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Reigning Queens. Bb. Pilipinas International Kylie Versoza and Miss Universe Philippines Maxine Medina

Maxine Medina is the new Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach

MANILA - Reigning Miss Universe Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach relinquished the Bb. Pilipinas- Universe crown to top model Maria Mika Maxine Medina at the Bb. Pilipinas 2016 Grand Coronation Night before a jam-packed crowd at the Smart Araneta Coliseum April 20.

A stunning beauty from Quezon City, Medina, a 25-year-old, 5-foot-7 interior designer and part-time model, was predicted to take the top title in this year's Bb. Pilipinas pageant, giving high hopes for a back-to-back Miss Universe crown. She had previously entered the competition in 2012 but backed out due to contract conflict issues.

But the real star of the night was Wurtzbach who took a break from her hectic duties as Miss Universe to be in the country and crown her succes-

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Miss Philippines Canada 2016

Miss Philippines Canada 2015 Nathalie Ramos (CENTER) poses with the PCCF candidates for this year.



Senator Tobias Enverga presents the certificate of Recognition for Zenaída Guzman to her son Dr. Solon Guzman. Zenaída is currently in the Philippines.

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KAPUSO STAR Tom Rodriguez to star at Pinoy Fiesta



GMA Pinoy TV will once again send a superstar to perform at Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show sa Toronto on June 18, 2016, one of the biggest annual indoor Filipino community events in Toronto.

Romy Rafael, the president of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF), is proud to announce the multi-talented and star of 'My Husband's Lover', TOM RODRIGUEZ, and another surprise Kapuso Star to be announced soon will star at the Pinoy Fiesta. RAIN OR SHINE, the show will go on for Tom at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Over Fifty thousand square feet of space will be filled

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The EVP of PCCF, Rosemer Enverga commented, "June 18 Pinoy Fiesta will feature continuous programming for all with Santa Cruzan, Ati-Atihan, Philippine Heritage Band, Culture Philippines of Ontario and the best of our local artists. The thousands upon thousands of festival goers at the Pinoy Fiesta will also witness the crowning of the prestigious pageanties Miss Philippines Canada, Miss Teen Philippines Canada, Little Miss Philippines Canada, Mrs. Philippines Canada and Little Mr. Philippines Canada." VPs, Gloria Rafanan and Mario Alpuerto, promised a day of complete family fun for all. All the officers, members and supporters of PCCF wish to invite everyone to HAVE FUN AND HELP AT THE SAME TIME!

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BIG PROGRESS FOR BEA

BEA Binene's journey from being a feral child to a more civilized human being in her role in GMA7's "Hanggang Makita Kang Muli" makes a big progress with the help of Ramon Christopher as Francis, the doctor dad of Derrick Monasterio as Calvin. Ramon takes Bea as Anna to his own home, but without his knowledge, his strict maid quickly maltreats Bea. Derrick is still gone on a camping trip with Kim Rodriguez as Claire, who succeeds in seducing him to be her boyfriend.

When Derrick returns home, he's surprised to see Ana at their place and he's happy to learn she is now more communicative. Derrick takes Bea out and it so happens that Bea strays to the shop owned by Ina Feleo as Odessa, her former captor. But they don't recognize each other. Raymart Santiago as Larry also sees Bea and quickly likes her, not knowing that she is actually his long lost daughter.

This Is How Long Sex Usually Lasts

We're not saying you've peeked through the blinds to see your neighbors doing the deed, but chances are you've wondered how your stamina stacks up against everyone else. So yes, we're basically asking: Are you the tortoise or the hare?

Due to the private nature of sex, it's a hard question to answer. Lucky for you, a group of scientists armed with condoms and calculators set out for scientific solution. They asked 500 heterosexual couples from five different countries to use a stopwatch to time sex, from insertion of the penis into the vagina to male orgasm, over a four-week period. (We realize this is a very specific, male-centric definition of sex that doesn't take into account women's orgasms or foreplay, but unfortunately it's the way this particular study was set up.)

The results? Researchers found sex lasts an average (technically median) of 5 minutes and 24 seconds. But don't sweat it if you're off the mark—findings ranged from 33 seconds to more than 44 minutes. This just goes to show that when it comes to sex, there really is no normal.

A few more interesting notes from the study: It appears that the time couples last in bed decreases as they get older, and the amount of time a guy takes to orgasm is not significantly affected by condom use or circumcision. So there you have it!

Wolf in Wolf’s clothing?

Rodrigo Duterte is either a master showman, imploding or a Chinese spy. He attracts people with his promises of upholding law and order, of being able to clean up society of warning criminals not to go out or they might have an accident. Then, he makes fun of an Australian social worker who was raped and murdered garnering condemnation from Australia and the United States. He then tells the two countries that if he wins, he will sever diplomatic ties with them. Add this to the fact that he said that he is willing to let go of the Philippines’ claim to the Spratlys and other areas in contention as long as China builds us roads and bridges to connect the whole country and one cannot help but think if he is doing it on purpose to sever ties with the west and turn the country communist. He is after all, also supporting the National People’s Army’s tax collection practice. China is only communist in government only. It’s economy is already capitalist. With Duterte’s style of governing, is he trying to lead the Philippines like a Chinese form of government? Is Duterte a wolf in wolf’s clothing?

Very desperate Move

When the ratings of presidential candidate  Rodrigo Duterte went to the top, rival Grace Poe made a very desperate bid to regain the top. While Duterte promised to bring back law and order in 3 to 6 months, Poe promised to do it in 1 month. Not even the masses fell for it. In fact, nobody even paid attention to it. She fell into one of the oldest trick in the book. Ironically, it was not believable. In Canada, the last elections the conservatives promise to let in 10,000 refugees. The Liberals promised 25,000 by the end of 2015. Nearly improbable considering that the election was held in September 2015 but not entirely impossible, they won. The people knew that the timeline will not be met but they knew that they will keep the promise to let them in. The Liberals won and managed to let in 25,000 by February 2016. In Poe’s case, she has no experience to back up her promise. Her previous job was the head of the movie censor bureau. As of this printing, Duterte is still leading, despite some preposterous declarations he is making.

Trying to lose?

However, Duterte is starting to become an

enigma. He did not file his candidacy to run for president. He was a substitute candidate for a follower who was hoping he would change his mind. He did and that is why Duterte is running. Now, he is telling the U.S. and Australia that he will sever diplomatic ties with them if he becomes president. He is also willing to let go of the Philippines’ claim to the West Philippine Sea. One wonders, if he is imploding on purpose to lose or what?



Economists’ Choice

If taking care of the economy is the topic, economists prefer Poe or Mar Roxas to steer the country. Unfortunately, in the Philippines, the economy takes a backseat during elections. It’s who can connect to the masses that wins the presidency. And right now, it is Duterte who is the favourite with his promise to uphold law and order. It seems, law and order has taken a backseat under Aquino’s regime. The international airport is a joke. The prison system is a haven for criminals. Kidnapping and massacre seems to be happening with regularity and the president does not seem to care. That is why Duterte’s message resonates.

Does PH have among the most underweight people?



MANILA - The Philippines is among the top 10 countries in the world that have the largest number of underweight men and women, according to a recent report published in the peer-reviewed medical magazine The Lancet. The report showed that the number of underweight men and women nearly doubled since 1975. As of 2014, the Philippines ranked 9th for having 3.6 million underweight men, and ranked 8th with 4.4 million underweight women. In 1975, the Philippines ranked 11th in both genders with 1.9 million underweight men and 2.5 million underweight women. Topping the list of the country with the most underweight population is India with 101.8 million underweight men and 100.5 million underweight women. In terms of prevalence, or rate of underweight population, the Philippines is at 14.3 percent for women, or 16th in the world. For men, it is 12.3 percent, which is the 40th globally. Meanwhile, countries with the highest level of obesity for men are China (1st), United States (2nd), and Brazil (3rd). For women, it is China (1st), US (2nd), and India (3rd). The study took data from 186 countries. It highlighted the rise of underweight persons from 330 million in 1975 to 462 million in 2014. Likewise, that report also showed that global population of obese people has also risen from 105 million in 1975 to 641 million in 2014. The study used standardized methods to measure body-mass index (BMI). Its lead author is Professor Majid Ezzati of the School of Public Health at the Imperial College London. “Over the past four decades, we have transitioned from a world in which underweight prevalence was more than double that of obesity, to one in which more people are obese than underweight.... If post-2000 trends continue, not only will the world not meet the global target for halting the increase in obesity, but also severe obesity will surpass underweight in women by 2025,” the report stated.

Lea Salonga comments on lack of theater etiquette

Broadway star Lea Salonga has taken to social media to chastise some theatergoers who watched the local staging of “Les Misérables.” She related on Twitter how her friends heard people talking while the show was ongoing. “I guess some that could buy premium seats couldn’t afford class,” she said. She reminded patrons the theater is not a “karaoke bar.” “This isn’t only about respecting the cast working hard on stage, but also respecting your fellow audience members and yourself. Try not to sing along. The rest of the audience paid to hear THE CAST sing. Not you,” she said. The singer also took a swipe at some members of the audience who have been using their phones inside the theater. “So, how does one teach a theater audience to turn off their phones, not sing along with the cast and not give loud commentary? Stay home. No one likes a rude audience,” she said.



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Ed Tubale

Those who insist that Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza do a teleserye will be disappointed. It turns out that reports that they're doing a local adaptation of a popular Korean novel, 'My Love from the Star' are premature. A reliable source tells us this is simply not true.

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So there. You can now stop speculations that they're doing a new soap on primetime.

Shanaia is a born performer. She sings, she dances. That is why she is a member of JDL's Candy Crush, the all-female singing group. Beautiful and gifted with a winsome smile, she is also a beauty pageant contestant at this year's Miss Philippines Canada of PCCF. We wish her all the luck.

Shanaia Tabuac

We hear it all the time: Don't judge a book by its cover. But, in some cases, clothes can influence self-esteem levels and help determine the impression we make on others . And whether it comes from a great first date or a snazzy suit, self-confidence never goes out of style!

Clothes can have a big impact on how a person feels. (Lady Gaga must have some serious mood swings!). Some research justifies an occasional shopping spree, since a new article of clothing can gear up a person's mood. And feeling blue? A bright red shirt may be the way to go. The color red can increase self-confidence; people wearing red clothing may also be more likely to win physical contests (and to join certain political parties) .

Appearance can also play a part in first impressions, especially in professional settings. (No flip flops on the job interview!) One study suggests patients feel more comfortable when doctors wear a semi-formal outfit than when they wear jeans. But when health care workers are dressed too formally, their clients may perceive them as unapproachable.

America's Next Top Model judges aside, research suggests women may value clothing and appearance more than men do . Women are generally more likely to remember each other's attire, possibly because they pay more attention to people's personal characteristics. Women may also be particularly sensitive to how they look: Poor body image can make many women dread a trip to the dressing room . Furthermore, when young women are insecure about their appearance, wearing tight or revealing clothes can cause their self-esteem to come apart at the seams .

Guy or gal, you never know when there might be someone worth impressing at the bar, at the gym, or in the next cubicle over. So consider polishing up that look—most importantly to impress yourself!

The way we dress can boost (or hurt) self-esteem and send different messages about trustworthiness. And, as Mark Twain said, naked people have little or no influence on society.

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Germany prefers Pinoy nurses

Recruiter says it is difficult to fill jobs

MANILA - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said Filipino nurses are still in demand overseas.

DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said Germany alone would need 200,000 nurses until 2020.

She said German officials “have expressed preference to hire Filipino nurses.”

During DOLE’s meeting with officials from Germany, the two governments discussed the status of the Triple Win Project under the Philippines-Germany government-to-government hiring agreement as well as the decision of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Governing Board to expand the project to include participation of private recruitment agencies. “I have been informed about the World Health Organization’s and International Labor Organization’s joint Human Resource Development Technical Cooperation Program which the Philippines could tap for possible specialized training on geriatric care because we don’t have this in the Philippines due to the absence of nursing homes,” Baldoz said.

Baldoz said that under the agreement, Germany has so far accepted 222 Filipino nurses.

NOT EASY

Recruitment and migration expert Emmanuel Geslani said the Philippines won’t be able to fill in the 200,000 job openings for nurses in Germany.

“No. If you’re looking at 2020, that is only four years from now. Personally, as a recruitment consultant in the business for 35 years, we do not foresee this number to be growing, not even by the number of 10,000 by that time,” he said.

Geslani, however, stressed that not only do Filipino nurses lack training on geriatric care, they also lack actual clinical care in general.

Another problem is the difficulty of learning German language, which is also a key requirement for jobseekers there.

“If we go by the number of deployed nurses to Germany since two years ago, ang nade-deploy pa lang natin is less than 300...because of the difficulty in learning and speaking and writing yung German language,” he said.

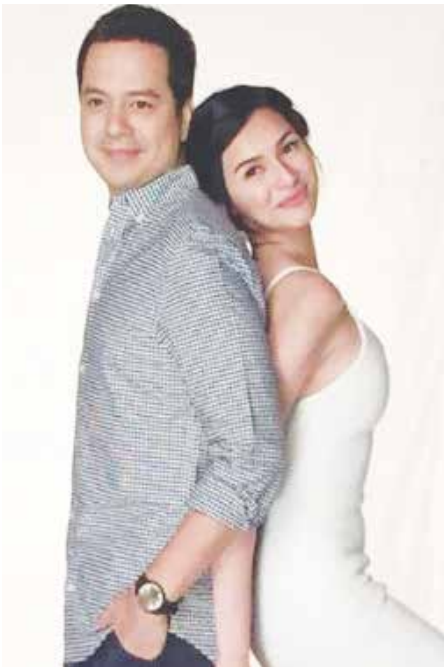
Of the 222 Filipino nurses accepted by Germany, only 128 have been deployed so far, as the rest are still completing their preparatory German language training in the Philippines.

World behind PH on sea row

MANILA - There is no backing out for the Philippine government from a petition for arbitration that it filed before a United Nations body to settle a maritime dispute with China, especially since more powerful countries are backing Manila’s stand.

Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. noted that the outpouring of international support for the Philippines’ position on the dispute with China over maritime territories in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) further emboldens the government to pursue its claims through the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (Itlos) in The Hague, The Netherlands.

“It is very clear that it is not only the Philippines that believes that the filing of the petition before the Court of Arbitration is justified... Many countries are supporting our stand on the issue,” Coloma said.



John Lloyd Cruz and Jennylyn Mercado

John Lloyd confirms split with Angelica

MANILA - For the past few months, Kapamilya actor John Lloyd Cruz had been evasive about reports regarding his split with actress Angelica Panganiban.

The 32-year-old Cruz finally broke his silence and confirmed that his relationship with Panganiban has come to an end.

“Single na single,” he said when asked to set the record straight about the current status of his love life. “Wala naman pong nagbabago.”

Talent manager Ogie Diaz, citing sources close to the two, earlier said in January that the couple decided to part ways. However, he added that Cruz and Panganiban remain friends.

Before, neither Cruz nor Panganiban opened up about the report. During that time, Cruz was also romantically linked to “A Second Chance” co-star Bea Alonzo, whom he denied having a relationship with.

“Kayo ang unang makakaalam,” Cruz told reporters when prodded to address reports about him and Alonzo. “Atsaka pag ganun hindi naman dapat iyon nililihim o tinatago.”

“Life is too short. You have to make every moment count. Sa edad kong to magtatago pa ba? Sila ‘JaDine’ nga umaamin, tayo pa ba? Nakakahiya naman kung magde-deny pa tayo,” he added.

Last February, several reports claimed to have spotted Cruz and Alonzo, who also broke up with boyfriend Zanjoe Marudo last December, at a resort in Balesin, Quezon.

Cruz has since insisted that he and Alonzo are not a couple. He also said that he does not talk about the rumors with the actress.

“We don’t feel the need to talk about it...Kasi doon sa mga taong involved doon sa issue, alam nila naman kung ano ang totoo, and madalas sapat na sa amin iyong alam namin ang totoo,” he explained.

Meanwhile, Cruz, in the same interview, also talked about working with actress Jennylyn Mercado for the upcoming Star Cinema film, “Just The 3 of Us.”

“[She’s] very professional, very dedicated, wala akong masabi. Like all the women na nakatrabaho ko in the past, I think importante si Jennylyn Mercado sa industriya natin. Masaya lang ako na nakatrabaho ko siya,” he said.

Cruz also hopes that their film will open more doors about possible collaborations between artists from different networks. Mercado is one of the artists of GMA-7.

“Maliit lang itong mundo natin eh. Dapat ma-break ang barriers, dapat mas bumuka pa,” he added.

FilCan Catholic Parents Elect 2016-2017 Officers, Paulina Corpuz is New President

By : Tony A. San Juan, OCT

The Filipino Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education (FCPACE), during its general meeting on March 31, 2016 elected a new slate of 23 officers and directors for the 2016-2017 term. FCPACE is composed of Filipino parents and guardians of children who are studying and / or have studied at Catholic secondary and elementary schools in Toronto, Ontario.

Among those chosen for a 2- year term are : President- Paulina Corpuz, Executive Vice President - Manuel M. Ching, Vice President- Joseph Redoblado, Secretary - Ruth Oliveros, Asst. Secretary - Jerrilyn Garcia , Treasurer- Marla Tanuan, Asst. Treasurer-Christine Manrique , Auditor- Michele Serrano, Business Manager - Maria Guiao , Public Relations Officer - Ronnie Dela Gana and Directors : Joey Abrenilla, Myrna Alforte, Nilo Ang, Rose Apilado, Therese Baduria, Randy Bucao, Cielito Drapeza, Francisco Galema, Perly Laganas, Manny Lim, Joel Pine , Jun Saludaes and Tony A. San Juan.

Formed in November 2013, FCPACE is a not-for-profit, volunteer run organization with a vision and mandate to “lead and have a unified voice representing and advocating Catholic Education for responsible and continued formation and preservation of authentic Catholic Faith among students, parents, families and communities within the Catholic education system and Canadian society in General” . Its Christ-centred motto is : Faith (Paniniwala), Family (Pamilya) and Formation(Pagkakasatuparan).

One of its upcoming major events is the holding of the Second Annual Conference of Catholic Parents, Students and Teachers on May 14, 2016, Saturday at the Catholic Education Centre, TCDSB, 80 Sheppard Avenue, North York Toronto. The free whole day event will have as its 2016 theme : “Enhancing Parent Engagement and Community Involvement” with 4 major topics in group sessions. The parent- led discussions aim to determine and recommend effective practices and procedures for parents in helping students achieve school success and well- being . In 2014, FCPACE was able to work successfully towards the formation of a pivotal Filipino Advisory Committee (F.A.C.) in the Toronto Catholic District School Board- TCDSB. FAC is now officially serving as an advisory body on matters impacting Filipino students and parents in the school system. Also in 2015, the Association conducted productively its first parent- centred conference on “Meeting the Challenges of Filipino Catholic Parents and Students” with a focus on determining issues and concerns affecting student performance and academic success. (T. San Juan).

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By Romeo Ayson Zetazate

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In addition, they can also contact Pearlle Baguisa Alilio, Anna Eusebio, Ferdie Baguisa, Aloha Gregorio, and among others for any inquiry. (St. Jamestown News Service, Romeo Ayson Zetazate)

PH more prone to
cyber attacks

MANILA - The Philippines is twice more prone to advanced cyber attacks than other countries, according to research done by a cyber security firm.

FireEye Inc., a company that develops cyber security platforms, said that about 30 percent of organizations surveyed in the Philippines were targeted with advanced cyber attacks in the second half of last year. The figure is double the worldwide average of exposure to advanced cyber attacks, which is 15 percent.

FireEye disclosed that three groups of computer hackers or advanced persistent threat (APT) are targeting local organizations.

“The Philippines’ cyber security gap is an urgent economic and national security concern.

Organizations here are frequently targeted by advanced attackers. As geopolitical tensions drive rapid militarization in the West Philippine Sea [South China Sea], it is important [that] we acknowledge the first shots in any conflict will be fired in cyberspace,” Eric Hoh, FireEye’s president for Asia Pacific, said on Tuesday.

“In this new era, nations with weak cyber defenses can expect their infrastructure, services and defensive capabilities to be significantly eroded in armed conflict,” he added.

Among those targeted by hackers are the government, business services (including outsource service providers), gaming and hospitality sector, aerospace, defense and shipbuilding business.

“When organizations fall victim to advanced cyber attacks, there can be many negative side effects, including

disrupted operations, financial losses, reputational damage and lawsuits,” said Marshall Heilman, vice president and executive director of the Incident Response and Red Team Operations at FireEye.

“In order to build a stronger security posture, it’s critical that organizations not only put technology in place to detect and respond to these attacks, but that they also bring together expertise and strong threat intelligence,” he added.

In the second semester of 2015, the sectors in Asia Pacific that were mostly exposed to APT attacks were federal governments; entertainment, media and hospitality sectors; manufacturing, energy and utilities; local governments; and services or consulting and financial services.

In April last year, FireEye uncovered a decade-long state-sponsored cyber espionage campaign by a China-based group. The operation targeted governments, businesses and journalists. FireEye’s analysis of the group’s malware yielded clues that the group targeted the Philippines.

In November last year, Singtel Group Enterprise Chief Executive Officer Bill Chang said the banking sector is the most targeted by hackers in the Philippines, given the high financial gain and the inability of some banks to invest in cyber security.

The latest victim of cyber criminals was the Bangladesh Bank, which was robbed of \$81 million. The money was transferred to the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

Arci on relationship with
Brunei prince’s son:
‘We’re very happy’

MANILA - “We’re very happy.”

These were the words of actress Arci Muñoz when asked about her three-year relationship with local rock artist Badi del Rosario, the son of Brunei’s Prince Jefri Bolkiah.



In an interview with ABS-CBN News’ Mario Dumaua, the 28-year-old Muñoz added that Del Rosario, also the frontman of local rock band Mr. Bones and the Boneyard Circus, has been very supportive of her blossoming showbiz career.

“I’m just thankful na he’s very understanding kasi alam mo naman, lalo na ‘pag ‘yung partner mo hindi naman siya from showbiz, hindi niya naiintindihan usually. Pero siya, ‘pag ine-explain ko ay naiintindihan naman niya,” said Muñoz. Muñoz, the vocalist of local band Philia, also reiterated that she had nothing to do with the split of “Pasion de Amor” co-star Jake Cuenca and his girlfriend, model Sara Grace Kelley.

“I’ve met Sara. Nagkakausap kami at nili-like pa nga niya iyong mga photos namin ni Jake sa Instagram. For sure, wala akong kinalaman doon,” explained Muñoz.

Meanwhile, Muñoz, who recently starred in the hit Star Cinema film opposite actor Gerald Anderson, “Always Be My Maybe,” teased a couple of upcoming projects.

“Mayroon kaming gagawin na bagong soap ang bagong movie very soon. Pero hindi pa namin nadi-discuss yung mga details. Pero I think we’re going start na very soon,” she revealed.



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Clear campaign message brought Duterte to the top

Poe has been vague in her promises

MANILA - A political analyst believes Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte is now leading the presidential race, largely due to his clear and consistent campaign chant: change.

Political science professor Dennis Coronacion said Duterte’s promises on solving peace and order problems and the formation of a federal government appeal to voters, many of whom are clamoring for change.

Duterte has claimed a solo lead in the March 30 to April 2 Social Weather Station survey and the March 29 to April 3 Pulse Asia survey commissioned by ABS-CBN.

“I think it’s going to be about change. If we’re going to take into account what’s happening to the Duterte campaign, people are clamoring for change and a certain candidate, and that’s Duterte, fits well what people are looking for,” he said.

Coronacion said voters understand Duterte’s simple campaign message, which also shows a “strong and decisive government.”

“I think people are beginning to understand the message of Duterte, the leading candidate in the surveys, I think we are beginning to see that more and more Filipinos are yearning for a different leader,” he said.

“People are clamoring for a kind of leader who can decide quickly and that’s the kind of leadership that Duterte is offering,” he added.

This, contrary to what he said as a “soft government” portrayed by Senator Grace Poe, who in the latest surveys placed second.

“Maybe it’s because of the strength of the message conveyed by Duterte, it resonates with people, the people understand his message very well unlike Grace Poe, although she did well in the presidential debates, but the image that she created so far she’s a soft candidate,” he said.

He said Poe needs to sharpen her messaging of what “gobyernong may puso [government with a heart]” means, clearly stating her plans in resolving the pressing issues the administration is facing.

“What she can do is to probably take a look at her campaign strategy, she should come up with a clear message as to the content of her campaign, short of saying ‘don’t be vague,’ ‘try to clear up what you’re trying to tell the voters,’” Coronacion said.

“Kasi si Duterte he has been clear, ‘In three to six year-time I can solve the problem of crime, perhaps in two years or a year’s time I can solve the traffic situation,’ so he’s been very clear and he even said part of his peace and order solution is federalism, Grace Poe has no such kind of message so at this point she’s still vague,” he added.

Feng Shui to solve NAIA-3 Problems?

Has it come down to this?

In the wake of the five-hour blackout at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 (NAIA-3), some airport officials are rumored to be exploring supernatural means to get rid of the place’s so-called bad luck.

“Some airport officials attribute the series of mishaps at NAIA-3 — such as a collapsed ceiling, one death, and a couple of suicide attempts — to the fact that in 2006 a security guard died inside the premises of NAIA-3 after he was thrown off a motorcycle,” reports Rudy Santos in The Philippine Star.

Moreover, the report noted that “other superstitious airport officials also pointed out that when NAIA-3 was constructed, a whole community and a chapel across the street were demolished and the ‘desecration’ now needs to be rectified.”

It also worth noting, though, that “a new and bigger church had already been built on the site of the previous one.”

As such, the report indicated, “an airport official, who refused to be identified, claimed that he had recommended to NAIA-3 manager Octavio Lina to consult a feng shui expert.” The official added that “Lina said he might suggest the idea to Honrado for approval.”

The official said that the feng shui expert and other local shamans “could identify what could be wrong with the building’s design and even conduct rituals to exorcise the terminal of evil spirits.”



Dennis Trillo and Jennylyn Mercado

Dennis on Jennylyn: Masaya kami pareho

It seems cat has got Dennis Trillo’s tongue whenever talk centers on his relationship with actress Jennylyn Mercado.

The subject was brought up in an interview tendered for his and Heart Evangelista’s upcoming Kapuso series “Juan Happy Love Story.” The press was gearing to zoom in for the kill, so to speak, by casually mentioning how nice it is seeing a recent post of them (Dennis and Jennylyn) together on vacation.

But the handsome actor politely shot down any further discussion on the matter, saying, “Ang masasabi ko lang masaya kami pareho... sa mga nangyayari sa buhay personal namin at sa trabaho. Mas gusto namin ‘yung tahimik, ayaw namin ng masyadong pinaguusapan. Hinihiwalay namin ‘yung mga trabaho sa personal lives namin.” So there.

Whether it’s with Jennylyn or another girl, Dennis said he will definitely settle down with the right woman in time as “hindi rin naman ako magiging masaya kapag nanatili akong single.” However, the 34-year-old is not putting a deadline on it.

“Sacred (ang kasal), hindi minamadali,” he said. “Kapag nagdecide ka na ng ganu’n, there is no turning back so dapat desidido na ako talaga kapag gusto ko ng gawin ‘yun.”

Dennis added: “Ayokong i-istress ‘yung sarili ko kung kelan ako ikakasal. Pero naniniwala kasi ako na kapag naramdaman mo na ‘yun, ‘di mo na kailangang isipin kung kelan, parang bugso ‘yun eh.”

Does he and Jennylyn talk about marriage, we asked.

“Hindi pa namin pinaguusapan ang kasal,” he noted. “Close na ang mga anak namin, okay lahat. (Pero) ayoko lang madalilin kasi mas maganda kapag ‘yung natural na proseso ang mangyari.”

‘Chick boy’

“Juan Happy Love Story” is rom-com peppered with sexy and naughty. It will be aired on primetime albeit a bit late at night. The press was shown a snippet of the show and all agreed it’s something the two haven’t done before, especially Heart who has a “Dominatrix” fantasy sequence.

“Hindi ‘to ganu’n kaseryoso, puro fantasies lang, hindi stressful panoorin,” Dennis said. “Medyo weird lang sa umpisa pero lahat naman ng ginagawa natin, trabaho lang, sumusunod lang tayo sa script.”

Asked if he feels awkward doing such scenes with Heart knowing that she could further level up in status if her husband wins as vice president in next month’s elections, Dennis simply said, “At the end of the day mga artista kami (ni Heart). It’s just work.”

In a separate interview, Heart said she appreciates it that Dennis is “protective” and “respectful” of her whenever they shoot “naughty” scenes. On “Juan Happy Love Story,” Dennis plays a promiscuous playboy, something he isn’t in real life. “Good boy naman ako,” he said.

So how did he prepare for this “chick boy” role?

“Sa buong career ko, sa lahat ng roles na ginawa ko, lagi kong ginagawa ang mag-research,” he said. “Matindi ang research ko dito. Actually, marami akong mga kaibigan na pinagtanungan tungkol sa mga experiences nila...”

The actor said the series is must-watch as it imparts realizations about romantic relationships.

He said, “‘Yung mga chick boy, iba’t-iba ‘yung mga characteristic niyan eh. As nagmamature ang isang tao, nag-iiba ang mga priorities niya sa buhay. Lumalawak na ‘yung pagtingin niya sa buhay at nakakalimutan na niya ‘yung mga bagay na hindi naman masyadong kailangan.”

Roxas vows prosperous PH by 2022

DAGUPAN CITY: Liberal Party (LP) standard bearer Manuel “Mar” Roxas 2nd vowed prosperity for Filipinos by the end of his term if he is elected President this May.

Roxas has promised to address unemployment across all sectors, as well as permanent aid for fishermen, making a reference to those harassed by Chinese poachers in coastal waters within what the Philippines considers its Exclusive Economic Zone in the



West.

“By 2022, we will have 10 million more jobs in factories, call centers, construction due to tourism [investments]. Ang krimen malulutas sa batas, hindi dahas (Crimes will be solved in accordance with the law, not violence),” Roxas said during the final presidential debate here, clearly taking a dig at Duterte’s promise of eradicating crimes in the country within six months.

SAMAL KIDNAPPING

AFP vows no let up in ops vs. Abu Sayyaf as ransom deadline nears

The Armed Forces of the Philippines has made adjustments in its operations against the Abu Sayyaf Group, which continues to hold four kidnap victims for ransom following their abduction from a Samal Island resort in late 2015. The military made the announcement on the eve of the bandit group’s deadline for the payment f \$21 million for the release of the four hostages. The deadline is on Friday, April 8.

Col. Noel Detoyato, chief of the AFP Public Information Office, said the military was not considering the deadline as it continues its operations against the ASG.

“Nagkaroon ng adjustments dun ng division commanders, na personally sila na ang nago-oversee ng operations ngayon,” Detoyato said.

“[As to the] operational details, I am not at liberty to divulge them because of force protection, but rest assured our troops are operating. There is no let up in operations,” he added.

The AFP said it would hold the ASG responsible for any harm that would befall the three foreigners and a Filipina the bandits have kept in captivity since September 21, 2015.

In November 2015, the ASG demanded \$21 million or P1 billion for each victim.

PHL must include casinos in dirty money law to ‘close loopholes’ – World Bank

The Philippines must make sure casinos are covered by anti-money laundering legislation, the World Bank said on Monday, joining calls for the government to better regulate its gambling industry after stolen millions from Bangladesh found their way to Manila.

A Philippine panel is trying to fathom how \$81 million hacked in February from the New York Federal Reserve account of Bangladesh’s central bank wound up with two casinos and a junket operator in the Philippines in one of the biggest cyber heists in history.

The government has since recovered part of the stolen money.

“Reforms should be made, for instance, in making sure that casinos are included (in the anti-money laundering law),” World Bank lead economist Rogier van den Brink told reporters in Manila. “... Loopholes must be closed.”

The enactment of the anti-money laundering law in 2001 was a good start, van den Brink said, but the Philippines must “keep reforming it so that you are sure these untoward effects will not materialize.”

In February 2013, the Philippines was up against a deadline to amend its Anti-Money Laundering Act and get itself off the “grey list” of a global watchdog, and lawmakers were arguing over whether to include casinos under the legislation. They decided not to.

World Bank senior country economist Karl Kendrick Chua also reiterated the bank’s recommendation to ease the Philippines’ bank secrecy laws to help combat money laundering and identify tax evaders.

Jadine in love: Sweeter and sweeter

Some people think it may be harder for James Reid and Nadine Lustre to separate their professional and personal lives now that they have admitted to being in a relationship, but the young stars don't have a problem with it, happily sharing with fans some things about their romance.

The two are working on the summer film "This Time," and James shared they continue to discover new things about each other as days go by.

"We were close even before but now we know how to actually read each other in the sense that she knows when to leave me alone and I know when she is upset or not in the mood," he said in an interview a day before they left for abroad to fulfil several commitments across different countries.

What he loves most about Nadine is her seeming independence, noting she drives herself to work and doesn't even have a personal assistant.

"I find it attractive that she could carry all her things to the set..."

For her part, Nadine shared, "What I love about him is may makulit siya na side na not everyone knows."

She is more eager to wake up each day knowing she will be with James the whole time.

"Masaya naman ako about it kahit dati pa, pero mas masaya lang ngayon," she said. "Mas kumpleto ang araw ko dahil na rin sa kanya."

James feels the same. "I look forward to going to work because I know she's there. I feel sad when we have different work schedules," he said.

Still, the two sees no problem if they work on separate projects in the future.

"We know naman na it will happen. We have to grow din naman, and we already talked about it naman," Nadine said.

By this time, JaDine has embarked on trips to Paris, London, Dubai, and Milan for the "JaDine In Love" concert tour. The tour is until March 31 but they will still be away next month to shoot scenes for their movie. In May, they will kick off their world tour in Canada and the US.

Together forever

While many love team-turned-lovers break up after they stop working together, James believes their relationship is for keeps.

"I didn't tell her I love her for the convenience of other people. It's how I feel about her. Like what I said, it was not for promo. So no matter what happens to our career, I will still feel the same for her," he said.

Asked when he started falling for her, James said, "I knew that I like her even before but not that much. I denied the feeling for a long time and then it just came out

when I got back from Australia during the holidays, and then we went to San Francisco to shoot 'On The Wings Of Love (OT-WOL)'... became real to me."

Nadine can't remember the exact date she got stars in her eyes over James but it was sometime November last year.

"Ako nakasi hindi nag-a-assume," said. "Pero after mag-away nu'ng ng 'Wang Fam,' as kagalit kami, everyhas been different."

Recall that around the time, the two made the news after a showing them seem-arguing over a dress waves on social media. Nonetheless, they have settled whatever it was by the time the screening of "Wang Fam" finished.

Nadine initially didn't the relationship made but seeing how their so happy for them, she it is a blessing to be

"We talked about want it to be private pinag-u-usapan ang Pero nu'ng umamin parang it's good kasi we don't have to it," she said.

James revealed Nadine is not good at lying, not even white lies. "During interviews, when you guys are asking us if we are together, she's just obvious," he said, laughing, adding, "So, I said 'Let's just admit it.'"

That night, that song

Fans of James and Nadine went abuzz on March 13 after catching via social media, a glimpse of the couple's romantic date. It was two days after they marked their first



month as a real-life couple. James and Nadine officially became a couple last Feb. 11.

In a series of posts on Instagram, the actor revealed they had dinner at Antonio's Garden in Tagaytay.

On Instagram, James shared "We Found Forever," a song he wrote for Nadine as gift for their first monthsary.

He expressed his love for Nadine in lines that went, "I'm thinking 'bout you now, trying to describe how love has (affected) me. I gave up and you made me see. You give me peace."

"When you are in love, the idea is like you can be forever," he said.

Sacrifices

James and Nadine shared what they sacrificed in life before enjoying fame.

He said he left life in Australia to be with his father who is based here in the country. He also sacrificed his privacy to be able to connect with his fans.

"It turns out to be a good thing. I'm here now and I think all the things have paid off," he said.

While she enjoys life as actress, Nadine shared she somewhat regrets not having more time for her family.

"Gusto ko 'yung ginagawa ko kaya lang almost every day, I was not able to see my family. Pero I always tell them na it is for them naman..."

Summer film

James' and Nadine's roles in "This Time" are different from their past outings.

This is the couple's fifth film together following "Beauty And The Bestie," "Para Sa Hopeless Romantic," "Talk Back And You're Dead," and "Diary Ng Panget."

"It's a different kind of love because it is not just about us. There's the relationship of her parents, a grandson relationship," James said.

Directed by Nuel C. Naval, "This Time" is about two childhood friends who meet every summer. The title was derived from Freestyle's song of the same name.

"And then one summer, I didn't return. I stayed overseas and that tested the relationship," he said of the story.

James hopes to have more projects with Nadine because it allows them to give back to loyal fans. "We are doing this for everyone, especially the JaDines," he said. (With report from Jojo P. Panaligan)

**Jadine Concert
High on Love
Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 7 PM
Meeting House Theatre, 2700
Bristol Circle, Oakville, ON**

Kalaayan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) Inducts Its New Officers

The Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) recently held its induction at the KCCC building in Mississauga to officially start the two-year term of their Executive Board and Directors. Consul Bolivar Bao did the honours of swearing in the following individuals:

President: Resty del Rosario
Executive Vice President: Gerry Rulloda
Vice President – Programs: Mayette Balbastro

Secretary: Judy Montenegro
Treasurer: Rene Samonte
Auditor: Delfin Palileo

Press Relations Officers: Dr. Solon Guzman and Karen Pascual-Binaday
Directors: Madoline Baluca, Chat Bautista, Lydia Bernardino, Luis Carbonell, Edgar Frondoza, Charity Roda Lim, Rodel Meier, Iluminada Montada, Dr. Romy Sinajon, Nico Montenegro, and Reynaldo



Tamayo.

The evening included performances by the world-renowned Culture Philippines of Ontario and Josie de Leon from the JDL School of Performing Arts. The evening was a time for celebration, comradery and appreciation for how far the Centre has gone over the years.

The new Officers and Directors now turn their focus on the events planned by the

Centre to continue its commitment to service the Filipino community and honour its vision of being a focal point for the celebration of Philippine culture and history.

KCCC plays host to a number of regular events such as bingo, rondalla, line dancing, Zumba, hot hula classes, social foxtrot, Argentine tango and more. It also holds bi-monthly dinner dances to raise funds for the Centre. The next such event will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016. Tickets are only \$25.

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, KCCC will be having a Health and Medical Seminar from 2 – 5 pm. There are two topics of discussions for the day. The first is "Addressing Breast Cancer in the Filipino Community" which will be presented by Dr. Jory Simpson MS, Med, FRCSC. Dr. Simpson is a Breast Surgical Oncologist, General Surgeon and Assistant Medical Director at the CIBC Breast Centre at St. Michael's Hospital. The second topic is "Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness" which will be presented by Dr. Maselle Gaerlan Viery, BSc, MC DPsych DABDA FRCPC.

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, the annual KCCC Bowl-a-Thon will be held at Planet Bowl located at 5555 Eglinton Avenue

West. Registrations begins at 9 am and bowling starts at 10 am sharp. The fee is \$25 or more in pledges per person and includes lunch served at the Centre beginning at 12 noon.

Other events for the year include:

- June 10, 2016 - Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO) Independence Day Gala
- June 12, 2016 – KFCO Independence Day Picnic
- July 8, 2016 – Bi-monthly Dinner and Dance
- July 30 – 31, 2016 – Fiesta ng Kalayaan at Celebration Square
- August 20, 2016 – KCCC's Annual Golf Tournament
- September 25, 2016 – KCCC Walk-a-Thon
- October 29, 2016 – Halloween Dinner and Dance
- December 31, 2016 – New Year's Eve Ball

For information on KCCC and any of the events scheduled there, please check their webpage at www.kalayaancentre.ca, their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kalayaan or you can call (905) 602-0923 or email at info@kalayaancentre.ca.

Pinoy nurse-turned designer stages US shows

HOLLYWOOD - Filipino designer Michael Sta. Maria recently held his first-ever fashion show in America. The Filipino designer, who specializes in evening, bridal and luxe wear in the Philippines, said it was an impossible dream come true for him for so many reasons.

He survived a near-fatal accident two years ago and doctors told him then that he would never walk again. "I was actually bedridden for one year and five months. Last year, [noong] April lang po ako nakalakad ulit. Actually, yun po ang naging inspiration ko for my fall-winter collection. I wanted to show the people what I have been through. All the pain, the depression, the hatred, the anger, lahat ng iniyak ko gabi-gabi," Sta. Maria said.

Sta. Maria came from a humble background. In order to help his family, he studied to be a nurse, aiming to have a stable career in the medical field. "[My inspiration is] My mom, my family, basically. Kasi hindi naman po ako sa galing sa mayamang pamilya o mayamang angkan. Nagsimula talaga ako na gusto ko maiahon ang pamilya ko sa kahirapan," he said.

His mom supported their family through a sari-sari store so, he said, being able to support his family has always been his main goal in life. Through it all, he never forgot his passion to create. "I started teaching. I'm also an author of a nursing review book in the Philippines so nung kumikita na, I sent myself to a fashion school in the Philippines and then I started pursuing my dreams," he said. His desire to be an international designer was jump-started last year when he auditioned and got in as the Philippines' representative at the



Mercedes Benz Asia Fashion Week. Soon enough, he was on a flight to Los Angeles after his collection was chosen as the finale for one of the LA Fashion Week presentations. At his first show in America, Sta. Maria couldn't stop crying backstage after he made his final bow. "Gusto kong maiyak na hindi ko maintindihan. Nung una kong tungtong dito, kasi this is really my first time in America, and never in my wildest dream na naisip ko na makakarating ako ng America sa pamamagitan pa ng fashion show," he said. Sta. Maria was also chosen to be one of the designers featured at the Atlanta International Fashion Week. The designer has a shop in Bulacan and will be opening another one in Quezon City this year.



Ritz ready for the big transformation as Kapamilya star

Ritz Azul was given starring roles by TV5 in such big projects as "Misibis Bay" and "Kidlat" opposite Derek Ramsay, but her quest for stardom didn't really take off. She's optimistic that ABS-CBN will be more successful in building her up as a big star now that she is a Kapamilya. After all, ABS succeeded with Alex Gonzaga and Arci Muñoz who are both also trans-ferees from TV5 like her.

"Dream come true for me na maging Kapamilya," says Ritz. "Ang mga artis-ta nila, ang gaganda, ang gagaling umarte, ang daming endorsements, so nangarap ako and said, ano kaya, mapasama ako sa kanila some day? Tapos, he'to nga, pumirma na ako ng kontrata as a Kapamilya. But I will forever be grateful sa TV5 for giving my first break sa showbiz. Ang dami ko ring natutuhan sa kanila."

For her first assignment, she joins Coco Martin's "Ang Probinsyano". "Another dream come true ito for me, ang makatrabaho ang isang Coco Martin. Hopefully, later, I'll be given the chance to work with other Kapamilya actors like John Lloyd Cruz, Paulo Avelino and Piolo Pascual. I'm really confident na sa ABS, mas may direction ang career ko. Gusto nila talaga akong gawing dramatic actress and I promise to do my best para hindi ako mapahiya sa pagtitit-wala nila sa akin."

Her next dream is to be given her own movie, just like Arci whose star really shone bright with the box office hit that was "Always Be My Maybe" with Gerald Anderson.

Filipino-Americans urged to register and vote in US polls

NEW YORK - Of the nearly 3.8 million Filipinos in the US, close to 3.2 million are US citizens, according to the 2014 US census estimate. Community leaders say, based on the latest census, roughly 76% or about 2.8 million Filipino-Americans are potential voters in the 2016 US presidential elections.

But only about half of these eligible Fil-Ams have registered to vote. "We have the number on paper but we need to translate that into actual voting, that's why the primary objective we need to educate our base to just go out and before you can even vote, you need to register," said Harley Barrales of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations' (NaFFAA) The Fil-Am Vote. Stephanie Chrispin of Pilipino American Unity for Progress, Inc. (UniPro) added, "So if you go out and register to vote, you are not speaking just for yourself and your community, but you are speaking for Asian Americans at large, if you don't vote you don't have a voice."

The Fil-Am Vote is part the larger Asian-American electorate which was about 3.9 million in the 2012 presidential elections. While Latinos are the most talked about voter demographic, Asian-Americans are actually the fastest growing. Asian-Americans, including Filipino-Americans, helped re-elect President Barack Obama in 2012.

In a 2012 exit poll study made by the Asian-American Legal Defense Fund or AALDEF, 77% of Asian-Americans voted for Obama while 21% for GOP nominee Mitt Romney. While 65% of Fil-Ams who cast their ballots voted for Obama, 32% for Romney. Both Democratic and Republican parties are realizing the potential and are courting the Asian-

American vote. In May 2014, the Republican National Committee (RNC) appointed Ninio Fetalvo as press secretary for Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Media. Last week, the Clinton campaign named Jason Benjamin Tengco their AAPI Outreach Director for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Both are Filipino-Americans. "That means that they're starting to care, starting to notice us, we should build off of that momentum and exercise our right and privilege to vote," said Iris Zalun, Voting Rights Organizer for Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF). Registered voter Blase Ferraris said, "Voting matters to me because it gives me a chance to actually make the changes that I wanted to see. It gives me opportunity to make my voice matter." "We are shaping what the country is going to look like, and so in a lot of states, the Asian American vote and the Filipino vote specifically is a swing vote, we determine who gets elected." Said Chrispin. But because of the low 30% turnout in past elections, the relevance of the Asian-American vote, as well as the Filipino-American vote, have often been ignored. Organizers of this register and vote campaign said if there is a large enough Fil-Am voter turnout in November, only then can both political parties see the increasingly important Fil-Am vote. They added that it can only happen if Fil-Ams make themselves heard at the polls come Election Day.



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James and Nadine’s love journey reach new heights

Much has been written about the real and reel-life romance of James Reid and Nadine Lustre, but no words can capture the phenomenon that their love team, best known as JaDine, has spurred from movie, television, and recently via the concert stage at The Filipino Channel’s (TFC) JaDine Love World Tour in the Middle East and Europe on March 18 and 19 in Qatar and Dubai and March 26 and 27 in London and Milan.

As soon as the lights were switched on, the music started playing and the love team came out one after the other. The walls of the Doha Convention Center, Al Nasr Leisureland, ExCel London and Palasesto Milan reverberated with screams, sing-alongs and calls for encore from fans, including some who came all the way from Rome, Austria, Germany, Spain, Norway and the U.S. and that also included a few foreign nationals.

The approval from the fans did not come with just the “kilig” factor. James, a singer-musician himself proved that he is definitely more than good looks as he serenaded his love with hits.

Nadine is a singer and a graceful dancer too. She won awards at the Myx Music Awards 2016 proving her worth as a well-rounded artist much to the amazement of fans. In the four-city tour, Nadine sang various hits from her own album and various female artists.

On stage, the two were a delight to watch as they performed their most famous duets such as “Bahala Na,” classics such as “It Might Be You” and contemporary hits such as “Marvin Gaye” by Charlie Puth.

The famous couple continued to play beautiful music together figuratively and literally as they did an

interpretative dance to Juan Miguel Severo’s poignant poetry, one of the most memorable parts of their teleserye *On the Wings of Love* or OTWOL to most.

While the couple was not necessarily seeking their parents’ approval at this point, the duo seemed to have earned the veritable yes when James’ mom Maria Aprilyn “Ella” Marquez came to support Nadine and her son’s concert. For the United Kingdom (UK) leg, it was one for the books.

Highlighting the show was the “On the Wings of Love” segment where Rockoustic Princess Yeng Constantino reached the high notes to deliver one of the famous Filipino remakes of a world hit that has been interpreted over and over again because of its timeless theme.

Constantino shared an interesting story during the tour. Like a big sister, she acted as mentor to Nadine who, like Yeng, is also a singer. Yeng said, “In every tour, there is a new tip that I share with Nadine.” Together, they performed Original Pilipino Music (OPM) hits both Yeng’s and of other OPM artists’ such as “Turete” by Moonstar 88.

Also performing more of the hits from one of the most successful teleseryes of all time is *King of R & B* JayR. “Ang Probinsyano’s” Tart ‘Doris’ Carlos headlined the pre-show event.

Their Manila concert may have witnessed how the two became real-life partners, but in the four cities, JaDine treated the fans with their own kilig moments.

While thanking James for their years as friends first and then partners later, Nadine quipped, “Thank you for making me feel like the most beautiful woman in the world.” The

crowd went wild when James replied, “That is because you are.” James and Nadine did not only entertain and thrill the crowd but also spread the love that’s been overflowing from both them and the fans.



Sharing the Love

What touched fans in London most was when the breakout love team personally visited the nurses at the Maple wing of the Ashford & St. Peter’s Hospitals NHS Foundation to pay tribute to their hard work and devotion to their families.

All these adventures and more will be captured in a travelogue dubbed JaDine Flying High on Love Special airing tomorrow, April 10. Catch the much-anticipated special on TFC’s various platforms worldwide: Internet protocol television (IPTV), satellite (live in the Middle East and Europe), cable, and online via TFC’s official online service TFC.tv

10 Old-school Dating Behaviors to revive

Whether you’re male, female, transgender, gay, or straight, today’s scroll-through, swipe-left culture is daunting. With every profile expendable, connecting in a meaningful way can seem overwhelming and unrealistic. What happened to the good old days when chivalry wasn’t dead, people went steady, and dates lasted longer than a cup of coffee?

“I don’t know if I am ever going to get married at this rate,” my friend Marc wrote to me in a recent text. He added a disappointed-face emoji for effect. It’s a familiar sentiment: two girlfriends shared similar concerns three days prior at brunch, when one described a scenario in which she was “ghosted” by the guy she’d been dating for five months.

Dating used to be a whole lot more civilized and organized. There’s wisdom in attributes like that -- so here are 10 old-school dating habits we ought to revive that are guaranteed to up your dating game.

1. Pick up the phone
Before texting and the Internet, the only way someone could contact a love interest was in person, in a letter, or with a live call. While few of us use our phones for voice-to-voice conversations, there is real value in dialing digits -- especially when one considers how many relationships hit unnecessarily choppy waters due to a lack of tone or misunderstood emoji. It’s easy to understand the different ways a telephone can make or break a budding relationship. A couple of calls a week -- no need for hours-long evening chats -- will allow you to get a better sense of who a person is. Also, it’s so much nicer to actually hear someone LOL IRL.

2. Revive old-school courtship tactics
There are plenty of people bashing

Tinder for the “new” (read: highly competitive) dating atmosphere, but the truth is that it has been like this since the 1920s. The only real difference is in how flippant people on dating sites can be, whereas back in the day people actively pursued potential mates. Dates weren’t expendable. That earnestness is sorely lacking today. Upper-class men used to call upon women by presenting a note to her maid in the hopes he might be received in some kind of family gathering. Can you imagine men en masse jumping through those hoops today? Other classes had more familiar courtship methods that would morph into modern-day dating. Sociologist Willard Waller in 1937 published “The Campus Rating Complex,” which described Penn State students using the “dating and rating” system (their version of “Hot or Not”) as proof of a person’s popularity.

3. Make plans at least three days in advance -- and don’t cancel
In the 1940s, it was common for men and women to date someone different every weekend (see above) which required men to ask women out weeks in advance. This allowed both parties to prepare. This practice is a great way to use anticipation to your advantage. Fortunately, we live in a society where the ladies no longer have to sit and wait to be asked out -- so don’t be afraid to ask him what he’s doing next Saturday.

And don’t cancel! Once upon a time, women were groomed to be polite and accept or decline at the time of the invitation. And it was considered very rude to break a date at the last minute. Implementing these common courtesies might be just the shift we need.

4. Leave a little to the imagination
Most of us like sex and want to have

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More than 18,000 Pinoys cast votes on third day of overseas polling



More than 18,000 Filipinos abroad have cast their votes on the third day of overseas polling for this year's 2016 national elections, with Hong Kong having the most number of voter turnout, the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

A record-breaking 1.376 million Filipino voters have registered overseas, but despite the dismal turnout on the first three days of voting, Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis said the numbers are expected to rise in the coming days.

Overseas Absentee Voting for Filipinos began on April 9. "Our workers have to take time to go to the embassy to vote. For example in the Middle East, Friday is their only non-working day. But we expect a surge in voters in the final stretch of voting," Seguis said in an interview.

As of 2:30 p.m. Monday, Hong Kong posted the highest voter turnout in Asia-Pacific with 4,851, followed by Singapore with 2,259. The Americas, which includes the United States, Canada and Latin America, had a total of 107 voters, 1,927 in Europe and 7,159 in Middle East and Africa.

The total number of voters for the four regions is 18,360, Seguis said.

About 10 million Filipinos - about a tenth of the entire population - work or reside abroad.

However, Seguis lamented the Philippine government still had difficulties convincing

Filipinos to register and participate in the polls that was first implemented in 2004.

Political apathy and the residence status of the Filipinos result to low turnout of registration and voting.

Most of the Filipinos also live very far from the embassies and consulates.

To increase awareness among Filipinos of the ongoing absentee voting, various diplomatic missions have turned to the internet through website uploads, blogs, social networking sites, and Filipino community/organization website uploads, Seguis said.

Seguis said the Department of Foreign Affairs is targeting an 80 percent turnout of Filipino overseas voters.

"Our Filipinos overseas should exercise their right to suffrage," he said. "A big number of votes will have an impact on the number of votes in the Philippines and our overseas Filipino workers are considered game-changers in the our political and democratic process."

Filipinos overseas have until 5 p.m. Manila time on May 9 to cast their votes.



Carol Bana-wa reveals story behind her song's inclusion on US series

It's not every day that a Pinoy singer gets their song featured on a TV series, let alone one that airs in the US.

In a recent "Rated K" episode, Carol Banawa shared how her 1997 hit "Bakit 'Di Totohanin" made it to "The Vampire Diaries."

The song was played on the show's 716th episode last April 1 in a scene involving Valerie played by Elizabeth Blackmore and Stefan portrayed by Paul Wesley.

The 35-year-old singer said it was a staff from the show who reached out to her via email last February.

"Yung (subject) ng (email) ay "Bakit 'Di Totohanin' 'Vampire Diaries' Episode 716." So sabi ko, 'Why my song? Why a Tagalog song for a US TV series?' Tapos sumagot siya ang sabi niya kasi nga meron daw scene for that episode na 'yung dalawang characters ay in the Philippines," she said.

She added, "They wanted to make the scene sound and look authentic that's why they decided to use a Tagalog song."

Carol went on to express how "lucky" she is to have been given that chance.

"All I can think of is it's God's work kasi parang out of all the songs kanta ko pa 'yung napili," she said.

"Bakit 'Di Totohanin" was the official theme song of the 2001 film with the same title starring Judy Ann Santos and Piolo Pascual.

Carol now resides in America with her three kids and husband. She is a licensed practical nurse and currently working on becoming a registered nurse.

Asked if she regrets leaving local showbiz, Carol said, "I can live without it, 'yung fame. Ok lang sa'kin kasi ako pa napaka homebody ko kasi talaga eh."

Enrile on PNoy administration's response to crisis:

'My God, they are sleeping!'

MANILA - During the weekly forum at the Senate on Thu, Apr 7, Senator Juan Ponce Enrile called President Noynoy Aquino's administration as a "three-day presidency." He explained that this was because the administration takes three days before they act on even the most pressing matters such as the alleged laundering of US\$81 million stolen funds into the Philippine financial system and the Kidapawan City incident.

"The forum was supposed to focus on the Anti-Money Laundering Council's (AMLC) handling of the money laundering scheme, which is being investigated by the Senate blue ribbon committee," reports Maila Ager on Inquirer.net.

Enrile had exclaimed, "My God, they are sleeping! This is a three-day presidency e. Three days sa Mamasapano, three days sa 'Yolanda' three days... three days sila umakasyon, ganun din sa Kidapawan (Three days during Mamasapano, three days during Yolanda... It took them three days before they acted on these matters. It also happened in Kidapawan incident)."

The report noted: "Enrile was referring to the botched Mamasapano operation on January 25 last year that left 44 elite policemen and several others dead, the Supertyphoon Yolanda in November 2013 that hit parts of the country and claimed thousands of lives and the recent violent dispersal of Kidapawan farmers

that left three dead and dozens injured."

On the Kidapawan incident, Enrile slammed the President for not acting immediately to prevent the violent dispersal of the farmers. He quipped, "What did they do the first day that there's a gathering like that, that size? Then you ask yourself, what's happening there?"

Enrile added that if he were President, he said he would have "flown immediately to Kidapawan and distributed rice to the farmers." Then, he said, he would have also done a probe to find out "whether that's it was a legitimate rally or just a contrived rally aimed to cause conflict and provoke an encounter."

NYPAA Holds 2016 Officers Induction and Spring Dance

By: Bob A. San Juan

The quintessential Filipino Canadian community amateur sports organization in Ontario, the North York Pinoy Athletic Association (NYPAA) celebrated the onset of spring with a successful fundraising dinner-dance fling. The parents volunteer - run group productively conducted its 2016 officers and directors induction event on April 9, 2016 at the Our Lady of The Assumption Parish Hall, North York, Toronto.

With more than 250 guests, members, players and supporters in attendance, they witnessed the oath-taking of the Association's new executive officers and board members for the 2016-2017 term. Ms. Agnes Miranda, executive director of World Financial Group-Canada (WFG), officiated the swearing -in ceremony and also gave an inspirational speech. The Honourable Michael Levitt, Member of Parliament for York Centre, graced the occasion and delivered a well-applauded congratulatory speech and greetings.

Among those inducted to office for a 2-year term were: President - Sharonne Columbano, Vice President - Mylene Escalona, Secretary



- Brenda Agoncillo, Asst. Secretary - Arlyn Perez, Treasurer - Joanne Ligsay, Sports Commissioner - Renato Columbano, Asst. Sports Commissioner - Mark Victoria, Youth Sports Development - Victor Montero, Website moderator - Arnel Dipaling, Director - Ed Sotto, Director - Vilma Tahsin, Director - Bob San Juan, Director - Roger Tarca, Adviser - Tim Sinclair, Adviser - Christina Fernandez

and Immediate Past President & Adviser - Jimi Fernandez. Ably hosted by community leader Randy Bucao of Pinoy Radio Station, the highly entertaining

evening's program included: the singing of national anthems by the NYPAA kids, invocation by Arnel Dipaling, slide show presentation, special presentation & performances by Nicole Cebuano, Kayumanggi Dance Troupe, Hawaiian dance by Elaine Columbano & Calya David, and closing remarks by Prexy Sharonne Columbano. The 5-hour gathering was highlighted with FV Foods-

catered sumptuous dinner, parent- prepared desserts, line-and-ballroom dancing, raffle prizes draw, fellowship & bantering, and posterity photo shoots & selfies.

Those who joined in as special guests were : Ms. Conida Haley, Miss Philippines PIDC- 2015 & her lovely Mom, Dan Lovell -MP M. Levitt's executive assistant, Maureen Simpson & Daisy Stone of Antibes C.C., Verth Bugtong of Guimbanian Association, William Marasigan, Edgar Tojino & Matt Memita of Bayanihan, Noel & Jackie Buenaventura of MYAA, Dome & Linda Florido of Maharlika, Mike Cruz of Durham Crossover, Ruben & Bing Moga, Gil & Ditas Biado of Barangay Tanduary, Tyler Hughes, Jun Sapico and other notable community sports leaders.

The 16-year old not-for-profit organization is a member of the North American Basketball Association (NABA) and has been sponsoring and supporting amateur basketball competitions and clinics and participating in numerous city and inter-city tournaments in Canada and the USA since 2005. (BSJ / tsanjuan)

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The Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) held its induction at the KCCC building in Mississauga to officially start the two-year term of their Executive Board and Directors. Consul Bolivar Bao (SITTING) pose with the officers.

“Ipapakita lang namin kung ano ang ginagawa ng ilan sa kanila without naming them,” she said. Ruru believes young voters will learn a lot from watching the show.

“Malaking tulong ito para malaman nila kung sino ba ang karapat-dapat na iboto at kung paano sila magiging matalino sa election,” he said. Then there’s the romance. Note the characters of Ruru and Gabbi will eventually fall for each other. Writer Rody Vera explained the need to inject a bit of romance in the story. “Kasi kapag ginawa namin na masyadong seryoso eh, baka walang manood. Kaya binalanse na lang namin,” he said.

More projects, some bashers

For the last six months, the duo’s fans were quite vocal particularly on social media about when and where they will see their idols again.

Ruru and Gabbi find it quite encouraging. “Nakakatuwa kasi ‘di sila nawawala. Patuloy silang naniniwala sa amin,” Ruru said. Despite seeming popularity, the two have their own share of bashers. These critics made their displeasure known when the two were announced as part of the cast of the upcoming remake of “Encantadia.”

“Kapag may nakita akong negative comments na below the belt, ignore lang. Pero kapag alam kong may point sila ina-accept ko and learn from it,” Gabbi said.

Ruru recalled he trended on social media due to the bashing.

“Siguro ‘yung mga bashers, sila na lang ‘yung pagkukunan namin ng lakas para lalo naming patunayan ang sarili namin. Kumbaga, sila na ‘yung magiging inspiration namin,” he added.

Gabbi, on her part, said, “Hindi na ako nasasaktan lalo na kapag sinasabihan nila ako ng ‘starlet’ or ‘the who’ kasi totoo naman na wala pa akong nararating.”

BELOW LEFT, The Bicol Canada Community Association (BCCA) elected its new set of 21 officers and directors for the 2016- 2017 term. Rafael “ Paeng” Nebres (STANDING CENTER), BCCA’s longest- serving president and chairman of the board, has been unanimously reelected to an unprecedented 4th two-year term. BELOW RIGHT, Mel Galeon (IN BARONG) of FV Foods gets interviewed on Rogers TV.

GabRu
on a roll



They were last seen together via “Let The Love Begin,” which drew to a close some six months ago. Now, Ruru Madrid and Gabbi Garcia are bound to excite fans anew by teaming up for the romantic-comedy mini-series “Naku, Boss Ko!”

Ruru shared he will be Jon G, a 20- something tasked by his father (played by Leo Martinez) to run as mayor.

“Sa backstory, may nag-viral kasi akong video ko kaya sumikat ako. Umabot ng 10 million likes. Kaya nag-decide ang tatay ko na ako na lang ang tumakbo (para sa eleksyon),” he related.

Gabbi, on the other hand, will play Che, a political activist.

“Light lang ‘yung role ko. Street smart kaya hindi siya nagpapaloko at palagi niyang ipinaglalaban kung ano ang tama,” Gabbi said.

Both are happy with their respective roles deeming these fresh and exciting.

“Everything is new for us kasi nga galing kami sa drama series so eto ‘di ba parang reality naman, may political angle so, exciting,” Gabbi said.

She pointed out, however, the show will not delve into real political candidates and their platforms.



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Family man, good son, man-about-town, philanthropist to the community, Indefatigable Dr. Solon Guzman celebrated his 52nd birthday in the company of family and friends. His house had more guests than the previous years. One would think he accumulated additional friends in one year. Not surprisingly, this is a man whose guiding principle in life is to help. In fact, he said it so himself. He does not want gifts or money. What he wants is to be blessed by the one above to live long and in good health to be able to continue helping the community, the people and us.

May God always bless him.

Canadian fugitive in drug trade arrested

MANILA - Intelligence operatives of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) arrested a Canadian national for drug pushing and other criminal offenses carried out in the United States.

BI Commissioner Ronaldo Geron said Lachlan Scott, 58, was arrested by members of the BI fugitive search unit at his residence in Makati City.

Geron said the agents were armed with a mission order which he issued upon the request of the Canadian and American embassies in Manila.

Scott will be deported to the US to stand trial before a US district court in Minnesota where he was charged with violating the US federal food, drug and cosmetic act; introduction of misbranded drugs into interstate commerce; conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and unlawful distribution and dispensing of a controlled substance.

Lawyer Jose Carlitos Licas, who heads the BI's fugitive search unit, said the Canadian will be deported as soon as the bureau has secured the necessary clearances for his deportation.

Licas said the fugitive is now an undocumented alien as a result of the cancellation of his passport by the Canadian government.

"He will then be included in our black-list to prevent him from returning to the Philippines after he is deported," Licas said.



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People are talking about...

Maxine Medina

If Pia Wurtzbach was under heavy pressure to win the Miss Universe title last year, the newly crowned Miss Philippines Universe must be feeling double the pressure. For one, she's got big shoes to fill, not to mention the expectation of pageant fans that she'll deliver a back-to-back win for the country. We do hope that she'd use this

massive pressure as a motivation to perform well just like what her predecessors did.

Dominic Ochoa

While he's getting so much attention, he was cast as the lead actor in the new ABS-CBN fantasy series, which he didn't know that he's been doing since he was 22. Now, 41, Dominic is expected to shine in a project he can't lose. Indeed, some actors are only being rediscovered when they hit their 40s.

Carrot Man

The Igorot native has come a long way from picking carrots in Cordillera. From

a virtually unknown lad, Jeyrick Sigmato is now an Internet sensation, a regular guest in some Kapuso shows, and a proud endorser of a mass-produced fashion apparel. Some say his journey to fame is just beginning, we say... probably. Nothing is sure though unless he's prepped to be something else other than the carrot man.

People...are not talking about

Derrick Monasterio

It makes perfect sense why Derrick was thrilled when GMA Records gave him a chance to fulfill this dream to become a recording artist - it's everyone's dream in this business. But the trouble in this industry, everyone who has the ambition to become

a singer is being given a chance whether or not they have the talent. We'd like to see Derrick soar as an actor first rather than launch his career in music, which doesn't see any bright future.

'Echorsis'

It's hard to ignore a good film, much more a movie that obviously stands out for being unique in its approach in telling a story like, let's say, Heneral Luna. The film was a sleeper hit. It was the word of mouth that made it a blockbuster. But the same thing cannot be said about Echorsis. If the film is indeed good and groundbreaking, no amount of publicity is needed to lure moviegoers to visit the cinema and pay just to see the film.

AIDub

Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza had a good amount of success since their love team was introduced around nine months ago. Yet, they still wanted to prove their critics wrong for believing that they don't have the star power to make their upcoming movie a blockbuster and their first television series a top-rating show. Only "tamang panahon" can tell if anything of these would ever happen. They shouldn't be worrying if their confident that their projects are of good quality.

it, but there was a time when people knew that going straight for the kill (talking dirty, unsolicited private-parts pics) made them look like a pervert or an ad on a flyer in Vegas. It's not about being a prude, but it's far more seductive to have them wonder where the night might lead (and what they might see and enjoy) than to reduce your sexuality to a graphic spoiler alert.

5. Go on actual dates

In the 1950s, it was popular for men to pick women up and go do something beyond meeting for 10 minutes in a coffee shop or downing a couple of cocktails in a noisy barroom. These days, it's more common (and safer) to meet a new date at a specified location; but how great would it be to enjoy a well-thought-out, fun, and interesting night where you both get to know one another and have a good time? And don't just expect all of the men to do the work, ladies: guys like to be courted, too.

6. Throw a group date

Group dinners were all the rage in the '70s, with hosts pulling out fondue pots and sharing everything from cheese to chocolate. These outings take the edge off while letting people mix and mingle with new friends... albeit with a distinct aroma of Gruyère.

7. Do like the flappers did

Slut-shaming is as old as time itself, but it became well known in modern culture in the '20s when parents flipped out over flappers. Those young, corset-tossing women traded proper manners for loose dresses, booze, drinking, and dancing. They laid the groundwork for the sexual revolution of the 1960s. So take a nod from these rabble rousers, ditch your Spanx, and have (safe, consensual) sex with as many people as you please.

8. Get properly groomed

Sixty years ago, it was commonplace for men to pick women up at their doors, bring flowers or other tokens of endearment, and arrive dressed in a suit with a collared shirt and tie, shined shoes, and perfectly styled hair. Similarly, etiquette books advised women to ensure all clothes were wrinkle- and stain-free, nails were polished, and hair was meticulously coiffed. Suits and ties might be a little stiff for modern dating, but putting effort into appearances sends a message that you actually, you know, give a damn.

9. Keep the PDA to a minimum

A 1930s dating manual warned against women being too "familiar" with their dates in public, as "open shows of affection can be embarrassing or humiliating to him." This is a decent rule for all genders to follow, most especially on the first few dates. Consent 101 stresses the importance of respecting another person's boundaries. There is truly nothing more uncomfortable than a relative stranger rubbing your leg an hour after meeting you, or having someone you just met cram his or her tongue down your throat.

10. Practice "link-dating"

It used to be that if a man liked a woman, he would "link dates" by asking for another one at the end of the first. This ensured he would be able to see her again in a reasonable amount of time. The modern-day habit of lackadaisical scheduling yields sporadic, infrequent dates punctuated by emoji-filled, pen-pal purgatories. If you like someone, at the end of the date ask for another one the following weekend. Between dates, show interest. A couple texts a week, or one or two well-timed phone calls, is enough to show you're still thinking about them.

Brenda Della Casa is author of Cinderella Was a Liar, owner of Staggered Magazine, and the editor-in-chief for Preston Bailey Designs. Give her at least three days' notice when you want to make plans with her. While you're waiting, check her out on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: @BrendaDellaCasa.

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Solenn Heussaff flies to Israel for dream wedding dress

When you find the right man, the next thing to do is to find the right dress.



And that's exactly what Kapuso star Solenn Heussaff did as she recently flew to Tel Aviv, Israel to get her custom-made wedding dress from Lihi Hod Studio. The French-Filipina actress and host will marry Argentine businessman Nico Bolzico in France later this year. Solenn shared details on her Instagram account as she posted a photo of her designer's studio with the caption, "Now have my dream dress with me. Thank you @lihihod!!! I will send you tons of photos after the big day J #sosbolz" The couple has been tight-lipped about details on their big day, preferring to have a private affair with close friends and family, but Solenn assured her fans that she will share more details after the ceremony. For the time being, Solenn keeps herself busy with the lifestyle show she co-hosts with Iya Villania, Taste Buddies, which airs on GMA's flagship international channel GMA Pinoy TV.

She is also set to appear on the locally adapted GMA show, Lip Sync Battle Philippines, this April where she goes against close friend and fellow Kapuso star Lovi Poe in an epic lip sync showdown.

Maine Mendoza recounts 6-day "tampo" with Alden Richards

In a recent entry on her website, breakthrough artist Maine Mendoza admitted that she was disappointed when her Kalyeserye love team partner Alden Richards declined an invitation to her birthday celebration in the island of Boracay this March. Extremely excited at the chance of being given a few days off for her special day, and this being her first visit to the popular vacation spot, Maine recalls that she had invited him two weeks before the scheduled trip and would ask him every day since then if he could make it. The Pambansang Bae told her he would try his best to join her celebration, but two days before her birthday, and five days before the departure for Boracay, he sent her a text message explaining that he would not be able to forgo an earlier commitment. Calling herself "matampuhin," she expressed her disappointment that he would not be there to celebrate her birthday. Making her even more annoyed were clues being given by Alden, their co-workers and friends that the actor might just have a surprise up his sleeve. Maine explained that she tried her best not to get her hopes up so she wouldn't end up disappointed. True enough, on Day 1 of her 3-day celebration, Alden surprised her by appearing at her hotel door in the morning, having rented a private plane just to get to the island. "It took me 10 minutes to grasp the actuality that he was there," wrote Maine, surprised and excited at the arrival of Alden. Despite only being able to stay for a day, Alden made sure that it was a day well-spent as he and Maine tried out every activity available on the island. They took a speedboat to hop around the many beaches, went scuba diving, parasailing and even rode on jet skis and banana boats. As the time came for Alden to leave, Maine felt sad but said she was still happy that they got to spend time together. "We were really having a whale of a time and then the next thing, he already has to leave. Lungkot lang [It was sad] but c'est la vie, at least we get to spend time and have fun on our own. (It was the first time!)," she said. "The important thing is we had a great time together- REALLY great time." (30)



The return of the music of Tito, Vic & Joey + other stories



From left: Tito Sotto, Vic Sotto and Joey de Leon have indeed become so successful in their various undertakings that for a time, it looked like people have forgotten that all that they have become started with the music.

The daily noontime TV show Eat, Bulaga! is where one can find the famous trio of Sen. Tito Sotto, Vic Sotto and Joey de Leon (TVJ). But they are also involved in a lot of other preoccupations. And here are what makes up the over 40-year-old TVJ. Tito or Vicente Sotto III is a musician, front man of the '60s-era combo Tiltedownmen; songwriter of Magkaisa, Balatkayo; music producer of Anthony Castelo, Sharon Cuneta; comedian, TV host in Iskul Bukol, Eat, Bulaga!; sportsman excelling in bowling and golf; and politician. He was formerly vice mayor of Quezon City and is now running for another Senate term. Vic or Marvic Sotto is Tito's younger brother. He is a singer (Ipagpatawad Mo); musician and songwriter VST& Co. (Ikaw Lang Ang Aking Mahal); TV host (Eat, Bulaga! Who Wants To Be A Millionaire); actor (OK Ka Fairy Ko); Box-office King (Enteng Kabisote); and sportsman who also excels in golf and bowling. Many have tried to also make him a politician but he has every time declined the invitation. Joey took up Architecture in college but instead became a radio disc jockey; writer, he has a weekly column at The Philippine STAR; actor (Starzan); singer (Itaktak Mo); impersonator (Inday Badidoy); TV host (Eat, Bulaga!, The Sharon Cuneta Show); and songwriter (Disco Fever, Ang Boyfriend Kong Baduy). Tito, Vic and Joey have indeed become so successful in their various undertakings that for a time, it looked like people have forgotten that all that they have become started with the music. It was through music that they got together and it was music that gave them the strength to fly higher with other things. It was in 1975 when Tito was offered the position of vice president for Artist and Repertoire of Vicor Music Corp. He was well-acquainted with the owners Vic del Rosario and Orly Ilacad from his days with the group Tiltedownmen, which was the local version of the Dave Clark Five. Orly, during that time, also led his own combo The Ramrods. Vic was then only 16 years old and would often

come to the office to see Tito after school. Joey, who was known as the David Cassidy of radio, was a frequent visitor who enjoyed delighting the secretaries around with his puns. Vic could sing and Del Rosario put him under contract with Vicor. His self-titled solo album was one of Tito's first projects. The result was so good that an enticing offer came from a major foreign label to put Vic under contract and build him up as a pop idol in Asia. It was not meant to be. Dr. Herminia Sotto, Tito and Vic's mother, put her foot down. Vic was underage and the deal required him to relocate to Indonesia. Still, it was clear that even then Vic already had the makings of a star. It was also around this time that the comedy trio of Tito, Vic and Joey (who had become close friends with the brothers) was taking shape. They were cast in the gag show OK Lang where they would from time to time do parodies of current hits. This later became a regular part of the show Discorama, that Joey was hosting and to which he invited Tito and Vic. Joey titled the segment Tough Hits. And when something is that popular, can recording be far behind? Tito, Vic and Joey were soon recording what would be the first in a series of 10 Tough Hits albums. Intellectual property rights was not yet strictly enforced in those days and no foreign hit song was spared by the wacky trio. Nobody knew it then, but Tough Hits was the birth of three of local showbiz's most successful comedians who would dominate films and TV in the years to come. Alongside Tough Hits came VST&Co. It was just meant to be a Bee Gees rip-off. Back then, music producers were quick to jump on popular trends. This was what Vicor did when Danny Subido's Flippers had a massive hit with Pangako. They formed a band led by Tito and Vic called Blue Jeans which had a hit with the song Paniwalaan. So they had VST&Co with Vic again singing lead. That rip-off became a classic dance album that remains unequalled to this day. The studio band made up of the Sotto brothers, Val and Maru also joined in, session musicians and plain friends produced the enduring hits, Awitin Mo At Isasayaw Ko, Disco Fever, Kiss Kiss, Etcetera, Rock Baby Rock, May I Have This Dance, Step No Step Yes and many others, including the ballads Ikaw Lang Ang Aking Mahal and Ipagpatawad Mo. Now successful men in their 60s who are at the peaks of their careers, Tito, Vic and Joey work solely for pleasure. They have not had a hit song in a while but I will not discount the possibility that they might come up with one or two one of these days. Besides, who needs one when some of their classics have become omnipresent again on TV, commercials, the Net, everywhere. Their Ipagpatawad Mo, Ikaw Lang Ang Aking Mahal and Paniwalaan are the songs in those popular AIDub commercials for McDonald's.

Photo-ops Canadian Asian Fashion Week



Ralph Paguirigan (Executive Producer, Founder & CEO) launched the Canadian Asian Fashion Week (CAFW) at Joey Restaurant on April 20, 2016. Runway Shows, Fashion Marketplace and Red Carpet Finale Gala will be held from May 17 to 21, 2016 at the Carlu, Concert Hall - Toronto. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

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For JaDine: Action speaks louder than words

“IT’S okay for those who don’t believe that what they see, is what they get sa relasyon namin ni James (Reid). What’s important is they are happy for us,” sagot ni Nadine Lustre tungkol sa mga basher na hindi naniniwala na totoong sila na nga ni James ngayon,” ani Nadine noong Miyerkules sa talk show ni Boy Abunda. Iyon ang isang napaka-gandang trait ni Nadine na posibleng dahilan kung bakit lalo siyang napapamahal kay James. Pero, nagdudumilat din ang katotohanan na ibang-iba na ngayon si James. Kaya’t lalong nagiging masaya ang bawat araw, minutes and seconds ni Nadine.



“Actions speak more than words,” sabi ng kanilang milyun-milyong fans. “Araw-araw, may ginagawa si James na kakilig-kilig without even trying. “Noon kasing wala pa siyang nararamdaman para kay Nadine, hindi talaga siya mapilit magsalita sa mga interview na hindi niya feel at hindi totoo. Kahit for the fans sake lang. At tinanggap naman namin iyon, dahil, iyon siya, eh. “Pero, tingnan n’yo ngayon. Ngayong in love na si James. Hindi na kailangan pang diktahan siya o i-persuade to make their fans happy. Kusa niyang ginawa ito at nasosorpresang talaga si Nadine. Kitang-kita ang ebidensya.

Dolce Amore on World Tour
There is truly no stopping “Dolce Amore,” the number one kilig series in the country, from conquering Philippine television with its string of successes – from its consistent high ratings to the positive feedback it has received from viewers. The series, starring Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil, has constantly attracted primetime viewers nationwide, with its recorded ratings peaking at 37.5%, based on data from Kantar Media. There is also an outpouring of positive comments for the love team’s acting prowess, especially during the tender scenes between Serena and Tenten. “It’s overwhelming. Lalo na we came from Forevermore na magaganda rin ‘yung feedback, so parang ‘yung pressure na dala namin sa

‘Dolce Amore,’ kumbaga parang nawala, or kung ‘di man nawala, nabawasan. Of course, we can’t do that kung wala ang help nina Direk Mae (Cruz-Alvar), Direk Richard (Arellano), and all our staff. Nagpapasalamat rin talaga kami sa suporta nila, ng LizQuen fans, at ng mga Kapamilya natin,” said Enrique. “We’re glad that all the hardwork is paying off. Thankful po ako kasi magagaling ang mga kasama namin. Nakakahawa ang galing nilang umarte. But we have so much to learn. We will never take the love for granted,” said Liza. Coming on the heels of “Dolce’s” success is the launch of the “Dolce Amore Destiny Tour,” which promises to spread even more kilig to the fans of the show, endearingly called Amores, not just in the country but also in other parts of the world.

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Stars strive to finish school
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Some people consider fame a yardstick of success. Though there’s nothing wrong with that as being popular has its benefits, there are celebrities who believe getting an education is a higher achievement.

Veteran actress Marissa Delgado, who started her career in show business in the 1960s, recently graduated from the University of Visayas in Cebu with a degree in Business Administration major in Human Resource Management. Note that she stopped schooling for years due to her busy showbiz schedule but resumed it by the by.

It may be summer but some people still hit the books. One of them is Julie Anne San Jose who is taking up Mass Communications at Angelicum College. She is set to graduate this May.

“It’s just a matter of priorities din eh. Ako, priorities ko talaga work and school. Mahirap minsan pero kailangan talagang maranasan ang ganun para ma-achieve ko ’yung goals ko,” she said.

Then there’s Tippy Dos Santos. Despite her showbiz commitments, Tippy is continuing with school work, taking up Family Life and Child Development at UP. She is, in fact, running for honors.

Tippy is thinking of going to medical school after she graduates. “Pinag-iisipan ko pa kasi sabi ni (actor) Robi Domingo kasi ’di ba gusto niya rin mag-Medicine? Mag-take a year off daw muna ako. Parang gawin ko muna lahat ng gusto kong gawin,” she said in a past interview.

Meanwhile, Claire dela Fuente had just earned a doctorate in Complementary and Alternative Medicine from the University of Makati.

In an interview with ABS-CBN News, the singer said she took the course following a cancer scare. “My dad died of cancer and my husband died of cancer, too,” she said.

Note that prior, Claire already earned an MBA (Masters in Business Administration) from the University of Western Australia.

Did you know that before she became famous, Maine Mendoza finished Culinary Arts at De La Salle-College of St. Benilde?

She event went to the US for her internship. She changed her mind along the way, however, deciding she’d do better as a flight attendant. She was waiting for her application to be approved when she discovered Dubsmash.

Maine wrote on her blog, “Apparently, I had so much free time in the office. One time, I had the whole office to myself without anything to do. I got bored scrolling through different social media sites. (Which I didn’t think was even possible) And at that moment, Dubsmash was a hit... The rest is history,” she said.

Gary Valenciano is also a college graduate. He added another feather to his cap by becoming an honorary doctorate in Humanities, bestowed by the

Baptist Bible College Asia (BBCA) “for his exemplary public Christian testimony and his incredible contributions to the gospel effort in the Philippines.”

On Instagram, his wife, Angeli, shared a photo of the singer personally accepting his doctorate at the Ynares Gym in Pasig City.

“Doctor Gary! Congratulations To my husband Gary...Glory to God!” read the caption in part.

Heart ready to reoncile with marian Rivera?

Heart Evangelista might have hinted at a possible reconciliation with Marian Rivera with whom she had a feud way back in 2011 while they were filming scenes for the remake of the movie Temptation Island.

At a recent pocket interview for her upcoming soap on GMA, Juan Happy Love Story, Heart confirmed that she’s ready to mend ties with people she had previous misunderstandings with. “Yeah, naman! Kailangan lahat happy, happy ’no? Ang hirap ng buhay, dapat happy na lang. You’ll never know when time’s up, di ba? [Yes, of course. Life is difficult as it is so it’s better to just be happy. You’ll never know when time’s up, right?],” she revealed. Being two of their generation’s finest actresses, it was inevitable that Heart and Marian’s fans would pit them against each other whenever the opportunity arises. However, in spite of their rivalry, both Kapuso actresses have declared that they have moved on from the incident.

So now, showbiz denizens can all just wait and see how and when their reconciliation will happen.

Ian, maraming fans na bag-ets

Ayaw paawat sa pagri-report ang mga tagahanga ni Ian Veneracion na nakapanood sa kanya bilang isa sa mga judges sa nakaraang BB. Pilipinas coronation night.

“Akala namin ay sikat na Hollywood actor si Ian na halos katabi pa ng napakaganda ring 2nd runner-up sa Ms. Universe International. Nang banggitin ang kanyang pangalan, saka lang namin na-realize na si Ian iyon kaya’t napahaba ang lakas ng palakpakan,” report sa amin ng mga barkada ng anak kong si Farah.

“Iba po ang aura ni Ian. Napaka-guwapo at mukhang napaka-humble.

Sinuklian niya ngiti ang masigabong palakpakan ng buong Araneta.

“Magpapa-picture pa naman sana kami, pero, hindi kami makalapit dahil pinagkaguluhan siya ng fans niya na pawang nagpapa-picture. Nainggit nga po kami kay Farah, dahil, may picture po pala siya with Ian noong mga bata pa sila ni Fatima,” patuloy nila.

Nai-imagine ko na ang reaction ng mga anak ni Ian na tiyak na nanood din sa kanya nang gabing iyon.

“Nagpa-cute ka na naman, Dad,” sasabihin ng mata ito, tulad din nang makita nila ang isang malaking billboard ng dad nila sa EDSA.

Napatawa din si Ian sa question na natoka sa kanya para sa isang contestant ng BB. Pilipinas.

“Like women, is it okay for men to also wear make-up?”

Pero, ang higit na nakakatawa at nakakatuwa ay nang mag-comment ang host.

“What is okay at the moment is for Ian to be willing to give each woman, a hug and a kiss para humupa ang masigabong palakpakan.”

Tuluyang natawa si Ian.

TIDBITS



ANG LIHIM NA CRUSH NI DANIEL

ALAM n’yo ba na ang crush ni Daniel Padilla noong bata pa siya ay si Jolina Magdangal?

Mismong si Karla Estrada, mom ni Daniel ang nagbuking sa kanya. Na inamin naman agad-agad ni Daniel. Guest kasi si Daniel at Kathryn Bernardo sa “Magandang Buhay” morning show sa ABS-CBN.

‘Yun daw ‘yung panahong ang dami-daming burluloy na inilalagay ni Jolina sa buhok niya.

Natawa tuloy ang co-host ni Karla na si Jolina mismo. Ganun din si Melai siyempre.

May mga nagtatanong kung matutuwa din si Daniel sakaling gayahin ni Kathryn ang hairdong iyon ni Jolina. Remember, ang pausong iyon ni Jolina ang nagpasikat sa kanya at nagpatatag ng tambalan nila ni Marvin Agustin.

I also remembered when I interviewed Marvin that time na maraming natatawa kay Jolina sa kanyang mala-Christmas tree na hair style.

“Trendsetter kasi si Jolina noon,” pagtatanggol ni Marvin sa ka-loveteam.

“Mas marami ang natutuwa at gumagaya sa kanya kaysa namba-bash. Tingnan n’yo, hanggang ngayon ay narito pa rin siya!”

Going back to Daniel, naalala din ni Daniel na kapag may crush siya noon, pinipimpol talaga siya. “May pagka-abnormal pa ako. Hiyang-hiya ako at hindi makatingin sa crush ko,” patuloy niya.



Bongbong tops survey for VP amid attacks by rival bets

SEN. FERDINAND “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. appears to have so far escaped unhurt the sustained bashing he has been getting front and center for refusing to apologize for the martial law excesses of his father’s martial law regime, topping the latest Pulse Asia voter preference survey of vice presidential candidates.

The survey showed Marcos got a nationwide rating of 27 percent, with solid support coming from Metro Manila, Luzon outside Metro Manila, Classes ABC and D, results of the latest Pulse Asia survey conducted from April 5 to 10 showed.

In the one and only vice presidential debate sponsored by the Commission on Elections and TV5 on April 10, Marcos was skewered by his rival on issues of his father’s human rights record, corruption and the alleged stolen billions of dollars.

President Aquino himself has been leading the Bongbong Marcos bashing, devoting his speech on the 30th anniversary of the Edsa People Power Revolution in February to the excesses of the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship after the New York Times said that Filipinos, disillusioned by the Aquino administration’s ineptness, were yearning for the Philippines’ “golden age” under martial law rule.

Duterte, Marcos

Explaining Marcos’ surge in the survey, Edmund Tayao, a political science professor at the University of Santo Tomas, noted a similarity between Marcos and Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, who is seeking the presidency.

Duterte and Marcos leading the polls shows the voters’ preference for “strong men and decisive leadership,” said Richard Javad Heydarian, political science professor at De La Salle University.

There was little change in the ratings of the vice presidential candidates compared to the last Pulse survey conducted from March 29 to April 3. Marcos was down by a point, Escudero was up by one point while Robredo’s rating was unchanged.

“Albeit small, there are still movements in the ratings. This remains a three-way race,” Tayao said.

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All grown up

At 20, Kathryn Bernardo has already made a name for herself as singer-actress. Now comes her first book.

Kathryn Bernardo has achieved another milestone in her career with the launch of her first book ever titled “Everyday Kath: 365 Ways to be a Teen Queen.”

She revealed becoming an author is one of her long-time dreams come true.

“Kasi kapag sinabing author ka ng book, parang wow, ang saya naman noon, ‘di ba? And sakto noong naiisip ko iyon, lumapit sa akin ‘yung Summit (publishing house). Nagbigay sila ng pegs, nag-open din ako. Natuwa ako kasi ‘yung mga ideas ko and ideas nila, swak naman,” she said.

Kathryn dedicates the book to her fans, her way of helping them deal with life.

“Kasi parang nilagay ko lahat doon mga experiences ko in life and mga learnings ko rin sa fashion, beauty. ‘Yung book na iyon is very me, personal talaga siya,” she said.

Asked if it has already sunk in that she is now a book author, Kathryn said, “Actually, hindi pa rin ako makapaniwala. Kinikilig talaga ako kasi ang saya-saya ko sobra. I’m very thankful.”

Goodbye Teen Queen?

Now that she’s 20, people expect Kathryn to graduate from being Teen Queen.

She maintained, however, “Feeling ko hindi na ‘yan mawawala sa akin. Sabi nila,



‘Paano ‘yan twenty ka na, hindi ka na Teen Queen?’ Sabi ko, ‘Parang forever na dapat kasi ‘yun ‘yung unang ipinangalan sa akin ng mga tao. Parang hindi ko ‘yun kayang pakawalan... naging parte na ‘yun ng buhay natin at hindi natin ‘yun bibitawan.”

She is a bit uneasy over the new title bestowed her: Asia’s Emerging Queen.

“Parang hindi ko alam kasi noong tinatawag ako na Teen Queen ay sobrang pressure na agad,

ang bigat na agad.

Asked if she has detached from being a teen, Kathryn shared, “Actually feeling ko 16 pa rin ako. Sinasabi ko nga na it’s just the age na nagbago.”

If anything, Kathryn admitted she is now more capable emotionally.

“I’m looking forward sa mga mangyayari now that I’m 20, whether good or bad. Excited ako kung paano ko siya maha-handle and kung paano ako matututo,” Kathryn added.

Post b-day bash

KB Buddies, among Kathryn Bernardo’s many fan groups, organized a post-birthday party for the actress recently.

Held at Le Rêve in Quezon City, the party saw club members engaging in fun

games with their idol.

Grateful, Kathryn said, “Sobrang special sa akin ito... ang KB Buddies ang unang fan group ko na solo... bago pa ako mag- ‘Mara Clara.’ Through the years ay sila ‘yung nandiyan, nakikipaglaban para sa akin kaya hindi enough ang thank you para pasalamatan sila... utang ko lahat sa kanila.”

And how does she show love for her fans?

“Verbal... kasi hindi ako masyadong ma-Twitter, hindi ako nakaka-reply sa lahat. “Ang feeling ko, ‘yung sa amin ay friendship na walang iwanan.”

Sisterly advice

The Kapamilya star considers herself big sister to her young fans.

Asked what advice she would give them, she said: “Hindi ka dapat mag-stop kapag may problema ka. Dapat gawin mo iyong motivation to be a better person.”

She encourages teens to be open to their family and friends.

“Malaking part talaga sila sa pag dedesisyon sa buhay, makakatulong sila kung paano iha-handle ang mga bagay-bagay,” she said.

Kathryn is, of course, thankful to onscreen partner and rumored boyfriend Daniel Padilla who has always been supportive.

“Andiyan si DJ, from day one hanggang ngayon. Andiyan siya to support me. Ganoon din naman ako sa kanya, sinusuportahan namin ang isa’t isa.”

I have a dirty mouth, but I’ll give you a clean government-

Duterte

MANILA - On Mon, Apr 18, during a campaign sortie in Bacolod City, Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Baya (PDP-Laban) standard-bearer and Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte once again fired off statements to fend off critics who have persisted in castigating him for his use of foul language and penchant for controversial statements.

Most recently, Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) slammed Duterte for hsi dirty mouth.

For his part, Duterte had this to say to the CBCP: “Ako ‘yung kandidato na masama ang bunganga, pumapatay ng criminal, pero CBCP, hindi ako mag-nanakaw (I may be a candidate with a dirty mouth, I kill criminals, but CBCP, I am not a thief).”

“Duterte also lashed back at his opponents, who were quick to express their opinions against the mayor’s comment on rape,” reports ABS-CBN News.

He stated, “Ako hindi ako namimilit ng tao. Choose. Kung si Binay ang presidente, anong mawala sa inyo? He is a certified plunderer. So with Mar Roxas. Akala ko hindi abusado. He’s using all the resources of the government and money (I am not forcing anyone. Choose. If Binay becomes President, what will you lose? He is a certified plunderer. So with Mar Roxas. I thought he would not take advantage. He’s using all the resources of the government and money).”

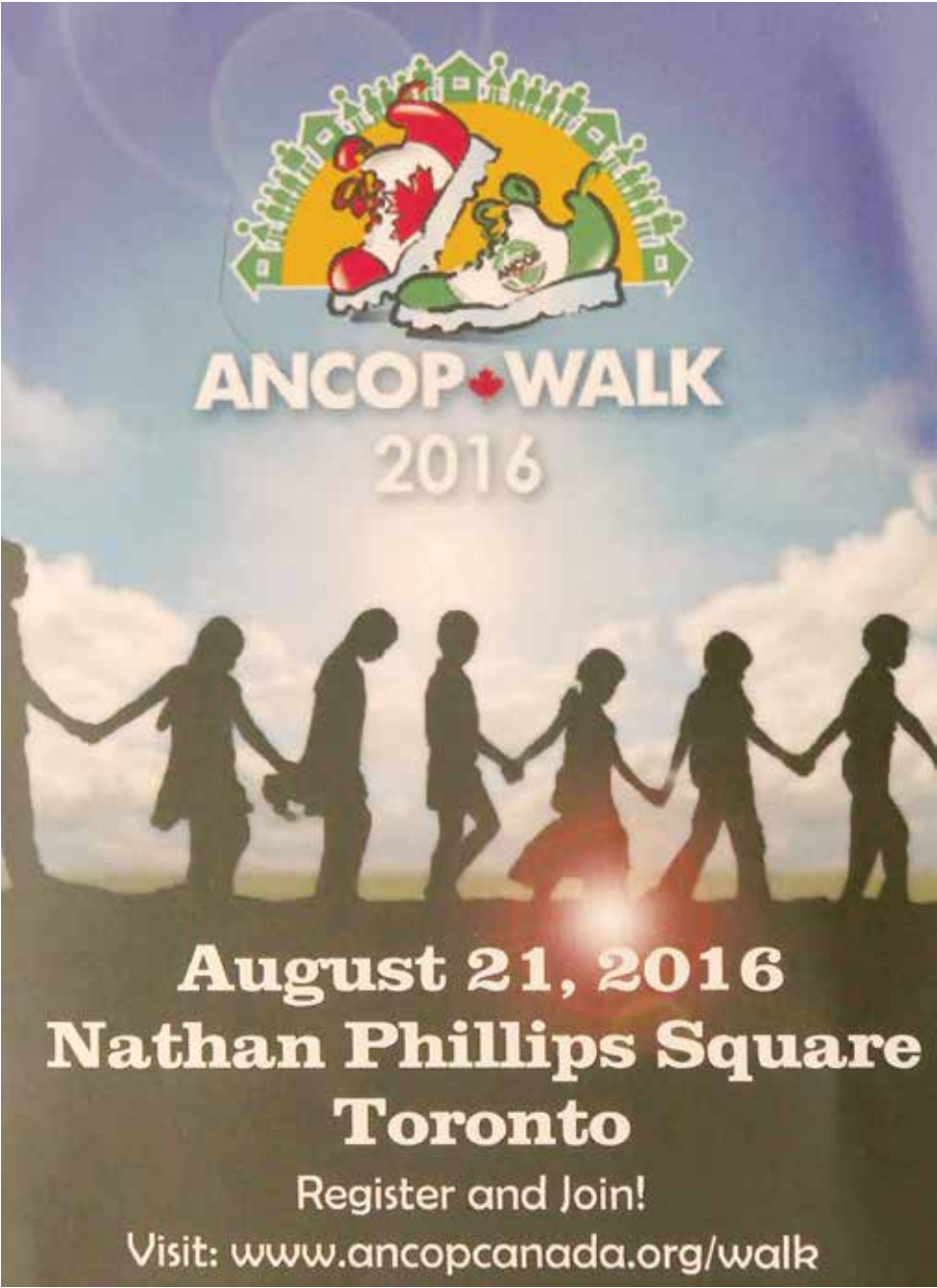
Duterte then vowed, “Despite or in spite of my mouth, I will give you a clean government.”

MIKAEL DOES IN ONE WEEK WHAT OTHERS DO IN YEARS

MIKAEL Daez is so proud over the good ratings and great feedback that his show with Regine Velasquez, “Poor Senorita”, is getting. And he’s also glad that the mini-series he shot on location in Cambodia, “Fight for Love (Blood in Dispute)”, will now be shown this Sunday on GMA’s Sunday Night Box Office for two consecutive weekends.

“Hindi ko makakalimutan itong ‘Fight for Love’ dahil sobrang nahirapan ako rito,” he says. “I had to learn the Cambodian martial arts called bokator and it’s hard kasi masakit sa katawan. Sumabak ako sa training for six hours a day, seven days a week. My body was really hurting. But I’m happy I was able to prove na kaya pala ng katawan ko ang ganoon katinding training. Professional bokator fighters trained me. Sila, they trained for years to harden their bones, muscles, entire bodies. Ako, one week lang. But it was worth it for me kasi nagamit ko ang itinuro nila in two major fight scenes na highlights ng show. It was really a good experience.”

In the story, he plays Marco, a martial artist with a Pinay mom and a Cambodian dad. He goes to Cambodia to fight without knowing the man he’ll be fighting with is his half-brother, played by Cambodian actor Khat Vaihang. Andrea Torres plays his girlfriend, Angela, who follows him to Cambodia to support him in his fights. “Fight for Love” starts airing tonight at 9 p.m. after “Kapuso Mo Jessica Soho” and will have its exciting conclusion next Sunday, also 9 p.m.



Solenn Happy with Encantadia

+ other stories

Solenn Heussaff is, no doubt, among today’s fittest celebs that lead active lifestyle. Apart from running and swimming, Solenn hits the gym whenever she can. Looking at her, you know she also watches her diet.

More of her fitness secrets are in her book for release by August. It’s her second book after “Besties” co-written by Georgina Wilson.

Her motivation was simple. “Kasi the boys weren’t making me pansin in school,” she said, laughing.

She eventually realized there’s more to exercising than that.

“The more you grow older, the more you’re aware what can happen to your body so, I decided to make exercise a habit...”

The effect was immediately palpable.

“I really felt the difference in my sleep pattern and mas marami na akong energy throughout the day kahit tumakbo pa ako ng 15 kilometers,” Solenn said. “And you’re just happier.”

For those who tend to give up on exercising easily, she advised “it’s all mind over matter.”

“You just have to keep pushing yourself, kaya mo ’yan,” she encouraged.

Aside from her upcoming book, Solenn will be busy with the 2016 remake of the hit GMA-7 telefantasya “Encantadia,” where she plays the role of Cassiopeia, originally played by Cindy Kurleto.

Cassiopeia is the first ruler of the enchanted kingdom of Lireo, the homeland of the diwatas where the four Sang’gres reside.

Solenn aims to give her own “flavor” to the role.

“I don’t know how she (Cindy) portrayed it... if I am allowed to do my own interpretation, ang gagawin ko I’ll add bagong flavor to it,” she said.

Solenn hopes they could better the original.

“Super hit nu’ng show dati but I’m sure we will be able to improve on it pa kasi mas marami ng technology nowadays,” she said.

The actress looks forward to doing fight scenes.

“I’m sure we have a lot of crane shots, buhat-buhat, a lot of swords movements,” she said.

The “Encantadia” reboot is set to air later this year on GMA Telebad.

Why Bianca cried during presscon?

Bianca Manalo is very happy that right after “On the Wings of Love”, she is given a follow-up show right away, “My Super D”, where she plays the wife of title roler Dominic Ochoa. She couldn’t help but shed copious tears when the photo of her with her dad was shown on the big screen during the presscon of “My Super D”.

“My dad passed last year and bale one year na siyang wala this April 29. It was also his birthday noong April 11 kaya napaiyak ako sa lungkot when I remembered him,” she says. “Siya talaga ang nag-push sa’min ng elder sister kong si Katherine to be a beauty queen. This year, kasali naman ‘yung youngest sister naming si Nicole Marie at sayang, wala na si daddy.”

“My Super D” had a preview of its pilot week at Dolphy Theatre and it’s an action fantasy that the whole family will enjoy.

Dominic gives his best to his role as Dodong/Super D, which is his biggest break ever as it’s his first lead role. He will really get your sympathy as the perennial do-gooder who is such a devoted father to his son. Ronaldo Valdez chews the scenery as his nemesis who turns out to be also an alien from another planet.

Vic Sotto joins Grace-Chiz campaign

Vic Sotto and wife Pauleen Luna

The crowd got rowdy during the fourth rally of Partido at Galing at Puso (PGP) in Cebu recently. Not only the presence of Senators Grace Poe and Francis “Chiz” Esudero excited the crowd but also Vic Sotto’s. The comedian surprised the Cebuanos with his presence

Vic is the brother of Sen. Tito Sotto who is running as a re-electionist



under the Chiz and Grance tandem.

Pauleen Luna who recently tied the knot with Vic was also there.

There had been some interesting remarks when Pauleen met her ex, Congressman Sherwin Gatchalian, who is running for senator under PGP as well.

This is the first time that the comedian openly admitted he is supporting the candidacy of Grace and Chiz.

Chiz promised the Cebuano electorate that his wife Heart Evangelista will join the campaign “one of these days.”

In the Cebu rally, Bela Padilla who is Susan Roces’ co-star in FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano was also there, also Dabarkads Ruby Rodriguez and so was Grace’s only son Brian Llamanzares.

Brian performed for the Cebuano crowd dancing to Dawin’s “Dessert” and Justin Bieber’s “Sorry.”

Marian Rivera hosts GMA’s morning show

Kapuso’s primetime queen is now conquering daytime TV, first with Sunday Pinasaya in which she co-stars with AiAi delas Alas and other talents from the network and ATP. Now, she will host a morning show in which she will share her experiences as a new mother and housewife. It will be called Yan Ang Morning!

Sylvia thanks dad for abandoning them

The new ABS-CBN series, “My Super D” with Dominic Ochoa in the title role, starts airing tomorrow. Playing the role of his mom is Sylvia Sanchez, who’s actually only a few years older than him. At its presscon, old photos of the cast members were shown on the big screen, along with their own fathers. Sylvia cried buckets of tears when her picture with her own dad was flashed on screen.

“Eldest ako sa limang magkakapatid at favorite ako ng daddy na-min,” she says. “But he abandoned us at akong tumayong daddy sa family namin. ‘Yung ginawa niya, I took it as a challenge. ‘Yung hindi niya magawa for my siblings, ako ang gumawa. Dahil sa hatred ko, nagpursigi ako, nangarap, nagsumikap ako para tulungan ang family ko, to show na kaya ko, kahit iniwan niya kami. Then one day, lahat ng galit at sama ng loob ko sa ama ko, bigla na lang nawala. Naging very positive ako. Ang husband kong si Art Atayde, kabaligtaran ng ama ko. Super daddy siya sa mga anak namin. I don’t know kung ano na nangyari sa ama ko, but I just want to tell him na, kung buhay pa siya, sana magkita kami kasi gusto ko siyang mayakap. Kasi kundi dahil sa ginawa niya, baka I didn’t strive hard in life, baka nandun pa rin ako sa probinsiya namin sa Mindanao.”

Heart stands by Chiz

After the vice presidential debates, some folks criticized Sen. Chiz Escudero for speaking like the voice in Waze navigation app. What can Heart Evangelista say about this?

“With Waze, hindi importante kung ayaw mo o gusto mo ‘yung boses ng nagsasalita,” she says. “The important thing is dadalhin ka niya sa destination na gusto mong puntahan. Ganon din ang husband ko, dadalhin niya tayo sa mas mabuting buhay na gusto nating marating.”

Heart was there at UST last weekend to give her full support to her husband. She is so proud of him as he remained calm even if the other candidates were all personally attacking each other.

“He’s always a gentleman,” adds Heart. “That’s my husband, that’s my vice president. He was very good in the debate as he didn’t resort to mud slinging or muck raking like the others. At the end of the day, he really showed good breeding and good character, he kept his dignity, so I’m always proud to be standing by him.”

Heart continues to campaign for Sen. Chiz in the provinces. Recently, she did a palengke tour of Camiling Market in Tarlac. The crowd was so huge and some folks can’t see her, so she went on top of a table and made her speech from there so everyone can see her. “Napakainit ng pagtanggap sa amin sa Tarlac at nag-enjoy ako nang husto meeting the supporters of my husband. They’re very warm and I want to thank them all.”



Jewel Mische and husband Alister Kurzer (Instagram)

How Jewel Mische met husband online

Jewel Mische and American husband Alister Kurzer found love online.

While many get into a relationship through dating sites, Jewel and Alister met via an online Christian ministry.

She related, “I signed up because I was just curious and wanted to know what the site is about.”

Jewel shared how she initiated communication by dropping a message to Alister after reading his testimony about “purity before marriage.”

“There’s not a lot of men who would be bold enough to talk about things like that. And he was very bold na ‘I want to stay pure for my future wife and if she doesn’t appreciate that then she’s not my future wife.’ I remember he said something like that, then his love for kids and ministry... I just felt the conviction in every word he said. And I messaged him, ‘I love how you love Jesus,’” Jewel said.

Jewel narrated Alister was not aware of her showbiz background when they first started talking.

“He had now idea who I was,” she said.

Jewel deem the chance meeting proof that “prayer works.”

“He’s my dream man and exceeded even more the husband I imagined for myself,” she said.

Before meeting Alister, she had been praying for someone who is “Godly, dignified, respectable and responsible.”

“The more we talk, the more we realize na kami ‘yung tinutukoy naming for our future spouse,” she said.

It can be recalled that Jewel’s views about “purity” before marriage earned mixed reactions.

Alister did not have any problem about it.

“We set boundaries for ourselves... we (just know we) can make it (work),” Alister said in the same interview.

He added, “As a guy, you really got to set a path you want that to walk on. You want to walk on a certain path and not step off to the left or to the right. And I really thought about my future wife and I really wanted to make her happy.”

The two recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Alister and Jewel, who are residing in Michigan, USA, went to Palawan this April for a vacation. Jewel is currently enjoying her “wonderful” life outside showbiz.

“I love how peaceful it is there, laidback, very simple life,” she said.

Scenes in the city



SENATOR ENVERGA JOINS FILCAN COMMUNITY FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE FORUM
Senator Enverga was pleased to have joined the Filipino-Canadian community for a forum on good governance with New York-based civic leader Loida Nicolas Lewis, in Toronto, Ontario on April 9, 2016. MISS FILCORE 2016 presentation was held at the radio station PINOY DREAMS on April 3, 2016. The final judging and coronation night will be held on July 16, 2016 at Saint Michael College Auditorium. PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS

‘Magandang Buhay’ to replace ‘Kris TV’ on ABS

The Queen of All Media may be back from her three-week vacation in Hawaii, but her morning show will soon say goodbye.

Your TV programming will be Kris Aquino-free very soon.

Julie Bonifacio of Pep reports that ABS-CBN will replace Aquino’s long-running morning show Kris TV with a program titled Magandang Buhay, to be hosted by Jolina Magdangal, Karla Estrada, and Melai

Cantiveros.

Although Kris is no longer an ABS-CBN talent, the network still airs reruns of her morning show. Jolina, Karla, and Melai were contestants in the first season of the reality talent show Your Face Sounds Familiar. The three were also frequent guests of Kris’ talk show.

Meanwhile, our favorite Queen of All Media returned to the Philippines last month from her three-week vacation in Hawaii.

“The 3 weeks made me start actively working on my physical health, and more importantly I had the time to be a 100% focused Mom,” she said.

Kris added: “And this is just the beginning of a lifelong commitment of prioritizing my wellness because I still need to make many more memories w/ my 2 sons.”

Of course, this doesn’t mean we’ve completely gotten rid of Kris. The 45-year-old said she will shoot commercials for two endorsements. But hey, we’ll take what we’re given.

Spotlight



Edsa Makati 1983

Why Hollywood stars skipped Pacquiao’s last fight

HOLLYWOOD – It’s not just the lower ticket sales that proved how different the

latest Manny Pacquiao fight was from his previous bouts. Pacquiao’s Hollywood fans were also missing from his cheering section in his last fight.

Bob Arum admitted to the press that even long-time fan and Pacquiao friend Jimmy Kimmel couldn’t do his traditional pre-fight interview with the boxer due to Kimmel’s TV network’s restriction following Pacquiao’s widely reported statements about gays.

Some stars, including wrestler-turned

Hollywood actor Dave Bautista, who supported Pacquiao for many years criticized the boxer about the issue.

During Pacquaio’s preparation against Floyd Mayweather Jr. last year, Pacquiao was often visited by Hollywood stars like his long-time supporter Mark Wahlberg, Sylvester Stallone and Keanu Reeves.

But the disappointing Mayweather fight and Pacquiao’s controversial statements that angered LGBT communities and their allies have dimmed the boxing star’s relation-

ship with Hollywood.

His rise in mainstream American culture was history-making but much of the goodwill that his talents and winning personality produced over the years have vanished due to that one-two punch.

But there are still Hollywood stars who admire his contributions to the sport and may welcome him back if and when he returns to the ring.

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The things Andre admires about Barbie

Working together for two years now, love team and “That’s My Amboy” lead stars Andre Paras and Barbie Forteza have become closer to each other.

This friendship redounds to their undeniable onscreen chemistry, first seen on the GMA teleserye “The Half Sisters” in 2014.

“Barbie just gets better and better. Lahat nahawa sa kanya sa acting, we know that she’s a best actress. Kahit na anong role ibigay mo kanya, nagagawa niya. She’s younger by two years pero nakaka-relate siya sa mga veteran actors. Just to see her doing it, nakaka-inspire talaga for me to work hard also,” Andre said in an interview.

Asked what he likes about Barbie as a person, Andre said, “Si Barbie people-person. She clicks with everyone. Importante iyon.”

He also finds Barbie’s smile a winner.

“Yung smile niya kasi nakakahawa. It’s really nice…”

While Andre has good words for his love team, he clarified that taking their relationship from reel to real is not their priority yet. They would like to let nature take its course instead of being pressured by other people to do “something” about it.

“We really love what we do. Let’s see. Let’s take it day by day. It has to come from us pa. We can’t force a relationship eh. We can’t let fans or other people force it,” he said.

Andre added, “In our heads, it’s work first talaga. We really don’t talk about it. But it’s always work talaga. Importante kasi talaga na no distractions.”

The 20-year-old actor also wants to prioritize his studies. He used to study and play for University of the Philippines. In 2014, Andre transferred to San Beda College. He would like to get a diploma as gift to his parents.

“I really wanna finish school. I really want to get a diploma, I wanna finish something na magiging proud ako,” he said. “Like, maganda kasi for my family when people ask me, I’m in showbiz but I also finished school. Parang it’s nice to hear. Dream ko iyon para sa parents ko, to finish my studies for them.”

Unlike other people his age who like to party and play, Andre puts a premium on saving up for his future and for studying abroad.

“It’s worth it naman. Sabi naman nila save up while you’re young. When you get older, makakalimutan ka din ng mga tao. So it’s better to save up muna and have a plan B,” he said.

Andre feels grateful for all the opportunities given to him by GMA -7. He has high hopes for his love team with Barbie.

“Whatever they give me, whatever they give Barbie, and us, tanggap na lang ng tanggap and do our best in that role. Kasi we can only tell day by day how it goes. Nobody can see the future namin, but if we know na we’re doing our best, for sure tatagal.”

Heart thankful to colleagues in showbiz who believe in Chiz

HEART Evangelista is very thankful that after Vic Sotto, another showbiz icon has openly endorsed her husband Sen. Chiz Escudero for vice president.

“Walang talent fee (na) involved diyan, he did it on his own kasi he believes in Chiz at magkababayan sila from Sorsogon,” she says.

“We’re really thankful dahil maraming kumukuha kay Manoy Eddie Garcia to endorse them pero tumatanggi siya. But for Chiz, he did it willingly. And also for Sen. Grace Poe as president na gusto niya kasi

meron daw utak at puso.”

When she’s not taping for “Juan Happy Love Story”, Heart is going to the provinces to campaign for Chiz and Grace. She was at Lipa City last Monday where she did a palengke tour, then went to Cotabato on Tuesday with Chiz. They’ll also go to Gen. Santos and Koronadal.

As for Sen. Grace, she accompanied her daughter to ride on a hot air balloon in Pampanga. When asked to comment about Digong Duterte’s joke that he should have been the first one when a beautiful Australian missionary was raped, here’s what Sen. Grace says: “Ito ay magaspang at hindi katanggap-tanggap, at nagpapakita ng kanyang kawalan ng paggalang sa kababaihan. Ang rape ay isang karumal-dumal na krimen at walang nakakatawa rito. Dapat tayong mapoot sa lahat ng uri ng pang-aabuso sa mga kababaihan.”

Indie Producer hopes for another hit movie

Quantum Films producer Atty. Joji Alonso is optimistic that her latest offering, “My Candidate”, will be as big a hit as their last one, the Metro filmfest multi-award winner, “Walang Forever”. The story is set in the world of politics and is very timely for the coming elections. Derek Ramsay plays the incumbent congressman Sonny Suarez, who’s running for the Senate. The problem is he’s basically shy and not comfortable in facing the public. His ex-girlfriend, Iza Calzado as Vera Chavez, is also a senatorial candidate. In contrast to Derek, she’s gregarious, mixes well with the crowd and has no stage fright.

Derek will get a communications trainer to refine his social skills. This is Shaina Magdayao as Billie Pono, whose mission is to hone his social skills and make him a charismatic public speaker. They start on official business but, eventually, they discover each other more along the way and become closer to one another. But then, the movie’s blurb is a reminder for them: “Bayan Muna Bago Puso”.

Also in the cast are Al Tantay, Ketchup Eusebio, Nico Antonio, Ricci Chan, Jun Sabayton and Tirso Cruz III in a very special role. This is the directorial comeback of Quark Henares (the son of Dr. Vicki Belo) who has helmed other films before like “Gamitan”, “Keka” and “Rakenrol”. This opens in theaters on May 11, with grand presscon on May 3 and premiere night on May 9. Atty. Joji is now also into managing talents. She’s the manager of new actor Marx Topacio, the boyfriend of 2016 Bb. Pilipinas Universe Maxine Medina.

Jasmine not aware of any competition with Ritz

JASMINE Curtis Smith has been reported then to be transferring soon to ABS-CBN to be with her Ate Anne Curtis, but it never happened.

Naunahan ka pa ni Ritz Azul, a newshen tells her.

“I didn’t know there’s a race between us kung sino ang mas mauunang lumipat,” she says. “I wish her well. I’m happy for her. It’s not an issue at all and honestly, happy



naman ako sa TV5 kasi hindi naman ako nawawalan ng project dito. Hanggang November pa ang current contract ko with them.”

She’s happy with her current projects with the Kapatid Network. “Right now, I do hosting in ‘Happy Truck Hapinas’ every Sunday and the character I play in ‘Ang Panday’ has just been introduced. Tapos, sa D5, the multi-platform, multi-

channel Digital TV of Media Quest na sister company ng TV5, meron din akong show, ‘Forever Sucks’. You can watch this on d5.com. I’m with new actors JC Santos and Gab Pangilinan. I’m enjoying it kasi its concept is fresh and new. It’s a pioneering kind of show na 5 to 10 minutes lang ang haba ng bawat episode, perfect for people today who have short attention spans. I play a vampire who’s 170 years old, named Izabel and works as call center agent sa gabi. Matatapos na ‘yung first season and we’re hoping there will be a season 2.”

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Joross Admits Video Scandal

Joross Gamboa is playing the third wheel in the new Heart Evangelista-Dennis Trillo show, “Juan Happy Love Story”. “This is not my first show with GMA,” he says. “The first one was ‘First Time’ in 2010 with Barbie Forteza. Then I also did ‘Genesis’ with Dingdong Dantes. Palipat-lipat naman ako, e. I also did shows with TV5 like ‘Babaeng Hampaslupa’, ‘Sa Ngalan ng Ina’, ‘Beki Boxer’ and ‘My Fair Lady’. Then bumalik ako sa ABS in ‘Bridges of Love’ and ‘Maalaala Mo Kaya’. Now, back to GMA naman ako. Maganda ‘yung role ko in ‘Juan Happy Love Story’ as Bob, childhood best friend ni Heart na secretly in love with her. I went abroad at yumaman ako roon because of a special tea I invented, called Tea-gasin that helps men become more macho. Gagawin ko ang lahat para mabawi si Heart from Dennis. Kontrabida ako pero comedy ang dating.”

We tell him he gave one of the best male performances last year in the gay indie film, “I Love You Thank You”. “Salamat. Memorable making that movie for me kasi we shot it in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia guerilla style. Minsan, nage-emote pa kami, e nandiyan na ‘yung mga pulis.”

Now happily married to Katz Saga, he is a doting dad to their son, Jace Skyler, who was born abroad. What’s his wife’s most endearing quality? “She brought me back to God and she has the capacity na patawarin ako nang paulit-ulit. Hindi siya bumibitiw sa akin kahit may nagiging pagkukulang ako.”

We know his manager, Noel Ferrer, doesn’t want us to talk about his video scandal, but how did his wife take it? “Pinag-pray namin. Alam naman niya, matagal nang nangyari ‘yun, bago pa kami. Matigas kasi ulo ko. I got a lot of warnings na ‘wag kang gagawa ng ganyan, pero ginawa ko pa rin. So lesson learned.”

Then he asked the press people interviewing him: “Napanood nyo ba?”

Almost everyone said yes. And he says, “O, e di close na tayo!” and we all had a good laugh about it.

JaDine pays tribute to Filipino nurses in UK



LONDON - Nadine Lustre and James Reid, more popularly known as the JaDine love team, visited Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to pay tribute to Filipino nurses looking after dementia patients at the Maple Medical Ward.

The hospital employs around 3,700 medical workers, among them some 500 Filipino nurses. Pinoy nurses in the UK take pride on delivering quality care and compassion in various fields of the nursing profession.

The phenomenal love team, who recently became real-life sweethearts, will be performing at Excel, London for the concert dubbed as JaDine Love World Tour on Saturday, March 26, and then flying to Milan for the final leg of their European concert, on March 27.

"It's been an adventure for us not just in the UK but from Dubai, Doha, Paris... Everything has been so fun," said Reid.

"To all the Filipino nurses out here, your

reputation for being the best there is, keep up the hard work, we are happy for you," added Reid.

Lustre said, "We are really happy to be here and we are excited to perform for you."

Fresh from the success of the all-time-high-rating-teleserye "On the Wing of Love (OTWOL)," Reid and Lustre were received by thrilled fans and nurses on duty as they toured the ward and talked to an octogenarian patient.

"We are a big fan of JaDine. We have been watching On the Wings of Love, we got TFC [The Filipino Channel]. And thank you for appreciating Filipino nurses," said Kristine Reyes, a ward manager at the hospital.

"We are very grateful. Salamat talaga. Kasi ngayon namin naramdaman na ang TFC, na-appreciate ang work naming mga OFWs," said Rizelda Ramirez, ward manager, Maple Ward.

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sor. Deafening cheers and screams from the audience greeted her entrance for the traditional farewell speech.

Glowing in a white gown that wowed the crowd, including Miss USA and Miss Universe second runner-up Olivia Jordan, who sat as one of the judges, Wurtzbach took some moments before she could start her message. Her voice breaking while trying to fight back tears, she thanked God, her countrymen, her friends, and Bb. Pilipinas family led by BPCI's Stella Marquez-Araneta. "I am trembling and I feel like I'm graduating from the class of Bb. Pilipinas, this is the stage where I started," Wurtzbach said with mixed emotion.

Winning circle

"I would tell the girl to study hard no matter what her parents would tell her because having an education is something that can [(n)ever be taken (away) by] anybody else. Education can make you an even better person," Medina, who also bagged the Miss Philippine Airlines ((PAL) special award, answered when she was asked, Even if her parents can afford to send her to school, a 15-year-old girl wants to stop her

studies. What would be your advice to her?

Kylie Versoza, a 24-year-old, pre-school teacher, and a graduate of Management at Ateneo de Manila University, was named Bb. Pilipinas International and was crowned by last year's titleholder Janicel Lubina.

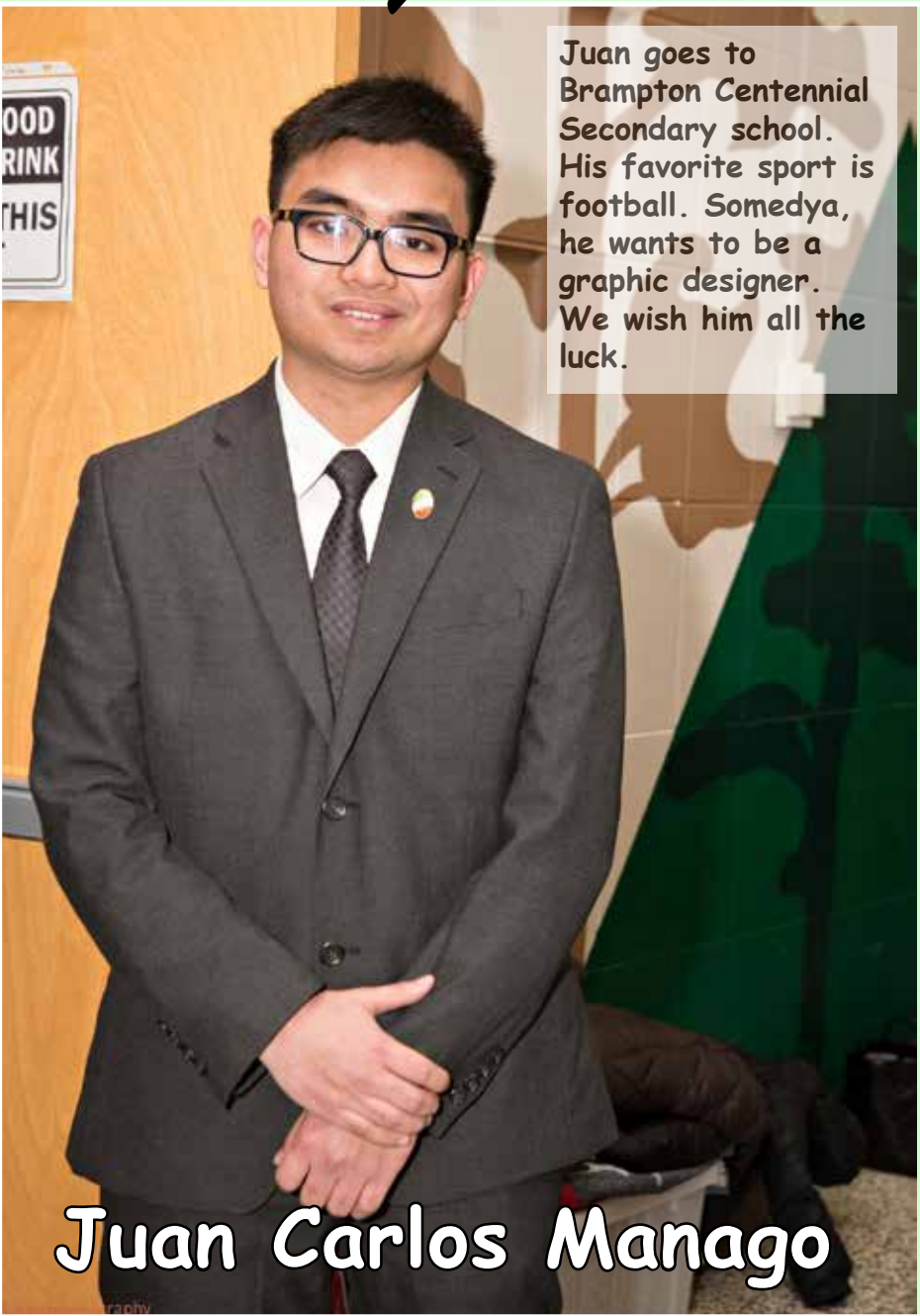
Versoza, who hails from Baguio City, took home the Miss Photogenic (Face of Binibini), Manila Bulletin Reader's Choice, She's So Jag Jeans, and Ms. Fashionista special awards.

During the Q and A portion of the pageant, Miss USA 2015 Jordan asked Versoza, "Why do you deserve to win a Bb. Pilipinas crown tonight?"

She answered, "The person who deserves to win Bb. Pilipinas crown tonight is the person who has worked hard for it and is willing to do everything to continue the legacy of the Philippines. She is confident with a positive attitude and personality and I believe I am her."

Jordan, well-remembered by Filipino fans for her warm support when Wurtzbach was announced as the real winner in last year's pageant in Las Vegas, was well-applauded and was visibly enjoying the program and the popularly regarded world's best pageant fans. She arrived with Miss Universe Organization Paula Shugart and was joined

Honey Shot



Juan Carlos Manago

by Pia's Miss Universe roommate and close friends Miss Malaysia Vanessa Tevi Kumares and Miss Myanmar May Bayani Thaw. Jordan, who expressed appreciation for the Filipinos' kindness and hospitality, received a token from pageant fans, a necktie which featured her lovely Miss Universe image.

Others who earned Bb. Pilipinas titles were: Jennifer Hammond, a 20-year-old model and nurse from Laguna who won Best in Evening Gown and succeeded Miss Inter-Continental 2015 first runner-up Christie McGarry; Joanna Louise Eden, a 19-year-old student at De La Salle majoring in International Studies won Best in Swimsuit and succeeded Rogelie Catacutan as Bb. Pilipinas-Supranational 2016; Nicole Manalo, a 26-year-old nurse (sister of Bb. Pilipinas winners Bianca and Kate Manalo) took the title of Bb. Pilipinas Globe succeeding Miss Globe 2015 winner Ann Lorraine Colis and bagged the Miss Creamsilk award; and Nicole Cordoves, a 23-year-old Department of Finance employee, was crowned Bb. Pilipinas Grand International succeeding 2015 Miss Grand

International 3rd runner-up Parul Shah.

Angelica Alita, a 20-year-old Oriental Mindoro lass and 21-year-old Jehza Mae Huelar of Davao were named 1st and 2nd runners-up, respectively. Angela Lauren Fernando won the best in national costume award.

In the panel of judges were Paolo Roxas, son of Presidential candidate Mar Roxas and Miss Young International 1971 semi-finalist and Miss Photogenic Maricar Zaldarriaga, Lauren Dyogi, Ian Veneracion, Cory Vidanes, Ambassadors Igor Anatolyevich Khovaev of Russia, Roland Van Remoortele of Belgium, Jan Top Christensen of Denmark, former ambassador Lani Bernardo, Trade and Industry Secretary Adrian Cristobal Jr., BPCI Executive Commissioner Betsy Westendorp and Marquez-Araneta.

The Bb. Pilipinas 2016 pageant was hosted by KC Concepcion and Xian Lim with Laura Lehmann, Bianca Guidotti and Kris Tiffany Janson.

Debut April Gonzales



April Gonzalez celebrated her DEBUT at Rembrandt Banquet Hall on April 9, 2016. Attendees are classmates, friends, relatives, and family. PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

What’s up with the stars?



Juancho Trivino is Kapuso’s next big leading man

After his stint in My Little Nanay in which he had several scenes with the country’s esteemed superstar Nora Aunor, the gods must have been pleased with Juancho Trivino and his performance that the network is now poised to launch him as its next big leading man.

The young matinee idol is edgy, especially now, that he has been signed to star in Magkaibang Mundo.

For him, while it is intended for daytime TV, it is something that he will never forget as this is the first time he is playing the main character.

He said that he is under heavy pressure to look and act good in the teleserye.

“Hindi naman lahat nabibigyan ng malaking pagkakataon na gaya nito. Pinaghirapan ko talaga anuman ang na-achieve ko, luckily napansin yung efforts ko at nabigyan ako ng project na ito. Hard work really pays off,” says the good looking hunk.

What did Janine discover about Aljur?

Janine Gutierrez is excited about the new program on GMA Network that she will star in along with Aljur Abrenica. The pretty Kapuso star says she is getting to know Aljur more and she discovers many things



about him.

“Since we see each other more often now than before, I get to discover his character more. He is makulit at sobrang nakakatawa. Maloko din siya sa set kasi madalas niya akong inaasar but he’s also very deep, very insightful at makuwento.”

Production people who was with Aljur Abrenica during the publicity shoot for the new series Once Again in which he plays leading man to Janine Gutierrez was astounded by what the actor revealed.

He said he is able to relate to the character he is playing in the series because like him he is a passionate when it comes to love and family. “He is the kind of guy who will do everything for his family, like me,” he said and added, “Nakikita ko ang sarili ko sa kanya kasi parehas kaming family man. Grabe rin kami magmahal sa isang babae na tipong ipaglalaban mo siya hanggang sa kamatayan.”

Wynwin Marquez consoles grieving Mark Herras

Mark Herras’ mother passed on recently and the actor was visibly sad. He went home to Laguna, where the remains of her late mother were lying in state. She was interred last Wednesday.



And guess who was by Mark’s side all the while? Rumored girlfriend Wynwin Marquez was it. According to those who were there during the nights of the wake, she was always in Laguna consoling the grieving Mark.

Does this mean the two are dancing to the same rhythm and beat? Both are single and eligible, although Mark has child out of wedlock, that’s no hindrance to a romantic alliance if both are attracted to each other.

Regine mingles now with child co-stars

At the beginning of the taping of Poor Señorita, lead star Regine Velasquez-

Alcasid was a bit aloof dealing with the younger cast of the series. She said that it was her approach to ensuring that she gets into the character she plays in the series.



Regine plays Rita Villon, a rich single lady who lost her millions after giving them away when she learned that she had cancer. The diagnosis though was not accurate and the doctor said she didn’t have cancer, but it was too late. Already, a hired killer was after her and she lands in a poor neighborhood in the city. A bunch of young orphans took her in and treats her like an aunt.

That gave her the opportunity to know more about her young co-stars. “Kapag nandoon na kami sa set and when we’re on a break I make it a point to talk to them already. Pero noong umpisa, hindi talaga ako nakikipag usap para medyo may taray factor. But now that Rita is getting closer to the kids, mas bonded na kami and you can see it naman na on screen. I think I have a really good chemistry with them.”

Toni’s pregnancy is not a surprise

No one was surprised anymore when Toni Gonzaga announced in ASAP that she’s three months pregnant. A lot of people have known that for quite some time after she bowed out of “Written in Our Stars”. Her admission or confirmation now is actually quite anti-climactic.



She says she’s cautious about sharing the good news right away, like what happened to her friend and co-host Mariel Rodriguez who got pregnant twice and had a miscarriage later. She made sure first that the baby is healthy and strong inside her womb before announcing her pregnancy.

This is so unlike Iya Villania who, along with husband Drew Arellano, quickly shared with the whole wide world that they’re expecting their first child. And folks were shocked when they saw Iya not at all slowing down but continued in doing all the strenuous exercises that she does even when she’s not pregnant yet. To all prospective moms, our best wishes for an easy pregnancy, for having healthy babies, and also an easy no sweat delivery.



Juancho finds Louise ‘very attractive,’

Juancho Trivino is happy that he is finally elevated to leading man status in the coming new GMA show, “Magkaibang Mundo”. He considers it a great birthday gift for him when he turned 23 last April 13.

“I’m proud to say that this was not offered to me on a silver platter kundi pinaghirapan ko talaga nang husto,” he says. “Four years na ako sa GMA since I started with GMA in the youth-oriented show, ‘Teen Gen’, when I was only 19 years in 2012. I did supporting roles in soaps like ‘Villa Quintana’, ‘InstaDad’, ‘The Half Sisters’, ‘Little Nanay’ and now finally, I get my biggest break in ‘Magkaibang Mundo’.”

The second in a brood of five with two boys and three girls, Juancho lives with his family in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. He was a business management junior in La Salle when showbiz beckoned. What does he think is his edge over other young actors?

“Una siguro, my height, I’m 6’1”. Then, I can do both comedy and drama. Comedy dahil sa exposure ko in ‘Bubble Gang’. Drama because of the soaps I did, lalo na in ‘Little Nanay’ where I get to work with great actors like Eddie Garcia, Nora Aunor and Bembol Roco. I can also do hosting, kaya nga nakuha akong summer co-host sa ‘Unang Hirit’.”

He’s always shirtless in ‘Unang Hirit’. How come? “E, kasi nga, summer edition ito ng show, so nagho-host ako from the beach. I had to prepare for this. Nag-workout ako, less carbo, no dinner, to make sure nasa tamang porma ang katawan ko when I face the camera na walang pang-itaas.”

What can he say about being paired with Louise de los Reyes in “Magkaibang Mundo”? “Siyempre, matindi ang pressure dahil first time kaming magkatambal. Hindi namin alam kung tatanggapin ng viewers ang bagong love team namin, so we vowed to give our very best.”

How does he feel that Louise already has a boyfriend? It’s said that she’s now playing beautiful music with singer Champ Lui de Pio of Hale. “Ang alam ko, break na sila, e. Hindi na sila.”

When we ask Louise about this, she refuses to answer, saying she doesn’t want to talk about her lovelife at all. Does Juancho see himself falling for Louise? “Let it just come naturally. Ayoko namang agad sabihing in love na ako sa kanya at baka magmukhang promo lang for the show. But she’s very attractive at masarap kausap, pareho rin kaming 23 years old, so we’ll see.”

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



The halo halo at Patrick Brown’s meet and greet was very popular.

James, di playboy - NADINE

Finally, nagbigay na ng reaksiyon si Nadine Lustre tungkol sa viral video ni James Reid kung saan ay makikitang nasa loob siya ng car at may kasamang friends, including two girls.

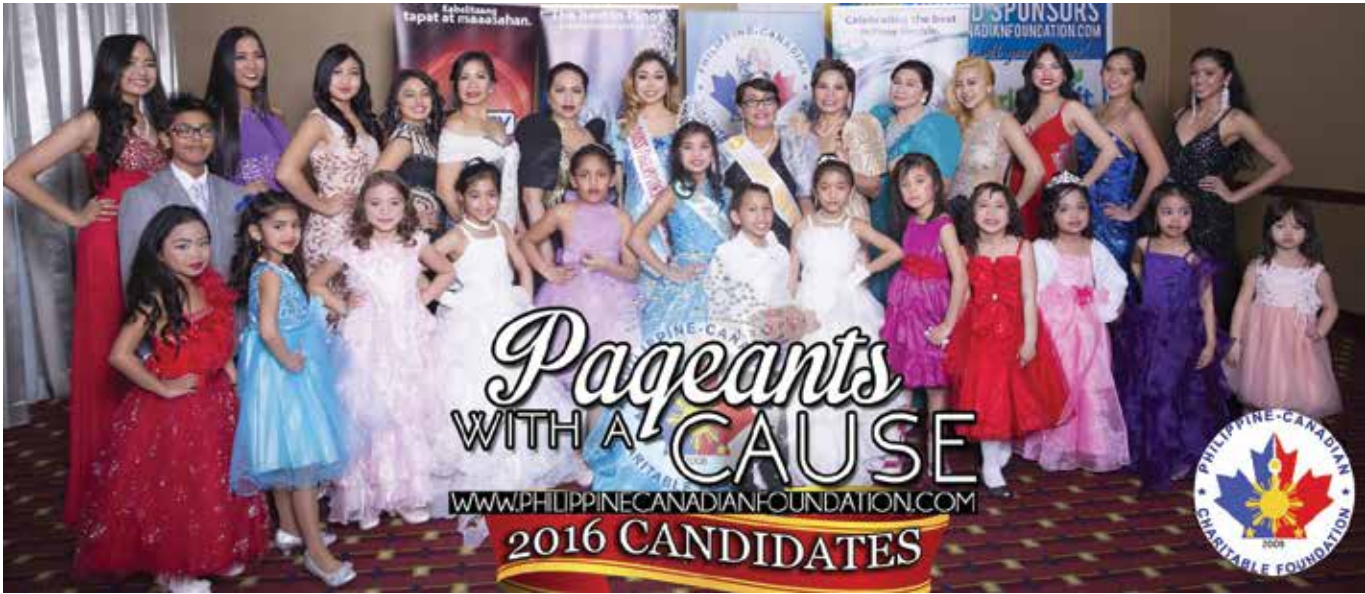
Ipinagtanggol niya ang boyfriend sa nasabing issue kung saan ay nababansagang playboy si James. “Hindi naman playboy. Regarding the video, ‘yung mga nandoon naman sa video, kilala ko naman po ‘yun. Kung sino ‘yung nandu’n sa car. So, hindi naman po ako... (affected or worried).” Matatandaang na-bash nang husto si James nang lumabas ang video at ang daming nag-comment na hindi na dapat pang nakikitaan nang ganu’n ang young actor dahil may girlfriend na ito. Some even speculated na baka nga totoo ang tsismis na hindi naman totoo talagang sila at para sa fans lang ang lahat.

May reaksiyon din si Nadine sa mga taong ayaw maniwala sa kanilang relasyon.

“If ayaw nila maniwala, it’s up to them. Basta ang importante po, me and James, we know what’s real and we know the truth. That’s what’s important,” she said.

Samantala, katatapos lang ng JaDine Love world tour ng dalawa at ngayon ay focused naman sila sa shooting ng movie nila under Viva Films na This Time.

Lilipad sila ulit next month patungong US at Canada para sa bagong series of shows, ang High on Love.



Candidates for the PCCF Miss Philippines Canada, Mrs. Philippines Canada and Little Miss Philippines pose for their photo during the TV taping.

GABBI: I don't let haters affect me

Gabbi Garcia stars as Che, a political activist in the political satire, “Naku, Boss Ko”, that starts airing tonight at 10 p.m., and she’s also in the cast of the sequel (remake and sequel) “Encantadia 2016” as Alena. Some haters on the net bash her and call her as the “starlet na da who” even after she starred in “Let the Love Begin” with Ruru Madrid. What can she say about this?

“I don’t let the haters and the bashers affect me,” she says. “Natural naman ‘yung maraming nang-iinis sa social media and it’s up to you if you’d let them get into you at papatol ka. Ako, ignore na lang. As long as I have the support of GMA7 who gives me good projects and of my own fans who watch my shows, ‘yun ang mas importante. I just always try to do my best in every project they give me so I’m confident na darating ang araw na hindi na nila ako lalaitin at sasabihang starlet na da who.”

Although “Naku, Boss Ko” is about the

coming elections, Gabbi cannot vote yet. “17 pa lang po ako, e. Underage pa. But I’m aware of the important issues about our candidates now. Hopefully, our show will help voters realize na exercising your right to vote is a serious matter and it’s not a joke to choose kung sino ang mga tamang kandidatong dapat nilang iboto. Kasi kung minsan, ang kino-consider lang is who’s winnable? But this is not a popularity contest lang. Dapat suriin talaga who’s the most qualified to serve before you give him or her your precious vote.”

Won’t current candidates get offended and complain for being spoofed in “Naku, Boss Ko”? “Sabi nga, bato-bato sa langit. Kung tatamaan ka, baka guilty ka. We don’t mention any names naman but we’re sure viewers can identify kung sino ang politicians na tinutukoy ng show.”



With dad Max Medina, Miss Universe Philippines 2016 winner Maria Mika Maxine Medina, sister Maria Ferica Rosario Medina and mom Marife Perez Medina are a picture of happiness.



Miss Universe Philippines 2016 Maxine Medina (3rd from left) is joined by other winners: (from left) Bb.Pilipinas Globe Nicole Manalo, Bb.Pilipinas Supranational Joanna Eden, Bb.Pilipinas International Kylie Verzosa, Bb.Pilipinas Intercontinental Jennifer Hammond and Bb.Pilipinas Grand International Nicole Cordoves during the Bibining Pilipinas 2016 coronation night at the Smart-Araneta Coliseum

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