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**Bill to Make Singing Along to National Anthem "Correctly"** and "Mandatory" or Pay Fine... STORY INSIDE



Samantha Gavin, Angela CHARIS Castillo and Kassandra Adajar of Charms sings at The Tall Order radio show of Mon Datol.

# **Tourists** Cancel

CEBU CITY—Hotels and resorts in the Visayas are bearing the brunt of the siege in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur province, that prompted President Duterte to declare martial law in Mindanao.

Travel agencies and online travel agents have canceled reservations, citing concerns about the country's peace and order situation as the main reason for foregoing plans to travel to the Philippines.

As of May 27, Be Grand Resort Bohol had a total of 53 room cancellations equivalent to 94 nights.

The canceled reservations had been made in the months of May and June, according to Ronalaine Fernandez-Sato, area communications manager of Be Resorts in Mactan and Bohol.

Cenelyn Manguilimotan, Cebu Parklane International Hotel general manager, said the hotel had also received cancellations although she could not yet give figures.

"It is already a series of events that happened one after another starting with the Abu Sayyaf

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TOP PHOTO: Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2016 Chiara Silo and newly-crowned Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2017 Jenna Ramos poses with GMA-7 Kapuso star Jennylyn Mercado (IN GREEN DRESS) at the Pinoy Fiesta and trade Show.

ABOVE, Miss Philippines Canada 2016 Krista Bella, Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2017 Jenna Ramos, Miss Philippines Canada 2017 Resham Ramirez Saeed poses and PCCF Pageant Chair and GMA7 Pinoy TV Consultant Ms. Rosemer Enverga pose with GMA-7 Kapuso star Jennylyn Mercado. PHOTO BY NOLI GUMAPAC OF 4ENS PHOTOGRAPHY

**STAR** 

### **MADISON**



EFT, Joseph Cunanan sings at the Kalayaan picnic. ABOVE, Madison Marie Torreno performs at the Hawaiian pavilion of the Carrasauga Festival.

### **BIRTHDAY**



Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda keeps Nenita Lora company during her birthday picnic celebration at Earl Bales

### **GREAT DUO**



Dr. Solon Guzman and Josie de Leon are the dynamic emcees at the Kalayaan Picnic.



FV Foods' Mel Galeon poses with GMA star Jennylyn

### **PISTAHAN**



Felino Javier and others of the Filipino Centre Toronto, cuts lechon pieces to be given out at Pistahan Festival at Nathan Phillips Square.

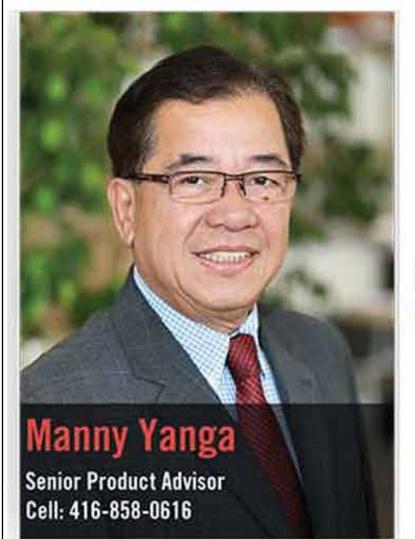


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### Alex Gonzaga talks about ideal man

Inilahad ni Alex Gonzaga ang status nila ng kanyang boyfriend na si Mikee Morada. Ani Alex

sinasabihan siya noon ng mommy at Ate Toni niya na, "Maghanap ka ng lalaki na hindi umiinom, walang bisyo, ng maka-



diyos, maka-pamilya. Makakahanap ka nun. Lagi kong iniisip imposible, hindi ako makakahanap ng para sa akin, ng perfect talaga."

Pero mali diumano si Alex. "Tapos nakahanap ako. Pag iniisip ko, ay oo nga lahat ng sinasabi sa akin, lahat ng ideals ko na sana ganito, family man, maka-diyos..."

29 years old na si Alex at ang ideal age sa pagpapakasal para sa kanya ay 31. Napag-uusapan na rin diumano nila ni Mikee ang "kusina" nila pag nagkabahay sila.

#### CRISTINE, NAKA-MOVE ON NA

NAKA-MOVE ON na si Cristine Reyes (na nagkulong pa sa kuwarto at dinaan sa pag-iyak ang kanyang pagkatalo) from the disappointing results ng "I Can Do That" where struggling comedian Wacky Kiray was declared big winner na nag-uwi ng P1 million. Nag-usap na sila ni Wacky Kiray and he understands. Kami man ay disappointed sa naging outcome. Pero sanay na kami sa mga ganitong kaganapan sa mga local reality contest where text votes are a major factor in winning. In most cases they favor the underdoas. Maliban sa ilan, winners ng ganitong kompetisyon ay nawawalang parang bula after winning. Sana ay maging daan ang pagkakapanalo ni Wacky Kiray` tungo sa pagsikat at tuluyang mawala sa poder ni Vice Ganda bilang parttime sidekick.

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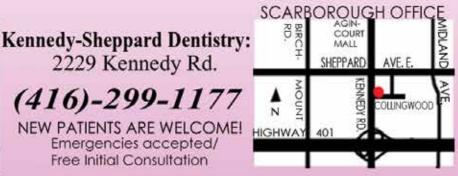
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Officers of Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation pose for an official photo at their Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show 2017 Festival at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The festival headlined GMA7 artists Jennylyn Mercado, Boobay and rising GMA7 contract star, Fil-Can Shanaia Gomez.



### Art of soapmaking

If you think crafting teleserye is easy as pie, Sunshine Dizon would like to have a word with you

A recent conversation with actress Sunshine Dizon, among stars of the drama "Ika-6 Na Utos," attests to how a production painstakingly goes about fulfilling its goal of satiating viewers' craving for tears, laughter, excitement.

For Sunshine, the biggest challenge in doing a soap is maintaining balance between reality and fantasy.

This is especially true when shooting confrontation scenes.

"Ang idea is to make it look realistic as possible but without actually laying a hand on your co-star," she shared.

It is easier said than done. Sunshine admitted to have sustained numerous bruises doing such scenes with co-star Ryza Cenon on "Ika-6 Na Utos."

"Madalas kasi nagkatamaan talaga kami," she related, noting she is undergoing therapy at the moment for a muscle tear on her shoulder.

Suffice it to say, they try to do everything in one take if they can.

"It's hard naman kasi if you do it na paulit-ulit kasi ang dami ko ng tama pag ganu'n," the 33-year-old actress maintained.

Hearing Sunshine explain all these little heard behind-the-scenes happenings make doing a teleserye sound quite daunting.

Didn't she have second thoughts signing up for it? "Hindi eh. Going in, alam ko na what it entails, sa tinagal tagal ko naman na sa showbiz," she said.

Indeed, name it and Sunshine has done it.

"Bukod sa mga sampalan, naranasan ko na rin gumulong sa putikan sa ilalim ng malakas na ulan – at 'yun 'yung time na wala pang banyo sa location," she related.

"Sa totoo lang hindi mo naman alam kung ano mga eksena kukuhanan for the day eh. Madalas magugulat ka na sasabihin sa'yo 'Shine, gugulong ka daw sa ganito...' Ikaw naman, 'Ay, may dala ba ako pamalit? Saan ako maliligo? May underwear ba akong spare?' 'Yung mga ganoon."

It's not as if they just go with the whims of the

show writers willy nilly.

"Necessary ang attention grabbing scenes sa isang teleserye lalo na when it airs on an afternoon na 'yung audience mo eh siesta mode na, you have to make them notice, so it's always about big scenes."

And how has she adjusted since?

"I now have my own portable comfort room and bath that I take with to location shootings," said Sunshine. "Kaya nga the other day when they told me na magbubuhusan kami ng tsokolate at buko pandan ni Ryza I was like 'Okay, sure.' Ganu'n kaimportante ang prepared ka lagi."

And that's the art of soapmaking for you.

### Rafanans Crowned as MME King and Queen of Hearts

Phillip and Gloria Rafanan were recently crowned as the Movement for Marriage Enrichment (MME)

King and Queen of Hearts on May 27, 2017 at Q-SSIS Banquet Hall in Toronto. MME is a non-profit lay movement of Filipino couples married in the Catholic Church and held the fund-raising event for their annual weekend retreat which will be held on the weekend of



June 23 - 25 at the Regina Mundi Renewal Centre in Queensville, Ontario. (Fe Paca Taduran)

### **Nadine Lustre is FHM's Sexiest**

Nadine Lustre on winning 2017 FHM Sexiest Woman title: "It's an achievement."

After winning the 2017 FHM Sexiest Woman title, is Nadine Lustre ready to do a sexy pictorial for FHM Magazine? She answered, "Depende sa Viva. We'll

The FHM Philippines team officially awarded Nadine Lustre a plaque of recognition as the 2017 FHM Sexiest Woman today, June 29.

FHM magazine editor-in-chief Allan Madrilejos and his team made a surprise visit at the ABS-CBN compound to

personally congratulate Nadine right after her hosting stint on It's Showtime.

Dressed in a simple off-shoulder shirt and jeans, Nadine gushed, "I'm really surprised. But I'm super thankful kasi kahit papa'no ni-recognize pa rin ng FHM.

"And also for the JaDines and also the non-JaDine fans who voted for me, maraming salamat po."

She added, "I also don't know hot to feel, but I know I'm happy.

"I'm really happy din naman kasi it's an achievement."

Speaking to ABS-CBN reporters, Nadine said that she first heard about the news from It's Showtime co-host Jhong Hilprio

iario. "Binati ako nila Jhong.

"Tsaka nakita ko yung mga tweets din, kasi I checked this morning para mag-tweet ng hashtag ng It's Showtime, so yun"

Asked how her boyfriend James Reid took the news about her latest

feat, Nadine said that they haven't talked about it yet. "No, wala pa. Feeling ko,

hindi pa niya alam.

"I mean, for sure magiging happy din naman siya.

"Kasi nakita niya yung struggle ko to be fit and

HOW TO BE YOU PO? As for her own definition of what makes a woman sexy, the 23-year-old Kapamilya



actress said it's more about exuding "confidence."

Talking about how she stays fit, Nadine elaborated, "Controlled eating lang.

"There's really no effort naman talaga to be sexy, but to be confident and to be healthy.

"Hindi ko nga po alam kung anong weight ko ngayon."

Is she ready to become an FHM cover girl after winning the Sexiest Woman title?

"Depende sa Viva," said Nadine, referring to her talent management Viva Entertainment.

She continued, "We'll see. Wala pang nasabi sa akin."

At any rate, Nadine said she trusts Viva to make the right decision for her and set corresponding parameters if ever she does a sexy magazine pictorial.

"For sure there is [a prerequisite]. And whatever Viva tells me to do, I trust them naman.

"So, if they tell me to do it, I'm sure they are gonna do something para hindi slutty yung feel.

"They have to protect [me] as well." Check FHM Philippines Facebook page for the full video of Nadine receiving her 2017 Sexiest Woman plaque of recognition from FHM team.

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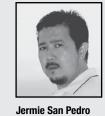
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Free Wi-Fi in Public Places Bill Will Soon Become a Law

# No data? No problem.

The free Wi-Fi bill that aims to provide reliable internet access in public places is one step closer to becoming a law.

This is after the bicameral committee report on the proposed measure was approved.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate approved their respective versions of the bill but there were some key differences that had to be ironed out through a bicameral committee.

If approved, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) will head the implementation of the Free Wi-Fi Internet Access in Public Areas Act.

Under the proposed measure, the DICT will spearhead the installation of internet hotspots at government-owned properties and other public places.

Some of these places include: Government offices Public schools and state colleges

Public hospitals Public parks and plazas

Public transportation systems (bus terminals, train stations, seaports and airports)

Aside from this, the measure also ensures to protect the public's privacy by prohibiting the collection of the personal data of the users.

The DICT has already been allotted a P1.7 billion budget from the 2017 national funds to implement the measure.

Providing free internet access to the public was one of President Rodrigo Duterte's campaign promises to the nation.

### Filipino-Canadian community takes over Senate Chamber





Ottawa, Ontario, June 21, 2017 – The Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Senator from Ontario, was joined by hundreds of Filipino-Canadians in Ottawa on June 17th to take part in the annual flag raising event on Parliament Hill; an important event that commemorates Philippines Independence Day.

"As the first Filipino Senator in Canada, it is a great honour and privilege to host, alongside the Canada-Philippines Interparliamentary Group, this annual event on Parliament Hill here in Ottawa.

Being able to raise the Filipino flag alongside the Canadian flag, and to sing both national anthems, on Parliament Hill, is a powerful and symbolic gesture for all Filipino-Canadians," said Senator Enverga in a statement.

Senator Enverga gave special thanks to the over 400 members of the Filipino-Canadian community who traveled from far and wide to take place in this important event. One of the day's highlights occurred when all of the event's guests filed into the Senate Chamber to spend time in the Upper Chamber, one of Canada's two parliamentary legislatures.

"As celebrations abound for both Philippines Independence Day, as well as Canada's 150th birthday, I was filled with immense pride to see my kababayans take over the Senate. It was a very powerful and momentous moment that I am blessed to be able to share with the Filipino-Canadian community," Senator Enverga ended.

This year's event marked the 5th annual Philippine Independence Day flag raising on the Hill.

### Sanya Lopez at Rocco Nacino being Pushed

MUKHANG ang tambalan nina Rocco Nacino at Sanya Lopez ang susunod na



tututukan ng GMA
matapos makita ang
kakaibang chemistry ng
dalawa sa nagtapos na
serye, ang "Encantadia".
Rocco and Sanya are

topbilling in their upcoming TV series, ang "Haplos" na pinamamahalaan ni Gil Tejada. After his break-up with exgirlfriend, Lovi Poe, may kakaibang ngiti ngayon ang Kapuso actor. Mukhang dahil sa kanyang bagong inspirasyon na si Sanya.

### Richard, dapat paghandaan sina Angelica at Angel

RICHARD Gutierrez opens a new chapter sa kanyang movie career sa paglipat niya sa Kapamilya network where he was given a rousing welcome. He is now visible sa dalawang major projects. One is in the new teleserye, "La Luna Sangre" kung saan he sheds off temporarily his wholesome image sa pagganap bilang isang vampire leader.

Hindi na ikinagugulat ng marami ang change of image ng ilang guwapong bidang lalaki. Tulad ng role bilang silahis or bi-sexual at pwede rin silang magbida/ kontrabida.

Richard is also shooting a movie opposite Angel Locsin and Angelica Panganiban tentatively titled Wife Husband Wife. In short, mapapalaban siya nang husto sa pag-arte. Something na hindi pa fully utilized ng actor. He should be reminded na mahirap ka-eksena si Angelica, unless you are on the league of Piolo Pascual or John Lloyd Cruz. He should triple his acting effort kung ayaw niyang mapahiya. We are confident though na sa tulong ng magagaling na director under Star Cinema ay mapapalutang nila nang husto ang acting ni Richard.

#### **Announcement!**

### To all Bicolanos and Bicolanas

The 7th. month Novena Devotions to the Virgin of Penafrancia will be on July 16, 2017, Sunday. (third Sunday of June)

Feast Day Celebrations will be on the 3rd Saturday of September, September 16, 2017.

#### This month's Novena Devotions:

Date: July 16, 2017, Sunday (3rd Sunday of July)

Place: Our Lady of Assumption Church (OLA) 2565 Bathurst St. Toronto

Time: 2:00 pm Devotion starts

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Sponsors for this month - Devotees of the Virgin of Penafrancia from Camarines Sur, Hosted by NABUA Association c/o Noli Aquino and family.

We encourage all bicolanos to attend and participate in the sponsorship of this novena to the Virgin, for abundant blessings for all the provinces of the Bicol Region.

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# **Philippines**

### Prolonged war feared

Military vows no letup on airstrikes vs Maute

MANILA - Airstrikes against Maute positions in Marawi City will continue despite calls from residents for the bombing runs to stop, military officials said.

"We feel the pain. But let us remember that we did not start this," said Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla. "It was the armed group, the Maute Daesh ISIS...that entered your city to wreak havoc on it."

Padilla said the airstrikes had to continue because government troops were facing stiff resistance in the "inner enclaves of the city."

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana admitted at the start of the conflict that security forces were taken by surprise when dozens of gunmen appeared on the streets of Marawi following a failed raid to capture Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon.

They initially estimated there were about 100 gunmen but later said there were as many as 500, supplemented by foreign fighters including from Chechnya, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

The fighters have also had a surprisingly large arsenal of military hardware.

"Even mosques here have tunnels," Herrera said, adding the fighters were using them to escape the bombing as well as to store high-powered weapons.

Residents built reinforced bunkers and tunnels underneath their houses after a 1970 Muslim uprising led to large parts of the city being burnt, Norodin Alonto Lucman, a senior Marawi politician, said.

The Mautes are in partnership with Hapilon. Military chiefs said they believed he was still in Marawi.

Adding to concerns was the discovery in a house the gunmen had been using of P52.2 million (\$1.05 million) in cash.

The gunmen have the added insurance of about 2,000 trapped civilians serving as virtual human shields, along with the priest and more than a dozen civilians kidnapped at the start of the crisis.

President Rodrigo Duterte issued typically aggressive rhetoric to soldiers.

"I am ordering you to crush our enemy," he said in a speech to troops in the south. "When I say crush them, you have to destroy everything, including lives."

But a quick military victory looks increasingly unlikely.

"At the rate that we are going, the troops are moving in strategic offensive on the enemy at the Bangolo district, the only remaining stronghold of the Maute group," said Lt. Gen. Carlito Galvez, commander of the AFP Western Mindanao Command.

He said the financial district would most likely be the main battleground as the terrorists have fortified the area and stocked up on supplies there.

Galvez would not say how long it would take to liberate the city.

"We are very cautious because they are in the fortified areas," he said.

### Sing Philippines' national anthem correctly or pay up: House bill

By Coconuts Manila

The Philippine House of Representatives approved a bill on the third and final reading updating how the Philippines' national anthem, Lupang Hinirang should be sung.

Singing is also no longer optional under this bill unless their religion

According to a report on Inquirer. net, singing along when the anthem is played at public gatherings "shall be mandatory and done with fervor."

The current flag code, passed in 1998, did not make singing the national anthem mandatory.

The bill goes as far as standardizing the rendition that should be played at public events.

The anthem should be played in a "2/4 beat, and within the range of 100 to 120 metronome, in 4/4 beat when sang."

Violate these rules and you could face fines of PHP50,000 (USD 1,000) to PHP100,000 (USD 2,000)

The bill passed unanimously in the House, but has yet to be debated in the

### Tess Cusipag Sentenced to 21 days, fined \$10,000

TORONTO - "For the offence of criminal contempt of court, I sentence you Teresita Cusipag, also known as Tess Cusipag, to a term of twenty-one (21) days in provincial reformatory to commence immediately.



These words comprise the penultimate paragraph contained in Justice Fredrick L. Myers' 8-page long sentencing document which he delivered orally on June 12, 2017 in the presence of Cusipag and

several supporters which included Catholic school board trustee Marlene Mogado and her husband Mogi Mogado.

"It is not the first time Mogi and I have been in court or inquest or human rights tribunal to lend our support to whoever needs our help, especially kababayans," said Marlene Mogado. "Tess Cusipag has been our family friend, as long way back since the early 70s when we were new arrivals here in Toronto. It is not for us to judge her or anybody. Her politics and social life are her business that we have no control of. Neither does she to ours," she added.

Senator Tobias (Jun) Enverga was not present during the sentencing.

The sentencing marks the end of a contempt proceeding against Cusipag, Balita Media Inc. and Balita Newspaper ("media defendants") in which the media defendants were found guilty of criminal contempt of court.

Previously, in March 8, 2017 contempt hearing, the media defendants were found by Justice Myers to have knowingly and deliberately violated the Court's order prohibiting them from repeating their false and defamatory allegations concerning Senator Tobias Enverga, directly or indirectly, expressly, or by innuendo.

Among the violations cited by Justice Myers in convicting Cusipag, Balita Media Inc. and Balita Newspaper of criminal contempt was an October 16, 2016 email by Cusipag forwarding to third parties and to at least one member of the Senate an exchange between her and a GlobalLink correspondent in which she repeated and re-asserted the truth of the same falsehoods that were ruled libelous and were prohibited from

In the email exchange Cusipag implied that the reason she lost the defamation case was partly due to an "unseen hand of conspiracy" between Justice Sidney Lederman and Howard Winkler (Enverga's lawyer) who she said were "both jews."

One other violation cited by Justice Meyers was an email by Cusipag on December 3, 2016 disseminating an article written by Romy Marquez in which the allegations related to the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) fundraiser, found by Justice Sidney Lederman to be false and defamatory were repeated.

In sentencing Cusipag to a jail term, Justice Myers noted that he had previously invited Cusipag and Balita to make reparations for their

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TRUSTEE AND CUIPAG CLOSE FRIEND MARLENE MOGADO

contempt, encouraging them to take further steps to demonstrate their respect for the orders of the court. However, the judge wrote: "Ms. Cusipag and Balita chose not to file an affidavit explaining their contempt, apologizing, demonstrating their respect for the order of this court, or evincing an intention to refrain from repeating their contemptuous misconduct in future. They arrive for sentencing unrepentant. "

Justice Myers also noted that Cusipag, after being found in contempt, posted on the internet on March 14, 2017 that she made a vow not to give up and reiterated that her allegations against Senator Enverga contained in an article she proposed to publish on March 16 are true. Justice Myers observed that Cusipag " does not accept the court's findings of wrongdoing. She does not respect the orders of the court."

"In holding Ms. Cusipag in contempt, I signaled her the need to demonstrate her respect for the authority of the court and the need to obey its orders. She made no such demonstration. She had not admitted any wrong-doing. She has not voiced words that indicate that she accepts

that she must comply with the court's order or that she intends to do so in the future. Rather, her defiance establishes that she and her business are a law unto themselves and are ungovernable without coercion, "Justice Myers wrote.

Justice Myers noted that Sen. Enverga's lawyer had asked for a sentence of 14 to 21 days despite precedents in which judges imposed sentences of up to 45 days, to show some leniency to the defendants. However, Justice Myers observed there were no mitigating factors to justify it such as clear statements the defendants might have made recognizing the court's authority and pledging to comply with the court's order in future. "Where the primary sentencing goal of compelling obedience with the court's orders has not been achieved, leniency is not appropriate," Justice Myers wrote. He further wrote that "Given the large damages awarded already outstanding, all that remains available to try to compel obedience with the court's order is incarceration."

Noting that Balita Media Inc. and Balita Newspaper cannot be sentenced to jail, the judge sentenced the entities to a fine of \$5,000 each for which Cusipag is liable to pay jointly and severally; Cusipag and the Balita entities are also jointly and severally liable for Sen. Enverga's costs on a full indemnity basis. Justice Myers reminded the defendants that they remain bound by Justice Lederman's injunctive order both in letter and

Justice Myers stated " It is the court's true wish that you learn from this experience that you are bound by the law and you must comply with court orders even if you do not agree with them. The court will compel obedience of its orders and punish disobedience. The protection of the rule of law must be a paramount concern of society."

Tess Cusipag has been committed to the provincial jail located in Milton, Ontario, immediately after the sentencing. Her brush with the law started when Sen Enverga sued her, Balita media Inc., Balita Newspaper and Romy Marquez for defamation which Enverga won. In that case, Cusipag and Balita were ordered to pay \$250,000 in general, aggravated and punitive damages plus pre-judgment interest. They were also ordered to pay Enverga's legal costs of \$90,000.

In Cusipag's subsequent appeal to reduce the



### Alarming talks about **James and Nadine**

James Reid and his camp should be alarmed with the spate of negative publicity coming out about him these days. First is the feedback on the photo of him hugging a friend of Nadine Lustre named Mika, which was just a friendly hug but malicious bashers still found enough reason to hate him. Nadine herself is so pissed she answered back in her own account: "I'm sorry, but seriously, WTF are you all going on about? Talking shit about my best friend? Your minds belong to the gutter!"

There's also a story that James has become difficult to deal with because of the pesky interference of his relatives who act like they know better on how to run his career. But even more damaging is that he failed to report on the set of "It's Showtime" to do a special number with Nadine because he allegedly got so drunk the night before.

Some folks are even insinuating that he has a drinking problem. Some concerned fans declared that they're disgruntled with James' unprofessional behavior and it would better for him and Nadine to just leave "Showtime" since he's absent most of the time anyway.

Let's face it, "Showtime" doesn't really need the JaDine love team as they already have existing competent hosts. The truth is JaDine needs the show more as that's their only regular exposure as of now on TV since ABS-CBN has not given them any new soap after their last one, "Till I Met You", didn't rate as well as expected like their first one, "On the Wings of Love".

JaDine should also bear in mind that ABS-CBN is currently cultivating more new loveteams in their camp like McLisse and MayWard and these younger tandems can easily overtake and eclipse them in terms of popularity.

### Will Regine leave GMA7?

Regine Velasquez will be signing a contract with Viva Artists Agency. So the question in most people's minds



is: Will Regine be leaving GMA-7 soon? Tonques wagged even more when she was seen in her photos posted on social media where she is in the company of Kapamilya stars like Vice Ganda, Erik Santos, Karla

Estrada, Jed Madela, Angeline Quinto and other stars who just came from GMA also, like Jaya, Jolina Magdangal and Kyla.

But someone told me the reason for the photo was simply because Regine came with her husband Ogie Alcasid, who's a judge in 'Tawag ng Tanghalan'. Our source says "Malabong lumipat si Regine kasi kare-renew lang niya ng contract niya sa GMA and she has two existing shows, 'Mulawin Vs. Ravena' where she plays Inang Kalikasan and she's also hosting 'Sarap Diva'. Yung contract niya sa Viva is with the artist management agency for projects outside of television."

damage award, the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the lower court's decision and ordered Cusipag and Balita to pay \$16,000 inclusive of

The fine of \$10,000 against Balita brings the total amount of money Cusipag is liable for to \$366,000 excluding pre-judgment interest in the main case and excluding legal costs still to be assessed in the contempt proceeding.

At least three other defamation lawsuits are still pending in Ontario Superior Court against Cusipag, Balita and Romeo (Romy) Marquez.

UPDATE; By the time you read this, Ms. Cusipag would have been released.

### PIDC 2017 Beauty Pageant Held, Elizabeth Marie Mabb Wins Miss Philippines PIDC Title By Tony A. San Juan

TORONTO - The Philippine Independence Day Council - PIDC, proudly and remarkably conducted its 17th annual beauty pageant.

Deservingly chosen, Elizabeth Marie Mabb was crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2017 amongst seven other beautiful contenders. Jainna A. Lacorte -Lumley was proclaimed Little Miss Philippines PIDC 2017 together with her entourage of beautiful youngsters namely: Janelle Gonzales, 1st Runner Up, Cherryl Faith Navales, 2nd Runner Up, and Julianne Chatman, Sophia Posada & Arielle Ali.

Elizabeth Marie Mabb was awarded a tiara, sash, cash award and trophy. The strong bevy of winning beauties with tiaras, trophies, sashes and cash includes Jewel Valdez, Ist Runner Up and Precious Hernandes, 2nd Runner Up. Other winners recognized with sash and trophies were Angela Alcantara, Deniella Alexis, Savanna Lee, and Samantha Viloria .

The popular and prestigious beauty- and-talent event, organized and sponsored by the Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), is a major part of the annual celebration of the 119th Araw ng Kalayaan anniversary of the Philippines in Toronto, Canada. PIDC is a 19- year old non- profit, cultural and socially-responsive umbrella organization of more than 15 various Filipino Canadian community associations in Ontario.

Engagingly led by PIDC president Norma Carpio as pageant adviser, the members of the 2017 Pageant's organizing committee is composed of overall pageant head honcho Aurora Elefano, "Miss Philippines" chair Gene Pardo - Elamparo and "Little Miss Philippines" head Helen Pico-Lao with program director Karen Pascual-Binaday , pageant coordinators Ophelia Santiago & Myrna Palmer, stage directors Aris Elefano & Ronnie Grey, website coordinator Randy Bucao, photographer Bong Molano, choreographer Daniella Puzo and videographer Joel Divino.

Among the PIDC officers and volunteers who provided assistance and guidance were: Verth

Bugtong, Ben Corpuz, Rose Cruz, Susan SJ Llanera, Aimee Maravilla, Minda Neri, Cheryll Samson- Ronquillo, Roy Start, Vilma Tahsin, Tom Tan, Roger Tarca, Nanding Ticzon,



Filomena Ticzon, Al Tupe and Jun Villaruz .

The judges for Miss Philippines 2017 were: Tony Chung, Anita Diaz, Conida Marie Halley, Marlene Lucas, Lovely Luna, Agnes Mendoza, & Rochelle Que while those who selected for Little Miss Philippines 2017 were: Emma Andrada, Chanele Ann Ganancial, Celine Grey, Agnes Miranda and Jaquelyn Tayag. Members of the Association of Filipino Canadian Accountants who tabulated the results include: Estrellita Cortez, Mercy Gonzales and Nimfa Santos

The program also showcased talented musical performers such as Cheryl Malanum of Mini Pop Kids and Little Miss Philippines 2012; Lucky Lucas; Little Miss Philippines 2010; Melanie Lazaro; Little Miss Philippines 2011; Bianca Manlapaz, Little Miss Philippines 2016 and Celine Grey, Miss Philippines PIDC 2016. Ably hosted jointly by PIDC Pageant alumni Scott Dion Brown, Janice Hernane (Miss Philippines PIDC 2013, 2nd Runner Up) and Conida Marie Halley (Miss Philippines PIDC 2015). The 2017 PIDC pageant was certainly a fun-filled day of beauty, talent, inspiration , entertainment, showmanship and fellowship..

PIDC president Norma Carpio in her apt message graciously welcomed and thanked those present as well as the major sponsors, donors, media partners, guests, judges, parents, volunteers

and the entire PIDC family for their continued support and co-operation, declaring the pageant a very memorable milestone in the community. She also extended an invitation to the upcoming 2017 Mabuhay Invitational Cup Basketball Tourney on July 21-23 at the Downsview Hoopdome and other summer culminating PIDC events like: the Mabuhay Philippines Festival Gala & Fashion Show on August 24 and the Mabuhay Philippines Festival and Parade on August 26- 27 at Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall, Toronto. Cone One!

Come All! (Tony A. San Juan).

### Maureen Wroblewitz is first Pinay to win 'Asia's Next Top Model'

MANILA - The winner of the fifth season of "Asia's Next Top Model" is Maureen Wroblewitz, 19, who beat Malaysia's Shikin Gomez and

Vietnam's Minh Tu Nguyen to become the first contestant from the Philippines to win the popular modeling search.

The teen model took home the coveted contract with Londonbased Storm Model Management.

She will also be on the cover of Nylon Singapore, and will also be featured in other high-profile fashion campaigns.

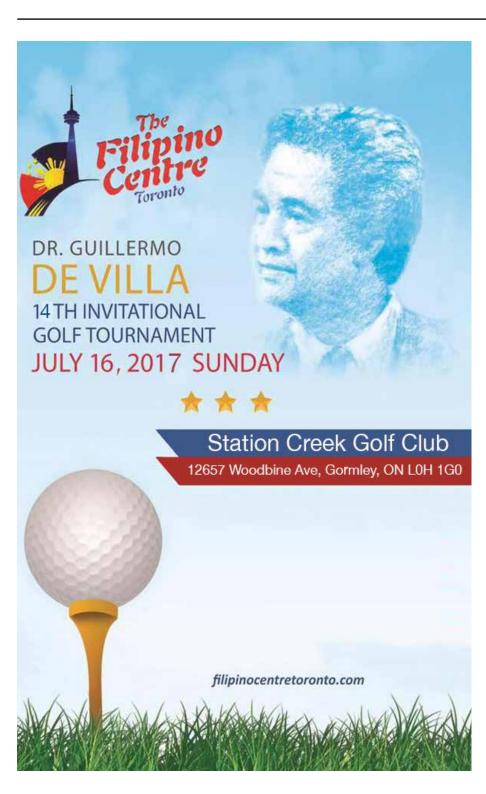
### Sarah paired with younger men even in real life

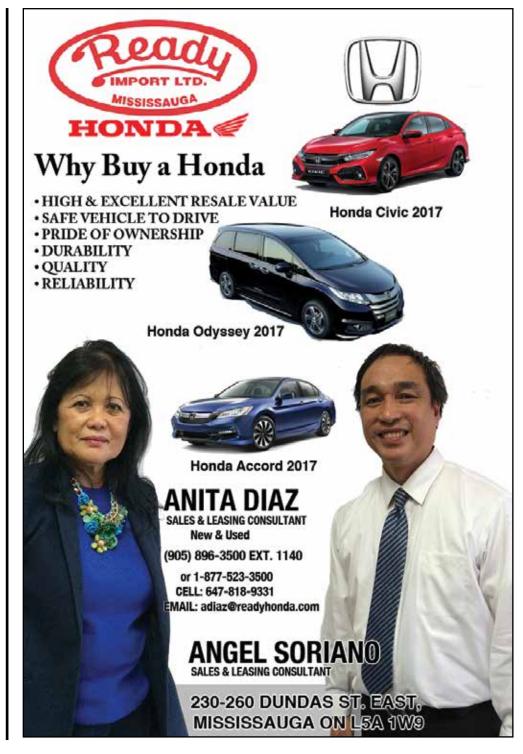
SARAH Geronimo is currently doing a movie with John Lloyd Cruz which original title was "Dear Future Husband". Heard they've replaced it after the movie, directed by Ted Boborol (of "Vince Kath & James"), had to have several scenes reshot, allegedly for improvement. The new title, according to the grapevine, will be "Finally Found Someone".

But aside from this, Sarah will be doing another movie for her own home studio, Viva Films. This will be a remake of a Korean film Miss Granny which is a worldwide hit. This is about a grandmother in her 70s who magically gets young again and fulfills her earlier dream of being a singer. The scuttlebutt is that she might be paired with James Reid, who's about four years younger than her in real life, just like her boyfriend Matteo Guidicelli who's also younger than her

The material about an old woman regaining her youth is not new in local films. We had a movie like this before in the 50s, "Lola Cinderella", made by Sampaguita Pictures and starring the late Lolita Rodriguez as a grandma who, by some magical twist of fate, becomes young again. She was then paired with her real life husband, the late Eddie Arenas.

This was such a big hit, so it was remade by Amalia Fuentes under her own company, AM Productions in the mid-60s, as "Ang Mahiwagang Pag-ibig ni Lola Cinderella", with the late Nestor de Villa of LVN Pictures as the leading man in his first team up with Amalia who's originally from Sampaguita Pictures. Here's hoping Sarah's millennial version will be similarly successful for today's audiences.





# **Philippines**

### US reminds citizens of terror threat in PH amid Marawi clashes

MANILA - The United States of America has reminded its citizens to take precautionary measures while in the Philippines, following attacks by rebel group Maute in Marawi City. "US citizens should be mindful of the importance of taking preventative measures to ensure their safety and security while traveling and residing in the Philippines," as stated in an advisory dated May 28.

The warning came as police in Metro Manila were placed on full alert status in line with the martial law declared in Mindanao following clashes between government troops and terrorists Abu Sayyaf and Maute Group. The Embassy reminded American citizens of

the recent Worldwide Caution, which said "there is an ongoing threat of terrorist actions and violence against US citizens and interests abroad, including the Philippines."

US also told its citizens that extremists have targeted sporting events, theaters, markets, mass transportation systems-including airlines, and other public venues like crowded nightclubs, shopping malls, buses, and popular restaurants. The Embassy said a unit of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) was already deployed to Quezon City to assist the PNP in implementing random checkpoints, security patrols, and police visibility operations.

### Clean, Wifi-ready: **Transport chief wants** better 'kings of the road'

MANILA - Call them the new "kings of the road." New jeepneys under the transportation department's modernization program will be environmentfriendly, Wifi-ready and will have air conditioning, the country's transport chief said.

"Gusto ko ang mga jeepneys, airconditioned. Dapat ang mga jeepneys, may wifi," Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade said during the United Port Users Logistics Summit.

### Daniel Padilla at Kathryn Bernardo puno ng aksyon at kilig ang "La Luna Sangre"

Muling bibida ang tambalan ni Kathryn Bernardo at Daniel Padilla and this time para sa isana maaksyona teleserye na La Luna Sanare kung saan makakasama nila sina John Lloyd Cruz, Angel Locsin at ang bagong kapamilya na si Richard Gutierrez.

Ayon sa KathNiel puspusan na ang martial arts training nila na kanilang ipapakita sa pag uumpisa ng kanilang proyekto.

"Nagte-training kami ni Kathryn martial arts yun din siguro ang bagong ipapakita namin ni Kathryn sa teleseryeng ito, yung flavor ng martial arts and ng action," sabi pa ni Daniel.

Sabi rin ni Kathryn aasahan ang nakakakilig na kwento ng pag-iibigan na kanilang ihahandog sa mga manunuod.

"Lalagyan natin ng kaunting rom-com pa din siyempre," pahayag ni Kathryn.

Labis din ang pananabik ng dalawa sa unang beses nila nalaman na makakasama nila sa proyektong ito si Richard Gutierrez.

"Nung nakita ko, kasi may group chat kami, tapos nag-send ng picture doon yung buong cast, the characters e talagang na excite ako. Kasi ang galing nang pagpili ng casting nito. Ang ganda. I'm sure ang mga tao mismo talagang mae-excite sila kasi ang galing eh. Bagay talaga sa kani-kanilang characters yung cast na kinuha," pahayag pa ni Daniel.

### Erik Matti's Guide to Shooting a Sex Scene

Details make the difference.

Never go into a shoot where you haven't seen what your actors look like naked. At the risk of being called a perv, I make sure that I see the body parts that I will be filming for the sex scene way before, in pre-production.

Are the breasts well proportioned and not lopsided? Do the male actors have nice abs? Are the nipples inverted? I've had shoots where I had to adjust my shots to hide flab, blemishes and other unflattering marks.

2 Go into details.

In sex scenes, as much as I still demand a sense of play in the scene itself, I try to explain everything that's going to happen. Arch your back, part your lips, et cetera. I go as far as telling the actors exactly what I'll see in the shot: In this scene I'm going to see pubes, I want to see the mashing of breasts,

The actors should know exactly what they're getting into. It makes it safe for me as a director and for them as performers. Better if there are witnesses while the critical scenes are discussed, and more so if their agents are present.

3 Be clear about editing. If anything happens while filming that's not part of the agreement, I make sure to tell my actors that it's not going to get into my edit. If, for some reason, an erect penis was photographed when the actor changed blocking and we did not discuss showing that, I will have to leave that on the cutting



If that erect penis, for some reason, turns out to be a world-changing moment for the film, I can maybe try and talk to the actor once again to see if he will allow me to use the foot-age. But without the mutual agreement, don't use it.

4 The Plaster Question

Never assume that all actors want to wear plasters to cover their sensitive parts. They should be asked, and both actors have to agree if they don't want to wear plasters. The problem is that they're easy to put on but damn hard to take off. Those leukoplasts just rip out all the pubic hair beneath them like

5 Check, check, and check. Before any take, don't be afraid to inspect your actors for parts that need makeup. If the ass will be shown, check for blending of color Bear in mind that the scene will eventually be magnified 60 times or more on the big screen. A small stretch mark will look like the Great Wall of China shot from the moon.

6 The Girl Factor.

Always have a girl staffer nearby while shooting a love scene. If you can station a wardrobe mistress or a girl PA right beside where the staging is, all the better. Actresses feel secure when there is another girl like her watching over the scene.

7 Make them feel comfortable. Announce as loud as you can that a sex scene is ongoing, no cameras allowed and all male crew members not needed on the set should step out.

8 Always go back to the story. Beyond the acrobatics, never forget to let your actors know what the scene is in relation to the story. The difference between porn and the uh, not-so-porn is the emotion in the scene. Porn scenes are like Jacky Chan kung fu scenes. It's about the choreography. A good sex scene is not about the choreography. It is about what's happening between two people emotionally.

9 Be ready for cover.

Always have a towel ready for your actors. After each take, make sure that someone runs up to them to cover their naked body.

10 End things with a joke. After a grueling 28-shot intense sex scene, a good laugh from everyone on the set defuses all the tension from the two actors who just finished baring their bodies to no less than 10 people. But remember, only joke when all is done. Never joke in the middle of shooting the sex scene. They will not laugh with you.

### Ano ang masasabi ni Jessa Zaragoza sa rival program ng 'Pepito Manaloto'?

lsa sa nagbibigay kulay sa Pepito Manaloto tuwing Sabado ng gabi ang karakter ng magaling na singer na si Jessa Zaragoza na si Deedee Kho. Nagkuwento si Jessa kung paano ang naging samahan ng cast ng show na halos pamilya na ang turingan. Kuwento nito, "Ang nakakatuwa sa relationship ng bawat isa sa Pepito Manaloto walang negative, pamilya talaga. Nagtutulungan bawat isa, walang parang diva or mga negative na personality, lahat nagmamahalan."

Walong taon na namamayagpag ang Pepito Manaloto sa telebisyon at marami nang itinapat na programa ang kabilang network sa multi-awarded sitcom. Kaya diretsahan namin inusisa si Jessa kung naapektuhan pa ba ang cast ng kalaban nilang program? "No not at all. Kasi healthy competition naman 'yan eh. Mas maganda mayroon kang kakumpetisyon talaga. Basta secure, secure kami sa position namin." Dagdag niya, "Kasi mas importante sa amin talaga 'yung maganda 'yung produkto na napapaligaya namin 'yung mga tao sa palabas namin."

Binigyan diin ng OPM singer na naging susi sa success ng Pepito Manaloto ang creative director nila na si Michael V.

Role model na maituturing ang Kapuso comedy genius, dahil na rin sa nabuo niyana working relationship sa buong staff ng sitcom.

"I think ang isa sa mga pinakamalaking factor 'yung script, siyempre 'yung script 'yung tutok sa bawat characters. Malaking bagay talaga na si Bitoy is the Creative [Director] kasi he's also an artist, so 'yung work ethics niya nakukuha namin yun eh."

"At saka 'yung working relationship niya sa mga script writers, so I think kapag nagtulungan 'yung bawat team nakakabuo ng mas magandang produkto."

### Scene in the City











**NENITA LORA'S BIRTHDAY** 

Nenita Lora celebrated her birthday at earl bales Park surrounded by family and friends. LAST PICTURE, shows her playing with a dog.

### Enrique Gil, no to Liza Soberano 2-piece costume



Enrique Gil on Liza Soberano wearing a two-piece swimsuit for her Darna costume: "You can't go into battle with your underwear. So, it's kind of weird, but that's how Darna was. So, I hope, maybe, it changes a little bit."

Inamin ni Enrique Gil na hindi siya pabor na magsuot ng "super revealing" Darna costume ang napapabalitang girlfriend niyang si Liza Soberano.

Kaugnay ito ng pagbibidahan ni Liza na pelikulang hango mula sa komiks ni Mars Ravelo tungkol sa sikat na Pinoy superheroine.

"Two-piece nga na super revealing," pagtukoy ni Enrique sa trademark costume ni Darna na pulang two-piece swimsuit.

Pero patuloy ng aktor, sa gagawing bersyon ni Liza, "Parang they might change it a little bit, because it's supposed to be armor right?

"You can't go into battle with your underwear. So it's kind of weird, but that's how Darna was.

"So, I hope, maybe, it changes a little bit."

Base ito sa panayam ng ABS-CBN reporter na si MJ Felipe kay Enrique na umere sa TV Patrol noong Martes, Hunyo 20.

Gayunman, sumang-ayon si Enrique sa tanong kung "very supportive boyfriend" siya sa pagda-diet at pagwu-workout ni Liza.

Nakangiting sabi ng binata, "Uhuh. Actually, it's easier to work out with somebody there."

"He didn't think that it was going to be me

"Because, sabi niya, baby pa daw ako, so imposibleng magtu-two piece ako and stuff like that

"But when he found out, he was supportive naman. He said, kaya ko 'yan.

"And now, sinasamahan din niya ako sa pagwu-workout."

Wala mang tuwirang pag-amin sina Enrique at Liza na mayroon silang relasyon, naging bukas sila sa pagsasabing parang boyfriend-girlfriend na ang turingan nila.

The Knights of Rizal Canada Region joined the other Filipino organizations in Ontario province during the rlag-raising

ceremonies at the Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Ontario, Canadada on June 17, 2017 hosted by Senator Tobias C. Enverga, Jr. Photo shows from(L-R) Sir Lapulapu Canada, KGOR, Sir Joaquin (Jojo) T. Taduran, Jr. , KGOR; KGCR, Sir Mario Alpuerto, and Sir Ze Cazzime, KOR. The event is in line with the 119th Philippine Independence snniversary.

#### **SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**

Alex Gonzaga naospital na nga, inalipusta pa ng netizens. (Girl, idobol-ded mo silang lahat.)

Kris, nanay ni Elmo Magalona pinayuhang bisitahin si Kuya Germs. (Dapat lang. And get well soon, sir.)

Laplapan, bed scene nina Jolina Magdangal at Marvin Agustin sa bagong kabit-serye ng ABS-CBN pinalakpakan. (Amazing what gets applauded these days.)

Kahit 31 taon nang nagsasama... hindi tutulad kina Aiza Seguerra at Liza Diño; Boy Abunda walang planong pakasalan si Bong Quintana. (To each his own. Next!)

Onemig Bondoc sa ex-wife: Hindi niya kayang maging nanay! (Oh wow, this should be interesting. Pass the popcorn.)

KC Concepcion baka matulad kay LJ Reyes, dapat mag-ingat kay Paulo Avelino. (This, not so interesting.)

Relasyong KC-Paulo peke, pilit na pilit ang pagiging sweet. (Parang 'yung... gano'n?)

Paulo ilang beses nang nag-I love you kay KC. "Pero naiinis siya kasi iba ang isinasagot ko." (Word of advice: If you don't love him, set him free.)

Kris Aquino ipinagyabang ang matataas na grado ni Bimby. (Better that than his movie outgrossing "Spider-Man.")

Nadine Lustre ang chaka ng katawan, mukhang ate ni James Reid. (Aray.)

Sharon Cuneta ibinandera ang payat na katawan sa birth anniversary party. (Yes!)

Cristine Reyes
emosyonal
nang makita
ang "ultrasound
image" ng baby. (Define "emotional.")

Kathryn Bernardo niregaluhan ni Karla Estrada ng mamahaling kuwintas. (Define "mamahalin.")

Jennylyn Mercado (PHOTO)umamin: Ilang beses nang nagpakabaliw sa lalake. (Ows? Wait, we know this.)



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### Retailers dispel fake rice rumor as fake news

MANILA, Philippines — The allegation on the selling of fake rice in local markets is just another fake news, the country's rice retailers said.

The Grain Retailers' Confederation of the Philippines Inc. confirmed that fake rice is just another hoax among the many fake news that continues to spread particularly in social media.

"There's no such thing as fake rice, only fake news. There is no actual fake rice discovered now and even in 2015 when a similar incident surfaced," GRECON National President James Magbanua said.

He emphasized that selling fake rice is a no-win situation for the country's retailers and will not yield any advantage for them.

"There's no imaginable benefit in selling fake rice in the part of the retailers. There is no incentive in selling fake rice," Magbanua said.

"It is costlier to produce fake rice or put plastic additives. The use of this will destroy our business and create unnecessary panic," he added.

State-run National Food Authority also backed the group saying the suspected fake rice passed the laboratory tests it conducted.

"Results of suspected fake rice submitted to the food development center of the NFA for analyses showed that they have starch granules, starch content and sensory characteristics typical of raw rice," NFA Administrator Jason Aquino said.

The group expressed alarm over the wildfire spread of news in social media postings that fake rice is being sold in various local markets.

"The lack of discernment helped create a new modus operandi which specifically targets grains retailers which is a clear concerted effort to defraud and harass the members of GRECON," he said.

Furthermore, GRECON is proposing the creation of a rice watch committee to address the issue of fake rice.

"This will be composed of concerned

government agencies and private sector and to be supported by legal team to address the issue and also assure the consuming public," Magbanua said.

Despite the assurance, NFA has ordered its field offices to heighten their monitoring activities and seek out people complaining about alleged fake rice in their respective

Reports on fake rice also circulated in 2015, but test results showed that the unusual appearance was due only to a retrogradation process, which involved a series of freezing, thawing and heating.

Rice was also found contaminated with a plasticizer chemical compound called dibutyl phthalate due to mishandling or keeping the rice in a container prone to contamination from other stocks.

"What we had in the past was an isolated case of chemically contaminated sample which may have been the result of mishandling or pure neglect to safeguard rice from contaminants," Aquino said.

### Migo Adecer's character gone from Encantadia

"Ang mga fans ko ang nalungkot when my role as Anthony suddenly disappeared from Encantandia," recalls Migo Adecer.

Hindi sumama ang loob ni Migo Adecer noong biglang siaynag nawala sa Encantadia ng GMA-7. "Ang maganda is that nag-start agad ako for My Love From The Star. "Kaya hindi rin ako nawalan ng work," sabi ni Migo. Natuwa pa si Migo dahil nagkaroon siya ng chance na makatrabaho si Jennylyn na isa sa mga judges ng StarStruck 6. "It's an honor for me to be working with the very first Ultimate Female Survivor of StarStruck. Mas maayos na raw ang pagta-Tagalog ni Migo kaya bukod sa teleserye, nagawa na niyang mag-record ng kanyang unang album sa ilalim ng GMA Records. "Finally, my dream to have my own album is coming true.

"We will come out with my first single soon. Gusto nila madaling ma-memorize at makanta."

I hope they will support my album when it comes out na," pakiusap ni Migo Adecer.





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### Shaina, balak mag-madre

Inamin ng bida ng seryeng The Better Half na si Shaina Magdayao na four years ago ay naisip na niyang mag-quit sa showbiz at mag-madre na lang. "Kasi parang feeling

ko, may calling ako to serve." pahayag ni

Pero obviously, hindi nga ito natuloy simply because hindi niya pa rin talaga maiwan ang showbiz.

Sa halip na mag-madre, naisip na lang ni Shaina na magtayo ng isang foundation called Smile Cares. Aniya, matagal na raw niyang dream ito and finally, ngayon ay natupad na. "Ngayon, may diversion ako which is the foundation and I guess, I realized na you don't really have to be that (nun) to serve. So 'yun 'yung pinagkakaabalahan ko ngayon."

Ito raw ang nagpapasaya sa kanya ngayon at hindi ang love life. Nagbiro nga siyang may "operation retirement" na siya dahil nga sa nagkakasakit na siya lately, "Eh kasi, gumi-give-up 'yung katawan ko talaga ngayon, eh." "But ever since naman, conscious ako sa finances ko and sa investment ko and alam n'yo naman na into business talaga 'yung family ko. "So, ayun. And siguro, ang laking tulong na I feel useful na maski hindi ako nag-aartista, parang feeling ko through the foundation, I'll be able to serve also," sey pa ni Shaina.

So, posible bang pagkatapos ng The Better Half ay magretiro na siya?

"Well, I'm under contract (with ABS-

CBN), so, wala akong choice. But I have one more year, but that's one more year, let's see what will happen after," sabi niya.

#### "Hindi madali maging artista" - Lovely Abella

Sa isang Instagram post, ibinahagi ni Lovely Abella, "Hindi madali maging artista, yes, hindi po talaga madali. Ang akala ng iba 'pag napapanood ka sa TV madami ka ng pera o kaya 'pag umiyak ka na o nagpatawa ka ganoon lang kadali. Bawat pangyayari po ay binibigyan namin ng proseso, binibigyan ng totoong emosyon at sinasaloob namin ang character na ginagampanan namin.."

Dagdag pa niya na malaki ang pasasalamat niya sa mga taong naniniwala sa kaniyang kakayanan bilang aktres, "Nagpapasalamat ako sa mga taong nagtitiwala sa kakayahan ko'ng magpatawa at lalo na ang kakayahan ko'ng maramdaman nila ang pinapanood nila. -- Sa eksenang ito hindi siya si Lovely, siya ay ordinaryong babae na binubugbog ng asawa niya at kahit kailan hindi niya minahal kaya [walang] ibang nasa isip niya kung 'di ang 'Tumakas.'"

Makikitang nakagapos at punong-puno ng sugat at pasa si Lovely sa kaniyang Instagram post. Nagpahaging ang aktres na ang eksena raw na ito ay para sa kaniyang panibagong proyekto.

### Senator Enverga celebrates first Filipino Canadian **Commanding Officer of the Royal Regiment of Canada**

Toronto, Ontario, June 4, 2017 - The Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Senator from Ontario, joined the Royal Regiment of Canada at the Fort York Armoury in Toronto, Ontario to celebrate the Royal Regiment of Canada's Change of Command Parade, Sorrel Day, and Family Day events.

"As a proud Canadian, I am grateful to be standing here today to commend the brave work of members of the Royal Regiment of Canada, who have a long and proud history of selflessly serving Canadians and Canada's interests since 1862," said Senator Enverga in a statement.

Senator Enverga gave special thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Payne, who had led the Royal Regiment of Canada for three years, providing exemplary service and leadership.

Senator Enverga also extended warm congratulations to the Regiment's incoming Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Nonato, who becomes the first Filipino-Canadian to hold this post. Prior to taking command of the Royal Regiment of Canada, Nonato graduated

from Kingston's prestigious Royal Military College and served in missions in Afghanistan and South Sudan. Lieutenant Colonel Nonato, and his accomplished and successful wife Sheila, are a source of great



pride for the Filipino-Canadian community.

"As celebrations are upon us to mark and commemorate Canada's 150th birthday, now is a perfect time for me to ... laud all members of the Canadian Army for their good work and service," said Senator Enverga.

Sorrel Day marks Canada's valiant June 1916 victory over Germany during the World War I Battle of Mount Sorrel, near Ypres, Belgium.

The Royal Regiment of Canada was formed in 1862, making it one of Canada's oldest regiments.



Sharon Cuneta picks Toronto's Alyssa Datu at The Voice Teen Philippines. (SHOWN HERE WITH OWNER PIDOY PACIS OF MAX'S RESTAURANT - TORONTO)



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### Did GMA-7 make I Heart Davao to please President Duterte?

"Bittersweet" love story ang matutunghayan sa bagong primetime series ng GMA-7 na I



(L-R) Betong Sumaya, Ben Alves, Carla Abellana, Tom Rodriguez, and Maey Bautista

Heart Davao.

Sa produksiyong pinamahalaan ng GMA News and Public Affairs, matutunghayan sa show ang ipinagmamalaking kagandahan ng Davao, ang hometown ng Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte. Pero ayon sa pamunuan ng teleserye, hindi naman daw ito ginawa dahil nanalo si Duterte sa pagka-presidente sa nakaraang halalan.

Ayon pa sa program manager ng show na si Patty Gutierrez, "Wala naman po kaming kinikilingan, serbisyong totoo lamang.

"Ang amin po, gusto po naming makuha ang Mindanao at Visayas viewers kaya po namin ginagawa ito. "Kapag ito po ay nagtagumpay, magustuhan po ng taga-Mindanao lalung-lalo na ng taga Mega-Manila, we are hoping to do more projects featuring other regions in the Philippines kasi napakaganda po talaga ng Pilipinas, e.

"Gusto po naming makita ito lahat ng mga Pilipino bilang serbisyo na rin sa ating

Ang I Heart Davao ay mapapanood simula Lunes, June 26, sa timeslot na babakantehin ng Meant To Be na nagtapos na.

Eighty percent ng show ay kukunan sa magagandang lugar sa Davao kung saan tatlong linggong namalagi ang cast ng show upang mag-taping sa kanilang pilot week episodes.

Kasama rin sa show sina Betong Sumaya, Maey Bautista, Ricardo Cepeda, Glenda Garcia, Raquel Villavicencio, Joel Saracho, Geraldine Villamil, Natileigh Sitoy, Kevin Sagra, Philip Lazaro, at Catherine Rem.

GMA Network's new primetime program I Heart Davao debuted on a high note on its pilot episode, beating its rival program and dominating social media last June 26.

The first romantic-comedy series shot TV ratings, getting a 7.4 percent people ratings (based on overnight data) against its counterpart show, ABS-CBN's A Love to Last. The rival program only managed to get 6.2 percent based from Nielsen Philippines TAM's Urban Philippines people data.

I Heart Davao also made waves on social media, with #iHeartDavaoPilot becoming one of the trending topics in the Philippines.

Fans celebrated the comeback teleserye of their idols as real and reel life couple Carla and Tom gave them a night filled with kilig and laughter courtesy of the love-hate banter of TomCar's characters Ponce and Hope.

#### James Reid's Fighting Mom

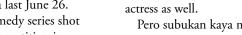
The latest to have joined the growing list of social media "patola" ay ang ina ni James Reid. Inalmahan kasi nito ang pinalalabas ng ilang netizens na ginagamit lang daw ng kanyang anak ang katambal nitong si Nadine Lustre. To prove her son's bashers wrong ay ipinagduldulan ng ginang na malapit siya sa pamilya ni Nadine and she loves the young

Pero subukan kaya ni Mrs. Reid na huwag pumatol, not only will she have peace of mind. Iniaangat pa niya ang kanyang sarili

sa milya-milyang agwat nila ng maraming bashers whose lives depend on destroying other people.

### Why Myrtle Sarrosa is thankful to Nadine Lustre

After graduating Cum Laude from U.P. Diliman, Myrtle Sarrosa has her eyes set on working behind the camera in the future besides being an actress and a host. Myrtle relayed that many of her friends in the industry sent her their congratulatory messages when she finished her schooling. One of them is her close friend Nadine Lustre. "Ang nakakatuwa nga a lot of my fellow artists from the industry messaged me right after they saw me graduate. Nadine Lustre, na kaibigan ko since we were both just 14 years old because we both cosplay, called me up to tell me that she's proud of me. For the longest time 'di kami nagkita kasi nag-aral nga ako while working but despite it all, she would always give a listening ear sa akin when I need a friend so I was so happy when she was one of the first to congratulate me," she stated.





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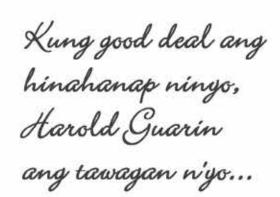
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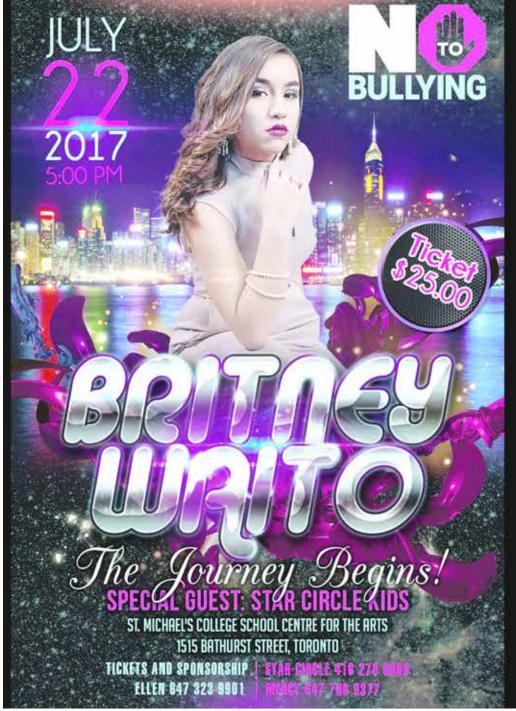




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# Senator Enverga questions why immigration policy should give extra credits for French and not English

OTTAWA – On June 7, the Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr.,



Ontario Senator, questioned the Government Representative in the Senate during question period concerning alterations that were made to the Express Entry Immigration

Program by the Trudeau government, specifically with regards to the inequity in awarding language credits.

"Earlier this week, Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen announced troubling changes to the express entry immigration program," Senator Enverga said in a statement. "Under this express entry program, applicants can score up to 1,200 points depending on their education, training, work experience, and language skills. The newly announced and worrying changes to this program would see candidates receiving up to 30 additional points for those who possess strong French-Language skills. Possessing strong English-Language skills would not score you any additional points," the Senator added.

The questions raised by Senator Enverga focused on why, in our bilingual nation, there existed a disparity in which extra credits were awarded for possessing strong language skills in one official language but not the other, as well as if the Trudeau government valued one official language over the other, as this new policy's lack of equity seems to suggest.

The Government Representative, Senator Peter Harder, answered, "I welcome the honourable senator's question and want to assure him . . . that the adjustments being made are to ensure that there is a reward given to French-language capacity in our immigration program so that it too is a useful tool of nation building."

#### **Angel Locsin Moves On**

Sunud--sunod ang blessings ngayon ni Angel Locsin. Aminin o hindi, naging mahirap para kay Angel ang naging desisyon na hindi na lilipad bilang si Darna. Pero kinailangan niyang gawin ito para na rin sa kanyang kalusugan. Buongpuso niyang tinaggap ito kaya naman madali siyang nakapag-move on. In fact, she even welcomed Liza Soberano as the new Darna with open arms.

Maging sa kanyang lovelife, mukhang masaya sa special relationship niya kay Neil Arce, her rumored boyfriend.
Masaya rin siya sa takbo ng kanyang career dahil kaliwa't kanan din ang mga proyekto na kanyang ginagawa.
Kamakailan lang ay umani siya ng papuri sa mahusay na performance sa kanyang huling episode sa Maalaala Mo Kaya.
Markadong-markado rin ang akting niya sa La Luna Sangre. At siyempre, marami na ang nag-aabang sa reunion movie nila ni Angelica Panganiban, na kung saan makakasama nila si Richard Gutierrez.

Lately, Angel has been bashed for helping the evacuees from war-torn Marawi City. Buti na lang hindi na pinapansin ni Angel ang bashers na walang alam sa buhay kundi manira.

Sa dami nang kanyang ginagawa, makakasama pa rin ba kaya si Angel bilang isa sa mga judge sa nalalapit na season ng Pilipinas Got Talent?





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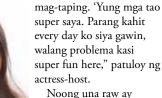
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### Ash Ortega, mas nagiging natural sa sarili dahil sa pag-host sa 'Wowowin'

Isa si Ash Ortega sa mga pinakamatagal na naging guest celebrity hosts ni Willie Revillame. Aniya sa exclusive interview ng GMANetwork.com, mas nagiging natural daw siya sa kanyang sarili ngayong bahagi siya ng Wowowin. Ikinuwento ni Ash na kada araw na kasama niya ang bumubuo sa programa ni Willie ay "best moment" para sa kanya.

Sambit niya, "Oh my gosh, super saya makatrabaho lahat ng staff, lahat ng cast dito. I'm enjoying every moment. Kahit almost every day 'yung work namin pero para sa akin, hindi ako napapagod kasi nga ang saya."

"Super funny lahat ng tao. Lahat sila madaling pakisamahan. Lahat dito, parang hindi ako nagwo-work especially pag nagsta-start kami



Noong una raw ay kinakapa pa niya ang pakikipagtrabaho sa ibang

co-hosts ngunit ngayon ay kaya na niyang ipakita ang totoong personalidad niya.

Wika ni Ash, "Lalong tumatagal, lalo ako nagiging comfortable sa mga tao around me. Lumalabas 'yung pagkakulit side ko, 'yung mga kasama namin si Kuya [Wil], pag nagdi-dinner or nagbe-breakfast, 'yung mga kulitan namin with the co-hosts, lumalabas talaga 'yung [natural] side ko. And because of that, nagiging comfortable na ako being a host."

# Tom Rodriguez renew ties with GMA

Sought-after and multi-talented Kapuso leading man Tom Rodriguez remains a loyal Kapuso as he renewed his exclusive contract with GMA Network, Inc. on June 27.

Tom said he is ecstatic to once again sign with GMA-7 and feels very much at home with the network, "I am very excited and very happy. I feel very, very much at home here. I do really feel that it's the right fit for me. I am very happy that I am given another opportunity and cement my place here, my new home."

During the contract signing attended by the network's top executives, the actor also added that he is grateful for the continuous trust GMA Network gives him, "Every single time I say it, I mean it. I am very thankful dahil ang dami talagang trusted projects that GMA has been giving me consistently na it forces me to stretch and grow not just as a person but as an actor trying to hone his craft."

Tom currently top bills the rom-com primetime series I Heart Davao together with Carla Abellana. The program, which premiered last Monday (June 26), has already been receiving rave reviews on social media.

"We are very happy to see the reactions ng mga tao na nasundan namin sa internet right after. Masaya kami dahil nagustuhan nila from the cinematography to the rapport of the cast and crew," he says.

Present in the contract signing were GMA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Atty. Felipe L. Gozon; GMA President and Chief Operating Officer Gilberto R. Duavit, Jr.; GMA Entertainment

TV's Senior Vice President Lilybeth G. Rasonable; GMA Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Communications Angel Javier Cruz; GMA Senior



Assistant Vice President for Alternative Productions Gigi Santiago-Lara; and Tom's manager Popoy Caritativo.

Atty. Gozon expressed his happiness with Tom's contract renewal. "Well tayo naman, we are really grateful and appreciative na nag-sign up na naman sa atin si Tom dahil siya naman ay talagang magaling na artista at makikita naman yun sa mga programa kung saan siya lumabas," he says.

Mr. Duavit, on the other hand, also has nothing but praises for the actor. "Tayo ay nagpaparating ng pasasalamat din kay Tom sa kaniyang patuloy na pagtitiwala. Tom is a great example of a professional actor. Patuloy siya sa pagiging isang magandang ehemplo sa kabataan at bukod tangi siya sa kaniyang propresyon. Siyempre we are all proud that he is a Kapuso and will continue to be. Pasasalamat din kay Tom sa kaniyang patuloy na pagtitiwala, at makakaasa siya sa mga darating na panahon na sisikapin pa natin maghanap ng mga pagkakataon para lumago ang kaniyang career."



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### **Megan: Lights on and size matters**



HINDI na nagpaliguy-ligoy pa si Megan Young sumagot sa mga maiinit na tanong ng kaibigang Boy Abunda sa kanyang Tonight with Boy Abunda noong Martes ng gabi.

Nauna niyang ibinalita ang napakagandang pangyayari sa kanyang career nang ikontrata siya ng isang kumpanyang magpapasikat sa kanya internationally, hindi lamang sa pagiging isang international model, kundi bilang Hollywood star din.

"Yes, I will be going in and out of the country," anya. "I have made arrangements also with GMA na puwede pa rin akong gumawa ng projects sa kanila kapag kailangan nila ako. Bibigyan din nila ako ng pagkaka-taon na mag-acting workshop para pagbutihin ang kaalaman ko."

Inamin din ni Megan na kapag hiniling ng grupo na tuluyan akong mag-stay abroad, she will do so. "At may blessing naman ako dito dahil hangad din nila ang tagumpay ng mga pangarap ko," ani Megan.

Kumusta naman ang relasyon nila ng BF of four years na si Mikael

"We have plans, siyempre. Pero, hindi pa ngayon. Hindi naman aabot ng ganito katagal ang relasyon namin kung wala kaming balak na magpakasal.

Matapat ding sinagot ni Megan ang huling dalawang fast talk ni Boy.

"Lights on at size matters for me."

### Judy Ann Santos looks forward to working with Vilma Santos

Dream come true kung maituturing ng kapamilya actress na si Judy Ann Santos ang makasama sa isang proyekto ang Star For All Season na si Vilma Santos.

Sa naganap na advanced taping ng Magandang Buhay episode, nakapanayam natin si Judy Ann tungkol sa umuugong na balita na pagsasama nila sa isang proyekto ni Cong. Vilma.

"Talaga?! Wow! Hindi ko pa alam promise. Talaga ba? Sana talaga matuloy." gulat na pahayag ni Juday.

"Sa totoo lang hindi pa kami nakakapag-usap ni Ate Vi kasi wala pang chance na magkaroon talaga kami ng moment na makapag-usap," sabi pa ni Juday.

Kuwento ni Juday, matagal na niyang hiling sa Star Cinema ang isang proyekto kung saan makakasama si Ate Vi.

Ayon pa sa aktres, ang



makasama ang Star For All Season ang siyang bubuo sa kanyang karera bilang aktres at artista.

"Lagi ko

talaga request kay MNS [Malou N. Santos] na 'Sana magkaroon ako ng movie with Ate Vi'. Siya nalang kasi talaga yung hindi

ko pa nakakasama," ani pa ni Juday. Sa ngayon abala si Juday bilang host sa kanyang top rating game show na Bet On Your Baby.

### IŃIGO, 'DI MAITAGO ANG 'TAMA' KAY ANGELINA

HINDI naitago ni Inigo Pascual ang matinding "tama" niya sa



panganay na anak nina Sunshine Cruz at Cesar Montano na si Angelina. Namula siya nang sabihin ni Vice Ganda sa

show nito na

titigan ang kinse anyos na panganay nina Sunshine at Cesar. Kahit ang live audience nung gabing iyon ay kinilig din dahil hindi makatingin nang diretso si Inigo kay Angelina.

Pinag-duet pa sila ni Vice Ganda. Habang nagu-ukulele si Angelina ay umawit habang tumititig si Inigo sa dalagita.

Marami ang humuhula na magsisimula na ang isang loveteam na susunod sa Kathniel, Jadine, Lizquen at sa mabilis ding sumisikat na Mclisse. How to multi-hyphenate like Sam Pinto + other stories

Defying notions about her celebrity image, Sam Pinto is the stylish It girl who is at home in Divisoria as she is in BGC

Sam Pinto is one of today's multi-hyphenate trendsetters, dominating not just print and web, but also TV screens

billboards. She is an It girl who possesses a brand of je ne sais quoi that captures everyone's attention.

Despite the seeming glitz and glamour inherent to her image, Sam is not, as she put it, "maarte." In fact, she has no problem shopping in Divisoria for bargains.

"It's really fun there kaya, (at) mura pa," she said. And Sam is used to haggling.

Sam is also fond of travelling.

The actress-model is also into surfing and she doesn't mind getting bruises and wounds while at it. Should she leave showbiz, Sam will concentrate on managing her businesses.

The actress-model owns the L' Sirene boutique resort in Baler. She also has a bikini line called Sirena. Speaking of her career, Sam revealed she is set to do a movie but refuses to divulge more details. "Hindi pa naman kami nag-start mag-shooting," she disclosed.

As of this writing, Sam has no contract with any network but she is open to the possibility of signing with ABS-CBN in the future.

"Okay lang naman ako kahit saan. Actually I'm a VIVA artist, so if ever na pag-signin ako with ABS, wala namang problema sa akin. But now I enjoy appearing anywhere," she maintained.

With her 22-inch waistline, it is no wonder Sam is a favorite cover girl.

"I'm just so thankful lang na kinukuha nila ako," she explained.

Sam is in a relationship with Filipino-Persian Azkals member Misagh Bahadoran.

"A year and a half na rin kami," she said. It seems like the IT girls are into foreigner boyfriend, we teased Sam.

"Half pinoy naman 'yung akin," she said in

Is marriage already on the plan, we asked. "Not yet, 27 pa lang ako eh. Siguro 'pag 30 ko na," she said. "And siyempre I hope siya (Misagh) na talaga 'yung the one for me but will never know 'di ba? Let's wait for the right time na lang siguro."

### ARCI AND GERALD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH EXES

ARCI Muñoz and Gerald Anderson had a hit

romcom when they did "Always Be My Maybe" with Director Dan Villegas, so it's not surprising that they are paired anew in Star Cinema's latest offering, "Can We Still Be Friends?" The movie is directed by the neophyte filmmaker Prime Cruz directing his first mainstream project for a top film company after debuting in his award-winning hit indie film, "Sleepless".

As the title indicates, the new flick is about two ex-sweethearts, Gerald as Digs and Arci as Sam, who are trying their best to still be friends even after their breakup. In real life, both Arci and Gerald have experienced breaking up with their past relationships. So can they now relate to the characters that they play in the movie and do they think that being friends again is still possible in real life? "I can most certainly relate to it," says Arci who just called it quits with her rocker BF, Badi del Rosario aka Bones Frankenstein. "Pero mahirap kung may feelings ka pa rin, e. Like me, nasa moving on stage pa lang ako, so hindi ko siguro kayang makipagfriends agad. I believe you could eventually be friends kung love mo pa rin nga siya, or never mo talaga siyang minahal."

"Dati, ganun din ang paniwala ko," says Gerald. "Mahirap maging friends kayo uli, but right now, I think, puwede naman pala." As we all know, Gerald is currently being seen in a new morning soap, "Ikaw Lang ang Iibigin", with a former girlfriend, Kim Chiu, and they seem to be doing pretty okay. Will they invite their exes at the premiere night of "Can We Still Be Friends?"

"No, ako, hindi ko pa kaya," says Arci.
As for Gerald, this would be quite a problem.
Aside from Kim, he was also linked before with
Sarah Geronimo, Maja Salvador and even his
current "nakabalikan" GF, Bea Alonzo, was also
once his ex. Let's see if he would invite all of
them to watch "Can We Still Be Friends?" with
him when it opens in theaters on June 14.

### 'No Miss Universe this year' in PH – DOT chief

The Philippines will not host a second consecutive Miss Universe pageant this year, Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo said on Thursday.

"No Miss Universe this year. Maybe next year," she told reporters in Balesin island, Aurora, where she hosted visiting UN World Tourism Organization Secretary General Taleb Rifai and tourism ministers, who are in the country to attend the International Conference on Tourism Statistics

Asked why the Philippines would no longer host the 2017 edition of the pageant, Teo simply said, "It's too soon," adding that the country would be busy with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations 50th anniversary summit in November this year.



### Scene in the City







**NENITA LORA'S BIRTHDAY** 

Nenita Lora celebrated her birthday at earl bales Park surrounded by family and friends. FIRST PICTURE, shows her holding a hello kitty balloon with her name.







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# Chynna on being wife and mom: My choice + other stories



CHYNNA Ortaleza's last regular show was "The Rich Man's Daughter" where she played a lesbian. After that, she got married, had a baby girl and it's only now that she gets to do a new soap again in "Mulawin Vs. Ravena".

"It's my choice naman not to work for almost two years so I can focus on being a wife and mom," she says. "And it's worth the wait kasi big project naman itong comeback ko at maganda ang role ko as Reyna Rashana, the wife of Dennis Trillo as Haring Gabriel. Bago 'yung character ko at wala sa original na 'Mulawin'. May secret 'yung character ko at unti-unting mari-reveal in the course of the story. May fight scenes ako so I'm preparing physically para mag-action. Also, may wings din ako so I will be in a harness during the flying scenes."

So how is it being the wife of rocker-actor Kean Cipriano and mom to Baby Stellar? "Okay. We're happy. We're both supportive of each other's careers. So Stellar naman is growing up fast at nagtutulong kami ni Kean sa pag-aalaga sa kanya. Buti na lang at parehong maluwag ang schedule namin so we really devote time for her."

#### Paulo Avelino on filming Goyong: 'I'm very excited and nervous'

After it was first announced two years ago that he would be headlining the movie

Goyong, Paulo Avelino said he is happy to finally start shooting the Gregorio Del Pilar biopic this month.

"Actually we've been preparing for this for quite a long

time so I'm very excited and kinda nervous that we're shooting it now and that we've finally started. I think everything is well planned and studied. All the people from production pretty much know what the film is about and what we want to achieve and what we want to show the people," he shared during the Vitress Kolours Saladbox event held last June 3 in Headway Vera Salon in Sta. Mesa

Paulo revealed he can relate to the brave young Filipino general, who died in battle at the age of 24.

"The part of him that I could relate to is he was carrying a very big burden at a very young age and I kind of could relate to that in a lot of ways. I also learned some things about him that surprised me. That he was once hit by a bullet in the head one time. He was grazed by a bullet during one of his campaigns," he told PUSH.

When some netizens commented online saying he is too "pogi" to play the role, Paulo said he is not bothered because it is a non-issue.

"Well, hindi naman too pogi siguro. No it's not because Gregorio Del Pilar was actually known to be a good looking person and yun nga yung joke about him na may girlfriend siya in every town na nadadaanan niya. There are actually letters na marami ata talaga siyang naging girls," he remarked.

When asked if he had the same kind of girl problems as his character, Paulo denied the comparison. "Hindi naman. I'm a very loyal person (laugh)," he added.

The Goyong star is also reunited with Heneral Luna director Jerrold Tarrog in the project.

"It's always a treat to work with direk Jerrold Tarog. This guy is just some crazy person who likes making films and surprising everyone with what he has in store and what he wants to show and he's a very creative and artistic person. Maybe a unique thing about direk Jerrold is he actually gives his actors a lot of freedom to work around," he shared.

# Aicelle Santos on renewing contract with GMA: "You feel home, you feel safe"

Aicelle Santos inked a contract renewal with GMA Network May 30, at the GMA Network Executive Lounge. This year marks her 11th year as Kapuso.

The signing was attended by GMA Artist Center Assistant Vice President for Talent Imaging and Marketing Simoun Ferrer, GMA Entertainment TV Senior Vice President Lilybeth G. Rasonable, Comanager and Stages Talent Group Head Carlo Orosa and Senior Talent Manager Joy Marcelo.

For her, 11 years in the network is a

blessing and she is pleased to be able to add more years to the number.

"It's family. Totoong nararamdaman mo 'yung pagmamahalan ng bawat isa sa trabaho – sa staff, with your

bosses, and your co-singers and actors," she said.

She likes that harmony, cooperation, and

love are the foundation of their relationship as professionals and as friends. "Harmoniously, you work together. Walang 'mas magaling ako,' 'mas maganda

Walang 'mas magaling ako,' 'mas maganda ako.' 'Yun 'yung atmosphere dito sa GMA. You feel home, you feel safe. That's what being a Kapuso is," she added.

Being in GMA has allowed her to expand her horizons, and continuously aspire for bigger dreams and work towards better things.

"Nag-mature [ako] sa pagkanta, sa pagperform sa stage. Siguro 'yung dreams mo na dati ganito lang 'yung gusto mo, [like] gusto ko lang marinig 'yung kanta ko sa radyo. Habang tumatanda ka, marami ka palang gustong marating," she concluded.

## Back with Bea? Gerald fuels rumors with talk of 2nd chances

He isn't afraid to be seen in public going on dates with his former girlfriend Bea



Alonzo. So his answer on whether he believes in second chances shouldn't come as a surprise.

"Naniniwala ako sa second chances kasi may pinagsamahan nanaman kayo eh," said the Kapamilya

actor in a video uploaded by ABS-CBN's No Ink, in which he can be seen funnily taking on questions as he tries to use a hula hoop.

He added: "So ibig sabihin, kilala niyo na ang isa't isa. So why not?"

Early this week, the "Can We Still Be Friends" star and Alonzo were spotted taking photos with fans together as they went out for dinner. Two months prior, they went on a beach vacation in Davao.

The two have been dating since they finished working on their movie "How to Be Yours" in August last year. While they say they are not yet officially a couple, both stars have been consistent in saying they are special to each other.

### THIS STINKS:

# Villar seeks probe of garlic 'cartel'

SENATOR Cynthia Villar asked the Senate to look into a reported resurgence of a garlic cartel as supposedly indicated by a sudden rise in garlic prices in the local market.

Villar, who heads the Senate committee on Agriculture and Food, noted that the increase in garlic prices is reminiscent of 2014 when the prices of garlic ballooned to more than P300 per kilo.

The 2014 garlic price surge prompted the Senate agriculture committee to investigate the matter that concluded that a garlic cartel exists.

"We thought that they [cartel]learned their lesson but now we are sensing a similar scenario. We have a different administration, a different Secretary of Agricuture. I have to let them know what happened last time so we can stop this cartel," Villar said.

Her Senate Resolution 389 wants the agriculture committee to conduct an inquiry into a reported garlic importation by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its role in the sudden rise of garlic prices in the

According to the resolution, the price of garlic per kilo increased from P140 to more than P200.

It cited a report on a decrease in local production, particularly in llocos Norte, of garlic because of lack of planting material.

The DA reported that more than 57,000 metric tons of imported garlic have been given import clearance by the Bureau of Plant Industry and that as of this month 12,000 metric tons had arrived.

The combined local production of garlic has only been an average of 9,000 metric tons a year, or six percent only of the yearly demand of about 139,777 MT, which is barely enough for the country's monthly garlic requirement.

"There is an urgent need to look into the garlic price situation to protect the general public from unscrupulous machination and provide a development policy for the local garlic industry," Villar said.

#### Paano binago ng 'Meant To Be' ang buhay ni Ken Chan?

Sa pagtatapos ng Meant To Be ngayong linggo, binahagi ni Ken Chan ang mga nagbago sa buhay niya dahil sa show na ito.

Aniya, "Kung dati nakakapasyal pa kami ng mag-isa, ngayon we can't, kasi nandiyan 'yung mga sumusuporta sa amin, lagi silang nandiyan. And nakakatuwa naman na, alam mo 'yun, ang sarap sa feeling na dinudumog ka. And napag-usapan naming apat 'yun na, 'bro, this is it.' And until now sobrang flattered kami, and thankful kami sa pagtanggap ng tao sa amin. And kahit saan kami pumunta tinatawag kami ng tao sa character names namin: Yuan, Ethan, Jai, Andoy, ibig sabihin nun hooked sila sa Meant To Be."

Marami rin daw natutunan si Ken dahil very diverse ang culture at bansa na pinanggalingan ng cast. Si Ken ay may Chinese blood, si Jak ay pure Pinoy, si Addy ay pure Indian, at si Ivan ay isang Filiping-American

Paliwanag niya, "Maraming nagbago sa pananaw ko. Natutunan ko ang iba't ibang kultura [gaya] ng Indian [kay Addy Rai,] ng Western [kay Ivan Dorschner,] ng mga Pinoys [Jak Roberto,] and nakapag-share rin ako ng kultura ng mga Chinese sa mga nakasama ko."



### Scene in the City









**NENITA LORA'S BIRTHDAY** 

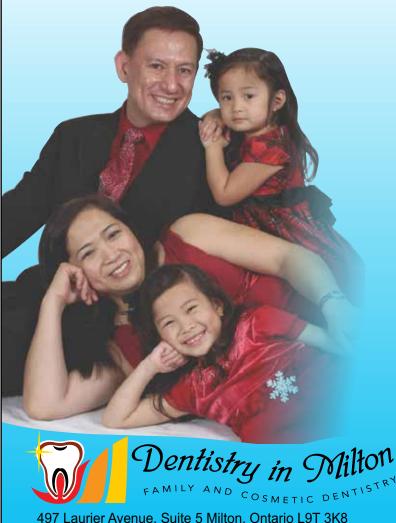
Nenita Lora celebrated her birthday at earl bales Park surrounded by family and friends. FIRST PICTURE, shows her with special guy Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda.



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### **Entertainment**

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# Korean actor will be Heart's leading man in new series + other stories

THE return of Heart Evangelista as Alwina in "Mulawin Vs. Ravena" has touched the hearts of many viewers in her role as a mom



who will do her very best to protect her son, Derrick Monasterio as Almiro, from the evil intentions of Dennis Trillo as Gabriel who wants to kill him.

But Heart will have to bid the show farewell soon since she is about to start taping her own new show about a multi-racial romance between a Pinay and a Korean guy, "My Korean Jagiya" (jagiya means boyfriend.) The identity of Heart's leading man, said to be a popular Korean actor, is yet to be

revealed, but supporting them are Janice de Belen, Iya Villania, Valeen Montenegro, Francis Makil, Jinri Park, Myke Salomon, Edgar Allan Guzman and Ricky Davao who returns to acting after directing the successful afternoon drama, "Legally Blind", which is on its last few weeks. Taping will start soon.

Meantime, the Kapuso Network is very happy that "Mulawin vs. Ravena" and "My Love From The Star", made it to the list of top 10 most buzzed-about shows worldwide according to a New York-based international media business website. WorldScreen. com released their Social Wit List for May 2017 where "Mulawin Vs. Ravena" ranked third and the network's local adaptation of the Koreanovela "My Love From The Star" ranked fifth in the list of top 10 new shows with the most number of Facebook and Twitter comments during their premiere across the globe.

According to the site, "Mulawin Vs. Ravena's" premiere "drew around 104,000 comments, and there was much buzz about the #GreatCast and #Cinematography that had many viewers honoring the #Nostalgia and #GoodMemories it brought about: #Kudos-ForTheFlashbacks."

On the other hand, "My Love From the Star" garnered around 50,000 comments and was speckled with the hashtags #Kudos-ToJennylynMercado, #FunPlot, and #GoodDirection. The two GMA-produced series are the only dramas from the Philippines that made it to the list, topping over popular global productions which included ones from the U.S. and France.

The other programs included in the list are U.S.A.'s Dirty Dancing, Twin Peaks, Beat Shazam, Michael Jackson: Searching for Neverland, World of Dance; France's Emmanuel Macron, Baisers caches; and U.K.'s Three Girls.

#### WHERE TO WATCH KRIS

HNDI lamang matamlay kundi naghihingalo na ang showbiz career ng bunsong kapatid ng former President na noon ay kaliwa't kanan ang product endorsement. True, she is still a popular figure pero is she still well-loved by her peers? Kung magsasalita lamang siguro ang dati niyang BFF na si Ai Ai delas Alas. Tila the only friend she's got now is Boy Abunda na tulad niya ay mahilig sa imported and branded things.

Anyway, for those who still missed Kristeta you can watch her only at YouTube sa show called Kris List. Ophrang Ophra ang dating.

#### UNFAIR TO REGINE

WE are not a huge fan of Regine Velasquez pero hindi kami suma-

sang-ayon sa pagganap niya bilang mother ni Lovi Poe in her first fantaserye pa mandin, ang Mulawin Vs Ravena. She may be on the plump side but she is not that old. Paikutin na lamang ang kanyang role bilang diyosa ng kalikasan. Missed na missed na siguro ng Asia's Songbird ang umarte kaya kahit Mother Bird ang role, tinanggap niya. At please, huwag nang buhayin pa ang short-lived "romance" nila ni Ariel Rivera decades back to drum up the fantaserye.

#### WHAT CLAMOR?

WHAT'S this we hear na there is an attempt na muling pagtambalin sina Piolo Pascual at Judy Ann Santos-Agoncillo sa isang pelikula? Is there really a clamor? Tila wala naman. We think the magic is gone considering na dalawa na ang anak ni Mrs. Agoncillo.

#### Bela takes a break from having love life

Bela Padilla is taking a break from doing teleseryes after "My Dear Heart" that will have its final telecast tonight, to be replaced by "La Luna Sangre" on Monday. "I will focus muna on working behind the camera," she says. "But I will never forget 'My Dear Heart' kasi I really enjoyed doing it dahil we have become a real family ng co-stars ko tuwing may taping. Sabay-sabay kaming kumain, at laging maraming pagkain, maraming kuwentuhan. During breaks, nasa isang area lang kami lahat. I am very thankful din for this soap. Kasi, 'yung character ko rito, ibang-iba from what I did sa 'Ang Probinsyano'."

Bela has helped in writing the stories of two films, 'Camp Sawi' and 'Luck at First Sight'. Now, she's the solo writer of the movie that Piolo Pascual and Toni Gonzaga are currently shooting under the direction of Joyce Bernal. "I'm so happy na nagustuhan nila 'yung script ko sa first draft pa lang," she beams. "Nagbunga yung pag-aaral ko ng scriptwriting. Eventually, I dream of being a film director myself. Maga-apprentice muna ako sa mga kilalang director para magkaroon ako ng proper training."

This dream to be a filmmaker is the reason why she'd rather remain unattached even if she's currently being linked to "My Dear Heart" leading man Zanjoe Marudo.

"I want to pursue my dream muna at mahirap matupad ang mga plano ko kung hahaluan ng love life which can be time-consuming. Anyway, love can wait naman at darating din 'yan in the right time. Meantime, don't miss the finale of "My Dear Heart' tonight dahil tiyak na masisiyahan kayo sa ending ng story nitong sinubaybayan nyo for six months."

### KRISTEL DENIES RUMORED ROMANCE WITH CJ

Kristel Fulgar started her showbiz career as a child star in soaps like "Bituin" and "Marina" in 2002. Later she joined the cast of "Goin' Bulilit". She likewise played important roles in "Kampanerang Kuba", "Flor de Luna", "Kung Tayo'y Magkakalayo" and "Mula Sa Puso". She also did several episodes of "MMK".

As a teenager, she played supporting roles in "Juan de la Cruz", "Bagito", "Got to Believe" "Dahil sa Pag-ibig" and "Pangako Sa'yo". She also does musical numbers in ASAP. Despite her busy schedule, she enrolled in college at UST taking up masscomm because she believes in the importance of obtaining higher education.

Kristel is currently being linked with "Goin' Bulilit" co-star CJ Navato, with whom she did cover versions of foreign songs that hit it big in Youtube, but she says they're not really a couple, only just the best of friends.

# 'No overnight solution' to traffic

Even though the monsoon is exacerbating road congestion in the capital, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Danilo Lim said o that the public should not pressure him on what the agency's traffic solutions are, pointing out that he has only been "in office for a month" and that the traffic problem has existed for over two decades.

A visibly irked Lim told reporters that it is "unfair" to ask him how long should the public wait for the traffic problem to be addressed, noting that there's "no overnight solution" to the perennial road congestion that is costing the country billions daily.

"There is no overnight solution to the traffic situation in this country," Lim said. "But with forceful implementation, with discipline and the cooperation of everybody, somehow we can restore order in our streets and hopefully make life in Metro Manila more vibrant and liveable."

Based on the Japan International Cooperation Agency's estimate, the country was losing to traffic an estimated P2.4 billion daily.

When Lim assumed the chairmanship last month, he said that he does not have any "fancy" or "complicated scheme" to address the traffic problem, but only a "back to basic" approach that is geared toward restoring discipline in the streets. This approach, however, has yet to show its effectiveness, especially that commuters have observed that traffic, particularly along Edsa, has worsened over the last few days.

In comparison, Lim's predecessor, MMDA general manager Tim Orbos, implemented in his first few days in office several traffic measures to address the traffic problem, such as the suspension of truck ban passes and an audit of the exemption to the number coding scheme released by the agency. He also expressed his openness to reverting to the odd-even traffic scheme.

Lim noted though that they are currently studying several traffic measures which may address the huge volume of vehicles plying metro streets. Based on the Land Transportation Office's data, of the 9.25 million registered vehicles in the country, more than a quarter or 2.4 million cars are in Metro Manila.

Among the schemes Lim claimed they are looking into are the three-digit number coding scheme, as well as the odd-even scheme. He, however, did not give details as to when any of these schemes may be implemented.

"Huwag niyo ako inaano ng timeline. Hindi niyo ako pwedeng itali sa time. Hindi tayo time-bound," Lim said.

He added that while road infrastructure projects, such as additional bridges and train systems, are underway, what the public can do is to cooperate with them by following traffic rules and regulations.

### Scene in the City













FIRST, Serafin Guevarra (2ND FROM RIGHT) and friends enjoy the Pistahan Festival. SECOND, Krystal Castillo and Britney Waito sing at the Kalayaan picnic.THIRD, Josie de Leon poses with singer Carol Banawa at Kalayaan Centre. FOURTH, Rome Domingo Baltazar, Ramon Datol and Rebecca Turno Caboverde host The Tall Order radio show, LAST, Lovely Danna Luna poses with Philippine Courier publisher and The Tall Order radio show Mon Datol.

### Miguel Tanfelix's utmost priority

Miguel Tanfelix is taking advantage of his youth.

The 18-year old matinee idol works hard but studies harder.

In fact, he is happy to report he is nearing his dream and that is to obtain



a college degree.

Miguel is already
on his third year in
college taking up
entrepreneurship.

He plans
to put up his

own company or business when he graduates. "Hindi talaga ako tumitigil sa pag-aaral," he expressed. "Importante po sa akin ang pagaaral. Even before I became an actor, education has been my priority."

Indeed ,through his years in showbiz, Miguel never reneged on his goal. He reached his junior year by always keeping his subjects or units to a minimum.

Miguel is currently part of the high rating GMA fantaserye "Mulawin Vs. Ravena" as Pagaspas, an owl that transitioned into a Mulawin. He shuffles his taping days or nights with his academic life as well as out-of-town shows. "I love what I'm doing. At binibigay ko pa rin ang 100% effort ko sa studies ko," Miguel explained. "Sayang kasi yung opportunities."

"I love acting pero hindi mo kailangang pabayaan ang studies mo," he stressd. "Kapag tumanda na ako, baka wala na akong energy and jive mag-aral. Baka tamarin na ako," he related.

"Nahihirapan ako sa costume ko, but I enjoy it," he shared. "Kasi kapag naka costume na ako, hindi ko na nakikita si Miguel, si Pagaspas na ako."

Airing week-nightly on GMA telebabad, "Mulwain Vs. Ravena" is directed by Dominic Zapata and Don Michael Perez, also the show's concept creator and head writer.

# Spotlight



Downtown Cebu 1973

### Ejay Falcon clarifies he has no intention to switch networks

Noon pa sinabi sa amin ni Ejay Falcon na bukod sa Star Magic ay nakikipag-meeting na siya kay Perry Lansigan para magpa-manage dito. Pormal na ngang nangyari ang announcement tungkol dito.

Si Ejay ay nasa management team na ngayon PPL Entertainment, Inc. Siya ang bagong karagdagan sa grupo ng mga artistang tulad nina Dingdong Dantes, Jaclyn Jose, Angelika dela Cruz at marami pang iba na mina-manage ni Perry.

Pero nilinaw ng dating PBB Teen grand winner na kahit nagkaroon siya ng bagong manager ay wala naman daw siyang balak lumipat ng ibang TV network. "Hindi naman ako aalis sa ABS-CBN. Kapamilya pa rin po ako," paniniguro ng binata

"Naka-focus ako sa ginagawa ko ngayon. May hindi pa umeereng show, may Probinsyano pa, papasok pa 'yung karakter ko sa Probinsyano," dagdag pa niya. Sa tanong namin kay Ejay kung naging okey ba ang

paghihiwalay nila ng discover/manager na si Benjie Alipio, aniya, "Okay naman po kami ni Tito Benjie. Sinabi ko naman noon pa sa kanya ang plano ko. Alam ko naman pong naiintindihan niya yon."

Taus-puso rin daw siyang nagpapasalamat sa pagmamalasakit at pag-aalagang ginawa sa kanya ng dating manager. "Hinding-hindi ko po malilimutan yon. Habang buhay ko po yung tatanawin na utang na loob sa kanya," reaksyon ng aktor.

Ayon pa kay Ejay, gusto pa niyang i-improve ang sarili kaya balak niyang mag-undergo sa personality development course if necessary. "Lahat naman tayo, 'di ba, gusto nating nag-i-improve, naggo-grow bilang tao? Siguro may mga kailangang ayusin sa akin at matutulungan nila ako sa part na yon.

"Siguro ito 'yung mga workshops, mga ganu'n, personality development, lahat, iba-iba," sabi pa niya. Inamin din ng aktor ang totoong dahilan kung bakit siya nagpa-manage sa iba

"May hinahanap lang akong mga trabaho outside -- endorsements, indie, mga pelikula, ganyan," rason niya. Samantala, magti-taping pa lang si Ejay para sa Ang Probinsyano kung saan isang sundalo din ang kanyang role na katulad ng ginawa nila noon ni Coco Martin sa SAF44 episode ng MMK.

May teleserye na rin siyang ginawa – ang The Promise of Forever – na hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa naipapalabas ng ABS-CBN.

#### Bret Jackson on James Reid and Nadine Lustre's relationship:

### I think Nadine is perfect for James'



James and Nadine Lustre's relationship is stronger than ever and Sam's girlfriend

is fellow singer Kiana Valenciano, daughter of Gary Valenciano. Brent revealed that he is currently dating someone while Ryan is single, though he admits to have courted actress Erich Gonzales.

Vice told Ryan, "alam ko niligawan mo si Erich noon at binasted ka right away." The latter then shared what happened on his date with the actress, "Restaurant lang, kumain kami one time at 'yun ang first and last."

Bret admitted to having been basted also. James is in the same boat with Sam, who has never failed in courting a girl. Sam shared, "Masyado akong torpe para mabasted kasi pag alam kong maba-basted ako, hindi ko na gagawin 'yun."

James Reid believes that his girlfriend should be able to get along well with his friends.

He made the statement on his June 25 guesting at the talk show "Gandang Gabi Vice". Host Vice Ganda shared that Reid once said he wants his friends and his girlfriend to go well together. Reid considers himself lucky that his friends are cool with his on-screen partner and real-life girlfriend Nadine Lustre.

Yet Vice Ganda, despite the presence of Lustre in the episode, asked Reid: should his girlfriend tend to not get along well with his friends, who would he rather choose?

"Kung hindi sila okay, sinong i-le-let go mo, [If they're not okay, who would you let go] the girl or your friends?" asked the TV host.

Reid answered: "Hirap nu'n. I think with all my friends, dapat mag-click 'yung girl dapat marunong siyang makisama. (That's hard. The girl should know how to get along.) Nadine is already good friends with Bret [Jackson] and my other friends."

Meanwhile, his friend and fellow Pinoy Big Brother Teen Clash 2010 housemate Bret Jackson agreed that Lustre is indeed good for Reid.

"Nadine is a very, very great girl. I really would protect her from anyone," said Jackson.

Nadine Lustre and James Reid officially became a couple during their 2016 "JaDine In Love" concert at the Araneta Coliseum. As the announcement was made in such a public platform, it was first doubted by many that it might just be for further publicity.

Reid and Lustre have also endured countless bashings, especially concerning their alleged "attitude problem" which was repeatedly reported in different occasions.



### **Entertainment**

### Sanya reveals what she had gone through + other stories

Sanya Lopez feels so lucky and blessed that after being just one of the leads in "Encantadia", she is now given a solo-starrer in "Haplos", which will be replacing "D'Originals" in GMA-7's Afternoon Prime. "I was really surprised when I was informed na may follow up project agad ako at kaming dalawa ni Rocco Nacino ang lead stars," she says. "I owe it all

to Direk Mark Reyes who got me to be one of the Sanggres in 'Encantadia'. Doon talaga ako napansin ng viewers at nakilala. Before, hardly anyone notices me. Pero ngayon, kahit saan ako magpunta, kilala ako as Danaya dahil sa

'Encantadia'. Hanggang sa Canada where I had a recent trip with Rocco, Danaya ang tawag nila sa akin."

She was born Shaira Lenn Roberto on August 5, 1996. It's her Kuya Jak Roberto who inspired her to try joining showbiz. "Siya ang naunang lumabas sa show ng late Kuya Germs' na 'Walang Tulugan'. One time, sinamahan ko siya and I was asked if I want to join the show kaya napasama na rin ako roon."

How close are they as brother and sister? "Very close. Bata pa kami when our dad passed. He was 5 and I was 2 years old lang. Talagang mahirap ang pinagdaanan namin. Early on, tumulong kami sa mother namin to earn a living. Kaya ngayong pareho na kaming kumikita on our own, gusto naming ibili ng sarili naming bahay ang mama namin kasi nagre-rent lang kami ngayon. Noon, pag lumalabas kami ni Kuya, akala ng mga tao, magboyfriend-girlfriend kami. But dahil sa exposure namin sa showbiz, alam na nilang magkapatid kami."

So what's the real score between her and Rocco Nacino? "I owe Rocco a lot kasi tinulungan niya talaga ako while we were doing 'Encantadia'. He knows I'm a newcomer so inalalayan niya ako sa mga eksena namin. Right now, we're really good friends and I'm so happy na siya uli ang makakasama ko sa first solo soap namin, ito ngang 'Haplos'. Sana naman, suportahan kami ng mga tao."

#### Martin Happy for Kylie

Martin Del Rosario is not included in the trailer of "Mulawin Vs. Ravena" but he showed up at the presscon and helps in promoting this new telefantasya on the Kapuso Network. "Wala ako sa trailer kasi biglaan lang ang pagkakasama ko ito," he says. "Akala ko nga, after I did 'Pinulot Ka Lang sa Lupa', matatagalan bago ako mabigyan ng bagong project but then, they suddenly called me na isasama raw ako sa 'Mulawin Vs. Ravena' as

Aramis." And he said yes right away? "Of course, ang laking project nito, so kahit bigla lang akong ipinasok, it's an honor to be part of it. I play Aramis,

anak ni Angelu de Leon. I'm half mortalhalf encantado and I will fall in love with

He got to work with Kylie Padilla in "Buena Familia" two years ago. What can he say now that she's infanticipating? "We became good friends while doing the show and I'm really happy for her. We bumped into each other in a recent event, opening ng isang sushi bar owned by a mutual friend, and she looks so happy so I congratulated her."

Is he happy moving to GMA7 after being a Kapamilya? "Oh yes, happy ako sa GMA. Sunud-sunod naman ang shows ko and, in between them, suki rin akong mag-guest sa 'Magpakailanman', 'Maynila', 'Karelasyon', 'Wagas' and their other drama

shows, so I have no complaints."

### What is the effect of FHM

We don't know why some folks are all agog about the FHM List of Sexiest Women. Nadine Lustre is currently leading the list



Mendiola has been kicked out of the top ten list. But does being FHM's Sexiest Woman boost the career of an

won last year but the movie she did with Star Cinema after winning the title, "Extra Service", was a dismal flop. She's been missing in action since then with no regular soap and she's talked about only because of her relationship with Luis Manzano.

Sam Pinto won the title twice in a row, 2011 and 2012, but pray, tell us, do you think her two consecutive wins genuinely helped boost her career, giving her more

won the title twice. Marian in 2013 and 2014. Angel in 2005 and 2010. But at the time they won their titles, they are both still in the peak of their respective showbiz

Another actress who won the title twice was Katrina Halili, who won it in 2006 and 2007. Maybe it could have really helped make her career soar, but then came the sex scandal that nearly ruined everything for her. Cristine Reyes won it in 2009, but her career now is neither here nor there, with her last seen as a reality game show contestant who last to a gay rival.

but we cannot say it helped her as she's already very popular when she won, because her career is really doing so well with hit Metro filmfest movies that gave her best actress awards and hit TV shows.

So if Nadine would truly be so fortunate and bag the title this year, what do you think? Will it help revive the sagging popularity of her loveteam with James Reid which is said to be badly affected by a meddlesome parent? Your guess is as good as ours.

### sexiest title to careers?

of candidates and last year's winner Jessy



really and seriously help actress?

We doubt it. Jessy

assignments and making her a bigger star?

Both Marian Rivera and Angel Locsin

Jennylyn Mercado won the title in 2015,

### Ai Ai in a rush to get married?

Al Al delas Alas once said she's not in a hurry to tie the knot with her current inamorato, Gerald Sibayan. But it seems



she changed her mind as the latest buzz is that she has rushed everything and they will face the altar before the year is over. The date we heard is December 12, which is about six months

from now. It's said her good friend Marian Rivera is giving her a wedding gown as a wedding gift, worth half a million pesos no less. Wow! That really costs quite a fortune.

We wish Ai Ai the best since, after all, this is her third wedding. After the past two ones, we want to think that she must have learned all the lessons anyone should need to know about getting married. Her first marriage was with singer Miguel Vera who turned out to have been married to

someone else already, so their union was eventually annulled. Her second marriage was to Jed Salang who she accused of beating her up. They were married in Las Vegas so it's easier to get a divorce there.

This time, her groom is just about the same age as her eldest son, Sancho Vito. So more than an extravagant wedding gown, I think the best gift they can receive is a truly good and comprehensive pre-marital preparation program, for them to be able to anticipate all the pitfalls and problems that they might be facing ahead as a couple because of the great disparity in their ages.

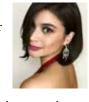
They owe it to themselves to get this kind of preparation as it's like being forearmed. It might all be sunny and bright now that they're just starting, but as we all know, as days pass by, the stark reality of living together as husband and wife, day in-day out, will take its toll on them and so it is better to be fully prepared in handling the humps and bumps of what maybe a quaky roller coaster ride.

ONE SMALL, ONE BIG

#### WEDDING FOR ANNE?

ANOTHER couple whose coming nuptials are being anticipated is Anne Curtis and Erwan Heussaff,

who are now currently in France. It's not exactly clear why they are there. Some quarters say they are just having pre-nuptial photos but other writers quickly



jump into conclusion that they must be having a secret marriage in Europe, just like what Erwan's sister, Solenn Heussaff, did when she married Argentinian beau Nico

Anne herself posted copies of her photos with Erwan, flashing the huge engagement ring he gave her and addressing him as "Mon Amour". Could it be that they'll have a smaller wedding there before having a bigger one here in Manila? As of now, we don't know how Anne can attend to this since she is still busy finishing the shooting of her action movie, "Buy Bust", with Director Erik Matti.

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### Kim bigla-biglang tinaob ang mga kalaban, waging sexiest sa FHM?!

Si Kim Domingo ang itinanghal na FHM's 2017 Sexiest Woman in Asia ayon sa post ng Instagram account na @ fhm\_asia. Tinalbugan niya si Nadine Lustre na unang nanguna sa partial na

Pumangalawa si Jennylyn Mercado, na number 1 last year. Third si Angel Locsin habang ikaapat naman si Nadine. Ang iba pang nasa Top 10 ay sina Rhian Ramos - 5; Kathryn Bernardo - 6; Ellen Adarna - 7; Solenn Huessaff at Marian Rivera - tie sa 8th spot; Number 9 naman si Lovi Poe habang number 10 si Andrea Torres.

Pagkukumpirma ng fhm\_asia, "Kim Domingo hold(s) the crown this year as the sexiest woman alive 2017."

Pero wala pang announcement sa @fhmphilofficial (verified account) ng nasabing men's magazine. May mga react kasi sa comment section na hindi naman official ang account na @ fhm\_asia.

So si Kim na nga kaya ang nagwagi ngayong taon? Abang-abang tayo sa July issue ng nasabing men's mag.

### Arci Muñoz reveals 'taking advantage' of Gerald Anderson

Arci Muñoz candidly talked about her "most challenging" task as an actress to date—that is filming the love scene for her upcoming film Can We Still Be Friends opposite Gerald Anderson.

"Ako pa 'yung nagte-take advantage," she admitted. "Ang ganda kasi ng abs niya."

She continued, "Ang abs po niya, never absent. Parang ayaw ko

"Sabi ko kay Direk Prime 'wag niyang ika-cut. Sabi ko 'Wait lang Direk.' Kinausap ko na siya sa monitor nila eh. Eh cinut niya," she said shaking her head. Without giving too many details, Arci revealed the "effect" of that scene on the people on the set.

"Madaling araw na noon pero nagising lahat ng tao sa set," said Arci. Despite having "difficulty" acting that scene, Arci and Gerald were able to pull it off all because they were very much comfortable with each other.

"Kami ni Ge, he's such a gentleman. Una pa lang, siyempre nakakaintimidate kasi nung time na 'yun, bago lang ako. Maganda 'yung relationship namin na casual lang. Komportable kami hanggang ngayon. Wala namang nagbago. Happy set kami," she said.

The tandem first worked together on the big screen last year in the box office hit Always Be My Maybe.

The so-called Team Relate are reuniting on the big screen for their second film which talks about the possibility of being friends with your ex-lover

# Maine deactivates social media accounts prodded by disrespectful 'fans'

Maine Mendoza has deactivated her Twitter account. She also signed off from her own personal blog. We admire Maine

for having the guts to stand up to her "bastos" fans and give them a piece of her mind.

Because of the accessibility of social media today, fans have

become so pervasive and possessive even in the personal lives of celebrities they idolize, unlike during the time of Nora & Vilma & Sharon when they just admire from a distance. Now, they have a birth right to meddle in the affairs of their idols and have become so "pakialameros".

But, the truth is, let's face it, they don't really have that much of a clout. If they did have such a big clout, then the AlDub series "Destined to be Yours" would have quickly skyrocketed to the heavens in the ratings game and would still be in the air up to now. The fact remains that when Jennylyn Mercado's "My Love from the Star" replaced the AlDub show, its ratings quickly went up and clobbered the rival show that AlDub found so hard to topple.

Sef Cadayona, who is hated by Maine's fans, has already stated that they have no relationship other than just friendship, but the fans continue to spew vitriol against him. Sef is currently part of the hit show "Meant to Be" as Barbie Forteza's brother and he's also in "Bubble Gang", so his career is just steady and won't really be affected by the hate campaign against him of Maine's fans. It is Maine who will be, in the end, adversely affected.

As for Alden Richards, we're no longer surprised that for his next show, GMA-7 management is giving Alden a solo show, minus Maine. Maine is not really with GMA but a talent of APT Entertainment.

Between the two of them, it's clear that Alden has better chances of making it on his own since the entire network is backing him up, whereas Maine's "balwarte" will only be the shows of APT and TAPE, mainly, "Eat Bulaga".

### Being second choice not an issue to Janella

STAR Cinema's new suspense-thriller teen flick, "Bloody Crayons", is based on a popular BWattpad mystery whodunit written by Josh Argonza. It is full of intriguing twists and turns of plot and concerns a group of graduating students who went on a vacation in an island.



"Bloody Crayons" is directed by Topel Lee, who replaced Quark Henares. The movie originally started with Julia Barretto and Joshua Garcia in the cast, but after the success of

"Vince, Kath & James", they were given other projects and were replaced by Janella Salvador and Elmo Magalona as lead characters Eunice and Kiko. Didn't Janella and Elmo mind that they were not the first choice?

"Not at all," says Janella. "The film has really gone through a lot of changes and it's been in the making for two years na raw. We just feel lucky na sa amin ito napunta as this is our first project together for the big screen after doing 'Born for You' on TV. We're really excited as it's our first film for Star Cinema. I've done movies for Regal, like 'Haunted Mansion' and 'Mano po 7', pero ngayon pa lang talaga ako nakagawa sa Star Cinema."

# Hunk Shot



# Angel, Robin and KC bashed for opposing reasons

Angel Locsin, Robin Padilla and KC ConcepcionAngel Locsin, Robin Padilla and KC Concepcion

IT'S a case of damned if you don't. Angel Locsin went to Marawi as a volunteer to help the beleaguered refugees from the war being waged against the Maute terrorists there. Some folks reprimanded her for all the photos coming out in the papers showing her doing civic work amidst the refugees. Some know-it-all even questioned her intentions and told her she should just have kept it secret if she's really sincere and did not broadcast it anymore in public.

But these same bashers are now criticizing the likes of Robin Padilla and KC Concepcion for not having done anything for the refugees. Robin is a Muslim convert who has helped other needy Muslims before, while KC is a United Nations ambassador who was shown doing charity work several times in the past. They're now being pitted against Angel like it's a contest, saying "Naunahan pa sila ni Angel tumulong sa mga taga-Marawi."

So, ano ba talaga gusto nyo, mga ate at kuya? When celebrities like Angel are shown helping out, you bash her. And those who don't do anything, you chide them. Ang gagaling nyo, a. E, bakit kaya hindi kayo na lang ang mga tumulong sa ngangangailangan nating mga kababayan sa Marawi?

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in Bohol," said Manguilimotan, past president of Hotels, Resorts and Restaurants Association of Cebu. Manguilimotan said tour operators were trying to assure guests that Marawi was far from Cebu and the declaration of martial law had kept the terrorists at bay.

But the explanations are not enough, said Patria Aurora "Dawnie" Roa, former director of the Department of Tourism's Central Visayas office. "Any news about war in Mindanao is viewed as war in the Philippines," Roa said. She said based on her 17-year experience as regional tourism chief, "news on clashes in Sulu or Basilan, which are not even regular destinations, always result in cancellations of bookings." Most of those who canceled their bookings were tourists from Korea, Japan and China.

More cancellations are expected as the United Kingdom (UK) advised its citizens to avoid travel to the western and central parts of Mindanao, particularly Marawi City, and consider traveling only if absolutely necessary.

report says. The top 10 most dangerous countries are Colombia, Yemen, El Salvador, Pakistan, Nigeria, Venezuela, Egypt, Kenya, Honduras, and Ukraine.

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to ensuring the safety and security of

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On the other hand, the safest spots are Hongkong SAR, Oman, Iceland, United Arab Emirates and Finland.

In spite of the low score in security and safety, the Philippines is still on the 79th spot in the overall travel and tourism rankings.

"Although the Philippines' T&T potential remains high, there are several areas where policy interventions could help to regain competitiveness," says the report

Spain, France, and Germany took the top spots in the overall rankings.

Meanwhile, Burundi, Chad, and Yemen are on the lowest spots.



# Pinoy dishwasher now owner of pizzeria in Italy

ITALY - In 1999, Marvin Aguda saw a bleak future in the Philippines and went to Italy to search for a greener pasture.

Just like other overseas Filipino workers, he had to work different jobs, from being a cleaner, caregiver and waiter.

In 2002, he worked as a dishwasher for a restaurant. He would clean tables and toilets, throw the trash and wash piles of plates and glasses. When one of the owners died, his female boss who was the only one left to manage the business, decided to sell the restaurant. But because she didn't want anybody to take over, she considered Aguda's offer of buying the place through a bank loan.

"Kailangan lang talaga dream big, hindi yung laging hanggang doon na lang, hindi ko kaya yan, hindi pwedeng ganoon," Aguda said.

Aguda was able to pay off the loan after two years and fast forward to today, he is the chef and owner of the same pizzeria he once cleaned.

#### Neighborhood pizzeria

In Italy, pizza reigns supreme as a staple food aside from a plate of pasta, other regional dishes and street food. More than a decade ago, Aguda made history by becoming the only Filipino pizzaiolo or pizza chef in Milan. "I was thinking that the Italian people are the best in the world in making pizza but after I tried Filipino-[made], I changed my mind," said Giovani Teoli a regular customer of Il Postino.

Il Postino is a busy little restaurant in the non-tourist district of Milan and here, pizza is considered a convivial and social food. The place gets crowded as natives and even tourists enjoy their conversations with pizzas folded wallet-style and a glass of beer.

It takes 10-15 minutes for Aguda to prepare pizza. He starts the assembly on his marble counter and cooks everything in a brick oven. Customers have nothing but praises for the delicious pizza and fast service. Aguda, together with his brother, make over 200 pizzas everyday. There are a lot of pizzerias in the neighborhood but for Alessandro Clauti, Il Postino is his go to place for a quick takeaway pizza.

"They're able to make traditional pizza easy but also very good, plain but tasty," he said.

Italians and Filipinos patronize Aguda's high, large and stuffed pizza from the Margheritas, Four Cheese, Pepperoni to his version of Sisig Lechon Pizza. If there's Filipino-style spaghetti, then there's also Filipino-style pizza. A fusion of crunchy pork lechon on a margherita pizza. It started as a treat for his regular Filipino customers every Saturday. Aguda thought of offering it to his Italian customers and it was a hit too.

Dream big

Aguda' perseverance and passion stand as proof that Filipinos grow wherever they're planted. Though he sought for greener pasture, it didn't come easy as he had to hurdle obstacles in a place far away from home.

According to Aguda, there is no overnight success but with his hard work and continuous effort in achieving his dreams despite difficulties and failure, he was able to transform his life.

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# Jennylyn shares credits of show's success to new leading man + other stories

GMA-7 found a real winner in their local

remake of the Koreanovela,
"My Love from the Star",
which had been a consistent
top rater since it started
airing last month.

Jennylyn Mercado's star is shining brighter than ever, proving she can now carry a show on her own since her leading man in this adaptation is a total newcomer, Gil Cuerva. 'Hindi lang naman ako ang dahilan

kung bakit

nag-click sa viewers ang show," says Jen. "Utang din namin ito sa kapareha ko, si Gil, at sa lahat ng co-stars namin, and all the staff, including our writers and si Direk Joyce Bernal. This is a collaborative effort at lahat nagtutulung-tulong para mapaganda talaga ang bawat episode ng show." Jen will be doubly busy as she will start shooting her new movie for Quantum Films meant to be an entry in Metro Filmfest in December.

Gil Cuerva is also very grateful for the huge success of his very first TV series. "Sobrang laki ng naging pagbabago sa buhay ko dahil sa 'My Love from the Star'," he says.

What can he say that he is the new "pantasya of girls and gays"? "Okay lang, I like that."

Does he mind being considered a sex object?

"Kaya lang, let's face it, what we have is a TV show, so limitado ang puedeng ipakita. So chill lang po kayo. Kung sa akin, okay lang naman kahit mag-Speedo trunks. Let's just see kung pakikinggan ng writers at ni Direk Joyce Bernal ang request ninyo."

So how is his relationship now with Jen after they've been taping together for several weeks? "I feel so much more comfortable with her now, especially in our scenes together."

Some folks say Jen is envied for being so lucky as his first leading lady and doing kissing scenes with him. "No, I'm the one who is lucky as Jen is the perfect partner any new guy can get. And I'm so happy na tinanggap agad ang tandem namin at malakas raw ang chemistry naming dalawa. So, to all the loyal viewers of 'My Love from the Star', sige lang po kayo sa gabi-gabing panonood dahil mas paganda pa nang paganda ang bawat episode ng show namin."

### Loisa Andalio, di ikinahihiyang jologs siya at hindi magaling sa English

Inamin ni Loisa Andalio na wala na silang komunikasyon ngayon ng dating ka-love team na si Joshua Garcia na identified na ngayon bilang partner ni Julia Barretto. "Wala na po, eh. Ano na ako, eh... pero parang mahirap din, dati kasi lagi kaming magkasama sa taping and after no'n di ba nagkaroon agad ng ibang ka-love team and siya may ibang love team din.

"Parang mas iba na yung priority po namin. Ang priority talaga po namin ngayon ay ito pong trabaho namin," reaksyon ng magandang dalaga.

Mabuti na nga lang daw na kahit iba na ang naging partner ni Joshua ay hindi naman siya napag-iwanan.

Hindi naman ikinahiya ni Loisa kahit pa tawagin siyang jologs ng mga tao dahil sa barok niyang pag-i-Ingles. "Eh, ako naman talaga yon," sabi agad niya. "Hindi talaga kasi ako ma-Ingles na tao. Sa taping nga kapag may lines ako na English, Tatagalugin ko na lang... mga ganyan.

"Kasi, eto ako, eh. Kumbaga, mas confident ako dito, sa pagbitaw ko ng linyang ito. As in kahit may kausap akong Inglisero ang sagot ko sa kanya Tagalog. Naiintindihan ko naman yung sinasabi nila, hirap lang ako i-express kaya tinatagalog ko."

Patuloy pa ni Loisa, "Hindi po kasi talaga ako lumaki sa pamilyang Inglisero at Inglisera. Tagalog po talaga kami.

"Laking kalye din po kasi talaga ako. Before ako mag-showbiz, 6 to 14 years old, naglalaro ako sa kalye at lagi akong nasa labas ng bahay namin – patentero, luksong-baka."

Umaasa naman si Loisa na mamahalin siya ng fans kahit pa isa siyang jologs at hindi magaling mag-Ingles.

"Feeling ko, opo. Kasi gusto ko sila na maka-relate sa akin at ma-inspire na walang mali na hindi ka nakikisabay sa mga sosyal-sosyal. Hindi mo kailangang mag-pretend na hindi naman ikaw. Maging totoo ka lang, at least hindi ka nahihirapan na itago yung sarili mo, naienjoy mo pa yung mga ginagawa mo," nakangiting pagtatapos ni Loisa.

#### Gil Offered P50K for a gay Date

GIL Cuerva didn't mention that he has relatives in showbiz. It's Janno Gibbs who informed us that he is the first cousin of his wife, Bing Loyzaga. "Gil's father is the brother of Bing's mother," says Janno. And our whole family is rooting for him."

This means that Bing's sister, Teresa Loyzaga, is also the first cousin of Gil and Teresa's son with Cesar Montano, Diego, is his nephew. Diego turned 22 on May 21, while Gil will turn 22 on August 21 yet, so the nephew is even older by a few months than his uncle.

"Ready ka na bang pagpantasyahan ng

mga bading?"

He replied: "Ready na po." He added that he's not homophobic since he comes from the modeling world where gays also abound. "Marami na po akong nakasamang gay stylists, make up artists at marunong naman po silang rumespeto. Hindi sila 'yung tipong chachancingan ka. Marami naman akong friends na gay."

Has he received an indecent proposal? "Yes, may gay who offered P50,000 makipag-date lang ako sa kanya. But I just ignored it. I won't entertain such offers at all. I want to earn money in an honest decent way. I think may future naman ako sa showbiz, basta paghuhusayan ko lang ang trabaho ko rito."

#### Pokwang to give birth in US?

THE joy on the face of comedienne Pokwang was indescribable when she learned that she is pregnant with boyfriend Lee O'Brien's child again. She had miscarriage with their first. But now, she is on her second and a half month of pregnancy and, more or less, with proper care and cautions, she's truly on the family way.

And in August, Pokwang and Lee are going to the US, in Napa Valley, California to personally bring the good news to Lee's family.

Well, it would be surmised that Pokwang will give birth in the US.

Right now, Pokwang is busy shopping for gifts for future in-laws.

While there, or after giving birth, Pokwang might try out auditioning for roles in Hollywood.

Meanwhile, Pokwang and Lee plan to name their baby William.

#### BIANCA: Miguel will Have To Wait for One Year

Bianca Umali feels elated over the positive feedback she's getting in her role as Lawiswis in "Mulawin Vs. Ravena".

She says Miguel Tanfelix and her are both enjoying their respective roles in "Mulawin".

Despite their obvious closeness to each other, Bianca and Miguel swear they're not yet romantically involved. "Talagang best of friends pa lang po kami. Kinausap ng Lola ko si Miguel na maghintay until I'm 18 years old. E, 17 pa lang po ako, so he will have to wait for one more year."

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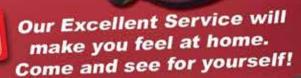
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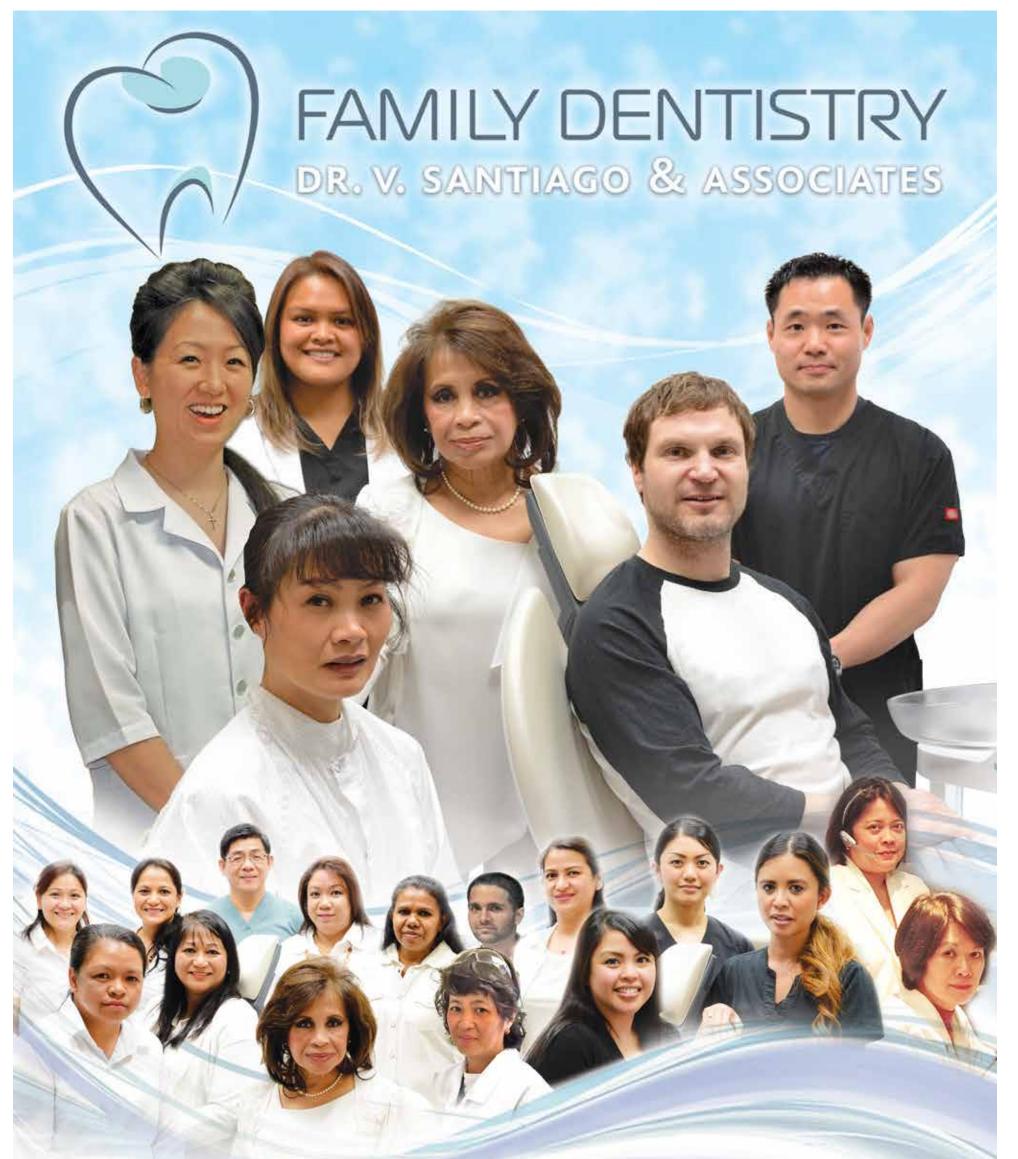
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