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Save Money

Do Not Send Gifts

MANILA, Philippines - Overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) should save money for future investments instead of sending balikbayan boxes full of gifts to their loved ones back home, Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said.

She said she has heard many stories of OFWs who ended up penniless after years of working

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Do we keep Poor People Poor for our Pleasure?

MANILA - Certainly low labor costs enable non-poor to live well very cheaply

Times Reader Arthur Keefe suggests that one reason we in this country have tolerated so much poverty is that "the middle and upper classes benefit greatly from the very low cost of labor, which enables those with money to have a high standard of living very cheaply. Thus it is not in their interest to remove

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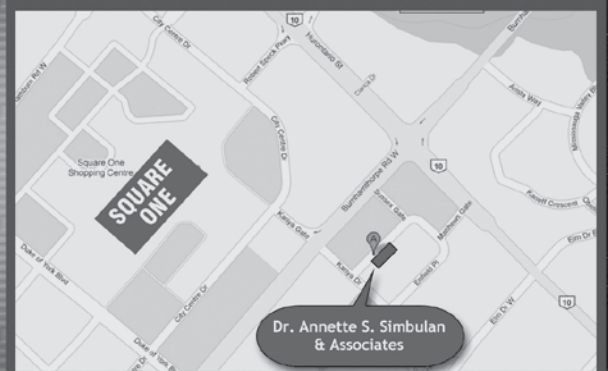
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5 Big Reasons Why EDSA People Power 1986 Celebration is Totally Dead



The above opinion is a guest post by a certain Pandong (the young man in the photo above posing an "L" sign).

Being born in the mid-60s, I was a first-time voter during the snap-election between then-president Ferdinand .E. Marcos and Corazon "Cory" C. Aquino, the mother of incumbent president, Nonoy Aquino. Last February 25 marked the 29th celebration of EDSA People Power 1986. However, it's obvious that the annual celebration gradually lost its magic and has finally died this year.

With the Fallen 44 controversy, some groups now want President Noytoy Aquino to resign. Nevertheless, EDSA People Power 1 is not selling anymore even if the Mamasapano incident did not happen. Here's why:

#5 Cory Aquino is not really the best

presidential candidate that time

Don't get me wrong. I have high respect for Tita Cory. I even voted for her. I was young then and have little information about politics. My father doesn't like Marcos and he "motivated" me not to vote for him. He told me he doesn't also like Cory because of her no-experience, but there was no other choice. Many years later, I realized that there were better presidential candidates that time but Ninoy's widow is a sure win to beat Marcos. When my father and I talked about it again in the late 90s, he just shook his head.

#4 Filipinos were divided, and the next presidents could not control it

Thanks to the "balimbings," especially to the two gentlemen who supported Tita Cory to oust Marcos. But no thanks, though. Gringgo Honassan, who had a major participation during

EDSA People Power Revolution in 1986, led a series of coup attempts against Cory administration. Then-VP Salvador Laurel withdrew his support, along with Juan Ponce Enrile, who resigned in November 1986 as Defense Secretary. The Filipinos were divided and President Cory Aquino could not control the situation.

#3 Traditional politicians (Trapos) took advantage of the situation

Needless to say, traditional politicians (liars, cheaters, voter buyers, pigs, etc.) took advantage of the situation. These filthy creatures surfaced from everywhere and pretended to be heroes. And because the "masa" accepted small money from these "trapos" to fill their stomachs, corruption became a common talent among these greedy politicians. They won the elections by using their popularity, influence, and money. On the other hand, presidents Fidel V. Ramos, Joseph "Erap" Estrada, and Gloria Arroyo had their own shares of controversies.

#2 Noytoy Aquino is not the best presidential candidate as well

I'm glad that I was very mature in terms of analyzing politics when Nonoy Aquino ran for president. Again, don't get me wrong, I have high respect for him but I voted for another candidate. I believe that he's not ready to run (at least during that time) but the "masa" wants him. Tita Cory passed away in 2009, which led Liberal Party president and then-senator Mar

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Kylie Padilla works with ex Aljur Abrenica



Diretsong sinagot ng More Than Words star Kylie Padilla kung handa ba siyang makatrabaho ang ex niya na si Aljur Abrenica.

Ayon sa ulat ni Luanne Dy sa Unang Hirit, wala raw problema ang mestiza beauty kung muli niyang makakasama sa isang project ang napapabalitang nagbabalik Kapuso na si Aljur.

Ani ni Kylie, "It's okay. Oo of course. Kasi, professionalism, it's more important than 'yung mga personal [na bagay]."

"Pero sana maganda 'yung story, 'yun lang naman. If ever man tatangi ako, it's because I don't like the story."

Dagdag pa ni Kylie, naghahan-da na daw ang aktor sa kanyang comeback sa telebisyon.

Saad niya "He's excited. He's preparing naman for his comeback."

Matatandaan na kinumprina ni Kylie sa isang panayam ng Startalk noong May 2014 na split na sila ni Aljur.



SURPRISE!

A NEW FILIPINO PUBLICATION IN TORONTO?

There is a new publication in Toronto called Silangan published by Rodel



Garcia. It is a glossy magazine that charges a low price of \$100 / per color page. That is how much she invoiced Anita Diaz of Ready Honda for a one-page color ad on page 2 for the January 2015 issue.

I say “surprise” because Anita Diaz was surprised that she was advertising with them nor was she aware the publication exists because she has not been receiving one on a monthly basis. I was also surprised because the layout I did for Manny Yanga of Scarborough Toyota was also in the publication announcing the “ALL New 2014 Toyota Corolla.”

Hmmm...what is going on?

Chris Brown Non-Grata

Philippines declares Chris Brown persona non grata after a no-Show at New Year’s eve concert in the Philippines. Pati ba naman ito, pinakikialaman ng national government natin? What the government should be dealing with is the consumer protection issue about this non-appearance. The government should make sure that the promoters refund the money. Who cares if he comes or not to the Philippines? Sus Guinoo ni Roxanne naman.

Fake News goes Viral

Not always. Canadian publications sometimes pick up a story - specially if it involves a scandal - from ethnic publications and give it credibility it never did. Fortunately, they have been picky lately. Some publications repeat the same “news” again and again in the hope that the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, Globe and Mail or National Post.

Unfortunately, this affects the other credible publications like this one you are reading. I have been linked to dozens of beautiful Philippine actresses but none of those Canadian publications have picked up on it. I am so disappointed. And it’s all because other Filipino newspapers in Toronto keep repeating that same “topic” again and again. The Canadians now think that all Filipino newspapers here are not credible. Believe me, when I say I have been linked to all those women. I cannot tell you their names because of discretion. And also, if they find out they have been linked to me, I might get a restraining order. Ehe, susmaryosep. Mali pala.

I like to eat fried baby

WHAT!!! NO NO NO. If I was not paying attention, the following sentence would have been posted on facebook. “I assure everyone it is not easy for me to be eating only burgers, fried bitukang baby...”The word baboy was being replaced by the word “baby” because of auto-spell check. So, people, do not do distracted driving, walking and typing. To all those who did not learn how to type correctly - that is without looking at the keyboard - look at the screen. Re-read what you typed. WHEW!

Lent is a season of Sacrifice

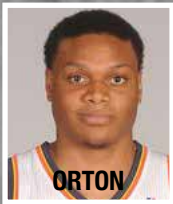
Apparently, you give up something for 40 days as a sacrifice. For the 40 days of Lent, I will give up healthy food. It’s a good thing I’ve stocked up on beer.

Empire is TV show with black people all doing bad things. Some critics say it does not represent black people

This is no different from Filipinos who bash a Filipino in North America for playing a villain in a North American TV show or movie and say it portrays Filipinos in bad light. And yet they devour the telenovelas - soap - in the Philippines which is full of crime, drama, intrigue, backstabbing, and every cliché you can watch. Not all the roles in the show can be Mother Theresa, Gandhi or Oscar Schindler.

Player fired after Pacquiao rant

Pacquiao compared to Martin Luther King



MANILA, Philippines – The Purefoods organization had no intention of letting import Daniel Orton play another game for them after the former Kentucky standout was fined for a rant wherein he called KIA head coach Manny Pacquiao a “joke” of a basketball player.

Orton scored only six points and grabbed three rebounds in a humbling 84-95 setback to Pacquiao and the KIA Carnival, which also saw the “Pacman” score a point for the first time in his PBA career.

“This game is seriously a joke. The way the game was going, the refs took the game that I know and love, and they made it into a mockery,” said Orton of the officiating crew.

Of Pacquiao, the basketball player, he said: “That’s a joke. That’s part of the joke I was talking about.”

“Professional boxer, yeah, okay. Congressman, all right. Professional basketball player, no. It’s a joke. Seriously, it’s a joke,” he said.

The PBA did not take Orton’s rant lightly and fined him P250,000, saying his “insulting behavior” will not be condoned.

The Office of the Commissioner left Orton’s fate up to the Purefoods organization, which acted swiftly.

“Wala na kaming balak pang

palaruin si Orton,” Purefoods official Rene Pardo told PBA.ph. “Nagalit lahat sa kanya.”

Orton has since been sacked and will be replaced by Denzel Bowles, the former PBA Best Import who led Purefoods to the 2012 PBA Commissioner’s Cup title.

“Kung ang PBA binigyan siya ng P250,000 fine, kami nagbigay sa kanya ng passport niya,” said Pardo of Orton. “Papauwlin na namin.”

Pardo made it clear they did not support Orton’s view of Pacquiao.

“Pambansang Kamao natin ‘yun,” he said. “Para siyang nagpunta sa U.S. at binastos ang pangalan ni Martin Luther King.” Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Purefoods went 1-2 with Orton as an import, losing their past two games after a 4-0 start. Former import Marqus Blakely served as a place-holder for Orton in their first three games, all of which the Hotshots won.

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Kristine Hermosa’s comeback project

Kristine Hermosa has long wanted to be back in front of the camera. However, as she has previously stated, she would only do it provided that the right project is given to her.

But what is the right project anyway?

“Buong showbiz life ko, drama na ang ginagawa ko. Now I want something different,” she said.

She added, “It doesn’t have to be comedy, just something light and enlightening to watch. I want to be able to inspire people through what I do. ‘Yan ang matagal ko na sinasabi. I will return, anytime, as long as you give me a project that will uplift people’s spirits.”

Whether her comeback is happening anytime soon or not, what is sure is that it would be a

gradual event.

“I want to take it slow, pa-isa-isa. I really want to but at the same time, I want something different from what I used to do,” she stressed.

Kristine points out that being a mother and a wife has gravely changed what she can and cannot do for showbiz.

“Before my time was my own, kahit kulang ako sa tulog, nakakutog naman. I only had myself to think of, ngayon, pupuyatin mo ako, when I have a family to think about,” she said. “I need to be a wife and mother, then I have to take care of myself—hindi ko alam kung paano ko kakayanin lahat ‘yon. I’ll go crazy! Baka magsulat na lang ako sa dingding.”

Condomnation from Church

Church counters free condoms with free chocolates, flowers

MANILA - A condom maker in Manila last February 14 found their Valentine's Day giveaway challenged by a church group. The group tried to persuade people to swap the contraceptives for chastity and chocolates.

A colourful flower market in Manila became the unlikely battleground over the use of contraception as the church group countered the free condoms with chocolates and sweets — complete with printed messages encouraging chastity.

"Exchange your condoms for candies, #WeKeepLoveReal," read the signs carried by volunteers from the Christian advocacy group Filipinos for Life.

"Condoms send the wrong message that Valentine's is about sex, when it's really about love," volunteer Anna Cosio told AFP.

Condom maker DTK marketing head Emmanuel Alfonso said they gave 40,000 condoms, adding "Offering free condoms alongside stalls selling bouquets of red roses, balloons and chocolates for Valentine's Day will help erase the stigma attached to



contraceptives."

While men casually accepted the condoms from the DTK models in tight blue T-shirts and shorts, some bashful women handed them back and then scurried away.

But some people got both candies and

condoms.

College student Danny Villegas said: "I already ate the candies. The condoms, I can't use it yet because I'm only 16 and I don't have a girlfriend. Maybe I will keep it in my wallet for good luck."

Philippines is Retirement Haven

Forbes declares Philippines in top 20

MANILA, Philippines – Foreigners might want to consider the Philippines in retirement after it bagged a spot in Forbes magazine's "20 Best Foreign Retirement Havens for 2015."

"For U.S. retirees the principal appeal of the Philippines is a low cost of living in a tropical environment full of English speakers and outdoor beauty," Forbes, the business magazine, further noted that foreign income is also untaxed in

the Philippines.

A foreign national can easily obtain permanent residency by showing their retirement income, it said.

"Popular locations include Tagaytay, a suburb of Manila, the capital, that is elevated and therefore cooler, and Subic Bay, with an infrastructure from the old U.S. Navy base. Non-stop flights between Manila and the US average 15 hours," it added.

Forbes said it based its rankings on the following factors: cost of living, taxes, medical care, climate, security and crime, cultural attractions and hospitality, as well as ease of return to the US.

This list is in alphabetical order: *Australia, Belize, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Thailand, Uruguay*

Prepare for ASEAN Integration - MARCOS

MANILA - Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has urged business educators and students to work together to prepare the country to face the challenges of the economic integration of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region.

Marcos warned students that integration could be "cruel and competitive" and that they should prepare now rather than learn the hard way later "when all will be too late."

He also urged educators to work hard to ensure that their graduates would have the skills to match or even surpass those from other Asean countries.

Marcos said Asean integration envisions one economic region with better inter-operability and interrelations among members characterized by a "free flow of capital and investments, free flow of goods, free flow of services and skilled labor."

He said students should be trained to study regional markets and economies, consumer behavior, competition behavior, finance and marketing, as well as taking a comprehensive approach to monitoring the cost of doing business for increased competitiveness and profitability.

"It may be prudent to undertake curriculum reviews of our business

courses at this crucial turning point of our history. We need to include subjects on the economy, culture and language of our Asean neighbors," he said.

Marcos said schools should encourage and incentivize research and development, in order to spur business creativity and innovation among our Filipino students.

He said that while the Department of Trade and Industry is saying that the Philippines is ready for integration, "we should not be complacent."

Meanwhile, Senate President Franklin

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"FOREVERMORE" IS NOW MOST WATCHED TV SHOW

ABS-CBN's romantic drama series "Forevermore" topped the list of most watched TV program in the country last Monday (February 9), when it went fast forward to two years after the heartbreaking parting of ways of Xander (played by Enrique Gil) and Agnes (played by Liza Soberano).

Now that Agnes carries on with her life as a student in Manila, she meets a new guy in school named Jay (played by Diego Loyzaga). What role will Jay play in the life of Agnes especially now that the latter is trying to move on from her heartbreaking past with her first love, Xander? What will Agnes do when she suddenly crosses paths with Xander again? Are they ready to take their second chance at love?

Don't miss "Forevermore" weeknights after "Dream Dad" on ABS-CBN Primetime Bida. For more updates about "Forevermore" visit Forevermore.abs-cbn.com and follow the show's official social media accounts at Facebook. [com/StarCreativesTV](https://www.facebook.com/StarCreativesTV), [Twitter.com/StarCreativesTV](https://twitter.com/StarCreativesTV) and [Instagram.com/StarCreativesTV](https://www.instagram.com/StarCreativesTV).

Meanwhile, viewers may also catch up on full episodes and past episodes of "Forevermore" through ABS-CBNmobile. For more information, please go to www.abs-cbnmobile.com.

Former 'Encantadia' star Diana Zubiri is engaged!

Former Encantadia star and Bubble Gang babe Diana Zubiri joins the growing list of celebrities tying the knot this year.

The sexy actress confirmed that she is engaged to her longtime



boyfriend, model Andy Smith.

Diana posted a photo of her dazzling engagement ring on IG. The couple were on a vacation in Japan when Andy popped the question.

Expanding Organ

Mrs. Samson, a teacher in a girls' school asked the science class: "Who can tell me what organ of the human body expands to 10 times its usual size when stimulated? Mary, can you tell me?"

Mary blushed furiously as she stood up. Then replied, "Ma'm, how dare you ask such a question? I will complain to my parents, who will



complain to the principal."

The teacher was taken aback at first by Mary's reaction. Then, as understanding dawned on her, she called for another pupil, this time a volunteer.

Lilly put up her hand. "Yes, Lilly?" asked the teacher. "Ma'm, the correct answer is the iris of the eye."

"Very good. Thanks, Lilly," said Mrs. Samson. She then turned to the 1st girl, who threatened to complain to her parents and principal: "Well, Mary, I have 3 things to tell you: First, you have NOT done your HOMEWORK. Second, you have a DIRTY mind. And thirdly, I fear, one day in future, you are going to be sadly disappointed!"

Are our poor poor because it suits us to keep them that way?

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poverty and low wages—at least not in the short to medium term. The downside is having to live in gated communities and employ armed guards to protect their lifestyle!” (Times, August 9, 2014)

Expats love Manila living

That expatriates love Manila for its living costs we well know. I know of an American couple who’ve fled to Manila from Israel’s living costs. The two have rented out their modest flat in Tel Aviv, and live in Makati as rentiers—lazy and content—entirely on its proceeds.

I too appreciate the difference living in Metro Manila makes: I spent my first decade of being married as a journalist in Hong Kong and Singapore. I washed dishes and swept the floor; heated baby bottles and changed diapers. In a word, I did my husbandly share of chores—customary in developed countries—that the lowliest Metro Manila salariat would deem below his masculinity.

And I must admit I eased back into the comforts Manila offers without a thought for Keefe’s “army of poorly paid laborers” that enables even our modestly moneyed to live high off the hog in a country of epic inequality.

Big people, small people

Income breakdowns of national society reveal a tiny upper class, a small middle class and a large underclass of the ‘non-poor’ and the poor.

The survey group Pulse-Asia distinguishes five income groupings in national society. Classes ABC together equal 7 percent; D 67 percent, and E 25 percent.

Class D breaks down further into two sub-categories. Below a ‘true’ middle class of some 19 percent, there is a sub-category of the precariously ‘non-poor,’ making up 48 percent of national society, that subsists just above the poverty line—hostages to inflation and financial crisis, the loss of jobs, illnesses and deaths, and other life misfortunes.

Despite recent episodes of high growth, roughly half of all Filipinos describe themselves as “poor” in SWS surveys; official statistics place their number at some 25 percent.

In 2009, 13.2 percent of all Filipinos still lived on the equivalent of one US dollar a day—the United Nations’ definition of absolute poverty. This was higher than Indonesia’s 7.7 percent and even Vietnam’s 8.40 percent. By then, Malaysia and Thailand had virtually wiped out absolute poverty from among their peoples.

Missing the bus

Not just once, but at several turning points, we Filipinos missed the bus to modernization.

In the 1950s, we fumbled the chance at agrarian-tenure reform on which our neighbor-economies built their industrial strategies.

Between 1965 and 1990, we missed the economic “miracle” that made East Asia the fastest-growing region.

Now our country is defaulting on its 2015

commitment for poverty reduction under the UN’s Millennium Development Goals.

Meanwhile, our income inequality has become East Asia’s worst—because growth is so narrowly based. Metro Manila and its satellite regions—Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog—produce 65-70 percent of domestic output and income.

Our economy’s fastest-growing components—overseas contract work and its domestic counterpart, business-process outsourcing (BPO)—are “enclave economies,” with very few organic linkages to the domestic economy.

Consensus or coercion?

Given our sorry growth record, it does make sense to ask: Are our poor poor because it suits us to keep them that way?

The eminent Jesuit sociologist John J. Carroll suggests that, for Filipinos, national society is less a community united by a common understanding of what the world and society are all about than a stark structure of power.

The possession of economic and political power has much more to do with who gets what than do society’s values or the common good.

And Fr. Carroll fears that special interest groups have shaped policy-making for so long that inequality has become embedded in the whole of national society.

For our neighbor-states beset by multiple threats to their sovereignty, inclusive growth was a survival strategy. We Filipinos—secure in our geographic isolation and sheltered by

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Bea Binene splits with Jake Vargas

After almost a month of speculations, teen actress Bea Binene admits she is no longer in a relationship with fellow Kapuso star Jake Vargas.

According to her, a third party, though not from showbiz, was the cause of their break-up. “Too many to mention,” was Bea’s short description.

“I won’t say I’ve completely moved on pero siguro nandun naman po talaga ‘yun sa kailangan tanggapin mo eh,” she also added, saying the young actor was her first love. She also took the opportunity to clarify that another Kapuso star, Derrick Monasterio, had nothing to do with her failed relationship.

“Magkaibigan lang naman talaga kami ni Derrick,” Bea emphasized.

As of writing, Jake has remained mum about Bea’s admission. The young actress also claimed she still maintains a professional relationship with her ex-beau.



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Filipinos tour Philippines

Travelling grips the country next to selfies

MANILA - The Department of Tourism (DOT) said traveling has now officially become the latest national craze to grip the country next to taking “selfies.”

Tourism secretary Ramon Jimenez made the statement during the awarding ceremony of the first Tourism Star Program (TSP) where he announced that 47 million Filipinos visited different local tourist spots last year.

This was much higher compared to the 45 million local tourists in 2013.

“Tourism is only second to the ‘selfie’ in terms of popularity...the pandemic of taking self-portraits,” Jimenez said.

“Before tourism in the Philippines was an activity reserved only for a very small number of people. Today, it is an ever growing industry that has finally been described as a pillar of our economy,” he added.

This was also supported by data from



the United Nation World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), which showed Filipinos are slowly becoming among world’s top travel spenders.

“Some smaller emerging markets saw expenditure (on international tourism) grow substantially, with Saudi Arabia, India, the Philippines and Qatar all reporting increases of 30% or over,” UNWTO said.

Tourism undersecretary Benito Bengzon attributed this trend to the growing number of Filipinos, who imbibe traveling in their lifestyles.

“Until 10 years ago, local tourism has not even reached the 10 million mark. I think what is important is that Filipinos now see the value of tourism and travel. They see it as a way of life,” Bengzon said.

He said this means better growth for the country’s economy if Filipinos continue to patronize local destinations.

Last year, the tourism sector generated an estimated R214 billion worth of revenues from local and foreign visitors.

Bengzon said a bulk of this revenue usually comes from local travelers.



Louise delos Reyes takes part in RADA.

Kapuso artists take acting course under the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA)

GMA Artist Center teamed up with the Royal Academy for Dramatic Arts (RADA), through the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA), and supported Louise delos Reyes, Benjamin Alves, Mike Tan and Glaiza de Castro in undergoing a six-day short course on Acting Techniques which ended last Saturday under esteemed RADA facilitators.

Royal Academy for Dramatic Arts is one of the foremost drama academies in the world and has forged a reputation as a world leader and the centre of excellence in drama and theatre.

Notable RADA alumni includes Alan Rickman (Severus Snape in Harry Potter), Sean Bean (Boromir in Lord of The Rings), Felicity Huffman (Desperate Housewives), Ralph Fiennes, Allison Janney and Anthony Hopkins.

Respected director and GMA Network’s Talent Development consultant Maryo J. Delos Reyes believes that education in an artist’s craft is a continuous process. He poses a challenge to the artists to always develop their skills and techniques as performers.

“The time to learn new knowledge and expand one’s horizon, the quest for new technique to update oneself with fresh approaches is never ending. I do greatly encourage enhancing their craftsmanship. I would like to congratulate the participants from GMA Artist Center,” he shares.

Through this educational venture, GMA Artist Center only proves that though talent is innate, consistency and permanence on a chosen career can be achieved by thorough training and continuous learning.

Philippines NEWS

Tampered Weapons returned by MILF

MANILA, Philippines - All of the 16 high-powered firearms returned by MILF were cannibalized before they were turned over to the Philippine National Police (PNP).

“Where is good faith there?” the official asked, referring to the statement of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) as a gesture of sincerity on their part and commitment to the peace process.

The official said the returned firearms had original parts replaced.

“These are serialized items and replacing them compromises the reliability of the gun. It can be dangerous in a firefight,” he said. PNP officer-in-charge Deputy Director General Leonardo Espina said the returned firearms were stripped of scopes and other accessories.



400 Schools to raise Tuition fees

MANILA, Philippines - Around 400 universities and colleges across the country have plans to increase tuition and other school fees, according to youth group National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP).

Citing data from its tuition monitor network, the NUSP said a number of schools have already signified their intention to raise tuition by up to 13 to 20 percent.

However, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) said it would issue its own list by March or April after all reports from its regional offices have been submitted.

“Currently, CHED is working with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies to come up with a formula on the reasonable rate of tuition fee increase each year and per province or region,” CHED media officer Abi Lasaca said.

Vietnam, Thailand supply rice to PHL

MANILA, Philippines - Vietnam won the majority share of the 500,000 metric tons (MT) of the programmed importation for buffer stocking this year after agreeing to match Thailand’s price offer to be able supply the balance of the requirement.

The National Food Authority’s (NFA) government-to-government procurement committee yesterday awarded the supply of a total of 300,000 MT to Vietnam Southern Food Corp., while the supply of a total of 200,000 MT was awarded to Thailand, which was represented by its Department of Foreign Trade.

The rice stock would be used for the country’s mandatory buffer stocking requirement for the lean season that starts in July. The government is required to maintain a buffer stock of at least 30 days—but ideally 90 days—for use during the lean season.

Scenes in the City



Hunny Chona held a Valentine’s Fashion Show at Prestige on Feb. 6, 2015. This is a multicultural event in which the models came from different cultural groups. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

Senator Enverga sponsors bill to establish first national urban park in Canada

OTTAWA – Senator Tobias C. Enverga Jr. moved second reading in the Senate of Bill C-40, establishing the Rouge National Urban Park, the first of its kind in Canada. He is the sponsor of the bill in the Senate, and his speech today initiated the debate there after the bill was passed by the House of Commons on January 26, this year.

“Bill C-40 is an opportunity to provide, once and for all, the level of recognition and protection that the Rouge deserves,” said Senator Enverga. “... the bill ... for the first time in the Rouge’s history, will specifically prohibit harmful activities such as poaching, polluting, dumping, theft of fossils, harassment of wildlife, hunting and mineral extraction. Indeed, this is a significant step forward in protecting the park’s fragile resources, protections that are not currently there.” If passed, Bill C-40 will give the Rouge National Urban Park the highest protection in history,

much higher than the current protection given by the Province of Ontario.

Senator Enverga continued by saying that: “Bill C-40 will also dramatically increase park law enforcement measures which will ensure that Parks Canada wardens will have a year-round presence in the park. This, combined with strict penalties, will help ensure that invaluable assets — flora and fauna, fossils and artifacts — are protected to the full extent of the law.”

Another commitment by the Government of Canada highlighted by the Senator in his speech is the \$143.7 million over 10 years and \$7.6 million annually thereafter in funding to support the creation, management and operation of the national urban park. There is currently no funding provided for the Rouge Park by the Province of Ontario, and the bill will increase the standards of ecological protection from what is currently the case in provincial parks like the Algonquin.

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PHB holds it's valentine dance



TORONTO - PHB is an award winning marching and concert band based in the city of Vaughan, Ontario. Founded in 1980, it is today one of Canada’s premier marching bands. It has garnered numerous “Best Band” awards for its performances, both in Canada and in the United States.

PHB has been featured on TV networks across North America and in many parts of the World.

PHB’s thrust is youth training and development. At the same time, it contributes to the enhancement of Canada’s multicultural mosaic and the enrichment of the artistic and cultural life of communities.

They held a Valentine’s dinner and dance party at Garnet Williams community hall in Toronto last February 14, 2015, which attended with no less than 200 people, 2015 is their 35th year serving the province as the most well known Filipino band not just in Canada but also in the United States. On that day they also inducted their new sets of officers and the event was graced by ward 4 city of Vaughan Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco. And because its the day of hearts they also had a

surprised “Search of QUEEN OF HEARTS” from 20 PHB ladies in red.

The 2015 officers are; President: Carol Lachica Banez, Vice President: Mac Guinto, Secretary: Aurelia Tabije de Lara, Treasurer: Lita Cariaga Ordonez, Asst. Treasurer: Elvie Garcia, Director Activity Coordination: Marina Conche, Directors Property Management: Lyne Sanders and Nanette Reyes, Director Human Resources: Jo Nuez, Director Colour, Marshalls and majorettes: Vina Tolentino, Director Drumline: Arcie Perono, Musical Director: Orly Inocentes, Associate Musical Director: Allan De Lara, Drumline Instructor: Edna Teguibon, Baton and Flag Twirler Instructor: Kim Nicholson

The founder is Executive Director Oscar Farina. The appointed board assistants are Josie Guinto, Nora Mone, Dory Sobrepena, Beverly Giron, Danielle Conche, Ely Valera, Hermie Terrano, Lito Martin, Shony Farinas, Candy Martin, Meg Mojica, Ernie Javier, Bert de Lara, Felix Ordonez, Noel Terrano, Nolie Abriol, Ollendorf Udarbe, Ric Sevilla and Alex Villaseñor. (Sheila Calica, PPCO)

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Papal Nuncio to Australia



MANILA, Philippines—Pope Francis has appointed a Filipino archbishop as the new apostolic nuncio or ambassador to Australia. Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, 67, a native of the Naga City, has been named the new apostolic nuncio to Australia, replacing Liverpool-born Archbishop Paul Gallagher, 60, who now serves as the Vatican’s secretary for relations with states.

No retrial

REDWOOD CITY, California
There will be no second trial for the Philippine national, Ralph de Leon convicted of terrorism in the United States. He faces the possibility of a lifetime prison sentence.

Distracted Driving

SAN FRANCISCO - New legislation in San Francisco will prohibit tour bus drivers from simultaneously acting as tour guides. This was in response to community protests that stemmed from a fatal accident late last year. Filipino American Priscilla Moreto, 68, was ran over by a tour bus as she walked in a crosswalk in front of City Hall.

Michael Cinco creates gown

Costume designer Kym Barrett gets the credit

LOS ANGELES – Mila Kunis, who portrays reincarnation of the Queen Mother in the sci-fi film “Jupiter Ascending” by siblings Lana and Andy Wachowski, got married in a pivotal scene in the movie wearing an ethereal, out-of-this-world gown by the Filipino designer, Micheal Cinco. The Catbalogan, Samar-born Dubai-based international fashion designer apparently got the job after receiving an email from costume designer Kym Barrett in 2012 and that’s how they collaborated all throughout.

He also never met Mila herself. “They just sent me her measurements and all the details of the dress,” he disclosed. “They asked me to go to London and meet the stars while filming to personally fit Mila Kunis’ dress but I declined because that was the time I was making the wedding dress of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s niece.”

Michael has dressed up a number of Hollywood celebrities including Britney Spears, Lady Gaga, Sofia Vergara, Tyra Banks, Naomi Campbell, Fergie, and



Paris Hilton. He’s been asked by numerous stylists for couture gowns for music videos and red carpet events; he’s also created dresses for TV shows like “America’s Top Model” and “Reign.”

Recently, he made local actress Marian Rivera’s breathtaking gown for her wedding to actor Dingdong Dantes.

Inspired to become a designer by fashion icons like Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn, Marlene Dietrich and Joan Crawford. As a child, I remember watching classic Hollywood movies in black and white.”

Noting now that designing movie costumes and creating an entire collection is “almost the same,”

Michael puts a premium on visualization.

On the other hand, when designing costumes for a movie, you need to create a dress from the story of the movie to the character portraying the role.”

However, Kym Barrett is given the credit in US magazine.

So, which is right? And who is telling the truth?

<http://www.usmagazine.com/celebrity-style/news/mila-kunis-elaborate-wedding-dress-jupiter-ascending-photos-2015291>



Matteo assures Popsters:

Alex is wonderful

MANILA - Actor Matteo Guidicelli said the fans of his girlfriend, singer Sarah Geronimo, have nothing to worry about when it comes to his on-screen tandem with actress Alex Gonzaga. Guidicelli even assured Geronimo’s fans, collectively known as Popsters, that his girlfriend is friends with Gonzaga, his leading lady in the upcoming series “Inday Bote.”

“Wala, trabaho lang po ‘yan. Alex is a very wonderful person at best friends nga sila ni Sarah. Sobrang close nila,” he said. “Basta sobrang exciting itong bagong teleserye namin, parang family drama. At I’m very excited for everybody to watch it dahil kakaiba ang effects namin, mga dwende. Talagang pinaghirapan nila at sobrang nakaka-excite,” he added. Guidicelli went on to praise Gonzaga as an on-screen partner. “Sobrang kulit na babae. Sobrang astig at hyper na babae. I think she’s the perfect partner, talagang walang downtime sa kanya. Palaging up, palaging game,” he said.

In “Inday Bote,” Guidicelli will play the role of a rich man who will eventually fall in love with Inday (Gonzaga).

Gonzaga’s other leading man in the series is Kean Cipriano.

Uber driver makes 250K

SAN FRANCISCO - Gavin Escolar is an Uber driver. But he also makes use of this opportunity to present his other passion to his passengers--his jewelry business.

Escolar immigrated to the US to start a jewelry company in San Fransisco. Amid challenges in his business, he became an Uber driver to get additional income.

Escolar turned his car into a mobile showroom for his jewelry business.

To get the attention of passengers, Escolar wears some of his jewelry. The others are placed on the dashboard and glossy catalogs of his jewelry collections are found on the car’s seat pockets.



Last year, he made combined earnings of \$252,000 which the report said he used to buy more cars and hire new drivers.

As his business grows, Escolar also makes it a point to help fellow Filipino immigrants by hiring them first.

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Ontario FilCan Educators Honour Colleagues at Valentine's Day Affair



In celebration of “araw ng mga puso” and heartily held on actual Valentine’s Day, Filipino Canadian educators and teaching professionals in Ontario, Canada expressed their love, respect and admiration for their fellow teachers at a fitting ceremony on February 14, 2015. The meaningful event was conducted by officers and members of the 9-year old, Ontario-based Philippine Teachers Association-Canada (PTAC) at St. Paul The Apostle Church auditorium, Dundas Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Organized by PTAC senior officers superbly led by Maria “Maricon” Bernasor, Cielito Drapeza, Redentor Andres, Boni Curutan, Bernadette Gapuz & Trina Andres and ably supported by leading members: Perly Laganas, France Ampio, Alicia Bautista, Grace Dela Reyna, Etta

Madamba, Sheng Maligsay, Rowell Perez, Marichu Alo & Donna Scutariu, the evening affair included a special recognition of “trailblazers” of the Association and the induction of new members, as well. Those who received meritorious awards for exemplary service were: co-founders Leonor Manzanara & Araceli Rose Cruz and pioneers Rose Apilado, Brigida Cohen, Pette Collantes, Norma Laxamana, Ester Rico, Mercy Santos and Tony A. San Juan. PTAC Veep Redentor Andres sworn in the new Association members, namely Glen Balagot , Arleen Calandria, Marites Mayome, Narisa Ramones, Lita Tababa and Ester Tuldague. A memorable affair, it was indeed a lively gathering with engaging parlor games & prizes, singing & dancing, and social dining & drinking. Remarkably, singers Jujelyn Lescano-Brown, Sheryll Dela Pena-Andres and Maky aptly featured musical numbers with love songs and also, dance exhibi-

tions by Alicia Bautista and the PTAC Dance Troupe with Etta Madamba, as lead dancer. Hosted jointly by Rowell Perez, Maricon Bernasor & Alicia Bautista the program covered with an invocation by Marissa Ciacico, welcome address by Rose Apilado and speeches by Boni Curutan, Leonor Manzanara and Tony A. San Juan. Several community-based organizations such as Aurora Association, and Luna Organization also happily joined in the celebration, together with the respective spouses and partners of PTAC members & guests. The Philippine Teachers Association-Canada, organized in May, 2006, is composed of current & practicing Ontario-licensed teachers and/or former education professionals from the Philippines as well as those undertaking teacher certification in the province. The samahan ng mga gurong Filipino has ongoing & established programs and services that include professional teacher

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Mabuhay PIDC Festival

On behalf of the Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), the Exhibitor's Committee is announcing that we are bringing back this year's Mabuhay Philippines Festival at the David Pecaut Square. You will find this venue in the heart of many prestigious and major attractions such as, the Roy Thomson Hall, Metro Hall, the Princess of Wales and Royal Alexandria Theatres, Bell TIFF Lightbox, the Rogers Centre, CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Scotiabank Theatre, and many more. PIDC is now looking for food vendors and exhibitors. In order to book, to register and to reserve your spot, please contact the following official Exhibitor's personnel, Ms. Minda Neri at (416) 621-4985 or email her at vox999@gmail.com and/ or Suzy Llanera at (416) 421-4289 or email her at susanllanera@yahoo.ca 2015 Mabuhay Philippines Festival is a FREE event. Come, feel, and experience this exciting two-days event filled with an array of great entertainment from well-known performers, quality cultural shows, authentic parade of fiestas, savour an exotic Filipino cuisine, and await many more big surprises! PIDC's Mabuhay Philippines Festival is on its 17th year anniversary and it will be held at the David Pecaut Square, 250 King Street West on August 29th and 30th , 2015.(ssl)

Andi Eigenmann is Independent

Jewel Mische marries fiance' in Michigan



“I don’t need him!” Ito ang matapang na buwelta ni Andi Eigenmann sa mga rebelasyon nitong mga nakaraang araw ni Albie Casiño, ang pinaghihinalaang ama ng anak ng Kapamilya actress. Sa ulat ng TV Patrol kagabi, February 12, sinabi ni Andi, “Sa akin lang, I never really asked anything from him or made him act like a father or be one to my daughter, regardless of the fact that he is the father of my daughter or not. Diin pa ng 24-year-old actress, “I don’t need him. “He doesn’t need to be a part of our lives. “We never asked anything from him so I don’t understand why, all of a sudden, it’s a big deal again.” Matatan-daang unang lumabas sa PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) ang mga bagong pahayag ni Albie tungkol sa usap-usapang baka si Jake Ejercito ang ama ng anak ni Andi. Ito’y bunsod na rin ng on-again, off-again relationship nina Andi at Jake. Sa naturang interview, sinabi ni Albie na hindi na niya itinuloy ang balak ng kanilang pamilya na DNA test dahil daw hassle ang naturang proseso. Nang si Andi naman ang tanungin tungkol dito,

sabi niya: “People are asking me, ‘Bakit kasi hindi ka na lang magpa-DNA test para malaman na?’ “But the thing is, I don’t have anything to explain to people. “Ellie is a private person, a private child, she’s only three years old. “Huwag na nating idamay ang isang bata para lang may mapag-usapan.” Ito rin ang naging tugon ni Jake sa isyu. Sa isang post sa www.ask.fm, sinabi ng anak ni Mayor

Erap Estrada ayaw na sana niyang patulan ang isyu, pero nadadamay na raw ang isang inosenteng bata sa isang “desperate showbiz promo ploy.” Mensahe naman ni Andi kay Albie, “I just wish he chose to do the more civil and educated thing to do, which is to talk to me about it first instead of going on the news and use it as some sort of a promo or a ploy.” Tanong pa kay Andi: Si Jake ba talaga ang ama ng kanyang anak? Sagot niya, “No. I’m not saying that. I’m not saying that at all. “You become a mother by biology but you become a father by fate. “Hindi ko kailangan, kung sino man talaga yung ama.” Sa event kung saan nakapanayam ng TV Patrol si Andi, kasama nito ang napapabalitang masugid niyang manligaw ngayon na si si Bret Jackson. Ito ay sa kabila ng usap-usapang nagkabalikan na naman sina Andi at Jake, matapos lumabas sa Instagram ang larawan nilang magkasama sa Singapore.

Jewel Mische marries fiancée Jewel Mische marries American fiancé Alister

Kurzer

Another celebrity tied the knot before the love month officially ended. Kapamilya artist Jewel Mische finally said “I do” to long-time boyfriend Alister Kurzer on Saturday, February 28, in a winter wed-



ding in Michigan, U.S.A. The Starstruck alumna wore a gown by Filipino designer Francis Libiran. Jewel and Alister have been together for three years and got engaged last December 2013. In an interview with The Buzz via Skype on November 2014, Alister detailed how he proposed to Jewel. Alister said, “It’s over Christmas time actually. “My gift was a Bible for her. “When she opened her Bible, she was very happy. “She said yes before seeing the ring.” The couple also received positive remarks from netizens for their vow of celibacy until their wedding day. “When we got together one day, he was like, ‘You know, it would be very hard for me not to kiss you. “But I want to wait until we get married, I hope you don’t mind.’ “And I was just shocked!!! I couldn’t believe what I just heard! “That’s just one of the many confirmations that he is the future husband I have dreamed of! “We both have the same biblical mind set.

SC chief rejects transition leadership

Constitution defines law on succession

MANILA - Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno rejected calls for her to lead a transition government after some groups called for the resignation of the Aquino administration because of the pork barrel scandal and the Mamasapano debacle.

“I think the Constitution defines what the country should do in terms even of turmoil. So that is what should be looked at,” Sereno said. “People should give importance to the Constitution,” she added.

Sereno noted that the 1987 Constitution clearly set out the line of succession in the event of a president’s or vice president’s disability, removal or resignation and the chief justice of the Supreme Court is not one of the valid successors.

She said the Constitution provides that the president of the Senate or, in case of his inability, the Speaker of the House of Representatives are the proper successors of the president and vice president.

Also, Malacañang said the call of the National Transformation Council for the resignation of Aquino and all officials of the Aquino administration was was “out of tune” with reality.

Communications Secretary Sonny Coloma made the statement as member-groups of the NTC again met in Batangas and renewed their resignation call, saying the Aquino administration was illegitimate and unconstitutional because of the discredited Disbursement



Acceleration Program.

“At the present state of our country, we have already achieved the status of being the second fastest growing economy in Asia. We have gained the respect and high regard of the international financial community. Investors consider the Philippines as one of the best investment destinations,” Coloma said.

Coloma said Justice Secretary Leila de Lima has already said that while freedom of speech and of expression are respected, there are existing provisions under the Revised Penal Code that penalizes inciting to sedition, conspiracy to commit rebellion, and other similar crimes.

“Secretary de Lima has observed that there are groups who are taking advantage of the public anger over what happened in Mamasapano, and these groups are crossing the line toward the crimes she has mentioned,” Coloma said.

“That is there is that reminder that

they should not violate the law, and that statement that the DOJ is ready to do what is necessary to hold accountable those who will violate the law,” the Palace official added.

Earlier, presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said Aquino was “taking things in stride” despite his uncle, Peping Cojuangco, and his aunt Margarita, joining the NTC.

“The uncle has been making statements different from that of the administration. So, it’s his opinion. That opinion does not carry any weight as far as the Filipino public is concerned,” Lacierda said.

“Are they involved in the administration? Are they involved in governance? Are they involved in the reforms that the President has been pushing for the past four years? And is it uncommon or is it rare for members of the same political family to have differences? I don’t think so.”

“Several political families have differences. So, again, the point is did the statement of his uncle carry any weight as far as the Filipino people is concerned? No, it did not,” Lacierda added.

He said the Palace is treating opinion of Aquino’s relatives who joined the call for his resignation just like any other sentiment voiced by the public. “(It is an opinion) which has not swayed a great majority of the people,” he said.



Enrique Gil admire Liza Soberano

Enrique Gil admitted that Liza Soberano is really special to him. The Forevermore star relayed that Liza is one of the closest people to him right now. “Kami ni Liza masasabi ko we are really on point, we are super close, masasabi kong best friend ko siya at sobrang bait niyang tao in and out. She’s the most beautiful girl na nakita ko,” he said.

The actor also revealed that more than best friends, he has feelings for Liza. “Para sa akin ‘yun ang exactly the same thing eh, I am having a best friend, she’s not only a friend, siyempre there is something more special than that dahil siyempre gusto mo siya at pagpinagsama mo ‘yun jackpot na, solid ‘yun, at siyempre super happy.”

Enrique relayed that what attracted him the most to Liza is her character. “Una sa lahat nagustuhan ko siya is sobrang humble niya at mas nagustuhan ko siya when nalaman ko ‘yung kwento ng buhay niya, don talag ako na-wow. At tsaka masarap siya kasama.”

Enrique extended his gratitude to all their LizQuen supporters. The actor promises that there will be a lot of more exciting things that will happen in their show Forevermore. “Sa lahat ng supporters, sa lahat ng nagpapa-trend sa amin sa Twitter laging number one nationwide, worldwide, maraming salamat for all your effort, huwag kayong magaalala relax lang kayo, I love you all.”

Philippines

NEWS

No Chinese Visas

BEIJING - China expressed after the Philippines’ energy department said it would not renew visas for 16 Chinese nationals who work for the Philippine national grid after a senator raised security concerns.

The state-owned State Grid Corporation of China has a 40 percent stake in the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines.

This week, the Philippines energy minister said that come July, only two Chinese nationals would remain with the company, who would only be there in their capacity as board directors.

More Citymalls

MANILA - Expect more community malls to be developed by the tandem of DoubleDragon Properties and SM Investments in the next few months.

CityMall Commercial Centers Inc., a unit of DoubleDragon Properties, said it has secured five prime sites in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental; Tagum City, Davao del Norte; Parola, Iloilo City; SCTEx Concepcion Service Area; and MacArthur Highway, Tarlac City.

These properties will become the future sites of CityMalls, which are strip malls with 5,000 to 10,000 square meters of retail space.

PH hottest economy in 2015

MANILA - A Bloomberg survey of economists shows the Philippines will be the second fastest-growing economy in the world this year, second only to China.

Bloomberg’s survey says the Philippines and China will be the only two economies out of 57 included in the report that will grow 6 percent or more this year.

The report is based on average economists’ estimates.

Various analysts have said the Philippines is one of the biggest beneficiaries in the world from lower oil prices.

Scenes in the City



LEFT - (OFWC) held their nomination meeting in preparation for next month’s election. The meeting was held at Sherbourne Community Centre on Feb. 22, 2014. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

RIGHT - Odette Escala attend the pose with her husband and daughter at the dinner memorial for FV Foods co-founder, the late Flor Vendiola.





Biggest “Man” Parts In The World

Well here is what we have all secretly been waiting for – a global ranking of Wang sizes. BodyRock is based in Canada, so I guess we will just have to continue to take pride in our Hockey prowess.

Out of the 80 countries they researched, the average penis size is 5.5 inches. South America is the most well hung continent at 6.36 inches. While North Korea, at 3.8 inches, takes home the booby prize.

Americans didn't even reach the global average and find themselves in 61st place out of 80. No wonder our women are so attracted to foreign men. Just pray your lady never hooks up with a guy from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or it's ballgame over.

Before we get to the map and list of the average erect penis sizes for 80 countries worldwide, here are some notable findings:

-The proper way to measure is from tip of the penis to the very bottom of the pubic bone.

-The global average is 5.5 inches.

-The most well hung country

in our study is the Democratic Republic of the Congo (aka Congo), with an average of 7.1 inches.

-On average, South America is the most well hung continent (6.36 inches).

-North Korea has the smallest dick size on average (3.8 inches).

-Only 3 percent of men worldwide are over 8 inches. Only 6 percent of men actually need extra large condoms.

-Of the 80 countries included, the U.S. ranks #61 in average erect penis size.

RED (3.8-4.6 in.)	ORANGE (4.7-5.5 in.)	YELLOW (5.6-6.2 in.)	GREEN (6.3-7.1 in.)
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A Rosier Life

X-Factor Israel Changes Life For Winner

The tables have indeed turned for the first “The X Factor Israel” champion, former Filipina caregiver Rose Fostanes. From squeezing singing stints in between nursing duties, she has now seen her dreams come true after being granted a foreign expert work permit. But while she now legally works as a performer in Israel, Rose admits she still wishes to do her old work occasionally.

“Gusto ko nga sanang bumalik, parang part-time, kahit mag linis-linis ng bahay. Ang laki kaya ng kita,” Rose said.

A practical thinker, Rose doesn't want her free days wasted. Back when she was a caregiver, she would perform in bars with her band during her days; now she has more time on her hands when she's not rehearsing or recording – something she hopes to find more use for.

The life of this 48-year-old may have changed but for Rose, what's more important is that she's helped improve the way Filipinos are viewed by foreigners. “Nakatulong nang malaki especially in Israel, kasi 'di ba ang tingin nila sa'tin caregiver lang tayo. Meron kasing mga Israeli employers na, 'May ganyan ba kayo sa bahay niyo? May TV ba kayo? May mga malls ba kayo na ganyan, na malalaki?' (Usually) mga matatanda,” Rose shared.

Now, she proudly noted, “Sila (Israelis) ngayon ang nagkakalat na magaling sa Pilipinas.”

Rose couldn't avoid reminiscing about her life. She recalled almost giving up after her first employer died in her care.

“Mahal na mahal ko 'yun kasi siyempre 'yun ang unang inaalagaan ko. Halos



tumanggap ng ibang trabaho kasi baka mamaya mamatay na naman siya, tsaka 'yun lang talaga ang inalagaan ko na dinibdib ko,” shared Rose. She had also looked after a patient with Alzheimer's and had another one with cancer pass away in her arms.

Rose was the main guest of “Thank you, Philippines Friendship Concert,” a celebration of the historical friendship between Israel and the country.

She learned of the Filipinos' rescue of 1,300 Jewish people from the horrifying predicament.

“Na-touch ako na hindi lahat ng Israeli alam 'yun, na sa dinami-dami ng mga refugee na naglalayag, walang ibang tumanggap na ibang bansa kung 'di tayo lang mga Pilipino. Kaya ganun din nila (Israeli) kamahal 'yung mga Pilipino.”

The Israelis' affinity to the Filipino was evident in Rose's “X Factor” win – which, in part, was due to votes cast by the Israeli public. It holds true these days when she performs there.

“Ang sabi nila, 'Hindi lang natin dapat mahal in si Rose dahil magaling siyang kumanta, at hindi lang dapat na binoto natin siya, kundi dapat nating mahal in siya,' dahil nga dun sa kwento na nalaman din nila. Kaya lahat ng tao 'pag nakita mo, nagpapalakpakan talaga sila.”

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SARAH GERONIMO & MATTEO GUIDICELLI

Is marriage in the near future?

Sa press conference ng bagong endorsement ni Sarah Geronimo para sa San San Cosmetics, isang blooming at mas gumaganda pang Sarah ang humarap sa lahat. At aniya, ang kanyang siketo sa kanyang ‘glowing’ at ‘inspired’ look, “Dapat mentally siya eh. Paniwalaan mo na magandang tao ka, hindi lang siya dahil sa skin mo, sa features mo dapat buong pagkatao mo mahalín mo and it’s a process ah.”

At kung kasama ba ang love life dito, ang diretsong sagot ng Pop Star Princess, “Opo naman.” Binanggit din ni Sarah ang mga bagay na nagbibigay sa kanya ng inspirasyon

sa ngayon, “Ito po, yung mga taong nagtitiwala sa akin ng ganito kalaki, siyempre unang-una pamilya, yung special someone, yung trabaho, passion for music.”

Dahil papalapit na rin ang Valentine’s Day, rebelasyon din nang sabihin ni Sarah na pangalawang Valentine’s na nila ni Matteo bilang magkarelasyon, na noong una’y hindi pa inaamin ng dalawa. Aniya noong nakaraang Valentine’s Day ay nakapagdiwang naman ang dalawa. “Okay naman, nakapagcelebarte naman pero hindi ata 14 din.” At kung may plano ba ang dalawa sa araw na ito, “Wala naman pong plano kasi pareho po kaming may trabaho sa Valentine’s Day. May live po kami for The Voice. Wala e, kahit

sa 13 may trabaho po, araw-araw po ang trabaho kaya singit-singit lang sa oras.”

Natanong din ang dalaga na dahil ba limitado ang oras nilang dalawa, nagkabit-igyan na sila ng Valentine’s gift, “Sa akin ang importante lang na Valentine gift is pagmamahalan, pagiintindi, yun lang sa akin.”

Sa dami ng mga ginagawa ni Sarah at ngayong nasa relasyon din siya, ibinahagi ni Sarah na importante talaga ng paggawa ng schedule sa lahat ng bagay, “Basta, alam mo naman sa sarili mo kung pano balansehin

Watch Sarah’s concert at Roy Thomson Hall on May 9.
See facing page.

na ‘Uy, nagkita kayo this day’ tomorrow, ilang araw, dapat ano naman... pamilya. Scheduling, oo, importante yan.”

Ngunit kung may pagkakataon naman, ibinahagi ni Sarah ang ilan sa mga ginagawa nilang bonding ni Matteo, “Kami po ano, dinner, minsan nagmo-movie.”

At tila nagmumukhang trend ang engagement at kasalan sa show business, hindi na rin nakaiwas si Sarah sa tanong na kung napag-uupaan na ba nila ni Matteo ang pagpapakasal, ang naging pag-amin ni Sarah, “Siyempre napag-uusapan po pero siyempre alam naman namin pareho na marami pa kami kailangang ayusin sa sarili namin.”

Ngunit sa kung si Matteo na ba ang nakikita niyang makakatuluyan niyang talaga panghabambuhay ang sagot ng singer, “Masyadong maaga para diyán, marami pa kami kailangang pagdaanan.”



SK adultery ok’d Condom Sales Surge

SOUTH KOREA - Unidus, the country’s largest contraceptive manufacturer, saw a 15% spike in the value of its stock on same day law banning extramarital sex was repealed In South Korea, extra-marital sex just got a whole lot safer, after the country’s highest court overturned a law banning adultery. The abolition of the 62-year-old law saw the share price of the country’s biggest condom maker, Unidus, surge 15% – the daily limit on the country’s Kosdaq market.

“The law is unconstitutional, as it infringes people’s right to make their own decisions on sex and secrecy and freedom of their private life, violating the principle banning excessive enforcement under the constitution,” said constitutional court justice Seo Ki-seok.

The presiding justice, Park Han-chul, said: “Public conceptions of individuals’ rights in their sexual lives have undergone changes.”

One dissenter, justice Ahn Chang-ho, said the vote would “spark a surge in debauchery”.

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ALEX GONZAGA’s FIRST CONCERT

Too Big, Too Soon?

Sasabak na rin sa kanyang kauna-unahang major concert titled The Unexpected Concert si Alex Gonzaga on April 25. Gaganapin ito sa isa sa pinakamalaking concert venues sa Pilipinas, ang Araneta Coliseum.

 Ano ang pakiramdam na magiging concert performer na siya?

 “Actually, nakakaba po talaga pero hindi naman po ako ang producer, siya po (Joed Serrano) ang producer kaya siya po ang bahala,” natatawang pahayag ni Alex.

 “Pero honestly, pinag-pray ko po ito. Maraming beses po namin itong pinag-usapan, so iniisip namin na baka naman talagang blessing ito, kasi ‘di ba? We accept naman po challenges and at the same time, nagpapasalamat po talaga ako kay Kuya Joed (Serano) kasi nagtiwala po talaga siya,” patuloy na kuwento ni Alex.

 Hindi ba ito “too big and too soon” for Alex magkaroon ng first concert sa Araneta?

 “If not now, when?” natawag balik-tanong ni Alex.

 Ano ba ang ginagawang paghahanda ni Alex para sa kanyang concert?

 “Magbo-vocal training po talaga ako tapos magda-dance workshops din po ako sa G-Force. Para handng-handa talaga, di ba?” sabi agad niya.

 “Opening pa lang po namin sa concert is very unexpected na at baka tumaas ang kilay ng mga tao. Hindi po ako dito lilipad sa ere. Sisid po ako sa semento,” pabiro na naman niyang kuwento.

 Eh, sino ba talaga ang mas maganda ang boses sa kanilang magkapatid?

 “My personality po kasi talaga is playful, eh. Kapag kumakanta kami sa bahay, kapag nagpa-practice ako, hindi ko talaga ginagalingan. Ayoko talaga ng too much pressure, sa totoo lang. Mas

nagiging komportable ako don sa parang niloloko ko yung kanta... kung ano lang yung personality ko. Pero kung sa boses, well, mas magaling ako, hindi nga lang masyadong halata, Ha-ha-ha,” natataw niyang pahayag.

 Kaya na ba niyang punuin ang Araneta Coliseum?

 “Kinakabahan po talaga ako, pero seriously, hindi ko talaga alam, pero siyempre, nagho-hope po kami, nagpi-pray po kami and siyempre yung mga taong kasama mo is very positive.

 “Basta, abangan na lang nila. Kaya nga, unexpected yung concert, eh. Pag sinabi ko yung ibang guests, eh, di hindi na yon unexpected,” natatawa pa niyang pahayag.

Rizal Scarborough Chapter Chancellor gets a distinguished service cross award

By Romy Zetazate & Manny Papa

Sir Joaquin (Jojo) T. Tadiran, Jr., KCR, chancellor of the Scarborough Chapter of the Order of the Knights of Rizal received a “distinguished service cross” award from the OKOR Supreme Council during its’ 20th International Assembly held at the Vigan Convention Center, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur on February 20, 2015.

 The award was approved unanimously by the Order of the Knights of Rizal Supreme Council.

 Tadiran, a veteran print and broadcast journalist and an active participants in Filipino events in other parts of Canada. He has been promoting the ideals and missions of Dr. Jose P. Rizal not only among the adults more so to the



JM De Guzman gives an update on him and Jessy Mendiola

Si JM de Guzman ngayon ang “actor of the hour” dahil kumita na ng more than P100 million ang pelikula nila ni Angelica Panganiban na That Thing Called Tadhana. Hindi raw niya inakala na aabot ng ganu’n kalaki ang kikitain ng pelikula na palabas pa rin hanggang ngayon sa ibang sinehan.

 “Blessing po talaga, eh. Hindi ko talaga ini-expect na maghi-hit ng ganu’n ang

pelikula namin. Kasi masaya na po ako nung ni-release siya ng Star Cinema, yon na lang yung gusto naming makamit. Tapos kumita pa, kaya sobrang nakaka- overwhelmed na po.

 Masaya din daw ang pamilya niya sa magandang nangyari sa pagbabalik niya sa pelikula at sa showbiz pagkatapos ng mga nangyari sa buhay niya nung mganakaraang taon.

 “Tuwang-tuwa po ang pamilya ko.”



Dahil sa success ng latest movie ni JM, malamang na bigyan na siya ng ABS-CBN ng bagong teleserye.

 Dalawang indie films ang tinatapos ngayon ni JM. Ang una ay ang Papa’s Boy ni Direk Don Cuaresma at ang isa pa ay ang Imbisibol na bahagi ng Sinag Maynila film festival na ipalalabas sa March 18.

 “Sa Imbisibol po mga OFW kami sa Japan.” Ang Imbisibol, na idinirek ni

Lawrence Fajardo, tells the tale of illegal Filipino immigrants in Japan and their plight to evade authorities.

 Sa latest update about him and Jessy, may naging pahayag din si JM.

 “Hindi naman kami madalas lumabas. Nung nanood kami ng sine, marami naman kaming magkakasama do’n. Busy rin kasi si Jessy, marami siyang ginagawa,” kuwento pa niya.

 Tungkol naman sa status ng kanilang relasyon ay matipid ang naging pahayag ng aktor.

 “Friendly dating. Ha-ha-ha! Ganu’n lang sa ngayon,” pag-amin pa ni JM.

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PACQUIAO-MAYWEATHER Fight

Prediction: OVERRATED AND WILL BE BORING TO WATCH



The Pacquiao-Mayweather fight is on, which will happen on May 2, 2015 at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas. Around 15 minutes after Floyd Mayweather Jr. announced it this Friday, February 20 via his official Shots account, booking at the MGM hotel has been sold out. Sound interesting, isn't it?

But apparently, not the entire human race agrees that this \$250 Million Mega Fight will be as spectacular as it will be, and it includes me. And yes, I can see your angry eyes and eyebrows raised. But before you react violently, allow me to explain why I think the fight is overrated and will be boring to watch.

The fight is late, very late

The Mayweather vs Pacquiao fight has been in the news since 2009, more than five years ago. In fact, Ring Magazine declared the failed negotiations as "Event of the



Year" in 2010. Despite the strong demand from boxing and non-boxing fans, both camps never agreed on terms. So why did Mayweather finally agree? Well, we have to wait for him to explain. But still, I think the fight is late, very late.

The excitement of boxing fans was not as it used to be

Obviously, Twitter was flooded with news and reactions right after Mayweather made the much-awaited announcement. However, neither the hashtag #Pacquiao nor #Mayweather went trending on Twitter, not even the hashtags #MayweatherPacquiao or #PacquiaoMayweather. Well, the Mayweather v Pacquiao phrase went trending worldwide but it was already around 10 hours later.

Pacquiao Mayweather overrated late tweet Manny Pacquiao is not an exciting fighter

anymore

I hate saying this, but the facts say I'm not lying. Forget about Pacquiao's knockout in Round 6 courtesy of Juan Manuel Marquez on their fourth meeting in 2012. But let's not forget that the Filipino boxing icon won via unanimous decision on his last three opponents: Brandon Rios, Timothy Bradley, and Chris Algieri. Although the latter went down six times during the fight, I think the fire in Manny's eyes is gone.

Manny Pacquiao has not won via knockout since 2009

Despite winning 8 out of his last 10 fights, Pacquiao last won via knockout in 2009 when he punished Miguel Cotto and won via TKO in Round 12. True enough, Manny showed his boxing skills and enormous speed on his succeeding fights. But it was obvious that Pacquiao has greatly reduced his "killer instinct" which he admitted. I can therefore assume his fight with Mayweather will not be that far.

Floyd Mayweather has not won via knockout since 2011

Floyd Mayweather beat Marcos Maidana twice in a row last year. The first one was in May, while the second one was in September which incidentally his last fight. Floyd also beat Robert Guerrero, Miguel Cotto, and Saúl Alvarez, but his last knockout victory was in 2011 when he stopped Victor Ortiz in Round 4. While these fights made good money, they didn't look as interesting as I expected them to be.

Pacquiao and Mayweather are not in their prime anymore

Call me rude or whatever, but many boxing fans will agree with me. With Manny Pacquiao turning 37 this December

and Floyd Mayweather to celebrate his 38th birthday this coming Tuesday, February 24, both of them are already past of their prime. Well yes, the speed and stamina are still there but they will not be the same as it was five years ago. So, don't expect to be thrilled during the first few rounds.

Conclusion:

I'd like to end by giving by giving my fearless forecast for this fight:

- The fight will be a super blockbuster but many viewers will be dismayed.
- There will be no knockout in any round.
- The fight will last until Round 12 with no bruises, blood or whatsoever.
- The fight will be draw, and talks about Pacquiao vs Mayweather II will immediately be announced.
- If either Pacquiao or Mayweather shall win, there will be controversy and protests as who really won.
- Both Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao will announce their retirement right after the fight.
- It will take at least 50 years before another set of boxers will be as famous as them.

PS. I will still be watching the fight, but not because I think it will be exciting to watch. I will watch it simply because I want to witness history with my own eyes.

Disclaimer: The above opinion was emailed to TN by a certain Roy, a Filipino American boxing fan based in California. To avoid being bullied, he requested his real name not to be mentioned.

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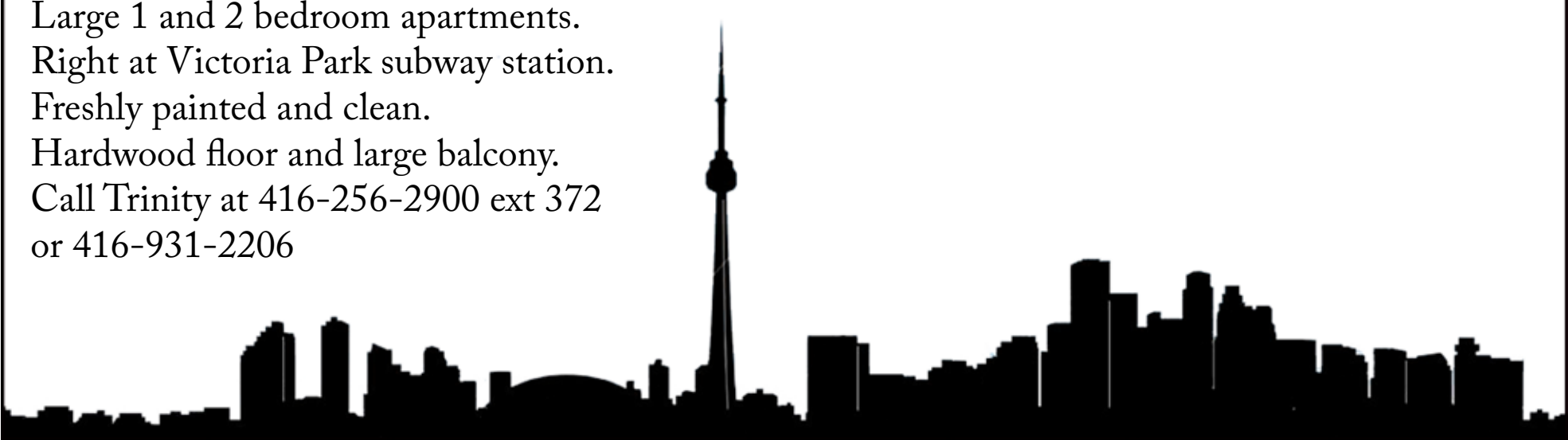
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Kim Chiu is still special to Maja Salvador + other stories

Echoing what her former best friend Kim Chiu told Kris Aquino, Maja Salvador claims that it's as if no past misunderstanding happened between her and the Past Tense actress.

During a live appearance at The Buzz , Maja was put on the hot seat about her friend as initiated by Kris.



“Napagusapan namin siya nung nag-food trip noong Monday last week and sinabi ni Kimmy, ‘Ate alam mo kung ano ang pinaka-weird? Parang walang nangyari talaga. Parang back to we’re to where we were,” said Kris.

Maja agreed to the Queen of All Media’s statement and said, “Oo, wala lang talagang communication, ‘yung mga text or tawagan pero ‘pag nagkita kami. Sobrang okay talaga.”

To further bolster the renewed Kim and Maja’s rekindled friendship, Kris also added that it came naturally for them saying that, “No effort, no plastikan. It’s just effortless to be what you were.”

In fact, if she were to rate her current friendship with Kim, with 10 being the highest, Maja says they are at number 8 even if they don’t get in touch that much. She pointed out, “Sobrang special pa rin naman sa ‘kin si Kim. Pinaparamdam ko naman ‘yun sakanya. Na in time, kung dumating ‘yung panahon na kung pwede lang talaga mabalik ‘yung lahat, sobrang gusto ko.”

As the public knows, it was Maja’s relationship with boyfriend Gerald Anderson, who happens to be Kim’s ex-boyfriend, that tore their friendship apart some years back.

While many speculate that she “gave up” her friendship with Kim for her love life, Maja clarified, “Hindi naman siguro gi-nive up ‘yung friendship. Kung may chance na hindi ako mamimili, parang hindi naman ako nagkaroon ng chance na mamili eh. Parang dumating na lang ako sa ganong sitwasyon na nandoon na. Wala na akong chance mamili.” Maja acknowledges the fact though that she felt the need to apologize to Kim over falling for Gerald. Unfortunately though, she never had the chance.

“Yes. Hindi na dapat kailangan tanungin eh. Parang ako mismo gusto ko siyang kausapin nung panahon na ‘yon. Pero wala, sobrang walang chance kasi sarado, as in sarado. Talagang tinatanong ko sa sarili ko ‘bakit nangyayari ‘to ngayon?” she recalled.

But now that all is behind them, Maja once again stressed that she’s very much open for her boyfriend and Kim to work again in a project.

“Sabi ko nga ‘diba, okay ako kasi nga andami pa rin nilang fans. At ‘yun iba kasi talaga ‘yung chemistry nila eh. ‘Di ba kelan lang nag-pictorial sila ng endorsement nila. Andoon parin ang chemistry,” she ended.



Kris Aquino, “yes” to Herbert Bautista’s unromantic proposal

It was a relationship that caught everyone by surprise when the news first broke out. It turns out that the relationship had more surprises for the two people involved.

In a blog post aptly titled “The State of My Heart” then followed by the Whitney Houston hugot classic, “Where Do Broken Hearts Go” (with matching lyrics), Kris Aquino opened up about her relationship with former boyfriend, Mayor Herbert Bautista. She apparently cut her hair, stopped eating food that reminded her of him, and took a That Thing Called Tadhana trip to mend her shattered heart.

And who can blame her? She said they “spoke of building a life together.” It was that serious, guys.

In fact, it was so serious that he actually proposed. “He said he was tired, he didn’t want to play games, he was tired of chasing and of running away, and he wanted to feel secure with someone he could grow old with,” wrote Kris. “He said, ‘walang romance, walang lokohan, walang bolahan. Okay na raw ba ‘ko to marry him kasi nga PAGOD na siya?”

It was not the most romantic way to ask for a woman’s hand in marriage, which she admitted herself, but she “was in agreement.”

According to Kris, things soured after she attempted to introduce Herbert to her family. “...I realized he never said he loved me, he was simply tired, and I didn’t want to be his version of Salongpas, Alaxan, Ben Gay, or a massage,” she continued. (How eloquent.) It only got worse when she spoke about him on her show (thankfully without a statement shirt), and he broke up with her a day later. Over the phone. Gasp.

Herbert, meanwhile, has said that their relationship was still in the “infant stage.” Er, someone probably needs to clarify what “infant” means with the good mayor.



For MP in Mississauga Centre-Ontario Vote Julius Tiangson

by Tony A. San Juan, OCT

Firmly believing that Canada is a distinctive land of hope and opportunity as well as a place of realizing one’s full potentials, Filipino Canadian Julius Azarcon Tiangson is such that person. Being in his country of choice as a young immigrant in 1987, he is now moving forward engaging and meeting challenges to further realize his dream of contributing his own quota by successfully navigating and participating in his adopted country’s political process.

Julius Azarcon Tiangson, a practicing Christian and a former church minister, has been officially nominated the official candidate of the Federal Conservative candidate for Member of Parliament in the new riding of Mississauga Centre in the Greater Toronto Area of Ontario. His official designation by the Tories came after a good nomination race on November 1, 2014 having been involved in the Conservative Party movement in Saskatchewan and Ontario for a great many years.

As a young man in 1985, Julius Tiangson came to Canada from Davao, Philippines through a job-exchange program in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and became a landed immigrant two years later, some 28 years ago. Happily married for over 26 years to the former Nona Lee”Bunny” Molina,they now have three children: Dana Mae, 24 years old, Francis, 22 and Nathan , 20. Remarkably a devoted family , the Tiangsons faithfully believe in “serving God, serving people and serving community”.

The Founder and former Director of The Gateway Centre for New Canadians, an immigrant -settlement &

VOTE JULIUS continued from page 24

TIDBITS Erich receives ‘death threats’

Erich Gonzales says she never thought Janine,the role she plays



in “Two Wives,” which is ending in the next two weeks, will be the badass that she is now. “When the story started, she’s shy, but eventually, naging bida-kontra-bidang sumama nang husto. It’s the most challenging role I’ve played so far. Sobra ang impact pati sa viewers.

Sobrang messages sa ‘kin sa Instagram. Galit na galit sa akin at may threats pa. Di yata nila naiintindihan that I’m just playing a role and it’s my job to do it well.”

TV5 Brings Happiness To Different Regions

To entice more viewers nationwide,TV5 is doing more regional shows.

After successfully spreading cheer and happiness in Cebu and Davao with its “HappyLipinas” events, TV5 brought Valentine’s Day bliss to Kapatids in Bacolod and Dumaguete. Kapatid stars were warmly welcomed by both Cebuanos and Davaoenos in the first wave of “HappyLipinas” barangay tours, with some audiences reportedly coming from far-flung places to party with their favorite TV5 idols, proving TV5’s growing presence in Visayas and Mindanao as they introduce their new show Hi-5, Happy Wife Happy Life, Solved Na Solved, Healing Galing sa TV andExtreme Series: Kaya Mo Ba ‘To?,Call Me Papa Jack, Move It: Clash Of The Streetdancers, 2 ½ Daddies, and Mac & Chiz. The crowd not only got the chance to jam with their favorite Kapatid stars, butalso went home with various exciting prizes from the Happy Network. Just this For Valentine, Ritz Azul personally delivered romance to Kapatids in the “HappyLipinas” event in Barangay Poblacion, Dumaguete and Carl Guevara made the crowds to wild in Barangay Pacanohoy, Bacolod City.

Kapatids in Bacolod were also able to consult Healing Galing’s popular naturopathic expert, Dra. Edinell Calvario, about different illnesses.

Watch out as TV5 do more regional shows around the country to promote their new shows.

Rayver Cruz finds Julia Barretto ‘very attractive’

Agad na nilinaw ni Rayver Cruz ang mga kumakalat na litrato nila ni Julia Barretto sa ilang mga social media accounts at blog sites na diumano’y exclusively dating ang dalawa.

Dagdag din ni Rayver na pinagtatawanan lang nila ni Julia ang mga balita tungkol sa diumano’y relasyon ng dalawa.



“Parang kailan lang may nag-tweet sa akin dating daw. Yung picture na yun kinuhanan kami lang pero kasama ko buong family, alam mo yun, kaya nakakatuwa saka whether si Julia or ibang babae, kilala niyo naman ako, honest ako. Kapag niligawan ko yung isang tao or gusto ko sasabihin ko naman.”

Natanong din siya ng Push na kung sakaling may pagkakataon ba ay liligawan niya si Julia at kung paano niya nakikita ang dalagang Barretto, “I find her very attractive at honestly sobrang ganda niya.

Sinasabi ko naman yun sa kanya sa harapan niya. Sino ba namang tao ang hindi magkakagusto sa kanya or magkaka-crush pero kasi at this point in time ang dami niya pang pwedeng gawin, wala naman siyang time. Ewan ko kung gusto niyang mang-ano ng mga suitors niya, imposible naman na walang nanliligaw sa kanya pero sa ngayon I am happy na super close ako sa kanya... lagi kaming lumalabas kahit nina Dani yung kapatid niya na wala naman si Julia, talagang close ako sa family niya.”

Ayon kay Rayver wala pa sa isip niya ngayon ang manligaw muli. Aniya, “Hindi ko pa kasi nalisip din at hindi naman ako nagmamadali.”

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How would he explain the appeal of the show to its loyal viewers?

“I guess they initially found the show’s premise, the hetero-paternal fecundation where twins are conceived, but with different fathers, quite intriguing,” he says. “But after that’s established, I guess we have to thank the writers for the good script and the great cast for their fine acting na siya talagang nagugustuhan ng viewers. And things now get more exciting with Eula Valdez joining the cast as Isabela Zuñiga, the rich haciendera who will nurse Jomari Yllana after he loses his memory in an accident. Jean Garcia, Gloria Romero, Barbie Forteza, Thea Tolentino, Derrick Monasterio and Andre Paras are all excited when she started taping for the show. The iconic rivalry of Jean and Eula will once again make the screen sizzle in Book 3 of this consistently top-rating afternoon prime show of GMA.”

“The Half Sisters” remains the uncontested number 1 daytime drama soap nationwide. It’s the program of choice of viewers not only in its bailiwick Mega Manila and Urban Luzon, but across National Urban Philippines. Expect more riveting revelations as the drama continues in “The Half Sisters” weekdays after “Eat Bulaga” on GMA Afternoon Prime.

LORNA T:
Not Looking For Love

Lorna Tolentino is happy to support today’s hottest teen love team, Kathniel, in “Crazy Beautiful You”.

“Nakakatuwa katrabaho ang hottest teen love team natin. Nakakaramdam ako ng kilig habang pinanonood ko silang umaarte sa harap ng camera. Iba talaga ang chemistry nila. Nag-shoot kami on location sa isang Aeta community in Tarlac at nakita ko rin doon ang kagandahan ng loob ni Daniel in giving school supplies para tulungan ang mga bata roon.”



She remains loveless after her late husband Rudy Fernandez passed. Isn’t she looking for a Valentine date?

“No. Ang ka-Valentine ko is my apo, si Tori, named after me kasi pareho kaming Victoria. Anak siya ng eldest ko si Ralph. I promised her dadalhin ko siya sa Disneyland after ng shooting ng ‘Crazy Beautiful You’. Siya ang ka-date ko.”

What advice can he give them? “Ituloy lang nila kung ano yung natural. What you see is what you get. Sa bagay, lumalabas naman ’yan on screen, kung ano ’yung nangyayari sa kanila, nakikita nyo naman. Maski ako, kinikilig ako, eh. Fan nila ako.”

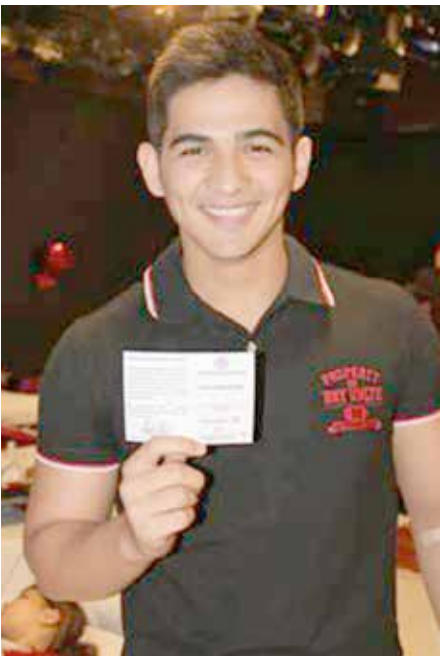
“Crazy Beautiful You,” has already made P110 million in just five days.

Pacquiao-Mayweather Fight is On



IT’S ON.

Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao will meet Floyd Mayweather on May 2 in the mega-fight their fans have long clamored for, Mayweather confirmed Friday, February 20. The unbeaten American made the announcement via the social media website Shots.com. “What the world has been waiting for has arrived. Mayweather vs. Pacquiao on May 2, 2015, is a done deal,” Mayweather wrote. “I promised the fans we would get this done, and we did.”



GMA Artist Center star Phytos Ramirez proudly shows his donor card after donating blood for the Kapuso Bloodletting Day in Quezon City.

Donations
from the heart

GMA Network turns over 1,783 blood bags to the Philippine Red Cross

This February, the station with a heart continues to make a difference in the lives of Filipinos with the annual Kapuso Bloodletting Day held in key areas across the Philippines.

Now on its 7th year, the Kapuso Bloodletting Day is a project of GMA Network’s Corporate Affairs Division in cooperation with the Network’s socio-civic arm, GMA Kapuso Foundation and GMA Regional TV, in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross.

The event, which encouraged the entire Kapuso workforce to take part in saving lives by donating blood, was held last February 11 at GMA Network Center in Quezon City. The whole day affair saw employees, officers, artists and even their family and friends taking time out from their daily work activities to participate in the worthy cause.

The initiative was also extended nationwide with bloodletting drives held in the regions, namely, Ilocos, Dagupan, Bicol, Cebu, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cagayan de Oro, Davao and GenSan, on Feb 14.

The Kapuso Bloodletting Day yielded a total of 1, 783 blood bags (799, 550 cc) with the event in Quezon City producing 333 blood bags (147, 050 cc) and the regional bloodletting drives producing 1, 450 blood bags (652, 500 cc).

“This event was a success, not only because the donations this year surpassed the prior year but also because this huge turnout and continued support is a testament to our solidarity with the Network’s commitment to uplift the lives of our fellow Filipinos,” says GMA Kapuso Foundation EVP and COO Mel C. Tiangco.

“None of this would be possible without the generosity and bravery of each Kapuso donor who believe in and donated to our cause,” she furthers.

GMA Corporate Affairs AVP Teresa L. Pacis, meanwhile, says this activity is a concrete means by which employees can engage in the Network’s corporate social responsibility efforts. “The annual bloodletting program is an integral part of our CSR platform. We look after the welfare of our employees by encouraging them to mine the health benefits of donating blood. At the same time, we get our employees to actively take part in enriching the lives of our fellow Filipinos.”



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GMA Networks donates blood



The ceremonial turnover of blood bags was led by (L-R) GMA Corporate Affairs AVP Teresa L. Pacis, PRC National Blood Center OIC Dr. Edmundo N. Marra, Chairman of PRC-Quezon City Chapter Dr. Hermogenes D. Jarin, and GMA Kapuso Foundation EVP and COO Mel C. Tiangco on February 11 at GMA Network Center.

I don't need a boyfriend

JASMINE CURTIS



Jasmine Curtis Smith posted on social media a photo of her with a bouquet of roses, with a message that she doesn't need a boyfriend since she has a best friend who's so sweet to her. This made some folks jump to the conclusion that she and Sam Concepcion must have called it quits.

"No, we're still together," she says. "Magkasama kami noong Valentine. Natuwa lang ako sa roses from my best friend. We do have our own simple conflicts but all couples naman go through that, lalo na pareho kami-busy with our own careers. We just worked together nga in an episode of 'Wattpad Presents'."

Jasmine is happy that her recent mini-series, "A House Full of Hunks" on "Wattpad Presents" rated very well and her new show, "Move It, Clash of the Street-dancers", is also well received by young viewers who love dancing. "Nakakatuwa kasi everywhere I go, people are talking about the hunks I worked with and about the dancers who are competing in 'Move It' that I host with DJ Tom Taus," she adds.

GMA-7 Wins At NY Festival



CONGRATULATIONS to GMA-7 for the eight nominations they got from the New York Festival World's Best TV and Films competition. "Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho" is finalist in the Human Interest category for its episode "From Saudi with Love." A heartwarming story about gratitude that crosses borders, it featured Saudi journalist Rawan Radwan's search for her former Pinay nanny.

In the Community Portraits category, Reporter's Notebook is nominated for its "Burak at Pangarap" episode about 12-year-old Junjun, one of the 78,000 children in Metro Manila left homeless when a fire razed more than a hundred houses in Malabon City.

"Front Row" is a finalist in the Best Public Affairs Program category for its feature on the disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), that took viewers

beyond the Ice Bucket Challenge to show the real story behind the disease in the eyes of the patients and their families.

The historical series "Katipunan's" first episode, "Teresa" is nominated for best camera work. In the Biography /Profiles category, "Reel Time" is nominated for "Dungkoy," a 10-year-old boy from Calauan, Laguna, left alone by his parents to take care of his paralyzed grandma.

"Motorcycle Diaries" is nominated for "Karapatan ng Bata" episode in the Human Concerns category. It's about how poverty denies countless Filipino children their basic rights shown through various less fortunate children in the country.

"Walang Rape sa Bontok," one of the winning entries in the first Cine Totoo Documentary Festival is a finalist in the Film/Documentaries category. The documentary by Carla Samantha Ocampo tells the story of two sexually abused Filipinas. GMA News TV's "May Pag-asa" station ID, a collection of stories of hope that aims to show the power of the human heart to see light in the midst of darkness is also a finalist in the Station/Image Promotion category. All finalists will proceed to a second round of judging by award-winning industry experts from around the globe. Winners will be presented at the 2015 Television and Film Awards Ceremony scheduled on April 14 in Las Vegas.

Kaye Abad is ok to have a child before marriage

As the Kapamilya drama Two Wives enters its last three weeks, Kaya Abad admitted she has one wish when it comes to what she wants her character Yvonne to experience by the time the show ends.



"Yumaman naman sana ako (laughs). Kaye said she has learned a lot from the show as an actor and as a single person. After having recently taking time off from work because she got sick, Kaye said she was thankful her boyfriend Paul Jake Castillo was there to take care of her. "Siyempre nakakatuwa na nandun siya na nagbantay," she said.

At 33, Kaye admitted she knows her boyfriend of less than a year is already marriage material. "Siguro nakita ko na rin.

At this point, Kaye said she is even willing to consider having a baby before getting married already. "Ako okay ako dun. Kasi may edad na rin ako. Pero kasi yun nga, both my brother and my sister pareho silang nauna yung baby bago kasal so I wanted to sana to give my parents yung kasal bago baby," she admitted.

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Roxas to give way to PNoy to be the presidential candidate. But for me, there were a lot of better presidentiables that time. You know them, I'm sure.

#1 Many Filipinos want to have a hero, not a great president

There are endless debates about Ninoy Aquino being declared a hero, while Marcos loyalists continue stand by their principles. This can be compared between the issue of Emilio Aguinaldo and Andres Bonifacio. Politics is eating us alive but we never learn. In fact, I think Philippines is getting worst. Many Filipinos want to have a hero for their president, instead of someone who is really capable of leading the country in all aspects, especially in improving the economy. Anyone can be a hero, but not anyone can be a great president.

Conclusion

I have no personal attachment or anger to the Marcoses and Aquinos. I admire President Marcos for his strong leadership. I also respect the bravery of Ninoy Aquino for risking his life for his principles. But being a Filipino, I hope we all move forward and stop pointing fingers. If we really like to have a hero, we can be a hero in our little ways.

If you hate corruption, don't pay a fixer and process your papers legally. If you want the economy to grow, don't buy pirated products. If you want freedom, use it properly and don't abuse it. If you want great public servants, don't vote for trapos in 2016. If you can practice these traits, consider yourself as a hero. Otherwise, please move to Antarctica. Or better yet, cross EDSA while the green light is on and buses are running fast.

Birthday on Valentine's Day



Guests os birthday celebrant Dr. Kirupakaran pose for a group picture. MIDDLE, Geri Villamor, Dr. Kirupakaran and Marilyn Penano pose at the birthday party. RIGHT, Geri Villamor, Maria Panaligan and mom Genelie and Wil Villamor enjoy the delicious food at the party.

Richard Yap and Judy Ann Santos to star in a new series



After the highly successful run of his morning soap *Be Careful with My Heart*, Richard Yap’s next big project pairs him with no less than Judy Ann Santos.

“That’s right!” he says. “It’s still untitled though. We would still have a story conference and from there, I’ll have clearer details regarding the show. Production says we might start taping middle of this month. This early, I’m simply excited!”

Many ask if he is under pressure since he came from a highly successful program.

“Honestly, I try not to pressure myself. Instead, I think positive. It’s a new show and it’s also light so I’m pretty sure TV buffs would like it.”

Be Careful with My Heart aired for almost two years. Does he think his latest project opposite Judy Ann also holds the same potential?

“It’s premature to say, so to speak. My breakthrough soap was a certified hit. People loved it. I can only wish the same for my new offering. As I’ve said, it’s also light stuff, and it’s with Judy Ann. I promise to do my best to once again render an endearing performance to the viewers.

“They will definitely be treated to a new screen combination. I will also be working with a new set of co-stars. But to be honest, I wouldn’t expect that it will run on air as long as *Be Careful with My Heart*. From what I know, it’ll be shorter. But who knows, right? It would depend on the viewers’ reception,” states Richard.

He made it to the list of New Movie Actor nominees in the forthcoming Star Awards for the Movies. He was cited for his work in *The Amazing Praybeyt Benjamin*.

“It’s a big honor! Being nominated is already an achievement. For me, it’s like bagging the trophy at stake. Win or lose, I’m proud to be recognized. I’m deeply grateful to the Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC)!”

It seems that the charming actor is looking at a busy 2015.

“Well, hopefully, yes! First is my latest soap opposite Judy Ann. I wish it becomes another hit. It’s our maiden screen team-up so I hope the public will support us. Then, there’s this new film in which I’m part of the main cast. It’s not as grand as the *Amazing Praybeyt Benjamin* but still, it has an interesting and fresh concept that moviegoers will love. I hope it will get the same level of support.”

Speaking of *Praybeyt Benjamin*, will he be keen on joining a third instalment if ever?

“With regards to that, I still haven’t heard of a possible third part yet. I think *Vice (Ganda)* is doing another project with *Coco (Martin)*. Let’s wait and see,” ends Richard.

Hunk Shot



Carlo enjoys Taekwondo and Filipino Martial Arts. Carlo wishes to be a master in Balintawak Arnis Scrima. He loves music and plays the flute. The best thing of all, he enjoys family gatherings and cousin chats. In the future, he wants to be a computer programmer and a part time mortgage broker like his dad. His proud parents are Joy and Rolly.

Carlo Villa

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Jericho Rosales & Kim Jones

And baby Makes 3?

After tying the knot last year, Jericho Rosales has been persistently asked whether or not he is already planning to have a baby with wife Kim Jones. In an interview with the actor during the photo shoot of his new show Bridges of Love, Jericho shared that there is no plan yet since they are both caught up with their respective careers and they still have more things to pursue professionally.

“Wala pa[ng plano] hindi pa, I’m still praying about it kung kailan ang perfect timing kasi gusto ko muna ma-enjoy niya ’yung work niya, I mean ako din gusto ko maging prepared for that. Kasi pagkinasal kayo hindi pa tapos don ’yun eh, pag-aaralan niyo pa ’yung isa’t isa ’di ba? And then kung kailan ’yung timing,” he said.

Jericho remarked that it is essential that he will get to take care of Kim when the time comes that she gets pregnant. With his busy schedule now that would be impossible so he would rather not have it happen soon. “I want to be there for her kapag nabuntis na siya. I want to be there a few months before siya manganak and a few months after siya manganak so timing is crucial talaga. Gusto ko andon ako eh para sa kanya and we’re both not ready pa so we are praying hard about it. Time will come.”

The actor is set to star in the upcoming soap Bridges of Love this March. With the intimate and passionate scenes that his role requires, how is Kim reacting to it? “Well

first of all Australian si Kim so medyo open ’yung kultura nila ’di ba so hindi masyadong konserbatibo pero may values siyempre si Kim. Walang naging problema sa amin ’yun ever kasi alam niya na ginagawa ko ’yung work ko, na may reason. She knows that na hindi ako gagawa ng isang bagay for wrong reasons, that’s how much she trusts me and vice versa.”

He further stressed that Kim is very understanding when it comes to his work and he appreciates her for it. “She’s the most supportive, she’s my best friend, she’s my most favorite person in the world and the only issue now of course is she’s busy, she’s very busy ’yun lang pero okay lang ’yan. Sanay na sanay kami sa isa’t isa, kumbaga para sa akin lang perfect, wala namang perfect pero ’yung set-up namin, ’yung pagkakaintindihan namin sa isa’t isa, full support talaga.”

Allen Dizon is Proud to Be Most Awarded Indie Actor

Sangatutak na acting awards at pagkilala ang nakamit ni Allen Dizon para sa pelikulang Magkakabaung (The Coffin Maker). Siya ngayon ang itinuturing na most awarded indie actor. Just recently, muling nanalo si Allen ng Best Actor sa Gawad Tanglaw. Siya ang solo winner for that category.

Bukod sa Gawad Tanglaw, tinanghal ding Best Actor si Allen sa 9th Harlem International Film Festival in New York , 3rd Hanoi Vietnam International Film Festival at MMFF New Wave Category in Metro Manila Film Festival last year.

Binigyan din siya ng special citations ng Inquirer Indie Bravo Awards at ng 7th Ani Ng

Dangal para sa natatangi niyang pagganap sa Magkakabaung (The Coffin Maker).

“Hindi ko talaga ini-expect ang lahat ng mga awards na natatanggap ko ngayon. Ang gusto ko lang talaga ay gumawa ng makabuluhang pelikula, pero dahil sa kanilang mga pagkilala, sobrang nagpapasalamat ako,” pahayag ni Allen na isa sa mga bida sa pelikulang Imbisibol na kalahok sa Sinag Maynila Film Festival na mapapanood on March 18-25.

Eh, ano ba ang feeling ng naghahakot ng acting award?

“Nakaka-proud yung pakiramdam na after Coco (Martin) noon, ako na yung parang indie actor na maraming awards. Ibang klase yung fulfillment. Kumbaga, nagbunga lahat yung strugges ko, nagbunga yung paghihirap at pagtitiyaga ko,” simula niyang pahayag.

“Masaya ako sa paggawa ng indie, every time na may indie film akong gagawin, nae-excite pa rin ako, ibinibigay ko pa rin yung best ko. Hinding-hindi ko talaga iiwanan ang paggawa ng indie,” sey pa ng aktor.

Sarah Lahbati can copy Jennylyn Mercado

Sarah Lahbati is quite perfect in her role as the mysterious woman



who lives in the forest in the horror-adventure movie, “Liwanag sa Dilim.” She’s so beautiful from any angle and has a mesmerizing presence on screen.

Most writers agree that had she not sued GMA and became a mother prematurely, she would have been a bigger star by now since she was already on the verge of stardom then. But what can she do? She fell in love and when you’re in love, it’s all that matters.

At any rate, she can still make a successful comeback if she’d play it right. After all, Jennylyn Mercado also became an unwed mother but she was able to bounce back and look at her now, even winning a best actress award.

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integration organization in the City of Mississauga, Ontario, he successfully collaborated with over 40 community associations in the Greater Toronto Area and reaching out to the Filipino, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian communities, as well.

With his strong community involvement and leadership, Tiangson is a recipient of distinctive honours and recognition, among which are: the Government of Canada’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award and the City of Mississauga’s Civic Award of Recognition, for 10 years of active civic-volunteer service in the city.

Asked why he is running for MP, J. Tiangson “wants to represent the new Mississauga Centre.... being one of Canada’s most diverse and exciting places to live, work, and play”. Adding, it is “truly a microcosm of Canada and the ideals of what this nation is all about..... really a place to belong !” He is inviting fellow Mississaugans, especially his Filipino kababayans, to “join him to make a difference today and the next generation to open wider doors of opportunity and to represent the values of his riding.” come Federal election in October, 2015

Modestly, he says that his journey “will take a lot of hard work, but with your help we can do it” and similarly, is encouraging everyone to take a moment and help get the word out by sharing with your network of friends, relatives and acquaintances. To volunteer or donate contact : Tel. 647-292- 7849 or Email:jtiangson4mp@gmail.com.

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Scenes in the City



LEFT, Debutante Dyezel Mae Angel celebrated her 18th birthday at Celebration Banquet Hall on January 31, 2015 with her classmates, friends, and relatives. RIGHT, Maximus David celebrated his 1st first birthday on Jan. 31, 2015 at Memories of Japan with Dad Davey, Mom Donna; playmates, relatives, and friends. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS



Kathryn on her ASAP rivalry

Now that her co-ASAP It Girls’ careers are soaring, Teen Queen Kathryn Bernardo couldn’t be any happier for Liza Soberano, Janella Salvador, and Julia Barretto.

Despite being pitted against each other since their group’s formation, Kathryn, during her live *The Buzz* appearance on Sunday has shrugged off the idea of having them as her competition.

“I can’t choose Tito Boy [Abunda] eh, feeling ko ako as long as they’re trying and as long as nag-wo-work hard ka feeling ko ‘yun ang imporante. Parang ako lang naman ito, parang hindi naman ako sobrang malayo sa kanila na ako ‘yung mag-de-decide sa ganong bagay,” she said. “I think hindi ako ‘yung right person.”

The Crazy Beautiful You actress has stressed in previous reports that the only competition she has is herself. However, Kathryn, who is no stranger to comparison shared that she makes a conscious effort not to let it derail her. A good example of which was when she was pitted against Julia Montes.

“Kasi ever since Mara Clara days kino-compare kami ‘di ba? Parati nilang sinasabi na ‘Bakit hindi kayo nag-aaway? Or may competition sa inyong dalawa kasi ganon ‘yung sabay kayo ganyan?’” she shared.

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the American umbrella during East Asia’s most turbulent period—could afford to safely disregard the plight of our powerless.

Even two successive insurgencies between 1950 and 1970 did not disturb our complacency. But how much longer can we really keep things as they are?

What are we to do?

The lessons are all around us; the lessons are plain and simple. Alleviation of durable mass poverty of the kind we have—of poverty passed down from generation to generation—cannot be just a byproduct—merely an incidental benefit—of growth that swells corporate profits first of all.

“Trickle down” does not work well enough and quickly enough. Not only is there a short limit to “spread effect.” Indeed its backwash disadvantages regions farther away: the growth pole sucks away their stores of capital and their most entrepreneurial people.

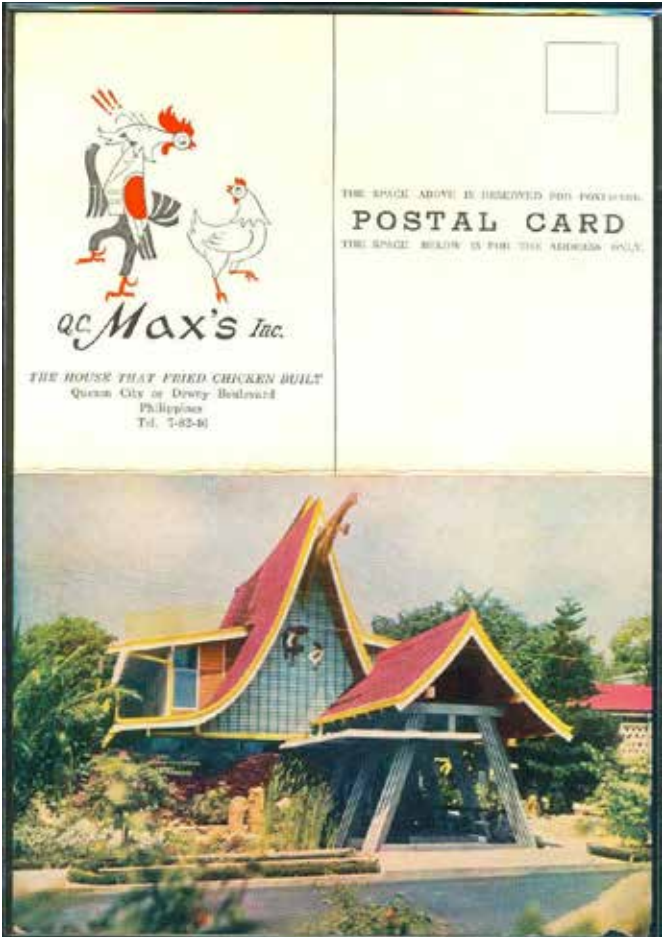
We must make growth work deliberately for the poor. And in my view leaders, political parties and governments succeed best when in their policies they combine the individual initiative that capitalism stimulates with socialism’s original compassion for those whom development leaves behind.

Finding our way toward this new social contract will be long and difficult. But it is work we cannot forego; it is work we cannot shirk; else we end up like Tolstoy’s hypocritical do-gooder, who was willing to lighten the poor man’s load by all possible means—except by getting off his back.

Spotlight

In 1945, After World War II, American Occupation Troops stationed in Quezon City, Philippines, were befriended by Maximo Gimenez, a Stanford-educated teacher. A few came to his nearby house for a drink or two, until they insisted that they pay for their drinks. Maximo decided to open a café which served chicken, steak and drinks. He was joined by Mercedes, his wife, and Felipa, his sister-in-law. His niece, Ruby, managed the kitchen. Joined by her husband Claro, Ruby concocted a special recipe for chicken that was adored by G.I.s, and they kept coming back for more. Soon enough, the Filipino public heard about the delicious chicken- tender, juicy and crispy. They came too!

Encouraged by her mother to expand the menu and serve more Filipino food, Ruby set up the Baclaran branch along Roxas Boulevard in Paranaque. It was decided that the restaurant would be named Max’s which was Maximo’s nickname.

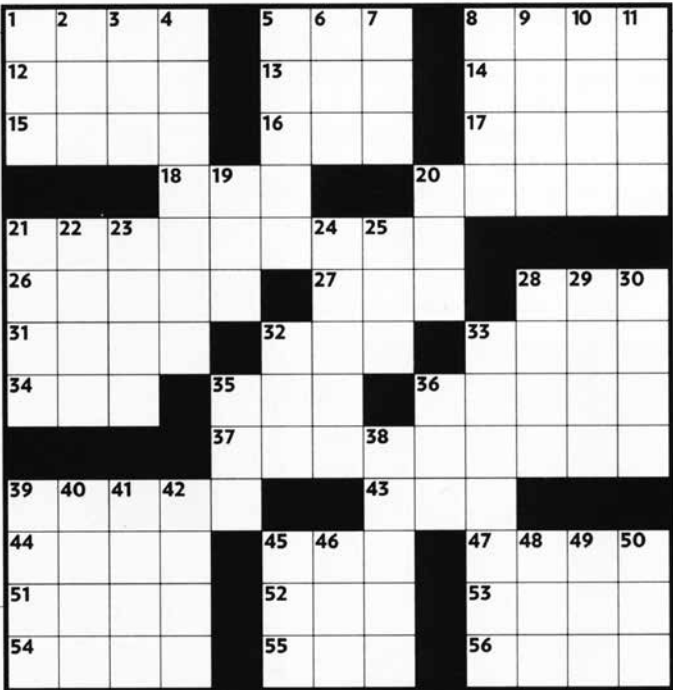


Crossword Puzzle



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Edgar Sulit of iPEN presented Annabelle Migalbin with an Award of Recognition at Saint John's Parish Hall on January 31, 2015.
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ACROSS

- 1 Eldest Baldwin brother
- 5 *Apocalypse* ____
- 8 Paul Newman hockey film ____ *Shot*
- 12 Country singer McCann
- 13 Tarzan’s pal Cheeta
- 14 Thomas Haden Church hails from El ____, Texas
- 15 *Things You Can ____ Just by Looking at Her* stars 37 Across
- 16 Mel ____ (baseball’s “Little Giant”)
- 17 Chip in chips
- 18 ____ *Legend* with Will Smith (2 wds.)
- 20 *A Midsummer Night’s ____* stars 37 Across
- 21 Elvis Presley’s ex-wife
- 26 ____ makes waste
- 27 *Live ____* (’80s rock concert for Ethiopia)
- 28 *The New Adventures of ____ Christine*

- 31 Vicinity
- 32 “How Deep Is Your Love” by ____ Hill
- 33 Verdi’s “Eri Tu” is one
- 34 Tiger Woods’s ball prop
- 35 *A Little Women* sister
- 36 Designer de la Renta
- 37 *With 4 Down, a star of Brothers & Sisters*
- 39 ____ *All the Way*
- 43 Manhattan is one (abbr.)
- 44 ____ *McBeal* starred 37 Across
- 45 Paul Rudd’s *I Love You, ____*
- 47 Idris ____ of *Obsessed* and *The Reaping*
- 51 Actor Will ____ of *The Waltons*
- 52 *Alvin ____ the Chipmunks*
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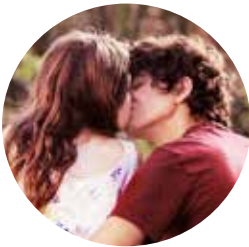
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- 3 Alcove
- 4 First name of 37 Across
- 5 Australian actress Watts
- 6 Make a choice
- 7 ____ *Hot American Summer*
- 8 Emulate Oscar de la Hoya
- 9 *The Birdcage* stars Nathan ____ and features 37 Across
- 10 Pooch in *The Thin Man*
- 11 Maya Angelou creation
- 19 ____ *Ventura: Pet Detective*
- 20 Jon Voight, to Angelina Jolie
- 21 Stylish, slangily
- 22 Jimmy Dorsey standard “So ____”

- 23 “When ____ You Smile” (2 wds.)
- 24 Bogart-Bacall classic *Key ____*
- 25 Lucy ____ costarred with 37 Across in 44 Across
- 28 Whale-hunt movie
- 29 Jim Carrey’s ____ *Liar*
- 30 Flit about quickly
- 32 Benicio ____ Toro
- 33 Olsen and Judd
- 35 Fabrication of goods (abbr.)
- 36 Sanctions
- 38 Model-actress *Crawford*
- 39 “Poker Face” by Lady ____
- 40 Bullfight bravos

- 41 “____ a Song Go Out of My Heart” (2 wds.)
- 42 Singer-songwriter Laura ____
- 45 Drama ____ *City*
- 46 Gasteyer or Ortiz
- 48 Mick Jagger’s Zodiac sign
- 49 TNT’s *Raising the ____*
- 50 Ovid’s *The ____ of Love*

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Honesty is healthier



MANILA – A health expert said lovers should stop cheating on their partners, saying that doing so raises the risk of a heart attack. “Be honest to your loved one,” said Dr. Willie Ong, a fellow of the Philippine Heart Association. Ong cited a study showing that being honest to your loved one reduces stress, and helps prevent heart attack.

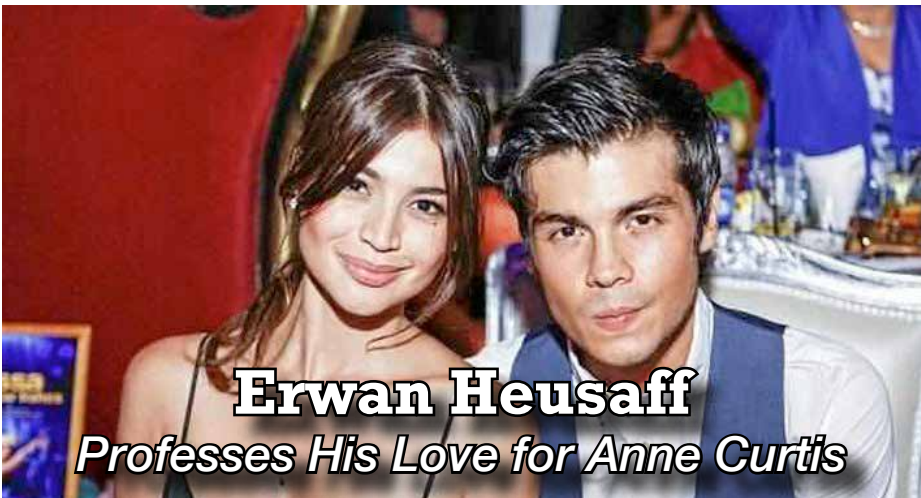
He added that people would enjoy life better if they do not cheat on their partners or loved ones.

He also recommended that lovers should strive to give their partners touching gifts such as a poem, letter or a message which he said convey more feelings than cakes and other fatty foods. Ong said that while your loved one may hold the key to your heart, he said that one should practice a healthy lifestyle and diet to keep the heart healthy. “So instead of buying fatty foods, why not give a more permanent gift?” Ong asked.

However, if lovers really want to give chocolates, Ong said they should choose dark chocolate which should contain less sugar and less caramel. He said that dark chocolate should be made up of at least 60-70 percent cocoa to ensure that it would have flavonoids, antioxidants, and flavanols, which are good for the heart and blood vessels. He also encouraged eating only a moderate amount of chocolate, approximately an ounce (around 30 grams) a day.

He also recommended that couples should enjoy food cooked at home, which healthier than the food being served in most restaurants.

“Instead of an expensive restaurant date, why not cook at home and enjoy a romantic dinner for two. For example, you can eat fish like tuna, mackerel, bangus and salmon,” he said.



Erwan Heusaff Professes His Love for Anne Curtis

Anne Curtis turned 30 last Tuesday, Feb. 17, and she says she has so much to be thankful for. She started her career when she was 11 years old in Star Cinema’s “Magic Kingdom.”

She has since won best actress awards for films like “Baler” and “No Other Woman” and, on TV, for “Green Rose.” She also goes down in history as the only non-singer who was able to fill up the Big Dome with her concert, “AnneBisyosa.”

“The Lord and the public have been good to me,” she says. “So I can’t complain. It’s been an incredible, humbling but beautiful journey so far and I really feel so blessed.”

For her birthday, her BF Erwan Heussaff, posted on Instagram her photo in front of a cake with lighted candles. Then he writes a very beautiful piece for his innamorata: “Happy birthday to

the most caring and hardest working woman I know. Today you turned 30, a number that freaks out most people, sending them into a frenzy of ‘what have I done with my life?’. In your case you’ve accomplished so much already. You’ve kept a strong head during tough times and have arrived more fulfilled than ever. I can’t wait to conquer more countries with you, eat our way through bizarre cities, wreck ourselves at workouts, binge watch TV series’ and bounce around like idiots at different concerts.”

Erwan is usually reticent when it comes to his private life, especially his personal relationship with Anne. But this time, he was very generous in his feelings for her with the public on social media, so Anne is understandably grateful and joyous. What a nice birthday present indeed for a girl who already has everything.



What Kathryn doesn’t have

The teaser of “Crazy Beautiful You” starring aniel Padilla, Kathryn Bernardo, Gabby Concepcion and Lorna Tolentino makes for a romising hit movie. In one scene, Kathryn is en talking to someone when a guy snatches er phone. Daniel comes to her rescue only to id out that Kathryn has managed to save her hone from the snatcher ahead of him.

The movie is a follow-up to the smash hit, Must e...Love and She’s Dating a Gangster in 2014. Meanwhile, we like Kathryn’s attitude about erself. She knows that she was not blessed with shapely body like her peers but she says she’s appy with what God had given her. Besides, hat matters is she’s got one of the most vable faces among her peers, and she has a harm that many fans love.

Julia & dad make peace

We somehow feel sad for Julia Barretto. When she decided to officially drop her dad Dennis Padilla’s family name and they got estranged, people were bashing her nonstop for not respecting her father. Now that she has patched things up with him by visiting him while taping for “Deal or No Deal” to personally hand to him her invitation for her debut on March 10, bashers are having a heyday once again saying it’s all part of a move for damage control. Here are some of the unsavory remarks they wrote on Julia’s Instagram account.



“I don’t wanna judge, pero dapat ibalik niya muna ang apelyido ng tatay niya dahil ‘yun ang first step sa pag-acknowledge sa tatay niya.”

“Sana nga, totoo ‘yan at hindi lang pakitang-tao dahil sadsad na ang career mo.”

“I’m sorry to say but what is done is done. You may have reconciled with your father and everyone is happy for you. Believe me, I do too. Pero kasi, the issue is you disrespecting your dad kaya hindi na ‘yon mabubura sa pananaw ng tao.”

“I’m glad that you patched things up with your father but I hope that it’s not just for publicity’s sake.” I know this is only for media’s sake. Para bumango at gumanda naman ang pangalan ni Julia. Hindi na kasi sikat at nasapawan na siya ni Liza Soberano. Para gumanda ang image, ‘di ba? Ganyan naman sa showbiz.”

“Kailangan niya ulit gumawa ng pangalan kasi namamatay na ‘yung name niya sa issue that mas may career sina Liza Soberano, Kathryn Bernardo and Janella Salvador kesa sa kanya. Those three girls, may career and have their own shows and also movies. Si Julia, wala. Kaya need niya ulit gumawa ng pangalan by using her dad (na kunwari, okey na between sa kanilang dalawa). Timing na magde-debut na si Julia. Super-hate ni Marjorie si Dennis.”

Personally, we want to give Julia the benefit of the doubt and believe she’s sincere in reconciling with her dad. And Dennis will attend Julia’s debut at Shangri-La’s Rizal Ballroom on March 10. As to whether Julia and Marjorie are now willing to withdraw their petition for “change of family name” that they filed in court, we have no answer yet. As of now, we’re told it’s still going on and the next hearing at the Quezon City Regional Trial Court will be on March 25.

Candid SPOOF



Equally beautiful mother Digna and her daughter attend the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation Induction dinner.

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abroad.

“OFWs should not be blinded by the fact that they are earning good money. They should open their eyes to the reality that when they come home, they ought to have a substitute or alternative source of income for their families. That’s what financial literacy is all about,” Baldoz explained.

Chona Mantilla, National Reintegration Center for OFWs director, said OFWs most often overlook the need to save or to invest for the future.

Baldoz and Mantilla urged OFWs to set aside 10 percent to 20 percent of their income every month.

Crossword Answers

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Filipino Centre Toronto Valentine's Party



Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT) held its Valentine's Party at Rizal Hall of FCT on Feb. 14, 2015. The party was jammed packed with friends, former Miss Paraluman participants, and supporters of FCT.



Kris Bernal breaks free

At 25, Kris Bernal dreams of becoming one of the top versatile actresses of her generation and believes that she will be able to make it in 2015. On the February issue of the collaborative online photo magazine MusePH, Kris reveals that she is ready to face everything just to survive and triumph this challenge that she has set upon herself.

After being hailed as the Ultimate Love Team together with Martin Escudero in StarStruck IV's finale, she has been living under the light of being the sweetheart, the cute and amiable Kapuso star. But now, as the New Year opens for new opportunities, Kris wants to step up and be aggressive with the goals she sets for her career.

Looking fierce and fresh with an ensemble of black and white outfits, Kris overflows with an aura of determination and power. She glares through the pictures, showing how her eyes pierce through the camera and register as someone who is ready to break free and conquer a different venture.

"You only live once, but once is enough if you live it well," sustains the GMA Artist Center star. She strongly expresses her desire to make the most out of her career, and is more than willing to try different roles to portray.

With her outright conviction and grit to step out from the perky, girl-next-door image, surely people will expect a stronger and bolder Kris Bernal this year.

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Eraserheads Music is Garbage, Bamboo Most Overrated Vocalist

On the blog
MGA KUWENTO NI JUAN
by Juan Bautista
(Rom Jason Zipagan Bautista)
"Indie, & the Famous, Rich and Respected Musicians of OPM"

Daniel motivated by past sufferings



Daniel Padilla says the title of their movie that opens tomorrow, "Crazy Beautiful You", perfectly suits his leading lady, Kathryn Bernardo. "She can be crazy kasi addict siya sa adrenalin rush," he says. "Hindi siya 'yung tipong matatakutin sa mga bagay na extreme. Mas matapang pa siya sa akin sa mga ganu'n. Hindi 'yung crazy na maiirita ka na ang kulit-kulit, ganyan. Crazy siyang cute ang dating. And beautiful."

No doubt the most successful young actor today in terms of assignments and endorsements, folks say it's good karma for Daniel because he's really a good son to his mom and his four siblings who have different dads. "He really cares for them very much," says someone who has known since he was a little boy. "Nakita niya ang paghihirap ng mama niya noong walang-wala pa sila at napuputulan sila ng kuryente dahil wala silang pambayad. Kaya naman

ang una niyang ginawa ng magkapera na, nagpagawa ng bahay at lahat silang magkakapatid, pati mga kamag-anak ng mama niya, kasama nila roon at siya ang tumatayong breadwinner."

"Talagang napakabuti niyang tao," says Kathryn herself. "Hindi ko 'to sinasabi dahil ka-loveteam ko siya pero mabait ho 'yan. Pati yung mga bata sa Aeta community in Tarlac where we shot 'Crazy Beautiful You' on location, tinulungan niya."

Daniel is also open to criticism. He agrees when someone said he's gaining too much weight and this is not good for a teen heartthrob. "Kasi, noong araw, lagi akong sinasabihang mukha akong butiki dahil ang payat-payat ko," he says. "Ngayong tumaba ako, sumobra naman daw so magda-diet na ako para hindi ako masyadong lumaki."

Cesar Deny Sunshine's Accusations

Cesar Montano denied ex-wife Sunshine Cruz' accusation that he masturbated in front of their three daughters. This is what he says in his official statement:

"I vehemently deny all accusations being hurled against me by Sunshine Cruz, most esp. this latest, most hurtful of all involving our daughters directly. I may not have been a perfect husband, but I am most definitely not a monster father. I am grossly disheartened with Sunshine in using our

innocent daughters to suit her own ulterior motive.

"While we are threshing out our property relations in connection with the pending cases we have filed against each other, she is dragging our children to gain leverage on me. Admittedly we have our own differences like any other ordinary couple, but our children should not be affected and worse, be used by anyone of us just to force the issue upon each other.

"I must hasten to say that it greatly exasperates me to hear that Sunshine filed a complaint against me and immediately thereafter went to the media to announce to the public that a case had been filed against me. Her lawyer even had the temerity to discuss the merits of the complaint.

Sunshine and her lawyer should realize that the complaint involves our own daughters. As I understand it, the law on VAWC shields the minors, our daughters at that, from public embarrassment, humiliation and ridicule. Don't they realize that they have exposed our daughters to these kind of situation.

I respectfully appeal to Sunshine, if you want the property you have been clamoring for, then so be it. I have signed the compromise agreement giving you what you want. But do not and never ever again drag our innocent daughters to settle our differences just to suit your own personal interest."

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Drilon called for the need to liberalize the Philippine legal profession to permit foreign lawyers to practice in the country and help their local counterparts keep pace with market and policy shifts as a result of the

Asean integration. "As integration calls for a free exchange of resources, we must ask ourselves: what does integration mean to the legal profession? What is its impact on the practice of law? In this era of integration, the ASEAN lawyer must learn to navigate multiple legal jurisdictions," Drilon said.

"Currently, in the Philippines, the practice of law is restricted only to Filipino lawyers. This proposal for liberalization allows for collaborative work between Filipino and foreign lawyers, where the matter or transaction involves both domestic and foreign law," he explained.

But Drilon said that the proposed liberalization of law practice must ensure that foreign lawyers will live up to the standards and principles of lawyering in the Philippines, a practice that requires loyalty to the rule of law and fidelity to the cause of the client.

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