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US to use 5 bases in PH

WASHINGTON: The Philippines agreed last month to allow the United States to use five of its military bases, including an air base on an island facing the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) where Manila is involved in territorial disputes with China.

The facilities were the Antonio Bautista Air Base in Palawan, Basa Air Base in Pampanga, Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, Lumbia Air Base in Mindanao, and Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base in Cebu. The agreement was made during the 6th Bilateral Strategic Dialogue (BSD) held from March 17 to 18 in Washington D.C.

"Both sides expressed their firm opposition to the ongoing militarization of outposts in the South China Sea," the two countries said in a joint statement released after talks between senior government officials.

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Mudslinging shows 'thirst for positions' - Tagle

MANILA - Mudslinging that is accompanying the ongoing campaign of candidates for the May 9, 2016 national elections only exposes some people's unbridled "thirst for positions" and reflects the "sad state of politics."

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle stressed this as he

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Charity



PCCF Miss Philippines Canada Nathalie Ramos helps herself to some ice cream while doing charity work in the Philippines

Judging



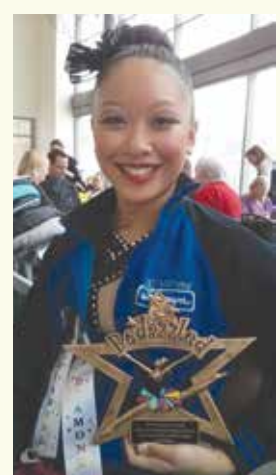
Dr. Solon Guzman is introduced as judge in the Mrs Philippines pageant. PHOTO BY BONG MOLANO

Beauty



Mel Galeon of FV Foods poses with Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach.

Winning



Katharine Reyes wins 1st Overall for her Song & Dance Solo "Don't Rain On My Parade" @Bedazzled Dance Champions in Guelph, age 12 division Musical Theatre/Song & Dance Solo/Duet/Trio Category. She also received a special Judge's award called "Triple Threat".

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MARIAN RIVERA

Lone Filipino in global list of 'most liked' FB pages

Primetime Queen Marian Rivera continues to make headlines after her Facebook page ranked 19th in the Top 20 "Most liked public figure(s)" Facebook pages," worldwide according to social media analytics site Quintly.



She is the only Filipino who made the list, which includes international celebrities like Nicki Minaj, Kim Kardashian, Ellen DeGeneres, and Hugh Jackman, among others. At present, Marian's Facebook page has almost 15 million likes.

Marian couldn't be more proud and happy over the good news, immediately thanking her avid fans and followers for their continued support. She posted on her Instagram account, "Wow! ?? Maraming salamat...?"

"Following her much awaited TV comeback in February after giving birth to her first baby with husband Dingdong Dantes, Marian is busy with her hosting stint in Sunday Pinasaya and is doubly excited to start working on two other projects: a talk show and the prequel of Encantadia, where she was the unanimous choice to play the important role of Ynang Reyna.

Senator Enverga concerned about report on assisted dying



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ottawa, February 25, 2016 – Today, the Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Senator for Ontario, received the final report of the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying with great concern.

"I am morally and ethically opposed to any action that ends another human being's life, and that denies a person the natural life cycle from conception to natural death," said Senator Enverga in a statement following the tabling of the report in both houses of Parliament. "Bishop Samuel J. Aquila once said: '... we must have the courage to proclaim the culture of life for the common good of society. This is a duty and responsibility ...'. I am taking this duty seriously in my work as a senator and will do my part to ensure that we protect those most vulnerable in our society from severe risk of harm," the Senator continued.

The report is the latest step in the process

to comply with the Supreme Court of Canada's judgement in Carter v. Canada (Attorney General), which has given Parliament until June 6, 2016 to provide a legislative framework under which persons can obtain assistance in ending their lives before natural death occurs.

"I am reading the report with grave concern, noting a clear lack of safeguards and protection of the vulnerable that are found in other jurisdictions' relevant legislation on physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. This report opens the door for minors, persons below the age of 18, to access assisted dying three years down the road; it recommends that persons with psychiatric condition should not be excluded from receiving medical assistance in dying; and it recommends forcing physicians who oppose the practice based on their conscience to refer patients to other willing physicians, rather than providing information to the patient and reporting the patient's wishes to a government agency. There is still much study needed, and I will ensure that the voice of those who are concerned about this report is heard in the Senate of Canada when we debate the report and the forthcoming legislative proposals from the government," Senator Enverga concluded.



I DON'T HAVE A SEX VIDEO -

Gerald Anderson

Amid the proliferation of (alleged) video scandals of male celebs recently (we're looking at you, Joross Gamboa), Gerald Anderson said he doesn't have a sex video because "it's not my habit to do such a thing."

Nothing will come out (in social media) because there's really none," he told Philippine Star editor Ricky Lo in an interview published on Feb. 23.

While no one is claiming that the actor is on a sex video now, Gerald was tagged years ago in an alleged nude photo scandal.

The viral photo shows a man which resembles Gerald fully dressed with his private part exposed. But the 26-year-old actor said the photo is fake. "That was fake... Masyado namang malaki 'yon,'" he joked.



Mayor Rob Ford poses with Rolly and Nieves Mangante at the Taste of Manila presscon in 2014.

Why we love Mayor Rob Ford

We knew what Rob Ford stood for. Unlike a certain Mayor who said anything to get elected and changed his stand the moment he won, and still keeps changing his mind depending on who is protesting in front of him, Ford stood by his principles. That Mayor has the backbone of Groucho Marx in a movie, “these are my principles. If you don’t like them, I’ve got more.” Rob Ford had his principles, lived them and defended them. And we loved him for that.

More dangerous in the PHL

It has now become very dangerous to work for the Philippine government. If they need an scapegoat, they pick anyone. It does not even have to be someone with high position. Now, Mar Roxas has named a lowly employee as the reason for the mess at MRT. Ano ba naman iyan? Susunod niyan pati iyong mga namamalimos lang sa daan, may kasalalan na diyan sa bilyon-bilyon na kapalpakan ng MRT.

Happiness is a defective weighing scale

I love defective weighing scales. At Wynn Fitness I go to, I weigh 112 lbs. I like to think it is accurate because it is one of those where you move the weights on the bar, instead of the one where you step on it and just look at the number. From 180 lbs and exercising 1 hour for two weeks, that is one hell of a weight loss. At work, I weighed myself and came up 178 lbs. I knew it was too good to be true.

Mudslinging shows thirst for power

This is what Cardinal Tagle said about the candidates in the Philippines. Tama si Cardinal doon. And the more expensive ang ginagastos ng mga candidates, the dirtier is the mud na tinatapon nila sa kalaban. Sa election campaign, walang matuwid. Lahat ay baluktot. Sa ganyang labanan, throw as much mud as you want sa kalaban mo. Kapag may dumikit, iyon ang ulit ulitin mo.

50,000 and forget them

This is what the Conservatives should have done during the election. They should have promised to let in 50,000 refugees. Unfortunately, the Liberals promised the most number of refugees to let in at 25,000. That is probably one of the reasons they won.

Well, with that out of the way - 25,000 are in already - the Liberals can now get back to running the country without letting anymore in. In short, it was a promise they kept to show their humanitarian side. If there are anymore that will be let in after the initial 25,000, Canadians cannot be bothered with them anymore. Tignan ninyo, it is gone from the news nowadays.

Why? With all these terrorist bombings that are happening around the world, in places that you would not expect, nobody is banging on the Liberals’ door to let more in. More like, let us keep quiet and the people will forget about this refugee issue. And it worked. After the initial excitement, the issue has died down.

Permanent Residency for our kababayans upon landing

Now, let me get this straight. I do not know how thorough the security screening these 25,000 refugees underwent but I find it surprising that they get permanent residency upon landing. I am sure our kababayans undergo a more time-consuming, thorough security screening before they are issued a visa. So, why don’t we get permanent residency upon landing. All we get from the Liberals and the Conservatives are nice compliments that are not backed up by action. The Liberals said they will make it easier to come here. But what does that mean? Unlike refugees, our fellow Filipinos are not asking for financial and housing assistance. In fact, upon arrival, you are on your own.

Refugees have money

Is it because these refugees have money? A Filipino I know said that when these refugees buy an “item,” they pay in cash and they haggle like crazy that they do not make money. I will not tell you what the Filipino sells and you might figure out kung sino pa siya at guluhin niyo pa.

Rule changes stress out Canada temp foreign workers — study

RED DEER, Alberta – A pilot study underscores mental health strain as the greatest burden temporary foreign workers in Alberta carry, caused by the changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

In a study entitled “Interrogating the Impact of Recent Changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program to Temporary Foreign Workers in Alberta,” researchers at the University of Alberta found that high level of anxiety and poor mental health are evident in TFWs who are affected by the changes.

The study was released on March 18 by researchers from UoA, York University, University of Sydney, in collaboration with non-government organizations.

It was disseminated to stakeholders including members of the provincial and parliament of Canada, settlement services and policy makers, researchers said.

High level of stress

Thirty-five TFWs living in rural and urban areas in Alberta participated in focus group discussions in August, September and November 2015.

The participants, mainly from the low-skilled category such as fast food and gas retail attendants, were from the Philippines, India, Nepal, Jamaica and Bangladesh.

The researchers used a critical qualitative approach in collecting data and NVivo 10 qualitative data analysis software to interpret data.

Analysis of the focus group discussions indicates that many of the participants continuously suffer from anxiety and stress “due to the demands placed upon them by their work and immigration statuses.”

A worker said, “It is really stressful because you are thinking, what is going to happen tomorrow, what is going to happen the next day. You can’t make any decisions.”

The study notes that although TFWs admit their mental health was poor, the need to provide for their family and precarious migration status got in the way of addressing issues related to mental health.

Recommendations

Rapid changes, often without adequate warning to foreign workers, have become a key feature of the TFW program, the study states.

The changes that came into effect in 2014 under the TFW program made it tougher for employers to hire TFWs by being required a \$1,000 fee, a progressive yearly reduction in TFWs staffing down to 10 percent this year and a no permit policy for areas that have 6 percent unemployment rate.

It notes that some 70,000 TFWs had expired contracts in April 2015 when the “4-in, 4-out” rule came into force. The measure forced some TFWs to leave Canada and others risked staying as undocumented.

Based on its findings, the study makes some recommendations including recruiting a temporary foreign worker advocate in the province.

“This advocate must be able to develop relationships and trust with the most marginalized and vulnerable groups of temporary foreign workers,” it says.

The researchers are also proposing that a fund be funneled to a one-stop service provider for TFWs that would include legal support.

To aid in foreign workers’ stress and mental health, the study also supports open work permits for TFWs, which in turn would reduce cases of exploitation.

Scientists have discovered that you can eat as much chocolate as you want — here’s why

It’s always great to find an excuse to do something that you love more often. Eating chocolate, for example.

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The substances within chocolate that have these beneficial effects on our mental activity are called “cocoa flavanols.” However, the majority of these substances were found in dark chocolate, and only in smaller quantities in milk and white chocolate. So as you can see, the chance of getting the benefits here depends on the type of chocolate.

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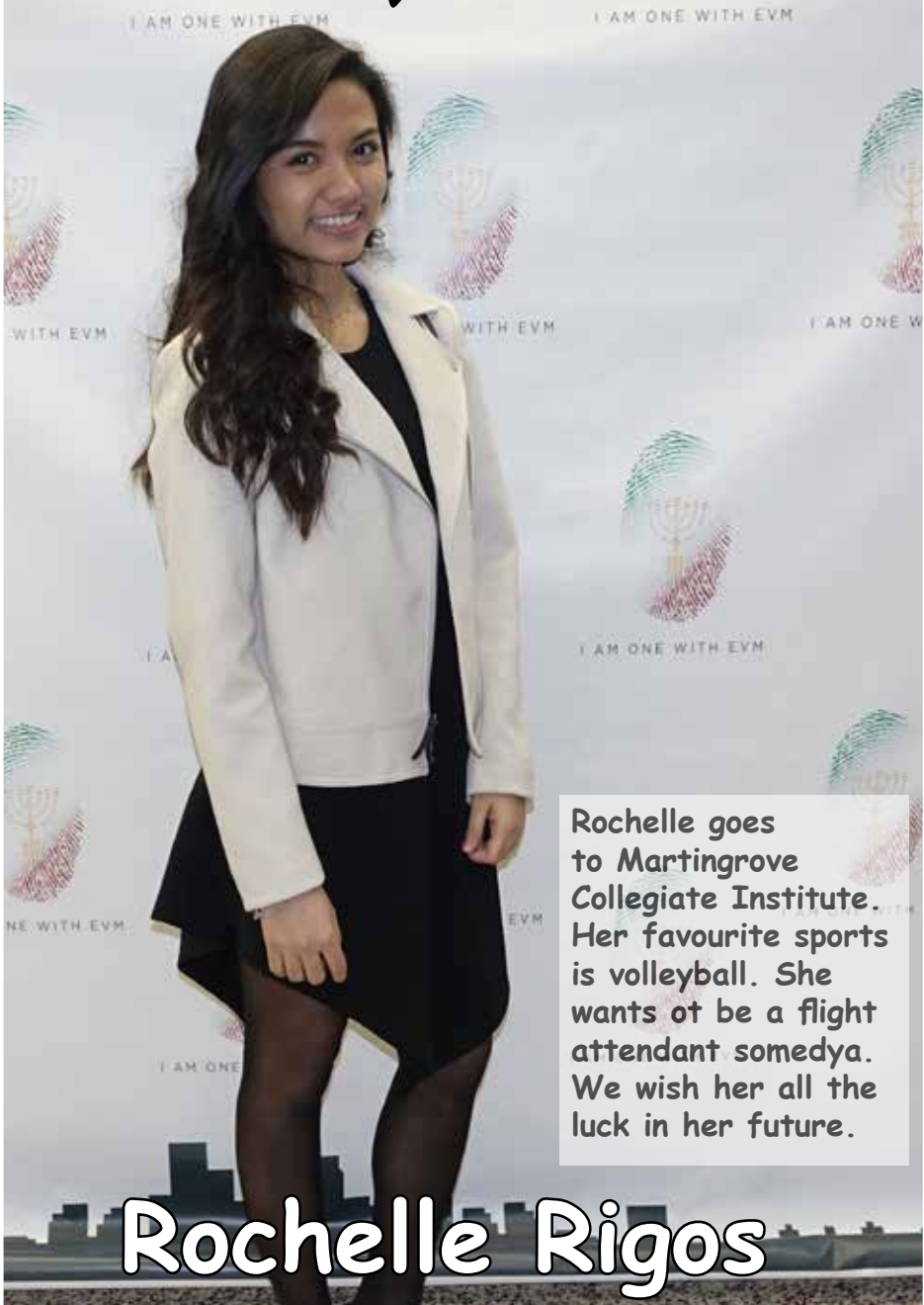
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No more Jollibee

A senior visited her doctor to ask his advice on reviving her husband's lagging libido. "What about trying Viagra?" asked the doctor. "Not a chance," she said... "Ni aspirin, di ko mapainom." "Not a problem," replied the doctor. "Give him an "Kape Barako Viagra." "Ano ang kape barako viagra?" she asked. "Ihulog mo Viagra tablet sa coffee. He won't even taste it. Give it a try and call me in a week to let me know how things went." A week later she called the doctor, who asked her about the results. "Oh, Dios Mio, sus Guinoo ni Roxanne!" she exclaimed. "Sobra po dok! Terrible, doctor!" "Really? What happened?" asked the doctor. "Well, I did as you advised and slipped it in his coffee and the effect was immediate. Bigla siyang tumayo. Nakita ko ang init sa mga mata niya. Hinawi niya mga pinggan at tasa, at pinunit niya damit ko, tapos doon at doon din binanatan niya ako sa mesa. Dok, parang masamang panaginip. "Bakit naman terrible?" asked the doctor, "Hindi ka ba maligaya sa resulta?" "It was the best dok sa buong buhay ko! Pero dok, hindi ko na maipapakita ang mukha ko sa Jollibee."

Honey Shot



Rochelle goes to Martingrove Collegiate Institute. Her favourite sports is volleyball. She wants ot be a flight attendant someday. We wish her all the luck in her future.

Rochelle Rigos

Ozawa had one-night stand with Cesar Montano

Just recently, former Japanese adult film actress Maria Ozawa admitted that she had a one-night stand with co-star Cesar Montano, who worked with her on the Metro Manila Film Festival entry Nilalang last year. Montano had replaced actor Robin Padilla. But, as news spread about her one-night stand admission, Ozawa backtracked. Unfortunately, taking back the story doesn't guarantee that people will believe Ozawa. In an interview with controversial DJ Mo Twister (real name: Mohan Gumatay) for his Good Times With Mo podcast, Ozawa was asked if she had sex with Montano. At the 1:05:54 mark, Mo Twister asks Ozawa this question: "Did you sleep with Cesar Montano?" At first, Ozawa just giggled and then she tried to change the topic but Mo Twister was persistent. When she kept on giggling, he said, "I would take that as a yes." He then went on to ask, "How many times did you have sex with Cesar Montano?" Ozawa then admitted that she had sex with Montano just once. Ozawa explained, "Way before, because I didn't know anything and then it just happened." She said that it happened before they started filming Nilalang. In a follow-up article on ABS-CBN-news.com, Ozawa was quoted as saying that she had no intentions of dating Montano, calling what happened between them as "saying hello' sex."



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Look past Duterte's womanizer image



MANILA - A women's group urged the public to see beyond the image of Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte as a womanizer, and examine his track record instead.

Gabriela Party-list Rep. Luz Ilagan said criticisms on Duterte's philandering ways was mainly caused by media hype.

"Womanizing, kissing: most of that is media hype. .. Even if he says that I am a womanizer, may mga girlfriend, remember that the mayor is already separated. His marriage has been annulled," Ilagan said.

Ilagan added that controversies will

naturally crop up against Duterte as he vies for the country's highest electoral post. But the public, she said, should also focus on Duterte's achievements and abilities.

"I personally even say that look beyond the words, look beyond the actions. Focus on what he has done, what he can do, what he is still doing that will benefit our people," Ilagan said.

The Gabriela once slammed Duterte for his sexual affairs, saying that "womanizing and flaunting is an affront to women."

Ilagan said their comments against Duterte were "principled criticisms" that the mayor has acknowledged.

Duterte and the Gabriela attended a forum of the Women for Action.

Women's groups in the gathering shared with Duterte the issues they find relevant, including peace, good governance and equal employment opportunities.

Ilagan said Duterte also promised to study the divorce bill that they are pushing.

Mobile broadband service won't happen — experts

MANILA - Telecommunication specialists doubted that a homegrown conglomerate can push through its plan to launch its mobile broadband service knowing early this year that there is no final agreement yet being forged with an Australian telecommunication firm.

The telco specialists, who asked for anonymity, said that even though the conglomerate unveiled its



plan to expedite the launching of mobile broadband service as early as first half of this year, the giant food and beverages corporation cannot make it happen because it tapped ZTE to provide

infrastructure and telecommunication equipment for the internet business of SMC and Aussie company Telstra.

ZTE was embroiled in a scam during the Arroyo administration.

"We will go ahead in testing Long Term Evolution (LTE) of high speed internet service and it will be rolled out soon," SMC said. "We won't switch it on until it's perfect."

Earlier, Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada, whistleblower of the NBN-ZTE scam, said any deal that would transpire will only further narrow a shared bandwidth on the radio frequencies.

Mall voting Ok'd

MANILA - The Commission on Elections has approved the conduct of mall voting for the May 2016 elections, Comelec Chairman Andres Bautista said.

Eighty-six malls will participate in the mall voting. Whole clustered precincts will be moved inside the malls. Senior citizens and persons with disabilities will still be given priority.

Earlier, eight mall chains offered their malls as voting areas. These are SM Supermalls, Ayala Malls, Robinsons Malls, Gaisano Grand Malls, Megaworld Lifestyle Malls, Pacific Malls/Metro Gaisano, WalterMart Community Malls, and Fisher Mall.

Comelec did not include malls owned or connected to candidates.

The poll body earlier said that moving the clustered precincts inside malls will decongest public schools serving as polling areas.

Bautista added that malls are also generally cleaner, safer and more convenient polling places compared to regular schools.



Henares won't flee RP after Noy's term

MANILA - Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) commissioner Kim Henares intends to spend a long vacation at home effective July 1, 2016, the end of President Aquino's six-year term.

Henares said the vacation would be long enough to make her relax after a stressful stay at the BIR since July 1, 2010.

"After June, 30, 2016, I just want to take a long vacation," Henares, a lawyer and certified public accountant.

Henares is one of the few original cabinet members of the Aquino administration. Many of her contemporaries have either resigned or were fired due to various reasons.

She clarified that she has no plans to go abroad right after finishing her term.

She said she will be at home most of the time right after June 30, 2016.

Poe eyes lower corporate income tax

Presidential aspirant Senator Grace Poe is eyeing cutting down corporate income tax rates as a strategy to boost job creation in the Philippines.

Aside from lowering the tax rates on personal income, Poe believes reducing corporate income tax is a better policy for stimulating economic growth and creating employment in the country.

Doing so, she said, would result in increased foreign direct investment in the Philippines and thus more jobs for Filipinos.

During the presidential debate, Poe said a lower income tax should be coupled with lower corporate tax to make the country attractive to foreign capital and create more jobs for Filipinos.

She also stressed her belief Filipino workers should be entitled to permanent jobs and the right wages.



Jennylyn is cause of Luis-Angel breakup?

Although they have yet to officially admit that they're on, it's obvious that Jennylyn Mercado and Dennis Trillo are really back in each other's arms. When Dennis performed at "Lip Sync Battle Philippines" last Saturday, Jen suddenly popped up to show her support for him. She was also the one who thought of the concept for Dennis' number that made him win, singing Sia's "Chandelier".

Before this, they've been posting photos of their travel to various places, like Amsterdam and Batanes. They both say that they're much better friends now who have deeper understanding of each other. It helps that they both love sports and even go biking together. Someone reported that it's Jen who caused the breakup of Luis Manzano and Angel Locsin. Of all Luis' ex-GF's, it's said Angel got jealous only of Jen, but Jen just laughs off this rumor.

No doubt Jen is blooming in both her love and career. GMA7 is all set to give her a new TV soap after she renews her contract with them that expires in May. Right now, she's shooting her first movie for Star Cinema with John Lloyd Cruz, "Just the Three of Us", directed by box office filmmaker Cathy Garcia Molina, which has a late March playdate.

She plays CJ, a ground crew personnel who comes from a happy family that inspires her to achieve more in life and in career. In contrast, John Lloyd plays Uno, a pilot who has a sad past as he never even knew his real parents. When these two contrasting personalities meet, expect love and fireworks that will change their lives forever. Those who've seen the rushes say Jen and Lloydie have a good chemistry on screen. "Malakas ang kilig factor nila," they add. After being paired with Derek Ramsay, Sam Milby, Jericho Rosales and John Lloyd, it's said Jen's next target is to be paired with Piolo Pascual. Let's see if Star Cinema would also eventually grant her this wish of hers.



Doris Talang celebrated her 2016 birthday at Juana Tejada Lounge with her friends at the Caregiver Ministry on February 28, 2016.



The Caregiver Ministry headed by Jeannete Rosales conducted their seminar regarding getting US Visas, Philippine Pension SSS, taxation, and Philippine OWWA, etc.; at Our Lady of Assumption Church on Feb. 28, 2016. This event was sponsored by Western Union Money Remittance company.

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NYPAA SETS SPRING OFFICERS
INDUCTION and FUNDRAISER

By: Bob A. San Juan



The North York Pinoy Athletic
Association (NYPAA) , a popular and
ever-active FilCan amateur basketball
sports organization in the Greater
Toronto Area, will hold its "Induction
of Officers and Spring Dinner Event"
on April 9, 2016 (Saturday), 6:00
p.m.. Composed mainly of volunteer
parents and their basketball - playing
children, relatives & friends, the
150 - member organization slates the
evening celebration at Our of Lady of
the Assumption Church Parish Hall
at #2565 Bathurst Street, North York,
Toronto.
To be inducted for the 2016- 2017
term are: President - Sharonne
Columbano, Vice President - Mylene
Escalona, Secretary - Brenda Agoncillo,
Asst. Secretary - Arlyn Perez, Treasurer
- Joanne Ligsay, Sports Commissioner
- Renato Columbano, Asst. Sports
Commissioner - Mark Victoria, Youth
Sports Development - Victor Montero,
Website moderator - Arnel Dipaling,
Director - Ed Sotto, Director - Vilma

leader, as Guest Speaker, will induct the
new officers. The Member of Parliament
for York Centre, Hon. Michael Levitt,
as well, is invited to grace the affair.
Expected to attend and extending their
support are friends, players and officers
of other competitive basketball clubs
and community-based associations in
Ontario.
The 16-year old organization is
a member of the North American
Basketball Association (NABA) and has
been sponsoring and supporting amateur
basketball competitions & clinics and
participating in numerous city and inter-
city tournaments in Canada and the
USA since 2005.
Everyone is invited! For tickets and
further information, please call Sharonne
at 289-200-8653 or check out Website:
www.nypaa.ca. Book your tickets now!
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Julia Clarete
returns to Eat
Bulaga

Pagkaraan ng may tatlong buwan, muling
nakita ng mga Kapuso at dabarkads sa
Eat Bulaga nitong
Sabado ang TV host-
singer-actress na si
Julia Clarete.
"Mga kaibigan,
ngayong taon na ito,
isa namang pag-
tatanghal ang aming
pinagbuhusan ng
panahon, lakas at
lahat na, pagmamahal lalo na para ngayong
Semana Santa. Kami ay muling magbibigay
ng inspirasyon sa inyong lahat pati na sa
mga naghahanap ng trabaho," saad ni Joey
De Leon habang natatawang nakatingin kay
Julia na hawak niya ang kamay.
Birong sagot naman ni Julia, "Sir baka kai-
langan n'yo pa ng cast member mag-aaplay
po sana ako."
Dagdag niya, "kumakanta po ako sumay-
aw, nagbubuwis buhay po ako."
Sagot naman ni Joey, "Basta diyan ka lang
maghintay ka...marami kayo mahaba kayo.
Nitong Enero, ipinaliwanag ni Julia sa
kaniyang fans na nais niyang paglaanan
ng panahon ang pagbuo nila ng nobyo ng
pamilya sa Malaysia kaya nawala siya sa
longest running noontime show.
Binalewala rin ni Julia ang mga intrigang
ikinakabit sa pagkawala niya sa programa.
Sa isang panayam, inihayag naman ng
isang opisyal na namamahala sa Eat Bulaga
na welcome bumalik sa programa si Julia.
Ang netizens, ipinakita sa kanilang posts
ang kasiyahan na makita muli ang kanilang
idolo sa Eat Bulaga. Marami ang umaasa na
tuluyang nang babalik sa programa si Julia.



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Japanese navy to be on routine patrol to the Philippines



MANILA - A Japanese submarine will visit the Philippines for the first time in 15 years, along with two warships that will then sail on to Vietnam, in a show of support for nations opposed to Beijing’s ambitions in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), a person familiar with the matter said.

The Japanese submarine, which is used for training, and the destroyers will arrive in the Philippines in April. The escort vessels will later sail to Vietnam’s strategic Cam Ranh Bay base on the South China Sea, the source said.

“It sends a message. It is important for Japan to show its presence,” the person with knowledge of the plan said on Monday. He asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

A Japanese Ministry of Defence spokesman declined to comment on any submarine visit but said the navy normally conducted training voyages in March and April.

“But we are still in the planning stage so are unable to provide details,” he said.

The visits were first reported by Japanese media, including the Sankei newspaper.

Asked about the visits, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said Japan occupied the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea during World War Two so China was on “high alert” for Japan’s military moves there.

“The cooperation of relevant countries should benefit regional stability and should not be directed at third parties or harm another country’s sovereignty or security interests,” he told a daily news briefing in Beijing.

Of the countries bordering the South China Sea, the Philippines and Vietnam are most opposed to China expanding its influence in the region by building bases on reclaimed islands.

COMELEC asks SC to revisit Poe case

MANILA - Sen, Grace Poe’s disqualification (DQ) is alive and well before the Supreme Court (SC) despite the announcement from Chief Justice Lourdes Sereno that Poe can run in 2016 on the basis of her claimed majority vote of 9-5.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday asked the High Court to deliberate again and conduct another round of voting on the qualifications of Poe to run for president in May.

Earlier last week, the four respondents, Estrella Elamparo, Francisco “Kit” Tatad, former UE dean Amado Valdez and La Salle professor Antonio Contreras, filed a combined motion for reconsideration (MR) stating that there was no majority vote attained at the SC on Poe’s DQ, since there were 15 justices, not 12, as claimed by Sereno, who joined the deliberation, with at least two justices, joining the dissent of Justice Mariano del Castillo.

The four respondents also asked the court for a second voting, insisting that there was no majority as claimed by Sereno.

In a 56-page motion for reconsideration, the Comelec asked the tribunal to “re-consider and set aside” the March 8 decision and that “a new one be entered denying due course and dismissing the petitions (of Poe) for lack of merit.”

The Comelec also wants the High Court to lift the temporary restraining order it had issued last December against Poe’s disqualification, and to affirm the Comelec resolutions on her disqualification.



Heart in new series but campaigns for Chiz

Heart Evangelista will soon be back on primetime on GMA-7’s upcoming drama series, “Juan Happy Love Story”. She will be paired with Dennis Trillo. At the show’s story conference, Heart and Dennis both declare that they’re excited to work with each other.

“We’ve been paired before in ‘Dwarfina’,” says Heart. “But that was years ago and it’s a telefantasya. This time, we’re doing a sexy, naughty romantic comedy full of kilig moments and good vibes kaya nailba naman sa ginawa namin before. Dennis is one of our best young actors today so I really enjoy working with him.”

The show start April 4 and their co-stars are Gloria Romero, Gardo Versoza, Lotlot de Leon, Dominic Roco, Erika Padilla, Vincent Magbanua, Kim Domingo, Rob Moya and Leanne Bautista, under the direction of LA Madridejos.

But what does her hubby Sen. Chiz Escudero say about her going back into acting while he’s still busy campaigning as vice president?

“He’s happy I have a new show as he knows I love acting very much. Chiz is always supportive naman. In the one year na nagsasama kami as husband and wife, I learned so much from him as he’s a very good mentor. I can really say that I’ve become a better person because of him. Big blessing siya sa buhay ko. Tutulong pa rin ako sa kampanya niya kapag wala akong tapings. Hindi naman niya ako pine-pressure to be with him but I do it kasi enjoy rin ako and it’s a learning experience for me meeting our kababayans in various provinces.”

Fil-Am named director of Clinton campaign

A Filipino-American has been appointed as the new Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) outreach director of the campaign for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Former White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders deputy director Jason Tengco takes over the office vacated by Lisa Changadveja the previous week after being assigned at the Democratic Party in Colorado.

Tengco’s parents are from the Philippines.

Why Angeline has yet to say ‘yes’ to Erik Santos

MANILA - Singer Angeline Quinto explained the reason behind her decision not to say “yes” to Erik Santos when asked to clarify the real score between them.

“Selosa po kasi ang mama ko eh. Siguro once na sagutin ko si Erik, baka ispin niya na magpapakasal na ako agad. So baka hindi maintindihan ng mama ko. Sinabi ko naman kay Erik Iyon,” she said on “Tonight with Boy Abunda.”

Quinto and Santos have been vocal about their feelings for each other. However, Quinto has repeatedly said she is yet ready to be in a relationship.

Santos, meanwhile, has been quoted to have said that he is willing to wait for Quinto.



Duterte ties Poe Binay, Roxas close behind in new Pulse Asia survey

Senator Grace Poe and Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte are statistically tied as the preferred candidate for president, the latest survey by Pulse

Asia said.

“The May 2016 presidential elections is shaping up to be a very tight race involving four contenders,” Pulse Asia said.

Sharing the top spot were Poe and Duterte at 26 percent and 25 percent, respectively.

Close behind them were Vice President Jejomar Binay at 22 percent and

administration candidate Manuel Roxas II at 20 percent.

In third place was Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago, with 3 percent.

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte and Senator Grace Poe

The survey, commissioned by ABS-CBN, was conducted from March 8 to 13, had over 4,000 respondents and a margin of error of 1.5 percent.



Senior Building Ambassadors of Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office (TNO). This is a diverse group of Senior leader volunteers from different buildings of Thorncliffe Park. They are the TNO’s strength in building a stronger and safer community. With diversity in colour, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, they are UNITED as ONE. Their differences will become a strong foundation of united community. A meeting was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the TNO’s #18 boardroom, facilitated by Alberto Rodil (far left), Elder Person Consortium Senior Coordinator of TNO.

Why You Shouldn't Text Back Right Away (It's Science!)



Say you've matched with someone on Tinder. You both had to swipe right, so it's safe to say you find each other attractive or intriguing—or maybe one person's hand slipped. Regardless, it gives you a boost of confidence when chatting with them. So when they send you a text, you reply almost immediately. (We all know how attached we are to our smartphones, so it's silly to pretend you didn't see their message.) Plus, we're all big boys and girls

here: No need for those petty, childish games where you wait 10 minutes or maybe an hour to text them back, right? Actually, science would say you should wait, at least a little. Here's the basic explanation, care of a quick excerpt from Aziz Ansari's book *Modern Romance*:
In recent years behavioral scientists have shed some light on why waiting techniques can be powerful. Let's first look at the notion that texting back right away makes you less appealing. Psychologists have conducted hundreds of studies in which they reward lab animals in different ways under different conditions. One of the most intriguing findings is that "reward uncertainty"—in which, for instance, animals cannot predict whether pushing a lever will get them food—can dramatically increase their interest in getting a reward, while also enhancing their dopamine levels so that they basically feel coked up. If a text back from someone is considered a "reward," consider the fact that lab animals who get rewarded for pushing a lever every time will eventually slow down because

they know that the next time they want a reward, it will be waiting for them. So basically, if you are the guy or girl who texts back immediately, you are taken for granted and ultimately lower your value as a reward. As a result, the person doesn't feel as much of an urge to text you or, in the case of the lab animal, push the lever.
Texting is a medium that conditions our minds in a distinctive way, and we expect our exchanges to work differently with messages than they did with phone calls. Before everyone had a cell phone, people could usually wait a while—up to a few days, even—to call back before reaching the point where the other person would get concerned. Texting has habituated us to receiving a much quicker response... When we don't get the quick response, our mind freaks out.
To learn why our brains are primed to fill the gaps between texts with the worst case scenario and how all of that pinging back and forth is like a gambling addiction, check out the full excerpt over on Nautilus.

"The Story Of Us" debuts to strong ratings on Primetime

ABS-CBN's newest primetime drama "The Story of Us" drew strong viewership and beat its rival program in its pilot telecast Monday (Feb 29), according to data from Kantar Media. Kim Chiu and Xian Lim's return to primetime was a warm ly



welcomed by viewers as "The Story of Us" garnered a national TV rating of 18.2%, compared to its rival program on GMA, "Because of You," which only hit 14.1%. The pilot introduced viewers to the endearing Tin (Kim) and Macoy (Xian), whose friendship will be strengthened even more as they grow up and face life's challenges together. As a kid, Tin grew up timid, longing for the affection of her mother (Zsa Zsa Padilla), who suddenly left her and her father. She found a friend in Macoy, a diligent kid who is eager to please his dad (Gardo Versoza). The pilot episodes of the Kapamilya show did not only get strong ratings but was also talked about online as the show's official hashtag #TSOUWorldPremiere trended on Twitter. SKYcable postpaid subscribers

can catch-up on all the latest episodes of "The Story of Us" for free through SKY on Demand, the video-on-demand service exclusively available to SKY subscribers. Go to www.skyondemand.com.ph to watch on your laptops and PC or download the app via The App Store or Google Play to watch on mobile. Don't miss "The Story of Us" after "Dolce Amore" weeknights on on ABS-CBN Primetime Bida. For exclusive updates, follow @StarCreativesTV on Twitter and Instagram.



"Pokwang-Melai tandem in 'We Will Survive' captures viewers' hearts

Viewers instantly got hooked on the feel-good story of "We Will Survive," topbilled by comediennes Pokwang and Melai Cantiveros, which debuted last Monday (Feb 29). Its pilot episode recorded a national TV rating of 16.7%, higher than that of its rival program "Wowowin" (14.4%), according to data from Kantar Media. "We Will Survive" shows the beauty of friendship as Wilma (Pokwang) and Maricel (Melai) buoy each other up when they experience heartbreak. Also adding to the fun are Sheila (Regine Angeles) and Ana (Bea Saw). The pilot episode of the primetime series also received praises online as the show's official hashtag #WWSFromTheStart trended on Twitter. SKYcable postpaid subscribers can catch-up on all the latest episodes of "We Will Survive" for free through SKY on Demand, the video-on-demand service exclusively available to SKY subscribers. Go to www.skyondemand.com.ph to watch on your laptops and PC or download the app via The App Store or Google Play to watch on mobile. Don't miss the Wilma and Maricel's story of friendship in "We Will Survive," weeknights before TV Patrol. For updated follow @wewillsurviveTV on Twitter and Instagram.

Dr. Mike excited over future with Pia

Russian-born Dr. Mikhail Varshavski, dubbed by People's Magazine as the hottest doctor on Instagram, has finally admitted to dating Miss Universe 2015 Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach of the Philippines.



"I am dating Pia. It's a fairly new relationship but I'm really excited to see where it can go," said Dr. Mike, in an exclusive interview with Wonderwall.com, an entertainment website in Hollywood, California, on March 18.
On March 11, Wurtzbach posted in her Facebook that she was in a relationship with Dr. Mike. "In a relationship with Dr.Mikhail Varshavski," the beauty queen's post said.
Asked about the real status of their relationship, Wurtzbach said that she would reveal everything "sa tamang panahon."
Speculations that Wurtzbach and Dr. Mike were dating swirled when they posted photos in social media following a gym date last February.
Wurtzbach, 26, has said that her duties and obligations with the Miss Universe Organization (MUO) are her priorities these days. She maintained that her crown is her boyfriend.
But she explained in the past that Miss Universe title holders are allowed to have a boyfriend as long as they do not interfere with their duties.
During their first meeting in December 2015, Dr. Mike posted his photo with the beauty queen on Instagram with the caption: "She says she wanted to be a doctor until she realized she's deathly afraid of the sight of blood, so she decided to win Miss Universe instead."

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Manuel Luis Quezon to receive award for inviting Jews to PH

NEW YORK, New York - A prominent Jewish organization based in the United States will confer an award on the late President Manuel Luis Quezon on Monday for his opening the Philippines to refugees from the Holocaust between 1937 and 1941.

Ricardo Ramos, head of the Pilipinas Sandiwa Heritage Foundation, said the New York-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL), a 103-year-old movement against anti-Semitism, shall bestow on Quezon the Jan Karski Courage to Care Award in ceremonies on March 21.

The award is named after the Polish diplomat “who visited concentration camps and tried to warn Western nations about the plight of the European Jews,” the ADL said.

In a letter to Quezon’s daughter, Maria Zeneida Quezon Avanceña, the ADL said it would be “very proud to posthumously present this award to your father... for his heroic efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust.”

President Quezon was behind the open-door policy when the country, then an American Commonwealth, welcomed 1,200 refugees rendered stateless by the Nazi regime.

The history of the “Manilaners,” by which the refugees came to be known, has only recently been unraveled through research by Filipino-



the ceremonies to be held at an ADL Holocaust memorial event in Florida.

Since 1987, the ADL has recognized 50 individuals from around the world who played a role in the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust.

American professor Sharon Delmendo.

Delmendo is currently working on a book and a full-length documentary about this largely unknown part of Philippine history. Earlier this month, she delivered a talk on the Manilaners at the Ayala Museum.

It was through Delmendo’s presentation in 2013 that the ADL came to know about Quezon’s role in providing a home for Jewish refugees.

“Professor Delmendo gave us documents showing that President Quezon spoke out actively against anti-Semitism. It was the documentation professor Delmendo gave us, especially the materials from her book in progress, which lead us to decide to grant the Karski award to President Quezon,” the ADL wrote in a separate letter about the award.

In an e-mail, New York-based Delmendo said Quezon’s granddaughter, Aurora Quezon Avanceña, and herself will attend

Clerics aid seaman shot by pirates

SAN FRANCISCO – An organization that helps seafarers came to the aid of a Filipino who was seriously injured by gunfire when pirates attacked his tanker near Nigeria.

The Mission to Seafarers Manila helped 2nd Mate Edwin Acasio and his wife and two daughters by arranging his care and transfer from Benin to a hospital in Manila.

The crew of the MT Leon Diaz were transiting the Gulf of Guinea off the coast of Nigeria when they were boarded and held hostage. In the attack Edwin was shot and seriously injured.

After reaching hospital in the Port of Cotonou Benin, he was treated in intensive care for stomach and hand injuries.

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Back in Manila, Acasio’s family turned to their local church for help. Fr. David O. Hinay, of the Philippine Independent Church (IFI), immediately contacted the Mission to Seafarers.

The IFI is working in partnership with The Mission to Seafarers, to provide help and advice to crews and their families, according to a Mission report.

The Mission talked to the ship agents and established where Acasio would be taken care of. They then arranged for him to be flown home from Benin. Fr. David kept in contact with the Mission team, and Acasio’s employers and holding prayers with the family. Acasio is steadily recovering

“This partnership with the IFI in Manila is already proving to be crucial to ensure that the welfare needs of seafarers and their families are met all over the world. This is a tragic case and highlights the fact that there is a very real and present danger of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, which the Mission continues to monitor,” stated the Rev. Canon Stephen Miller, regional director for the Mission in East Asia. He also thanked Fr. David for his role in expediting support for Acasio and his family.

Illegals in KL can go legit

The Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday urged undocumented Filipino workers in Malaysia to take advantage of the Malaysian government’s ongoing rehiring program.

“Qualified Filipino employees in Malaysia who have irregular status are highly encouraged to work with their employers to register under the Malaysian Government’s Rehiring Program from Feb. 15 to June 30,” Philippine Ambassador to Malaysia J. Eduardo Malaya said in a statement.

The program aims to provide undocumented foreign workers in Malaysia with valid work permits, and to fill labor vacancies in some sectors.

Workers who may avail of the Rehiring Program are those who have overstayed with visit pass temporary employment and are working with the same employer; those who have overstayed with employment visas but with a different employer, and those who entered the country under social visit passes (tourist visas) and working with an employer for six months before the start of the program.



Xian Lim feels more inspired

Kapamilya actor Xian Lim speaks about his quest from being a young star to playing more serious roles. He appreciates that his mother network already sees him as a serious actor by entrusting him with important assignments.

This holds true for the television series he currently stars in opposite Kim Chiu, The Story of Us. In the primetime drama, Xian transitioned to a more mature route.

Xian Lim enjoys streaming OTT content on HOOQ and likes watching his own shows

“It’s been three years since the last time we were together in a television drama. This kind of project makes me feel that my network already sees me as a mature actor. For one, the character [I play] is very different from the roles I played before,” Xian told The Standard during the 1st anniversary party of HOOQ.

He also added that he’s very thankful that up until now, he’s still visible on both small and big screens.

“You know, we’re in a business where some talents only last for a few shows. For me, being around up until now is an achievement in itself. This makes me feel more inspired to work,” he shared.

As a HOOQ ambassador, the 26-year-old actor noted that it made him hooked to watching movies and series on his mobile phone more.

A romcom and action fan, he normally streams OTT contents in between takes. He also revealed that since My Cactus Heart and My Binondo Girl, two of his previous projects that are now available on HOOQ, he started finding time watching again the movies and series he was part of.

“I am the biggest critic of myself, watching myself allows me to grow as an artist. I wanted to identify what other aspects I can improve on in terms of acting,” the Kapamilya actor related.

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FilCan Michele Serraate FilCan Catholic Parents Association Slates Annual Parents, Students & Teachers Conference

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT

The Filipino Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education (FCPACE) is conducting its second annual conference of parents, students and teachers on May 14, 2016, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, TCDSB, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, Toronto. FCPACE was formed in November. 2013 by parents and teachers whose children are studying and / or have studied in publicly-funded Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The yearly gathering is open to all Catholic families, parents and students who are new immigrants, permanent residents or Canadian citizens alike.

This year’s conference main objective is “to support student achievement and well-being by getting parents more involved in their children’s learning and school performance”. As well, the gathering aims and hopes to receive, share and discuss information and advice on best practices in parent engagement and community involvement and ways to help parents support their children’s learning at home and at school.

In partnership and collaboration with the Philippine Advancement Through Arts & Culture (PATAAC) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), the one- day free event is expected to carry out its theme :”Enhancing Filipino Parent Engagement and Community Involvement” through 4 major workshop topics. Participating FilCan parents, students and teachers , upon registration, shall be given the opportunity

to join any one of the following topics : 1) Effective Parenting : Home-and-School Environment, 2) Understanding the School System: Curriculum and Teaching & Learning Styles, 3) Catholic Education and Faith Formation , and 4) Parent Advocacy and School -Community Engagement.

The whole day program, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education under its Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants, shall include : a mass service , registration, pleasantries & & networking, greetings & brief messages, keynote address, entertainment numbers, workshop process instruction, group discussions, lunch break, and a plenary session.

Each topic shall be covered for an hour of group discussion to be moderated by a professional facilitator and a resource person. The one- hour sharing shall produce a written summary of recommended practices and strategies for parents guidance to be presented by each group during the plenary session.

Complimentary lunch and snacks will be served .Those interested are encouraged to register early by contacting : Ruth Oliveros at :rutholiveros@sympatico.ca /Tel. 416- 282-7262 or Marla Tanuan at:mtanuan@yahoo.com / Tel. 416-209-8659. and indicating their workshop topic preference. Alternatively, for Eventbrite registration, check out the links at:: <https://www.facebook.com/events/199165520440319/> and <http://filipinoparentsengage.eventbrite.com>. (T.San Juan).

MFFC Elects New Officers



The Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians held their general meeting on March 10, 2016 at the MFFC centre located at 1151 Denison St. Markham. The successful meeting was well attended and quorum was reached. The financial report was presented and all issues and concerns addressed. After this presentation came the nomination and election of new officers. The newly elected officers

to the board of directors are James Abanador, Joe Ragual, Art Canseco, Ester Toribio, Marian Cusi, Yolanda Ladines and Ramon Ombao all being sworn in by current board member Alicia Chiu. Other board members are Gary De Las Alas, Jane Avila, Ysmael Dalmacio, Anna Torres, Karen Tan, Bina Commendador, and Nilo Santos.

Does Robin want ot be in a teleserye?

Now that he is part of two reality shows, does Robin also want to star in a teleserye? “Hindi na, sa mga bata na lang ‘yan sa mga pwede pang magpuyat. Matanda na tayo, gusto ko na lang talaga kasama ko ‘yung mga tao, ‘yung enjoy. Hindi ko na kayang mag-drama. Sa iba na lang natin ibigay ‘yun.”

Robin also shared on why he surprised wife Mariel with a new van. “Isang taon in the making ‘yun kasi bago pa nga siya mag-umpisa ng programa dati, ‘yun eh ‘yung mga panahon na ‘yun siyempre wala pa tayong masyadong mga kontratang pinipirmahan so nong pumirma ako sa ABS(CBN) eh automatic, mayroon kang makukuha, binayaran ko na ‘yun. Gusto niya ‘yun tsaka may deperensya na kasi ‘yung dati niyang kotse, hindi lumalamig ‘yung aircon.”

As previously mentioned in a Push article, Robin remarked that this is his best comeback at ABS-CBN. “The best ‘to sa ilang beses kong paalam sa ABS ito ang pinakamasasabi kong the best na pagbabalik Kapamilya sapagkat ano eh parang lahat ng hiningi ko binigay nila, lahat ng gusto kong gawin binigay nila pati ‘yung kay Mariel. Maraming salamat, ang buong pagkatao ko ay nagpapasalamat sa ABS-CBN,” he said.



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China flexes military muscle

Filipino fishermen harassed by Chinese coast Guard



A protester displays a placard during a rally near the Chinese Consulate in the financial district of Makati city, Philippines, to denounce the alleged deployment of surface-to-air-missiles by China on the disputed islands off South China Sea, Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 in Manila, Philippines. The protesters are calling on China to halt its island-building on some of the disputed islands and its alleged increasing militarization.

MANILA, Philippines - Beijing is flexing its military muscle in the South China Sea, driving away Filipino fishermen from Panatag Shoal and preventing the Indonesian coast guard from detaining a Chinese vessel caught poaching in Indonesia's waters.

The development prompted Jakarta to summon the Chinese ambassador and sparked new concerns over China's growing assertiveness in staking its claims in disputed waters.

Indonesian fisheries minister Susi Pudjiastuti said his country has for years been pursuing and promoting peace in the South China Sea. "With the (March 19) incident we feel interrupted and sabotaged in our efforts," Pudjiastuti said. "We may take it to the international tribunal of the law of the sea."

Earlier, at least 10 Filipino fishermen reported being harassed and driven away from Panatag or Scarborough Shoal by a Chinese coast guard vessel. The shoal, off Zambales

province and well within the Philippines' 200-mile exclusive economic zone, has effectively been under Chinese control since 2012.

Indonesia protested what it described as an infringement of its waters by a Chinese coast guard vessel at the weekend, the foreign minister in Jakarta said.

Foreign minister Retno Marsudi met Chinese embassy representatives in Jakarta after the incident involving a Chinese coast guard vessel, a Chinese fishing vessel and an Indonesian patrol ship in the northern Natuna Sea.

China says that it does not dispute Indonesia's sovereignty over the Natuna Islands. "At the meeting we conveyed our strong protest (over)... the breach by the Chinese coast guard of Indonesia's sovereign rights," Marsudi said.

China claims vast swaths of the South China Sea, where several Southeast Asian countries also have overlapping claims. Indonesia, however, remains a non-claimant.

The latest development comes amid heightened tensions in the South China Sea over China's land reclamation and over its claims over vast areas of an important shipping corridor.



Jennylyn - John Lloyd movie on hold

Jennylyn Mercado's movie with John Lloyd Cruz, "Just the Three of Us", is supposed to be the Easter offering of Star Cinema this Black Saturday but it was not finished on time so they're showing Lav Diaz' Berlinale winner instead, "Hele sa Hiwagang Hapis", which also has John Lloyd in its big cast.

Jen's movie was postponed because she got sick and was even confined in the hospital for a while, which alarmed her loyal fans. It turns out she just suffered from over fatigue since she's been working a lot and still works out in the gym. She even lost her voice due to sore throat.

But Jen wants to assure her fans that she has now regained her health and is about to resume the shooting of her movie with John Lloyd, which has been reset for a late April release. Of course, her BF Dennis Trillo made sure he was at her side while she was in the hospital. He says he'll be there to make sure that Jen will be more careful and doesn't abuse herself with too much work or too much exercise.

Dennis is now busy taping his new primetime soap with Heart Evangelista, "Juan Happy Love Story". Jen herself will start taping a new drama series on GMA-7 after she completes her movie with John Lloyd.

Alden's concert is a hit

Alden Richards is very thankful to all his fans who flocked to Ynares Center in Antipolo last Friday to watch his concert, "Aldenvasion", that his detractors predicted will be a flop. "I'm so happy sa suportang ibinigay sa akin ng fans ko," says Alden. "Yung iba, galing pa sa mga probinsiya at dumayo lang sa Antipolo to watch the concert. I really didn't expect that the concert will be this successful kasi never pa akong nagkaroon ng solo show. Kaya paglabas ko on stage at nakita ko kung gaano karami ang tao na punumpuno talaga ang venue, halos malyak ako sa tuwa."

There's now an offer for him

to take the show on tour all over the country, but he says he wants to study it first. "I need more time to prepare muna. Hindi biro-biro ang mag-concert, e."

So what's next for him? "Abangan n'yo muna 'yung two-hour drama special na ginawa namin ni Maine (Mendoza) para sa Lenten offerings ng 'Eat Bulaga'. Bukas na po 'yun ng tanghali, Holy Wednesday. Kasama namin diyan si Jake Ejercito in his first acting role. I play a pilot at si Maine naman, flight attendant. Nagpapasalamat din po pala ako sa lahat ng mga nanood ng mag-guest ako sa 'That's My Amboy'. Ang ganda rin ng feedback doon."

How about the reported solo movie for his love team with Maine? "Pinaplano na po. Nakikipag-meeting kami sa management pero wala pang mga detalye kung what will be the story o sino mga makakasama namin. Before this pala, pupunta po ako sa Canada to do a concert with Rocco Nacino and Kim Idol. So abangan nyo kami diyan sa Canada. Bale doon na kami aabutin ng Easter."

Binay gets applause

Silence greets PNoy at PMA graduation



BAGUIO CITY - President Benigno Aquino III received only a fraction of the rousing welcome that greeted Vice President Jejomar Binay during the graduation rites of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA).

Families of PMA graduates were noticeably silent upon the announcement of the arrival of Aquino at the Fort del Pilar.

But the group erupted in applause when the master of ceremony acknowledged the presence of Binay.

This is the last year that Aquino, as commander in chief of the Armed Forces, will serve as guest of honor in the PMA graduation.

In his speech before the Gabay Laya Class of 2016, the President lambasted senators who

opposed the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) which, he said, could have achieved peace in Mindanao that soldiers are risking their lives for.

"Alam po natin ang kasabihang 'Ang kasundaluhan ang huling magnanais na magkaroon ng kaguluhan.' Sila nga ang unang sasabak sa hidwaan, sila ang unang magsasakripisyo, at sila ang unang malalagay sa peligro," Aquino said.

"Ang masakit po, may dalawang miyembro ng Senado na tahasang hinarang ang BBL. Dito ko naalala 'yung sinasabi ng nakakatanda: 'Sige, malinawag na ayaw mo, ano naman ang gusto mo?' Ang dalawang miyembrong ito ng Senado, naiwan na lang sa 'ayaw' nang walang nilalatang na mas mainam na solusyon. Kayo na nga po ang humusga kung sino sa amin ang nagkulang at kung sino naman ang tumotoo sa inyo," he added.

Aquino also touted the modernization program of the government for the Armed Forces. "Nasa 68 big ticket projects na ang ating nakumpleto, na nagkakahalagang P58.43 billion," he said.

The President also lauded the bravery of Filipino soldiers during disasters, the Zamboanga siege in 2013 and daily patrols off the West Philippine Sea, among others.



China warns Phl on its aircraft deal with Japan

MANILA, Philippines - China expressed alarm on Thursday about an agreement in which the Philippines will lease five aircraft from Japan to help patrol the disputed South China Sea.

President Aquino had said the five TC-90 training aircraft would help the Philippine Navy conduct surveillance flights over the country's territory that is being claimed by China.

"If the Philippines' actions are to challenge China's sovereignty and security interests, China is resolutely opposed," foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei told a news briefing, as reported by Reuters.

"I also want to point out that Japan is not a party to the South China Sea issue and we are on high guard against its moves. We demand that Japan speak and act cautiously and not do anything to harm regional peace and stability," Hong said.

The Philippines has made modernization of its air and naval forces a priority as China has built islands and deployed missiles and jet fighters on a number of reefs in the South China Sea, in the area Filipinos call the West Philippine Sea and within its economic zone.

China claims almost the entire South China Sea, citing its ancient nine-dash-line, but Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam also have claims to parts of the sea.

Roxas touts Clean Energy

Liberal Party standard-bearer Mar Roxas vowed to give incentives to investors of natural gas and other forms of clean energy to meet the country's need for stable sources of energy with a lesser negative impact on the environment.

Under the current set up, the Philippines is heavily dependent on coal and oil as sources of energy, with more coal-fired power plants expected to be constructed to meet the country's demand for more electricity due to a booming economy.

"The point here is we really need energy. If I become President, I will give incentives

to the natural gas and other clean energy such as geothermal and hydroelectric so that more of our energy would come from clean energy sources," said Roxas.

Roxas said he preferred natural gas, citing that it is cheaper compared to other clean or renewable sources of energy.

Jericho Petilla, one of the candidates for senator under the Roxas-Leni Robredo slate, has anchored his platform and campaign slogan on the promise of a stabilized and cheaper electric power.

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Friends Nieves Mangante, Jenifer Camacho of Mel Galeon of FV Foods enjoy the night at the Mrs Philippines pageant. PHOTO BY BONG MOLANO



TOP, Dr. Solon Guzman (IN YELLOW SHIRT) poses with Denilee Usta and husband at the Culture Philippines Ontario Dinner. ABOVE, Dr. Solon Guzman poses with Denilee Usta and husband at the Culture Philippines Ontario Dinner.



James Reid: Nadine is everything to me right now

These two sure know how to make their fans swoon.

James Reid and Nadine Lustre marked the end of their hit ABS-CBN series On The Wings of Love with an on-air kiss during their live viewing party for the show's finale at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City last Feb. 26.



This comes less than a week after the two admitted that they are a real-life couple.

After the show's finale aired, James and Nadine were asked at the viewing party how special they are to each other.

"Tinatanong pa ba yun? Syempre, sobra. Sobrang special. Hindi ko maimagine na wala siya, kung wala siya," Nadine said.

Meanwhile, James said: "Nadine, she is everything to me right now." In a Twitter post, On The Wings of Love director Antoinette Jadaone revealed James actually co-wrote his character Clark's wedding vows for Leah, played by Nadine.

Just in case you're not a fan, On The Wings of Love ended last February with Clark and Leah tying the knot in a church wedding.

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People are talking about...

Maine Mendoza



The other half of the super love team AIDub made Kathryn Bernardo, Enrique Gil, and James Reid eat dust after she won Favorite Pinoy Personality in the 2016 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards. While her rivals have a strong fan base, too, we cannot discount the fact that Maine won via online poll, an indication that in the Internet universe, she is still the biggest rock star.

Diego Loyzaga

The man of the hour is the latest talk of the town. Reports spread like wildfire that he's allegedly involved in an altercation at the Palace Pool Club over the weekend. Now, different versions of the story are being told and it's hard to

believe whose side is telling the truth. Where were the camera phones when they're usually most useful? Anyway, this incident works to Diego's favor. See, he's getting a lot of attention. Don't all young celebrities want this?

Donna Cruz

She doesn't regret leaving showbiz when she was at the peak of her career. She's still a household name up until now anyway. We can even argue that had she became a pop star today, she'd give the likes of Sarah Geronimo and Julie Anne San Jose a run for their money. Hence, people highly anticipate her comeback on the music scene 18 years after she chose to settle in Cebu and raise a family.



People...are not talking about

Paolo Ballesteros

The Eat Bulaga host and "transformation artist" has not been visible on the noontime show since last week. And even Tape Inc.'s big bosses didn't want to confirm whether or not Paolo is indefinitely suspended from the show. But one thing is definite though, Paolo's behavior on social media didn't sit well with Tape, which produces Eat Bulaga. So, the moral of the story? Don't bite the hands that feed you.

Louise delos Reyes

In a recent interview, the young actress

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hinted that she's still hopeful to have regular projects because while her friends are busy with one project after another, she still doesn't have any definite offer to star in a primetime or afternoon soap. The last time we saw her in a leading role was in 2014 when she played the role of a mermaid in an overly hyped drama pitted against Dyesebel. Obviously, Louise has fallen off her mother network's radar, and the reason? Well, we can always make a wild guess.



Vivian Velez

Last week, she exposed on social media how difficult it was to work with Cristine Reyes. And she got the attention she asked for – many believed her because Cristine really has some nasty reputation. This week though, it's been revealed that Vivian, too, was at fault why they didn't have a harmonious working environment on the set of Tubig at Langis. No wonder nobody stopped her from resigning from the drama series.

Sarah getting married?

Sarah Geronimo has bowed out from being a coach in "The Voice Kids" and there are speculations that this is in preparation for her alleged coming

wedding to Matteo Guidicelli. Reports say that they're now officially engaged, even if Sarah's parents are still very much against the match. Of course, there's no concrete confirmation yet from either Sarah or Matteo but those who are close to them confide that Sarah has already left her parents' home and now lives on her own in her own condo unit. "Siya na ang humiwalay sa family niya kasi patuloy ang resistance nila kay Matteo even if Sarah is already of the right age at almost 28 years old," says an informer. We heard the planned wedding is sometime this year. But someone from Matteo's camp says they're not aware of any such plans of Matteo about walking down the aisle and having a wedding with Sarah anytime soon. "Matteo is just turning 26 on March 26 (Black Saturday) and he says he's not ready to settle down and raise his own family," says Matteo's friend. So which do you think is true: They're having a wedding soon or not?

Ara Mina wants ex-boyfriend to be the 'donor' of her next baby

Matagal nang sinasabi ni Ara Mina na gusto niyang magkaroon ulit ng another baby para may kalaro si Baby Amanda na anak niya kay Mayor Patrick Meneses ng Bulakan, Bulacan. Eh, ano nga ba ang update tungkol dito. Paano siya magkaka-baby kung wala naman siyang boyfriend ngayon? "Hindi ko nga alam kung paano, eh. Hahaha! Kasi sabi ko, gusto ko pa. Siy-

empre, we're not getting any younger. Sana makahabol pa ako kahit isang boy. Kaso hindi ko alam kung paano?" natatawa niyang reaksiyon. "Kung puwede pa ako kay Patrick, sasabihan ko siya. Donor, donor! Hahaha," pabiro niyang pahayag. Nagbigay naman ng mga huling reaksiyon ang aktres tungkol sa pahayag ni Vivian Velez na pinaninindigan pa rin nito ang mga naunang sinabi against her sister Cristine Reyes na katrabaho niya sa series ng ABS-CBN na Tubig at Langis. "Hindi naman sa pinagtatakpan. Well, sa kwento sa akin ni Cristine, siya ang sinigawan ni Ms. Vivian, naka-lapel si Cristine so dinig lahat sa system kung siya ang nanigaw, di ba?" pagre-recall ni Ara base sa kuwento ng kapatid. Pinagtatanggol din ba siya ni Cristine kapag may issue siya? "Hindi ko alam! Hahaha!" natatawa niyang reaksiyon. "Iba 'pag Ate, eh. Siguro naman, ipagtatanggol niya ako. Eh, nu'ng naghiwalay kami ni Patrick, tahimik lang naman ako. Saka okey naman kami ni Patrick," say pa niya.

Kim Chiu on concert: 'It's a way for me to say thank you'

Kim Chiu was very excited to find out that the VIP tickets for her upcoming concert Chinita Princess: The FUNtasy Concert were already sold out. "I am very happy kasi 'yung nilabas 'yung ticket selling mga isang araw naubos na 'yung VIP ko so sobrang happy ko dahil may sure na ako na manonood sa akin, so meron na akong siguradong mga tao na papanoorin ang gagawin ko." The Kapamilya star relayed that she personally chose the songs that she will be performing in the concert. "Karamihan sa kanta ako po nagsabi. Hindi na nga kami nag-hire ng [musical researcher] kasi gusto ko na maram-daman ng mga taong sumusuporta sa akin na ito 'yung kanta ko para sa kanila." According to Kim, her concert is her way of expressing her gratitude to her supporters. "Ano siya parang basta it's a way for me to say thank you sa mga years na sinurpotahan nila ako and sobra akong na-hahappy and meron doong gap na para sa mga fans ko, meron doong gap na basta personal touch 'yung lahat ng mangyayari. Para siyang isang journey ng isang babaeng nangarap." "Marami po akong sinabi at natuwa naman po ako na pumayag po sila. Tapos G-Force nandon sila, sila 'yung magcho-choreo sa lahat ng mga production numbers ko and 'yun masaya." The Chinita princess revealed that she would have a production number in the concert that she has never done before. "Meron po at inaalaran ko po talaga siya at sana magawa ko siya ng perfect sa gabing iyon. Abangan po nila kaya din po siya tinawag na 'Funtasy' kasi it's like you're dreaming in one night na sa gabing ito ito ang mangyayari akala mo panaginip lang siya pero totoo po siya. 'Yung grabe pero fun lang talaga. Hindi ko mapromise na tatawa ka lang ng tatawa pero pwede ako mag-promise na magi-enjoy sila." With new projects that are coming Kim's way, is there any dream left to be fulfilled? "Pangarap ko pa.... sobra ang babaw ko lang kasi mangarap. Simple pangarap lang, magandang buhay na hindi katulad nong buhay ko dati at 'yun lang 'yun."

Andrea ‘exposes’ breasts in public

ANDREA Torres says “The Millionaire’s Wife”, that airs on GMA7’s hit Afternoon Prime, is her most daring soap so far. “May love scene kami ni Mike Tan na ang sabi ni Direk Albert Langitan, ako raw ang kailangang pumatong sa kanya, woman on top,” she says.



“Kailangan daw kasi ipakitang ‘yung character ko, as Louisa, sobrang in love talaga kay Mike as Ivan. So sinunod ko lang siya at ang script. Maski kay Mikael Daez na ilang beses kong naka-loveteam sa soap before, never kong ginawa ‘yun. Para akong nangabayo. But tastefully done naman, so okay lang. At hindi naman ako pumatong sa mismong harapan ni Mike kundi sa may mga hita lang niya, so actually, may daya. Ha ha ha!”

There’s another scene that she did for the first time. “Kasi magkakaanak ako kay Mike, kailangang ipakitang nagpa-breastfeed ako in public. Binuksan ko

‘yung blouse ko, tapos tinapat ko ‘yung baby sa dibdib ko. ‘Yung baby, parang gusto talagang dumedede.”

As Louisa, she’s a nurse who takes care of an old man (Robert Arevalo), a business tycoon who had a stroke and later falls in love with her. “May sakit ‘yung anak ko rito, kailangang ipagamot, so pumayag akong magpakasal sa kanya. It’s a marriage for convenience.”

In real life, would she agreed to do something like that? “Hindi siguro. Siyempre, I’d prefer to marry for true love. Pwera na lang kung ma-in love talaga ako sa matanda. Actually, mahirap mag-judge kasi iba-iba naman ang sitwasyon ng mga tao. Basta ang importante, kahit matanda pa ang mapangasawa mo, super happy kayo.”

ABS-CBN respects Kris’ temporary retirement

Kris Aquino must be satisfied over the official statement that her home network, ABS-CBN, issued about her planned retirement which she announced on social media.

It says: “We respect and support Aquino’s decision to take a break from show business and prioritize her health and spend quality time with her kids.”

The statement also said Kris’ leave is not permanent and she’ll definitely be back.

We’re sure ABS execs are aware that Kris’ temporary absence might help her waning career. Everyone knows her TV show is no longer rating that high and her last two movies, “Etiquette for Mistresses” and “All You Need is Pag-ibig”, didn’t do as well as expected at the box office, to put it mildly.

So it’s best for her to take a rest for a while and study her situation and career. After all, the viewers and even her detractors might then realize that absence does make the heart grow fonder. Then she can reinvent herself and make another much-awaited comeback for her millions of adoring fans.



How being a dad changed Michael Pangilinan

Singer Michael Pangilinan struggled to hold back his emotions after he was asked on “Tonight with Boy Abunda” about his newborn child.



“Ginagamit ko iyong baby ko bilang lakas ko, bilang inspiration ko. Kumbaga, kung ako ang tatanungin po ninyo, siya na ang buhay ko,” said the 19-year-old singer, who was close to tears.

“Sa baby ko kasi kahit mamatay ako basta para sa kanya kasi simula noong dumating siya ang dami daming blessings na dumating sa akin,” he added.

Pangilinan also shared his one wish for his child with his former girlfriend, whom he has yet to name.

“Ang dasal ko lang kay God, kung ano man mangyari sa akin, sana hindi siya makaramdam ng kahit anong pambu-bully …Gabayan siya lagi ni God. Kahit wala nang magmahal sa kanya basta mahal lang siya ni God.”

Regine Velasquez-Alcasid returns to acting via Poor Señorita + other stories

Asia’s Songbird Regine Velasquez-Alcasid hasn’t been active in the acting department since she got pregnant and gave birth to her and Ogie Alcasid’s son, Nate.

Soon, however, she will be seen again on the boob tube via the light romantic comedy “Poor Señorita” set to premiere on March 28.

Regine is thankful GMA did not pressure her to go back to work after becoming a mother.

“I’m really very grateful for their understanding that I have to take care of my son first. They waited for me to be ready for this kind of project,” she said.

Though happy and excited to be acting again, the singer admitted, “I’m also feeling a little nervous kasi I haven’t done this in a while. But really, I’m very excited. Siyempre kasi the character is different. I think ‘yun ‘yung isa sa mga exciting na aabangan natin.”

It’s the first time Direk Dominic Zapata is doing a comedy on primetime TV. At the press conference, he said, “This is a wholesome, feel-good show intended for family viewing, so we could hardly for the show to air.”

On “Poor Señorita,” Regine plays Rita Villon, an heiress and successful owner of a perfume company who is also obsessive-compulsive, a perfectionist feared by employees. She never had a boyfriend and deep inside she longs for love and connection.

When doctors told Rita she has cancer and has only three months to live, she gives away all her property. Eventually, however, she will find out that she’s been given the wrong diagnosis.

Regine’s leading man in the show is Mikael Daez with whom she’ll have a kissing scene.



What did Mikael Daez call his love team with Regine Velasquez?

Fans of Regine Velasquez need not wait any longer as the Asia’s Songbird will be back on primetime this Monday, March 28. Regine plays riches-to-rags Rita in the light romantic comedy series, Poor Señorita. She stars opposite Kapuso heartthrob Mikael

Daez who will play Rita’s love interest, Paeng.

In his Instagram post, Mikael brands the Rita and Paeng love team as “TaEng” or “PaTa.” But leaves it up to the viewers to pick the moniker that will best suit them.

No politics for Dingdong Dantes

Kapuso star Dingdong Dantes has been known for promoting meaningful causes including advocacies he personally initiated. He’s very visible and vocal in supporting government projects and social works that he believes can bring about change.

During the press launch of his TVC for Ensure, a brand he endorses together with his father, the 33-year-old actor talked about why he likes to be involved in well-meaning activities and why he doesn’t consider himself a political person.

“If you’d ask me for specific plans [to enter politics], wala talaga. But the fact that I am here and working for the government is something that I’m proud of,” Dingdong said.

The actor shared that he also had to put on hold some projects because of the rare opportunity to work for the government. He is the current commissioner of the National Youth Council.

“All of us will have our fair share in nation building. It just so happens that this is my way. And this kind of opportunity won’t be given to us or to me everyday,” he explained.

Although busy with his responsibilities, he promised that he’d resume making movies and drama series after the elections. In the meantime, he will actively participate in various events and government initiatives that need his help.



Heart & Lovi for Chiz

According to the actress she doesn’t have problems dealing with people and she enjoys going around the country to help her husband campaign for the coming elections. Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero is running for vice president.

Recently, she was in Ilocos with best friend Lovi Poe. “Nandito kami ni Lovi, siyempre gusto naming tumulong sa mga mahal namin sa buhay,” Heart said on the radio while being interviewed in Ilocos Norte. “And kaming dalawa lang talaga ang makakakilala kung sino talaga ang mga candidates na Chiz and Grace (Poe). Gusto naming ipakilala sa lahat ng tao through us at iparating ang pagmamahal nila at pasasalamat nila sa pagsuporta at nami-maintain nila ang posisyon nila sa surveys. Kaya, maraming salamat,” the actress said.

Heart said that although there’s a lot of pressure being the wife of a politician, her husband constantly reminds him to be honest and truthful and be herself.

Sweet 16 Katlyn Degamo’s Birthday



KATLYN DEGAMO celebrated her sweet 16TH birthday on March 12, 2016 with classmates, and relatives at her house in Scarborough. PHOTOS BY AIREL RAMOS

LOCAL ARTISTS SIZZLED FOR A CAUSE

By Li ERON



The Post Valentine Benefit Concert for Team Canada Crossover last February 20, 2016 in Markham, Ontario started with Elle Romano, a local music artist and set the tone of one of the evening’s main performers- Keeana Cerezo.

Keena Cerezo of Josie De Leon Performing Arts came in for her set (5 songs in a row) with a punch as she glides in perfect execution with her every song. Keeana was a firepower, at times, incredibly intense. Her movements, a trademark of a singer who knows how to deliver were precise and lovely. The guests were glued on their seats as this young musical talent from Whitby, Ontario perfectly control her platform. It was beautiful, it was electrifying. It was, for me, a complete surprise knowing Keeana in the past. This time she was moving gracefully and her vocals drowned the room with so much energy. This is a new Keeana Cerezo and she just revealed herself. What a gorgeous performance. It was like she has completely departed from her old mellow

performances. But aside from sharing her musical talent, Keeana understood the essence of her performance that evening that it wasn’t about earning money. It was an all out support to a group of high school boys who love to play basketball comprising Team Canada Crossover who are leaving to compete in the Philippines. Keeana gave her heart out and letting her performance electrify the moment. We teach our young artists the value of being supportive and the importance of community unity for a common good. This one night performance does not just showcase a gifted artist. It is also a valuable memory of taking pride in helping a noble undertaking. It will be remembered and as member of the community myself, we will all look forward to a successful career in music.

Raffy Gomez punctuated and raised the curtain for the finale performer- Fienness Mendoza. FIEN MENDOZA is hardly seen in public and other gatherings except when performing for charitable projects. Fien Mendoza is content living invisibly like many 14 yr. old who preferred to stay home. On ordinary days, she’s one of those blending in very well among ordinary people.

But behind the quiet persona, a voice that spew emotional arrows putting her audience in utmost reverie. Fienness voice is calm and subtle you wanted to exit the door for a smoke but before you reach the door knob comes the knock out; she transposes. One needs to go back to his/her seat before she reached the high notes. That moment when this young emerging music artist dismantle her beautiful face and puts you in a trance; it’s incredible. Her voice is smooth, appealingly sweet. It is this kind of vocals reminiscent of Whitney Houston, or perhaps, Jennifer Hudson that penetrates your soul.



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Arci finds purpose in life’s setbacks

Arci thought of quitting showbiz but she turned setback to new hope. As she further crossed over to film, Arci further amazed producers with her irresistible charm and natural talent. Moreso the audiences when it was finally released as they gave Arci a rousing ovation. But in February, when she started filming the top-grosser, Arci suffered one painful personal blow, more painful than any of her previous setbacks—the death of her father, Manuel.



She said it was something she initially found difficult to accept. “Mahirap mag-move on, iba’t ibang sitwasyon. Depende, e, hindi lang dahil iniwan ka ng boyfriend mo. Paano kapag iniwan ka talaga ng loved one mo?” she tells the Philippine Star. “Like for example right now... What I’m going through na my dad passed while I’m doing the movie.” But her dad’s passing brings her one poignant but important lesson that show would most definitely bear in mind, given the roller-coaster journey she’s been through. “So it’s really hard. You just have to accept na everything happens for a reason. And lahat ng nangyayari sa buhay natin may purpose. After this situation, you’ll pass through this experience, you’ll learn something from it, there’s a teaching.”

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Maine Mendoza wins Favorite Pinoy Personality + other stories



Maine Mendoza’s phenomenal appeal reigned supreme at Nickelodeon’s 2016 Kids’ Choice Awards as she wins the Favorite Pinoy Personality Award. The other half of the sensational AIDub tandem joins the roster of Adele, Jenifer Lawrence, Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande, and Fifth Harmony, among others, to bring home coveted orange blimps that represent the best of everything that kids love in pop culture. “Yaya Dub” extended her gratitude in a video message saying that it was such an honor to receive the award, and that she is very grateful to everyone who voted for her despite not being present at the awards show to personally receive it. Apart from Maine, fellow Filipino and basketball star player, JeronTeng, beats other international nominees in the new Favorite Asian Sports Star category. Maine Mendoza is now a recipient of the coveted orange blimp from Nickelodeon. The Kids’ Choice Awards held at the “Fabulous” Forum in Inglewood, California, and hosted by country music superstar and coach on NBC’s The Voice, Blake Shelton, premiered March 14 in Nickelodeon Asia.

Donna Cruz’ career revitalized

Considered one of the more successful artists of the ’90s, singer-actress Donna Cruz is reigniting her showbiz career by releasing “Now And Forever,” her first studio album in 17 years. It’s obviously a most welcome return, with numerous fans expressing their excitement on social media. Donna herself shares their joy, noting in an interview, “Sobrang na-miss ko ito.” Apparently, she had long wanted to make a comeback but was waiting for the right time. “Kaya it was such a blessing when Star Music called and asked if I was interested in recording an album. Siyempre, I said yes. Singing is my first love and ang sarap lang to be given a chance to do it again. Super saya ko kasi perfect timing talaga,” she said. Donna’s name maybe new to younger viewers and music lovers but her credentials are nothing to scoff at. At the time of her popularity, the singer-actress had a combined album sales of over 300,000 units throughout her nine years as an active recording artist. Note she was able to translate the same success as actress, with her movies’ total gross pegged at P900 million. In 1997, she recorded “Wish,” a duet with American singer Jason Everly, son of Phil Everly of the legendary Everly Brothers, which became the biggest radio single in the country that year. The duo went on to appear in the blockbuster film “Isang Tanong, Isang Sagot.” There were big plans for Donna until she married Potenciano “Yong” Larrazabal III, an ophthalmologist from Cebu in 1998. The 39-year-old admits trepidation over her comeback. She admitted there were instances she felt strange being in a studio again after all these years. “Medyo nanibago lang siguro kasi although kumakanta ako sa bahay, hindi naman talaga ’yung bigay-todo at dire-diretso. So sa studio, parang

na-stretch ko uli ’yung vocal cords ko ng todo-todo,” she shared. In the end, her hard work paid off; “Now And Forever” is doing well in terms of sales. In fact, according to Star Music, the first imprint already sold out – and in mere days. Asked if she also plans to return to acting, Donna said, “Ayoko pa munang isipin ’yung bagay na ’yan kasi hindi naman ako ma-abuso na tao eh, kumbaga ito (album) ang binigay sa akin so, ito muna ang priority ko, dito muna ’yung focus ko...” And she doesn’t want to sacrifice too much of family time. “Siyempre as a wife and mother gusto ko magampanan ko pa din ang responsibilities ko. Alam naman natin na iba rin ’yung disiplina kapag gumagawa ka ng movies o teleserye, kadalasan kakailanganin kong mag-stay ng matagal sa set. Eh ako, hindi ko kayang iwan ’yung mga kids ko ng matagal, magiging miserable ako,” she said. Still, her husband and kids are very proud of her and happy about her comeback.

Luis Manzano confronts ‘hater’

Luis Manzano has had enough of his critics questioning his sexuality and bashing him over his reported split with actress Angel Locsin. The 34-year-old actor and television host fired back at some of his followers on Twitter who called him “gay,” told him that he wasn’t fit to host the upcoming ABS-CBN version of “Family Feud,” and advised him to never get back together with Locsin. Manzano, who has more than 4.7 million followers on the micro-blogging service, surmised that one of his critics must have been “unloved” by his parents and likened another to a pedophile. In an emotional interview on “Tonight with Boy Abunda,” Locsin refused to detail her fight with Manzano. Locsin and Manzano first became a couple in July 2007, but separated two years later. They confirmed their first break-up in October 2009, four months after their actual separation. Manzano and Locsin decided to give their relationship another try in February 2014. Last February, Locsin also had to defend Manzano from gay rumors. She said, on Instagram this time around, that she will not tolerate anyone who will lambaste her boyfriend. “I won’t tolerate anyone lambasting him on my page whether we’re together or not. Thank you for understanding po,” she told one of her followers who claimed that Manzano was gay.

Mikael and Megan don’t hide relationship anymore

Mikael Daez is really one of GMA7’s favored fair-haired boys. He got separated from his ex-ka-loveteam, Andrea Torres, who’s given an afternoon soap, “The Millionaire’s Wife”. But Mikael is given a primetime show and is paired with no less than Asia’s Songbird at that, Regine Velasquez, in “Poor Señorita” that started airing March 28. What can he say about this? “What can I say, di it’s a big blessing, di ba?” he says. “Happy ako to be paired with Ms. Regine. Star struck ako sa kanya at first, but she turned out to be so nice and approachable. May bedscene pa kami and ang swerte ko kasi not everyone is given the chance to do such a scene with her, di ba? Ang pangalan ko kasi rito is Paeng, a roomboy sa isang hotel na pag-aari ni Dingdong Dantes who’s doing a guest role here. His name naman is Rafael. Si Miss Regine, she wants to bed Dingdong kasi akala niya, mamamatay na siya, e virgin pa rin siya. Pero nagkaroon ng case of mistaken identity and she ends up with me. At least, lalaki ang role ko rito kasi as of now, yung gay role ko lang in ‘Ismol Family’ ang napapanood sa akin.” Off cam, it seems he no longer hides his relationship with our first Miss World winner, Megan Young. They’re now posting on social media their pictures together taken while they’re traveling abroad. “Yes, nag-level up na kami. Three steps higher. Pati video namin, pinost na rin namin,” he laughs. “Pero hanggang doon na lang muna ang gusto naming i-share.”

This Time a summer movie for JaDine

MANILA, Philippines – After the success of their first primetime series, ABS-CBN’s On The Wings of Love (OTWOL), real-life sweethearts James Reid and Nadine Lustre (JaDine) are gearing up for the big screen again with their latest movie This Time. James and Nadine recently made public the real status of their relationship. They confessed that they are finally a couple during their sold-out concert in Love last February at the Smart Araneta Coliseum. The popular love team and their fans are happy that Viva Films has given them another project immediately after their TV series. In This Time, James portrays the role of Coby while Nadine plays Ava. Coby and Ava are childhood friends each other during summer vacations. James and Nadine have been a love team since the 2014 film Diary ng Pan-getsik and during a recent visit to the Time set in Tarlac, James admitted that in the past two years that they’ve been together doing movies, TV shows and commercials, both of them have certainly gotten to know each other more. The couple could no longer hide their sweetness on and off camera. Asked what he loves most about Nadine, James said, “I always say I like her, no one understands me like she does. Hindi s’ya maarte and she’s hands-on with everything, like until now wala pa s’yang driver. She’s independent; she doesn’t rely on anyone. I find that attractive in women.” Nadine, on the other hand, said that she did not see the romance coming at all. “Nag-aaway pa nga kami sa Wang Fam premiere night, may tampuhan. Pero ngayon iba na, pag-gising ko sa umaga I look forward to working with him, excited, kasi s’yempre makikita mo na ang mahal mo, he makes me smile and happy. Siguro yun ang pagkakaiba ngayon.” Asked how they feel about being considered as the No. 1 love team in the country, James said, “I can’t say that we’re the No. 1 love team. It’s just that we just have successful projects, we have a lot of noise or hype because of our fans. I don’t think the noise decides if you’re No. 1 or not. It doesn’t mean that we’re better, it’s just that right now, we have a lot of happening.” As of presstime, James and Nadine are doing the OTWOL world tour. This Time is under the direction of Nuel Naval and expected to hit theaters in April.



TCDSB Interview



Toronto Catholic District School Board Chairperson and Ward 11 Trustee Angela Kennedy (centre) posed with Host Randy Bucao (left) and Co-host Tony A. San Juan (right) during the interview broadcast at www. Pinoy Radio . Com’ s “Sunday Talk Show With Randy” in Toronto, Ontario on March 20, 2016. (Photo by: Ryan Orlanda)

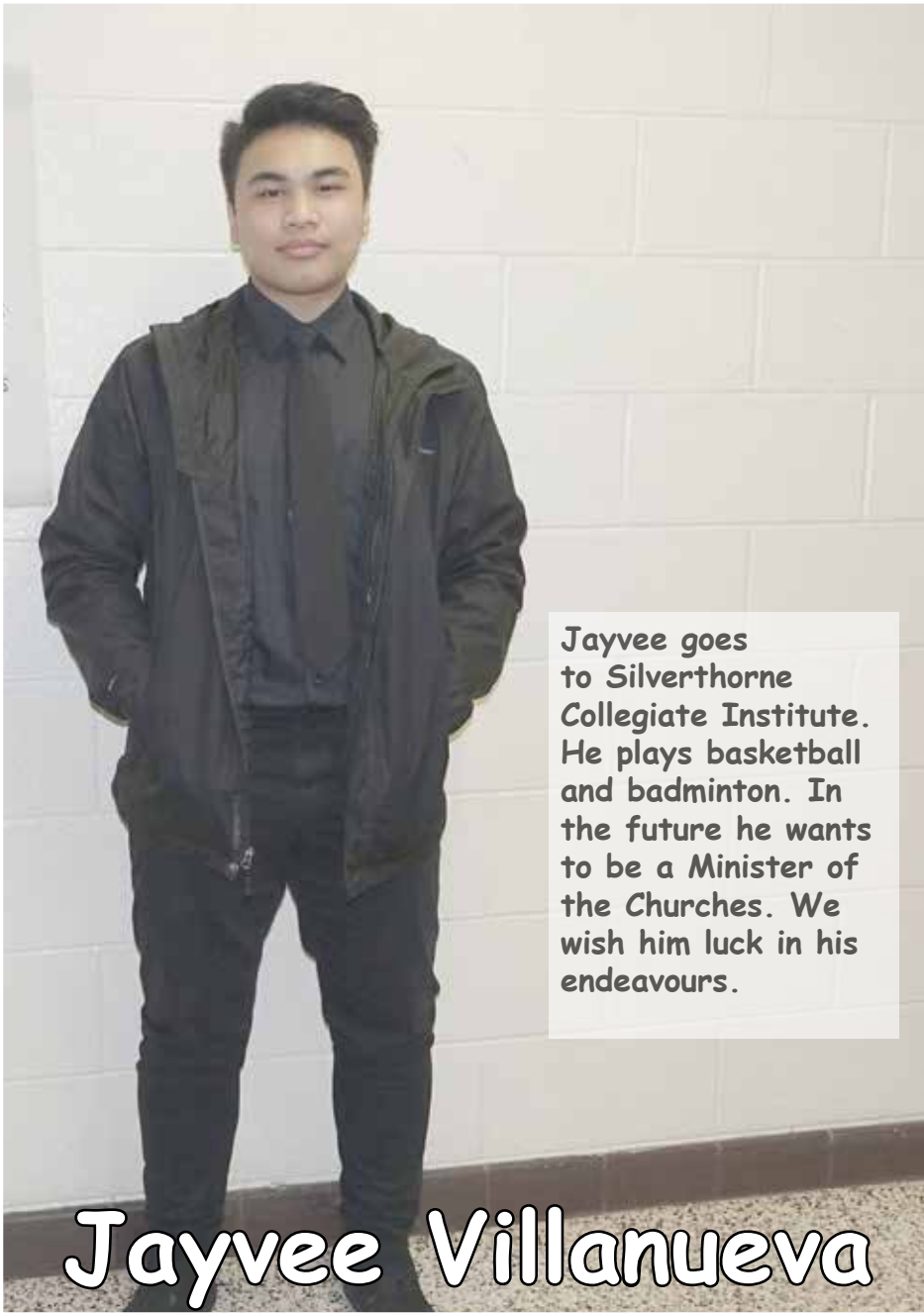
problem ito. Kahit noong nasa TV5 pa siya, narinig na rin namin ang diumano’y pagmamaldita niya sa mga staff. Na marami raw sa mga ito ang nagku-complain sa kaartehan niya. Ngunit ilang beses na rin naman itong pi-nasinungalingan ng kanyang kampo.

Nang lumipat sa ABS-CBN, naisip namin na sigu-radong hindi niya magagawa ang sinasabi nilang pag-iinarteng ginagawa niya noon bilang Kapatid. Dahil sa mas maraming sikat na artista sa Kapamilya Network. Ngunit nitong nakalipas lang na taon, naging isyu na ang umano’y kaartehan niya. Sa katunayan, naging usap-usapan noon ang pagkawala niya sa Season 2 ng The Voice Kids at ang mabilisang pagtatapos ng kanyang tele-seryeng Inday Bote dahil nga raw sa pagiging pasaway nito.

Kaya naman mukhang marami ang naniwala sa Instagram post ni Angelica Panganiban na siya na raw ang ipapalit sa kanya. Siyempre, joke lang ‘yun ni Angelica dahil busy lang ngayon itong si Alex sa kaliwa’t kanang proyekto nito. Kaya si Angge muna ang nag-pitch in kay Alex sa pagiging co-host ni Robin Padilla.

Pero bakit mukhang tumatak na kay Alex ang pagiging pasaway? Just asking...

Hunk Shot



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Why is Ai-Ai de-las Alas getting bashed by AlDub fans?

The harsh words hurled at Ai-Ai delas Alas are nothing to laugh at.

Actress Ai-Ai delas Alas is now getting a lot of hate-filled comments from people claiming to be fans of Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza, the duo known as “AlDub.”

It seems that Delas Alas, who co-hosts the weekly comedy-variety show Sunday Pinasaya with Richards, made a comment about pairing off the young man with young actress Julie Anne San Jose. This encounter was supposedly caught on video that Delas Alas shared on her Instagram page. The page is now on “Private” setting.

Delas Alas’ Instagram account got flooded with comments calling her names and warning her to watch her words because Richards was supposed to be for Mendoza.

AlDub should be flattered they have such devoted fans...but maybe they can be told to curb the hostility? We took a screenshot of three comments above and they’re really...heated, to say the least.

PIDC Selects A Winner, EMMA ANDRADA is Mrs. Philippines 2016

by Suzy Llanera



The Top Three Winners!!!, Congratulations !!! from Left... Madelyn Duyao, (2nd Runner Up), Emma Andrada, (Mrs Philippines PIDC 2016) and Natalia Hilse (1st runner up)!

The Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), organized the Mrs. Philippines PIDC pageant as a principle of giving back and making a difference in the community.

Held at Rembrandt Banquet Hall, on Saturday, March 19th, PIDC proudly crowned their new Mrs. Philippines PIDC 2016, Emma Andrada. Natalia Versoza Hilse, won the 1st Runner-Up trophy followed by Madelyn Duyao, who bagged the 2nd Runner-Up title. Under the Special Award Categories, Nicolette Boloron received both the Mrs. Photogenic and Mrs. Congeniality awards while Natalia Versoza Hilse is Mrs. Charity. Emma Andrada garnered both the major awards, Best in Wardrobe and Best in Talent. Other vying candidates for the Mrs. Philippines PIDC Title were Jacqueline Lee Tayag, represented Richmond Hill, Ontario and Lauren Lamando MacLeod,

represented Ajax, Ontario. The winners received the following prizes: Title, Crown, Trophy, Sash, Cash Award and Bouquet of Flowers.

The program flowed so smoothly from the opening to the different wardrobe competitions in Casual Wear, Evening Gown and National Costume to the Talent competition and lastly to the nerve-wrecking part of the Q & A portion. All candidates answered intelligently with poise and grace.

The panel of judges are a pool of 12 distinguished personalities from the community as follows: Dr. Solon Guzman, Carmela “Ting” Pacis, Melchor Galeon, Manolo Arnaldo,

Jenifer Camacho, Vince Gutierrez, Chanele Ganancial, Arthur Chan, Margaret Maye, Jalanshan Manickavasagar, Sol Gombinsky, and Sangiv Emiliyanus.

The Tabulators are from the Association of Filipino Canadian Accountants (AFCA) namely, Imelda Bautista, Estrellita Ortiz, Nimfa Santos and Myra Famero.

Ably hosted by Scott Dion Brown, Raina Resplandor and Nikki de Ocampo, managed to run a non-stop spectacular three-hour show. Kudos to the awesome performances of Samantha Gavin, Cheryl Malanum, Scott Dion Brown, Raina Resplandor, Charms, Jenifer Camacho and the Pageant Choreographers. The evening show was choreographed by Daniela Pozo and Karen Amador-Lopez. Photo credits from the Official photographer, Floro

Virtucio, Media-Partners photographers, Ariel Ramos, Balita, Judy Duya, Raymond Santos and from the Videographer, Bong Molano.

Headed by its President, Norma Carpio, the Mrs. Philippines PIDC 2016 Pageant was successful mainly due to the collaboration and the collective efforts organized by dedicated and hardworking Organizing and Volunteers Committee, Lorenzo Villaruz, Roy Start, Karen Pascual-Binaday, Gene Pardo-Elamparo, Aurora Ticzon Elefano, Aris Elefano, Paulina & Ben Corpuz, Annabelle Migalbin, Ophelia Santiago, Nene & Nanding Ticzon, Verth Bugtong, Vilma Tahsin, Roger Tarca, Suzy Llanera, Minda Neri, Rose Calvo, Chyrell Samson, Al Tupe, Aimee Maravilla, Rose Cruz, Pedro Carpio, Georelle Mendoza, Rick & Shonee Nerona.

PIDC once again resonated a well-organized and entertaining program to the delight of an energetic and full of enthusiastic audience. The grand ballroom was packed with families and friends, Media partners, Beauties of PIDC Pageant, and notable leaders of the community, who also enjoyed a sumptuous sit-down dinner.

Thank you to all the Sponsors of the Mrs. Philippines PIDC - Melchor Galeon of FV Foods, Manolo Arnaldo of PNB Remittance, Chanele Ganancial of Modelo Cosmetic Clinic, Arthur Chan of FilStreambox, Vince Gutierrez of Remely’s, Margaret Maye of ACTRA, Drs. Josephine and Solon Guzman, Shan Manickavasagar, TD Mobile Mortgage

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The Mrs. Philippines PIDC is organized as a charity to benefit Gawad Kalinga (GK). It is a charity event to raise funds for the homeless and also an outreach activity to help to contribute to the people in our homeland who are affected by a calamity.

It was indeed a tremendous success, a memorable experience of a lifetime and another feather on the cap of PIDC. (sl)

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 - June 14 - Flag Raising - Queens Park
 - June 18 - Ms. Philippines/Little Ms. Philippines - Korean Canadian Cultural
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 - July 23 - Mabuhay Cup Opening Ceremony/ Ms. Sports Model - Hoopdome
 - July 24 - Mabuhay Cup Awarding Ceremony - Hoopdome
 - August 27 - PIDC Gala - Sheraton Hotel Toronto
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ALDEN RICHARDS

Make Time for Family

Social media phenomenon Alden Richards is all over the place these days. Even outside of his two noontime shows, Eat Bulaga and Sunday PinaSaya, the actor remains very visible through a number of TV commercials.



One of his latest endorsements is a special one. Unlike others, where he is either by himself or with his reel love team Maine Mendoza, his Neozep commercial features people who matter to him.

For the first time, he gets to star with the very important people in this life: his grandmother Linda and siblings RD and Riza.

"I always want to be updated with their lives. I want to be able to see them, everyday if possible," answered the bedimpled actor to a question about what gives him comfort.

Being with them is what matters to him. He treasures the moments when they are able to bond, especially those

times when he gets to visit their relatives in Manila. He used to live in Laguna prior to making it big in showbiz. He looks forward to spending time with his family somewhere with a beach or just to eat out.

This Holy Week though, the actor will be away as he goes on to headline the "Bae in the City Canada Tour." He is set to tour key cities in the Northern American territory from March 22 to 24 with actor Rocco Nacino.

Alden, however, reveals that though he will not be physically with his family, he already has plans for them.

"Every Holy Week, we don't go out on vacation because my Lola does not want to. She does not think it is good that we are enjoying ourselves while Jesus is on his way to Calvary. That's why we are not used to going out to somewhere every Holy Week," confesses Alden, who counts the rosary, Bible and communicating with God as things that he cannot live without.

"But now, this coming Lent, I'm going to Canada to have a concert. But I've arranged something where I will still be able to do the common activities that we observe every Holy Week like Visita Iglesia, Pabasa, Seven Last Words. I've arranged something for them on Easter Sunday. I want them to relax. I can't let them not bond even if I'm far away," shares Alden.

Although he has been very busy these past six months, Alden shares that he has everything to be thankful for.

"I needed to grab the opportunity because how many lifetimes do I have to have to have this offer in an industry where I can showcase talent, inspire people and earn a living out of it? But, because of these sacrifices, I'm able to give the things that my family needs and wants. I'm able to give them a stress-free life; they don't have to worry about things. They're secured. These are small sacrifices in my point of view. So I'm very happy with the outcome," shares Alden.

Zsa Zsa Padila is not that excited about her upcoming wedding to Conrad Onglao

Inamin ni Zsa Zsa Padilla nang huli namin siyang makausap pagkatapos ng The Story Of Us presscon na hindi na siya ganu'n ka-excited sa pagpapakasal sa boyfriend na si Architect Conrad Onglao.

"Hindi na. Kasi sa edad ko talaga hindi na," pahayag niya.

"Ang medyo nararamdaman ko is yung pressure. Nape-pressure ako na may ma-

saktan, na merong hindi maimbita. And I don't want it to be big kasi sabi ko hindi ko naman ito first wedding.

"Hindi rin naman niya ito first wedding. Kaya sabi ko, mas maganda kung bibiglain ko na lang. Yung parang pati siya mabibigla, na surprise na lang. Sabi ko lang sa kanya, 'May suit ka?' dire-diret-song kuwento ni Zsa Zsa.

Hihinto ba siya sa showbiz pag nagpakasal na kay Conrad?

"Hindi! Hindi naman sa pagla-lie low, pero siyempre may edad ka na kaya namimili ka na rin ng trabaho, eh. Sa totoo lang kung kakayanin ko pa, gusto ko talaga.

"I really love to work. I'm such a workaholic kaya lang yung katawan mo siyempre hindi na kaya yung dati. Katulad sa tapping, dati wala akong cut-off, ngayon talaga hanggang 2 a.m. na lang, kasi hindi ko na kaya. Siyempre, kailangan din namang ingatan ang health, di ba?" katwiran niya.

Angel Aquino on auditioning abroad: 'It makes you feel like you can do anything'

As part of the Lav Diaz film Hele sa Hiwagang Hapis (Lullabye to the Sorrowful Mystery) which took home the prestigious Silver Bear award in this year's Berlin Film festival, Angel Aquino admitted she was floored by the reception the movie received in Germany.

During the Berlinale event, Angel said she felt star struck being with Hollywood celebrities.

With all the amount of attention Hele has been receiving in the foreign press, Angel said she won't discount auditioning for roles abroad if given the opportunity because of their eight hour film. "If there's a chance why not? Kasi nga being part of a movie that received that kind of attention and respect, it makes you feel like you can do anything," she admitted.

For her next TV project, Angel hopes to do another teleserye that will challenge her acting again. "I'm waiting for a soap right now. Our soap And I Love You So just ended. And I'm hoping for a new one. Another good role hopefully which I trust ABS-CBN with. They always give me good roles," she added.

At 43 years old, many still envy the model-turned-actress for her youthful beauty. Angel shares what her simple secret has always been. "Wala, you just have to love yourself. Kasi if you have love and respect for yourself hindi mo yan idi-disrespect. Hindi mo papabaya sa sarili mo. So I think it's just that," she shared.



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The dialogue was co-chaired by Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel and Assistant Secretary of Defense David Shear for the US and Foreign Undersecretary Evan Garcia and Defense Undersecretary Pio Lorenzo Batino for the Philippines.

The statement did not name a specific country but the meeting took place as the United States steps up its criticism of China for its buildup of military equipment such as missile launchers and radars in disputed areas in the sea.

The joint statement also said that the Philippines and US affirmed their commitment to the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) that was articulated by the Enhance Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA).

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lamented the manner by which most politicians conduct their campaign, most often characterized by character assassination.

"There's been a lot of mudslinging. Regardless of whether it's true or not, come what may, as long as the rival is overthrown," he said in a CBCP News post.

Cardinal Tagle said this "Gospel of success" has misguided many people from various sectors and even in the workplaces where crab mentality is common. "And once the opponent falls, you'll declare, 'It is finished!'" Tagle said. His Eminence lamented that it seems the guiding principle of some politicians has become, don't lose that is why "we are full of jealousy and mudslinging." "Let us not be like Pontius Pilate who chose his ambition over Jesus," Tagle said.

Meanwhile, in his message for Easter Sunday, Cardinal Tagle asked the faithful to bring the Risen Christ's greeting, "Peace be with you" to those who are fearful and despairing.

"Before the signs of evil that destroys life, human dignity, the common good and creation, we profess with conviction, Jesus is truly risen. God has truly triumphed! Evil will never win," he added.



Fe Gregorio celebrated her 2016 birthday with her close friends on March 12, 2016 at Mandarin Buffet Restaurant - Scarborough.
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JaDine’s side trip sa Paris

James Reid and Nadine Lustre hope that their upcoming movie, This Time, will only be the first na gagawin nila this year. Kahit pa may nakalaan nang bagong series na pagtatambalan sila after the highly-successful On The Wings of Love (OTWOL).

Both under contract to Viva Entertainment, This Time, directed by Nuel Naval, is produced by Viva Films.

This Time, according to Direck Naval, is the title of a song popularized by the group Freestyle.

Nasimulan na nina James at Nadine na magsyuting for the movie. Right now, though, the pair are abroad for the world tour of their JaDine In Love concerts.

They have already been to Doha in the Middle East and will perform next in London. Then, to Africa.

Before coming home, they plan to make a side trip sa Paris, para lang mamasyal.

Sweetheart in real life, they are enjoying daw their series of trips now, compared sa mga ‘nakaraan.’ No need to say more.

Bukod sa wish ni Sunshine Cruz na makatapos ng pag-aaral, guess what more she wants most?

Ang ma-annul na raw ang kasal nila ng asawang si Cesar Montano.

Well, kung anuman ang naging sanhi ng hiwalayan between Sunshine at Cesar ay maituturing ng ‘old hat.’ Kaya huwag na nating pag-usapan pa, pakiusap ni Sunshine.

Focus na lang tayo sa desisyon niyang mag-aral muli, as determined daw siya to finish her AB Psychology course. Currently enrolled si Sunshine sa Arellano University in Sampaloc, Manila.

Maaalalang sa Arellano University rin nag-aaral ng abogasya si Isko Moreno, currently vice mayor pa ng Manila, who is eyeing a senatorial seat ngayong election. Yes, on May 9.

Of Sunshine, anytime soon, papa-sok siya sa buhay ni Liza Sobreano (as Serena) in top-rating series Dolce Amore. Ganundin ang comebacking rap singer-actor na si Andrew E.

Kahit si Mrs. Rodrigo na si Boots Anson-Roa ngayon since she’s married na to Atty. King Rodrigo, she is using pa rin “Roa,” which is the surname of her first husband, Pete Roa.

Actually, si Boots ang nagpauso ng paggamit ng mga artistang babae ng apelyido ng kanilang asawa. In her case kasi, she was already ‘Mrs. Roa,’ when she entered the showbiz scene.

Although, common knowledge na may asawa at mga anak na si Boots, naging paboritong leading lady siya ng mga kilalang aktor, among them were the late Fernando Poe Jr. and, of course, current Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada.

Boots still heads the MOWEL-FUND, otherwise known as the SSS (Social Security System) ng mga taga-showbiz.

Jona Viray reveals inspiration

Now that she is part of the Kapamilya network, Jonalyn Viray or just Jona remarked that she is happy especially that she is being given with projects. “Being a Kapamilya masaya din po ako dahil nga talagang sa mga ginagawa ko po na projects ngayon na sobrang in line po talaga sa gusto kong gawin,” she said in an interview with Push.com.ph.

The singer is part of “Himig Handog P-Pop Love Songs 2016”. She shared that she always wanted to be part of the musical competition. “Being part of ‘Himig Handog 2016’ sobrang blessed po talaga kasi I’ve been praying for this opportunity na sana makasama naman ako sa ganitong klaseng music fest na mag interpret ng

isang song sa Himig and ito nga po nangyari siya so sobrang blessed, thankful sa opportunity na ibinigay sa akin ng Star Music,” she stated.

Jonalyn is also set to have her a new album. “Abangan po nila ‘yung album na lalabas under Star Music.” Will she change her musical style this time? “Actually same pa rin naman kung ano ‘yung nakasanayan sa akin na maririnig ng mga tao which is ballad pop and a little bit of R&B, ganon pa rin ang maririnig nila sa akin but may kaunting change. Hindi siya ‘yung totally birit, kum-



baga medyo magi-iba kami ngayon sa album so abangan nila ‘yan.’

Among the Kapamilya singers, who does she want to work or collaborate with? “Si Ms. Lani Misalucha. She’s my long time idol na rin aside from Ms. Regine Velasquez, kay Ms. Jaya so ‘yun looking forward ako na sana makatrabaho ko siya.”

JAKE CUENCA
Arci Munoz did not cause break-up with gf

ACTOR Jake Cuenca has denied that Arci Muñoz, his screen partner in the recently concluded TV series, “Pasion de Amor,” was the cause of his breakup with his American girlfriend, Sarah Grace Kelly.

The 28-year-old actor said the fact that he had several kissing scenes with Arci “never became an issue with her (Sarah Grace).”

“Yes, we discussed it (kissing scenes), but she was never jealous of Arci. They even met each other,” he recalled. “[However], she did admit to feeling uncomfortable, seeing her boyfriend kissing someone on TV.”

He cited “unresolved conflicts” in their long-distance relationship as the reason Sarah Grace decided to call it quits. The 20-year-old fashion model is based in the United States.

“This relationship affected me differently,” Jake confessed at a recent luncheon organized by the clothing brand Guitar, which he endorses. “Compared to my previous breakups—[when] I was happy to be single again and to finally go out and party—this time, I just want to stay home and be alone. I just don’t see myself in another relationship right now. I have to rest first.”

Cuenca said what made his relationship with Sarah Grace special was that “in the beginning, she didn’t know I was an actor. She made an effort to really know me.”

But their relationship didn’t work because “I guess the timing was not right,” Jake said.

He continued: “I guess it’s difficult to understand an actor’s hectic schedule, and the fact that he doesn’t have any control over it.

“As someone who came from a small town in the States, she was also probably shocked by everything. The kind of lifestyle I live was overwhelming for her.”

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Sheena is now ‘on sale’



Sheena Halili is part of Starstruck 1. A lot of her batchmates are now moms, like Jenilyn Mercado, Yasmien Kurdi, Katrina Halili, Cristine Reyes and the latest one is Nadine Samonte who’s now pregnant.

Now 29 years old, Sheena says she can feel the pressure to have her own family and also be a mom soon. “But what can I do kung hindi pa dumarating si Mr. Right?” She sighs. “Nagkaroon din naman ako ng boyfriend, non showbiz. Tuma-gal din kami ng two years, but we’re not meant for each other kasi ibang priorities namin, eh. Pinagpe-pray ko na nga kay Lord na sana dumating na siya kasi ang mga dinadaluhan kong affairs sa ngayon, binyag ng mga anak ng friends ko, o first birthday.

When we have reunions, ako walang dalang anak. And even my two siblings, pareho na ring may anak. Noong bata ako, bawal akong ligawan pero ngayon, hindi lang daw ako ‘for sale’ kundi ‘on sale’ na raw ako, bina-bargain sale na. Ha ha ha!” Lolit Solis says Sheena is her bet for Lorna Tolentino’s second son, Renz Fernandez, who’s said to have stopped wooing Kris Bernal because she didn’t properly reciprocate his feelings for her. “Irereto kita roon para maging girlfriend ka niya. Mabait si Renz at mas bagay kayo kaysa sila ni Kris,” Lolit adds.

It’s good Sheena is busy with work so she doesn’t really consider being loveless a problem. Right after playing the sister of Ken Chan in the afternoon soap “Destiny

Rose”, she now plays the loyal secretary of Regine Velasquez in the new primetime feel good comedy, “Poor Señorita”. “I’m really happy to be part of this project and be reunited with Ms. Regine. Second time na namin ito kasi nagkasama na kami before sa ‘Ako si Kim Sam Soon’, na comedy rin. May maganda kaming eksena rito na akala ko, patay na si Ms. Regine at nakaburol.

Iniiyakan ko pa ang kabaong niya, then bigla siyang lumitaw sa harapan ko dahil rehearsal lang daw ‘yung kabaong niya. Panoorin n’yo at nakakatawa siya.”

Sarah to go back to school

HalLelujah, if true, na pansamantalang mamama-hinga sa kanyang showbiz career si Sarah Geronimo para mag-concentrate sa kanyang pagaaral.

Yes, balak daw ni Sarah to enrol this school year, as obviously nga naman, lahat na ng kanyang mga kapatid ay college graduates na samantalang siya ay hindi pa.

If we heard it right, may isa o dalawa sa kanyang kapatid ay sa ibang bansa kumuha ng kursong kanilang piniling pag-aralan.

Did we hear it right also na ito ang dahilan why Sarah is reportedly not joining Lea Salonga and Bamboo bilang juror ng malapit nang simulang new season ng The Voice Kids?

Come to think of it, matuloy din kaya si Luis Manzano bilang isa pa rin sa hosts, bukod kina Alex Gonzaga at Robi Domingo, ng programa?

Heard kasi na Luis has been tapped to play hosts ng new season of the game program, Family Feud, which his dad, senatoriable Edu Manzano, used to host.

As it is, ‘di ba busy na si Luis hosting two weekend shows, Saturday and Sunday, Celebrity Playtime and Pilipinas Got Talent (PGT) with good friend Billy Crawford, as co-host?

Coleen Garcia to go daring?

Of Billy, with his consent kaya ang bali-tang his girlfriend, Coleen Garcia, will be a bit more daring sa kasalukuyang sinusyut na movie sa Star Cinema co-starring her with Dawn Zulueta and Piolo Pascual, ang Love Me Tomorrow?

Aminin na nating in her last series, Passion De Amor, Coleen was more passionate and accommodating in her intimate scenes with Joseph Marco.

Eh, dito daw sa Love Me Tomorrow, more pa ang requirements ng role na gagampanan ni Coleen. Well, wait natin ang magiging reaction ni Billy.

Sofia Andres in a beauty pageant?

Of 17 years old Sofia Andres, she cannot see herself joining a beauty contest even if marami ang nagsasabing pang-beauty queen ang kanyang ganda.

Tama na raw na natupad ang pangarap niyang maging artista at nang sa gano’n, makatulong siya sa kanyang mga magulang.

Sofia is set to start working on a new project with Diego Loyzaga.

Asked to comment on the current controversial issue regarding Diego’s supposed involvement in a brawl na naganap diumano sa isang bar sa Antipolo, Sofia chose not to comment. Basta ang alam niya, mabait si Diego.

Sofia’s last remarkable role in a series was playing third party sa pag-iibigan nina Liza Soberano at Enrique Gil sa hang-gang ngayo’y pinaguusapan pang series na Forevermore.

Aldub movie tuloy na?

Parang matutuloy na ang launching movie nina Alden Richards at Maine Mendoza. May nag-leak na picture sa social media na kuha sa preliminary meeting for the said movie. Sa April ang target date na simulan ang pelikula, tingnan natin kung masusunod ito.

Sa mga nakita naming pictures, pilot ang role nina Alden at Jake at flight attendant o FA naman ang role ni Maine. Dream come true kina Alden at Maine ang kani-kanyang role dahil dream ni Maine maging FA at dream naman ni Alden maging pilot.

At least, kahit dream lang, natupad pa rin ang dream ng dalawa.

Isa pang aabangan ng Aldub Nation ang sabay na launching nina Alden at Maine ng ini-endorse nilang Bench products sa March 30. Ilu-launch ang scent ni Maine na nang unang ilabas at ibenta sa Trinoma ay sold out agad.

Ilu-launch naman si Alden bilang endorser ng Fix Bench Salon at Clay Doh Lite at kung ‘di kami nagkakamali, endorser rin nito si Daniel Padilla. Ang ganda siguro kung magkasama silang i-launch, riot ang mangyayari.

First time na sabay ilu-launch sina Alden at Maine, siguradong susugod ang Aldub Nation. Mabuti na lang at sa Open Parking ng Trinoma gagawin ang event, kaya ang maraming fans na darating.



Cherie Gil on working with Lizzy: ‘They take care of each other’

As part of the Lav Diaz-film Hele sa Hiwagang Hapis (A Lullabye to the Sorrowful Mystery), Cherie Gil said she is happy that the movie will be shown in selected Metro Manila theaters starting March 26. The veteran actress said her family has not yet gotten the chance to watch her portray a mythological creature called the “tikbalang.” “No they haven’t watched it yet but the moment I announced it to them they were in New York and Lav Diaz is big in New York City so they’re going to show his movie there. The moment I announced we won (the Silver Bear award at Berlinale) they said, ‘Mommy we want to watch!’ I said, ‘Go ahead and see it in New York. It’s eight hours.’ She said, ‘OMG!’ But then again she and her friends are excited for it,” she shared.

Gabby Concepcion’s daughter Garie admitted that Cherie was one of her idols when it comes to acting. The 52-year-old performer admits she is now even more inspired to work. “See my goosebumps? I’m speechless. I only get goosebumps when I hear that. It’s more than flattery. I think it makes all the years I spent in the business all worth it. And all the love I put into my craft and my work is really worth it so I’m happy,” she said

Busy with tapings for the Primetime Bida series Dolce Amore, Cherie revealed she might even have work during the Holy Week. The Kapamilya actress said she is just as excited as the fans are on how the story of Tenten (played by Enrique Gil) and Serena (Liza Soberano) will play out. “Frankly, I wish I had an answer because I still don’t know where the story will go. The good thing about the show is that all of us are kept surprised also. So we’re neck to neck now. We’re taping. So now it’s still the kilig moments. I’m enjoying myself. It’s nice to watch Liza and Enrique together,” she admitted.

Cherie admitted that she noticed that the popular Kapamilya love team is just as sweet as they are off-camera when they’re not acting. “They take care of each other very well. There seems to be a very innocent and caring love that they have for each other,” she said.

Candid SPOOF

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



FV Foods staff had so much fun last Christmas.

Mexican company buys rights to Munting Heredera,’

Congratulations to Director Maryo de los Reyes. The rights to his hit primetime soap he directed on GMA 7 three years ago, “Munting Heredera”, has been bought by a Mexican company and they will do their own version in Spanish for airing in Latin American countries.

The soap then starred Gloria Romero, Camille Prats, Mark Anthony Fernandez, Katrina Halili and introduced child star Mona Louise Rey in the title role. This is quite an accomplishment for GMA Worldwide as this is the first local scripted drama to be produced in Mexico for Latin America. Before it’s our TV networks who keep on buying the rights to Hispanic and Korean soaps to remake them and have our own localized versions.



PCCF CHARITY

LEFT, Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation Miss Philippines Canada 2015 Nathalie Ramos gets the jitters before going on a zipline in the Philippines. ABOVE, PCCF beauties and officers visit Tahanan Walang Hagdan house in the Philippines. RIGHT, Nathalie Ramos joins some children at a school where they distributed school supplies.



Angeline Quinto: Maybe I'm born for singing contests

MANILA, Philippines – Angeline Quinto said she almost didn't join this year's Himig Handog P-Pop Love Song writing competition.

"Pangatlong beses ko ng makasali sa Himig Handog. 'Yong unang beses ko po na sumali dito, hindi ako nanalo,'" she said in a recent interview.

"Siyempre ang bigat sa amin na hindi nanalo ng song, itipin namin dahil ba sa amin 'yon. Hindi maliwasan maisip 'yon so nahihya ako do'n sa composers."

"Kaya sana sa taon na ito ayoko na sana, pero na-realize ko na siguro pinanganak talaga ako para sa contest," she added.

However, she realized that maybe there are "composers sa mundo, sigurado ako isa dyan nagdarasal na makanta ko ang kanta nila. So naisip ko na kung may tao mang gano'n sa akin, e, hindi ko ipagkakait ang boses ko para kantahin ang kanta niya."

She also noted that most of them interpreting the song for the competition doesn't mind the prize they might win, it's enough for them to have the composer's "trust na tinatanggap namin and 'yong love no'ng gumawa no'n."

Angeline is interpreting the song "Parang Tayo Pero Hindi" with Michael Pangillinan, composed by Marlon Barnevo.



LEFT, Dr. Solon Guzman, Agnes Miranda, Verth Bugtong and Norma Carpio pose at the Mrs. Philippines pageant. (PHOTO BY BONG MOLANO) ABOVE, JDL's Candy Crush entertains the crowd. RIGHT, Candidate Natalia Hilse is happy as Little Miss Philippines Samantha Gavin and Pidoy Pacis of Salad-master looks on.



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