

Joint Maritime Exercise OK

PH, Japan reaffirm maritime cooperation

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte said Thursday he is open to having joint exercises with Japan, after he announced the end of military exer-

cises with the United States.

"Joint exercises? Yes, of course... In general terms, yes, no problem," Duterte said during an interview

with reporters after he visited the

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Parcels valued up to P10,000 are tax free — PHLPost

MANILA - Parcels and personal packages sent by Filipinos overseas will be tax free as long as the value does not exceed P10,000, the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) said.

The new valuation of parcels and packages takes effect October 25, the state-run postal service said, citing Customs Administrative Order (CAO) 02-2016 which implements Section 423 of the New Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

PHLPost noted it is implementing the provisions of the law that says "no duties and taxes shall be collected on goods with a freight on board or free carrier value of P10,000 and below."

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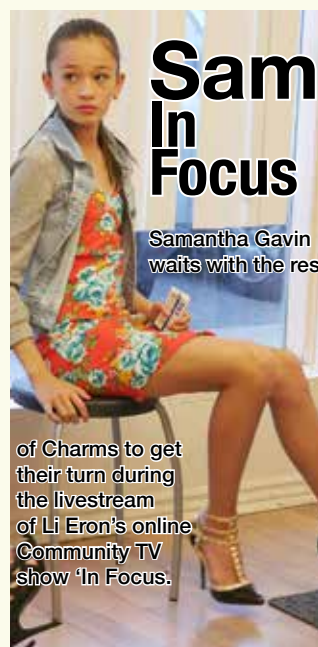
Beautiful Girl Birthday



Krisha Noelle Nares Perada, the second child of Noel and Shirley Perada, celebrated her 18th birthday and Senator and Mrs. Enverga gave Krisha a Certificate of Recognition from the Senate of Canada.



Celebrant Jojo Tadiran pose with daughter Regine Andrea.



Sam In Focus
Samantha Gavin waits with the rest of Charms to get their turn during the livestream of Li Eron's online Community TV show 'In Focus'.

Charms +



Photographer Noli Gumapac takes a photo of Charms during intermission at the Charms concert plus Star Academy Recital at Rembrandt Banquet Hall. PHOTO BY NOLI GUMAPAC



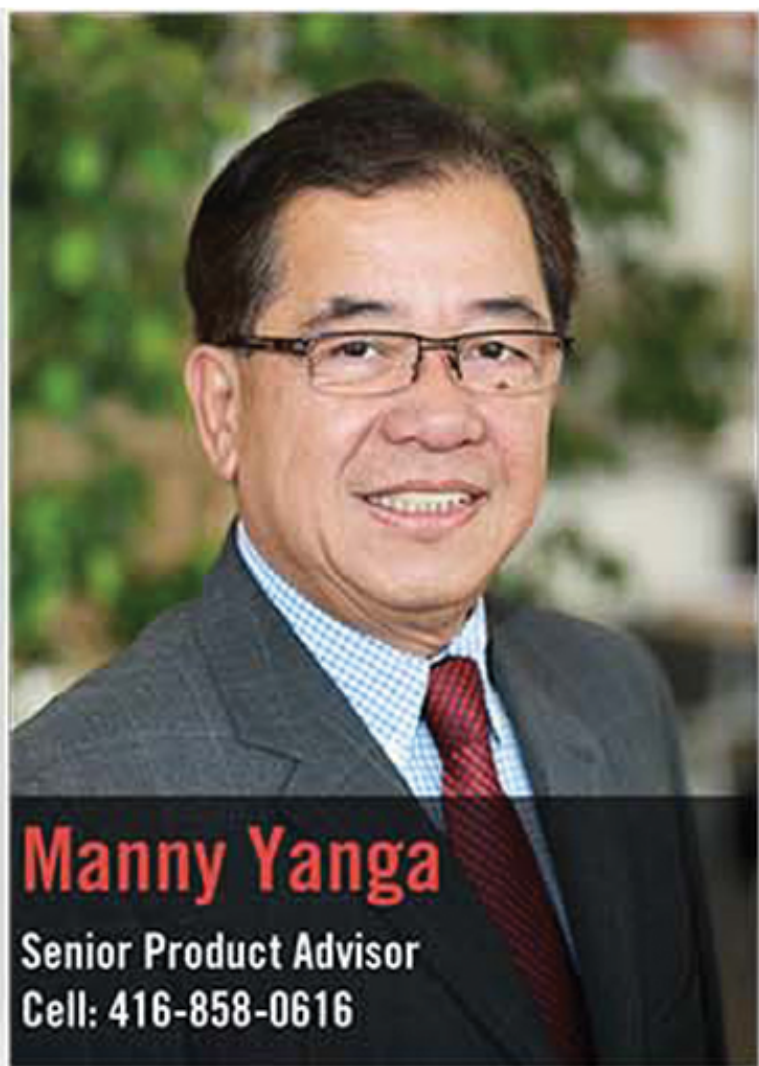
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President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered the removal of all checkpoints in the country, especially if there is no need to put them up. "Except really if it is neces- sary, only if it is necessary, only if there's specific reason to do it, I am ordering all checkpoints dismantled... And that is for the entire country," Duterte declared Saturday, October 29 in a speech at the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Complex in Cotabato City. He graced the launch- ing of the Comprehensive Reform and Development Agenda for ARMM and other conflict affected areas in regions 9, 10 and 12.

The president explained checkpoints should only be conducted when there is a purpose, such as there is "probability or A1 information" that a specific suspect or suspects will pass through a certain area.

"Kung may purpose kayo. 'Pag wala, huwag kayong mag-checkpoint, pam- pagulo lang ng buhay ng Pilipino iyan (Unless you have a purpose. If none, don't set up a checkpoint, it will only disrupt Filipinos' lives)," the President said.

Duterte's directive comes a day after Mayor Samsudin Dimaukom of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao and nine of his men were killed at a police check- point in Barangay Balatukan, Makilala, Cotabato.

Police at the checkpoint flagged down the mayor's convoy based on reports the group would transport illegal drugs to Maguindanao and Cotabato, but the convoy failed to stop and instead engaged the authorities in a gunfight.

Dimaukom was earlier tagged by the president as a narco-politician.

The checkpoints were set up upon the president's declaration placing the entire country under a state of national emergency on account of lawless violence following the deadly night market bomb- ing in Davao City that killed 15 people and injured at least 69.

Honey Shot



Angela plays volleyball. She wants to be an Interior Designer someday. We wish her luck in her future.

Angela Lopena

Good Morning
America features
Kapuso teen star
Miguel Tanfelix

Kapuso teen actor Miguel Tanfelix has caught the attention of ABC News' Good Morning America because of his videos on the mobile app Musical.ly.

Good Morning Amer- ica launched a segment called Musical. ly Challenge Contest, wherein residents of the United States can win a chance to meet international pop star Demi Lovato by doing the video chal- lenges announced on the show.



To introduce the segment, the morning news program showed various videos uploaded on the video app including Miguel's, much to his surprise.

"Grabe po yung saya na naramdaman ko kasi syempre Good Morning America 'yun! At sa daming users ng musical.ly ay isa ako sa mga napili nilang isama sa nasabing segment [I was so happy when I found out about it because that's Good Morning America! Out of all the users of musical.ly, I was one of those that they chose to feature]," shared one of GMA's most promising teen actors today.

Last year, Miguel also trended on social media for his Dubsmash videos, garnering praise from as far as Indone- sia.

Miguel is a product of the kiddie artista search Starstruck Kids. He is best known for playing the lead role of a mentally challenged boy in the Kapuso drama series, Niño. He is currently part of the weekly sitcom, Ismol Family, which airs worldwide on GMA's flagship interna- tional channel, GMA Pinoy TV.

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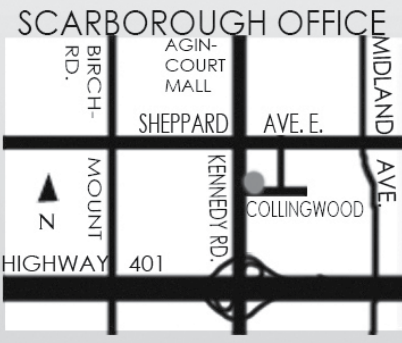
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President Putin of Russia was condemned and vilified by the west for his invasion of Ukraine in 2014. To say that he wasn't popular to the west would be an understatement. But that is not the point. Leaders do things that make them popular to their countries, not for the other countries electorate. In Russia, he remained very popular. Now, we come to the case of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, our new foul-mouthed president who keeps swearing off western leaders to the consternation of his critics, his allies and everybody who would care to listen. And yet, survey after survey shows that he is still popular in the Philippines. Just like Putin, PRD is only concerned about the people in the Philippines. he knows that his tactic and his actions will only be acceptable to the ones who matter - the people inside the country.



Sex Scene for Jadine

The ratings for "Till I Met You or TIMY," the new teleserye of James Reid and Nadine Lustre is not as high as their previous "On The Wings Of Love or OTWOL." However, in a first for the loveteam known as Jadine, they had a love scene in one episode one which brought the ratings up to beat the competition "Someone To Watch Over me." Will the ratings remain high after that one episode? Well, it remains to be seen. One episode does not make a whole teleserye.

Topic is very Daring for Jadine loveteam

Till I Met You follows the story of three friends — Iris (Nadine Lustre), a girl; Basti (James Reid), a boy; and Ali (JC Santos), a closeted homosexual — who eventually fall in love with each other and find themselves in an unusual love triangle. Part of the reason is probably the gay love angle. It is very daring for a loveteam known for it's kilig factor to tackle an issue as gay love. Viewers are probably not that accepting of watching a teleserye with this kind of hot

topic.

Reality vs Reelity

In real life, people may be accepting of gays and lesbians. However, for mindless entertainment, they still prefer their stars playing straight. In OTWOL, viewers can empathize with the characters of Leah, Clark, Jigz and Simon. Tayong mga Pinoy, very romantic. We see ourselves in the characters that we watch. It is our escape from the hard life of the real world kasi.

My Husband's Lover

The series stars Carla Abellana, Tom Rodriguez and Dennis Trillo as the main characters. It is credited as the very first gay-themed series in Philippine television[2] due to the series' central subject of homosexual relationships and infidelity. This teleserye have actors who are already established and who are known for serious roles. Jadine are still known for kilig shows, with no serious topics to deal with.

Image for the Youth

Not only was it a TV ratings bonanza, it was also the hot topic in social media. Because of the love scene, social media filled with comments that they should not have done it because they are an example to the youth while others say that they were brave in doing it, that it was time they did a love scene and they did it with care. Well, the genie is out of the bottle. Time will tell if their loveteam will withstand the lovescene.

ANC'S "Mukha" wins first Cannes Award for ABS-CBN New



ABS-CBN News head Ging Reyes, DocuCentral executive producer Hera Sanchez, producer Kevin Paulino, and director Dan Buenaventura recieved the Silver Dolphin for DocuCentral's Mukha series

ANC, the ABS-CBN News Channel recently made history after its "Mukha" documentary series snagged a Silver Dolphin at the 7th Cannes Corporate Media and TV Awards last October 13 in Cannes, France. This is ABS-CBN News' first trophy from the prestigious award-giving body.

"Mukha" won in the Current Affairs, Human Concerns & Social Issues category for its episode "Sisid," which is about a father who dives underwater for sand as a way to make a living.

ABS-CBN Integrated News & Current Affairs head Ging Reyes accepted the award, together with "Mukha" executive producer Hera Sanchez, producer Kelvin Paulino, and DocuCentral and "Mukha" director Dan Buenaventura.

Reyes said "Mukha's" historic win was a welcome surprise for the team, which only wanted to share the plight of sand divers in the Davao River.

"This particular documentary shows us what the Filipino is made of, no matter his status in life. It is very heartwarming for us in ABS-CBN News to know that there are people who really give help to the people we have featured in "Mukha," she said.

Paulino, one of the episode's producers, said the award gives them motivation to continue doing what they do.

"We knew the story was special but we didn't expect that their

plight will also resonate with the international audience. The DocuCentral team is a small documentary team and this award affirms our mission to share the struggles and triumphs of the Filipino people," he said.

"Mukha" is a world-class TV production of DocuCentral, the documentary arm of ABS-CBN. "Sisid" joins other "Mukha" episodes that also made it to other prestigious competitions such as "Aruga" (Finalist, 2016 New York Festivals), "Sagwan" (Finalist, UNICEF Child's Rights Awards 2015; Nominee, Lasallian Scholarum Awards 2015), "Musmos (Finalist, UNICEF Child's Rights Awards2015)," "Titser" (Official Entry, Documentary Section, Cinemalaya 2015), and "Kamusmusan" (Nominee, Lasallian Scholarum Awards 2015).

The Cannes Corporate Media and TV Awards are conferred annually to honor the world's finest corporate films, online media and TV productions, in one of the most important film centers, world-renowned Cannes, France.

Stay tuned for the next episode of "Mukha" on ANC, the ABS-CBN News Channel. For more information on the DocuCentral and "Mukha" series, visit "Mukha's" official Facebook account (www.facebook.com/MukhaTV) and news.abs-cbn.com/anc, or follow ANC on Facebook and Twitter (@ANCAlerts).

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“Masarap ma-in love!”

Julie Anne San Jose

Okay naman po, we’re still there,” ang nakangiti na tugon ng Asia’s Pop Sweetheart na si Julie Anne San Jose nang kamustahin namin ang puso niya at siyempre, ang estado ng relasyon na meron sila ng Kapuso actor na si Benjamin Alves.

“We’re happy and he’s happy,” ang masayang dugtong niya. Noong May ng taong daw na ito masasabi ni Julie Anne na puwede niyang sabihin na naging solid ‘yung pagiging happy na ‘yun. “Actually, matagal na rin po siya. It started po siguro nung May, noong concert ko. Doon po siya nagsimula, I think.”

Mas open ba sila sa relasyon nila?

“We’re open naman po, we’re not really hiding anything naman. It doesn’t mean na showy kami and stuff like that. Hindi po kami ganun, may kanya-kanya rin kaming reservation. Ako, reserved ako. Reserved din po siya.

“Benjamin, marespeto sa akin at sa parents ko!” — Julie Anne

“Ganun din po nga ang gusto ng family namin, parents ko at parents niya. I think, mas okey po ‘yun kesa sa showy. Hindi naman po kami ganun as long as, we’re not hiding anything naman.” Inamin ni Julie Anne na si Benjamin ang masasabi niyang unang seryosong manligaw na ipinakilala niya sa pamilya niya.

“I think, siya po ang unang pinakilala ko sa parents ko. Mas gusto po nila ng ganun, sa bahay. Mas okey po sa family.”

Ano naging impression ng parents niya kay Benjamin? “Wala naman po masyadong impression,” natawang sabi niya.

“Pero noong nanligaw po, nag-uusap kami, sinabi ko na rin po agad sa parents ko kasi, ayoko rin naman po nung magtago, ayoko na rin po ng ganun. Mas importante na alam na rin po nila.



Hindi takot masaknan? “Part ng relasyon ‘yon!” — Julie Anne

“He’s very understanding at parehas po kami na bina-value ang family. Marespeto po sa akin at sa parents ko.”

Mukhang bigay todo rin si Julie Anne kapag in-love. Sabi nga niya, “Importante po sa akin na hindi nawawala ang focus ko sa mga priorities ko. Masarap pong ma-in love dahil siyempre, nakakapagpa-inspire rin sa ‘yo, ‘di ba?”

“I think, sa lahat naman po ng relationships, especially sa ganitong relationship, you need to give your 100% sa isang tao. Kung gusto mong mag-commit, dapat siya lang. It’s important na mag-commit ka sa taong ‘yun.”

Wala siyang reservation?

“I think, you can say that. Kasi, nandun naman ang trust mo sa taong ‘yun.”

Hindi siya takot masaknan?

“I think it happens, it’s part of every relationship.”

Game sa halikan kay Benjamin? “Kung kailangan sa

script, okey lang!” – Julie Anne

Magkasama rin sina Julie Anne at Benjamin sa bagong serye niya, ang Pinulot Ka Lang Sa Lupa. Unang beses nga raw nilang magkakasama ni Benjamin sa isang serye.

Natawa si Julie Anne nang tanungin namin kung may kissing scene sila ni Benjamin.

“Ha! Ha! Ha! Hindi ko pa po alam, ngayon po, wala pa naman sa script. Kung hinihingi po ng script, okey lang po.”

Mas masarap o mas nakakailang na boyfriend niya ang ka-eksena niya?

“Hindi naman po siya nakakailang kasi, kumportable naman po ako sa kanya. Nagtutungan naman po kami, naghahatakan kami pataas.”

Sa ngayon, both career and personal life ni Julie Anne ay masasabing masaya. Sabi nga ni Julie Anne, “I’m really happy that everything’s falling into place. Marami rin pong mga opportunities na dumarating like this year, naka-graduate ako. Nagkaroon din po ako ng concert at 20 years anniversary ko sa showbiz.

“Magkakaroon din ako ng concerts nga po with Christian, outside the country.”

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Angeline Quinto and Erik Santos entertains the crowd

Angeline Quinto and Erik Santos did not disappoint the fans who watched them deliver the songs that touch the heart and the kilig moments as to the status of their relationship. They were entertaining, they were friendly and they were down to earth. Their chemistry is based on their reel and / or real relationship and the audience can feel it. They let the audience in, as if they are part of their circle of friends into their personal (Romantic) life. They sang a diverse set of songs such as Dont stop Believe’, Shut up and dance, Chandelier, Hanggang, Araw gabi, Tuwing umuulan at kapiling ka, On the Wings of Love, My heart will go on, Bakit ngayon ka lang, Kailan, Hanggang sa dulo ng walang hanggan, Saan darating ang umaga, Muling buksan ang puso, Minsan lang kitang iibigin, Lupa man ay langit na rin, Hanggang kailan kita mamahalin, Maging sino ka man, Sana bukas pa ang kahapon, and May bukas pa, among others.

Angeline went into tears when she recalled the passing of her father 3 years ago before singing the song ‘Somewhere over the rainbow’ dedicated to him. Erik Santos surprised the audience that he will be singing with a former Star in a Million winner and now local resident DK Tijam. They sang a duet of “Flashlight. I met DK Tijam more than 20 years ago at the now-defunct M Studio and restaurant in Mississauga. He is the nephew of fellow journalist Rose Tijam.

Afterwards, the audience had a chance to have a meet and greet, pose for photos and get autographs from the stars.

All in all, it was very lovely and

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‘NBI, PNP, PDEA fighting over narco list’

DAVAO CITY, Philippines – Government agencies tasked to validate the list of officials linked to illegal drug activities are engaged in a turf war, according to President Duterte.

This is the reason for the delay in releasing the list, he said.

“I may be wrong or I may be right. The problem is the NBI (National Bureau of Investigation), the Philippine National Police and the PDEA (Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency) seem to be fighting each other,” Duterte told a national gathering of policewomen here over the weekend.

Duterte stressed he could not release the list yet as it is still undergoing revalidation.

He cited the need for a thorough revalidation of the list that is said to contain more than 1,000 names, including policemen, judges and local officials.

Duterte said he ordered a revalidation of the list several times, passing through the NBI, the PDEA, the PNP with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) making the last check.

The President said he does not want a repeat of what happened to the case of former Pangasinan governor and now Rep. Amado Espino, who was mistakenly included in a



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte holds a folder containing the names of Philippine politicians and government officials allegedly involved in illegal drugs during his visit to the headquarters of the Philippine Army Scout Rangers at Camp Tecson in San Miguel township, north of Manila, Philippines Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016.

supposed drug matrix of the illegal drug trade at the New Bilibid Prison.

Duterte also apologized to Pangasinan provincial board member Raul Sison and former provincial administrator Rafael Baraan for linking them to the illegal drug trade.

On the latest narco-list, Duterte explained the list was initially thick but had thinned down after a series of revalidation.

“It was this thick,” Duterte said, gesturing

with his fingers how thick the supposed list was.

“I have ordered the concerned agencies to revalidate them all,” he said.

He said that he himself had to look meticulously on how a person was linked to the illegal drug trade.

“And I told them (agencies) I will not go into this challenge if I am not sure because if I name you publicly, it would stain your life forever,” he said.

Duterte said the list was further trimmed down to include several policemen, barangay officials, mayors, two congressmen and judges.

“That’s the problem,” he said.

Duterte revealed the existence of the third narco-list but only mentioned Agusan del Sur regional trial court Judge Hector Salise, who was recently ambushed.

Duterte said Salise was into fixing or bungling of drug cases.

Salise is still recuperating from bullet wounds in his head and shoulder. His family refused to give any reaction or statements.

Officials in Agusan del Sur said they were not aware that Salise was on the list.



Ryan Agoncillo explains reason for buying a house in Las Vegas

Katulad ng maraming netizens, kinilig din daw si Ryan Agoncillo nang makita niya ang video nila ng misis niyang si Judy Ann Santos sa kanilang bagong bahay sa Las Vegas.

“Wala, nagti-trip na lang kaming mag-asawa nun!” natatawang sabi ni Ryan nang tanungin tungkol sa sorpresa niya kay Judy Ann noong nakaraang buwan.

Patuloy ng Eat Bulaga dabarkads, “You know, it was a happy moment for us. I wanted to share it to everyone ‘cause it was a very special moment.” Ipinaliwanag din ni Ryan ang dahilan kung bakit sila bumili ng bahay sa Amerika.

Aniya, “When we bought the house... it was last year. We bought it kasi the market was good for buying a house. As an investment, we went on with it.”

“I went there in Las Vegas last year to fix the house. Hindi ko nga natapos so we had a handyman to do it.”

Hindi raw agad nakita ni Judy Ann ang bahay dahil ipinanganak nito ang kanilang ikalawang anak na si Luna. Lahad ni Ryan, “First time niyang makita nitong trip namin noong September kasi na-CS [caesarean] siya kay Luna. We’re supposed to have summer there but we couldn’t because she couldn’t travel.”

“That’s the first time she saw it. We came from a long drive from L.A. It was just a special moment, the sun was rising.”

“Our friends took the video and I’m just like... you know, kahit ako pina-nood ko. Sa aming mag-asawa, we had a moment. For us it was awesome. We’re happy that people enjoyed it, too.” Ibig bang sabihin nito ay may balak silang manirahan sa Las Vegas?

Sagot ng “Eat Bulaga!” host, “Well, it’s an investment opportunity that opened up. Ang unang usapan is it’s gonna be an investment.”

“It turns out that she likes the house. She loves the location. I mean, it’s a humble home that’s just enough for us. Hindi naman siya magarbo, e. So, we’ll see what the future holds for us.”

Sweden to reopen embassy

MANILA - With the success of Swedish brands such as clothing retailer H&M in the Philippine mass market, others like home accessories and furniture chain Ikea and Volvo Buses are not far behind, said Harald Fries, Sweden’s ambassador-designate.

No Swedish company has become hesitant to do business in the Philippines despite the controversy over the President’s foreign policy stance, he said.

“Actually, there are more and more companies signing up,” Fries said.

One of the Swedish businesses about to move in is the defense contractor Saab Group.

It is reportedly in pole position to secure a deal to sell its JAS 39 Gripen fighter aircraft to the Philippine Air Force.

Other companies have expressed interest in infrastructure, energy, and disaster response and relief.

“The concern [about the Philippines] is there but more specifically on the human rights situation, and I haven’t heard from the business sector that this translates into [loss of interest in] doing business,” Fries said.

Swedish businessmen “know the fundamentals here” and the noise about the Philippines will not affect their business or investment plans, he said.

“When I read the papers here, some chambers of commerce have expressed that if this continues, it could have an effect on business interest. But I haven’t seen it in my conversation with [Swedish] companies,” the Swedish diplomat said.

This month, Sweden’s biggest-ever business delegation to Manila, led by Swedish Minister of Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg, will be in the Philippines. The visit will coincide with the reopening of the Swedish Embassy in Taguig.

Fries said the delegation will include Atlas Copco, Ericsson, Scania Group, SEB, Swedish Match and Volvo Buses. Their mission is to promote trade and investment exchange with the Philippines, he said.

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The Swedish Embassy in Manila, which was closed in 2008 because of severe budget cuts following the global financial crisis, will be reopened on November 8 to strengthen trade and investment promotion and policy dialogue, Fries said.

“We recognize the favorable economic development [in this country] and we saw a lot of potential in increasing trade and investment and person-to-person, tourism and academic exchanges,” said Fries.

Unscrupulous members of media distorting Duterte’s statements - Yasay

MANILA - Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay on Monday claimed “unscrupulous” members of the media of deliberately twisting the statements being made by President Rodrigo Duterte.

“The misconception or misunderstanding or misinterpretation is not on the basis of what the President has said, but on the basis of what is written on the media,” Yasay said in an interview on Unang Balita.

“There is a deliberate scheme or distortion or attempt to distort the statement of the President to make the public misunderstand what he is saying,” the foreign affairs chief added.

Yasay made the statement following President Duterte’s public apology to the Jewish community for his remarks last week.

Duterte said during his speech upon his arrival from Vietnam that he was willing to do a Hitler and slaughter three million drug addicts in the Philippines.

“Hitler massacred three million Jews. Now, there are three million drug addicts... I’d be happy to slaughter them,” Duterte said in Davao City. “At least if Germany had Hitler, the Philippines would have... You know my victims, I would like to be, all criminals, to finish the problem of my country and save the next generation from perdition,” he

added.

Yasay claimed that “unscrupulous members of the media” made sure that Duterte will make statements “that they can misinterpret and they can distort so that they will be misled the people.” Malacañang had explained that Duterte’s remarks were an “oblique deflection of the way he has been pictured as a mass murderer, a Hitler, a label he rejects.”

It said that Duterte had been compared to Hitler during the elections as an attempt to derail his candidacy.

Yasay, meanwhile, asked members of the media to police their ranks “to make sure it will not happen again.”



LEFT, Bernie Sychanco won the “Men’s Closest to the Pin” trophy at the PIDC Mabuhay Cup Golf Tournament. Ron Start, he and his teammate also tied with the foursome of Manolo Arnaldo and Luminus Financial to win the championship trophy.

RIGHT, Alice and Romy Reyes enjoy the Rizal 16th Commanders’ Ball at Rembrandt Banquet Hall.



Lacson, tired of interpreting Duterte’s pronouncements

MANILA - Sen. Panfilo Lacson on Sunday admitted getting fed up with “interpreting” controversial public pronouncements of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Lacson said this when asked about Duterte’s latest remark drawing parallels between his administration’s war on drugs and the massacre of six million Jews during World War II. As his previous pronouncements, Duterte’s remarks were met with criticism not only by Filipinos but also by the international community.

“Nakakapagod na rin magbasa between the lines lalo na sa atin, sa labas ng bansa, international community, they take the words as they come out of the mouth of the President,” said Lacson in a radio dzBB interview.

“Hindi naman puwede na ibu-burden mo pa sila na mag-interpret o magbasa between the lines,” the lawmaker said, adding that it was “very clear” that the President was trying to make a comparison with his now infamous “Hitler remark.”

Duterte apologized to the Jewish community for his remark. “I would like to make it here and now that there was never an intention on my part to derogate the memory of the six million Jews murdered by the Germans... I apologize profoundly and deeply to the Jewish [community],” he said during the opening ceremony of the Masskara Festival in Bacolod City.

Lacson admitted feeling pity toward the chief executive’s communication team.

“Miski ano pa sabihin to the contrary, mahirap na i-cure na ang talagang tinututumbok din [ay] nagkaroon ng pagkukumpara at siya mismo ang gumawa ng pagkukumpara kahit ano pang explanation na gawin ng spokespersons niya,” he said.

A Simple Trick to Tenderize + Flavor Meat

Cuts of beef that come from the shoulder, bottom, and legs may be cheaper than the prized tender cuts, but they’re just as flavorful. The downside? They can be quite tough. The good news is, there’s a simple trick to tenderize meat. Before seasoning or marinating your beef, prick it all over, on all sides, with a fork then let it rest for four hours or overnight in the refrigerator. The next time you cook beef stew or grill flank steak, try this trick—you’ll see what a big difference it can make!

Group backs Nuclear Power

MANILA, Philippines – The Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands (CCPI), the country’s first and oldest business group, is battling for the use of nuclear power and of the mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) to address issues in power supply and high cost of electricity as well as to support the country’s economic development. CCPI president president Jose Luis Yulo Jr. said the business group is backing the proposal to add nuclear power in the energy mix and operate BNPP.

“With the spiraling high cost of energy in the country, our organization supports the operation of the 620-megawatt (MW) BNPP to accelerate the economic progress of the Philippines through industrialization,” he said.

CCPI said the index poverty and unemployment in the country remains high and the only solution to this create jobs “is by massive industrialization and agricultural development.”

“For this to become a reality in the Philippines, the cost of electricity must be brought down in the shortest possible time through nuclear energy. It is the earnest hope of the chamber that this policy recommendation be brought to the attention and political will of President Rodrigo Duterte,” it said.

Built in the 1980s, BNPP was supposed to operate commercially in 1986 but was mothballed due to strong opposition from environmental

“Katunayan nakakaawa na sila kasi hirap na hirap mag- explain pero wlaa tayong magagawa. Nasabi na ng Pangulo iyon. Nag-react na ang buong mundo. Hindi natin masisi ang international community, lalo na ang Germany at Israel,” the lawmaker added.

‘Like toothpaste’

Lacson said he hoped Duterte would be more cautious with his subsequent public pronouncements, since they could easily be construed as the country’s policy statements.

“I just hope ang policy adviser ng Pangulo magkaroon ng masinsinang pag-uusap dito at sana mapakinggan sila na sana dapat maghinay-hinay dahil mahirap na bawiin,” he said.

“Para iyang toothpaste na lumabas sa tube. Kapag nasabi mo na, mahirap nang bawiin, na puwede mong i-correct o i-clarify o ibahin ang meaning ng sinabi pero sa mga nakakarinig, malinaw eh,” he added.

At the rate issues are being hurled against the Duterte administration, Lacson said he can’t help but feel like the President has been in his post for many years already.

“Wala pa ngang 100 days, feeling mo taon na sa dami ng issues na lumalabas,” said Lacson.

The lawmaker added: “Miski sinong pangulo binibigyan ng at least six months na honeymoon period... Tatagal lang ang honeymoon period kung halimbawa pinagbibigyan na maka-adjust ang bagong administrasyon doon sa bagong tungkulin na inatas sa kanila.”

“Pero kung paulit-ulit, iiksi ang honeymoon period... Kung iyon at iyon rin ang issue, hindi naman nababago at iyon pa rin ang controversy, baka umiksi ang honeymoon period,” Lacson said.



‘SOBRANG INGAY NG PANGULO’ Gordon: ‘Noisy’ Duterte ‘falling on his own sword’

MANILA - Senator Richard Gordon on Monday said President Rodrigo Duterte was “falling on his own sword” for being “too noisy” on publicly expressing his desire to have suspected drug users and pushers killed.

“Maingay ang Pangulo, sobrang ingay ng Pangulo. Tama lang na ipakita niya na galit siya sa droga pero huwag na siyang mag-ingay na ‘I will kill you,’ hindi tama ‘yan,” Gordon said.

“Kaya he is falling on his own sword, nadadapa siya sa kanyang espada dahil salita siya nang salita, napagbibintangan tuloy ang bansa na ‘yan ang nangyayari,” he added.

Gordon, chairman of the Senate justice committee, made the statement at the resumption of the probe on drug-related killings.

“Kaibigan ko ang Presidente, pareho kami nag-mayor pero ayokong salita nang salita ang Presidente kung ano gagawin niya. Pero dapat ang sasabihin niya, ‘Masyadong maraming hindi nasu-solve at i-solve ‘yan,’” Gordon said.

Cops’ accountability

The senator told Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Ronald “Bato” dela Rosa that cops involved in killings should be held accountable.

“Kahit isa lang ang namatay at hindi na-solve ng pulis ang kaso, ang tao matatakot. Kaya siguro tayo tinitira ng foreign media,” he said.

Gordon then took a swipe against international media, and said that foreigners should not be hesitant of visiting the Philippines amid the spate of alleged extrajudicial killings.

“We have to be accountable. To the media here, the foreign media, I don’t care what you say about us. We have not thrown the rule book because the Senate is investigating extrajudicial killings, whatever you want to define it,” he said.

“The law has not been thrown kaya ‘wag kayo matakot sa Pilipinas because the Senate is investigating,” Gordon stressed.

Gordon said at least 1,300 policemen are involved in shooting incidents.

Of the number, some 680 cops have been charged after a motu proprio probe, according to the Internal Affairs Service of the PNP.



Jak Roberto on his bashers, “Normal naman ‘yun I think”

Super blessed ang Kapuso hottie na si Jak Roberto sa dami ng projects na ginawa niya this 2016.

Bukod sa napapanood siya sa Bubble Gang at Dear Uge, naging parte rin siya ng katatapos pa lamang na serye niya sa URL (Usapang Real Love), kung saan kasama niya sina Miguel Tanfelix at Bianca Umali.

Sa exclusive interview ng GManet-work.com kay Jak sa Bubble Gang 21st anniversary pictorial ngayong Lunes ng umaga, October 24, ipinagpapasalamat ng guwapong binata sa Poong Maykapal ang lahat ng blessings na tinatamasa niya.

Aniya, “God is good all the time. Sobrang happy ko this year ito nga sunod-sunod guesting na project. Ito nga Dear Uge ‘tsaka itong Bubble Gang. So, malaking bagay ‘yun na ako kasi trabaho lang. Sabi ko magka-regular na work lang, kasi para masaya [laughs] para tuloy-tuloy ‘yung work, ‘yun ang gusto ko. Tapos hindi ko naman inexpect na sunod-sunod [na] magkakaroon ng mga guestings.”

Nag-open up din si Jak patungkol sa mga naging bashers niya lalo na at gumanap siyang third wheel sa love team ng BiGuel sa URL.

Papaano kaya niya hinrap ang mga negative comments ng mga fans ng BiGuel?

Kuwento ng Kapuso actor, “Normal naman ‘yun I think. Lagi kong sinasabi naging supporter din ako ng mga artista, naging fan din ako, naging supporter din ako. So parang, ganun talaga ‘pag lalo na die-hard, lalo na ‘pag love team. Naiintindihan ko sila, ramdam ko sila, ganun talaga ang mga fans. Ang isang fan na sumusuporta sa idolo, ganun talaga naiintindihan ko sila dun.”

Handa rin daw si Jak na mas ma-challenge pa sa kaniyang trabaho. Kaya kung mabibigyan ng pagkakataon ay sana mabigyan daw siya ng chance na magbida sa isang project next year.

“Sana next year mabigyan ako ng chance na mag-bida. Kasi itong buong year nagkaroon naman ako ng project, pero third wheel ganun. Eh gusto ko pa ‘yung ma-challenge, gusto [kong] nacha-challenge talaga. Sana mabigyan ako ng chance na magbida this coming 2017.”

'No Garage, No Car Act' now one step closer to becoming a law

MANILA - Next time you buy a car, whether brand new or used, you might be required to secure a proper parking space first before you're allowed to make the purchase. This will be the case if or when Bill No. 1165, otherwise known as the "No Garage, No Car Act of 2016", is passed by the Senate into a law.

Filled by Senator Joel Villanueva, it proposes that anyone who intends to acquire a motor vehicle should first be able to present proof that they have a "permanent parking space or facility" to store it. The spot must be leased or procured by the vehicle owner and he/she will have to present a notary public to the

Land Transportation Office (LTO) as a prerequisite for registration. This applies to all individuals who reside or have a business address in "metropolitan areas such as, but not limited to Metro Manila, Angeles, Bacolod, Baguio, Batangas, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Dagupan, Davao, Iloilo, Naga, and Olongapo." Why is the government doing this? There's no denying that traffic in the Philippines is bad and it's only getting worse. The number of vehicles on the road is constantly growing (adding 370,000 more new cars based on the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc's report) and we don't have

enough roads to drive them on. Senate Bill No. 1165 plans to fix this by freeing up roads blocked by irresponsible vehicle owners who turn streets and sidewalks (which by the way are not part of their property) into their personal parking spaces. Mind you, the bill also authorizes the LTO, MMDA, and LGU to conduct periodic ocular inspections of alleys, streets, and thoroughfares and remove illegally parked vehicles. Knowing how crafty some people are, those caught with fraudulently-obtained motor vehicle registrations will have it revoked. The owner will also be barred from

registering any vehicle under his/her name for 3 years and fined P50,000 for every violation. Likewise, the LTO officer and employee who allows such vehicles to be registered without or with fake documents will be suspended for 3 months without pay. The only topic not covered by Senate Bill No. 1165, or at least to our knowledge, is what happens to already-registered vehicles. As we see it, the bill doesn't require existing owners to present proof of their permanent parking space or facility when renewing their registration; or at least not yet.



PHOTOS BY ARIEL RAMOS

Krishna Noelle Nares Perada, the second child of Noel and Shirley Perada, celebrated her 18th birthday at Paradise Inn on September 11, 2016. This monumental event was attended by her classmates, cousins, relatives, and friends; Senator and Mrs. Enverga gave Krishna a Certificate of Recognition from the Senate of Canada. Her siblings Kevin, and Justin did the logistics of the preparations of her birthday.

ASIA America's Asian Pivot ruined by Philippines

Does anyone remember President Barack Obama's pivot to Asia? The plan was to focus diplomatic and military assets in East Asia to contain a rising China. It was one of the reasons Obama said he was shrinking the American footprint in the Middle East. Well, the pivot is failing. On October 20, the president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, announced to an audience at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing a "separation" with the U.S. "America has lost now," he said. "And maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world: China, Philippines and Russia. It's the only way." Two things should be said here. First: Duterte is a crude vulgarian. He has called Obama a "son of a whore," and picked a fight with the pope. Second: Duterte's own government appears to have been kept out of the loop about this new alliance. Duterte himself said he did not mean to imply that he would cut diplomatic ties with the U.S., but he has not backed away from his pledge to end military cooperation with the U.S., though others in his government have suggested he will back down. Regardless, this is a big story. The Philippines has been an important U.S. ally since the beginning of the cold war. What's more, the Obama administration has invested in the country as part of its pivot to Asia. In 2014 the two countries signed an enhanced defense cooperation agreement. When the Philippines brought a case against China at the Hague over China's artificial islands in its territorial waters, the U.S. supported the Philippines diplomatically. In July, the Hague's Permanent Court of Arbitration ruled in favor of the Philippines. This would have been an opportunity for the U.S. to turn the screws on China. But instead the Obama White House encouraged China

and the Philippines to resolve the matter themselves after the ruling of the international tribunal. At the end of August, Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters that the U.S. was not interested in "fanning the flames of conflict but rather trying to encourage the parties to resolve their disputes and claims through the legal process and through diplomacy." Duterte has now taken Kerry's advice. Dan Blumenthal, the director of Asia studies at the American Enterprise Institute said that the Obama administration had fumbled. "After the tribunal decision, our response was to tell Duterte to tamp down tensions and talk bilaterally with China, and there was no evidence of follow-up by us in terms of our own military exercises or diplomatic initiatives to enforce the findings of the tribunal," he said. "There has been next to nothing on this. We still haven't had a Freedom of Navigation mission that actually challenges the Chinese artificial islands." Is it any wonder then that Duterte concluded Obama wasn't serious about defending the rule of law in the South China Sea? Close watchers of the Filipino leader could have predicted this kind of thing. Before his campaign for the presidency in August 2015, he told supporters, "If America cared it would have sent aircraft carriers and missile frigates the moment China started reclaiming land in contested territory." Of course America didn't do that. It didn't even send the Navy into Filipino territorial waters claimed by China in the South China Sea after an international tribunal ruled that those waters were Filipino. Instead, the Obama administration acted as if international law would implement itself. But it never works that way. The rule-based system Obama endorses requires a great power to defend it.

Senate Speaker recognizes Atin Ito's Eddie Lee

Ottawa, October 20, 2016 – Today, the Honourable George Furey, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, recognized Atin Ito publisher Eddie Lee in the Senate Chamber during the Senate sitting. Eddie Lee was present in the Senate gallery as a guest of Senator Tobias C. Enverga Jr., who paid tribute to Eddie Lee's contribution to the Filipino Canadian community. "I rise today to pay tribute to one of the notable seniors in my community — a senior who has been a beacon of inspiration and leadership for many Filipino Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond, Mr. Eduardo Lee," Senator Enverga said about the publisher of Canada's oldest existing Filipino monthly newspaper. "He is the recipient of several awards, many including the terms 'outstanding' and 'merit', but too numerous to list here today. Some more notable are the 1987 Ethnic Media Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Ontario Minister of Citizenship; the 1995 Better Understanding Among Ontarians through Journalism Award from the Honourable Bob Rae, the then Premier of Ontario; and the Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Honourable Sheila Finestone, the then Minister of State for Multiculturalism.



Mr. Lee, a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient, received a Distinguished Alumni Award in Community Service from his alma mater, the University of the Philippines, this summer," the Senator continued. "Honourable senators, I want to thank Eddie Lee for his contributions to our community and to Canada," Senator Enverga ended his tribute.

JOJO TADURAN: A Journalist By Heart Celebrates His Diamond Years

By Li ERON, Host “in FOCUS” Online Talk Show

TORONTO - Dangerous and trained people merges and blends to its surroundings perfectly like a Chameleon. You attend an event and you don't know who is among the crowd. People with massive experience and education are worst in their tactics at being invisible in the crowd. It's like attending a new circle and there he was on a ball cap on dark glasses sitting quietly in a corner. It wasn't his seniority in years that commands respect. It was his wisdom when he opens his mouth to interject and then you will realized how much a man of decency he is and a walking storyteller by heart. He probably was the worst fly stuck on the walls of interesting people in his active life as a print and broadcaster journalist in the prime of his life.

Yes, a Print Journalist with the Philippines Herald, Evening News, Headline, Philippine Graphic Magazine, to name a few and a Broadcaster with nationwide daily radio program, Pulong- Pulong sa Kaunlaran (1971-1986), Voice of the Philippines (now Radyo ng Bayan). And yet, in all gatherings, I find him quietly sitting in

a corner.

I always learned in life to be careful with people who are extremely quiet and unassuming because they are the ones with grenades in their hands. The one who will put your life out of balance. But it was his simplicity that made a connection and his generous heart that builds our relationship; him as a mentor and me the so called “blogger” who is always looking for wisdom. He never failed to give his wisdom to me and occasionally kick my chair to enforce his teachings as an ace journalist.

I called him “Kuya Jojo” because respect is always to the man I've come to know not just as a journalist but as a Community leader as a Barangay Kagawad in Quezon City. Mr. Jojo Taduran is also a Member of the Rotary Club of Quezon City, a Lifetime Member of the National Press Club of the Philippines. A Lifetime Member of the Order of the Knights of Rizal. A 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus. A Foundation Leader of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation and Philippine Press Club of Ontario.

Imagine how luck I am as a writer only guided by a gift of writing. Mr. Jojo Taduran is a pillar where journalism is a privilege in the olden days when social media was still not even on its infancy. He is a remarkable man who at this stage in his life switches to a more private life. But journalists, they are born with it and although Mr. Jojo Taduran may have slept on his laurels as a famed journalist in his life. He remained humble and he remained true to his calling as a journalist by helping others.

It was just right and proper for me to accept an exclusive invitation on his 75th birthday recently. The gathering was absolutely private with families and friends which is this man's well guarded principles; of mingling with a few.

That night as his life transcends to another milestone, Mr. Jojo Taduran surprised me with his well defined vocals as he sang his favourite song. He was also given recognition from the Office of the

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Bishop says conscience, not God, spoke to the President

“His conscience, not God, spoke to him.”

This is how Sorsogon Bishop Arturo Bastes explained the “voice of God” which President Duterte claims he had heard, telling him to stop cussing.

In an interview, the Catholic prelate said “it was the voice of his conscience... his conscience was bothering him” in reference to the President.

Bastes added that only “holy and mystic persons have that privilege of talking to God.” In his flight back from Japan, the President shared this experience last Thursday: “I was looking at the skies as I was coming over here and I... everybody was asleep, snoring. A voice said, ‘You know, if you don't stop, I will bring this plane down now.’ And I said, who is this? Of course, it's God. Oh, okay. So, I promised God not to shout cuss words,” Duterte said.

Father Jerome Secillano of the Nuestra Senora del Perpetuo Socorro Parish in Manila welcomed Duterte's promise.

Senator Joseph “JV” Ejercito said: “Tignan natin (Let's see). His presidency is just on its fourth month.”

PH, US verifying if Chinese left disputed shoal

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines and the US are trying to verify a report that Chinese coast guard ships have left a disputed shoal, allowing Filipino fishermen back to the rich fishing area that China seized in 2012, triggering tensions in the South China Sea.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said the Philippine coast guard has reported that Chinese ships have not been sighted at Scarborough Shoal in the last three days, but he added the report has to be validated.

Lorenzana told The Associated Press that the Philippine air force plans to conduct aerial surveillance of the shoal off the northwestern Philippines as early as Saturday to check the

situation.

China took effective control of Scarborough in 2012, after a tense standoff with Philippine vessels. Since then, Chinese coast guard ships have been driving Filipino fishermen away from the area, while farther south in the Spratly Islands, China went on to construct seven man-made islands despite protests from other claimants.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the US was still assessing reports that Chinese boats have left Scarborough Shoal, and Filipinos have resumed fishing there.

“We hope it is certainly not a temporary measure. We would like it to be a sign that China

and the Philippines are moving toward an agreement on fishing access at Scarborough that would be in accordance with the July 12 arbitral decision,” Toner told reporters.

A year after China took control of Scarborough, then-President Benigno Aquino III took the issue to international arbitration. In July, a tribunal ruled that China had violated Filipinos' right to fish in their traditional fishing grounds. It also invalidated Beijing's sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea. China ignored the ruling and its coast guard continued to block Filipino fishermen from the shoal.

Current Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has attempted to improve relations

with China. After visiting Beijing last week, he said without elaborating that Filipino fishermen “may” be able to return to Scarborough after he discussed the territorial rift with Chinese leaders.

He said he insisted in his talks with Chinese leaders that the shoal belonged to the Philippines, but that the Chinese also asserted their claim of ownership.

“If the Chinese ships have left, then it means our fishermen can resume fishing in the area. We welcome this development,” Lorenzana told reporters. “Our fishermen have not been fishing there since 2012. This will return to them their traditional source of livelihood.”

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‘DON’T MAKE ENEMIES’

Shahani to Duterte: Take beginner’s course in diplomacy

MANILA - A former senator and diplomat has an unsolicited advice for President Rodrigo Duterte in the wake of his recent remarks against old ally the United States and friendly overtures towards Russia and China.

“We don’t need to make enemies to make new friends and that is the art of diplomacy. So I think our President if I may have to say so has to take a beginner’s course in diplomacy,” said former Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani.

Duterte has announced that he was setting his eyes on Russia and China as allies and trading partners after the US, the European Union and the United Nations expressed concern over the alleged extrajudicial killings

linked to his anti-drug campaign.

He dared the US, UN and EU to take their economic aid elsewhere.

Duterte said that the international community would never understand the depth of the drug problem in the Philippines.

“I do not expect human rights, I do not expect Obama, I do not expect the EU to understand me. Do not understand me. And if you think it’s high time for you to withdraw assistance, go ahead. We will not beg for it,” Duterte said, partly in response to Vice President Leni Robredo’s earlier statement saying his rhetoric may affect foreign aid for anti-poverty programs of the government.

“Ano’ng paningin n’yo sa amin? How do

you look at us? Mendicants? Na magsige lang sunod-sunod kami?” he added. “We will survive. We will survive as a nation.”

Shahani, before being elected to the Senate in 1987, was ambassador to Australia from the 1981 to 1986. She was also secretary general of the World Conference on the United Nations Decade of Women in Kenya in 1986. She left her UN post and returned to the Philippines to become the Deputy Minister for Philippine Affairs after 1986 EDSA Revolution.

Shahani was a chairperson of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations during her term.

She is the sister of one of Duterte’s allies former President Fidel Ramos.



Derrick closer to and still friends with Bea

TWO of the most promising young actors at the Kapuso Network are Derrick Monasterio and Kristoffer Martin, both good looking, both can act and sing well. Both of them now also have new shows: “Tsuperhero” for Derrick and “Hahamakin ang Lahat” for Kristoffer.

Derrick is very happy in playing his first superhero role so far. “Mahirap siya kasi mainit ang costume ko but I’m enjoying it kasi I get to do comedy and also action scenes,” he says. “This is based on an original concept of Michael V and I’m so thankful ako ang napiling gumanap nito. I play Nonoy, a jeepney driver so attached to his mom, Alma Moreno, who’s going blind. Isang alien from another planet, si Migz Cuaderno as Bokitox, ang nagbigay sa’kin ng superpowers. Noong una, I don’t like it kasi sagabal lang sa trabaho ko as tsuper’yung pagiging superhero and I don’t really like rescuing people. But later on, nagustuhan ko na ang pagiging superhero ko.”

Who’s his favorite superhero as a child? “Si Superman. But for ‘Tsuperhero’, ang peg ko is Ryan Reynolds in ‘Deadpool’ kasi may pagka-comedy rin’yun. Mas mahirap mag-comedy kaysa drama kasi you have to have perfect timing at nakakahiya kundi matatawa ang audience.”

Directed by L.A. Madridejos, “Tsuperhero” will start airing in November on Sundays after “24 Oras Weekend”. Also in the show are Bea Binene as Eva, Derrick’s love interest; Gabby Concepcion as Sgt. Cruz, the cop who’s Derrick’s ninong; Betong Sumaya as Julius, a small time crook, Philip Lazaro as Mang Pedi, owner of the carinderia where Derrick hangs out; Valentin as Polding, a cook; Annalyn Barro as Anna, the niece of Philip; Jemwell Ventinilla as Choy, a street kid; and Kuhol as Mong, a cigarette vendor.

So what’s the real score between him and Bea now? “I’m really glad that we’re paired again after ‘Hanggang Makita Kang Muli’ and ‘Vampire ang Daddy Ko’. We’re getting to know each other better everyday and we’re closer now than ever before. But friends pa rin lang kami.”

WITH ‘RECIPROCAL’ PARTNERSHIPS

VP Robredo: Int’l aid ‘not donor-beggar relationship’

MANILA - Vice President Leni Robredo on Monday underscored the importance of partnerships with other countries in the government’s bid to reduce poverty in the Philippines.

In her speech at the Partnerships Against Poverty Summit, organized by her office to link 60 local government units in need of possible donors, Robredo said receiving international support involves a reciprocal partnership.

“I’ve never looked at aid from other countries as a beggar-donor relationship,” the Vice President said, which in turn received applause from participants.

“I like to think that it’s a human response to show mercy, compassion, regardless of our nationalities, our race, our religion, and even our political beliefs,” she added.

“Our diversity and difference must never be a barrier to reach out to each other when anyone is in need,” she went on.

Robredo noted that the Philippines’ relationship with foreign neighbors “is not a one-way street.”

“As such is not about a country begging from another, but about human beings who recognize each other’s limitations, and their need to harness their unique gifts and strengths, for the benefit of the greatest number who remain vulnerable,” she said.

She also reiterated her call for inclusivity, saying, “The problems we face require building bridges, not walls.”

“They require collaboration, not polarization. We will succeed faster if we include, not exclude,” she said.

Robredo’s office is working with various agencies, which include foreign non-government organizations, embassies, and multilateral and international aid organizations.

Offers

The Vice President said that since she assumed office, she has received offers for “funding, expertise, and experience through their unique programs and services.”

“[D]espite the noise out there, the truth is many are willing to come together and build these bridges,” she said. “Many have come to the Office of the Vice President offering help and I believe it is borne out of a sincere and unconditional desire to help.”

She added: “I have also come to discover that giving aid is not just about a donor and a donee, and that the donee is not the only party benefitting from such an arrangement.”

“For me, it is also a partnership of two parties, finding ways and means to find the best solutions to the complex problems of the world,” she went on.

Robredo earlier noted that international organizations have expressed “excitement” in helping with her office’s advocacies.

Duterte tirades

She admitted, however, her concern that pronouncements made by President Rodrigo Duterte against world leaders and institutions could affect international support for the government’s anti-poverty initiatives.

After this, Duterte directed yet another rant at the United States, the European Union, and the United Nations, and dared them to withdraw their aid to the Philippines.

He said the international community would never understand the depth of the drug problem in the Philippines.

“I do not expect human rights, I do not expect Obama, I do not expect the EU to understand me. Do not understand me. And if you think it’s high time for you to withdraw assistance, go ahead. We will not beg for it,” Duterte said, partly in response to Robredo’s concern.

“Ano’ng paningin n’yo sa amin? How do you look at us? Mendicants? Na magsige lang sunod-sunod kami?” he added. “We will survive. We will survive as a nation.”

Filipinos trust US much more than China: survey

MANILA - People in the Philippines still trust the United States far more than China, an opinion poll showed on Tuesday, despite President Rodrigo Duterte’s recent outpouring of anti-American rhetoric and his sudden overtures towards old rival Beijing.

Though trust in both countries had declined slightly since the last survey in June, a Social Weather Stations poll from Sept. 24 to 27 showed 55 percent of Filipinos had “little trust” in China, versus 11 percent who had doubts about the U.S.

Just over three-quarters, or 76 percent, of the 1,200 respondents had “much trust” in the United States, compared to 22 percent who felt the same about China. The poll did not ask respondents to explain their views.

Duterte visits China on Tuesday, accom-

panied by a business delegation of at least 200, as he looks to open a new commercial alliance with Beijing that he says aims to boost the Philippine economy and diversify a foreign policy too dependent on Washington.

He has railed ferociously about the long-time ally and former colonial power and questioned its loyalty. He has complained of being dictated to about his deadly war on drugs by President Barack Obama, whom he told to “go to hell”.

Last week Duterte called Obama, the European Union and United Nations “fools” for criticizing his narcotics crack-down, and said he would “humiliate” them if they accepted his invitation to probe alleged summary executions.

Duterte vows to ‘humiliate’ U.S., U.N., E.U. on killings

Some Americans in the Philippines say his outbursts have left many of their countrymen, and U.S. businesses, jittery.

The last SWS poll showed an 81 percent rating of “much trust” for the United States with just nine percent having “little trust”. Feelings about China were better at that time, with 27 percent having high trust and 51 percent little trust.

That poll, conducted after Duterte’s election but prior to his taking office, preceded a July ruling by an arbitration court in the Hague that dealt a blow to China’s vast territorial claims in the South China Sea, in a case brought by Manila.

China refuses to recognize the ruling.

In comments likely to have irked the Chinese leadership, Duterte has said his new foreign policy shift showed a change in Philippines-China ties but he would not bargain with it over maritime sovereignty

and would raise the issue of the ruling.

Duterte’s hostility towards the United States and aggressive courting of China, so soon after it lost a landmark court decision, has perplexed much of the international community.

Some experts say his apparent unilateral decision to consider dismantling a decades-old U.S. defense alliance risks jolting a region concerned about Beijing’s rise and the chance of waning U.S. influence under a new White House leadership.



LEFT, Samantha Gavin performs Stone Cold at the Charms concert and Star Academy recital. ABOVE, Star Circle hip hop group performs. BELOW, Kayleigh Cerezo performs a very good rendition of Hanggang.



Charms Concert and Grand Recital of Star Circle kids

The concert started at 5:20 pm and they had to cut it at 9:20. Meaning, the Charms group did not get to perform three more songs. The concert and recital was entertaining. However, the concert was on Sunday night so that was the bad news about it. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening. Besides Charms, the all female pre-teen and young teen group - the oldest is 14 years old - of singers, all the students carry themselves well. There were portions on modelling, singing and dancing. What stood out for me was the hip hop group and singer Kayleigh Cerezo who sang an accent-free rendition of "Hanggang" by Angeline Quinto. It was a wonderful evening of fun, entertainment and the Charms, along with the Star Circle students did not disappoint.



ABOVE, Toven Bella joins Cassandra Adajar at the Charms and Star Academy Recital. RIGHT, Britney Waito poses for photographer Noli Gumapac during intermission.



RIGHT, Photographer Noli Gumapac takes a selfie with Charms. RIGHT BELOW, Charms promotes the concert at the show In Focus hosted by Li Eron (FAR LEFT) and Fiennes Mendoza (SECOND FROM LEFT).



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ANNE MARIE PRINCESS 11TH BIRTHDAY

Drs. Solon and Josephine Guzman celebrated their elder daughter's 11th birthday last October 15, 2010. Annemarie Princess was surrounded by family and some friends and it was a very enjoyable time. I heard that it was already the 3rd celebration. The first one was for the school. The second one was for relatives. And this one is for family and friends. I have heard that the power couple and parents of Princess and sister Angeline are thinking of buying a banquet hall the size of at least half a football field at the rate they are celebrating and the number of friends that are being added.



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Knights of Rizal Canada Region holds its 16th Commanders' Ball

The Knights of Rizal Canada Region held a very well attended 16th Commanders' Ball on October 29, 2016 at the Rembrandt Banquet Hall located at 930 Progress Avenue, Scarborough, Toronto. Ontario, Canada.

According to Sir Ed Prillo, KGOR, regional commander, the event was participated in by the officers and members of the different chapters of the KOR from different areas in Canada. The contingent from Montreal in the province of Quebec was 50-member strong. It was led by Sir Rey Balansi, KGOR, Sir Dario Boco, KGOR and Sir James de la Paz, KGOR. Windsor, Ontario was also represented by a group led by Sir Hermie Hernandez, KGOR.

Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte sent his message to the Knights of Rizal in Canada extolling their achievements in their 'adoptive community in Canada' and appealed that they work together with him institutionalizing reforms that will benefit and transform the Philippines in the next six years.

Sir Reynato S. Puno Sr., KGCR, Knights of Canada Supreme Commander, praised the Knights of Rizal in Canada for their unity and activities which

Enchong Dee admits having a crush on Maja Salvador in the past

Actor Enchong Dee admitted to having a crush on actress Maja Salvador in the past during their guest appearance on the morning talk show, *Magandang Buhay*.



The two celebrities have been friends since they began their careers under Star Magic.

According to Enchong, there is no dull moment with Maja. “Grabe, papasayahin ka niya, papakainin ka niya,” he said. Further, the swimmer-actor also added, “Kahit bumabagyo noon, pinuntahan ako ni Maj kasi may swimming competition.”

When asked if they ever had a crush on one another, Enchong said, “Hindi mabebenta kay Maj ‘yung mga Chinito, eh.”

Maja, for her part, said, “Hindi naman sa wala (atraksyon) pero parang siguro sa sobrang bait ni Enchong, ‘yung parang ayaw mo si-yang mawala sa buhay mo kaya mas pipiliin mong maging kaibigan na lang.” “Kasi maswerte ka talaga ‘pag may Enchong ka sa buhay. Kasi, kunwari kahit hindi na kami artista o ano, nandiyan talaga siya kasi ang maganda naman kang Enchong, parang iniisip niya hindi lang ‘yung future niya kundi pati ‘yung future ng mga kaibigan niya. Parang pag-usapang pera, si Enchong ang pinakamagandang kausapin,” she added.

Host Jolina Magdangal then asked, “Hindi ba parang okay na partner ‘yung ganyan?”

Maja answered, "Eh, hindi rin siya nagpatuloy, eh."

are highly impacting their community. He encouraged them to 'continue to be the paragon of the Rizalian values' in their individual and corporate capacities.

Canadian Senator, Sir Tobias (Jun) Enverga, Jr. KGOR, encouraged his fellow knights to continue upholding the teachings and ideals espoused by Dr. Jose Rizal in their new country Canada, which embraces the similar values.

Consul General Rosalita Prospero was the evening's Keynote Speaker and Inducting Officer for the new set of Canada

Region executives.

On hand to support the Canadian Region of the Knights of Rizal were Sir Jaime T. Marasigan, KGOR, the immediate past Regional Commander of the Knights of Rizal and now the Deputy Exchequer at the Supreme Council, former Regional Commander Popoy Cana, KGCR; Dr. Tom Virey, KGOR; Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, the Rizal Canada Region Area Commander, and Sir George Poblete, past Regional Commander, and Pro-Patria wardtee.

During the event, Sir George Poblete

was also honoured with the Knights of Rizal Lifetime Achievement Award, the first one awarded outside the Philippines.

In the meantime, the Knights of Rizal Supreme Council headed by former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Sir Reynato Puno, will host the 21st International Assembly slated for February 23, 24, and 25, 2017 to be held in Davao City. The events' expected Guest of Honor and Speaker is Philippines President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. (**Fe Paca-Taduran**).

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JaDine reacts on ‘TIMY’ and ‘OTWOL’ alleged disparity

James Reid and Nadine Lustre—popularly known as the on-and off-screen love team JaDine—jointly declared they are not affected by ongoing comparisons among viewers between their past and present prime time projects on ABS-CBN—On The Wings of Love (OTWOL), 2015 to February 2016, and the new series Till I Met You (TIMY). Expectations of course were through the roof for the follow up, which currently hasn’t caught up with the ratings and thrills the first one had set. “It can’t be helped. On The Wings of Love—some call it a phenomenon. It was the start of a new kind of teleserye. It can’t be helped but it really has a different story,” Reid told the reporters at his endorsement launch with Lustre Blends Coffee at Oasis Events Place. “OTWOL is really close to the heart of the people so re- ally they can’t help but compare it; I’m pretty sure Till I Met You will be the same [and gain its own loyalists],” Lustre agreed. Asked if they are bothered if they are with the show’s ratings every night, Reid said, “Nowa- days we don’t really mind the ratings it’s the new generation [watching]. Our inspiration is the millennial, and it’s really different and really hard to translate digital ratings into traditional ratings. But overall, the story is developing nicely, we’re really excited,” he added. With LGBT themes now taking over plots on TV and movies, TIMY is at the fore- front of the trend on prime time. Their show follows the story of three friends— Iris (Lustre), Basti (Reid), and Ali (JC Santos), a closeted homosexual— who eventually fall in love with each other and find themselves in an unusual love triangle. Asked if people aren’t ready for non-stereotypical portrayals of LGBT as in TIMY, the 23-year-old actor replied, “I think everyone’s accepted it, especially with JC in the role and he’s great at it. He is a nice guy and we’re lucky to have him. Again, such an amazing actor.” All is well With work out of the way, conversations with JaDine naturally went the way of their personal relationship. Admitting they too have their share of misunderstand- ings like any other couple, Lustre said, “That’s part of any relationship but we don’t make it last. We make sure that we talk about it.” “I’m not the type of person who holds grudges, so like in 30 minutes we’ll forget about [our misunderstanding],” Reid added. The actor is clearly inspired by the love of his life, as has written songs for her, one of which is titled “Forever,” which marked their first month together. “That was the first song I wrote for Nadine. The inspiration, it’s her of course. I was at a taping and alone in a room. The difference is that when you’re alone, the words just come up and the melody of the song,” said Reid. Awesome Meanwhile, proof that JaDine are a gem on screen is when top American group The Chainsmokers, liked their video singing the song “Closer” in a Cebu concert, and even posted the comment, “Awesome” on social media. “I was surprised over that because what I know is that they just liked the video since someone tagged them a collage, and then when I checked to verify if it was really their account who reacted to the post, I saw it was really The Chainsmokers! We were super happy, and neither of us could believe it!” Lustre enthused. “We weren’t able to reply or think too much about it because we were busy shooting,” she added. “But I am really happy because to perform is what I really love doing and where I started, and for international artists to recognize local talents, that’s really something for James and I.”

‘Eat Bulaga!’ newcomer Taki denies imitating Maine Mendoza + other stories



Regular nang napapanood sa “Eat Bulaga!” si Taki bilang isa sa pinu-push ngayon ng Triple A at TAPE Inc. Reaksyon ng 16-year-old, “Yes, and I’m super thankful. “It’s everyday learning to achieve the goal that they want me to have. “And we’ve been talking so much, they support me. FAME AND BASHERS. Mahigit isang taon pa lang si Taki simula nang ipakilala siya ng Triple A na isa sa mga bago nitong talents. At kasabay ng pag-ani niya ng tagumpay ay ang pagsulpot ng bash- ers. May nagsasabing ginagaya raw niya ang mga istilo ni Maine Mendoza. Lahad ni Taki, “To be honest, marami pong tao ang nagsasabi niyan. “Ate Maine is one of my idols, sa pagdadamit, character niya. “Because [no matter] how famous she is, she’s still grounded. ATE MAINE. Yung mga fans ni Maine, ano naman ang masasakit na nasabi sa kanya? “Yun nga po, na gaya-gaya raw po, pinapalitan ko raw siya sa Eat Bulaga!. “Parang sabi ko, hindi ko naman po siya pina- palitan. “She’s like my mentor na nga minsan, e. So ako, parang ‘Grabe naman po kayong magsalita.’ “Si Ate Maine is very friendly, ate-ate and she’s always there to comfort me.” Kung si Maine ay napasikat ng Eat Bulaga!, ganun din kaya ang plano sa kanya? “Wish ko po, wish ko po na ganun ang plano nila sa akin,” na- tawang sabi ni Taki. “Pero siyempre, gagawin ko po ang lahat and I’m learning every single day with Eat Bulaga! hosts and everyone around me. “I’m just absorbing everything and learning at sana ma-achieve ko po yun.”

Kathniel, Hiwalay muna

Matindi raw ang paniniwala nina Kathryn Bernardo

at Daniel Padilla na kahit pa, halimbawang, magka- roon sila ng projects na hindi magkasama, manana- tili pa rin silang close sa isa’t isa. Iba daw kasi ang closeness na namamagitan sa kanila, bagama’t ayaw din nilang aminin na more than friends na sila. Well, marami kasi ang nanini- walang after their highly- acclaimed and blockbuster movie Barcelona: A Love Untold, magkakanya- kanya na muna sila. Kunsabagay, ‘di pa tiyak kung ang magiging next project nila, individually na, ha, ay pelikula pa rin o isang TV series. Their last soap together was Pangako Sa ‘Yo.

Lani, ‘di na mapapanood sa TV

SAYANG at dahil sa kanyang kasalukuyang maha-lagang tungkulin bilang Mayor ng Bacoor City, ‘di na natin mapapanood si Lani Mercado-Re- villa, wife, of course of former Senator Bong Revilla, sa mga show ng GMA. Happily for Mayor Lani, in less than a year na pinamahalaan niya ang syudad ng Bacoor, na-impress sa kanya ang pamu-nuan ng Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), so much so, in a grand ceremony held at the Sofitel of the Philippine Plaza last October 27, she was awarded the Seal of Good Local Gover- nance (SGLC). Mayor Lani received the award from no less than DILG Secretary Isamel D. Sueno during the SGLG National Conference. She was cited for her remarkable performance and commit- ment as a city government official, na ang dapat maging pamantayan ay ang ‘mahusay at tapat na pamamalakad’ ng bayang kanyang pinamu-munuan. Actually, according to Mayor Lani, it is the second time na the DILG awarded the Bacoor city government with such honor. The same SGLG award was also given to former Bacoor Mayor Strike Revilla, now congressman. Congressman Strike has been mayor ng Bacoor City for three terms.

Liza, ginagaya pero ‘di kaya?

LIZA Soberano is now considered the most beautiful woman in local showbiz. Lalong kuminang ang kanyang ganda sa katata- pos na 10th Star Magic Ball; na kung saan siya ang itinanghal na Best Dressed Female Personality. She was really stunning in her Michael Cinco gown. But credit must also be given to her glam team. Nag-trending ang kanyang look lalo na ang kanyang bangs. Mukhang ito na ang magiging bagong look ngayong Holiday season. Sa katunayan, marami na ang gumagaya nito. Ayon sa ilan, isa na rito ay si Janella Salvador na ginaya raw ang “Liza look” nang tanggapin nito ang kanyang award mula sa katatapos na PMPC Star Awards for Music and Television. Unfortunately, Janella was bashed by netizens saying that only Liza could get away with such hairstyle.

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Japanese Coast Guard on Thursday after- noon. Duterte said patrol vessels from Japan would be used within the country’s territo- rial waters, including the West Philippine Sea. In July, the Coast Guards of both coun- tries conducted their sixth Joint Maritime Law Enforcement Exercise. In Japan, Duterte said he saw no issue with China if the Philippines used patrol vessels acquired from Japan to patrol the West Philippine Sea. “I do not think they would stop us,” he said, referring to the Chinese. During his three-day official visit to Japan, Duterte and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe reaffirmed their countries’ maritime cooperation.

Their joint statement said that Japan would provide patrol vessels and other equipment for the Philippine Coast Guard. Duterte and Abe also witnessed the sign- ing of the Exchange of Notes on Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan for the two large-scale patrol vessels to the Philippines. Duterte lauded Japan’s intention to pro- vide high-speed boats to the Philippines. “Japan is the number one donor in terms of assistance and help including some of the vessels that have been shown here, especially the light ones, the rubber boats. It is for mobility. That’s what we need, not an aircraft carrier. You know, the Philip- pines is a group of... 7,048 islands all in all. We need the rubber boats to make patrols inland, including rivers,” Duterte said. He also said he would like two frigates similar to those being used by the Coast Guard for use by the Bureau of Customs.

In September, Duterte announced that he would end joint military exercises with the United States. In October, he expressed openness to holding war games with China and Russia. While in Japan, however, Duterte was quick to explain that no military alliance with China was formed during his recently concluded four-day state visit there. Also, Defense Undersecretary for Finance Raymundo Elefante said the five TC-90 surveillance aircraft that the Defense Department will lease from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces will be stripped of their surveillance equipment before they are turned over to the Philip- pines. “Those things that you mentioned will be removed by them because it’s theirs. But we will be equipping the aircraft with our own surveillance equipment,” Elefante said. The light long-range patrol planes that

would be leased for \$7,000 each year will be used by the Philippine Navy to patrol the country’s maritime domain, especially in the disputed West Philippine Sea where China has been occupying areas within the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone. The aircraft are part of the JMSDF stock of older patrol planes. Elefante said the first delivery of two planes will be in March or April next year and the rest within the second quarter. He said a couple of Navy pilots will have to train first in Japan. The base of the aircraft would be at Sangley Point in Cavite, the home port of the Philippine Fleet. Duterte and Abe signed agreements for the Philippines to acquire vessels and train- ing aircraft from Japan.

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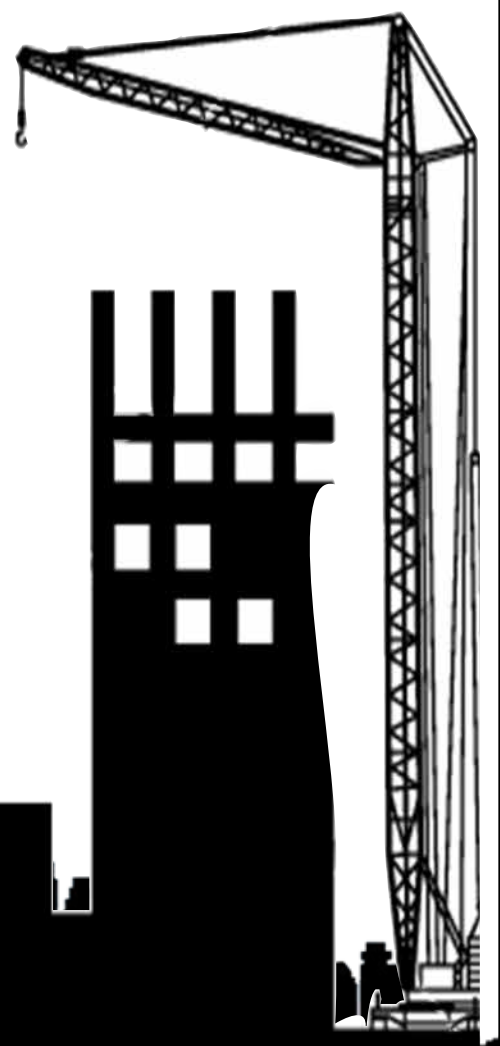
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Catfights between Yasmien and Katrina too real + other stories



The cast of “Sa Piling ni Nanay” has reason to be happy and greet everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as their show will be aired until next year. The drama series started airing in June 2016 and after four months on the air, it continues to reign supreme in its time slot so it’s not surprising that GMA-7 has decided to extend its telecast.

“We’re all so thankful that viewers appreciate the hard work we put into each episode of ‘Sa Piling ni Nanay’,” says lead actress Yasmien Kurdi. “Anywhere I go, loyal viewers tell me na masyado silang apektado sa mga kaganapan sa story kaya hindi nila maiwan ang pagsubaybay rito. Lalo na ngayon, namatay na si Nova Villa as Matilda at ako ang itinuturo ni Katrina Halili as Scarlet na siyang mastermind sa pagpatay rito. Siyempre, interesado ang viewers malaman kung magwawagi ba si Katrina sa mga pakana at plano niya. Isa pang secret na inaabangan nila kung mabubun-yag is the fact na ako talaga ang biological mother ni Jillian Ward as Katherine and not Katrina. Kaya nga inaabangan nila talaga ang bawat episode para makita kung magsasapakan na naman kaming dalawa ni Katrina. Gustong-gusto raw nilang nakikitang nagsa-sampalan at nagsasabunutan kami, e.”

Is it there was a time “na nagkapikunan sila” when their catfight became for real? “Nagkakasakitan kami talaga kasi we make it a point na huwag dayain ang eksena. But after the take, we say sorry to each other. Mahirap ang fight scenes namin kasi mga naka-high heels pa kami. Kapag na-off balance ka, puwede kam-ing matumbang dalawa.”

JOYCE PLAYS MOST DARING ROLE ON TV

JOYCE Ching plays her most challenging role to date as a young unwed mother in “Hahamakin ang Lahat”, which will replace “Sinungaling Mong Puso” on GMA-7’s Afternoon Prime starting Monday. Did she feel any reluctance in accepting the role?

“Yes, my initial fear is baka hindi ko makayang gampanan convincingly,” she says. “I’ve never been pregnant so siyempre, ayokong maging peke ang dating ng character ko as I don’t know the feeling nung girl na nagkaroon ng dilemma na baka buntis siya. But then, kung di ko naman gagawin, baka pagsisihan ko, so I just asked our director Don Michael Perez to help me and guide me.”

“Hahamakin ang Lahat” is her most daring, most mature role to date. She does a lips-to-lips kissing scene with ex-BF Kristoffer Martin for the first time. She’s also shown in a two-piece bikini.

“This show will signal the end of my tweetums days,” she adds. “Pasaway ang character ko rito as Rachel Tan. May pagkarebelde. Swimmer ako rito. Sa scene na naka-one piece swimsuits lahat ng kasama ko sa team namin, ako lang ang nag-two piece. Marami na kam-

ing nagawang shows ni Kristoffer like ‘Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin’, ‘Healing Hearts’, ‘Because of You’, pero dito lang kami may kissing scene na torrid talaga.”

SAM PAYS HOMAGE TO PAST

SAM YG is hosting a new show on GMA News TV that pays homage to the past, “Vintage Trip”, that starts airing this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Sam’s real name is Samir Gogna. YG means Young Guy. He started on radio in 2005 when he was still a teenage student at the Ateneo taking up Legal Management. “Balak ko kasing maging lawyer,” he says. “But then, nakuha na ako agad na DJ sa radio then I branched out sa TV when ABS-CBN got me as part of their Hero Channel on Studio 23. Then nag-guest ako sa ‘Pinoy Henyo’ ng ‘Eat Bulaga’ as Shivaker and it was such a hit that I became a co-host there.”

His girlfriend is Joyce Pring, daughter of topnotch cop Joe Pring, whose life story was filmed twice starring Phillip Salvador. Is it true they’re officially engaged? “No, pakulo lang yun ng co-host ko sa ‘Boys Night Out’ on Magic 89.9, si Tony Toni. Binati kami on air at sa social media, and people thought ikakasal na nga kami. It’s true, we’re on, pero di pa kami nag-babalak magpakasal.”

People know Sam for his funny Bumbay alter ego, Shivaker, but what they don’t know is that he dealt with a lot of bullying at the Ateneo from grade to high school because he’s of Indian descent. “My family comes from Jaipur, India, but I was born and raised here. I’m now a naturalized Filipino citizen. Siempre, sa school, tinutukso kong mabaho dahil Indian ako. Ayaw makipaglaro sa akin. Masakit. Racial discrimination talaga. But in spite of that, I consider myself a Filipino and I love Filipino culture,” adds Sam who is part owner of four Backyard restos.

He loves hosting “Vintage Trip” as it’s a nostalgic trip down memory lane paying tribute to bygone eras. “Young millennials in today’s fast-paced world have no idea about the past. This show will help educate them about our history, the legacy of the past. Our first episode will show vintage Volkswagen Beetles, the eldest one is from 1937, fully restored and in good running condition. The 2nd and 3rd episodes feature collectors of old Coca-Cola bottles. The 4th episode will explore the old houses of Vigan and the 5th episode is all about Pangasinan. It’s about time na ating bigyang-buhay ang mga lumang bagay.”



Former bold star changes name to make a comeback

IREEN Cervantes gives the most daring performance in “Area” as she has a scene where she does full frontal nudity after having sex with a barangay tanod. There’s also a scene where she removes her panties during a pap smear examination with a doctor. We were surprised after viewing the movie when producer Dennis Evangelista told us that Ireen is the former sexpot Rajah Montero who was introduced in sex flicks like “Sarap ng Umibig”, “Katas”, “Langit Mo Kaligayahan Ko” in 2003 when she was only 17 years old. She did other sexy flicks until 2008 then went back to oblivion after sex movies faded away.

She’s now managed by Rodel Fernando who recommended her to Dennis and to “Area” director Louie Ignacio. Didn’t she have second thoughts doing her very daring scenes in the movie? “No, kasi dati na naman akong nagpapa-sexy,” she

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Cover-up within PNP

By: Ramon Tulfo

One of President Digong’s big headaches is the undisciplined Philippine National Police (PNP).

The other big problems are drugs, criminality and corruption.

The President may want to solve the three problems in this order: drugs and criminality first; corruption in government second; and finally, abusive policemen.

The PNP is among the most undisciplined police organizations in the world.

Most policemen in this country think the citizenry should curtsy to them when they pass by.

They think their motto, “to serve and protect,” is a useless catchphrase because the people should be ones to kowtow to them.

They try to cover up for each other’s crime unless the misdeed is so blatant that covering up is impossible.

Do you think the drug problem would have reached crisis proportions if policemen arrested, or informed on, their comrades who were selling seized drugs or protecting drug pushers and traffickers?

President Digong has offered P2 million for each “ninja cop,” a policeman who sells seized drugs.

If citizens, attracted by the big reward, report ninja cops the PNP will be decimated.

But if the President included policemen who keep silent while ninja cops or those coddling drug peddlers do their thing, the PNP will be cut in size by more than one-half.

Why is this columnist all fed up about the cover-up within the PNP?

Because most complaints against abusive cops that my public service program, “Isumbong mo kay Tulfo,” had referred to different units within the PNP, and even to the National Police Commission (Napolcom), have not been acted upon.

For example, the Napolcom seems to be taking its own sweet time in dismissing a police superintendent who shot to death a 15-year-old boy four years ago when he saw the boy scrounging for scraps in an abandoned building in Makati.

A senior inspector who raped a married woman remains in the service.

A Police Officer 1, the lowest rank in the PNP, was charged with killing a teenager during a drunken brawl 16 years ago. He was dismissed last year but his dismissal became null because he died of cancer the year before.

The three are just representatives of the many cases against policemen who abused civilians that “Isumbong” pursued.

There was a case filed by the sister of a student who became paralyzed after he was shot by a policeman in Cavite when he looked in the direction of the cop who was drunk; the case remains pending after two years.

What takes the cake in police abuse is the shooting to death of an anti-crime crusader by two cops on a motorcycle in Mindoro.

The two are no ordinary, low-ranking policemen—Senior Insp. Magdaleno Pimentel Jr. and Insp. Markson Almeranez, both graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy, the PNP counterpart of the Philippine Military Academy.

Why the two police officials killed an ally in crime-fighting and a woman at that, Zenaida Luz, only they know.



Colon Cancer Fundraising Dinner Dance was held at King’s Garden Banquet Hall on October 7, 2016. This jammed pack event was attended by so many different community organizations. Gemma Lachica M. and Maria Giao were instrumental in organizing this this event. PHOTO AND TEXT BY ARIEL RAMOS



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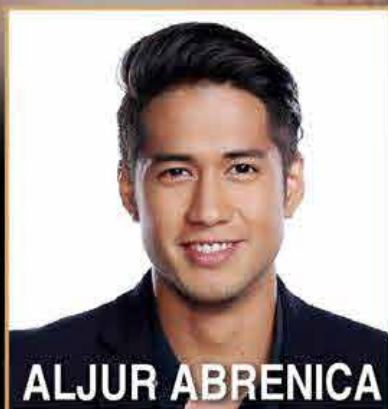
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ALDEN-MAINE’S MAKE-BELIEVE WEDDING
LOOKED REAL + *other stories*



THE response of AIDub fans to the Kalyeserye wedding of Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza is just overwhelming. It trended number one worldwide on Twitter and the ratings soared to the roof. To think it’s just make-believe as part of “Eat Bulaga”, but the fans treated it like it’s real and looks like they’re going to be more possessive of their idols from now on.

The wedding was held at Christ the King Church on E. Rodriguez as the Lolas go there frequently. The choir sang “God Gave Me You” while Maine is walking to the altar in her beautiful (not recycled this time) new gown.

Everyone thought the wedding is off because of a call Maine received the day before, but it turned out the call said “hindi matutuloy ang honeymoon in Hong Kong” because they’ll be going to Europe instead. The fans swooned and shrieked when the couple exchanged “I do’s”. Some even cried when they put on each other’s wedding rings and read their wedding vows. And when they kissed each other on the lips, everyone was in kilig mode.

The fans who were lucky to be invited to the wedding really dressed up and behaved like it’s a real one. They all have their own gifts to the newly weds. The question now on everybody’s lips is: What is next in the Kalyeserye after the wedding? Will they see Maine getting preggers and having hers and Alden’s own kids? Let’s leave it to the writers of “Eat Bulaga” to cook up more exciting episodes for today’s number one love team!

Tacloban City mayor wants no
comparison with others

Tacloban City Mayor Cristina Gonzales-Romualdez doesn’t want to entertain some observation that compared to Richard Gomez who won the mayoralty race in Ormoc City she is allegedly performing better and has more achievements in their first 100 days in office.

“Oh, no! Please, there’s nothing like that. I think that Richard is also doing a very good job. Like me, he’s doing his best as well to improve the living conditions of his constituents. Any mayor for that matter has that vision. Ormoc and Tacloban are sister cities so there should be no competition whatsoever,” she states.

Tacloban Mayor Cristina Gonzales-Romualdez supports the recording career of her eldest daughter Sofia

The still alluring mayor would rather talk about some of her banner projects and programs instead.

“Along with my team, we built this Community Climate Guide and Response text alert system brought about by our devastating experience during Typhoon Yolanda three years ago. This is to promote disaster preparedness since this system is centralized and open to the public in a 24-hour basis with the help of both Globe and Smart. Through the CCGR, the various LGUs can do a text blast to inform Taclobanons on weather updates, suspension of classes, tsunami alert, evacuation centers, etc. Even people from other areas, say Metro Manila, can also use the system if they want to contact their relatives from Tacloban.

“Next is the ID system where each barangay is color-coded. This way, the evacuation process would be more organized in case a disaster hit the province. What we want to avoid is confusion during that moment. Everyone should have presence of mind. It’s easier for the people since the evacuation centers to be built will have the same color as their respective barangays.”

With regards to her eldest daughter Sofia, the doting mom is supportive of her budding recording career.

“She has just signed with Viva. Music is her passion. Honestly, I can say she’s a better singer than I am. She even plays instruments. I’m excited now that she forayed into the music scene. All of us in the family support her all the way,” Cristina ends.



Bea Alonzo keeps her cool if projects
do not come immediately

Bea Alonzo doesn’t mind if TV projects don’t come in succession, like her current soap The Second Wife is the follow-up to Sana Bukas Pa ang Kahapon that aired in 2014.



Film and television actress Bea Alonzo stars in the upcoming TV series The Second Wife

“Well, that’s the reality. You have to wait for a good material to come along. Personally, I’d rather wait for a quality project than do stuff which are not. It’s for my craft,” she says.

The pretty star feels it comes with maturity.

“At this point in my career, I’m after quality than quantity. I really choose my projects well. I just want to do those which I want to.”

According to Bea, it’s important to do projects, which you would not regret in the future.

“When you say ‘Yes!’ to a project, it should not be half-hearted. You have to give your 100 percent commitment. In my 16 years in the ‘biz, this is one valuable lesson that I’ve learned,” she states.



Kylie Verzosa
crowned Miss
International

The Philippines now has six Miss International titlists with the crowning of the country’s bet Kylie Versoza in Tokyo, Japan.

An early favorite, Versoza was ranked No. 5 in the Miss International Hot picks in July.

Shortly after Versoza’s win, Binibining Pilipinas posted the following message for the nation’s latest pride: “Congratulations to the new Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa, besting over 69 other candidates in the pageant held in Tokyo, Japan. Your journey of finding true beauty and strength is an inspiration to every Filipina; and your advocacy is a shining example of selflessness and true humanity that many should emulate. BPCI is proud to have supported you every step of the way.”

5 facts about Miss International Kylie
Versoza

Twenty-four-year-old Kylie Verzosa, who hails from Baguio City, won the Miss International title . The statuesque model and Business Management graduate at Ateneo de Manila University bested 68 other candidates from around the globe making her the sixth Filipino beauty queen to clinch the coveted crown.

Here are some interesting facts that make Kylie worthy of the Miss International title:

She’s a thank-you girl
Like Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach, losing at the Binibining Pilipinas during her first try didn’t hinder her dream to become a beauty queen and represent the country internationally. She first participated in the Binibining Pilipinas contest in 2015, when she placed in the Top 15. She again joined the pageant the following year and was crowned Miss Philippines International 2016, earning her the right to represent the country at the 56th edition of Miss International beauty contest.

Her mom is a former Binibini candidate
Yes, it runs in the family. Her mother Gemma Raquel Fausto was contestant No. 12 in the 1985 Binibining Pilipinas beauty pageant, where she finished in the Top 15. Now you know where she got her good looks.

She’s a teacher
An embodiment of true beauty with a purpose, Kylie works as a pre-school teacher. At the same time, she is an advocate for depression and suicide awareness. She volunteered for the Natasha Goulbourn Foundation, which aims to educate people about depression and suicide.

Kylie is a globetrotter
In her Instagram feed, the 5-foot-9 beauty is keen on sharing her travel adventures with her followers. She has visited Europe and Asia being an international model. Now that she’s the Miss International, Kylie will finally be able to travel to more territories and promote her advocacies on “culture, education and international understanding.”

She enjoys painting
Kylie shows her love for art by painting. She’s a budding photographer, too, being an ambassador of a popular camera brand. So, expect more photos and artwork from our gorgeous queen.

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The vessels and patrol aircraft are expected to enhance the country’s security. The TC-90s will also likely be used for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Before issuing their joint statements, the two leaders witnessed the signing of the Exchange of Notes on Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan for the two large-scale patrol vessels for the Philippines. Duterte said he expected Japan to continue playing an important role in maritime security in the region, including the South

China Sea, where Manila has territorial disputes with Beijing. Japan also intend to provide the Philippines with high-speed boats and other equipment as part of counter-terrorism measures. Japan also agreed to support infrastructure and agricultural promotion projects in the Philippines to help economic development. Duterte underscored that stronger ties with Japan would continue to be a priority for the Philippines.

“We look to Japan as a steady fulcrum in our regional engagement as the Philippines’ first and only bilateral free trade partner to

date,” Duterte said. Duterte told an economic forum in Tokyo that his government was boosting investments in infrastructure and rural development as he urged Japanese businessmen to invest in the Philippines. At the Philippine Economic Forum organized by the Japan External Trade Organization and other groups, Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez also invited Japanese investment in information technology and business process outsourcing.

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says. "Also, Direk Louie explained to me what my role requires. Sabi niya, game ka ba? E, gusto ko talagang bumalik sa pag-arte. Nang mabakante kasi ako, nag-put up ako ng maliit na restaurant sa lugar namin, 'yung pares. Pero na-miss ko talaga ang showbiz so tinanggap ko agad ang role. Sabi ko, nagbabalik ako, kailangan, 'yung comeback ko, may malaking impact. Na-shock din ako nang makita ko ang sarili ko sa movie, lalo 'yung inamoy ng doktor ang harapan ko at bigla siyang nahilo. Sa tunay na buhay, hindi naman gaano kabaho ang keps ko, no? Pero hindi naman ako nagsisisi kasi nang mapanood ko sa big screen, ang ganda talaga! Ito na ang pinakamagandang pelikulang nagawa ko. Nanalo pa ng award sa international filmfest, so puwede talagang ipagmalaki."

Why did she change her name to Ireen Cervantes? "Actually, 'yun ang real name ko. Sabi ni Dennis, since nagka-comeback ako, mas mabuting magsimula uli ng panibago at kalimutan na si Rajah Montero. Agree naman ako. Gusto ko nang kalimutan ang movies na ginawa ko noon. Bale itong 'Area' ang first movie ko at nagpapasalamat ako sa lahat ng mga kasama ko rito na puro mababait sa akin, lalo na kay Ms. Ai Ai de las Alas na marami kaming eksena at ang bait-bait niya. Ngayon, ang panalagin ko, sana masundan ito. Willing akong gumawa ng indie movies, kahit daring. At gusto ko ring masubukang makagawa ng teleserye. Sana magtuluy-tuloy."

Spotlight



SAMPAGUITA STARS

Front (l-r): Paraluman, Amalia Fuentes, Carmen Rosales, Rita Gomez and Lolita Rodriguez.
Back(l-r): Ric Rodrigo, Juancho Gutierrez, Van de Leon and Carlos Salazar.

Lovi Poe intimidated with sex scene with Christopher de Leon

In the upcoming Regal Films project The Escort, Lovi Poe plays the role of Yassi, a simple hardworking receptionist for an escort agency. For the 27-year-old actress,

doing the film was a way to educate the viewers of how life is for an escort in the country. One of the sexy scenes she had to do in the movie was with veteran actor Christopher de Leon. "He was across the table and just drinking his scotch. Parang I got so intimidated. And then he started delivering his lines.



It was just amazing. It was just so different. I'm happy that we stuck with the script because he delivered it very amazingly," she recalled. Working with Derek Ramsay for the first time was also memorable for Lovi. "Siyempre gustong gusto ko siya makatrabaho and then eventually it happened. He's a very nice guy. We actually

got along so well. Everything just came out naturally especially sa mga scenes na kailangan na medyo sensitive and sexy. He really took care of me. Alam mo kasi pag ang isang tao nag-te-take advantage sa iyo ramdam mo yun. So never. Not even with sir Boyet at all. So I'm very thankful and I'm really grateful sa kanila kasi not once did I feel uncomfortable," she admitted.

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Rhian writes own monologue on ‘Sinungaling Mong Puso’



Rhian Ramos has truly become a mature actress. The depth and breadth of her acting can be seen even in her nuances. The commitment she has is outstanding.

Take for example how she owns her performance as Clara on the GMA soap “Sinungaling Mong Puso.” Whereas before she would be content to just get instructions from her directors and mouth the lines the scriptwriters give her, these days see a different Rhian.

In researching for her role, we were told Rhian visited a home for abused and battered women. She was so moved by their stories that not only did she end up in tears but also shared a prayer with them. The experience so inspired her that,

when time came to shoot a similar scenario on “Sinungaling Mong Puso,” for the first time, she herself wrote her character’s monologue as her way of paying tribute to the ladies.

Here is what she wrote, “Magandang araw po sa inyong lahat. Ako po si Clara. Tulad niyo, naging biktima na din ako ng pang-aabuso. Mahirap pong ipaliwanag ang pakiramdam dahil nakakalito po ’pag sinasaktan ka at minamaliit ng taong mahal mo. Dumating din ako sa punto na tinanggap ko na ang sitwasyong ’yon dahil pag araw-araw nang pinaparamdam sa’yo, hindi mo na rin maiwasang maniwala. Naisip ko na din na baka totoong mababa lang akong uring tao. Pero na-realize ko rin sa huli na tao rin ako at hindi karapat dapat na tratuhin ng ganoon, at may paraan pala para maka-alis sa sitwasyong yon. Kaya, gaya nyo, nagawa ko.

“Kaya nga po masaya akong makilala kayong lahat, mga babaeng nakaka-intindi sa akin at sa naranasan ko. Sa inyo, hindi ko kailangang ikahiya ang kwento ko dahil alam kong hindi niyo ako sisisihin o tatawaging tanga. Hindi nyo ako huhusgahan.

“Hindi po madaling kalimutan ang mga nangyari, pero kapag sama-sama tayo, malalampasan natin ito. Lalaban tayo.”

Thea loves to make her GMA co-stars’ life ‘miserable’

Thea Tolentino was the female winner in GMA’s talent search, “Protege”, but after playing the lead role in “Pyra, Babaeng Apoy”, she now plays mostly villain roles after she hit it big as contravida to Barbie Forteza in “The Half Sisters”. She was also a villain to Janine Gutierrez in “Once Again” and she’s now villain again to Joyce Ching in “Hahamakin ang Lahat”. How so?

“Actually, enjoy ako magkontrabida,” says Thea, whose current very short haircut really becomes her. “Mas stressful kaya magbida, gaya ‘Pyra’ na ako ang nagdadala ng show, malaking pressure ‘yun me at lagi akong tensiyonada. E, ngayon, dito sa ‘Hahamakin Lahat’, mas nakatutok sila kina Joyce at Kristoffer Martin as the leads. Basta ako, ang role ko lang is to make their miserable. Sabi nila, mas bagay raw sa’kin magkontra, so di sige, pinangangatawanan ko na kasi mas masarap magmaldita, e. Dream kong pagmalditahan lahat ng nagbibida sa GMA. Ha ha ha!”

So she doesn’t want to be a “bida” again? “Okay lang naman, pero wala silang maipareha sa akin. When they ask me kung sino ang gusto kong leading man, wala rin akong maisagot kasi lahat ng gusto ko, nakapareha na sa



iba. Pero pwede na rin si Dingdong Dantes o si Dennis Trillo kung ire-request nila ko. Choosy pa ba ako? Joke!”

Is she ready to go daring? “Okay lang. 20 years old na ako. Sa ‘Once Again’, nakipag-kissing scene na ako kay Aljur Abrenica. Dito sa ‘Hahamakin ang Lahat’, abangan nyo kasi si Kris Martin naman ang ise-seduce ko.”

So is she Mikoy Morales now an item? “Ay, hindi po, good friends pa rin lang po kami. Hindi pa ako ready for a serious commitment.”

Maja Salvador is Single and dating

Maja Salvador has nothing against her former boyfriend Gerald Anderson, who is reportedly dating actress Bea Alonzo.

Anderson and Alonzo were in a short-lived relationship in 2010 but reconnected after they worked together on the movie “How to Be Yours” this year.

Meanwhile, Anderson and Salvador ended their relationship sometime last year after more than two years of being together.

Speaking to ABS-CBN News and other reporters at the sidelines of the “Ang Probinsyano” concert last Saturday, Salvador said she is all for the happiness of everyone, especially Alonzo.

“Gusto ko maging masaya ang lahat. Wala akong karapatan [pigilan] ang happiness ng isang tao. They are happy...lalo na si Bea. Si Bea sobrang special sa akin. From the start ng career ko, katrabaho ko siya. Yung ‘It Might Be You,’ sa teleserye nila ni John Lloyd (Cruz) ako nag-umpisa kaya sobrang special sa akin si Bea,” she said.

Asked if she didn’t get hurt when she learned that Anderson and Alonzo are going out, Salvador said: “Kung hindi pa ako naka-move on, siguro na-hurt ako. Pero it’s been what? It’s been almost two years. Okay na.”

As a matter of fact, Salvador shared that she is now back on the dating scene.

A lot of people suggest Maja Salvador find a new man in her life and keep things low-key and under wraps. But, is that really the case?

“For the record, I am single. I am dating but not exclusive. My heart beats and yes, it beats on its own.”



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Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez told the same forum that the government was working to ease limits to foreign ownership of Philippine businesses. He said the economy could sustain economic growth of 7 percent or higher.

“This is a fine time for looking at the Philippine economy as an investment destination. The bilateral relations between Japan and the Philippines has deepened, and we look forward to more intensive cooperation,” Dominguez said. “We look forward to investment inflows from Japan, especially those that will support strategic investments in the infrastructure and industry,” Dominguez added.

Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol invited Japanese investors to the consider investing in rubber, fish and marine products, coconuts, and forest products such as wood and fiber.

Charito Plaza, director general of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, said Manila will explore new types of economic zones including a dedicated defense industrial zone.

She said this could help the Philippines modernize its armed forces, improve its defense capability, and provide employment.

Ramos urges cops:

Shoot to disable, not shoot to kill

Says this basic rule can avoid suspicions of extra-judicial killings

President Rodrigo Duterte should order police officers to just disarm suspects instead of killing them, former President Fidel Ramos advised amid reports of extra-judicial killings in the country.

Ramos said authorities don’t always have to kill the suspects they encounter.

“It is not always shoot to kill which is the mission of the law enforcer, it is shoot to

disable,” he said.

“How do you get an investigation carried out properly if the alleged suspect is dead? But if only wounded or disabled, then he can tell [you information],” he added.

If they can make this to be the “basic rule,” Ramos said Duterte may even be able to avoid “a lot of suspicions about extrajudicial killings and violation of human rights.”

Since Duterte assumed office this year, there have been at least 1,195 drug-related fatalities in the country and at least 697 killings by unidentified assailants.

Ramos, who was behind Duterte’s can-

didacy, said that he was “really surprised” about the President’s “focus” on the drug menace, which has put him at odds with several international organizations concerned about human rights violations.

“Although that has proven to be very effective, he has incurred the discomfiture of many of us... the normal, traditional, cherished values of justice for killings is not served,” he said.

The former president likewise called out Duterte’s sensitivity to criticism.

“If you try to bring it out, you are no good,” he said, adding that Duterte should

learn the value of working together.

“He is very hardworking but not everything is in [the] proper direction... [he should] include others by just consultation, then consensus can be formed,” he said.

Earlier, Ramos had also said that the Philippines was “losing badly” during the first 100 days of the Duterte administration.

Why despite criticisms, Duterte scored high in trust, approval ratings

The trust and approval rating of President Rodrigo Duterte released by Pulse Asia Wednesday and the critique of his administration published in local and international mass media are “apples and oranges,” the polling company’s president said Thursday.

Pulse Asia President Ronald Holmes, speaking on ANC’s “Headstart”, emphasized that their survey results indicate the “aggregate of individual opinions of Filipinos.”

“What we see in international papers or those that are expressed by leaders of international organizations and foreign countries would be expression of the ones that we can consider part of the elite,” he said.

Holmes, who is also a political scientist, explained that the “elite” he is pertaining to is not defined by wealth.

“That means really from a group that are expressing opinions that are separate and may be set aside from what can be considered as mass opinion,” he said.

“Mass opinion includes the elite actually—it includes socio-economic classes that are relatively more affluent, but you

aggregate them with other socio-economic classes,” he added.

Duterte scored 86 percent in both approval and trust ratings in his first three months in office, Pulse Asia said in its latest survey, and garnered ambivalence points of 11 and outright disapproval/distrust of 3.

This comes on the heels of Duterte being described by French newspaper The Liberation as a “Serial killer President,” narrating how the long-time mayor of Davao City rid his turf of rebels allegedly with the help of the purported Davao Death Squad formed under his watch.

Before this, Duterte’s anti-narcotics crackdown also caught the attention of several other international media outfits, like the New York Times and Thailand’s The Nation.

But Holmes maintained that “an editorial in a newspaper is a product of the editorial team.”

“They might get a sense of how people in their own country position themselves relative to issues like extrajudicial killings. We can say that their position would be something that is justified given the values and the norms that they safeguard,” he said.

“Unless we do a survey of let’s say, people in France or people in the United States or people, let’s say, in any other country where there has been criticism against the president, then that’s the only time we can say that there must be a disconnect, and that disconnect might be borne out largely by norms,” he said.

Holmes added that they have also asked questions to try to assess and elicit the opinion of the public on the anti-drug war campaign and the methods employed, but they haven’t processed the data yet.

However, he noted that essentially, “the public will be concerned about methods that go beyond the legal boundaries in the sense that they would not in any way condone what has been referred to in media, to what we normally refer to in the human rights literature as extrajudicial killings.”

He asserted that the public at the local level is well aware of the extent of the drug menace and that this has been magnified by Duterte, who brought it to national consciousness; but their approval of Duterte and disapproval of the drug war’s methods do not necessarily negate each other.

“The other thing that we should consider also is not to harp on the common belief that an approval on the part of the president is an approval of the methods. As I said, they don’t necessarily agree with the methods but they agree that the drug problem has to be solved,” he said.

In what has been a little more than a hundred days of the Duterte administration, Holmes said that the question on extrajudicial killings—whether there are instances of police abuse during operations or those perpetuated by unidentified vigilante groups which may or may not be sanctioned by law enforcement apparatuses—remains unanswered.

“When you’ve established, when media reports have established based on evidence that really there had been extrajudicial killings, that is the time that we should expect really—and I would be quite if there is no public outcry,” he said.

“Right now, I think there is this level of trust bestowed on the administration,” he added.

Lauren Reid denies being courted by JC Santos

Even though she and James have always been very close, Lauren said she is not the typical strict older sister. She said she has not even watched the much talked about intimate scene between James and Nadine Lustre in a recent episode of Till I Met You.

“Oh geez no I actually wasn’t able to. I have been going to bed at like 8 pm every night because I’m so tired so I haven’t been able to watch Till I Met You lately,” she admitted.

After a recent photo shoot with her and JC Santos, netizens were quick to point out the strong chemistry between her and her brother’s TIMY co-star. “You know what, that may be so. It was really fun working with him. Like with JC it came very naturally to do our photo shoot together. I can understand why people are saying that. We did a campaign together (for a local clothing brand). He’s a good person. He’s a lovely person,” she admitted. But when asked if rumors were true that JC was already courting her, Lauren laughed it all off. “I have not heard the rumors (laughs). Sorry I’m not up to date. But if that’s so I don’t know what to say. But no I haven’t heard of it,” she added.

The new Fujifilm Photo Diary endorser said even though she and JC are just friends, she would look forward to getting the chance to work with him again some day. “Yeah sure. He’s hardworking and he’s a very humble person. Of course I’d work with him,” she said.





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The ordinary dude in Robin Hood



‘Mayroong pagka-Robin Hood ang bawat isa sa atin and that shows kapag ikaw ay concerned sa paligid mo.’

Among legends passed down through generations is the story of Robin Hood, a highly skilled archer and swordsman who steals from the rich and gives to the loot to the poor.

Tagged the “Prince of Thieves,” many wonder if Robin Hood is fit to be called a hero, with some arguing he accomplished good but by not-so-good means.

While the debate remains unsettled, Pinoy viewers get a different take on the matter via GMA’s drama-action series “Alyas Robin Hood.” In a recent interview, the lead star Dingdong Dantes, maintained his Robin Hood is “simpleng mamamayan,” not a special citizen at all.

In this light, Dingdong points to each one of us as having a bit of an inner Robin Hood.

“Mayroong pagka-Robin Hood ang bawat isa sa atin and that shows kapag ikaw ay concerned sa paligid mo.”

According to Dingdong, it’s inevitable for people to encounter a variety of issues in life. Still, the important thing is to know how they can overcome the negative ones.

“Kasi ‘di ba nandyan ’yung nakaka-experience ng injustice, ng pang-aabuso but ang mahalaga kasi dito is paano mo siya haharapin,” he said. “How do you deal with this na eto lang ’yung resources mo, how do you deal with the problem na you’re not going against the law, hindi mo sinisira ’yung relationship sa pamilya mo, sa mga mahal mo...”

He doesn’t encourage picking bow and arrow or any weapon, believing problems can be solved without a fight.

“Hindi mo naman kailangan gumamit ng dahas, ’di mo naman kailangan sumuway sa batas,” the actor said. “We should always find that thin line na overcoming it by being fair, making sure na no one get hurts in the process.”

Kim Domingo’s Hot Moment

To look good enough for pin-up is something many stars aspire for. It should be said, however, that being hot has its pros and cons – just ask Kim Domingo.

Blessed with an innocent face and a killer bod, Kim, the latest crush ng bayan, shared in an interview the pitfalls of looking like a goddess.

“May mga instances na nababastos ako,” she said. “Ewan ko. ’Yung iba parang ’di sila makapagpigil. Konting skin, konting cleavage, magte-take advantage na agad. May nangyayakap... n a n g h i h i p o ,

“Tapos ang iba naman, huhusgahan ka because of the way you look – to the point na ’pag nag-bikini ako, sasabihin masamang ehemplo daw ako. Eh nagtatrabaho l a n g naman ako!”

S h e has learned how to deal w i t h these things.

“Kapag mga

public appearances, I make sure may security. Tapos sa social media naman, dedma na lang,” Kim said.

Asked if she plans to change how some people see her, the budding actress said, yes, as there are other sides of her that they could focus on. “Ayoko isipin ng mga tao na puro pagpapaseksi lang alam ko,” she said. “I want to show them na may talent din naman ako.”

For now, however, she will simply do what she does best: Celebrate her beauty.

“Iniisip ko, bakit ko ikahihiya? Bakit ko itatago? Beauty is a blessing.”

And so far, so good. Kim has certainly had lots of opportunities come her way from the time she entered show business just a few months ago. Most recently, she was even picked by popular gin brand Ginebra as calendar girl for 2017, vaulting to the level of Marian Rivera and Anne Curtis.

“Ay, hindi naman siguro,” she humbly said when that was pointed out to her. “Hindi ko kino-consider na ka-level ko na sila. Pero siyempre I’m very honored and proud na nasama ako sa hanay nila bilang calendar girl. It’s very flattering.”

Busy sched ahead

Kim is readying herself for the spate of activities that automatically comes with Ginebra also naming her their Ganado Sa Buhay campaign ambassador.

“Marami kaming naka-schedule na activities, including public appearances sa provinces. I’m preparing myself mentally and physically na (for those),” she said.

These include hitting the gym thrice a week at the very least.

“Nagsimula preparation ko one month before ’yung pictorial sa calendar. Aside from regular workouts, kasama na diyan ’yung diet. Actually ’yung meals ko ngayon very strict. I am made to stick to 1,200 calories a day lang and it’s really tough. Pero kasi I want to continue with it na din para prepared ako sumabak sa work.”

K i m sticks to a n o - pork diet. “ O o , talagang fish,



chicken, beef and veggies na lang ako.”

“What’s good about the regimen is that I am now more energized,” she shared. “Hindi na ako madaling mapagod o ma-stress. Tsaka, siyempre, mas confident ako in front of the cameras.”

After marked stints on TV via “Bubble Gang” and “Juan Happy Love Story,” Kim will be seen in the film, “Mang Kepweng Returns,” which is for submission to this year’s Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

“May ino-offer din sakin na bagong teleserye pero ayoko muna magsalita about it masyado,” she added.

With her busy schedule and all, does she even have time for love?

“Ah, masaya ako, ’yun lang,” she quipped, laughing.



Yassi next star of the season

MAHABA-HABA rin ang panahong hinintay ni Yassi Pressman bago niya nasilip ang tagumpay sa showbiz.

Hindi naman siya nalalayo kay Nadine Lustre na bata pa’y hinulaan na ni BossVic del Rosario ng Viva Entertainment na maghintay-hintay lang at maaabot din ang pangarap.

Now it can be told na marami raw nakapaligid kay Boss Vic ang nagduda sa pagbi-build up nito kay Nadine, dahil wala raw silang makitang senyales na sisikat ang dalaga. Pero, hindi nagpapigil si Boss Vic.

Nang maligaw si James Reid sa Viva na karay-karay ng dati nitong manager na si Joji Dingcong, agad naglaro sa isip ni Boss Vic na i-team up ito kay Nadine.

Ngayon, kay Yassi naman nakatuon ang pansin ni Boss Vic.

“I can feel it,” masayang wika ng Fil-British beauty na pinag-usapan nang husto sa katatapos na Star Awards for Music at 30th Star Award for TV ng Philippine Movie Press Club.

Napansin na ang husay ni Yassi nang pansamantala siyang tumira sa Bahay ni Kuya. Kasabay niya noon sina McCoy de Leon at Elisse Joson among others, na unti-unti na ring sumisikat ngayon.

Mapapanood din si Yassi sa “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano” bilang love interest ng Drama King, no less, na si Coco Martin. At mukhang tinatanggap naman siya ng televiewers dahil pahaba nang pahaba ang role niya.

Maging ang Diamond Star na si Maricel Soriano ay humanga sa kanya. Sa Star Awards night, tumayo si Maricel nang lapitan siya ni Yassi at yayaing magsayaw kasama niya. Sabay silang humataw ng sayaw sa tugtog ng mga pinasikat ni Maricel na “I Am, What I Am, ganoon din ng “Rico Mambo,” at “Body, Body Dancer.”

Kaya hindi nakapagtataka na nanalo rin si Yassi bilang Star of the Night. Nakahanda naman siyang maghintay para maging star of the season.

Ramos: Duterte has no long-term vision for PH

MANILA – Former President Fidel Ramos on Tuesday elaborated on his critical assessment of the first 100 days of his ally, President Rodrigo Duterte, saying the tough-talking leader has yet to lay down his long-term strategic vision for the Philippines.

Ramos, who pushed Duterte to run for president, shocked many when he wrote in a column published over the weekend that the Philippines was “losing badly” in the first 100 days of the administration.

Ramos clarified that he still considers himself a “teammate” of the president, but this does not mean he will stop giving advice and constructive criticism.

“I mean well. That must be the first assumption you must make with me. I consider myself a teammate of President Duterte, and a teammate of the bigger team, the more important team, of 101 million Filipinos,” he said.

Ramos said, while Duterte’s war on drugs is commendable in so far as reducing the crime rate, Duterte has to take into consideration the concerns of other Filipinos.

“There is not just one issue, he has a multitude of issues and concerns. That’s how we Filipinos are, we are a multi-cultural society,” Ramos said.

Ramos said Duterte has yet to present a long-term strategic vision for the Philip-

pines.

“First of all, [there is] the lack of, or small presence, call it, of long term strategic vision which in my own modest words, I say should be our purpose of whatever age we might be - that is, simply, a better future for the Philippines and all Filipinos. Strategic in the sense that you don’t accomplish that in six years, but targeted towards your children and my grandchildren,” Ramos said.

For Ramos, Duterte’s war on drugs should not be the end-all and be-all of his governance.

“That is just a part of it. If that were the totality of solution, by now there would be

more happy people in the streets and many more in their workplaces, and many more happy people on their way to work. But it’s not that way because there is a pervading ambiance of uncertainty, call it unhappiness, in the sense that not much has improved,” he said.

“Of course, the crime rate has gone down, that’s assumed, that is a given.. but in terms of the overall better quality of life of Filipinos, in general, especially as reported by the millennials, we do not seem to have far enough. So I go back to the vision which must be articulated within first week of the presidency. Hindi pa natin nakikita iyan, it’s not there.”



FV Foods' Mel Galeon pose with model Lyka at the John Ablaza Bow Tie Fashion-show.

JOJO TADURAN: A Journalist By Heart Celebrates His Diamond Years

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Senate of Canada through the first Filipino-Canadian Senator Tobias Enverga Jr. and with his wife, Mrs. Rosemer Enverga.

It was the most fitting occasion to

truly know the man behind my many publications as he supports many undertakings in the community almost incognito. The humblest man I've known. Now he can kick my chair like a true mentor.
Happy 75th birthday, Sir!



Celebrant Jojo Tadiran receives the Certificate of recognition from Seantor Tobias Enverga and his wife Rosemer.



FIRST, Scarborough Toyota's Manny Yanga hands over the mic to Ace Alvarez. Both announced they are running tobe MPP's. SECOND, Blogger Li Eron poses with GMA7 contract artist Shanaia RG of Charms. THIRD, Jojo Tadiran blows his birthday cake. FOURTH, Senator Tobias Enverga, Jojo Tadiran, Joe Damasco, Fe Tadiran, Li Eron and Rosemer Enverga pose for a photo.



FIRST, Family and friends of Jojo Tadiran pose for a picture. SECOND, Jojo, wife Fe and daughter pose with their niece Shanaia RG, her mom Ellen, and Shanaia's sister Meghan.



Rey and wife Sai, with family pose with Erik Santos and Angeline Quinto



Rosary Escano pose with Erik Santos and Angeline Quinto.

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entertaining evening. Producers Rey and Sai Velasco will be proud that they produced a concert that is well-appreciated by the crowd.



FIRST, Photographer Noli Gumapac pose with Erik Santos and Angeline Quinto. SECOND, Terry Elegino Barker pose with Erik Santos and Angeline Quinto. THIRD, Clique pose with Erik Santos and Angeline Quinto.



James, Nadine's love scene gives 'TIMY' ratings boost

MANILA - The SPG-rated sex scene between the characters of young actors James Reid and Nadine Lustre provided a ratings boost for "Till I Met You," defeating GMA-7's "Someone to Watch Over Me" by its largest margin in recent weeks.

Reid and Lustre, as Basti and Iris, stripped for the intimate scene shot at the back of a parked car. It came after an irate Basti and Iris grew tired of their parents bickering about their upcoming wedding.

The episode also proved to be a hit on social media, garnering more than a million tweets on Twitter as fans aired their varied reactions on Reid and Lustre's first sex scene on television.

Some lauded the show for shedding light into a controversial topic such as premarital sex among the country's younger demographic, while some criticized Reid and Lustre for supposedly veering away from their role model image.



JDL 5th Anniversary Concert

JDL School of Performing Arts, named after Josie de Leon presented it's 5th Anniversary Showcase at the PC Ho Auditorium to a packed and appreciative crowd. Josie, along with husband Mark Cuizon Crescini has grown the school from a handful of students to hundreds. It has grown from holding classes in their houses to it's own place in Mississauga and Scarborough and a pop-up school in Brampton. We wish them continued growth.





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