetes, Cheryll Samson- Ronquillo, Roy Start, Vilma Tahsin, Tom Tan, Roger Tarca, Nanding & Nene Ticzon, Al Tupe, Jun Villaruz and Zeny Zagala.

Tasked to pick this year's winners were notable GTA personalities: George Dela Rosa of Luminus Financial, Lauren Fernandez of Socialite Beauty Bar, dental practitioner Dr. Christina L. Gamo, Sa-Kyeom Kang of Korean Air, Agnes Miranda of World Financial Group, Rafael Nebres of Action Honda, Rafael Policarpio of LBC Mundial Cargo Corporation, and Rose Ty of Coldwell Banker Elite. Members of the Association of Filipino Canadian Account-

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# Vina admits to looking for love

VINA Morales looks so trim and sexy at the thanksgiving presscon of “Nasaan Ka Nang Kailangan Kita”. When the soap started airing in January, we’re worried she might not be credible in re-creating the role of the mother that was first played by Susan Roces in the original movie version. This is because she simply looks too young to be believable in the role of the mom of two grownup daughters, Jane Oineza and Loisa Andalio. But in all fairness to Vina, she was able to be persuasive in the role of Cecilia. As one writer says: Naitawid naman niya nang maayos.

“I really tried my best para maging convincing sa role ko,” she says. “I’m an actress so okay lang sa’kin to do mother roles at my age. Actually, hindi lang ako nanay rito kasi nabuntis si Jane ni Jerome Ponce kaya magiging lola pa ako rito.”

How was it working with young newcomers like Jane, Loisa, Jerome and Joshua Garcia? “Ang maganda sa mga



batang ito, they don’t compete with each other and may effort sila to grow in their craft. Si Joshua, kung dati, take 21 before he perfects a take, ngayon, take one na lang. Thanks also to the directors kasi pag hindi sila happy sa mga bata, talagang paulit-ulit ang eksena hanggang maging tama. And

it’s good nakikinig sila and iniintinding mabuti ang instructions sa kanila.”

How about she and Denise Laurel as Toni who stole her husband, Christian Vasquez as Leandro? Do they get to really hurt each other in their confrontation scenes where they slap one another? “We try to help each other para mas mapaganda ang eksena. Totoo ‘yung mga sampalan namin. Ayaw naming dayain kasi maha-halata. Pero never naging personalan ang sampalan namin. Kung medyo napapalakas ang mga sampal, we say sorry to each other right away.”

It’s very obvious that she’s blooming these days? It looks like she has found a new love life. “Naku, sana nga totoo. But sorry, it’s not true. I was dating for a while, but nothing serious. I’m open naman and I’m praying na sana nga, dumating na siya, soon.”

## Yaya Dub makes ‘Kilig’ team with Alden

LOOKS like Alden Richards has found a ka-loveteam in Yaya Dub of the Juan for All segment of “Eat Bulaga”. Yaya Dub is the hilarious yaya of Wally Bayola who plays Lola Nidora in the said portion and they spoof the Pabebe Girls.



Yaya Dub’s real name is Maine Mendoza and she’s doing a good job of lip synching the lines given to her to deliver comically. She’s very charming on screen and seems like she has the makings of a good comedian. Viewers are very much amused when Alden waves to her and she waves back the Pabebe way in return. They’re gaining a lot of fans who enjoy their KiligPaMore interactions on screen. We’re really happy for Alden as this is a good exposure for him while he’s waiting for his next soap project from GMA7. Most of the time, he doesn’t have to do anything except to look good in his portions with Yaya Dub and he’s really such a great looking eye candy on TV. We won’t be surprised if they’d eventually be paired even out of ‘Eat Bulaga’. And we also wouldn’t be surprised if Yaya Dub would likewise be included in the cast of “Sunday Pinas Saya” that will eventually replace “Sunday All Stars”.

Yaya Dub aka Maine Mendoza is 20 years old, a college graduate from Sta. Maria, Bulacan. She was discovered when she posted her dubsmash compilations on Facebook spoofing Kris Aquino and this made her a Youtube sensation as the Queen of Dubsmash. She then auditioned for Juan for All in “Eat Bulaga” and is now getting famous for her dubsmash work.

## Passport rules eased for foreigners

MANILA - More foreigners will get an opportunity to have fun in the Philippines as the Department of Justice (DOJ) today relaxed its rules on the validity of their passports. Justice Secretary Leila de Lima has approved a circular allowing the admission of foreigners upon arrival in airports and seaports provided their embassies or consulates in the Philippines are authorized to renew or extend the validity of their passports, and there are no grounds to deny them entry under existing laws, rules and regulations.

“There is a need to revise the purpose and practicality of the six-month passport

validity rule given the improvements in our country’s immigration controls and to align with international best practices,” De Lima said. The new policy, which took effect on July 15, originated from the recommendation of the Bureau of Immigration and the Office for Competition.

Immigration Commissioner Siegfred Mison said giving ease of access to foreigners under a new passport validity rule was consistent with the mandate of the BI to administer and enforce immigration laws.

“It will lessen instances of exclusion of foreign nationals based solely on the deficiency in their passport validity and

contribute to our tourism efforts,” he said.

De Lima said the new policy is part of the government’s policy to provide for a more expeditious system of travel documentation to encourage and facilitate foreign tourist travel.

“Allowing foreign nationals with passports of less than six-months validity from date of arrival to enter the country will further facilitate the entry of foreign arrivals, yet pose minimal risk to national security, public safety, public health and the general welfare as there are existing operation mechanisms to protect the country’s interests,” she said.



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## Trending Now: Affordable Gowns, unusual themes

Tying the knot soon? Here are some ideas you can tap.

### *Affordable gown*

If you're short on cash but dreaming of an ideal, traditional wedding, you must find suppliers that can provide quality goods at an affordable price.

Case in point, supplier Olive Amor offers bridal gowns as affordable as P2,000. Olive Amor has been in the wedding industry for 30 years, catering to clients in hometown Tacloban. But when Typhoon Yolanda hit, she had to pack up and move to Manila to start anew.

Now, she's put her business online as Wedding Gowns and Accessories by Olive Amor. Though she's had some trouble breaking into the Metro Manila

market, she told ANC Shop Talk that the brides that come to her constantly inspire her to keep working, as they remind her of new beginnings.

On ANC's Shop Talk, she talked about a P2,000 gown that she made out of a curtain fabric, and said that it was one of her most beautiful designs.

### *Out-of-the-box wedding ideas by the Rebellious Brides*

If you're tired of traditions and want something different on your big day, why not be a "rebel bride?"

The Wedding Agency by the Rebellious Brides, is a new concept business targetting couples who want an out-of-the-box experience.

The Wedding Agency by the Rebellious Brides is a consultancy

business that comes up with unusual wedding concepts. An advertising native, Fuentes and her business partner Kai Cruz intend to focus on churning out creative and unique ideas for their clients.

One of their most popular concepts was an accidental hit—inspired by the Disney movie *Malificent*. It was so remarkable that it became viral, and was even featured in international publications such as *Elite Daily* and *Huffington Post*.



Singer-composer Kitchie Nadal wore a P799 wedding gown.



## GREAT NEW PORTIONS ON 'EAT BULAGA'

ANOTHER portion of "Eat Bulaga" that's getting to be very popular is "That's My Bae". It's eight semi-finalists who are all really good looking now have fans of their own: Miggy Tolentino, Joel Palencia, Kenneth Medrano, Michael Catayas (said to be a half brother of Raymond Bagatsing), Josh Howard, Ray Cataluna, Daniel Aquino and Jay Arcilla.

They're such a big hit when doing their "Twerk It Like Miley" dance moves. Another hit was the recent Regine PaMore contest where Jonalyn Viray bested the likes of Jaya, Ima Castro, Jerald Napoles and Faith Cuneta with her death-defying act of singing while flying around the stage on a harness. Another great pakulo is "Ballroom Pa More," showing the dancing prowess of many celebrities. No wonder "Eat Bulaga" remains to be the most watched, number one noontime show on TV.

## 'BAKER KING' EXTENDED

MARK Neumann and the whole cast of "Baker King" have reasons to rejoice. TV5 management has just announced that their show, which is doing very well and loaded with commercials, will be extended for a month. "Maganda talaga ang feedback sa show and very encouraging ang reviews so instead of the usual one season or 13 weeks, madaragdagan sila ng four more weeks or bale one more month sa ere," says TV5 Entertainment Head Wilma Galvante. "This is good news to the show's writers because they can now be able to follow the full story of the original Korean novela."

The show's director, Mac Alejandre, is understandably very pleased with this latest development in the show. He's really doing his best to make the show more appealing and lovable to the viewing public and its extension means that they're succeeding. The show has even constructed a set for its own bakeshop at the JE Camp in Tanay where they tape the show regularly.

## A grandmother whether she likes it or not

WHETHER she likes it or not, Jean Garcia is now officially a grandmother. Her daughter, Jennica, 25, gave birth to a baby girl last Wednesday at St. Luke's QC. Her name will be Athena Mori. Jennica and husband Alwyn Uytengco, 27, were married in February of last year after being on a relationship for four years. As for Jean, she says she'll ask Jennica not to make her daughter call her Lola. "I haven't thought of yet kung anong itatawag niya sa akin," she says. "Basta ayoko ng lola."

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### Free public Wi-Fi across PHL

MANILA - The Department of Science and Technology is about to implement free public Wi-Fi across the entire country.

The average speed will be 256 kbps, reports Bam Alegre on State of the Nation with Jessica Soho.

"Kaugnay nito ng karapatan ng mamamayan sa impormasyon," said Edgardo Cabarrios, NTC Director. Cabarrios added that there will be data-capping to prevent users from abusing the free Wi-Fi.

According to IT experts, this project will be able to help people in provinces with education, especially in since they will have access to government databases. It also offers a cheaper alternative to long-distance phone calls.

According to IT expert Philip Cheang, before other countries with nationwide free Wi-Fi deployed their projects, their private Internet services were already fast to begin with.

### BIR padlocks 7-11

PARANAQUE- The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has padlocked a branch of a popular convenience store in Parañaque for its alleged refusal to settle its multi-million-peso tax debts.

Closed was the 7-11 convenience store operated by Shannon John Franco Espinosa at Mike Kelly Bldg., Sucat Road, San Isidro based on the recommendation of Parañaque Revenue District Officer Rose Miniano to Makati Revenue Regional Director Jonas Amora.

Amora said the closure was implemented after the taxpayer failed to comply with the requirements specified in the 48-hour notice and the five-day value-added tax (VAT) compliance.

He did not disclose the amount of tax liabilities incurred by the convenience store but only said it was "substantial."

The convenience store was the subject of a mission order that authorized enforcement officers to monitor and take inventory of the number of cash register machines and point of sales (CRM-POS) used to issue sales invoices or receipts.

### Leyte recovery slow

MANILA - House independent bloc leader and Leyte Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez complained anew of the government's snail-paced implementation of the rehabilitation and rebuilding efforts in the Yolanda-stricken areas. Romualdez, whose district in Tacloban City was hardest-hit by Yolanda, lamented that only P47 billion out of the P167.9 billion committed funds under the Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (CRRP) as of June 2015 were reportedly downloaded. He said the Aquino administration should continue to focus on delivering the services and programs it promised to the Yolanda survivors. "It just highlights the fact that there were lots of promises made, but still remain unfulfilled. A lot of commitment of resources that have not been delivered," Romualdez, a lawyer and president of the Philippine Constitution Association (Philconsa), said.

Romualdez also asked the concerned government officials to itemize where the P47 billion funds have been spent.

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tants who tabulated the results include: Imelda Bautista, Renz Gonzales, JP Lunaria, MaryAnn Mallari, and Estrelita Ortiz,

The lively and well-applauded 4-hour program also showcased talented musical performers such as former Little Misses Elle Delizo (2008), Britney Waito (2013), Hailey Chyrel Malanum (2012) and Raina Resplandor (Miss Philippines PIDC 2014).

Ablly hosted jointly by actor-model Scott Dion Brown, Ms. Philippines PIDC 2012 2nd runner-up Janice Hernane and PIDC Miss Philippines 2014



Rafael Nebres of Action Honda and Lauren Fernandez are two of the judges of the pageant.

contestant Bettina Carlos, the evening's show was attended by over 500 guests and fans and held at the Korean Cultural Centre in North York on June 20, 2015.

PIDC president Norma Carpio in her apt message graciously welcomed

and thanked those present as well as the major sponsors, donors, media partners, guests, judges, parents, volunteers and the entire PIDC family for their continued support and co-operation, declaring the pageant a very memorable milestone in the community. She also extended an invitation to the upcoming 2015 Mabuhay Invitational Cup Basketball Tourney on July 31 & August 1-2- at Downsview Hoopdome, the Mabuhay Philippines Festival on August 29-30 at the David Pecaut Square, Toronto, and other scheduled PIDC events. (T. San Juan).

them, with the young ones preferring to get their entertainment through their computers, cellphones, and ipads.

We went to church first and then to lunch. Lunch is a smorgasbord of different delicacies. One of those sinfully delicious food is the one called Buro. I skipped the desserts and other sweets that have milk or cream on them. With the heat and humidity, walking outside feels like being cooked. With all those food inside me, and the heat from the sun above bearing down on me and from the ground up, I will be caught in the middle and my stomach will end up



This is the Annset tour bus.

acting as a frying pan. I made sure not to eat a lot because they said dinner is in my cousin's place.

Before dinner, we had some games on the front yard with all the kids. There was the pabitin, the palayok, a sack race and an egg race. Get togethers will be a bit boring if there are not activities. Afterwards, we had our boodle fight dinner. Boodle fight is the marine's way of eating on banana leaves where the rice is piled



Eating the newly-cooked arroz caldo at Ditungabo

in the middle topped with the meat. In this case, we just had the meal in the middle and rice was served individually, getting only what we can finish.

The day after the reunion, we went to visit my cousin's husband place. Ric, the husband is having a birthday celebration in a place with no address. Amazingly, we found it. The house is located beside a church. The road was crowded with tricycles that we had trouble maneuvering to get inside the driveway. Fortunately, everyone on the street that evening were very helpful in moving the parked tricycles on the street so we can get in. It turns out that the family is known to the neighborhood. I should not have been surprised. In the province, everyone still knows everyone.

The next day, we assisted my cousin Fina Joven, who owns Annset Travel in her charity drive at the San Juan School, just across the house. She is giving bags containing notebooks and pens and also free snacks to every student who is already enrolled in the school from grade 1 to 6. It is her way of giving back. She also told the teachers not to tell anyone or else some politicians might make appearances and take the credit. We noticed that there is one concrete wall with her misspelled name on it. Apparently, she gave money before for the uniforms of the school band. The school decided to



spend on building up a concrete wall because they need it more. Anyway, the bag distribution went well. There were some who want to get a freebie, saying they plan to enroll. Naturally, we turned them down. You don't even know if they plan to enroll. That is when I found out that small things still matter back home, like spiral notebooks. I am surprised how the little things matter to other people. Here, we worry about the latest iPhone or the latest gadget. Back home, we still have students where having a spiral notebook, pen, and backpack is a source of relief, and of joy.

On our last day in Pampanga, Ate Fina gave us a tour of some of the churches and the Betis Furniture company. We went to Nayong Pilipino, now located at Clark Freeport Zone. In the afternoon, we went back home to

## I CAN EAT 3 FULL MEALS A DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES BUT NOT HERE IN CANADA

Quezon city.

After a day of rest, me, my brother Froy and wife Celle, my sister sister Luth with husband Kuya Hermie went to Sabang beach in Baler Quezon. We were there from Thursday to Saturday. We made a few stops along the way. When we arrived, Celle found out that she misplaced her wallet containing her money. The wallet had no ID, just the money. So, even if an honest person found it, there was no way of getting in touch with her. Anyway, our stay was spent swimming, eating and walking around the town.

On the second day, we went to Ditungabo waterfalls. From the main road, your vehicle will pass a one-lane road. So, if you meet a vehicle going the opposite direction, one of you will back in to one of the pseudo-driveways that dot the road. Then, after parking, you start the trek through a rugged, slippery trail. Wear a thick-soled sandal. Near the beginning of the trail, you will find some



Okay from sidewalk vendors

entrepreneurial residents selling slippers, souvenirs, arroz-caldo and other food stuff. It is advisable to go to the falls early in the morning to beat the crowd, not to mention the traffic. Not only that, when you get down, there is a big chance you will be the first customers for those arroz caldo. And they are good.

We noticed afterwards that they were already adding water after we ordered. So we know we got the first serving that is why they were good.

On the last day, I felt a bit off and had no appetite for breakfast. We are

supposed to go to the cemetery when we reach Quezon City to pay respects to our departed loved ones. On the way back, we stopped at one of the stores we stopped by when we were going to Baler. In one of the stores in barangay Lub-Lub, the salesgirl immediately recognized Celle.

"Ay ma'm naiwan niyo it. Tatawagan ko kayo pero wala pong ID sa loob"

Celle was relieved and gave her a bit of money. Celle was also ashamed to open and count it in front of her. She need not have worried. The money was intact.

We asked for her name and Celle



posed with her. Her name is Raffelyn Pascual. We said that we will post it in Facebook to show our friends the honest person with the hopes that if they ever travel that way, they should stop by and buy something from the store. Unfortunately, the store is not easy to see. There is no sign or anything. Still we hope that her honesty brings her luck in her life.

By the time we reached the house, I begged off from going to the cemetery. It was a good decision because my stomach acted up.

The next day, they went to Mt. Pinatubo and Magalawa Resort in Zambales without me. Then, I saw on Facebook that actress Angel Locsin was also doing the



Celle & Froy eating at Jerry Shan's in Baler Quezon

trek at Mt. Pinatubo and they posed with her. Just my luck.

Anyway, my next trip was in Batangas to visit my friend Sherwin and the Amparo family. They drove me all around. They brought me to Sky Ranch at Tagaytay. Too bad it was raining, so it was foggy that we can't see anything. It was a wonderful trip anyway.

That is where Sherwin introduced me to Batangas goto. It is like stew with



Having a game of pabitin before dinner

pork innards without the rice. The rice is separate.

I found out that only in the Philippines can you eat 3 full meals a day and not feel like you are overeating.



## Anne handles bashers

"To each his own. We should just respect other people's opinions," said actress-TV host Anne Curtis when asked for her advice on how to handle online bashers. Anne is one of the most "followed" users on the micro-blogging site Twitter, with a little over three million people reading her every post.

"With all that I went through as a show biz personality, I don't get affected by negative comments anymore. I've come to accept that it's part of my work," said Anne, also one of the country's top female product endorsers. "In the beginning, I would feel hurt, then angry, but I just ignore the haters now. There were times when the comments were so far out and silly that I'd just laugh them off."

Anne's attention is currently focused on helping her loved ones, "who are new in the industry and who are just starting to learn how to cope with bashers," she said. "I hope that netizens, especially with what's happening (to young celebrities) these days, will soon realize that it's not cool to bash other people."

## Bea on Zanjoe: We're working it out

BEA Alonzo feels blessed to be given the chance to work with Richard Gomez and Dawn Zulueta in Star Cinema's "The Love Affair" that opens in theaters on August 12.

"Naging tagahanga nila ako after watching them before in 'Hihintayin Kita sa Langit'," she says. "They're icons at kinakabahan ako noong una ko silang makasama, but it's good they're both approachable. They didn't treat me na baguhan lang and they're both very generous actors. Si Kuya Goma, masayang katrabaho kasi laging nagpapatawa sa set. Ang dami niyang kuwento. Maganda rin ang personality niya. You can see enjoy siya sa buhay niya, unlike me who can get so serious at times. Si Miss Dawn naman, fan niya ako. Gandang-ganda talaga ako sa kanya and I tell her that. Very graceful ang bawat galaw niya. I like the way she handles her life and her career. I want to be like her someday."

So how is it doing love scenes with Goma?

"He's a gentleman. Very professional. Hindi ako nahiya. Ako nga nag-take advantage sa kanya," she jokes.

In the movie, her character says she is broken and in pain. In real life, there are talks that she and BF Zanjoe Marudo are currently going through some kinks in their relationship. Is she also broken and in pain even off cam? "No, okay ako. Okay kami. Yes, may pinagdaanan kami but we're still together. We're working it out. Galing lang kami sa London at masaya kami roon. Responsibilidad mo sa sarili mo na maging happy ka."



## Filipino WWII veterans, families can reunite under new White House policy



WASHINGTON - Filipino World War II veterans can soon be reunited with their families in the United States through a new policy introduced by the White House last July 15.

This news comes after President Barack Obama's announcement of a series of executive actions on immigration back in November 2014, wherein he tasked key federal agencies to look at ways to "modernize and streamline" the immigration system and provide recommendations.

The policy, included in a report released by the agencies, will allow certain family members of Filipino veterans who fought in the World War II to seek parole under a program set up by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Estimates indicate that as many as 26,000 Filipino veterans (of the over 260,000 Filipino soldiers who fought) are US citizens, after long being excluded from a law that granted citizenship to foreign soldiers serving in the US forces. Some of the veterans have petitioned family members from the Philippines to join them in the United States; however, wait times can last years, often times exceeding 20 years, due to statutory visa caps.

With the population of veterans rapidly aging—the White House estimates around 6,000 veterans are still alive in the US today—having family members by their sides would provide them with the necessary support and care.

"Through this recommendation, those who endure these waits will have the opportunity to seek parole in order to be reunited with and care for their Filipino veteran family member," a White House official familiar with the policy told the Asian Journal on Wednesday.

In recent years, the United States set up similar parole programs, such as the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program and the Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program. Under those parole programs, the beneficiaries are allowed to come to the US and be eligible to apply for work authorization while waiting to apply for lawful permanent resident status.

Though the roll out date of the policy affecting Filipino veterans and their families is yet to be announced, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services and State Department will provide the application process, and will be separate from the general family-based immigration system.

Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis for a temporary period of time based upon "urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit."

Praise for family reunification

Attempts to reunite Filipino veterans and their families have been introduced in the past, including the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act introduced earlier this year by Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), but

have failed to gain any traction.

In a statement, Hirono called the White House's move "the right thing to do."

"For many years, I've fought to end the visa backlog for the sons and daughters of Filipino World War II veterans, whether through legislation or other avenues like today's announcement by the president. We made a promise to these individuals, and expediting reunification with their children through parole brings us one significant step closer in fulfilling that promise," she said.

Several community leaders have also lauded the new policy.

"This is a day to celebrate," Mee Moua, president and executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC, said in a statement. "Even though the US government promised Filipino World War II veterans US citizenship in recognition of their service and contributions to America, it took more than 50 years before they actually received citizenship. Until now, the inhumanely long visa backlog has separated them from their children and denied them the opportunity to live together in the United States."

Rozita Lee, a former commissioner for the White House Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, sees the policy as a testament to the years of educating government leaders on the contributions of Filipino veterans during World War II.

"I'm excited if this can be implemented," Lee told the Asian Journal. "This [issue of] Filipino WWII veterans has been something I've been working on for as long as I can remember. As far back as 2006, I was flying to DC primarily to fight for them in the halls of Congress and to do some education on the veterans for those who did not know [much] about WWII."

"My first reaction was happiness. But I am also saddened remembering our veterans like Manong Emong Guillermo and Jack Tejada and community champions like Alex Esclamado, who walked the halls of Congress, fighting for recognition and family reunification. They are gone now but their legacy lives on," Marites Branigin, capitol region chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA), said.

A version of the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act was included in the comprehensive bipartisan bill that passed the Senate in 2013, but did not move forward in the House.

"We are happy with the [announcement] because it can provide a mechanism for Filipino veterans to be with their families," Art Garcia, national coordinator of Justice for Filipino American Veterans (JFAV), added. "It'll be a process and we will help the veterans apply for this once the applications come out, since they're getting older."

In addition to family reunification, other movements have called for more recognition for the veterans. Earlier in June, a bipartisan bill was introduced in Congress to honor Filipino veterans with a Congressional Gold Medal.

The report released Wednesday also provided recommendations to digitize the visa application, which remains mostly paper-based, improve the issuance of employment-based immigrant visa numbers, and simplify systems for domestic violence survivors who seek immigration relief through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitioner process.

## JERICHO DOESN'T WANT A BABY YET WITH WIFE KIM

JERICHO Rosales once again shines in his role as Gael, the older brother of Paulo Avelino as Carlos, in "Bridges of Love", that will end in three weeks. His intensity as an actor is very evident

in several dramatic scenes, particularly in his confrontations with Paulo as his long lost brother.



"It's a blessing to do a show na puro magagaling ang mga kasama ko," he says. "Working with people like Paulo and Maja Salvador can really make your job easier dahil alam mong they always deliver."

After being leaving Genesis, Jericho transferred to Cornerstone Management, but he has also left that and he's now directly under Star Magic. "I feel that at this stage ng career ko, they can help me to give more to my career as an actor," he says.

Being so focused on "Bridges of Love", he purposefully didn't appear in "ASAP" for a while. "Kasi ayokong lalabas doon na hindi maganda ang quality ng voice ko, tiyak na mapupulaan lang ako. Wala rin kasi akong time for rehearsals and practice kaya ayokong lumabas nang walang enough preparation. Pagkatapos ng 'Bridges of Love', then I can start focusing on singing again. I plan to produce a new single or album and work with new musicians. Next year na ako uli gagawa ng soap."

So how's married life with Kim Jones? Don't they intend to have a baby soon?

"We're doing fine. Saka na kami magbe-baby. Ang balak namin is to do some traveling muna together. We cannot do that anymore kapag may baby na."

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# Philippines to boost free Wi-fi in DOST-PTV deal



MANILA - A deal between the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and People’s Television Network (PTV) is set to boost the government’s free Wi-Fi Internet connection program, particularly in far-flung municipalities.

In a memorandum of agreement, DOST’s Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO) would install Wi-Fi transceivers on PTV’s broadcast towers. The government-run broadcast station would also occupy spaces in ICTO’s offices in at least 11 cities in Visayas and Mindanao.

“This is a welcome development in the government’s aim to reach Filipinos all over the country,” said Communications Secretary Herminio “Sonny” Coloma in a statement on Friday. “Through DOST’s properties, we will be able to install additional transmitters to boost the government channel’s presence in the countryside, while also

supporting free Wi-Fi program.”

The 25-year colocation deal came in the middle of a P759-million modernization plan for PTV, aiming to switch from analog to digital broadcast system.

“From 20 percent, PTV’s digital upgrade would improve the signal reach to 80-90 percent of television viewers in the country, an audience which the network sees will benefit from its upcoming improvements such as on-demand information consumption and the Emergency Warning Broadcast System,” the statement added.

Coloma said the collaboration with DOST, which gave PTV savings from its 2015 capital expenditure of P892 million, would extend the government’s reach to the public.

“The government will be able to connect with our bosses all over the Philippines through television and online,” Coloma said. “This modernization allows our station to provide quality programming and online services to the people.”

In June, the House of Representatives has approved on third and final reading a bill providing free public wireless Internet access in all public spaces across the country. The ICTO was tasked to provide the Internet connectivity under the bill.

In 2013, President Benigno Aquino III signed into law Republic Act No. 10390 or “An Act Revitalizing the People’s Television Network.

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## An Inspired Choice: Pope Francis appoints Cardinal Tagle to another Vatican post

MANILA Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle was appointed by Pope Francis as a member of the Pontifical Council “Cor Unum,” which is in charge of the charitable activities of the Roman Catholic Church worldwide.

Cor Unum, instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1971, is part of the Vatican curia. Its mission expresses “care of the Catholic Church for the needy, thereby encouraging human fellowship and making manifest the charity of Christ.”

Tagle’s appointment to Cor Unum came after he was elected as the first Asian president of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 130 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations in over 200 countries and territories.

According to a report by CBCP News, Cor Unum helped the Philippines during the aftermath of Super Typhoon “Yolanda” (international name: Haiyan) and the construction of the Pope Francis Center in Palo, Leyte.

## JANE EVASIVE ABOUT STATUS

JANE Oineza turned 19 last July 22 so everyone sang ‘Happy Birthday’ for her at the thanksgiving presscon of her soap, “Nasaan Ka nang Kailangan Kita” last Friday. Jane is from Bani, Pangasinan and started as a child actress when she was only 4 years old in “Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan” in 2003. She then joined the cast of “Goin’ Bulilit” and “Kung Fu Kids”, winning best actress awards for her performance of a rape victim in “Maalaala Mo Kaya”. As a teenager, she was introduced as a part of Star Magic 2013. What’s her birthday wish?

“More blessings and projects to come,” she says. “Right now, ang dami ng blessings so thank you kay Lord. Hayan, na-extend ang ‘Nasaan Ka’ and we’re now on our third season. This is my first major soap na kasama pa ang picture at name ko sa poster kaya I’m so happy na minahal ng viewers ang aming show. Sana mas tumas pa ang ratings namin para mas tumagal pa kami on the air. Tapos, I have a new movie, ‘The Love Affair’, na gumaganap ako bilang anak nina Richard Gomez and Dawn Zulueta. Kasama rin si Bea Alonzo. Being able to work with them is really such a big blessing. Sana maging hit ang movie namin.”

In “Nasaan Ka”, her character, Corinne, gets pregnant and she and her partner, Jerome Ponce, become teenage parents. “Marami pang pagsubok ang pagdaraan ng character ko sa pagiging teenaged mother. Sana, sa mga kabataang makapanood nito, may makuha silang lesson kay Corinne dahil hindi biro maka-experience ng teenage pregnancy.”

With regard to her rumored romance with cager Jerome Teng, Jane remains evasive. “Kung anuman ang nangyayari sa amin, all I can say is we just enjoy whatever we have now. In the right time, malalaman naman ng public kung ano ‘yun.”

Obviously, she doesn’t want to admit it as of now as it might affect her loveteam with Jerome Ponce adversely.

## Derek Ramsay avoids having ‘dad bod’

Julie Anne San Jose explains weight loss

Get a dad bod all you want, but Derek Ramsay would like to keep his chiseled body like a Greek god.

“If guys find it to be the in thing and women like it, by all means,” he said when Bulletin Entertainment asked about losing his women fan base to dad bods. “But for me, it’s not healthy, so I wouldn’t go for it.”

The 38-year-old actor-athlete, he himself a dad, furthered, “I don’t keep this body to look hot. I keep this body so that I can perform the stuff that I like to do.”

Quoting Mackenzie Pearson, an American college sophomore who essayed about this average body type, “The dad bod is a nice balance between a beer gut and working out. The dad bod says, “I go to the gym occasionally, but I also drink heavily on the weekends and enjoy eating eight slices of pizza at a time.”

The latest craze seemed to be a great boost to a lot of, well, dads, who have been struggling to keep up with men like Derek in the body department. The popular essay concluded that in contrast to popular belief that favors hunky guys, women tend to root for this type because it doesn’t intimidate them.

Judging from his active lifestyle, the Kapatid actor is far from being replaced as women’s favorite eye candy. He maintains multiple sports and makes sure he stays away from typical men’s vices – except for drinking, which he grew up doing because of “cultural” influences.

“I come from the Philippines and England where there’s both drinking culture. My dad taught me at a young age about alcohol so that I could treat it properly and not exceed (limit). So I’m very responsible with the way I drink,” he said.

Derek endorses Tanduay, a global Pinoy brand that has been around for 160 years now.

The Filipino-British star, meanwhile, shrugged off the elite tag when asked about his latest hosting duties on TV5. Derek and other Kapatid stars have left the comforts of air-conditioned studios for their latest Sunday variety show “Truck Ng Bayan.”

The outdoor hosting duties never bothered the actor, saying the show actually gives a glimpse into his often overlooked side.

“That’s actually me. That’s not a different me. I’m enjoying my time there and you can see it. When I’m out there, I’m hugging the people. I’m having a great time. Hindi ako takot sa araw. Kita niyo ‘yung kulay ko. I love to be outdoors.” He added, “It’s a nice way to find out who your viewers are and to give back to them.”

Derek has become very comfortable with the show that he’s causing the network some trouble, he quipped.

“I think TV5 is struggling kasi tatlong beses ko na napili ‘yung jackpot so bawal na yata ako mamili kung nasan ‘yung jackpot.”

He concluded, “For me, it’s good to see them win the jackpot. Hindi trabaho ‘yun. Ang saya.”

## Julie explains weight loss

JULIE Anne San Jose is more identified with Elmo Magalona while Jake Vargas, with Bea Binene. They’re now paired for the first time in “Buena Familia”. What do JuliElmo and JaBea fans have to say about this?”Wala namang violent reaction so far,” says Julie Anne.

“Alam naman nilang trabaho lang ito, e. At saka kami na rin naman ni Jake ang magkapareha sa ‘Pepito Manaloto’ tuwing weekend, so it’s not really something new.”

So how is it working with Jake? “Si Jake kasi, hindi masalita. Tahimik lang. Buti na lang at pareho kaming kumakanta, mahilig sa music, so nakakapag-bonding kami about that during taping breaks. Pareho rin kaming naggigitara.”

What can she say about bashers who claim she’s now anorexic after losing so much weight? “Ang hirap naman kasi noong mataba ako, bina-bash ako. Ngayong nag-diet ako’t nag-exercise, bina-bash pa rin ako. Basta hindi ako anorexic. Kumakain naman ako. ‘Yung tamang pagkain. At hindi ko naman sinusuka ‘yung pagkain like anorexics do.

Basta I feel good and healthy, energized lagi.”

How does she feel that “Sunday All Stars” will have its last telecast soon? “Siyempre, malungkot kaming lahat ng mga kasama ko. Kasi sanay na kaming nagkikita-kita tuwing Sunday. Mami-miss namin ang maganda naming samahan doon and the weekly production numbers that we do. Pero kasama rin naman ako sa papalit na show, ‘Sunday Pinas Saya’, kaya may work pa rin ako kung Sunday na iba naman ang mga makakasama ko.”

In “Buena Familia”, Julie Anne plays Darling, an aspiring singer. She works as an assistant to a famous singer, Aicelle Santos as Olga, who maltreats her. Jake plays Kevin, a young composer who tries to help her as she tries her luck in the music industry.

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## Comelec can't afford delays for 2016

A return to manual election is out of the question

MANILA - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) said it cannot afford any more delays in its preparations for the 2016 elections.

Comelec chairman Andres Bautista said the first two weeks of August would be crucial for the poll body.

Any further delays, he said, would have an impact on how they would conduct the elections in a credible manner.

"In an automated setting, it takes time to manufacture the machines, it takes time to refurbish the machines, it takes time to have the source code certified. Maraming kailangang gawin so it would materially impact the way we would conduct the elections in 2016," Bautista said.

The Comelec initially set the end of July to issue a notice to proceed to the winning bidder of either the refurbishment or lease purchase contract for the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines.

Going beyond that time frame would render the automation timeline dead, then acting chairman Christian Robert Lim told the Committee on Suffrage



during a congressional hearing last May.

One failed bidding and several petitions to the Supreme Court (SC) later, the Comelec is far from issuing any notice to proceed, much less deciding which of the two tracks it will pursue for 2016.

The poll body has readjusted its timeline to accommodate a second round of bidding for the refurbishment of machines, with the opening of financial bids scheduled on August 1.

The Special Bids and Awards Committee, meanwhile, is still conducting a post qualification for the

bids submitted for the lease purchase of 70,000 new PCOS machines and is set to submit their recommendation to the en banc by the end of the week.

However, a petition asking the high court to stop the parallel bidding hangs

over the poll body.

The en banc has appointed Commissioner Al Parreno to come up with a backup plan should the high court grant the petition.

But though he admits that such decision could derail their preparations for automation, Bautista said they will not resort to going back to manual elections. "Ang utos ng batas is we have to have automated elections. Kami we are set in following the law. We have to conduct automated elections," Bautista said.



## The big three of the new generation

Daniel Padilla, Enrique Gil and James Reid are today's hottest young actors.

But they would not achieve their status now without mentioning their respective partners. Dahil tinatangkilik ang kani-kanilang loveteam.

Obviously, the tandem of Daniel and Kathryn Bernardo leads the pack.

They have already proved their bankability both in the movies and television. At ngayon, hit na hit ang kanilang teleseryeng "Pangako sa 'Yo.'" Minus Kathryn, Daniel is doing well with his solo projects like his endorsements and concerts. Kaya subok na rin ang kanyang kasikatan.

As for Enrique, it was only recently that he hit j

ackpot through the phenomenal success of "Forevermore" with Liza Soberano. Muli nilang napatunayan na hindi lang sila overnight sensation nang pumatok ang kanilang movie na "Just The Way You Are." Umpisa pa lang ito ng success ni Enrique. But definitely, he's one of ABS-CBN's prized talents.

James, on the other hand, has zoomed up sans media hype. Dahil sadyang tinatangkilik ng fans ang loveteam nila ni Nadine Lustre. Patunay na may following ang JaDine. Pero sa ngayon, dependent pa rin ang kanyang kasikatan sa loveteam nila ni Nadine. Let's see if his star as a solo artist shines brighter once the first-ever JaDine-starrer teleserye "On the Wings of Love" hits the small screen.

As they say, walang forever. Sino kaya kina Daniel, Enrique at James ang unang mananawa sa showbiz? Just asking...

## DIEGO READY FOR BIG BREAK

DIEGO Loyzaga slowly proves that he rightfully belongs to showbiz.

Acting runs in his blood being the son of Cesar Montano and Teresa Loyzaga. Kaya obvious na may pinagmanahan ang binata.

Kuwento ng isang kaibigan, sikat na raw sana si Diego ngayon kung hindi lang siya naging reluctant sa pagpasok sa showbiz noong 2011. If memory serves me right, his dad Cesar wanted him to finish his schooling first just like any parent's wish. Kaya naman pansamantalang tumigil sa showbiz para tapusin ang kanyang high school. But showbiz seems to be his calling.

Una siyang nabigyan ng break sa remake ng teleseryeng "Mara Clara." Pero mas higit siyang nakilala sa Forevermore na pinagbidahan nina Liza Soberano at Enrique Gil. At ngayon, kasama siya sa "Pangako Sa 'Yo.'" Malaki ang improvement sa acting ni Diego dito. Dahil sa kanyang ipinapakitang performance, mukhang handa na si Diego sa mga bida role. Aside from acting, he's one of MYX's three new VJs introduced last January.

Is Diego the next big thing in showbiz? Just asking...

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## NEWS

### Smuggling ring's take: P100b

The operation of the "high-level syndicate" in the Bureau of Customs smuggling P20-billion worth of meat, poultry and rice products a year is continuing under the Aquino administration, resulting in P100 billion worth of lost revenue in the past five years, Rep. Nicanor Briones told dzBB radio on Sunday.

He said Customs Deputy Commissioner Jessie Dellosa, head of the bureau's intelligence group, had already reported to President Benigno Aquino III the rampant corruption at Customs.

He said Dellosa had informed Aquino that the syndicate involved "high-ranking officials" in the bureau who were colluding with smugglers.

"The syndicate involves the highest officials in the [Bureau of Customs],"

Briones said.

"That's why it's called the Tara system. No inspections—and very high officials are involved. No one was admitting that the syndicate existed until Deputy Commissioner Dellosa made an admission that the tara system was still in place."

Briones said the syndicate was earning P140,000 per container van under the tara system in which no van was being inspected.

He said some 20 container vans of meat products alone were being smuggled into the country every day, or a total of 7,300 vans a year with the bribe money reaching up to P1.02 billion a year for the syndicate.

"Every container van that is being smuggled into the country has undeclared or undervalued products worth P1 million," Briones said.

"So it is easy for the smugglers to shell out the P140,000 in bribes to Customs

officials to ensure the vans will not be opened and subjected to inspection."

Briones said some P8 billion in revenues were being lost each year due to smuggled meat products alone.

That was on top of the technical smuggling of rice amounting to P12 billion a year, bringing the total amount of smuggled meat and rice products to P20 billion a year, he said.

Briones said the technical smugglers were not paying the right tariff of 40 percent especially if outside of the minimum access volume.

By declaring the products as farm tools and farm equipment, the smuggled rice was only being levied five percent instead of the right tariff of 40 percent.

Briones said the smugglers had become so bold that they were no longer shipping products in container vans but in the whole ship.

## Darren Espanto in the City



FIRST, Candy Crush poses with Darren Espanto. SECOND, Darren Espanto poses with Britney Waito THIRD, Shy Garrido, Darren Espanto, Katharine Reyes, and Grace Maravilla Datu pose backstage.

# LJ Reyes, kinum- pirmang sila na ni Paolo Contis?

Nagtapos na ang afternoon drama na Yagit. Mami-miss man ni LJ Reyes ang mga nakasama niya sa programa ay tila masaya naman ito dahil sa napa-pabalitang relasyon niya sa kanyang co-star na si Paolo Contis.

“[Yung] mga bata. Nakaka-miss din kasi. Kahit sa bahay kunwari walang bata, ‘di ba hahanap-hanapin mo,” ani LJ sa panayam ng 24 Oras.

In a relationship na nga ba ang hot momma at si Paolo? “Ay, hindi ko alam,” ang natatawang sagot ng aktres.

“Kilala ko naman si Pao ever since eh. Tingnan natin, abangan natin sa mga susunod na araw, o buwan, taon. Tingnan natin ‘yan. We’ll see, we’ll see,” dagdag din niya. Hindi man ito kinumpirma o tinanggi ni LJ ay tila nagpahiwatig naman siya. Wika niya, “Baka naman sabi ni Lord, ‘O okay, tapos ka na. Nakapag-concentrate ka na sa Yagit. Baka puwede na akong magpadala.” Masaya rin si LJ sa pagbahagi ng naging karanasan niya sa ika-50 na Karlovy Vary International Film Festival sa Czech Republic. Mainit daw ang naging pagtanggap sa kanila na kumatawan sa pinagbidahan niyang indie film na Anino sa Likod ng Buwan.

“After ipalabas ‘yung film, merong Q&A. Talagang ma-fi-feel mo na ‘yung kahit hindi siya ‘yung nagtanong, ‘yung ibang audience kapag sumasagot ka talagang nakatingin sila. Talagang they’re listening very intently,” pahayag nito.

Elle Delizo performs at the PIDC pageant.



# SPOTLIGHT; Audrey Lyn Bushell

Audrey Lyn Bushell was recently crowned as 1st runner-up in the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation’s Miss Philippines Canada 2015 Pageant during the recently held Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show at the Metro-Toronto Convention Centre.

Multi-faceted Audrey is a singer, dancer, actress and a model. She is also an active youth leader who has worked with MP Patrick Brown in Barrie, Ontario. She graduated from the Royal Conservatory of Music with Honours. She has received numerous singing awards and has performed as a dancer and a choreographer all over Ontario. She has played the lead role in YTV Film’s ‘King of the Camp’ and musical productions like ‘Footloose’ and ‘Come Together’.

Audrey is excited about her new role as PCCF’s ambassador in their charitable undertakings!



ABOVE, Senator Enverga (2ND FROM RIGHT) was pleased to lend his support to Father Gilbert Talabong (2ND FROM LEFT) of Mauban, Quezon Province in the Philippines. Also in photo is Rosemer Enverga and FV Foods’ Mel Galeon.

BELOW, Manny Yanga of Scarborough Toyota, Senator Enverga and wife Rosemer, Dr. Solon Guzman, MP Joe Oliver, unidentified person, and PCCF’s Romy rafael pose at the Pinoy Fiesta festival.



## ANDRE GOT CLOSER TO BARBIE IN TOKYO

Andre Paras had a great time taping for his afternoon prime series, The Half Sisters, in Tokyo, Japan for a week. It is said that it is doubly memorable for Andre as it was when he became closer to his leading lady, Barbie Forteza. “It was fun,” Andre shares. “Nagkaligaw-ligaw kami sa kasa-shopping. And I’m happy that my first time in Japan was with the people I love to be with.”

His father Benjie Paras accompanied him for this trip. Andre said that it was hilarious working with his dad Benjie, who had a cameo role in the series, since “he just keeps on making everyone laugh.” Andre also revealed that he has a lot of unforgettable memories but he treasures his scenes with Barbie the most. “The most memorable scene for me is when I was with Barbie because it really shows how close we are in the story,” reveals Andre.

Maybe, some scenes will reveal how close they are now. The Half Sisters airs after Eat Bulaga on GMA.



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# Real score between Angeline & Erik

Dubbed the King and Queen of Theme Songs, Angeline Quinto and Erik Santos are gossip fodder anew with wags alleging they're in a relationship.

That the two were being seen together constantly only added fuel to the fire.

"Alam ko halos lahat ganu'n ang sinasabi pero kasi sa amin wala naman po talaga kaming aaminin. Kung sakali man maging kami, hindi naman namin itatago 'yun," Angeline said.

Erik, on his part, added, "Kasi ang hirap bigyan ng label kung ano 'yung meron kami eh. Pero sabi ko nga, kung hindi talaga kami, hindi. Kasi hindi naman talaga eh. Ayaw naman namin i-mislead 'yung mga tao na hindi naman talaga kami tapos sasabihin namin kami."

Vague as that may be, Erik brings more confusion to the table divulging how they often exchange "I love yous."

Erik further revealed that when he says "I love you" to Angeline, her answer would be "I love you more."

It is then he said, he would reply with, "I love you to infinity."

Angeline goes on to share how Erik loves being treated like a baby.

"Lalo na 'pag 'yung nasa ibang bansa kami, mahilig siyang magpa-baby na tipong, 'Bili mo ako nu'n,' ganu'n."

Erik was quick to justify his actions, saying, "Kasi sa mga relasyon naman 'di ba may mga pagkakataon talaga na darating kayo sa stage na kahit matanda na kayo, nagpapa-baby pa din. Lalo na kung kayong dalawa lang."

They don't deny going out on dates, with Angeline admitting, "Kapag wala siyang schedule kinukulit ko siya eh, yayayain ko siya. Or minsan pupunta ako sa bahay nila, (para) magluto kasi mahilig talaga akong magluto. Natutunan ko sa tatay ko."

Erik maintained Angeline's culinary skills are exceptional, saying, "Sobrang sarap niya magluto lalo na 'yung kare-kare."

More than just being a good cook, Erik also love it that Angeline is a natural clown.

He shared, "Sobra niya akong napapatawa at napapasaya, in all aspects. Alam mo 'yun, kahit hindi niya sinasadyang patawanin ako, pero natatawa ako."

Sounds very much like two people in love, doesn't it? Well, yes and no.

"Basta kung ano man po 'yung meron kami ngayon, sobra po kaming masaya. Alam niyo naman, sweet lang talaga ako," Angeline said.

She added, "Actually, ako naghihintay lang siguro talaga ako ng tamang panahon para masabi ko kay Erik na kami na talaga."

Well, if ever, will it immediately lead to the altar?

Not quite, said Erik. "For me, wala pa ako du'n sa pag-aasawa kasi sobra kaming nag-e-enjoy sa kung anong meron kami ngayon. Pero siyempre hindi ko rin naman ikakaila o maitatangi na I'm of legal age already 'di ba? Pero siyempre dapat it's a mutual decision."

He even pointed to Angeline still needing to achieve lots in her young career. "Siyempre marami pang gustong gawin si Angeline, lalo na sa career niya at sa pamilya niya, so naiintindihan ko 'yun."

All that said, Erik and Angeline are both quite busy preparing for their Cornerstone Concerts-produced show at the Araneta Coliseum on Aug 15.

"Sobra naming pinaghahandaan 'yung pagtatanghal namin," Erik crowed.

"Isang blessing ito, isang dream na natupad para sa akin. Lalo pa at kasama sa repertoire namin 'yung mga espesyal na kanta sa buhay ko," Angeline said.

Their special guests at the concert are Martin Nievera and Regine Velasquez-Alcasid.

"Hindi pa nabubuo 'yung konsepto nu'ng concert, talagang sila na 'yung nasa isip namin. And buti nalang we're very thankful, sobra po kaming blessed na pinaunlakan nila kami," said Erik.

While Angeline is excited for the concert, she admitted that she is having the jitters this early.

"Hindi naman siguro mawawala 'yung nerbiyos at kaba, kasi ako 'yung tipong tao na kahit ang dami ko ng nakantahan sa buong buhay ko, hindi talaga nawawala 'yung kaba ko."

Good thing that Erik is there to prop her up. "Ako, lagi ko lang sinasabi sa kanya na, 'kaya mo yan.' Kasi hindi naman ibibigay sa'yo 'yang blessing na 'yan kung hindi mo kaya."

He added, "Sa totoo lang 'di na dapat siya kaban eh kasi kapag nakita mo siya sobrang laki ng improvement niya as performer compared before. Actually magaling na talaga siya eh, pero ngayon, doble-doble, triple-triple pa 'yung improvement niya. Sobra."



Happy hour at any hour with family & friends

All vacations back home revolve around family, friends

It is hot.It is humid. It is scorching hot and humid in the Philippines.

This was my first impression when I went

home at the end of May for our family reunion in Pampanga. We hold it every May to coincide with the Philippine fiestas that we remember when we were young. Sadly,



Budol-like dinner before eating



Budol-like dinner afterwards



Cousins Eunice, Marie, May and Marie's son Heaven



Mae Sazon helps with the charity.



I wanted to buy this painting but it is part of the decor of the showroom at Betis Crafts.



Froy Baking takes a bite out of a banana-Q on the way up to Ditungabo Falls.



Ramon Sazon loads the jeep with the give-aways.



Charry help her mom and teacher with the distribution.



Luth Esguerra sits in one of the intricate "throne" produced by Betis Crafts.



Chloe and Mae spin the "wheel of fortune" at the Ifugao restaurant in Angeles.



Annset Travel owner Fina Joven speaks at the charity drive.



We went to the birthday party of my cousin Mayie's husband Ric (MIDDLE STANDING IN GREY SHIRT).

# Summer

ds, and always, food. And hot actress Angel Locsin.

the fiestas are not the same anymore. The carnival is not on the same church grounds like they used to. They are located somewhere else. They have also lost their festive

atmosphere, their excitement. They have also become smaller, with less crowd attending

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Angel Locsin with Froy Baking



Food, food, and more food is what a vacation is all about.



Raffelyn Pascual returns the money to Celle Baking.



Hermie Esquerre, with loyal company (SAN MIGUEL BEER CAN) poses with an old Beetle-turned-grill.



We ate at the Yellow Fin Grill in Baler where the smoke came in by the window.



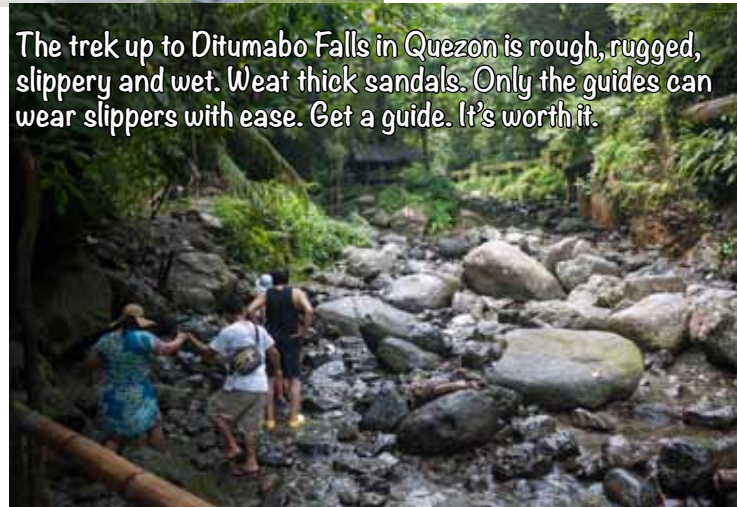
Wheel of fortune" at Matam-ih. s, Pampanga.



We ate at the Yellow Fin Grill in Baler where the the grill is below the dining area.



Joseph Baking, sister Desa, pose with Angel Locsin and Chito Miranda



The trek up to Ditumabo Falls in Quezon is rough, rugged, slippery and wet. Wear thick sandals. Only the guides can wear slippers with ease. Get a guide. It's worth it.



This is the still-unspoiled beach in Zambales where I was not able to come with my family (ABOVE).

## Meg on Ellen's success: Pana-panahon lang 'yan

MEG Imperial is being bashed by some writers who say she is "nilampaso at napag-iwanan na" by Ellen Adarna. She played the lead role in "Moon of Desire" then, and Ellen was just supporting her. But now, Ellen stars in the 6p.m. series "Pasion de Amor" and is also the leading lady of Coco Martin in the coming Star Cinema Metro Manila Filmfest entry, "Beauty and the Beastie".

What can Meg say about this? "I am happy for Ellen," she says. "Ma-saya ako sa kung anuman ang narating niya sa ngayon. Naging maganda ang samahan namin noon when we were working together, so I consider her as a friend. Wala akong nararamdamang inggit kasi hindi naman ako pinababayaan ng Viva, who's managing me. Hayan nga, may bago akong movie, 'Chain Mail', with Nadine Lustre and Shy Carlos. Kasama rin namin sina Mark Bautista, Jackielou Blanco and John Regala. It's about the horrifying things that happen when someone breaks a mysterious chain mail sa internet."

She's confident that her career will get better with Viva helping her. "I believe na talagang ganun lang naman sa showbiz. Pana-panahon kung marami kang trabaho o wala. Also, mas nauna naman si Ellen sa akin so she surely deserves 'yung magagandang nangyayari sa career niya ngayon kasi, she's also very sexy and very daring. But I believe na darating din naman 'yung time ko. The important thing is hindi ako nawawalan ng trabaho as of now. At sige-sige rin lang ako in trying to improve my craft and myself para pag- dumating yung bagong opportunity from ABS-CBN, ready ako anytime na humarap sa kamera."

Meg just appeared recently at FHM Sexiest Woman affair in SMX MOA and she was well-applauded when she appeared on stage.

## WHAT JENNYLYN AND DENNIS ARE AFRAID OF

JENNYLYN Mercado and Dennis Trillo both won't admit as of now that they have officially reconciled, but the people around them say their actions certainly speak louder than their words. They're now taping "My Faithful Husband" and there's no denying that they're really sweet and attentive to each other on the set.

Some folks say they're hesitant to admit that they've let bygones be bygones for them since before, they both declared na "wala silang binabalikan sa kanilang past relationships". They're now afraid they might be accused of eating their own words.

But if ever they'd eventually admit that they're on again, they wouldn't be the first showbiz couple who broke up then got together again. Before them, there was Luis Manzano and Angel Locsin, followed by JM de Guzman and Jessy Mendiola. Both couples split then, after some time, patched things up and were back in each other's arms to show that love is indeed lovelier the second time around. And we surely hope that, for all of them, it will be really for good and forever this time.



Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, MPP (Halton) Indira Naidoo-Harris, and Dr. Solon Guzman holds signs of support for Canadian PanAm athletes.

# Filipino Picnic Day - Milton

Victoria Park in Milton is a quiet little park in the fast-growing city of Milton. But for one Saturday every summer, it becomes a place for Filipinos to hang together and enjoy the program of the day's festivities. The picnic, now on it's 3rd year of festivity, was founded by Dr. Solon Guzman as a way for Filipinos to get together and enjoy the summer. This year, they ahve been lucky to be blessed by good weather. I hear everyone was saying that it was hot. Be thankful. At least you did not get get a non-stop day-long rain like Kalayaan where the day's programs were washed-out.



Dr. Josephine Adorna Guzman (RIGHT) poses with a friend.



Hawaiian dance is performed by Slony's students like Princess Guzman (FAR RIGHT) and others.



Atin ito's Eddie and Marita Lee.



Alma Torreno does the zumba.



Jenna Protacio co-hosts the festival.



Milton Taekwondo demonstration



People line up for the delicious food.



Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, MPP (Halton) Indira Naidoo-Harris, and Dr. Solon Guzman pose with sponsors.



Beautiful volunteers



Caren Menchavez and Dr. Solon Guzman accepts the plaque from MPP Indira Naidoo-Harris. PHOTO-NOLI GUMAPAC



Angeline Guzman (RIGHT) gets some ice cream.



ABOVE LEFT, Princess Guzman is the last runner in her winning team of the egg race. RIGHT, A girl performs the Hawaiian. BELOW, Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, MPP (Halton) Indira Naidoo-Harris, and Dr. Solon Guzman pose with volunteers.



Caren Menchavez and Dr. Solon Guzman pose with the volunteers. PHOTO-NOLI GUMAPAC



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## PH may need more warships, fighter jets

MANILA - The Philippine government may have to allot more funds to the military if the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea does not rule in Manila's favor in its maritime case against China, Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio said .

Carpio said the Armed Forces must be prepared if the United Nations tribunal says it doesn't have jurisdiction over the West Philippine Sea dispute.

"What will happen?" he asked military officials in the forum. "The only way we can protect ourselves is to acquire warships, warplanes, anti-ship missiles." Carpio, however, said the Philippines, on its own, will not win in a shooting war with China.

"No matter how many warships we'd buy, we cannot defeat China. We can only hope to deter China, but there is no way we can win in a total war," said Carpio. "So it's totally useless if the tribunal says there is no jurisdiction, the nine-dashed line prevailed, then there is no law of the sea anymore. Every nation will have to arm itself but that's not enough to resolve the dispute."

He said the Philippines' case and the UN tribunal's decision will have a global impact, particularly on the United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

He said if the tribunal rules in favor of China, "it will just worsen the dispute and the judges in the tribunal will be out of job because nobody will follow the law of the sea anymore."

"Why is it important to apply

UNCLOS to the South China Sea dispute? Because if we don't apply it, then UNCLOS – the constitution for the ocean and seas of our planet - cannot also apply to any maritime dispute in the rest of the oceans and seas of the world," he explained. "It would be the beginning of the end of UNCLOS. The rule of the naval canon will prevail in the ocean and seas, no longer the rule of law. There will be a naval arms race among coastal countries," Carpio said.

The Philippines is expecting the tribunal to decide on the jurisdiction over the case either in August or September.

### 17 REEFS DESTROYED

During the forum, Carpio revealed that China destroyed a total of 16 reefs in the disputed waters.

"China has damaged 10 other reefs for filling material for the seven reefs (where it built seven man-made islands). They actually destroyed a total of 17 reefs," he said.

Navy civil military operations group chief Col. Edgar Arevalo, who also spoke during the forum, said Chinese work on the artificial islands were ongoing as of May 28.

"I don't have any information whether its going on but so far that was reported during the routine patrol that we took (last May 28)," he said.

He added that Chinese maritime forces have harassed at least 6 Philippine missions to resupply military forces in the West Philippine Sea since last years.

## New PNP chief Marquez fed up with 'palibhasa pulis'

MANILA – Faced with the task of fighting crimes while looking out for erring policemen, newly installed Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Ricardo Marquez immediately laid down his plans for a better police organization.



In his speech at the turnover ceremony in Camp Crame, Marquez said the PNP must go back to the basics of policing, including the implementation of programs for police presence and patrolling the

community.

Marquez ordered the dispersal of personnel based on a well-developed patrol plan. He said the police force must show the public that their "Kuyang" and "Ate" police are patrolling the streets.

He added he would focus on proper licensing policies for firearms. He ordered the PNP Directorate for Operations and the Civil Security Group to develop a decentralized system for licensing of firearms.

Marquez also stressed the need for a system of accurate crime incident reporting and solution.

### LAMBAT SIBAT

He lauded the implementation of "Oplan Lambat Sibat" which, he said, has been producing results and making breakthroughs in crime fighting.

"As a result, the validated weekly robbery/theft figures in Metro Manila are currently at 308, down from a high baseline figure of 794 a year ago," Marquez said.

"Likewise, murder and homicide cases are also down to 21 from a high of 30 during the same period."

He said he would focus on auditing crime reporting and use data

to identify crime hot spots, implement strategic checkpoints, foot patrols, and go after known crime personalities.

He said because of Lambat Sibat, the brainchild of Interior Secretary Mar Roxas, crimes are down. He added he would make Lambat Sibat the Bible of crime fighting with priority to urban centers.

Marquez also stressed the importance of the campaign against illegal drugs and the need for an intensified a barangay-based anti-drug campaign.

He also committed to achieve zero crime incidents during international events including the APEC meeting in November.

For the 2016 elections, he called on the PNP to remain non-partisan, and prevent election-related violence.

### INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Marquez added he would make meritocracy the hallmark of his administration, where excellence will be rewarded.

"We will raise the bar for performance and accountability, so that excellence is rewarded and mediocrity receives its just desserts," he said.

He ordered the PNP Directorate for Personnel and Records Management to form a study group composed of representatives from various sectors to work on a promotion system that is fair and reliable.

Addressing misfits and scalawags, Marquez ordered a review of disciplinary mechanisms. He also said the Internal Affairs Service will be reinvented.

"Sa mga kapulisang matino at malinis ang hangaring maglingkod sa bayan, hindi ba kayo nagngi-ngitngi tuwing naririnig ninyo yung pasaring na 'palibhasa pulis' kapag may nangongotong o naghu-hulidap? Gaya ko, sawang-sawa na rin ba kayo sa ganitong pananaw sa atin ng publiko?" he said.

"Sa buong kapulisan, let me make this very very clear: Do your job well and you will be rewarded. If you are threatened or endangered in the line of duty, I will be there for you, walang iwanan. But betray your oath and violate the law, sisiguraduhin kong may kalalagyan kayo," he said.

## TWO NEW DIFFERENT LOVE STORIES

TWO new shows starring reel and real life loveteams are being prepared by ABS-CBN now. First is "Be My Lady" starring the overly saccharine and inseparable sweethearts Erich Gonzales and Daniel Matsunaga. Second is "The Story of Us" starring Kim Chiu and Xian Lim.

"Be My Lady" is quite interesting as it also stars the former and current wife of John Estrada, Janice de Belen and former Miss Earth Priscilla Meirelles. The two women know that they will co-star with each other and it's just fine with them.

Janice will play Erich's mother while Priscilla will be the auntie of Daniel. Both Priscilla and Daniel are Brazilians. This is the first time Priscilla will try acting in a Kapamilya soap. Prior to this, she was a contestant in TV5's "Celebrity Dance Battle" and in "Eat Bulaga's" Ballroom Pa More".

In "The Story of Us", the senior co-stars of Kim and Xian are Zsa Zsa Padilla and Aiko Melendez. Being given a big break in this soap is singer Bryan Santos of the boy band Harana, who will be Xian's rival over Kim. This will be under the direction of Mae Cruz Alviar, who directed the Kim-Xi love team in the movies "Bride for Rent" and "Past Tense".



## ANDREA TORRES

### Daring to be different



Andrea Torres landed number 2 to Jennylyn Mercado in the FHM Sexiest Woman Search.

But although she's just the runner-up, she was chosen by Summit Publications of FHM to be the subject of a coffee table book that will come out in September. Does this mean FHM believes she's really the one who deserve the Sexiest woman title?

"Hindi naman," she says. "Pero nagulat talaga ako when they offered me to do a coffee table book. Natapos na ang aming pictorial, kinunan mainly sa Tagaytay with Jay Tablante as photographer. Mas pasabog ito, more daring, sexier kaysa sa nauna kong cover pictorial for FHM."

She goes daring not only in the coffee table book but in her role as an escort girl-night club dancer in "Pari Koy". We visited her on the show's set and she's taping a dance number clad in a provocative outfit in front of several male customers in the scene that she is about to shoot.

"I had second thoughts kung tatanggapin ko ito kasi nga sanay ako sa lead roles na inaapi ako. Tapos, dito, user ako na peperahan ang father ni Dingdong Dantes na si Spanky Manikan tapos may sexy dance numbers pa. Baka hindi ko magawa nang tama. But my manager, Rams David, talked to me and told me na maganda ang role, very challenging, kaya ginawa ko. So 'yung mga nanghinayang na hindi ako rumampa sa FHM affair, they can watch me here sa dance number

ko in 'Pari Koy' dahil pasabog talaga ito."

Andrea has finished all her scenes in the Cambodian co-production she did with Mikael Daez, "Blood in Dispute". "Sa August 7, we are going to Phnom Penh, Cambodia para sa theatrical premiere nito. It will first be

shown there as a full length movie. Dito sa atin, it'll be shown as a mini-series. Excited kami ni Mikael na mapanood ito kasi maganda raw lumabas."

### Loisa, Joshua know their priority

Loisa Andalio and Joshua Garcia were discovered when they joined PBB All In where Daniel Matsunaga emerged as the winner. They figured in a love triangle with Jane Oineza then, so they were all included in the cast of "Nasaan Ka Nang Kailangan Kita" which started airing last January. Jane was later paired with Jerome Ponce.

Loisa is 16 years old and Joshua is 17. Loisa used to be part of a singing group called 3G and is the second in a brood of four. Joshua is from Batangas and for both of them, "Nasaan Ka" is their first try at acting. "We're so happy kasi first time namin to act at naging successful," says Joshua. "Noong una, talagang hirap na hirap kami. In one scene, naka-21 takes ako. But now, masaya na ako kasi they say I've improved."

"Nagpapasalamat kami sa mga director namin at kasamang artista kasi alam nilang hindi kami sanay sa acting kaya tinutulungan nila kami," says Loisa. "Noong una, nakaka-pressure dahil ang gagaling nila. Kapag nagagalit si Ate Vina

Morales, sa mata pa lang niya, natatakot na ako. But she helped me a lot. Gina-guide niya ako sa scenes namin kaya very thankful ako sa kanya."

The series has just been extended so they gave a thanksgiving presscon. They staged thanksgiving shows in various parts of the country and these are all well attended. In the coming episodes, Loisa as Bea develops a deeper relationship with Joshua as Joel. Is it also the case for the two of them in real life?

"Ay hindi po," says Joshua. "Mas nagpo-focus po kami sa career namin. Sayang naman ang opportunity na binibigay sa amin kaya itong priority namin."

Meantime, Jane as Corinne and Jerome as Ryan face a new chapter in their lives as they become young parents. Vina as Cecilia has become wealthy and it's said a new character will enter her life to be her romantic interest. Denise Laurel as Toni continues to fight for her love for Christian Bautista as Leandro. "Nasaan Ka Nang Kailangan Kita" is seen weekdays at 3:15 p.m. after "Flordeliza".

### Aicelle taks about her contravida role

Aicelle Santos gained fame as a lead actress for the hit musical on stage, "Rak of Aegis", which is now on its rerun at PETA Theatres. Now, Aicelle tries playing the role of a kontrabida in GMA7's new afternoon soap, "Buena Familia", that starts airing tomorrow, Tuesday, after "The Half Sisters". She plays Olga, a top singer who acts like a diva and oppresses new singer Julie Anne San Jose who is assigned to be her assistant. Their situation surely will remind you of Cherie Gil and Sharon Cuneta in "Bituing Walang Ningning".

"When the role was offered to me, I got excited," says Aicelle. "Kaya ko bang magkontrabida? First time ko, e, so I keep on asking Direk Gil Tejada kung tama ba ang ginagawa ko o baka kulang. Now, I'm enjoying it. Si Cruella de Ville sa '101 Dalmatians' ang peg ko rito. Natatakot lang ako sa fans ni Julie Anne at baka magalit sila sa'kin sa pang-aapi ko sa kanya. So pinauuna ko na po, trabaho lang ito. Uma-acting lang po kami."

In one scene, she asks Julie Anne: "What's your name?" Julie Anne replies: "Darling po." And she says: "Darling? I cannot call you that. I call my friends Darling and you are not my friend." It was a big hit with the writers who attended the show's presscon. They say it has the makings of Cherie Gil's hit line: "You're nothing but a second rate trying hard copy cat".

## Martin assures Kylie he's not the one in nude photo scandal

KYLIE Padilla can somehow identify with her role in her new soap, "Buena Familia", where she plays Celine, the eldest child of Bobby Andrews and Angelu de Leon. Bobby got imprisoned in the story for a pyramid scam. "Pareho sila ng tatay ko (Robin Padilla) na nakulong," says Kylie. "But in real life, I'm not the eldest kasi si Ate Queenie ko ang eldest sa amin. Also, in 'Buena Familia', it'll turn out na anak pala ako ni Tito Bobby sa other woman niya, played by Sheryl Cruz, and Tita Angelu has no inkling na tunay na anak ako ng husband niya sa ibang babae. Another similarity is that sa 'Buena Familia', nagkawatak-watak ang family namin. In real life, ganun din kami. My mom at mga kapatid ko, nasa Australia. May dad, married na dito to someone else, while I'm living on my own."

She confirms that she has broken up with her last BF, Matt Henares, who's now studying in Australia. "Wala akong lovelife but my work makes me happy. Hindi naman ako pinapabayaang ng GMA. I just did an episode of 'Wagas' with Derrick Monasterio and now, I'm so in love with 'Buena Familia'. So, dun ko na lang binubuhos ang lahat."

Her leading man in "Buena Familia", Martin del Rosario, who's sitting beside her during the show's presscon, has declared in several interviews that he has a big crush on her. Has he told her about this?

"No, wala naman siyang sinasabi. Pero kung totoo, 'di thank you." She then faces Martin? "Manliligaw ka ba sa'kin?"

"Ilang beses ko na sinabi sa'yong ang ganda mo, di ba?" says Martin.

So why don't you tell him you love her? another scribe asks Martin. "Love agad? Love takes time. We need to get to know each other munang mabuti."

So what's the chance of Martin? May pag-asa ba? "Naku, don't pressure us. Kasi baka maging feeling awkward kami sa set. I don't like that to happen."

Why is she hesitating? Is it because she has seen Martin's nude photo scandal? "No, I haven't. But we've talked about that and sinabi naman niyang hindi siya 'yun. Basta ayokong isipin, ayokong pangunahan. Nag-simula pa lang kaming mag-taping sa show, so don't force or rush us."

Isn't she somewhat envious that her Ate Queenie is now married to a Muslim husband? "No. Honestly, hindi ko priority ang lovelife now kasi I'm discovering a lot new things about myself. Pag may partner ka, the more on siya lagi ang maisip mo and I just want to concentrate on myself now. Ang dami ko pang gustong i-improve sa sarili ko at wish kong mag-rate muna nang mataas ang 'Buena Familia'."

## Scenes in the City



FIRST, Toronto Mayor John Tory poses with Rosemer Enverga at Pinoy Fiesta. SECOND, Samantha Gavin poses with JayR. THIRD, Samantha Gavin poses with Darren Espanto. FOURTH fans have their picture taken with GMA star Heart Evangelista at Pinoy Fiesta.



## Worth a Look



Eight-division world champion boxer, Manny Pacquiao will talk about his career and how religion helped him.

wants and varied interests of men. This idea led them to pursue the formation of a team that organized the event full-time.

In its inaugural year, the Gentle-

men's Expo had speakers such as Dragon's Den stars Jim Treliving and Bret Wilson plus former UFC Light Heavyweight Champion Jon Jones. The following year, the expo took it up a notch with guests such as former three-time UFC Welterweight Champion Georges St. Pierre, barbecue aficionado and famed Food Network star Rob Rainford and former Toronto Maple Leaf Gary Roberts. 2015 promises to be even better with the scheduled appearance by legendary pitcher Mariano Rivera, one of baseball's most dominant closers. Its most interesting guest, especially within the Filipino-Ca-

Toronto, a City known for its diversity and multiple interests, is the home of the annual Gentlemen's Expo, an event that appeals to people who are into fashion, technology, music, sports, cars, alcohol, grooming, sex, food, entrepreneurship, gaming, DIY and many more. In only its third year, the Expo has managed to attract some of the biggest names in business, sport, technology, music and culinary arts. The Expo was conceptualized by two men; one with a background in the financial industry and the other, an experienced event planner. The two felt there was not enough activities that catered to the needs,



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nadian community, is the announcement of the first Canadian appearance of former eight-division world champion boxer, Manny Pacquiao. Pacquiao has been a coveted guest of many Filipino-Canadian associations and organizations particularly because of his unifying force in the community and the Philippines as a whole.

A select few can purchase tickets to see Pacquiao be interviewed by Stephen Brunt of Sportsnet. This gives Canadians a rare opportunity to hear him speak live to talk about his career; his rise from the slums of the Philippines to eventually garnering iconic sports status. He will also be asked to discuss his political and philanthropic work as well as how religion has played a key role in his day-to-day decision-making process.

In addition to seeing famous personalities, the Gentleman's Expo promises to

offer its audience a glimpse of the best brands, the best technology, new attractions, a how-to series, samples of a wide variety of alcoholic beverages, a cooking stage, sports simulators, fashion retailers, the gentlemen's casino, "Start me Up Sunday" for start up businesses, a sneaker exhibit and retail area and many more.

Do not let the name of the event fool you. The Gentlemen's Expo is more about the event being the personification of what a gentleman is. It is not exclusively for men since 30% of its audience are women. Note that you have 19 year-of-age or older to attend and it is highly recommended that you get your tickets early.

For more detailed information including a list of all the vendors you will be able to see, check their website at [www.gentlemensexpo.com](http://www.gentlemensexpo.com)

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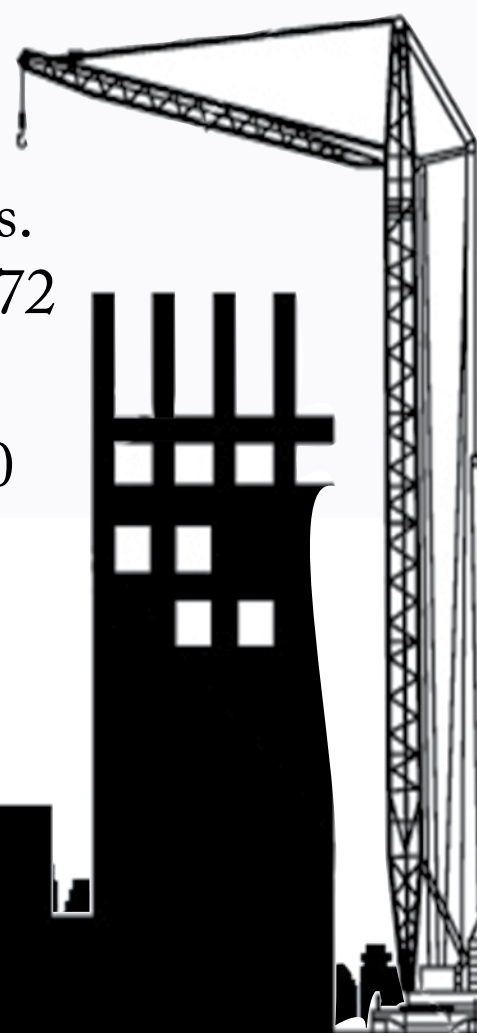
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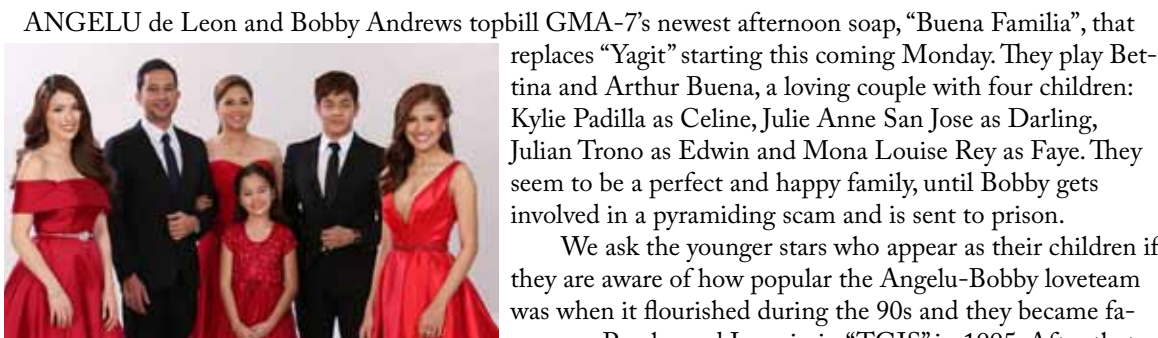
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Angelu, Bobby finally do kissing scenes



ANGELU de Leon and Bobby Andrews topbill GMA-7’s newest afternoon soap, “Buena Familia”, that replaces “Yagit” starting this coming Monday. They play Bettina and Arthur Buena, a loving couple with four children: Kylie Padilla as Celine, Julie Anne San Jose as Darling, Julian Trono as Edwin and Mona Louise Rey as Faye. They seem to be a perfect and happy family, until Bobby gets involved in a pyramiding scam and is sent to prison.

We ask the younger stars who appear as their children if they are aware of how popular the Angelu-Bobby loveteam was when it flourished during the 90s and they became famous as Peachy and Joaquin in “TGIS” in 1995. After that, they were doing one movie hit after another, like “Wala Na Bang Pag-ibig”, “Laging Naroon Ka”, “Ikaw na Sana” and “Ang Lahat ng Ito’y Para sa Iyo”.

“Sorry po,” says Kylie. “I was abroad during that time. But I was told na naging very popular nga po sila.” “Maliit pa ako noon but I know nakilala sila as Peachy and Wacks,” says Julie Anne. “Later, I saw some of the movies they did on TV.”

“Ako rin, kilala ko sila as Peachy and Wacks,” says Julian. As for Mona, she was not even born yet at that time.

So how do they feel that they’re together again? “Siyempre, nakakatuwa,” says Angelu, who’s turning 36 on August 22. “Our love-team started exactly 20 years ago at ngayon, pang-throwback na lang kami kasi may scenes kami rito sa ‘Buena Familia’ na nangyari in the 90s, which is exactly our era.”

“Pero malayo na ang itinakbo ng love-team namin,” says Bobby. “Noon, puro pa-cute lang kami. Ngayon, more serious na. First time namin to play na mag-asawa. Kung dati, hanggang holding hands lang kami. Ngayon, may kissing scenes na.”

Both Bobby and Angelu are now happily married. Bobby to Bienne Co and Angelu to Wowie Rivera. Supporting them in “Buena Familia” are Sheryl Cruz as Bobby’s other woman who makes life hell for their family, Tessie Tomas as Bobby’s matapobreng mother-in-law, Aicelle Santos as a top singer who oppresses Julie Anne, Mayton Eugenio as Kylie’s best friend, and Martin del Rosario and Jake Vargas as the leading men of Kylie and Julie Anne. “Buena Familia” is directed by Gil Tejada who’s happy to be working with Angelu and Bobby again since they have worked before with Viva in the 90s.

Derek loves work



DEREK Ramsay is very happy that his first stint in “Wattpad Presents” with Jasmine Curtis Smith,

“Unwanted Girlfriend”, is well received by viewers.

“The feedback is consistently good, very encouraging, and we’re glad that they say maganda ang chemistry namin ni Jasmine,” he says. “Our episode is now on its second week. The first week was light and happy, may pagka-comedy dahil sa hilarious antics ni Jasmine as a girl who’s willing to look silly in being my pretend girlfriend just because she’s so in love with me. But this week, the story will take a dramatic turn when it is discovered that Jasmine pala has a serious heart ailment that has to be operated on.”

Aside from acting in “Wattpad Presents”, Derek is also having a good time being one of the hosts of TV5’s Sunday noontime variety show, “Happy Truck ng Bayan”.

“I’m enjoying it kasi it gives me the chance to visit various places in Metro Manila where we stage it on location. In so doing, I get to meet people from all walks of life and connect with my fans everywhere. You can see me hugging the people, having a great time with them. It’s my way of giving back to the viewers, lalo na nga three times ko nang nahulaan correctly kung saan matatagpuan ang jackpot prize namin. For me, hindi trabaho ‘yung ginagawa ko roon kasi talagang sobrang saya.”

TIDBITS

Tessie accepts son’s life as gay

TESSIE Tomas gained fame as a stand up comedian who spoofs people like Imelda Marcos and Miriam Santiago. But now, she’s doing more drama in soaps like the recent “Once Upon a Kiss” and the current “Buena Familia”.



“Nami-miss ko nga mag-comedy at gumawa ng sitcoms pero dito ako nalilinya sa drama ngayon, so okay lang,” she says.

In “Buena Familia”, she plays Angelu de Leon’s rich mother who belittles her son-in-law, Bobby Andrews. “Kahit nagdadrama ako, natatawa si Angelu dahil pagkatapos ng eksena, nagpa-punchline pa rin ako nang nakakatawa.”

How’s her British husband? “Nasa England ngayon si Roger. 21 years na kaming mag-asawa and we’re doing okay. Sinasama nga ako, kaso may trabaho naman ako rito.”

How about her son Robin? “He’s doing well as a designer in New York. May sarili na siyang store called Tomas Pop Up Store.”

Robin is now married in a same-sex marriage and she has always accepted his being gay. “Early on, natanggap ko na ‘yun kasi sa showbiz naman, ang daming gays. Sa halip na maghanap pa siya ng acceptance sa ibang tao, ako na ang unang tumanggap sa kanya at hindi naman ako nagkamali sa pagpapalaki sa kanya dahil he grew up to be a good, productive person. ‘Yung napangasawa niya also comes from a good family at may maganda ring trabaho so happy ako for them.”



PH is ‘US fiancé visa’ capital

Filipinos may have the lowest US visitor visa issuance rate among foreign countries but not when it comes to fiancé/fiancée visas.

At the recent national immigration law conference held in Washington, it was interesting to discover that the Philippines is considered the fiancé visa capital of the world.

This fact is supported by figures published by the Department of State’s Bureau of Consular Affairs, which indicates there were 8,525 Philippine nationals petitioned by their US citizen fiancés in 2014.

The Philippines is followed by China and Mexico with 2,177 and 2,101 fiancé visas issued for fiscal year 2014, respectively.

There may be several reasons for the steady rise of issued fiancé visas for Filipinos, such as an increased population of Filipinos in the United States, the ease and ubiquity of online dating services and social media outlets, or even the Philippines’ active tourism campaign of “It’s more fun in the Philippines,” which attracted millions of visitors may have spurred many love connections. Most plausible, however, are the advantages in filing a fiancé visa petition over a spousal petition.

The fiancé visa is a temporary nonimmigrant visa. The expected processing time is generally five to eight months. This is relatively faster than a spousal petition (I-130) by a US citizen, which can take up to one year to process the immigrant visa.

Once the fiancé arrives in the US, the couple must marry within 90 days and file an application for adjustment of status for the “green card.”

Another advantage of the fiancé visa is the inclusion of derivative minor children. If the fiancé has minor children under the age of 21, the US citizen does not need to file separate petitions for the

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Golez fears China will back candidates in 2016

Statement assumes that all non-Liberal candidates may be China’s candidate

MANILA - Former Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez is concerned that China may back candidates in the 2016 elections.

Golez said China backed candidates in the US elections, and he hopes that won’t happen in the 2016 elections in the country.

Ifugao Rep. Teddy Baguilat, for his part, said China won’t back candidates of the Liberal Party, noting the sour relationship between Beijing and the Aquino administration over the West Philippine Sea.

Golez belongs to the Movement and Alliance to Resist China’s Aggression, a network of China’s critics in the Philippines. It held a global day of protest against China on July 24.

The main protest was held in front of the Chinese consular office in Makati. On the same day, similar protests were held in Cainta, Guam, Saipan and San Francisco.

There were also protest actions in Manila and Cagayan de Oro July 25 and Paris July

26.

The group will also hold a social media protest where people are encouraged to take pictures with others while holding a banner against China’s aggression and post it on social media.

The schedule on July 24 was selected as it marks the first anniversary of the establishment of Sansha City, the local government unit that China put up to administer the West Philippine Sea

People
...are talking about

Angel Locsin's controversial magazine cover

UNO magazine has just named the Kapamilya star the sexiest woman in its own sexiest list. The result, which compared blatantly Angel to FHM's sexiest woman, was easily picked up by fans with mixed reaction upon seeing the magazine cover. The magazine was successful in its intention to take the spotlight away from FHM, no doubt.

Jodi Sta. Maria

Was it really her or just the character she plays? Regardless, Jodi is definitely a hot topic. Her return as Amor Powers in Pangako Sa 'Yo last Thursday was momentous for the series. The primetime drama registered its highest ratings since its pilot telecast. Her much-awaited return also trended worldwide on Twitter.

Rhap Salazar

For the record, it was the young singer who started blasting non-singers who make a living out of lip-syncing. We just hope he didn't apologize for telling the truth because his bold statement triggered other professional singers and other big names in the industry to finally air their sentiments on music being dominated by a bunch of



talentless singers. So, since everyone is talking, what are we supposed to do now?

...are NOT talking about

JJennylyn Mercado

She may have topped FHM's sexiest poll this year but a lot of people seem not so crazy about it. At the annual victory party of the popular men's magazine, it was evident that audiences were not so excited to see Jennylyn walk down the ramp. Ironically, starlets who were not even part of the top 10 got the loudest cheers. Now basing on audience impact, Jennylyn was not the star of the night.



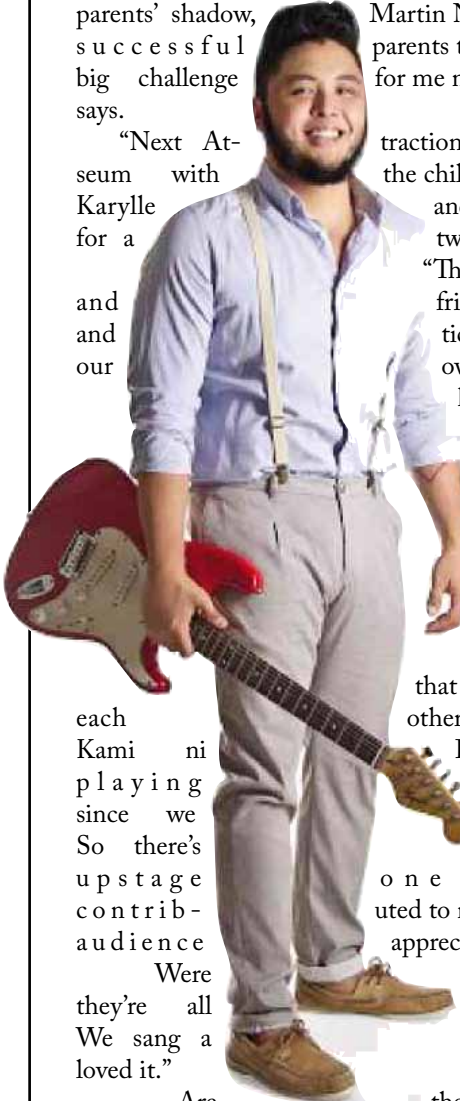
Baron Geisler

The still troubled actor went ballistic in

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HARD TO GET OUT OF POPULAR PARENTS' SHADOWS

ROBIN Nievera knows it'd be hard for him to get out of his more popular parents' shadow, successful big challenge says. "Next At-seum with Karylle for a traction", his recent one night concert at the Music Mu- the children of other big stars like Paolo Valenciano, and Isabella, was such a big hit it is now scheduled two-night repeat on August 14 and 15. "The first concert was initially for family members friends. We were surprised so many people came tickets were all sold out. We didn't know we have own audience of young people who go for our kind of music." So, how was it performing with Paolo, Karylle and Isabella? "It was a lot of fun. The stage was designed to look like it's someone's living room and we're all just jamming together. Very relaxed. It helped that we've known other since childhood. Paolo, we've been playing video games since we were kids. So there's no effort to up stage contrib- audience one another. We all uted to make it a very good show and we're happy the appreciated our efforts." their parents present to support them? "Yes, there. We called them to join us in the encore. Stevie Wonder medley and the audience really Are Araneta Coli- they hoping to stage it in a bigger venue, like the seum? "Sana. Basta the important thing is there's something we'll enjoy doing about it and it doesn't appear to people like work, so people can enjoy doing it with us."



a bar in Pampanga last week. His sudden meltdown was caused, according to his camp, by his being discriminated. Baron was denied entry to a bar where he just wanted to have some fun. Apparently, the bar staff sensed that he will only cause trouble. No question, they did the right thing.

Mark Neumann

Expectation was high when it was announced that the young actor was going to top bill the local adaptation of the hit Korean series, The Baker King. He got a lot of media attention, too. But the excitement eventually died down when the series started airing. What has gone wrong? Everything! Not to mention that Mark is just a flash in the pan.

Yasmien's role affects her real life



YASMIEN Kurdi says that playing the role of Dolores in the long-running "Yagit" has affected her even in real life. "Sobrang nadadala ko 'yung character," she says. "Kahit binabasa ko pa lang 'yung script, naaapektuhan na ako at tumutulo na ang luha ko. Kung minsan nga, sa eksena, hindi ko alam, umiiyak na pala ako bilang ina ni Chlauri Malayao as Elisa na ilang beses nang na-kidnap.

Sa mga tagpo namang lumalaban si Dolores sa mga nang-aapi sa kanya, like si Bettina Carlos as Izel na isa sa mga umaapi sa amin, inaaway ko talaga siya nang totooanan. So there are times I tell myself, teka, teka, let's take a break. Hinuhubad ko 'yung character mula sa consciousness ko. I have to separate myself from her at iniinwanan ko muna siya sa isang tabi."

They all feel sad that "Yagit" will have its conclusion this week. "Yes, matatapos na kami on Friday after almost one year on the air. Tiyak na iyakan sa last taping day namin on Wednesday dahil magpapaalaman na kami at hindi na kami magkikita regularly sa set like we've gotten used to do. The serial ends na masaya kaming lahat as we had a good successful run. Maraming nakapansin sa color schemes ng aming characters. Like ako, laging naka-yellow, si LJ Reyes, naka-red, si Raquel Villavicencio as Donya Claudia, naka-violet, etc. Ang dami ring nakapag-guest na ibang artista sa amin, including Bea Binene, Kiko Estrada, Nova Villa at marami pang iba. So we'll end na marami kaming good memories about the show."

Her daughter Ayesha Zara is now two years old. When does she and her husband Rey Soldevilla intend to have a second baby? "As of now, wala kaming plano. Ang hirap kasi, kahapon lang kami nagkayaya. Nakuha namin from Zamboanga kasi tagaroon ang husband ko. We'll wait munang lumaki-laki si Ayesha bago namin sundan."

Yasmien is one of two local actresses who has a very good looking non-showbiz husband. Another one is Sunshine Dizon, whose hubby is Timothy Tan. Both Rey and Timothy can give some actors a run for their money if they'd wish to join showbiz also.



## RUMOR: WILLIE LOS- ING A LOT IN SUNDAY SHOW

SOMEONE told us Willie Revillame is losing a lot of money by being a blocktimer of GMA7 for his Sunday game show, “Wowowin”, unlike when he was with TV5 where he’s the one being paid. For his one hour show, he pays P2 million to GMA7 every Sunday. He cannot recover that big an amount from all the ads in his show, which was even cut short last Sunday due to overtime.

Willie was hoping his show will be given a daily shot but it’s not gonna happen simply because “Wowowin” is not rating well. “Natatalo pa siya ng full length movies na kasabay niya na mas mataas ang rating,” says our source. “Una niyang dapat gawin is to make his show faster paced kasi nakaka-bagot panoorin dahil kanta siya nang kanta. Doon pa lang nauubos na ang oras niya tapos ang bagal ng pacing ng games niya. Kaya hindi naka-katagal ang viewers at lumilipat agad ng channel basta lumaylay na ang show niya.”

Last we heard, GMA has lowered the fee he’s paying as a blocktimer. As of now, he’s only made to pay P700,000 a week for his airtime. Here’s hoping he can make some profit from now on from his show so he can sustain it.

## ALDEN GETS NO DAY OFF

MR.Tony Tuviera’s APT Entertainment will be producing the new show that will replace “Sunday All Stars” on GMA7. This is titled “Sunday Pinas Saya” and is going to be a comedy-variety show hosted by Ai Ai de las Alas and Marian Rivera, along with Alden Richards, Jose Manalo and Wally Bayola.

Alden, Jose and Wally are now being seen from Monday to Saturday in “Eat Bulaga”. With them also in “Sunday Pinas Saya”, that means they’ll no longer have a day off and will be seen every lunchtime all days of the week.

We’re happy for Alden who has not had a regular show since “Ilustrado” aired in December yet. At least, he is assured of a good exposure in “Eat Bulaga” and “Sunday Pinas Saya”. In fairness to him, he’s good in comedy, especially in his skits with Wally.

The new Sunday show will be the 4th show produced by APT for GMA7. They’re also producing “The Ryzza Mae Show” and the upcoming daytime drama, “The First Daughter” starring Ryzza, Aiza Seguerra and Eula Valdez.

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## NO ONE CAN STOP POE-ESCUDERO TAN- DEM ON GMA7

SUSAN Roces is back before the camera playing Coco Martin’s Lola in the TV remake of FPJ’s “Ang Probinsiyano”. When asked about the possibility of her daughter Grace Poe running as president in 2016, she says she doesn’t meddle with Grace’s political affairs. “She’s old and wise enough to make her own decisions,” she adds.

More and more people are being receptive to Grace’s presidential bid, which is why she’s topping the surveys even if she has not yet declared officially that she’s running. Obviously, the public is sick and tired of the same old trapos and wants someone fresh and untainted. No wonder people say Grace is the best legacy of FPJ, who was unsuccessful in his presidential bid as he was blatantly cheated by Gloria. Even Pres. PNoy recognizes this, which is why he proposed that Grace go around the country to campaign with Mar Roxas, as he can see Mar has very little chance of winning. It’s good Grace is wise enough to refuse not to be used by the current administration.

From the start of her work as a public servant as the MTRCB head, Grace has established herself as a principled, disciplined and focused leader. Her MTRCB stint may be short but she’s one of the best chairs it ever had. At the Senate, she showed so much intelligence and discretion in questioning people at the Senate hearings, unlike other senators who are obviously just grandstanding with their bombast and bullying.

We’ve met Grace in person several times and she strikes us someone sincere and very level-headed. If she’d play her cards well, she can bag the presidency even if they pose legal challenges against her candidacy because people are just tired of the same old names blemished by corruption. The fact that her opponents are now gang-ing up on her to destroy her is a sure indication that they’re panicking. Remember when they maligned her for being an “ampon” it backfired on them since more people sympathized with Grace and this only made her ratings go up further.

We heard she might formally declare her candidacy on her late dad’s 76th birthday on August 20. She has very fond memories of her dad: “My dad was the one who taught me by example what unconditional love is. He was not one to talk much, but he always showed me how to remain humble and magnanimous. My mom told me that my dad compassionate and generous to a fault because he never forgot how it was to be poor. That’s why he was genuine in his ways and his films were always about social justice and uplifting the lives of those in need. I now want to prove that FPJ, the person they ridiculed, was able to raise somebody like me, who is continuing his legacy.”

If ever Sen. Grace would decided to aspire for the position that was cheated away from her dad, may she have the guts and courage to face all the demolition job that will surely come her way.

The loudest whisper is that she will run as president with Chiz Escudero as vice president. She won’t confirm this yet but one things is sure, though, GMA-7 will soon announce the start of a Poe-Escudero team up. That is, Lovi Poe and Heart Evangelista-Escudero who will star together in their newest primetime show, “Beautiful Strangers”.

## Jasmine shakes off Derek’s big-brother image to become his lover

JASMINE Curtis-Smith is paired with Derek Ramsay for the first time in “Wattpad Presents Unwanted Girlfriend”. “Nagkasama na kami before in the action series, ‘Undercover’, but not as love interest,” she says. “This time, kami talaga ang magkapareha.”

“He plays Mikael, a top photographer who can’t get over the fact that he was dumped by his girlfriend, si Stephanie, played by Carla Humphries. I proposed to him na gawin niya akong pretend girlfriend para he can forget his devastating heartbreak with Carla. The story becomes complicated when it’s discovered that I have heart disease.

“Unwanted Girlfriend” is a special episode to celebrate the 4th season of “Wattpad Presents”. Instead of the usual one week, it will run for two weeks. “Mahaba kasi ‘yung book on which this was based,” says TV5 entertainment head Wilma Galvante. “We don’t want to compress the story kasi more than 8.9 million ang readers nito. So mapapanood nila ito ng buo for two weeks. We’re really happy with ‘Wattpad Presents’ kasi marami talagang sumusubaybay rito, even on other platforms. May regular advertisers kami na nagpapalagay pa ng product placements within the show kasi marami talagang followers ang aming kilig mini-series.”

So how is it working with Derek in “Unwanted Girlfriend”? “It’s always fun to work with him kasi kahit pagod na kayo, madaling araw na, pero mataas pa rin ang energy niya, nagpapatawa pa rin siya. Maganda agad ang naging rapport namin kasi we’ve known each other for a long time na, since nung bata pa ko, friends na sila ng sister ko (Anne). That helped a lot para maging comfortable kami sa isa’t isa. Pero siyempre, noong una, medyo weird kasi nga I consider him my Kuya, tapos magkapareha na kami, but after a while, we were laughing about it na. We really have to thank our director, Ricky Rivero, for helping us to nail our roles and the material the way he wants us to.”

What’s the reaction of her Ate Anne about it? “When she called me, I was in Tagaytay taping with Derek at nang sabihin ko ito sa kanya, sigaw siya ng sigaw ‘What? With Derek? That’s so weird.’ Kasi nga, napanood ko ‘yung movie nila with him even showing his butt. So the biggest challenge for me to overcome is ‘yung lumaki akong big brother ang tingin ko sa kanya. Tapos, baliw-baliwan ‘yung role ko, tanga sa pag-ibig, so challenging talaga. Pero sa tingin ko, naitawid naman namin.”

Jasmine is venturing into theatre. She plays one of the four lead roles in the 9 Works-Sunbox production of “No Filter, Let’s Talk About Me”, that starts playing at RBCB Theatre in Makati on July 25. “It’s a long monologue about the problems that most young people today face, their 9 to 5 jobs, their relationships and the influence of social media today. I’m learning a lot from the experience of acting on stage.”

So what about her lovelife after Sam Concepcion? “I’m in love. With life, with my career, with my family, with God. They’re enough to inspire me.”

## Talakayan in the City

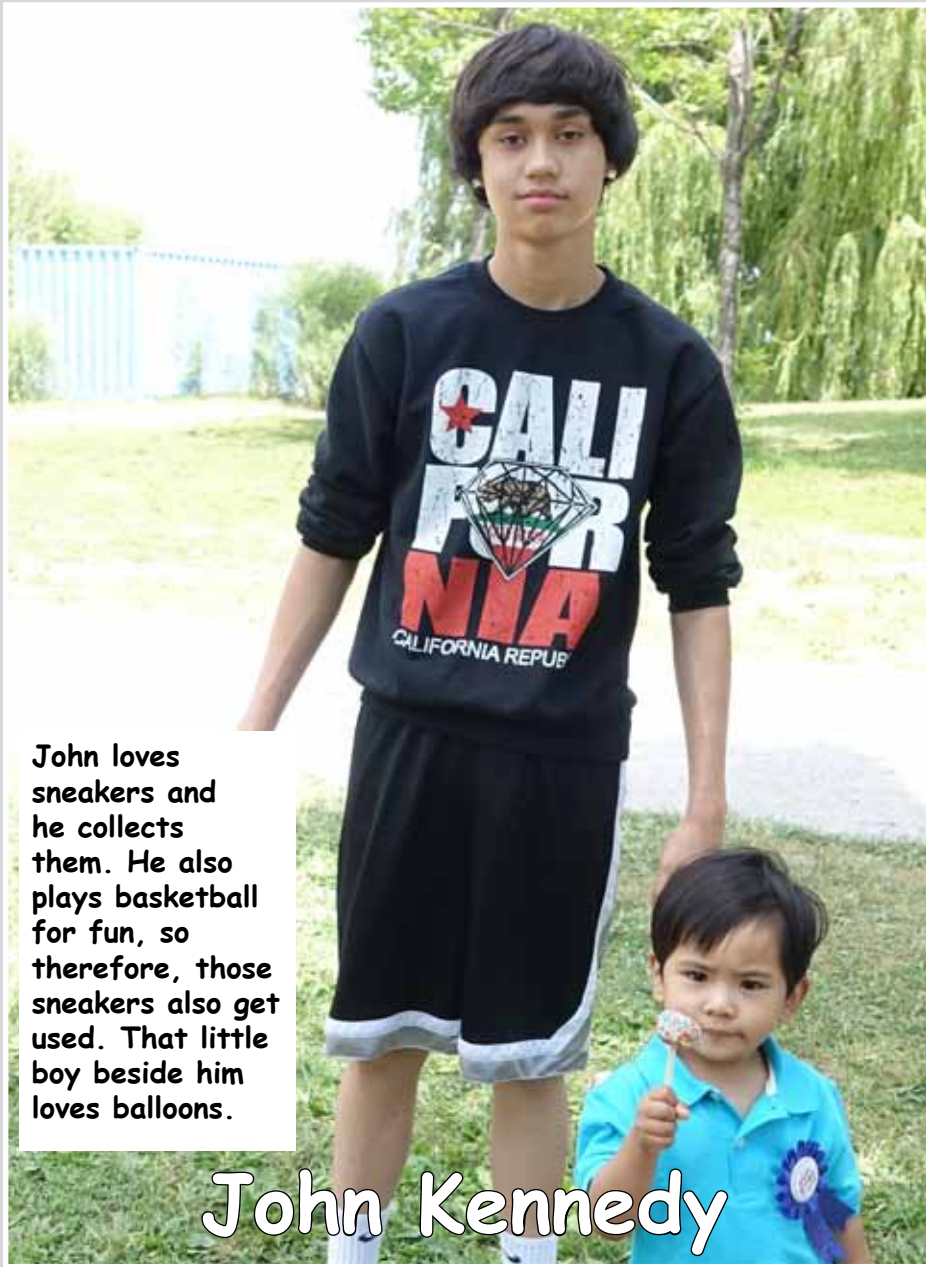
Newly- posted Philippine Consul General-Toronto Rosalita Prospero (seated centre) strikes a pose with Talakayan Radyo Filipino AM 1430 co- producer May Cabrias ( right), co-anchor Karen Tan ( left), political commentator Tony A.San Juan ( standing left) and roving reporter Joe Damasco ( right),during an interview break on July 18, 2015 at Fairchild Radio Studio in Thornhill, Ontario. ConGen R. Prospero discussed the Consulate’s drive for dual citizenship , 2016 winter escapades and enhancing consular & office services for Filipinos. Not shown are: producer Jess Cabrias, Nelson Galvez, Bobby Achacon and Karen Binaday.( Photo credit: Nelson Galvez)



Darren Espanto, Anthony and Candace David and JayR pose at the presscon for the Darren Espanto concert.



# Hunk Shot



John loves sneakers and he collects them. He also plays basketball for fun, so therefore, those sneakers also get used. That little boy beside him loves balloons.

John Kennedy

## 'PARI KOY' STRENGTHENS DINGDONG'S FAITH

DINGDONG Dantes is happy that "Pari Koy" is extended until August 21. "Bale more than 20 weeks din kami sa ere," he says.

The soap will be memorable for him as some kids really think he is a priest. "Kapag nakikita ako in public, nagmamano sila sa kamay ko. Nakakahiya nga. But more than that, the show really helped strengthen my faith in God kaya this is one of my favorite shows. We've featured so many inspiring stories in the course of the show at marami kaming naging malalaking guest stars. Even my wife (Marian Rivera), nanonood siya nito kasi nga very inspiring ang stories."

Will there be a possibility that Marian will be a guest in the show before it ends? "Actually, napag-usapan na namin talaga 'yan at okay naman sa kanya to be a part of the show kasi tapos na 'yung delicate first trimester of her pregnancy. But of course, it'll still depend on the condition of her pregnancy in the weeks to come."

But Marian will be part of the new show "Sunday Pinas Saya"? "Yes, but she'll just be a host. Every Sunday lang naman 'yon at hindi naman siya magsasayaw roon or sasali sa games. Siyempre, iniingatan niya ang baby namin."

So how will he like "Pari Koy" to end? Will he return to being a priest? "Siyempre, pipiliin ni Fr. Kokoy kung ano ang tama."

Which is? "Love. Pag-ibig sa Diyos. Pero mahirap talaga ang sitwasyon niya kasi may anak siya, si David Remo

as Pinggoy. But we've consulted some church authorities and according to them, hindi naman kasalanan ni Fr. Kokoy na may anak siya. It happened naman noong hindi pa siya nagpapari. So as of now, we don't know yet what will happen. We're still looking into some possibilities."

## MARTIN ON KYLIE: SHE'S GENUINE

IT'S been a year since Martin del Rosario left ABS-CBN and moved to GMA7. He's happy that after guesting in such shows as "Rhodora X", "Pari Koy", "Karelasyon", "Magpakailanman", he now gets to play a regular lead role in a soap. This is in "Buena Familia" where he is the leading man of Kylie Padilla. So how is it working with Kylie who he has announced before as his crush?

"She's nice to work with," he says. "We quickly became comfortable with each other kasi even before we started taping, sabay kaming naging guests sa lifestyle talk show na 'Mars' on GMA News TV. Mula noon, every time I'm asked who I would like to be paired with, laging siya ang sinasabi ko. O heto, ngayon, nagkatotoo na. I really admire her, not only dahil maganda siya kundi napakatotoo niya. The way she talks, you can see she's genuine. When she opens up, you can see malalim siyang kausap."

So is he in love with her? "Siguro hindi love agad. Admiration muna. Kasi 'yung love, mas maganda kung kilala n'yo nang mabuti ang isa't isa. Basta sa ngayon, start pa lang ng show, masaya kami. We don't feel awkward with each other."

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Melissa Ricks is a youtube star

Max gets death threats + other news

Melissa Ricks, exactly a year ago last July, confirmed the rumors that she was preggy. She officially became a mom last January 12 when she gave birth to a cute baby girl she and her boyfriend, Charles Togesaki, named Kiera Kelly. Now, she's back in showbiz not only as an actress but as a Youtube star talking about her life as a working mom in ABS-CBN's multi-channel network for the next online stars, Chicken Pork Adobo Network.

This empowers creators who do not have the chance to go on TV. The head is Donald Lim, head of ABS-CBN's Digital Media Division. Chicken Pork Adobo has 90 creators now whose Youtube channels offer a variety of topics: fashion, toys, comedy, music, lifestyle, blogs, entertainment, arts and crafts, food, parenting and inspirational. These creators produce their own materials on a regular basis and even let their fans in into their own private lives.

Studies show that more and more Pinoys are consuming content online with an estimated 38 million internet users, most of whom are under 30 years old, and they are looking for different kinds of materials not usually found on free TV and cable channels. Included in Chicken Pork Adobo is the big hit Kids'Toys showing sisters Faye and Laurice Tendilla as they open their toys. Launched in May 2012, it has since gathered 1.14 million subscribers and had 1.5 billion views.

Other creators include Lloyd Cadena, who's popular because of his own takes on love, school and his parody videos; "The Social Network" with three lawyers who share their entertaining opinions, and actress Cai Cortez "Plump Pinay" that advocates one's being comfortable with one's own body, even if you're fat.

If you think you have something great to contribute, Chicken Pork Adobo wants you to share your interesting and exciting materials with them so you can make your own mark on digital space. You can get in touch with them through chickenporkadobo @abs-cbn.com. They're also on Facebook at chickenporkadobot.net.

Princess, Leni turns villains in 'Yagit'

PRINCESS Punzalan is enjoying her role so much as the evil lawyer, Atty. Mili, in "Yagit" that will end two weeks from now. "Tiyak na kainisan na naman ako ng viewers," she says. "Tulad ng pagkainis nila sa akin when I did the role of Selenia in 'Mula Sa Puso'. As Mili, tutulungan ko ang sister kong si Alessandra de Rossi as Lulu para makidnap uli si Chlauri Malayao as Elisa. Ito ang balak niyang gawin kapalit ng nawala niyang anak. Nanakawin ko ang susi sa mansion nina James Blanco as Victor, ang father ni Elisa, para makidnap ang bata. Magkukunwa rin akong tutulungan sina James laban sa kaso nila kay Bettina Carlos as Izel na ninakaw ang lahat ng kayamanan ng pamilya nila, without him knowing na magkaibigan pala kami ni Bettina at lalo ko lang silang ipapahamak."

Aside from Princess and Alessandra, the other set of sister villains in the popular afternoon drama series are LJ Reyes as Flora and her sister Leni Santos as Babylyn who oppress Judie de la Cruz as Josie and her brother Jemwell Ventinilla as Tomtom. The two kids manage to escape from their clutches, without knowing that they will only fall into the hands of another evil character, Senyora Adelaida (Nova Villa), who locks them up



and holds them captive in her bodega.

Kiray is a scene-stealer

KIRAY Celis plays the title role in "Manananggurl", this Saturday night's episode of TV5's hit horror-comedy, "ParangNormal Activity". Kiray plays the leader of cheer leaders and mean girls in their school who becomes the victim of a manananggal, played by Regine Angeles. She gets the shock of her life when, while doing a cheer leading stunt, she's thrown into the air and her body separates into two, with her upper half growing wings to make her a manananggurl.

"Grabe, maski ako, natakot nang makita ko ang sarili ko sa screen," she says. "Pero nakakatawa rin kasi kahit lumilipad na ako, hinahanap ko 'yung lower half ko. Sabi ko, 'My hips! My hips! Nakakalowkah!'"

Kiray stole the scene at the show's recent presscon when she imitated the Pabebe Girls, doing their Pabebe talk. When she was asked if she already had a boyfriend, she replied in a Pabebe manner.

"Sana nga, payagan na ako ng Mama ko kasi 18 na ako. Pinu-push ko na talagang magka-BF na ako. Sabi ko, payagan na niya kami ni Tom Taus. Pinipilit ko nga si Direk Perci Intalan na i-guest si Tom sa show namin. Kasi mas maganda kung may ka-love team ako. Parang Pabebe po, ganun."

Why does she choose Tom? "Kasi po ang hot niya. At magkasing-height kami. At saka balikbayan siya, galing sa States, so na-miss siya ng mga tao. E, kilala siya nung bata pa siya as Cedie, ang munting prinsipe, di ba?"

She's grateful to ABS-CBN for lending her to TV5 to do "ParangNormal Activity". "Kasi wala naman po akong show sa kanila. Actually, guest lang ako dapat dito sa 'ParangNormal Activity'. E, natuwa sa'kin si Direk Perci. Nakita niya kung gaano ako kagaling, so ginawa na niya akong regular. Kaya thank you, Direk, kasi enjoy kami lahat ng mga kasama ko ritong sina Ella Cruz, Shaun Salvador, Paulo Santiago at Andrei Garcia kaya sana magtagal nang matagal na matagal ang aming show."



HUMAN TRAFFICKING continued from page 1

and destination countries' regulatory frameworks for foreign workers," it added.

According to the report, forced labor and trafficking domestically is also a problem in the country, especially for displaced communities in conflicted areas in Mindanao. Also, domestic servitude, forced begging and labor, and sex trafficking happen in cities such as Manila, Cebu, Angeles City and other urbanized areas in Mindanao, it said.

Traffickers partner with small local networks to engage in recruitment practices "that leave migrant workers vulnerable to trafficking such as charging excessive fees and confiscating identification documents."

High demand for commercial sex acts also proliferate in tourist destinations such as Boracay, Olongapo, Puerto Galera and Surigao.

The TIP report also noted a United Nations study that focus on the continued recruitment and use of children for combat and noncombat roles by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, New People's Army, Abu Sayyaf Group, and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters.

Child sex trafficking "remains a serious problem," the report added.

It said public officials, including diplomats abroad and other law enforcement agencies, are allegedly "complicit" in trafficking operations in the country.

"Reports assert some corrupt officials accept payments or sexual services from establishments notorious for trafficking, accept bribes to facilitate illegal departures for overseas workers, downgrade trafficking charges, or overlook unscrupulous labor recruiters."

"The report urged the [Philippines] to increase its efforts to hold government officials administratively and criminally accountable for trafficking and trafficking-related offenses through criminal prosecutions, convictions, and stringent sentences," the embassy said.

It also recommends "expanding the continuous trial mechanism to increase the speed of trafficking prosecutions, developing and implementing programs to reduce the demand for commercial sex acts, and increasing the availability of shelter and protection resources for trafficking victims, particularly males."

"As part of our global efforts to combat human trafficking, the US government is committed to working with the [Philippines] and its people to prevent trafficking activities in the Philippines, to prosecute perpetrators, and to protect victims."

Guardians Brotherhood

The Origin of Guardians Brotherhood was Diablo Squad Crime Buster, was founded and organized in 1976, it was originally composed of eleven members. The diablo squad members are dauntless and ingenious advocates for the defense of the Filipino banner liberty and oneness, mga matatampang at matapat na tagapatanggol ng watawat, kalayaan at pagkakaisa.

Sometime in the middle of 1984 the higher command of AFP had successfully manipulated and disbanded the said organization. In the later 1984 members formed and organized Guardians brotherhood incorporated, replacing the defunct diablo squad crime buster.

GUARDIANS is an acronym of Gentlemen United Associates of Race Dauntless Ingenious Advocators of Nation and Society.

On April 2013 Philippine Canadian Guardians Brotherhood Incorporated established in Manitoba Winnipeg With the leadership of Dennis Castaneda as National Chairman of Canada. February 1, 2014,



PCGBI Toronto was founded under the umbrella of PCGBI Manitoba and it was duly registered in Ontario on the said date. Rey Paul Bantique is the current Toronto Chapter Chairman. And on their first year they already established their organization by doing

some outreach, voluntarily helping events on Filipino community, like the well known Taste of Manila street Festival held last August 2014 in Bathurst Toronto. Last July 18, 2015 they had Dinner Dance party and was attended by members family and friends not more



than 200 people at Dosan Hall Gallery in Bridgeland Ave Toronto. It was a night full of fun, games and authentic Filipino food which members of the said organization prepared for their visitors. (Shiela Calica PPCO member)

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children. They may travel with the fiancé as derivatives.

Unlike spousal petitions where the US citizen and his spouse must have been married before the child turns 18 to qualify as a minor stepchild of the US citizen and a separate petition must be filed for each child.

There are also certain protections afforded to fiancés. If the US citizen has prior arrests or convictions, especially for violence or sexual offenses, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or Department of State consuls will disclose this information to the fiancé/fiancée.

Furthermore, a US citizen with a conviction(s) relating to sexual offense against a minor is prohibited from petitioning for a fiancé/fiancée unless the US citizen can prove to the USCIS that he/she poses no risk to the fiancé/fiancée.

The surprisingly high number of fiancé visas for the Philippines is a testament to the commonality of distant overseas relationships as well as the slow US immigration process for family petitions. Hopefully, most of the fiancé visa holders are now married to their US citizen spouses and living their dreams.

For those who were not fortunate to marry their US citizen fiancés, there are still forms of relief that they may avail of especially if they have been victims of domestic violence.

With the uptick in the number of fiancé visas issued for Filipinos, it is important to increase awareness of spousal rights and domestic violence issues for noncitizens.

DEFENSE SPENDING  
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444 billion pesos for the second five years and 471 billion pesos for the last five years.

In 1995, Congress had earmarked 364 billion pesos for a similar 15-year plan. Less than one-tenth of that sum was actually spent by 2010.

The modernization program is designed to strengthen Manila's claims in the South China Sea, believed to be rich in energy deposits. China has become increasingly assertive in the South China Sea, building artificial islands in areas over which the Philippines and other countries have rival claims. The moves have sparked alarm regionally and in Washington.

President Benigno Aquino has promised the military about 34 billion pesos this year, which will fund the purchase of two frigates and a twin-engine long range maritime aircraft. So far, the government has given the military 9.4 billion pesos in 2014. This has been used to purchase eight combat utility helicopters and as a downpayment for 12 FA-50 fighter-trainers from South Korea. Two of the aircraft are expected in 2016.

Del Rosario said that between 2018 and 2023 the Philippines would buy electric-diesel submarines and advanced missile systems. Three aerial surveillance radars with a range of 350 nautical miles will also be installed in Ilocos Norte, Lubang island and Mount Salacot in Palawan, all facing the South China Sea to detect movements in the disputed area.

These will complement the navy's two surface sensors capable of detecting ship activities 200 miles away. Three surveillance planes will also be on constant patrol in the area.

"We do not aim to defeat China," del Rosario said. "But our goal is make any state think twice before attacking. We will make sure anybody attacking us would end up with a bloodied nose."

Spotlight



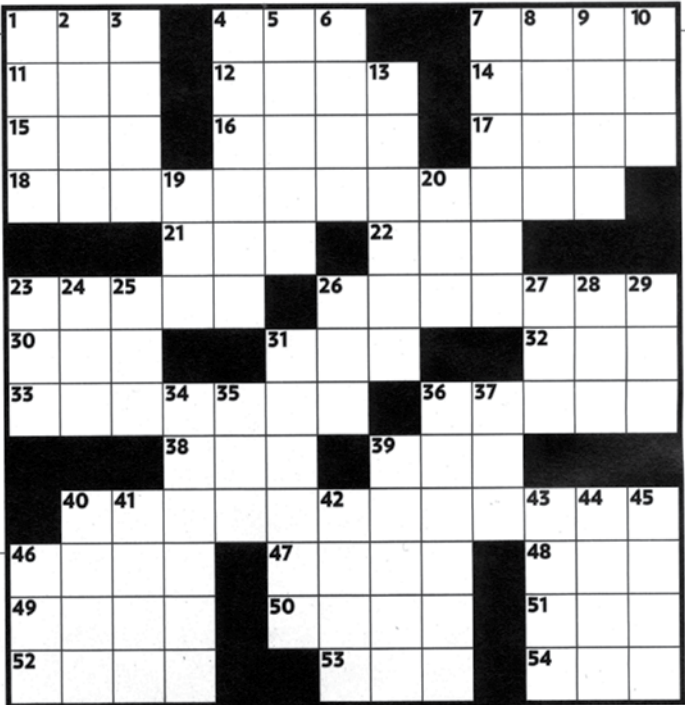
An old billboard advertisement for Tru-Orange drink. Manila, 1940-1950s

Crossword Puzzle

Darren Espanto Concert



Producer Belinda Reyes poses with Darren Espanto and JayR.



**ACROSS**

1 Annie \_\_\_\_ *Your Gun* (Broadway musical that starred 18 Across)

4 Choose

7 Mr. \_\_\_\_ (detective played by Peter Lorre)

11 "Hold On Tight" band

12 *The \_\_\_\_ from Brazil*

14 *The Wrestler* actress \_\_\_\_ Rachel Wood

15 *A Nightmare on \_\_\_\_ Street*

16 *True Blood* actress Paquin

17 Astronaut Slayton

18 Country singer and TV star (2 wds.)

21 "\_\_\_\_, humbug!"

22 *Red River* actress Joanne \_\_\_\_

23 *Everybody \_\_\_\_ Chris*

26 Sci-fi movie featuring 18 Across

30 Giants quarterback Manning

31 Actress Thompson

32 Shriner or Wheaton

33 *Sweet \_\_\_\_* (18 Across album)

36 Chesney who sings "Every Other Weekend" with 18 Across

38 Actor Stephen

39 *Lost* villain played by Michael Emerson

40 Famous radio show that 18 Across joined in 1986 (3 wds.)

46 Actor Baldwin

47 "\_\_\_\_ and Away" (2 wds.)

48 *Have I Got a Deal for \_\_\_\_* (18 Across album)

49 *Dante's \_\_\_\_* (Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton movie)

50 Japanese wrestling style

51 *Star Trek* captain's journal

52 Kennedy and Danson

53 China's Sun Yat-\_\_\_\_

54 Comedian Philips

**DOWN**

1 *The Waltons* actor Will

2 Actress Macpherson

3 *Lara Croft: \_\_\_\_ Raider* starring Angelina Jolie

4 Barack and Michelle

5 Erik Estrada's *CHiPs* role

6 Actress Daly

7 Show starring Patricia Arquette

8 *Starting \_\_\_\_* (18 Across album)

9 "\_\_\_\_ It Back" (18 Across song)

10 *The Last \_\_\_\_ to Know* (18 Across album)

13 Actress Bullock

19 Grandpa Simpson

20 Three, in Italian

23 "\_\_\_\_ Only Everything" (18 Across song)

24 2001 Will Smith movie

25 What Fandango sells, for short

26 *Just the \_\_\_\_ of Us*

27 "Everything I'll Ever \_\_\_\_" (18 Across song)

28 \_\_\_\_ *Tin Tin*

29 Stallone's nickname

31 "... \_\_\_\_ not into temptation ... " (2 wds.)

34 "Wrong Side of the \_\_\_\_" (Chris Brown hit)

35 Dusk, poetically

36 \_\_\_\_ *Loving You* (18 Across album; 2 wds.)

37 Another Day on Earth musician Brian

39 Kids' books author Judy \_\_\_\_

40 Fox musical-comedy series

41 \_\_\_\_ *My Mind* (18 Across album)

42 Mr. Holland's \_\_\_\_ starring Richard Dreyfuss

43 *Gomer \_\_\_\_*, U.S.M.C.

44 \_\_\_\_ to *Breathe* (18 Across album)

45 Eastern European car make

46 \_\_\_\_ *Pupil* starring Joshua Jackson

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Barbie gets stubborn on bday

+ other news



Barbie Forteza turned 18 July 31. But instead of having a grand debut like other showbiz debutantes, she chooses to do something more worthwhile.

“Kinukulit talaga ako ng GMA Artist Center na mag-debut pero ayoko talaga dahil hindi ko type magsuot ng gown and mag-high heels,” she says. “Instead of spending so much for a grand debut na one night lang mangyayari, I’m using the money for a more meaningful thing. I’ve been celebrating my birthday for the past four years with the patients of the Philippine Children’s Medical Center in Quezon City. Now, I’m adopting a private room there for renovation later to be converted to a special room. The proceeds from the use of room later will then go to the charity wards.”

Barbie is the first actress to participate in this worthy cause of “adopt a room”.

Another memorable birthday gift for her is the extension of “The Half Sisters”. “And then, she is also very happy to be part of “Sunday Pinas Saya”, which will replace “Sunday All Stars” starting August 9 on GMA7, 12 noon to 2 p.m. She’ll be the leader of the Pabibo Girls. To top it all, she has bought a house for her family in New Intramuros Village, QC. They used to live in a condo which they’re now renting out to someone else. “We have to get a bigger place kasi lumaki na po ako at dumami na ang mga gamit ko,” she adds. “Next dream ko is to buy my own car, a pick up truck sana. May driver’s license na ako at sana pumayag na ang parents ko for me to drive my own car.”

‘Gay’ Mike has a GF of 9 years

Mike Tan is the Ultimate Male Survivor of Starstruck 2 exactly 10 years

ago. Many writers are wondering why his career has not really soared higher when he’s got what it takes to be a bigger star. He has the advantage of height, he’s hunky (as shown in his Boardwalk underwear pictorials) and he can also act well.

“Ako rin, I’m wondering about it,” he says. “Sabi ng iba, dapat daw gumimik ako. But will it be worth it? Kasi I believe that if you just do your work well, always do your best, mapapansin ka rin and your time will come. Right now, I’m so happy kasi sobrang ganda ng feedback sa performance ko as Paul Tanchingco, the closet gay brother of Jade in ‘The Rich Man’s Daughter’ that will end in two weeks. When people see me sa church, o sa mall, kilala nila ako as Paul. May nagsasabi pa, lalaki ka pala, akala namin bading ka talaga. Pati sa Twitter, natatawa ako ‘pag may nababasa akong ‘nagdududa na ko kay Mike Tan, bading yata talaga’. So it means effective ang acting ko.”

What if he gets typecast in gay roles? “Kaya nga sa next show ko, I wish lalaki naman ang role ko. I’m supposed to audition for a new show. Sana, makuha ako, kasi ibang-ibang Mike Tan naman ang makikita sa akin doon. I’m also doing a movie now na lalaki ang role ko, ‘No Boyfriend Since Birth’ for Regal Entertainment.

Mike has a non-showbiz girlfriend and they’ve been on for nine years. It’s good she’s not hinting for them to tie the knot soon? “Alam niya marami pa akong gustong mapatunayan at marating sa career ko. Gusto ko makagawa ng significant indie films na masasali sa international filmfests and she’s very supportive. Siya rin naman, marami pa rin siyang career goals so settling down is not part of our immediate plans.”

Gelli revelas happy life with Ariel

Gelli De Belen is one of the busiest Kapatid stars. She’s currently hosting “Happy Truck ng Bayan” on Sundays, a judge in “KisPinoy” on Saturdays and is now doing the new sitcom “Misterless Misis” with Lorna Tolentino, Mitch Valdez, Ritz Azul, newcomer Andie Gomez and Ruffa Gutierrez. For five weeks now, she is also substituting for Mariel Rodriguez as co-host of “Happy

Wife, Happy Life”. Another upcoming show is “SM Little Stars” where she’ll be a judge and mentor to the kiddie contestants.

She’s one actress whose career and family life are really both doing well. She’s been married to Ariel Rivera for 18 years now and they have two sons, Joaqui, 16 years old, and Julio, 14 years old. They never had a yaya for their sons. “Palitan kami noon sa pag-aalaga sa mga bata. But now that they’re teenagers, they need less supervision. When I’m working, tumatawag na lang ako sa bahay to make sure nakakain na sila when they get home from school at ginagawa ang home work nila.”



What’s the secret of her long-lasting marriage to Ariel? “Suwerte ako kasi he’s a very good partner. Whatever I do na gawaing bahay, ginagawa rin niya. Siguro kasi he grew up in Canada at wala namang maids doon kaya sanay siya. Even sa career ko, he’s always been very supportive and we’ve learned to adjust to each other. We also keep our communication lines open.”

We tell her she’s the most active in her batch of stars who started in the 90s as teenstars, which includes Ruffa Gutierrez, Carmina Villarroel, Vina Morales and Aiko Melendez. They’re now in their 40s and they’re the ones who followed the batch of Sharon Cuneta and Maricel Soriano who are now in their 50s.

“Nakakatuwa nga kasi lahat kami, active pa rin,” she says.”Heto ngayon, kami ni Ruffa, co-stars in ‘Misterless Misis’ at magkasama kami ng tent. Grabe ang saya-saya, hindi matapos ang kuwentuhan.”

One thing Gelli misses is doing movies. In her batch, she’s the only who has an Urian best actress award for “Sarah Jane Salazar Story” in 1994. “Nami-miss ko talaga gumawa ng pelikula. Buti nga ang sister kong si Janice, dala-dalawang movies ang ginagawa ngayon. I really want to try doing an indie film na serious naman ang role ko.”

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that shipment volume has already expanded by 160% year-on-year as of June 2015.

About 99% of the facility’s 400 employees are Filipino, including a 100-member Filipino research and development (R&D) team in Batangas to complement its 130-member R&D team in Tokyo, Japan.

“One of the biggest considerations for investing in the Philippines is the people. Moving our production here allows to produce these machines more efficiently,” Usui said.

The country’s young and educated demographic was a particular consideration as it is easier to hire good talent compared to Japan, Usui said, adding that Filipinos’ proficiency in English was also a big factor.

Geography also played a part as Aruze’s major market is in Asia and the Philippines is within 4 hours reach or less from most of the cities it delivers to, he said.

Growing market

With the decline of gambling revenues in Macau and Las Vegas, and the increasing shift to a more family-oriented destination, Usui sees a chance for the Philippines to become a shining light in the gaming industry.

“The Philippines is an ideal place for integrated casino resorts as it’s close to major cities in China, Korea, and Japan. In fact, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) announced a 20% increase in gaming revenue this year,” he said.

Another advantage, Usui said, is that the country can offer something completely different from established locations like Macau and Las Vegas.

“The country offers more choices for players. If they have time to leave Manila, they can enjoy a lot of beautiful beaches that other casino districts simply cannot offer,” he said.

Easy to play

The rise of casino resorts in Manila bodes well for Aruze. Usui said that slot machines will continue to play a pivotal role in this regard.

Ironically, in an industry glamorized for its high stakes nature, it is the game with the lowest stakes that is arguably its most defining feature.

“The biggest reason for its popularity is the low barriers to play. You can spend only P10 (\$0.22) on a slot machine, whereas games like blackjack often have minimum bets that run up to P200 (\$4.4),” he said.

Slot machines are also the simplest and easiest games available to players.

“With a slot machine, you don’t have the stress of competing with others or constantly calculating odds. You can simply play the machine and hope to get lucky,” he said.

Candid SPOOF

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



Activists held protest near Chicago hotel where Pres. Aquino had checked in.

Crossword Answers

|              |           |      |
|--------------|-----------|------|
| GET          | OPT       | MOTO |
| ELO          | BOYS      | EVAN |
| ELM          | ANNA      | DEKE |
| REB          | AMCENTIRE |      |
|              | BAH       | DRU  |
| HATES        | TREMORS   |      |
| ELI          | LEA       | WIL  |
| SIXTEEN      | KENNY     |      |
|              | REA       | BEN  |
| GRANDOLEOPRY |           |      |
| ALEC         | UPUP      | YOU  |
| PEAK         | SUMO      | LOG  |
| TEDS         | SEN       | EMO  |



ABOVE, Conida Marie Halley (2ND FROM LEFT) was crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2015. Rafael Nebres (LEFT) of Action Honda was one of the judges.



## Gianna Matizen 2nd Birthday

1. Gianna poses with mom and dad Gladys and Junray
2. Gianna poses for the camera.
3. Giann poses with dad, lolo/Dr. Calderon and lola Zeny.

## Maja Moves On

MAJA Salvador feels so blessed in playing the role of Mia, the woman torn between long lost brothers Carlos (Paulo Avelino) and Gael (Jericho Rosales) in “Bridges of Love” that’s on its last three weeks. “I’m glad that after playing the role of a mistress in ‘Legal Wife’, ang solo lead role na ito ang sumunod kong project,” she says. “I really enjoyed doing my role as Mia kasi very challenging siya, physically and emotionally. Ang maganda kay Mia, she made some mistakes but learned a lot from all of them.”

What’s the most intense and demanding scene she has done so far in the show? “Pinakamahirap sa akin ‘yung umawat at gumitna kapag nag-aaway silang dalawa. Mahirap pigilan ‘yung mga emosyon, madadala ka.”

So who would she choose when the series ends: Gael or Carlos? “Sa totoo

lang, hindi pa namin alam. Nagte-taping pa kami kaya wala pa sa point na ‘yun ang script na ibinigay sa amin. As of now, after makansela ang wedding namin ni Carlos dahil sa pagkamatay ni Janus del Prado as Muloy, marami pang mga lihim na isa-isang mabubunyag. Naibunyag na ni Carlos kay Gael na ito ang kanyang nawawalang kapatid. Abangan.”

Maja wants to thank all the show’s regular viewers who have supported them since the show started airing in March of this year. “Talagang hindi sila bumitaw kaya laging 25% and above ang ratings namin. Hindi rin matatawaran ang suporta ng co-stars namin: Edu Manzano as Lorenzo, Carmina Villarroel as Alexa and Maureen Mauricio as Tita Marilen. At siyempre, our directors, Richard Somes and Will Fredo.”

So how is her love life after the breakup with Gerald Anderson? “I’ve moved on. Hindi ako ‘yung tipo who’d dwell on such things. The key is acceptance,

tanggapin mo lang, then move on na agad. Right now, in love ako with my work. Kasi after ‘Bridges’, there’s another big project waiting for me, pero hindi ko pa puwedeng i-announce. Saka na lang.”

### First Collaboration

‘BRIDGES of Love’ is the first collaboration between directors Richard Somes and Will Fredo, who are both award-winning indie film directors. This is actually Will’s first teleserye after directing acclaimed indie flicks like “Compound” and “In Nomine Matris”. “Kabadong-kabado ako when we started kasi first time ko sa ABS,” he says. “But I’m so happy na very welcoming si Direk Richard at ang buong cast. Direk Richard served as my mentor at talagang tumaas ang respeto ko sa kanya after working with him.”

“It’s our first time to work together

ni Will,” says Richard who won awards for the film “Yanggaw”. “In doing a TV series, may templates kang susundan at buti na lang nag-blend agad ang templates naming dalawa. We discuss what we’ll tape and in one sitting lang, we can settle how we’ll treat each scene. Naging magaan ang trabaho namin.”

So what do we expect in the show during its last three weeks? “Marami pa,” says Richard. “You can expect the culmination of the entire story after we’ve set it up and the characters became endearing to the viewers. They will come into full circle pero marami pang mangyayari na gugulat na revelations sa inyo so don’t miss it.”

For exclusive updates, log on to Twitter.com/StarCreativesTV and Instagram.com/StarCreatives. You may also catch up on full episodes and past episodes of “Bridges of Love” through ABS CBNmobile. For more information, please go to [www.abscbnmobile.com](http://www.abscbnmobile.com).



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