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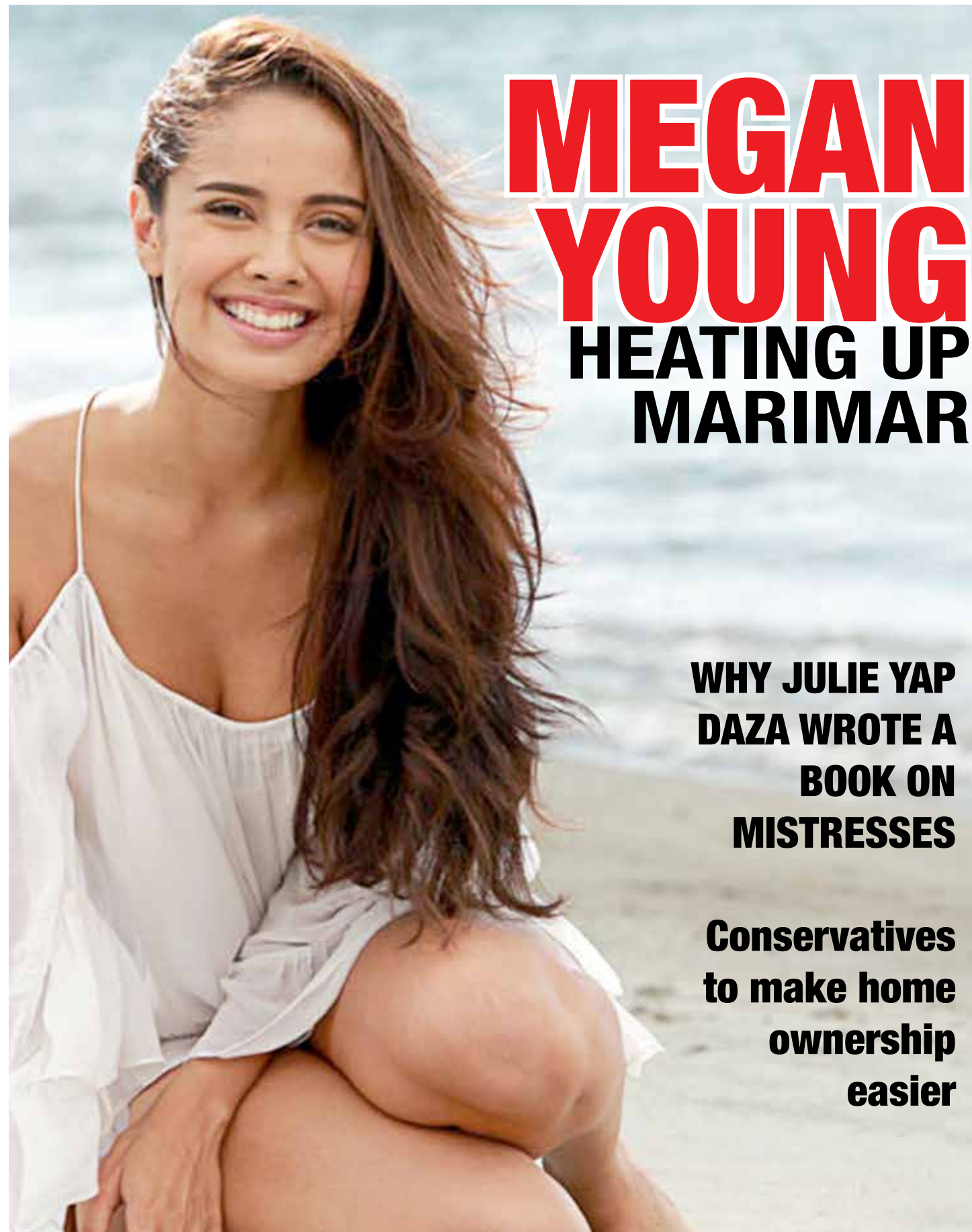
CEBU CITY: As the Philippine Congress seeks to finalize a comprehensive tax reform law, the International Monetary

Fund (IMF) has proposed that the country get more people to pay taxes while it lowers its income tax rate.

Doing so would safeguard the country's revenue stream, said IMF Resident Representative to the Philippines Shanaka

Jayanath Peiris during a press briefing at

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MEGAN YOUNG HEATING UP MARIMAR

WHY JULIE YAP DAZA WROTE A BOOK ON MISTRESSES

Conservatives to make home ownership easier

Why some OFW's remain Poor

MANILA - While most Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) earn better in other countries, some of them still experience financial problems despite years of hard work due to inefficient money management.

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) has identified over-dependency of families and relatives of OFWs as one of the common

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Duterte may still run for President

STORY INSIDE



Angeline Guzman gets to play Dorothy in her Wizard of Oz-themed 7th birthday celebration at Fairmont Royal York hotel.

Ready for Teleserye Bida



Inah Canlapan, Mikaela, Edessa Andrada, Jeo navarro and Maria Panaligan are busy rehearsing their songs for the Teleserye Bida concert on October 23. See poster on page 16.

Chic Sheik



Dolorosa Canada President Philip Allio awards one of the best-dressed international outfits to Guest of Honor, Mayor Renato Allio and his lovely wife Lebbie during their welcome dinner in celebration of the Virgin Mary (RIGHT). PHOTOS BY NENE PANGANIBAN





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An Open Letter to All Filipino Canadians : “Let ‘s Vote and Help us Wake Up the Sleeping Tamaraw”

To my dear Kababayans,

The Federal election is just weeks away. Filipinos in Canada and Canadians are going to the polls on October 19, 2015. They will elect their favourite candidates of different political stripes be they of red, orange, blue or orange affiliations. One thing is for sure, and as research reflects, not all eligible Filipinos are interested in voting nor exercising their democratic right of suffrage.

It is from this rationale that I am reaching out to you, fellow Filipinos who are considered the best and most responsible people to convincingly encourage and reasonably connect, through your respective families, friends and neighbours, to the more than 70,000 Filipinos determined by research, found not participating in past elections for various reasons. We need to “wake them up”, the so-called “sleeping giant”, i.e. the fierce “tamaraw”, to start moving and shaking its energy and enthusiasm for a noble and inherent purpose...to vote.

We know that individuals and groups are into this campaign for Filipinos to “go out and vote”. This is not enough. We need you... as a community-building partner, to take the lead and assume the great expectation of a civic service for our community's success and development..

We know that intelligent voting will mean that as Filipinos we have our obligation to choose our government leaders not to mention to support a candidate that would hopefully meet our needs, concerns and issues impacting us all since the 1970's diaspora. Our Julius Tiangson, who is running for Conservative MP in Mississauga Centre is one of the best we have. Of course there are many other Member of Parliament candidates outside of our ethnicity who are well-qualified and has the interest of the

Filipinos at heart and mind.

We know that politicians, incumbent or not, understand that many Filipinos are not into block voting or into strategic voting. But as an ethnic group of varying political loyalties, in a desirable way, we can be a big swing vote, thus giving notice that we need a voice and one that will represent and champion our unanswered, non-articulated needs and issues, such as enhanced pension, seniors assistance, child care, family reunification, improved caregiver & temporary foreign worker programs, professional licensing & academic accreditation, jobs with living wages, poverty reduction, affordable housing, education and many more.

We know that with you rightfully helping into community building and transformation, you will be able to “rally the troops” by requesting Pinoys at Pinays to adequately use the power and merits of the Internet and social media like Facebook, Tweeter, etc. This way, the power of connectivity and cooperation is well placed and working for our “Go- Out- To- Vote” drive.

This is just the beginning and a great move forward, expectantly leading to meet our collective aspiration of becoming a “potent force” in the Canadian political landscape. Ergo, our actions and participation in the political process will undoubtedly contribute to our achieving the long-cherished dream of political maturity and political influence, now and into the future in our adopted homeland.

Your vote counts! Your vote matters!
Most sincerely yours,
Tony A. San Juan, OCT
Chairman
Filipino Canadian Political Action Council - FCPAC

Katrina Halili in Destiny's Rose

MANILA - Katrina Halili is back in a villain role in her latest soap opera for GMA titled Destiny Rose.

“Yes! But there's a twist. This time around, the subject of my oppression is a male played by Ken Chan. Although he plays a transsexual here, still he's a man. I'm happy because I won't have any apprehension in

getting a bit physical in our scenes together, like slapping or pulling hair. With female stars, I find it hard because they might get hurt so most of the times, we fake the scenes,” she says.

With Ken, Kat is free to do what she wants to make the scenes realistic.

“I slap him, I kick him, name it. And the good thing is, his character, being basically kind, doesn't retaliate. So I really play it to the hilt. I'm happy that so far, the scenes come out very natural.”

Katrina has only good words for Ken.

“He deserves this big break. When dressed in women's clothes, he really fits the role to a T! He looks feminine. And he delivers, acting-wise. In fact, before the take, I always ask his permission that I'll be a little physical on him and it's just fine with him because he also wants the scenes to come out as realistic as possible. He seeks our advice as well in his attack of the role and so far, he's doing very well,” she states.



Pauleen engaged, Vic builds house for her



PAULEEN Luna was wearing a beautiful ring with a huge gem in “Eat Bulaga” a couple of days ago and this made people wonder if it's already an engagement ring. When asked about it, she was quite evasive and she left for America last Thursday to attend the wedding of a relative with her mom. But while she was away, it was her fiancé, Vic Sotto, who confirmed to the press that yes, they're indeed now officially engaged.

“Hindi ko naman puwedeng i-deny ‘yun,” he says. “But the details, we'll just reveal it sa tamang panahon.”

We heard that Vic is now having a big new house being constructed in a plush new village in Laguna. It's said to be the future love nest of Pauleen and him and their future family. Vic is 61 while Pauleen is 26. Vic has four children with three women (some of whom are even older than Pauleen) and all of them approve of his relationship with her. Our best wishes. We hope the saying “Age doesn't matter” will hold true for them.

GRACE POE IS OLD NEWS

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I’ve had enough of this nonsense talk about “will she or won’t she run” about Grace Poe when she finally declared her candidacy. It’s about time. It has dragged on for too long. She’s not even a real Poe. Why settle for fake Poe when we can have the real Poe. Stop the Fake Poe from taking the Presidency. Let’s start a Draft Lovi Poe for President movement.

Is everybody really as compassionate in real life as they are on social media?

Everybody says their hearts go out to the refugees. Everybody says let them in. Everybody is critical of Stephen Harper when he says we have to screen them because they come from war-torn countries.

But how many would let anybody in their own house if somebody knocks on their door and says let me in. Is that any different than a refugee? On TV, one refugee was caught on camera shouting “I did not leave the comfort of my home to be treated like a dog here.” REALLY? The comfort of your own home? Where the hell is that, Beverly Hills?

In Uruguay, a Syrian family wants to leave because it is expensive there and the father Al Mohammed said he can’t get by on just 11,000 pesos (\$380) a month as a hospital worker, barely above Uruguay’s 10,000-peso minimum wage. That is better than some Canadians or even illegals here in Canada who work under the table with below-minimum wage and knowing they can be found and deported anytime. Some work 2 or 3 jobs. You’re a refugee. You will not be deported anymore.

Is it any wonder nobody wants to open their doors? Our own fellow Filipinos are now in limbo even after working 2 years here because of the changes in the immigration rules. These refugees don’t even have to work 2 years and they suddenly get immigrant status.

Is it any wonder that the only ones who feel compassionate towards these refugees are the media? They are the only ones trying to make it a major issue. Do you feel that the voting public feel the same way?

By the way, does anybody still remember that this all started with the Arab Spring, when all totalitarian countries in the Middle East will turn to democracy? The United States led the way in trying to overthrow Syrian president bashar Al-Assad. They did that with Iraq. We know what happened. Now look what happens. It seems the only dictatorship the United States approve of is Saudi Arabia. Those Saudis and us Filipinos better pray that Saudi does not run out of oil. It seems the US likes overthrowing non-oil producing dictatorships?

So, how compassionate do you really feel?

Real Life beats Media

Just because an issue is popular with the media does not mean it is of high concern with the regular people, the people who are quietly working their one, two or more regular jobs to feed their family, pay their bills and their taxes. In act, opinion polls find widespread support for the status quo when it comes to taking in Syrian asylum-seekers according to the a Globe and Mail column.

Hungary settled refugees secretly in 2013

But they were all Christians. Hmmm...I wonder why they let them in. And why they did it in secret?

Election by instagram

It seems the Canadian federal election is being hijacked by Instagram photo of the day from the Syrian crisis, followed by a race as to who can come up with the most heartbreaking twitter comment of the day. And it has become a case of “if you are the incumbent, you cannot do and say anything right. If you are the opposition, you cannot do and say anything wrong.”

Self-fulfilling movie titles

Dying Young, RIPD, Imbisibol...you know they are not going to make money at the box office

Whoever is popular among netizens will lose the Philippine presidential election.

By the looks of it, Mar Roxas will lose.

Law allows armed constables to use force against violators

Shoot the tires



I SAID ‘GO STRAIGHT’ A Highway Patrol policeman tries to put order on the lanes of Epifanio delos Santos Avenue on Day 1 of the unit’s take over of traffic control of Metro Manila’s busiest thoroughfare.

MANILA - The law allows armed traffic authorities to “use force” in carrying out their traffic management duties.

“Guns are part of their [police] uniform in the first place so they can use [them] if the situation calls for it,” Alberto Suansing, former chairman of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) told senators on Monday in a hearing called to assess implications of vehicular traffic in the country’s economy.

Suansing, a stalwart in the trucking industry prior to his stint in government during the Arroyo administration, was one of the resource persons invited to the Senate hearing.

Traffic jams in the capital of over 13 million people have become a major issue, with a growing number of commuters blaming the government of President Benigno Aquino 3rd.

“Hopefully, it will change things but traffic is a complex problem,” said Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. “There are short-term solutions but we also need long-term solutions.”

A study by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, released in 2014, found that traffic jams in Metro Manila cost the country P2.4 billion (\$53 million) a day and were responsible for most of the air pollution.

Metro Manila has long struggled with a deteriorating road and railway system, too many vehicles on the streets, undisciplined drivers and lack of urban planning that forces long commutes.

Suansing said the President’s decision to tap the Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) in carrying out traffic management functions along Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA) is a good decision.

Barbie Forteza at Kathryn Bernardo, ‘Teen Queen’ Rivals?

Kung mayroong Barbie Forteza ang GMA, mayroon namang Kathryn Bernardo ang kabilang network. Dahil pareho silang binabansagang Teen Queen ngayon, hindi tuloy makaiwas sa isyu ang dalawa.

Agad na sinagot ni Barbie ang tanong kung totoo bang magkaaway sila ni Kathryn. “Ito totoo ‘to ha. Hindi



naman po kami magkaaway ni Kathryn kasi hindi naman po kami nagkikita. So there’s no chance na magkaaway kami,” saad ng The Half Sisters star.

Hindi raw alam ni Barbie kung saan nanggaling ang isyung ito. Aniya, “Yung isyung ‘yan eh sa inyo lang po ‘yon [nanggaling], ‘yung bashers ko na fans ni Kathryn.”

Dagdag pa niya, “Sa ‘kin wala naman pong kaso sa ‘kin ‘yon dahil I have nothing against Kathryn. Nasa inyo na lang po ‘yan kung sa tingin n’yo [ay] ‘yung pamba-bash n’yo sa ‘kin ay ikagaganda ng image ng idol niyo, ng inyong teen queen.”

Paano hina-handle ni Barbie ang isyung ito? “Actually dinededma ko lang. Pero okay kami ni Kathryn. Hindi ko nga lang alam kung natatandaan niya pa ako,” sagot ng teen actress.

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LOVE DRESS

A mother-in-law stopped by unexpectedly the recently married couple's house. She knocks on the door, then immediately walks in. She is shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I'm waiting for Jeff to come home from work," the daughter-in-law answered.

"But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed.

"This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained.

"Love dress? But you're naked!"

"Jeff loves me to wear this dress! It makes him happy and it makes me happy."

The mother-in-law on the way home thought about the love dress. When she got home she got undressed, showered, put on her best perfume and expectantly waited for her husband, lying provocatively on the couch.

Finally her husband came home. He walked in and saw her naked on the couch.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"This is my love dress," she replied.

"Needs ironing," he says" "What's for dinner?"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (The Adobo Chronicles®) – When Pope Francis visited the Philippines earlier this year, he wanted to try balut, the local delicacy of boiled duck embryo, popular among the Filipinos masses. Unfortunately, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) respectfully declined the request for fear that the Pontiff might not like it.



White House executive chef Comerford.
Inset: bangsilog

she made sure Francis had something that would remind him of his successful pilgrimage to the Philippines.

The Pope was served a combination plate of boneless bangus (milkfish), with fried egg and garlic fried rice. Locally in the Philippines, it is popularly called bangsilog – bang for bangus, si for sinangag (fried rice), and log for itlog (egg).

The verdict? The Pope loved it! Especially with the spicy vinegar dip.

It wasn't anywhere close to balut. But it couldn't be any closer to a Filipino breakfast.

NAG-TRENDING nang todo todo ang “approved” kissing scene nina James Reid at Nadine Lustre sa kanilang ayaw paawat sa paghataw na teleseryeng On the Wings of Love. At bakit hindi, there was no camera tricks (translation: walang daya) sa unti-unting paglalapat ng kanilang mga sariwa at mamula-mulang labi. Remember your first date and your first kiss? It was tender and magical,. Almost like a fairy tale na ang ending ay “and they kiss happily ever after”. Hindi kami magtataka kung nadoble ang fan base ng Jadine loveteam at dalang magiging mainit ang labanan ng mga screen lovers. Computer, computer on the wall, who got the largest number of tweets of ‘em all?



Superstar bats for Alden

Nora Aunor is happy Alden Richards has become even more popular these days. The Superstar admires the actor's humility and considers him like a son. Nora gave Alden a piece of advice, "Huwag kang magbabago. Kung ano ka nu'ng araw na nakilala ka ng mga tao, lalong lalo na 'yung mga fans mo, ganu'n ka pa din dapat ngayon. Mahalin mo 'yung mga taong nagmamahal sa'yo."

Nora and Alden worked together prior in director Adolf Alix Jr's "Kinabukasan."

In a report on GMANetwork.com, Alden shared he enjoyed working with Nora. “(She’s) very down to earth, madaling lapitan so parang hindi masyadong nakaka -intimidate kausapin,” he related.

Alden learned a lot from the multi-awarded actress, saying, “Epitome siya ng perfect acting eh. Siya ‘yung epitome ng ‘as is’ acting, natural na natural.”

Nora just finished working on the indie "Kabisera," which did not make list in this year's Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

“Sayang kasi talagang ang intention nito ay mapasali sa Metro Manila Film Festival. Sana may awa ang Diyos na magkaroon ng himala na mapasali pa din sa MMFF,” she said.

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Pnoy ok on lower taxes
President wants sound fiscal policy



MANILA - President Aquino is open to Congress’ pro-workers’ measure seeking to lower personal and corporate income tax rates.

“Contrary to reports, President Aquino is open to the proposed reduction of income and corporate taxes. He is not against any measure that would give benefit to ordinary workers,” Marikina Rep. Miro Quimbo, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, said.

Quimbo and his counterpart in the Senate, Sen. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara met with President Aquino to convince the President to support their pro-workers’ proposal.

“The President just wants sound and

responsible fiscal discipline and atmosphere. During the meeting, all questions of President Aquino have been answered by us,” Quimbo said.

“We assured him that the P30 billion losses can be recovered through the P44 billion new revenue sources which refer to the implementation of SSL 4 and the proposed tax on sugar-based drinks,” the House leader added.

The proposed imposition of a 10-percent ad valorem tax on softdrinks and all sweetened beverages has been supported by the Department of Finance (DoF), academic experts and the Department of Health.

He said upon hearing their explanation, the President has tasked the Department of Finance (DoF) to “further study” the matter.

Joining Quimbo and Angara during the meeting are Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr., Budget Secretary Florencio Abad Jr., and Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima.

House Independent Bloc leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez said the Aquino administration should look at the P44 billion potential revenues and not on the estimated P30 billion annual revenue losses.

VP Binay to
boost Agri
sector

Vice President Jejomar C. Binay has vowed to strengthen and implement reforms in the agriculture sector, including giving subsidies to farmers and scrap-ping irrigation fees, if he wins next year’s presidential elections.

“We need good governance to strengthen our agriculture sector, and good governance means when there’s a call to subsidize, then we have to subsidize,” said Binay, in a statement.

Binay explained there was a need to give subsidies for those who have been included in the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

“The idea of CARP is to increase production in the rice fields. Unfortunately, while the lands were given to the tenants, there was no subsidy for fertilizers and other needs in the rice fields,” he said.

“So while these former tenants are now landowners, they lack the means to support themselves so yield remains low,” he added.

He is also open to foreign investment to boost modernization and increase productivity.

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SEXY MEGAN
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RATINGS FOR
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As expected, the ratings of “Marimar” went higher with 25.8% at AGB Nielsen surveys when Megan Young finally appeared last Monday in the title-role. Obviously, everyone wants to see how sexy she is really in her role as a pearl diver who’s always sporting a wet look in front of the camera. And they were not disappointed as she’s really sexiness personified. No wonder, she and the show are both trending nationwide.

Megan is so happy that she posted her appreciation in social media: “Thank you to all those who watched and supported our show from its first week of airing. Nakakataba po ng puso ang suportang natatanggap naming lahat from all of you. You guys are the best!”

Starting Monday, Megan will also be seen as one of the main hosts of “Starstruck, Season 6”. This is really a big accomplishment for her, considering that she’s not a winner in her batch, Starstruck, Season 2, but was actually one of those who were eliminated. The winners then were Ryza Cenon and LJ Reyes, but Megan has no doubted overtaken them both since she’s not only acting in “Marimar” but also hosting in the new Starstruck Artista Search.

“Malaking karangalan talaga na maging co-host ako ng isang Dingdong Dantes, ang unang Sergio sa first local remake ng ‘Marimar’ at host din namin when I joined Starstruck,” says Megan. “Nakita ko na ang contestants na kasali sa bagong season at puro sila magaganda. It’s an exciting batch. Wala kang itulak-kaibigin dahil puro very promising.”

In the pilot week of “Marimar”, it’s established that Zoren Legaspi as Gustavo and Alice Dixon as Mia lost their baby, named Bella, after a boat accident. The baby is found by Nova Villa and Tommy Abuel who raise her and rename her Marimar. Marimar first meets the boy Sergio on the beach crying because he was bitten by a jellyfish.

This week in “Marimar”, Marimar grows up to be the ravishing Megan who has a pet dog, Fulgoso (voice by Boobay). Megan will meet Sergio again, now played by the hunky Tom Rodriguez, and sparks quickly fly between them. Don’t fail to watch the blossoming love story of Marimar and Sergio and don’t miss the new villains who will torment Megan as Marimar.

Poe is Filipino

Mary Grace Poe, the front-runner in the latest presidential surveys, is not only a Filipino citizen but a natural-born one, an Immigration certificate and other documents show.



Poe submitted the documents to the Senate Electoral Tribunal hearing the petition over her citizenship, which was filed by Rizalito David, a losing senatorial candidate in the 2013 elections, in a bid to unseat her and block her possible presidential run.

David asked the tribunal to remove Poe from the Senate for not being a natural-born Filipino citizen and for failing to meet the two-year residency before the last elections, where she emerged as the top winner.

Peter quits 2016 bid
Cayetano opts for vice-presidential run

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano has given up his plan to seek the highest office in the land and will instead run for vice president, but he has still not decided under which party.

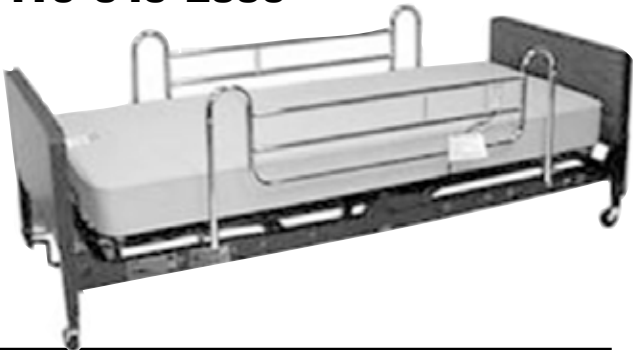
Speaking in Bacolod City on Friday, Cayetano said he really wants to run under the Nacionalista Party, but three other NP members are entertaining the possibility of running for vice president and voter preference surveys reveal a poor showing in the presidential race.

In the recent Pulse Asia survey, for instance, Cayetano said he was only seventh among eight possible presidential candidates, garnering only 2 percent from 1,200 respondents nationwide.

Senator Grace Poe led the survey with 30 percent followed by the 22 percent of Vice President Jejomar Binay, whom Cayetano has severely criticized.

However, Cayetano said he is talking with other political parties about his bid to run for vice president and a political partnership based on programs and vision where he will not treated only as a “trophy.”

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Kathryn Bernardo
reads and reacts to
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her

Preview Magazine let their September cover girl Kathryn Bernardo read mean tweets about her and the Pangako Sa Yo star was a good sport about it. In the video, even though the tweets were a bit harsh, she has still managed to smile about it. She even told in the end of the video, “Thank you for the comments! I love bashers.”

In one of the comments, one of the bashers accused her of having cosmetic surgery to achieve her beauty. “Hindi ako nag papa-injection promise kahit i-press pa (pressing her jaw). Ba’t ako mag papa-inject sa panga ‘di lalaki siya. Ano lang, it’s natural,” Kathryn answered with a laugh.

She also answered a tweet about her being a snob in person.

“Guys kasi minsan ‘pag pagod or minsan di namin narinig nag hi kayo, maybe ganun lang. Mag-date tayo, bawi ako sa ‘yo kung may nagawa ako. Sorry, di ko yun mini-mean.”



Congress fights Palace for funds



MANILA - Congress has moved to regain full control of its own finances to insulate itself from encroachment by the Palace on its fiscal autonomy, House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said.

Belmonte said a resolution he filed to protect Congress' budget from scrutiny by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has already been approved on second reading, and is up for plenary debates.

"The Senate and the House of Representatives shall have full autonomy in

determining the appropriations required for their operations," Belmonte and other House leaders said in the resolution.

"The present budgetary policies formulated by the Executive, through the Department of Budget and Management, insofar as they apply to the Congress of the Philippines and the Senate, threaten its independence, encroach on its exclusive domain and violate the principle of separation of powers, upon which the entire fabric of our constitutional system is based," they added.

Coco: It is impossible to reach FPJ's status

It's so big an honor for teleserye King Coco Martin to have been given the chance of a lifetime to play the industry's King of all time, FPJ, through the TV adaptation of ABS-CBN, "Ang Probinsiyano."

Even then, when big movie s are talked about, to everybody's minds, it's no less than Da King FPJ as the prime inspiration most of the time. For Coco, he considers him not just a superstar but a hero.

Coco admits it is impossible to reach FPJ's status but to just been able to play one of his gem roles is already a big bonus. In "Ang Probinsiyano," he plays the characters played by FPJ as Ador and Cardo, the twins separated by fate but have one intention: to serve the country as policeman.

With the efforts of Dreamscape and FPJ Productions, Ang Probinsiyano showcases on the small screen the true-life heroism of men in uniform.

The powerhouse cast is also composed of only the best in the industry like Albert Martinez, Agot Isidro, Maja Salvador, Arjo Atayde, Bela Padilla, Jaime Fabregas and Susan Roces under the megger of Malu Sevilla and Avel Sunpongco.

Pal sheds 117 jobs

MANILA - Philippine Airlines Inc (PAL) said on Thursday it is laying off 117 domestic ground crew, or about 2 percent of its total staff strength, in November to focus on its core operations for sustaining profitability.

"PAL will disengage from non-core services such as our ground-handling activities in domestic stations which can be turned over to qualified third-party service providers," the carrier said in a statement.

The airline, owned by PAL Holdings Inc which is controlled by the Philippines' fourth-richest man, Lucio Tan, had 2,386 ground employees in the Philippines and 2,512 flight crew as of end-2014. It flies to 35 foreign cities and 29 domestic points.

The statement said severance benefits will be paid to the affected employees but did not quantify the costs or savings for the airline from the move.

PAL Holdings' first-half net income jumped more than 10 times to 5.86 billion pesos (\$125.51 million) from a year earlier on strong passenger revenues. It returned to profitability in 2014, snapping a three-year losing streak amid labour unrest, mounting expenses, a weak peso and heightened competition.

PAL said last month it plans to acquire or lease eight wide body, twin-engine Airbus A350 XWB or Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft for its long-haul operations.

DOST: Free Wi-Fi all over PH by year-end

MANILA - The government is confident that people outside Metro Manila can soon enjoy free internet access. Science and Technology Secretary Mario Montejo said that the installation of public Wi-Fi in Dagupan, Tuguegarao, Mabalacat, Batangas, Legazpi, Puerto Princesa, Ilo-ilo, Cebu, Calbayog, Tacloban, Zamboanga, Pagadian, Davao and Cagayan de Oro will likely be completed within the year.

"We are very, very hopeful. It's on track. The program is almost on track. That before the end of the year, free Wi-Fi would be in public places all over the Philippines," Montejo said.

He added that the public Wi-Fi project aims to benefit Filipinos from the countryside by exposing them to numerous employment opportunities online.

However, Montejo admitted that the government is still working on increasing the domestic internet's bandwidth which can match the internet speed of neighboring countries.





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Zero Budget for OFW's in trouble

Senator Nancy Binay deplores anti-OFW policies

MANILA - Senator Nancy Binay deplored the “zero” budget for the OFWs (overseas Filipino workers) Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) which helps distressed migrant workers with legal services in the countries where they face criminal charges. She deplored the decision not to fund the LAF in the proposed P3 trillion 2016 national budget. She noted that Republic Act No. 10022 or the amended Migrant Workers Act mandates the government to set aside P100 million to aid OFWs in their legal concerns, which the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) handles.

“Ganito ba tayo tumanaw sa mga sakripisyo at paghihirap ng ating mga OFWs? Zero budget para sa kanilang legal assistance fund samantalang bilyon ang nireremit nila kada taon sa ating ekonomiya?” Binay asked.

She lamented the poor support that the administration has been giving to

the OFWs and vowed to push for the inclusion of the legal fund in the DFA's 2016 budget. Binay said that the OFW LAF has been dwindling since last year. She said that the DBM proposed only P30 million for the fund in last year's budget deliberations. Binay had pushed for increasing the fund to P100 million.

But President Benigno Aquino vetoed the LAF when he signed the 2015 national budget into law last year, saying that there was no income source to justify the creation of the fund.

“I will make it a point during the budget deliberations na mabigyan ng LAF ang ating mga OFWs. We cannot compromise the lives of these OFWs just because we don't have the budget to provide them legal assistance,” said Binay.

“Napaghahalatang manhid ang pamahalaan sa mga hinaing ng mga OFW, isang example na lamang itong zero budget na ayaw nitong tulungan

ang mga OFW,” she added.

Binay noted that there are some policies that are “anti-OFWs” like the collection of the P550 terminal fee at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), which RA 10022 exempts them from paying.

“The terminal fee is integrated into the airline ticket pero supposedly exempted sila sa pagbabayad. At bakit kung kailan lamang sila makakauwi ng Pilipinas e saka lang sila makakapila para makolekta ito?” said Binay.

She also pointed out the plan of the Bureau of Customs (BoC) to open balikbayan boxes and tax personal items. “Mabuti na lang at napigilan natin ang implementasyon ng policy na iyon, na isang panggigipit sa ating mga OFWs,” she said .

Binay earlier, filed Senate Resolution No. 1533 directing the proper Senate committees to conduct an inquiry on the BoC's policy.

Glaiza hopes Ben is the one

Glaiza de Castro gained a lot of fans from the LGBT community after playing a similar role in

“The Rich Man's Daughter.” Upon learning that she is having her first solo concert, “Dreams Never End”, at Music Museum



on Saturday, October 3, a lot of them quickly bought tickets and it's now all sold out.

“Some of those who'd watch are even flying in from the U.S., Malaysia, Japan and Dubai,” she says. “Nakakatuwa ang suporta nila sa akin.”

Glaiza has really come a long way since she was introduced by Regal in 2001 in the movie “Cool Dudes 24/7” when she was only 13 years old. Her co-stars in that movie are mostly no longer active: Cogie Domingo, Jemalene Estrada, Angelene Aguilar and Danilo Barrios. Another one, James Blanco, now plays father roles. She's the only one who continues to gain acclaim not only as one of our today's most reliable actresses but also a singer. Her album, “Synthesis”, is a certified hit and its success triggered the production of her concert.

“For the initial printing of ‘Synthesis’, 1,000 lang pinagawa namin but it was quickly sold out and has had several reprintings. As of now, nakaka-8,000 copies sold na kami so it's on its way to being platinum. It's a labor of love from my friends. Angelica Panganiban helped with two songs and Alessandra de Rossi with one song, so they will be appearing in the concert with me. Guest ko rin si Rhian Ramos after our tandem clicked in ‘Rich Man's Daughter’, along with Alza Segueria, Jay-R, Kitchie Nadal and Asia's Songbird no less, Ms. Regine Velasquez. I will be jamming with all of them in some very special numbers.”

So what's her next soap? “Wala pa kasi I'm doing shows abroad. I will be in Singapore on November 7 and from November 26 to December 7, I will be touring five cities in Canada, including Vancouver, Toronto, Winnipeg and Edmonton. But I have finished a new movie, ‘Sleepless’, about call center workers na kulang sa tulog. It's a rom-com with Dominic Rocco and TJ Trinidad, directed by Prime Cruz for IdeaFirst Company. Ipalalabas ito sa Quezon City Filmfest in November.”

Since tickets for “Dreams Never End” are sold out, they're now planning to have a repeat. The concert is directed by Rico Gutierrez, with Marc Lopez as musical director and GMA Network as media partner. Will her rumored boyfriend, Benjamin Alves, will be there? “I hope so, but honestly, hindi kami. He was the one who thought of ‘Synthesis’ as the title of my album. We became close when we did ‘Dading’ and we went out as a group, but friends lang talaga kami.

Call me momsie

If and when, according to Batangas Governor Vilma Santos-Recto, she becomes a grandma, courtesy of course, of her panganay na si Luis Manzan, hindi raw siya papayag na tawagin siyang lola.

Momsie pa, stressed ni Ate Vi. Of course, we all know, kung sino ang magiging manugang ni Ate Vi, if ever. Stable as can be ang relationship sa kasalukuyan nina Luis at ng aktres na si Angel Locsin. Nagkakakilanlan lalo sina Ate Vi at Angel, ngayong may ginagawa silang film together.

Scheduled for release in November ang movie na wala pang tiyak na titulo. A Star Cinema movie, it's directed by Joyce Bernal and also stars Xian Lim.

Teachers need more pay for polls

MANILA - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) agrees with Buhay Party-list Rep. Lito Atienza that public school teachers who shall serve as Board of Election Inspectors (BEIs) in the May 2016 polls should get higher pay.

But to be able to do that, Comelec Chairman Andres Bautista said they need help to get a higher budget allocation for that purpose.

Buhay Partylist Rep. Lito Atienza had recently urged the Comelec to increase the allowance of teachers, who will man polling precincts on Election Day, from P4,000 to P8,000.

Chairman Bautista said it would be better if Atienza would help them get a higher budget allocation, which would allow them to pay teachers with a bigger amount.

“We are all for the increase of the allowances of our teachers. Hopefully, if Congressman Atienza can convince his colleagues to increase it, we are all for it,” he said.

Meanwhile, Bautista said they are already looking for ways to provide teachers a higher pay.

Why Julie Yap-Daza wrote a book on mistresses

MANILA -- Journalist and author Julie Yap Daza narrated the story behind her best-selling book, “Etiquette for Mistresses.”

Yap-Daza said she wrote the book to tell the stories of the mistresses from their respective points of view because she personally knew some of the women she wrote about. “I didn't mean to condone mistresses or to glorify them, but being an observer of society, a student of human nature like Agatha Christie, I felt that somebody had to speak and tell their stories from their point of view, without condemning, just to bring out their stories because maybe 50% of the mistresses in my book are my friends, or friends of my friends,” she said.

She also said it was easy for her to write about mistresses since she did not consider it a taboo subject. “I didn't think it was a taboo subject. I didn't write it in a way to glorify them and put them in a saintly status,” Yap-Daza added.

When asked why some women opt to become mistresses, she said most of those she wrote about did it for love.

“The ones in my book were there for the love of the guy,” Yap-Daza said. “It's the men who encouraged me (to turn it into a book),” Yap-Daza added.

According to Yap-Daza, it was film director Chito Roño's idea to turn the novel into a film. The challenge for Roño was to condense 50 accounts of mistresses into a single screenplay. It took the director around three years, and six screenplays before the film became a reality.

Roño's film's focuses on the stories of five mistresses. They are played by Kris Aquino, Iza Calzado, Kim Chiu, Claudine Barretto and Cheena Crab.

ASEAN Integration means more jobs for Filipinos

MANILA - HSBC Philippines CEO Wick Veloso said that he is confident the ASEAN Integration will create more jobs for Filipinos.

In an interview on ANC's “Market Edge” with Cathy Yang, Veloso said Philippines' relatively young population may also be an attraction for investors.

Consumer goods and furniture export industry will benefit the most from the ASEAN Integration, he added.

“Mind you, we have very good products, I am very impressed with the domestic food items that we have, the condiments that we have, and even the very popular green and yellow dried mangoes... the furniture, take a look at the furniture we produce,” he said.



PPCO Picnic

Philippine Press Club Ontario holds a picnic at Niagara on the Lake and presents a case of San Miguel beer to the host, and former NOTL Mayor Art Viola.

Conservatives increase age and pension income credit

By Dindo Orbeso & Romy Zetazate

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Canada issues travel ban after Canadians kidnapped in PHL

DAVAO CITY – The Canadian government has advised Canadians against traveling to the Davao region and nearby areas, including the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao due to what it said was “serious threat of terrorist attacks and kidnapping.”

However, in an advisory posted on its website, the Canadian government said it has no nationwide advisory for the Philippines.

“However, you should exercise a high degree of caution due to an ongoing terrorist threat to Westerners and Western interests,” it said.

The advisory cited, among other reasons, the abduction of three foreigners in Island Garden City of Samal on Monday for the travel ban. Two of the victims, John Ridsdel, a former mining executive and Robert Hall, were Canadians. The third foreign victim, Kjartan Sekkingstad, was Norwegian.

“If you are visiting or living in this region despite this advisory, review your security situation regularly and take appropriate precautions, particularly when visiting places frequented by foreigners,” the advisory read.

READ: Filipina, 3 foreigners abducted on Samal Island

In banning travel to other Mindanao provinces such as those in the ARMM and western and central Mindanao, the Canadian government said the “threat of terrorist activities exists throughout the country, including in major cities.”

“Bombings, shootings and kidnappings have occurred on public transportation, at airports, in shopping malls and in other public areas. Foreigners and places frequented by foreigners have been targeted. Explosive devices continue to be discovered by security authorities,” it said.

The advisory also urged Canadian citizens in these areas to “be vigilant and comply with all security procedures.”

“Expect to be subject to frequent security checks at public and private facilities, including shopping malls and public transportation stations,” the advisory added.

READ: PH Navy in Sulu on patrol after abduction incident on Samal island

They should also avoid “travel outside urban areas and tourist [centers] after dark,” according to the advisory.



Enrique Gil and Liza Soberano

Did Enrique Gil-Jessy incident really happen?

While much has been written and speculated about the drunken incident of Enrique Gil on the flight to London, recently obtained the account from an eyewitness came out.

Upon boarding, Gil already seemed as having had a drink too many. He was seated next to Liza Soberano, who was tired and wanted to sleep, so she covered herself with a blanket. Across the aisle, Jessy Mendiola was seated next to Luis Manzano. From time to time, Mendiola would converse with Manzano, who was watching videos.

Being drunk, Gil continued to pick on Soberano, who opted to ignore him. However, he was persistent, and thus, Soberano transferred to the back area, as she wanted to catch up on sleep. Gil then proceeded to walk to and from along the aisle, and sit and stand, and move again. When he reached the galley, another actor joined him and both started to pick on each other like two drunken men. Gil allegedly pulled the shirt of this other drunk actor repeatedly that offended the latter. Their rising voices attracted attention, but nothing more ensued as they were pacified by this other passenger who advised them to return to their seats. To ensure that Gil would not be bothersome, he was escorted by this passenger back to his seat.

When the plane landed in London, the talents were quick to wake up and move about. Gil, who was too drunk to remember anything, had a difficult time waking up. Although he was offered assistance at the immigration counter, Gil managed on his own and was allowed entry to London.

From this account, there was no incident involving Mendiola, who has yet to give her side clearly. However, the accounts so far agree that Gil was very drunk during the flight, and quite possibly have no recall of his actions under the influence of alcohol. While Gil apologized for his actions, no further statements were made on the incident. The incident escalated when social media became the venue for speculations, bashing, and challenges coming from various parties, including actors and fans.

Kathniel is most popular love team

MANILA - Ginastusan, pinaghandaan at A for effort talaga ang kick-off ng 6th anniversary ng It's Showtime na ginanap sa Araneta Coliseum last Saturday. Gusto naming i-congratulate ang ABS-CBN at lahat ng hosts for a job well done dahil hindi rin naman biro ang effort na ibinigay nila para makapaghatid ng pasabog na show sa televiewers.

Yung pagsama-samahin na lang ang top loveteams ng network na KimXi (Kim Chiu and Xian Lim), LizQuen (Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil), JaDine (James Reid and Nadine Lustre) at KathNiel (Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla),

napakatindi na nu'n at maka-yanig Araneta na talaga, kumbaga.

At dumagundong naman talaga ang Big Dome sa nakakabinging hiyawan ng mga fans ng mga loveteam na nabanggit. Sa apat na loveteams, KathNiel pa rin talaga ang may pinakamalakas na hiyawan. May isang fan pa na umiyak habang kumakanta ang dalawa ng Pangako Sa 'Yo na theme song ng kanilang serye.

Pero revelation ang JaDine dahil sila ang pumapangalawa sa KathNiel pagdating sa lakas ng tilian. Tinalbugan nila ang LizQuen and KimXi, sa totoo lang.

Norway awards Pinoy seafarers

MANILA - Fifteen Filipino seafarers from MV Taiko received the Operation Medal from the Norwegian Armed Forces (NAF), marking the first time since World War 2 that civilians were awarded the medal, and the first time that non-Norwegian civilians were given the honor.

The Filipino crew were awarded for their efforts in assisting the NAF and the Norwegian government in removing chemical weapons from Syria December 2013 to July 2014 on behalf of the United Nations (UN) and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Norwegian Ambassador to the Philippines Erik Førner said that the mission was of great importance for the population of Syria, the UN, and for international peace and security.

“The operation was completed under exceptionally challenging circumstances. Taiko was extremely exposed and vulnerable for the time it took to take on board the chemi-

cal weapons in Syria. Occasionally, the loading of the ship was accompanied by the sound of missiles and mortars.

The 15 seafarers represented here today ensured that hundreds of tons of chemical weapons were transported from Syria and safely destroyed,” Førner said. One of the Filipino crewmen, Ted Jallorina, was beaming with pride as the medal was pinned on his barong.

“Nakakatakot, pero masaya din na may nagawa kam-ing ganito. Malaking honor, para din sa ibang Pinoy na seamen,” said Jallorina. Six more Filipino seafarers of the MV Taiko were awarded the Operation Medal during a ceremony in Norway in June this year.

The maritime sector has been the cornerstone of Philippine-Norwegian bilateral relations. More than 25,000 Filipino seafarers are on board Norwegian-owned or controlled vessels at any time.

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Airsoft Players form group



Pacific Recon Ontario

“No one get’s left behind”

The team was formed to unite Filipino airsoft enthusiasts, be it a player, or just a collector or both.

It all started in the early spring of 2009, Grandjayson has been encouraging Filipinos to join the airsoft world with the idea of forming a team, and by the summer of 2009, a group of Filipino airsofters showed up at Defcon Paintball. This is where the idea started to become a reality. GJ shared the idea to Echo2, about his aspiration of being able to establish an all-Filipino team. It turns out that Echo2 has the same vision. GJ then created a thread at www.airsoftcanada.com to gauge an interest in putting up an all-Filipino team. Positive responses all across the country, from east coast all the way to west coast, overwhelmed the thread GJ made.

And since then, another enthusiast, who just started with airsoft, Darwinsnug started another thread about “Pinoy Airsoft Team”, naming the team’s

pioneering members. Next, team names was voted by members.

By Sept 6, 2009 the team decided unanimously to the team name. PACIFIC RECON, And the rest is... well, a history. They started the first ever all Filipino airsoft team in CANADA!

Ever since, they have been and will always be involved in charity and fundraising that benefits Filipino locally and back home.

Three years later Pacific Recon Manitoba was formed with the same idea and values. Not long after, Pacific Recon British Columbia joined the team.

Last September 5-8, 2015, Pacific Recon hosted an event at Prince Edward Heights in Picton, Ontario. An abandoned asylum hospital turned out to be a Paintball facility. It was an event that attended by airsoft enthusiast all over Canada. It is the Operation Snake Eyes Version 2.1m, a tribute game for one of their members who passed away by heart attack during the game Operation Snake Eyes Version 2 on November 2013. **Written by Sheila Camangian**



Multi-Award Winning Imbisibol Cast and Crew Join PMNTV For TIFF Interview

By Michelle Chermaine Ramos



Left to right: Reggie Abrenica, Kimmy Maclang, Krisma Fajardo, John Bedia, Wilson Tieng, PMNTV host Michelle Chermaine, Lawrence Fajardo and Bernardo Bernardo.

After a remarkable victory bagging all the awards at the Sinag Maynila Festival this year including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography, and Best Production Design, Lawrence Fajardo’s Imbisibol (Invisible) premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 14, 2015 at the Scotiabank Theatre in downtown Toronto. Days prior at a private cocktail party, the Imbisibol cast and crew chatted with PMNTV in an exclusive interview on the making of the movie and why the story is so close to their hearts.

Aptly titled Imbisibol, the movie tackles the individual emotional and physical hardships of undocumented OFWs (Overseas Filipino Workers) in Fukuoka, Japan, trying to remain unseen due to their illegal status. Produced by Brillante Mendoza, Wilson Tieng and Krisma Fajardo, the film is based on a one-act play written by Herlyn Gail Alegre for the Virgin Labfest and was eventually expanded into a full-length screenplay in collaboration with screenwriter John Bedia and director Lawrence Fajardo.

The story is set around Christmastime in the 1990s in Fukuoka, Japan and stars seasoned thespian Bernardo Bernardo, Ces Quesada who won the Best Actress award at Sinag Maynila, Allen Dizon who won the Best Actor award, Ricky Davao, JM De Guzman, JC Santos and Onyl Torres. “The 1990s was the decade in which the Japanese government decided to start evicting the Filipinos out of Japan because the majority of them were illegal workers,” explained screenplay writer John Bedia. So what makes Imbisibol different from other OFW themed movies? Unlike previous popular films about the OFW life, which leaned towards comedy or romantic drama, Imbisibol does not shy away from exposing the dark gritty truth of what many OFWs face every day. However, despite dealing with mature subject matter such as Allen Dizon’s character Manuel’s desperate situation as a male sex worker, Fajardo directs the scenes with such subtlety and finesse by telling the story without resorting to nudity, making the film safe for kids to watch.

“The film is a tribute to the OFW or “Bagong Bayani” as Bernardo calls them in reference to how their hard-earned remittances are helping keep the Philippine economy afloat.

Anne Curtis says ALDub fans must chill out

Actress Anne Curtis, one of the main-stay hosts of ABS-CBN’s “It’s Showtime,” acknowledged their head-on rivalry with GMA 7’s “Eat Bulaga” and “ALDub.”

“Of course you know, there’s a war now between the fans and everything,” Anne told the members of the press at the launch of Smart and Uber partnership in Taguig City.

The feud between the fans of both



Richards and Maine Mendoza as Yaya Dub.

But for Anne, everyone needs to relax amid the rising tension between “Showtime” and “ALDub” fans. “I think everyone just needs to take a chill pill.”

noontime shows has become more intense now, especially on social media, because of the popularity of Eat, Bulaga’s “Kalyeserye” tandem Alden

She also takes the heated competition as a positive part of showbiz.

“I think it’s great. It goes to show that people are still into noontime shows. So I think it’s great,” she said.

“It’s just evolving to what people want to watch. You have to go with the times,” she added.

Anne also thinks that the viewers will always have the leeway to choose whatever show they want to see on TV.

“Everyone has their own type. They can tune in to whoever they want to tune in. There doesn’t have to be any bashing,” she concluded.

FIRST FILIPINO-CANADIAN SENATOR CELEBRATES 3 YEARS IN THE SENATE OF CANADA

Ottawa, September 6, 2015 – The Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Senator from Ontario, celebrates the third anniversary of his appointment, on the recommendation of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, to the Senate of Canada today.

“This year has been the busiest year I have spent in the Senate since my appointment,” said Senator Enverga in a statement. “As a member of three standing committees with demanding legislative agendas, sponsoring a government bill in the Senate and introducing my own private member’s bill in the upper house, it has been a highly productive year for me,” the Senator continued.

Senator Enverga introduced and moved second reading of the government’s Bill C-40, An Act respecting the Rouge National Urban Park, which is now law and establishes the first urban national park in Canada – a park that is 16 times larger than Central Park in New York.

The Senator also introduced his own Bill S-228, An Act respecting Hispanic Heritage Month, which would designate October as a month to celebrate all those with Hispanic heritage living in Canada, and he spoke in Senate Chamber about establishing an International Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Week; celebrating the 25th annual International Development Week, World Down Syndrome Day, National Vision Health Month, the Philippine Heritage Band and Philippine Independence Day flag raising on Parliament Hill. He also paid tribute to Dr. Jose Rizal and CNN Hero Phymean Noun from Cambodia.

Senator Enverga was a member of the Senate Standing Committees on Aboriginal Affairs; Agriculture and Forestry; and Social



Affairs, Science and Technology. In addition to studying bills, Senate committees are highly respected for their special studies of policy questions.

“I am very proud of the work that Senate committees do, particularly the special studies they conduct on various issues that are relevant to Canadians,” said Senator Enverga. “This is especially true when we make recommendations to the government and it listens. One example is Bill C-17, Vanessa’s Law, which puts into law many recommendations from the four-part Social Affairs, Science and Technology committee study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada.” Other special studies the Senator took part in include the importance of bee health to sustainable food production in Canada, and First Nations on-reserve housing and infrastructure.

“This year has also seen great strides in Canada-Philippines relations. The official

state visit by President Benigno S. Aquino III was a high-level manifestation of the closer ties that are being made between our two governments. Another milestone was the trade mission to the Philippines that I participated in, led by the Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade, which saw several significant government-to-government and private sector commitments being made,” said Senator Enverga. “I also visited several Canadian funded reconstruction projects on Panay Island with our Ambassador Mr. Neil Reeder, and I am happy to say that the Typhoon Haiyan Fund is being well spent to improve the lives of those affected by the super typhoon’s destruction.” In addition, the Philippines became the largest source country for permanent residents to Canada in 2014 with over 40,000 new permits being approved for Filipino citizens.

Senator Enverga has delivered more than 80 speeches and attended over 200 events in the nation’s capital and in the community, usually during evenings and weekends.

“My duty as a Senator is to represent the Province of Ontario and to represent Filipino Canadians from all over the country, to give them a voice at the federal level of government. It is important for me to meet you and to hear from you what your concerns are. I continue to be humbled by the responsibilities given to me, and I urge you to continue to share your concerns with me so that I can serve you better. I am proud to represent you in the Senate of Canada,” Senator Enverga ended.

For more information visit www.senatorenverga.com.

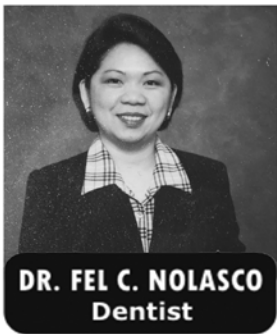
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Duterte supporters still trying

Businessmen pledge support with no strings attached

DAVAO CITY—They are not expecting anything in return, not even publicity.



All they want is a crime-free, drug-free, corruption-free and rebellion-free Philippines. “They” are a group of Filipino businessmen who believe Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte’s policies are good for business and have pledged P1 billion to bankroll his presidential candidacy, according to Duterte’s aides. The businessmen, who call themselves the Anonymous Patriots for Peaceful and Progressive Philippines, or AP4, believe that “by helping Duterte win the presidency, they would be showing their patriotism,” said former North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, a Duterte friend and supporter.

No strings attached

“There will be no strings attached.

They will not even allow their names to be published,” said Piñol, quoting businessman Benigno Gopez, who speaks for the group.

Peter Laviña, Duterte’s spokesperson, told the Inquirer he could confirm Piñol’s claim.

“Yes, I can confirm. Many well-meaning Filipinos rich and not rich are willing to financially support Duterte,” Laviña said.

He said it had always been volunteerism that had fueled the campaign to convince Duterte to run for President.

“In fact, the federalism campaign [that Duterte has been running] the past year was largely funded by volunteerism,” Laviña said.

In August, Duterte disclosed having been called to a meeting by five big businessmen known to be election spenders, who said they wanted to bankroll his presidential campaign.

Not losing hope

Piñol and Laviña are among the avid

Duterte supporters who continue to hope that the mayor will change his mind in the face of his repeated statements that he is definitely not running.

“It’s still several weeks away before the deadline for the filing of certificates of candidacy,” Piñol said.

Laviña said there were many others who continued to pledge financial donations and other assistance even after the mayor’s rejection of the calls for him to run.

Last month, Duterte urged his supporters not to go to the Luneta on where his supporters are holding a rally aimed at convincing him to run.

A similar rally was also staged at the Rizal Park in Davao City on Sunday, where about 500 people were seen to have already converged as of 4 p.m.

On Laviña’s Facebook page, he appeared to be in contact with organizers of the Luneta rally, posting updates and photos. People could be seen putting up tents for the rally.

Duterte has not issued any statement on the P1-billion campaign pledge and his supporters’ insistence about holding the rally.



OWN OPINION. Coleen Garcia says Joey de Leon is entitled to his own opinions about the competition between ‘Eat Bulaga’ and ‘It’s Showtime.’

Coleen Garcia talks of ‘AIDub’ & ‘Pastillas Girl’

MANILA, Philippines – Coleen Garcia responded to questions on what she thought about the ongoing competition between It’s Showtime and Eat Bulaga. Both shows have popular segments – on Eat Bulaga, the popular “kalyeserye” starring the popular AIDub tandem, and on Showtime, a popular featuring starring the lovelorn “Pastillas Girl.”

Coleen said that both shows are trying to make people happy. “One thing that I actually pick up on is that I’m happy that there are two noontime shows that are doing their very best to make people happy, “Because, at the end of the day, it’s really about the audience. It’s really about the fans,” Coleen said, who is one of It’s Showtime’s co-hosts. Coleen also said that Eat Bulaga is a very good show, which is different from It’s Showtime. “The good thing about all of this is we’re two different shows and we’re trying very, very hard to make our fans happy,” she said.

Coleen was also asked what she thought of Eat Bulaga host Joey de Leon’s cryptic tweets, saying that she didn’t want to prematurely assume anything. “I don’t want to go ahead and jump to conclusions... because, I mean, here in showbiz, there have been many misunderstandings also.”

“That’s his opinion and everybody’s entitled to their own,” she said.

Joey posted a series of tweets about copying on September 15 and 16. While he didn’t explicitly direct them at It’s Showtime, social media users wondered whether he was referring to Showtime.

What Anne thinks

Anne Curtis said she is is aware of the ongoing competition between Eat Bulaga and It’s Showtime regarding the two segments.

“I think it’s great. It just goes to show that people are still into noontime shows. So I think it’s great,” she said. However, Anne said the exchange of nasty comments between the fans is not necessary.

I mean, of course you know, there’s a war now between the fans and everything. But I think everyone just needs to take a chill pill.”

Pastillas Girl and #AIDub

On September 11, It’s Showtime introduced Pastillas Girl aka Angelica Jane Yap, who rose to fame because of her famous pastillas video. Her segment, which has been on It’s Showtime has become another Twitter hit which some speculate to be the show’s answer to Eat Bulaga’s popular AIDub tandem.

In the Pastillas Girl segment, Angelica is on the quest to look for a potential partner, after she was ditched by her ex-boyfriend for another girl.

EDSA traffic? Sotto suggests this drastic step

As authorities try to solve the complex problem that is EDSA traffic, more suggestions surface.

Among recent suggestions is Senator Tito Sotto’s: to declare Metro Manila a no-parking zone. Sotto said in a Senate hearing that banning parking in major highways in Metro Manila will drastically reduce metro traffic.

“Declare Metro Manila a no-parking zone. I think you will remove a big portion of vehicles passing through EDSA,” said Sotto.

He said this is easier to implement than the earlier suggested odd-even or carpooling schemes. Highway Patrol Group Chief, Chief Superintendent Arnold Gunnacao said Sotto’s proposal may be a viable solution.

“If all our arteries, all our streets are cleared from all illegally parked vehicle, then true enough there will be smooth flow of traffic,” Gunnacao said.

Last month, HPG took over traffic duties of Metro Manila Development Authority in EDSA.

Transportation Security probes ‘Laglag Bala’ scam

MANILA - Authorities guaranteed that a thorough investigation has been launched amid allegations that some personnel of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) had extorted money from passengers by planting bullets in luggage.

Office for Transportation Security (OTS) spokesperson Jojo Maliwat said they are probing all possible angles on the “Laglag-Bala” modus, starting with an inquiry of possible violations of established airport protocol.

This, after first time tourist Michael White was detained for five days by airport police for allegedly concealing a bullet in his checked-in baggage, which was discovered at the X-ray scanner area of NAIA Terminal 4.

The 20-year-old foreigner denied knowledge of how the .22 caliber bullet got inside his luggage. White alleged that a male security personnel told him that his problem will be settled for P30,000.

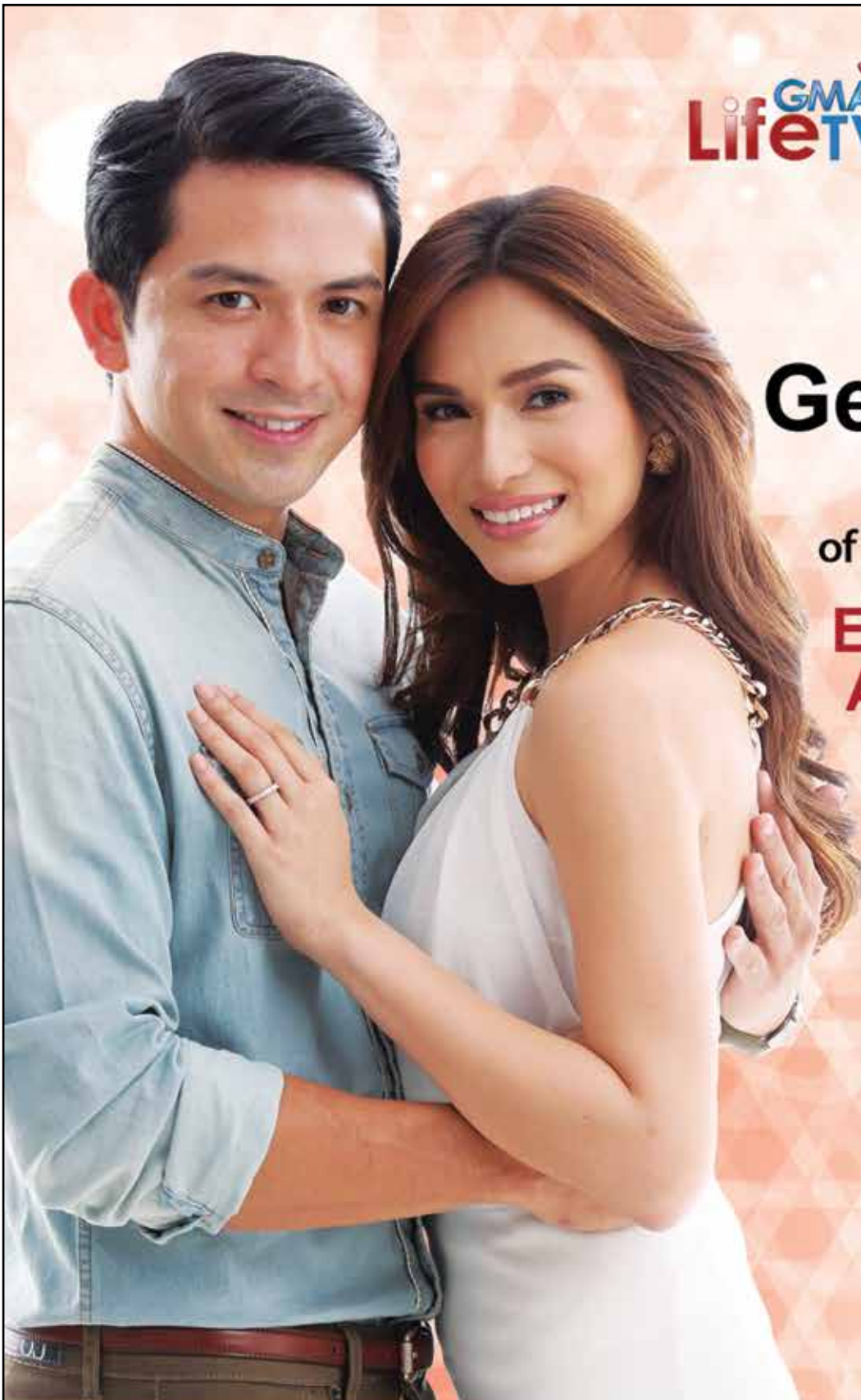
Two bullets were also mysteriously found at the luggage of a wheelchair-bound balikbayan who reportedly had to pay P500 to the airport security personnel to be allowed to depart the country.

Maliwat said they displayed prompt action in investigating the incidents despite the lack of a formal complaint. The two airport security personnel accused of the anomaly were also immediately suspended pending investigation.



PATRICK BROWN’S Halo-halo Party

Conservative leader Patrick Brown, front in barong, poses with Filipino supporters at Queen’s Park. He was joined by MPP’s Julia Munro and Norm Miller. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS







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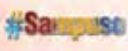
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Angelina Grace Guzman

Angeline's 7th birthday celebration at Fairmont Royal York is the second 7th birthday debut I've attended. Not surprisingly, the first one was held for Angeline's elder sister, Princess.

Being 7 marks a child's entry into his primary schooling (first grade, big school, etc.) and indicates that he's no longer a "baby." Much later on, the 18th birthday also is special because this marks a child's transition from childhood to adulthood.

Last month, Angeline celebrated her birthday, debut style. She is the daughter of Dr. Solon and Josephine Guzman.

Just like a regular debut, it had a cotillion, 7 flowers, 7 balloons, 7 wishes and 7 treasures. it also featured 7 singers like Lilac Cana, Inah Canlapan, Jenifer Camacho and 4 others. The themes of the party was the movie Wizard of Oz, so there was a presentation where Angeline played Dorothy. Of course, it had great food, and good company. It was a great party for everyone, specially the kids.



DEREK on COLEEN:

Sexiest Actress of her generation

Toto ang lahat ng ipinahayag ni Derek Ramsay tungkol kay Coleen Garcia nang makausap namin pagkatapos ng "Ex With Benefits" block screening sa Powerplant Cinema sa Rockwell last week. "She's going to be the hottest and sexiest star of her generation,"

sabi ng blockbuster actor. "Kung focused si Coleen sa aming mga love scenes, the same thing with her acting. She's a natural actress and it really surprised me dahil first time niya sa isang pelikulang tulad nito. Moviegoers will agree with me na convincing ang reactions namin kahit first time na mag-love scene kami. I always remind her na itodo na namin ang first take para hindi na kami mag-take 2. Amazing.

"Ang galing din niyang umiyak. Naa-lala ko si Juday (Judy Ann Santos) nang makasama ko sa isang project. Parang may gripo rin sa mata si Coleen. Todo ang iyak niya sa madadramang scenes namin. "She is also very professional. She's a good listener and so serious about the instructions na ibinibigay ni direktor Gino (Santos). Ako rin, ingat na ingat sa kanya dahil ang liit-liit niya. Baka kasi mapilayan kapag ibinabagsak ko sa kama o sa dingding kung saan non-stop ang love-making namin." Bigay na bigay na bigay si Coleen sa love scenes niya. Natanong namin kung how far can she go sa sexy scenes niya. "Puwede akong maghubad, pero patalikod lang. Walang frontal nudity," aniya.



Provincial Conservative leader Patrick Brown, wearing a barong and holding a halo-halo, hosts a halo-halo party at Queen's Park. From left are singer Ethelrida Zabala-Laxa, Rosemer Enverga, Catholic School Board trustee Gary Tanauan, PC MPP Norm Miller, PC leader Patrick Brown, PC MPP Julia Munro, PC Senator Tobias "Jun" Enverga and PC MP Candidate Julius Tiangson.



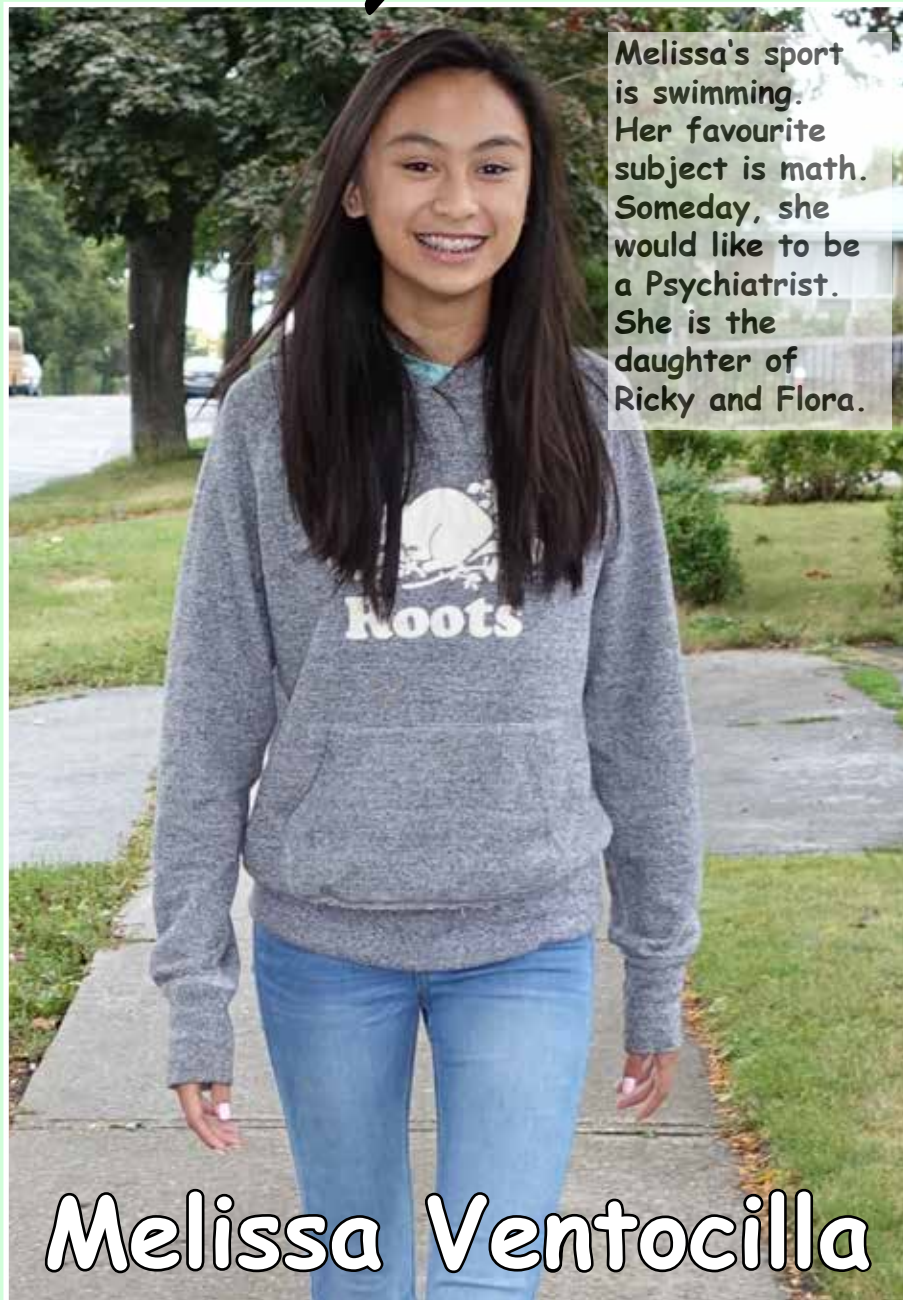
Billy Crawford's time has come

Nagsimula na ang bagong game show ni Billy Crawford sa ABS-CBN na Celebrity Playtime na na-experience din naming maging contestant during the press launch. Pangatlong show na ito ni Billy sa Dos.

Meron siyang It's Showtime, host din ng Your Face Sounds Familiar at ito ngang pinakabagong Celebrity Playtime. Talbog pa niya ngayon si Luis Manzano na sa Deal or No Deal na lang napapanood dahil tapos na ang The Voice Kids.

Pero ayon kay Billy, malaki ang pasasalamat niya kay Luis dahil marami siyang natutunan dito. "Kung hindi dahil kay Luis, hindi rin naman ako magiging ganito," sey pa niya.

Honey Shot



Melissa's sport is swimming. Her favourite subject is math. Someday, she would like to be a Psychiatrist. She is the daughter of Ricky and Flora.

Melissa Ventocilla

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Dolorosa Celebration

Dolorosa Canada started their 3-day celebration of the Virgin Mary with a mass, followed by a welcome dinner at Qssis on September 11. The dress code for the night was “International.” Of course, there was a winner for Best Dressed couple and it was a tie between two couples - Mayor Renato Allilio and wife Lebbie, and Ador Beloso and wife Dory. The next day, they had a mass, followed by the Fiesta at Our Lady of Fatima church hall. On the third day, they were supposed to have a picnic at Bluffers Park but it was raining. So, they held it at Dolorosa President Philip Beloso’s brother Pedy Beloso and his wife Ising’s house and Pedy’s sister in law Flor de Rosales, which fortunately were beside each other connected by a door through the garage. It turned out to be a great “picnic” because the food just kept on coming.

Photos are Jose Baking and Nene Panganiban.

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These Filipino priests, Fathers Patrick Bautista, Geoffrey Pimentel, Many Serenilla, Sherwin Holander, and Father Al Alilio grace the celebration.



LEFT, Dado and Noemi Laguer enjoy the fiesta. RIGHT, Perly Alilio (MIDDLE) of Forex and daughter Hannah enjoy the dinner with friend.



LEFT, Ricky and Flora Ventocilla, Father Al Allio, Melissa Ventocilla and Lita Panganiban MIDDLE, Mayor Renato Allio and FV Foods Mel Galeon RIGHT, Dolorosa President Philip Beloso and wife Marites enjoy the company of their baby granddaughter Nevaeh. BELOW Lilith Panganiban Allio hugs the last lechon of the 3-day feast. Priests and Mayor learning to dance from Sexbomb dancer.



A woman with dark hair, wearing a black jacket, is sitting on a red sofa. She is smiling and holding a white plate with food on it. There are some items on the sofa behind her, including a purple bag and some yellow items.



ABOVE, Nene Panganiban takes a rest. LEFT, Pedy and Cresencia De Rosales Beloso. FAR LEFT, Winners of the best Dressed contest pose for a photo.



Some of the Dolorosa beauties are presented from left to right, Camille Tancioco, Kathleen Landayto, Zarina Buce, Melissa Ventocilla, Michelle Beloso and Nina Joy Banayo



Strong support and positive feedback power 2 sitcoms

With their relatable content and morally strengthening storyline, the weekend family sitcoms of GMA 7, namely *Pepito Manaloto* and *Ismol Family* continue to be the primetime habit of the Filipinos all around the world. The combination of hard work and chemistry among the cast and crew build the strong foundation for the Network's commitment to provide only the best to its audience.



GMA Entertainment TV's Senior Program Manager Bang Arespacochaga says the the shows are successful because viewers find the issues tackled by the episodes relevant, issues they themselves face. Take it from the creative director and the main actor of Pepito Manaloto, no less than Kapuso ace comedian and

Asian TV Awards three-time Best Comedy Actor Michael V., who improved his life through sheer hard-work and dedication to family, like most Filipinos today.

Michael V's ideas as the overall head of the show's creative team come from his own experiences. "Michael V knows what the viewers want and he has the feel of the 'masa' as he came from the same bracket 20 or more years ago before he became popular, and he remained in touch with his roots!" says Arespachaga.

Pepito Manaloto, which ranks as one of the network's well-loved and top-rating comedy programs, is a first of its kind. Arespacochaga shares that the positive feedback in the social media, even from friends and family has been a source of inspiration to all of them. "Comments like they really had a good laugh watching the episodes at the same time Pepito Manaloto manages to inject good moral values within the story. The objective to entertain the whole family and deliver positive values to the creative team."



Ismol Family's program manager Cecille de Guzman also believes that focusing on what the viewers are looking for—such as good vibes, tips on how to solve household issues, and making time for your family keep them on top of their game. They make sure that the feedbacks they get from social media are acknowledged, and this drives them to keep the story inspirational and realistic. “We give the audience what they want and surprise them with unexpected funny twists,” explains de Guzman.

Trudeau has new immigration plan focused on family reunification, middle class growth

THORNHILL – A Liberal government led by Justin Trudeau will introduce a new plan to fix Canada’s broken immigration system, with a focus on family reunification, said Nancy Coldham Liberal candidate for Thornhill.

“After ten years of Stephen Harper, Canadians know that our immigration system is broken. Harper froze family reunification applications for two years, then



made the rules extremely strict. The result is that hard-working people who want to bring their families to Canada don’t even bother to apply,” said Ms Coldham. “Liberals are going to fix our immigration system, and make sure that families can be together, growing their communities and local economies alongside their loved ones.”

Liberals will significantly improve the current immigration system to ensure that families can stay together and successfully integrate into their new communities. A Trudeau government will double the number of applications allowed for

parents and grandparents to 10,000 each year. To help make that happen, we will nearly double the budget for processing family class applications. In addition, we will provide greater access to applicants who have Canadian siblings, by granting additional points under the Express Entry system. As well, we will restore the maximum age for dependents to 22 from 19, to allow more Canadians to bring their kids to Canada. A Liberal government will also change the rules so that spouses immigrating to Canada receive immediate permanent residency – eliminating the current two-year waiting period.

“Strong families and strong communities are the backbone of our economy. Liberals believe in a country where everyone has a real and fair chance to succeed,” said Ms Coldham. “Immigration is critical to job creation and long-term economic growth for the middle class, right here in Thornhill and in towns and cities right across the country. After ten years under a government that doesn’t understand the concerns of Canadian families, Liberals will fix our broken immigration system, and make it fair again.”

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GMA-7’s Edge



Some of its drama series may come across as rather stilted from a production and storytelling point of view, but GMA 7 has been making up for that deficiency or inefficiency by conceptualizing a number of excitingly edgy and thematically daring shows, like “My Husband’s Lover” and “The Rich man’s Daughter.”

On Sept. 14, the TV network further “edges up” that image by launching “Destiny Rose,” a series about a young teen who feels like “a woman trapped in a man’s body”—and becomes a “transgender” to finally attain his true psychological “essence.”

Tapped to play the “controversially plum” title role is the “straight” starlet, Ken Chan, who should be credited for having the artistic moxie to accept the daunting challenge of vivifying the show’s resident “woman at heart.”

Of course, it’ll take much more than “pretty” facial features, acting workshops, total female makeover and determination for Ken to pull the exceedingly tough assignment off. His portrayal of a transgender will be compared to the high standards already set by many lissome Pinoy/Pinay who join and win

“gay” beauty pageants—some of whom are so radiantly and triumphantly lovely that they make some “genuine” women feel very insecure!

Fact is, many male starlets and even stars have tried to pass as women in cross-dressing roles onscreen, but mostly for comedic effect. When they give it a serious try, they invariably fall short because their masculine physicality gets in the way of successfully creating the feminine illusion—in a big and sometimes even ridiculous way!

Will Ken be a rare exception to that rule? He’d better succeed, or else transgenders, gays and other viewers won’t stop dissing and ribbing him for it.

That possible outcome places a stressful burden not just on the “daring” actor, but also on the new show’s production team. After all, it’s their job to create a credible “universe” to convince viewers that what they see onscreen deserves to be watched, believed in, and empathized with!

Looking back at other GMA series, the most convincing in this regard was the gay drama, “My Husband’s Lover”—but, even there, there were some spurious and even ludicrous moments.

The least convincing was the recent lesbian series, “The Rich Man’s Daughter,” with leads Rhian Ramos and Glaiza de Castro merely play-acting at being oh, so beautiful women who sensually desired each other. We trust that “Destiny Rose” will do better than that—or else, GMA’s vaunted reputation for being excitingly edgy will be deemed to be deserved—only from a theoretical point of view.

Jericho Rosales is ok being second Choice

Amid the negative rumors surrounding JM de Guzman’s removal from the cast of the upcoming Metro Manila Film Festival entry Walang Forever, Jericho Rosales implied that the said move was nothing controversial. It may be recalled that recent reports confirmed that it was Jericho who replaced the All of Me star in the movie.



In an interview with Jericho during his launch as Kuya J restaurant’s newest face at its SM Cebu branch, he said that he doesn’t really mind the fact that he’s not the first choice on certain projects. “I really don’t mind kung second choice or third choice ako. As long as the project is fit para sa kin and I know that I can do a good job in playing a role,” he said. Jericho even cited the same case in his recently-concluded top-rating soap Bridges of Love, “Hindi rin ako ang first choice doon.”

While many still couldn’t confirm the true reason behind the cast changes, Jericho, presumed that it could only be due to a practical reason. “I know that JM is very busy with his soap. Ako rin ganon ang buhay ko kapag may soap ako. Hindi ako nakakatanggap ng pelikula kasi mahirap talaga, the 36-year-old actor explained.

Kim Chiu says ex cheated on her

On Gandang Gabi Vice, Kim Chiu says she now understands mistresses better after she portrayed one in the movie Etiquette for Mistresses. Host Vice Ganda then asked Kim if this means she will tolerate a relationship where there is a third party involved. Kim draws the line and said, “Sharing is good, but cheating is bad.” With regards to cheating and past



relationships, the Etiquette for Mistresses actress admitted she had a boyfriend who cheated on her. She answered, “Oo.” Asked if she confronted the guy, Kim replied, “Medyo...” Kim also revealed she didn’t leave the guy when she caught him cheating. “Kumapit ako nun,” she told Vice.

When asked if the other girl is prettier than her, Kim’s only reply was, “Marami namang klase ang ganda, may gandang pangloob, may gandang panglabas. Okay na yung pangloob...”

In these cases, Kim said she would put the blame more with the one who “initiated” the affair. “Kung sinong nanghingi ng number!” she declared.

But then again, Kim clarified that she has since moved on and she imparted, “It’s part of growing up, the pain.” She even added, “Tinatawanan ko na lang ngayon.”

Asked pointblank if her ex-boyfriend Gerald Anderson cheated on her, Kim’s reluctant answer was, “Nanahimik na siya.”

Vice Ganda then asked her, “Nakailang boyfriend ka na?” to which she answered, “Isa lang.”

Winwyn turns down Mark Herras + other stories



Mark Herras was the male winner in the very first Starstruck artista search. He's now a segment host in Starstruck 6. How come he's not been so active lately? His last show was still "Rhodora X" a year ago with Jennylyn Mercado, who has since starred in "Second Chances" and is now in "My Faithful Husband?"

"Okay lang naman kasi hindi naman ako nawawalan ng trabaho," he says. "Panay ang guestings ko sa 'Karelasyon', 'Wagas', 'Wish Ko Lang' at napasama rin ako sa 'Pari Koy' and 'My Mother's Secret'. In a way, okay ring hindi ako ganun ka-busy kasi natututukan ko ang paglaki ng baby ko, si Ada, who's turning two years old in November."

Doesn't he feel threatened that a new batch of new stars are coming again in Starstruck 6? "Actually, tuwing may bagong Starstruck batch, tinatanong nila ako, hindi ka ba natatakot? Matatakot ka lang naman kung may inggit ka sa katawan. E, ako, hindi naman ako naiinggit. I'm just thankful na it's been 12 years since Starstruck 1 at naririto pa rin ako, may trabaho pa rin. Natutuwa nga ako na mas dumarami kami rito sa GMA and I'm ready to help the younger ones sa pagpasok nila rito."

He was last romantically linked to Winwyn Marquez. Are they on? "Never naging officially kami. Busy siya, gusto niyang mag-focus sa career niya at 'wag munang mag-love life. Friends lang daw muna kami kasi magiging busy rin siya in helping ang kampanya of her mom (Alma Moreno) na tatakbo sa darating na election."

How does he feel that Alden Richards,

who was rejected by Starstruck, is now much bigger than any of them who came from the Artista Search?

"Wala naman sa'kin 'yan. Kahit sino pa mang umabante o mas sumikat kaysa sa akin, I'm just happy for them. Lalo na si Alden, good friend ko 'yan kasi neighbors kami. Four streets away lang ang bahay nila sa amin. I'm happy for him kasi kahit puro AlDub ang mga tao ngayon, he has remained humble and down-to-earth. He deserves kung anuman 'yung tagumpay niya ngayon as Pambansang Dimples. Ang ipinagtataka ko lang, bakit kaya ako, walang dimples?" and he laughs.

Jasmine has no time for love

According to Jasmine Curtis Smith, after her failed romance with Sam Concepcion, she doesn't have time for love at this point in time.



"That's true!" she avers. "Looking at my schedule now, it's impossible to squeeze that in. In the remaining part of 2015, my workload is full."

But if say, it's there, then it's there. It's just that it's not something I'd like to pursue or jump into."

Is this her personal choice?

"Honestly, it's not, but it is just it is. For

now, I guess yes. I don't really look for a love life anyway. The next three months would be very hectic for me. I don't think I can still afford to put effort into someone else. Rather, I would like to focus on my work and all my commitments."

Some kibitzers say that considering her busy showbiz career, she needs an inspiration to keep her going. How's this when she doesn't have a special someone now?

"Well...I think there's not much difference since I find inspiration in everything, in everyone. The only difference when you have a steady, you have a romantic angle in terms of inspiration. Apart from that, everything's the same. As I've said earlier, in whatever I'm doing, I find inspiration in it," states Jasmine.

The pretty lass stresses though that this doesn't mean she's not open on having a boyfriend.

"I didn't say that I'm not ready to have a new BF. Everyone has a chance with everyone. It's just that it depends on your priorities and what you're focusing on right now...where you want to concentrate and put your time and effort into."

Talks are rife that Brian Poe Llamanzares is allegedly smitten by her and has plans of courting her in the coming days.

"Honestly, I don't know about that. As I've mentioned, I'm okay at the moment. My hands are full. My work is my priority. As for admirers, let's see the developments in the coming days."

Speaking of work, the TV 5 princess is excited with her latest drama series titled Resureksyon.

"It's simply interesting since for the first time, I'm playing a character who will eventually turn into a vampire. It's a fresh take on the horror genre so I hope viewers will support it," ends Jasmine.

CelebriTalk debuts

Critics say showbiz talkshow is a dying format.

An astute observer says, the social media sites have literally forced TV networks to take a closer and hard look at their showbiz-oriented talkshows and give axing shows serious thought. Already, ABS-CBN let go of the popular The Buzz and for a time left GMA Network's StarTalk with nary a competition. But Startalk ended.

GMANetwork launches a new show replacing StarTalk. CelebriTV hosts are:



Lolita Solis, Joey de Leon, and AiAi delas Alas

CelebriTV premieres this afternoon with AiAi delas Alas, Joey de Leon and Lolita Solis.

What happened to Heart Evangelista, Butch Francisco, and Ricky Lo?

Lo remains as a "correspondent" interviewing celebrities out in the field, mostly Hollywood stars, as he is the sole Filipino being sent on a junket by film distributors. He is no longer hosting unlike in the axed show before this.

Evangelista goes back to where her talent is most needed...in drama. And Francisco...who knows where he'll end up.

The show will still be "showbiz na showbiz" except that instead of the usual talk and rumors, there will be other gimmicks to make it more interesting.

You don't really know what Solis and Delas Alas will be up to. Or Joey de Leon. Everything is still vague for many of us. So, we will watch the first episode and see if, indeed, it has moved beyond the Startalk format.

Ai-Ai said during the launch with members of the press in Filipino, which we translated freely, "This show is different because we will give the audience joy. This is the first time they will see the three of us together so we guarantee laughter, kulitan and chikahan. "This is going to be different and fun. Imagine the combination of Joey and Ai-Ai. It will be a riot," added Lolita.

From top showbiz issues, big events to social media trends and controversies, CelebriTV, the three hosts said, would definitely bring an atmosphere of fun "as each of the hosts presents freewheeling segments with surprising revelations from your favorite celebrities."

Now, we know that showbiz folks are the most cryptic of speakers, and you can only deduce the meaning of what they say when you see them on screen.



"A Summer Gathering of Toronto, Canada's San Juan - Apuya Family :

Back row, L-R- Benjie San Juan, Rea A. Martin, Emily Wat, Jocelyn, Buhay Juniosa, Angie, Matthew, Lito & Beth Cruz, Virgie & Salvador, Jr., Frank & Sylvia Leaver, Marie, Andrea, and Lala & Rey Palad. Middle row, L-R - Tony, Charles Marshall, Nita Apuya, Maritess A. Vargas, Senen and Shirley Rosales. Front- Ramon, Boy Rosales, Collin, Jannie and Ben San Juan."

RONNIE GOES ‘VERY, VERY FAR’ IN DOING LOVE SCENES

RONNIE Liang is a Pinoy Dream Academy discovery who hit it big in the song “Ngiti.” How does it feel that it’s been revived by so many other singers? “I’m flattered. It means popular talaga ‘yung song,” he says.
 “But I notice that on radio, when they play the song, ‘yung original version ko pa rin ang ginagamit nila and not the cover versions.”
 He now forays into theatre and the big screen in the stage version of “Bituing Walang Ningning” and in the acclaimed indie film, “Esoterika: Maynila.” “In ‘Bituin’, I play the role originally played by Joel Torre in the film version. I get to sing ‘Sana’y Maghintay ang Walang Hanggan’ and ‘Gusto Kita’. It will have its rerun from October to January, during all its weekend, at Resorts World. Maraming binago.
 From October to November, Lavinia will be played by Antoinette Taus but in December, babalik si Cris Villonco. In ‘Esoterika’, I play a promdi who goes to Manila and experience many hedonistic activities with transgenders.”
 We heard he has several love scenes in the movie. “Yes, about seven of them, with different partners. The leading transgender is Solita del Sol pero wala kaming bed-scene.”
 How far did he go?
 “Let’s just say very, very far. This is the most daring thing I’ve ever done.”






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Sir Knight Ed Punzalan Honoured by his K of C Council and Assembly

TORONTO - An active member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 30 years has been honoured by his fellow Brothers, Sir Knights and their families during simple but fitting ceremonies at a recent gathering in Don Mills, Ontario.
 Sir Knight (SK) Ed Punzalan was cited jointly by the K of C Assembly of Infant Jesus #2692 and the San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 for having continuously manifested the exemplified virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, not only in the Columbian events and community, but also in all activities outside the Knights of Columbus.
 The Rev. Mr. Bob Rosales -- a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Toronto, Faithful Navigator of the K of C Assembly of Infant

Jesus #2692 and Grand Knight of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 presented the award to SK Punzalan in the presence of the latter’s wife, Lady Annie.
 SK Punzalan has been a member of the worldwide fraternal organization since March 1, 1983. He is a Charter Member of both the San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 and the Assembly of Infant Jesus #2692.
 The honouree served as Grand Knight of the council for the Fraternal Year 1988-89. He also served as the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2692 in 2002-2003.
 Attributed to his experiences, keen knowledge and passion for the organization, SK Punzalan is an acknowledged resource person, consultant, and adviser on all matters of Columbianism for newer



Knights and Officers of both the council and the assembly. His advice and wisdom are looked upon with respect and docility by those seeking them.
 For those who know them personally, SK Punzalan and his wife, are a picture of good parents providing everyone with guidance and compassion, serving those people around them inspiration and models of good living, impeccable integrity, honourable Columbianism and citizenship.
 The award ceremony was held at the St. John XXIII Parish in Don Mills, Ontario after the exemplification to the 1st degree of new K of C members. (Assembly of Infant Jesus 2692 and San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 8809)

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AlDub fuels GMA's online sites

GMA Network, according to Alexa, continues to prove its leadership online with latest metrics results showing that its news and entertainment portal, GMANetwork.com, is the no.1 local website in the Philippines.



According to the latest Alexa rankings, as of Sept. 16, GMANetwork.com is the sixth most visited website in the country, just behind global online giants Facebook, Google, YouTube and Yahoo, and is the only Philippine website in the Top 10.

GMA Network's social media sites also registered positive growth with the Network's Facebook fan base totaling 6.5 million, while amassing over 502 thousand followers on Twitter and 161 thousand followers on Instagram.

Meanwhile, 3.3 million users on Twitter have been following GMA News by the end of August, making it the most followed news organization in the country.

Its Facebook page has reached 5.4 million likes and its Instagram page has gained over 51,000 followers. It is also the most followed news organization on Viber's Public Chat with more than 140 thousand followers.

Maricar Reyes sidelines medical career

What does a model with a major in biology at Ateneo, and graduated at the UST Medical School do these days?

She bakes choco-liquor cakes.

Maricar Reyes-Poon can make lots of money practicing medicine but she chooses to be in show business and focus on her new passion—baking. And she has a unique item. It's called choco-liquor cakes. Among the fans of her cakes counting is Kris Aquino.

"I think most people expected Maricar to end up as a full-time doctor. But she ended up as a versatile character-actress. Similarly, most people also expected me to end up as a chef in our family restaurant. But I ended up in music," Richard Poon, Maricar's husband says amusingly.

Maricar admits, "Ever since our choco-liquor cakes were featured on TV, the orders came pouring in. They say our cakes taste very different from the rest because of the liquor component."

As Maricar defies expectations of her being a doctor, Richard also continues to go against popular music trends by launching his seventh studio album The Crooner Sings Burt Bacharach.

It seems Team Poon is going against the flow of popular expectations. Richard setting aside his chef history to go "Sinatra"—crooning, and wife Maricar also setting aside her doctor duties to go baking her choco-liquor cakes.

So far, success has been giving them both good company, even in the road less traveled.



No hard feelings between Heart and Lovi

In show business, actors should have the guts to take everything without complain or regret. And even when they are the closest of friends.



For example, Lovi Poe and Heart Evangelista are the best of friends at GMA Network. These days they are working on the primetime soap opera Beautiful Strangers. At the outset of the story, the characters they play are more than just friends but they are torn apart by circumstances that neither of them can't explain why. Also, in the series, Evangelista has Rocco Nacino for her love interest, while Poe has Benjamin Alves. The audience is curious how Poe feels when his off-screen beau seems so much in love with Evangelista, or with the character she plays.

"I find it weird that he looks at someone else with so much love not me. Parang iba yung tinitingnan niya ng ganun. But then, alam ko naman na its just work."

On the one hand, Nacino is also very casual about Poe and Alves having romantic scenes.

"No, I don't think Roco is jealous. We asked Evangelista if her husband would find time to watch Beautiful Strangers and how would he react to scenes between her and Nacino. Or does he ever react at all?

"Oh, no. He never reacts, not even once. Chiz is very mature and knows that everything I do onscreen is only work. Separately, both of us have things we do pertaining to our careers, and we both think that way.

Poe and Evangelista have remained close amid intrigues that their friendship could be tarnished with jealousy and even hate for each other as the love angle between Evangelista and Nacino get more intense in the coming episodes.

"It's all in a day's work," the two pretty actresses chime.

Yassi's time to shine

She is ready for her close up.

The lovely and talented Viva Artists Agency young star, who rose to prominence in last year's blockbuster teen rom-com Diary ng Panget, is now taking the showbiz spotlight with not just one, not two, but three big projects.

First up is Yassi Pressman's self-titled debut album, now out on iTunes and Spotify. The six-track record mostly features Yassi in her "Princess of the Dancefloor" mode, a title that was given to her for her excellent dancing skills even before she ventured into recording. Yassi, the album, proves that she is as just as talented as a singer.

And she doesn't only sing in the album.

In tracks like first single "Hush," a duet with Diary co-star Nadine Lustre, the Diary soundtrack hit "Di Ko Alam" with co-star and love team Andre Paras, and current single "Lala" Yassi stakes her claim as pop music's new rap princess too. The album boasts a new duet between Yassi and Andre, adoringly called by fans as Yandre, called "Dahil Sa 'Yo," which has the makings of the Valentine Song of 2016 if it were to be released as a single.

Yassi's second big project is her much-awaited onscreen reunion with Andre. The movie is called Wang Fam and is from blockbuster director Wenn Deramas. The title is short for Aswang Family and Yassi stars as the unsuspecting girlfriend of Andre who is a member of the totally human-friendly and kind-hearted if crazy Wang fam. The movie also stars Pokwang, Andre's real-life dad Benjie Paras, and new showbiz child wonder Alonzo Muhlach. It hits screens in November.



Julia Montes is conscious of health

Doble Kara star Julia Montes shared that she has been experiencing problems with her stomach more than once that's why she's now cautious with her meals.

"Ayun medyo napapadalas siguro pang fifth ko yung nakaraan. Yung sa tummy ko medyo na irritate lang kaya nagiging ano 'ko Ate sa lahat. Huwag magpalipas ng gutom, kumain on time, proper portion kasi pag ako kumain ako isang bagsakan kasi talaga. Iniwasan kong malipasan ng gutom pag sinabing breakfast dapat may breakfast, lunch at dinner ka talaga hindi pwedeng 'Breakfast lang ako tsaka lunch kasi diet ako' hindi pwede 'yun dapat three times a day or more," she said.

Even though she has been ill, she said that taping for Doble Kara is difficult but fun.

"Masaya naman medyo siyempre hindi mo maiwasan medyo mahirap kasi dalawa, medyo nakakapagod. Pero ang sarap sa pakiramdam kapag napapanood mo saka napapanood ng iba tapos na a-appreciate nila."

She also expressed her gratitude for her supporters who never failed to make her series trend online.

"Siyempre happy tapos siyempre alam naman natin na 'yung bapon medyo patay na oras tapos ang birap mag-invite na manood tapos ang daming nasa school e ang edad namin in a way may mga students talaga kaming supporters so in a way ang sarap kasi sa pakiramdam na kabit nasa school mga taong 'yun marami paring sumusuporta."

TIDBITS



Ejay Falcon deny rift with Ellen

MANILA – Ejay Falcon shrugged off rumors that he and Ellen Adarna are not okay after it was reported that his "Pasion de Amor" leading lady left him during the Star Magic Ball.

This even after he came to the defense of Adarna a week after the ball, saying netizens should refrain from judging the actress because they do not know the whole story.

During the party, Adarna was at one point spotted with Paulo Avelino, who came to the ball without a date. Adarna also reportedly had a few drinks.

In an interview with ABS-CBN News on Saturday, Falcon said he sees nothing wrong that Adarna was seen with Avelino during the gathering of stars because they are all good friends.

"Alam ko po magkaibigan talaga sila ni Ellen. Lumalabas labas din sila na grupo, kasama sila Solenn (Heussaff). Nagkakasama na rin sila talaga sa grupo. Nakikita ko sa mga pictures and nakukuwento rin nila. Kaya [hindi ko maintindihan kung] bakit parang iniintriga ng mga tao," he said.

Falcon said nothing has changed since they made headlines because of what happened during the party.

"Sobrang okay kami. Sa trabaho, ganun pa rin naman. In-explain ko na sa Instagram ko 'yung nangyari sa ball. Hindi naman din kami so bakit parang 'yung mga tao, big deal sa kanila na parang hindi kami magkasama madalas sa ball?" he said.

Meanwhile, Falcon said there is also no tension between him and Avelino.

"Hindi kami masyadong close pero okay kami. Wala namang samaan ng loob. Kasi 'yung mga tao iniintriga kami. Wala naman po," he said.

Why we are rooting for JM and Jessy

Maybe we are just hopeless romantics.

But who doesn't want to see celebrity couple Jessy Mendiola and JM de Guzman succeed in this game called love?

Despite several problems in the past, the couple's love for each other triumphed over the odds and they took another chance at a relationship.

Their love is again being tested as rumors circulated on social media that the two had called it quits again. However, Mendiola was quick to dispel these rumors, as she confirmed that they are still together.



Sheryl tells Grace to be careful

Actress Sheryl Cruz reminded her cousin Senator Grace Poe to be wary of the people around her as she runs for President, especially those who were also behind the failed 2004 Presidential bid of her father, the late screen idol Fernando Poe Jr.

"Whatever they did to my uncle, I do hope that they won't do that to my cousin," Cruz said Thursday in an exclusive interview with The Standard.

"For me, you choose your friends. It's still early on the trail of the whole campaign... we all know that people have their own motives. Mine is that they should not prioritize their interests but [those] of the people," Cruz said.

Poe announced that she would seek the presidency in 2016. Her running mate, Senator Francis Escudero, announced he would run for vice president alongside Poe.

Escudero was among the politicians who helped Poe's father in the 2004 campaign.

Cruz said not everyone in the clan supported Poe's presidential bid.

"She's not yet ready for the task, for the big responsibility," Cruz said of her cousin.

"I know her because we grew up together. There are some things you cannot rush and you have to wait," Cruz said.

Cruz, who sometimes stood in for Poe during her senatorial campaign in 2010, acknowledged Poe's capabilities, but said she believed she needed more years to prove her worth as a public servant.

"Running up against competitors or people who have been there for quite some time, it's just hard to take on the knowledge they take on. She intends to do well for the country. [But] it's not a game of chance—you're dealing with people's lives and our economy," Cruz said.

She said what the country needs is expertise.

"My cousin's a neophyte. Yes, it's nice to have fresh faces... in our political arena but it's best to hone what you have," she added.

Cruz said she would rather entrust the presidency to "more experienced" candidates such as Vice President Jejomar Binay or Liberal Party standard-bearer Manuel Roxas II.

"We would like to entrust

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AIDub Nation

We are not going to play like an analyst since it's so obvious that the



entire country is only talking about the main cast of Eat Bulaga's "Kalyeserye," Alden Richards and Yaya Dub (Maine Mendoza). Two months since they became the hottest property on local TV, AIDub has not shown any signs of slowing down. They amaze people every single day more notable was the record-breaking 5.8 million tweets that elevated AIDub from a fad to a legitimate force to reckon with.

Marimar

The second local adaptation of the popular Mexican telenovela registered the highest debut ratings of any



primetime show year to date according to AGB Nielsen. Its pilot episode's rating was even higher than KathNiel's Pangako

Sa'Yo debut on primetime. The Megan Young-starrer prime soap, of course didn't just make ratings record during its pilot telecast, is also consistent being the most watched evening show.

Derek Ramsay

The Kapatid star is still a reliable talent either on the small screen or the big screen. The sexy movie called Ex with Benefits, which Derek stars in, sizzled at the box office earning P8 million on its opening day. The reviews from fans and film critics are favorable as well.



Now, it doesn't matter whether Derek plays almost the same characters over and over again, what's cool is that people don't get tired of him portraying expected roles.

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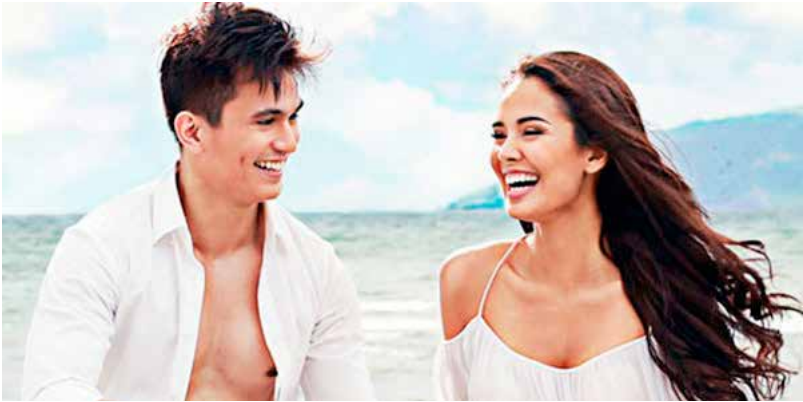
ASAP 20

Why the sudden change in the format? Are they trying to bow down to its rival, which is a new comer to begin with? ASAP is known for its format and segments that reflect global pop culture and trends but with the recent



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Megan and Tom's chemistry might lead to real-life romance



BOTH Megan Young and Tom Rodriguez have reason to be happy as their soap, "Marimar", continues to be the number one show on primetime, per AGB Nielsen ratings, often getting 25% and higher every night. Some folks say they're the night time equivalent of the AIDub loveteam that reigns supreme on daytime TV.
"May kakaibang kilig talaga ang tambalan nila as Marimar and Sergio," says "Marimar" director Dominic Zapata. "First meeting pa lang nila, ang dami nang kinilig, pero lalo nang ikasal na sila at nag-honeymoon sila na punumpuno ng romantic scenes. Maraming nagkagusto pati roon sa dance sequence nila."
But those who are hoping the romance between Marimar's lead stars will happen not only on cam but also off cam might be disappointed as it's common knowledge that Megan is said to be cozy with Mikael Daez while Tom, with Carla Abellana.
"Naku, very clear namang mas maganda ang chemistry nina Megan at Tom sa isa't isa," says a defender of the Megtom loveteam. "Walang dating sina Megan at Mikael kapag sila ang magkasama at mas matindi ang kilig kapag si Megan ang kasama ni Tom kaysa kung si Carla. At nangyari na 'yang hindi nagkatuluyan ang mga artista sa mga kasintahan nila before sa unang 'Marimar'. As we all know, jowa ni Dingdong Dantes noon si Karylle at si Marian naman, may Ervic Vijandre before. Pero nang magkasama sila sa 'Marimar', nabago ang lahat and, the rest, as they say, is history. Sa ngayon, hayan nga't magkaka-baby na sina Marianne at Dingdong. So, hindi katakataka kung history will repeat itself sa kaso nina Megan at Tom sa latest version ng 'Marimar' dahil sila talaga ang mas bagay sa isa't isa, off and on cam."

change, the show just looks trying hard. Obviously, Sunday Pinasaya did not just create noise and buzzes, it's making huge tidal waves enough for ASAP people to feel threatened (very threatened).

Tito Sotto

In a recent interview, the politician and showbiz personality said he wouldn't allow AIDub to be politicized by not allowing Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza attend any political sorties including his own. Isn't his presence in Eat Bulaga already a blatant way of politicizing? Why is he in the show in the first place. Isn't he supposed to be in his office doing his job as a public servant?



Julia Barretto

Is she a baddy in real life? We can only guess. Julia has been a favorite topic on social media for her not so friendly attitude towards other young female stars including her being a snob even to her fans. It doesn't help that she gets bad press and the fact that she comes from a clan known for bashing their own members. Probably this is the reason why Julia can't get enough public support for her TV and movie projects.



LJ edges Jennylyn for best actress

LJ Reyes was so surprised when she was informed that she won the best actress award at the Pacific Meridian International Filmfest in Vladivostok, Russia. "I wasn't able to go join Direk Jun Lana sa filmfest kasi wedding ng friend ko and meron pa



kong ibang previous commitments," she says. "Noong awards night, I was having dinner with friends when he texted me and said, as of now, our film, 'Anino sa Likod ng Buwan', has won three awards, including, at ito, all capital letter ang text, the BEST ACTRESS

award for you. Bigla akong natigilan. Then umiyak na 'ko nang umiyak. My friends were asking, bakit? bakit? And so I said.... kasi... kasi... nanalo akong best actress.

Then we all prayed together para magpasalamat kay Lord for the blessing I got."

She's the first Starstruck discovery who has an international acting award. "Natalbugan mo na si Jennylyn Mercado kasi, siya, Metro filmfest best actress ang napanalunan niya," some tells her.

"Ay, may ganun?" she laughs. "Sana wala na lang comparison. Honestly, when the role was offered to me, I was so scared. Marami kaming nag-audition and I'm glad ako'ng napili. But sabi ko talaga kay Direk Jun, ikaw na ang bahala sa akin, ha. Kasi nga may 10-minute love scene na very daring talaga."

What was on her mind while doing that scene? "When I accepted to do the role, inilagay ko na sa isip ko na maganda talaga ang material and I should just trust direk. I was given the opportunity to play it, so I might as well take full advantage of it. The moment magte-take na, hindi ko na inisip na si LJ ako but the character I play, si Emma.

But I hope when people watch the movie, they would see beyond the sex scene. Sana ma-appreciate nila ang essence ng movie which is about militarization, na nangyayari ngayon against the Lumads in Mindanao."

She's now doing a new movie with Direk Jun, the Metro Filmfest entry "Haunted Mansion". "Ang ganda ng role ko, multa! I'm so happy to be acting with Iza Calzado and Janella (Salvador). Meron din daw Calzadong soap sa GMA after 'Yagit', but my manager, Perry Lansigan, hasn't told me about the details yet."



Dingdong warns Marian:

Be careful or else...

NOW that his soap “Pari Koy” is over, Dingdong Dantes can focus on hosting “Starstruck 6”. “Ito lang muna ang tinanggap kong trabaho while we’re waiting for the birth of our baby two months from now,” he says.

He’s excited with this batch as he’s not only a host but is also one of the judges along with Joey de Leon, Regine Velasquez and Jennylyn Mercado. “Nakakatuwa kasi dati, as host, tahimik lang ako kahit may personal preferences ako among the contestants. Kahit gusto kong ipagtanggol, hindi puwede. Ngayon, puwede ko na silang ipaglaban.

Mataas ang batting average ko in choosing the winners but this time, ang dami talagang magaganda’t pogi kaya mas magiging mahirap siguro ang judging.”

So until when will Marian Rivera be participating in “Sunday PinaSaya?” “Hangga’t kaya niya at hangga’t puwede siya. Kaya lang, she sometimes gets carried away. Enjoy siya, kaya kung minsan, nagtatatalon siya sa show. I told her, kapag hindi siya nag-ingat, ako mismo ang susundo sa kanya sa studio.”

Meantime, to all “Marimar” fans, it’s your chance to see Megan Young and Tom Rodriguez in person, with Dion Ignacio, at their free mall show at 5 p.m. today at Robinsons Place Antipolo.

Ai Ai’S Magic Back

AI AI De Las Alas remains humble despite the huge success of “Sunday PinaSaya”. When people say she’s the main reason why it clicked, she says: “Hindi naman ako lang. Group effort ‘yun. Collaboration namin ‘yun ng co-stars ko, ng writers at ni Direk Rich Ilustre. Maganda kasi ‘yung timing na nangyari. Panahon ngayon ni Alden Richards, ni Wally at ni Jose kaya masaya kaming panahon nila at magkakasama kami.

At ang ganda ng teamwork naming lahat. Nung pilot ng show, hindi pa makontrol ‘yung audio sa studio kaya sumisigaw kaming lahat, nangangapa kami. Pero ngayon, swak na swak at gamay na namin ang lahat.”

Ai Ai is currently in the States as she’s promoting GMA Pinoy



TV with Dingdong Dantes, but she has done advanced taping for her portions in the show. She’ll have to be back soon as her other new show, “Celebri-TV”, will start airing on Saturday with her as the new co-host of Joey de Leon, Lolit Solis and Ricky Lo. “Ang dasal ko noon kay Lord, kung ipagpapatuloy pa Niya ang trabaho ko rito sa GMA7, sana, ibalik Niya ‘yung magic sa career ko. O heto, napi-feel ko, ibinalik nga Niya kaya Thank You po, Lord!”

She doesn’t want to confirm yet that Alden Richards and Yaya Dub will be joining her and Vic Sotto in their Metro Manila Filmfest entry that will start shooting on September 18. “Ayokong sa akin manggaling at baka mapagalitan pa ako. Hay-an nyo na lang na ang APT Entertainment mismo ang mag-confirm. Basta happy ako kung makakasama sila kasi sobrang hot nila talaga ngayon. ‘Yung mga taga-States nga na alam na pupunta ako roon, kasama na ang anak kong si Sophia, hinihiling na dalhin ko ang AlDub sa America. Nakalakoka! Kung dito nga, hindi pa sila nagkikita, doon pa kaya?”

In hosting “Celebri-TV”, she said she’ll let her co-hosts to handle the chismis artista. “Kasi artista rin ako, ayokong naiin-triga ako kaya alam ko ang feeling ng ibang artista. Sabi ko, ibang portions na lang ang hahawakan ko, like mga games.”

Why FPJ trophy came late for Coco

COCO Martin considers it a big honor to be given the FPJ Memorial Award at the last FAMAS rites and he feels so bad that he wasn’t there to receive it in person as he was in Naga for a special promo screening of ‘Ang Probinsyano’.



His trophy was handed to Coco at the grand presscon of ‘Ang Probinsyano’ and he said he feels so honored by it.

“Malaking karangalan na kahit napakabata ko pa sa industriya, nabigyan na ako ng ganito kalaking award na ipinangalan sa idol ko, sa hero ko,” he says. “Sana ‘yung mga adhikain niya para sa industriya, maging daan ako para makatulong din sa ating lahat.”

Susan Roces, FPJ’s widow, says Coco deserves the honor. “Sa stature niya as Teleserye King and his success in mainstream and indie films, he has remained very humble,” she says. “Talagang he has honed his talent as an actor from basic raw performance in indie films at makikita ‘yun dito dahil makatotohanan lagi ang pagganap niya. Dito, nag-dive siya in one scene sa napakaruming ilog. Puwede naman siyang dobolan pero hindi siya pumayag at siya mismo ang gumawa. Akong ninenerbiyos kapag ginagawa niya yun. Positive rin lagi ang attitude ni Coco. He says good morning to greet us and start the day with a warm conversation. Very considerate rin siya. Kapag sobrang late na, he tells them na unahin nang kunan ang mga eksena ko, para hindi ako masyadong mapuyat.”

He’s so proud of all the episodes that they’ve taped so far. “Salamat sa Dreamscape at ABS-CBN kasi hindi nila pinagtipiran ang show. Parang pelikula ang pagkakagawa at maraming malalaking eksena. Saludo rin ako sa directors naming sina Malu Sevilla at Avel Sunpongco kasi they made sure na maganda ang bawat eksena namin.”

He also wants to thank all his co-stars: Bela Padilla as the wife of his Ador character, Maja Salvador as the love interest of his Kardo character, Jaime Fabregas as his uncle who knows his secret about being twin characters, Albert Martinez and Agot Isidro as the heads of a syndicate who torments Ador, Arjo Atayde as Ador’s rival at the PNP Academy, Joey Marquez and Malu de Guzman as the parents of Maja, and Dennis Padilla and Ana Roces as the parents of Bela. ‘Ang Probinsyano’ replaces ‘Nathaniel’ starting on Monday night.

Filipinos must stand up and Vote!

Stephen Harper ruined Canada’s live-in caregiver program. In doing so, he has betrayed the Filipino community of Canada.

Canadians were promised an improved caregiver program, better conditions for caregivers, and a faster path to permanent residency.

Instead, newcomers were given uncertainty: fewer jobs, no path to citizenship, and no reunification for their families.

Over the past 15 years, Canada’s live-in caregiver program has brought hard working Filipinos to Canada. Harper’s recent changes to the caregiver program have resulted in the rejection of 90% of applications for caregivers in 2015.

New caregivers to Canada provide a vital service to our growing population of seniors. They are well trained and hard-working newcomers who bring with them a depth of experience and knowledge from across the globe. Canada needs their talents.

Rather than fear mongering, Harper should be encouraging more dedicated caregivers to make Canada their home. They deserve it.

Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party believe that foreign caregivers who come to Canada deserve our support. Those who come here to fill vital jobs and to serve our country’s most vulnerable citizens should have a clear path to citizenship.

A Liberal Government will make the necessary improvements to the caregiver program. We will make family reunification a priority once again. Together with your community’s help, we will bring about the jobs and prosperity that your community deserves.

Many Filipinos are Canadian citizens but are not registered to vote. It is your right. The Filipino community if it is mobilized can help to defeat Conservative Members of Parliament and send Harper a clear message. The Filipino community can no longer just be walked on and taken for granted.

Your vote is important. United you will determine the fate of not only the Filipino community but the future of Canada.

If you are a Canadian citizen, please register to vote and please vote on October 19th. To see if you are registered and to register, visit www.elections.ca

Michael Levitt is the federal Liberal candidate in the riding of York Centre

September Birthday Celebrants

September birthday celebrants Marife, Rob, and Elsie celebrated their birthdays together at Rob’s house in Scarborough on Sep. 5, 2015. Friends, colleagues, and relatives enjoyed the food, games, and raffle prizes. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS



SHERYL VS HER CLAN?

SHERYL Cruz was lambasted on the net by irate supporters of Sen. Grace Poe after she said that the daughter of her aunt, Susan Roces, is not yet ripe for the presidency. Some folks she's just sour graping because she didn't get the inheritance she expected from the late FPJ. "Bakit siya umaasa? Hindi naman siya anak, pamangkin lang siya," says one of their relatives.



“Wala namang kasundo ‘yang si Sheryl,” says another detractor. “Maski mga kamag-anak niya sa Cruz side, like her cousins na sina Geneva and Sunshine, sumama ang loob

sa kanya when her father died in 2001 and she didn't even bother to come home at all from the U.S."

“Wala rin siyang makasundong manager,” says another non-Sheryl fan. “Binitiwang siya ni Dolor Guevarra dahil unprofessional siya. Lumipat siya kay Rams David but he also just dropped her for being difficult.”

We heard even Manay Ichu Maceda gave her a dressing down when Manay heard Sheryl was taping for 'Buena Familia' at the Sampaguita Pictures compound.

But Sen. Grace herself is very conciliatory and forgiving about what Sheryl did to her. "I want to thank Sheryl for her opinion and concern for us," she says. "As a member of our family, we will continue to give her the love and respect she deserves."

Even Susan Roces just shrugged her shoulders when asked about it. “Well, that is her opinion. Let’s just respect her. There’s nothing else for me to say about that.”

But her own elder brother, former actor Renzo Cruz, countered Sheryl's opinion. He declared their entire clan is actually supporting the daughter of FPJ.

Spotlight



Makati Intercon circa 1980's



The grassroot-movements who advocate that the government should be the one owing the Electricity Supply in Ontario; invited members of the ETHNIC PRESS, and the public to petition the government to keep Hydro One in the hands of the government. In the picture are Neethan, Rose Tijam, Rosario, Belinda Corpuz, Ben Corpuz, Bong Molano, and James. The event was held at Dorset Community Park in Scarborough on Sep. 16, 2015 PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

WHERE'S A FRENCHMAN WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

A group of Americans (retired teachers), recently went to France on a tour. Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on bag. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

Mr. Whiting replied, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show my passport"

"Impossible. Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!"

The elderly American gave the French customs officer a long, hard look. Then he quietly explained: "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate your country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show it to."

The image is a large advertisement for LM Confidential magazine. At the top left, there is a QR code and the text 'LM Confidential' in a large, bold, black font. Below this, the text 'There's more than one way to get the news!' is written in a smaller, black font. Underneath that, the website 'LMConfidential.com' is displayed in a large, bold, red font. The background of the entire advertisement is a collage of newspaper clippings. In the foreground, three devices are shown: a laptop on the left, a smartphone in the center, and a tablet on the right. Each device displays the March 2015 issue of LM Confidential magazine. The magazine cover features a woman in a black dress, Sarah Geronimo, with the text 'Sarah GERONIMO Live in Toronto May 9'. Other headlines on the cover include 'Save Money Do Not Send Gifts', 'Why the Mayweather-Pacquiao Fight is Over-Rated and Will Be Boring', 'X-Factor Orizz Winner Rose Fostanes Has a Roster Life', and 'Do we keep Poor People Poor for our Pleasure?'. The magazine cover also includes a QR code and the text 'LM Confidential'.

Billy wants to marry Coleen

Billy Crawford is no doubt the favorite host of ABS these days. He's seen daily in "It's Showtime". On Sundays, he hosts "Your Face Sounds Familiar". And now, he is also hosting "Celebrity Playtime" on Saturday nights. In other words, you can see him hosting from Monday to Sunday. So why did they Billy again when he's already hosting so many shows?



"Celebrity Playtime' needs a show na makulit, energetic," says ABS-CBN exec Louie Andrada. "And Billy is the perfect choice as its hosts dahil naipakita na niya ang kahusayan niya in 'Your Face Sounds Familiar'."

What is Billy's secret in being a good host? "I think it's 'yung gusto ko, mag-enjoy ang lahat. Hindi lahat ang viewers kundi the contestants themselves. 'Yun ang most important for me. And of course, I try to keep the energy as high as possible

all throughout the show."

Doesn't he miss acting since he was a child star before? Wouldn't he want to act with his girlfriend Coleen Garcia who did a good job in her first starring role? "Actually, I started as a performer in 'That's Entertainment' and that's what I miss, performing. Nagagawa ko pa rin naman ang singing and dancing paminsan-minsan. But I'm not complaining. I just feel so blessed sa dami ng hosting jobs ko and I enjoy what I'm doing. But if they'd give me the chance to act with Coleen in a movie or a teleserye, why not? I'd like to do it."

So when will they do settle? "Honestly, ako, at this point, if I'd be given the chance, I'd like to settle down now. But it's all up to Coleen since she's only 23 at marami pa siyang ibang pangarap na gustong matupad."

No more love scenes for Regine

Regine Velasquez says she's no longer keen to do a new movie these days. "Happy na ako hosting 'Sarap Diva', being a judge in 'Starstruck 6' and now, heto, I have a concert, 'Regine at the Theatre' which will be held at the Solaire Theatre on November 6 & 7 and 20 & 21," she adds. "Hindi ko na ma-imagine ang sarili ko nakikipag-kissing scene pa uli sa movie like before."

We remind her of her hot kissing scenes with Robin Padilla in their films together. "Oo nga. Eh, yung anak ko, si Nate, very precocious. Hindi ko nga pinapapanood, e. Ma-maya tanungin pa ako, is he my father?"

Regine's concert is sponsored by PLDT Home who put up her series of mall concerts last May and June to promote their Regine Series of landline phones. "It was very successful," says PLDT marketing exec Gary Dujali. "All the venues were jampacked and the sales of PLDT Home telephone sets was unprecedented. Talagang sold out. Hinahanap talaga nila 'yung phone ni Regine, paired with the best and cheapest NDD and IDD plans ever. Na-out of stock agad lahat ng units. We really love having Regine with us as she's so easy to work with."



Regine says she truly enjoyed doing the mall shows and now, she's glad she's having a concert at Solaire. "The concept for this concert is a tribute to musical theatre," she says. "Hindi lang sa Broadway but even sa local, kasi ang daming local plays na pinalalabas, like 'Rak of Aegis'."

Will she be singing songs from other local hits like "Kung Paano Ako Naging Leading Lady" and 'Bituing Walang Ningning'? "We'll see. Ang pinag-iisipan ko pa, kung isasama ko pa ba 'yung mga songs from old Broadway hits like 'Phantom of the Opera' and 'Les Miz' kasi kinakanta ko na noon pa. Basta lahat ng songs na kakantahin ko, I'll try to give new arrangements for a change."

PRIME MINISTER HARPER HIGHLIGHTS CONSERVATIVE PLAN FOR AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP

In an address to Home Hardware dealers and owners from across Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper today set out his plan to encourage affordable home ownership for young Canadian families.

"Investing in a home is an exciting milestone for young families, but is also a major financial decision," said Prime Minister Harper. "We want to continue supporting Canadian families in achieving their home-ownership goals." The Conservative government has taken several steps to help Canadian families purchase and invest in their first home. This includes: establishing the First-Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit, increasing the Home Buyers' Plan for the first time, establishing the Tax-Free Savings Account, and providing a temporary Home Renovation Tax Credit.

"We have a long record of making it easier for millions of young families to purchase their dream home," he noted. "A re-elected Conservative government will build on this record with a comprehensive plan for the next generation to achieve their aspirations, and buy and invest in their first homes."

A re-elected Conservative government will build on our record of

supporting affordable homeownership for Canadian families by:

Establishing a new permanent Home Renovation Tax Credit for substantial home renovation expenses between \$1,000 and \$5,000, so young home owners can renovate and upgrade their homes.

Expanding the Home Buyers' Plan from \$25,000 to \$35,000 so first-time home buyers can withdraw savings tax-free to make their down payments and reduce their mortgages and interest payments.

Maintaining the recent enhancement to Tax-Free Savings Accounts so Canadians can save and invest more of their hard-earned money tax-free.

Collecting data on foreign buyer activity in Canada's housing market and, as necessary, taking concrete action in coordination with provinces to curb foreign speculation in Canada's residential real estate market.

The Prime Minister contrasted these practical, serious solutions to help aspiring homeowners against the ineffective and expensive schemes proposed by his opponents. "Justin Trudeau is promising a meaningless 'national strategy' that will create work for bureaucrats in Ottawa but do nothing for families," said the Prime Minister. "He just doesn't understand the issue."

"Mulcair and the NDP have promised expensive benefits for developers and investors that we cannot afford and that won't help middle class families," the Prime Minister said. "Only our Conservative party will continue to support Canadian families in achieving the pride and stability of home ownership."

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Ban caps, hammer and sunglasses

MANILA, Philippines - The Eastern Police District (EPD) will strictly enforce a ban on hammers, sunglasses and baseball caps in malls to address the expected rise in crimes during the "ber" months, an official said.

The ban on these items was implemented last year following a rash of robberies in which the perpetrators brought hammers to smash the display cases of jewelry stores in shopping malls in Quezon City, Makati City and Pasay City.

The robbers wore sunglasses and baseball caps to prevent surveillance cameras from getting an image of their faces.

EPD chief Senior Superintendent Elmer Jamias said he met with the Metro East Coordinating Council - whose members are security managers of malls, hotels and restaurants in the eastern part of Metro Manila - and asked for their cooperation in enforcing the ban.

"We are expecting the heavy influx of shoppers in malls these 'ber' months so we are implementing preventive measures and one of them is the hammer ban," he said.

The members of the council agreed that police officers would man assistance desks at mall entrances while security guards will patrol mall premises.

Jamias said the EPD's Special Weapons and Tactics unit and police stations in Marikina, Pasig, San Juan and Mandaluyong will be on alert round-the-clock to respond to emergency situations such as robberies and hostage-takings in malls.

OFWC 33th *Anniversary* and Induction Ball



Ontario Filipino Womens Club (OFWC) celebrated their 33 years Anniversary and Induction Ball on Sep. 19, 2015 at Celebration Banquet Hall. Philippine Press Club of Ontario President, Rose Tijam was requested to induct the new set of officers; Rebecca Reyes is the new president of OFWC; Angelica Ashley Gabayni is the new OFWC Queen; Sarah Jane Canlas is the new Princess; and Richel Biscayda as Miss Charity. Senator Tobias Enverga (FIRST PHOTO) and wife Rosemer dropped by.

No Phl Aid

MANILA - Wary of graft, Obama rejects Aquino’s \$300M request

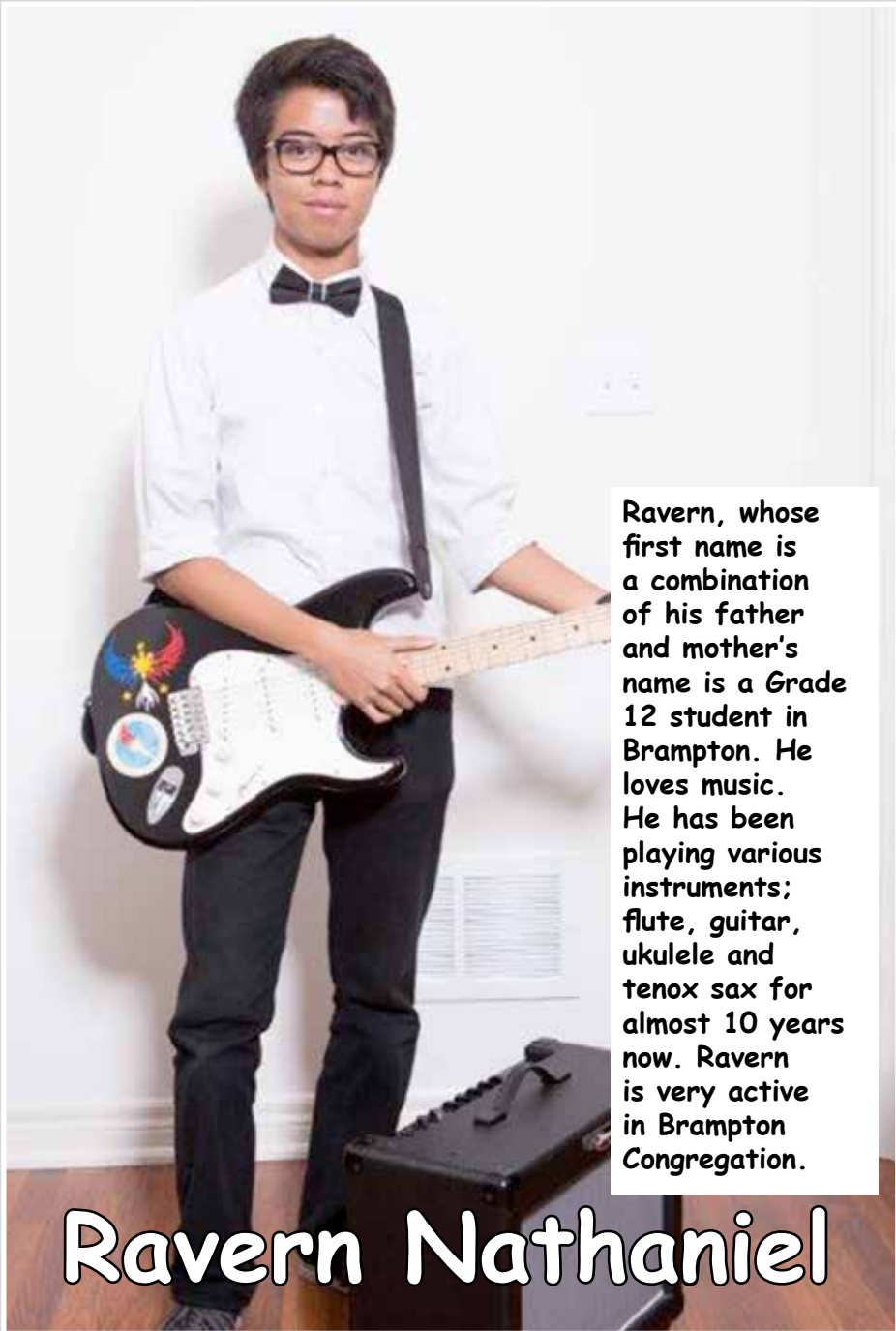
The United States has rebuffed President Benigno Aquino III’s request for \$300 million in military aid this year because “it worries about corruption” and the country’s capacity to handle an influx of resources, the New York Times reported last month. The same report, quoting a senior Philippine official who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the request was made in private talks in which the Philippines argued the need for a substantial buildup of planes and ships to deter Chinese expansionism.

The Sept. 19 story in the Times, “Warily Eyeing China, Philippines May Invite US Back to Subic Bay,” drew a strong reaction from a leftist lawmaker, who demanded that the Aquino administration disclose details of the secret aid request as well as plans to reopen the US military base in Subic Bay. “We find it traitorous for the Aquino administration to run to Washington and covertly seek funding for military improvements without even consulting or disclosing such a request, even to the leadership of the legislature,” said Kabataan Rep. Terry Ridon. “We call on the Executive department to immediately disclose details of this failed bid, especially as Congress is currently discussing the national budget.”

Ridon also twitted the Aquino administration for being rebuffed because of corruption.

“[US President Barack] Obama’s refusal to give in to Aquino’s secret wish due to corruption and capacity issues... shows the extent of the Philippine government’s bad reputation when it comes to handling foreign aid. It seems that even the master is distrusting his loyal lapdog,” Ridon added.

Hunk Shot



Ravern, whose first name is a combination of his father and mother's name is a Grade 12 student in Brampton. He loves music. He has been playing various instruments; flute, guitar, ukulele and tenox sax for almost 10 years now. Ravern is very active in Brampton Congregation.

Ravern Nathaniel

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A 5-year old boy went to visit his grandmother one day.

Playing with his toys in her bedroom while grandma was dusting, he looked up and said, 'Grandma,how come you don't have a boyfriend now that Grandpa went to heaven?'

Grandma replied, 'Honey, my TV is my boyfriend. I can sit in my bedroom and watch it all day long. The religious programs make me feel good and the comedies make me laugh... I'm happy with my TV as my boyfriend.'

Grandma turned on the TV, and the reception was terrible. She started adjusting the knobs, trying to get the picture in focus. Frustrated, she started hitting the backside of the TV hoping to fix the problem.

The little boy heard the doorbell ring, so he hurried to open the door and there stood Grandma's minister.

The minister said, 'Hello son, is your Grandma home?'

The little boy replied, 'Yeah, she's in the bedroom bangin' her boyfriend.'

The minister fainted.

Julius Tiangson in Campaign mode



Julius Tiangson, candidate for the new Electoral Riding of Mississauga Centre, invited people for a weekend Barbeque at his campaign office at 3610 Mavis. Even friends, and supporters from outside of his riding arrived to give their support; members of the Philippine Press Club of Ontario (PPCO) also attended this historic event. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

Why you should never make your bed

Your mother always told you to make your bed. Every single morning after you’d rise, groggy and miserable, you’d get the inevitable question: “Did you make your bed?” Well, guess what? It turns out mom was wrong — it’s actually better for you, and for your overall health, not to make your bed at all.

Why? Because of these.



The mighty house dust mite. Actually, it’s not mighty at all. These microscopic little buggers are running rampant in your bed (sorry, but it’s true). In fact, the average bed can be home to 1.5

million of them. House dust mites feed on human skin scales (ew), so they love to take up residence with us under the sheets. The allergens they produce (which are actually the mites’ poop) are easily inhaled during sleep and are a major cause of illnesses like asthma. They don’t exactly help dust allergies, either.

It only makes sense, then, that when we sweat and roll around during the night, our skin is flaking off everywhere, the sheets are dampening, and the mites are having a feast. In the morning, if we pull up the sheets and make our beds immediately, all of the skin scales, sweat and mites will be trapped underneath.

But, friends, if we don’t make our bed, the mites, the scales, the sweat, all of it, will be exposed to fresh air and light.

“We know that mites can only survive by taking in water from the atmosphere using small glands on the outside of their body,” Dr. Stephen Pretlove of Kingston University’s School of Architecture said. “Something as simple as leaving a bed unmade during the day can remove moisture from the sheets and mattress so the mites will dehydrate and eventually die.”

Experts recommend leaving your bed unmade for the entire day — yes, the entire day — and making it (if you must) when you get home later on. By that point, many of the mites will have died an unceremonious death. Good riddance, you gross little things.

K of C SAN LORENZO RUIZ COUNCIL #8809 OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2015-2016 INSTALLED: K of C Ontario State District 111 Deputy Fidel Capistrano de Guzman has solemnly installed into office the officers of San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 for the Columbian Year 2015-2016. In this commemorative photo of the occasion are (sitting, L-R) Bro. Joe Hernandez, Past Grand Knight; District Deputy (DD) Fidel de Guzman; Rev. Mr. Bob Rosales -- a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Toronto and Grand Knight of the Council; Ontario State District 111 Warden Alex Saroca; Bro. Romy Olit, Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Jimmy Romero, Financial Secretary; (standing, L-R): Sir Knight (S-K) Vincent Valdez; Bro. Doming Trinidad, Chancellor; Bro. Allan Orozco; Bro. Ed Punzalan, Lecturer; Bro. Pol Austria, Council 8809 Warden; Bro. Ace Alvarez, Recorder; Bro. Fred Caracas, Trustee; Bro. Ramon Letrondo, Treasurer; Bro. Ed Banawa, Inside Guard; Bro. Rene Galvez; Bro. Don D'Souza, FIC, PGK; SK Janusz Rey Masilungan of the K of C Assembly of Infant Jesus #2692. The installation was held Sunday, September 6, 2015 before the altar of our Lord at St. John XXIII Church -- the home parish of Council 8809 in Don Mills, Ontario. DD Fidel de Guzman was assisted during the ceremony by District 111 Warden, Bro. Alex Saroca. (Photo: Kristi Romero/Caption: Ace Alvarez)



Why some OFWs remain poor despite working abroad

Families believe Remittance is Forever

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causes why workers abroad struggle with their finances, despite their higher pay.

“People tend to think that once you go abroad, it seems that you get a higher income and that will solve all your problems,” said Andrea Anolin, CFO executive assistant for joint migration and development initiative.

Anolin added that an OFW may already have financial problems even before leaving the Philippines, such as the accumulation of debts due to over-borrowing in the belief that the money can be returned once hired overseas.

“The families who are left behind and also the migrants themselves have very unrealistic expectations. They equate going overseas with an automatic improvement in the quality of their lives,” she said.

In addition, some OFWs are said to easily give in to the requests of their families and relatives for remittances and gifts from abroad, thus the failure to save sufficient money for the future.

“We don’t really save for the rainy

days. We don’t really think long term. Our plans, our objectives are vague and we don’t really know how to get from one place to the next. So it’s easy to be lured by commercial spending,” Anolin said.

According to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), eight out of 10 Filipinos don’t have bank accounts -- an indication that financial literacy among Filipinos is not high, as CFO pointed out.

While it is not that bad for OFWs to spend for their families with imported commodities, CFO stressed that they should not let themselves end up without savings and should not forget to save more than they spend in order to achieve a common goal of creating a sustainable income in their homeland.

“It’s not the lack of money to save eh. It’s the lack of the will to save,” said Warner Dawal, senior emigrant services officer for Peso Sense Program.

“The most common misconception is the families here in the Philippines think that the remittance they receive is forever,” he added.

Man doing Barbecue

When a man volunteers to do the barbecue, the following chain of events is put into motion:

1. The woman buys the food.
2. The woman makes a salad, prepares vegetables, and makes dessert.
3. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.
4. **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.**
5. The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
6. The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.
7. **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.**
8. The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.
9. After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.
10. **Everyone PRAISES THE MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.**
11. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed her night off and, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there’s just no pleasing some women.

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the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings.

“A comprehensive approach would seem the best way to go and we would support very much a comprehensive reform...But the question is in the details because we want it to be at least revenue-enhancing,” Peiris said.

“There are lots of exemptions and the rates are quite high so we could have much more broadening of the tax base while lowering the rates because otherwise you are taking a big risk with the revenue,” he warned.

He said the Philippines must make the tax system more efficient by improving tax collections.

“The tax-to-GDP (tax collections) in the Philippine is relatively low so (the government should look at) how to have a tax reform raising the revenues but also making the system more efficient because rates are quite high but collections are quite low,” Peiris said.

Improved tax collection efforts

According to Department of Finance data, as of June 2015, the Philippines’ tax effort when measured against Gross Domestic Product increased from 13.69 percent during the same period last year to 14.09 percent this year.

The revenue to GDP ratio, on the other hand, also improved from 15.51 percent in June 2014 to 17.13 percent this year.

In tax collection, the Philippine government was able to collect P1.264-trillion in revenues from January to July, 15 percent higher than the P1.1-trillion tax collection during the same period last year.

Nevertheless, collections were two percent short of the government’s P1.293-trillion goal for this year.

Peiris said the issue on revenue reform can be linked to the ongoing APEC meetings for the Cebu Action Plan.

This 20-year roadmap focuses on four pillars: financial integrations; fiscal transparency and policy reform; financial resiliency; and infrastructure development and financing.

Raising public investment

One of the main topics during the financial meeting, he said, is how to raise public investment.

Peiris said that “very low” tax collections means limited public investment.

Under the Cebu Action Plan to raise infrastructure spending, the financial ministers have seen the importance of revenues and environment tax rates in public investment and infrastructure.

For a country to have financial resiliency, economies should have a good revenue base, they said.

“There are two pillars [linked to revenue reform]. One is advancing fiscal transparency and reform, [the other is] financial resiliency. You want to have a good revenue base so that you are resilient to economic shocks,” said the IMF official.

People...are talking about

Maine Mendoza

Yaya Dub has a shampoo endorsement, too. In a short span of time, two months to be exact, the country’s Dubsmash Queen was catapulted to stardom. Thanks to her one million Twitter followers, three product endorsements and a film project in the offing. And in the recent development on AIDub’s Twitter domination, Guinness Book of World Records is looking into giving AIDub the “Fastest Rising Worldwide Trend” award after the 12.1 million tweets posted on Twitter last month.



of JaDine. Hence, when love teams no longer click, she still has a fallback.

Heneral Luna

The Academy Awards’ foreign language film category nomination has been elusive to locally made films. But will the Philippines finally get nominated and ultimately snatch the Oscar trophy for Best Foreign Language Film section in the prestigious film event? Have we finally got the formula that the international audience and critics are looking for? Ploning, Bwakaw and Ang Babae Sa Septic Tank all failed but Heneral Luna, with its universal theme, is more than ready to take on the challenge.



focus on what It’s Showtime is known for? Least they forget, It’s Showtime became a big threat to Eat Bulaga for its more entertaining segments.

Felix Manalo

Will the general public take time to see the biographical film dramatizing the life of Iglesia Ni Cristo’s founder? That’s the big question. But regardless of the answer, the film will make it big at the box office. Imagine, every single member of the religious group is required to see the biopic of their former leader, especially on its first day of commercial release. Probably, non-member would see the movie not because of the story but only because of Dennis Trillo.

Kathryn Bernardo

So, she’s the former Going Bulilit cast member that the veteran director was referring to as the only one who didn’t greet him at the Star Magic Ball. Expect that her fans would react and defend their idol no matter what the turns of event would be. Anyway, in this [un]intentional incident, we’re perfectly sure who gets the bad publicity.



...are NOT talking about

Pastillas Girl

It’s Showtime’s answer to AIDub fever faces more criticism than admiration. Even loyal followers of the noontime show find Pastillas Girl and the Titterserye a desperate attempt to find something to topple the super tandem. Rather than creating another television love team, why not

Candid SPOOF

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



Ludy Alilio, Lilith Alilio and Jane Alilio use a carrot as a microphone during karaoke at the Dolorosa get-together.

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the situation to people who can do well, not because I don’t believe in her. Given time I know she’ll be very good at what she’s doing, but just not right now. Probably in 2022? Give herself some more time,” she said.

The actress said that she chose to speak up because of the intrigues already plaguing the showbiz clan, and dismissed persistent rumors that she and Poe were sisters through her mother, Rosemarie Sonora, who now lives in the United States.

“Me and my brother, who lives here in the Philippines, are very much affected [by the rumors]. Manang Grace and I are not sisters. My Mama is not her mother. Please spare my mom from all these lies,”

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