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PRESIDENT-IN-WAITING Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said Monday he would be willing to give four key Cabinet posts to the Communist Party of the Philippines if it decides to join his government.

Reds in the Cabinet

Rody to give DAR,
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DSWD to communists

DAVAO - In a press briefing in Davao City, Duterte said if the communists joined his administration, they would be given control of the departments of Agrarian Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, Labor and Employment and Social Welfare and Development.

"Labor is the one they are saying [is] the most oppressed, and some of them [communists] are the most vigilant... about labor, so they will get it. And DWSD. But those are the only departments I can concede to them. That's

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Sports



Miss Chiara Silo shows her support for Bayan team player Danny Despa at the opening of the 10th Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Blessed



Katharine Reyes is surrounded by her family at her confirmation

Friends



PCCF's VP Rosemer Enverga gets a helping hand for the charity-based pageant from philanthropist Dr. Solon Guzman.

Fundraising



Dr. Vicky Santiago, Dr. Nenette de Villa, Linda and Felino Javier of the Filipino Centre Toronto and others help Filipinos through the funds raised by the President's Ball. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

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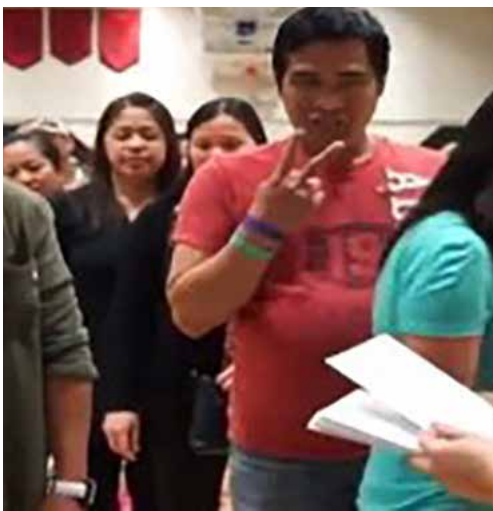
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Pinoy wildfire evacuees in Canada lament ‘slow’ PHL gov’t action



EDMONTON, Canada - Filipinos displaced by a huge fire in Alberta, Canada remain uncertain about the future, as they lamented not getting enough help from the government.

It has been more than a week since an enormous wildfire forced nearly 90,000 thousand residents to evacuate the Fort McMurray area of Alberta. Filipinos who are among the displaced say the Philippine government is not doing enough to help them.

“Nandiyan kami ngayon nakatira sa may Stony Plain sa may hotel. Complimentary lang po yan hindi namin alam kong hangang kalian. According sa employer naming, hanggang May 20 lang pero hindi namin alam kung after May 20 saan na kami populutin,” said Diony Corcelle.

Consul Eric Aquino announced that the Philippine Consulate in Alberta has waived

consular fees like SPA’s and affidavits to Fort McMurray fire victims but not for passport services.

“I-charge lang is the cost of the booklet. Its open to all Edmonton residents but priority will be given to Fort McMurray victims especially sa mga TFWs kasi sila yung mas may pangangailangan,” said Aquino.

But some kababayans like Laureto Dayag said they need more from the Philippine government. Dayag lost his house in the fire and is among hundreds of evacuees staying at a shelter at the Northlands Centre.

“Ano ba ginagawa niyo ngayon? Wala man lang kayong maitulong sa amin. Hindi naman mahirap tumawag sa embassy para sana mag provide kahit financing lang sana sa amin dito. Sana naman umaksiyon kayo. Buong pamilya ko, hanggang ngayon, nasunog ang bahay namin. Naghahanap kami ng matitirahan,” Dayag said.

Reports show the blaze, estimated to have affected 251,000 hectares, remains out of control.

The government of Alberta has distributed a one-time emergency financial assistance in the form of debit cards to displaced residents at \$1,250 per adult and \$500 per child.

Travel into Fort McMurray is still restricted to emergency response and essential services only.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Filipinos affected by the wildfire were treated to a dinner hosted by the Filipino community in Edmonton.

It was also a fundraiser for the Pinoy fire victims, proceeds of which will be turned over to the Canadian Red Cross.



Paul Jake Castillo and Kaye Abad are engaged

Family and close friends of actors Paul Jake Castillo and Kaye Abad congratulated them on social media for they are finally engaged.

The actress, who turned 34 today, May 17, was surprised by Paul Jake, who went down on one knee in front of friends and family during the birthday party he threw for her in Alabang.

Paul Jake said their relationship worked because they started out as good friends. He also said he and Kaye are not in a hurry to get married.

PH now fastest growing Asian economy with 6.9% GDP growth, outpacing China's growth for the first-time in nearly three decades.
With strong growth in the first quarter, it is confident that the economy is on track to meet the government's 6.8 to 7.8 percent growth target this year.

Phl Congress will be busy

MANILA - Close to 30 bills are up for approval on third and final reading as Congress resumes this Monday after a three-month long break.

The Senate agenda released by the office of Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano listed 28 bills for third and final reading while four other are scheduled for second reading.

Among the bills up for third and final reading are Senate Bill (SB) 29 or “An act prohibiting the discrimination on the employment of any individual on the basis merely of age,” and SB 2794 entitled “An act providing for a new anti-carnapping law of the Philippines.”

Outgoing Senator Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr., who ran for vice president in the last elections, will also deliver a privilege speech at the Senate this Monday.

On Wednesday, the Commission on Appointments’ committee on constitutional commissions and offices will convene at 10 a.m. to deliberate on the ad interim appointments of three Commissioners – Sheriff Abas of the Commission on Elections, Isabel Dasalla-Agito of the Commission on Audit, and Nieves Osotio of the Civil Service Commission.

The 16th Congress, which began on July 22, 2016, will adjourn sine die its third and last regular session on June 10, 2016.

The 17th Congress will open on July 25, 2016

Kim Domingo is the fourth Kim in showbiz after Kim Chiu, a girl; Kim Idol, a gay comedian and Kim Atienza, who's a man.

Friends produce Rayver's album

Rayver Cruz is now bonafide Star Magic recording artist largely in part because of his friends Sam Milby and Gerald Anderson.

The actor-dancer, who comes from a family of singers including Sheryl Cruz, Donna Cruz and Geneva Cruz, revealed in an interview that Sam and Gerald "pushed" him to put out his own CD.

"Nagkataon lang talaga na mas duon ako nakilala sa pagsasayaw – du'n ako nag-start eh – pero I really could sing," he said at the launch of his debut album. "(These guys), they've always been supportive of my dream (to have a record out). 'Pag may mga parties nga saka open mic sessions lagi nila akong pinapakanta. Sa mga tours naman ganoon din. Sila'yung nagpu-push sa'kin na, 'Bro, bakit hindi ka mag-album?'"

It was brought up during a dinner get-together sometime January. By the time desert was served, it was pretty much a done deal with the two pledging to help bankroll what is now "What You Want." It has the upbeat carrier single "Bitaw," "Let It Loose" featuring R&B singer Kyla, and remakes of Archie D's "Kasayaw" and Gary Valenciano's "Hataw Na."

A first-time album producer, Gerald considers Rayver's album "good investment."



Honey Shot

Angel wants to be involved in fighting for human or environmental rights someday. In the meantime, this talented girl writes songs and sings. In her free time, she likes to go running. Her favourite food is pizza. Her dream destination is the Galapagos Islands. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.

Angel Tagadtad

Recruitment industry backs new department for OFWs

The recruitment industry is onboard with the next administration in pushing for the establishment of a separate department specializing on overseas Filipino workers (OFW) concerns.

However, recruitment industry leaders like Lito Soriano believe that incoming president Rodrigo Duterte must first call for a stakeholders' meeting to iron out the possible issues arising from the creation of the new department before it is legislated.

"I believe it should be first subjected to a stakeholder consultation to see how it could be more effective than the present setup," said Soriano. "It should include OFWs, who are already retired and this who are still actively working abroad," he added.

He pointed out the lack of legal assistance to Filipino workers abroad as one of the issues that need to be addressed. Under the current system, he said the Department of Foreign Affairs handles criminal cases of OFWs, while the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) deals with their labor-related cases.

"This sometimes confuses OFWs since they don't know the government agency they should approach, when faced with cases abroad," Soriano said.

Soriano also said the OFW department could also address the usual contradicting policy thrust of DOLE.

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Duterte’s death-by-hanging plan faces PH’s hurdle

Manila, Philippines – A plan by Philippine president-elect Rodrigo Duterte to restore the death penalty faces strong opposition, including from the dominant Roman Catholic Church, officials and analysts said.

The tough-talking politician vowed to introduce executions by hanging after he takes office on June 30 as part of a ruthless law-and-order crackdown that would also include ordering military snipers to kill suspected criminals. The Philippines abolished the death penalty in 2006.

“As people of faith, we do not adhere to capital punishment because we do not have the right to judge who should live and who should die,” said Father Lito Jopson, head of the Catholic bishops’ communications office.

Duterte’s landslide May 9 election victory does not sway the bishops’ stance, Jopson told AFP. “It is not based on popularity... but rather on complete moral principles of the Catholic faith and faith demands we respect all persons’ human dignity,” Jopson said. Duterte said he would ask Congress to reintroduce capital punishment

for drug trafficking, rape, murder, robbery and kidnapping-for-ransom, among other offences.

Political science professor Javad Heydarian of Manila’s De La Salle University said “Duterte at this point has tremendous political capital and crime-busting is the centrepiece of his campaign,” Heydarian said. “But he will face major pushback by human rights groups, the Catholic Church,” the professor added.

The plan itself is opposed by the Commission on Human Rights, an independent government body which Duterte cannot abolish and whose current officials he cannot replace. Leni Robredo, running for vice president, also opposes capital punishment.

And the local office of human rights monitor Amnesty International said it would call on other rights groups to lobby Congress and educate the public against bringing back capital punishment.

PENA FILES PROTEST

MANILA - A losing mayoral candidate of the Liberal Party filed an electoral complaint against newly proclaimed Makati Mayor Abigail Binay for alleged vote buying and fraud, and requested the Commission on Elections for a manual recount of votes in the city’s second district. Former Makati mayor Romulo “Kid” Peña said that they attached photos, videos and witnesses’ affidavit to the complaint to prove the “massive cheating” in the district.

“We believe there was fraud,” he alleged.

Romulo “Kid” Peña Peña requested the Comelec for manual recount, saying it will prove that he won the elections.

He claimed victory in the villages and subdivisions of Makati District 1 and even in District 2 but was surprised when he lost by only 17,805 votes. tion filed before the Comelec Law Department, Peña asked for a suspension of Binay’s proclamation until the manual recount is done.



Julia Montes, kaya kahit nag-iisa

Nakakabilib itong si Julia Montes.

Maganda at maayos ang takbo ng kanyang career at personal na buhay.

Ibang-iba siya dahil hindi niya kinakailangang magkaroon ng ka-love team para lang sumikat.

Iba ang packaging sa kanya ng kanyang home network. Mapa-bida o mapa-kontrabida ang role na kanyang ginagampanan, kayang-kaya niya.

Ito marahil ang dahilan kung bakit successful ang kanyang teleseryeng ‘Doble Kara.’ Sa katunayan, balitang magkakaroon pa ito ng Book 2.

Kaya patunay na kaya ni Julia na walang ka-love team. Pero sa totooang buhay, tanging si Coco Martin lang ang nali-link sa kanya. Gaya nang nabanggit ko na noon, hindi na kailangan aminin pa ng dalawa kung may relasyon nga sila o wala. As they say, actions speak louder than words. Sa nakaraang guesting ni Julia sa Kapamilya morning show na Magandang Buhay, kitang-kita ang kilig sa kanyang kilos sa tuwing mababanggit ang pangalan ni Coco. Obviously, theirs is not for publicity. Kaya naniniwala ako na may bahid ito ng katotohanan.

Binabawalan ba sila ng kanilang home network sa pag-amin ng kanilang tunay na relasyon? Just asking...

Ritz Azul’s star shines brighter

Isa pang nakabilib ay itong si Ritz Azul.

Dahil kakalipat pa lang niya sa ABS-CBN, bibida na agad sa isang teleserye. Mukhang na-impress ang management sa kanyang magandang performance sa “Ang Probinsyano.” Kaya naman isa siya sa lead cast ng bagong teleseryeng “The Promise of Forever,” na kung saan makakasama niya rito sina Paulo Avelino at Ejay Falcon.

Ritz was a homegrown talent of TV5 - being the product of Star Factor.

Kung hindi ako nagkakamali, isa si Direk Audie Gemora sa mga unang naniwala sa potential at talent ng young actress. Noon pa man, ipinakita na rin ni Ritz na kaya niyang makipagsabayan sa aktangan.

Kaya naman naging madali ang paglipat nito sa Kapamilya network. At ngayon lalong mahahasa ang kanyang galing dahil makakatrabaho niya ang mga magagaling sa harap at likod ng kamera. As they say, you get better when you work with the industry’s best.

Will Ritz’s star shines brighter as Kapamilya this year? Just asking...



Contract work ‘backbone’ of services, OFW sectors



Businessman Donald Dee says he ‘cannot foresee a situation’ when contractualization is completely abolished in the Philippines. Doing so, he says, would lead to unemployment.

(overseas Filipino workers) is really contract workers,” said Donald Dee, acting president of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines.

LACK OF JOBS? Dee says completely removing contractualization in the Philippine would lead to unemployment. Photo by Mara Cepeda/Rappler

“I think there’s a need for us to be able to explain these to the current administration and I’m hopeful that they will understand,” added the honorary chairman and chief operating officer of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Contractualization is widely understood to refer to instances when big companies hire employees on a 6-month contractual basis without ever getting the necessary benefits.

Labor laws in the country, however, do not prohibit lawful subcontracting.

Ateneo de Manila professor Carmel Abao and lawyer Tony Salvador described lawful subcontracting as when “the principal employer can enter into a contract with a legitimate subcontractor who will then deploy the subcontractor’s contractual workers to the principal employer.”

Workers under this scheme receive the benefits of regular employees because they are regularized under a legitimate subcontractor, not the principal employer.

But businesses still circumvent the law, with employees’ contracts ending before the 6-month mark.

‘Demonized’ term?

LAWFUL TYPES. POEA chief and lawyer Hans Leo Cacdac says there are ‘legitimate’ forms of contractualization.

During the



roundtable discussion, lawyer Hans Leo Cacdac, chief of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, added that there are “legitimate forms” of contractualization.

“Siguro communication is key just to explain to our people what the real score is. Kasi ngayon parang na-demonize ‘yung term, ‘di ba?... Ang bottomline niyan is getting help from somebody else to make yourself more efficient,” he said.

(Communication is key just to explain to our people what the real score is. Because now the term seems to be demonized, right?... The bottomline is you’re getting help from somebody else to make yourself more efficient.)

He then likened lawful subcontracting to outsourcing services in a family household.

“Even in managing a household, you would have to outsource or subcontract certain skills set that you can’t perform as head or member of the household... If you own a business, then you will most likely do the same. If you can’t do something, if someone can do the job better, then you can bring in a contractor,” said Cacdac.

According to Dee, completely removing contract workers in the country would “unfortunately” mean an increase in unemployment.

“This thing, whether we like it or not, this has helped distribute the grace. So you give somebody work for 6 months, then she rest or he rest, then you give somebody else the opportunity. But once you make it difficult for a company, especially SMEs that ability to just keep on having casuals, which again I must contractual workers, they would most likely stop hiring,” he said.

PHL MUST MOVE
AWAY FROM
COAL PLANTS

THE LOPEZ group took a strong stance on Monday against the use of coal to fuel the country’s power plants, citing an urgent need to mitigate the impact of climate change.

Federico Lopez, president of First Philippine Holdings (FPH) made a bold declaration during FPH’s annual stockholders meeting that the group would never build, develop or invest in any coal-fired power plant.

“I’m certain that without looking too far, this country already has energy alternatives that do not mortgage the future of our children and the future of our planet,” Lopez said.

“These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary change and everyone must shift to thinking about the quickest route to a decarbonized economy,” he said.

Lopez said some businessmen and power industry leaders tended to argue that since the Philippines was responsible for only 0.3 percent of global carbon emissions, the country had the right to continue building more coal-fired power plants.

Meeting the economy’s power demand with more coal-fired plants today means “locking-in” those high-carbon emissions for decades, Lopez said

Poverty not an excuse to
commit crime — Duterte

MANILA - Presumptive President Rodrigo Duterte, in an interview with GMA’s Jessica Soho for “Unang Balita,” said poverty is not an excuse for someone to commit a crime.

“Just because you are poor, does not mean to say you have to sell shabu. ‘Yan ang mahirap diyang eh, people use poverty,” Duterte stressed.

“Do not use poverty as a reason to destroy the lives of young people and the country,” he added.

Duterte has been known to have a firm stance against crime. During his campaign, he pledged to end criminality in the country within three to six months if he is elected president.

With this, he vowed to reintroduce death penalty by hanging, especially for heinous crimes like rape and drug use.

“What I would do is urge Congress to restore the death penalty by hanging, especially if you use drugs,” Duterte earlier told reporters in Davao City

Asked how he will solve crime within the time frame he promised, Duterte said, “Hintayin niyo lang ako pag-upo.”

Meanwhile, some groups, including the Commission on

Human Rights and the Catholic church contested Duterte’s plan to impose capital punishment, saying the next administration should hep improve the justice system instead.

In an interview with Radio Veritas, Tuguegarao Archbishop Sergio Utleg opposed the reimposition of the death penalty.

“I’m not in favor of death penalty, I hope he will change his mind about it. Kapag hindi niya naa-analyze ang sitwasyon ’yun ang magiging sagot. I hope he will not do it,” Utleg said.

The prelate underscored that only the poor people who do not have financial capabilities to seek help from lawyers will fall prey to the death penalty.

“Alam natin na hindi nakaka-deter ng crimes ang death penalty at usually nabibiktima diyang mga mahihirap na hindi maka-hire ng abogado,” he said.

In 2006, death penalty was abolished in the Philippines during the administration of then president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

The Amnesty International has so far recorded 102 countries that abolished death penalty. — BAP, GMA News



Pia Wurtzbach
gives a message
to presumptive PH
President Rodrigo
Duterte

During the 10 kilometer AIDS Walk in New York City last May 15, reigning Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach, who is also an advocate for HIV/ AIDS awareness, gave her message for presumptive Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte.

The AIDS Walk is done annually and raises funds to help thousands of people who are suffering from HIV/AIDS in the US. More than 30,000 participants raised \$4.5 million during the event.

“I can only hope that this (AIDS Walk) can also happen in the Philippines, especially with the new administration. I really have high hopes that we will see a better Philippines in the future,” she said in an interview with ABS-CBN News’ Don Tagala.

Just last year, the Philippines was declared by the World Health Organization as one of the fastest HIV infection rate in the world. Pia advised her kababayans who are sexually active to get tested.

“Napaka-importante po na malaman natin kung tayo po ay positive or negative, at kung anuman ang maging resulta nito mabigyan kayo ng tamang edukasyon kung paano niyo mapo-protektahan ang inyong sarili, kung positive man kayo paano niyo magagamot yong sarili mo para magkaroon ka ng normal na buhay,” she said.





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Belmonte want Speakership again

MANILA - Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. of the Liberal Party will contest the Speakership of the House of Representatives in the next Congress even after the defeat of LP standard-bearer Manuel “Mar” Roxas 2nd in the May 9 elections.

Belmonte, a veteran lawmaker, was Speaker in 2001 to 2004.

He again became the House leader in 2010 and has since held the post.

Reelected Marikina City (Metro Manila) Rep. Romero Quimbo of the LP, the current chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, expressed confidence that Belmonte will earn a fourth term as Speaker because of the latter’s capacity to unite different parties.

“The laws that the would-be President Duterte wants to push are very dramatic and thus require a consensus builder. Speaker Belmonte has the track record and political gravitas to ensure expeditious passage of said measures,” Quimbo said in a text message.

Among the laws that Duterte wants passed is the restoration of the death penalty and amending the 1987 Philippine Constitution to institute federalism.

COMMUNIST NDF TO DUTERTE: Revoke EDCA

THE National Democratic Front (NDF), the political arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), has called on President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to abrogate the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) and the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA).

NDF chairman Jose Maria Sison is an ally of Duterte.

The group said Duterte can undo President Benigno Aquino 3rd’s “legacy of national humiliation for having served as a pawn in the US ‘Asia pivot’ strategy by allowing the US to restore its military bases and

maintain permanent presence of its warships, jet fighters, drones and interventionist troops.”

Duterte to leave Binay alone

Presumptive President Rodrigo Duterte said he does not intend to run after Vice President Jejomar Binay who is being accused of graft charges over the allegedly questionable purchases during his tenure as mayor of Makati.

“The vice president called up, greeted me and said congratulations,” Duterte said. “And I said Thank you. I then mentioned that he had not problems with me. I am not the only one who enforces the law. I will not go around finding faults. I would rather spend my time looking for solutions.”

Duterte’s recent statements, however, ran counter with his political party’s earlier statement that it intended to send Binay to jail. Senator Aquilino Pimentel III, the president of PDP-Laban, Duterte’s political party, said said a Duterte administration would spare no one regardless of social status or political affiliation in a relentless campaign against crime and corruption. The Office of the Ombudsman is expected to file criminal cases against Binay over the alleged overpricing of Makati City Hall Building II when his immunity from suit expires after he steps down from office next month. In his campaign sorties, Duterte promised that, if elected, he would release former president and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo from detention.

“I will release her. Why? Because the evidence [against her] is weak. I know that. I am a lawyer,” Duterte said in Pampanga in February this year.

His top aide, Christopher Go, said Duterte would not follow in the footsteps of President Benigno Aquino III, who has been described as vindictive against his political rivals.

Duterte has offered his hand of reconciliation with his opponents, saying the time has come for healing.

He was referring to the Reproductive Health Law, which allows the state to fund contraceptives; the sin tax law, which increased taxes on liquor and cigarettes and the Fair Competition Law, which bans abuse of dominant position such as selling goods to services below cost with the intent of driving competition out of the market or creating barriers to entry and setting prices or other terms of conditions that differ or discriminate unreasonably between customers or sellers of the same goods or services where such customers or sellers are contemporaneously trading on similar terms and conditions, among others.

These three measures have been pending in Congress for at least two decades before they were passed into law under the Aquino administration.

The Speakership race is decided by a vote among members of the House of Representatives.

The one who will end up with the highest number of votes will be named the Speaker, while the second highest vote-getter will be the House Minority Leader.

12 Senators back Duterte

MANILA - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) proclaimed the 12 winners of the senatorial race, with most of them vowing support for president-elect Rodrigo Duterte despite their diverse political parties.

Three of those proclaimed are incumbent senators, four had previously served as senators, two are former members of the House of Representatives, two former Cabinet members, and one, a former party-list representative.

Six of the new lawmakers belong to the Liberal Party (LP) — Senate President Franklin Drilon, former Akbayan party-list Rep. Risa Hontiveros, comebacking Senators Panfilo Lacson, Francisco Pangilinan and Ralph Recto, former Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Director General Joel Villanueva and former Justice Secretary Leila de Lima.

The others were Sen. Vicente Sotto, former senators Juan Miguel Zubiri, Richard “Dick” Gordon, Sarangani Rep. Manuel Pacquiao (United Nationalist Alliance) and Valenzuela City Rep. Win Gatchalian (Nationalist Peoples Coalition). Zubiri and Gordon ran as independents.



Shaina ready to work with John Lloyd and Angelica

Shaina Magdayao denies the story that she was chosen to be the leading lady of Derek Ramsay in “My Candidate” mainly because she’s the ex-GF of John Lloyd Cruz while Derek is the ex-BF of Angelica Panganiban. As we all know, JLC and Angelica also broke up with each other recently.

“You can ask our producer, Atty. Joji Alonso of Quantum Films, and she herself will tell you that walang ganon,” says Shaina. “Matagal na kaming balak gawan ng movie ni Derek pero hindi natutuloy, but I’m so glad ako ang kinuha nila for ‘My Candidate’ at natuloy na rin ang pagtatambal namin dito.”

Would she be willing to work with JLC or Angelica in the future? “Naku, ang trabaho ay trabaho, so walang problema, lalo na kapag maganda talaga ang material. Actually, kami ni John Lloyd, nagkatrabaho na when he appeared in our soap noon ni Gerald Anderson, ‘Nathaniel’, and okay naman kami. As for Angelica, I haven’t seen her lately. There’s just no chance for us to bump into each other kundi noon lang Star Magic Ball, and out of courtesy, ako pang lumapit sa kanya para bumati. Five years na ‘yung sa amin ni John Lloyd, ang tagal na, you have to let go of the anger and the pain for your own sake para makapag-move on ka. How can you have a normal and peaceful life kung lingon ka nang lingon sa nangyari sa nakaraan mo? Marami akong natutuhan sa experiences na pinagdaanan ko sa buhay and I’m thankful for all of them because they made me a better person. So nagpapasalamat ako kasi I don’t think I’d be what I am right now if not for them also.”

Does she have any inkling why John Lloyd’s relationships with his girlfriends (from Kaye Abad and Ciara Sotto to Liz Uy, Ruffa Gutierrez, her and Angelica) do not last? “Naku naman, dapat sa kanya nyo itanong yan, hindi sa akin. Basta with me, he was a good boyfriend naman, he’s a good guy, our relationship just didn’t work out. We’re good friends now. So I really don’t know why his relationships with others didn’t work. Basta ako, hindi ako nagmamadali to get into another relationship. Mas importanteng I have peace of mind now, marami akong trabaho, and bahala na si Lord kung kailan Niya pararatingin si Mr. Right sa buhay ko. I’m thankful for all the positive feedback that I get for my performance in ‘My Candidate’ na huwag nyong kalimutang panoorin as it opens today, May 11, in theaters nationwide.”

Minimum wage under nursing law a myth

A law directing the national government to pay nurses in government-owned hospitals P24,000 a month as minimum salary has not been implemented for 14 years.

The Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) said Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) 9173, or the Philippine Nursing Act of 2002, provides, “In order to enhance the general welfare, commitment to service and professionalism of nurses, the minimum base pay of nurses working in public health institutions shall not be lower than Salary Grade 15.”

Salary Grade 15 is around P24,000.

Since the implementation of RA 9173 fourteen years ago, a nurse in a government-owned health institution gets around P18,000 as minimum base pay instead of P24,000, PNA president Paulita Cruz noted.

Cruz said the PNA is strongly hoping that the incoming administration of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte will rectify this grave and deliberate mistake of previous administrations.

The Philippines has more than 800,000 registered nurses but over 200,000 of them are not working as nurses.

Cruz said a big majority of the 500,000 working registered nurses are underpaid and yet extremely exploited because each of them handles more than 30 patients per shift. Nurses in the privately-owned hospitals get P6,000-P8,000 per month, PNA data showed.

The Manila Times has gathered that there is a very big number of nurses who are receiving around P3,000 per month, which is categorized as an allowance plus a certificate of employment as a nurse.

PCCF Miss Philippines Canada 2016 Pre-Pageant

Depth of field makes it hard to predict the winners

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada - The Miss Philippines Canada and Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2016 candidates showcased their beauty and talents during the Pre-Pageant held May 7th at the Korean Cultural Centre in Toronto. The event organized by the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation, made up of leader volunteers from the Filipino Canadian Community, aims to inspire excellence in young ladies of Filipino origin and to promote better understanding of the Filipino Culture, Talents, Arts, Heritage and Charity.

The bar of Miss Philippines/ Miss Teen Canada pageant has been raised. All candidates are in it to win and are having a very memorable journey. These beautiful and intelligent young ladies all want to make a difference, travel to the Philippines and help the poor.



Some of the candidate started out out as being shy and unassuming but have evolved with self-confidence. The talents they have shown exceptionally exceeded expectations and they have exhibited an outstanding programme choreography. Photos of some of the talents displayed are shared through this article.

The winners will receive free trips to the Philippines, amongst other prizes. They will serve as a PCCF ambassadors of goodwill in various events and activities throughout Canada and the Philip-

pines and will have the chance to meet the community's most influential leaders, appear on TV, meet GMA PinoyTV stars, make new friends and help the poor in the Philippines, through Kapuso Foundation and ANCOP projects.

Outgoing 2015 Miss Philippines Canada 2015 is Nathalie Villegas Ramos and 2015 Miss Teen Philippines Canada is Ansha Joy Hipolito.

Don't miss the coronation of the Miss Philippines Canada 2016 and Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2016 on June 18th, 2016 at the Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow sa Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Hall A) with GMA Kapuso star Tom Rodriguez and comedian Betong Sumaya. For more information, please email pageantsphilippines@gmail.com or visit www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com. (****Fe P.Taduran****)

Little Miss PhilipPines Canada 2016 Pre-Pageant

Pageant hoping to develop them into role models for Charity



beauty and talents. More importantly, PCCF aims to instill in the young girls' impressionable minds that by taking part in activities aimed at benefiting not only themselves, but also those less fortunate than them, will make their 'inner beauty' shine brighter and help develop their character and substance.

The Little Miss Philippines Canada pageant is run by volunteers from the Filipino-Canadian community, headed by PCCF President Romeo Rafael, Pageant Director and PCCF Executive Vice-President Rosemer Enverga, Co-Chairs Fe Taduran, Sena Flores & Gloria Rafanan, and choreographer Chollo Lagdameo, is now on its 6th year.

During the event, the following major awards were handed out: Miss Talent - Angeline Siao; Miss Photogenic - Rosebelle Amber Rinker; and Miss Charity - Ranielle Louen Lucero. Proud parents joined the candidates on-stage to show their pride and support, and to congratulate them for the very entertaining show.

Coronation of the Little Miss Philippines Canada 2016 winner will be at the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show on June 18th at the Metro-Toronto Convention Centre. The winner will re-

ceive a free trip to the Philippines, amongst other prizes. She will serve as a PCCF ambassador of goodwill in various events and activities throughout Canada and the Philippines. She will have the chance to promote the Filipino culture, arts, heritage and charity. She will be meeting the community's most influential leaders, appear on TV, meet GMA PinoyTV stars, make new friends and best of all, will be able to help the poor in the Philippines, through

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Optimism on PHL economy buoys peso

MANILA - Optimism on the country's economic growth continued to lift the Philippine peso.

The local currency gained 3 centavos to close at P46.430:\$1 from Monday's P46.460:\$1.

"We saw continued interest

from foreign investors on the back of optimism towards Philippine growth," BPI Asset Management said in its daily market recap.

"The market expects 1Q 2016 GDP to post 6.6-percent growth, significantly higher than peers," BPI said, noting that Indonesia posted growths of 4.9 percent and Malaysia 4.2 percent respectively, in the first quarter.

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The world's best wines is in a Filipino-owned vineyard

BORDEAUX, France -In Southwest France, there's a Filipino-owned vineyard which carries some of the world's best wines. With a Philippine banner hoisted outside, this estate has been visited by the likes of former President Gloria Arroyo, former Cabinet member Vince Perez and banker Aurelio Montinola III.

Located in the wine epicenter of the Bordeaux region, Chateau Siran is run by winemaker and businessman Edouard Miailhe (pronounced mee-EYE). For several generations, the Miailhes ran a trading company in Manila. Today, the younger Miailhe shuttles between the Philippines and France to look after the family business.

"My father traded less in the Philippines but he kept our real estates in Binondo, Escolta and Santa Ana that were left over



from the 19th century," he says.

A fifth-generation vine grower, Miailhe took over Chateau Siran, which was acquired by his family in 1859. Chateau Siran lies in the town of Labarde in the Margaux Appellation. To the wine uninitiated, he explains, "An appellation is a piece of land which answers to certain characteristics in soil, climate and type of grapes," says Miailhe. In the Margaux Appellation, the soil is embedded with silica and white gravels from the mountains transported from the river. The wines from this region are known for their delicate flavors.

The 88-hectare estate includes 36 hectares of vineyards which are open to the public. Visitors come to sample and buy the Margaux wines.

As Vice Maître (second master) of La Commanderie de Bordeaux Manila, Miailhe invites Filipino friends over to his chateau and entertains them.

The vineyard cultivates the grape varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

Then there are the tours of the neighboring subregions of Bordeaux. "If you love architecture and wine, Bordeaux (region) is the place," says Miailhe. Médoc is famous for the châteaux, some 1,500 vineyards, the ocean, beaches and pine forests filled with animals. Saint Emilion is a World Heritage Site, famous for its Romanesque cathedrals, limestone houses and a viticulture that dates back to the Middle Ages.

Fil-Am actors join voices opposing 'whitewashing' of Asian roles in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD - Filipino American actors are speaking out against the Hollywood casting practice called "whitewashing."

Supporters of Asian talents who have been losing out on roles even in Hollywood projects with Asian characters are getting more creative in their bid to stop the casting practice called 'whitewashing'.

Asians only make up 1 percent of Hollywood lead roles.

Recently, a social media campaign called "Starring John Cho" was created by William Yu to emphasize that Asian talents need to be seen as lead characters.

Movie posters were altered to show "Star Trek's" John Cho as the leading man.

Fil-Am actor Mark Dacascos (PHOTO) tells a common tale among Asians in Hollywood.

"I've lost roles because I was too Asian. I've lost roles because I was not Asian enough; because I'm mixed blood. It's hard enough to get a job," said Dacascos.

Marvel's decision to cast Tilda Swinton as a Tibetan character in "Dr. Strange" has generated criticisms.

Prominent Asian Hollywood stars like "Fresh Off the Boat's"



Constance Wu spoke out against the perceived erasure of Asian characters by Hollywood.

The "Starring Constance Wu" Hash Tag on social media is continuing the "Starring John Cho" diversity conversation.

Dacascos said there's progress in Hollywood as studios and production outfits become more inclusive of Asian talents.

He praises the CW for "Marvel's Agents of Shield" for casting him and naming his villain character "Giyera", which in Filipino means "war."

"Perfectly named. My guess is they knew that. That was very specific. The writers on that show, the producers on that show, they're on it," he said.

Also speaking out in favor of inclusion is former "Hannah Montana" Fil-Am star Anna Perez de Tagle.

George Takei, who blazed the trail for Asians in Hollywood through "Star Trek", also recently criticized the alleged whitewashing of roles meant for actors of Asian descent.

Kapuso teen actress Therese 'Teri' Malvar earns nod of New York Asian Film Festival

GMA Artist Center teen star Therese 'Teri' Malvar is one of this year's recipients of the Screen International Rising Star Asia award at the 15th New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF).



The award-winning actress was recognised for her remarkable portrayal of "daring roles that have expanded the range of contemporary Philippines' cinema".

These include her critically acclaimed performances in Sigrid Andrea Bernardo's lesbian movie 'Ang Huling Cha-

Cha ni Anita' and Ralston Jover's drama about juvenile delinquents 'Hamog,' which previously gave the talented Kapuso artist best actress awards from local award-giving bodies.

Teri feels honoured to be one of the awardees at the NYAFF as well as to represent the Philippines in the prestigious film festival. She will personally receive her award during the festival proper in New York. "I would like to thank the New York Asian Film Festival for believing in me. This recognition will continue to fire-up my passion in acting and be a game-changer in this industry. Mabuhay ang talentong Pilipino," she said.

2016 marks the third Screen International Rising Star Asia award at NYAFF. The award aims to bring Asia's outstanding new talents to international attention.

Other recipients this year are Japan's Go Ayano and China's Jelly Lin.

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No bargain over South China Sea – China

MANILA - The Chinese government vowed to take a “strong position” in response to any force that intends to take the forthcoming decision on the arbitral proceedings as an excuse to do harm to China’s sovereignty and rights and interests.

This stern warning was made by Director General Xu Hong, Department of Treaty and Law of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, during a recent press briefing in Beijing, the harshest warning issued yet by a Chinese official over the possible outcome of the deliberations of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) on this matter.

“We hope that any party involved will not be hijacked by this arbitration,” said Director Xu.

According to the Chinese official, not even the Philippines’ unilateral initiation of the present arbitration,

alongside the tribunal’s arbitral award will change China’s position of sovereignty over the South China Sea islands and the adjacent waters nor will it shake its resolution and determination to safeguard its sovereignty and maritime rights and interests.

Furthermore, such proceedings and its outcome will not affect the policy and position of China to resolve relevant disputes through direct negotiations and to work together with other states in the region to maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea.

Also, Xu said China will “never agree to bargain over the South China Sea issue from any country on a basis of an unauthorized and ineffective arbitral award” and that it will never accept any proposition from any country based on such arbitration.

“We hope that the Philip-

pires could realize its errors and return to the right track of resolving disputes through negotiations and consultations,” the Chinese official stressed.

Xu, nevertheless, emphasized that China’s door for negotiation will always be open for claimant countries such as the Philippines.

“As for negotiations, we have reaffirmed multiple times that we hope to resolve disputes through consultations and negotiations with relevant parties on the basis of respecting historical facts and the international law,” he stated.

Aside from the Philippines and China, other countries with various claims over parts of the South China Sea include Viet Nam, Brunei, and Malaysia. Taiwan also has claims over parts of the vast maritime region.

Timeless Classics touches your heart



Joey Albert and David Pomeranz held a concert co-produced by Belinda Reyes of Black Diamond Entertainment. The 3 hours and 10-minute concert did not disappoint the fans who are fans of nostalgia. While I am familiar with Pomeranz’s hits King and Queen of Hearts and Got To Believe in Magic, I am not familiar with his compositions sang by other popular singers like Barry Manilow, which were also big hits. One of the is “Tryin To Get The Feeling Again.”

“Tryin’To Get The Feeling Again” became a top 10 hit for Barry Manilow in 1976.

Manilow released it as a single in 1976 from the album Tryin’To Get The Feeling. It charted in the top ten on the Billboard Hot 100, peaking at #10. The song also hit #1 on the adult contemporary chart.[1] An alternate version, at a slightly longer time length, appears on The Complete Collection and Then Some....

Joey Albert sings one of her signature songs, Tell Me. There’s a funny story that she says, meeting old fans who say one of her songs is their theme song with their special someone, past, or present.

Joey asks which one. “Tell Me,” the fan says.

“Nge,” says Joey, who finds the choice ironic because the song is about love gone wrong. In fact, one of the lines is “tell me, where did I go wrong.”

Joey’s approach to singing is almost soulful, having survived three cancer scares already. At one point during the concert, she even makes a joke about it. The chemistry and appreciation for each other of these two singers is obvious. They complement each other. At one point they made a point of naming their favourite cities. David named New York City while Joey named Manila. Of course, you can expect both of them to sing the signature song of each city with David singing New York, New York and Joey countering with Manila, Manila composed by lead guitarist and HotDog’s Mon Torralba. At one point Joey chides Mon for picking Ella del Rosario to sing his composition Pers Lab. The finale is a duet of the song “You’ve Got a Friend,” as an ode to Joey’s just recent fight with cancer. All in all, it was great concert.

Andi Eigenmann wants to try theater

MANILA -- After starring roles in TV and film, Andi Eigenmann wants to also try theater.

In an interview for the May issue of FHM Philippines, where she appears on the cover, Eigenmann admits that she has stage fright, which she hopes to conquer.

“Stage will show how good you are and how dedicated you are as an artist,” Eigenmann said. “And I’m all about just always getting over my fear and trying to be better.”

Eigenmann is currently with her mother,



award-winning actress Jaclyn Jose, attending the 69th Cannes Film Festival.

Eigenmann and Jose are part of Brillante Mendoza’s latest film “Ma’ Rosa,” which is competing for the highest prize at the international film festival, the Palme d’Or.

“It’s a dream come true... I’ve always been into art films, so indie is really what I love. I have a burning passion for it,” Eigenmann told FHM.

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Obama congratulates president-elect Duterte



MANILA, Philippines – US President Barack Obama on Tuesday, May 17, congratulated Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte for his win in the presidential elections in the Philippines. In a brief statement, the White House said Obama and Duterte – whom they referred to as “presumptive President-

elect” – spoke on the phone. “President Obama noted that the successful election and record voter participation were emblematic of the Philippines’ vibrant democracy,” the statement read. “The President highlighted the enduring values that underpin our thriving alliance with the Philippines and the longstanding ties between our two peoples, including our shared commitments to democracy, human rights, rule of law, and inclusive economic growth,” the statement continued. Obama and Duterte also “affirmed their interest in seeing the relationship continue to grow on the basis of these shared principles,” the White House added. Duterte has yet to be officially proclaimed by the Philippine Congress,

but the partial and unofficial count of votes has shown him having a clear lead over nearest rival, administration bet Manuel “Mar” Roxas III. The Philippines is one of the United States’ closest allies in Asia, and the relationship between the two countries has been highlighted in recent years as China jostles for more influence and power in the region. While Obama is the first world leader to directly congratulate Duterte on his win, envoys of several countries have already met up with the tough-talking Davao City mayor who will soon assume the country’s highest post June 30. Obama, meanwhile, is preparing to step down after 8 years as the world’s most powerful man, with elections coming in November.



Enchong Dee on Erich Gonzales and Daniel Matsunaga’s wedding:

‘It definitely won’t happen here’

Kapamilya actor Enchong Dee revealed that couple Erich Gonzales and Daniel Matsunaga will not get married here in the Philippines. He also talked about his close relationship with Bea Alonzo. During his guest appearance on the online show, Kapamilya Chat, Enchong was asked to describe his celebrity friends which included his former on-screen partner Erich Gonzales and his close friend Bea Alonzo. In describing Erich, Enchong said that he is happy for the Be My Lady lead actress who seems to have found her “forever” in boyfriend and present love team partner Daniel Matsunaga. He even shared that he asked Daniel when the two are getting married. “Parang ano naman, they’re very sure of each other so it’s not really a pressure but it’s more of they’re just taking time and enjoying each other’s company.” When asked about Daniel’s reply to his question, Enchong revealed, “Siyempre wala pa kasi bata pa naman. All I know is... Kasi hindi ko sigurado kung pwede ko siyang sabihin eh pero ano, it definitely won’t happen here in the Philippines.” Next was Bea Alonzo whom Enchong initially described as seemingly unreachable. ‘The thing about Bea, kapag tinignan mo siya, parang hindi mo siya maabot, hindi mo siya malapitan kasi sobrang ganda, sobrang successful, parang ang bango, parang unreachable,’ he said. However, the chinito actor revealed, “But the thing about us, kapag magkasama kami, like when we went to Singapore, sobra siyang total opposite ‘nung akala mong perception mo, ‘yung idea mo kung sino si Bea Alonzo. So she’s basically like a family to me.” Moreover, he shared that they would even run around, chasing each other and would hit one another with below the belt jokes without getting offended.

Villar accepts DPWH post

MANILA - Reelected Las Piñas City (Metro Manila) Rep. Mark Villar of the Nacionalista Party will be leaving Congress sooner than expected. The son of former Senate President Manuel “Manny” Villar and Sen. Cynthia Villar on Tuesday accepted the offer of presumptive President Rodrigo Duterte to be the next secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). “I confirm that presumptive President Rody Duterte asked me to be his DPWH secretary and after consulting my family and constituents, I have decided to humbly accept his offer,” Villar said in a statement, using the President-elect’s nickname. The congressman, a former president of real-estate firm Crown Asia Corp., earned his bachelor’s degree



in Economics, Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his master’s degree in Business Administration from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Villar is the chairman of the House Committee on Trade and Industry. Duterte picked Lyceum of the Philippines University (LPU) Batangas and Laguna campuses president Peter Laurel as secretary of the Department of Education. It was not confirmed, however, if Laurel accepted the post. Outgoing Education Secretary Armin Luistro declined to comment on the

appointment of his successor. “It would be imprudent for me to give my reaction at this time. I’ll have to wait when it’s official,” Luistro said in a text message. Meanwhile, the Teachers’ Dignity Coalition (TDC) welcomed Laurel. “As always, we would be willing to cooperate with the new [Education] secretary and the entire Duterte administration,” Benjo Basas, the group’s chairman, said in a text message. Basas added that they expect Duterte to fulfill his promise to upgrade the educational system and improve the welfare of teachers. “Being a Duterte appointee, we expect real change under Secretary Laurel and that he would surpass reforms instituted by his predecessors [former Education secretary] Jesli Lapus and Luistro,” he said.

US returns La Union’s 400-year-old bell



Photo taken from asianjournal.com shows workers removing the San Pedro bell from its base in West Point, New York. MAY 19, 2016 BAUANG, La Union, Philippines – A 400-year-old bell taken by American soldiers in 1901 from a Catholic church here has been shipped back to the Philippines and arrived

at Clark, Pampanga last May 17. Reports from the office of Mayor Martin de Guzman disclosed that the bell was transported from the West Point Community in New York on April 30 and will be fetched by government and church authorities at Clark for ceremonial rites on Monday, May 23. Retired US Air Force officer Dennis Wright, who worked for the bell’s return, said that as of yesterday, the bell was in the custody of the Bureau of Customs for processing, but he expected it to be delivered to him here last night or this morning. “I have visited Bauang several times in preparation for the return of the bell. Up to Sunday, the folk there would be preparing the mount for the bell in time for its arrival on Monday for a proper mass, to be attended by local dignitaries and other people,” he said. Wright said that when he first went to Bauang in line with his project for the return of the bell, he found that most local folk were not even aware that such bell existed, much less the bell’s role in their history. Before the bell’s shipment, a ceremony and mass at West Point’s Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel were conducted with Philippine consulate officials and representatives of the United States government in attendance. Myrna Romero, the town’s information officer, said the San Pedro Bell, also known as the Barry Bell, weighs around 400 kilos. It is a long-lost treasure of the Saints Peter and Paul Church of this town. Romero said the return of the bell was facilitated by two US Navy veterans who are also working to return the Balangiga Bells of Eastern Samar.

She said Wright discussed the details of the return of the bell with Mayor De Guzman and Fr. Ronald Raymund Chan when he visited Bauang last year. The bell was taken by American soldier Thomas Barry in 1901, during the Philippine-American War. He gave it to the US Military Academy at West Point, which hung it outside the academy’s chapel. Historical records show that in 1883, Gobernadorcillo Mariano Balancio, who became mayor of Bauang, and Lt. DD. Hilario Calica gave the bell to Father Mariano Garcia. Father Garcia was the parish priest of San Pedro from November 1872 to July 25, 1876. The bell was almost destroyed during the Philippine revolution, but the advance of American forces prevented it and other bells from being melted down and made into guns and other war ammunition. The bell is made from an alloy of gold, silver and copper.

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Tax court orders arrest of film director Carlo Caparas

MANILA - The Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) has issued another warrant of arrest against film director Carlo J. Caparas over the P540 million multiple tax evasion case filed against him by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2010. The court's Second Division in its resolution dated May 12 required the controversial movie director to post a P20,000 bail bond.

Earlier, Caparas of Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa posted bail in other divisions of the tax court hearing the same case after finding probable cause for failure to file income tax returns and pay taxes under Section 255 of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC).

BIR Commissioner Kim S. Jacinto-Henares filed 64 counts of tax evasion against Caparas before the DOJ shortly after she was appointed to the post in 2010.

The criminal charges arose from the alleged non-filing of income tax returns (ITR) in 2006 to 2009.

For the four-year period, Henares said Caparas received more than P850.9 million from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) for producing television programs "Ang Pangharap Kong Jackpot" and "Kroko" featuring lottery winners.

Henares said "as an individual receiving self-employment income, Caparas is required to file a declaration of such income and pay taxes due thereon which he failed to do in the taxable years in question."

The total tax due from Caparas for the four-year period was placed at P540 million inclusive of surcharges and penalties, broken down into P344.5 million income tax and P195.6 million value-added tax.



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Juancho denies bullying Alden in school: Magkaiba kami ng mundo noon

Juancho Trivino started in showbiz four years ago as part of the youth oriented show, "Teen Gen". Didn't he get tired of waiting before he's given a break as a leading man in "Magkaibang Mundo" that will start airing on Monday in GMA-7's Afternoon Prime?

"No, hindi naman ako naghintay na maging bida ako," he says. "Kasi hindi pa rin naman ako handa, so mas okay sabihing hinintay ko ang sarili ko na maging ready muna."

He's really thankful to GMA for giving this biggest break in his career as the leading man of Louise de los Reyes. "Noong unang sabihin sa'kin, hindi ako makapaniwala, akala ko, nananaginip ako."

So how is it working with Louise? "Masaya kami sa set. First time namin to work together but naging comfortable kami agad sa isa't isa."

Generous siya. Marami siyang baong food sa taping at binibigyan niya ako."

He admits he doesn't have a girlfriend now, so is it possible for him to fall for Louise? "Hindi imposible kasi madalas kaming magkasama ngayon and we're getting to know each other better. But it's too early at ayoko rin namang sabihing I'm taking advantage. Matagal pa naman ang itatakbo ng aming show, so tingnan na lang natin."

Both he and Alden Richards are from Sta. Rosa, Laguna. He spoofs Alden in "Bubble Gang" every now and then. Is it true he's sore at Alden because they went to school together in Canlubang then and it's said he used to bully Alden who, in turn, used to snub him? "Ay, ewan kunsaan galing 'yan pero hindi po totoo 'yan. Walang ganun."

Nagbabatian kami. When we see each other, nag-uusap kami, nagkuku-mustahan kasi may common friends kami. In school then, we had a different group of friends. Ako, magugulo mga barkada ko. Sila, mababait, seryosong mag-aral, pero magkakilala naman kami. Magkaibang mundo lang nga kami noon sa school."

Badjao girl becomes online sensation

Photos of a beautiful Badjao girl has now gone viral online.

The Badjao girl, who was fully unaware that photos of her were snapped while she was walking on the streets, earned various positive reactions from netizens. Photos, which were taken from different angles by Topher Quinto Burgos, highlighted the beauty of the young girl.

Netizens could not help but be in awe of her striking beauty. Some commented that she looks like a model.

Others even offered to get her for their photo shoot. While others appealed to the government to start looking after our Badjao sisters and brothers and provide them education and health benefits for their betterment.

People are talking about...

Baste Duterte

While his father is making headlines in and out of the country, the youngest son of the presumptive President makes a lot of women swoon in his latest 20-second viral video, which is now viewed more than a million times. The reluctant public figure was also a hot trending topic on Instagram and Twitter when netizens posted some funny including sexually suggestive memes and tweets about the 28-year-old Duterte. We guess Malacanang is ready for a hunky



heartthrob resident, he's definitely an upgrade.

Scarlet Snow

This adorable 14-month old- baby became an instant celebrity when photos of her and Hayden Kho appeared online. Scarlet is Vicki Belo and Hayden Kho's daughter conceived through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), where Hayden is the biological father and an unidentified Mexican-American female was the surrogate mother. You see, not just her



cute face can catch attention, also the story on how she came into this world is quite intriguing, too.

Louis Pre Jr.

Who is he? Well, if you watch the 6:30 p.m. newscast on GMA 7, he's the kid who made the 24 Oras theme song a dance craze via a video uploaded on social media. Louis, 15, just proved that breaking the Internet takes a lot of creativity and originality. Though his dancing skills can be compared to a rodent that got electrocuted, as early as now his video finds a copycat who attempts to break the internet, too, by dancing to the tune of TV Patrol theme song.

People...are not talking about

Baron Geisler

There's viral video on Facebook showing him going ballistic over a delayed script for an editorial campaign. The video was intended to be a social experiment but people, according to Baron, have taken it out of context putting him in a bad light. Baron was forced



to react to this very ugly development and now plans to seek for an advice from his lawyer. Though it's difficult to understand why there's a need to go that far, it's easy for people to believe that Baron indeed has an ugly reputation.

Marlo Mortel

He looks at the bright side of the breakup of his love team with Janella Salvador. He believes it will give him more opportunity to do the things he loves like singing and hosting. We wish him well and we will definitely keep an eye on him because we believe the breakup actually marked the eventual fall of his rising star. For any consolation, his going solo can make him available for more assignments in barangay

fiestas and other rural events.

Daniel Padilla

He and his onscreen partner are already clear on any violation on election rules. But a lot of people can't still forgive the young star for his rude behavior towards other voters and how he and his mother were given special treatment when they cast their votes. Not only that we feel sorry for the millions of young people who look up to him, we also feel sorry for the actor who obviously still acts as if he's still the big star that he was a few years ago.



ZSA ZSA MOVES ON QUICKLY, PROMISES TO BE MORE DISCREET NEXT TIME

ZSA ZSA Padilla seems to be moving on quite quickly after her breakup with Arch. Conrad Onglao who was introduced to her by Sharon Cuneta. We were happy for Zsa Zsa when she found a new love after being widowed by the late King of Comedy, Dolphy, but somewhere, we were afraid for her even then. It's because her romance with Onglao was so high profile.

It was reported that she left their home in Marina Baytown in Paranaque and lived in with Onglao in his Makati home. They showed pictures of them together being so sweet and lovey dovey with each other. There were pictures of their being engaged, complete with the ring he gave her, and reports of their coming wedding in Italy before the year ends.

Then, so suddenly, it all came crashing down. Zsa Zsa was reported to have left Onglao's Makati digs to return to her daughters Zia and Nicole in Marina. Later, she's said to have gotten back all her things from Onglao's house and returned the engagement ring and a car that he gave to her, saying "I'm done with him na."

Since no one would reveal what prompted the breakup, various speculations but naturally crop up. It's said Onglao looked down on showbiz denizens and Zsa Zsa suffered from verbal and emotional abuse.

He can allegedly also be physically violent. No confirmation or denial came from the parties concerned.

One female star who is very discreet when it comes to her love affairs is Pops Fernandez. You never saw her flaunting her love affairs after her marriage to Martin Nievera ended, even if she was linked to other guys, like Jomari Yllana and even Onglao himself. Her affairs start and end quietly. Maybe other stars should learn from her example.

As for Zsa Zsa, we're glad she's moving on and life goes on for her.

She has resumed her taping for "The Story of Us" and she looks good when she was a guest of her daughter Karylle in the recent Mother's Day presentation of "Showtime". If and when she'd find another new romance, we pray that she will keep it more private, for her own sake. Well, in an interview, she already learned her lesson and will be more discreet in her next romantic relationship. Good for her.

Assunta still hopes to have baby + other stories



Assunta De Rossi was at the peak of her career playing lead roles in movies like "Sisid", "Hubog" (for which she won a couple of best actress awards in 2001), "Red Diaries" and "Kilabot at Kembot" when she suddenly decided to marry widower congressman Jules Ledesma in 2002. Jules has two kids from his first marriage, now both grownups, but he and Assunta have yet to have their own baby.

"Goal naming magka-baby this year," says Assunta. "My OB-gyne assured me puwede pa akong magka-baby. May kailangan lang ayusin sa'kin, physically. 35 na ako, e."

Although she need not work anymore as her husband is quite well off, Assunta has not really stopped acting since she got married. "Acting is my passion at nami-miss ko talaga kapag wala akong ginagawa. It also helps keep my sanity kasi love ko talaga ito. Kung nakatengga lang ako sa bahay, naku, maloloka ako. So 'yung talent fee, hindi 'yun ang primary consideration ko, although it helps that kumikita pa rin ako on my own."

She now plays mother roles and will be the mom of Louise de los Reyes in GMA7's new soap, "Magkaibang Mundo", to be shown right after "Eat Bulaga". "Bale comeback ko ito sa GMA. Dito ko talaga nagsimula sa sitcom na 'Beh Bote Nga' more than 16 years ago. Then puro sa ABS-CBN na ang ginawa ko, like 'Vietnam Rose', 'Lovers in Paris', 'Mula sa Puso', 'Maria del Barrio', 'Kahit Puso'y Masugatan' and several episodes of MMK. Early this year, kinuha ako na GMA to do an episode in 'Karelasyon' and now, heto, soap na. Freelancer naman ako so okay lang gumawa sa GMA."

She likes her role as Amanda, the wife of Gabby Eigenmann. "Yung sister ni Gabby, played by Gina Alajar, kinamkam 'yung properties namin. Pinatay si Gabby and pinabilanggo ako, then ginawa katulong 'yung anak namin, si Louise nga. It's a nice show at full length ang role ko so I'm proud to be a part of 'Magkaibang Mundo'."

DERRICK A PRIME CANDIDATE FOR STARDOM

DERRICK Monasterio is one Kapuso property who has all the qualifications to be a big star. He has clean cut mestizo good looks, towering height (he's 6'1"), a hunky physique, he's young (20 years old), he can act competently and he can also sing well. He practices clean living. He doesn't smoke or drink and would rather spend more time in the gym. Given the proper push, we have no doubt he can be Alden Richards' top rival as the hottest Kapuso actor.

Derrick is glad that he finally has an album. He confesses that he's been dreaming of this since he was introduced in "Tween Hearts" four years ago. He's been singing as a tenor since he was in grade school in Claret School of Quezon City, where he was a member of its glee club that brought him to Europe to perform in a choral competition. He then got to sing in GMA's musical shows like "Party Pilipinas" and "Sunday All Stars". He also recorded theme songs for the movie "Tweens Academy" and some TV shows, but it's only now that he's given the chance to record an album for GMA Records.

"Dream come true talaga ito for me kasi singing is my first love," he says. "In school, sumasali ako sa singing contests at nahasa ako roon sa pagkanta. Now, people will know na hindi lang ako actor but also a singer."



INA SHARES SECRETS

INA Raymundo posted her photos wearing sexy swimsuits from Soak swimwear and you'd never guess she's 40 plus years old and already the mother of five kids. She can easily give some of our younger stars a run for their money when it comes to sexiness. Later on, she also sported a swimsuit in a swimming pool party scene with Andrea Torres in "The Millionaire's Wife" to show she can still give Andrea stiff competition in seducing male viewers. So how does she do it, main-



tain her sexy figure? "Siyempre, you have to watch what you eat and also, exercise regularly," she says. "Hindi naman porke nanay ka na, pababayaang mo na ang looks mo, ang sarili mo. E, dito sa 'Millionaire's Wife', dalaga ang role ko, hindi nanay, so dapat alagaan ko talaga ang looks para hindi naman ako magmukhang tiyahin ni Andrea." This week in "Millionaire's Wife", the delicate subject of erectile dysfunction is tackled. As we all know, Robert Arevalo is already in his mid-70s and already has difficulty in achieving potency for his manhood. But Andrea

Torres as his wife Louisa will do everything to rouse his virility once again so they can consummate their marriage. Will she succeed? Meantime, Mike Tan as Ivan tries to avoid Rich Asuncion as Rio, but Rich is insistent in seducing him and he gives in, but it's still Andrea as Louisa that he imagines when they make love. James Blanco as Mark also tells Andrea that he is in love with her, but Ina as Allison continues to hope that she and James will reconcile. Ina even attacks Jade Lopez, James' co-teacher, thinking Jade is his new love. James eventually patches things up with Ina and they get officially engaged.

A man in a white short-sleeved button-down shirt and black trousers is speaking into a handheld microphone. He is standing next to a woman who is wearing a black patterned top and a red and black patterned skirt. She is holding a large, framed certificate or diploma. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.



Lovi Poe is very thankful that she got the project where she plays the title role of an escort girl who figures in a complicated love triangle with an older man, played by Christopher de Leon, and a younger man, Derek Ramsay. "I'm so excited to work with both of them," she says. "I've worked with Tito Boyet de Leon before on TV in 'Beautiful Strangers', pero siyempre, iba ang movie. As for Derek, maraming gustong makatrabaho siya and I'm glad to be given the chance to finally work with him."

"The Escort" will be directed by Enzo Williams, who directed "Bonifacio, Unang Pangulo" starring Robin Padilla in the Metro Manila Filmfest two years ago. As for Lovi, she has another movie which is already in the can, "Lakambini", about Gregoria de Jesus, directed by Jeffrey Jeturian and co-starring Paulo Avelino and Rocco Nacino.

This coming June, she plans to enrol again for a post graduate course. “Mahirap pagsabayin ang pag-

GINA TURNS BAD AS AN ACTRESS

Is her second son Geoff Eigenmann going back to ABS-CBN? “Wala pang ganung plano. He just appeared in an episode of ‘Ipaglaban Mo’ kasi wala namang binibigay na bagong show sa kanya ang GMA.”



The first thing you'd notice with 'Juan Happy Love Story' is the narrative style that is very fast paced, unlike most soaps that take their sweet sweet time in telling the story. This one not only benefits from brisk editing but also from the fact that the story is told from different points of view, like a he said, she said type of narration, and it jumps quickly from one situation to the next so viewers surely won't get bored. Wasn't Direk L.A. intimidated by his stars?

"Initially, yes," he says. "But they're all very cooperative, even the most senior member of our cast, Tita Gloria Romero. It's good Heart understands the requirements of her role as Gappy, which required her to go daring and do things she hasn't done before for the camera. We're all very happy and proud of our work in Juan Happy Love Story' and we're hoping the viewers will be able to appreciate our efforts well."

Dagdag pa niya, “Malungkot lang pero lagi mong iiisipin kung bakit naging ganun kasakit kasi naging ganun ka kasaya. At dapat yun ang nagmamatter e, yung pinagsamahan niyo, yung saya, yung respeto na binigay ninyo sa isa’t isa and ‘yun hindi mo yun matutumbasan ng kahit na ano, para gawing katatawanan, yung pinagdaanan niyo ibulgar niyo sa mga tao kung ano naging problema ‘di ba?”

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Do you sit beside your partner at a restaurant?



I like to sit beside my boyfriend when we go out for dinner. I think I'm only getting more romantic as I get older. Recently, we headed out for dinner and the server directed us to a table of two.

So, of course, my boyfriend moved his chair from across the table next to mine. The server said we couldn't do this, because, well, we just couldn't. "But we're in love," I said, batting my eyelashes. "We like sitting beside each other." It didn't work.

So, of course, my boyfriend moved his chair from across the table next to mine. The server said we couldn't do this, because, well, we just couldn't. "But we're in love," I said, batting my eyelashes. "We like sitting beside each other." It didn't work.

We still ate at the restaurant, but the mood just wasn't the same, knowing that this restaurant didn't exactly like "beside eaters". Personally, I think all restaurants should consider us. We're not only good for the economy (we usually order a bottle of wine) but we're spreading the love around. Yes, yes, there are fire regulations and waiters who need to get by. But dinner is not dinner anymore unless I can sit next to my guy and pick off his plate (yes, I do that) or feel his arm is around me, which is kind of hard to do if he's all the way across the table. I felt like I was yelling at him the entire time.

So, what does one do? I suppose when I make reserva-

tions I can call and say, "Do you have beside seating?" and explain that my boyfriend and I only eat at establishments where we're allowed to sit side by side.

It turns out I'm not the only person out there who loves beside eating. "Sitting next to a boyfriend on a date not only puts me physically closer to him, it allows for meal-time romantic play that being all the way across the table does not afford. I think conversation has a better rhythm when proximity is that much closer," says Candice Best, of Best PR Boutique. She adds that a bonus is that neither party has to sacrifice the best vantage point. "We're looking into the scene of the restaurant," she says. "To boot, if there's a more comfortable side, like a banquette situation, one doesn't have to be relegated to the less comfortable chair side."

Waiters she finds don't usually seem to mind beside eaters. "It usually just involves moving a plate and some cutlery. It all depends on their mood."

Sandra Milligan, founder and creative director of boxx cosmetics hos these to say.

Why to eat side by side

Turns out a lot of women prefer sitting beside their partner while eating out. Want to know why?

1. "It's much more romantic and allows for you to both give gestures of affection that are not always obvious," Milligan said — like a hand on the leg, or an arm wrapped around you.
2. Most waiters or hosts usually think it's pretty cute to see a couple who enjoy being together, and nothing says that more than sitting right beside each other. (Happy diners = happy tippers!)



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3. Most diners just don't care how you're sitting. "I think other diners are fine with it. Unless they are having a fight and they can't stand the sight of someone else happy in that moment," Milligan jokes. "Just be PDA appropriate." You don't want people yelling, "Take it to a bedroom!"
4. Make sure you share a side with the right person. "I was just on a first date last night," says Milligan, "and I would not have felt comfortable if he asked me to sit beside him. I think that sitting side by side is an intimate gesture with someone you care about."
5. You can show off your best assets. "Being in the beauty industry, I clearly know my best side, so I like sitting to the left of my date."
6. Get your flirt on. Dinner "sans table" is a much more intimate experience, Milligan said. "It's so much more conducive to a flirty and fun date."

From now on, I don't care if it's the nicest restaurant in town on McDonald's — I'm a convert beside eater, and they'll have to make it work. Do you prefer sitting next to your lover/partner/husband/wife, or do you like sitting across?



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Jaclyn Jose wins best actress at Cannes 2016 for role in 'Ma' Rosa'



BEST ACTRESS. The Philippines' Jaclyn Jose (L) celebrates onstage with Filipino director Brillante Mendoza after being awarded Best Actress during the closing ceremony of the 69th Cannes Film Festival.

CANNES, France – Filipino actress Jaclyn Jose won best actress at the Cannes film festival Sunday, May 22 for her mesmerizing performance as a mother forced to sell drugs to survive before falling prey to corrupt police.

A tearful Jose said she was "so surprised" as she took to the stage to accept the award for her role in Ma' Rosa by acclaimed director Brillante Mendoza.

She said she had to forget everything she learned in her 30 years in the business for the role as a sweetshop owner and small-time drug dealer in Ma' Rosa.

"The biggest challenge for me was not to act. Especially since I am coming from television shows where I play loud and campy characters," she told

reporters.

The 52-year-old said she had to "tone everything down to zero" – even performing without makeup on for the stark, realistic presentation of the Philippine slums favored by Mendoza.

It is a dramatic change from her regular job, playing a spoiled, rich woman in the popular Filipino TV soap opera, The Millionaire's Wife.

Variety magazine praised Jose for the "naturalistic grace" of her film performance, playing the matriarch of a family struggling to survive amid squalor.

The daughter of a Filipina mother and a largely absent American serviceman father, Jose first became famous in

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Heart on a much-delayed honeymoon with Chiz + other stories

Heart Evangelista and husband Sen. Chiz Escudero finally got to have their long delayed honeymoon. “Yes, at long last, makakapag-honeymoon na rin kami,” says Heart. “After all the gulo of the campaign and the election, it’s now time to LIVE life!”

They’re now in Balesin Island off Quezon Province. Heart has posted their photos together and she looks every inch a happy and satisfied wife in the arms of Sen. Chiz. She says that although Sen. Chiz didn’t win as vice president, she’s still very proud of him. She declares in her social media account. “I’m proud of you darling... kahit ano mangyari, pinatunayan mo na MALINIS ka at di ka nanakit para lang manalo... you’re one of a kind.”

She shared other stories about her hubby. “Right before voting... he whispered “thank you”. I smiled, but actually, I almost cried! Ha-ha... I will be equally happy whatever happens because I’ve got the most amazing man ever. I love you so much, my darling... Cheers to a whole life together... thank you also for always asking me how I am when you’re the one who’s sleepless and always running... Thank you for being selfless and kind... you are indeed special. God bless us all.”

Here’s hoping that their long delayed honeymoon in Balesin will be fruitful and productive. We remember Heart saying then that she doesn’t mind if she’d get pregnant right after the elections and her wish might just be granted soon.

Meantime, Heart is very thankful that her new show with Dennis Trillo, “Juan Happy Love Story”, is getting positive feedback. It started airing last Monday night and there are many satisfied viewers who say that they find the story of Dennis as Juan and Heart as Happy, playing two love birds with totally different views and personalities, very entertaining.

And while Heart and husband Chiz are in Balesin, Dennis and special someone Jennylyn Mercado also went away and flew to Maldives, noted for its rich skin diving grounds. We don’t know if this is an advanced honeymoon for Dennis and Jennylyn, who remain to be very evasive about the real score in their relationship.

MARICAR ADMITS DATING A FOREIGN GUY

MARICAR de Mesa had a long vacation in the USA and didn’t accept any soap for one year. She’s now back in the new GMA7 Afternoon Prime drama series, “Magkaibang Mundo”, that starts airing on May 23 after “Eat Bulaga”.

“There were two other offers but I declined,” she says. “Then ‘Magkaibang Mundo’ came and I asked who the director is, si Mark Sicat de la Cruz daw. I’ve worked with him before when he was still with ABS-CBN and he’s okay, so I said, sige, I will do it. At saka maganda naman ang role ko as Criselda,

mother ni Dion Ignacio at may-ari kami ng isang mall. Magiging kontrabida kami kay Louise de los Reyes na nagustuhan ni Dion and siyempre, ayoko siya para sa anak ko kasi katulong lang siya nina Gina Alajar.”

So how is she doing now after her separation from cager Don Allado?

“Ongoing pa rin ‘yung annulment case namin after two years. Sana nga, we get the annulment soon.”

Why? Is she in a hurry to get married again? “No naman. I just want to feel free again. The vacation abroad did me a lot of good.

Nakapagpahinga ako and I realized that after what happened to my marriage, mabait pa rin si Lord sa akin. I feel more independent now at mas nakakapagdesisyon ako sa sarili ko. I got to meet a lot of new people, too.”

So does she have a new love? “Dating pa lang. With a foreigner. I don’t want to put any label on our relationship yet kasi hindi pa annulled ang marriage ko. Also, I’m more careful now. When it comes to relationships, wala na kong panahong makipagbolahan o makipaglaro pa. I want someone who’s mature at has a good potential to be my partner for the rest of my life.”

ALDUB MISSED BY FANS WHILE IN ITALY

THIS early, there are those who say that the movie of Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza, tentatively titled “Imagine Me and You” (first line of the song ‘Happy Together’ by a group called The Turtles) and that of Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla (no title yet) will be pitted against each other in July. Honestly, this is quite a premature conclusion.

The AIDub movie is now already shooting in Italy while that of KathNiel which will be filmed on location in Barcelona, Spain has yet to start shooting. And the KathNiel movie will be directed by Olivia ‘Inang’ Lamasan, who takes her sweet sweet time in making a movie, so it would not be quite possible for it will be completed by July, since it’s now the middle of May and they haven’t even began principal photography.

AIDub fans have been missing them in the Kalyeserye of “Eat Bulaga” so last weekend, Alden and Maine made a surprise appearance in the show via remote telecast from their set in Lake Como in Italy. They even joined the Knock Knock portion in Bulagaan 2016. They talked about the beautiful locations where they’re shooting the movie and added that it’s still very cold there. Joining them this week in the movie’s cast is Jasmine Curtis Smith. We just hope AIDub fans won’t bash her just because of her inclusion in the film.

The cast and crew will be shooting in Lake Como until May 18. Then they will move to Verona (the hometown of Shakespeare’s most famous young lovers, Romeo and Juliet) then to Rome. They will be coming back to Manila on May 28 and, by that time, they will shoot here for only six shooting days more and the movie will be complete. They can devote most of June to the film’s post production, enough time for them to be able to open in theaters in July, in time for the first anniversary of the AIDub loveteam that started by accident in “Eat Bulaga” in July of last year.

Happier weekends with GMA’s comedy game show ‘Laff, Camera, Action!’

GMA Network never fails to feast the eyes of every Kapuso with amusing and innovative concepts.

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The show will test the performers’ skills in improvisational comedy, creating scenes and characters on the spot based on given scenarios.

Tapped to host Laff, Camera, Action! are two of the Network’s multit talented artists: Betong Sumaya and Sheena Halili.

Betong is grateful to GMA for entrusting him this show and is excited to bring happier weekends to viewers. “Natutuwa ako na pinagkatiwalaan ako ng GMA for this project. Sobra akong na-o-overwhelm and at the same time sobrang thankful. Siguradong matutuwa ang Kapuso viewers sa bagong programang ito na handog ng GMA. I’m grateful to GMA for entrusting me with this project. I’m overwhelmed and thankful at the same time. I’m sure Kapuso viewers will enjoy this newest offering of GMA.”]

Sheena, meanwhile, reveals that this is her first hosting stint and is happy to offer something new to her fans and supporters. “Na-excite ako and also, na-challenge rito sa panibagong project na binigay ng GMA sa akin. I’ve been in showbiz for more than a decade now and very thankful ako talaga. It’s my first hosting job. I can truly say that my showbiz career has blossomed in this Network through the various roles that I have portrayed,” the actress said. [“I’m excited and challenged by this new project. I’ve been in showbiz for more than a decade now and I’m really very thankful. This is my first hosting job. I can truly say that my showbiz career has blossomed in this Network through the various roles that I have portrayed.”]

Laff, Camera, Action! is made up



Scenes in the city



FIRST, Philip Beloso and his granddaughter poses with Toronto Mayor John Tory. RIGHT, His wife Maritess take her turn with their granddaughter and pose with the Raptors Dance squad.

of three exciting rounds: In Round 1, the two teams will interpret two different scenarios and each group must be creative in using the limited number of props on the set.

The competition heats up in Round 2 as a special guest performer joins each team in acting out two different scenarios. No props will be provided. The third and final round will



be the ultimate test of creativity in improvisational comedy as both teams will perform the same exact scenario using the same set of props on the set. The winners will receive cash, trophies and other special prizes.

To determine the winning team, a panel of three judges will evaluate and score the performances. These include veteran comedy writer and director Caesar Cosme, comedienne and live performer Gladys Guevarra and ace comedian Sef Cadayona.

Under the helm of Phillip Lazaro and Noel Cabacungan, Laff, Camera, Action! begins May 28 (Saturday) on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.

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Spotlight



100 Emerald Avenue, Ortigas, 1980's

JACKIELOU HAPPY TO BE HATED

IT'S the final week of "Because of You" and Jackielou Blanco is very thankful to have been a part of this highly success-

ful primetime romantic comedy series on GMA Telebabad. "Alam kong maraming nainis sa akin dahil sa contravida role ko as Lucille but this week, nagkabati na kami ni Carla Abellana as Andrea at nag-sorry na ako sa kanya for trying to sabotage her wedding to Gabby Concepcion as Jaime," she says. "But Carla is still scared na hindi pa rin matuloy ang wedding nila kasi lahat ng superstitious beliefs na dapat iwasan ng mga ikakasal, nangyari sa kanila ni Gabby. Don't miss the last remaining episodes da-

hil marami pang exciting twists na mangyayari kina Carla at Gabby."

Last Sunday, Mother's Day, Jackie was very happy to be with her three children who greeted her warmly: Kenneth, her eldest and only son who's now 27 years old and has given her a grandson; Rikki Mae, 23, who has come out as a lesbian and is well accepted by their whole family, and Arabella, the youngest at 18 who's movie star material.

She herself made sure she greeted her own mom, Pilita Corrales. "I've learned so many good values from my own mom. She was always there, available for me and my brother Monching as we were growing up, kaya I cannot let Mother's Day go without letting her know how much I love her," she beams.

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Dennis not in a hurry to marry Jennylyn

DENNIS Trillo's new rom-com series with Heart Evangelista will start airing tonight, "Juan Happy Love Story", after "Once Again". The story starts on the day they were both born in the same hospital. Dennis' mom is Mickey Ferriols but he's raised by his grandma, Gloria Romero. Heart's parents are Gardo Versoza and Lotlot de Leon. They have no inkling that years later, they will meet again by chance and will eventually end up with each other to start their own journey as a couple. How they meet again and how their initial hostility with each other ends in a hot love affair is something you shouldn't miss in the show's intriguing pilot week.

Didn't Dennis have second thoughts doing the sexy daring scenes he does not just with Heart but other actresses in the series? "Not really," he says. "Kasi okay naman ang treatment, may kapilyuhan but we don't cross the line. Approved naman lahat ang naughty scenes ng MTRCB. Maraming

matututuhan ang married couples na manonood on how they can prolong their excitement with each other as husband and wife, para hindi sila magkasawaan agad sa isa't isa at maging habambuhay na talaga ang pagsasama nila."

In real life, we all know Heart has a happy love story with hubby Sen. Chiz Escudero. As for Dennis, would he say he also has one happy love story with Jennylyn Mercado? "I don't know. Depende siguro kung ano ang magiging ending. Basta as of now, okay naman siya. Happy naman ako, kami. Everybody happy."

So can he say that love is really lovelier for him and Jen the second time around? "I think so, palagay ko. Mas masaya kami ngayon. Dahil mas kilala na namin ang isa't isa. Plus factor 'yun, e."

So he doesn't get jealous that Jen is romancing various leading men in her movies? "Naku, pareho kaming matagal nang artista. So 'yung mga ganyan, hindi na problema 'yan for us. Basta nagiging masaya lang kami sa nagiging success ng career ng bawat isa. 'Yun ang mas importante kaysa mga selos-selos. I'm really happy nakagawa na siya ng movie sa Star Cinema."

Do we see them walking down the aisle to face the altar soon? "Naku, seryosong bagay ang marriage at kailangan, pareho na kayong desidido at sigurado. At this point, we're both just enjoying being together. Hindi naman kailangang magmadali. Basta tahimik ang mundo namin at okay na 'yung hindi kami masyadong pinagpipiyestahan."

Dennis celebrated his 35th birthday on May 12. What's his birthday wish? "Sana, maraming manood ng 'Juan Happy Love Story' para mag-hit ito, dahil pinaghirapan talaga namang pagandahin ang aming show. I didn't accept any movie project while taping this as I want to give it my full focus and attention."

WRITERS: DERRICK A THREAT TO ALDEN

DERRICK Monasterio started his series of mall tours to promote his self-titled album with GMA Records.

"I'm calling on all my fans and supporters who live in those places para magpunta sa malls where I'd promote my album," says Derrick. "This is my time to meet them para makapag-bonding naman ako sa kanila. I'm hoping to have an amazing time with all of them."

Meantime, Derrick is also proud and happy that his daily drama series, "Hanggang Makita Kang Muli", continues to be a top rater on GMA7's Afternoon Prime. "Abangan nyo kasi this week, makikipag-



also a new challenge for the popular love team.

Part of the preparations for the film are the Spanish language lessons they are both undergoing now. "Okay naman. Mahirap siya (laughs). With their admittance that this will be their most mature role to date, many wonder if they will finally see a kissing scene. Kathryn said it all depends if both their parents will approve of the scene first. "Ibang usapan yun kila Tita Karla (Estrada) at saka kay Mama kaya may session silang iba dun (laughs)," she said.

break na ako kay Kim Rodriguez as Claire after I see her with another guy na sasapakin ko," he adds. "I will cry dahil sa nangyari at yayakapin ko si Bea Binene as Angela, who has fallen for me. But later on, I will tell her that I love her, but only as a friend, bilang kaibigan lang talaga. And yet, aawayin pa rin siya ni Kim dahil iisipin nitong si Bea ang ipinalit ko sa kanya. Kim will do everything para magkabalikan kami."

What can he say to the observation of some writers that he is a threat to Alden Richards as GMA's most popular young actor? "Friends kami ni Alden so sana, huwag na lang kaming intrigahin. Pati albums namin, pinagkukumpara. Malayo na ang narating niya, but I'd be glad kung, balang araw, makarating ako sa success na narating niya."

BEA HAS SEEN DERRICK'S BODY BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE

HOW does Bea Binene feel when she sees the sexy pictorial of Derrick Monasterio, her leading man in the hit afternoon soap, "Hanggang Makita Kang Muli", that came out in some magazines and on social media? "I'm happy for him kasi I know how hard he works sa gym to get the kind of physique he has now," she says. "Dedicated talaga siya sa work out niya and at least, na-achieve naman niya ang katawang gusto niya. All I can say is talagang hot na hot siya. 'Yun namang photos niya, bago pa man lumabas sa magazine, pinapakita na niya sa akin at pinapa-rate niya from 1 to 10 kung alin ang pinaka-sexy at hot."

She's also happy that Derrick achieved his dream of cutting his own album. "Pinarinig niya rin sa akin ang songs niya and he's good. May potential na maging big hits ang mga kanta niya. He's really very talented and he's now busy sa album tour niya."

Meantime, Bea says followers of "Hanggang Makita Kang Muli" should watch out for some intriguing developments in the show's story. "Abangan nila dahil magkakaroon ako ng complete transformation in my role as Ana. Dadalhin ako ng father ni Derrick, si Tito Ramon Christopher as Francis, sa America at iko-coach ako doon para maging educated, cultured and well-mannered. Pagbalik ko from the States, ibang Ana na ang makikita nila, sosyal at sophisticated na. Pero si Tita Ina Feleo as Odessa, desidido pa ring tuklasin kung ako 'yung batang kinidnap niya noong araw at pinalaking parang aso dahil gusto niya akong patayin."



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Luis welcomes Kim as new host of 'The Voice Kids'



MANILA - Luis Manzano welcomed actress Kim Chiu as his newest co-host in the third season of "The Voice Kids". Manzano said he is happy that Chiu "gets to explore another facet of this industry."

"Nasanay tayo kay Kim na nagdrama, nagro-romcom, sumasayaw. Ito, we get to see her as a host," he said.

"Kami naman ni Robi (Domingo, also a host on 'The Voice Kids'), we welcome everyone. We hope and pray na she'll enjoy her stint with us. At sana, mag-enjoy ang mga viewersers dahil si Kim, isa 'yan sa pinakamakulit na tao talaga sa industriya," he added.

When asked to react to the issue that some people are questioning Chiu's ability as a host of "The Voice Kids", Manzano said: "Ganoon naman talaga. Kahit hindi mag-host si Kim, may mangba-bash sa kanya. I guess it's part of being Kim Chiu."

"But the fact that she has bashers means she is very blessed. Her bashers can't enjoy what she gets to enjoy every day."

Manzano went on to say that he believes Chiu will be a great host of "The Voice Kids".

"Bubbly at makulit [si Kim]. Sabi ko nga, 'yung nakikita kay Kim sa isang romcom movie nila ay times two pa ang kulit niya... and that's something that the kids need to see. Kasi this is already a very big competition, a very prestigious competition, so the fact lang na nandito sila, I'm sure kinakabahan sila, pati ang mga parents nila.

"So 'yung personality ni Kim ay makakatulong sa mga bata, right before they step on stage," he ended.

The third season of "The Voice Kids" will premiere on ABS-CBN on May 28.

Kissing scene for Kathniel?

Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo admitted they can't wait to shoot their first film abroad. "Exciting siya. Parang yung staff nabuhayan kasi nag-ocular sila, galing sila Spain and makikita mo yung excitement sa lahat so excited kami mag-shooting and ang ganda kasi ng story and parang perfect lahat ng linagay na tao sa movie na ito kaya hopefully mag-ing smooth and maganda siya," Kathryn shared.

Working with director Olivia Lamasan for the first time (whom everyone in the industry lovingly refers to as "Inang") is

Denise’s last name made people mean to her

Denise reveals her ‘untold story’ of being an extra before

Matagal na sa showbiz si Denise Laurel. She will mark her 20th year sa showbiz industry on Sept. 30. Hindi pa raw kasama do’n ang kanyang theater years.

“I started theater 6 years old pa lang ako. Sa TV, 10 years old ako. Ang tagal ko na ‘di ba? At kahit anong nangyari sa career ko, I never gave up!” pagmamalaki ng singer-actress.

Paano ba siya tumagal ng ganu’n sa industriya na ang karamihan ay bigla na lang nawawala sa limelight?

“You know what, I keep my head down, stay humble, focus on what my directors wants of me. Focus on what I deliver.

“Kaya if you ask me tsismis, you ask me what’s going out in the world, dati hindi ko alam kasi batang set lang talaga ako. Kung anong nangyayari sa set, talagang binababad ko yung sarili ko do’n.

“Kahit pack-up na ako mag-i-stay pa ako. Mag-a-AD (assistant director) pa ako. Magpi-PA (production

assistant) ako. Gusto ko talagang matutunan lahat para masabi kong alam ko yung mga ginagawa ko,” kuwento pa niya.

Nagsimula rin daw siya bilang extra noon bago nakilala sa showbiz.

“I used to ride in tricycle, in jeep, bus and go by myself to tapings. Wake up extra early, ride with the service. I paid my dues.

“I started as an extra. I never ask for any connection or help with my family. People were mean to me when I was starting in the industry because I was a Laurel,” pagre-recall niya.

Ayon pa kay Denise, ngayon lang niya ikinuwento ang tungkol sa mga pinagdaanan niya in her 20 years sa showbiz.

“I never talked about it before but it was really hard to be in the industry because I looked the way I looked and I spoke the way I spoke and I had my last name.

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four—it’s good already,” Duterte said.

Duterte said he expected his former university professor, Jose Maria Sison, the founder of the CPP, to return from his exile in The Netherlands, to help end the longest-running communist insurgency in the region.

“He is welcome. I am happy with the statement that he is coming home,” Duterte said of Sison. “I would very much want to talk to him about resolving the insurgency.”

Meeting the press. President-in-waiting Rodrigo Duterte speaks to the media for the first time since he claimed victory in the May 9 presidential election at a restaurant in Davao City on Monday. Duterte declared his choices for Cabinet positions and vowed to reintroduce capital punishment. AFP

Sison, now 77, fled to Europe soon after peace talks with the administration of then President Corazon Aquino failed in 1987.

The communists armed wing, the New People’s Army, is believed to have fewer than 4,000 soldiers, down from a peak of 26,000 in the 1980s, according to the military, but retains support among the deeply poor in rural areas.

Communists killed three soldiers in the central Philippines on Saturday, according to the military, in the first outbreak of deadly violence between the two sides since Duterte’s election win.

Duterte is due to be sworn into office on

June 30.

President Benigno Aquino III revived peace talks soon after taking office in 2010 but shelved them in 2013, accusing the rebels of insincerity.

The talks bogged down after the communists demanded the release of scores of their jailed comrades whom they described as “political prisoners,” which the Aquino government rejected.

Duterte, who was Sison’s student at a Manila university in the 1960s, said he was open to releasing communist prisoners.

Duterte said government positions are open to communists as long as they are qualified for the job.

In the same press briefing, Duterte announced that lawyers Salvador Medialdea will be his executive secretary and Salvador Panelo as his press secretary.

Medialdea, a Davao-based lawyer who is part of Duterte’s five-man transition committee, filed Duterte’s last-minute Certificate of Candidacy last year.

Panelo, Duterte’s long-time confidante and known ally of former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, was the one who faced the media defending him over Senator Antonio Trillanes IV’s accusation of Duterte’s alleged ill-gotten wealth while Davao Mayor.

Panelo, a criminal lawyer, was spotted partying in Arroyo’s birthday celebration in her La Vista home in Quezon City, where the former president was seen without a neck brace.

In the same press briefing, Duterte said that he wanted to give the Defense post

Honey Shot



Markus goes to Brampton Centennial Secondary school. His favorite sport is football. Somedya, he wants to be a graphic designer. We wish him all the luck.

Markus Manago

to former Arroyo Defense chief Gilbert Teodoro, who is already in Davao City for talks.

Duterte also said he wanted former Agriculture secretary Carlos Dominguez to join his Cabinet as Finance secretary.

“Sonny Dominguez has many misgivings [about] my offer. I hope he would consider,” he said.

Duterte said he would also offer Foreign Affairs to his losing running mate, Senator Alan Peter Cayetano, if he chooses not to serve out his term as senator.

“If he doesn’t want it, Perfecto Yasay can take his place,” Duterte said, referring to the former chief of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Duterte also announced that his San Beda Law classmate Arthur Tugade would hold the Transportation and Communications portfolio while Lyceum of the Philippines University Batangas and Laguna Campuses president Peter P. Laurel will be the new Education secretary.

The Palace said they have yet to hear from Duterte’s transition team.

“We are prepared to meet and work with then. We are awaiting word on when they would like to meet,” said Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr.

Aquino’s transition committee met on Friday to ensure the smooth transition to the incoming administration.

In its first meeting, the Presidential Transition Committee focused on ensuring that the transition reports of all departments, agencies, bureaus, government-owned and -controlled corporations and other instrumentalities under the executive branch are submitted and consolidated by end-May, said Coloma.

This will give the incoming administration ample time to review these reports before assuming office, Coloma added. Duterte will be handing to the communist 4 government agencies with a combined budget of Php150 billion. Some senators has warned the presumptive president Duterte of power-sharing with the CPP-NPA-NDF.

MISS PHILIPPINES CANADA PRE-PAGEANT

Contestants from the PCCF pose after the pre-pageant at the Korean Cultural Centre.



Louise, two years after Alden:

Why are they still bashing me?



LOUISE de los Reyes takes a lot of beating from Gina Alajar, Isabelle de Leon and newcomer Liezel Lopez in her new soap, “Magkaibang Mundo.”

“Talagang ang daming pahirap na binigay sa akin ang show na ito,” she says. “Nalalagas na nga ang buhok dahil sa kasasabunot nila sa akin. Pero okay lang naman, part of the job.”

Gina jokes. “Naaawa nga ako kay Louise kasi very physical ang mga eksena namin at lagi ko siyang nasasaktan. Pero okay lang lahat sa kanya. Kahit feeling ko nasaktan ko siya, kapag tinanong ko, she’d say hindi po, okay lang po. Very professional talaga.”

She was the first leading lady of Alden Richards in “Alakdana”, “One True Love” and “Mundo Mo’y Akin”. Alden is such a big star now and has found a new partner in Maine Mendoza. She gets bashed by AIDub fans each time she’s linked anew to Alden. How does she feel about it?

“First of all, I’m happy for the success of Alden. Pero two years nang magka-hiwalay ang careers namin, so hindi ko alam why I’m still being bashed by his fans. Hindi ko na lang pinapansin kahit nasasaktan ako. Now that I’m given a new loveteam with Juancho, siguro naman ti-

tigilan na nila ako.”

ROB PROUD OF ‘GAY’ DAD: THE BEST FATHER

ROB Moya is one of the new stars being introduced by GMA7 in their show that started airing, “Juan Happy Love Story”, to replace “Because Of You”. He plays the best friend of Dennis Trillo who is shown to be getting married at the pilot telecast of the show. It’s at his wedding where Dennis, who is the best man, first meets Heart Evangelista who’s one of the bridesmaids. At the show’s presscon, Rob was introduced

as the son of former Seiko Films star in the 1990s, Jovit Moya.

When he was interviewed solo by the press, Rob was asked if the rumor that his dad is gay were true (actually, Jovit outed himself in a TV show 12 years ago, just before he migrated to the USA) and Robbie is honest enough to admit that yes, his dad personally admitted to him that he’s gay.

“He went to the States when I was only 12 years old and ten years kaming hindi nagkita,” he says. “When he returned, 22 na ako and that’s when he admitted to me that yes, he’s gay. Basta para sa akin, he’s the best father any kid can have kasi hindi niya kami pinabayaan ng mga kapatid ko.

Even when he went to live abroad, he remained to be a good provider. Nakapag-aral kami ng mga kapatid ko in good schools at lumaki kaming maayos. As long as he is the father na nagpakita ng pagmamahal sa amin, I couldn’t care less if he was gay or not. Ang alam ko lang, mahal ako ng tatay ko at siya pa ang nagdala sa’kin sa GMA-7, sinamahan niya ako para matupad ‘yung dream kong maging artista rin. I signed up with GMA Artist Center nitong November

2015 lang, pinag-workshop ako to prepare me as an actor at ngayon, heto, introducing na ako sa ‘Juan Happy Love Story’. I want to thank my dad for helping me make my dream come true.”

So how’s it working with Dennis and Heart in “Juan Happy Love Story”?

“Noong una, intimidated ako, kasi siyempre, malalaking artista na sila and I’m a newcomer. But they’re both very nice, accommodating. They never made me feel na ‘o, baguhan ka lang.’ And for that, I’m thankful. Talagang tinulungan nila ako at pati iba pang new stars being introduced in the show para magawa namin nang tama ang trabaho namin.”

MOTHER LILY EXPLAINS WHY SHE HAS MIS-GIVINGS ABOUT NEW MMFF RULES

MOTHER Lily Monteverde’s Regal Entertainment is shooting four films right now: “Our Mighty Yaya” with Ai Ai de las Alas and Megan Young, “The Escort” with Lovi Poe and Derek Ramsay, “That Thing Called Tanga Na” with Martin Escudero and Eric Quizon, and “I Love You to Death” with Kiray Celis and Enchong Dee. We ask her if she’d come up with an entry for the 2016 Metro Manila Film Festival in December.

“As of now, we have no plans,” she says. “I don’t like the new rules kasi. Parang they’re more partial to indie films. You have to submit the entire finished movie by September pa lang. Eh, paano kung ni-reject nila? That will be a kiss of death doon sa movies na hindi nila mapipili. Magiging stigma. Kailan pa mapapalabas ‘yung rejected movies? Siyempre, sasabihin ng mga tao, pangit ‘yan, kaya ni-reject. If you’re the producer, sayang naman ang ginastos mo. The Christmas playdate is really for big entertaining big movies with big stars kasi noon lang maraming pera ang mga tao and whole families watch with their kids. Kung puro indie films ang mapipili at ipalalabas diyan, kahit sabihin mo pang quality films, do you think they will be blockbusters? I have nothing against indie films. Ang dami kong ginawang ganyan noong araw, giving break to directors like Jeffrey Jeturian and Lav Diaz, pero during the holiday season, mas bagay talaga ipa-labas ang feel good holiday movies.”

GLADYS ADMITS PAST FAULTS

GLADYS Guevarra is the first member of the cast of GMA-7’s innovative new game show, “Laff Camera Action” that will replace “CelebriTV”. There was a time her career was flourishing as a mainstay in “Eat Bulaga” but she suddenly chose to leave the show and her career took a nosedive. Is she okay now?

“Oo naman,” she says.

“Mga four years nang straight ang takbo ng utak ko. Nag-mature na rin at di gaya ng dati na pag na-in love ako, naaapektuhan pati ang career ko. That time din kasi, parang na-burn out ako dahil sa dami ng ginagawa ko. Sobrang busy talaga dahil may TV, may movies, may live shows ako. Ang dating ko, nagluluka-lukahang ako, maldita, pero ang totoo, ngarag-ngarag na ako, di ko na kaya, so ako na lang muna ang kumalas.”

She used to be managed by Jun Nardo, who dropped her when she became problematic. “Sa ngayon, wala akong problemang. I’m on my own. Tapos ngayon, napasama ko rito sa ‘Laff Camera Action’, so sana magtuluy-tuloy.”

“Laff Camera Action” is a competition between two groups of three performers each who’ll be tasked to do improvisational comedy. The hosts are Betong Sumaya and Sheena Halili. The judges are Gladys, young comedian Sef Cadayona and veteran comedy writer-director Cesar Cosme. So how is it working with these people?

“Masaya, nag-click kami agad,” says Gladys. “Nag-taping na kami and nakakatawa ang show. Kami mismo, tawa nang tawa while doing it. I’m sure viewers will enjoy watching us.”

So does she have a new love life?

“Meron, non-showbiz. Magkasosyo kami sa negosyong car wash at marami na kaming branches hanggang sa mga probinsiya.”

Despite taking 4 gov’t agencies, communist rebels will still continue armed rebellion

MANILA, Philippines – The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) has declared that its revolutionary forces, the New People’s Army (NPA), will continue its armed rebellion despite accepting 4 government agencies from Duterte.

Duterte, in his first press conference Monday after his landslide victory in the May 9 elections, had offered the leadership of four departments to the CPP – Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

The armed struggle will push through while engaging the regime of incoming president Rodrigo Duterte in peace negotiations and possible alliance in order to advance the national and democratic aspirations of the Filipino people, the committee said.

“While open to cooperation and alliance, they must relentlessly criticize and oppose any and all anti-people and pro-imperialist policy and measure,” the statement said.

Candid SPOOF

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Warren D’Aoust interviews Toronto Mayor John Tory during the Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament.

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Philippine showbiz circles for her ethereal beauty.

But she has proven to be a versatile and hard-working actress, starring in dramas, comedies, horror stories, romances and television soap operas.

She has won numerous acting awards in her native country and acted for some of its most prestigious filmmakers.

Jaclyn spoke about her victory and how much this moment meant to her. “I am so thankful to Brillante Mendoza,” the

veteran actress said. “I did not [expect]. I just want to come here and be with my daughter and walk the red carpet.”

“I was just sitting there watching the stage how nice it... is and how come in the Philippines we can’t make this, just these simple things and then they call my name. So I got surprised. I’m so happy really, really,” Jaclyn added. “But of course I’m proud so proud of our film. We just don’t know how the people would react or will like our film but us, we know that we did our best and we know that we have a good film.”



Mel Galeon of FV Foods pose with the Raptors dancers at the 10th Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament.



PCCF MISS PHILIPPINES CANADA PRE-PAGEANT

1. Chiara Silo poses with her friends. 2. Dr. Solon Guzman, Senator Tobias Enverga and Dr. Arla Rondilla pose during intermission. 3. Shanaia Tabuac poses with Charms singing co-singers. 4. Lea Alinsod 5. Angel Tagadtad 6. Krista Bella 7. Jona Bernal prepares for her talent portion. 8. Chiara Silo 9. Arianna pantaleon and Katrina Rafael pose before the pageant. 10. Nathalie Ramos and Ansha Hipolito wait for their turn on stage.



Co-producer Belinda Reyes' family poses with Joey Albert and David Pomeranz in the memorable concert Timeless Classics.

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