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Superior Court found Cusipag & Balita liable for defamation

Toronto, July 19, 2016 – On July 13, the Honourable Sidney Lederman, Judge of the Superior Court of Justice, ruled in favour of the Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Ontario



Senator (PHOTO), in his defamation lawsuit against Balita Media Inc. and

publisher Tess Cusipag, in a damning verdict over false and defamatory remarks published about the Senator which alleged fraud related to fundraising efforts on behalf of the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) in 2000.

The judge awarded Senator Enverga general and aggravated damages, in addition to punitive damages and a permanent injunction against the publisher and her company to publish/broadcast, or assist or encourage others to publish/broadcast, any statements about the issues related to the Senator's role in KCCC fundraising, the charitable status of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) and Senator Enverga being a biological and pathological liar.

In the judgement, Justice Lederman wrote in part: "In the end, the defendants have no reliable evidence to prove

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Culture

Miss Philippines Canada 2016 Chiara Silo performs a cultural dance at the halo-halo sa Queens Park while PC leader Patrick Brown enjoys his halo halo while watching.





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'Three's enough'

Rodrigo Duterte wants hard push for birth control even if it means clash with Catholic church

DAVAO, Philippines — The Philippine president-elect said he would aggressively promote artificial birth control in the country even at the risk of getting in a fight with the dominant Catholic church, which staunchly opposes the use of contraceptives.

Rodrigo Duterte, who is to be sworn to the presidency on Thursday, said having many children has driven families deeper into poverty, and he reiterated his recommendation for Filipinos to have three at most.

Known for his profanity-laden speeches, Duterte jokingly threatened to have penises of defiant men chopped off and cited his family planning program as a longtime mayor in southern Davao city, where he has offered cash rewards to villagers who volunteer to undergo free vasectomy or ligation and to doctors who perform the procedures.

"I will reinstall the program of family planning. Three's enough," Duterte said in a speech after a flag-raising ceremony in front of the Davao city

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Halo-Halo



Manny Yanga of Scarborough Toyota, PC leader Patrick Brown and Senator Tobias Enverga pose at Halo halo sa Queen's Park.

Star



Mel galeon of FV Foods pose with Kapamilya star Morissette Amon at Hershey Centre.

Sports



Mabuhay Cup 2016 Lyka Castilo poses with Mayor John Tory at the Mabuhay Cup.

Christening



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Former stars now happy moms abroad



Cindy Kurleto (left) and Nancy Castiglione, who both played roles in the original Encantadia, are now happy moms based in Austria and Canada, respectively.

Showbiz seems to be just a phase in the life of these former stars. At the height of their career, these ladies were constantly visible on television. One day, they left the limelight and the Philippines. Now, they’re all happy moms, and remain beautiful.

1. Nancy Castiglione

When she entered showbiz, she was a sought-after commercial model. But this half-Italian/half-Filipina became famous for her role as Muyak, a recurring character which appeared on GMA-7’s Mulawin, Encantadia, Etheria: Ang Ikalimang Kaharian ng Encantadia, and Encantadia: Pag-ibig Hanggang Wagas. She also ventured into singing as Nancy Jane.

Six years after leaving the industry 2010, she is now a mother of twins and a baby girl. On Instagram, she described her husband Ritchie Bautista the love of her life. *I am so grateful that i have the opportunity to love my 3 greatest gifts, with the love of my life! You are sooo special to us! Everyday i am in awe of all that you are! Thank you for making my life make sense. You are my ‘happily ever after!’ #fathersday* She is based in Canada.

2. Cindy Kurleto

Cindy became a co-host of Magandang Tanghali Bayan, ASAP, and Eat Bulaga! She also gave acting a shot, and played Cassiopeia, which is now the role of Solenn Heussaff in the sequel of Encantadia. This Filipina-Austrian beauty was also an in-demand endorser, and was hailed as FHM Philippines Sexiest Woman in

2004. She left for Peru in 2007, but is now based in Vienna, Austria.

3. Aiza Marquez

Aiza became famous because of her commercials for a soft-drinks brand and a fastfood chain. She also became part of TGIS and Ara Karenina. Did you know she also appeared on Encantadia? Her character was Gurna. She is presently in town with her husband and daughter. But she’ll be back in New York, where she will be giving birth. She’s now 25 weeks pregnant.

4. Krista Ranillo-Lim

She left showbiz in 2010 to pursue a law degree. That was also the same year she married her husband Jefferson Nio Lim, a supermarket CEO, in the U.S. More than five years later, she has three kids...

5. Carol Banawa

This lady with angelic voice left the music scene in 2003 to accompany her father, formerly an engineer in Saudi Arabia, for his medical treatment. She’s now a licensed practical nurse in the U.S. whose song “Bakit Di Totohanin” was recently featured in Vampire Diaries. In 2006, she became Mrs. Ryan Crisostomo. They have three kids.

Kean supports same-sex marriage

Believing all is fair in love, rocker Kean Cipriano is among those who have no issue with same-sex marriage. “Pag-ibigan ‘yan, eh. Sa pag-ibig ay wala naman tayong pinipiling rules or anything. ‘Yun na lang talaga ang importante sa mundo,” he shared at the media huddle for “That Thing Called Tanga Na,” a romantic comedy from Regal Entertainment where he plays a gay fashion designer.



For Kean, love is a matter of “preference.” “Kung ako preference ko babae, ikaw preference mo lalaki, preference mo same sex, it’s all the same. At the end of the day it’s love,” he said. Asked about the most stupid thing he did for love, Kean said that in the past, he got heartbroken because of it. The rocker added, though, that “it’s a good thing na maka-experience ka ng masasakit na bagay para matuto ka, para pagdating ng panahon ay equipped ka with experience.” As for gays falling in love with him, well, they’re bound to get heartbroken if they take it a step further. “Alam nila na ang preference ko ay babae, ‘di ba? So, ano ako, lagi akong nasa side na hindi n’yo ako kailangang maging boyfriend pero pwede ninyo akong maging kaibigan, pwede ninyo akong kaharutan. Hindi ko kayo iiwanan, hindi ko kayo pababayaan.” He does not think it could tarnish his rocker image. “Sa akin naman kasi, there’s no image to protect because I just do art.

Poverty is not an excuse to turn to a life of crime – Duterte

MANILA - The President Rodrigo Duterte has branded as “kalokohan” (folly) attempts by some people to blame their dismal economic status for their criminal behavior, saying they were just trying “to fool the whole world.”



“Kasi mahirap lang kami’ that is not an excuse to me. Huwag mong damayan ang Republika ng Pilipinas just because mahirap ka, puro dito mga bleeding hearts — human rights, mga mahirap [Being poor is not an excuse to me. Don’t drag the entire Republic of the Philippines just because you are poor. We have many bleeding hearts here — those crying for human rights, those living in poverty],” the President said in his remarks at the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency office in Davao City last Saturday. Duterte also hit back at some groups criticizing authorities for allegedly killing suspected drug suspects just because they were poor. “Madali mag-atake, sabihin na namatay dahil mahirap lang. Is that an excuse? You want to fool the whole world dahil mahirap lang, kalokohan yan [It’s easy to accuse that they were killed because they were poor. Is that an excuse? You want to fool the world just because you are poor. That’s silly],” he said. “The world will never stop to turn because you are poor, that is not excuse to destroy society,” he added.

The President even criticized some citizens for using poverty to violate the country’s traffic rules. “Tingnan mo sa daan, traffic, grabe paano di matattraffic, andiyan sa gitna. And their excuse, kasi mahirap lang kami,” he said. In the same remarks, the President challenged in jest the “bleeding hearts” to lead the government’s anti-crime drive to know first-hand the scope of the problem. Mockingly, the President said he would create a committee so these “bleeding hearts” can run the campaign against crimes. “You work on appointment date, mag-usap tayo, ibibigay ko lahat, walang problema,” he added. In recent weeks, families of slain drug suspects have cried foul over the circumstances surrounding the killing of their loved ones. Television news reports some grieving mothers have blamed authorities for the summary killing of their sons without due process. Most of the drug suspects killed reportedly come from the poor section of society.

Nearly all Pinoys trust Duterte: Pulse Asia



Nearly all Filipinos (91%) express trust in President Rodrigo Duterte, according to the latest survey of Pulse Asia. The survey, conducted last July 2 to 8, after the oath-taking of Duterte and Vice President Maria Leonor Robredo, showed that Duterte is beginning his stint as the country’s 16th President with an “overwhelming majority of his constituents expressing trust in him (91%).” The survey said eight percent of Filipinos cannot say if they trust or distrust Duterte while only 0.2% said they have small or no trust in the President. Malacañang, in a statement, welcomed the results of the survey and thanked the public for their overwhelming support to Duterte’s governance. “This record-high trust rating of 91%, as reflected in the July 2-8 Pulse Asia survey, is a humbling reminder that the genuine and meaningful change that our people aspire for is now being felt,” Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanan said. “A position of leadership is often a lonely one. However, a servant leader, as they say, has to take people where they don’t want to go, but ought to be.” Andanan said the Filipino people’s expression of confidence “shall serve as an inspiration to Duterte administration to continuously make a real difference to make our people’s lives better,

safer, and healthier.” Sixty-two percent of Filipinos said they trust Vice-President Robredo, 27 percent said they are undecided while 11 percent said they have small to no trust in the VP. The survey also showed 35% of Filipinos said they trust Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno compared to 19% who said they do not trust her. Forty-two percent of Filipinos are undecided about whether or not they trust the Chief Justice. Trust in Duterte was highest among Mindanao respondents (97%) while Robredo got her highest trust rating in the Visayas (72%). The Pulse Asia survey results mimic a similar survey conducted by Social Weather Stations, which found that 84 percent of Filipinos have much trust in the new President, 5 percent with little trust and 11 percent undecided for a net trust rating of 79 percent. <http://tpc.google syndication.com/safe-frame/1-0-4/html/container.html#xpc=sf-gdn-exp-3&p=http%3A/news.abs-cbn.com> Duterte starts term with ‘excellent’ trust rating: SWS A total of 1,200 representative adults participated in the survey. The survey has a ± 3% error margin at the 95% confidence level.

ECONOMY TOPS FILIPINOS’ CONCERNS

The survey also showed Filipinos want the Duterte administration to prioritize three economic issues: controlling increases in prices (68%), creating employment opportunities (56%) and crafting new pro-poor programs (55%). Reducing criminality, a top priority of the Duterte administration, was cited by 48 percent of Filipinos as an issue that needs to be addressed by government during its first six months.

Making Changes Fast

President Rodrigo Duterte (DU30) is making changes to the Philippines at a speed of light. it’s as if he believes he is going to disappear anytime soon. He recently signed the Freedom of Information law, a bill that has been languishing under President Aquino for years.

However, while former President Aquino has always blamed everything bad that happened under his term to the previous administration, President DU30 is not doing the same thing. For one thing, he is pushing ahead with all the provisions of the Reproductive Health bill. It loooks like he is going to push with the free contraceptive plan under the law. While credit is to be given to president Aquino for finally pushing the RH to become law, after decades of debates without coming to any conclusion, he signed the bill into law, angering the Catholic church which has been putting roadblocks every step of the way to either derail it or slow it down.

There has been an increase in coverage of drug pushers allegedly killed by pro-government soldiers or policemen. Most of the time, you see news of these murders on social media like facebook. Sometimes, you read them in credible internet outlet of print newspapers. But it is hard to know whether they are true or not.

With a very popular President comes some a lot of hoaxes floating around. There was the fake news that he arrived in Muntinglupa riding his motorcycle to inspect the traffic situation. He noticed that there were a lot of vendors blocking traffic and he told the Mayor to clear them out. The Mayor did iuut immediately. Or so the story went.

But it wasn’t true.

So, while DU30 can move fast, a fake story can still move faster.



Ligaya Cana celebrated her 70th Birthday with family, relatives, and friends from different organizations. The event was held at Kalayaan Cultural Centre on Mississauga on May 22, 2016.

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Angela Aquino celebrated her Debut on May 21, 2016 at the Macedonian Banquet Hall.



Durham Crossover team pose with their muse, who won the title Miss Sportsmodel 2016 at the PIDC Mabuhay Cup.



ARTS AND CULTURE

Entrance to the National Museum now ‘permanently’ free

MANILA, Philippines (UPDATED) – It’s been a day of new beginnings as the nation’s new leaders assumed office on June 30, Thursday, but in addition to the good vibes, the National Museum has announced that entrance is “permanently free of charge for all visitors, Filipino or foreign, to its museums nationwide.” (READ: Rediscovering, revisiting the National Museum)

The Board of Trustees of the National Museum is implementing a new policy, effective by July 1, “in order to build upon significant spikes in viewership, especially among younger Filipinos, that have been observed in 2013-2015 and to date in 2016,” it said in a Facebook post.

This pattern was especially observed during special occasions such as National Arts Month in February, National Heritage Month (May), and National Museums and Galleries Month (October).

The statement continued, “Enhancing universal access by all Filipinos to what we proudly exhibit as our national patrimony and heritage has always been a primary concern, and with this new policy we hope to reach more people than ever before, both by encouraging visits to our museums, and by bringing the National Museum’s programs and resources to communities throughout the national capital and all the regions of our archipelago.”

“By this measure of free admission, which is supported, in terms of the nationwide operations of the Agency, by a solid institutional budget drawn ultimately from all Filipino taxpayers through the national budget, we hope to better achieve our goals, and fulfilling expectations, of serving as a true national museum institution dedicated to the benefit of the entire Filipino people and the wider world.”

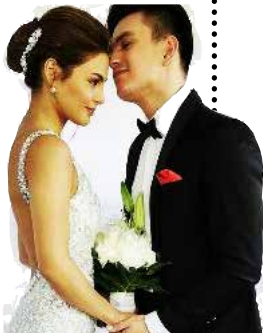
The National Museum of the Philippines, located in the City of Manila, is also a “regulatory and enforcement agency of the Government with respect to a series of cultural laws, and is responsible for various culturally significant properties, sites and reservations throughout the country.”

It has 14 branches and flagship museums, which includes the National Art Gallery, Museum of the Filipino People, and National Planetarium.

Lovi Poe at Tom Rodriguez, ga-ganap na mag-asawa sa ‘Someone To Watch Over Me’

First team up bilang mag-asawa sina Kapuso stars Lovi Poe at Tom Rodriguez ang nalalapit na GMA Primetime series na Someone to Watch Over Me ngayong Agosto.

Pinasilip sa Unang Hirit ang set ng bagong aabangang show at nagkuwento ang mga bida tungkol sa kanilang mga karakter.



Magiging sentro ng kuwento ang pagkakaroon ni TJ ng Alzheimer’s disease, ito ang karakter na gagampanan ni Tom. “Challenging in a way na [nag-go-grow] ako,” ayon sa aktor.

Ipinakita ng morning show ang intense scenes ng dalawa kung saan unti-unting nabubura ang alaala ni TJ ng kanyang kabiyak na si Joanna.

Bumuhos ng emosyon ang aktres sa panayam, “Isa ‘to sa mga maipapakita natin na kaya naman natin magmahal pa rin kahit ‘yung asawa natin [ay] hindi na tayo kayang mahalina pa.”

Ayon kay Tom, makabuluhan ang paksa ng serye. “What we’re doing, hindi lang pala entertainment. We do have some social and moral responsibility, not just to entertain but to educate, inform and empower people”

Honey Shot

Her favourite food is Golden Oreos. Yes, they exist. She is a Taekwondo blackbelter. Her talents are drawing, painting and playing the piano. She wants to be an International Relations Officer someday. We wish her all the luck in endeavour.

Jona Bernal



Bea, na-excite sa macho dancing ni Gerald

BEA Alonzo takes to co-actor Gerald Anderson’s macho dancing scene in their first movie together, How To Be Yours, as most sexy and exciting.

“He proved a natural for the dance,” Bea added.

Which, kunsabagay, ay ‘di nga kataka-taka as Gerald is a natural good dancer. In fact, it was his dancing skills which proved the reason kung bakit naging big attraction kaagad siya, after lumabas siya ng Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) house.

Of course, we all know, na ang nanalo sa nabanggit na season ng PBB was Kim Chiu, who, at one time, ay naging girlfriend ni Gerald.

Of course, sa ngayon, kay Bea na ipinatutungkol ni Gerald ang tanong na ‘how to be yours?’

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Philippine Airlines supports gov't initiative to move NAIA

MANILA - Change is definitely coming at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

After new airport chief Ed Monreal ordered the installation of additional chairs in NAIA to ease passenger comfort, Philippine Airlines chairman and CEO Lucio Tan announced PAL's support to the new administration's plans to move airport operations out of NAIA.

To address the worsening airport congestion, the Department of Transportation is studying the feasibility of moving airlines to Clark Airport in Pampanga, Subic or even Sangley Point in Cavite.

PAL shared their declaration of support on their official Facebook page.

The PAL declaration reads:

"We declare our full support to the new government's decision to move the operations of general aviation of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) to either Sangley, Clark or Subic.

The move of the Department of Transportation will significantly decongest the

NAIA which is currently shared by general aviation operators and scheduled airlines.

Any measure to reduce air traffic congestion at NAIA will not only improve airlines' flight schedule reliability but also enhance passenger convenience."

The letter is signed by PAL Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Lucio Tan, who also vows to remove his "small fleet of private jets" from NAIA.

The letter reads, "This declaration of support includes moving out of NAIA my small fleet of private jets as gesture of compliance to the Department of Transportation initiative."

More Chairs

At this point, it doesn't take much to please people who have put up with all the problems at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) general manager Ed Monreal is on the right track with his simple yet very smart

move.

"Monreal has ordered more gang chairs installed at the NAIA Terminal 3 (NAIA-3) after seeing passengers seated on the floor or on their trolleys," reports Rudy Santos in The Philippine Star.

Monreal explained, "I was ashamed to see passengers slumping on the floor in every corner of the departure lobby of the NAIA-3 while waiting for their flight. They are paying terminal fees, indeed they deserve the best service and facilities."

NAIA-3 manager Ric Medalla said additional gang chairs had been placed in the departure lobby and that they are doing their best to render excellent service.

Monreal has likewise instructed managers of NAIA Terminals 1 and 2 to install more gang chairs.



Does Coleen Garcia want to go back to hosting?

Coleen Garcia has been headlining various acting projects for the past couple of months. The actress has been dedicating her time to acting ever since her hosting stint in It's Showtime concluded. Asked if she misses hosting and wants to do it again, she replied, "Well I'm just enjoying so much that I don't want to think of doing anything else at the moment because I'm really so, so happy and so passionate with that I'm doing right now."

Coleen shared that when it comes to acting, she aspires to work with John Lloyd Cruz and Coco Martin. "Top of my bucket list is really John Lloyd Cruz because I've seen his work and he is such a talented actor, very deep actor. And that's what I like actually and that's what I look for actors, the depth of the way they play their characters, 'yung may lalim talaga."

She further relayed, "Apart from him of course Coco Martin. I've heard so many good things about Coco and I hear na pwede na rin siyang maging director sa pag-aalalay niya sa mga lahat ng co-workers niya so hearing from that alone I could assume that by working with Coco you would actually learn so much from him."

Billy Crawford and Coleen recently celebrated their anniversary as a couple. With such hectic schedules, how do they keep their relationship working? She said, "When we really don't have time for each other, he really finds a way to visit me or I find a way to visit him which whoever has free time so I don't believe that time should be an issue like if there's a will, there will always be a way."

Vice Ganda writes to entertain

Whatever his detractors say, especially about his first ever new book, as an author, doesn't bother Vice Ganda.

As Vice Ganda said: "As far as they are concerned naman, wala akong ginagawang tama. Kaya tama lang na I continue what I think is right for me and my followers."

The book titled President Vice: Ang Bagong Panggulo Ng Pilipinas, had it launched a week ago. And at said event, reports said, they were able to sell 2,000 copies.

President Vice contains wacky suggestion kay President Digong Duterte on how to run the government. But, of course, 'di rin niya inaasahang seseryosohin siya nito.

At least daw, may mga feedback na siyang narinig at nabasa sa social media na natawa sila habang binabasa ang libro.

Na siya namang purpose daw talaga ni Vice Ganda.

Duterte OKs plans to hold Miss Universe in the Philippines, but...



MANILA - It looks like the next Miss Universe pageant can happen in the Philippines.

President Rodrigo Duterte has "approved in principle" the Department of Tourism (DOT) secretary Wanda Teo's proposal to have the country host the next Miss Universe pageant.

"Teo, in a statement released Thursday, said that the President has agreed with her plans to bring back the global event to the country, which she said will greatly benefit the local tourism industry," reports ABS-CBN News.

READ: Pia to meet with President Duterte for Miss Universe plans

But there's a catch.

Teo also told ABS-CBN News that if the pageant would held in the Philippines, she wants to the event to moved to May instead of January.

She said other big events will happen at the start of the year

— such as the Chinese New Year celebration and the Sinulog festival in Cebu — and they won't have enough time to prepare for the pageant.

If they want Pia Wurtzbach to crown her successor in the Philippines, the 2016 Miss Universe pageant winner will be crowned on May 2017.

You can see how that may not work, right?

If the plans do push through, Teo said they want segments of the pageant to be not just in Manila but also in Palawan, Boracay, and Cebu, to showcase the country's tourist spots.

They're also ready to raise the funds for the pageant. Teo is estimating the budget to reach around P560 million, so they will begin talking to sponsors once the Philippines is the confirmed host of the next Miss Universe.

If ever, this will be the third time the Miss Universe pageant will be

held in the Philippines.

The 23rd Miss Universe was held at the Folk Arts Theater on July 1974.

The Philippines also the Miss Universe pageant in 1994.

Maxine Medina will represent the Philippines in the 65th Miss Universe pageant.

Study Says Deep-Frying Food May Be Good for You

Cheers for those who love to fry their food! New Beauty reports that a study published in the journal Food Chemistry discovered that deep-frying vegetables in extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) provides health benefits.

The results certainly debunk some food myths that are anti-oil frying. According to the study, frying in EVOO produces antioxidant phenol compounds in the veggies, making the body stronger in fighting diseases like cancer, diabetes, and macular degeneration.

The vegetables tested were those of the deep, colorful type—veggies that are mainly present in the health expert-approved, Mediterranean diet: tomatoes, eggplants, potatoes, and pumpkins. So, if you're looking to live a healthier lifestyle, you don't need to eat bland, boiled, and steamed food all your life. Live a little and have a dose of healthy fat in your life!

Kalayaan Classic
Golf Tournament
2016

The Kalayaan Community Cultural Centre (KCCC) is holding its 9th annual KCCC Classic Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the Royal Woodbine Golf Club, 195 Galaxy Boulevard, Etobicoke. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the various programs offered at KCCC.

The event, sponsored by Scotiabank, will begin registration at 11:00am with a 1:30 pm shotgun start. Immediately after the tournament, a dinner together with awards and raffle prizes will be given away inside the Royal Woodbine Clubhouse.

Prizes to be awarded are as follows:
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Closest to the pin (2 holes, 2 prizes)
Longest drive (1 fairway, 1 prize)

To participate, please download the registration form from the KCCC website at www.kalayaancentre.ca/golf or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kalayaancentre. Prices are as follows: Golf and Dinner - \$140, Golf only - \$100, Dinner only - \$40.

The event is also supported by Platinum sponsors Soliman Management Services. For more information, feel free to call the tournament office at (905) 602-0923.

YOLO: Half of Filipino
youth have high
cholesterol



Better think twice before ordering that cheeseburger.

It's time for a lifestyle check, young ones. Your all-nighters and daily trips to fast food joints may lead to your impending doom.

An alarming 46.9% of Filipinos aged 20 and above already have borderline high cholesterol according to a recent study by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute, reports The Philippine Star.

Having high cholesterol is linked to killer non-

communicable diseases in the Philippines such as diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases and cardiovascular diseases.

Cardiovascular diseases, by the way, are the leading causes of mortality among Filipinos.

Some easy steps towards a healthier lifestyle include eating salad and fruits, and going for exercises like regular brisk walking or even trips to the gym.

After all, YOLO.



Patrick Garcia
responds to his
wife's blog post
about insecurity

Nikka Garcia must feel like the most beautiful woman in the world right now.

After posting a blog entry where she revealed her insecurity about her relationship with then-fiancé Patrick Garcia, the actor posted a photo taken during their wedding day back in March 2015.

The caption should make Nikka feel like she's on top of FHM's sexiest list.

"They say when someone leaves you it only means one thing: that the Lord has someone better for you. And when that someone came into my life, I married her," he wrote.

Patrick called Nikka kind, smart, loving, wise, nice, gorgeous, beautiful and sexy inside and out.

"Oh my love I'm telling you there was no reason to be insecure in the first place. You are the best for me! I love you," he said.

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Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno:

No salary increase for cops, soldiers yet

These things take time.

On Thu, Jul 14, Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno said that the government would not be able to double the basic salary of state forces yet. He explained that the PHP3.35-trillion proposed budget for 2017 did not include an allocation for it. “There’s none. It’s not included,” Diokno quipped.

President Rodrigo Duterte has said that providing better compensation to law enforcement agents would discourage them from engaging in unlawful activities like protecting illegal drug syndicates.

In fact, prior to Duterte’s inauguration, his running mate, Senator Alan Peter Cayetano, said that the incoming administration was already laying the groundwork for the proposed PHP50,000 monthly salary or members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).



Cayetano said that the amount was intended to be the minimum pay (base pay and allowances included) for cops — specifically those ranked as Police Officer 1 (PO1).

READ: Cayetano: PHP50K per month minimum salary for cops already in pipeline

“However, Diokno said the realization of the President’s promise may have to be on the back burner for the meantime as the government would have to address other pressing financial

issues besetting the PNP and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP),” reports Marlon Ramos in Philippine Daily Inquirer.

After presenting the Duterte administration’s first proposed budget, Diokno said, “We’re studying that. In fact, we are trying to consider everything. The problem is that the government already owes so much to the pension fund of the (soldiers) and policemen. It has ballooned.”

Duterte to gov’t employees:

No more ‘pasyal-pasyal’

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte vows to dismiss from service government officials and employees who go on extended lunch breaks and cut short their work hours to stroll in malls.

In a video posted by RTVM on Saturday, Duterte reminded employees both in national and local government offices that they are paid by the Filipino people to work eight hours a day.

“Bayad tayo. So pag inindian mo ang tao, wala sa opisina mo...after lunch break nasa mga mall, nagpapasyal-pasyal, pag nangyari yan uli, dismissed ka,” Duterte said.

The President went on to say that employees who do this actually commit “estafa” and “swindling.”

“Technically, kayong mga taga-gobyerno, when you are not there to serve the people, you’re committing estafa. It’s not clearly defined but the act is actually swindling. It’s under Article 8 of the Revised Penal Code,” he said.

“You’re swindling the people. Bayad ka ng otso oras tapos andyan ka na lang dalawa, tatlong oras, pasyal-pasyal,” he added. “Mag-trabaho kayo.”

Duterte also reiterated his marching order to government offices to cut red tape.

Civil Service Commission (CSC) Chairperson Alicia Dela Rosa Bala earlier said that she has already ordered government offices to review their Citizen’s Charter and ensure that transaction times are reduced and redundant requirements removed.

“Give him/her a shopping list, yung requirements i-produce mo, ganun, tax,



medical certificate o birth certificate. Huwag pagkatapos pagbigay mo sa tao, huwag mo na dagdagan,” said Duterte.

“Pabalik-balik, lalo na yung mahihirap. Ang Pilipino sige bayad sa kalokohan. Ngayon, pagka natapos niya yan, na-produce niya lahat yan, tanggapin na ninyo, ilabas na ninyo ang permit.”

Duterte, meanwhile, also reminded government officials and employees to live simple lives. He said they should not avail of first-class seats on flights and should be barred from entering casinos.

He also said that he will ask the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. to strictly prohibit government officials, employees and their families from entering casinos.

“I would like to ask PAGCOR to prohibit lahat ng taga gobyerno, pati yung mga asawa, pamilya, to deny them entrance sa mga casinos. I do not want people lalo na sa gobyerno, papasok-pasok dyan...” he said.

Duterte also said that he would bar government people from taking first class seats when they travel by plane.

“Hanggang economy lang tayo. Sabihin niyong magdagdag kayo ng pero, ganun din, kalahati ng binayad ninyo pera ng tao,” the President said.

“You do not have the right to spend people’s money nang ganun.”

He called on the public to report their complaints through the hotline 8888, which will be launched next month.

“I will take action immediately,” vowed Duterte.

Duterte to to probe mayors’ funds

DAVAO CITY - President Rodrigo Duterte will create a special team to look into how local chief executives are spending their discretionary and intelligence funds.

“I will create a special team. I will review pati yung intelligence funds ninyo, ‘yan ang pinakamadali mapasok sa bulsa,” Duterte said.

Duterte mentioned the creation of the special team during a meeting with Cebu-based businessman Peter Lim, who is suspected of being one of the three top drug lords in the country.

Duterte said that he wanted to look into the discretionary and intelligence funds of mayors around the country because they “are not doing anything” to rid their towns and cities of garbage.

“Ang dumi ng Pilipinas... There is trash and garbage around and if you—you have to wait for the plastics to go inside the drainage so everytime there’s a downpour, excessive rain, water nagka-clog,” he said.

He said non-performing mayors should at least make their areas “clean and peaceful.”

“Kaya kayo bayad e, kaya kayo nasa opisina n’yo kagaganda,” he said.

He also chided local chief executives who buy expensive furniture and vehicles using public funds.

“Binibili n’yo furniture. Ganda ng kotse. ‘Yong iba Land Cruiser, Suburban. Hindi na kayo nahiya!” he said.



MARK ON FORMER GF JENNYLYN: SHE DESERVES IT

Mark Herras looks much handsomer now than when he was a teen star. This is the observation of the writers who visited him on the set of “Sa Piling ni Nanay” in Pampanga. Even his co-stars, Yasmien Kurdi and Katrina Halili, believe so.

“Yes, mas gumuwapo nga si Mark nang magka-edad siya,” they say.

“Siguro dahil I gained weight,” Mark says. “Kasi noong manalo ako sa Starstruck, ang payat-payat ko. Ngayon, 160 lbs na ako. Mas nagkalaman-laman na ang katawan ko.”

His former GF and ka-loveteam, Jennylyn Mercado, has left him behind and is now a bonafide box office star and best actress winner. She’s tagged by GMA as the Ultimate Star. What can he say about this? “Deserving naman siya sa title na ‘yan. Pinaghirapan niya whatever success that she has now. Lahat kami sa batch namin, happy and proud of her.”

Doesn’t he dream of having a similar title? “Kasi ako, relaxed lang. Puwede bang ako ‘yung Ultimate Relaxed. Ha ha ha! Basta ayokong i-pressure ang sarili ko. Happy lang ako na after 13 years since we won sa Starstruck, hero pa rin ako sa showbiz at magaganda pa rin ang projects na binibigay sa’kin, like ‘Sa Piling ni Nanay’ and ‘Conan My Beautician’. Hindi ako ‘yung tipong nai-insecure sa tagumpay ng mga kasamang artista.”

Obviously, he looks happy and content because of his relationship with Winwyn Marquez. “Aminado naman akong very positive ang influence niya sa’kin. She made me think in more mature ways, pati sa naisipan niyang magnegosyo ko starting with a food stall sa isang school. Magkasosyo kami with other friends sa tatlong food stalls na click talaga with students. Now, she suggested na mag-solo food stall ako. Hopefully, dahil dito, mas mabilis akong makakaipon.”

Looks like he’s already preparing for their wedding. “Naku, matagal pa ‘yun. Hindi kami nagmamadali. But it’s always nice to prepare for the future, di ba?”

He plays the role of Jonas in “Sa Piling ni Nanay”. This week, he and his aunt, Nova Villa as Donya Matilda, will succeed in getting back the child Sofia Cabatay as Maya from her surrogate mother, Yasmien Kurdi as Isabel, who won’t give up easily and will file a case in court to assert her right to Maya since she’s the one who carried her for nine months then gave birth to her.

BI: 514 pedophiles tried to go to PH in past 2 years

The sex offenders were intercepted at the NAIA as part of the agency’s intensified campaign against sexual abuse of children by foreigners.

The number of people who want to harm kids is astounding.

According to data from the Bureau of Immigration (BI), over 500 pedophiles have been barred from entering the country in the past two years.

“BI spokesperson Tonette Mangrobang revealed that of the 514 foreigners convicted of sex crimes, 400 (or 77%) were American nationals. Eighty were Australians, 29 were British nationals and the remaining five were of various nationalities,” reports Julie M. Aurelio in Philippine Daily Inquirer.

The report noted: “BI Commissioner Jaime Morente said the sex offenders were intercepted at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport as part of the agency’s intensified campaign against sexual abuse of children by foreigners.”

MARTIN’S GF THINKS HE IS ‘PRETTIER’ THAN HER



Martin Escudero plays the most demanding role in his career in Regal’s rib-tickling comedy about gay friends, “That Thing Called Tanga Na”.

“I’ve played a gay character before in “Zombadings” but nakabihis lalaki pa rin ako roon,” he says. “Dito, muherista ako all throughout.

Talagang nakasuot ako ng damit babae from start to finish. Sa amin ng co-stars kong sina Eric Quizon, Billy Crawford and Kean Cipriano who all play gays, ako ang pinakamatagal i-prepare kasi nilalagyan muna ako ng make-up na pang-girl, tapos susuotan ako ng wig na long hair, and then bago ako magsuot ng bestida, lalagyan muna ako ng boobs na 36-D ang size. So I come to the set early kasi matagal gawin lahat ng ‘yan before I

face the cameras.”

Didn’t he have second thoughts about accepting such a flamboyant role?

“No. Kasi, before this, dream ko nga to portray such a female role, parang ‘Danish Girl’. Tapos heto, nabigyan agad ng katuparan ‘yung dream ko so, it’s a blessing, di ba? Bago ako nag-shoot, nag-look test pa muna ako to make sure kung anong make up, hairstyle at mga damit ang talagang babagay sa akin. Kapareha ko rito ang bagong Regal baby, si Luke Conde. Sa story, asawa niya si Nikki Valdez, pero mas pinili niya ako later and nag-ampon kami ng sarili naming baby para we’ll be a whole family.”

Isn’t he worried he might be typecast in such a gay role? “No. Alam naman ng taong I’m just playing a role. Mas nag-worry ako noong napabalitang may sex video scandal daw ako, which is not true kaya ini-report ko ito sa NBI as a cyber crime. Pinasuri namin ‘yung sinasabing video and it’s proven na hindi talaga ko ‘yun. Going back to “That Thing Called Tanga Na’, I really enjoyed doing it kasi puro okay lahat ng co-stars ko. Ang saya-saya namin lagi sa shooting at makikita ‘yun ng viewers when they watch the movie na masaya talaga at puno ng tawanan from start to end.”

What does his non-showbiz beauty queen girlfriend named Aiza say about his appearance as a transgender? “Naaaliw siya. Mas maganda pa raw ako sa kanya. Ha ha ha!”

Gerald admits he is the reason for split with Bea

Loveless ngayon si Gerald Anderson at wala raw siyang bagong idini-date.

Ito ang kanyang inamin nang makaharap ng entertainment press sa presscon ng kanilang pelikula ni Bea Alonzo na How To Be Yours ng Star Cinema na showing sa July 27 at idinirek ni Dan Villegas.

“Actually, wala eh. Medyo wala ring oras!” rason niya.

“Ang dami rin pong mga ibang commitments sa career at ‘yung ibang personal na ginagawa ko... wala, eh, wala akong time,” dagdag pa niya.

Hindi ba niya hinahanap ang magkaroon ng girlfriend?

“Hindi po, eh. Hindi ako naghahanap talaga (ng girlfriend), eh. But hindi naman ibig sabihin na nakasara ‘yung pinto ko or hindi ako open sa kung anong posibleng mangyari o kung sino man ‘yung darating sa buhay ko. It’s just, siguro, naka-focus lang ako sa ibang bagay,” katwiran pa niya.

Naikuwento rin ni Gerald kung paano siya nagsimulang magka-crush kay Bea.

“Wala pa po akong kaalam-alam sa showbiz, hindi po ako nakakaintindi ng Tagalog pero ‘yung isang kaibigan ko nanonood siya ng TV sa sala ko. Tapos sinamahan ko siya at nakita ko siya (Bea) do’n sa TV sa soap na Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin.

“Tapos nu’ng nakita ko siya do’n, sabi ko, ‘Sino ‘yan, sino ‘to?’ And then

’yon, sinabi niyang si Bea Alonzo ‘yon... siguro mga isang taon pa lang ako sa Gensan no’n,” natatawa niyang pagri-recall.

Hindi raw niya naisip na darating ang panahon na magiging girlfriend niya ang aktres.

“Sobra... sobrang unbelievable,” di makapaniwalang sabi ng actor.

“Kahit ngayon nga, eh, nu’ng nagsyuting nga kami nu’ng first day namin, sobrang hirap na hirap ako. ‘Yung parang hindi ako makapaniwala na kaeksena ko siya.

“Yung eksena nga namin lalabas siya ng gas station na may dala siyang kape, pagharap ko sa kanya, ‘yung parang ‘hala, hala, hala... ‘yung gumaganaun na ‘yung isip ko. ‘Oh no, oh no! Anong nangyayari?’ Tapos, as in natulala ako, iniisip ko, ano nga ‘yung linya ko?

“But more than ‘yung parang, oo crush ko siya, ‘yung ganu’n, sobrang grateful ako na nilagay ako ni Papa God sa ganitong sitwasyon na kasama siya.”

Nanghinayang ba siya na hindi nagtagal ang kanilang relasyon?

“Oo naman... oo naman!”

Kasalanan ba niya kung bakit sila nag-break noon ni Bea?

“Oo. Ako, ako! Ako mismo, sinasabi ko na immature ako noon. Natakot ako sa mga nangyayari sa paligid namin na hindi ko alam kung paano i-handle.



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Atty. Estelito Mendoza says Ombudsman ‘cruel’ for planning to file another plunder case vs. Gloria

MANILA - All these legal maneuvering is making our heads spin.

Former Solicitor General Atty. Estelito Mendoza served as the lead counsel in former President and current Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Gloria Arroyo’s petition to get the Supreme Court (SC) to junk her plunder case.

Arroyo’s plunder case stemmed from the accusation that she conspired to (mis) use PHP365 million from the intelligence funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) from 2008-2010.

With that case dismissed by the SC and Arroyo walking free, Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales said in a press briefing that Arroyo “is not yet off the hook for a plunder investigation involving abuse of at least PHP57 million state lottery funds from 2004 to 2007.”

Mendoza is accusing Morales of being “cruel” for making the



said statement.

“I will put it a little strongly — very dismaying, if not shocking. She should read the (SC) decision. What (Morales) wants to do is that when (Arroyo) is acquitted and walks free, Morales will immediately handcuff her and put her to jail again. I don’t think there can be anything more oppressive than that, if not cruel,” Mendoza said.

“Mendoza also questioned the motive of Morales in investigating Arroyo for alleged fund misuse during an earlier period of 2004 to 2007 when there was already a case covering the latter period of 2008 to 2010,” reports Marc Jayson Cayabyab in Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Mendoza pointed out: “The charge is similar. In fact, it is surprising the subject of the new charge is for alleged disbursement or funds which took place earlier than the present case. So if this took place earlier, why were they not filed earlier or before this case?”

It looks like there are still so many questions about the case.

ERIK SANTOS and ANGELINE QUINTO in King and Queen of Hearts,



This fall, the two of this generation’s OPM royalties are set to come as one for a concert here in Toronto that promises to deliver superb music and entertainment. RV Productions and Good Time Entertainment in cooperation with Starmedia presents ERIK SANTOS and ANGELINE QUINTO in King and Queen of Hearts, on October 7, 2016, 7:00 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Erik Santos was ABS-CBN’s Star In A Million Grand Champion last January 2004. A young balladeer known for his soulful voice, Erik made his way to stardom through the music scene owing the title Prince of Pop. Erik has released several albums like Star in a Million, This is the Moment and I’ll Never Go to name as few and they all went platinum. Erik has also staged several “Sold Out” major concerts at the Araneta Coliseum, including the celebration of his 10th anniversary concert called “InTense” in 2013 and followed by “Champion Reborn” which were all huge success. Erik is a multi-awarded recording and concert artist and a mainstay of Sunday’s noon-time musical variety show, ASAP.

Angeline Quinto was the grand champion of Star Power, Search for the next Female Pop Superstar hosted by no other than the Mega-Star herself, Sharon Cuneta. Prior to that, Angeline was a finalist for Star for a Night where she competed with Sarah Geronimo and Mark Bautista. On July 15, 2011, Angeline Quinto staged her first solo concert. She also toured and opened for Sharon Cuneta in her United States concert tour. She has sung several soundtracks for ABS-CBN television dramas and films and dubbed as the “Queen of Teleserye Theme Song”. Angeline has release several albums under Star Records, including self titled album “Angeline Quinto” and “Patuloy ang Pangarap” which went 5X Platinum. Angeline is unstoppable, not only she conquered the Philippines music industry but also TV and film industry. She appeared as the lead role for the teleserye

ANGELINE QUINTO & ERIC SANTOS
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VIRAL: PDI snark on Jimmy Bondoc’s English gets backlash

MANILA - Someone’s not happy with Jimmy Bondoc’s grasp of the English language.

Was this kind of nitpicking warranted?

It seems not everyone is happy with singer Jimmy Bondoc’s appointment as assistant vice president of the Philippine



Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).

Some for his qualifications and others for his...grasp of the English language.

READ: Singer Jimmy Bondoc defends appointment as PAGCOR’s AVP for Entertainment

On Thu, Jul 14, Philippine Daily Inquirer reporter Pocholo

Concepcion wrote a 500-word article that not-so kindly pointed out lapses in Bondoc’s English.

Harsh! (And unnecessary?)

“If the Ateneo is a school respected for its English proficiency, what would its professors, especially its resident Jesuit priests, say about this,” the reporter asked in the beginning of his story, entitled “Pagcor appointee posts credentials, mangles English language.”

He then enumerated Bondoc’s awkward phrases and incorrect usage of figures of speech.

For instance, he took notice of Jimmy’s use of the phrase “from the cradle to the grave” to say he studied at the Ateneo de Manila University “from prep to college.”

The phrase, he explained, “is actually an idiomatic expression which the dictionary defines as, ‘from birth to death’.”

“A person does not start going to school until about age 4, definitely not on the day he/she is born. And the normal age when a student graduates from college is 21 — widely regarded as the start of the years that define one’s youth, certainly not one’s twilight years.”

He also took issue with Jimmy’s use of phrase “back and forth” to describe how well he knows the entertainment industry.

“What Bondoc most probably meant was that he knows the entertainment scene “like the back of my hand,” to mean that he has a very good and detailed knowledge of something—in his case, being a singer-songwriter,” Pocholo said.

But he also criticized that, saying: “That is not an entirely false claim, but which could also not be confirmed to be the whole truth, given his relatively young age.”

Jimmy Bondoc, 41, is best known for his 2004 hit song “Let Me Be The One.”

The points raised by the now-viral Inquirer article (seven thousand shares on Facebook and counting) are correct, of course.

This begs the question: Was this kind of nitpicking warranted?

“If you wanted to write about job incompetence, maybe you should have started with a summary of facts proving Mr. Bondoc’s caliber as an artist and as an executive for that matter,” one comment in the article page read.

“Aysus, ‘mangles’ talaga? Sana ganyan din kayo ka-passionate sa pagdependa ng sarili nating wika. Nakaka-1920s!” filmmaker Moira Lang wrote in a Facebook post.

Of course, there are those who believe government appointees deserve to be put it that kind of scrutiny.

“But seriously, EVP for Entertainment? What are Bondoc’s qualifications?” another commenter wrote.

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Senate bill: Restaurants must donate excess food to charities



MANILA, Philippines – Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV filed a bill aiming to prevent food from going to waste in the Philippines.

Senate Bill No. 357, or the Zero Food Waste Act, seeks to “ultimately end the cycle of having food end up in the trash instead of stomachs.” Aquino’s measure requires food establishments to donate their excess food to charities involved in the distribution of meals such as food banks. This move, he said, may not just lessen food waste but also improve the state of food security of the poorest Filipino families.

“Sa taas ng presyo ng bilingin at presyo ng pagkain ngayon, hindi makatarungan na maraming nasasayang na pagkain,” Aquino added. (With the high prices of food and other commodities nowadays, it’s unjust that so much food go to waste.)

A family of 5 would have to set aside P439 (\$9.78) a day to be able to eat adequately, based on the guidelines set by Pinggang Pinoy of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI). (READ: Is the minimum wage enough for a day’s worth of nutritious meals?)

A Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey for the first quarter of 2016 also found that an estimated 6.9 million families or 31% considered themselves “food-poor” or barely have enough food to eat.

Food banks

The proposed law highlights the use of food

banks and the creation of a community-based food distribution system for families who are food insecure.

Food security, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), happens “when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.”

The 2015 Global Food Security Index (GFSI) ranks the Philippines 72nd out of 109 countries when it comes to food security. The index also rated the country’s efforts against food insecurity as “moderate performance.”

The proposed law, according to Aquino, will reduce food insecurity.

It will create a so-called National Anti-Food Waste Scheme, with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) acting as a coordinating agency between businesses and food banks. The DSWD will set guidelines regarding the collection, storage, and distribution of

edible food donated by businesses to food banks.

Aside from ensuring the food’s good condition, food-related businesses, such as food manufacturers, supermarkets, and restaurants, will shoulder the costs of sending the food to food banks’ warehouses or point of distribution.

Penalty for wasting food

Establishments which “deliberately make food waste unfit for consumption” will be penalized, Aquino said.

Hindering redirection of the excess food to food banks and inedible ones to waste management centers is also prohibited under the proposed law.

The senator added that the Zero Food Waste Act will “push private individuals and their local governments to participate in a segregation campaign to have food waste readily available for recycling into fertilizer or compost.”

List: Items you’re not allowed to send in a balikbayan box

For years now, many overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) have been sending balikbayan boxes to the country. In this light, here’s a guide to what they can’t send.

“Senders should keep in mind that since the shipping of a balikbayan box is consolidated, it means that one prohibited item caught will affect ALL the packages inside the shipping container. In the past, a lot of individuals have abused the tax-free privilege by smuggling commercial items or contrabands,” reports Malou Liwanag-Bledsoe in Asian Journal.

That said, cargo companies, as well as US and Philippine Customs offices always inform senders not to send the following



- prohibited items:
- Alcohol/alcoholic drinks
 - Automobile/motorcycle, parts or whole
 - Ceramic tableware
 - Cultural artifacts and pottery
 - Defense articles or items with military or proliferation applica-

- terials
- Fluids and perishable food items
- The report added, “Please check with your trusted balikbayan cargo company for other items that may not be on the list.”

- tions
- Products containing dog or cat fur, as well as animal hide
 - Drug paraphernalia (unless prescribed for medical conditions)
 - Firearms, explosives (including parts)
 - Cheese, meat, fruits and vegetables (unless canned)
 - Pets, plants, seeds, soil
 - Used clothing of commercial quantity (ukay-ukay or in bales)
 - Pornographic ma-

AIDub gets own emoji as 1st anniversary gift from Twitter

More years of kilig, please! Happy first anniversary, AIDub! PHOTO: Facebook/Eat Bulaga

red heart inside a pair of hands curved together to form a heart shape — Alden and Maine’s favorite pose.

Can you believe it’s been an entire year since the Kalyeserye couple swept the nation with kilig? Alden Richards and Maine ‘Yaya Dub’ Men-



doza are celebrating their first anniversary as the phenomenal ‘AIDub’ couple and Twitter has an anniversary gift for them: Their very own emoji — a first for any Southeast Asian show or loveteam.

The new emoji appears when you tweet the hashtag #AIDub1stAnniversary. It shows a

AIDub broke the world record for the producing the most number of tweets for a single event, producing nearly 41 million tweets for #AIDubEBTangPanahon’ last October 24, 2015.

For their first anniversary, it looks like AIDub Nation is ready to set another Twitter record. But for now, happy anniversary, AIDub!

NAIA immigration sets up facial recognition cameras

The Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) is a study in contradictions — some parts are up-to-date and some parts

have been left to rot in hell.

For a change, this story is about a high-technology component of the airport.

“The Border Monitoring and Security Unit of the Bureau of Immigration at NAIA terminals has installed A4Tech webcams, or cameras with facial recognition software, in every immigration counter at the arrival and departure areas for quick identification of passengers,” reports Rudy Santos in The Philippine Star.

The report noted: “Immigration supervisor Mylene Mauricio revealed that the

120 webcams installed last week at NAIA’s four terminals will help them determine if passengers have a derogatory record in their list which is also linked to the Interpol, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police, and the Department of Foreign Affairs.”

Mauricio further explained that the upgrade is also “in connection with the Mobile Interpol Network Database Devices (MIND) first set up last November which can identify individuals with derogatory records in 190 countries.”

“With the facial recognition camera synchronized with the MIND linked to the Interpol, it will be easy for us to arrest persons or passengers who are wanted in their countries, or even possible terrorists,” Mauricio said.

Immigration personnel are currently testing the accuracy of the camera and its connection to their server and the Interpol. More cameras with facial recognition software are expected to be installed in the coming days.



Ligaya Cana celebrated her 70th Birthday with family, relatives, and friends from different organizations. The event was held at Kalayaan Cultural Centre on Mississauga on May 22, 2016.



Orange chicken battle: Goldilocks wins trademark tiff vs. Chowking



Chowking can no longer serve its “Orange Chicken” dish for now. In his Cocktales column on InterAksyon.com, Victor Agustin explained: “Chowking, a subsidiary of Jollibee Foods, has lost in its attempt to

trademark its ‘Chowking new orange chicken’ offering after the local trademark office ruled that Goldilocks had already secured the copyright to the ‘Goldilocks chicken orange’ name and mark as early as 2010.”

The Intellectual Property Office also said that Chowking had to “disclaim” the phrase “orange chicken” for its trademark application to proceed.

The report noted: “As defined by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a disclaimer is a statement that the applicant includes in its application that the applicant does not claim exclusive rights to an unregistrable

portion of the applied mark.” In this case, Chowking can’t register the term “orange chicken” as it is classified as a generic term.

IPO legal chief Nathaniel Arevalo pointed out: “When it filed a trademark application for the product name with the Intellectual Property Office (in 2010), (Goldilocks) submitted a disclaimer on the exclusive right to use the words ‘orange chicken,’ recognizing that the term is generic and descriptive, and thus not capable of exclusive registration.”

A check with the Chowking website showed that the contested chicken dish, offered in the Philippines and Indonesia, had already been removed from the menu. Strangely, even the Goldilocks website no longer features the same dish.



Richard at Sarah, may Landian

Ayon kay Sarah Lahbati, kung sa nakaraang tatlong seasons ng It Takes Gutz to be a Gutierrez ay hindi sila masyadong naging showy ng boyfriend na si Richard Gutierrez, sa season 4 ay marami raw mapapanood ang mga tao tungkol sa kanilang relasyon.

“Kasi kaming dalawa ni Chard, I think, kami ‘yung pinaka-private na tao sa family, and sa last 3 seasons, parang hindi kami masyadong showy or we don’t really talk about our feelings that much.

“Dito sa season na ito, parang mas na-loosen up kaming dalawa and you’ll see more of our moments, and of course, with Zion (anak nila Richard), kaming tatlo. And compared to the other season, siyempre, you’ll see now ‘yung mga progress ni Zion, he’s 3 years old now, sobrang talkative na niya and nakakausap na namin siya.

“So, we have so many precious moments on this season with the kids, and Zion, so I’m really excited for you guys to watch those scenes,” sabi ni Sarah.

Ayon naman kay Chard, dahil nga sobrang blessed ang mga members of the family this year na lahat ay may ginagawa at sobrang busy, makikita raw sa Season 4 ang mga pinaggagawa nila nang magkakahiwalay unlike before na magkakasama sila parati.

“I think this is the first time na makikita rin ng audience ‘yung dynamics na ‘yung family talaga, sobrang busy at hindi na namin makasama ang isa’t isa this season.

“Unlike the first 3 seasons that we were always traveling as a family together, this time, lahat ng family members, may kanya-kanyang ginagawa and ‘yung parents namin, my mom and dad, sila ‘yung nag-alaga sa mga kids and makikita n’yo talaga ‘yung different dynamics na ‘yun ng family namin, so we’re excited about that also,” pahayag ni Chard.

Kwento pa ng aktor, mapapanood din daw sa reality show ang discussion nila ni Sarah kung susundan na ba si Zion or not.

“Makikita n’yo ‘yung discussion namin dito sa season 4. Pero with Zion, you know, we’re very happy na he’s growing up and lumalabas na ‘yung personality niya. Nagiging makulit na siya, talkative, and everyday talaga, na-enjoy naming kasama siya ngayon kasi ang daldal na niya and we’re just blessed to have Zion right now.

“Kahit na busy kaming dalawa ni Sarah, we’re thankful na nandiyan ‘yung parents ko to always take of him, and ‘yung parents ni Sarah. Ayun, time management lang,” he said.

Pacquiao on boxing career: ‘I am still strong. I am still young’

Filipino boxing hero Manny Pacquiao has declared he still has the passion for the sport and may come out of retirement, although there are no plans for a fight this year.

Pacquiao, 37, a newly elected senator in the Philippines, told Agence France-Presse (AFP) on Wed night, Jul 13, that his top priority was his political career but that his love for boxing had not diminished.

“When you put your passion and your dedication in one sport, you cannot say you’re leaving that sport if your passion is there,” Pacquiao said in an interview in his hometown of General Santos.

“Boxing is always my passion and I grew up (as a boxer). The Lord helped me (make) a name in boxing history.”

Pacquiao added he was still physically fit to return to the ring.

“I am still strong. I am still young,” he



said.

Pacquiao’s promoter, Bob Arum, said on Tue, Jul 12, that the eight-division world champion planned to fight on either Oct 29 or Nov 5 as a main event bout in Las Vegas.

But while leaving open the option of a comeback, Pacquiao said he had not made such plans nor discussed arrangements with Arum.

Pacquiao retired after winning a unanimous decision in Apr against

American Timothy Bradley.

He said he wanted to hang up his gloves to focus on his political career. After serving two terms as a congressman in the House of Representatives, Pacquiao was elected to the Senate in May.

Pacquiao has previously said he eventually wants to become president.

Yet, after being a senator for just two weeks, Pacquiao wants to win a new title in the ring — a fighting lawmaker.

“The first time in history that a senator is still fighting in the ring. That’s a legacy,” he said.

But after being criticized for rarely turning up to Congress, Pacquiao emphasized he was committed to his duties as a senator.

“What is on my mind right now is to bring good service to the people,” he added. —AFP

SC bars ‘lawyer’ who assumed sibling’s identity to earn a law degree

MANILA - This storyline is good enough to be an episode of Suits, but it happened in the real world. And now, a “lawyer” is in trouble.

In an elaborate ploy that spans for years, Richard A. Caronan falsely assumed the name, identity, and academic records of his younger sibling to obtain a law degree and take the Bar Examinations.

In the process, Richard deceived his law school and the Office of the Bar Confidant. He also faces possible civil and criminal cases.

Why did Richard need to steal his brother’s identity?

Simple, Richard’s brother Patrick graduated college and he did not. A bachelor’s degree is a requirement to enroll in any law school in the Philippines.

Since Richard entered law school and passed the Bar Exams as “Patrick”, he needed to assume his brother’s identity even when he was already a practicing

lawyer, hence, “Atty. Patrick A. Caronan”

How did it happen?

The Caronan brothers completed their secondary education at the Makati High School.

Patrick enrolled in the University of Makati (UM), where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He then worked his way up and became a Store Manager of 7-11 Convenience Store Muntinlupa branch.

Richard, on the other hand, enrolled at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) but later transferred to the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). He was discharged after a year. In 1997, he moved to Nueva Vizcaya with his family. He never earned his college degree.

Richard then enrolled in St Mary’s University’s College of Law in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya using his



brother’s name and college records from the UM.

Miraculously, Richard passed the Bar Exams still using his brother’s name.

Without realizing the consequences of what his brother did, Patrick didn’t give this much thought.

Problems started to pop up in 2009 when the real Patrick was informed that the National Bureau of Investigations (NBI) wanted a certain “Atty Patrick A. Caronan” for qualified theft and estafa.

This was only the beginning. Richard (aka “Atty. Patrick”) was also got himself involved in gun-running activities, illegal possession of explosives, and violation of BP 22.

Because of the controversies, Patrick was eventually forced to resign from his job. He also filed a formal complaint against his brother’s alleged use of his name and

identity.

For his defense, respondent denied all allegations and maintained that his identity can no longer be raised as an issue as it had already been resolved in an earlier administrative case.

However, the High Court held that the real Patrick was able to present clear and overwhelming evidence about his own identity.

In effect, SC directed the Office of the Court Administrator to circulate in all courts nationwide a photograph of Richard with his real name to warn them of the identity theft that happened.

“Good moral character is essential in those who would be lawyers. This is imperative in the nature of the office of a lawyer, the trust relation which exists between him and his client, as well as between him and the court,” the high court said.

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10 life lessons from 104-year-old Jessie Lichauco



Jessie Josephine Coe was 18 years old when she boarded a 28-day boat ride to Manila where she eventually married statesman Marcial Lichauco.

Jessie Josephine Coe Lichauco, subject of the documentary Curiosity, Adventure & Love, was only 18 years old when she took a 28-day boat ride by herself to the Philippines to meet statesman Marcial Lichauco, whom she had met in Washington. They married that same year, in 1933.

In Manila, apart from raising a family, Jessie kept herself busy with her socio-civic activities that helped the less fortunate.

In 2012, President Benigno Aquino signed into law an act granting her Philippine citizenship for her social contributions to the country, adopting the Philippines as her home, speaking the Filipino language and embracing Philippine culture.

Now, at 104, she still rocks. Here, she shares 10 secrets to living a happy and vibrant life.

1. On aging: “I’m in the age of self-preservation. I refuse to worry about things over which I have no control.”

2. On anger: “I don’t begrudge or regret. I just pick up, bandage my wounds and move on.”

3. On courage: “It takes more courage to walk away from a fight sometimes than to stand and fight.”

4. On the Filipino smile : “No matter how badly off somebody is, the Filipinos always have a smile. Their eyes light up.”

5. On keeping friendships: “If you have something nice to say, then say it.”

6. On grudges: “Holding grudges all your life is too heavy and messy to carry around with you.”

7. On living: “The whole secret of life is moderation — a little bit of everything.”

8. On opportunity: “You are as good as anyone is as good as you. The only difference is opportunity.”

9. On politicians: “The problem is that

they don’t make statesmen anymore. Only politicians.”

10. On talent: “If you have a gift, put it to work — don’t ignore it.”

Historic FOI signed into law

The long wait is over.

The public can finally gain greater access to government documents, including Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth

Communications Office Secretary Martin Andanar.

The government, however, will deny public access to information related to national security and others included in the “inventory of exceptions,” Andanar announced during a press conference in Davao City.

The new EO, which still had no official number, was announced to the public by Andanar on the eve of the President’s State of the Nation Address (SONA). It will be released officially with the stamp and seal of the President today.



FOR OUR INFORMATION – President Duterte (right) signs an Executive Order on Freedom of Information (FOI), which he issued after Congress failed to approve the bill pending in the last 29 years. Witnessing the signing in Davao City Saturday are Presidential Spokesman Ernesto Abella (left) and Presidential Communications Office Secretary Martin Andanar (center). (Malacañang Photo / mb.com.ph)

(SALN) of government officials, after President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law the historic on Freedom of Information (FOI) bill.

The new executive order, covering all government agencies under the executive branch, aims to enhance transparency and accountability in government transactions and decisions, according to Presidential

“Every Filipino shall have access to information, official records, public records and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions or decisions as well as to government research data used as basis for public-development,” the order read.

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There's more than one way to get the news!

'Encantadia' got 'standing order' from GMA not to look like 'Game of Thrones'

Encantadia is no Pinoy Game of Thrones, said director Mark Reyes.



Encantadia hasn't even premiered yet, but already netizens are comparing it to the fantasy series Game of Thrones.

We can't blame them, really, since the remake of the GMA

TV show came at a time when Game of Thrones has become a dominating force in pop culture.

There's also the fact that the show got Game of Thrones actor Conan Steven to play a part in the show.

READ: 'Game of Thrones' actor joins Filipino telefantasya 'Encantadia'

Encantadia director Mark Reyes said he's flattered by the comparisons. But no, Encantadia is not aiming to be the Pinoy Game of Thrones.

Speaking to Pep.ph, Reyes said the two shows can't be compared because Encantadia came before Game of Thrones.

The original Encantadia, also director by Reyes, first aired on May 2005. Game of Thrones premiered in HBO on April 2011 (although A Song of Fire and Ice, the fantasy novel series from which it was adapted from, was first published in 1996).

"But the way they shoot things, I get influenced by them. Attention to detail, I take it very seriously. I read production books of Game of Thrones. But we don't copy because it's totally different," he added. The director even revealed that GMA gave them a "standing order" that Encantadia should not look like Game of Thrones. "That was a standing order: we should not look like Game of Thrones," he said.

Which makes us wonder why they hired a Game of Thrones actor to star in the show in the first place.

Stevens himself saw similarities between the US show and the Filipino telefantasya.

"I can see the inspiration. Again, this is just the pilot. I'm guessing people didn't see the pilot of Game of Thrones but I can see the similarities. Obviously, in the beginning, a show would start and find its own way," he told Pep.ph.

Rappler also reported that Encantadia's opening credits will pay homage to Game of Thrones' opening title sequence. That's intentional, Reyes said, because they're all fans of the show.

But why pay homage to a show you're not supposed to look like?

Guess we'll just have to wait and see.

Jazz: Ayoko masabi nila na nag-iinarte ako + other stories



Jazz Ocampo gets her biggest break in "Sinungaling Mong Puso" where she plays the role first portrayed by Aiko Melendez in the original movie. Of American-Spanish descent, Jazz' full name is Jazmin Leslie Ocampo MacDonald. She turned 18 last December 17 and first tried showbiz when she joined Little Miss Philippines in "Eat Bulaga" when she was 7 years old. But she was discovered when she joined TV5's Star Factor talent search in 2011, where Eula Caballero won.

She was featured in such TV5 shows as "Bangis" and "Enchanted Garden". Then she moved to GMA7 and did "InstaDad" and "My Faithful Husband". Her last show was "That's My Amboy", where she was first paired with Kiko Estrada. Now, she plays Kiko's young wife in "Sinungaling Mong Puso".

Off cam, Kiko is in a relationship with Barbie Forteza (which he denies, but which Barbie admits.) Did she have any inkling while she was taping "That's My Amboy" with Kiko and Barbie that they are already romantically involved? "I didn't know anything," she says. "Barbie and I share the same tent but she never mentioned to me anything about Kiko. Magaling silang magtago, e. Nagulat na lang ako nang lumabas 'yung balita about them after our show ended na. But I'm happy for both of them kasi friends ko naman sila."

Kiko was also linked before to Kim Rodriguez. Did he ever make any overtures to her? "Ay, never po siyang pumorma sa akin. Baka si Barbie talaga ang mas type niya."

How does she feel playing Kiko's young wife now in "Sinungaling Mong Puso"? "It's very challenging to me kasi spoiled brat ako, super selosa at laging nagdududa. I've never played such a role before. Tapos, may confrontation scenes pa ako with Kiko and with Rhian Ramos na ka-affair niya. So I surely will give it my best kasi mahirap namang mapahiya ako sa kanila at kay Direk Ricky Davao."

Will she have bed scenes with Kiko? "So far, wala pa kaming ganung eksena. But alam naman ni Direk Ricky na may limitations pa ako as I'm still so young. Honestly, hindi pa ako ready, even for kissing scenes. If ever pagagawa nila sa'kin, kailangan kong i-prepare muna nang husto ang sarili ko dahil ayoko naman sabihin nilang nag-iinarte ako."

Is she afraid she might be compared with Aiko Melendez? "May pressure but let's face it, Aiko Melendez is Aiko Melendez, super galing na aktres. I'm just thankful na pinag-a-acting workshop ako ng GMA to improve my craft para naman I can interpret the role in my own way."

Jazz has never had a boyfriend. She's being linked to Javi Benitez, son of a congressman, Albee Benitez from Negros. "He's a decent and humble guy pero wala akong time. Kasi bukod sa showbiz career ko, I'm still in school. Gusto kong matapos 'yung course kong business management. So having a boyfriend is not a priority at all."

Imagine You & Me to be shown in Canada

Imagine You & Me, the anniversary film offering from the phenomenal love team of Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza, which premiered in Philippine cinemas last July 13, will also capture hearts worldwide with international screenings in US, Guam, Canada, Italy, UK, Australia, Singapore, UAE and New Zealand.

The news, posted on the film's official Facebook account, thrilled AIDub fans across the world who are excited to celebrate a year of love and laughter which began with the pair's serendipitous encounter on the Philippines' longest-running noon time show Eat Bulaga last year. The film, produced by APT Entertainment, GMA Films, and M-Zet Television, Inc, has already become a hit at the box office, drawing thousands of moviegoers across the Philippines on its opening day.



The volunteers of the Loida Nicolas - Lewis Forum on Good Governance had their get together dinner in Mississauga on May 15, 2016.

Celine Grey Crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2016 and Bianca Manlapaz Wins Little Miss Philippines Title

“No matter which path your life may lead you, always remember and be grateful to all the people who supported you along the way - your family and friends”, a simple yet profound message from Contestant #2. Unanimously picked, CELINE GREY, a 16-year old Grade 11 student from Saint Elizabeth Catholic High School has clearly proven that she deserves to be crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2016 amongst six other beautiful contenders. Conida Marie Halley, Miss Philippines PIDC 2015, after a video showing of her year’s reign, donned the royal headdress to Celine, her highly related successor.

Celine Grey, being the audience darling, was awarded a trophy, tiara, sash, cash award, bouquet of flowers and a return airfare to the Philippines sponsored by Korean Air, as well as doubly honoured with four distinctions, “Most Photogenic”, “Best in Talent”, “Miss Popularity” and “Miss Online Sensation” titles. Other winners recognized with titles & prizes were: Zoebelle Jane Flores, is Miss Philippines PIDC 2016 1st Runner-Up and Ariana Espiritu, is Miss Philippines PIDC 2016 2nd Runner-Up. Zoebelle Jane also received the “Best in Casual Wear”, “Best in Beauty & Poise” and “Best in National Costume” and “Miss Intellectual” trophies, while Ariana was named “Miss Philippines Miss Charity”.

The strong bevy of winning beauties with trophies and sashes, include: Angelica Mercado Alfonso, who was accorded with two awards, as “Miss Philippines Pearl of the Orient” and “Miss Congeniality”, Zatrene Jimenez garnered “Miss Philippines Miss Maria Clara” title, and Reema Balouch, won “Miss Philippines Miss



Tourism” award. The popular and most prestigious beauty and talent event, organized by the 18 year-old Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), is a major part of the annual celebration of the “118th Independence Day” anniversary of the Philippines in Toronto. PIDC is a non-profit umbrella organization, a volunteer-based and family-oriented Filipino-Canadian association. Jointly hosted by Scott Dion Brown and Raina Resplandor, the evening’s show was attended by over 500 guests and raving fans, held at Isabel Bader Theatre, University of Toronto Campus, Toronto Ontario, on Saturday, July 9, 2016. PIDC President Norma Carpio in her apt message graciously thanked those present as well as the major sponsors, donors, judges, media partners, guests, tabulators, candidates, parents, volunteers, organizing and working committee for their continued

support and co-operation, declaring the pageant a very memorable milestone in the community. Engagingly, overall Pageant Chair Aurora Ticzon Elefano and Chairperson Gene Pardo-Elam-paro delivered their welcome address and acknowledgements.

Earlier, BIANCA MANLAPAZ, a five year-old Sr. Kindergarten student from San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School, was crowned the Little Miss Philippines PIDC 2016. Bianca who aims to become a doctor, also won the “Miss Talent” & “Miss Charity” awards. Charize Rebecca Escalante Conejos bagged the 1st Runner-Up and the “Miss Popularity” titles, and Alexis Espiritu received the 2nd Runner-Up title and garnered three awards: “Best in Beauty & Poise”, “Best in Gown” and “Best in Casual Wear”. Winners each received a trophy, tiara, sash, cash award, bouquet of flowers and gift bags.

Moreover, Titles and Awards won include: “Miss Congeniality” and “Miss Tourism” is Jasmine Elijah Manabat Reyes; “Miss Charming” is Kaila Jaserian Damo; “Miss Glamour” is Alyssa Rose Cootauco; “Miss Sunshine” is Reyna Grace Magno

and “Miss Friendship” and “Miss Photogenic” is Chelsea Cootauco. Chyrell Samson-Ronquillo opened the show singing the Philippine & Canadian Anthems. Chairperson Helen Pico-Lao and President Norma Carpio delivered their welcome address. Notable artists’ superb performances came from Charms, former Little Misses Samantha Gavin (2014), Hailey Chyrel Malanum (2012), Scott Dion Brown, an actor/ model & singer, and Georelle Mendoza, a Graphic artist. Scott Dion Brown, lead singer of the rock band “Symphony of Nine”, Georelle Mendoza, Miss Philippines “Miss Heritage” PIDC 2015 awardee and Marina Saleeb, 1st Runner-Up Miss Philippines and Miss Sports Model PIDC 2015, hosted the program.

Upcoming PIDC 2016 Signature Events are: the PIDC Mabuhay Cup Open Invitational Basketball Tournament on July 22-24, Hoopdome, 75 Carl Hall Road; Cocktail Event -Sheraton Hotel Toronto on September 2nd; and the anticipated “Mabuhay Philippines Festival” on September 3-4 at Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall, 100 Queen St. West.

The winners will be featured in the Festival Fashion Show with Designers Aisha Penalosa, Jaki Penalosa, Merriam Goldberg and Kenneth Barlis. The theme for this year’s Mabuhay Philippines Festival is “SINING”! For Vendors & Exhibitors info, please contact Minda Neri at (416) 621-4985 or email her at vox999@gmail.com (sl)

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“Tayo ay natu-tuwa na pumirma na naman sa atin si Christian, dahil hindi lamang tunay na Christian si Christian. Mahusay kumanta ‘yan, marun-ong umakto. Kagabi lang napanood ko ‘yung role niya sa Encantadia, magal-ing. So we consider ourselves lucky to have an actor like Christian in our station.”

Can't share AIDub story on Facebook? Neither can we.

In true AIDub fashion, their first anniversary just broke Facebook (or so we think)!

While trying to share our report on AIDub's first anniversary on our Facebook page, we got an error alert from the social media giant.

“Action Blocked: Our security systems have detected that a lot of people are posting the same content, which could mean that it's spam. Please try a different post.”

We also send the link to friends and asked them to post it on their personal Facebook accounts, but they all got the same error message!

So, congratulations, AIDub! You just broke Facebook!

And dear Facebook, it's not spam, it's true love!

Want to see it for yourself? Try sharing this story on your FB wall and see what happens.

Christian Bautista inks two-year contract with GMA Network

Asia's Romantic Balladeer Christian Bautista remains a Kapuso as he signed a two-year contract with GMA Network today, July 21.

Present at the contract signing were Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon, SVP for Entertainment TV Lilybeth G. Rasonable, and Mr. Carlo Orosa, Christian's manager.

“I'm very happy to be with great people, great family, great support group. The last three years have been amazing [for] expanding and building my talent on acting and hosting,” says Christian.

The singer-actor is currently playing the role of Apitong in Encantadia, and will soon be part of another Kapuso program.

“I'm so happy to be a part of Encantadia now, and a talent show in the works. We can't say what it is yet, but things are rolling. The engines are heating up, and we're ready to go.”

He adds, “[I am] looking forward to hosting shows, dancing (laughs). Waiting for the next singing show, and whatever the channel feels na I am good for, I am ready for that.”

Atty. Gozon is likewise happy that Christian is staying with the network for two more years.

Rafael Rosell, handang maikumpara kay Gabby Concepcion

Nag-e-enjoy raw si Kapuso actor Rafael Rosell sa pagganap sa kanyang karakter na si Roman sa GMA Afternoon Prime series na Sinungaling Mong Puso.

Pero ano kaya ang first impression niya nang una niyang mabasa ang tungkol sa kanyang role?

“I have a tendency not the judge the character so I check how fun it will be to portray. Para sa akin kasi, the more evil a character is, the more fun,” kuwento ni Rafael sa isang eksklusibong panayam ng GMANetwork.com.

“I think ‘yung character ko, I have to deal with masks dahil there's an exterior and an interior emotion. Behind closed doors, I think ilalabas ni Roman ‘yung totong pagkatao niya. Tapos sa labas, in public, he shows a different side of him,” paglalarawan niya sa karakter.

Ang duality na ito raw ang magiging hamon sa kanya bilang isang aktor.

“I think the challenge there is gonna be kung paano ihalo and i-fuse ‘yung dalawa na ‘yun para magtugma at ipakita na isang tao lang ang dumadaan sa mga ganitong emosyon at intensyon,” paliwanag niya.

Dahil isang TV adaptation ng award-winning 1992 film na Sinungaling Mong Puso ang serye, handa na rin daw si Rafael na maikumpara kay Gabby Concepcion na orihinal na gumanap kay Roman.

“I expected na of course, magiging compared to Sir Gabby. It helped a lot na nakatrabaho ko siya sa previous soap ko which puts me in a friendly level sa kanya. I can ask him for advice if needed,” aniya tungkol sa kanyang Because of You co-star.

Pero hanggang maaari, gusto raw ni Rafael na buuin ang karakter nang walang ibang impluwensiya.

“As much as possible, hindi ko pinanood ‘yung dating pelikula. I saw clips of the trailer lang. I think I'm gonna try to build up Roman through my eyes, my impression muna. Eventually, kung mahirapan man ako, I'll check out the movie siguro. Gusto ko kasi blank canvas muna,” bahagi niya.

Subaybayan ang pagbuo ni Rafael sa kanyang karakter na si Roman sa Sinungaling Mong Puso, Lunes hanggang Biyernes, pagkatapos ng Magkaibang Mundo sa GMA Afternoon Prime.

TIDBITS



A photo of Jessy Mendiola and Vilma Santos went viral after Manzano admitted that he was dating the former ‘Maria Mercedes’ star.

Why Jessy Mendiola met with Vilma Santos

MANILA - Television host Luis Manzano shared the story behind the viral photo of her mother, Batangas Representative Vilma Santos-Recto, with actress Jessy Mendiola.

The young actress is being romantically linked with Manzano.

The “Minute to Win It” host, in a text message sent to Pep, said that his mother invited Mendiola over for dinner to finally meet her.

Manzano added that the “Star for All Season” wanted him to clarify the controversy surrounding his relationship with the former “Maria Mercedes” star.

“My mom just invited us for dinner to talk and check up on me and also to meet and check up on Jessy regarding all the unwarranted bashing going her way,” Manzano said.

Mendiola is being blamed for the break-up of Manzano and actress Angel Locsin. Mendiola denied the speculations, admitting that she feels hurt whenever critics would accuse her of being the third-party in the high-profile split.

“It hurts kapag sinasabi nila na, for a lack of better term, ‘ahas’ ka. Labas ako sa kanila and what happened between the two of them. ‘Yung amin, I think dapat labas na rin siya doon,” she said. “Malinis ang puso ko. I would never ever destroy a relationship.”

Manzano also dismissed the speculations, and Locsin refused to elaborate on the issue.

Duterte wants FVR to be PH's special envoy to China



Fidel V. Ramos

Will former President Fidel V. Ramos accept the position?

It's a complicated situation.

At the San Beda College testimonial dinner held at Club Filipino in San Juan City on Thu, Jul 14, President Rodrigo Duterte said he wants former President Fidel V. Ramos as the Philippines' special envoy to China following an international tribunal's ruling on the disputed West Philippine Sea.

Duterte said, “I would like to respectfully ask (former President Fidel Ramos) to go to China and start the talks.”

Duterte explained that the Philippines can't go to war against China. He stated, “War? It is not an option. So what is the other side? Peaceful talks. I cannot give you the wherewithals now, I have to consult many people, including (former) President Ramos.”

He added, “We gain nothing, but we also do not want to offend the United States. Why? Because we have identified ourselves allied with the Western powers. So there's an interest that we also should not forget, our interests and the interest of our allies,” Duterte added.

“Duterte went on to say that it is important to be ‘careful’ in dealing with China so as not to create bigger problems not only for the Philippines, but for other countries as well,” reports ABS-CBN News.

Duterte likewise pointed out: “You know, there are a lot of complications there. Because now that the tribunal has ruled, ‘yung arbitral decision says that, and if China would insist on a space domain, that you have to identify yourself before you can cross that vast sea there. America will not like it.”

Leonor Abad - Poizner celebrated her 2016 birthday at their home in North York on June 19, 2016 with family, friends, and colleagues.



Del Rosario: Filipino ‘Moses’ in the world’s danger zones

Albert del Rosario, 76, formally steps down as the Philippines’ top diplomat after helping save thousands of OFWs and even bringing China to court



ICON OF DIPLOMACY. Albert del Rosario, 76, formally steps down as the Philippines’ foreign affairs chief on March 7, 2016, after 5 years in service. File photo by Ted Aljibe/AFP

MANILA, Philip-pines – Only 36 hours after taking his oath as the Philippines’ top diplomat in February 2011, then Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario flew to Tripoli, Libya, to help bring 400 Filipinos out of this danger zone.

Elmer Cato, charge d’affaires of the Philippine embassy in Iraq, said Del Rosario wanted “to lead the extraction of Filipinos from a country that was fast spiraling out of control.”

He compared the 76-year-old Del Rosario to Moses, the old biblical figure who led Israel in its exodus from oppressive Egypt.

“He would again be Moses in the years that followed, leading our people home from one hotspot to another,” Cato said in a public Facebook post on March 6.

Cato paid tribute to Del Rosario who, on Monday, March 7, formally stepped down as the Philippines’ 24th secretary of foreign affairs.

Del Rosario resigned from his post due to health reasons. His body had been frail for the past few years, but this didn’t stop him from personally helping repatriate 24,000 Filipinos from strife-torn countries.

“The Secretary knew he would be placing

himself in the line of fire whenever he headed out for a rescue mission abroad. But there was never any hesitation on his part,” Cato wrote.

“No one could stop him, not even the President, from doing what he thought would be best for our people,” he said.

Cato added: “It was these acts of courage that moved a number of us in the career foreign service corps to volunteer to serve in hardship posts in the Middle East and Africa. We asked ourselves: If no less than the Secretary would risk his own life to serve our people, what should prevent us from doing the same?”

More recently, Del Rosario is remembered for helping delay the execution of Mary Jane Veloso, a Filipina drug trafficking convict who was set to be killed by firing squad in Indonesia in April 2015.

While working to secure a reprieve for her, Del Rosario even secretly visited Veloso to check her condition in her detention cell, former Rappler Jakarta bureau chief Jet Damazo-Santos wrote in May 2015.

On top of his work for OFWs, Del Rosario is also known as the diplomat under whose watch the Philippines filed a historic case against China over the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

Once, according to Reuters, he even departed “from the usual diplomatic niceties” after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi reeled off “a list of complaints against Manila for stirring tensions over the South China Sea.”

“Del Rosario was not scheduled to speak,



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but after hearing Wang’s speech at Sunday’s closed-door meeting in the kingdom of Brunei, he raised his hand and proceeded to rebut China’s allegations one by one, according to Philippine diplomats. The Singapore foreign minister called it ‘testy exchanges,’” Reuters reported in July 2013.

Giving away his salary

While not dealing with diplomats, Del Rosario is also known for other acts of kindness in his own department.

For one, Del Rosario has reportedly waived his government salary for the past 5 years.

In 2015, he divided his whole year’s salary among the 1,620 members of the DFA’s staff, “from the undersecretaries down to the rank-and-file employees,” GMA News Online reported. Each of them got an extra P500 for Christmas.

“He’s the only secretary I know who has done such gesture,” Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis said.

Cato on Sunday said he “wanted to fly to Manila to personally say goodbye” to Del Rosario, but he “was not able to.”

He would have wanted Del Rosario to hear stories of OFWs who profusely thank the Philippine embassy in Iraq.

Cato said: “The more than 2,000 Filipinos working in Baghdad, Basra, Kurdistan, and other parts of Iraq may not be aware of it, but the primary reason the Philippine Embassy (PE) remains open is because of the Secretary and his firm commitment to serve our people. It was he who declared that no matter how dangerous the situation is, Baghdad PE shall remain open as long as there are Filipinos here.”

“Our kababayans in Iraq should not be thanking us. They should be thanking Albert del Rosario.”

EXCLUSIVE: Arroyo has no vendetta on enemies

MANILA - Three days after being freed from detention, former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo shared Sunday that she will start the next chapter of her life without any rancor on her enemies.

Speaking with ABS-CBN News for her first public appearance and interview, Arroyo said, “I don’t wish what happened to me on my worst enemies.”

The 69-year-old Arroyo, who is currently Pampanga representative, added that any resentment she has is not personal, but is directed at the country’s flawed justice system.

“You know, as I said earlier, I’m a devout Catholic, so any rancor I feel is not first hand. The rancor that I feel is precisely what I was saying earlier: the justice system, political persecution using the justice system that must stop,” she said during the exclusive interview in her La Vista home in Quezon City.

Arroyo insisted that the use of criminal justice system for political persecution must end with her. “Let me be the last victim of persecution during the justice system,” she said.

“A lot of injustice -- to begin with the detention itself -- was unjust... What I learned from that is this whole thing of political power to persecute political enemies, that must stop,” she added.

In 2015, Arroyo’s camp filed a case with a United Nations panel to complain of the alleged human rights abuses she suffered under the administration of President Benigno Aquino III, who pursued the filing of cases against her.

Arroyo said she hopes that the govern-

ment will establish a fair process for holding government officials accountable of alleged wrongdoing.

“I must be the last victim, let me be the last victim. I’m not saying that political figures should be immune from prosecution. What I’m saying is that the process should be fair an even handed,” she said.

Arroyo’s ordeal also affected her relationship with her friends, as well as the people around her. Some of those who were with her during better days were nowhere to be found during her low times.

“Oh, (I’ve) been there, (I’ve) been there. I was not surprised because remember, my father was president of the Philippines, and then (Ferdinand) Marcos came in, so especially when martial law was declared, we saw that exodus of friends. And then they came around when I became senator, and then especially they came around when I became president,” she said.

“But you know, it happened to my father, I was not surprised that it would happen to me, especially because of the persecution. Not only was I persecuted, my allies were persecuted. People identified with me were persecuted,” Arroyo added.

Arroyo was lapped by the Ombudsman in July 2012 with a P366-million plunder case in connection with the alleged misuse of funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

She was detained at the Veterans’ Memorial Medical Center in the same year up until the Supreme Court (SC) junked the charges against her last Tuesday.

On the order of the high court, she walked free from VMMC and proceeded to her Quezon City home.



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Sarah Geronimo talks about the unhealthiest time in her life + other stories

At 27, Sarah Geronimo can well be considered one of the showbiz’s favorite “It” girls with her face plastered on billboards all over the country. But she admits there was a time in her life when she did not feel her healthiest. “Siguro nung nagsisimula ako. Nung mga 14-15 years old ako kasi nagsabay-sabay yung



trabaho ko nun. Mga taping, pelikula, ASAP, live shows, concerts. Sabay sabay yun lahat pati recording. Na-damage ko din yung boses ko nun tapos payat din ako nun,” she told Push.com.ph.

Now, as an endorser for Myra E, Sarah said she can see why it is important to make your health a priority. “Noon hindi ko na maalala pero hindi kami masyado ma-vitamins nun eh. Pero ito talaga nung nagtrabaho na ako as an actress, as a concert performer, inaalagaan na talaga ako sa vitamins at sa pagkain. Nung nag-schedule na ng one at a time na lang, definitely (nag-improve). Kasi dati sabay sabay. Hindi rin nagiging maganda yung trabaho, nag-su-suffer yung isa, hindi naaalagaan,” she said.

Sarah admitted that despite her picture perfect image, she also had problems with her weight. “Siguro nung tumaba ako ng husto nung 2011 or nung teenager na din ako. Medyo nag-gain na rin ako sa kaka-tour namin sa States noon tapos mag-te-taping din ako tapos may puyatan sa taping. Talagang outlet ko yung pagkain sa taping panlaban sa puyat. Kasi na-e-enjoy ko pang kumain nun eh so hindi pa ako conscious sa katawan ko nun. Pero nakikita ko na sa TV na, ‘Wow, ang laki ko ah!’ Tapos nag-ko-concert din ako,” she revealed.

The talented performer said she noticed the negative effect on her body. “Nung 2011 lumaki talaga ako. Tapos nag-pe-perform ako nun so nag-lu-loose na yung skin tapos nagsasayaw tayo diyan hingal na hingal so ayun, dun ko nasabi sa sarili ko na importanteng mag-workout talaga. Dahil bonus lang yung (mag-workout) para okay yung physical appearance mo and you look good. Ang pinaka-importante yung stamina mo, yung endurance mo as a performer,” she added.

Nowadays, Sarah tries to live a more holistic life by taking more time out to relax and take work in moderation. “Importante na inaalagaan natin yung sarili natin from the inside. Siyempre iba din yung mindset natin pag nakikita natin yang total appearance natin na healthy at meron tayong healthy, glowing skin. Iba young nabibigay na self-confidence in how we carry ourselves. Mas nagkakaroon ng confidence to face people, to present yourself well and of course the way we eat naman, ako as much as possible tina-try ko kumain ng mga tamang pagkain. Pero mahirap naman din young mapili masyado dahil importante din naman na ma-enjoy mo yung mga gusto mong kainin but in moderation lahat. Huwag naman sobra, Ako I work out as often as I can,” she explained.

Anne Curtis trains with Scout

Rangers

by Rowena Tan

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Actress Anne Curtis joined the Scout Rangers in their activities over the weekend as part of her preparation for “Buy Bust,” her first action film.

According to the Philippine Army’s official site, the Scout Rangers, popularly known as “Musangs,” is among the country’s elite military units.

“Hindi po biro ang ginagawa ng ating Scout Rangers. Napakahirap. Saludo po ako sa inyong lahat. Stamina and Skill. Stalk like a Panther,” she wrote.

Anne also posted a 15-second video of her run with the Scout Rangers, extending gratitude to the people she met in training. She urged “Buy Bust” co-star Brandon Vera to join the next session.

“Running whilst carrying an extra 12 kgs. on your body is so painful but they keep the morale high with the running cadence. Masarap na masakit. Sobrang sakit. Salamat po ulit sa lahat ng babae at lalaki na kasabay ko sa training kanina,” she said.

Anne previously expressed desire to do her own stunts for the film. She has been doubling her efforts to prepare for it.

“Buy Bust” will be directed by Erik Matti. No other details about the movie have been revealed as of this writing.

Zsa Zsa Padilla to go on hiatus to heal her ‘heart, body, and soul’

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Zsa Zsa Padilla

Zsa Zsa Padilla is taking a break to clear her mind. PHOTO: ABS-CBN

Taking a page from Kris Aquino’s book?

Zsa Zsa Padilla announced in an Instagram post on Thu, Jul 14, that she will go on a “short hiatus” to clear her mind.

READ: Life goes on for Zsa Zsa Padilla after breakup

The singer-actress added she hopes this will help her heal her heart, body, and soul.

“I will be on a short hiatus to clear my mind with the hope that it helps heal my heart, body and soul,” Zsa Zsa said.

She further told her almost 500,000 Instagram followers: “I wish you peace. I wish you love. I wish you all things true, good and beautiful.”

Zsa Zsa, 52, broke up with architect Conrad Onglao last May.

In an interview last June, Zsa Zsa told reporters she feels calmer and more peaceful following the split.



Julie San Jose on her fans: ‘It doesn’t matter kung gaano sila karami o ka-konti’

Julie Anne San Jose released her new album “Chasing the Light” last Sunday in SM Fair-view. She revealed that she did not expect the turnout and was overwhelmed with how warmly the audience received her new songs.

Video from Japs Angels You-Tube channel

“Nagulat ako sa tao. So-brang init ng pagtanggap nila sa ‘kin and I’m really grateful na nagpunta sila dun sa launch [kung saan] nirelease ‘yung bagong album tapos they got to listen to some of the tracks,” she said.

She revealed that as an artist, she values how her fans respond to her work and she thrives on their energy and support.

“Ang sarap lang sa feeling na makita yung mga tao na parang nandyan sila for you, nag-che-cheer for you. I’m the type of person kasi na parang kumukuha ng lakas from other people. Kapag masaya sila, masaya na rin ako. So I think, ‘yun talaga yung pinaka-importante,” she added.

For Julie Anne, quality is more important than quantity. The number of her supporters is irrelevant to her as she focuses on the depth of her relationship with them.

“It doesn’t matter kung ganno sila karami or gaano sila ka-konti. Importante nandun sila, and you know, [sila] ‘yung mga totoong tao na nakita mo sa harapan mo [na] talagang sumusuporta sa ‘yo,” she concluded.

Tereza Mendoza celebrated her 2016 birthday at Rembrandt Banquet Hall on June 25, 2016; relatives, friends, and colleagues attended this joyous occasion.



Angel Locsin, close pa rin kay Edu

MABUTI naman at kahit hiwalay na sina Angel Locsin at Luis Manzano ay nananatiling close si Angel sa biological father ni Luis na si Edu Manzano. Noong mag-on pa sina Luis at Angel ay naipakilala ito ng binata sa kanyang ama kaya naging close ang mga ito.



Maganda ang ganoon na kahit hiwalay na sina Angel at Luis walang nagsunog ng tulay. Patuloy pa rin ang pakikitungo ni Angel sa tatay ni Luis. Unang-una, wala namang kinalaman si Edu sa hiwalayan ng dalawa. Desisyon naman nina Luis at Angel na maghiwalay. Kahit ayaw ni Edu eh wala itong magagawa dahil ‘yung may katawan na ang kumalas sa isa’t isa.

Spotlight



Buendia and Pasong Tami, 1960's

Support Needed: Marikina Shoe Industry Vows to Rise Again and Fight Chinese Fake Products

Shoemakers in Marikina are doing their best to revive the once biggest Philippine Shoe Industry that was largely affected by the arrival of low-

quality plastic shoes from China. Marikinos shared how serious and dedicated they are in regaining Marikina’s mark in global show industry, as reported in ANC’s The World Tonight. There were around 3,000 shoe manufacturers enjoying profits in Marikina two decades ago. Year later when China started to distribute plastic, low-quality and cheaper footwear, the number of shoemakers cut down to as low as 300 – a very big blow not only to Marikinos, but also to the whole Philippine shoe industry. Marikina shoemakers said they are now using

the latest technology similar to that used by neighboring countries like Vietnam, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Shoes manufactured in Marikina are not low-end like Chinese shoes according to Gibson, one of the pioneers in Marikina shoe industry, and the supplier of Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Philippine National Police. Marikina was the largest shoe manufacturer in the Philippines decades ago, and the pioneers are urging Filipinos to help support our own industry and reject Chinese products. Filipinos here and abroad can buy Marikina

shoes online by visiting Marikina Shoes Shop Online. Popular Marikina shoe brands include Bristol, Gibson, Valentino, Chancellor, Rusty Lopez, Bandolino, Alex, and many more. Marikina Sho Exchange (MSE) also offers a lot of choices from children, men, and women. “Supporting Marikina Shoes means not only wearing high-quality products, but also helping our local economy to grow and revive”, Marikina Shoemaker Julio said.



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New ‘nerve-racking’
role for Rhian



After doing “The Rich Man’s Daughter” and “Dangwa,” Rhian Ramos is set to play Clara on the TV adaptation of Maryo J. Delos Reyes’ 1992 hit film, “Sinungaling Mong Pusong.”

She stars alongside Rafael Rosell, who plays her husband Roman; and Kiko Estrada as Jason, a guy 10 years her junior.

“Isa siyang babae na really trying to find what is best for her in terms of love life and more, kung anong magiging buhay niya,” she said of Clara.

The movie starred Vilma Santos, Gabby Concepcion, and Aga Muhlach. Rhian feels honored to play the role first brought to life by the Star for All Seasons.

“Vilma is one of the queens of dramas in Philippine showbiz,” Rhian gushed. “To have something in common with her is already a

compliment for me.”

Asked if she has experienced being torn between two guys like her character on the soap, the young actress said, “In the past, parang nag-overlap ‘yung isa tsaka ‘yung next. Nag-overlap sila kaya we broke up. Then that next guy became my boyfriend like few months later.”

Rhian considers “Sinungaling Mong Pusong” quite “nerve-racking and challenging.” “Na-intimidate ako at first doon sa lalim ng project at kung sino ‘yung original na nagplay,” she said. “Pero later on, parang I just didn’t wanna pressure myself na I’m trying to do better or fill someone’s shoes. Gumagawa lang tayo ng sarili nating version. Same mechanics, pero iba siya.”

Rhian added: “This is something new to me. Come to think of it, I don’t think I’ll ever get used to showbiz. I always feel so new (here). I always feel like I’m fresh out of high school and I just got here yesterday.”

Finally said yes

After seven years of wooing her, Rhian has agreed to grace the cover of a certain men’s magazine. The photo shoot was held in France.

Having done shoots mostly for fashion’s magazines, Rhian revealed her thoughts on why she declined previous offers.

“Ako, I felt like I don’t want to be bathroom material. Parang, I mean, I’m just saying I don’t wanna present myself that way,” she said.

The magazine’s “rebranding” made her say yes. While a men’s magazine, Rhian likes it that it also features other stories for technology and entertainment.

“It took a rebrand – and mas malupit na din sila manligaw ngayon,” she said, laughing. “Well, actually, kahit din naman dati. It was almost very hard to say no. Kung ano ang mabibigay nila sa iyo, they will but I had to stay true to myself.

“Now, all their content, I feel you can learn a lot from. It caters to more of the guys I wanna get to know or meet, rather than a guy I wouldn’t introduce myself to.”

The photo shoot was held two days before her friend Solenn Heussaff’s wedding and, of course, “Ipinaalam ko kay Solenn first and foremost.”

Rhian wanted her shoot to look “very luxe.” She wore a fur and lace lingerie for the magazine cover.

“Nasunod ‘yung concept and it looked very nice. We did it with absolutely no lights. That’s just natural Europe skylight na nakakalambot,” she said. “It turned out better

than what I wanted.”

ERIC: JUST ENJOY LIFE

ERIC Quizon says that after “Pasion de Amor” which ran for several months, he opted to stop directing for a while. “Napa-god talaga ako doon,” he says. “So I said I will work muna as an actor. So dumating nga itong bagong movie, ‘That Thing Called Tanga Na’, where I’m the one who says the title. After this, may gagawin akong bagong teleserye naman but I can’t reveal the details yet.”

He’s glad to be back with Regal Entertainment in “That Thing Called Tanga Na”. “Dito naman talaga ako nag-start as a Regal baby. Dito rin ako unang nanalo ng maraming awards for my movie with Vilma Santos, ‘Pahiram ng Isang Umaga’. Dito ko rin ginawa yung movie with Kris Aquino where I played a gay role, ‘So Happy Together’, kaya happy talaga ako to do another movie for Mother Lily and also reunited with my ‘So Happy Together’ director na si Joel Lamangan.”

In “That Thing Called Tanga Na”, he plays the oldest member of their gay barkada. “Lawyer ako and also a businessman, pero mahilig sa showbiz. Ako rin ang pinakamayaman sa amin. Si Albie Casino ang papa ko rito at Papa Chu ang tawag niya sa akin. Then nalaman ko na lang, inaaswang pala siya ng isang chakang talent manager, played by Jerald Napoles. O, di ba may mga ganyang kuwentong nangyayari talaga sa showbiz?”

Did he enjoy his gay role? “Oo naman. When Direk Joel told me he needed me for this movie and he wants me to do the role Papa Chu, I know I can’t say no at na-feel ko how much he trusts me so dapat galingan ko ang interpretation ko sa role na gusto niyang gawin ko. I’ve always had a good relationship with Direk Joel so I really trust him also. Maganda ang film as it shows the joys and pains that gays go through in their relationships. Let’s face it, gay people are some of the most creative citizens in the industry at mapipilay ang showbiz kung wala sila. At basically, mababait ang mga beki. Very compassionate. At lahat yan, mapapanood sa movie sa friendship namin ng mga kasama kong beki rito na sina Billy Crawford, Kean Cipriano and Martin Escudero. I enjoyed working with them at masaya kami lagi sa set.”

How did he feel when Zsa Zsa Padilla suddenly broke up her engagement to Conrad Onglao? “Siyempre, sobrang nagulat ako kasi I was already invited to their wedding. But I’m happy that she’s okay now. I told her to just follow her heart. Kung ano ang feel niyang tamang gawin, gawin niya. Huwag niyang pilitin if she’d feel na hindi dapat. We’re not getting any younger so just enjoy life.”

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DILG chief tests 911
hotline, operator tells
him to dial another
number

MANILA - It’s amazing how Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Ismael Sueño kept his cool. On Thu, Jul 21, Sueño conducted a test call of the new 911 emergency hotline. It may be recalled that the current administration has said it would like the hotline number up and running by this month. With reporters observing him at the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) office in Quezon City, Sueño placed a call through the hotline and asked for police assistance. The call was featured on GMA’s State of the Nation, a program hosted by Jessica Soho.

A male operator connected Sueño to the police station located on the corner of Baler Street and West Avenue in Quezon City. However, the female operator at the said station ended up asking Sueño to call another number.

This was the female operator’s response: “Hello, sir, tawag na lang kayo sa number na ibibigay ko.”

(“Hello, sir, just call this other number that I’ll give you.”)

The male operator intervened and tried to get the female police station operator to come up with a better response. But his efforts were in vain.

Ideally, the response time to the emergency call should be three to five minutes. However, police got to the NTC office in 10 minutes. Fire officers were able to respond within 20 minutes.

Despite the setbacks, Sueño kept his cool and later admitted to reporters, “Tiningnan ko kanina parang pinapasapasa pa tayo, so we will educate them.”

(“It seems they’re still passing us around, so we will educate them.”)



DEBUT IN THE CITY



Jella Santos, the daughter of Ramon and Nimfa Santos, celebrated her Debut at the Macedonian Hall on May 21, 2016. Relatives, friends, and classmates came from all over Ontario; it was a night of dancing, singing, and talent performances.

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hall. “I’ve also been colliding with the church because it’s no longer realistic.”

It was not clear if Duterte would replicate the reward system nationwide.

Duterte praised former President Fidel Ramos, who backed his presidential candidacy, for courageously promoting contraceptives as the country’s first Protestant leader starting in 1992.

Duterte’s predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, also figured in a high-profile spat with the Catholic church for signing a 2012 reproductive health law that allowed the government to finance the acquisition and distribution of contraceptives after overcoming a legal challenge by opponents.

Many politicians have tried to avoid colliding with influential Catholic

bishops in the Philippines in the past by taking a vague position or not aggressively advocating contraceptives use.

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Catholic leaders considered the law an attack on the church’s core values. Aquino’s government said it helped the poor manage their number of children in a country that has one of Asia’s fastest-growing populations.

Duterte has had an adversarial relation with the church. During the campaign, Duterte had a tiff with Catholic bishops after cursing Pope Francis due to a monstrous traffic jam during the papal visit in January last year.

Last May, Duterte blasted the local Catholic church as “the most hypocritical institution” and accused some of its bishops of asking for favours from politicians.

Megan, magho-host ng Mr. World

During the 2013 Miss World coronation na ang nagwagi ay si Megan Young, sina-bi niya na gagawin niya ang lahat para maging Best Miss World ever. Mukhang nagkakatotoo ito dahil hanggang ngayon, hindi pa rin siya pinakakawalan ng Miss World Organization.

Nakailang renew na siya ng kanyang kontrata at sa kasalukuyan, lilipad na naman si Megan ng London (na roon nakabase ang international headquarter ng Miss World) para sa nalalapit na Mr. World na posibleng si Megan ang maging host.

“Cusipag was motivated by malice,” said Honourable Sidney Lederman, Judge of the Superior Court of Justice

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the truth of the \$6,000 fraud allegation or the PCCF donation/tax credit allegation. In fact, Cusipag (PHOTO) admitted on discovery that it is not true that Senator Enverga committed a fraud in relation to fund raising activities and that the PCCF allegations are false.”

“... an award of punitive damages is necessary in this case. The defendants, and in particular Cusipag, has done virtually everything she could to destroy and discredit Senator Enverga in an unrelenting manner ... They engaged in absolutely no investigation whatsoever as to the truth of what they were publishing. They were recklessly indifferent to the truth of the Article ... At no time has there been any retraction or apology given. Cusipag vows to continue to make defamatory statements against the plaintiff [Senator Enverga] and has shown no interest in stopping her efforts or refraining from misconduct. In 2010, after Senator Enverga was elected as a Catholic

school board trustee, he arrived late to a press event held by Cusipag [Senator Enverga went to a wake for a good friend]. She published a warning to Senator Enverga. ‘First off is to respect the press who can wield its power to make or break you.’ In the article and on her Facebook page, she is fulfilling the threat that she made against the plaintiff in 2010 that she would destroy him,” the judge continued.

The judgement is clear on the motivation of the Balita publisher, stating that: “Cusipag was motivated by malice. She obviously holds a deep seated resentment towards Senator Enverga. She used his comments to the Philippine press as a springboard to vent her unfounded allegations in the published Article and her Facebook to intentionally besmirch Senator Enverga’s reputation in the Filipino-Canadian community.” After receiving the decision, Senator Enverga’s counsel, Howard W. Winkler, told the Senator: “The decision is a complete vindication of your reputation. The decision is a complete indictment of Ms. Cusipag.”

“I am relieved by the court’s decision on this matter,” said Senator Enverga in a statement. “This is a victory for the community,” Senator Enverga ended.

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Ano ang isinulat ni Alden Richards para sa ka-love team niya sa kaniyang libro na ‘Alden: In My Own Words?’



Matapos ang highly successful movie ng MaiDen na Imagine You & Me, may bagong aabangan ang AiDub Nation sa Kapuso actor na si Alden Richards.

Kamakailan lang ni-launch ng Pambansang Bae ang kaniyang book na may title na Alden: In My Own Words.

Sa panayam ni GMA showbiz reporter Aubrey Carampel sa 24 Oras ngayong Huwebes ng gabi, July 21, ni-reveal din ni Alden ang ilang detalye patungkol sa kaniyang libro.

Aniya, “Nandun po ‘yung bits and pieces po ng mga detalye ng buhay ko. Mayroong special page po dun for MaiDen.”

Nagkuwento rin si Alden na bukod sa mga shows niya sa Singapore (July 24) at London (October 2), posible din daw siyang makasama ng mga Kapuso loyalista natin sa Amerika.

Saad ng Kapuso actor, “Baka mayroon pa pong mga states sa US na pupuntahan bago po ako magpunta ng London. Yes po mga Kapuso, stay tuned lang po at lagi pong manood ng GMA Pinoy TV.”

WEDDING

The wedding of Jeff and Jessica Mallari was held at Marylake Church on May 23, 2016. Close friends, and relatives attended the event.



‘Descendants of the Sun’ replaces ‘Once Again’ + other stories

Instead of a local soap, GMA7 is replacing “Once Again” of Janine Gutierrez with a hit Korean novela, “Descendants of the Sun”, starting tomorrow, July 25. This will be shown in between “Encantadia” and “Juan Happy Love Story” and has Korean stars Song Joong Ki as Shi Jin, a soldier with the Special Forces group, and Song Hye Kyo as Dr. Kang Mo Yeon, a heart surgeon, the leading characters. The show is a hit in 27 countries (especially China) and has been translated into 32 languages. The main protagonists meet in the hospital where Dr. Kang works and they start dating. But they soon realize that they are so different from each other because the mission of Shi Jin as a soldier is to kill while that of Dr. Kang is to save lives. So they say goodbye to each other without knowing that fate has something else in store for both of them when they meet again while they’re on a safekeeping mission in the fictional country called Uruk.

For the Tagalog version, Shi Jin is renamed Lucas Yoo while Dr. Kang is renamed Dr. Maxine. Don’t miss this beautiful Korean production that is bound to be as successful as past hits like “Jewel in the Palace” and “Jumong”.

Also, don’t miss the mall show of the cast of GMA’s hit afternoon drama, “Sa Piling Ni Nanay”, this afternoon at 5 p.m. at SM City San Jose Del Monte in Bulacan. Cast members who will entertain the audience include Yasmien Kurdi who plays Isabel, Mark Herras as Jonas and Antonio Aquitania as Rod.



Duterte wants singer Freddie Aguilar to head NCCA

Following the appointments of Jimmy Bondoc and RJ Jacinto, Freddie Aguilar could be the third musician in the government under the Duterte presidency. The veteran singer and songwriter has confirmed that the President’s camp has asked him to head the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts (NCAA), ABS-CBN News reports. Duterte’s executive assistant Christopher “Bong” Go, offered Aguilar the position after he requested the President to create a separate department of culture and the arts. “Tinawagan ako ni Bong Go at sabi sa akin, ‘Sir Freddie, hangga’t wala pa po iyong department of culture and the arts na hinihingi po ninyo sa presidente ay puwede po bang kayo po muna ang mamahala sa NCCA?” Aguilar said. (“Bong Go called me and said ‘Sir Freddie, since we haven’t created the department of culture and the arts yet, could you head the NCCA?’”)

Aguilar accepted the offer, but an official announcement has yet to be made. “Napakalaking departamento pala noon, pero wala tayong nababalitanaang major na ginawa nila para sa kultura at sining natin.” Aguilar said about the official arts council of the Philippines. “Mula noong panahon ni Marcos, hanggang ngayon” (“It’s such a huge department, but we haven’t heard of a major project that made an impact on our culture, from the time of Marcos until the present”) Aguilar explained that he wants to see a “cultural revolution” in the country. He aims to revive the kind of Filipino art that isn’t tainted by foreign influences. The “Anak” hitmaker is one of Duterte’s favorite local singers. He praised how Aguilar expresses his love for the country through his songs. “That guy is a nationalist,” Duterte said in an earlier press conference. “His love of country shows in the way he uses his songs, which are always about corruption and what ails this country: the social

injustice.” The current NCCA chairperson is Felipe de Leon Jr.

Enrique Gil sheds off his kilig image in new movie.

Mapangahas ang pelikulang ‘Dukot’ hindi lang para sa image ng young actor kundi maging sa kanyang career. Kaya marami ang nag-aabang sa magiging epekto sa kanya nito. Seryoso ang pelikulang ito ni Direk Paul Soriano who is known for socially-relevant movies. The movie surely made Enrique a fine actor. Pero sabi ng marami, malayo na maging box-office star dahil dito, lalo pa’t kasabay ito ng debut film nina Alden Richards at Maine Mendoza na ‘Imagine You and Me’. Nagtataka nga kami kung bakit pumayag ang kanyang home network na isabay ang kanyang pelikula sa AIDub movie, na hindi man socially-relevant movie, malaki naman ang pag-asang mag-hit sa takilya. Hindi ito kompetisyon ng dalawang love team dahil wala naman si Liza Soberano sa pelikula, but admit it or not, Enrique’s box-office appeal is at stake here. Tama bang ipantapat ang pelikula ni Enrique laban sa AIDub?

SEQUEL NG ENCANTADIA, MAHIGITAN KAYA ANG UNA?

UMEERE na ang Encantadia simula pa noong July 18. Mukhang nakinig ang Kapuso management sa mga netizen hinggil sa ailing nito. Mukha raw kasing nabantilawan na ito sa tagal ng plugging nito. At mukhang marami talaga ang nag-aabang dito, sumubaybay man o hindi sa unang version nito. Tiyak na ikukumpara ito sa original. Kaya malaking hamon ito sa cast and crew nito ngayon. Sa original version na ipinalabas noong 2005, hindi maikakaila na nakatulong ito sa career nina Iza Calzado (Amihan), Sunshine Dizon (Pirena), Karylle (Alea) at Diana Zubiri (Danaya). Ngayon, pagbibidahan naman nina Kylie Padilla (Amihan), Glaiza de Castro (Pirena), Gabbi Garcia (Alea) at Sanya Lopez (Danaya) ang requel ng nasabing fantaserye. Marami ang nagtaas ng kilay sa pagkakapili sa kanilang apat bilang Sang’gre. Ayon sa ilang kritiko, may built-in following na ang mga karakter na kanilang gagampanan. Kaya umaasa ang management na magiging mataas ang rating nito. Mahihigitan kaya ang tagumpay ng original Encantadia ng requel nito?



Judy Ann Santos is proudly presented by Sun Life Financial as its new endorser for its program, Money for Life, along with Piolo Pascual.

Judy Ann clarifies: ‘Di kami magkaaway ni Piolo

There are two other endorsers, Charo Santos Concio and Matteo Guidicelli, but they were not present at the presscon held at ABS-CBN. Instead, video presentations with them plugging Sun Life were shown. Juday says she has always been a Sun Life client. “For the longest time, I’m with Sun Life na, since my child star days pa in ‘Mara Clara,’” she adds. “Kasi I’m not confident na aabot ako ng ganito katagal sa showbiz so for my own peace of mind, kumuha ako ng Sun Life insurance to be more secure about my finances and like what it says, let your money work for you. And now that I am a mother, I want my kids to have a good education and a bright future, so I also want Sun Life to be the right financial partner by my side. Money for Life is a new approach in financial planning and you can avail of it from Sun Life of Canada, Sun Life Asset Management Company and Sun Life Grepa Financial.” How does it feel to be reunited with former ka-loveteam Piolo Pascual as Sun Life Financial endorsers? “We’ve been working together for the longest time din and it’s nice kasi, ito, hindi pelikula kundi we’re working for a cause, with the aim to make Filipino lives get better.”

So, how are they now? Would she be willing to work with him again in a new movie? “In due time, given the proper project and the right story, and after I’m back in the right shape para naman hindi ako magmukhang mascot niya. As of now, there’s nothing concrete yet. If it would happen, then it would happen. And I just want to make it clear na okay kami ni Piolo ha. Hindi kami magkagalit. Hindi kami ‘yung tipong nagtatawagan at hindi lang nakikita ng mga tao na nag-uusap kami, but kapag nagkikita naman kami, nagbabatian kami, like when we saw each other sa ASAP.” She has a comeback movie after giving birth to daughter, Luna. This is the Cinemalaya Filmfest entry “Kusina” which will be shown next month. This early, there are talks that she and Nora Aunor, who also has an entry, are the top rivals when it comes to the plum best actress award. What can she say about this? “Naku, hindi ko naman ginawa ang movie to compete with anyone. ‘Yung ma-nominate lang ako with Ms. Nora Aunor, it’s already a big honor for me. Basta very proud ako sa movie namin and I play a good role as a wife and mother who devoted all her life sa ‘Kusina’, serving selflessly and cooking for the people she loved.”

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“Kahit Konting Pagtingin” with Sam Milby and Paulo Avelino. Angeline also appeared in movies like Born to Love You, Four Sisters and a Wedding, Beauty in a Bottle and That Thing called Tadhana. She is currently a co-host and performer on ASAP. Erik Santos and Angeline Quinto, rumored to be in a romantic relationship, have done several shows together and have captured the hearts of the Filipinos. Most recently, they have performed at the Mall of Asia Arena for a concert called “ROYALS” together with Martin Nievera and Regine Velasques. Catch these two vocal powerhouses and be mesmerized with their soulful and angelic voices. Erik and Angeline will showcase their versatility in different music genres on October 7, 2016 at Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Tickets are available at Max’s Restaurant, Kabalen, Remelys Marcy Mart & JDL Performing Arts. For inquiries, please call RV Productions at (416) 903-8020 or email us at: rvproductionstoronto@gmail.com BY: Rey Velasco

Solenn to give birth in 2 years

In two years, type ni Solenn Heussaff na magkaanak. By then daw, she would be 33 years old. Which is okay din daw naman sa kanyang Argentinian husband na si Nico Bolzico. The two of them are currently busy. Solenn with his showbiz career and Nico with his business. Nakatakdang umalis ang mag-asawa for Europe for the wedding of Isabelle Daza to her French fiancé Adrien Semblatt. Malamang na sumabay sa kanila ang kanilang celebrity friends kabilang na si Anne Curtis whose boyfriend Erwann Heussaff is a younger and only brother ni Solenn.



Since nga kamamatay lang ng father ni Isabelle, the late restaurateur Bong Daza, malamang na ang mom na lang ni Isabelle na si Gloria Diaz, former Miss Universe (1969), ang maghatid sa kanya sa altar sa araw ng kasal nila ni Adrien. Ang alam namin, may younger sister si Isabelle named Ava. Si Ava kaya ang tatayong maid of honor niya?



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HALO-HALO SA QUEEN'S PARK

1. Chiara Silo performs. 2. PC leader Patrick Brown poses with Miss Philippines Canada Krista Bella and Miss Teen Philippines Canada Chiara Silo. 3. PC Leader Patrick Brown thanks Senator Tobias Enverga for his continued support. 4. PCCF's Rosemer Enverga poses with the beauty queens. 5. Catholic Board Trustee Gary Tanauan, Senator Enverga and Miss Teen Philippines Canada Chiara Silo pose for a picture. 6. The whole PCCF beauty entourage and parents pose. 7. Runner-up Jona Bernal and Miss Philippines Canada Krista Bella pose with guests.

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