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## NO WAR WITH CHINA OVER LITTLE ISSUE

### Kapuso Star adds Glamour to Pinoy Fiesta



DAVAO - President-elect Rodrigo Duterte said the country's territorial dispute with China over some shoals and reefs in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) is no reason for him to engage the mainland in a shooting war even with the backing of the US military.

During his speech at the Davao City Business Forum, the incoming President made his policy clear against further fanning the conflict over such a "little" issue as the Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal.

"I will not go to war [just] because of Scarborough Shoal. The shoal is not a territorial issue but [involves] exclusivity [of] economic zones," he explained,

Duterte said he will wait for the judgment of an international arbitration court on a complaint filed by the Philippines against China before deciding on his next move.

"We will wait for the arbitral judgment, then I will decide," he told his audience.

The court is expected to hand down its ruling in July.

Duterte criticized the outgoing administration of President Benigno Aquino 3rd for giving priority to acquisition of expensive items such as FA-50 fighter jets instead of using the money for more practical purposes.

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#### THE NEW LOVETEAM **Jodine**

Philippine star Nadine Lustre poses with LM Confidential publisher Jose "Joey" Baking during the sponsor's brunch at Casa Manila. SEE UNCROPPED PHOTO ON PAGE 23

GMA7 Kapuso star Tom Rodrigues adds star power and glamour to the Pinoy Fiesta Beauty Pageant of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF). TOP left, he poses with Miss Teen Philippines 2016 Chiara Silo. TOP RIGHT, he poses with Miss Philippines 2016 Krista Bella. LEFT, Chiara Silo performs at the Taste of Asia 2016. ABOVE, Lea Alinsod, Chiara Silo and Patricia Gacula pose for photos. ABOVE RIGHT, Miss Teen Philippines 2016 Chiara Silo poses with Mrs. Philippines beauties.

### Starstruck Fiesta

### Friends

### High on Love



Philippine actor Gabby Concepcion poses with Chatt de Leon and Mel Galeon of FV Foods when he joined JDL's play "Girl, Ikkasal ka nga ba?"



Camilneos President Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda poses with a beautiful guest at the Camilneos annual Fiesta dinner and induction.



Philanthropist Dr. Solon Guzman, Senator Tobias Enverga, MP Peter Kent, MPP Laurie Scott and PCCF's VP Rosemer Enverga enjoy the Pinoy Fiesta entertainment.



Producer Belinda Reyes and family poses with Jadine stars Nadine Lustre and James Reid at Prestige Nightclub.

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# Nicole Samantha Huff BEAUTIFUL @ 18

A Hollywood-themed Red Carpet event, a magically inspired ambiance that transformed each detail almost to its perfection with the ballroom filled with red, black and gold balloons, the hallway entrance finely decorated with a magnificent 18th birthday ice sculpture and a star-studded eventful experience of a lifetime, was indeed a dream come true for a bubbly girl who has blossomed into a young woman, Nicole Samantha Huff, beautiful at 18, in her "coming of age" wore a stunning red gown with a long and flowing intricate train, fit for a Princess, coutured by a well-known designer Piter Otorodos, of Pitcouture from the Philippines. Piter has been designing Nicole's costumes and gowns since she was a little girl.

The lavish and elegant Debutante's Ball was thrown by Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Eva Oribiana Huff, in honour of their one and only daughter, Nicole Samantha Huff. Embracing and preserving our very own cultural tradition of the Philippine Debut, the HUFFS have from the time their only daughter turned 18, have adopted the concept of holding a Debut. The grandiose celebration took place at the elegant Omni King Edward Hotel in Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, May 29th, 2016.

Guests were given the red carpet treatment as they make their way into the Vanity Fair Ballroom. Relatives flew from as far as the Philippines, Singapore and USA, colleagues from the famous TV series "Degrassi" were present, classmates, close family friends and business associates did not miss this unforgettable occasion. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres was served as the guests arrived. They were also treated from a sumptuous Entree of Riesling Marinated Supreme of Chicken, served with Herb Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables, Watercress, Frisee and Arugula Salad, Toasted Pumpkin Seeds, Orange and Pickled Red Onion Vinaigrette, Chocolate Espresso Tiramisu Parfait and Black and White Terrine alternating dessert,



with white or red wine, coffee and selection of teas, to a lively entertainment performed by the debutante herself, with her expertise in playing a couple of her finest piano pieces and a signature rendition of her all-time favourite song "Memories". Nicole, together with her cotillion court, comprised of Loren Amaral & James Terrasi, Jennifer Ho & Jack Zheng, Natalia-Maria Amoroso & Alexei Otkaasov, Katerina Goncharouk & Jake Portnoy, Calista Buckingham & Kalem Noel, Amanda Incognito & Jake Zegil, Shawna Shub & Justin Garcia, Makayla Myrick & Snicker Huff and Nicole & her escort, Jacob Korenev, a ballroom dance champion under age 21, who made the grand entrance to the Vanity Fair Dance Ballroom.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by the debutante and her court of the "Cotillion de Honor", thoughtfully choreographed by Inessa Roliz, a Russian dance champion and choreographer. Notably, the most endearing moment was the "Father and Daugh-

ter" first dance where Nicole changed from her stunning red gown to another beautiful red princess gown. The father was quoted as saying, 'Tonight you become an adult and now you will learn to become a responsible woman'. Hopping from one designer gown to another, fittingly, Nicole became the 'Princess' of the Ball. Beaming with joy, she was presented with 18 red roses by 18 distinguished gentlemen, who were lucky to have gotten the rare honor to dance with her. Furthermore, a group of 18 hand-picked ladies, took turns to light the candle with each being given the opportunity to share a few words of wisdom to the celebrator. As well, 18 treasures were presented to Nicole by her close family and lady friends.

Aby hosted by Scott Dion Brown, an actor, model, producer, filmmaker and the lead singer of the rock band 'Symphony of Nine'. The flow of the program was well coordinated by Monica Oribiana and Nesel Batle. Music was provided by Tony D'Souza of DJ Elite. Credits went to the Staff of Omni King Edward Hotel; Make-up by Sonia from Mac; Hair by Nazi; Photo-booth was provided throughout the evening; the amazing pre-video and post-video presentations and SDE (same day edit) photo coverage by the talented Goody Cambay and crew; and the owner, Carol's gorgeous presentation of the birthday cake and cupcakes baked by Nanay Taling.

Highly notable performances of the evening were rendered by Maria Panaligan, a singing idol champion; Gian Carlo Bobila, an award-winning singer; Tony Yang, a young piano player; Richard Walters, an actor best known for his role as 'Tiny' in the famous TV series Degrassi; Ava Agustin, a Canadian Joey award nominee; and a fine execution of a Latin ballroom dance performed by a duo, Alex Maslanka and Christine Budniak, both a successful ballroom dancers.

As Nicole has been profoundly blessed by

God, over the past 18 years of her life, and as she ventures into adulthood, she shared her blessings by giving back to the community. She requested her guests to bring non-perishable items to be donated to the Toronto Food Bank, cash donations to the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital and Children's Wish Foundation where Nicole plans to volunteer at this charitable organization and the proceeds from a 50/50 draw was given to the United Way Foundation.

Nicole, the debutante, turned 18 on April 21st. Graduating in Grade 12, she has been an honor student for the last four years at Cardinal Carter for the Arts in the Drama program. Though Nicole was accepted at the University of Toronto and York University, and her dream university is to go to UCLA in Los Angeles, CA, she accepted the offer from Ryerson University for RTA Media Production. Nicole plans to major in Television, Radio and Media and minor in Film and French Language Studies. Someday she would like to own a performing arts school or become a director, or a producer or an executive in a film studio like Disney, Nickelodeon and Universal, or in a TV network like CBC or CityTV.

Fittingly, as you all know, our debutante Nicole, the star and princess of the night is a multi-talented young woman. She is what people in the entertainment industry call "a triple-threat". She can sing, dance and act. She is also a figure skater, plays the piano, guitar, violin, flute and clarinet. On top of that, not only she is a first degree black belt in Karate but is very fluent in French language, as well. Nicole played the character of 'Gloria Chin' in the Degrassi Season 14, "Don't Look Back" episode.

Indeed, it was yet another memorable evening of elegance, sophistication and an all-around classy celebration by THE HUFF FAMILY for a well-deserved debutante, MISS NICOLE SAMANTHA ORIBIANA HUFF!/s1

## Pinoy Fiesta 2016 brings star-studded extravaganza to Toronto

Another smash hit and successful Pinoy Fiesta 2016 has come and gone. Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF), the organizer is now preparing, anticipating and awaiting for next year's festival. This year, Kapuso stars Tom Rodriguez and Betong Sumaya did not disappoint.

They were very friendly, approachable, down to earth and the crowd loved them to death. And PCCF VP Rosemer Enverga seems to be going apoplectic (I Love that word) or having a near heart attack every time the stars get off stage and mingle with the crowds. It turns out she was

worried about their insurance coverage. But no worries, everything turned out well and nobody was injured. Here's looking forward to next years' Pinoy Fiesta festival.



Miss teen Philippines 2016 Chiara Silo, Miss Philippines 2016 Krista Bella, Miss Philippines 2015 Nathalie Ramos and Miss teen Philippines 2015 Ansha Joy Hipolito pose together.



Designer Nina Ricci and choreographer Kim Hazen Mahistrado poses with Miss Teen Philippines 2016 Chiara Silo and Miss Philippines 2015 Nathalie Ramos.



Alev Usta and Val Yujuico read the results.



ABOVE, Scarborough Toyota is a major sponsor.



LEFT, Miss Teen Philippines 2016 Chiara Silo poses with runner-up Lea Alinsod.

## Election was like Mixed Martial Arts

With one exception. Apparently Mixed martial Arts, more popularly known by its acronym MMA has rules that combatants follow. If they break one rule, they get deducted points.

The combatants and their supporters of the recently-concluded Philippine elections seems to have broken every rule of the Commission of Elections but nobody got deducted points. Everyone and everything is fair game. Fake news were floating around. And with social media, it was hard to keep up with what is fake and what is real. If it appears on social media, it seems everybody believed it without even thinking. Even the old media, not wanting to be left behind, started using articles they get from social media.

Somebody uses a photo of a murdered person and they wrote stories that the person was killed by Duterte followers.

Then, there was a video of supposed Duterte followers tracing a person who wrote threatening statement against President-elect Duterte. Nobody even knows if it is real or if they filmed their own movie.

Then, there are still people who are trying to bring the election back to the stone age by insisting on a paper trail for voting.

Failing that, they resort to giving technical explanations why they were not supposed to lose on a certain geographic electoral area.

The techno-jargon just boggles the mind. It is like watching a TV show or movie where the characters say the lines so fast, viewers assume they are based on fact when those lines are nothing but the creation of creative minds.

CSI is one of those shows.

If it looks believable, it must be real.

Like I said, the fake news were coming out faster than real journalists can investigate them.

The danger is that people believe them without thinking.



LEFT, PCCF Miss PTeen Philippines 2016 poses with boyfriend Danny Despa.



RIGHT, PCCF runners-up Jona Bernal and Shanaia Tabuac hams it up for the cameras.

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ABOVE, PCCF Little Miss Philippines perform at taste of Asia.



RIGHT, Anna Eusebio (RIGHT) and company poses at their UMAC booth.

## IS training wanted criminals in PH

MANILA - The Islamic State (IS) is said to be establishing its Southeast Asian unit in the Philippines to augment its forces in the Middle East, Reuters has reported.

According to the report, the IS picked several most wanted criminals and insurgents in the Philippines to head the regional faction.

The Philippine military intelligence, however, is verifying the video recently circulating online showing young males wearing military fatigues and bearing arms training while holding IS flags as part of their operation in Southeast Asia.

A portion of the video also showed a firefight set in the mountains but it is not clear where the video was taken.

A Malaysian militant identified as Mohd Rafu Udin told the men that if they would not be sent to Syria, they will be assigned to join IS forces in the Philippines.

In an earlier report by the Inquirer, Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon is said to be the overall leader of IS in the Philippines. A man in the video speaking in Filipino encouraged fellow fighters to follow Hapilon and be cautious with incoming President Rodrigo Duterte's "deceitful tactics."

The Philippine military dismissed the video as propaganda and discouraged the public from further spreading it.

According to Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay, chief of Malaysia's police counter-terrorism unit, however, the video should not be treated as propaganda but a serious threat in Southeast Asia.

## Study finds that yes, you can take photos and enjoy an experience too

As smartphone picture-taking has become ubiquitous, so has criticism of it. It's



become a common refrain to hear that taking pictures detracts from fully enjoying and experiencing an event, whether that's a concert or a papal visit. To be truly in the moment, you

shouldn't be taking photos.

Depressing stuff, but a new study presents a different view, one that photographers would probably agree with: taking photos enhances enjoyment of experiences, rather than detracting from enjoyment.

A previous and much-cited study looked at the effect of photo-taking on memory, and found that people taking photos of objects at a museum were more likely to forget what they'd seen than people who hadn't taken photos. This new research focuses rather on enjoyment rather than recall.

According to lead author Kristin Diehl, 'unlike checking your email or texting, [...] photo-taking actually directs you towards the experience'.

The research mostly focuses on use of a simple camera for taking snapshots, both in real-life situations like a city bus tour, and simulated scenarios. Again and again, participants in the study who were directed to take photos reported higher enjoyment of the experience than those who could not take pictures.



## Nadine 'not ready' for FHM

After gracing the list of the Philippines' top men's magazine, Nadine Lustre said she won't be walking the ramp on FHM's annual victory party.

"Super flattering pero parang hindi ako ready for that," Lustre told the ABS-CBN News.

The On the Wings of Love actress lead the poll on the country's sexiest, beating Jessy Mendiola. However, Jessy managed to outrun her a day before the voting closed.

Until now, fans remain clueless on whether Nadine or Jessy topped the most-awaited list.

Meanwhile, James Reid, co-star and protective boyfie to Nadine, continues to support denying rumors that he got mad after fans voted her.

"They believed that Nadine is sexy, and she is. They're voting for her. ...I wasn't mad. I was just joking," he said.

Despite her decision, Lustre teased her fans with a photo of her in a bathtub, wearing her little black one-piece.

# Honey Shot



Her favourite food is bulalo. She plays ultimate frisbee and chess. Her favourite book is Cathcer in the Rye. Her dream is to travel to different countries. We wish her all the luck in her goals.

## Lea Alinsod



## QC drug users who surrender now will learn new skills, assisted in landing jobs

QUEZON CITY - Is this a good incentive for drug users to change their ways?

The local government of Quezon City is launching an all-out war on illegal drugs starting Jul 1, a day after incoming President Rodrigo Duterte is inaugurated into office.

Until then, mayor Herbert Bautista will be implementing a unique amnesty program to drug users in Metro Manila's biggest city.

According to Philstar.com, Bautista has promised to those who register themselves now that they will be "prioritized in job offerings by the government as well as in alternative education programs by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority."

The QC government will also take care of their rehabilitation and the needs of their families. This is its way of helping drug "victims" change for the better and have a new life, according to the report.

"But those who remain stubborn, they will face the city government's iron fist. That is an instruction, that is an order," Bautista said.

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## Lopez told: Abide by Rody's mining policy

DAVAO CITY—Incoming Department of Environment and Natural Resources secretary Gina Lopez will have to adjust to the “responsible mining policy” of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte.

In a media briefing here, incoming presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella said that when Lopez—an anti-mining advocate—accepted the invitation to join Duterte's Cabinet, it meant she would follow whatever guidelines that the President would give.

“The fact that she accepted it, it means that she will advocate the position of the president,” Abella said.

“The president is not anti-mining. He actually supports each and every venture that contributes to the health of the Philippine economy,” he said.

“What the president is demanding is that those who do that must be very careful,” he added.

Duterte told the mining companies during a speech at a business forum here: “You have to do it right. If you cannot do it, then get out of mining.”

Duterte has also asked miners to apply the standards of responsible mining practiced in developed countries such as Canada and Australia, to ensure the protection of the environment.

Abella said a responsible miner will replant the trees that were cut during their excavation while the irresponsible miner would just leave it as it is.

He also said mining companies must be careful in making sure that any toxic chemicals do not get into the water.

Lopez, whom Duterte appointed as Environment secretary, has gone around the country campaigning against mining, particularly in Palawan and other eco-tourism sites, advocating the need to protect the country's rich biodiversity.

Lopez's appointment as Environment secretary had sent mining investors in panic and stocks entered a third day of volatility.

## DOJ dismisses 'tanim-bala' cases vs police

MANILA - The Department of Justice (DOJ) has dismissed the complaints against policemen and security personnel of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) accused in a “tanim-bala (bullet-planting)” incident involving an American missionary last September.

At the same time, the Kalibo, Aklan, Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 6 has dismissed the criminal case filed against a young couple - Jerome Sulit and wife Rochelle - caught carrying bullets at the Caticlan airport last April.

In a resolution, Associate Prosecution Attorney II Honey Rose Delgado recommended the dismissal of the cases against airport baggage inspector Maria Cena, X-ray operator Marvin Garcia, and policemen - Chief Inspector Adriano Junio, SPO4 Ramon Bernardo, SPO2 Rolando Clarin, and SPO2 Romy Navarro.

Cena and Garcia were accused of planting evidence, while Junio, Bernardo, Clarin, and Navarro were accused of robbery/extortion.

“We do not find probable cause to indict respondents for all the cases filed against them,” read the resolution.



## Daniel Matsunaga admits he already has a marriage proposal plan

With his series *Be My Lady* going well on daytime TV, Daniel Matsunaga said he is having a really good year. “I'm really happy. Sobrang blessed kami extended kami dahil sa mga fans namin. It's been more than ten months of taping the show and six months na lumabas sa TV so it's getting better and better. Our ratings are getting higher and super nakakatuwa kasi the show itself shows that the OFWs they get inspired, they miss the country dahil sa show. Madaming magandang comments about the show. That it's very positive and very light,” he shares during the *Live the Nova Life* event held last June 22 in Makati city.

With his older sister Vanessa Matsunaga now a mom, Daniel admitted he is not yet ready to become a parent himself. “Well I'm very, very happy to be a tito for the first time. Hindi inggit siyempre kasi kapatid ko yan. I'm not planning to have a kid yet. Siyempre work muna, ipon muna di ba?” he said.

Daniel said his family has a new restaurant business which just opened this month with his mom sharing some of their home-style recipes on the menu. “I opened a new restaurant in BGC called Naxional Diner. Malapit siya sa Valkyrie. So sobrang masarap yung food dun. South American pero merong mga Brazilian din. Erich is not included in this pero she's always there with me always eating. My mom is always there teaching some of the recipes and sobrang masarap. It's my business with my sister and family and my brother-in-law. We have a few partners but it's like a family business,” he added.

Scheduled to go to Singapore with Erich to shoot for *Be My Lady*, Daniel says their schedule is a bit hectic this month. “We are taping talaga almost everyday. Kasi wala kaming pondo ngayon so hand to mouth yun. So we're taping five times a week so minsan we really have to stay in Pampanga pa,” he explained.

The new *Nova* ambassador admitted he already knows what kind of marriage proposal he plans to make in the future for Erich. “May plano ako pero for now work muna talaga and let's see you know. In God's time. Wala akong deadline.

Even at 27 years old, the Brapanese actor said he is still trying to save up for himself and his future family. “Well not really bongga (yung ipon) kasi we're working really hard for it and well in Jesus name you know things will hopefully get better and better. As of now marami akong blessings, may bagong endorsement na *Nova* and tuloy tuloy yung mga hard work so that's it,” he admitted.

## Government must ensure competition is fair - FINANCE SECRETARY CARLOS DOMINGUEZ



DAVAO CITY—He may be right, but the government isn't about to give up its role as protector and regulator.

This was incoming Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez's comment when asked about the recent call of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) chair Manuel V. Pangilinan to the government to “get out of the way” of the private sector's initiatives.

“In general, he's right because the government should not dictate what kind of business you go into, but the government has a job to make sure the competition is fair [and] the prices being charged is fair. Isn't that our job? We have to do that job,” Dominguez told the

Dominguez cited electricity rates. “You cannot just charge what you want because you are a monopoly, that's why you have the ERC (Energy Regulatory Commission). We have to regulate that.”

He said the government's primary role was to protect the consumers, the community and the environment.

“You cannot say you can mine anywhere you want if it will damage the resources of the community. We have to get involved, we have to protect the citizens,” Dominguez said.

Pangilinan said the private sector was leading multibillion-peso initiatives to improve the country's digital technol-

ogy. He was referring to PLDT's efforts to meet consumers' demand for efficient internet capability.

### Digital moves

Speaking to provincial journalists who were invited by PLDT to Makati City for its annual stockholders meeting, Pangilinan said no government funds had been involved in the company's digital moves.

“Whose money is being spent? It's the private sector's. There is no guarantee from the government, no government fund is involved, so get out of the way, period,” Pangilinan said.

“If ever the huge undertaking comes out lousy, it's the company that will suffer the impact, to the delight of its competitors, and not the government,” he said.

If private projects fail, he added, “the government will not rescue us.”

Pangilinan also welcomed the warning of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to telcos that he would open up the industry to foreign investors if local companies failed to improve their services.

He said Duterte was correct on the importance of a fast internet service.

But Pangilinan said PLDT had been doing its best to satisfy its costumers.

Venture with Globe

“We are not sitting on our ass,” he said adding that the company has been expanding its network and building cell sites.

He also cited PLDT's recent venture with Globe Telecom in buying Vega Telecom Inc., the telco business of San Miguel Corp. (SMC), which he said was aimed at improving internet service in the country.

Pangilinan said PLDT also had increased its capital expenditures this year to about P43 billion to improve its services.

“It's not a small amount of money but things can't be achieved miraculously. There are impediments but that's part of the landscape,” he added.

He clarified, though, that PLDT did not disagree with the incoming administration on the need to improve the country's internet service.

“We are violently in agreement with the government, no disagreement there,” Pangilinan said.

But he said he refused to believe that the Philippines had the world's slowest internet connectivity.

“We're not the slowest. I don't believe that. I'm not saying we're on top of Korea or Singapore but we should not believe the myth that we are the slowest,” he added.

A survey conducted by internet metrics provider Ookla last year showed the Philippines ranks 176th among 202 countries, with an average household download speed of 3.64 megabits per second (Mbps).

The Ookla survey said despite its being laggard, the internet service in the Philippines was expensive at \$18.9 per Mbps compared with the global average of \$5.21.



## Men Think Women Aren't That Interested in Sex. Science Disagrees

When it comes to sex, men are horny all the time—at least if stereotypes are to be believed. That means they're accustomed to getting turned down by partners from time to time, but a surprising new study found that men underestimate how often their Sig O wants to get hot and heavy.

Researchers had 139 couples keep a daily journal to track when they desired sex as well as when they thought their partner was interested. Women were great at gauging men's level of interest; men, not so much.

But that's actually a good thing for guys. If they were to overestimate, chances are they'd be rejected more frequently, which sours the mood for all parties.

The bottom line here: You can avoid this mind reading altogether by just talking to your Sig O, rather than keeping your desires confined to some private journal.

## Arroyo asks SC to dismiss plunder case

MANILA - Former President and re-elected Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has asked the Supreme Court (SC) to resolve her petitions on her P366-million plunder case involving funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) pending with the Sandiganbayan.

Arroyo elevated to the SC three issues – the denial to post bail, determination of probable cause, and demurrer to evidence.

A check with the SC showed that these issues may be tackled in next week's full court session.

Arroyo pleaded the SC to resolve immediately her petition to dismiss her plunder case through a demurrer to evidence after the Office of the Ombudsman has started investigation on a new complaint for plunder and malversation of public funds also in connection with the PCSO funds from 2004 to 2007.

"That the institution of the new complaint which involves disbursements of PCSO funds for earlier years hardly suggests that its filing is to vindicate a public wrong," Arroyo said.

"Indeed, in an earlier pleading, the petitioner has stated that, in light of the arguments now on records of the case, (petitioner Arroyo) sees the 'break of dawn' in the restoration of full restoration of her freedom. The Office of the Ombudsman seeks to prolong her

nightmare," the motion stated.

She reminded the SC that she has been detained since October, 2012.

### DEMURRER GRANTED

Meanwhile, the Fourth Division of the Sandiganbayan has granted the request of Arroyo to file a demurrer (objection) to evidence "within a non-extendible period of 10 days from notice" to show that the prosecution failed to prove her guilt in connection with the cancelled \$329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) project with the Chinese-based Zhing Xing Telecommunications Equipment, Inc. (ZTE).

"Accused Ma. Gloria M. Macapagal-Arroyo's motion for leave to file demurrer is Granted," read the resolution signed by Fourth Division Chair Jose Hernandez and Associate Justices Alex Quiroz and Geraldine Faith Econg.

The anti-graft court also gave the prosecution 10 days to file its comment or opposition.

"Thereafter, and unless the Court shall require further submissions from the parties, this incident will be submitted for resolution," the Fourth Division ruled.

Because Arroyo was allowed to file a demurrer to evidence, the court also cancelled the scheduled presentation of the defense on July 20 and 21.

Arroyo's lawyers sought the filing of the demurrer to evidence after the prosecution ended its presentation of evidence and rested its case.



## Matteo Guidicelli denies Sarah Geronimo is pregnant

After Sarah Geronimo announced that she'll take a brief hiatus from showbiz, many speculated that the 27-year old singer-actress might be pregnant. Her boyfriend Matteo Guidicelli also broke his silence on the issue.

"Nakarating nga sa kin 'yung balita and buntis daw siya. That's not true at all," he told ABS-CBN News.

Matteo then admitted that Sarah has been sickly lately.

"She was just feeling really bad the past few weeks like fever or something pero nothing serious. She just needs to rest," he said.

Aside from Matteo and Vic, Sarah's 'big sister' in showbiz Judy Ann Santos defended her and said that she deserves to have a break since the singer has been very hardworking throughout her entire career.



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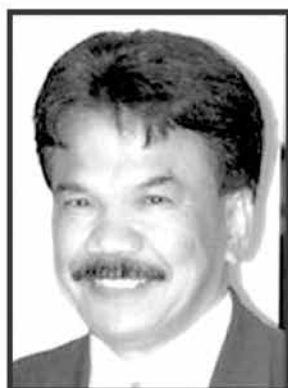
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## Duterte: Smuggling in all 17 ports rampant

DAVAO - PRESIDENT-ELECT Rodrigo Duterte said rampant smuggling from all 17 ports nationwide is costing the country P300 million daily in foregone revenues, prompting him to order "zero tolerance" on corruption at the graft-ridden Bureau of Customs.

"In the Bureau of Customs, we are losing an estimated P300 million daily [due to smuggling] in all ports all over the country," Duterte told the business forum in Davao City.

Duterte did not say where he obtained his figures, which are actually lower than the official government estimate of P200 billion a year or P547 million a day lost to smuggling.

"The corruption must stop. It makes me sick. I have zero tolerance on graft and criminality. I will kill all of you, smugglers and corrupt officials," Duterte warned.

"That's why [incoming Customs chief] Capt. Nicanor Faeldon is here. Smuggling and corruption have to stop. If only we could collect the P300 million daily that is lost [from smuggling], we wouldn't have a problem," Duterte said.

Official government figures and statistics from the United Nations Commission on Trade or UN ComTrade culled by the Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura or Sinag show the annual losses continued to soar under the stint of Customs Commissioner Alberto Lina in agricultural products alone.

"Our data showed that Customs Commissioner Lina has not made a dent on smuggling. Rampant smuggling in five staple commodities—rice, pork meat, poultry, onions, garlic—has continued to this day," said Sinag president Rosendo So.

The revenue losses incurred from smuggling of the same products in the last five years of the Aquino administration from 2010 to 2014 has more than doubled and totaled P198.05 billion, So said.

Faeldon said he would shore up collections and improve basic services.

He said he would speed up the computerization of Customs processes and

remove the compulsory use of brokerages.

To curb smuggling, Faeldon said, he would limit the "physical transaction" between Customs officers and importers.

"There are at least four reforms that we are envisioning. One is we have to fast-track the computerization," Faeldon said.

"Another thing is that we want to remove the compulsory utilization of brokerage, because some unscrupulous brokers are using their services to smuggle commodities into the country. We will see what the CMTA [Customs Modernization and Tariff Act] can do to aid us in the transition from compulsory to optional usage of brokerage," he said, referring to the recently enacted Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

To clamp down on corruption, Faeldon also plans to create a task force among employees who will be "embedded in the different sensitive posts in the BOC. He said the task force would be formed on the his first day on the job.

Faeldon said they were also looking at possibly extending the conduct of pre-shipment inspections.

"We are doing that already on bulk and break-bulk but we want the containerized goods to be subjected to the shipment inspection. We want to pre-determine the quantity and quality of these commodities before they leave the ports of origin," he said.

Customs counters, he added, would be set up like tellers at banks, so importers will not be able to choose the agent with which they will transact.

Surveillance cameras in all offices will stream video on the internet to discourage corruption in the agency that accounts for almost one-fifth of total government revenue.

To decongest the sea ports in Manila, Faeldon will push for greater utilization of the ports of Batangas and Subic for southbound and northbound commodities, respectively.

"I consider this a low-lying fruit that can be easily done as long as the traders will agree because they are the ones who will be affected," he said.

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## Enchong Dee admits he is willing to go daring and sexy in film projects

Mas magiging mapili na si Enchong Dee sa projects na tatanggapin ngayong he is already on his 10th year sa showbiz. Ito ang naikuwento niya sa Push.com.ph nang makausap naming siya sa presscon ng latest film niyang I Love You To Death with Kiray as her leading lady.

"Hindi sa pagiging mapili but I think, di ba, sampung taon ka naman na, dapat alam mo yung malaman na proyekto. Ayoko na yung the usual siguro, yung tipong boy next door, yung parang sawang-sawa ka na.

"Pero siyempre, hindi mo naman maiiwasan yon. Babalik at babalik ka din because yon nga yung strength mo, eh. Siguro I will do that once and then I will do a lot of other things, kumbaga, variations," paliwanag ng actor.

Handa na rin daw siyang tumanggap ng daring roles at magpa-sexy.

"I'm already 27, I can't do the same role over and over again. Yung tulad ng butt exposure, pag-iisipan ko yon.

"Ready rin ako physically kasi kapag tinanggap mo yung trabaho na yon, it has to follow. Kung kailangan kong maging mataba dito magpapatataba ako. Kung kailangan kong magka-abs dito, gagawin ko.

"Yung nudity, pag-iisipan ko yon. Kasi siyempre, hindi naman tayo basta, 'Oh, dito sa proyekto na ito maghuhubad ka.' Okey, maghuhubad ako pero ano yung kuwento?"

Kahit guy-to-guy o kissing scene with another man, okey lang ba sa kanya?

"I don't mind, kapag yon nakaplano for my own development I would do it. Walang problema don," sagot pa ni Enchong.

Naging peg naman ni Enchong ang career ni lan Veneracion at sana ay tumagal din daw siya sa showbiz na katulad ni lan.

"I hope I can last the business as much as I can tulad ni lan Veneracion. But I don't know kung kayo, tatangkilikin n'yo pa ako, di ba?" balik-tanong niya.

Sa huling tanong naming kay Enchong, possible bang ma-fall siya sa kaparehang si Kiray lalo na at loveless naman siya ngayon?

"Let's be honest, when you go into a relationship, una mo namang titingnan is physical, eh. Kapag feeling nyo hindi kayo match, you will be there until friends, di ba? So feeling mo kung hindi kayo magka-level, hindi mo pipilitin, parang ganu'n lang," katwiran pa niya.

## Roxas' mom lost P110M in his poll bid

MANILA - Mommy is poorer by P110 million. But she has a chance of recovering her losses, that is, if she plays the lotto.

How did Judy Araneta-Roxas lose P110 million? By bankrolling her son's presidential ambition.

Unfortunately, her son, Mar Roxas, the standard-bearer of the Liberal Party (LP) in May's presidential election, is not cut to become president of the Philippines.

The graduate of Wharton College spent P487 million on his campaign for Malacañang only to be trounced by a graduate of San Beda College, Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, at the polls. And at lesser expense.

His statement of contributions and expenditures (Soce), finally submitted to the Commission on Elections (Comelec), showed his mom was the biggest contributor to his campaign, giving him P90 million at the start of the campaign in February and P20 mil-

lion as the race for the Palace went into the homestretch in May.

Once secretary of transportation and communications and head of the interior department, he is now private citizen Mar Roxas.

His last official act as presidential candidate was submitting his Soce to the Comelec on the last day of a 14-day grace period given to him and the LP after they failed to meet the deadline on June 8.

Roxas' report showed that of the P487 million he poured on his failed run for Malacañang, P469.29 million were cash and in-kind donations and P18 million came from his own pocket.

The report showed that Roxas was the second-biggest campaign spender, after Sen. Grace Poe, who reported spending P510.84 million.

The winner, Duterte, reported spending P371 million.

The bulk of the cash contributions to Roxas' campaign came from the Araneta and Fores clan, with his mom as the top donor.

## Indonesia stops coal shipments to PHL

MANILA, Philippines - Indonesia's decision to stop coal imports to the Philippines could spell problems for the local power industry that relies on coal-fired power plants to supply electricity, the Department of Energy (DOE) said.

The Philippines is heavily reliant on Indonesia for coal for power plants and this could spell danger in relation to the country's energy supply, Energy Secretary Zenaide Monsada said in an interview during the 10th anniversary of the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM).

Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi extended the moratorium on coal shipments to the Philippines "until there is a guarantee for security from the Philippine government," Reuters reported last week.

The decision to extend the moratorium was made after the latest kidnapping by Abu Sayyaf bandits of several Indonesians sailors on board a coal tugboat in the Sulu Sea.



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## Fil-Am sisters win in essay competition

CHICAGO — Writing talent must run in the Almeda family because the two Almeda sisters, Francine and Florence, have each won first place during 2014 and 2016 essay writing contests held by the Philippine Independence Week Committee (PIWC).

The topic given at the 2016 PIWC Essay Writing Contest held in Chicago was the “advantages and disadvantages of using email.” Twelve students participated in writing an essay on this topic.

Florence Almeda, a sophomore at the University of Chicago Laboratory School chose to argue the cons of email, and took home the first place prize.

She writes, “In order to truly enjoy relationships and build lifelong connections, we must take a moment to step back, sign out of our emails, close our computer screens, and open our hearts to others around us.”

A lot has changed since Florence’s parents’ younger days. She recognizes the need for email to be able to function in this day and age.

Francine Almeda nabbed first place in the PIWC Essay Writing Contest in 2014. PINOY

“For many people of my age, it’s hard to believe that our



parents did not grow up with the same type of technology. I would estimate that there has not been one day this entire year that I have not checked my email.

Almeda says she was taught how to type starting in the Third Grade and she hated it. She understands that email is just a type of technology, but not a good medium to use to interact with peers. She writes,

“The increased use of technology, including email, has served to raise a generation of youths that are prone to insensitivity and resistance to face-to-face interactions...” She cites how people can be “rude” when they use email and not have to face the consequences of their actions.

Alternatively, other students argued the pros of email.

Karla Tejero, a freshman at Yorkville High School, explained, “The use of e-mail allows the recipient to receive the message in a timely fashion. This is critical, especially if the email includes important information.”

Tejero won second place for her essay, “E-mail: The Efficient Way of Communicating.”

She writes that the use of email can inform people of immediate decisions, such as if a manager would like to cancel a meeting.

## Fil-Am Folk Singer starts her tour

SAN JOSE, California – A Filipina American singer-songwriter is launching her California tour at the end of June, performing in at least 11 venues on the West Coast.

Tracy Cruz will be performing songs from previous two albums “Universoul Symphony” and “Feelosophy,” and her EP “Illuminate Love” during her “SOULshine Tour.” Cruz will also be performing tracks from her second EP, “Heartifacts,” which will be released by early spring next year.

“I named my tour SOULshine because I’m performing soul music, and when I sing from my heart, I believe I am radiating my light into the world. A light of healing, love, unity, and joy into the world,” Cruz explained.

Cruz’s set list encompasses rhythms and sounds similar to the likes of The Roots, Robert Glasper, Floetry, and Jill Scott. Her show filled with soul, jazz, R&B, with tones of hip-hop mixed in.

Audiences can expect to be transported into a heartfelt, expressive experience with eclectic sounds and lyrics written by Tracy herself.

“The purpose of this tour is to expand my fan base and

connect more with my audience and get them really excited about my music and keep them wanting more. I also want to create more tour opportunities including regionally, nationally, and overseas for future tours,” said Cruz.

She has 16 years of songwriting and performing under her belt. Her themes feature elements of love for self and others, love for music, finding happiness within oneself, and overcoming struggles.

One of her personal favorites is entitled “Struggle Reprise,” which she wrote during a difficult time in her life when she almost quit and gave up on music.

“Whenever I sing this song, it reminds me of the struggles, fears, and heartaches I’ve conquered,” she explained. “This is a performance I always enjoy giving because it is such a powerful and heartfelt song for me to perform. I think a majority of my audience can relate to being in a similar position of



difficulty and stress.”

## Jadine to work with Sarah Geronimo?

Apat na buwan na ang relasyon nina James Reid at Nadine Lustre na nagsimulang umamin sa Jadine In Love concert sa Araneta Coliseum. Hindi rin napapabalitang nagkakaroon sila ng petty quarrels o tampuhan kahit halos araw-araw silang magkasama.

“It’s getting better every month,” sabi pa ni James.

Ayaw din daw niyang i-rate in a scale of 1 to 10 ang kanilang relasyon ng ka-love team.

“I can’t put it on a scale of 1-10. It’s just always 10,” paniniguro pa niya.

Dahil matagal din silang nagsama sa kanilang world tour, natanong si Nadine kung ano ang iba pang ugali ni James na na-discover niya.

“Actually, strict siya, sa food,” sabi agad niya. “Kasi nu’ng nasa States po kami, siyempre, pagkain, masarap. So, I tend to parang overeat. Tapos lahat ng alam mong hindi healthy, kakainin mo, kasi nga, lahat nga po ng pagkain du’n, masarap.

“So, ang nangyari po, since kasama ko si Lauren, ‘yung sister ni James, palaging healthy ‘yung food namin, palaging salad. Nakakapag-steak naman po kami, ganyan, pero nothing oily, nothing unhealthy.

“Tapos, parati niya akong nire-remind, water, water, ‘inom ka lang ng water all the time,” kuwento ng dalaga.

Pagkatapos i-promote nina James at Nadine ang libro nilang Team Real, na available sa National Bookstore published by VRJ Books ng Viva, susunod naman daw nilang gagawin ang bagong soap opera nila sa ABS-CBN after the successful On The Wings of Love, na si Antoinette Jadaone rin ang magdidirek.

“Excited na kami. Maganda po kasi ‘yung bago naming soap. It’s more mature than OTWOL, so nakaka-excite. Tapos, may pupuntahan pa po kaming ibang lugar,” balita pa niya.

“This is about friendship, family,” dagdag pa ni Nadine.

Ayon pa kay Nadine, may gagawin din daw ulit silang pelikula ni James pero hindi pa niya alam kung kailan ito sisimulan. Si Antoinette Jadaone rin daw ang magdidirek nito.

Tungkol naman sa suggestions ng fans na pagsamahin sila ni Sarah Geronimo sa isang pelikula, gusto ni Jadine ang ideyang ito.

“Siyempre po, why not? I mean, Ate Sarah ‘yun, siyempre, maganda ‘yun. Siyempre, masaya din po ‘yun,” reaksyon pa ni Nadine.

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## China using fishing fleets to expand claims

MANILA: China is using its fishing fleets with armed escorts to bolster maritime claims in disputed territory, a senior US State Department official warned, calling China's behavior "disturbing."

The comments came after Indonesian warships fired warning shots and detained a Chinese-flagged fishing boat and seven crew near the Natuna Islands in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) last month, in actions slammed by Beijing.

"I think it's a disturbing trend to see Chinese fishing vessels accompanied by Coast Guard vessels, used in a way that appears to be an attempt to exert a claim that may not be legitimate," said the US official via conference call to journalists in Southeast Asia.

"I do think that it does point to an expanding presence of Chinese — sort of military and paramilitary forces — and used in a way that is provocative and potentially destabilizing," the US official,

who asked not to be named, added.

Unlike several other countries in the region, Indonesia has no overlapping claims with China to islets or reefs in the sea but Beijing's claim to fishing rights near the Natunas appears to overlap with Jakarta's exclusive economic zone.

Last month's incident was only the latest in a series of skirmishes between the two countries since Jakarta launched a crackdown on illegal fishing in 2014.

In March, the Chinese Coast Guard rammed a Chinese boat detained near the Natunas and helped it escape as the Indonesians towed the vessel to shore.

And last month, the Indonesian Navy opened fire on a Chinese trawler near the islands and seized the vessel.

After last week's confrontation, the commander of the Indonesian Navy's western fleet said the fishing vessel incursions were "structured," indicating Beijing had "given its blessing."

"China protested because it thinks this area is theirs," commander Achmad

Taufiqerrochman told reporters.

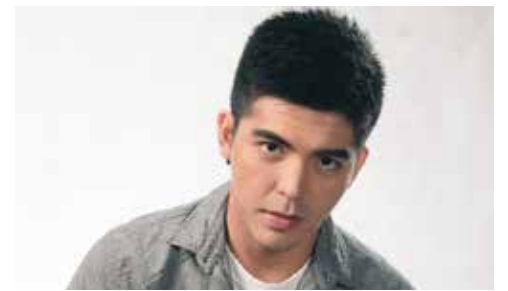
"Actually the [fish] stealing is just a ruse to stake its claim," he said.

China has undertaken land-reclamation works in the Spratly Islands, one of the South China Sea's main archipelagoes, which are also claimed by the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Malaysia and Taiwan.

The US State Department official said Washington hoped a pending ruling by a United Nations-backed tribunal on South China Sea maritime entitlements will push rival claimants into talks.

The case was lodged by the Philippines against China in 2013 to challenge Beijing's "nine-dash line" map through which it claims to control nearly all of the strategic and reputedly resources-rich waters.

"It is in China's interest not to take any action that would be provocative and directly in contradiction to the ruling," the US official said.



## A straight guy's foray into the 'Beki' world

How far will you go for your family and for the woman you love?

For Conan, he would do anything—even pretend to be gay and work in a beauty salon.

GMA Public Affairs proudly presents Conan My Beautician, the newest comedy series that promises to be part of the Filipino family's Sunday viewing habit.

Conan My Beautician sees the refreshing tandem of Kapuso actor Mark Herras and 2013 Ms. World Megan Young.

Coming from a family of talented barbers, Conan is played by Mark, a straight guy who is forced to work in a beauty salon in Manila after his family is forced to escape from their hometown and his mother is hospitalized.

The Beauty and the Beki: In "Conan the Beautician," Mark Herras (left) plays a gay-acting straight guy named Conan, his love interest is Ava, played by Megan Young (right)

While on the outside he projects the vivacious and most talented beautician at Salon Paz, Conan remains a straight guy inside. In fact, he soon finds himself falling in love with Ava. Conan My Beautician is expected to reveal further the versatility of Mark, Starstruck's first-ever Ultimate Male Survivor. This will be the first time Mark is playing a sensitive role and while he admits that he is still getting used to the idea, he is nonetheless grateful that he is given a very challenging show where he is the lead actor.

"Sobra po akong nagpapasalamat, especially sa GMA for trusting me once again na ipakita 'yung kaya kong ipakita and after a very very long time, ngayong lang ulit ako nabigyan ng role na talagang iikot 'yung story sa akin," Mark shared.

The cast of GMA-7's upcoming dramedy: (from left) Gerald Napoles as Greg, Betong Sumaya as Mimi, Balang and Cacai Bautista as Chika La Chaka

For Megan, who is also a Starstruck alumna, Conan My Beautician will be her first foray in comedy.

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## Bill regulating credit card industry up for PNoy's approval

MANILA - A bill proposing the regulation of the country's credit card industry by putting it under the supervision of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is awaiting President Benigno Aquino III's signature before it becomes a law.

The proposed Philippine Credit Card Industry Regulation Act shall govern all credit card issuers, acquirers and all credit card transactions. It mandates the BSP to supervise all credit card issuers and acquirers.

Under the measure, credit card issuers and collection agents are prohibited from engaging in abusive and unfair practices against cardholders and issues rules of conduct or standards of operation.

The bill refers to credit card as "any card or other credit device intended for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or services on credit."

The proposal gives the BSP the authority to supervise credit card issuers and acquir-



ers with regard to the following areas:

*the issuance of rules of conduct or the establishment of standards of operation for uniform application to all institutions or functions covered, and the imposition of penalties in case of noncompliance therewith;*

*the conduct of examination as determined by the Monetary Board to determine compliance with laws and regulations;*

*and overseeing to ascertain that laws and regulations are complied with.*

*The BSP may also limit and prohibit the charging of annual membership fees for credit cards.*

All existing credit card companies that are currently not under the BSP's supervision will be given reasonable time, as the Monetary Board may determine, in order to comply with applicable rules and regulations.

The bill further provides that a credit card issuer may resort to a reasonable and legally permissible means to collect amounts due them under the credit card agreement. Provided that in the exercise of its rights and performance of duties, the card issuer must observe good faith, reasonable conduct and proper decorum and refrain from engaging in unscrupulous acts. However, a credit card issuer or collection agent shall not harass, abuse or oppress any person or engage in any unfair practices, as

may be deemed by BSP rules and regulations, in collection with the collection of any credit card debt.

The bill mandates credit card issuers to disclose to all credit cardholders and potential credit cardholders the following:

*finance charges for unpaid amounts after payment due date; percentage that the interest bears to the total amount to be financed expressed as a simple monthly or annual rate, as the case may be, on the outstanding balance of the obligation; default, late payment/penalty fees or similar delinquency-related charges payable in the event of late payments.*

The card issuers may thereafter implement changes in the credit limit applicable of the account based on their risk management policies and guidelines but will be required to inform the cardholder is notified of such changes.

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They also inducted their new set of officers and members.  
These are some of the photos of that annual event.







Nadine Lustre adjusts her mic. PHOTO BY NOLI GUMAPAC



James Reid and Nadine Lustre provided the kilig fans waited for.. PHOTO BY NOLI GUMAPAC



Producers Belinda Reyes (3rd from right) and Sani Baluyot (2ND FROM LEFT) pose with James Reid and Nadine Lustre and company.



Candace Mallari David (STANDING 2ND FROM RIGHT) and her Pinta CMD pose with James Reid and Nadine Lustre.



Ronelda Bheng Basing-Mariano pose with James Reid and Nadine Lustre.



Shanaia Tabuac (STANDING RIGHT) pose with James Reid and Nadine Lustre.

## JADINE TORONTO HIGH ON LOVE IS A SMASH HIT

There is no other way to say it. Even Jadine USA fan club members, avid concertgoers who go to their every concert say, "the Toronto concert was the best." Credits go to Belinda Reyes and Dani Baluyot and their production team for creating one-of-a-kind experience.



Clique pose with James Reid and Nadine Lustre PHOTO BY NOLI GUMAPAC

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## Mark, Katrina and Yasmien on children, relationships

Some 13 years ago, Mark Herras, Katrina Halili and Yasmien Kurdi met on the set of the reality show "StarStruck." They formed a bond beyond the show and kept in constant communication amid their respective careers in show business.



"Marami kaming plano, actually. Pupunta sa ganito or sa ganyan. Hanggang sa nagsitandaan na kami at nagkaroon na ng anak eh, hindi na natuloy," Mark said, laughing.

He has a daughter named Ada, Katrina is a mom to Katrencence, and Yasmien has Ayesha.

Katrina shared, "Ang plano naman namin ngayon lumabas kasama ang mga anak namin. Ewan ko kung matuloy pero 'yung nga, sana."

The three agree their kids should finish schooling first if ever they would want to enter show business.

"Ayoko kasi na ma-miss niya 'yung stages sa buhay niya na maging estudyante, magkaroon

ng friends. Pero after niya mag-aral edi okay. Bahala siya kung ano ang gusto niyang gawin," Yasmien said. "Alam ko masaya 'yung trabaho namin pero mas masaya kung i-enjoy muna nila 'yung kabataan nila," Mark added.

Katrina, on the other hand, shared, "Ayoko isipin 'yan sa ngayon. Ang sa akin ang mag-aral ang importante."

From left: Yasmien Kurdi, Mark Herras and Katrina Halili

### On love

Yasmien has been happily married to Rey Soldevilla since 2012. Katrina, meanwhile, has been single since her breakup with singer Kris Lawrence in 2014. She doesn't want to jump into the dating game anew, maintaining, "Hindi naman ako atat na atat magkarelasyon."

The single mom admitted however, "I do pray I find the one. Baka hindi pa talaga time."

Mark is happy in his relationship with Winwyn Marquez. The two have been posting romantic photos of them together on social media. "Gusto ko kasi maraming positive feedback about it," Mark said. "Pero siyempre hindi naman namin shine-share lahat. Nagtitira pa rin kami para sa sarili namin." The actor admitted it took a while to woo Winwyn who even rejected him a couple of times. "Eh ako ayoko talaga mag give-up. Kasi once na sumuko ka parang sinasabi mo na hindi ka talaga ganoon ka desidido," he said.

Mark attested Winwyn has a positive influence on him. "Hindi na nga ako umiinom ngayon. Kapag lalabas man ako siya ang kasama ko or sila Rocco (Nacino). Pero hindi na kami nagpupunta sa mga bar," he said.

He is proud Winwyn is not just active in showbiz but also in education and business. "She's actually taking her master's degree on top of her busy showbiz schedule. Minsan nga nagtatanong siya sa akin kung ano ba daw dapat niyang unahin. Sabi ko kung ano ang makakabuti sa kanya basta ako susupportahan ko lang siya," he said.

The 29-year-old also believes Winwyn is his last girlfriend.

"Mark my word. I want kasi talaga na partner na panghabang-buhay kasi I'm not getting younger naman na. I want to have my own family na," he said.

Mark, Katrina and Yasmien will reunite on the small screen via GMA-7's "Sa Piling Ni Nanay."

According to a release, "Sa Piling Ni Nanay" revolves around Ysabel (played by Yasmien), a single mother trying to raise her daughter Maymay (Chlauri Malayao) in any way she can. Ysabel will find work as personal assistant to Scarlet (Katrina).

Scarlet cannot bear a child so she convinces Ysabel to become her surrogate.

The soap also stars Nova Villa, Bettinna Carlos, Antonio Aquitania and Sofia Jayzel Cabatay.

Directed by Gil Tejada Jr., the series starts airing June 27.

## TFC Connect, takes on a new vibe as it celebrates nine years of keeping Filipinos close + other stories



The Filipino Channel (TFC) celebrates nine years of its longest-running program exclusively made for overseas Filipinos (OFs), "TFC Connect," as it continues to keep them close to the homeland and their loved ones. "TFC Connect" will also take on a new vibe, starting this July.

The program which started in 2007 as a program guide hosted by Bianca Gonzalez, which updated viewers on what to expect in the coming week on the premier network, "TFC Connect" has evolved to become a program that provides a link between OF and their families in the Philippines through segments such as "MissMo" and "Kapamilya Treats." The program, hosted by Dimples Romana starting in 2013, also became the platform for the Filipino talent to shine, through segments such as "Kids of the Week," and "Bida Guest."

According to Herbs Samonte, ABS-CBN Global Content Production and Development Group Head that through the years, TFC Connect has transcended its role from an exclusive program to a conduit not only between the OFs and those they hold dear, but also between them and their country. He says: "For close to a decade, "TFC Connect" has become the hub of everything Filipino and has become the champion of values and traditions that make us who we are, wherever we may be."

"As we celebrate our anniversary this June and unveil a new season this quarter, we want to be more inclusive, reaching out even to the younger members of the family and of our audience," Samonte adds.

Starting on the first week of July, "TFC Connect" takes on a new look and feel to reach out to the second generation OFs who may have been born overseas or were born here but have migrated overseas.

"TFC Connect" will take on a new format with more interactive segments and will welcome new host and youtube star, Wil Dasovich.

Dasovich is a 24-year-old Filipino-American who personifies the 2nd gen OF. He has been shuttling between the Philippines and the U.S. for almost three years and the "TFC Connect" stint may just make him stay.

The new host will bring Kapamilyas to ABS-CBN shows to see how they work behind the cameras.

The host will travel to chosen OF families' hometown and immerse in the local culture and reminisce some of the things the OF families may have missed as they led their lives overseas. It will also be Dasovich's own immersion as well.

To join the segments, OF families are encouraged to submit a video on the reasons why they should be the next families to be featured.

"TFC Connect" airs Mondays to Fridays on TFC worldwide. The show's anniversary celebration starts this June while its new look and host will be launched on July 4.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TFConnectOfficial/>

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Nagsimula na nga last Monday (June 20) ang Born for You ng ElNella loveteam nina Elmo Magalona at Janella Salvador.

Agad na pinakita ng serye ang lakas sa primetime at nagtala ng national TV rating na 17.1 percent, ayon sa datos ng Kantar Media.

Hindi rin nakapagpigil ang netizens na iparamdam ang kanilang pagkasabik para sa palabas kung kaya naman nag-trend worldwide sa Twitter ang official hashtag ng teleserye na #BFYTheRedString.

Ang nakakakilig na pagkikita nina Kevin at Sam sa Shibuya Crossing sa Japan at ang magagandang tanawin sa nasabing bansa, pati na ang pag-ulan ng yelo, ang ilan sa mga dapat abangan sa pilot week ng serye.



ABOVE, Lovely Dana Luna, Josie de Leon, Chatt Bautista and Mark Cuizon Crescini pose with actor Gabby Concepcion. RIGHT, Clarissa Gonzales pose with Gabby Concepcion.



Clarissa Gonzales pose with Gabby Concepcion.



Clarissa Gonzales pose with Nadine Lustre and James Reid.



Joy and Warren D'Acoust pose with Nadine Lustre and James Reid.

# A BACK TO BACK SUCCESSFUL EVENTS FOR PIDC by: Suzy Llanera



Indeed, the Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), organized its second event this year, the Annual "Salu-Salo sa Earl Bales" Community pot-luck picnic on Saturday, June 11th, 2016. The community event was held to commemorate the 118th Philippine Independence Day, chaired by Nene Ticzon & Verth Bugtong, co-chair.

The day started off with PIDC President, Norma Carpio joined by the Officers and Council of Leaders, led by the Knights of Rizal, Kababaihang Rizalistas & Prexy Rose Cruz in the wreath laying ceremony before the bust of Dr. Jose P. Rizal. It was supported by Regional Commander Sir Ed Prillo together with Rizal Canada Sir Joe Damasco, Sir Marjo Alpuerto, and Sir Jojo Taturan, garbed in their complete uniform. As well, the presence of Police Constables, Don Laurel and Sam Park contributed in keeping to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

The program was emceed by Verth Bugtong and Mrs. Philippines Emma Andrada, assisted by Aurora Ticzon Elefano. With music provided by DJ Ron Carpio, Verth Bugtong and Karen Pascual-Binaday, as Program Coordinators, the non-stop entertainment began at noon until closing, with notable performances from Gian Carlo Bobilla, Cheryl Malanum, Angelica Basil, Gizelle Villegas, Clemence Villar, Miss Caregivers candidates, Norma Crisostomo,

Natalia Versoza-Hilse, Samantha Gavin, Charms, Ashley Suva, Uppercase Band, Southeast Cartel and the line-dancing of Step by Step, joined by dance enthusiasts, highlighted the overall excitement at the park.

The event also hosted the annual PIDC Mabuhay Cup Volleyball Tournament with 14 Teams competing (Teams of 7 men and 7 women), led by Vilma Tahsin, Roger Tarca, and the PIDC Mabuhay Cup Volleyball Tournament Committee continuously manned the game for the entire duration of the day which started at 9:00am. At 3:00pm, emceed by Sir Chito Collantes, different Associations including the Beauties of PIDC participated in the usual Parade around the park grounds led by Nene Ticzon, Verth Bugtong and Rose Cruz.

Community Leaders and notable guests arrived, such as MP Rob Oliphant, MP Michael Levitt, MP Marco Mendicino, MP Salma Zahid, each delivered their greetings and messages, made their rounds to greet revelers and stopped by at the different booths and exhibitors on the grounds, namely, Kapitbahay Restaurant, Dini Ice Cream, Smoothie Groove, Quezon Apparel, TFC's ABS/CBN, Empire One Credit Solutions, LBC, SunLife Insurance (Maricar Soriano & Raquel Galardo), PNB Remittance, Paycase, Patrick Ocampo Company, Clare Shulte-Albert (PC) and Kangen Water, provided free water all day.

The Philippine Independence Day "Flag Raising Ceremony", the 3rd event of many PIDC events, was held at 11:00am on Tuesday, June 14th at Queens Park, Ontario Legislative grounds. It was hosted by the Government of Ontario in cooperation with the Philippine Consulate

Toronto, Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC) and the Filipino community. Chaired by Executive Vice-President, Karen Pascual-Binaday, the event was ably hosted by Rafael "Raffy" Fabregas. A short parade to the assembly area, led by Verth Bugtong, initiated the program with Jenifer Camacho singing the Canadian and Philippine Anthems. Welcomed by PIDC President, Norma Carpio, Minister of Education, Hon. Mitzie Hunter, delivered a message from the Premier of Ontario, Honourable Kathleen Wynne. Other dignitaries in attendance were Deputy Speaker of the House, MPP Soo Wong, MPP Han Dong, MPP Laurie Scott, and special guests, Honourable Rosalita Prospero, Consul General of the Philippine Consulate in Toronto and Monina Lim-Serrano, delivered inspirational messages. The Philippine flag was raised on the Ontario Legislative grounds on Queens Park marking the declaration of the "118th Philippine Independence Day".

After the ceremony, reception and entertainment continued inside the Legislative Building. Rendition of Filipino songs, fittingly sang for the occasion, and popular ballads were performed by Cheryl Malanum, Ashley Suva, Gian Carlo Bobilla and Ivy Joy Maniquez, respectively. Guests were served with sumptuous lunch and "buko pandan" for dessert, catered by FV Foods.

Headed by its PIDC President, Norma Carpio, the Philippine Independence Day Celebrations, "Salu-Salo sa Earl Bales Community Picnic" and "Flag Raising Ceremony on Queens Park" were successful due to the collaboration & collective efforts organized by the hardworking and dedicated PIDC Directors and Council of Leaders, Karen Pascual-Binaday, Gene Elamparo, Aurora Ticzon Elefano, Aris

Elefano, Lorenzo & Aida Villaruz, Roy & Connie Start, Annabelle Migalbin, Nanding Ticzon, Nene Ticzon, Paulina & Ben Corpuz, Conrad Corpuz, Vilma Tahsin, Roger Tarca, Tom Tan, Minda Neri, Rose Calvo, Chyrell Samson, Rose Cruz, Pedro Carpio, Al Tupe, Helen Pico Lao, Imee Belanger and Suzy Llanera.

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The next PIDC events are the PIDC Miss Philippines 2016 and PIDC Little Miss Philippines Pageant, to be held on July 9th at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles Street, Toronto. Pageant Contacts: Aurora Ticzon Elefano 416-357-4174 email: aelefano@ymail.com & Gene Elamparo 416-318-1986 / jeanpardo28@gmail.com.

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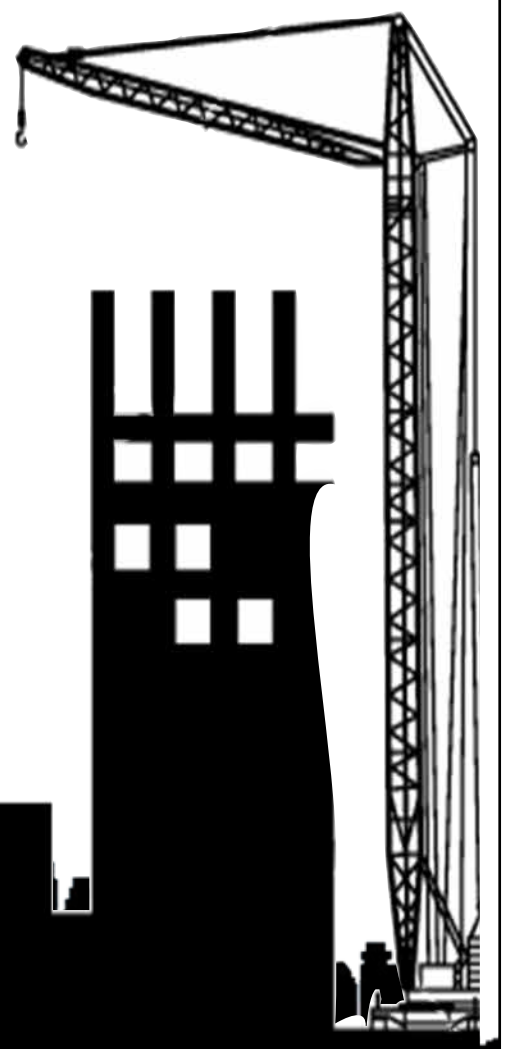
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## Julie Anne San Jose earns degree + other stories



Julie Anne San Jose holding her diploma (Instagram)

Julie Anne San Jose has clinched a new achievement by graduating from college.

"Another chapter has ended, and so a new one begins," Julie Anne posted on Instagram, along with a photo of her in a toga.

The singer-actress took up Communication Arts in Angelicum College, juggling school work and studies for four-and-a-half years.

In a separate post, she acknowledged how hard it was for her. "And there was everything. Sleepless nights, fatigue and even disappointments, but those were transient emotions brought by much studying and lack of rest sometimes," she said.

Julie Anne added, "...it's okay to admit I wasn't perfect, I was struggling. I've juggled work and studies, yet managed to survive. I definitely have to say that it's all worth it. As I went through four and a half years, I've learned that it pays not to worry so much about where you ranked but rather think about the joy you get with what you do."

She also took the opportunity to thank all who supported her, including God, her family, friends and teachers.

"Life doesn't offer us a smooth path. There will always be tough times, regrets and failures as well as success, reward and happiness. Before closing this chapter, it's pertinent to thank the people who continue to inspire me. My family who raised me, for the guidance and unconditional love; My friends and peers, for joining me in the fight for life, and making all efforts fulfilled; My professors and teachers, for imparting profound wisdom; And lastly, God for the blessings and the wonderful gift of knowledge," she said.

In a previous interview, Julie Anne said that she considers her diploma a "gift" to her parents.

"It's been a long road but with hard work and patience, anything is possible. This is certainly a huge milestone... the tassel's worth the hassle," she said.

Julie Anne held her 10th anniversary concert "In Control" on May 14.

### KathNiel loves the 'bikini' in Barcelona, Spain

Sa ulat mula sa Bandila, simula na ng shooting ng pelikula ng tambalang KathNiel sa Barcelona, Spain.

Ito ang unang beses na makakatrabaho nina Daniel Padilla at Kathryn Bernardo si direktor Olivia Lamasan. Ani Daniel, "ang sarap kasi every scene na gagawin mo, fulfilling kasi Olive Lamasan, so ma-good take ko lang yun okay... Talagang buong puso at trust dapat ibibigay mo sa kanya."

Isa sa mga hamon ng pelikulang ito para sa KathNiel ay ang pag-deliver ng linya sa salitang Espanyol. Ayon sa dalawa, kinailangan nilang mag-aral ng basic Spanish.

Halos buong pelikula ay kukunan sa Barcelona at malaking tulong diumano ito. Ani Daniel, "ang laking tulong ng atmosphere ng lugar para sa romansa and maganda yung istorya ng movie dahil unang-una iba na ang maturity level nito e, kesa sa past movies namin."

Nakatuwaan rin ng dalawa ang pag-order ng tinapay sa Barcelona na kung tawagin ay "bikini."

### AiAi Delas Alas, ibang-ibang hitsura sa pagbibidhang independent film

Nakilala ang Comedy Concert Queen at "Hay Bahay!" star na si AiAi Delas Alas sa kaniyang makukulay na costume at make-up tuwing mag-papasaya ng mga manonood sa telebisyon man o pelikula.

Sa pagkakataong ito, kakaibang AiAi ang mapapanood ng publiko sa independent film na "Area."

Ipinasilip ng batikang komedyante ang kaniyang make-up at wardrobe para naturang pelikula, na pangungunahan ng direktor na si Louie Ignacio.

Bukod sa simpleng damit, halos wala ring make-up ang Kapuso comedienne.

Aniya, "Ang hirap ng eksena but I hope nabigyan ko ng hustisya! Sana manood kayo nito. Maraming eksena na ikakagulat niyo dahil ngayon ko lang ginawa sa buong buhay ko."

"Thank you DIREK LOUIE IGNACIO... Pinahirapan mo ako!" mensahe niya pa sa kaniyang direktor.

Kasamang bibida sa pelikula ang panganay na anak ni AiAi na si Sancho Vito, pati na ang award-winning actor na si Allen Dizon, at marami pang iba.

### TIDBITS



### Rhian Ramos leads cast of GMA's Sinungaling Mong Puso

Kapuso actress Rhian Ramos returns to drama as she breathes new life to the character of Star for All Seasons Vilma Santos in the TV adaptation of the 1992 film Sinungaling Mong Puso.

The new Kapuso offering will air this July on GMA as part of the Network's top-rating afternoon block, and worldwide on its flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.

"We are all honored to be a part of this show dahil alam namin na talagang [because we all know that it is truly an] acting piece siya para sa aming lahat [for all of us]. It requires everyone to give it their all. As actors and as lovers of our craft, it's really an honor for us to receive a project like this," says Rhian.

She will play the role of Clara, a woman trapped in an unhappy marriage prompting her to enter into a relationship with a younger man.

Kiko Estrada, one of the Network's up-and-coming young actors, will play the role of Clara's younger lover originally portrayed by Aga Muhlach. Meanwhile, Rafael Rosell will take on the character of Clara's husband first played by Gabby Concepcion.

Also part of the show are Jazz Ocampo, Glydel Mercado, Stephanie Sol, Gab de Leon, Gee Canlas, JC Tiuseco, Michael de Mesa, Sheryllyn Reyes and Cheska Diaz.

Ricky Davao, who previously helmed top-rating afternoon shows such as Sisisid, Mga Basang Sisiw, and Dading, will direct the new GMA afternoon drama.

### Do mining right or get out - Duterte



Gina Lopez accepts offer to head DENR

DAVAO CITY - President-elect Rodrigo Duterte said he would not ban mining, as long as it followed environmental protection standards similar to Australia.

Mining stocks plummeted after Duterte offered the environment portfolio to Gina Lopez, a known anti-mining advocate.

Duterte said all mining contracts would be reviewed.

"I will not ban mining," Duterte told a gathering of several hundred businessmen here.

"Making money out of the precious metals of the Earth that belongs to the people, you have to do it right. If you can't do it right, get out," he said.

Lopez, chair of ABS-CBN Foundation, said on Tuesday night that she has accepted the offer to lead the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) after a phone conversation with the incoming president.

She said she was not an enemy of the mining industry, adding that she wants to have a dialogue with industry stakeholders to address issues.

Lopez was offered the position during a courtesy call at the Presidential Guest House in DPWH Panacan Depot, Davao City on Monday afternoon.

She said she only met with Duterte on Monday to raise some concerns about the mining industry in the Philippines.

"I just wanted to give him some ideas, then he offered the position. Nagulat na nga ako eh. Sabi ko, 'Sir alam mo magiging controversial ako,'" she told ABS-CBN News in an interview at Davao City's airport on Monday.

Lopez said she admires Duterte for showing genuine concern for the environment and the welfare of farmers and fishermen.

Duterte considers the DENR post one of the most important in his Cabinet, as he seeks to end destructive mining in the Philippines.

The president-elect earlier offered the DENR post to the Left but later changed his mind.



FIRST, Genelie Tenorio, carrying Joshua, poses with Senator Enverga during Durham's Fiesta. SECOND, Joshua joins the Santacruzans. THIRD, Ampee, Joshua, mom Genelie, Maria and Aubrey pose during the Durham Fiesta. FOURTH, Shai Garrido poses with Philippine actor Gabby Concepcion.

## MEGAN HOPES TO WORK WITH MIKAEK: STILL NO PROJECT

MISS. World 2013 Megan Young is glad that the projects she's currently doing on both the small and the big screen are comedies, "Conan My Beautician" on GMA-7



and "Mighty Yaya" with Regal Entertainment.

"After 'Marimar' na dramang-drama, I welcome these light projects dahil noon ko pa gusto to try doing comedy," she says. "Enjoy ako sa 'Conan' with all the comedians I'm working with and it's my first sitcom so I'm really excited. Sa 'Mighty Yaya' naman,

it's a privilege to work with Ms. Ai Ai de las Alas. Nata-tawa ako sa scenes namin as she's really so funny. Laging good vibes sa set at masaya kaming lahat."

Her contract with Miss World is ending soon. "But kahit wala na akong contract with them, I'll always have a connection sa Miss World. I'm leaving nga next month for the U.K. para naman sa Mr. World competition."

How is it working with Mark Herras as her leading man in "Conan" that starts airing this Sunday at 5:30 p.m.? "He's okay. I'm very comfortable with him kasi nagkasama lang kami as hosts sa last Starstruck. Sa story, he pretends to be gay to elude Cacai Bautista and he meets me na isa namang runaway bride, then he falls in love with me but he cannot show it kasi nga, ang alam ko, bading siya."

Would she consider working together with BF Mikael Daez? "We'd like that, but so far, wala pang project for us. It's management naman who'd decide about that."

It seems she really gets along fine with Mikael. "He's very supportive of me. We talk about a lot of things and he gives me lots of insights about life and about our work."

They have yet to officially admit that they're on but it's obvious that they're in a relationship, judging from their photos of their trips together abroad. "With us, what you see is what you get. We're both of age na naman. He's 28 and I'm 26 na and we appreciate all the respect that the press gives us in our decision to be quiet about what we have. We share naman online the things we enjoy doing

together through the Youtube videos that we share."

### James, Nadine tell all in book: Including the big fight

JAMES Reid and Nadine Lustre have done hit movies, TV shows and concerts here and abroad. Now they're giving their fans an intimate look into their lives and love affair with a revealing book, "Team Real", which includes so many photos you've never seen before.

"It's a window into our minds, our hearts, with untold stories about us and our relationship," says James.

They narrate how they fell in love with each other, including the big fight they had while doing "Wang Fam". It also offers tips about fashion, beauty and keeping fit. The book was launched recently at Market Market and a record of 11,000 fans came in full force. "Team

Real" is now officially the year's best selling book with almost 100,000 copies sold since its sale became available online. But despite their legion of adoring fans, they do have their own share of bashers, like those who say that their alleged love affair is all for show, just to help boost their loveteam's popularity. "We just ignore the bashers," says James. "All celebrities naman get bashed and there's nothing we can do about it."

Is it true James is not in favor of Nadine's being voted as one of FHM's Sexiest Women? "It was just a joke. But it's true I don't want Nadine to wear stuff that's too sexy. I'm still conservative at heart."

After their series of successful concerts abroad, they're about to start their next teleserye for ABS-CBN, once



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again to be directed by Antoinette Jadaone, who helmed their hit soap, "On the Wings of Love".

"The story will be totally different from 'OTWOL'," says Nadine.

"Romantic drama pa rin pero magiging mas seryoso ang tema and James and I will play more mature roles."

They will also be featured in the international magazine, "Teen Vogue", which has a million circulation worldwide. It has featured Hollywood lovetears before like Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens. "We don't know how 'Teen Vogue' noticed us but we heard merong mga nakapanood sa kanila ng concerts namin sa U.S. and the next thing we knew, may invitation na sa amin to be featured in their magazine," says Nadine. "We were interviewed when we were in Washington but we don't know yet kung kailan lalabas."

Meantime, you can read everything you want to know about James and Nadine in "Team Real", which is from VRJ Books, the publishing arm of their home studio, Viva, which also published Ricky Lo's "Conversations Pa More" and the late Director Wenn Deramas' tell all biography, "Direk 2 Da Poynt".

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## Mara Alberto is GMA7's latest sexy comedian

+ other stories

Petite and sexy 23-year old Mara Alberto's dream came true when she debuted as an actress on GMA7's sitcom "A1 Ko sa 'Yo'."

Before her showbiz break, the newbie actress confessed she used to look for jobs on PLDT's telephone directories.



"Hindi pa masyado uso Google noon," she shared. "Sa telephone directory ako naghahanap ng mga agents who could help me."

Mara's creativity landed her modeling jobs for a fast food chain, a healthy snack and a feminine wash.

Then her luck changed when the late German "Kuya Germs" Moreno saw her at an indie film

audition starring Nora Aunor.

"I always audition for roles kasi in indie movies," she related. "Kuya Germs was there tapos nakita niya ako. Tinanong niya ako kung gusto kong mag-artista tapos kinuha niya akong co-host sa 'Walang Tulugan' noong 2012."

"Walang Tulugan" then became her stepping stone into showbiz. Learning from Kuya Germs then, she continued to audition for work.

She revealed she pursued work in GMA for two long years before she landed a role on "A1 Ko Sa 'Yo'."

As to why she didn't settle for a hosting career, Mara explained, "I've always wanted to become an actress. Noong bata pa ako, ako na yung humahanap ng mga paraan para makapasok sa showbiz pati sa commercials. Acting is my dream and itong 'A1 Ko Sa 'Yo' is a dream come true!"

She also admitted to being nervous about her role because it is her first acting job. She did get an acting workshop from GMAAC before her taping for the show began.

"I couldn't believe it at first. Pero sobrang saya ko and nakakakaba kasi mga batikang artista ang mga makakasama ko," Mara related.

The actress also hopes that "A1 Ko Sa 'Yo'" would kickstart her acting and showbiz career since she is the bread winner of her family. According to her, she's the eldest among six siblings. Her mom works only during summer teaching piano and swimming lessons.

Aware of the stiff competition in showbiz, Mara doesn't have qualms with future roles that would be given her. "Gusto kong maging sexy actress and gusto ko ring maging comedian. Pwede rin sa mga mature roles. I really want to try different characters kasi gusto ko talaga maging mahusay sa pag-arte," she remarked.

In the sexy comedy "A1 Ko Sa 'Yo,'" Mara plays Kath, a model wannabe who takes on a job as receptionist at the A1 Talent Agency. She joins the cast top billed by Jaelyn Jose, Solenn Heussaff, Gardo Versoza, Sef Cadayona, Benjamin Alves, Roi Vinzon, Ervic Vijandre, Denise Barbacena and Gee Canlas.

"A1 Ko Sa 'Yo,'" directed by Randy Santiago, airs every Thursday on GMA.

### Alden has a secret younger GF?

Alden Richards is rumored to have a secret girlfriend who's much younger than him. This came out as a blind item in Arnold Clavio's radio show but it's delivered in such a manner that it's easy to identify that Alden is the one being referred to. May mas batang girlfriend daw.

So this sent tongues wagging. Bata? Could it be Barbie Forteza? But she already has a confirmed boyfriend, Kiko Rodriguez. Maybe it's Jillian Ward? Mona Louise Rey? Or Chlauri Malayao? But Alden is not a pedophile.

All these talks angered diehard fans of AIDub nation, who claim this is just a case of sabotage from Alden and Maine's detractors now that their solo movie, "Imagine You and Me" is about to be shown in theaters nationwide on July 13. One Alden defender says: "Walang time si Alden manligaw sa iba dahil sa sobrang pagka-busy niya. Nakaka-sad lang na isang Kapuso rin ang mismong naninira sa kanya sa pagba-blind item nito."

So what can you say about that, Arnold Clavio?

### Andrea sad about end of show

Andrea Torres is understandably feeling sad because her hit afternoon soap, "The Millionaire's Wife", is ending this week. "Gusto kong pasalamat lahat ng sumuporta sa aming show during its 14-week run," she says. "Huwag silang bibitaw dahil talagang very exciting ang last few remaining episodes dahil ayaw pa ring tigilan nina Jaelyn Jose as Stella, Ina Raymundo as Allison and Sid Lucero as Jared ang pangha-harass nila sa akin. Desidido silang maagaw 'yung kayamanang ipinamana sa akin ng husband kong si Robert Arevalo as Alfredo. Malalaman n'yo rin kung kanino ako mapupunta as Louisa: kay Mike Tan ba as Ivan or kay James Blanco as Mark."

She also wants to thank all her co-stars, plus the staff and crew. "Nakakaramdam nga ako ng sepanx or separation anxiety kasi, for sure, I will miss them all. Madalas kaming magkakasama kami sa isang long table, making kuwentuhan, nagbo-bonding, so we became close friends. We talk not only about the show but even personal things. Lahat kami, nagkakasundo and I trust them, kaya sigurado akong mami-miss ko sila."

### Luis finds the one

Luis Alandy is currently without a regular soap after he did "My Fair Lady" with TV5. "My manager, Noel Ferrer, says rest muna ako sa TV and puro movies muna ang gagawin ko.

He was nominated in the Urian Awards for his role as a soldier having an affair with a rebel woman in "Anino sa Likod ng Buwan", which will get a wide release in theaters next month. He has also finished the AIDub movie, "Imagine Me and You" where he plays Maine Mendoza's older brother. Also in the can is "Mandirigma", an action film that's a tribute to local soldiers, directed by Arlyn de la Cruz. He just wrapped up work for BG Productions' "Siphayo", where he has sexy love scenes with Natalie Hart, who's being launched in the film directed by Joel Lamangan.

He's also shooting three other new movies. "I feel so blessed working with different directors and production groups as I learn so much from each of them," he says.

Recently, he has formally proposed to his non-showbiz girlfriend named Joselle in Lake Tahoe. "Kaya nga panay ang kayod ko para makapag-ipun sa gagastusin namin sa wedding. We're now planning everything step by step."

He was previously linked to various showbiz girls, including Desiree del Valle, Tin Araldo, Alex de Rossi, Kat Alano and Beks Hollman. What made him feel sure that Joselle is the one? "She has a very positive influence on me, lalo na sa pagiging Christian ko. People say bumait daw ako. We both come from big families. I'm the 3rd of 6 kids and 2nd siya of 4 kids. Kasundung-kasundo ko ang buong family niya."



## Jasmine Curtis all set to do a movie with Vilma Santos

Fresh from a vacation in Europe, Jasmine Curtis said she is looking forward to working again. "Masaya, Siyempre masaya kasi I always look forward to holidays after doing a project kasi siyempre ilang araw ka ding puyat, minsan buwan buwan. So I was very happy I was able to have almost two weeks vacation. Work and play siya so kahit papaano it was a very productive vacation pa rin," she shares during the Live the Nova Life event held last June 23 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati city.

The 22-year-old actress said she might be playing the daughter of the Star for all Seasons Vilma Santos in her biggest movie role to date. "I have a project with Ms. Vilma Santos so that's big. It's with direk Quark Henares. I'm not sure when we'll start but so far kami pa lang yung dalawang confirmed na cast or at least yung alam kong cast members. So I'm very thrilled and just overwhelmed na ang lalaki ng mga nakakasama ko sa mga projects ko so I'm thankful. Wala pang (title) eh but I think I might be her daughter in the project. Bongga (laughs)," she admitted.

Even when it comes to her personal life, Jasmine said her relationship with her boyfriend Jeff Ortega is going smoothly. "Masaya! Kita niyo naman yung mga pictures di ba? We're very open of course with what we can sure. Like always, with me naman regardless of kung sino man ang kasama ko or involved sa life ko, I'm very open about it to the public and I keep na lang what I want for myself to myself but of course ayoko namang ire-restrict na siyempre. I kind of have to share also bits and pieces of my life because that's my work. My fans, that's how they want to support me. They like to see me enjoying different things so I need to feed them that din so that they get excited, they look forward to my projects. So yeah I'm very open naman with my relationship, my love life (laughs). I'm just happy about life in general," she explained.

The new Nova celebrity ambassador also said dating a non-showbiz guy is not that difficult since he is mature enough to understand her line of work. "Siyempre I sometimes I have to tell him na baka minsan you'll get tweets na ganito, alam mo naman. Sinabihan ko na yung mga (social media) accounts mo you need to make sure na everything that's on that okay lang na ma-discover ng public kasi sabi ko siyempre though we live our personal lives, the public wants to know more all the time so hindi sila titigil. They'll always want to know more and they'll scavenge for it. So sabi ko maganda profile mo okay ba yan na makita nila lahat ng laman niyan? Sabi niya, 'Ah ganun pala yun?' He's learning. He's very curious din naman about the industry so I help him out with it. But so far so good. I think maybe because he's from a political family medyo may konting grasp na rin siya on it," she said.

Even before she met her boyfriend, Jasmine said he was already friends with her older sister Anne and Anne's boyfriend Erwann Heussaff which is why they sometimes go out together. "I think Erwann and him go way, way even back friends na sila. That's why it's easy to get along. But at the same time siyempre ang Ate of course she's still very protective, she's still watches out for me like, 'O anong balita diyen? Kamusta ka na diyen?' But in a manner na she wants to hear that I'm happy. Of course hindi rin mailwasan sometimes manghilingi ako ng advice but so far lahat naman is all for the better of everything in my life," she shared.

## Scenes in the city



LEFT, Patrick Brown, the Leader of the Progressive Party of Ontario called a quick meeting between the Filipino Media in Ontario; and discussed topics that affect the citizen of Ontario. The meeting was on June 6, 2016 at Queens Park; and was attended by, from left to right Hon. Laurie Scott, Hon. Patrick Brown, Rose Tijam (President of the Philippine Press Club Ontario, PPCO), Leizyl Putong - Sobrinho (Filipino Centre Toronto), and Ariel Ramos of PPCO.



RIGHT, Josie de Leon and Philip Beloso host the Forex kuwarta of Kahon portion of FCT's Pistahan.

## Cleaning Your Kitchen May Make You Eat Less



If you're the type of person who lets the dirty dishes pile up in the sink (so pretty much all of us), you'll want to hear about the findings of this new study. Clutter in our kitchens may lead us to eat more. In the study, women waited next to an assortment of healthy and unhealthy snacks in a messy or clean kitchen. Women who waited in the messy one ate more overall, and they were two times more likely to eat cookies than those in the tidy space.

The study was small (98 participants) and included only women, but its findings fall in line with existing research that shows people tend to eat more in stressful environments. A little food for thought before you think about skipping the dishes tonight.

## The New Loveteam **JODINE** THE REAL THING



Why that woman in the middle is more concerned than Lauren (JAMES' SISTER) and James Reid is beyond me. Nadine Lustre poses with me, Jose "Joey" Baking at a sponsor's brunch.

## Darren Espanto to vacation in Canada

Young Total Performer Darren Espanto remains in awe that he was able to stage yet another soldout major concert.

Thousands of fans flocked at D Total Experience at the KIA Theater on June 25 to witness their idol showcase another side of him along with guests Jed Madela, Maja Salvador, Iñigo Pascual, Ylona Garcia and the G Force.

Darren's concert took place almost a year

since his first major concert, which also happened to be his birthday show at the SM Mall of Asia Arena.

The young singer is planning to take a break after his concert.

"Magbabakasyon ako. Magbabakasyon ako ng ilang weeks in Canada," he said in an interview after the concert.

"Baka mag-camping kami or do some fun stuff and just relax and then balik to do shows again," he added.

It may be recalled that Darren recently released his second solo album titled Be With Me.

Just before his fans could worry about him not returning to the country, Darren immediately stated that he wouldn't stay too long in Canada.

Meanwhile, Darren says he will be staging another concert, probably in the Big Dome, but not anytime soon.

"Araneta siguro in the next few years tignan natin. But I also want to try theater and I want to do one of those mini shows," he said.

Darren described the "mini shows" as something like jamming sessions with his fans where there is no big production whatsoever.

About his desire to venture into theater, Darren revealed that he, along with The Voice Kids coach Lea Salonga, previously auditioned for a debut Broadway show.

"We auditioned for a Broadway debut called The Prince and I. Tapos I got the lead role, which was the prince tapos she was supposed to be my mom. But due to our schedules hindi nangyari," he shared. Despite what happened, Darren still hopes to try his hand at theater acting some time in the future or once his schedule permits.



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## Rhian Ramos is Solenn Heussaff's new co-host

Rhian Ramos joins Solenn Heussaff as the new co-host of GMA News TV lifestyle show, Taste Buddies. Together, the two Kapuso ladies will bring fresh, fab, and fun to another level as they take viewers to the different facets of Filipino modern living: from trying the mouth-watering food to embarking on various exciting adventures. Being good friends in real life, Rhian expressed her excitement to join Solenn in the show. "I'm just of it," she said. Solenn, on the other hand, is looking forward to spend time with Rhian. "She eats almost anything like me. She's sporty and kalog. It's gonna be fun," she shared.

In her first episode as the newest Taste Buddies girl, Rhian takes Solenn to Rue Bourbon—a chic dining and wine place on Tomas Morato, Quezon City. Solenn, of course, won't be left behind. She brings with her hunks Vince Velasco and Rafa Siguion-Reyna.

Rhian and Solenn discover how Rue Bourbon's bestsellers Gambas with Chorizo and Corned Pork Scarface are prepared. Vince and Rafa, meanwhile, spend time together with the baristas and learn the ropes of making some of the restaurant's signature flaming shots.

Later in the show, Solenn and Rhian undergo the quickie quiz, "Kaibigan Ba Talaga Kita?" where Rafa and Vince test the girls' friendship. Both have to make sure they have the same answers as every incompatible reply has a consequence. The guys are not spared though. If the ladies get the answers right, Rafa and Vince would have to face the consequence as well.

Expect Solenn and Rhian to treat viewers to a wide array of taste and cravings for food, fashion, trends, events, places, and any buzz-worthy subjects.

Catch Taste Buddies every Saturday from 8:45 to 9:15 p.m. only on GMA News TV.

## Glaiza de Castro at Gabbi Garcia, nilinaw na hindi sila nakikipagkompetensya sa orihinal na 'Encantadia'

Sa pagbabalik-telebisyon ng Encantadia ngayong taon, hindi maiiwasang maikumparato sa orihinal na telefantasya na sumikat noong 2005.



(L-R) Glaiza de Castro, Kylie Padilla, Gabbi Garcia, and Sanya Lopez will play the lead roles on Encantadia 2016 requel.

Hindi nakaiwas sa isyu ang dalawa sa bagong cast na sina Glaiza de Castro at Gabbi Garcia na siyang gaganap bilang Sang'gre Pirena at Alena. Ayon sa dalawang Kapuso actress, hindi raw nila kailanman nais lamangan ang dating Encantadia. "Hindi naman 'to kompetisyon pero masasabi namin na maraming naidagdag," paliwanag ni Glaiza. "Mas na-enchance [yung show]," dagdag pa ni Gabbi.

Pero mayroong pangako ang dalawa sa mga nag-aabang sa Encantadia requel. Ani Glaiza, "Hindi namin sila bibiguin kasi siyempre lahat ng characters na minahal nila naroon pa rin at bibigyan pa namin ng maraming kulay at marami pang characters na idaragdag. So 'yung mga tanong nila dati, maaaring masagot namin ngayon."

Saad naman ni Gabbi, "Yung Encantadiks, they deserve all the best kaya 'yon ang pinaghahandaan at pinagpupursigihan namin ngayon. Talagang pinagpapaguran namin lahat ng bawat eksena so I'm sure magugustuhan nila 'to."

## Paano nabago ni Wyn Marquez si Mark Herras?

Bukod sa pagkumbinsi na muling mag-aral, na-inspire din daw ni Wyn Marquez ang boyfriend na si Mark Herras na ayusin ang kanyang buhay.



"Siyempre si Wyn kasi, kapag tiningnan n'yo, matalino, nakapagtapos, hanggang ngayon nagma-Master's pa siya, may business niya na nasama ako. Everything with Wyn kasi is, kung puwede mong sabihing perfect, ganun eh," kuwento niya sa ilang entertainment press, kabilang ang GMANetwork.com, sa press conference ng Afternoon Prime series na Sa Piling Ni Nanay.

Ani Mark, ayaw niyang masabihan na hindi niya deserve maging girlfriend ang aktres. "Ayoko naman na sabihin ng tao na hindi ako karapat-dapat kay Wyn kasi ganito ako, ganyan lang ako."

## "JOEM WITH JUDY ANN, FROM BROTHER TO LOVER"

JOEM Bascon considers it a big honor to be paired with Judy Ann Santos in the movie "Kusina". "I made my very first appearance on TV ten years ago and it's with Judy Ann in an episode of 'Maalaala Mo Kaya' where I played her brother," he says. "After that, nakasama ko siya sa soap na 'Habang May Buhay' with Derek Ramsay. Now, mag-asawa na kami rito sa 'Kusina' so nakakatuwa talaga. And she remains very humble, napakabait, easy to work with. Sa story, we will fall out love kasi magiging sobrang busy ako sa trabaho and makaka-affair niya ang best friend ko, si Luis Alandy. Mahaba 'yung journey ng characters dito kasi it will start in the 1960s at tatanda pa kami."

Joem was last seen on TV in "Pangako Sa'Yo". "Now, puro movies muna ang ginagawa ko. I did the horror film 'Tulay ng San Sebastian' with Sandino Martin, the drama about gold miners 'Oro' with Irma Adlawan, 'EDSA' na riding in tandem holduppers kami ni Aljur Abrenica and latest yung sex-drama 'Siphayo' with Natalie Hart and Luis Alandy, for Direk Joel Lamangan. Basta work lang ako nang work."

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## Is Xian Lim open to have other leading lady?

MANILA - Xian Lim could not hide his excitement about his upcoming concert, especially since it will be his first one.

In an interview with Push.com.ph, he said, "First concert ko ito and the title is A date with Xian and gusto ko dito very interactive with the fans and sa lahat ng pupunta. Kumbaga bonding-bonding lang at the same time. We are just going to have fun."

Xian shared that preparations for the show are already in full swing. "Paglaging nagrehearse at the same time nirurun through ang mga songs."

What are the challenges he encountered along the way? "Siguro pinakachallenge it's the very first one so I don't know what to expect pa but I just want to have fun in the concert and spend time with all of them."

Now that his primetime soap The Story of Us just concluded, he was asked if he has a dream project in mind that he wants to do next.

"Ang dami kong dream projects pero para sa akin just more projects doing more roles and learning a lot."

Is he open to being paired with another leading lady after Kim Chiu? "Of course kahit sino. Sa story lang talaga eh. The story has to be really good and show the viewers what they deserve."

With numerous recognitions that Filipino actors have received in international award giving bodies, Xian was asked if he is also open to doing indie movies.

"Oo naman that's one of my dreams to do indie movies. Jaclyn Jose won in Cannes, Jake (Cuenca) got recognized in Brazil. It's a really good opportunity for us."

## President Aquino, Trillanes face treason

MANILA - The camp of Rodrigo Duterte has filed treason and espionage charges against President Benigno Aquino III and Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV for undertaking "back-channel talks" with China that "only advanced [the] interest of our Asian neighbor."

Martin Diño, Duterte's national campaign manager, announced Friday's filing of the treason and espionage charges by supporters of the Davao mayor in the Office of the Ombudsman, at a press conference at Club Filipino in San Juan City.

The filing came as Trillanes publicly accused Duterte, the front-runner in the presidential race, of having millions of pesos in undeclared

bank accounts.

The complaint said "Senator Trillanes met with the Chinese 16 times, and he requested that the meeting [be] secret. In those meetings, Trillanes made mention that the Philippines cannot enforce coastal protection. And that made the Chinese take an aggressive [stance] and take over our areas like Scarborough Shoal and Spratly Islands. That alone constitutes treason," former Rep. Ronald Adamat, one of the complainants, said, quoting from supposed notes made by former Philippine Ambassador to China Sonia Brady.

Although the complaint recognized that under the law, treason requires that the Philip-

pines be involved in a war, it said "external aggression" was committed by China when it "immediately occupied the subject areas."

As for the charge of espionage, the complaint said China had been "emboldened" by the information "gathered from" Trillanes.

"We include the President because Trillanes could not have done this without the order of the President. They breached international policy. They did it without coursing their efforts through the foreign affairs department," Adamat said.



## WAR WITH CHINA continued from page 1

"It's a waste of money. Insurgency is the problem at the moment. The aircraft [FA-50] are only used for ceremonial fly-bys," he pointed out.

The incoming leader said the funds spent on the FA-50s would have been used to procure more "fast boats" and choppers with "night vision capabilities."

"One purpose for buying [them] is to match the air power of China one to one. But beyond Scarborough, there are 300 MIGs... and your battleground will be Palawan," Duterte said.

The FA-50 acquisition was among the priorities of the Aquino administration under the military modernization program.

The Defense department had entered into various questionable contracts, including procurement of 21 defective UH-1D helicopters that was the subject of congressional investigations.

One of the questioned units crashed and burned last year in a rescue operation.

Also on Tuesday, Foreign Affairs Secretary Jose Rene Almendras warned former senior career diplomats against making statements that are contrary to the government's position on the South China Sea issue.

Former Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Rosario Manalo and former Philippine Representative to the United Nations Lauro Baja earlier said that Manila should hold bilateral talks with Beijing to ease maritime tensions.

Manalo led the High-Level Task Force on Asean Charter, while Baja

represented the Philippines in negotiations for Declaration of Conduct in the South China Sea.

In an interview with The Manila Times, Almendras said there are certain "conventions in diplomacy" that require diplomats to abide by certain opinions.

"For example, I will never make a diplomatic comment when I'm no longer a secretary of Foreign Affairs because it impacts the country," he added.

The Aquino administration has refused to hold bilateral talks with China and instead filed a case at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague to question China's excessive nine-dash line claim.

The ruling will be handed down on July 7, according to a source.

But Baja insisted that he can advocate for anything "without government restrictions."

"I don't know what convention he [referring to Almendras] is talking about. What's the matter with him? I doubt very much if there is a convention that stops any diplomat [from voicing his or her opinion on foreign policy matters]," he said.

Baja argued that even incoming Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. wanted to pursue bilateral talks with China.

"So what's the matter with the current secretary?" he asked.

Manalo was not available to comment on Almendras' statement as she is currently at the United Nations in New York to campaign for a seat at the UN Committee to Monitor Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

## Liza bares breasts for new movie: Aiza understands

Liza Dino has a daring scene baring her breasts in her lesbian love scene with Janice de Belen in "Ringgo, The Dog Shooter". Janice says she was so nervous when they shot that scene. How about Liza?



"Siyempre, kinabahan din," she says. "May pressure kasi alam ng lahat na member ako

ng LGBT community, so kailangang mabigyan ko ng justice ang role ko as a veterinarian na lover ni Janice. Mahaba ang proseso in preparing for our love scene kasi dapat maging handa talaga si Janice. Kasi hesitant siya, so we really have to be comfortable with each other. By the time we shot it, pa-ending na ang shooting ng movie at more open na siya about it. Actually, it's just like doing a heterosexual love scene."

How does her husband, Aiza Seguer-ra, feel about it? "Artista rin naman siya

so she knows part of the job lang 'yun. I also do love scenes with men naman, like in 'Toto' na may bed scene ako with Sid Lucero.

Okay rin lang 'yun sa kanya."

So will they push through with their plan to have their own baby through in vitro fertilization? "Yes, we plan to go to the U.S. in October at tatlong buwan daw tatagal ang proseso. After our wedding at may sarili na kaming bahay, ngayon, sariling baby naman. We will use Aiza's eggs, then we'll have a sperm donor, at ilalagay sa akin as the mom. We're all excited, even my own daughter from my first marriage na gusto nang magkaroon ng kapatid."

Is it true President Duterte offered them to handle arts and culture in his new government? "Walang ganun at kung may offer man, we know hindi namin magagampanan kasi we have our own plans for our personal lives. But we will support the new president in every way we can."

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## Ian has high regard for Jodi

Ian Veneracion is very happy with the second wind that he's getting in his acting career. Now 41 years old, he started his career as a child actor in "Joey & Son" in 1982 when he was only 7. Seiko Films later built him up as a teen action star in films like "Alyas Baby Face", "Zaldong Tisoy" and "Bukas Tatakpan Ka ng Dyaryo". He became in demand as an action star even with other film companies and he did movies like "Boy Praning", "Ben Balasador", "Bastardo", etc. He lied low when the production of local movies slackened but his career was revived when he did "Pangako Sa'Yo" with Jodi Sta. Maria. They were paired on the big screen in the omnibus movie, "All You Need is Pag-ibig", and they're now together again in the love triangle film, "The Achy Breaky Hearts", along with Richard Yap. Doesn't he get attracted to Jodi even off cam? "It's so easy to fall in love with Jodi as she has so many lovable qualities," he says. "But as everyone knows, I'm a happily married man with three kids. My eldest, Draco, is now

17, Deidre is 15 and Bucio is 9. I have so much respect for Jodi."

In "Achy Breaky Hearts", Ian plays Ryan, a

broken hearted man after his girlfriend (Sarah Lahbati) left him when he proposed

to her. He then meets Jodi as Chinggay, who's been unattached for seven years. He falls for her but then, Jodi's ex-BF, Richard Yap as Frank, comes back to her and wants them to reconcile. Aside from "Achy Breaky Hearts", Ian is also busy taping for his new teleserye, "The Second Wife", with Bea Alonzo and Iza Calzado, supported by Enchong Dee, Julia Barretto, Vin Abrenica, JK Labajo, Irma Adlawan and Tirso Cruz III. He's also shooting a suspense-thriller movie with Iza Calzado directed by the award-winning Jerrold Tarog of "Heneral Luna".



## SENATOR ENVERGA HOSTS PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN OTTAWA

Beauties from the PCCF pose at the the parliamnet buildings during Independence Day celebrations.

PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS



## Powerhouse comedians in GMA-7's newest sitcom



Home to the best family sitcoms in the country, GMA Network launches its newest comedy series *Hay Bahay!*, which premieres tonight.

*Hay Bahay!* shows the daily life of a typical Filipino family. It stars Philippine showbiz's biggest names in comedy and 47th Guillermo Mendoza Memorial Scholarship Foundation (GMMSF) Box Office King and Queen Bossing Vic Sotto and Aiai delas Alas.

The series also marks Kristine Hermosa's much-awaited TV comeback as she takes the role of Batch, the loving wife of Yoyo, played by her real-life beau Oyo Sotto. In the story, the newlyweds Batch and Yoyo purchase a well-furnished house with three huge bedrooms and a spacious living room situated in a prime location at a very low price. However, the house was sold relatively cheap because the people who built it mistakenly had just one toilet in the entire house.

The couple did not regret their impulsive decision of purchasing the house since it is near transportation facilities and nested in a safe neighborhood. They plan to renovate their property and realize the need to rent out the two vacant rooms to save up, finish paying their loan, and proceed with the renovation.

First to move in a tenant is food-blogger and bachelor, Vio (Vic Sotto), who is excessively obsessed with cleanliness, followed by the painfully sloppy and untidy events coordinator Lav (Ai-Ai delas Alas). With their opposite personalities, the two develop an unfriendly relationship and they eventually plot strategies to throw each other out of the house.

Helping Vio to piss off Lav is his

cousin Mael (Jose Manalo), a TNT (tago ng tago) overseas but had been deported back to the Philippines. He assists Vio in cooking for his food blog. Lav has a half-brother and aspiring comedian, Sikat (Wally Bayola) who colludes with her in challenging Vio's attacks. Meanwhile, Nenuca (Ruby Rodriguez), Batch's meddling mother adds to the household problems rather than offering solutions. She joins the riot once she learns that her daughter is pregnant.

What will happen in a house full of clashing personalities? Who wins among the tenants? Will Yoyo and Batch achieve peace and order in their warm and accommodating, but lacking house?

Written and directed by Bibeth Orteza, the wackiest sitcom on GMA, *Hay Bahay!* debuts tonight after 24 Oras Weekend only on GMA.

### Nadine reacts to security concern

Katapos lang mag-story conference nina James Reid at Nadine Lustre para sa bagong teleserye na gagawin nila para sa ABS-CBN ngayong September pero hindi muna nagkuwento ng detalye ang magka-loveteam tungkol dito.

Gusto raw muna nilang mag-focus sa inilabas nilang libro titled *Team Real* na nagkaroon ng presscon nu'ng Thursday, June 23.

During the press con of the book, nagulat si Nadine nang malaman na may death threats palang natatanggap ang Viva Artists Agency kaya medyo hinigpitan ng konti ang kanilang seguridad ni James kapag meron silang public appearances gaya ng launching ng libro sa

Market Market na ginanap last Sunday.

Ano ba ang reaksiyon dito ng dalaga? "Well, feeling ko naman po, nag-start 'yun dahil nga kay Christina Grimmie (ang American singer na binaril ka-makailan pagkatapos ng kanyang concert sa Orlando), first time ever na harap-harapan talagang (binaril).

"Kasi, from what I heard, parang fan yung... sa autograph signing, tapos bigla na lang siyang pinaputukan. So, parang feeling ko, nag-start lahat du'n nu'ng time na yun," sabi ni Nadine.

Inamin ng singer-actress na medyo naalarma din sila ni James dahil sa nang-yari.

"Siyempre, natatakot po, pero ingat-ingat na lang po," sabi pa ulit niya.

Samantala, almost 100,000 na agad ang nabentang kopya ng *Team Real* book sa National Bookstore kaya tinanong namin si Nadine kung okey lang ba sa kanya ang gumawa ng *Team Real* Book 2.

Kwento ni Nadine, "Of course, siyempre po, kasi at least dito, mas marami pa po kaming maibahahagi sa fans namin, mas marami pa po kaming maikukuwento sa kanila.

"Pero for now, let's focus po muna sa *Team Real*, kasi ito po talaga, halos lahat po talaga sinabi po namin dito sa book na 'to," she said.

Ang *Team Real* ay merong 120 pages na naglalaman ng kanilang mga kwento kung paano sila na-in-love sa isa't isa, kanilang mga buhay, pangarap at napakarami pang mga bagay tungkol sa kanila.

Napakarami ring sexy and hot photos ng dalawa, lalo na nga si James, na may kuhang nasa pool at naka-topless.

"I've always had a pool in my house... I've learned to swim when I was 3 years old... We're extending this one so we can do long laps. It's going to be 20 meters long," bahagi ng quotes ni James sa libro.

Nang tanungin namin kung nag-swimming na ba siya ng hubot hubad sa pool niya ay natawa lang siya at napaisip.

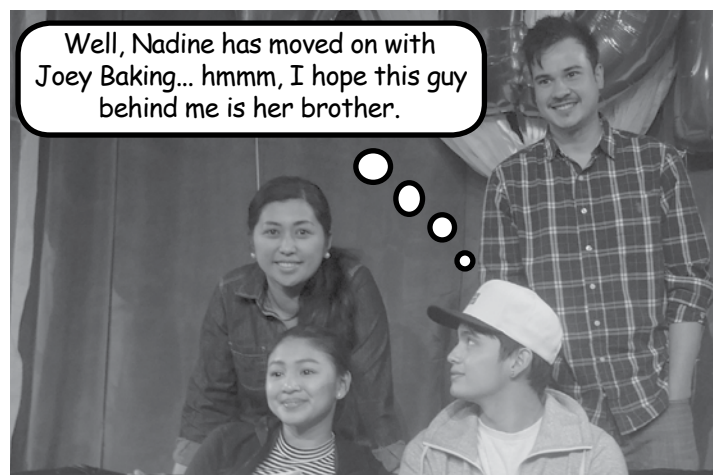
"If I did, I don't remember!" sagot niya.

Maging ang sikreto ni James kung paano niya alagaan ang kanyang katawan at manatiling pogi ay mababasa din daw sa libro.

"Besides the mandatory cleansing of the face, I don't really do anything else. The only routine I have is: I wake up, I shower, I go to work, I get home really, I go to sleep," sabi pa niya.

## Candid SPOOF

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



Joy gets the attention of James Reid as she and husband Warren D'Alonzo pose with him and Nadine Lustre.

## Coleen Garcia accepts reality of haters

Coleen Garcia admitted she looks forward to doing more projects this year. The 23-year-old actress also said that she still plans to continue her Psychology studies in the future.

Having joined showbiz in 2011 when she signed up with Star Magic, Coleen said she has already learned how to deal with bashers and negative people. "I learned to ignore it already," she shared.

Coleen said that having fans and critics are unavoidable in showbiz. But she still cannot understand why so many people bully others online. "I've accepted and I

understand hindi pa rin nawawala yun when it comes to everyone because I realize even when I was in high school when I wasn't in showbiz yet talagang may mga haters tayong lahat. There are people in our lives who are set to put us down or bring us down and the whole process of getting to where we want to go includes dealing with those things. But some people really go too far.

In her last movie *Love Me Tomorrow*, Coleen said she was able to learn something new about love. "I realized that in my personal life na kailangan mo maging ready para tumanggap ng pag-ibig at para ibigay yung pag-ibig mo sa ibang tao. You really have to learn to love yourself first. You have to learn how to stand strong and be whole as a person bago mo ibigay yung sarili mo sa ibang tao," she admitted.



## LJ Reyes to say good-bye to daring roles?

Hindi raw makapaniwala si LJ Reyes nang tawagin siyang Best Actress sa katatapos lang na 39th Gawad Urian na ginanap June 21.

Kinalabit pa raw siya ng kanyang boyfriend na si Paolo Contis nang tinawag ang kanyang pangalan.

Natatawag kuwento ni LJ, "Kinalabit lang ako ni Pao kanina, e. [Ang nasabi ko lang,] 'A, okay.' Tapos habang naglalakad ako, hindi ko alam kung anong nangyayari, parang naglalakad lang ako pero parang blurred lahat kahit nasa stage na ako."

Sa katunayan, halos maiyak ang Kapuso actress LJ habang nag-i-speech sa stage ng KIA Theatre, sa Cubao, Quezon City.

"The whole time, iniisip ko lang, si Aki, hindi ko masabi kasi baka maiyak na ako nang direktos, e. Baka maiyak ako sa stage," sabi niya.

Nabanggit din ni LJ, nang ma-interview siya ng PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) at ilang media pagkatapos ng awards night, na gusto raw sanang sumama ng kanyang anak na si Aki sa awards night.

Kuwento niya, "Sabi niya, 'Mommy where are you going?' Sabi ko, 'I'm going to an awards night, pray for your mommy.' Tapos tinatanong niya kung ano yung award, nagtanong siya ng maraming-maraming tanong, 'Mommy, can I go with you?'"

"[Sagot ko,] 'Anak, hindi puwede kasi may pasok ka bukas. So, next time na lang.' Sana meron pang next time para siya na escort ko, di ba?"

NORA and JOHN LLOYD

Kung si LJ ang nagwaging best actress para sa pelikula niyang *Anino Sa Likod* ng Buwan, si John Lloyd Cruz naman ang nanalong Best Actor para sa pelikulang *Honor Thy Father*.

Ano ang reaksiyon ni LJ na ang counterpart niya ay si John Lloyd?

Natatawag sagot niya, "Ay ang taray, nakatabi ko na rin siya sa wakas! Siyempre isa siya sa mga inidolo natin sa industriyang ito. Sana one day makatrabaho natin siya sa kahit anong proyekto. Kahit naman dito sa mga nakasama ko sa entablado."

Nominado rin bilang Best Actress si Nora Aunor para sa pelikulang *Taklub*. Ano ang masasabi ni LJ na natalo niya ang *Superstar?*

Tugon niya, "Nakakahiya po. Naku, idol ko po sila, lahat po ng nandun. Pati po si Alex [Alessandra de Rossi]. Lahat po sila bilib na bilib ako kaya hindi po ako umaasa na mananalao ako."

"Yung maitabi lang po yung pangalan ko at saka yung picture ko kanina po nakatabi doon, masaya na po ako."

LAST DARING ROLE

Kahit na siya ay nagwaging Best Actress para sa pelikula kung saan may daring love scene siya, isasantabi daw muna ni LJ ang pagganap ng mga ganitong klaseng roles.

Saad niya, "Siguro ite-take ko na rin po yung opportunity na ito na sabihin na I think it would be my last na daring [role]."

"Kasi I'm very vocal naman po na nagpabaptize ako [as Christian] last year and Aki is growing up. So, I think I have to choose my projects wisely na talaga, kasi nakakaintindi na po yung bata."

"And when it comes to my faith also, kailangan mamili na po tayo ng projects."

"Hindi naman po ibig sabihin noon, e, hindi na tayo gagawa ng proyekto na matsa-challenge tayo bilang isang aktor."


Sinabi naman ni LJ na nakahanda na rin ang kanyang susunod na teleserye sa GMA Network, subalit hindi pa siya makapagbigay ng detalye tungkol dito.




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