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MANILA - Former President and now Deputy Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has filed a bill that will integrate all government-

initiated IDs into a single identification system.

Under House Bill No. 696, Arroyo said all Filipino citizens

will be issued a Filipino ID Card that

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UP PROF BLAST MARCOS EXHUMATION CALL:

Respect the dead

MANILA - University of the Philippines (UP) Political Science Professor Clarita Carlos is dismayed by calls to exhume former President Ferdinand Marcos' body from the heroes' cemetery, noting that a wrong cannot be corrected by another wrong.

"Don't we have any more respect for dead people? It's so sad really," she said on "Mornings@ANC" on Monday.

"If you're going to put all the blame on one person when there were, in fact, you have a whole

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Camilineos

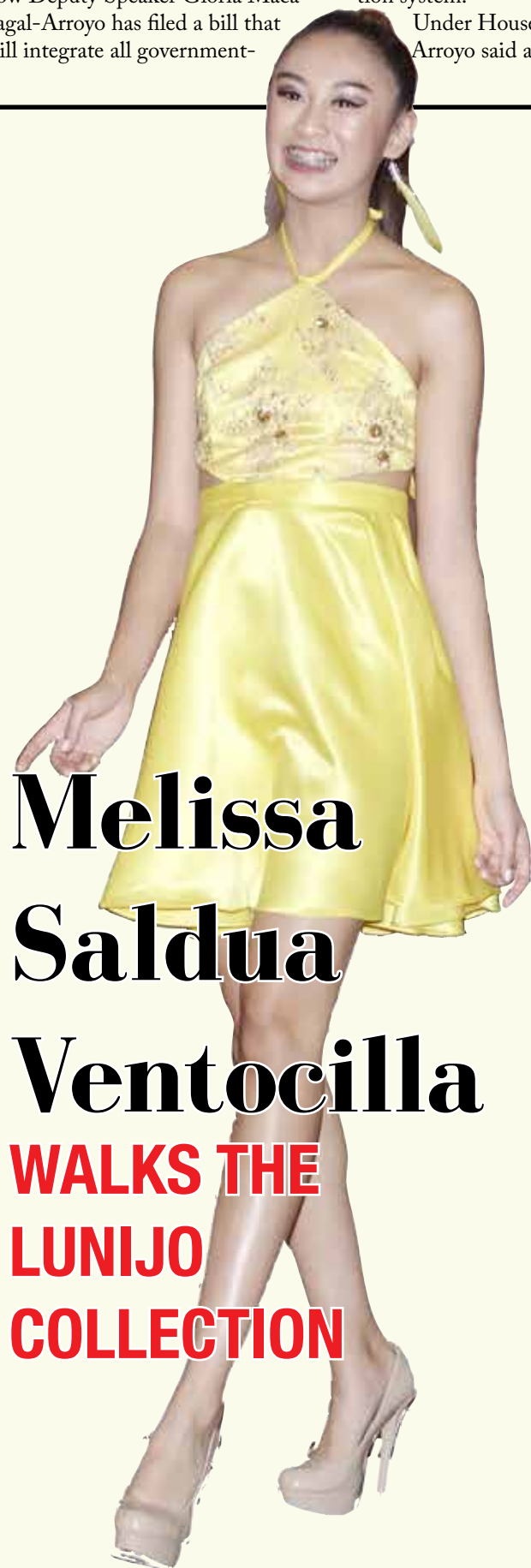


Anghel ng Tahanan contestant Nenita Lora poses with Camilineos President Harold Guarin at the Camilineos year-end dinner party.

Anghel Pageant



STANDING, Philippine Courier publisher Mon Datol, Senator Tobias Enverga, SITTING, GMA7's Rosemer Enverga, Beth Bobila, Consul-General Rosalinda Prospero attend the Anghel ng Tahanan pageant.



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Role Model of Kyla

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Parking Tickets on private Lots, What To Do With Them

Darren + Charms



Charms sings group poses with Philippine singer Darren Espanto after the Sing Pilipinas Toronto competition.

INC Unity Games



Pinky Magno (second from left) gets ready to cheer for the Yorkdale teams at the Iglesia Ni Cristo Unity Games.

Award & Star Pose



FV Foods' Mel Galeon receives a certificate of Excellence from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto and poses with Philippine singing star Darren Espanto at Sing Pilipinas.



Sing Pilipinas



Belinda Reyes and family poses with Philippine singer Darren Espanto at the Sing Pilipinas Toronto concert.



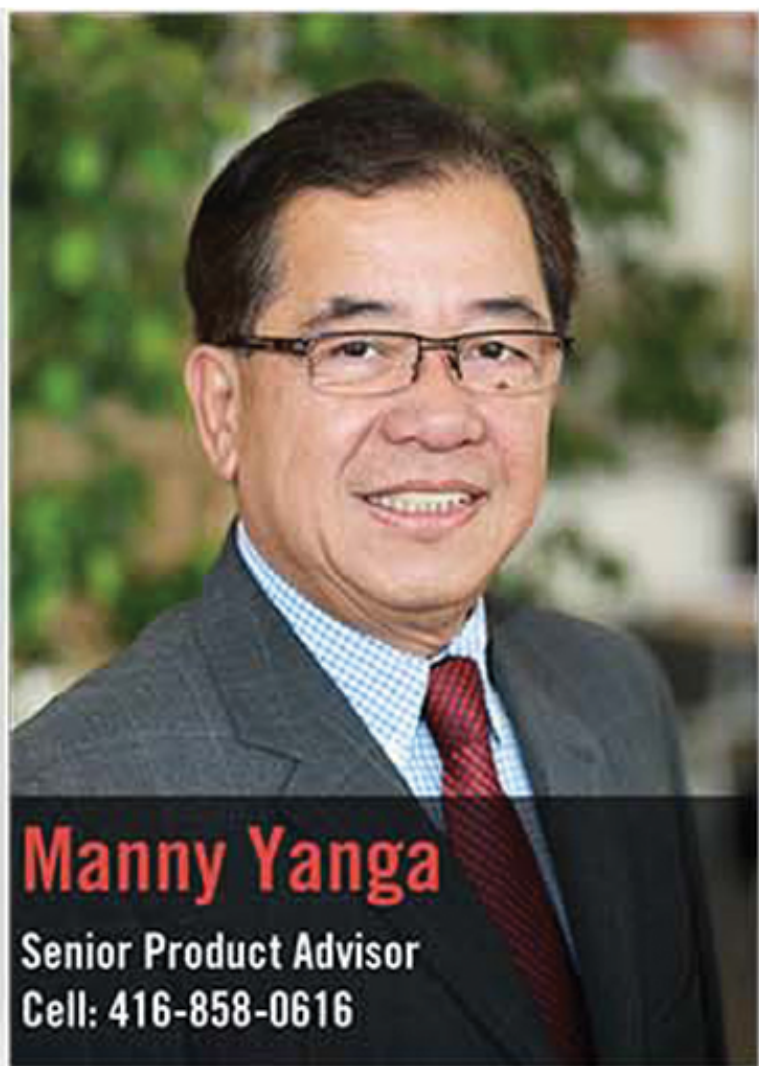
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TOP LEFT, Pinky Magno (far left) and friends take a selfie. ABOVE RIGHT, Nena Gumapac take the oath of sportsmanship. BOTTOM LEFT, Pinky and friends cheer wildly as Yorkdale team wins a game.



It Looks Like Andi
Eigenmann Has A
New Boyfriend

And they just celebrated their an-
niversary!

Andi Eigenmann has remained
tight-lipped about her love life after
experiencing a controversial past
with Jake Ejercito and Albie Casino.
The Kapamilya actress, however,
seems to have happily moved on.

Andi posted a series of IG pictures
from her recent beach vacay, and
she has finally showed off her new
man on social media—but only to
those who follow her now-private IG
account, that is.

According to PEPph, Andi's boy-
friend is named Emilio Arambulo.

There isn't much known about him
apart from the fact that he and Andi
recently celebrated their anniver-
sary.

Andi wrote on IG:
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TIMY, MTRCB Talk no news

MTRCB biglang natameme sa Till I Met You?!

Bakit yata wala nang statement ang Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) sa ginawa nilang dialogue sa mga executive ng Till I Met You na pinagbibidahan ng sikat na loveteam nina James Reid and Nadine Lustre? Noong November 10 pa sila supposedly nagharap-harap pero bakit kaya walang kabala-balita?

Malamang walang nakitang malisya ang MTRCB sa mga eksena ng magka-loveteam na sa true lang naman ay mas marami pa ngang mas malalang lovescene na napapanood sa ibang programa pero hindi nila pinupuna at ini-imbestigahan.

Bakit ang JaDine lang nga naman?

Hysteria Over Trump

I came to Canada legally but I am not mad at fellow Filipinos who are here working illegally. i actually pray that they get to stay. And they are not taking jobs legally or illegally. They are taking jobs that nobody wants to do.

Even President Duterte is hoping that President-elect Trump will be fair in his treatment of illegal immigrants. As they in the Philippines, “mosquitoes who ride at the back of the elephant starts thinking that they are bigger than the elephants.” If you are legal mosquito, have a heart for the illegal mosquitoes who are just trying to better their lives. As long as they are not resorting to crime.

Besides, President elect Trump said he will deport illegal immigrants who are criminals, have criminal records, and are involved in gangs. So, not everyone.

Stay there. Take your chances. What work will you get in the Philippines? And if you try to leave the Philippines, immigration might stop you from leaving because you might try to stay abroad and work illegally. Or they might stop you because they believe you do not have the money to be a tourist. What country in the world stop it’s citizens from travelling because of their

economic status or that their citizen might work illegally abroad? The last time I checked, in a democratic country, the citizens have the right to leave, regardless of reason. If they are wanted by the law, common sense will dictate that the government will stop them. BTW, joining a war does not constitute work. it is treason.

Too Many Hollywood

I have come to the conclusion about the ratio of number of stars to the chances of winning an election. There is also the kind of stars that endorse you. The more A-List showbiz stars are endorsing you, the higher your chances of losing. So far, this observation has been true in Hollywood and Philippines. It is harder to figure out Canada. In Hollywood, Oprah, LeBron James, George Clooney (NEVER A GOOD SIGN), singer Katy Perry among others. Trump had Kanye West, Stephen Baldwin, Scott Baio among them. In the Philippines Mar Roxas had Kathniel while Duterte had Mocha Uson of Mocha Girls. So, if you want to win, do not ask endorsemtn from A-List stars. And pray they do not endorse you whetehr you like it or not.

The beautiful Filipina who stole Mario Vargas Llosa’s heart



The couple is a favorite cover of Hola Magazine.

Nobel laureate Mario Vargas Llosa and his partner, the Philippine-born Spanish socialite Isabel Preysler, slipped quietly into the country last week.

Only the Spanish celebrity journal “¡Hola!,” which dutifully chronicles the couple’s every move, came out with a report.

For his part, the 80-year-old Peruvian-born novelist, who is in the Philippines upon the invitation of Instituto Cervantes, and is scheduled to receive honorary degrees from the University of Santo Tomas and De La Salle University, chose to keep a discreet silence about their relationship.

The writer’s romance with the 65-year-old Preysler, perhaps best known outside Spain as the former wife of pop singer Julio Iglesias and mother of singer Enrique, caused a public stir last year when he left his wife of 50 years for her, declaring “now I feel what happiness is.” What time he had left, he said, he needed to spend with Isabel.

Preysler had been widowed only months before, after the death of her third husband, former Spanish finance minister Miguel Boyer, to whom she was married for 27 years.

The couple have been inseparable since Vargas Llosa’s divorce, with Preysler often accompanying the writer to his international commitments as a Nobel Prize winner.

Celebrated as much for her unfading exotic beauty and a jet-set lifestyle that has her rubbing elbows with European high society and celebrities such as David and Victoria Beckham and George Clooney, Preysler has lived a very public life ever since her marriage to Iglesias in 1971.

The former beauty queen and model has been a journalist and television host. She is also a well-known celebrity endorser in Spain, for Manolo Blahnik shoes and the

design house Porcelanosa, among others.

The couple’s Philippine visit could turn out to be a well-earned respite from the limelight.

“This is a very, very low-profile trip,” says Inquirer columnist Maurice Arcache, a family friend of Preysler since childhood. “A big cocktail party for the Spanish community was canceled in favor of a more intimate dinner for 10.”

As far as he knows, says Arcache, the trip is a chance for Vargas Llosa to learn more about Preysler’s early life in the Philippines.

In her teens and studying at Assumption, Preysler won

a beauty contest. She was also dating Louie Ysmael, among other eligible bachelors, when she fell hard for future environmentalist Junie Kalaw, who was 10 years her senior, says Arcache.

“Her mother shipped her off to Spain because she was not too keen on Kalaw, who had the reputation of being a playboy,” he adds. “When she arrived in Madrid, there were two or three dozen roses waiting for her as she came down the gangplank. But, of course, that romance died and she started meeting people.”

One of them was a recently retired Real Madrid goalie named Julio Iglesias, who had just embarked on a new career as a singer.

“Then it was goodbye Junie, hello Julio,” says Arcache. “That was when her world changed. She fell in love with one of the biggest pop singers in Europe, adored by all the women around him, although only for a moment, him being the playboy that he was. That started the ball rolling.”

After eight years and three children, the couple divorced in 1979.

The following year Preysler married Carlos Falco, the Marquess de Grignon. The couple had a daughter, but the marriage was short-lived.

In 1987, she married Miguel Boyer, the socialist finance minister of Spain, who also left his wife for her. The union produced another daughter, and was apparently a happy one.

As for Preysler’s current relationship with Vargas Llosa, Arcache speculates:

“This time around it looks like a different thing,” he says. “Apparently he’s very, very charming. I guess he has that golden tongue. I told her sister, ‘Tell her this time I wish her all the happiness she can get.’”

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Parking fees on private lots aren’t tickets You don’t need to pay them

It’s one thing when you get a ticket on city streets. But what about privately owned parking lots?

“It’s not a parking ticket,” Toronto lawyer John Weingust says.

“They’re issuing tickets that look like the same as the [real ones],” he says. “People think it’s from the city ... and they get frightened of it and they pay it.” But if you get one, “you can throw it in the garbage,” he confidently declares.

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The main issue with private tickets versus official ones, Weingust says, is that while the latter will make it very clear how to pay the fee or dispute the charges and the former often do no such thing.

“I say don’t pay it,” Weingust says. “You’ll never hear from them again.”

Age gap not a hindrance to Christian and Julie Anne's unlikely partnership

Style-wise, Christian Bautista and Julie Anne San Jose seem to make an unlikely pairing for a concert: He's a balladeer with a strong theater background; she is a pop-R&B singer who has no qualms spitting bars.

Thus, they said, their upcoming show, "When Christian Meets Julie Anne"—set on Nov. 11 at Kia Theater—would test their versatility as artists. "Our core genres are very different, so the challenge for us is to make sure that things do not [become] chop suey," he said at a recent press conference.

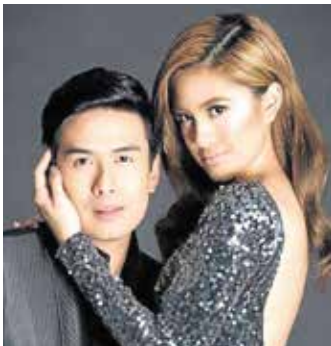
At 35, Christian said his idea of duets was more along the lines of Barbra Streisand and Bryan Adams' "I Finally Found Someone." Julie Anne, who is 22, would likely find The Chainsmokers and Halsey's "Closer" more enticing.

"It boils down to complementing each other's sound and finding a strong middle ground," Christian told the Inquirer. "I want to do songs like 'Closer' without looking like a tito trying to be young!"

"I don't sing as many love songs these days, so doing this show will be a good way for me to explore that kind of music again," added Julie Anne, who feels that the age gap will not be a hindrance to onstage rapport.

The concert, mounted by Dreamstar Events and GMA Network (call 911-5555), will feature a repertoire that will reflect the progression of a relationship—courtship, romance, arguments, breakup and reconciliation.

"It is great, actually! He (Christian) said he felt younger when he was singing with me. I, on the other hand, feel more mature when



I am with him," Julie Anne told the Inquirer. "We love singing harmonies, and have always maintained a good working relationship."

What these singers have in common is the distinction of having diamond-selling records (150,000 units sold or 10 times platinum)—a feat that has become increasingly difficult to achieve in the age of online piracy.

In fact, in the past five years, Christian and Julie Anne are two of only four recording acts who managed to rack up the numbers. The other two are pop-rock band Sponge Cola and, just this month, actor Alden Richards.

Christian received his diamond certification for "A Wonderful Christmas" in 2010. Julie Anne, meanwhile, did it with her eponymous album in 2014. Though they both believe that selling that much is still doable these days, neither knows if there is an actual recipe for replicating the achievement.

"In my case, I guess it was simply one of those magical moments where everything just fell into place. It was the right time, the right kind of promotion, tours, music videos, producers," Christian said. "I know it is all about upbeat or electronic music these days, but I think ballads still have a place in today's scene."

Julie Anne stressed that having quality material was still crucial, but added that being internet-savvy also helped a great deal. "You have to have great songs, but you also have to know how to promote it, especially on social media," she said. "Everyone is online now."

Richard, A Big Revelation

RICHARD Yap admits he feels so sad that "Mano Po 7" Chinoy" was not accepted as an entry in the coming Metro Filmfest. "Nakakapanghinayang talagang hindi kami nakasali kasi we did everything possible ng buong cast and ni Direk Ian Lorenos para matiyak na we have a good quality movie, a moving family drama that's perfect for the Christmas season," he says. "But I guess we just have to live with their decision not to accept us. Move on na lang. But I'm still very honored and proud to be a part of the 'Mano Po' franchise. Wala pa ako sa showbiz, napanood ko na ang ibang movies nito and never kong naisip na, one day, gagawa ako ng 'Mano Po' movie. And this one is really about a Chinese family where I am the head, so napakaganda and challenging ng role ko."

Direk Ian says Richard is a revelation as Wilson, the business taipan and patriarch who is very protective and strict with his family, not knowing they're being alienated from him. Playing his wife is Jean Garcia and their three kids are Enchong Dee, Janella Salvador and Jana Agoncillo. Enchong is paired with Jessy Mendiola, while Janella is linked to Kean Cipriano as her music teacher and Marlo Mortel as her schoolmate. Also in the cast are Eric Quizon as Richard's long lost brother, Rebecca Chuaunsu as Richard and Eric's mom, plus Pinky Amador, David Chua and Rosalind Wee.

Lovi counters role model tag

LOVI Poe got a big surprise when a fan named Kyla wrote to her saying she's her role model. This can be seen in Lovi's post on her social media account:

"I obviously do not project the qualities of a role model. Sometimes I get in trouble or get a lot of flak for being true to myself... but certain things such as this remind me of how lucky I am to be able to serve as an inspiration to a few. If there's one thing I'd promise people, like my dear Kyla... it's that I'd do my best to have a character that's worth emulating. You say I inspire you... But I'll tell you guys a million times that it's the other way around. Good job @lovipoeupdate! I'm proud of you! and it's ok if you miss out on my show because of your studies! I'm glad that you know how to set your priorities!"

Lovi says the message of Kyla encouraged her a lot. She's already getting lots of good and positive feedback for her persuasive portrayal as the suffering Joanna, the wife of Tom Rodriguez as TJ in "Someone to Watch Over Me" who's doing a lot of sacrifice for her husband who's afflicted with early onset Alzheimer's disease. "Laging intense drama ang mga eksena namin at mahirap gawin," she says. "But getting great feedback from viewers like Kyla inspire me to always give my best in the show."

This week in "Someone to Watch Over Me", Max Collins as Irene takes Tom as TJ to a hotel and they make love. Tom proposes marriage to Max but she tells him the truth: that he is already married to Lovi as Joanna. She regrets having gone to bed with Tom and takes him back home to Lovi who accepts him back.

For a while, they are happy, but Tom wakes up one morning and doesn't recognize Lovi again, driving her away. He goes berserk and couldn't be pacified by anyone, so Lovi volunteers to ask the help of Max. Meantime, Lovi herself is getting more attached to Cogie Domingo as Ian, who takes her to a support group for people whose loved ones have Alzheimer's disease.



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Duterte has to be more careful with tirades vs US’



Trump’s not gung-ho stance on human rights may be good for PH-US ties, says Heydarian

MANILA - A political analyst believes that Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has to be more careful with his tirades against the United States, now that it has elected a more temperamental president.

Speaking on ANC, political analyst Richard Heydarian said Duterte should watch what he says against the US, since its incoming president Donald Trump is known as someone who does not take insults lightly.

“I’m worried with Trump because unlike Obama, he’s not known for someone who has a very good temperament. He’s known to be very prickly. I’m not sure Donald Trump will take the tirades of Duterte, if not personal insults of Duterte, the way that Obama has taken it,” he said.

“So President Duterte has to be much

more careful when dealing with United States under a Trump presidency,” Heydarian added.

Heydarian also said that Trump, who promised to “make America great again,” will most likely react negatively should Duterte insult him or the US.

“Do you think a person running on that campaign slogan will just sit back when a person from a small allied country like the Philippines insults him?” he said.

Transactional Relations?

On the other hand, Heydarian said Trump is “very transactional,” which may make dealing with Duterte easier.

“Donald Trump is very transactional, in terms of how he views international relations, and I think he’s not a person who’s very gung-ho in advocating human rights and democracy, I really doubt that. So this could actually be a good point for the Philippines because Duterte and Trump may not need to waste so much time, or may not engage so much on his war on drugs or human rights record. So Trump will approach Duterte from a much more transactionalist point of view,

like, what is there out for us in dealing with the Philippines,” he said.

He added that Trump also does not have a very strong position against China.

“Probably he will not try to push Duterte against China or in favor of US. I mean, probably Trump, if he feels that the South China Sea is not something of core interest or of national interest for the United States, he may develop a much more isolationist and disengaged policy towards Asia,” Heydarian added.

“So probably that would be a good thing for the Duterte administration because the last thing the Duterte administration wants at this point is US interference in his policy towards China,” also said.

Trump, the 70-year-old Republican nominee, was elected the 45th president of the United States after securing 289 electoral votes over Clinton’s 218, according to CNN’s count.

In his congratulatory message, Duterte said he “looks forward to working with the incoming administration for enhanced Philippines-US relations anchored on mutual respect, mutual benefit and shared commitment to democratic ideals and the rule of law.”

DOT eyes visa-free for Chinese tourists

DAVAO CITY - The Philippine government is looking at the possibility of granting visa-free travel to Chinese tourists in a bid to increase tourist arrivals in the country, a tourism official said. “China is considered as our low-hanging fruit. This is where the (tourist) volume in Asia will be coming from. In fact, (they had) 120 million outbound tourists last year and we only got around 491,000. Napakaliit,” Department of Tourism (DOT) Route Development Head Erwin Balane said.

Travel requirements, such as visas, are among the “barriers” that keep leisure travelers from China from choosing the Philip-

pires as a vacation destination, Balane said.

“If you look at Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and even Vietnam, Chinese tourists are all visa-free entry. That’s why they are getting the volume of Chinese tourists,” he said.

Around 50 nationalities have visa-free privileges in the Philippines.

Though the DOT is still discussing the proposal with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo “has already given marching orders to have one million Chinese nationals visit the Philippines by the end of 2017,” he said.

“We’re already at around 500,000 as of September,” Balane said.

The surge of tourists from mainland China came as the Chinese government lifted the travel warning it had issued against the Philippines.

The development came shortly after President Rodrigo Duterte’s four-day state visit to China last October.

There has been a 64-percent increase from 257,014 arrivals between January and July last year to 422,801 during the same period this year, the DOT earlier said.

Scarborough lagoon to become a no-fish zone

LIMA, Peru – President Rodrigo Duterte will declare the lagoon portion of Scarborough Shoal as a “marine sanctuary and no-fish zone,” according to Cabinet secretaries accompanying the him to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders’ Meeting here.

Duterte relayed this “unilateral decision” to Chinese President Xi Jinping, during their bilateral talks Saturday at the sidelines of the economic gathering. Xi’s reaction was not immediately known.

National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. said this means fishermen – both Filipino and Chinese – will not be allowed to fish in the lagoon part, which is now being guarded by Chinese Coast Guard ships.

Filipino fishermen who went to the area after the President’s state visit to China were

able fish in the periphery but could not enter the lagoon on account of the Chinese ships.

“It is our position not to have fishing activities inside the triangle,” said Esperon.

“Diyan tayo may congruence: kung ayaw nila (China) magpa-fishing doon, ayaw din natin magpa-fishing doon.”

Esperon said the lagoon is a spawning area, which means the fishes there are small.

Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez said the two countries have also agreed to conduct joint Coast Guard patrols in Scarborough and nearby areas.

He said the president also made it clear that “if we are going to send ships there, it’s to take care of our fishermen.”

Lopez said the Philippines owes this détente in relations with China to the respect both leaders have for each other.

“During the bilaterals, sa umpisa pa lang (Xi) praised agad PRRD [President Rodrigo Roa Duterte],” the secretary said. “Sabi niya (Xi), he’s a man who does what he says.”

The Cabinet security cluster is set to meet next week to draft an executive order for the declaration of the Scarborough lagoon area as a marine sanctuary.

During the Duterte-Xi talks, China also confirmed that Filipinos are free to return to their traditional fishing grounds in the Scarborough Shoal.

For its part, the Philippines said it will set aside for the meantime its territorial claims and sovereignty issues until a final solution is found.

NEW DIRECTOR PRAISED

MEANWHILE, didn’t Direk Ian Lorenos have a hard time directing such a big cast, considering that it’s his first mainstream movie after directing two acclaimed indie films, “The Leaving” and “Alagwa”? “Noong una, kabado ako, kasi

most of them are A-listers at kilalang celebrities,” he says. “But I gained confidence when I talked to them and realized they’re dedicated artists, not just celebrities. We all collaborated and they gave a very good performance.”

Eric Quizon, who’s the most experienced member of the cast and is a director himself, says Direk Ian acquitted himself well for a new director. “He has a

clear vision of what he wants for his film. He is good with his visuals and is also a good storyteller. May puso ang pagdidirek niya,” says Eric, which flattered Direk Ian to no end.



A test case for Janella

JANELLA Salvador says she’s happy to be reunited with her first leading man, Marlo Mortel, in Regal’s pre-Christmas special offering, “Mano Po 7: Chinoy”. “I’m really happy to work with Marlo again,” she says. “Magan-da naman ang naging samahan namin noon sa ‘Be Careful with My Heart’ and last year, we did the filmfest entry, ‘Haunted Mansion’, and our fans really supported it kaya naging big big hit. Sana suportahan nila uli kami ngayon.”

What about Marlo? “Siyempre, sobrang happy akong makasama uli si Janella at hindi lang ako ang tuwang-tuwa kundi ang fans ng loveteam namin, Marnella. They’re so excited to see us together again on the big screen kaya andiyan nga sila, umattend din ng presscon.”

Did he feel bad when Janella was taken away by ABS-CBN from him and paired with Elmo Magalona in a TV show? “Sobrang namiss ko si Janella but I respect the decision of the management. Sa totoo lang, I support their loveteam, Elnella. Pinapanood ko nga ‘yung show nila. But I really missed her and natutuwa akong we’re together again in ‘Mano Po 7: Chinoy’. Nagpapasalamat din ako kay Mother Lily at sa Regal dahil pinag-ambal nila kami uli rito.”

In the movie, Janella plays the second child of Richard Yap and Jean Garcia. In the story, Richard is such a busy father he neglects his family and this pushes Jean to have an affair with Jake Cuenca. It’s Janella who discovers her mom’s infidelity and they have a bitter confrontation scene about it. Marlo plays Janella’s schoolmate who helps her during her trying times and Kean Cipriano plays her much older music teacher to whom she gets attracted. If this movie would hit it big again at the tills like last year’s “Haunted Mansion”, then that means Janella’s fans really like her more to be paired with Marlo than with Elmo.

‘LANGIT LUPA’ TO REPLACE ‘BE MY LADY’

THE presscon of ABS-CBN’s new morning soap at Dolphy Theatre, “Langit Lupa”, has the atmosphere of a children’s party, complete with balloons and party hats. It’s because the lead stars are two adorable child actresses who will bring out the titos and titas in you, Yesha Camile and Xia Vigor, both 7 years old and both precocious. In the story, Yesha is the daughter of Alessandra de Rossi and Jason Abalos, while Xia is the daughter of Yam Concepcion and Patrick Garcia.

Alessandra and Yam used to be the best of friends and they put up a business together, but something went wrong with their friendship. Yam becomes rich but eventually drifts apart from Patrick who then gets entangled with Ellen Adarna. Alessandra would meet a sad fate when she gets sick and her best friend fails to help her.

Years later, their daughters will meet in school, start on the wrong foot because Xia as Princess is “Ingleserang pasosyal” while Yesha as Esang is more “jologs”, but later on, they will become the best of friends. Yesha is grand winner in Promil Pre-school i-Shine Talent camp and has appeared in other soaps, while Xia was the grand winner in “Showtime’s” Mini Me competition and has since appeared in “Ang Probinsyano” and “Xia and Kuys”.

Respect the Dead

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cavalry of persons who realized, who implemented martial law, then point your fingers on all these people and make them accountable, including the cronies for that matter.” Carlos also advised millennials to research on martial law from different perspectives and not just “skewed” literature, following protests sparked by the burial of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos at the heroes’ cemetery. “The millennials, please read, do not be lazy. Scholarship and laziness do not come together. Read, and read a lot and then make your determination. You cannot be reading ‘skewed’ articles... I, as a scholar, I don’t want data to be skewed, I don’t want stories to be skewed, I want all array of data and (so I can) come up with my own predicate,” Carlos said. Hundreds of young people, including students from different universities and schools across the country, took to streets

to show their dismay over the hurried burial of Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani last Friday. Asked on her opinion on the large number of millennials who joined anti-Marcos protests last Friday, Carlos said they are entitled to their own views but questioned the kind of research materials millennials used in reaching the conclusion to join protests. “What kind of research data were available to them? And because I am familiar with that literature, I am telling you they are skewed in a particular direction. And so, yes, history must be told from many, many perspectives.” Carlos, however, clarified that she is not apologizing or justifying the acts of the late dictator but is simply speaking from a scholarly point of view. “This is not to apologize or justify anything. Let as many stories be told.” She explained that though military atrocities during the Marcos regime have been well documented, no non-partisan scholar has been able to “really assess”

the 21-year regime of Marcos, given that the public allowed him to rule the country for two decades. “We have to deal with this, I mean the full array of the 21 years and why? We were, I was living already at the time, I was teaching. We allowed him to govern us for 21 years so we were also in collusion with what was happening at the time so let’s not jump up and down and continue to demonize the person,” she said. Carlos also expressed dismay over proposals to exhume Marcos’ body from the heroes’ cemetery, noting that a wrong cannot be corrected by another wrong. “Don’t we have any more respect for dead people? It’s so sad really,” she said. “If you’re going to put all the blame on one person when there were in fact you have a whole cavalry of persons who realized, who implemented martial law then point your fingers on all these people and make them accountable, including the cronies for that matter.”

LINDSAY GIVEN A CHANCE

GMA-7 gives newcomer Lindsay de Vera her biggest break in the current primetime hit, “Alyas Robin Hood”. Lindsay’s real name is Lindt Johnston and she started as a child star and TV commercial model when she was eight years old. Now a sweet 16, she plays Dingdong Dantes’ niece named Lizzy. This is their second time together as she was introduced in Dong’s teleserye last year, “Pari Koy”. “Napakabit po niya and my dream is one day, maging leading lady rin sana ako ni Kuya Dong,” she says. “Nothing is impossible naman po, ‘di ba? Baka four years from now, kapag 20 na ako, puwede na akong kapareha niya. Libre naman ang mangarap, e. And I’m sure hindi lang ako ang may ganyang pangarap but also other young actresses.” She comes from a family of doctors based in Pangasinan and she also wants to be a pediatrician some day. “Kaya lang, nabigyan ako ng chance sa showbiz at sayang naman to let go of the opportunities coming my way. I’m enjoying doing ‘Alyas Robin Hood’ as it gives me the chance to work with great actresses like Tita Jaclyn Jose and Tita Cherie Gil. Baka later, bumalik ako sa pag-aaral and finish college.” She’s paired with Dave Bornea in “Alyas Robin Hood” but she says they’re just good friends off cam. “I want to focus muna seriously on my career kaya wala akong planong makipag-boyfriend. Kami ni Dave, friends lang talaga dahil lagi kaming nagkakasama sa iba’t ibang workshops ng GMA. He’s aware na career ang siyang priority ko.” This week, Lindsay and Dave are kidnapped by Dina Bonnevie as Mama Daisy, the new evil villain who has joined “Alyas Robin Hood”. They are held captive by Dina and her cohorts, along with Dingdong Dantes as Pepe. Lindsay keeps on crying, scared of what Dina might do to them. But Dingdong manages to fight back and holds one of the guards hostage (Michael Flores). He then warns the other guards that he will kill Michael if they will not give him back his freedom.



HEARD: All grown up Joyce Ching

GMA 7 actress Joyce Ching on trying to shed her teenybopper image: “Some people think I’m still 16. When I do kissing scenes, they react violently. ‘Why is she doing that?’ And I’m like, 21 years old na po ako! I think ito ang pinakamahirap gawin—ang pagtawid from tween star to adult actor, especially because I look young.”



Winner

Sing Pilipinas Toronto winner Shai Garrido poses with her mom Alma after the competition.



Gawad Geny Lopez Jr. Bayaning Pilipino extends search ABS-CBN, Ugat Foundation and TFC launch Bayaning Pilipino Awards in South Korea; search for young folks performing extraordinary acts in North America

(QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES) – ABS-CBN Corporation, UGAT Foundation and The Filipino Channel (TFC) take the search for modern-day heroes to even greater heights as they launch the Gawad Geny Lopez Jr. Global Bayaning Pilipino Awards in new regions and open the search to the younger generation of Filipinos. Inspired by a Filipina domestic helper who died saving her ward in Hong Kong in 1994, the Bayaning Pilipino Awards was envisioned by ABS-CBN Corporation Chairman Emeritus Eugenio “Kapitan” Lopez Jr. and then propagated by Ugat Foundation. Since then, it has evolved into a recognition for ordinary Filipinos performing extraordinary acts in Asia to North America, with the support of TFC, for the searches outside the homeland. Believing that heroism runs in the Filipino blood wherever they are in the world, Bayaning Pilipino continues its search for notable Filipino organizations (Global Bayaning Pilipino) who have mounted a project that has been fulfilled, anchoring on the Filipino’s sense of bayanihan spirit, and have made a measurable impact in a community in the Philippines. Knowing that Filipinos too can start young, the search has been extended, this time to the new generation via Bayaning Kabataang Pilipino which looks for Filipino youth heroes who have organized these kinds of community projects while exemplifying Filipino values; promoting our culture and heritage; encouraging participation; focusing on service; and

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US elections: Filipinos wonder if President Duterte and Donald Trump will create sparks or stability



A worker watches the first presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump inside an appliances showroom in Manila on Sept 27, 2016. A worker watches the first presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump inside an appliances showroom in Manila on Sept 27, 2016.

MANILA - When two equally volatile and unpredictable presidents are put in the same room, will they hit it off or will sparks fly?

The question is being asked here with brash billionaire businessman Donald Trump’s election as the next President of the United States. Most Filipinos had hoped to see Democrat Hillary Clinton elected, as she was supposed to represent continuity and stability.

There is also a palpable sense of uncertainty about relations between Manila and Washington, already frayed by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s anti-US tirades.

In a statement read out by his communications minister subsequently, Mr Duterte said he “looks forward to working with the incoming administration for enhanced Philippines-US relations anchored on mutual respect, mutual benefit and shared commitment to democratic ideals and the rule of law”.

Said political analyst Richard Javad Heydarian, of De La Salle University: “Clinton would have been a far better option.”

With Mr Trump now at the helm, the Philippines can expect a few surprises, both good and bad, he added.

“A Trump administration would most likely not be concerned with human rights issues,” said Mr Heydarian.

He added he also does not see Mr Trump pressuring Mr Duterte to adopt an anti-China policy.

“We might see an America that is more concerned with striking a grand bargain,” he said.

But Mr Trump can call Mr Duterte’s bluff if the Philippine leader remains relentless in

insulting the US, and pull out US troops in the Philippines.

Mr Trump had said Mr Duterte showed “lack of respect” in calling the outgoing US President Barack Obama a “son of a whore”.

Mr Duterte has said he wants an end to all US-Philippine war games, and for all remaining American forces to leave the Philippines in two years.

His defence minister Delfin Lorenzana, though, has clarified that the military drills

will just be scaled back, and that Mr Duterte has signed up on a 10-year defence pact allowing the US to rotate its troops in at least five military bases in the Philippines.

Mr Heydarian said the “transactions-oriented” Mr Trump could look at a “poor, developing country” like the Philippines, the US’ treaty ally since 1951, as a “liability”.

“Trump has consistently made the argument that if allies are not standing up for themselves, then what’s the point of America standing up for her allies?” he said.

Defence analyst Jose Antonio Custodio does not expect a big shift in US foreign policy, despite Mr Trump declaring that the US should be compensated for the protection it gives its allies.

He said the US, under Mr Trump, would continue to defend its interest in the South China Sea and push back against efforts by China to exert greater influence in the region.

Among call centres, meanwhile, there is a sense of unease.

The government’s chief economic manager Ernesto Pernia said the Philippines’ burgeoning business process outsourcing (BPO) industry, a key economic peg, could take a hit under Mr Trump, who has vowed to bring jobs outsourced by American companies abroad back to the US.

Nearly three-fourths of the BPO industry’s earnings come from the US.

BPO companies, many of which are American-owned, brought in US\$22 billion (S\$30.8 billion) in revenues and employed over a million workers in the Philippines last year.

But for economist Peter Wallace, Mr Duterte and Mr Trump will surprisingly get along well.

“I think President Duterte will understand the kind of person Mr Trump is and be able to work with him. I think it may be good,” he said.



HEAVY FIRE. Government troops train the heavy guns of the First Infantry Division on Butig town in Lanao del Sur where members of the jihadist Maute Group ensconced themselves as the military ran after their leader.

Jihadists occupy Lanao town hall

LANAO - At least eight Islamic militants were killed while two government troops were wounded after extremists fled to the abandoned town hall of Butig town in Lanao del Sur amid a military operation to capture the leader of the Maute jihadist group.

Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said about 200 Maute group members fled to the abandoned town hall after the military mounted an operation to capture their leader Abdullah Maute, a Jordanian-trained terrorist who formed the jihadist Dawlah Islamiya.

“We launched an operation more than two days ago with the aim of capturing the leader of the group that is sowing chaos in parts of Lanao, Maguindanao and Cotabato,” Padilla said in a radio interview. “They are also responsible for the bombing in Davao.”

“They fled and occupied the abandoned town hall of Butig which is located in an area where they have relatives and supporters,” Padilla said, adding the military also launched artillery fire and air strikes against the group.

Padilla said the clash took place just five months after the military captured the Maute group’s Darul Iman stronghold in June.

Padilla said the fighting began around 10 a.m. Saturday after troops of the 49th Infantry Battalion engaged 15 Maute group members in a 45-minute gun fight at Barangay Bayabao Poblacion after which the terrorists withdrew.

Government troops pursued the fleeing rebels and eventually caught up with them at the old municipal hall where they sought cover against the attacking security forces.

The rebels even raised an Islamic State flag at the old town hall and positioned themselves in the nearby national high school and mosque.

Major Filemon Tan, spokes-

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Snooky hopes to marry, for a third time, her 60-year-old beau

It would be hypocritical of her, Snooky Serna admitted, if she claimed she didn’t care anymore whether or not she marries again.

“I’m hoping... Why not, especially if you think you’ve found the man of your dreams,” said Snooky, who’s currently in “a fairly new” relationship with a businessman. “You say these kinds of things when you’re in love. And well, maybe I am! I’m praying that he’s the one.”

The only thing that could probably get in the way is the couple’s difference in faith. Snooky said she wouldn’t be able to tie the knot with this boyfriend, unless he joins Iglesia ni Cristo, in which the former child star has been with since 2011.

But though she remains hopeful, Snooky stressed that she wouldn’t force her partner to convert. “I believe that there are some things that are beyond us—like faith,” she told a group of reporters at a recent press conference for GMA 7’s new afternoon drama series, “Hahamakin ang Lahat.”

“I hope that with his noble intentions, he gets ‘called.’ But I don’t want him to join the Iglesia simply because of me. I would rather he does it on his own volition,” added Snooky, who has been married twice in the past: first, to actor Ricardo Cepeda, and then to musician Niño Mendoza.

“But I’m very thankful that he’s respectful of my beliefs. He even accompanies me when we have activities, or when I have to attend worship services,” she related.

She is 50; her boyfriend—whom she didn’t want to name, because “he’s not a public person, and doesn’t intend to be one”—is 60. And as clichéd as it may sound, Snooky said, age doesn’t matter.

“As long as your minds and hearts meet and if you have the connection, then there’s really no issue about it. It’s all about personality, experience and character,” she said. “I’m fortunate that my partner is mature, supportive of me and confident.”

Meanwhile, Snooky turned weepy when talk shifted to her two girls with

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AFTER APEC ATTENDANCE Duterte wants to open PHL telecoms, airwaves, energy sectors

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte said he wants to open the communications, media, and energy sectors to foreign players after attending the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Peru.

“My decision now, this moment, is bubuksan ko ang Pilipinas,” Duterte said upon arriving at the Davao City International Airport.

He said he wanted to open these sectors “to new players to improve quality of service.”

“I don’t want to have a quarrel with the Ayalas and Pangilinan,” Duterte said, later adding that he would walk back from his comments if the conglomerates running the country’s telecommunications companies drove their prices down.

“Kung i-dive ninyo ang presyo ninyo, walang

problema. I will forget my statement.”

ERC issue

Duterte’s comments come on the heels of his demand for officials of the Energy Regulatory Commission to resign after the suicide of director Francisco Villa Jr.

The late ERC director revealed the corruption activities within the ERC in his suicide notes.

“Corruption, unahin ko na lang. I’d like just to send this strong message. It’s about time that we share the money of the entire country. To move faster, make the competition open to all,” he said.

ERC officials have refused to heed his call.

In his speech, Duterte threatened to abolish ERC.

Ellen earns nasty comments over Baste ‘affair’

ELLEN Adarna is now getting negative feedback on social media after she posted her photo with Presidential son Baste Duterte showing them kissing and with her holding a cigarette in one hand. This went viral on the internet and, soon after this, it was reported that she went on a trip to Osaka, Japan with him.

The spitfire Ellen is censured by prudish netizens, with her haters bashing her for being a homewrecker. Some nasty ones are even calling her “malandi”, a slut, a playgirl. This is because she hooked up with Baste even if it’s common knowledge that he already has a long time companion, a model named Kat Necessario, with whom he has



two small children.

Ellen and Baste met each other when Ellen attended the birthday celebration of her friend, Beauty Gonzales, who is a Cebuana like her. This was held in Siargao Island, famous for its surfing beaches and Baste is fond of surfing. Obviously, sparks quickly flew between them and someone

said they’ve been seeing each other regularly since then.

Ellen maybe getting a lot of bashing because of this, but knowing her, she seems to have a devil-may-care attitude and she couldn’t care less what people will say about her and her dalliance with the Presidential son. Ellen has just finished the movie “Moonlight Over Baler” with Vin Abrenica and Elizabeth Oropesa for Director Gil Portes. She’s now also in the cast of the new morning soap, “Langit Lupa” with Jason Abalos, Patrick Garcia and the Tommiho loveteam of Tommy and Miho, that will soon replace “Be My Lady” on ABS-CBN.

Bea Alonzo talks about working with Ian Veneracion



Nakabalik na mula sa shooting sa Germany ng ilang mahahalagang eksena sina Bea Alonzo at Ian Veneracion. Sila ang magkatambal sa inaabangang ABS-CBN teleserye na A Love to Last.

Ayon kay Bea, mabilis ang naging bonding nila ni Ian sa set.

“Napakabait ni Ian. Masarap siya ka trabaho, magaan lang, and professional siya kapag trabaho na.”

Si Ian naman, pabiro na kinumpara sina Bea at Iza Calzado na pareho niyang katrabaho sa serye.

“Si Iza parang strict na school principal yan. Si Bea naman siya ang student na pilya at mada-las sa principal’s office,” pabirong sagot ng aktor.

Thankful si Bea na napunta sila sa Germany para sa kanilang serye at dapat daw itong abangan dahil tatalakayin nito ang relasyon sa isa’t-isa ng modern Filipino family. Ito rin ang pagbabalik teleserye ni Bea na huli napanood sa Sana Bukas Pa Ang Kahapon.

Inigo Pascual admits he

wants to work with Ylona Garcia

With the recent release of his debut album, Inigo Pascual said it was a blessing to be able to share it to the public before the year ended. “Sobrang sarap sa pakiramdam dahil siyempre tapos na yung album ko. It’s my first album and I actually was super emotional when my single was out on M.O.R kasi momentous moment sa buhay ko dahil ever since I was a kid it was something that I always dreamt of. As in going to the radio station sabi ko talaga, ‘Eto na yun. I can’t believe I’m going to hear a song that I wrote on the radio.’ So I was super emotional. I was actually tearing up already. It’s something very special to me kasi ito yung passion ko. Ito talaga yung gusto ko gawin more than any-thing,” he shared.

A singer at heart, Inigo said he also admires another young performer who is slowly mak-ing her mark on the industry as well this year. “I want to work on music and I want to be in OPM and be a part of that generation that somewhat changes our music. Kumbaga we have Ylona Garcia who writes her own songs as well. That new breed that not only sings and dances and performs but also writes songs and who are true artists deep down inside,” he explained.

If given the chance, Inigo admitted Ylona would be on top of his list as a fellow art-ist to collaborate with in his next album. “Oh definitely. I’d want to collaborate with a lot of artists. There’s Ylona Garcia, siyempre si Sam Concepcion sobrang idol ko sa pagkanta at pag-perform, my dad of course. Maraming sobrang galing na performers, mga songwrit-ers na kilala ko sa Star Magic. There’s a lot here

in the Philippines who are capable of doing so much. I’m just so excited for the music here in the Philippines,” he said. Kisses

Delavin shares what she felt when Marco chose Vivoree over her

On Tonight with Boy Abunda, Pinoy Big Brother Lucky Season 7 housemate Kisses Delavin shared the love wisdom she’s learnt inside Kuya’s house.

In one of the episodes of PBB, Kisses cried because in the words of the host Boy Abunda, Lagi ka na lang hindi napipili. In a nutshell, this is because Kisses had feelings for Marco but he chose Vivoree.

First, she said it’s normal for a teenager to fall for someone. “Yung nangyari sa loob ng bahay yung makaka-appreciate ka talaga ng tao ng sobra-sobra

and hindi mo maipigil at masasabi mo siya kay Kuya especially. And proud ka na naramdaman mo yun and it’s normal for a teenager.”

Asked if she’s alluding to what she felt for Marco, Kisses answered, “I can say that sa loob ng PBB, opo.”

Secondly, she shared the pain of unrequited love. “Pero Tito Boy minsan sa kasamaang palad ng buhay, may gusto ka pero hindi ka gusto. And yung masaklap po minsan yung gusto mo, may gusto pang iba. Pero it’s part of being human kasi ‘pag nasaktan ka parang nagle-leave siya ng gap sa puso mo para mas maging masaya ka someday.” To this the host reacted, “you have so much wisdom.”

Kisses also clarified, “hindi po ako nagalit kay Vi-voree ever. Siguro medyo nasaktan po ako kay Marco, hindi po kay Vivoree.”

And last and the best love wisdom Kisses relayed is, “Lagi lang babangon. Kung may pinagdadaanan ka wag mong tambayan, daanan mo lang.”

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Ricardo—Samantha, 24, and Sachi, 20—and their stepmother Marina Benipayo.

“My children usually spend the week-ends with them. I’m so thankful and touched that she accepts my kids and takes care of them,” she said, describing Marina, a costar in “Hahamakin,” as “a

good woman.” “I wish her happiness.”

As for Snooky’s relationship with Ricardo—with whom she was married for 12 years, before getting annulled back in 2006—the actress said they’re civil to each other. “We’re happy with our own lives,” she said.

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man of the Western Mindanao Com-mand, said they are carefully analyzing the current situation in Butig to prevent collateral damage.

Tan said Maute renamed the group Dawla Islamiya to impress foreign ter-rorists so that they could get funding. The group was responsible for the Davao City bombing last September that left

14 people dead and wounded 70 others.

The Maute group, which operates mainly in the Lanao provinces, is also believed to have links to the Parojinog narcotics ring based in Ozamis City.

Many members of the Maute group are members of the Alkhobar kidnap-ping ring which used to be led by former lieutenants of Moro Islamic Liberation Front chieftain Hashim Salamat who broke away from the MILF after Sala-mat’s death.

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Rekindling of US-PH ties under Trump

New Kapuso stars Ivan Dorschner (left) and Addy Raj (right) in a photo op during their contract signing with the network.

Meet GMA7's new stars

The newly-signed GMAAC stars will be playing major parts in the upcoming primetime series *Meant To Be* opposite Barbie Forteza and with Ken Chan and Jak Roberto. Addy will be taking the role of a happy-go-lucky guy from Mumbai named Jai while Ivan will be playing Ethan, a gentleman from England who settled in the Philippines to meet his family.

Come home before Trump takes office

"I cannot talk for the illegals because... an illegal is always illegal so he is subject at any time for deportation," Duterte said.

ABS-CBN apologizes to Pagasa

"It was not our intention to hurt or demean the agency and we apologize to the employees of Pagasa who may have been offended by the joke that we aired," ABS-CBN said.

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Jasmine ‘makes love’ with a GMA talent: ‘An easy person’



JASMINE Curtis Smith plays a lesbian for the first time in “Baka Bukas”, an entry in the Cinema One Originals Filmfest that starts in theaters on November 14, written and directed by Samantha Lee. Did she feel any reluctance in accepting the role?

“No, I feel kasi na although the LGBT community is accepted, it’s the gay men who are mostly recognized,” she says “What about lesbians? It seems pagdating sa lesbians, there’s so much taboo and people are not comfortable with it. Bakit ganun? We need to make people more comfortable with it, to accept them through articles, through films, kaya I didn’t hesitate to accept ‘Baka Bukas’. Malay mo, baka bukas nga, accepted na rin sila.”

So how is it working with a newbie director

like Samantha Lee, who’s lesbian? “It’s a great experience. She knows what she’s doing and everyone on the set, from the director of photography, the production designer and lahat sila, they’re also part of the LGBT community and we all really stuck to what we want to deliver for the film.”

Her love interest in the movie is Louise de los Reyes who comes from GMA-7 and who failed to show up at the Cinema One presscon. How is it working with Louise? “Okay, wala kaming naging problema. Wala naman sigurong dapat maging problem kahit taga-saang network ka pa. Naka-chikahan ko siya nang bongga and we got along really well. She’s an easy person to work with.”

She admits she has a love scene with Louise, but she would not want to discuss it in detail. “Just watch it na lang kasi hindi magandang basta ikuwento lang.”

Off cam, Jasmine is very much in a relationship with Jeff Ortega, who comes from the political clan of the Ortegas in La Union and is a certified Level One surfing instructor in La Union Surfing School.

“Mabait siya,” she says. “He really made an effort para makilala siya ng buong family namin.”

It’s said her whole family, especially her Ate Anne, is much more in favor of Jeff than they are of her first BF, Sam Concepcion, who, it’ll be remembered, Anne had a conflict with in a bar before.

KHALIL ENJOYS SENSITIVE ROLE

KHALIL Ramos, “Pilipinas Got Talent” runner-up, also has an offbeat role like Jasmine Curtis Smith in his own Cinema One Originals entry, “2 Cool 2 B 4Gotten”. As one writer puts its: “Kung katombayan ang kay Jasmine, kabadingan naman ang kay Khalil.”

“The role is very challenging,” he says. “First time ko to play such a character na confused and will question his gender. But I enjoyed it, masaya naman.”

He’s 20 in real life but he plays a 16-year old boy in the movie, and he looks it. Does he have love scenes with Jameson and Ethan? “May sexual tension ang scenes namin, very sensitive, but not to the extreme. Panoorin n’yo na lang. Basta, pinag-aagawan nila ako. Ha ha ha!”

Khalil has done a lot of movies since he joined “Pilipinas Got Talent” in 2011. He was in “She’s Dating the Gangster”, “Shake Rattle & Roll 15”, “Kid Kulafu”, “A Second Chance”, “Honor Thy Father”, “Everything About Her”, and “Achy Breaky Hearts”. Aside from “2 Cool 2 B 4Gotten”, he’s in two more new movies: “Bloody Crayons”, a horror movie, and “Babae Sa Septic Tank 2”, a comedy starring Eugene Domingo which is an entry in the coming Metro Manila Filmfest and where he replaces the role of JM de Guzman in the original.

Okay with Janice

Actress Janice de Belen likes the changes in this year’s Metro Manila Film Festival.

“It’s good, it’s actually good,” she said of the selected Magic 8 composed mainly of indie films and devoid of big-name actors that often make the cut yearly.

“Aminin na natin, the movies that we make nowadays ay kailangan sigurado. Dapat something na tiwala tayo. Indie films are more experimental. They’re braver in terms of story line, in terms of casting.

“Ako, I’m happy for them because baka one day ay hindi na siya kailangang tawaging indie. It could actually be a mainstream film which is good for everybody because maraming artista. Maraming gustong mag-trabaho.”

Janice, who won best actress for “Ringgo, The Dog Shooter,” welcomes doing indie films as long as “there’s a good story.”



GMA Network - Believe in the Magic of Christmas

Magic unfolds on television as GMA Network launches its 2016 Christmas campaign dubbed “Maniwala Sa Magic Ng Pasko,” the first locally-produced 3D animated Christmas campaign. The campaign airs worldwide on GMA Pinoy TV.

With its latest offering, the station that is one-in-heart with the Filipino audience brings to life three endearing and magical stories that will inspire viewers to believe in the magic of Christmas.

“During such a busy time of the year, we hope that, by spreading the message of hope, every Kapuso will get to experience

the joy and limitless possibilities that come with believing in the magic of the Season,” says GMA Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe Gozon.

The story, Magic Crayons, is the first in this three-part series and highlights the magical feeling of having one’s wish granted for Christmas in the eyes of a child.

A leader in creativity and innovation, the Network marks another first as it makes use of 3D graphics in its new Christmas campaign, a first in the local television industry.

“It is felt that the use of animated im-

ages best complements the essence of our Holiday message this year – to believe in the magic of Christmas. Through this, it is hoped that even our youngest Kapusos will enjoy our campaign and embrace the meaning of our Christmas message this season,” GMA President and COO Mr. Gilberto Duavit Jr. shares.

The Maniwala Sa Magic Ng Pasko Christmas campaign comes at the heels of GMA’s animated anthology series Alamat’s win of the country’s first “Best of Festival” Award at the US International Film and Video Festival (USIFVF), a recognition

given to an outstanding entry among Gold Camera awardees in the USIFVF.

The theme song of this year’s Christmas campaign is sung by Julie Anne San Jose with lyrics written by BJ Camaya and Nicolle Castillo and music composed by Len Calvo and Ann Figueroa.

For the second and third instalments, promos, and other updates on Maniwala Sa Magic Ng Pasko Christmas campaign, stay tuned to GMA Pinoy TV, visit gmanetwork.com/magicngpasko, and like and follow GMA Network on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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DUTERTE DECLARES PANATAG AS MARINE SANCTUARY

China has not delared support



Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said China and the Philippines have reached an agreement on coming back to the track of dialogue and consultation for the settlement of the South China Sea issue.

MANILA, Philippines – China has not declared its support for an executive order to be issued by President Duterte

South China Sea issue. The Chinese side has also made proper arrangements for fishing activities

declaring the lagoon at of Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal a marine sanctuary that will be off-limits to fishermen from any nation.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said China and the Philippines have reached an agreement on coming back to the track of dialogue and consultation for the settlement of the

by Filipino fishermen around Panatag Shoal in the interest of bilateral friendship.

“China’s sovereignty and jurisdiction over Huangyan Dao (Panatag Shoal) has not and will not change,” Geng said.

“We hope that China and the Philippines will enhance dialogue and cooperation so as to turn the South China Sea issue into a positive factor for friendship and cooperation,” he added.

Duterte will issue an EO declaring the lagoon in Panatag Shoal as a marine protected area in a move that would prohibit fishing inside the breeding ground of marine species.

National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. said the draft EO may be submitted during the next Cabinet security cluster meeting.



Bailey May, mas sikat kesa kay Ylona Garcia

Kung sabihin nila noong araw, ang isang actor ay “is only as popular as his least popular leading lady”. Kasi noong araw, sinasabing mas sikat ang artistang babae kaysa artistang lalaki. Sabi nila, mas sikat si Vilma Santos kaysa kay Edgar Mortiz. Mas sikat si Sharon Cuneta kaysa kay Gabby Concepcion. Pero ngayon mukhang naiiba na nga yata ang mentalidad ng mga fan, dahil kapansin-pansin na mas sumisikat ang mga artistang lalaki.

Ngayon naroroon ang paniniwala na si Daniel Padilla ang nagdadala kay Kathryn Bernardo. Si James Reid ang mas sikat kaysa kay Nadine Lustre. Si Alden Richards din daw ang dahilan ng pagsikat ni Maine Mendoza.

Napansin din namin iyan sa launching ng Bench sa kanilang teenwear noong isang araw sa isang mall sa Makati. Mukhang sa fans na naroroon, mas malakas ang tilian nila kay Bailey May kaysa kay Ylona Garcia. Maliban doon sa mga fan ng Bailona, mas may reaksiyon ang ibang mga tao sa mall sa paglabas ni Bailey.

Kung sa bagay, talaga namang malakas ang dating niyang si Bailey May. Hindi ba noong nagsisimula pa iyan doon sa isang reality show, napansin siya agad kahit na nga sabihing medyo off beat ang dating dahil inili-link siya noon sa isang kasama nilang lalaki rin. Noong mapatalsik iyon at saka nagsimula ang love team nila ni Ylona. Tapos naisama rin sila roon sa serye nina James at Nadine na mas nagkaroon ng exposure ang kanilang love team.

Pero sa totoo lang, pinagmamasdan namin iyong mga tao hanggang doon sa itaas ng activity center, mas nagkaroon sila ng reaksiyon kay Bailey.

Kaya nga masasabing suwerte rin naman iyang Bench, dahil masasabi ngang nasa kanila na ngayon ang lahat ng mga sikat na matinee idols. Pati si Bailey na halos nagsisimula pa lang nakuha na nila eh.

Jail for kids?

Proposed Philippine law to jail 9-year-olds raises alarm

MANILA - Children as young as nine could be jailed in the Philippines for certain crimes under a proposed law backed by the president, sparking concern from the United Nations and rights groups.

President Rodrigo Duterte’s allies have been pushing to pass laws by December that would restore the death penalty and lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 to 9.

“Adult criminals knowingly and purposely make use of youth below 15 years of age to commit crimes, such as drug trafficking,” Pantaleon Alvarez, one of the proposed law’s main backers, said in an explanatory note.

While Duterte wanted the age threshold dropped to 12, his allies want it lowered to nine.

The UN children’s agency UNICEF reminded the Philippines of its international obligations.

Manila is a state party to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which says criminal responsibility below the age of 12 is not acceptable.

“Jail is no place for a child,” UNICEF said.

Rights organizations launched a campaign called #ChildrenNotCriminals to urge

lawmakers to reconsider their support for the law.

One of the groups, Plan International, told AFP that children on the wrong side of the law were often victims of criminal gangs.

“It is unfair that it’s always the children who are blamed. This will result in children becoming hardened criminals,” said Ernesto Almocera of Plan International Philippines.

The advocates appealed to Duterte to explore factors that led children to commit crimes, such as poverty and lack of parental guidance and education.

“We cannot hold children to the same standard as we hold adult offenders,” Melanie Llana of the Philippine Action for Youth Offenders told AFP. “Are we really going to jail 9-year-olds who we know are not fully mature?”

Duterte’s hardline approach to criminals has drawn criticism from its ally the United States, the UN and human rights groups.

Nearly 2,800 have died in unexplained circumstances since Duterte took office and critics allege some of these deaths amount to state-sponsored extrajudicial killings, a charge Duterte has rejected.

Why Speaker Supports Jail

MANILA - House Speaker Pantaleon “Bebot” Alvarez said he will ask help from Senate President Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III in lowering the age of criminal liability to nine years old.

Alvarez has filed a proposal in the lower House to amend the “Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006”, which set the minimum age for criminal liability at 15 years old.

His House Bill 2 or “Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility Act” would pass into law if the Senate adopts it.

The Senate may also create a similar bill, which would be reconciled by the Bicameral committee with House Bill 2.

He added that lowering the age of criminal responsibility would deter criminal syndicates from using minors as accomplices.

Alvarez also clarified that under the proposed law, young offenders would not be detained together with hardened criminals but would undergo rehabilitation in a separate facility instead.

Rainbow still in limbo for GabRu

Many fans deem them a couple and have been waiting for them to admit it but Kapuso stars Gabbi Garcia and Ruru Madrid are consistent with their answer.

“Hindi pa kami,” Ruru said in a recent interview. “Wala kaming kailangang aminin kasi wala pa naman talaga.”

Gabbi added, “Bata pa naman po kami, so hindi kailangang madaliin at walang kailangang aminin.”

Not that she doesn’t consider Ruru boyfriend material. She finds him “mabait,” and the only thing not yet proven is if he knows how to wait for a girl to make up her mind.

“Tignan natin kung maiinip siya ’di ba?” Gabbi said.

Though GabRu (how the fans call their tandem) remain to be just onscreen pairing, the two consider each other “special.”

“Three years na kaming nagkakasama, madami na kaming memories together,” the budding actress noted.

Change will come?

With Gabbi turning 18 on Dec. 2, many expect she’ll finally allow their relationship to level up.

“Hindi pa din, hindi pa kami handa sa ganu’ng bagay,” she said. “Work na lang muna siguro. Madami pa akong (ibang) mga bagay na dapat mas bigyan ng focus.”

Ruru agreed, noting, “Kung kami naman talaga, kami ’di ba?”

Whatever it is, Ruru and her parents have maintained good relations all these years.

“Love nila si Ruru and si Mommy na nga mismo na nagsabi na magalang talaga si Ruru, mabait at marespeto sa mga tao sa paligid niya,” Gabbi said.

Ruru is happy over Gabbi’s coming debut.

“Ngayon na magle-legal age na siya, pwede na niyang magawa ’yung bagay na gusto niya, although siyempre kailangan pa rin ng advise ng parents. Pero ngayon at least, may freedom na siya to do things on her own.”

What’s his birthday gift for Gabbi? Though

he won’t specify, Ruru revealed he is preparing something special.

“Ako kasi ma-gift akong tao, madami na akong nabigay sa kanya. So, ngayon na mag-18 na siya, gusto ko magbigay ng something special, ’yung (isang bagay na mag-create ng) memory na hindi niya makakalimutan.”

According to Gabbi, she will not have an escort to the event but Ruru is part of her 18 roses program.

“Ayoko kasi mag-escort kasi gusto ko ’yung night na ’yun, ma-prove ko sa mga tao na kaya ko na, kaya kong dalhin ’yung sarili ko,” she noted. “Pero si Ruru dahil espesyal siya sa akin, gusto ko present siya. Siya ’yung 17th sa 18 roses ko, just before my dad.”

Beautiful reward

Gabbi and Ruru are regularly seen on GMA’s telefantasya “Encantadia” as Alena and Ybarro, respectively. The two are thankful for the success of the show.

“Nakakatuwa na nagpe-pay off na lahat ng

paghihirap namin, nakakatuwa na nakikita namin na mataas ’yung ratings ng show,” Ruru said.

On the show, Ruru is involved in an intense love triangle with Gabbi and Kylie’s character. Does he consider this a threat to the GabRu love team?

“Actually nagulat din ako sa intense nu’ng love triangle, to the point na ’yung mga fans talagang nagaaway-away sila,” he shared. “Ang sabi ko na lang sa kanila, respeto na lang kung ano ’yung gusto nilang suportahan.”

He added: “Lahat naman ng ginagawa namin ay para sa show and sa’min naman nila Kylie, walang problema kasi united talaga kaming lahat para sa (ikagaganda ng) show.”

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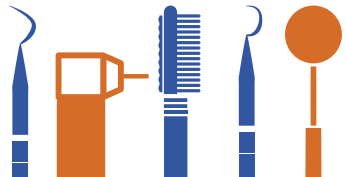


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Camilneos held their annual year-end dinner-dance last November 26 at Garnet Williams. The capacity crowd had a good time. The food was

plentiful. The annual dinner dance also raises funds for different projects back in Camiling Tarlac. There was music, entertainment, dancing and raffle prizes. Their President is Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda.

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Jean grateful to Derek for ‘making love’ to her



JEAN Garcia has avoided doing love scenes during her younger days. “Hindi ko kasi talaga feel ang mga ganung eksena,” she says. “Nakakatawa nga kasi kung kailan lola na ako ngayong may anak na ang daughter kong si Jennica, heto’t magkasunod pa ang movies ko na may love scenes ako with younger men. First is with Derek Ramsay in ‘The Escort’ that opens today in theatres nationwide, then with Jake Cuenca in ‘Mano Po 7, Chinoy’ that’s an entry in the Metro Manila filmfest. In both movies, unfaithful wife ang drama ko kasi hindi ako satisfied sa mga espaso ko, si Rommel Padilla in ‘The Escort’ and si Richard Yap in ‘Mano Po 7’.”

Her love scene with Derek in a swimming pool is very daring as she was obviously top-less. “Yes, nag-panic ako when I was first told na may ganun akong eksena na dapat daw, palaban ako at ako ang humahalik kay Derek. Mabuti na lang very protective si Derek at alam niyang I was so nervous so he made me feel more comfortable. Maganda ‘yung role ko kasi ako ang may-ari ng escort agency where Derek is the manager. Siya mismo, dating escort na na-in love ako so ginawa kong exclusive na lang siya para sa’kin. Ako naman, dating escort girl rin na naging asawa ng isang politician, si Rommel nga.”

Jean is flattered when Derek said she is still super HOT even is she’ll be a golden girl in a couple of years. “Nakaka-flatter siyempre. But that’s not the only thing he said, sinabi rin niyang he’s glad to work with me kasi I’m a brilliant actress. Kaya naman after our pool scene, sabi ko talaga sa kanya: Thank you, Derek. You made me feel safe and comfortable with you.”

Derek himself is very appreciative. “Sa dami ng naka-love scene ko, si Ms. Jean lang nagpasalamat sa’kin for being protective of her kaya natutuwa ako,” he says.

JOEM PLAYS WEAK-LING WHO’S ACTUALLY BAD

JOEM Bascon delivers a riveting performance in “Siphayo” as the youngest son of Maria Isabel Lopez and Allan Paule who is portrayed as a weakling and cries a lot. He hates doing farm work when their family relies on his father’s farm for their livelihood. But don’t be deceived by his “good boy” projection as he is really a wolf in sheep’s clothing with his own hidden motives.

“Maganda talaga ‘yung role, naiiba ang challenge, kaya tinanggap ko ang ‘Siphayo’ that opens today sa mga sinahan. Hindi ako nagdalawang-loob kahit may requirements na may nude love scene ako with Nathalie Hart,” he says at the film’s preview at Fisher Mall. “At ngayong napanood ko na ang buong movie, I’m happy with the results. Maganda ang kinalabasan.”

Oo nga, we tell him. Masamang tao ka pala. After “Siphayo”, Joem will also be seen in the movie “Kusina” that opens on



Cody (FAR RIGHT) poses with friends in this picture.



Cody Waito’s 21st Birthday

Cody celebrated his 21st birthday with family and close friends at Mandarin Restaurant.



LEFT, Camilineos President Harold Guarin, also of Roadsport Honda poses with friends at the Camilineos party. RIGHT Nenita Lora hists the dance floor at Camilineos dinner dance.



Senator Tobias Enverga presents of Certificate of Recognition to Steve Pagao, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto. From left, Mel galeon of FV Foods, Monina Serano, PCCT President Steve Pagao, Senator Enverga, Mrs. Rosemer Enverga of GMA7, Oswald Tugadi and Ace Alvarez.

Anghel ng Tahanan held their pageant at the Prestige Club. BELOW LEFT, Rosemer Enverga of GMA 7 gives all the contestants a gift bag. BELOW RIGHT The Top Three Winners of 2016 Anghel Ng Tahanan Canada. From Left: 1st runner Up - Caboverde Turno Acceber, Anghel Ng Tahanan 2016 - Ju Gee and 2nd Runner Up - Rome Domingo Baltazar. PHOTOS BY BONG MOLANO



Lunijo Productions held a fashion show of Lunijo’s own creations and Tamana Couture Collection November 19. With a bevy of beautiful models young and younger, they showed an eclectic ensemble of outfits that can be worn in different occasions. LEFT, Model Melissa Saldua Ventocilla poses for photographer Noli Gumapac. MIDDLE BELOW, Models and Lunijo’s Jonathan de Leon (FAR RIGHT) make the final bow. RIGHT, Melissa poses with mom Flora and Ricky. PHOTOS BY NORLITO GUMAPAC OF 4ENS PHOTOGRAPHY



Darren Espanto paid a courtesy call to UMAC Express Cargo, one of the sponsors of his Sing Pilipinas Concert.

November 9 as the husband of Judy Ann Santos.

YASMIEN WISHES EXTENSION FOR CURRENT SERIES

YASMIEN Kurdi thinks she’s lucky to be in shows that get an extension. Her last show, “Yagit”, started airing in October 2014 and hit it big so it was extended several times and ended nine months later in July 2015. Her current soap, “Sa Piling ni Nanay”, started airing in June this year and has already been extended twice. Now, they got word that it will be extended up to next year.

“Suwerte talaga na tuluy-tuloy ang ‘Sa Piling ni Nanay’,” she says. “Lalong mahuhook ang viewers kasi naging mas complicated ang story. Nagtagumpay si Katrina Halili as Scarlet na idiin ako sa pagkamatay ni Nova Villa as Matilda. Gabby Eigenmann as Benedict offered to help me para makatakas ako ng bansa to elude the case, pero pinili kong manatili rito at harapin ang kaso, alang-alang sa anak kong si Jillian Ward as Katherine. Abangan nyo ang court scenes, madudurog ang puso nyo. Dahil sa mga ebidensiya laban sa’kin, lalabas ang desisyon ng korte at guilty raw ako so kailangan kong mabilanggo.”

Ryza refuses to be overshadowed by much older actors

RYZA Cenon went sexy in the QCinema Filmfest entry “Manananggal sa Unit 23 B” where she had a very daring mastur-

bation scene and a love scene with Martin del Rosario. She got praised for her persuasive performance and this obviously paid off as GMA7 now finally gives her a meaty starring role in a new soap, “Ikaanim na Utos”, which will replace “Oh My Mama” in the Afternoon Prime.

“I’m thankful to GMA for trusting me with the role of the other woman who will be the cause of the break up of the marriage of Gabby Concepcion and Sunshine Dizon in the story,” she says. “Naiiba ‘yung role kasi very selfish ako rito, the type of girl na kapag may nagustuhan, very determined na gagawin niya ang lahat para makuha ito. It’s very emotionally demanding for me and, so far, I’m enjoying it as I’m also learning so much as an actress.”

It’s also a challenge for her to work with a veteran actor like Gabby Concepcion. “Siyempre, intimidated ako noong una kasi matinee idol siya na even my parents, hinahangaan siya. He has worked with the country’s best actresses so I really have to give my best sa mga eksena namin dahil ayokong mapahiya. Big challenge din to work with Ate Sunshine Dizon kasi so-brang galing niyang artista at marami ring awards. Ayoko namang basta lamunin niya ako sa mga eksena namin.”

Ryza was the big winner in Starstruck Batch 2 but her career never really took off. Now that she’s finally given a demanding lead role in “Ikaanim na Utos”, where she also co-stars with co-winner Mike Tan, here’s wishing her good luck and may it be the turning point project that will really give her career the big shot it in the arm that it needs so much. With regard to her love life, it’s common knowledge she’s now playing beautiful music with Cholo Barretto, but she’d rather not talk about it as

they want to keep a low profile about their love affair.

SHARON AGREES TO GO INDIE

THE Cinemalaya Filmfest last August produced one of the local best films shown this year: “Pamilya Ordinaryo”. It just won awards in the recently concluded Hanoi International Filmfest, best actress for Hasmine Killip as a teenage mom whose baby is kidnapped and best actor for Eduardo Roy.

This early, we know of some entries in the Cinemalaya next year that have already started filming. First is “Requited” by Nerissa Picadizo, starring Jake Cuenca and Anna Luna. Then there’s “Ang Guro Kong Di Marunong Magbasa” with Alfred Vargas and child stars Justin Alvarez and Miggs Cuaderno, directed by Perry Escano.

Jake and Alfred are co-producing their respective movies. And we heard Megastar Sharon Cuneta is following in their footsteps. She has given her nod to do her first indie movie, “Ang Pamilyang Hindi Lumuluha”, also a Cinemalaya entry to be directed by Mes de Guzman who did the award-winning “Ang Daan Patungong Kalimugtong” and helmed Nora Aunor in “Ang Kuwento ni Mabuti”. Sharon has expressed her desire to get Gerald Anderson to play her son in the film.

Let’s see if ABS-CBN would give their permission to Gerald to do an indie film, considering he’s busy with his new soap reuniting him with ex-GF Kim Chiu. Sharon is also scheduled to do a mainstream movie with Star Cinema next year, but they’re still fixing the script.

JERIC KEEPS ENDING SECRET

JERIC Gonzales is happy with his role as Zach Ynares in “Oh My Mama” whose parents are Sheree and Ryan Eigenmann. He forms a love triangle with Inah de Belen and Jake Vargas in the story. So who gets Inah when the series ends its telecast a week from now?

“Ayoko namang maging spoiler, pero basta abangan nyo kasi maraming mangyayari kapag nalaman na kung sino ang mastermind ng sindikato,” he says. “Isa sa amin ang mamamatay, pero siyempre, hindi ko puwedeng i-reveal kung sino. Sa ngayon, panay pa ang selosan sa amin ni Jake over Inah, but who finally gets her in the end will be a surprise.”

He used to be part of the boy band Threelogy, with Jak Roberto and Abel Estanislao. What happened to their trio? “Umalis na si Abel sa GMA Artist Center, so wala na ‘yung grupo namin. Si Jak naman, he’s on his own dahil nabigyan siya ng break sa ‘Dear Uge’, and I’m so happy for him kasi pareho kaming produkto ng Ginoong Laguna. Siya ang unang nanalo roon then ako ang pumalit sa kanya at inilipat niya ‘yung korona niya sa akin.”

So what’s next for him now that “Oh My Mama” is ending? “I don’t know yet. Ang dream ko is mapasama sana ako sa cast ng bagong version ng ‘Mulawin’ na magi-start early next year. Pero hindi naman ako pinababayaan ng GMA kasi lagi akong guest sa ibang shows nila, like ‘Magpakailanman’.”

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Romance with Derrick puwede

BEA Binene’s best 19th birthday gift is having a new show and she is happy to be reunited with Derrick Monasterio in their latest GMA7 sitcom, “Tsuperhero”. “Okay katrabaho si Derrick and they say maganda ang chemistry namin,” she says.

Derrick says he wooed her when they did “Tween Hearts” but she didn’t take him seriously.

“Well, yes, kasi I found hindi lang naman akong nilligawan niya. But we became good friends since then. I can say magka-vibes na kami at kilalang-kilala ko na siya. Honestly, at this point, ayoko munang pasukin ang pakikipagrelasyon. Trabaho na lang muna. It’s much better kung friends na lang kami na walang expectations sa isa’t isa at hindi kami magiging conscious sa sasabihin ng ibang tao.”

Is it because she hasn’t moved on since she broke up with Jake Vargas? “Ay, walang connection ‘yun sa sitwasyon namin ni Derrick. Kahit sabihin pang hindi naging maganda ang ending namin ni Jake, it’s not enough reason para maging bitter ako sa mga lalaki. I never became a man-hater kasi alam ko namang hindi pare-pareho ang ugali ng mga lalaki. It’s not fair na dahil sa isang tao lang, lalahatin mo na sila. I was able to move on after what happened to me and Jake, I became whole again and became a much better person. At kami ni Jake, okay na rin kami. Huli kaming nagkita noong ‘Oh Boy’ concert nila ni Derrick sa Music Museum at civil naman kami sa isa’t isa. Nagbatiyan naman kami. But as of now, career na lang muna ang focus ko. Gusto kong mag-rate muna nang mataas itong ‘Tsuperhero’ namin ni Derrick at nang di masira ang pagtitiwala ng GMA sa tambalan namin. Maganda ang role ko

rito as a barker sa sakayan ng jeep at bus in Pandacan. Nag-immersion kami pareho ni Derrick diyan to make sure we’ll be believable in our roles and I think, credible naman ang kinalabasan ng efforts namin sa screen.”

Getting to know Nar

NAR Cabico is the bet of most viewers to win in GMA’s hit Saturday show, “Superstar Duets”, as he is always a top scorer and even won immunity from being booted out. Not much is known about Nar other than he appeared as Lovi Poe’s gay taong graza friend in “Beautiful Strangers”. He was born in Dumaguete 26 years ago on September 16 but grew up in Zamboanga.

“Soldier ang tatay ko at mahirap lang po kami, palipat-lipat siya ng destino,” he says. “Dahil mahilig akong umarte and I can sing, nag-apply ako sa National School for the Arts sa Mount Makiling as a scholar at theatre major ako roon. Then lumipat ako sa St. Benilde taking up arts management also on a scholarship. After that, he tried the movies. “Nakuha akong mag-movie as the transgender maid nina Mart Escudero sa ‘Zombadings’, in the indie film ‘Rekrut’ and as a witness sa ‘Paglilitis kay Bonifacio’ ni late Direk Mario O’hara. Nagtrabaho rin akong lounge singer sa Jakarta, Malaysia and Korea for two years. Pagbalik ko rito, I did theatre at nakasama ako sa ‘Kung Paano Ako Naging Leading Lady’ ni Direk Chris Martinez.”

Now that he’s on TV, doesn’t he miss doing theatre? “I do. I miss the training, the camaraderie, the feeling of performing for a live audience. Kaya lang, I have to focus on TV now.”

He’s often the host of GMA7 press conferences for new shows. What can he say about predictions that he’d win in “Superstar Duets”? “Sana nga, magdilang anghel sila. But enjoy talaga ako sa ‘Superstar Duets’ dahil puro okay ang mga kasama ko, like Jerald Napoles, Divine Aucina, Rita Daniela at si Joross Gamboa na masaya talaga at dati, hindi seryoso pero ngayon gusto na niyang manalo.

At si Jennylyn Mercado as our host, sobrang bait niya, kahit pagod na at may pinagdaraan kasi nga may sakit ang mother niya and eventually passed. Hindi mo mahahalatang mabigat ang pinagdaraan niya kasi she’s so composed, so relaxed. Sabi, isasama raw ako sa next soap niya, ‘My Love from the Star’, as her sidekick. Sana nga, magkatotoo.”

Alden reveals a ‘very different experience’ with Maine in Europe + other stories



By: Allan Policarpio - Reporter / @InqEntPhilippine Daily Inquirer / 12:26 AM November 11, 2016

Call him “Alden Recharged.”

Whenever Alden Richards goes overseas and visits different countries, there’s almost always work involved. That’s why his recent trip to the United Kingdom and Germany—with onscreen partner, Maine Mendoza, and friends—was a refreshing change, he said.

“I’ve never felt more relaxed during those five days. That time it was strictly vacation, so the experience was very different. I am recharged; I feel like I can do more things,” the GMA-7 star told reporters in a brief interview, after his recent launch as the new face of Oppo’s F1s Limited smartphone.

The 24-year-old actor related that one of the highlights of the trip was visiting the convent of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, or the “Pink Sisters,” in the town of Bad Driburg in Germany. “We found time to reflect on everything that has been happening in our lives now. We thanked the Lord for all the blessings ... Meeting the head of the Pink Sisters there was great,” recalled Alden, who’s also set to open another branch of his restaurant, in Quezon City, tentatively by this month’s end.

“I’m very hands-on when it comes to [my businesses]. My partner always updates me about the progress. I’m excited,” said Alden, who’s part of the fantasy flick “Enteng Kabisote 10 and the Abangers,” which is vying for a spot in the lineup of this year’s Metro Manila Film Festival. “We’re done, so fingers crossed!”

As for his Christmas plans, Alden told the Inquirer that he would mostly like to stay home and spend it with his family. “That’s what I’m used to,” he said. “Maybe we can celebrate Christmas out of the country next year.”

Paolo, LJ now open about romance

PAOLO Contis no longer hides his relationship with LJ Reyes. Their romance bloomed when they

did “Yagit” last year. Both of them come from other relationships. Paolo has two daughters with Lian Paz while LJ has a son with Paulo Avelino. Lian has since found a new partner in cager John Cabahug and they’re now based in Cebu while her ex Paulo has found a new love in non-showbiz girl, Natasha Villaroman.

Recently, Paolo visited his lovely daughters, Xonia and Xylene, in Cebu and it’s obvious they had a grand time together, along with Paolo’s mom and, of course, also LJ. This is what he posted on his social media account about his reunion with them: “This week was a little tiring for me but I’m very thankful to God for blessing me and giving me work... and I can’t think of any better way of ending this week than this... God knows how much I missed the two of you... He knows how much your papa loves both of you and I hope that you girls know it too. I’m so happy to see you two today kahit sobrang bitin. No, I’m flying back to Manila fully charged



and ready to work harder so we can have more days like these... mahal na mahal ko kayo, mga anak...”

LJ got along fine with Paolo’s daughters and Paolo called her the best Tita ever. Paolo himself is very close to LJ’s son, Aki.

Meanwhile, on their way to Cebu, Paolo met PNP Chief Gen. Ronald de la Rosa aka Bato at the airport lounge and they had their picture taken together. Paolo told Bato that he is his idol and that Bato is his peg in portraying his character, a good dedicated cop in GMA7’s hit primetime show, “Alyas Robin Hood”. Paolo quips: “I ask tips from him kung paano ko mahuhuli si Dingdong Dantes Alyas Robin Hood. Thank you po, PNP CHief Bato. Idol ko po kayo, Sir!”

Meantime, in “Alyas Robin Hood” this week, Dingdong Dantes as Pepe gets terribly jealous and sad when he sees Megan Young as Sarri being kissed by Sid Lucero as Dean in an event. Megan was actually caught off guard by what Sid did to her. Megan tells Pepe she wants to see Robin Hood and they arrange to meet on a rooftop but the fake Robin Hood, Anthony Falcon as Chino, comes along and fights with Pepe. Pepe beats up Chino who nearly fell off the roof, but Pepe still rescues him and saves him from falling then beats him up.

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may be used in public and private transactions in the country.

“Every Filipino, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, is mandated to register personal information required by the ID system, and upon application shall be issued a non-transferable Filipino ID card with an ID number that shall be valid for life, subject to replacement only under (some) circumstances,” Arroyo said.

The proposed law tasks the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) with overseeing the ID registration through the Local Civil Registry Office and ensuring that all Filipinos, including indigenous peoples and those in the remote communities, are issued a card.

The card, which will be made of tamper-proof security material, shall store at least

the biometric data of the cardholder and shall also bear the owner’s photograph, name, birth date, gender, date of issue, and signature.

The Filipino ID card may be used in all government transactions including applications for passport, driver’s license, any services and benefits offered by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the Social Security System (SSS), the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF); clearances from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), courts, prosecutor and the police; proof of identity, status, age and address for admission in all learning institutions as well as for employment purposes; and availment of benefits or privileges afforded by law to senior citizens.

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tions in banking and financial institutions. No additional proof of identification shall be required when the Filipino ID card is presented. The initial application and issuance of the Filipino ID card shall be free of charge as part of the government’s social service responsibility. A replacement fee shall be paid by the cardholder.

The public may apply for the ID card in their municipality or at the nearest Philippine Embassy.

Why is a National ID needed

MANILA - A Philippine congressman said the country needs a unified national ID system as another form of identification for all Filipinos.

Albay 2nd District Rep. Al Francis Bichara gives Filipinos another ID separate

from their passports and driver’s licenses.

“We really need a unified ID that will include our SSS number, GSIS, voter’s ID number, TIN...All the relevant info,” he said.

He added the card will include the person’s photograph, name, birth date, gender, date of issue, signature of owner, and corresponding individual serial number issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Under the proposed measure, the Philippine Statistics Authority will be the implementing agency of the program, tasked to create and maintain a Filipino Citizen Registry.

Bichara said Filipinos can get the non-transferable ID card when they reach 18.

He said that when the ID card is presented to any government agency or for identification purposes, no other additional identification card will be required.

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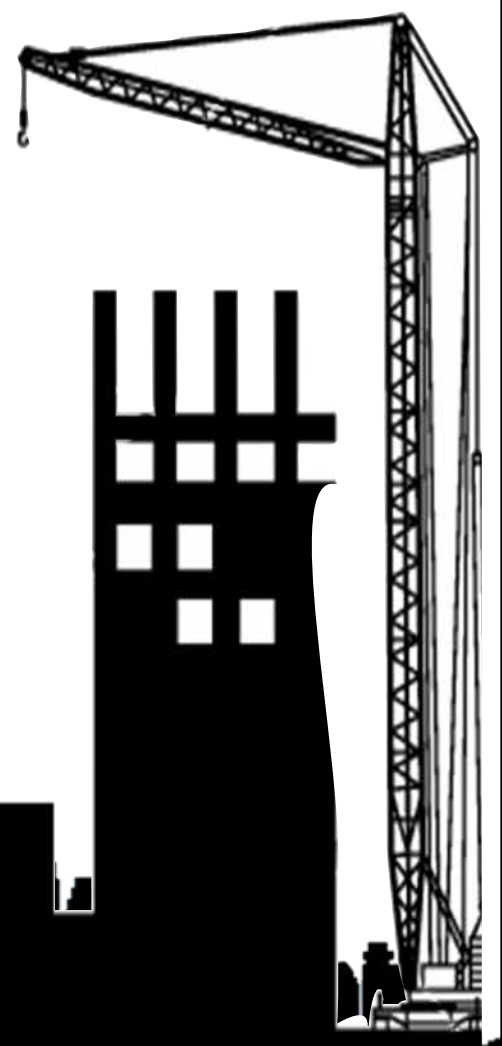
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Joyce Ching: Education is a sacrifice, but I have to persevere + other stories



Inspired by the recognition Filipino independent films reap in the international scene, Joyce Ching said she hopes to come up with her own someday.

“It has always been my dream to write and direct a movie. I hope to have the opportunity in the future. I’ll be happy if I get to do one, maybe two,” related the young GMA-7 actress, who is currently on her third year as a film major in the Meridian International College.

It is this aspiration to work behind the cameras that fuels the 21-year-old talent to finish her schooling, despite her busy schedule. “It’s a sacrifice, but I have to persevere. Sometimes, I go home from taping—sleepless and exhausted, but I still have to finish all my requirements,” she told the Inquirer in a recent interview.

“I don’t get much rest, but I love what I do,” added Joyce, who stressed that she wouldn’t give up acting, her first love. “It’s fun. I enjoy portraying characters that are very different from my own persona.”

But should she finally get the chance to put on the director’s hat, who would she choose as her first lead star?

Her ex-boyfriend, Kristoffer Martin, of course. “Maybe I can coax him into working for me for free,” Joyce jested. “But really, I think he’s good.”

Their romance lasted for three years, before calling it quits in 2013. The former couple has since worked in such television series as “Healing Hearts,” “Hahamakin ang Lahat” and “Paraiso Ko’y Ikaw.”

And though they have not gotten back together, the friendship remained. “We know each other very well. We’re good friends—walang halong show biz ’yan!” Joyce stressed.

Asked if she is dating anyone at the moment, Joyce said she’d rather take her time and focus on her acting career and studies. “We were young, and things happened quickly. But as we both matured, we started to find out what being in a relationship entailed—why we got into it,” she said.

Eula makes the move to reconcile with partner

Eula Valdes also cried when Snooky Serna cried at the presscon of “Hahamakin ang Lahat”, now

shown on GMA’s Afternoon Prime, while thanking Marina Benipayo for being a good stepmom to her daughters.

“Siyempre naka-relate ako kasi nanay rin ako,” she says. “Nauna pa ngang tumulo ang luha ko kaysa kay Cookie. ‘Di n’yo naitatanong, fan ako ni Snooky Serna. Ayaw nga niyang maniwala, e. Pero noong mapanood ko ang movie nilang ‘Under-age’ noong 1980, naging fan na niya ako. Sino ang mag-aakala na darating ang time na magkakasama kami sa soap at marami kaming eksena together? So very thankful ako na katrabaho ko siya ngayon.”

Eula has been in a relationship with Rocky Salumbides for 8 years now but she admits they almost broke up a few months ago. “Nagkaproblema and we were off for about a month. Ako na rin ang gumawa ng paraan para magkabati kami kasi napakabait niyang tao at walang dahilan para magalit ako sa kanya nang todo. Na-realize kong mahal ko siya at naayos din naman agad ang lahat. Nagdasal ako nang nagdasal at nag-novena ako. I asked my kids kung anong opinion nila. Ngayon, mas okay na kami ni Rocky.”

In “Hahamakin ang Lahat”, she plays the daughter of Chinggoy Alonso and they’re a Chinese family. She falls in love with a Filipino guy, Ariel Rivera, and her dad is against this. Snooky is their housemaid and her friend. She and Snooky later become mortal enemies when she learns that Snooky snitched on her and told her dad that she eloped with Ariel. Years later, her daughter, Joyce Ching, and Snooky’s son, Kristoffer Martin, get involved in a forbidden love affair.

Going berserk exhausts Tom

Tom Rodriguez says his role as TJ, a young family man afflicted with early onset Alzheimer’s disease, is so demanding as his scenes are mostly physically and emotionally draining. “I’ve played other drama roles before like in ‘My Husband’s Lover’ pero ibang klase itong ‘Someone to Watch Over Me,’” he says. “Dahil sa sakit niya (TJ, his character) will have a violent streak. Masasaktan niya ang pamilya niya, lalo na ang misis niya, si Lovi Poe as Joanna na nasugatan dahil sa kagagawan niya.”

Tom as TJ will tell Lovi to just commit him to a hospice in case he gets worse, but Lovi says she cannot do that as she remains committed to him. To make matters worse, their baby, Joshua, gets sick and his fever keeps on recurring. He is diagnosed to have dengue fever and Tom goes berserk in the hospital when the nurses won’t mind them when the baby needs blood transfusion.

He feels so useless that he cannot personally take care of his sick child because of his worsening condition. The kid improves when Tom gives his own blood to him for transfusion. Baby Joshua is played by Caleb Punzalan, who’s really so cute and cuddly that viewers like him so much as shown in the great feedback on him in social media. Later, in the wedding of Lance Serrano as Alex, Tom goes berserk again when he thought that Lance is marrying Max Collins as Irene, his first girlfriend.



Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa shares story behind photo with President Rodrigo Duterte

Fresh from Tokyo, Japan, newly-crowned Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa arrived in the country on Friday, November 11.

Acknowledging people who helped her all throughout the competition, Kylie said, “This is not only my journey but your journey as well. And I’m so glad that I’m here, making you guys proud. That makes me the happiest.”

According to Kylie, spending time with her fellow contestants was one of her most memorable experiences during the pageant. She also mentioned about touring Japan.

Talking about her winning speech during the pageant’s question and answer portion, Kylie thought she could have done better, adding that it was not as perfect as she wanted to be. Nonetheless, she said that she did her best.

Meanwhile, Kylie also shared the story behind her photo with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte in Japan.

“No, he did not visit me. He was at a conference in Japan, it was at a state visit to Japan. A lot of people think I met him. No, I chased him for a selfie. I met him for one second. But what I like about that, he stopped for me. He didn’t stop for anyone else but me,” she said, adding that she appreciated the gesture.

When asked how their conversation went, she narrated, “Yung kasama ko, sabi niya, ‘President, si Miss Philippines.’ ‘Pres, pa-picture.’ I was fan-moding (sic). I’m a fan. And he said, ‘O, Philippines.’ He saw my sash. So he stopped and took a picture with me.”



Iza visible on the international scene

IZA Calzado had a great experience working as one of the jurors in the recent Hanoi International Filmfest. “It’s great meeting filmmakers and stars from other countries, like Geraldine Chaplin, the daughter of Charlie Chaplin, and Adoor Gopalakrishnan of India, and learning about their own film industry,” she says. “And it’s also nice that one of our own movies won big in Hanoi. This is ‘Pamilya Ordinaryo’ which got the best director award for Eduardo Roy and the best actress award for Hasmine Killip in her role as a teenage mom whose baby was kidnapped.”

Last year, Iza was in a Metro Filmfest entry, “Haunted Mansion”, where she played a malevolent ghost. This year, she’s glad to be in another movie that qualified as an official entry in the coming December filmfest, “Die Beautiful”, which is directed by Jun Lana, who was also the director of “Haunted Mansion”. “I play the host of a gay beauty pageant where Paolo Ballesteros is one of the contestants,” she says. “It’s one of the most hilarious sequences in the movie and I’m so glad Paolo won as best actor in the Tokyo International Filmfest for his performance here. When Eugene Domingo also won in Tokyo for ‘Barber’s Tales’, I’m proud to say na co-star din niya ako sa movie niya.”

Iza is also quite busy acting in two new movies, both with Ian Veneracion as her leading man. First is the horror movie, “Ilawod”, directed by Dan Villegas for Quantum Films which has a January 18 playdate. She plays a young mom whose family is terrorized by an evil spirit. Then there’s a yet untitled movie she did for Jerrold Tarog, who did last year’s acclaimed sleeper hit, “Heneral Luna”. This is a suspense-thriller where we heard she’ll have a topless scene. “Hindi naman siya seksing-sexy,” she says. “More of sensual lang. But it’s my most daring role to date. I’m a risk taker and the project, the role is good, so I accepted it.”

Did she have to ask the permission of her BF Ben Wintle about it? “I told him

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Camilineos Association of Toronto had a different addition of entertainment this year at their annual year-end Christmas dinner. They had two traditional performances which was appreciated by the crowd.



People...are talking about:

JaDine



The love team has proven that chemistry is not just a branch of science, but also a connection between them that other love teams don't have. It's safe to say the tandem of James Reid and Nadine Lustre has not shown any sign of slowing down because of its indescribable chemistry. As a matter of fact, the Kapamilya love team has just scored another endorsement that puts James and Nadine alongside Anne Curtis and Sarah Geronimo as the celebrity ambassador of the country's biggest real estate brand.

MMFF 2016

Big movies snubbed by the annual film fest are having earlier play dates. The MMFF organizers surprised many when the list of films for this year's festival didn't quite turn out as most people expected it to be. But the feedback was overwhelming, the big change only proves that there's still hope that this festival can recover from the

pit it's currently in.

Encantadia

The ratings of the fantasy series is just getting better, a clear indication that



the audience has completely embraced the new version and the new cast of the show. Based on the latest data of AGB Nielsen, Encantadia scored 30.1 percent ratings, the highest viewership the series received and probably the highest rated Kapuso show to date. Encantadia is doing extremely well its closest rival is losing steam amid celebrating its anniversary as a primetime show.

People...are not talking about

Criselda Volks

Remember her? If you don't, we perfectly understand. Criselda used to be one of the more popular bomba stars in the 90s. In 2005, she tried reviving her



career as a sexy singer. Three years later, she reappeared asking for sympathy after her sex scandal made the rounds online. Just this week, Criselda resurfaced with news that she's getting married not with a man but with another woman. Interesting, right? We're just wondering when her next sighting would be.

Ivan Dorschner

When he left the Pinoy Big Brother house in 2010, everyone expected that his career would take off like most mestizo housemates who decided to give showbiz a try. After he hopped from one mother studio to another, people realized that he didn't exactly have the potential they all thought he had. This is the same exact reason why they are not too optimistic with his showbiz comeback via a new soap on GMA Network.



Super Parental Guardians

It should've made the MMFF "Magic 8," at least according to the people behind the comedy film. Joyce Bernal explained that it was submitted to MMFF organizers unfinished. And that could be the reason why the Vice Ganda starrer film didn't make it to the official list. Perhaps the alibi was true but the film fest is headed to a direction different from what mainstream movies and big production outfit wanted to traverse. Why can't they just admit that their happy times are over?



Vice Ganda wants to make a film with Atom Araullo

Phenomenal star Vice Ganda has invited news anchor Atom Araullo to become his co-star.

Vice made his invitation known to Atom on air on Umagang Kay Ganda. "Nabasa ko may pelikula si Atom," he began.

"Baka sa susunod kong movie, pwede na kitang leading man... Kai-lalangang i-push natin 'yan," he said referring to Atom, who is one of the hosts of Umagang Kay Ganda.

Atom is set to make his film debut soon after being tapped by multi-awarded director Mike de Leon for his comeback film titled Citizen Jake.

Vice, for his part, is currently promoting his upcoming film opposite his best friend Coco Martin titled The Super Parental Guardians.

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Janine quickly moves on from Elmo + other stories



JANINE Gutierrez’ wish is finally granted. She wanted then to be part of the new “Encantadia” and she even auditioned to Direk Mark Reyes, but she could not be included in the cast as she was also taping “Once Again” that time. Now that she has no regular show of her own, she’s added into the cast of “Encantadia” in the role of Agua, the “kambal diwa” of Gabbi Garcia as Alena.

“Fan ako ng ‘Encantadia’ and I’m glad be part of the show now,” says Janine. “Maganda ‘yung role ko as Agua kasi ako ang tutulong kay Alena after maging isa siyang pagong. I will help her regain her man form as a Sang’gre. Medyo nagulat ako kasi ang sexy ng costume na ibinigay Nakaka-pressure dahil sexy costumes din suot ng ibang Sang’gres. But I’m glad maganda naman ang feedback so far.”

Netizens praise her for being so cool-headed as she was able to move on quite quickly after her breakup with Elmo Magalona with whom she was on for two years. Their romance bloomed while doing shows like “Villa Quintana” and “More than Words”. What can she say about this?

“It was a mutual decision kasi bihira na kaming magkita dahil parehong busy ang schedules namin. We decided it’s best to just focus muna on our respective careers. But may pinagsamahan din naman kami so hindi pa tapos ang friendship namin. I want to thank all my friends and all the people na nagpalakas ng loob ko, but it’s really time to move on.”

Nadine Lustre admits she’s ‘attached’ to James Reid’s birthday gift

Apart from starring in the Primetime Bida show Till I Met You, Nadine Lustre can also count being a new entrepreneur in her list of accomplishments. At her launch as the newest celebrity ambassador of Nails.Glow nail salon and spa, Nadine admitted she is both nervous and excited to become the brand’s youngest franchisee with plans to open her store in a mall in Quezon City by next year.

“Magsisimula pa lang ako. This is my first business. For now kasi I think perfect yung nail salon business kasi ako isa ako sa mga tao na gustong-gustong pumupunta sa nail salon nagpapalinis and everything. So naisip ko yung pinaka-kailangan ng mga tao ngayon. As much as I can mag-ha-hands on ako pero andiyan yung mom ko kung hindi ako puwede. Siya mismo talaga yung mag-ma-manage nun,” she shared during the Nails.Glow event last November 26 in Quezon City.

Nadine said she got inspired to try a business venture upon the guidance of her management. “I guess mentor ko si Boss Vic (Del Rosario of Viva). Siya ang nagsabi sa akin na mag-business para mag-grow yung pera ko,” she recalled.

The 23-year-old actress also admitted she goes to the nail salon at least once a week for some pampering. “OC ako so gusto ko palaging malinis. OC ako sa lahat ng bagay. Ayaw ni James (Reid) ng mahaba na nails kasi nakakakalmot di ba? Nakakalmot ko siya eh. Wala naman siyang reklamo (laughs),” she explained.

With her busy schedule with Till I Met You, Nadine shares how she motivates herself to do well in work. “Natutunan ko na it’s passion talaga and the drive to really work hard and mamahalin mo yung ginagawa mo. Gusto ibigay ko talaga yung 110% sa lahat. Kami ni James have the same passion eh. Parehas kami ng dreams. Para kaming umaakyat ng bundok na pataas. Parang ganun yun,” she shared.

During the Nails.Glow presscon, members of the press noticed that Nadine kept touching her new necklace which she admitted came from

James Reid. “It’s a birthday (gift) pero medyo natagalan kasi nga nag-Korea kami kaya pagbalik saka lang niya ata napuntahan. Hindi ko na tinanong, ayaw niya magkuwento eh (laughs),” she said.

Nadine also explained why she seems very attached to it already. “Kasi natatakot ako baka mawala. Very delicate kasi yung chain na, baka bigla na lang magulat ako wala na kaya palagi ko siyang chini-check,” she added.

After their teleserye received a summons from the MTRCB, Nadine said the cast and crew of TIMY are now more cautious in what sensitive scenes they decide to air. “Cautious? Well kung kailangan naman kasi talaga sa scene, kasi yun yung bumubuo ng story eh. Siguro nag-iingat na lang kmai ng konti alam mo yun? Pero na-re-review naman nila direk Tonette (Jadaone) so kung sa tingin nila super hindi na puwede or super sumosobra na, or super revealing na and all, super daring na, siyempre isi-screen na nila yun at tatanggalin na nila,” she explained.

The Nails.Glow endorser addressed a recent issue where Jadine fans petitioned for a TIMY bit player to be fired after he reportedly bashed Nadine on his social media accounts. “Well hindi ko alam eh. Kinuwento na lang nila sa akin. Ako naman parang deadma lang naman ako dun. Hindi ko naman masyado pinansin but parang sabi nila ang dami daw sinabi sabi about sa akin. So ang ginawa na lang ng Dreamscape parang tinanggal na lang nila kasi palagi kong makikita kasi palagi siyang andun but I can remember the last time na nagkita kami humingi pa siya sa akin ng video greeting eh,” she said.

For this coming Christmas, Nadine said she and James have no plans to go abroad. “When spending Christmas with my family, gusto ko simple lang so siguro dun lang kami sa bahay, dun na rin kami for the opening of the gifts. Kami ni James gusto naman namin talaga dito lang, as in simple lang. Tingnan natin (kung mag-a-abroad kami) pero gusto talaga namin dito lang sa Manila,” she said.

Angelica Panganiban is the “Queen of Crossover”

Sa TV Patrol, si “The Unmarried Wife” star Angelica Panganiban na ngayon ang tinaguriang Queen of Crossover dahil sa versatility nito bilang artista. Pwede siyang isabak mapa-comedy man o maging heavy drama.

Ani Angge, “ako na ang Queen of Crossover. Sana nga ng mas madalas mangyari yung may nakakatrabho na galing iba’t ibang networks dahil ang refreshing sa pakiramdam.”

Umani ng magagandang feedback si Angge sa mga netizens dahil sa paganap niya sa sa “The Unmarried Wife.”Tumabo rin ito sa takilya.



Shaina ready for new love after John Lloyd

Magdayao’s family is originally from Cebu, Cebu but they moved to Manila about 30 years ago when her older sister Vina Morales joined showbiz as a child star in Viva. Shaina was born and grew up in Manila, so she doesn’t speak Bisaya fluently. Now, she is given the chance to work in Cebu to shoot a film made in Bisaya, “Lily”, one of the seven full length film entries in the Cinema One Originals Filmfest.

“It was a big challenge for me to deliver all my lines in Bisaya kasi live sound ang shoot namin at walang dubbing-dubbing, so kailangan laging tama ang delivery ko,” she says. “They gave me a speech coach and I really studied and practiced it well pero ang hirap palang mag-memorize ka ng lines mo, tapos iisipin mo rin kung paano ‘yung arteng gagawin mo while saying your Visayan lines. I want to do it right kasi nasa puso ko pa rin ang pagiging Cebuana kahit hindi ako lumaki roon. Ang daddy ko ang tuwang-tuwang nagsasalita ako sa language nila. First time siyang dumalaw sa set ng isang movie na ginagawa ko and I want to make him feel proud of me. Three weeks kaming nag-shoot and I fell in love more with my roots. Tuwang-tuwa talaga ang daddy ko na puro Cebuano ang mga katrabaho at narinig niyang nagbi-Bisaya ako. So I’m really happy to have made this movie dahil nakatulong din ako sa Cebuano cinema. I didn’t even realize na may sarili pala silang film industry in Cebu and I’m proud to be a part of it.”

She plays the title role in “Lily”, which is not a tribute to Mother Lily Monteverde but is based on an urban legend in Cebu about an evil spirit who roams at night. “Si Lily, panakot siya sa mga bata kapag ayaw matulog or mag-behave well. Sinasabing monster siya, aswang, but behind the urban legend, there is really a wife abandoned by her husband and a mother looking for justice. It’s a good role and although I did ‘Dukot’ for Direk Paul Soriano na parang indie ang atake, ‘Lily’ is really my first out and out indie film. This is directed by Keith Deligero, who also co-wrote the script. Kasama ko rito si Rocky Salumbides.”

She’s been loveless since her last boyfriend, John Lloyd Cruz. Is she ready to get into a new relationship? “That was in 2012 yet, so four years na ang nakalipas and yes, I think ready na ako. I’ve given enough time for myself na. But then, hindi naman ‘yan hinahanap kundi kusang dumarating, so I will just wait kung sino ang ipakikilala sa akin ni Lord.”

‘OTJ’ ON HOOQ

‘ON The Job’ about corruption among cops is one of the best films of 2013. It won international acclaim, including some best actor awards for Joel Torre in his role as a convict who secretly works as a hired killer. Director Erik Matti now gets to do its sequel as a six-episode mini-series for a new format on HOOQ, Asia’s first and biggest video-on-demand service who’ll release it not just locally but also in its other markets abroad like India, Thailand and Indonesia.

The story is quite complicated with many characters. The cast is big and its members were introduced in the HOOQ presscon for “On the Job, The Series” at B Hotel’s Tent last Tuesday. The show has three main settings: the town of La Paz, the big city of Manila, and the jail where



convicted prisoners are used as hired killers.

The story starts with Christopher de Leon as the publisher of a local newspaper who rejects the story of a writer, theater actor Teroy Guzman as Sisoy, the paid hack of a powerful political family. This leads to the killing of eight journalists who mysteriously disappear, but were actually killed and buried on Christmas Eve (shades of the Ampatuan massacre). Bela Padilla as Pam, an honest and hard-hitting journalist, then goes to La Paz from Manila to investigate the case.

It's HOOQ's plan to finish shooting all the six episodes and then release it for viewing in one blow, which is what Netflix is now doing for its series like the big hits "Stranger Things", "House of Cards" and "Narcos". "We in Reality Entertainment are really excited with this project," says director-producer Erik Matti. "Creating a mini-series for video-in-demand is a new challenge for us that will give us the chance to explore new, unique materials that will pull in viewers who are tired of watching the usual stuff on TV. We promise to come up with something new that will be truly worth watching."

Erik has also just finished a new horror-thriller which they entered in the Metro Manila Filmfest, "Seklusyon", about four young priests who are brought to a secluded place to prevent them from being tempted by the devil. "These are Dominic Roque, Ronnie Alonte, Johnvic Guzman and JR Versales. What they don't know is they will encounter a young girl, Red Bustamante, who is brought to the same place and she can be the personification of evil. Kasama rin dito sina Neil Ryan Sese and Lou Veloso."

Here's hoping "On the Job, The Series" will be a hit and that "Seklusyon" will make it as a final entry in the MMFF.

Spotlight



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Who makes Katrina's life complete

KATRINA Halili maybe one of the most hated contravidas today on local TV because of her effective portrayal of the evil and manipulative Scarlet in "Sa Piling ni Nanay", but off cam, she's a devoted and doting mother ni her only daughter, Katie.



"Ang sarap kaya maging nanay," says Katrina. "My daughter gave a positive direction to my life. She made my life complete. Sa lahat ng ginagawa ko ngayon, ang iniisip ko lagi, 'yung makakabuti para sa kanya, to her future."

It's because of Katie that she is putting love on the back burner. "Okay na 'yung walang love-love. Mas priority ko na talaga ang daughter ko. And my career. Sila ang nagbibigay ng fulfillment sa buhay ko these days."

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Ryan buys Judy Ann house in Las Vegas + other stories



JUDY ANN Santos gave birth to their daughter Luna in January yet but she’s still trying to shed off the weight she gained during her pregnancy up to now. She’s happy that her husband Ryan Agoncillo is very encouraging and helps her in working out. “Mas mahirap magpapayat ngayon kasi, siyempre, I’m no longer a spring chicken,” she says. “So dapat, doble ang efforts to lose weight.”

In the movie she finished a few months ago, “Kusina”, you’d see that she’s still on the heavy side. “Bumagay naman sa role ko as Juanita,” she says. “Isang babaeng iniukol ang buhay niya sa loob ng kusina to feed her family with various dishes while life and history

are passing her by.”

We’ve seen “Kusina” and Juday truly delivers a tour-de-force performance as Juanita. Written and directed by Cenon Palomares and David Corpuz, “Kusina” is based on a grand prize Palanca Award-winning screenplay and is told in a stylized manner since everything just happens inside the titular “kusina”. Supporting Juday are Joem Bascon as her husband, Luis Alandy as a family friend secretly in love with her, Gloria Sevilla as her grandma who taught her how to cook, Katrina Legaspi as the young Juday, and a host of stage actors and actresses who play various supporting roles.

“The role of Juanita is so challenging kaya nang pinabasa pa lang nila sa’kin ang script, I said yes, gagawin ko ito,” she says. “It brought back to life my passion for acting.”

Juday was nominated as best actress and the movie, for best picture. It’s now released starting today by Viva and Cinematografica in theaters nationwide. “Lahat ng mga babae, lalo na ang mga misis na very devoted sa family nila, makaka-relate sa naging mga karanasan ni Juanita in ‘Kusina,’” adds Juday. “Makikita rito na habang nagbabago ang panahon, nagbabago rin ang kasaysayan at ang relasyon ng mga tao sa isa’t isa, kung minsan pati ang marriage ng mag-asawa.”

It’s good Juday’s marriage to Ryan is currently one of the most stable in showbiz. Juday got the biggest surprise of her life when Ryan recently took her on vacation in America and she learned that he has bought her their own house in Las Vegas so they don’t have to stay in hotels anymore whenever they go on a trip there.

Ai Ai urges viewers to see ‘Area’

Ai Ai delas Alas has just arrived from the U.S. after doing shows in Texas and she’s just in time as her new movie, “Area”, opens today. It’s about the pathetic lives of lowly prostitutes in Angeles City and won the Special Jury Prize as Eurasia International Filmfest in Kazakhstan. It will soon compete at the Tallinn International Filmfest in Estonia.

“Kilala ako sa pagpapatawa pero dito, kinalimutan ko ang pagiging comedian at serious drama ang ginawa ko bilang aging prostitute na ipon nang ipon ng pera sa hangad niyang makarating sa America para hanapin ang anak niyang nawala noong pumutok ang Pinatubo in 1991,” she says. “I’m very proud of this movie na binusisi talaga ni Direk Louie Ignacio kaya sana, panoorin nyo.”

Since the movie is R-18 (without cuts) for its controversial scenes of nudity, it will be shown if selected cinemas only.



Julie Anne sings GMA Christmas song

JULIE ANNE San Jose is so happy to have been chosen to sing GMA7’s Christmas song. She’s now also busy rehearsing for her concert with Christian Bautista this Friday night and taping for her new soap “Pinulot Ka Lang sa Lupa”. The important message of the GMA 2016 Christmas Campaign is: “Believe in the Magic of Christmas. Maniwala sa Magic ng Pasko.”

The words were written by BJ Camaya and Nicole Castillo and the melody was composed by Len Calvo and Ann Figueroa. It’s the first locally produced animated Christmas campaign that’s available on 3D. It has three short stories full of hope and the Christmas spirit intended by the Kapuso Network to inspire viewers about the mystery of Christ’s nativity during the Christmas season.

Bland Reception for Pacman as Boxer

ALTHOUGH Manny Pacquiao won in his WBO Welterweight bout versus Jessie Vargas, looks like his glory days are quite over. During his real heydays, clubhouses in various villages near our place would put up their own giant screens and charge people who want to watch his fights live. Those days are gone.

Even in mall theaters, they’ve already decreased the price of their tickets by one half and still, only a few takers. The match on pay per view TV is also no longer that profitable. Pinoys used to be so enthusiastic and excited then when he had a fight, but not anymore. Now that Pacquiao is a senator, maybe people are more interested in what he’ll do as a legislator, considering that he had a lackluster performance as a congressman when he was absent all the time.

The audience gave a warmer reception to Gen. Bato dela Rosa who was there to watch the fight, showing how much people approve of what he and the Duterte administration are doing against crime. Some folks might frown on what they think is EJK but when we talk to taxi drivers, fish vendors and other C&D&E people, they approve of Duterte’s swift kind of justice like what happened to the two mayors who are said to be narcopoliticians/ drug lords.

“Kung idaraan sa korte, mahaba pa, magkakalagayan pa, maaabsuwelto pa, mas mabuti na ‘yung mas mabilis,” one driver told us. Because of our slow and lopsided justice system where bribery is rampant, the poor people are discontented and now have a high tolerance when it comes to the neutralization of criminals.

Wait, are Angelica and John Lloyd playing sweet music together again?

‘Ako kasi nirerespeto ko lahat ng tao na nakakita ng kanilang partners, successful sa kanilang married life. How I wish someday, ganu’n din mangyari sa akin.’

Months after their break-up, Angelica Panganiban and John Lloyd Cruz have kept mum on the possibility of rekindling romance but the fans, oh, the fans.

Speculation about the two dating again surfaced a few weeks ago after they were spotted together in a restaurant. Asked about it in a recent interview, Angelica has got the hopefuls holding their breaths even bluer in the face.

“Hindi ko alam kung anong pwedeng mangyari basta ang masasabi ko lang, masaya ako



ngayon,” she said.

And then: “Masaya ako ngayon, masaya din siya (John Lloyd). Magkaibigan kami at alam nating lahat halos imposible sa dalawang tao na nagkaroon ng relasyon na maging magkaibigan in the end. But siguro isa ‘yun sa mga bagay na proud kami dahil kahit gaano

kahirap, na-maintain namin ‘yung friendship.”

Perhaps people just want to see Angelica in the arms of a man – John Lloyd or not – because she turned 30 last Nov. 4? But the actress herself isn’t thinking about walking down the aisle soon.

“Wala pang nakakapagpaniwala sa akin na kaya kong i-surrender lahat at pagsisilbihan ko

siya habangbuhay,” she stated.

“(Pero) alam niyo naman ang isip ng tao nagbabago yan,” Angelica softened. “And ako kasi nirerespeto ko lahat ng tao na nakakita ng kanilang partners, successful sa kanilang married life. How I wish someday, ganu’n din mangyari sa akin.”

As we were already on the subject, we asked what she thinks is the ideal marrying age.

“Hindi ko alam eh,” was the light reply. “Ayoko naman tumanda mag-isa pero ang ideal lang sa akin eh is hindi ako tumanda mag-isa.

“Magkaroon ako ng special someone, anak man yan, lalaki o bestfriend, kahit na sino basta ayoko lang tumanda mag-isa.”

Renovation ongoing

This is her advice to girls who experience heartbreak: “Basta’t nagmahal ka at nasaktan, magpaganda ka after. ‘Yun lang.”

At this point, Angelica compares herself to a house noting, “nasa renovating stage ako.”

“Nasa stage ako na ako lang muna. Pagsisilbihan ko muna ‘yung sarili ko, mamahalin ko muna ‘yung sarili ko, kumbaga self-improvement muna,” she said.

Work is top priority

“Ayoko na lang muna mag-isip ng ibang bagay,” she said. “Sarili ko na lang muna siguro and siyempre ‘yung work ko. Tulad nga ng sabi ko, before masyadong loaded ‘yung isip ko kumbaga mentally and physically involve ako sa trabaho kaya du’n muna ko.”

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Going crazy over Pia and Liza look-alikes

The idea of having a doppelganger somewhere in the world is both fascinating and creepy. But it seems that recent celebrity look-alike discoveries ensues some interesting discussions online.



The internet is abuzz because of the model that looks almost the same as 2015 Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach. Her name is Glenn Krishnan.

Krishnan is a student from the University of Sto. Tomas and also works as a fashion model. She is born to a Filipino mom and an Indian-Singaporean dad. Her sister is FEU courtside reporter Ganiel Krishnan who also recently represented the country at Miss Asia Pacific International 2016.

After netizens saw her photos, they got reminded right away of the reigning Miss Universe saying that Krishnan would pass as Wurtzbach’s twin sister.

The online world noticed that Krishnan resembles the beauty queen’s deep-set eyes, full lips, and tantalizing stare.

Meanwhile, another teen darling is making the wired community amused and surprised. Her photos became viral when

netizens noticed her striking similarities to Kapamilya actress Liza Soberano.

Sixteen-year-old Nancy Mcdonie is one of the contestants of Finding the Momoland, a reality

show in Korea. As of now, the young lady is a Double Kick trainee which is under the Double Kick Entertainment.

Netizens claim sex scene was all planned by VIVA



MTRCB has sent a summon to the directors, producer, and writer of ABS-CBN’s primetime show “Till I Met You” to explain themselves regarding the controversial car sex scene of James Reid and Nadine Lustre. Netizens claim MTRCB’s summon for ‘Till I Met You’ controversial car sex scene was all planned by VIVA

After the airing of the passionate scene of the hottest love team, the show received backlash for showing inappropriate scenes while having a PG (Parental Guidance) rating. This prompted netizens to call the attention of MTRCB to reprimand the show. Based on the summon posted by MTRCB, it cited the controversial car sex scene aired on Oct. 25. It also cited the use of the word sex on Oct. 26 episode as well as airing sexually-charged scenes on Oct. 27 and 28 episodes. However, there is a conspiracy theory roaming social media claiming that everything was planned by VIVA Entertainment in order to boost the ratings of the show. The call of MTRCB for investigation will

make JaDine and their show the talk of the town. James Reid and Nadine Lustre were signed under VIVA Artists Agency and will largely benefit on the popularity of the actors. Moreover, despite having a good start, “Till I Met You” ratings is way below “Ang Probinsyano” digits. While some JaDine fans see this as an attack to their idols, parents expressed their concern on the show as young kids are also watching the show. A frustrated parent commented that she is having a hard time explaining JaDine’s action in the show to her 13-year-old daughter.

Intelligent people go to bed late, leave a mess everywhere, and use bad language

Were you annoyed as a kid, when your folks instructed you to clean your room, sent you to bed early and scolded you for cursing? There might be a reason for your behaviour. Studies suggest, that it can be linked to an increase of your IQ. Clever people sometimes use bad language. You always hear, that individuals who swear have a “restricted vocabulary”. However, in the event that you consider it, the individuals who don’t utilize any swear words are the ones who constrain their own particular vocabulary, because they intentionally use fewer words than others.

Some American academics once decided to carry out an interesting experiment: they asked people to recall as many swear words as they could. The results were surprising: those who could remember the most had the highest IQ ratings out of the whole group. The oratorical abilities of these people were also much higher than those who knew fewer swear words. Many talented and intelligent people habitually stay up late into the night. Like to stay up late? This also could be a sign for intelligence. Scientific research has linked night owls with higher IQ scores for quite some time now. President Obama, Charles Darwin, Winston Churchill, Keith Richards and Elvis Presley are all popular for nighttime exercises. In the event that you have a tendency to go to rest rather late, you’re certainly following in some admirable people’s footsteps. A messy desk and intelligence go hand in hand. Research undertaken at the University of Minnesota produced an intriguing conclusion: the chaos on someone’s work desk indicates that they’re not, in fact, simply a messy person, but more importantly that their brain is focused on what really matters. Just think – when we’ve got nothing important to do we often turn to the pettiest and most trivial activities to keep us occupied.

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different. The U.S.-spec C-HR receives dual projector-beam halogen headlights with LED daytime running lights. The taillights still protrude from the body but feature different lenses. Unlike the European C-HR, which offers both a turbocharged 1.2-liter I-4 and a 1.8-liter I-4 gasoline-hybrid drivetrain, the U.S.-spec 2018 C-HR is powered by a naturally aspirated, non-hybrid 2.0-liter I-4. That engine makes 144 hp and 139 lb-ft of torque, up from the hybrid’s 122 hp and the turbo’s 115 hp. A CVT is the only transmission type offered. Though all-wheel drive is available in Europe, at launch the 2018 C-HR will only be available in front-wheel drive. The crossover can be had in one of two trim levels, XLE and XLE Premium, at launch. Toyota says the engine uses the company’s latest technologies, including next-gen Variable Valve Timing and Valvematic systems optimized for fuel economy and smoothness. To cut emissions, the catalyst is warmed up earlier. The 2018 C-HR’s new



CVT has redesigned pulley and a new belt structure to improve acceleration and fuel economy and reduce cabin noise. The transmission also uses the world’s first coaxial two-port oil pump system, which makes possible continuous oil pressure changes. Though the U.S.-spec C-HR only offers a CVT at launch, Toyota will let owners feel like they’re in control with a simulated seven-speed Sequential Shiftmatic function, which can create artificial “step-up” shifts on command. Toyota says the C-HR’s ride and handling was tuned on Germany’s challenging Nürburgring track. The C-HR’s interior is driver-centric, and features unique design touches sure to appeal to younger buyers. A 7-inch touchscreen tops the dash, and runs Toyota’s

latest infotainment system complete with apps like Aha internet radio. XLE Premium models get puddle lamps that project the Toyota C-HR logo, along with hands-free keyless entry and push-button start. The rear seats are made more spacious by scalloped front seatbacks, footwell cubbies beneath the front seats, and a sculpted headliner that adds a little more rear headroom. The rear seats are 60/40 split folding and can fold flat. All 2018 C-HR models come standard with Toyota Safety Sense P, which includes forward collision mitigation with pedestrian detection and automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning with Steering Assist, automatic high beams, and full-speed radar adaptive cruise control. The C-HR also gets 10 airbags and a rearview camera as standard. With the U.S. market’s insatiable appetite for crossovers, the 2018 Toyota C-HR shouldn’t have a problem finding homes as long as buyers can get over—or even learn to love—the small CUV’s unconventional design.



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Alden Richards loves selfies—just like the rest of us + other stories



Alden Richards performs at an event for mobile brand Oppo at SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

Alden Richards may be one of the biggest actors in the country, but he's no different from the rest of us: He loves taking selfies too.

"Selfies capture life's most unforgettable moments in a very spontaneous way," Alden said at the recent launch of the F1s Limited of mobile brand Oppo, which tapped him as its newest endorser.

"I'm proud to be part of a family that celebrates those special moments," he added.

The actor values how much selfies with him meant to his fans, that he has denied charging fees during meet-and-greets.

"Kung may nagpapalabas na nagbabayad ako para ma-meet ako, mayaman o mahirap, hindi po ako nagpapabayad para ma-meet ako," he told the entertainment press earlier this year.

The actor also revealed that a teleserye featuring him and on-screen partner Maine Mendoza was a "big possibility."

"It's already in the works," he said. "It's going to be a surprise."

Alden and Maine, also known as the popular "AIDub" tandem, last month exchanged vows in a televised mock wedding, delighting their "Kalyeserye" and "Eat Bulaga" fans.

The pair would be making a cameo appearance on "Enteng Kabisote 10 and the Abangers," an entry in this year's Metro Manila Film Festival, as confirmed by Vic Sotto.

Gerald Anderson says he and Kim Chiu will give a more mature performance as a love team

Gerald Anderson is happy that people still support his on-screen partnership with actress Kim Chiu as they gear up for their upcoming

teleserye, *Ikaw Lang Ang Iibigin*.

"I feel so good kasi it's a project na makakapag-give back kami sa mga fans namin for all the years na dumaan, lagi pa rin silang nandiyan kahit sa mga pinagdaanan namin. Isa 'to sa mga pinakaspecial na project na gagawin ko in my career," he said, calling the clamor of fans for their love team amazing.

According to Gerald, he and Kim will give a more mature performance as a love team.

"Ang tagal din naming love team pero kasama ko siya ngayon ulit, parang panibago. It's a very surreal moment na 'pag tinitignan ko siya, wow, parang bumata ulit

ako ten years ago which is a good feeling. Sana matranslate namin 'yan sa screen," said Gerald.

Now that they have become friends again, Gerald said, "Sabay kaming nagsimula so hindi namin sasayangin 'yung mga memories na meron kami dati."

Meanwhile, Gerald is very thankful for the blessings that he has been receiving. An seemingly inspired Gerald said, "Sa bawat aspeto ng buhay ko, sobrang saya ko. Kung sasabihin ko dati na sana hindi matapos ang 2016, pero hindi, excited ako sa 2017 dahil alam kong I'm going to work harder para sa career ko, foundation ko, and lahat ng tao sa paligid ko, sisiguraduhin ko na lagi silang masaya."

Gerald's new show with Kim is expected to air next year.

Kathryn Bernardo turns emotional over success of 'Barcelona: A Love Untold'

Kathryn Bernardo, Joshua Garcia, and director Olivia Lamasan weren't able to hold back their tears during the thanksgiving party of their film *Barcelona: A Love Untold*.

Kathryn began crying after hearing the praises given by Direk Olive to their co-star Joshua who played the role of Tonying in their film. When she took the stage, tears further flowed on her face as she thanked their film's cast and crew.

It was announced that the film has grossed P321 million worldwide after four weeks of being in theaters.

"Naghalo-halo lang kasi ang saya na nandito kami ngayon sa victory party na parang kelan lang nababaliw lahat sa set pero ngayon we're celebrating it, masaya lahat sa naging outcome ng project," she said in an interview.

"Ngayon lang nagsi-sink in sa akin na parang 'we did it,'" she continued.

Daniel, for his part, said that he was

also on the brink of tears while listening to the messages of the other Barcelona staff members.

"Nandoon na ako sa manipis na pag-iyak pero kapag umiyak ako wala nakong masasabi tapos nagiiyak iyak nalang ako," he said.

The actor stressed that he was nevertheless grateful to the many people who made their film possible.

"Sa lahat ng nakasama dahil lahat sila ang laki ng parte nila dito. At siyempre gusto rin natin pasalamatan ang KathNiels sa pagsuporta nila sa pelikula at sa pagkalat ng magandang balita sa pelikula," he said. "At sa mga hindi naman KathNiels na nanood, maraming salamat sa suporta ninyo."

The tandem is set to fly to Vietnam next week for the premiere of their movie in the country, which is happening at the BHD Star Cineplex on December 4.

Kathryn and Daniel have a solid following in Vietnam after receiving Vietnam's Face of the Year Awards for their performances in the hit series *Got to Believe* early last year.

Coco Martin, awkward doing a shower scene for 'The Super Parental Guardians'

Natatawang inamin ni Vice Ganda na nag-enjoy siya habang kinukunan ang shower scene ng best friend niyang si Coco Martin sa pelikula nilang *The Super Parental Guardians*.

"Sa akin siyempre, it was fun," natatawang pahayag ni Vice sa naramdaman niya.

Kakaiba naman ang reaksiyon dito ng Primetime King. "Deep inside na-awkward-an ako, pero yon nga, wala na akong choice," natatawa niyang pahayag. "Pero nakakatawa rin talaga yung eksena at yon naman yung hinahanap," hirit pa niya. Nalaswaan ba siya sa kanyang shower scene? "Hindi naman malaswa. Kumbaga, minsan ko lang naman gagawin kaya pumayag ako," sagot niya.

Nakaramdam ba siya ng tensyon habang pinapanood ni Vice ang eksena niya?

"Siyempre, may tensyon pa rin dahil lalaki ako, si Vice ano, eh (bading)... yon nga."

"Kesa don sa sobrang relax kayo na wala na kayong nararamdaman, na ina-acting n'yo na lang yung dapat ninyong maramdaman. And then si Direk Joyce, sabi ko nga, actually, don nga ako bilib sa kanya, eh. Alam niya yung limitations, alam niya kung hanggang saan, kasi artista lang kami, eh, at bilang director, alam niya yung mga dapat gawin," sey pa ng actor.

Sasali ba ulit siya next year sa Metro Manila Film Fest?

"Marami pa namang chance bumawi. Sabi nga ni Direk Joyce, next year sasali ulit kami. Kung hindi ulit matanggap, eh di next, next year ulit," katwiran ni Coco.



Jona hopes to have concerts abroad

Jona felt very happy about and thankful for her first successful concert as a Kapamilya artist titled, *Queen of the Night Jona*.

"Unang una sa lahat, nagpapasalamat ako sa lahat ng nagsupport sa concert ko po. Lahat ng bumili ng tickets. Lalo na 'yung mga nanggaling pa talaga sa malalayo. Sobrang pasasalamat ko talaga na naglaan sila ng time para mapanood itong concert ko so thank you so much," she said. She also thanked those who made her concert possible.

Jona's concert guests included Daryl Ong, Jed Madela, and Regine Velasquez.

During her number with Regine, Jona shared that during the time when she held concerts at smaller venues, Regine would tell people that she deserves to be heard in a bigger one. Now, she said she is happy as it is finally happening.

Saying that there's a bigger one to come, Regine then referred to the Araneta Coliseum, implying that it will be her next concert venue.

When asked if the Araneta is next, Jona told PUSH.com.ph, "Actually, hindi ko pa alam. Depende talaga kung ano 'yung mangyayari. But for now, siguro magfococus muna ako sa album tapos 'yun, tignan natin kung pwede na, kung kakayanin na ba. Pero syempre mas maganda na dahan-dahan. Slowly but surely."

As for what is next for Jona, the singer said that they would be doing a tour to promote the album which is set to be released next year. "And, hopefully, ma-i-tour din namin itong concert, hindi lang dito sa Philippines, kung hindi, magkaroon din ng mga world tours... Sana madala rin itong concert sa ibang bansa," she added.

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about it at okay lang naman sa kanya. He just celebrated his birthday and I granted his fervent wish, which is that I cook dinner for him. Nagustuhan naman niya."

Iza is also in the cast of an international action flick for Mark Dacascos, "Showdown in Manila", which was shot here, and she is taping a new soap, "A Love to Last", with Bea Alonzo and again, with her current ka-loveteam, Ian Veneracion.

After Hanoi, a number of foreign filmmakers also approached her for possible film project collaborations, so she's looking forward to doing more movies that would merit international screenings.

"Ang saya lang!" says her manager, the indefatigable Noel Ferrer.

"BANANA SUNDAE" CELEBRATES 8TH YEAR OF SERVING DELIGHTFUL COMEDY TO FILIPINO VIEWERS

From having an all-girl cast to a full barkada, ABS-CBN's weekend comedy show "Banana Sundae" has been serving tasteful gags and delightful laughter just the way Filipino audiences want it for eight years now.

When asked what's the secret behind the show's success, John Prats said "I think it is because we are really good friends in real life. We are a real barkada off cam so every taping it's



just like meeting up with friends and just having a good time."

Meanwhile, Jessy Mendiola (PHOTO), who is one of the recent addition to the "Banana Sundae" family recounted how she felt the warmth of true friendship in her first few weeks with the show.

"At first I was having a hard time doing comedy but they were all very helpful. They guided me and made me feel very

welcome. We really treat each other as a family," she shared.

Watch as cast members Angelica Panganiban, John Prats, Pokwang, Pooh, Jayson Gainza, JC De Vera, Jessy Mendiola, Ryan Bang, Jobert Austria, Sunshine Garcia, Aiko Climaco and Badjie Mortiz form groups and give explosive numbers alongside surprise guests they personally picked out.

"Banana Sundae" is a consistent top-rater on weekends and a trending topic on social media.



Sing Pilipinas Toronto

I have never seen nor heard so much high-caliber talent of the Filipino community in one roof. This was a night well-spent. Capped by Philippine artist Darren Espanto, it was a night to remember. This was one contest where nobody will question the results. Shai Garrido wins with her rendition of Home and is the City Champion to represent Toronto at Sing Pilipinas in the Philippines. Another congratulations for promoters Black Diamond's Belinda Reyes and Primetime's Danilo Baluyot. Charms and Elements were featured performers. Hosts Elaine Virola, DK Tijam and Shay Marquez kept the program going at a brisk pace.



Star Circle Academy Thanksgiving Party or What A Small Facebook world we live in

Star Circle Academy of Entertainment held a birthday party for me. Er, I mean they had a Thanksgiving party for themselves and I was invited. It was on November 13, my birthday and they found out and sang a birthday song for me. That is what happened. It was a fun party and obviously, with entertainment. Thank you to Star Circle Academy from the warm hospitality. I really appreciate it. Thank you for inviting me. And in a sort of 5 degrees of separation, Onofre Quijano, who has a child with Star Academy is a neighbour and childhood friend since, maybe 30 years ago of my close cousins who are now based in New Jersey. He found out when I made an American Thanksgiving greeting on Facebook and my cousins liked it. What a Facebook World we live in.



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