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Danica Ann Flores competes in Little Miss Philippines.



## China says Philippine occupation of island is futile

BEIJING - China rebuked the Philippines on Tuesday for taking journalists to a disputed island in the South China Sea, dismissing its occupation as "futile and illegal" in the latest war of words between the two sides.

China claims 90 percent of the South China Sea, which is believed to be rich in oil and gas. Its claims overlap with those of Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Taiwan.

The Philippines took foreign and local journalists this week to Thitu Island, the biggest island occupied by Manila in the region.

Thitu Island, which is known locally as Pagasa, or "Hope" island, is 280 nautical miles from the Philippines and the biggest island occupied by Manila in the contested region.

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MANILA - A labor group downplayed the results of a survey by the group Social Weather Stations saying the number of people experiencing hunger had declined, saying that was due to the proliferation of "pagpag" food that is accessible to poor Filipinos especially in Metro Manila.

"Pagpag" is a Filipino term for leftover food from fast-food restaurants that is scavenged from garbage sites and dumps.

"We would like to attribute this development to the proliferation of "pagpag" food— very cheap, very delicious and easily accessible to the poor," said Trade Union Congress of the Philippines-Nagkaisa spokesman Alan Tanjusay.

The TUCP-Nagkaisa said the Aquino administration failed to make quality living for the majority of Filipinos by

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## Veloso recruiters not part of a drug syndicate

MANILA, Philippines - There was no confession by alleged recruiters of Mary Jane Veloso that they were part of an international drug syndicate, their public attorneys said.

Senior public attorney Howard Areza questioned the pronouncement by a Department of Justice (DOJ) prosecutor that his clients - Ma. Kristina Sergio and her live-in partner Julius Lacanilao - made the confession when they surrendered to the police.

"They don't have such confession. We don't know why it was included in the resolution and where they got that," Areza told reporters.

Areza said both Sergio and Lacanilao could not recall making the supposed confession, which DOJ Prosecutor Mark Roland Estepa cited as basis in approving their indictment for illegal recruitment over the complaint of three other alleged victims.

"There was no confession. If they have it, they should have released it and it should have been attached to the complaint. But there's none," he pointed out.

Areza further stressed that if his clients

indeed made the confession during tactical interrogation it would be invalid since there was no lawyer present as required by law.

He revealed their camp was considering legal action on this issue, which stemmed from the warrantless arrest of his clients and the inquest proceedings conducted against them.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima earlier said authorities gathered information that Sergio was once a drug courier herself before becoming a recruiter and that she had possible links to a West African drug syndicate.

She stressed the link between the cases of illegal recruitment and human trafficking against Sergio and Lacanilao here and the drug smuggling case of Veloso in Indonesia could be crucial to permanently save the Filipino maid from death row.

In its 18-page resolution approving the indictment of Sergio and Lacanilao for large-scale illegal recruitment, the DOJ said the two had admitted their connection with a drug syndicate operating within and outside the Philippines.

## Aquino may pick independent bet

If it were all up to him, President Benigno Aquino 3rd said, it is "possible" that he would choose an independent candidate as the standard-bearer of his Liberal Party (LP) in the 2016 elections.

The LP wants Interior and Local Gov-

ernment Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas 2nd to become the administration's bet for President in next year's polls.

But Aquino, when asked in a recent chat with reporters during his trip to Canada if he still feels the same for Roxas, curtly remarked, "Siguro [Maybe]."

Aquino earlier admitted to meeting with Sen. Grace Poe on electoral matters on which he did not elaborate.

## Marian to co-host a show

Expectant mom Marian Rivera sheds light on the rumor that she will host a weekly talk show for along with Ai Ai Alas and Regine Velasquez.

"From what I know, I will be doing once-a-week program although there's nothing concrete yet. I still have to sit down with the management to officially discuss things. They haven't laid-out their plans yet as to what will be the format or genre," she says.

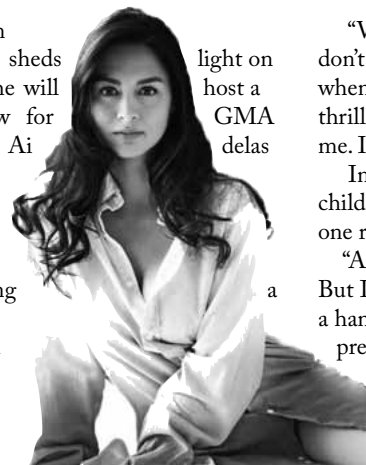
Doing a weekly show is not really new to Rivera who is now in her first trimester of pregnancy.

"I did Marian before, remember? I enjoyed doing that program. If ever it's true that GMA wants me to co-host a talk show, I think it'll be nice and promises a lot of fun and entertainment especially since it's something new to me. This early, I'm excited because it will also mark the first time that I'll be collaborating with 'Kambal' (her term of endearment for Ai Ai) as well as Ate Reg!"

Speaking of Regine, how true that initially, she didn't like the thought of doing the show with the popular singer-actress?

"That's not true at all!" explains Marian. "Ever since, I wasn't the type who would say no to a project just because I didn't like my co-star, I don't have the right to choose in the first place! That's my motto. I will never refuse to work with any GMA star. Especially with Ate Reg who stood as one of the godmothers during my wedding with Dingdong (Dantes). We get along fine. That's just baloney!"

Many ask if she can still afford to do a talk show if ever, considering her pregnancy.



"Well, why not? It's just a weekly thing. I don't think I'll get exhausted with that unlike when you're doing a soap opera. I'm really thrilled with the idea. It's something new for me. I really hope that it pushes through!"

Interestingly, after giving birth on their first child, do she and Dong plan to have another one right away?

"Actually, my husband always asks me that. But I told him that I want to experience being a hands-on mom to our baby. If in case I'll get pregnant again that soon, I'll not be able to focus on taking care of my first born. So we agreed that I'll conceive our next baby after two years so I can enjoy motherhood," ends Marian.

After her break-up with Gerlad Anderson, Maja Salvador is now being linked to her Bridges of Love co-star Paulo Avelino.

"I know! I guess it's inevitable since we're doing a soap opera together. But sorry to disappoint them, Paulo and I are just friends, no more, no less," she avers.

Some quarters say there's nothing wrong if they would get developed to each other since they're both single at present: while she and Gerald called it quits already, Paulo's relationship with KC Concepcion just ended as well.

"I won't deny that we got closer when we started taping for Bridges of Love. We did a movie before. Remember 'Status: It's Complicated' two years ago? But we weren't that close yet during those times. It's only when we got paired here in our current show that we were able to know each other better and became close."

What's keeping her from falling to Paulo if ever?

"Well, let's just say that my heart is not yet ready to enter a new relationship. I'm not yet prepared to love again. That's it!" Maja states.



# What The F<sup>ACT?</sup>

BY JOSE BAKING

## NETIZENS & CITIZENS

There is a 99% dividing them

There is a misplaced conception among the intellectual class, the digiratis, the techy, social network-aware people that they represent the majority.



They are called the netizens. Last February, a subway line was closed because of a flooding. TTC chair Josh Colle was asked about that tweet a tweet from Toronto Hydro disputing the TTC's original claim that Monday morning's subway problem was due to flooding in a hydro substation.

"I try to stay as far away from Twitter as possible," Colle said. "That's just inside baseball. Real people want real solutions."

"Real people aren't on Twitter, c'mon," Colle joked.

The twitteratis got all berserk on him, through twitter of course. He was right anyway. Just because it gets much coverage in the media does not mean that the majority of the people are looking at their cellphone non-stop 24 hours every day, 7 days a week, every second.

Senator Nancy Binay won by getting out there and engaging with the citizens in the real world even though her opponent, Risa Hontiveros was popular with the netizens.

It just goes to show you, the internet can only do so much. People still prefer to be dealt with in person or the news on TV, radio and newspaper.

As I've said before, netizens are like 4 people in room without windows while 20 people are outside. Yet, those 4 people will believe they are the majority.

### Mother's Day Flyer

I came across this on facebook by James Ohja. It got me thinking why Canadian Tire will put lawn mowers and boots on a flyers about Mother's Day.



Is it their way of saying that women have come a long way and that they can do the gardening too? On Mother's

Day? Well, I am sure a few fathers have thought of this and probably told their wife "honey, I bought this lawn mower for you." Hmm... I wonder where they are sleeping now.

### Taste of Manila Scandal that was not About the Festival

I have read it on facebook and I have read it in the newspaper. One former director of the festival is mad that one of the current directors of the festival opened a business like NBI clearance, etc which directly competes with him. Besides

the fact that he is a former director of the festival and the newly-opened business is owned by a still-current director of the festival, this issue is not about the festival. Just as one Filipino store owner complains that a new Filipinos store opened beside him is not an issue about the whole Filipino community. It is just an issue between two store owners. It stops at that. End of story.

### VP Binay gave Rolly Mangante money

There is this news that the Taste of manila founder Rolly Mangante received money from VP Binay. How this kind of stories even get circulated and believed by some people is hard to investigate. But I believe it even if I have no proof. Therefore, I must ask Mr. Rolly Mangante to give me some of that money...ehe...sus guinoo ni Roxanne na nakatihaya na balita...saan na napunta itong train of thought ko?

### Choices

So, the choice in the Philippines for president is Roxas who is unpopular, Binay who is popular but his family is already abusing power, and Poe who does not entertain he thought of running as VP because of her ratings. God help the Philippines.

## US seeks access to 8 key locations

### American troops interested in Batanes, Laoag, Subic, Clark, Palawan, Cebu



WAR DEVICES — A US marine demonstrates how a Talon Bomb Disposal Robot is prepared at yesterday's display of US military equipment at Clark Air Base in Pampanga. (Ali Vicoy)

The United States has asked for access to eight strategic locations in the Philippines to rotate troops, aircraft, and ships as Washington shifts its forces to Asia and as China expands its military presence in the South China Sea.

US Defense Secretary Ash Carter, in a speech in Arizona, has outlined Washington's next phase in its Asia "pivot," deploying its most sophisticated destroyers, bombers and fighters to the region.

The Asia "pivot" has already seen US Marines rotating through the Australian tropical city of Darwin, the country's closest city to Asia, for training.

At least eight locations in the Philippines have been identified as possible sites where US troops, planes, and ships will be rotated through a series of military training and exercises, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang told local ABS-CBN.

But the Americans will have to wait until after the Philippine Supreme Court makes its rulings on the constitutionality of the military deal, called Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, signed last year between Manila and Washington. It may decide later this year.

"If we formalize (now) and they start putting up structures and it's not constitutional, they will have to destroy those structures," Catapang said late on Friday, adding the list was finalized in October during a Mutual Defense Board meeting.



WAR DEVICES — A US marine demonstrates how a aircraft is prepared at yesterday's display of US military equipment and (top) at Clark Air Base in Pampanga. (Ali Vicoy)

### KEY LOCATIONS

Four of the locations are in Luzon, where US and Filipino soldiers usually hold exercises, two in Cebu, and two more in Palawan, near the disputed Spratly Islands.

China claims most of the potentially energy-rich South China Sea, disputed in parts with the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, and Taiwan, and denies accusations its actions in its own territory are provocative.

Recent satellite images suggest China has made rapid progress in building an airstrip suitable for military use in contested territory in the Spratly islands, which drew concern from the United States and its allies in Asia.

"Once the US rebalance to Asia policy is in full swing, the Philippines expect the Americans to seek more access to military bases on Mindanao island and civilian airstrips in Luzon," said a senior air force official familiar with the arrangements.

"The Americans are interested in Laoag airport and Batanes island, both in the northern part of Luzon," he said, adding US planes had landed in Batanes during the war in Iraq and Afghanistan in the early 2000s.

The United States is also interested to return to its two former military bases in Subic and Clark, which they left in 1992 after the Philippines terminated basing agreement.

### BALIKATAN BOOSTS TIES

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Mahoney, deputy commanding general of the US Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said the

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# LAUGH RESORT

Ang ama si Ambo, si Jana 15 yr old ang nag iisang anak ang ina nasa ibang bansa. minsan katatapos lang maligo ang ama, pag labas sa banyo nakita ang anak na nakataas ang paa sa lamesita... nanonood ng tv, lumapit ang ama at..  
Ama: Jana anak tuamayo ka dyan at hubarin mo ang pang ibaba mong suot(mataas ang boses)  
Jana: Itay maawa ka sa akin ayoko pooooh, marami pa akong pangarap wag po ninyong sirain ang kinabukasan ko....  
Ama: Gaga ka talaga, wla lng ang ina mo ganyan ka na, ano ang isusuot ko eh suot mo kansulsilyo ko... hala mag palit ka doon.

Sa isang eksam, huli ang estudyante may hawak na kodigo.  
TEACHER: Ano 'to?  
STUDENT: Wish list ko po at prayer, ma'am!  
TEACHER: At bakit answers ang nakasulat?  
STUDENT: Naku! Tnx po, Lord. Sinagot ninyo ang prayers ko!

GRANDSON: Lolo, I can't visit you kasi may Blood test po ako.  
LOLO: OK lang. Basta't mag-aral ka at pagbutihin mong mabuti!

Street Vendor:  
"Bili na kayo ng relo! Gold watch ito! Pag namuti, white gold! Pag huminto, stopwatch!"

BF & GF:  
GF: Hu hu hu hu bakit natin ginawa ito? Hindi na ako virgin at dalawang beses pa natin ginawa!

On wedding night, man asks wife:  
Akala ko ba first boyfriend mo ko? Bakit hindi ka na virgin?  
Wife: Ikaw talaga ang first boyfriend ko. Yung iba, customers ko lang. Peks man!

# Another provocative drama series on GMA



1 Glydel Mercado is Jade's mom who enjoys the comforts of her married life 2 A new love triangle among Rhian Ramos, Luis Alandy, and Glaiza de Castro; Luis Alandy finally is a prime-time drama leading man 3 Chynna Hortalaza cuts her hair to be in character as a butch

It wasn't long ago when the Kapuso network offered its followers a different kind of drama series, one that focused on the same-sex relationship. In the end, My Husband's Lover became the talk of the town, and its star Tom Rodriguez and Dennis Trillo became a wish-it-were-true on-screen couple to lots of male homosexuals that followed their series and to many women too.

Though their wish hasn't come true yet (many are still hoping the two actors would end up gay in real life, which I think is not improbable, if not impossible)

This time the network trains its eyes on another same-sex romance, choosing the opposite end of the pole - female homosexuals or more popularly known as lesbians.

According to the executives in the network's drama group, this series has been inspired by a news item in a Hong Kong newspaper about a father who offered millions of HK dollars for any man who could make his daughter fall for him and eventually marry her.

In this localized drama series, the focus is on the Filipino Chinese family of Oscar (Al Tantay) who finds out that his daughter, Jade (Rhian Ramos), is a lesbian. The series follows how he is forced to offer P5million to aman who will marry her. But this move will also hurl whole family into a series of discoveries.

And as Jade discovers something about herself and upholds her personal truths, will she still be able to experience unconditional love from her family and friends? Will she be able to hold on to her personal truths and fight for her love even if it will destroy her family?

The series airs Monday to Friday nights after Let the Love Begin on GMA Telebabad.



## Is Yanni Pressman going to be in Pangako sa Iyo?

After going freelance earlier this year, Yassi said she hopes to become a Kapamilya in the future. The 20-year-old performer has been visible recently at ABS-CBN with her guest appearances on various shows. "Of course. I've been waiting. Until now I've been freelance. I've been doing a lot with Viva na sobrang mahal ko talaga and I'm going to be with them for a long time. I signed on with them four years ago pero meron pa akong additional five years na pinirmahan ko last year after doing Diary ng Panget," she admitted.

The Viva contract artist admitted she also auditioned for the new Primetime Bida series starring Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo. "Inaantay ko lang din. Nag-ASAP at Showtime na ako. Pangako Sa Yo has been running on my Twitter everyday. I auditioned for the role. I don't know baka meron na silang (nakuha)? And I really don't know. This was for the role of Bea Bianca. Pero yung Twitter ko pumuputok everyday talaga. Matagal na kong nag-audition. I'm really not expecting anything but if it is aand the rumors are true and I really hope they're true sana (laughs), I would be like extremely happy. Hindi ko alam. Wala talaga akong idea. Sana, sana totoo," she said.

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## 'Pinoy' cheerful attitude backs tourism campaign

MANILA - The 2015 World Happiness Report ranking the Philippines as 90th among 158 happiest countries is a validation of the government's tourism campaign, "It's more fun in the Philippines," a Palace official said.

The news did not come as a surprise as Filipinos are naturally cheerful, Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. of the Presidential Communications Operations Office said.

"That's a good indication and proof of our tourism campaign. Indeed, it's more fun in the Philippines. We have many tourist attractions here," Coloma said.

President Aquino earlier declared 2015 as "Visit the Philippines Year."

Switzerland is the happiest country in the world, while Manila placed 90th, according to a global ranking of happiness unveiled in New York on Thursday. Switzerland was followed closely by Iceland, Denmark, Norway and Canada.

Coloma said the government has been pursuing major infrastructure projects and facilities all over the country to entice more tourists to visit the Philippines. The 2015 World Happiness Report is the third annual report seeking to quantify happiness as a means of influencing government policy. The United Nations published the first study in 2012. Finland, the Netherlands, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia round out the top 10, making small or medium-sized countries in Western Europe seven of the top 10 happiest countries. Variables identified in the happiness index were real gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, healthy life expectancy, having someone to count on, perceived freedom to make life choices, freedom from corruption and generosity.

Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and one of the report's editors, said the top

13 countries were the same a second year running, although their order had shifted.

They combined affluence with strong social support and relatively honest and accountable governments, he said.

"Countries below that top group fall short, either in income or in social support or in both," Sachs explained.

The United States trails in 15th place, behind Israel and Mexico, with Britain at 21st spot, pipped by Belgium and the United Arab Emirates.

Afghanistan and war-torn Syria joined eight sub-Saharan countries in Africa - Togo, Burundi, Benin, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea and Chad - as the least happy of 158 countries.

Among the Southeast Asian nations, Singapore is most happy at 24th place, followed by Thailand and Taiwan at 34th and 38th spots, respectively. China placed 84th.

## Joanna Marie Tan, the next Rufa Mae Quinto?

Gusto raw ng Kapuso kontrabida at teen star na si Joanna Marie Tan na makagawa ng comedy projects bukod sa mga drama shows na binibigay sa kanya.

Sa exclusive interview ng GMANetwork.com sa My Mother's Secret actress, willing daw ang pretty star mapasama sa mga sitcoms or gag shows dahil sa totoong buhay ay komediyana raw talaga siya.

Ani Joanna, "Sabi nga nila 'pag nagsasalita ako sa personal parang baklang-bakla. Kaya lang nga 'yung mga nabibigay sa akin na roles serious, mataray."



Dagdag pa ng Kapuso teen star, "Siguro kaya sobrang minahal din ng viewers 'yung karakter ko bilang Lupe dun sa past show namin (Strawberry Lane), kasi kahit papaano mayroong side si Lupe na ganun."

"Kaya baka siyempre 'yun 'yung totoo sa akin. 'Yun 'yung personality ko talaga in real life, kaya siguro happy ako na minahal nila 'yun dahil ibig sabihin, kaya nila akong mahalin sa totoong buhay." Kung bibigyan naman daw siya ng chance na makatrabaho ang pinakamagagaling na mga comedians sa Kapuso network, gusto raw ni Joanna na makasama ang mga Bubble Gang veterans na sina Michael V at Rufa Mae Quinto.

Saad ng aktres, "Si Michael V, sa lalaki siya. Sa babae lagi kasing kahit saan ako magpunta ang sinasabi nila medyo hawig ko daw siguro kung paano ako gumalaw, paano ako magsalita in real life si Rufa Mae [Quinto] daw [laughs]."

## Rachelle Ann Go lands role in 'Les Miserables'

Rachelle Ann Go will be returning to London's West End in a new role. She will be playing Fantine in the world's longest-running musical, Les Miserables.

Rachelle seems to be following in Lea Salonga's footsteps after making her debut as Gigi in Miss Saigon. Lea played Eponine then Fantine in Les Miserables after her Miss Saigon stint. The role of Fantine also gave Anne Hathaway an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in 2013.

In her Instagram post, the singer has been awake for more than 24 hours, still in disbelief about landing the role.

"DREAM big and it will happen, still can't believe it," she stated.

Rachelle takes the stage on June 15, 2015.

## Only Taxpayers Must Vote

Senator Santiago says this will prevent vote-buying BY MAE ILAGAN

MANILA - Sadly, because of massive poverty and lack of access to proper education, most of our fellow Filipinos have no choice but sell their votes to buy food for their hungry kids. We are all aware about this, yet most of us choose to be blind and indifferent.

*Under Article IV, Sec 1 of the Philippine Constitution: Suffrage may be exercised by all citizens of the Philippines not otherwise disqualified by law, who are at least eighteen years of age, and who shall have resided in the Philippines for at least one year, and in the place wherein they propose to vote, for at least six months immediately preceding the election. No literacy,*

*property, or other substantive requirement shall be imposed on the exercise of suffrage.*

Each Filipino at least 18yrs and above are entitled to choose their officials as their representatives, to whom they entrust the exercise of the powers of government. We have the right to decide on who will lead us, but what about the others who are apathetic and only care about earning money to feed their family?

In an article I read a few weeks ago, according to news, Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago said that only the taxpayers should be allowed to vote to prevent patronage politics in the

country. Since those who don't pay taxes belong to the poorest of the poor, they are most vulnerable to receiving money from politicians. So in order to prevent politicians from buying votes, this is the solution which Sen. Miriam suggests.

*"Change the Charter so that only taxpayers will be allowed to vote. Kasi kung hindi siya nagbabayad ng tax, mahirap na mahirap siya. Maski sino na lang, basta bigyan siya ng pera, kabiti bigyan mo ng konti, that is patronage politics. The taxpayers are being ruled by the choice of the nontaxpayers." Santiago said.*

## Little Miss Philippines Canada 2015

### Candidates Show Talents at Pre-Pageant

TORONTO - The Little Miss Philippines Canada 2015 candidates of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) showcased their talents and beauty during the Pre-Pageant show held May 2nd at the Korean Cultural Centre in Toronto.

This undertaking of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation's goal is to inspire excellence in the children and promote in them a better understanding of the Filipino culture. It is also PCCF's hope that they will be able to help develop the girls to be role models and inspiration to their peers, and at the same time develop their self-confidence and showcase their beauty and talents. More importantly, PCCF aims to instill in the young girls' impressionable minds that by taking part in activities aimed at benefiting not only themselves, but also those less fortunate than them, will make their 'inner beauty' shine brighter and help develop their character and substance.

The Little Miss Philippines Canada

2015 Pageant, run by volunteers from the Filipino Canadian community headed by PCCF President Romy Rafael, Pageant Director Rosemer Enverga, Co-Chairs Gloria Rafanan, Fe Taturan and June Javier, and Choreographers Manna Pernito-Ortiz and Chollo Lagdameo, is now in its' 5th year of existence.

During the event, the following Major Awards were handed out: Miss Talent, Jasmin Monique Flores#8; Miss Photogenic, Emma Viola Ticsay#10; and Miss Charity, Angeli Desarie Lachica#2. The proud parents of all the candidates joined their daughters onstage to show their pride and support and to congratulate them for the very entertaining show.

Coronation of the Little Miss Philippines Canada 2015 winner will be at the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show on June 27th at the Metro-Toronto Convention Centre. The winner will receive a free trip to the Philippines, amongst other prizes. She will serve as a PCCF ambassador of goodwill

in various events and activities throughout Canada and the Philippines. She will have the chance to promote the Filipino culture, arts, heritage and charity. She will be meeting the community's most influential leaders, appear on TV, meet GMA PinoyTV stars, make new friends and best of all, will be able to help the poor in the Philippines, through ANCOP projects.

Don't miss the coronation on June 27th, 2015 at the Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow sa Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Hall A) with GMA Kapuso star Heart Evangelista. For more information, please

email [pageantsphilippines@gmail.com](mailto:pageantsphilippines@gmail.com) or visit [www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com](http://www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com). (Fe Paca-Taturan)



Pageant Director Rosemer Enverga with Co-Chairs Gloria Rafanan, Fe Taturan & June Javier and Choreographer Manna Pernito-Ortiz. (Photo by Ariel Ramos)

# Alyssa Grace Musical Concert Debut a Remarkable Success

By : Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Up - and - coming Filipino Canadian young singer and dancer Alyssa Grace, with her "Live with Love" concert made a highly successful and entertaining musical debut as a professional chanteuse in the Toronto musical scene. The 2- hour grand event was held on May 16, 2015 at the Chinese Cultural Centre Auditorium in Scarborough, Ontario, in support of Alyssa's project on anti-bullying drive and the Children Wish Foundation.

With over 500 admiring fans, sponsors, guests and supporters including her friends, schoolmates, family and relatives in attendance, the attractive and lovely Alyssa Grace held the crowd in awe-inspiring repertoire of well selected song genres of R & B, jazz, soul, hip-hop and Broadway theatrical classics.

Changing to fashionable stage outfits six times to fit her lovely songs and charming dance moves, Alyssa Grace's musical entourage is composed of known groups of established singers and dancers in the Greater Toronto Area. Among which are: the Muso Project of the acoustic - soul duo of Edward Monzon and Rachenne Regozo; the versatile vocalist



Joseph Fabie who performed a solo number and a stirring duet with Alyssa ; Arts Unionville Program artists Nicole Jaskot and Tiffanie Samuels joined in the singing numbers with the debutante; the 10- member dance crew of

"WYSWYG" - What You See is What You Get, provided appreciable dancing acts in rhythmic steps with Alyssa, and the Unionville Chamber Choir showed their ensemble's voices blending with Alyssa's solo songs.

Directed by Beverly Vergel, an experienced director, producer, actor, ramp model in the Philippines and the pedigree daughter of 50's screen matinee idols Cesar Ramirez and Alicia Vergel, comfortably megged the evening's performances. Beverly was professionally supported by vocal coach Julie Ann Reyes, a U.P. voice major alumna.

Giving a standing ovation and joining Alyssa Grace on stage after her memorable performance are her parents Grace and Gerrie Datu and the evening event's artists, performers and staff. Park Productions head Grace and Gerrie and Alyssa Grace herself jointly expressed their great appreciation to all the talents, crews, sponsors and guests for a highly successful and memorable evening of fun and music.... a great career beginning for a young artist, indeed. ( T. San Juan)

## Anak nina Marian Rivera at Dingdong Dantes, papasok din ba sa showbiz?

Pagkatapos magbigay ng ilang impormasyon tungkol sa kanyang baby at sa mga posibleng pangalan nito, nagbigay naman si Marian Rivera ng kanyang saloobin kung papayag ba siyang pumasok ang kanyang anak sa mundo ng showbiz tulad nila ng kanyang asawang si Dingdong Dantes.



Nakangit-ing pahayag ng blooming mommy na si Marian, "Hay nako 'wag muna, mag-aral muna siya."

"Mahirap e. Depende rin kasi. Hindi ko alam. Pero sa ngayon sa punto ko sa buhay ko, sabi ko talaga naranasan ko sa showbiz, so gusto ko 'yung anak ko mag-aral muna." dagdag ng Primetime Queen.

Ibinahagi rin ni Marian na ngayon pa lamang ay may signs na ng pagk-stage father si Dingdong sa kanilang anak.

Aniya, "Ewan ko sa tatay niya. Mukhang stage father si Dong e. Mas mukha siyang stage father kesa sa akin."

Dagdag ni Marian, susuportahan niya ang kanilang anak kahit ano pa man ang career na gusto nitong tahakin in the future.

"Minsan mahirap pangunahan yung mga bagay bagay. Malay mo 'pag lumabas yung anak ko ayaw naman niyang mag-artista. Malay mo, doktor ang gusto niya, ang layo 'di ba? So hintayin ko kung ano ang gusto niya paglaki niya. Basta kami ni Dong, susuportahan namin siya, mamahalin namin siya at papalakin namin siya ng maayos."

## Pagpag lowers hunger figures survey

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not meeting three benchmarks, including raising the income of the poor.

"The government failed to make power, water, telecom services affordable and the third is that the government's enormous savings could have been dedicated to new jobs," the TUCP said.

SWS said about three million Filipino families experienced "involuntary hunger" at least once during the first quarter of 2015.

## PH to announce national rules for ride-sharing

MANILA - The Philippines has become the first country to come up with national rules governing Uber and other ride-sharing services, the transport department

said, following criticism of the industry as unsafe and unregulated.

The transport department will publicly issue the new country-wide guidelines for the likes of Uber and GrabTaxi, a spokeswoman said, in a bid to promote better transport services.

In a statement, Uber senior vice-president David Plouffe hailed the Philippine action, which he said would "advance urban mobility, create new economic opportunity and put rider safety first".



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## Murder raps vs SAF killers

### Congress supports Department of Justice move

MANILA - Congress has thrown its support behind a move of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to press multiple-murder charges against Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels and other armed fighters involved in the killing of 44 Special Action Force (SAF) police commandos in Mamasapano, Maguindanao, last January 25.

Rep. Rufus Rodriguez (Cagayan de Oro City), chairman of the House Ad Hoc Committee on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL), noted that charging the SAF killers with direct assault with murder complex does not give justice to the fallen police troops.

"The case should be multiple murder. To say direct assault with murder complex somehow lessens the murder aspect," Rodriguez, a lawyer, pointed out.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima earlier announced that the alleged killers of the SAF and 17 civilians would be facing

murder and theft charges based on her agency's initial probe.

De Lima, however, clarified that she would defer filing of charges against the alleged assailants since the suspects could also be liable under Republic Act 9851 or the Philippine Act on Crimes Against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity. She cited wounded commandos being finished off by the rebels even if they were already raising their arms in surrender.

The attack against the SAF troops came after they successfully neutralized terrorist and bomber Zulkifli bin Hir alias Marwan, in Mamasapano.

Marwan's deputy, Filipino terrorist Abdul Basit Usman, escaped.

Rodriguez endorsed de Lima's move.

"To be finished off even if you are incapable of fighting back is certainly different from murder," he said.

Rodriguez earlier argued that the

MILF—which signed a peace deal with the government in March 2014 that gave birth to the proposed BBL—cannot invoke the ceasefire agreement that it signed with the government in case its combatants are charged in connection with the Mamasapano carnage.

"They cannot invoke the ceasefire [agreement]. They have to surrender their people [if charges are filed against them]. That is how we will proceed. President [Benigno] Aquino [3rd] has said it. If the results of investigations are in and the Justice department found [the MILF's] people liable, they would have to step aside," he said.

"The MILF [rebels] are [still] Filipinos. They were never granted a separate state. We belong to the same territory, the Philippine territory. Mamasapano is a Philippine territory. In criminal law, you are prosecuted where the crime is committed," Rodriguez added.



## Enzo Pineda plays villain

Enzo Pineda doesn't mind playing a kontrabida role as Gavin, the rival of his own half brother, Kiko Estrada, over the love of Kim Rodriguez as Neri in their show on GMA7. "Actually, in the story, gusto ko ring makihati sa kayamanan ng family nila ng sister niyang si Diva Montelaba as Lorraine," he says. "Pero ipakikita naman kung ano ang pinagdaanan ng character ko to explain while he's behaving that way."

Enzo is happy to be appointed as an ambassador of the Haribon Foundation. "Protecting the environment is really one of my personal advocacies, lalo na 'yung endemic species that need to be given more care and attention para hindi sila tuluyang mapahamak at maging extinct. Nasisira kasi yung habitat ng mga species na dito lang po sa Pilipinas matatagpuan kaya dapat nating pangalagaan ang ating kapaligiran parahindi mamatay lahat yung mga animals na unique dito lang sa ating bansa." Enzo participates in such environment friendly activities as recycling and tree planting, along with another Kapuso star who's also a Haribon ambassadress, Barbie Forzeza.

## Jasmine still hurting

Jasmine is asked if it's true she cried when she saw ex-BF Sam Concepcion in a restaurant at the Fort and she felt so hurt because he gave her a cold shoulder.

"If you don't mind, I'd rather keep na lang to us what happened," she says. "Healing is a process and we want to move on. It's in the past na so huwag na lang pahabain pa. And right now, we're in 'Happy Truck ng Bayan', so kailangang happy na lang tayo and let's talk about happy things." Is it true her Ate Anne Curtis has something to do with the break up?

"No, not true. What happened between us is strictly between us, so 'wag na magdamay ng iba, please. As of now, I'm happy to be single again and I'm not in a hurry to be in another relationship."

## Andre starstruck with Ai Ai

Andre Paras and Ai Ai delas Alas will do a cross-over guest appearance in their respective shows. Ai Ai will hop over to "The Half Sisters" while Andre will guest in "Let the Love Begin". The episodes they appear in will start showing tomorrow. Andre admits he got tongue tied when he saw Ai Ai in person. "I wanted to say how are you po, I can't wait to work with you," he says. "Pero ang nasabi ko lang was 'hi'. I really her admire her kapag nagpapatawa siya on TV and I know Comedy Queen siya, kaya na-starstruck ako when, finally, makaharap ko siya in person.

## Enrique Gil excited to travel in US with Liza Soberano

He's excited to travel to the U.S. with Liza after the movie opens here in our country. "'Just the Way You Are' will be shown in various cities in the States at maga-attend kami ni Liza ng premiere nights doon and also do some shows together. Hopefully, we'll get to know each other better and become closer while traveling nang magkasama."

## Philippines

### NEWS

#### Sari-sari store sells drugs raided

CAVITE - Undersecretary Arturo G. Caccad, Jr., Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Director General, raised the possibility after operatives of agency from Southern Luzon under Director Adzhar Albani recently arrested 60-year-old sari-sari store owner Euleny Fulleros.

Caccad said that Fulleros was nabbed at her residence in General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite, during an entrapment operation.

Caccad said the PDEA operatives confiscated during the operation a white plastic bag containing suspected marijuana fruiting tops wrapped in newspaper, weighing roughly 500 grams, and three plastic sachets of white crystalline substance presumed to be "shabu" weighing three grams.

The suspect is presently under the temporary custody of PDEA RO4A.

Caccad lauded the PDEA operatives for the successful operation and vowed to carry out more arrests in the future.

#### Motel shabu raided

CAGAYAN DE ORO - The Ozamiz police raided a lodging house and confiscated P10 million worth of suspected illegal drugs.

Supt. Archival Diokno Macala, police provincial director of Misamis Occidental, said the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Ozamiz City Police Office, under Supt. Michael Bawayan Jr., raided room 38 of the Country Lodge in Barangay Annex and found a bag containing 1.5 kilos of suspected methamphetamine hydrochloride, locally known as shabu. Macala said the police operatives failed to arrest the owner of the bag. But a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) footage showed that the suspect left the bag inside the room of the lodging house.

Macala identified the room occupant as a certain Akmhad Oztad, a resident of Salvador town in Lanao del Norte.

He said the illegal drugs were of high grade and had a street value of R10 million.

#### QC on children on motorcycles

The Quezon City government is now enforcing an ordinance prohibiting motorcycle riders from transporting on the city's roads a child back rider unless allowable under the new measure.

Ordinance SP-2395, S-2015, which was approved by Mayor Herbert Bautista on April 15, seeks to ensure the safety of every child back rider on motorcycles, by providing that young passengers must be wearing a standard protective helmet, can rest his/her feet on the footrest of the motorcycle, can hold on and embrace the waist of the motorcycle driver, and is mentally capable appreciating the need to hold on to the rider-driver.

The measure points out that small children should be discouraged from riding on motorcycles if this would be very dangerous for them.

Any person who will be found violating the ordinance will be fined P1,000 for the offense, P2,000 for the second offense and P5,000 for the third and succeeding offenses.

## OKOR Scarborough Chapter to host Dr. Jose P. Rizal 154th birthday celebration with fitting ceremonies at Toronto's Earl Bales Park

By Dindo Orbeso & Manny Papa  
The Order of the Knights of Rizal Scarborough Chapter will host the 154th birthday celebration of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the Philippine national hero, in a fitting ceremonies in front of his statue at Earl Bales Park, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, according to Sir Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga (PHOTO), KCR, deputy area commander, Toronto East and immediate past chapter commander of Rizal Scarborough Chapter and incumbent Chapter Commander Aristeo (Bert) Mondragon, KCR.

According to Yanga and Mondragon the historical event will be participated in by all the OKOR Chapters in Toronto and the Rizal Ladies associations in the City of Toronto namely the Kababaihang Rizalista, inc. headed by Lady Araceli (Rose) V. Cruz; the Aspirations of Rizal with Lady Lynette G. Perez as president; and Lady Odette Virey, president of the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal - Canada.



Sir George Poblete, KGCR, a Pro Patria awardee.

They called on other Filipino organizations in Toronto and other cities and towns in Ontario province to send in their official representation so as all of the Filipino organizations in the said province will be represented.

It was further stated that after the wreath laying there will be a program which will give emphasis on the peaceful reforms done by the Philippine national hero, Dr. Rizal, during the time when Spain

colonized the Philippines.

The birthday celebration of Dr. Rizal will be held throughout the world with the Order of Knights of Rizal men and ladies leading the historical gatherings headed by OKOR Supreme Commander Sir Jeremias (Jerry) Singson.

Wreath laying ceremonies will start at 5:00 pm on June 19, 2015 followed by an indoor program at 6:30 pm at the nearby community center. Dinner will be available for a minimal fee prepared by Angat Cuisine. Tickets will be at the gate. This years event is hosted by the Scarborough Chapter.

For more information kindly get in touch with Sir Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga, KCR, at Tel 416 - 858 - 0616, email: mannyyanga@gmail.com; and Sir Aristeo (Bert) Mondragon, Tel. 416 - 416 - 291 - 8202 & 416 - 388 - 4293, Email: aristeo.mondragon@hotmail.com.





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## FilAm Doctors in Nepal

REDWOOD CITY, California – Filipino-American doctors are among those who are helping the quake-stricken people of Nepal.

Balitang America spoke with Dr. Herminigildo Valle, Chief-of-Staff at Seton Medical Center in Daly City, via Skype from Kathmandu about the latest tremor.

He said he was supposed to go back to the devastated area of Sindhupalchok, which is known for its treacherous terrain, but was lucky not to have made the trip when this latest quake struck.

“Today is my lucky day. Maybe by the grace of God, we were supposed to go back there this morning, that terrain is 10 times Kennon Road of Baguio, going up the side of the mountain, and with that kind of an earthquake, we don’t know what happens in the highway: landslides, and accidents and everything,” he said.

Dr. Valle said the building he was in shook really hard when the latest earthquake struck.

“When I got out the street I saw everybody running in all directions, crying and yelling. I have not seen this much destruction, this much devastation, this much suffering of people,” he said.

Agence France-Presse reported that a 7.3-magnitude quake struck at 12:35 pm, some 76 kilometers east of Kathmandu.

Tuesday’s quake was felt as far away as New Delhi, and caused buildings to collapse in Tibet in neighboring China, killing at least one person there.

A second tremor of 6.3-magnitude struck Nepal around half an hour later, followed by yet more aftershocks, according to the USGS. with a report from Agence France-Presse

## ‘Pitch Perfect 2’ push Filharmonic for success



A group of Filipino-Americans is currently making inroads in Hollywood.

Singers VJ Rosales, Joe Caigoy, Trace Gaynor, Barry Fortgang, Jules Cruz and beat boxer Niko Del Rey, collectively known as The Filharmonic, can be seen in the film “Pitch Perfect 2,” where they will portray an a cappella group from the Philippines. The group first gained attention when they joined NBC’s “The Sing-Off.” Although they were only able to make it to the semi-finals, they have since managed to bag several high profile gigs including performances with the likes of Linkin Park and the Black Eyed Peas.

Their rapid rise is notable, particularly as they only started working together as a group while making their audition tape for “The Sing-Off.”

The common link is Avi from the Texas-based a cappella group the Pentatonix or PTX, who urged them to join the contest.

“A few of us went to college with Avi,” explained Jules.

Enticing as the notion was, they admitted that they were all a bit worried if they could actually gel, given the lack of familiarity. “Luckily it all worked out,” Trace quipped.

The members acknowledged that their stint on the show bolstered their confidence. Jules shared: “Being a part of ‘The Sing-Off’ was completely surreal. Because we were such a new group, we didn’t have a ton of time to pull it all together. Our first real performance as a group was on the show. Getting a positive response from the judges and the audience gave us a boost confidence-wise. It was an experience I’ll never forget.”

It isn’t as if the members didn’t have ample singing background, respectively. Barry said they were in “various musical lanes” prior to forming the group, mostly participating in different jazz and a cappella groups in school.

At this point, each has taken on a specific role in the group.

“Jules is the leader. VJ is the musical genius. Joe is the performance coach and heart of the team, Niko is always up to date with pop culture and fashion, Trace knows all about social media and the music business, I’m like the morale officer,” Barry related. The group is quite proud of their Filipino heritage.

## Gossip Girl is a Guy

NEW YORK - The legal world’s real-life “Gossip Girl” is Filipino-American.

Just like the hit teen drama TV series, the mysterious “Gossip Girl” turned out to be a man—David Lat.

Lat, a Harvard College magna cum laude and Yale Law School graduate became the so-called “Queen” of legal gossip in 2004 through his blog “Underneath Their Robes”.

“It was a gossip blog, kind of you know, ‘tsismis,’ about Federal Judges,” Lat, the son of two Filipino doctors, said.

“I couldn’t really use my name so I pretended to be a woman who was obsessed with a Federal judiciary,” he said.

The blog became widely popular for its pieces on “Judicial Divas” and “Super-

hotties of the Federal Judiciary.”

“It was like a beauty contest for Federal Judges and what put it on the map was when this Federal Judge in



California, Alex Kozinski, decide to nominate himself as a judicial hottie,” he said.

He said the male part of the competition got more attention than the female part.

Lat was then working as a federal prosecutor under then US Attorney for New Jersey Chris Christie.

Unlike his initial foray into writing, David Lat’s full name is now proudly displayed on his work.

## Will Lucky & Angel marry after Darna?

With his own relationship with Angel Locsin going strong, Luis did not deny they have been discussing marriage already.

“Oo kasi sabi ko naman na we’re not getting any younger. Napag-uisapan naman namin. Nagkakataon lang na I have so many things to do. Actually siya mas magiging busy pa sa akin this coming year. So the thought is there. The intention is there but we’re taking our time to finish our commitments as individuals muna. It’s a big, big step na mangyayari sa amin so we want to finish certain things lang muna,” he explained.

Luis shared that Angel will be very busy soon because apart from the Star Cinema movie she is working on with his mom Vilma Santos, she is also in talks to do the much-awaited fantaserye version of Darna.

Luis says he is not sure when the major TV project will start exactly. “Yes, in fact today meron siyang meeting sa ABS-CBN with Darna. I wish I knew when, maybe sooner, we can’t say as of now kasi napag-uisapan na namin pero kumbaga I was with her last night and napag-uisapan din namin kung ano yung mga pictorial, ganyan, ganyan. So 2017 maybe malayo layo pa yun. Masyadong malayo pala. We’ll see muna kasi ayokong magpa-pressure din sa ganyan. Whenever we feel right, whenever we feel na we can focus on settling down kasi ngayon we can’t eh. Ang dami ng mga ginagawa namin eh. May napag-uisapan na rin kami kung saan kami titira if ever. Kumbaga ganun kami ka-seryoso. Nilalataag na namin yun. So when we have enough time to focus on that, dun na namin ilalataag. Siyempre may engagement pa kasi di ba?”

Luis also clarified rumors that they are having a house built already.

“Pina-extend lang niya yung bahay niya. Pina-extend lang niya para sa daddy niya at sa kapatid niya pero basically it’s the same house. Pina-major renovation lang niya,” he said.

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# FCT Seeks Candidates for 2015 Outstanding Student Awards

By: Marisa Roque

The Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT) search for Filipino Canadian Outstanding Students for 2015 is now open. The annual competition targets elementary, high school and post secondary graduates of Filipino heritage residing in Ontario who have achieved academic honours in their studies. One or both parents or grandparents of contestants must be Filipino or of Filipino descent.

## Qualification of Applicants:

1. An elementary school applicant should have completed the final year of elementary school and entering high school

2. The high school applicant should be accepted and going into university, or community college, or into an apprenticeship program.

3. The post secondary applicant should have completed his / her degree program.

Elementary and high school applicants must have a minimum academic average of 85% or equivalent during the last two school years, and must have been involved in extra curricular and community activities.

Post secondary applicants must have graduated "With Distinction / High Honours" or equivalent academic honour.

Elementary school graduates must submit

original copies of final report cards for the last two years and high school graduates need to submit a current and original academic transcript bearing the school's official seal.

Post secondary graduates must submit a copy of their diploma with the academic honour citation or transcript of academic record.

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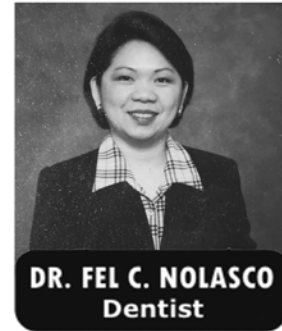
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## An Inspired Choice: Cardinal Tagle elected President of Caritas Internationalis



Pope Francis greets Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, Philippines, at the sign of peace while celebrating Mass at the city's Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception on Jan. 16. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

"I accept this election in the name of all the poor people in the world." With these words, the Filipino cardinal, Luis Antonio Tagle, accepted his election as the new President of Caritas Internationalis.

He is the first Asian to head this confederation of Catholic Church agencies (including Catholic Relief Services) from 165 countries and will lead the organization for the next four years. His election was widely expected. He gained 91 out of the 133 votes cast in the ballot on Thursday afternoon, May 14, at the organization's General Assembly in Rome. He succeeds the dynamic Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Honduras who has held this high-profile post for the past eight years.

Speaking to the 300 delegates from across the globe by phone from Chicago (where he was receiving a doctorate from Chicago Theological Union) after his election, he thanked them for the "trust" they put in him. "I'm limited in my capacities but with all of you, with the love that Jesus has poured into our hearts and in the name of all the poor people in the world, I accept this election. Let us together strengthen the church of the poor so our witness can help build a world of understanding justice, true freedom and peace."

He is an excellent choice to lead Caritas Internationalis whose mission is to express the love and charity of Christ to the peoples of the world, and especially the poor, by helping the Catholic Church be a Church for the poor, respond to major emergencies, promote sustainable development and thereby eliminate hunger and poverty, promote care for creation, and build "global solidarity."

A gifted communicator, he will certainly inspire Caritas' more than 2 million volunteers who work in 200 countries, and he will challenge and encourage world leaders about the needs to address the great problems of humanity.

## KC reacts to her weight issue + other news

Instead of making a fuss out of it, KC Concepcion took the negative comments about her weight in stride.

KC took to her Twitter account on to



comment on the incessant bashing that she's getting regarding her weight gain.

The actress who noticeably put on some weight lately had listed keeping herself healthy as part of her goals now that she's 30.

In fact, she has managed to keep herself moving by doing various workouts like boxing, white shirt love and sexy hip hop dance classes and yoga.

### Coleen Garcia ready for Men's magazines?

Coleen Garcia is noticeably very confident with posting her sexy photos on her Instagram account. Asked as to where she gets her confidence, the host-actress remarked that she's just always been comfortable with her own skin.

"I've always been comfortable with my body, even [if] I gained a little weight I'm just really comfortable with my body. I guess I just accepted myself so much already and I've gotten to a point that I really accepted myself and I've learned to love and appreciate myself to a point that I don't seek the validation of other people," she said. She further added, "Like for example before I was really thin and I wanted to start going to the gym and people were like 'don't get muscles it's really pangit for girls to have muscles' and now I have muscles and it's working for me," she said.



She stressed that she has come to terms with the fact that she does not have to please anyone especially with regards to her physique. "It's just occurred to me also that you should not be constantly thinking about what other people are saying because there are a lot of people in this world and everybody has different things to say so at the end of the day, as long as you're happy and you are comfortable with yourself, I think the reason why I've been differently lately was

because I've been becoming more and more comfortable with my own skin."

Is she ready to pose for a men's magazine cover anytime soon? "When it comes to what I'll be posing for and what I'm doing, it always come with a certain limit. I don't want to exceed my own limitations so I always limit myself and I have my own boundaries so I don't want to overdo it I don't want to go overboard so I always make sure that I stick to those limits," she commented.

### Does Joseph Marco feel awkward doing romantic scenes with Coleen Garcia because of Billy

Joseph Marco is teaming up with Coleen Garcia in the upcoming soap Pasion de Amor. The actor is all praises for the host-actress and remarked that even it is Coleen's first primetime soap opera, her acting is on point.

"Well si Coleen, you know, even she's new, she's a natural. Hindi ko na-feel sa kanya na bahugan siya. Kumo-connect siya sa mga eksena namin dalawa and I'm really glad na siya 'yung naging partner ko dito and thankful din ako na ako 'yung unang naging partner niya sa first teleserye niya," he said.

Joseph and Coleen will have romantic and sexy scenes in the soap. When he asked if he feels conscious and awkward since he knows Coleen has a boyfriend, Billy Crawford, he commented, "Well not really kasi Coleen naman I'm sure na alam na niya kung anong ginagawa niya.

She's in the right age and si Billy he's such a supportive boyfriend, alam niya na trabaho lang talaga."

The actor is already so ecstatic for the soap to finally air on primetime this coming June. "Sobrang excited kasi, well 'yung una hindi namin alam kung anong time slot namin at kung kailan siya i-ere at nong isang araw naman nang nalaman namin, sobrang tuwang-tuwa kami. We were so excited na 'yun finally ipapalabas na siya this coming June 1, before TV Patrol."

He added that they really worked hard for the soap and that the viewers will surely like it. "Tuwang-tuwa talaga kami na lahat ng pinaghirapan namin it's going to pay off and I'm sure maraming magugustuhan nila 'tong Pasion de Amor because it's something different."

### Richard Yap's wife reacts to his lovescene with Maja Salvador

Sinabi ni Richard Yap na hindi naman nagselos ang kanyang asawang si Melody sa mga love scenes nila ni Maja Salvador para sa pelikula nilang You're still The One.

Kinwento ni Richard sa asawa niya na nagkaroon siya ng love scenes with Maja nang tapos na i-shoot ang mga eksena. Sinabi lang diumano ni Melody na, "O ginalingan mo ba?"

Tatlo ang naging love scenes nila sa pelikula ni Maja at ayon kay Richard, "Medyo tame naman (ang mga eksena.) Gaganap na fiscal si Richard sa You're Still The One. Si Maja naman ay isang lawyer. Dagdag ni Richard tungkol sa relationship nila ni Maja sa pelikula, "I took her under my wing and something develops between us."

Ang role ni Richard na pinakaminahal ng sambayanan ay bilang Richard "Sir Chief" Lim sa Kapamilya serye na Be Careful with My Heart kung saan nakasama niya si Jodi Sta. Maria bilang "Maya."



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## Mar Roxas will need popularity boost

### Certain situations boost candidate's profile prior to elections

MANILA- Interior Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas II will need a situation that will boost his popularity to overcome his dismal performance in pre-election surveys, Senator Sergio Osmeña III said.

Osmeña said all potential presidential candidates have a chance to improve their ratings in the coming months since the 2016 national elections are over a year away.

He recalled that then-Senator Benigno Aquino III emerged out of nowhere to top pre-election surveys following the death of his mother, former President Corazon Aquino, in August 2009.

"Bigla na lang [yung pamamayagpag ni PNoy] kasi namatay si President Cory noon at na-realize ng tao na ganito palang kailangan natin isang honest na president," Osmeña said.

Osmeña, who was Aquino's campaign manager in the 2010 elections, agreed that those lagging behind in recent surveys will need a certain situation to bolster their ratings.

However, Osmeña stressed that survey ratings are temporary in nature and bound to change over time.

"Yung resulta ng survey parang

kumukuha tayo ng temperature, kung baga pag may sakit ka darating 'yung nurse na kukuha sa temperature mo at sasabihin, 'sir yung temperature niyo ay umabot ng 40.' So as of that time lang 'yun. Baka in a few hours' time baka bumaba na 'yun. As of today, it doesn't look like Secretary Mar is doing well in the surveys, pero baka umiba pa yan tomorrow, next month o kaya next year."

Asked if he will support Roxas' possible presidential bid, Osmeña said it is too early to say.

"Wag muna. Tingnan muna natin kung sino pinaka the best sa lahat ng mga candidates."

The latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey on possible presidential candidates show Roxas tied with Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte in third place, with 15 percent of respondents saying they will vote for him if elections were held on the days the survey was conducted.

However, Roxas' current rating was a drop from the 19 percent he garnered last December.

He is considered the Liberal Party's presumptive standard-bearer although

he has remained mum about his political plans.

But even if survey results are prone to fluctuations, Osmeña said he believes Vice President Jejomar Binay, the frontrunner in the pre-election polls, will continue to have the solid support of 20 percent of voters despite the decline in his ratings.

"Di pa sagad yun," Osmeña said of the dip in the vice president's ratings in recent voter preference surveys.

"Ngunit ang sasabihin ko lang, yung pinaka soft na supporters niya nandoon sa itaas. So pagbaba ng rating niya, mas magiging mas solid yung mga... so meron siyang backing ng at least 20 percent na di pa natatanggal sa kanya, gaya noong kay President Erap. Mayroong base of support si Erap na sa kanya lang talaga," he said.

The SWS survey conducted March 20 to 23 showed Binay remained on top with 36 percent, slightly lower than the 37 percent he received in December.

Binay, who has been vocal about his presidential ambition, has suffered huge drops in his satisfaction ratings since he was linked to corruption charges. His camp has denied the allegations, saying these were politically motivated.



## Jadine edges over Kathniel

IT'S not surprising for the JaDine love team to feel pressure these days. After all, their third movie together, "Para sa Hopeless Romantic", is opening in theatres nationwide today. "Sabi nila, good things come in three's so, siguro naman, magiging big hit ding itong 'Hopeless Romantic' like our first two movies before, 'Diary ng Panget' and 'Talk Back and You're Dead'," says James.

What's the difference of 'Hopeless Romantic' from their first two movies? "This one is not just romantic-comedy. Direk Andoy Ranay required more serious acting from us kasi marami itong dramatic scenes. So we have to go out of our comfort zones kasi mas sanay na kami pareho sa rom-com. But now, pinagdrama kami kaya mas mahirap ang ginawa namin dito. We're confident naman na we'll pass the test with flying colors."

Now that they're also doing a teleserye on ABS-CBN, "On the Wings of Love", it's expected that their rivalry with the loveteam of Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo will become more intense. What can they say about this?

"Actually, sa amin, we don't want to compete with any one," says Nadine. "But it's the fans who are very aggressive in fighting for the team they admire so I guess hindi maiwasan 'yan. Kahit sabihin naming 'wag kayo makipag-away, masama yan, hindi naman sila makikingig at maniniwala."

Would they be willing to work with Kathniel loveteam? "Of course naman. No doubt namang mas established na sila than us. But we're more mature than them in terms of age. We can also do more edgy roles."

James says he has seen Kathniel in "ASAP" several times and he even goes up to them to say 'Hi' and they're all okay. "So sa amin, wala talagang problema, walang competition. We're really just enjoying what we're doing and I guess we're just all happy that we're blessed dahil parehong maraming fans ang loveteam namin."

Since they're not really on with each other, what will their reaction be in case one of them gets steady with somebody else?

"No problem with me," says James. "I don't think it will affect our loveteam coz our fans know naman na hindi talaga kami."

"As for me, sana huwag muna," says Nadine. "May konting selos akong nararamdaman. Mas okay sana kung hindi muna siya mag-girl friend ng iba. Para hindi rin magselos ang fans ng loveteam namin."

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## Hicap still poorest lawmaker

MANILA, Philippines - Despite doubling his net worth last year, Anakpawis Rep. Fernando Hicap remained the poorest lawmaker in the 290-member House of Representatives last year.

The 53-year-old has released to the public his 2014 statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN). All government officials are required to submit their SALNs on April 30 of each year.

Hicap's SALN showed he has a net worth of P95,572 with no liabilities.

He has declared P90,572.65 cash in bank and P5,000 worth of home appliances.

Compared to Hicap's 2013 SALN, his net worth has more than doubled from P37,722.



Speaking in Filipino, the lawmaker said his earnings came from his salary of P60,000 a month and other savings over the past years.

"I don't smoke or buy expensive things," he said.

Before being elected to Congress in 2013, Hicap was a fisherman in Sorsogon. He moved to Manila to work

with Anakpawis.

Hicap said he is still paying for the education of nine of his 10 children.

He now lives in a fishing community in Cavite with his relatives, mostly fishermen, he added.

Hicap said his house does not even have its own number, and that his appliances were given to him or borrowed from friends and relatives.

He is not ashamed of revealing his SALN as he wanted to set an example to other government officials, Hicap said.

The Office of the House of Representatives secretary-general posts summaries of lawmakers' declaration on its website a few weeks after the April 30 deadline. Full details of a House member's SALN can only be released with his or her consent, according to a memorandum circular that House secretary-general Marilyn Barua-Yap has issued.

## Scenes in the City



FIRST, FV Foods poses with Sarah geronimo. SECOND, Mel galeon of FV Foods Bathurst poses with Mocha Uson of Mocha Girls. THIRD, Mel Galeon of FV Foods (3RD FROM LEFT) poses with Mocha Girls.

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Mel Galeon of FV Foods poses with Sarah Geronimo (LEFT) and Mae dela Cerna of Mocha Girls (ABOVE).

## Romance with Lovi not perfect, says Rocco: Minsan mukha akong tanga

LOVI Poe and real life BF Rocco Nacino will be working together again in the upcoming GMA7 primetime soap, "Beautiful Stranger," which has started taping last Monday. They've been going steady for about a year now and they say their relationship is getting stronger by the day.

"Hindi pa naman kami nagkaka-sawaan," says Lovi. "I think one good reason is that we've been friends muna for a long time bago naging kami, kaya hindi kami nagkakasawaan. We're not like super cheesy. Hindi kami magboyfriend lang, magkaibigan din kami. So I think it's more fun."

"Yes, we started right," says Rocco. "Maganda ang aming naging simula kasi hindi kami agad nag-jump into a serious relationship agad-agad. Nabuo muna 'yung friendship while we were doing the show 'Akin Pa Rin ang Bukas'. That's what's nice about it. Mas maganda yung foundation, kaya mas naging deep 'yung relationship at naging mas masaya."

But it doesn't mean they have a perfect relationship.

"May time pa ring nagkakatampuhan

kami, pero hindi namin natitiis ang isat... isa," adds Rocco. "Usualy, ilang minuto tumatagal ang... puhan namin, hil kapag nag-



katinginan na kami, nauwi na agad sa tawanan. It's during such times that I realize how much I'm willing to do just to make her happy. I realized how much of a clown I can be when I'm with her. Na hindi ako nahihiya magmukhang tanga para lang patawanin siya, ganung hindi naman ako ganun dati. So what we do is we try to have open lines of communication all the time, para magka-conflict man, napag-uusapan agad bago pa lumala."

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ABOVE, Rafael Nebres (STANDING MIDDLE) of Action Honda poses with Lyca Gairanod, Sarah Geronimo and Jon Santos. BELOW, The Panaligan family and Beloso family poses with community leader Dr. Vicky Santiago (SECOND FROM RIGHT).



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# Phl women join contests in hopes of better life

Pageants present an opportunity to escape from poverty



BEAUTIFUL: Pageant contestant Janicel Lubina was talent spotted by a make-up artist and now earns enough to support her family and father's medical treatment.

MANILA - As a child, she waded in muddy rice paddies in the Philippines.

Now, teenager Janicel Lubina struts down runways for the country's top designers and is hoping to be crowned one of the world's most beautiful women.

Miss Lubina, 19, is a star recruit in one of Manila's beauty pageant boot camps, where shy, lanky teenage girls from remote farming

provinces are transformed into poised Barbie dolls who can preach about world peace in six-inch heels.

Beauty pageants are very popular with women in the Philippines, with many

taking part in the hopes that it will lead to luxury living, success in high fashion and movie stardom.

"My mother was a maid. I can't be a maid forever and get stuck in the province," Miss Lubina told AFP before she auditioned for this year's Binibining Pilipinas (Miss Philippines) contest.

Miss Lubina mastered what is dubbed the "duck walk" at the Kagandahang Flores (Beauty of the Flower) training camp in Manila, where students are taught to perfect their beauty queen strut by swinging their hips from side to side like ducks.

Towering at 1.83m in heels, the raven-haired woman hopes to represent the country at the Miss Universe pageant, which has a huge following in the Philippines.

But Miss Lubina's camera-ready smile fades when she talks about her struggles back home in Palawan province, where she worked as a maid like her mother, while her father was recovering from a mild stroke.

"One time, I mopped floors for an entire day and my boss made me do it all over again because she didn't like my work," she said.

Miss Lubina was discovered by a local make-up artist while she was out on an errand, walking on a dirt road. The beautician was amazed by her towering frame, she said.

She won 3,000 pesos (\$95) in her first pageant three years ago and has never looked back. Her earnings have been enough to support her family and pay for stroke treatment for her father.

1985 Miss Philippines Joyce Burton-Titular felt that pageants are huge in the country because Filipinos love to ogle and criticise glamorous women.

Pageants could also present an opportunity to escape from poverty.

She said: "Pageants these days are a great equaliser because you can come from the poorest of the poor and still win. In our country, pageants are empowering."



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1. PCCF Miss Philippines Canada 2014 first runner-up Lyca Mae Castillo poses for a photo during a break.  
 2. Miss Philippines 2012 winner Alev Usta is a judge in this year's pageant.  
 3. The Panaligan and Beloso family poses with Sarah Geronimo and company. PCCF Little Miss Philippines candidates pose with their Parents onstage. (Photo by Ariel Ramos)



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**Marian Rivera on family life: 'Iba ang buhay may asawa'**

Marami ang naging pagbabago sa buhay nina Dingdong Dantes at Marian Rivera simula nang ikasal sila nitong December 2014, kaya naman ikinuwento niya kung ano ang mga magagandang nangyari sa buhay niya simula ng sila'y ikinasal.

"Madami pong nabago, kasi una sa lahat iba ang buhay may asawa. Iba buhay ng buntis at ngayon na-realize ko na nagpapasalamat ako sa lahat ng biyaya na ipinagkakaloob sa akin ng Panginoon. Pero ito talaga 'yung pinapangarap ko at inaasam asam ko, ang ikasal at magkaroon ng isang anak at magkaroon ng pamilya. 'Yun talaga e."

Para kay Marian, ang buhay niya sa showbiz ang naging tulay para sa kanyang pagbuo ng pangarap niyang pamilya. Aniya, "Sabi ko nga 'yung showbiz, nasa parte ng buhay ko 'yan, minahal ko 'yan, marami akong nakilala, marami akong natutunan. Diyan ko nakilala ang naging asawa ko."

Dagdag ni Marian, willing siyang mag-sacrifice para sa kanyang asawa at sa kanyang ipinagbubuntis.

"At the end of the day, ang importante sa akin nagkaroon ako ng isang pamilya. At bubuin ko pa siya at gusto ko marami talagang anak. So 'yun 'yung pangarap ko maraming adjustments, marami kang kailangang i-sacrifice e."

Isa sa mga sakripsiyong ginawa ni Marian ay ang kanyang pagbitaw sa role ni Jade sa The Rich Man's Daughter.

"Like example, may soap opera ako, ginive up ko 'yun kasi mas mahalaga sa akin na maging healthy 'yung anak ko, hindi ako mapuyat, hindi ako ma-stress. Sabi ko nga, ang soap madali 'yan eh. Kahit next year, kaya kong gawin. Pero 'pag may nangyari sa anak ko, hindi ko mapapatawad ang sarili ko. So mas pipilin ko na safe siya."

Sa ngayon ibang showbiz commitments muna ang ipa-prioritize ni Marian.

"Arte-arte na lang muna ako, pictorial. After nun, madali naman eh. At naniniwala naman ako na nandiyin ang GMA para suportahan ako para sa mga ganyang bagay."

**Julie Anne San Jose, awat na raw sa pagpapapayat**

Marami ang nagulat nang biglang pumayat si Kapuso singer-actress Julie Anne San Jose. Marami ang nakapansin sa sexy physique ni Julie nang mag-post siya sa kanyang Instagram ng isang larawan niyang nakasuot ng two-piece swimsuit.

Nang ma-interview si Julie sa story conference ng kanyang pinakabagong show na Buena Familia, sinagot na niya ang mga isyu tungkol sa kanyang pagpapapayat.

23 inches na lang daw ang waistline ngayon ni Julie. "So far okay



naman po ako [sa physique ko]. I feel okay and I feel more confident din," anang Buena Familia star.

After ma-achieve ang sexy image, awat na raw si Julie sa pagpapapayat. "Ayoko na po."



The Villa family pose for a picture. From left, Christine, Joy, RJ, Rolly and Carlo.

**Rolly Villa' Birthday**  
Joy Villa surprises husband Rolly with a Filipiniana-themed birthday party

With family and friends, Rolly was surprised that the party was for him. Joy told him that it was for Lolo Ding de Guzman, who is also celebrating his birthday that day. The third celebrant was Joy and Rolly Villa's daughter Christine, who was celebrating her 13th birthday.

So, it was a triple celebrant birthday party.

Filipino songs and games were performed and played.

The game that got the most attention from the children was "sipa." It got their attention but nobody could play it very well anymore, even from the adults who used to play it. The food was delicious and everyone had a great time.

The last fun part was the dance



tinikling where almost everyone tried to make a go of it without getting their foot caught between two bamboos that close at regular interval by two people holding it..

Here are some of the guests who enjoyed that party.



ABOVE, Celebrants Ding de Guzman, Rolly Villa and his daughter Christine. LEFT, Siblings Rosaline de Guzman, Elsinor Jardin, Deni Perada and Wally Yerro pose for a photo.



ABOVE, Danica gets carried by lolo Ding. BELOW, Kat and her mom Elsie Yerro strike a pose.





## Miss Caregiver is launched



FilCore Support Group has been doing its voluntary services to caregivers. This group was found and organized on April 11, 2003 By Judith Gonzales and Esther Lamuas who was then working as caregivers they met on church, having same experiences as caregivers, Judith and Esther recognized the need for organizing a Support Group, with the encouragement of Sylvia Robinson who offered her home to facilitate any gatherings for this group they successfully started organizing the group and this is now their 12 years. Filcore group mission is to act primarily as a support system to caregivers And immigrants in pursuits of their new life in Canada. It is a non profit organization that is committed to provide humanitarian assistance to members through empowerment.

One of their activities every year is holding a pageant the "Miss Caregiver" in which their aim is to boost the confident of every caregiver by their trainings and activities few months before the final night and also candidates will surely show their talent and creativity, one of the best category of this pageant is the gown competition which every candidate will do their own designs using indigenous materials. The pageant promotes beauty inside and out, the only qualification they are looking for every candidates is being a caregiver and have a GOLDEN HEART, because true beauty is found in the heart and soul of a person whatever is In your heart reflects on your face. The pageant is also one of the best pageant I've known it is a "Pageant for a good cause" with the funds they raise they help families, schools and community who are

needy back home. Their beneficiaries this year is San Francisco Elementary school in Sablayan Occidental Mindoro. They will finish the unfinished school canteen building and will put up a decent basketball ring for the pupils to play and enjoy the number one sports in the Philippines.

With the help of Pinoy radio and Pinoy dreams hosted by the Fil-core founder Judith Gonzales and Miss Caregiver 2014 and filcore Vice chairman 2015 Merycyl Cauton and yours truly as one of their Guest co-host that day, they had their launching last May 17. Pinoy dreams is a regular talk show every Sunday at 3-5pm, it aims to educate and emphasized the means and ways of how caregiver may elevate themselves through empowerment and connections, through the informative segment they tend to develop and educate migrants around the world.

The 2015 candidates are Rhea Suarez, Beth Advincula, Mary Joy Guilab, Maria Dina Romano, Mayla Manata and Hergen Silvano. With the help of their organizers this year I am sure the pageant will be one of the best. Chairman is Christine Duero Salubre who is a very active member and officer of Filcore and also one of the previous Miss Caregiver winners, Choreographers are Chiradee Togonon and Valen Saet Miss Caregiver 2014 second and third runner up respectively.

The pageant's final night will be on July 4, 2015 at St Michael College 1515 Bathurst St. (Sheila Calica PPCO member)



## Mr. Filtown is a Success

Once again Jolyn Production had a successful event last April 25 held at Prestige lounge. The first ever Mr. Filtown pageant, they have 8 candidates with oozing personality that made the audience scream all the time and just like what the host said "single ladies feel hot to the point of ahhhmm, haha word that I can't even write it starts with letter O and ends with letter M"

The gentlemen are:

1. Mr. Melvin Cosalan
2. Mr. Henry Bharat
3. Lawrence Posadas
4. Raffy Gornez
5. Jomel Demdam
6. Ralph San Felix
7. Dean Inacay
8. Fahad Poncardas

Miss Lyn Crispin and Joy Gonzales (Jolyn production) organized the event under Filtown organization a non profit organization base in Toronto.

The Mr. Filtown winner received a Trophy, sash, cash and a round trip ticket to Philippines. First runner up received a 500 cash, trophy and sash, second runner up received 300 cash, trophy and sash. Ralph San Felix was the Title holder, first runner up is Mr. Henry Bharat and the second runner is Mr. Dean Inacay. Mr. Fahad Poncardas got the Mr talent award he performed a fire dance that amazed the judges. BY SHEILA CALICA

## Filipino Pilgrims Gather at the Martyrs' Shrine on Aug. 1, 2015

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Filipino pilgrims will gather together at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario on Saturday, August 1, 2015, in celebration of the Catholic faith and the lives of the Martyrs and Saints -- including those of San Lorenzo Ruiz's and San Pedro Calungsod's, who inspire the Filipino faithful in one's spiritual journey.

Under the auspices of the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission (AFCM), headed by Fr. Ben F. Ebcas, Jr. -- Head of the Filipino Chaplaincy in Toronto and the Pastor of "Our Lady of Assumption Parish" in mid-town Toronto, the gathering is a yearly event, of praise and worship and the celebration of the Eucharist.

In its 35th consecutive celebration year, the event serves as a cultural fellowship at the same time, where Filipino talent, music, arts, and regional delicacies are shared.

This year's theme is from Leviticus 20:7: "You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the Lord your God."

The theme is in conjunction with the Roman Catholic Church's "The Year of Consecrated Life", which, His Holiness, Pope Francis I, dedicated for the year 2015, saying, "I want to say one word to you and this word is joy.

Wherever consecrated people are, there is always joy!"

The theme is aimed at reflecting on the unique role that religious men and women have in the Church; everything from their charisms to their challenges.

The AFCM is inviting everyone to join in the celebration. Business vendors are welcome to set up booths

at the shrine.

Bus transportation to and from the Shrine will be available at numerous pick-up points all over the GTA. Detailed list of pick-up stations will be announced when it becomes available.

Pilgrims may also organize their own group, either with their own bus, or car pool brigades.

A big family picnic for all the faithful Filipino pilgrims, the AFCM hopes to see everyone at the Shrine and shares one's favourite Filipino dishes and delicacies. The AFCM is also sending with this communication its blessing of continued good health, peace, joy, prosperity, and an enduring love for one another and our Almighty God.

For more information please call : Sis. Zeny, 416-292-4354; Don Quilao, 416-903-3453; Sis. Jeanette, 416-949-9318; Sis. Rosemer, 416-887-2167; Bro. Joey 647-830-5639; Deacon Bob, 416-346-3324; and, Our Lady of The Assumption Church, 416-787-4547.

### PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

- 6:00 a.m. Bus pick-up from different points in GTA
- 8:45 a.m. Assembly at The Martyrs' Shrine - Confessions
- 9:00 a.m. Living Rosary
- 9:30 Praise and Worship
- 9:55 a.m. Flag Raising and Entry of Icons and Colours (Parade of Banners)
- 10:00 Holy Mass & Blessing of the Icons
- 11:30 a.m. Procession of Holy Monstrance to, and Blessing of the Shrines of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch - Picnic - Fellowship - Talent Presentation - Socio Cultural Programs, and Games.
- 5:00 p.m. Journey home.

## Barbie Forteza happy with Half sisters

Kapuso teen star Barbie Forteza believes that the unique story of The Half Sisters is the secret behind the continued success of the program.

"Number one, yung story talaga. Since day one, naintriga ang mga tao. Talaga bang may ganitong rare case (hetero-paternal superfecundation)? Hanggang sa nakaka-relate na yung mga tao sa istorya ng pamilya, story ng teenagers na may puppy love, etc. Kaya pampamilya talaga yung show," Barbie shares.

She plays Diana in the GMA Afternoon Prime series. She also considers the good working relationship of the whole team on and off cam as the winning formula that has made the series the no. 1 daytime show nationwide.

Barbie also says that she is very close with Thea Tolentino who plays Ashley, her conceited twin sister in the series, "Okay na okay kami. Gusto ko siya kasi totoo siyang tao. Hindi siya plastic at maarte. Sinasabi niya yung gusto niya, prangka siya pero hindi bastos. Click kami kasi gusto ko yung puede akong magsabi na alam kong hindi niya ako paplastikin."

Apart from Barbie and Thea, The Half Sisters also stars Jomari Yllana, Jean Garcia, Eula Valdes, Andre Paras, Mel Martinez, Vaness del Moral, Wyn Marquez, and Ryan Eigenmann.

Barbie is nominated in the Best Supporting Actress category in the 38th Gawad Urian for her performance in Mariquina.



## Sarah Geronimo

### Is she thinking of marriage?



buhay na mga sitwasyon na hindi talaga biro biro yung pagpapakasal kaya yung iba pinipili na mag-isa na lang sila. Pero siyempre kung ano yung ikalooob pa rin ng Diyos di ba?"

#### MAJA DOES MOST DARING MOVIE ROLE

MAJA Salvador says she enjoyed working with Direk Chris Martinez for the second time in "You're Still the One."

"We first worked in 'Status: It's Complicated', which is a sex-comedy," she says. "Romantic-drama naman itong 'You're Still the One' kaya iba naman ang atakeng ipinakita namin dito sa role as Elise, a woman who doesn't believe in love kaya she ignored the man she really loves, Dennis Trillo, in favor of her career kaya napakasal ito sa iba, kay Ellen Adarna. Ako naman, nakipag-affair kay Richard Yap na dati tatay-tatayan ko in 'Ina Kapatid Anak' at ngayon, karelasyon ko na so it's a new experience for me. Masaya ako doing the movie kasi nakasama ko rin sina Melai Cantiveros and Jason Francisco na masaya talagang mga katrabaho kaya okay na okay kami lahat sa set."

Direk Chris has nothing but praises for Maja.

"This movie is really a departure from what we usually see her do in movies, e," he says. "Inilatag ko muna ito sa kanya ng buo kasi malaki ang hinihingi ng role from her in terms of maturity ng character, views about love and relationships and sex. Something really very mature for her. Naintindihan naman niyang kailangang talaga 'yun sa story and sa role niya and once she said yes, naging very cooperative siya all the way maging sa love scenes na pinagawa ko sa kanya with Dennis and with Richard."

"Sa pelikulang ito ko ginawa yung pinaka-daring na puwede kong gawin talaga," adds Maja. "Hindi lang dahil sa love scenes kundi yung sitwasyon ng character ko na hindi yung tradisyonal na babaeng gusto lang magkaasawa at magkaanak. Tapos, in bed, ako pa ang mas agresibo rito. Nakakaloka! But in all fairness kay Direk Chris, hindi malaswa o bastos ang treatment dito. Mapapanood nyo, lahat, done in good taste."

During the past season of The Voice, many noticed how much Sarah Geronimo gets ribbed by her fellow judge Lea Salonga about settling down. During the press conference for the second season of The Voice Kids, Sarah Geronimo admitted she did make it known when she wants to leave the single life.

"Ah sinabi ko kasi yun, in five years gusto ko ng magpakasal. Medyo matagal tagal din yun. Ilang taon na ako nun 32? Kasi 27 na ako itong July. Nakalimutan ko na eh. Dito naman kailangan game lang kami di ba. Kaming mga coaches talagang prepared na mag-alaskahan," she shared.

When asked if she was really serious about that deadline, Sarah said anything can happen, including the possibility of it occurring even earlier than 2020.

"It's half-meant. Hindi mo naman madidiktahan na dapat 32 pakasal na ako eh paano kung ano mas mahaba pala," she commented.

On the show, Lea also told her she was even willing to sing during the ceremony if a wedding is in the works already. "Oo sinabi niya yun, matagal na yun eh nung season pa nila Jason Dy na sabi niya, 'O pag kinasal ka kakanta ako.' Sabi ko, 'Whoa!' (laughs) wala namang suggested song masyado namang advanced yun. Wala pang groom (laughs). Wala pang groom, boyfriend pa lang," she shyly said.

Having been more open to the public about her relationship with Matteo Guidicelli, Sarah revealed there are still a lot of factors to consider.

"Ako wala akong masabi sa pamilya niya. If I see myself marrying him? Marami pa kasi kaming kailangan pang ayusin bilang mgatao. Kasi ang hirap hirap ng pagpapakasal. Ang dami kong naririnig na tunay na pangyayari sa



#### LJ-JC Split

LJ Reyes' romance with JC de Vera proved to be short lived. We're told they've stopped seeing each other. As of now, they're both quiet as to why it quietly ended, so someone quipped that it's because JC is now pursuing again Michelle Madrigal who has returned to ABS-CBN to become a Kapamilya once more. If you'd recall, Michelle was JC's very first girlfriend when he joined showbiz.

We inquired about this and a source told us this is simply not true since Michelle is currently committed to her boyfriend, a basketball player. "Matagal na sila," says our source.

Another informer says it's because LJ is hoping that she'd reconcile with Paulo Avelino, the father of her son Aki. "Natapos ang romance nila ni JC noong umamin si Paulo na wala na rin sila ni KC Concepcion," observes a writer. "So baka nga umaasa si LJ na magkabalikan sila ni Paulo."

But someone close to LJ says the real culprit is that both LJ and JC are just very busy and didn't have time for each other. JC is in a new movie, "Anino sa Likod ng Buwan", an entry in the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival at the Czech Republic in July, and also in a new soap paired with Jessy Mendiola. Her hit afternoon soap, "Yagit," now on its 8th month, has just been extended again for another month. It is rating very well and sometimes even tops the ratings of GMA's perennial afternoon top-rater, "The Half Sisters".

"Yagit" becomes more intriguing because the character of Alessandra de Rossi as Lulu is coming back. She's claiming she's the real mother of Yasmien Kurdi's daughter, Chlauri Malayao as Elisa. Racquel Villavicencio as Donya Claudia also returns to confront Bettina Carlos as Izel, who has secretly stolen the wealth of Donya Claudia's family and transferred it by money laundering it to a Swiss bank.



Asian Heritage month poster boy, Tony A. San Juan with sister Suzy Llanera at the York Regional Police Headquarters, Aurora ON

#### Statement by Liberal Party of Canada Leader Justin Trudeau on Asian Heritage Month

OTTAWA - The Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Justin Trudeau, today issued the following statement on Asian Heritage Month:

"May marks Asian Heritage Month, a time for Canadians to reflect on the important contributions of Asian-Canadians to our national fabric. This month provides us all an opportunity to learn more about the history of Asian-Canadians, and to recognize their crucial role in the development and continued prosperity of this country. "Canada's success is rooted in its unique approach to liberty through inclusive diversity. Our country is founded on multiculturalism, and every day, we demonstrate that a nation can be built on shared values. Canada is strong not in spite of its diversity, but precisely because of it.

"On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada and our Parliamentary Caucus, I extend my best wishes to all those celebrating Asian Heritage Month, and encourage Canadians to learn more about the significant impact of Asian-Canadian communities on our shared history."

Office of the Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada 613-947-5100

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## Talakayan in the City



FIRST, Toronto's "The Muso Project" popular vocalist & songwriting duo of Rachene Regozo and Edward Monzon, (5th & 6th Left), posed with Talakayan RadyoFilipino AM1430 broadcasting crew composed of : ( L-R ) : Bobby Achacon, Tony A. San Juan, producer Jess Cabrias, Karen Tan, Nelson Galvez and Joe Damasco after an interview- broadcast on Mother's Day. Not shown are Co-anchor May Cabrias & Karen Pascual-Binaday. SECOND, Toronto's "The Muso Project" popular vocalist & songwriting duo of Rachene Regozo and Edward Monzon performs during the program. ( Photo by Nelson Galvez).

## Senator Enverga proud of achievements during State Visit



Senator Enverga poses with His Excellency, Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines to Canada, Minister Kenney and Prime Minister Harper

During the Ottawa part of the visit, the two leaders announced the launch of exploratory discussions for a free trade agreement and of discussions towards upgrading the existing 1996

Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement, and the signing of a five-year mutual accountability framework reaffirming transparent, effective and sustainable development cooperation between the two countries.

In addition, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, and the Philippines' Department of Labor and Employment signed a memorandum of understanding to expand collaboration in the area of occupational health and safety, creating safer workplaces in the Philippines. There were also several funding announcements made for projects for the continued support to displaced people in conflict-affected areas of Mindanao and for the reconstruction efforts following Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda.

"Filipinos made up the largest group of new permanent residents last year, and we will continue to make positive contributions to our adopted home country. I am proud to represent you in the Senate of Canada," Senator Enverga concluded.

Ottawa, May 12, 2015 – His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, concluded his official state visit to Canada last week. The successful visit was marked by both countries' commitment to increase trade, to continue cooperation in security and development, and to nurture the close people-to-people ties, especially through the high number of Filipino immigrants coming to Canada.

"As Canada's first Senator of Filipino descent, I was filled with pride to see how successful President Aquino's state visit was," said Senator Tobias C. Enverga Jr. in a statement. "I want to thank my fellow kababayans who showed up in great numbers in Ottawa and Toronto to welcome the President and our Prime Minister Stephen Harper, as well as those who gathered in Vancouver BC on the last day of the President's visit to Canada. We showed His Excellency and our honourable cabinet ministers what a vibrant community we belong to, and how strong our commitment is to our new country," he continued.



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## Senator Enverga introduces Hispanic Heritage Month Act

Ottawa, May 13, 2015 – Today, the Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr, Senator for Ontario, introduced his Senate public bill, Bill S-228, An Act respecting Hispanic Heritage Month in the Senate Chamber. Bill S-228 will designate the month of October as Hispanic Heritage Month in Canada.

"My intent with Bill S-228 is to recognize the invaluable, contributions made by the more than half a million people who declared Latin, Central and South American origins, and nearly 370,000 reporting Spanish origin in the 2011 National Household Survey," said Senator Enverga in a statement after introducing the bill. "Over 870,000 persons reported Spanish as the non-official language spoken at home in the same study," he continued. "I think that this group deserves to be honoured in this way, and I hope that this month can

provide a platform from which the Hispanic-Canadian community can share and promote their culture and traditions with all Canadians."

The introduction of this bill follows the City of Toronto's declaration of February 19 and 20, 2014, which formally urges the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to declare October Hispanic Heritage Month. The Legislative Assembly of Ontario enacted the provincial Hispanic Heritage Month Act earlier this year.

Member of Parliament for York Centre, Mr. Mark Adler, introduced a similar bill in the House of Commons in December 2014. He has fully endorsed this effort and we hope to cooperate closely to make this law a reality.

"As a Filipino-Canadian, I share a strong affinity with the Hispanic-Canadian community due to our shared colonial heritage and history. I hope that this bill will enrich the cultural mosaic that Canada is, which makes this the greatest country in the world," Senator Enverga concluded.

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## Is Judy Ann Pregnant?

THERE are speculations that Judy Ann Santos is pregnant with their second biological child after Lucho after she and Ryan begged off to join the "Eat Bulaga" group going to Hong Kong this weekend. As of now, both she and Ryan would not confirm or deny it. It will be recalled that this also happened when she got preggy with Lucho. They waited for the full confirmation of their obstetrician before they formally announced that yes, they're infanticipating. Well, that's their prerogative. Let's just pray that if Juday is indeed pegggers, the baby would be healthy and strong and we're sure they'll prefer to have a baby girl this time.

### Vic, Puleen to wed in HK?

ABOUT the Hong Kong trip of the whole Eat Bulaga dabarkads, there's a loud whisper that Vic Sotto and Pauleen Luna will tie the knot while they are there. But both of them will not confirm or deny, not also their friends, even Joey de Leon who's very close to Vic and just says he's not ready to be a ninong to their wedding yet.

### KIM: Kiko should wait

KIM Rodriguez is happy with the good feedback and the favorable ratings that her new afternoon show, "My Mother's Secret", is getting.

"Marami pong salamat sa lahat ng nanonood at sumusuporta," she says.

"Lahat ng kasama ko sa show, led by Kiko Estrada, Gwen Zamora and Christian Bautista, we promise na gagawin namin ang lahat para mas mapaganda ang aming show."

How come she hasn't reciprocated Kiko's courtship when they've known each other for a long time now?

"Ang priority ko kasi talaga is makatulong sa pamilya ko at makapag-apon para sa sarili ko. Alam naman niya 'yun at naiintindihan niya. As of now, nakakuha na ko ng sarili kong condo unit at ng sarili kong sasakyan For me, magandang nakikita mong 'yung pinaghhirapan mo, merong napupuntahan. Ayokong gumaya sa iba na kapag may pera, puro gastos lang, napupunta sa luho at sa gimik. Dapat maging maingat kasi hindi mo naman natin alam kung hanggang kailan darating ang trabaho sa showbiz. 'Pag matagal kang bakante, kailangan may mahuhugot ka kaya magtabi ka. Kung serious si Kiko, maghintay pa siya hanggang ready na ako."

### TIDBITS

## Who's dating who



JM de Guzman and Jessy Mendiola are now very open about their reconciliation. It seems that in their case, love is really lovelier the second time around. They watched the concert of Katy Perry together and it's obvious that they are very sweet to each other.

Here's hoping that their relationship will now truly be for keeps. It will be recalled that when JM went wayward before and ended up in rehab, it's said that one of the reasons he got so depressed was because Jessy broke up with him. Another couple who admitted they're on are Daniel Matsunaga and Erich Gonzales. Earlier, it was Daniel's sister, Vanessa, who confirmed that they're dating regularly.

A fan asked Daniel in social media what's the real score about them, his answer was the evasive: "Secret". But last weekend, when another fan asked him if he and Erich are "Kayo na?", his answer was a resounding "Yeesssss!" And the fan said, "wala nang bawian, ha."

Meantime, Gerald Anderson vehemently denies the scuttlebutt that the reason why he and Maja Salvador brokeup is because he's having a secret affair with Janice de Belen, who's 20 years older than him and played his foster mom in "Budoy". Actually, he doesn't want to talk about it at all as this might only dignify the rumors. "It's really embarrassing to the family of Ate Janice," he says.



## Jakarta: Advocates saved her

The Indonesian government confirmed that it was a meeting with a local human rights group that swayed President Joko Widodo to grant a last-minute stay of execution to Filipino maid Mary Jane Veloso, who was scheduled to be executed.

"The decision to delay the death penalty was taken after the President received a report about the legal process that is running in Philippines," the Indonesian Cabinet Secretariat posted on its official Twitter account, a day after the Aquino administration took credit for the temporary reprieve.

"Because the legal process is still running in the Philippines, so it must be ensured Mary Jane Veloso gets justice," the secretariat said.

"President Jokowi hears and heeds the voice of human rights activists who continue to accompany him in performing his constitutional duties."

"The President believes that the synergy of this kind must be maintained in the future. In cases of human rights, the President requested that the activists do not tire of commenting on the President in making decisions," it added.

The Cabinet secretariat said Widodo had a meeting with three labor groups on April 28 and noted the "synergy" between the Widodo administration and human rights activists, who launched daily protests and an Internet campaign to save the life of Veloso.

On April 29, the Indonesian Attorney General's Office said Veloso was given a temporary reprieve from her scheduled execution on Wednesday morning after her alleged trafficker, Maria Kristina Sergio, surrendered to the police.

AGO spokesman Tony Spontana said the Philippine government had said Veloso was needed to testify as a witness as she was one of Sergio's alleged human trafficking victims.

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# Gabby Eigenmann

## Favorite ng GMA



Marami ang nakakapansin na hindi nawawalan ng show si Gabby Eigenmann sa Kapuso network. Dahil dito, may mga naglalabasang isyu na siya raw ang paboritong Eigenmann ng GMA.

Maraming Eigenmanns ang ngayo'y Kapuso tulad nina Ryan Eigenmann sa The Half Sisters, Gina Alajar bilang direktor ng Yagit at Gabby sa InstaDAD at Pari 'Koy.

Natawa lang si Gabby nang malamang mayroon issue tungkol sa kanya. Aniya, hindi niya sineseryoso ang ganitong bagay.

"Talaga? Wow. I don't want to claim it but I'm just happy because GMA has been really good to me,"

pahayag ni Gabby.

Pero biro ni Gabby, kung totoo man 'yon ay dahil daw ito sa kanyang working attitude.

"Lagi ko kasing sinasabi kahit sa mga baguhang artista na always have a good attitude with regards to your profession. Always be nice," saad ng InstaDAD star.

"Kasi ako, by nature, ma-chika akong tao eh. When I wake up in the morning and I go to the set, gusto ko positive lagi. And siguro, lahat ng production staff, hindi sila nahirapan to work with me," dagdag pa niya.

May ilang artista raw ang napapabalitang nagsusungit sa production staff pero naiintindihan naman daw ito ni Gabby. May mga pagkakataon daw kasing pagod lang sila kaya't wala sa mood. Ito raw ang iniwasang mangyari ng aktor.

"Siyempre when you're tired, you're tired. But to me kasi, gusto mo 'yan eh. There's always time for you to rest. Kasi may iba na may time pa to go out after work," ani Gabby.

Dagdag pa niya, "If you believe in your craft or in your work, kailangan passionate ka doon eh. Tipong pack up ka ng 3:00 a.m., imbes na gumimick ka pa, ipahinga mo na lang."

Gusto raw alagaan ni Gabby ang tiwalang ibinibigay ng GMA sa kanya. Aniya, "I don't want to say that I'm a workaholic but I'm just grabbing the opportunity na GMA trusts me so much."

## Grey is the unluckiest car colour

Drivers of grey cars are more likely to need roadside assistance than owners of any other coloured vehicle, according to a new survey.

One in three of the UK's 1.3 million grey-car drivers will call for help, according to research by imotormag.co.uk. Green lives up to its superstitious reputation as an unlucky car colour by coming second in the breakdown chart: with 831,516 green cars requiring breakdown assistance every year, there's a 37 per cent chance that a green-car owner will need help.

There are more blue cars on the road than any other colour - seven million are registered - yet they are 15 per cent less likely than grey cars to break down, with a 27 per cent of likelihood of a call-out.

The roll-call of unlucky car colours is, in descending order: grey, green, yellow, gold, white, black, purple, blue, silver and finally red, with just 1.1 million call-outs a year.

The news for grey-car owners isn't all bad though: the majority of calls to breakdown companies concern flat batteries and tyre punctures rather than mechanical failure. Grey-car owners should also bear in mind that this survey falls roughly into the "If you drive at night with your eyes closed and you hands tied behind your back you're more likely to have an accident" survey bracket. Telegraph Motoring can't

recall the last time it had trouble with a grey car, and what we wouldn't give to get our hands on a Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera in gun-metal grey.

Mat Watson, editor of imotormag.co.uk, summed up things up perfectly: "The results are genuinely surprising. One theory is that many hire and company car fleets choose grey vehicles as the colour looks newer for longer, with dents and scratches less noticeable. These vehicles are often exposed to very high mileage, so perhaps their chance of needing assistance is greater. Then again, grey cars could just be cursed!". Or not.



## Maja Salvador gives love advice to kris Aquino

Sa Aquino and Abunda Tonight, ibinahagi ni Maja Salvador kung ano ang linya sa You're Still The One ang sinabi niya kay host Kris Aquino na pakinggan dahil "bagay" ito para sa kanya. Ito ang linyang, "Kahit hindi man ako, sana makahanap ka ng lalaking magmamahal sayo, ipaglalaban ka, at paninidigan ka." Binawi naman kaagad ni Maja at sinabi kay Kris na sa kanilang dalawa bagay ang linya.

Kuwento naman ni Kris pinanood niya ang You're Still The One para kay Maja pero siya pala ang kailangang magpasalamat dahil may naiwi siyang mensahe mula sa movie. Ito ang mensaheng, "At the right time, at the right place, with the right person puwede pa rin palang magka-happy ending."

Pinuna rin ni Kris ang mga kissing scenes ni Maja. "Sunggab ka nang sunggab," ani Kris kay Maja. Maging ang anak ni Kris na si Bimby Aquino-Yap, na kasama ni Kris manood ng movie ay nagsabing "Tita Maja, you kept kissing everybody." Natawa naman si Maja at sinabing kailangan sa mga eksena ang mga kissing scenes. Bukod dito, "Kailangan ko na mag-grow. Kailangan may bagong ipakita as an actress."

Sa pag-atake naman ng role, sinabi ni Maja binubuo niya ang journey ng character niya para maging natural ang pag-arte niya.

Patungkol daw ang You're Still The One sa "unfinished business and wrong timing."

Sa ngayon raw ay sinusian muna ni Maja ang kanyang puso. "Kailangan ko naman bumawi sa sarili ko." Payo rin ni Maja kay Kris at sa mga kababaihan na wag kalimutan kapag tayo ay nagmamahal na "we are worth loving."



### Sinner or Saint?

Asked whether she prefers playing the heroine or the villainess, "Bridges of Love" star Maja Salvador says: "I don't prefer one over the other because each role has different demands and requires an actor to do her best. I only accept contravida roles if there is redemption for the character in the end. She still needs to have heart. The lead character, on the other hand, shouldn't just be someone who is an abused martyr all the time. At some point, she should learn to fight back."

## Sharon Cuneta reacts to KC posing sexy


Commenting on a fan's question in her official Facebook page, Sharon Cuneta expressed her dislike over KC Concepcion posing sexily in her photos.

Follower Dany Pascual asked for a reaction on her daughter's sexy pictorials and the Megastar replied, "I really honestly would rather not say anything. But I also really honestly would have to say I do not like that she has done this and other unnecessary too-sexy poses." Sharon also said she has been surprised by KC a lot of times and unfortunately as a parent, all she can do is give advice since her daughter is already an adult. She admitted that as a mom, she is hurt by KC's actions.





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Filipino residents and soldiers conduct a flag raising ceremony during the visit of Armed Forces of the Philippines military chief General Gregorio Catapang in Pagasa Island (Thitu Island) at the Spratly group of islands. Photo by Reuters

### PHILIPPINE continued from page 1

The island is called Zhongye Dao by the Chinese and Taiwanese and Dao Thi Tu by the Vietnamese who also claim the island.

China's Foreign Ministry said the Philippines was endangering international law.

"China has made clear on many occasions that it opposes the Philippines' futile and illegal occupation," said ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying. "The reality of the situation has again proven the Philippines to be a rule-violator and a troublemaker."

China has so far not permitted journalists to visit the islands it controls in the South China Sea, through which \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes

every year.

China last month put forward a detailed defense of its reclamation in the Spratlys, saying the new islands would provide civilian services including weather forecasting and search and rescue facilities that would benefit other countries.

China's reclamation of about seven reefs in the Spratlys has rendered islands controlled by the Philippines vulnerable, Philippine military officials and security experts said on Tuesday.

The Philippine military's top priority was to build a naval base on the country's western coastline, opposite the Spratlys, although the plans have been delayed by funding bottlenecks, the Philippine armed forces chief told Reuters

## What's next for Enrique Gil after 'Forevermore'?

After his successful stint on Forevermore, Enrique Gil is set to headline a movie with his onscreen partner

Liza Soberano. The actor will also be heading overseas for some shows and will be



working on another project the moment they come back to the Philippines.

"We are doing a movie Just the Way You Are and right after that we are heading to the States sa premiere nights, sa mga shows and pagbalik namin may nag-pitch kahapon lang, we are going to star in another movie na medyo drama naman, pero maganda 'yung story," he said in an interview with Push.com.ph.

Enrique shared that his character in the film is different from his role in Forevermore. "They are different eh. Xander is a douchebag because of his problems with his family, what he's been doing for the past year, mga problemang hindi naman niya sinasadya but the family blames him. Si Drake (his role in Just the Way You Are) naman playboy siya, hotshot, coolest kid that is only because may problem siya with the father na he found out na he was cheating. So para sa kanya 'yung love sa akin laro lang tsaka 'yung kasi yung erpat ko ganito sa amin so ako ganito rin." Liza Soberano will be playing the role of Sofia. "Si Liza it's a different story, may problem sa family of course di mawawala 'yun. These two people who have different personalities, different actions coming from the same problem, ipagme-meet mo, ipagka-clash mo, something spark has happened and it's really exciting," Enrique relayed.

Is there pressure on his part considering he just came from a phenomenally successful soap? "Yeah after the success of Forevermore kailangan 'yung susunod na movie successful, kung hindi sayang naman. Tapos after that we are going to do another movie, drama naman. 'Yun maganda ang story non, ito[ng Just the Way You Are] medyo rom-com, medyo light so 'yung next movie they wanted to up the notch a bit 'yung padrama they want to try it, they try to test it muna."

## Katrina Halili, after the storm

GMA 7 actress Katrina Halili said that reconciling with celebrity doctors Hayden Kho and Vicki Belo has given her "peace of mind." "We've already talked; I'm happy that things are okay now. At least there wouldn't be awkwardness should we bump into each other in the future," related Katrina, who was embroiled in a sex video scandal with Hayden—Dr. Belo's boyfriend then—six years ago. Katrina, who's playing a lesbian character in the new Kapuso series "The Rich Man's Daughter" (which premieres tomorrow), said that it was about time to end the rift. "It happened years ago. We've moved on already... we're happy with our lives now," said Katrina whose daughter (with singer Kris Lawrence) is now 2 years old.

And that's good enough for her, she added. "No need to be chummy-chummy with each other."

Katrina declined to elaborate on her meeting with Dr. Belo and Hayden. "It was a personal moment in my life and I don't want to share too much. I don't feel there's a need for that," she said.

# Marian believes baby is 'lucky charm'



Marian Rivera says the baby in her womb is such a lucky charm. Although she's not able to do "The Rich Man's Daughter", she continues to gain more income through her endorsements. After launching Dr. Vicki Belo's collagen drink in Trinoma, she was launched as the new endorser of Mario D'Boro shoes for women. Then, both she and husband Dingdong Dantes are the endorsers of Del Monte

Quick and Easy. Now, she just renewed her contract as endorser of Maxi-peel.

"I really have so much to be thankful for," she says. "Nagpapasalamat talaga ako sa Panginoon na hindi kami naghintay nang matagal. Hindi kasi lahat ng gustong magkaanag agad, nabibiyayaan, pero sa kaso namin, ibinigay agad kaya very thankful kami ni Dong na bago pa namin id-aos ang aming first wedding anniversary, magkaka-baby na kami. At na-realize kong hindi talaga biro ang magbuntis at maging isang ina. Minsan, nahihilo ako, nasusuka, hindi ako makakain. Pero sabi ko nga, kahit ano, tititisin ko, kakayanin ko as long as para sa anak ko. Excited na kaming malaman ang gender, pero babae man siya o lalaki, masaya kami at lagi lang naming pinapanalangin na maging healthy and normal siya."

Does she still get jealous? "Puwede ba, asawa ko na siya't nabuntis na ko't lahat-lahat, manganganak na ako sa November, may selosan pa ba? Napakabait ng asawa ko. Ipinagluluto pa ako ng oatmeal sa umaga."

Maxi-peel Exfoliant Solution brand manager Natasha Leon says Marian is the perfect endorser for their Bagong Ganda, Bagong Pag-asa campaign that relaunched their product. "It was introduced in 2001 as the Kutis Artista look but competition came and it has lost its edge so we re-introduced it as the brand that addresses the skin care needs of a Filipina, offering new hope to boost their confidence. The testimony in social media of real users about skin renewal with Marian as endorser really did well."

"I've been with Maxi-peel for 8 years now," says Marian. "I use their toner and sunblock a lot. Maarte talaga ako pagdating sa skin care kasi bilang artista, we have to protect our looks. I'm glad kinuha pa rin nila akong endorser kahit buntis na ako."

## Heart Evangelista on Sen. Chiz reconciling with her parents: 'Parang nabunutan ako ng tinik'

Sa Startalk, ibinahagi na ni Heart Evangelista ang mga pangyayari kaugnay ng muling pagkikita nila ng kanyang mga magulang.

Kuwento ni Heart, "Galing siya (Mrs. Cecilia Ongpauco) ng San Francisco. Bumalik siya tapos I decided to go there. And then sabi ko turuan mo naman ako mag-polvoron, Mom. Tapos tinuruan niya [ako]. Tapos parang wala ding nangyari. So, it's nice."

Dagdag ni Heart, na-miss umano niya ang kanyang ina matapos ang matagal na panahon nilang hindi pag-usap. Aniya, "Nice to have you back in my life. Na-miss kita and thank you sa pagturo sa akin ng polvoron. Next namin na turuan ay empanada."

Ibinahagi rin ni Heart na may paninibago pa siyang nararamdaman, ngunit masayang masaya siya dahil nakausap na rin ng kanyang mga magulang ang kanyang asawang si Senator Chiz Escudero.

"Nakakapanibago at masarap na parang nabunutan ako ng tinik. Yung birthday dinner ng mommy ko, nandoon na rin siya [si Chiz] so nag-warm up na sila."

"My dad nilulutuan pa si Chiz. Nagtuturuan pa sila ng recipes nila so nakakatuwa. Medyo on cloud nine pa ako kasi medyo hindi ako makapaniwala sa mga pangyayari." dagdag na pahayag ni Heart.

Ayon kay Heart ito ay ang matagal na niyang ipinapanalangin. Saad nito, "Sobrang saya, everyday ko siyang idinasal. Everyday walang sawa kahit pakiramdam ko medyo imposible. Kahit siyempre hindi sila pumunta sa kasal ko. 'Di ba talagang dadating ka sa point na parang pakiramdam mo wala ng chance. Pero ever since I was a little girl strong 'yung faith ko na 'pag talagang idinasal mo, hiningi mo at maganda naman 'yung intensyon mo the other day ipinakita Niya sa akin na 'Anak, ito ang para sa iyo.'"

Sa ngayon, halos araw-araw nang nagkikita sina Heart at ang kanyang mga magulang. Kuwento ni Heart, "Ang saya saya talaga. Halos araw-araw na kaming nagkikita, nawala na talaga lahat."

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## GMA TO FORM BOYBAND, READIES AUDITION

GMA Network is forming a new boyband. The auditions to search for its members will be held soon and only seasoned veterans in the music industry will be screening all applicants to make sure only the best guys will get in.

Wait for the official announcement from the Kapuso management as to when the auditions will start. While waiting, make sure you hone your singing and dancing skills now for you to qualify. GMA Network has very big plans for this boy-band and they're hoping its future members will be good and attractive enough to be the idols of young people today and that they can compete with well known boybands from abroad. Good luck!

## MARIAN COOKS LUNCHBOX MEALS

MARIAN Rivera agreed to be the special guest of Chef Boy Logro and Bettina Carlos tonight in the cooking show "Idol sa Kusina". "At least, hindi ako mahihirapan dahil hindi naman acting ito," she says. "Magluluto lang ako ng lunchbox meals with them and I really love and enjoy cooking naman. We'll prepare home-cooked dishes na pwedeng-pwedeng baunin sa lunch box. Complete meals ang ihahain namin na mayroong main dish, dessert, at kakaibang infused water bilang panulak."

Marian will cook her own recipe of Creamy Broccoli Pasta with Meatballs paired with Bettina's Toasted Pastillas with Orange, Lime and Lemon Infused Water. Chef Boy will offer apple and sweetness overload in his Porkchops in Apple Sauce ni Chef Boy Logro with Caramel-Dipped Apples and a bottle of Apple-Cinnamon Infused Water. Chef Boy will also prepare Fish Fingers with Cheese Sauce Dip and Cucumber Sticks as main dish for Bettina's dessert, Mango-Strawberry Gelatin with a refreshing drink of Strawberry-Melon Infused Water. Don't miss all this tonight on "Idol sa Kusina", 7:15p.m. on GMA News TV.

## PIA RESIGNS, IYA TAKES OVER

PIA Guanio has resigned from doing Chika Minute on "24 Oras". This is the official statement from GMA7: "After 11 years at the forefront of showbiz news, Pia Guanio has decided to say goodbye to Chika Minute on 24 Oras. Pia decided to let go of her anchoring duties on 24 Oras to prioritize family life and raising her daughter Scarlet with her husband Steve Mago.

GMA Network understands the importance of family and is fully behind Pia's decision to move forward. Pia has been with 24 Oras since it launched in 2004, carving a niche in entertainment news with her fun and classy news delivery. With Pia's help, Chika Minute has etched itself in the consciousness of Pinoy pop culture, with the trademark voice of Pia signalling the start of showbiz news. Aside from showbiz news, Pia has also advocated for healthy living and animal rights and produced stories and news features on these. 24 Oras is grateful for Pia's contributions to make it the leading and most credible newscast in the country today."

And here's Pia herself with her own statement in social media: "After 11 years of doing Chika Minute on 24 Oras, I've decided to say good bye tonight (last Friday). I'm doing this to be able to spend more time with Steve and especially Scarlet. Thank you for watching and making Chika Minute so much a part of your daily news habit. I want to thank GMA News for the trust they gave me anchoring Chika Minute for 11 years And I want to thank the Lord above for his many blessings."

It's not mentioned if Pia is also resigning from her hosting chores in the daily noontime show, "Eat Bulaga". Stars who have substituted for Pia when she's absent in Chika Minute are Heart Evangelista, Luane Dy, Julie Anne San Jose, Sunshine Dizon and Iya Villania. We heard it's Iya who's the choice to be her official replacement.

## Arci Muñoz: Kean was my first bf

Sa Gandang Gabi Vice, napahanga si Vice Ganda nang sabihin ni Pasion De Amor star Arci Muñoz na sa University of the Philippines siya nag-aral ng College. Natawa si Arci sa reaksiyon ni Vice nang sabihin niya na sa UP siya nag-aral. Ayon kay Arci, hindi raw halata kasi "mukhang nganga" siya.



Nag-aaral daw at kasali sa isang school band ang aktres noong siya ay hindi pa artista. May banda pa rin hanggang ngayon si Arci na ang pangalan ay Philia.

Nasa pangatlong relationship na niya si Arci ngayon. 22 years old na si Arci nang magkaroon siya ng first boyfriend. Strict daw kasi ang parents ni Arci hanggang ngayon. Kwento ni Arci, nakatira pa rin siya sa parents niya.

Hindi rin lahat gwapo ang mga naging boyfriends ni Arci at inamin niya na si Kean Cipriano ang una niyang naging boyfriend.

## Coleen Garcia says Billy Crawford is her 'pinakagwapong bf'

Sinabi ni Coleen Garcia na nagsimula siyang maging mas active sa gym nang sinasamahan na niya ang kanyang boyfriend na si Billy Crawford na mag-workout. Gusto rin ni Coleen na pumayat ng kaunti si Billy pero toned lang at hindi masyadong payat.

Sinabi rin niya na hindi lahat nang naging boyfriends niya ay gwapo at si Billy diumano ang pinakagwapo sa mga naging boyfriends niya.

## Kim-Xi not competing with other loveteams

Wagi ang tambalang Kim Chiu at Xian Lim bilang Celebrity Pair of Year sa PEPsters Choice para sa kanilang pangalawang taon. Most voted stars

din sina Kim and Xian dahil winner din ang dalawa bilang Female Fab Star of the Year and Male Fab Star of the year, respectively.

Tinanong namin si Xian kung ano ang masasabi niya na tinalo pa nila ni Kim ang KathNiel (Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla) love team sa pagkakapanalo nila ng Celebrity Pair, ang sagot niya ay hindi naman daw sila nakikipagkumpetensiya sa ibang loveteams lalo pa nga sa KathNiel.

"I guess, it's the fans that really voted their hearts out talaga, 'yung support nila is unconditional. I mean, hindi naman kami exclusive na para dito lang kami, it's for everyone.

"So, hindi po kami nakikipag-compete and we're just very happy to get this award," paglilinaag ni Xian.



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## Dennis and Jennylyn not so together yet

"It feels good to be in love, but it's also good to take a break for a while," said Dennis Trillo, who refused to confirm the



rumor that he has reconciled with former flame,

actress Jennylyn Mercado.

At the press conference of Chris Martinez's romance flick, "You're Still the One," the 34-year-old actor said: "My heart is resting now. I'm at a state in my life where I refuse to feel pressured. I'm just going with the flow. I just do things that make me happy."

Dennis earlier admitted to spending four days with Jennylyn on Balesin Island in Quezon during the Holy Week break.

"There's nothing going on between us, in spite of what people say about us."

Dennis said he had work on Jennylyn's special day so he simply greeted her through a phone call. "Right now, I'm just happy. Everything is peaceful; no stress."

He added: "I feel blessed, especially with work. I just finished 'You're Still the One,' and I still have two more movies to work on within the year. After that, I will be working on several TV projects."

Dennis said he admired costar Maja Salvador, who recently admitted to breaking up with actor Gerald Anderson, for being "a true professional." He explained: "Maja is going through something really difficult, but she never allowed this to affect her work. On the set, she is very posi-

tive. She is kind, funny and very pleasant. I have nothing negative to say about her."

Asked whether he felt physically attracted to his leading lady, whom he had three love scenes with in the movie, Dennis said: "She may be single, but I know she is still hurting. I didn't want to take advantage of her situation. We were both on the set to work."

In spite of the fact that their relationship continues to go stronger, Roco Nacino and Lovi Poe don't have immediate plans to tie the knot.

"I believe we're still young for that," says Rocco.



"Marriage is something that's far from our mind at this point."

"That's true!" seconds Lovi. "Rocco and I don't put ourselves under pressure with such thought. We just enjoy what we have right now."

But do they see themselves ending up together in the future?

"It's hard to say because we don't know what the future holds but as for me, I see all the positive things. For one, Rocco is a good man," Lovi avers.

Apart from being lovers, their friendship is one of their strengths as a couple.

"We're friends for a long time so the foundation is solid. We didn't instantly become lovers. I guess that's one good thing. We don't easily get tired of each other and we're not that super cheesy," explains Rocco.

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## Heart Evangelista

Kapuso actress Heart Evangelista joins Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow Sa Toronto

Heart Evangelista seems to be relishing life as a married woman.

But despite the responsibilities that come with her newfound role, the multi-talented Kapuso actress still continues to delight fans locally and abroad as she embarks on new and exciting projects.

Aside from working on an upcoming teleserye Beautiful Strangers, which will air worldwide via GMA Network's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV, Heart is slated to headline the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show Sa Toronto event in Canada.

The whole-day event, organized by GMA International in cooperation with the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation

(PCCF), will be held

on June

27, Saturday, at the Metro Toronto Convention Center Hall A from 9 AM to 11 PM.

"This event is a celebration of how colorful and unique our culture is. I am looking forward to sharing this experience with our kababayan in Canada and bring them closer to home," says Heart, whose fans may also catch her on the country's longest running showbiz oriented talk show Startalk.

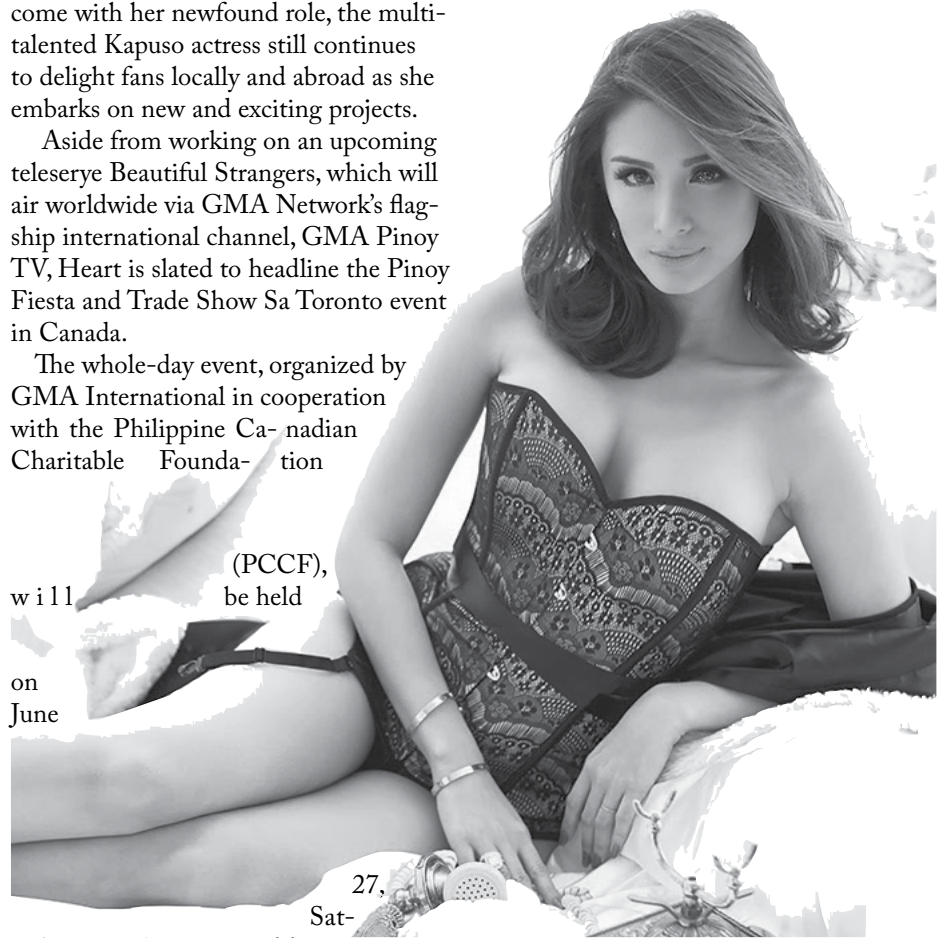
With over 8,000 attendees expected to grace the event, the organizers have prepared various activities including a Liturgical service, cultural shows, pageants, Santa Cruzan, trade shows, as well as performances by local artists.

"PCCF and GMA Pinoy TV have been great partners in the last four years in showcasing the best of Pinoy entertainment in the greater Toronto Area through the largest annual community event in Canada, the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto. PCCF is very proud to have multi-talented and all around entertainer superstar Heart Evangelista-Escudero as our prime artist in the upcoming Pinoy Fiesta on June 27," shares Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation President Romy Rafael.

GMA International is currently celebrating 10 years of bringing Filipinos abroad closer to home by participating in various Fil-foreign events in key cities around the world as it has consistently done in the past decade.

For more details about the Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow Sa Toronto and GMA Network's artists, programs, international channels and events, visit the website [www.gmanetwork.com/international](http://www.gmanetwork.com/international), Facebook pages [www.facebook.com/GMAPinoyTV](http://www.facebook.com/GMAPinoyTV), [www.facebook.com/gmalifetv](http://www.facebook.com/gmalifetv), and [www.facebook.com/gmanewsinternational](http://www.facebook.com/gmanewsinternational), Twitter pages @gmapinoytv, @gma\_lifetv, and @gmanewstvintl and Instagram account @gmapi-

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Sef Cadayona (left) and Betong Sumaya host GMA 7's latest comedy show Sabado Badoo.



## Betong Sumaya

Grateful for being co-host of GMA-7's show 'Sabado Badoo'

of opportunities. Presently, Sef also appears in Vampire Ang Daddy Ko while Betong is in Once Upon A Kiss and GMA News TV's Ang Pinaka.

"I love my Bubble Gang family and I couldn't imagine my life without it," admits Sef.

Even Betong who dreams to become a dramatic actor insists that "for now, I am happy kung ano po yung meron ako sa Bubble Gang. I couldn't believe even up to now how lucky I am to be part of the show and to be able to work with kuya Ogie (Alcasid) and kuya Bitoy (Michael V). It was only a dream but I never expected it to happen but when it did, 'Wow, thank you, Lord! Makakasama ko sila,' iba yung tama niya na parang natural high."

Sabado Badoo, directed by Tata Betita, will feature videos and scenes from the past GMA shows in a fresh and comedic manner. The videos may be presented based on their categories like a countdown, a mash-up of different scenes and many more. It can make the viewers reminisce the past and make the young generation connect with the older ones.

"We assure that the viewers will enjoy the show because they will be able to watch a series of throwback videos from the past that might have been forgotten already and not yet seen by the present generation," says Betong.

"It's going to be funny. We'll do our best to keep the viewers glued to their television watching the show. There's going to be lots of colors, lots of love and lots of high-fives," Sef concludes.

Feel the Caribbean heat at the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto!

Rain or Shine, the show will go on at one of North America's biggest indoor Filipino events at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on June 27th, Saturday.

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For further details, please email [pinoyfiestatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:pinoyfiestatoronto@gmail.com). (Fe Taturan)

## "Expect the funniest and wackiest team up," says Betong Sumaya of his tandem with Sef Cadayona on GMA 7's latest comedy offering titled Sabado Badoo to air Saturdays.

Bubble Gang mainstays Sef and Betong are set to reveal more of their funniest side as they take on a hosting job that incorporates their style of comedy.

Sef, who is also seen with Betong in the musical comedy segment of Sunday All Stars, shares his excitement over working with the latter again. "I and Kuya Betong are so happy to be in this tandem and I must admit our chemistry is undeniable."

The StarStruck 5 alumnus also expresses gratitude for the project. "I didn't expect this to happen early as I'm only turning five in this industry," says Sef, who also got popular thanks to his hit P20-ice cream commercial. "All I can say is I'm so grateful to GMA (management) for this opportunity and for appreciating all my efforts. I owe it all to them. I think this is my lucky year."

Sef doesn't even mind if he is identified by the gay roles in most of his GMA shows. Given his natural skill in comedy, it no longer came as a surprise when he eventually became a part of Bubble Gang in 2013.

He says, "I enjoy making people happy. I think that's what people noticed about me at mas nagustuhan nila which is at the same time yun naman po yung gusto ko talaga — doing comedy."

Betong, on the other hand, feels equally grateful that he has come this far — hosting his own show. It can be recalled that before Betong's first big TV break when he was named Sole Survivor in Survivor Philippines' Celebrity Doubles Showdown in 2011, he worked as a production assistant in Probe Team for eight years. He became a segment host in several GMA News TV shows like Kay Susan Tayo and in 2012, he officially became a Bubble Gang mainstay.

If they were to name the most memorable thing/event in their life, they agree that it is being part of the longest-running gag show. Bubble Gang has provided them the perfect avenue to showcase their natural style of humor and has opened for them many doors

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Peewee Div Born 2002 and younger

Bantam Boys Div Born 2000 and younger

Bantam Girls Div Born 2000 and younger

Midget Boys Div Born 1998 and younger

Midget Girls Div Born 1998 and younger

Juvenile Div. Born 1995 and younger (stop time/24 sec. shot clock)

Ladies Open Div No Age Limit (stop time/24 sec. shot clock)

Men Open Div No Age Limit (stop time/24 sec. shot clock)

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Veloso, who was arrested in 2010 after she was caught with 2.6 kilos of heroin in her luggage at the Adisucipto International Airport in Yogyakarta, was among nine death row inmates slated to be executed in the early hours of May 27.

Despite international pressure, the government executed eight death row prisoners early on Wednesday on Nusakambangan prison island near Cilacap in Central Java.

The Palace took credit May 27 for obtaining Veloso's stay of execution, but a migrant workers group in Indonesia said a meeting they had with Widodo might have helped change his mind.

Anis Hidayah, executive director of Migrant Care Indonesia, said she met on May 26 with Widodo, who unexpectedly asked about Veloso's case.

Hidayah said they told Widodo that Veloso was a victim of human trafficking and that the same thing was happening to many Indonesian migrant workers abroad who face the death penalty.

Hidayah said they wanted to make sure Widodo was informed about the vulnerability of migrant workers, particularly those from the Philippines and Indonesia, to drug smuggling syndicates.

Widodo's initial response was that other drug couriers would also claim that they were victims.

But Hidayah, who said she was crying when she talked to Widodo, told him, "If we kill the victims and tomorrow we find new evidence, how can we be responsible for this, after the execution?"

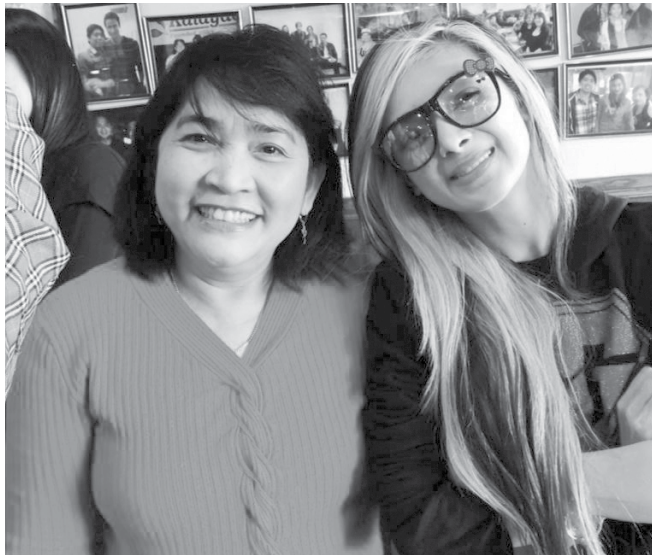
# Spotlight

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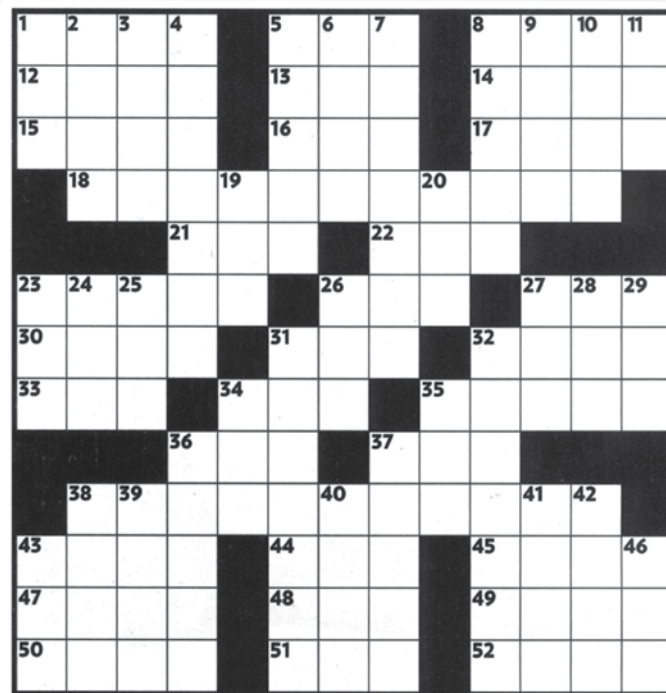


# Crossword Puzzle

### Mocha at FV Foods



Odette Escala poses with Mae dela Cerna of Mocha Girls.



#### ACROSS

- 1 Hugh Dancy-Rose Byrne drama
- 5 *I \_\_\_ What You Did*
- 8 Designer Gucci
- 12 Writer Ephron
- 13 \_\_\_Star Pictures
- 14 "Touch My \_\_\_" (18 Across chart-topper)
- 15 Mover and shaker
- 16 Outside (prefix)
- 17 President Obama's office shape
- 18 Grammy-winning singer (2 wds.)
- 21 Sean Penn's \_\_\_ *Sam* (2 wds.)
- 22 "\_\_\_ 'Em Up Style (Oops!)" by Blu Cantrell
- 23 Vocalist Akers
- 26 "Runaway" singer Shannon
- 27 "I Don't Wanna \_\_\_" (18 Across hit)
- 30 Put \_\_\_ on it (suppress something; 2 wds.)

- 31 \_\_\_-relief (cameo carving method)
- 32 *The Time Traveler's* \_\_\_
- 33 U.N. labor agency (inits.)
- 34 Sugar \_\_\_ (Mark McGrath's rock group)
- 35 Mary Louise Parker TV series
- 36 Manhattan opera, for short
- 37 Kettle, Barker and Bell
- 38 Comic-actor-author starring in *The Pink Panther 2* (2 wds.)
- 43 '60s rock musical now on Broadway
- 44 Middle Irish (abbr.)
- 45 *Nurse Jackie* star Falco
- 47 TV award
- 48 Tyrese's "What \_\_\_ Gonna Do" (2 wds.)
- 49 Singer McEntire's sitcom
- 50 Film spool
- 51 Vardalos or Long
- 52 Political cartoonist Thomas \_\_\_

#### DOWN

- 1 Harold \_\_\_ Kumar
- 2 Dwayne Johnson monster movie
- 3 "\_\_\_ Codes" by Ludacris
- 4 Anne Hathaway's *Rachel Getting* \_\_\_
- 5 "\_\_\_ Heat" (*The Pajama Game* tune)
- 6 \_\_\_ of *Triumph*
- 7 Cher film *The \_\_\_ of Eastwick*
- 8 Scuttle a mission
- 9 "Vision of \_\_\_" (first No. 1 single by 18 Across)
- 10 June 6, 1944
- 11 Olive \_\_\_ (Popeye's lady)
- 19 McKellen or McShane
- 20 Be on the sick list
- 23 Chiang \_\_\_-shek
- 24 18 Across's "\_\_\_ I Want For Christmas Is You"
- 25 Mexican actress Dolores Del \_\_\_

- 26 "One Sweet \_\_\_" by 18 Across and Boyz II Men
- 27 Inc., in Paris (abbr.)
- 28 *Mayberry, \_\_\_* (sitcom)
- 29 \_\_\_ *Man* (Jim Carrey comedy)
- 31 Jason \_\_\_ of *Juno* and *Arrested Development*
- 32 *All Quiet on the \_\_\_ Front*
- 34 Jesse Jackson's title (abbr.)
- 35 \_\_\_ of *the Worlds* starring Tom Cruise
- 36 *Julie & Julia* star Streep
- 37 Shriver or Bello
- 38 Singer Ginuwine's "\_\_\_ O' G"
- 39 "Love Takes \_\_\_" (18 Across No. 1 hit)
- 40 *The Emancipation of \_\_\_* (Grammy-winning album by 18 Across)
- 41 *The Big \_\_\_* with Donny Deutsch
- 42 Pen points
- 43 *In \_\_\_ Shoes* (Toni Collette movie)
- 46 \_\_\_ crow (admit defeat)

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## Why Girls love the Dad Bod

by Mackenzie Pearson

In case you haven't noticed lately, girls are all about that dad bod. I hadn't heard about this body type until my roommate mentioned it. She used to be crazy over guys she claimed had the dad bod. After observing the guys she found attractive, I came to understand this body type well and was able to identify it. 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." It's not an overweight guy, but it isn't one with washboard abs, either.

The dad bod is a new trend and fraternity boys everywhere seem to be rejoicing. Turns out skipping the gym for a few brews last Thursday after class turned out to be in their favor. While we all love a sculpted guy, there is just something about the dad bod that makes boys seem more human, natural, and attractive. Here are a few reasons that girls are crazy about the dad bod:

### It doesn't intimidate us.

Few things are worse than taking a picture in a bathing suit, one being taking a picture in a bathing suit with a guy who is crazy fit. We don't want a guy that makes us feel insecure about our body. We are insecure enough as it is. We don't need a perfectly

sculpted guy standing next to us to make us feel worse.

### We like being the pretty one.

We love people saying "they look cute together." But we still like being the center of attention. We want to look skinny and the bigger the guy, the smaller we feel and the better we look next to you in a picture.

### Better cuddling.

No one wants to cuddle with a rock. Or Edward Cullen. The end.

### Good eats.

The dad bod says he doesn't meal prep every Sunday night so if you want to go to Taco Tuesday or \$4 pitcher Wednesday, he'd be totally down. He's not scared of a cheat meal because he eats just about anything and everything.

### You know what you're getting.

Girls tend to picture their future together with their guys early on. Therefore, if he already has the dad bod going on, we can get used to it before we date him, marry him, have three kids. We know what we are getting into when he's got the same exact body type at the age of 22 that he's going to have at 45.



So there you go. A simple break down of why girls everywhere are going nuts over this body type on males. We like it. We love it. We want some more of it. So here's to you dad bods, keep it up. Men, confidently strut that gut on the beach because while you stare at us in our bikinis we will be staring just as hard.

### Mariel envious of co-hosts

Mariel Rodriguez has obviously recovered from the miscarriage she had a couple of months ago. "I'm okay now pero kung minsan, it still hurts when you feel the loss," she says. "I'm really thankful to TV5 dahil binigyan nila ako ng bagong work and being busy really helps para mas bumilis ang recovery ko. First, they gave me 'Happy Wife Happy Life', and now, kasama rin ako as one of the regular hosts of the new Sunday noontime show, 'Happy Truck ng Bayan'. So salamat talaga for all these blessings that I really enjoy doing. Would she want to get preggy again soon? "Hindi kami nagmamadali. Right now, we're not even trying again. It'll all depend on me, kasi si Robin naman,

marami ng ibang anak, di ba? But of course, I know he wants to have our own. Siguro pag- ready na uli ako. Doesn't she get envious that her co-hosts in "Happy Wife Happy Life", Danica Sotto and LJ Moreno, have babies of their own? "Siyempre, pag nakikita ko 'yung mga anak nila, naisip ko, wow, ang sarap naman. Nagpunta kaming lahat sa Hong Kong kasama mga anak nila at masaya talaga. Pero ayokong problema-hin 'yun. Hindi ko masyadong inisip. It all depends kay God kung kailan darating uli 'yun."

What about Robin's plans to migrate abroad someday? "I support him, willing akong sumama and give up everything here. Naiintindihan ko naman 'yung disappointment niya sa mga nangyayari sa ating bansa, what with the widespread poverty of

our people. Mag-asawa kami so where he goes, I'll go. He's the boss, so whatever he decides for us, I will follow. But it's not gonna happen in the near future kasi may '28 1/2 Dads' pa siya at may ibang mga projects pa siyang gagawin at ako nga, may TV shows naman ako that I host. Basta if it's God's will, it will happen in His own time. And malay naman natin, baka mag-improve ang sitwasyon sa ating bansa with new leaders coming in? As of now, happy akong kahit sad ang nangyayari sa ating country, puro happy ang shows that I host, 'Happy Wife Happy Life' weekday mornings and 'Happy Truck ng Bayan' that starts airing on June 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., so abangan nyo dahil we'll really make you happy with fun games and big prizes."

### Rhian has liberal views

Rhian Ramos says she she has no prejudices whatsoever against lesbians or gays. "You shouldn't judge people by their sexual preference, or their color or religion.

We should just treat each other with understanding and respect. Hindi mo kailangang makipag-away o makipaglaban, di ba? I'm hoping that 'The Rich Man's Daughter' will affect viewers in a positive way so they'll have a better understanding of lesbians," she says. Would she be willing to do a kissing scene with Glaiza de Castro? "Why not? Kung kailangan ba talaga sa eksena. But TV ito, not a movie, kaya so far, puro head to head, nose to nose lang kami, walang lips to lips."

### Filipinas on Sexiest List

No Filipino men made it to the list

MANILA - Filipinas are among the sexiest nationalities in the world, according to a survey conducted by a dating website.

MissTravel.com, which describes itself as "the only dating website for travelers," recently released the results of its 2015 Sexiest Nationalities survey.

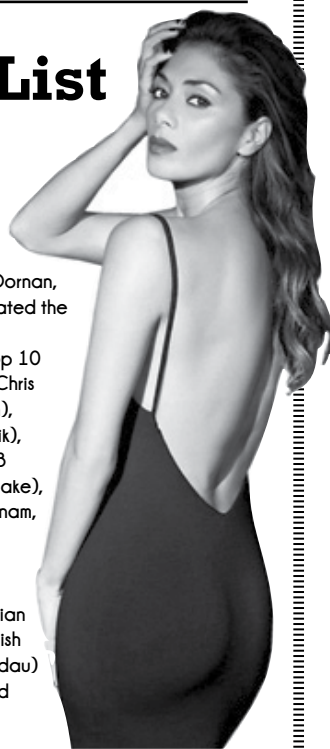
Filipinas ranked eighth in the survey, which was based on the dating preferences of nearly 45,000 American men. It cited former Pussycat Dolls lead singer Nicole Scherzinger (photo), whose father is Filipino, and Filipino-American actress Vanessa Hudgens of "High School Musical" fame.

Topping the survey of sexiest nationalities is Armenian (Kim Kardashian), followed by Barbadian/Bajan (Rihanna), American (Beyonce, Kendall Jenner), Colombian (Shakira, Sofia Vergara), English (Rosie Huntington-Whitely), Australian (Margot Robbie, Elle Macpherson) and Brazilian (Adriana Lima, Alessandra Ambrosio).

At ninth place is Bulgarian (Nina Dobrev), with Lebanese (Amal Clooney) rounding out the Top 10. MissTravel.com also asked 66,309 American

women about the nationalities they think are sexy, and Irish people (Jamie Dornan, Colin Farrell) dominated the list.

The rest of the Top 10 include Australian (Chris and Liam Hemsworth), Pakistani (Zayn Malik), American (Michael B Jordan, Justin Timberlake), English (Charlie Hunnam, David Beckham), Scottish (Calvin Harris), Italian (Joe Manganiello), Nigerian (Tinie Tempah), Danish (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and Spanish (Gerard Pique).



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ongoing Balikatan exercise between the Philippines and the United States further strengthens fraternal ties between the two countries.

Mahoney said that Balikatan 2015 (BK15) is proving to be successful as it builds greater confidence between the US and Philippine militaries.

BK 15 officially kicked off April 20 and will run through April 30 with more than 11,000 navy, air, and land forces from the Philippines and the US participating in various military drills throughout Luzon.

"Overall assessment of the exercise is way in the success category. We've got 11,500 plus people out here, we've got more than 75 aircraft, thousands of marines, soldiers, airmen and sailors... building that cooperative and collaborative partnership that I talked about at the opening ceremony," Mahoney told reporters during the sidelights of the aircraft display portion of the BK15 at Clark Air Base.

"So it's definitely a win for the two partners and the alliance, it's definitely a win for the individual marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen, no question," Mahoney said, as he also noted that this year's iteration of the BK exercise is obviously the biggest.

"It is really big. It's the biggest one that I have seen just on a total number standpoint. We are doing airborne exercises, we are doing seaborne exercises, we are doing amphibious exercises, we're doing a whole bunch of land exercises," he said.

BK15, he emphasized, has once more demonstrated a closeness of cooperation, a deeper understanding, and a deeper level of collaboration between the Philippines and US armed forces so to the extent that is applicable beyond Balikatan.

### STABILITY AND PEACE

And as BK15 takes place amid rising tension due to territorial disputes in the South China Sea, Mahoney stressed that "this exercise is about stability and peace in the region."

The exercise, he added, is also about being completely transparent of what the two militaries are doing.

"We are not hiding anything. We're here to showcase our capability to work together, to showcase our collaboration... we are here to showcase our brotherhood fraternal bond," Mahoney said.

Earlier, Balikatan public information officer Lt. Col. Marlowe Patria said that this year's joint exercises will be vastly different as territorial defense will be given focused by participating military forces.

He added that this is to ensure that the country's military forces have the capability to defend themselves aside from helping in disaster response and community development.

Patria stressed that the decision to include territorial defense is not aimed at any nation in particular, stressing that the overall goal is to ensure that the AFP will be able to enhance its capability to protect the country from any threat.

### Candid SPOOF

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



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

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FCT President Linda Javier, FCT. Ms. paraluman Rizzelyn Catequista, Toronto Mayor John Tory, FCT Chair. Dr. Victoria Santiago, Toronto Police's Debra preston and FCT's Rey Tolentino pose for a picture.

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FCT and special guests give the thumbs up with the Toronto Raptors Dance Pack.



ABOVE, Philip Beloso pose with the Raptors Dance Pack. RIGHT, Toronto Mayor John Tory was the special guest at the opening ceremony. BELOW, The life hacks the tournament everyone must remember. LEFT, Bayan and North York teams compete.



Rizzelyn Catequista and Ferrdie Baguisa pose with Toronto Mayor John Tory.



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**VICTORIA CUP 2015**  
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It has been 9 years and the Victoria Cup is still going strong. Named after Dr. Victoria Santiago, and also for the long weekend that it is held, the cup is a basketball tournament for all young people. Part of the aim of the tournament is to keep the youth engaged in sports and away from bad influences.

John Tory spoke of one day finding a Filipino player who will play in the NBA "and that kid will come from Toronto. There is already one Punjabi player who will play in the NBA and he came from Toronto"

This year, the FCT printed 5 things to remember for everyone; These are just kids; this is only a game; parents should cheer for everyone; the referees are humans; and you and your child do not play in the NBA.

Those are just fitting reminders considering that we always read and hear about children and sometimes their parents getting too ill-tempered in games.

To the FCT, congratulations for these games and for keeping them running 9 years in a row.

Keep up the Good Work.



LEFT, Mayor John Tory is so popular everybody wants a time with him. Warren D'Acoust of Pinoy News interviews him for newspaper and television.



Toronto Police Ronaldo Valdez and FCT's Felino Javier poses with the Raptors Dance Pack.



Let the games begin.



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Tony San Juan (FAR RIGHT) and wife (FAR LEFT) pose with Liberal candidates Michael Levitt and Michelle Serrano.



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