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IS JADINE OVER? No Teleserye & James Ready to split from Jadine?

MARAWI ATTACKED Martial Law declared in Mindanao

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte on (MAY 23) Tuesday declared Martial Law in the entire island of Mindanao following attacks by the ISIS-inspired Maute group in the city of Marawi, cutting short his first state visit to Russia this week.

"The President has called me and asked me to announce that as of 10 p.m. Manila time, he has already declared Martial Law for the entire island of Mindanao," Presidential Spokesperson Ernesto Abella said in a press briefing in Moscow, Russia just before midnight on Tuesday PH time.

"Deputy Executive Secretary Menardo Guevarra has clarified that this is possible given the existence of a rebellion in Mindanao based on Article VII, Section 18 of the Constitution. This is good for 60 days," Abella added.

Duterte will be leaving Moscow at around 12 midnight, cancelling his meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev as a result of this new development.

"They understand that the presence of the President is essential in the Philippines. But I will be staying behind. The agreements will be signed," Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano said.

The President will be arriving at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila at around 5 pm on Wednesday.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, meanwhile, said that several vital installations were set on fire as the Maute group took over

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Lovi Poe relieved to have closure with ex-boyfriend Rocco Nacino

Lovi Poe was relieved her past relationship with Rocco Nacino finally had its closure almost a year after they broke up.

"Parang nagkausap kami... of course, we're given an opportunity na nagkakausap talaga kami," Lovi said.

Lovi said she never had a problem with Rocco after they called it quits.

The Mulawin vs. Ravena star added, "So, I'm happy that we're both in a good place now."

This was in connection with Rocco's revelation about "what went wrong" in their relationship.

Lovi had responded and they had agreed to go their separate ways to allow themselves to grow as individuals.

FRENCH BEAU. At the media launch of Time Master, a Filipino brand of watches owned by Brian Poe-Llamanzares, Lovi was seen being escorted by her rumored French boyfriend Chris Johnson.

"We have that opportunity to actually share everything to the world through social media But I'd rather keep some things to myself."

Meanwhile, she also assured she has remained on good terms with Rocco, "We're good friends, and I'm happy about that."

"I always wish him the best. He's a good guy."

"And there's nothing else I want more but for him to be happy."

Honey Shot

Angelie, 12, is a PCCF Little Miss 2015 titlist. Her talent is dancing. She likes reading fantasy or adventure books. Someday, she wants to be a teacher. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.



Angeli Lachica

Vice Ganda selfies with Alden Richards

Kapamilya star Vice Ganda was ecstatic over his selfie with Kapuso network's Pambansang Bae Alden Richards.

Kapamilya star Vice Ganda candidly expressed what he thinks about Kapuso star Alden Richards's good looks when they crossed paths.

A lot of netizens noted Vice and Alden's cordial face-to-face meeting as the two come from rival noontime shows It's Showtime and Eat Bulaga!, respectively.



HAPPY FOR FELLOW WINNERS. Both Vice and Alden were big winners at the 48th Box Office Entertainment Awards of the Guillermo Mendoza Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Vice took home the Phenomenal Star award for the movie The Super Parental Guardians, produced by Star Cinema.

Alden was hailed as the Prince of Philippine Movies for Imagine You and Me, produced by OctoArts Films, M-Zet Productions, APT Entertainment, GMA Films, and MEDA Productions.

The Pambansang Bae also won the Male Recording Artist of the Year award.

Spreading good vibes, Vice also took a selfie with fellow Kapamilya star and Viva artist Nadine Lustre.

Nadine won the Princess of Philippine Television award for the ABS-CBN primetime series Till I Met You.

Vice also posted a photo of good friend Daniel Padilla together with the latter's reel- and real-life sweetheart Kathryn Bernardo.

Daniel and Kathryn were hailed as the Box-Office King and Queen for their movie Barcelona: A Love Untold.

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Wat Da F^{ACT}?

BY JOSE BAKING

Time to Un-recognize and Ignore Joma

“Negotiators do not control NPA”

That is what Prof. Jose Maria Sison said, that although he is the founding chairman of the 49-year-old Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), he does not exercise control over the leftist group’s armed component, the New People’s Army (NPA), which has continued to engage government forces in armed conflict despite ongoing peace negotiations

So, what’s the point? So, why does the Philippine government keep talking with Joma in the Netherlands if he has no control of the NPA? He is useless. Forget about him. Let him stay in the Netherlands in anonymity. What if the Japanese soldiers continued fighting in WW2 despite their leaders signing the surrender agreement? The continued fighting of the NPA is what makes it look like Joma is still useful to the peace process. If the NPA stops fighting, there is no need for Joma to pretend that he can broker the peace. He’ll just be an anonymous immigrant with no special treatment accorded him.

Hmmm, I have an idea. What if I present myself as an exile of a still non-existing rebel faction? Will the Canadian government will give me special treatment? I am pretty sure there will always be a new rebel faction in the Philippines. After MNLF, there was the MILF. Now, there is the Abu Sayyaf.

Ignore Joma. It’s time to stop recognizing Joma as nothing but another faceless, regular immigrant like the rest of us Filipinos. Make him work for a living instead of getting a financial support from the Netherlands just because of his claim that he is a leader in exile.

What Needs to Be Done With the Current Police Force?



The streets of Manila are stressful to drive in on a daily basis. The heavy traffic is enough to make anyone groan, and bad drivers can get pretty ruthless. While there needs to be better law implementation and effective enforcement from the police, we don’t see any progress at all.

Recent incidents also heightened calls for safer and organized streets, especially when police officers are either confused or ignorant of the law. As concerned citizens, we want to bring up a few points on what can be improved when it comes to driving.

When the Anti-Distracted Driving Law was put into motion, I thought it was about time that drivers were told to not use their phones. But mere

days after its implementation, both police and drivers are dumbfounded by the law’s grounds. There were stories that ride-sharing vehicles were being stopped because they were looking at Waze from their dashboards. This is despite the fact that it’s allowed as long as it doesn’t obstruct your view.

Not only that, even rosaries and other religious icons were being banned under the law. Of course, this garnered a reaction from the church, saying that the LTFRB “is absolutely missing the point.” And they’re not wrong.

This prompted senators to call for the law’s suspension until it’s fixed and made less complicated. “We rarely hear of road accidents that result from the use of navigational apps,” said Sen. JV Ejercito. Definitely, texting and tinkering with a mobile phone while driving is a no-no. But when it is used as a navigational aid and it is properly place, it is okay.”

However, that’s not the only issue that citizens face with the police. Coleen Garcia recently recounted how an ex-cop harassed her driver and scratched her face. What made the ordeal worse was that police officers were merely watching and not helping the actress. “I’m still disappointed by the way the marshals handled (or failed to handle) the situation, but the police officers at the station were very helpful with everything,” she wrote on her Facebook account.

She also emphasized how ex-cops in the Philippines “can get away with anything he wants” regardless if they throw threats or pull out a gun.

This is just a few instances wherein the police force somehow doesn’t do their job right to ensure our safety. This should open our eyes to the reality that there still needs work to be done with these matters, be it traffic regulation or abuse of power.



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Songbird Fienne Mendoza Rises to Expectations



ABOVE, Fienne Mendoza and her family

BELOW, Britney Waito plugs her upcoming concert. BOTTOM, Fienne with IPEN Boss Edgar Sulit

The success of Fienne Mendoza’s concert in Durham Region held at Regent Theatre UOIT Oshawa last May 5, 2017 was unprecedented for such a young artist unknown to many...

With the congested crowd of aspiring artists in Canada not to mention the ones in Toronto, Fienne Mendoza was able to prove herself as Canada’s rising singer/ composer as her first solo concert passed with flying colours to a well-attended venue as they enjoyed her segments punctuated by poignant moments of tributes to mothers and Leonard Arp.

This young Balladeer has made her mark at a historic venue in Durham Region, successfully attended by many active members in the community and notable political figures the likes of Filipino-Canadian Senator Tobias Enverga Jr., Whitby Councillor Steve Yamada, Conservative Candidate for Nomination at Durham Region Riding, Lindsey Park. Others who have strong networks and are active in the Durham community, came in fashionable outfits. It was lovely, elegant and glamorous.

This was the night Fienne Mendoza revealed herself.

Congratulations to Fienne



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Lovi’s second time with Vhong

LOVI Poe’s movie with Regal Entertainment last year, “The Escort”, was a big hit, so it’s not surprising that Mother Lily Monteverde got her again to do a movie for them this year.

“Ang ganda ng concept ng bagong project so I agreed to do it right away,” she says. “Kung sexy drama ang ‘The Escort’ with Derek Ramsay, my new movie naman with Vhong Navarro is a rollicking romantic comedy. This is my second movie with Vhong kasi I was paired with him before in an episode of ‘Shake Rattle & Roll’ about five years ago.”

The title of their new project is “Woke Up Like This”. In the story, Lovi is a sexy model while

Vhong is an ace basketball player. By some twist of fate, they have a body switch, with Lovi becoming Vhong and vice versa.

“Ang daming eksenang

sobrang nakakatawa, lalo na nang matuklasan namin sa loob ng bathroom na iba na ang sex organs namin at nagkapalit na pala kami,” adds Lovi giggling.

The movie is the first big break on the big screen of Joel Ferrer, who is currently directing the digital series of Jasmine Curtis Smith, “Forever Sucks”, on D5Studio.



Duterte extends GMA-7 franchise for next 25 years

President Rodrigo Duterte has signed the measure granting a renewal of the franchise of the GMA Network.

This is according to a report published by Business World on April 26.

Duterte signed Republic Act (RA) No. 10925 last April 21, which grants the renewal of franchise of Republic Broadcasting System, Inc., which is now known as the GMA Network.

The law extends the franchise of GMA for 25 years.

The law also requires the Kapuso

Network to provide free public-service time to the government in relaying important public announcements and warnings.

The free public-service time should be equivalent to 10% of all its ad time.

The RA 10925 reads: “The franchise shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public interest requires and shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges herein provided for.

“The grantee, its successors or assignees shall comply with the applicable labor standards under existing labor laws, rules and regulations and such other issuance as may be promulgated by the Department of Labor and Employment, taking into consideration the nature and peculiarities of the broadcast industry.”

Jennylyn Mercado on living with biological dad: “Hindi naman kami naiilang.”

Pagkatapos ng ilang taong pagkawalay, kapiling na ngayon ni Jennylyn Mercado ang biological father na si Noli Pineda sa bahay ng aktres sa Quezon City. Kinumbinsi raw niya ang ama, na nakabase noon sa South Korea, na samahan siya sa Pilipinas dahil sa pagpanaw ng kanyang adoptive mother na si Lydia Mercado

Kuwento ni Jennylyn, “Kasi noong New Year... lagi kaming nagpi-Facetime ni Papa. “So, noong New Year, kinausap ko siya, sabi ko sa kanya, ‘Pa, wala na akong kasama dito. Ako na lang mag-isa.’ “So, ang hirap talaga nang mag-isa ka lang, lalo na at lumalaki si Jazz na lagi

akong wala sa bahay, lagi pa akong nasa trabaho. “Parang hindi ako makampante na wala [na] rin yung mommy ko. “So, sabi ko sa tatay ko, ‘Baka puwedeng samahan mo na lang ako dito, kasi ang hirap na wala akong kamag-anak.’ “Kasi wala naman akong kapatid, wala naman akong mga tito at tita dito, o kahit mga malalayong relatives. Wala talaga. “Kinausap ko siya na baka puwedeng samahan niya ako dito, at pumayag naman siya.”

ADJUSTMENT.
Huling nakasama ni Jennylyn ang ama bago pa niya isilang si Alex Jazz, anak ng aktres

kay Patrick Garcia, halos sampung taon na ang nakararaan. Nagkaroon ba ng adjustment sa kanilang dalawa dahil sa tagal nilang hindi nagkita? Ayon sa Kapuso star, “Yung father ko naman, napakabait na tao, kaya hindi ko naman masyadong nararamdaman yung pag-a-adjust dahil nga buong buhay ko, hindi

ko rin siya kasama, e. “Ngayon lang talaga nagkaroon ng chance na tumira [kami] sa isang bahay. “So, ini-expect ko nga, ina-anticipate ko na magkaroon ng kaunting adjustment. “Pero parang comfortable naman kami na magkasama. Hindi naman kami naiilang [sa isa’t isa].” Ayon pa kay Jennylyn, hindi artista ang tingin sa kanya ng ama kundi normal na tao. Hindi rin daw ito nakakapanood pa ng kanyang mga palabas.

NOT TOO OLD. Sa Pinoy adaptation ng hit Koreanovela na My Love From The Star, makakatambal ni Jennylyn, 30, ang newcomer na si Gil Cuerva, 21. Hindi naman daw siya nahirapan na mas bata ng siyam na taon ang bago niyang kapareha. Natatawang sabi ni Jennylyn, “Hindi naman ako singkuwenta. “Halos ano pa rin naman... hindi naman nagkakalayo yung mga gusto naming gawin, yung mga hilig namin. “Nagso-social media rin ako katulad ng mga nakakabatang generation. Hindi naman masyadong malayo yung gap.” Dagdag pa niya, “Madali pa ring sakyan yung mga gusto niya at nasasakyan pa rin niya yung mga gusto ko.”

Announcement! To all Bicolanos and Bicolanas

The 6th. month Novena Devotions to the Virgin of Penafrancia will be on June 18, 2017, Sunday . (third Sunday of June)

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Bianca King grateful for showbiz comeback

Bianca King feels thankful for her much-awaited showbiz comeback via ABS-CBN’s new teleserye, Pusong Ligaw: “I’m excited. Parang second wind siya for me. Kays. “Years later, I got to talk to her grandchild at doon ko na-realize na minamahal pala tayo ng mga kasambahay natin at hindi lang dahil sa sweldo kaya sila nagtatagal sa paglilingkod sa mga bahay natin. So ito ‘yung

tribute ko sa kasambahay namin.” His last movie, “My Bebe Love”, was a huge blockbuster also starring Ai Ai. “She’s not just an actress working with me sa set but also a friend. We’re working as friends kaya mas maganda ang rapport namin kung paano mas mapapaganda ang bawat eksena at ang buong pelikula.



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Duterte hits at Inquirer

Prieto and Rufino clan told to return government property

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte on continued to lash out at a pair of media companies over what he says is unfair coverage dating back to the campaign period.

Duterte again spoke out against broadcast firm ABS-CBN and newspaper Philippine Daily Inquirer.

He hit out at the television network for supposedly not airing a political ad that was already paid for by his campaign.

When asked if he had plans to block the renewal of ABS-CBN's franchise, he replied, "Yes."

"If ganoon ka kaano, you're engaged in swindling for all we know ilang kompanya

dito na hindi n'yo pinalabas. If you operate, ABS-CBN, tapos manloloko lang kayo ng tao, mag-swindling kayo, I have to stop you, 'di ba?" he said.

Duterte also slammed the Inquirer again, this time singling out columnist John Nery, who is also editor-in-chief of Inquirer.net.

He also hit out at owners of the newspaper, telling them to return property to the people. Sa parehong panayam, binanatan din ng Pangulo ang mga may-ari ng daily broadsheet na Philippine Daily Inquirer—ang Prieto at Rufino clans. Bukod sa P1.6 billion diumanong tax obligation ng Golden Donuts, Inc.—

ang may-ari ng Dunkin Donuts franchise sa Pilipinas na pagmamay-ari ng Inquirer owners—gusto ring mabawi ng gobyerno mula sa mga ito ang isang prime property sa Makati.

Ito ay ang Creekside/Mile Long, na nirentahan ng Sunvar Realty and Development Corp., na pagmamay-ari rin ng mga Prieto at Rufino clan.

Aniya, "I will recover the property for the Filipino [people]. Everybody who has the tax obligation must start to talk now.

"Within six-months time, I will go after them.

"I have to get back... Inquirer, you have to let go of that property, it is not yours."

Roxanne Barcelo nasaktan sa sampalan nila ni Maja Salvador

Masayang-masya si Roxanne Barcelo habang ikinukwento na umabot na ng almost 3 million ang mga pinagsama-samang eksena ng away namin ni Maja Salvador – na Ivy vs. Nathalie – sa Wildflower series ng ABS-CBN.

"Sobrang natuwa ako kasi first time na nag-viral ako ng ganun.

Sana nga raw ay makabalik pa ang kanyang karakter sa top-rating series.

"I'm looking forward to coming back. Ang tsika kasi babalik si Nathalie. Hindi raw puwedeng hindi bumalik si Nathalie," say pa niya.

Nagkasakitan ba sila sa eksena ng sampalan, buhusan ng tubig at hulugan sa swimming pool?

"Yung totoo? Medyo masakit yung sa sampalan namin. Kasalan ko rin naman, kasi tsinika sa akin ni Maja na 'Hoy, baks (bakla), dadayaan ko na lang yung sampal.' Sabi ko, 'Huwag baks, mahirap tumiming.' Kasi hindi pa kami nagkasampalan ever so hindi ko siya matatantya.

"Sabi niya, 'Baks, malakas akong manampal.' Sabi ko, 'Tsika lang yan.' Nung nasampal na ako, yung hiyaw ko parang wala naman sa cue ni Direk yon, pero ang sakit talaga," natatawa niyang kuwento.

Hirit pa ni Roxanne, "Masakit talaga, parang almost one week na pag hinahawakan ko (yung pisngi)... hindi siya namula, pero parang nasa loob yung dugo. Masakit talaga. Namaga."

James Reid, wala munang teleserye ng JaDine tandem

MANILA - Ibinahagi ni James Reid ang mga naka-lineup nilang proyekto ni Nadine Lustre ngayong 2017.

Wala raw munang teleserye at mas nakatuon ang kanilang career sa musika at paggawa ng pelikula. "We've done two teleseryes in one year and it's very tiring, but we want to try something different. I want to focus more on music, something I'm very passionate about. So I'm going to give it a try," ani James.

Malapit nang ilabas ang bagong solo music album ni James na siya rin ang nagsulat ng mga kanta. Halos lahat ng kanta ay tungkol kay Nadine na inspirasyon niya sa musika.

"Maybe [a] movie this year. My album is 99.9% complete, just finishing touches, the music video has been shot. You can expect the first single this month," ani James.

Sa kaliwa't kanan na endorsements, teleserye at pelikula at masayang love life kasama si Nadine, masasabi na ba ni James na kuntento na siya ngayon?

"I can't complain, I can't complain. it feels like it's almost perfect. We always want something more, now that I'm here, like my dream gets bigger each time. So now I want an album and I want to win an award out of it and I want to help evolve OPM," ani James.

Pagdating naman sa mga viral photos ni Nadine sa social media, suportado ito ni James at walang isyu ito sa kanya.

"Well, it's up to Nadine. She's happy, she's expressing herself. It's not that bad, people wear bikinis especially at the beach," paliwanag ni James.

Inaabangan na ng JaDine fans ang concert tour ng love team at ang solo album ni James.

OFW deported 3 times by Saudi

OFW sent home by Saudi Arabia three times still wants to return

MANILA - For OFW Angelina Millares, who registered for the amnesty being offered by Saudi Arabia for overstaying and undocumented foreigners, it will be the third time that she will be sent home by the host government.

Millares said she was sent home by Saudi Arabia officials twice in 2010 for being undocumented. Before that, she had been working in the Kingdom as a beautician for 10 years.

Millares said she allowed to be sent home in 2010 so that she could return to Saudi Arabia and work legally. At that time, Saudi Arabia was also offering amnesty to overstaying and undocumented foreigners.

According to her, she was sent home for the second time when she mistakenly thought she could return to Saudi Arabia eight months after she was sent home for the first time.

She said she did not even get the chance to leave the airport in Jeddah during her arrival before she was ordered to board the plane back to the Philippines.

"Nagulat ako, para lang ako umihi sa pagpunta ko dito, pinabalik agad ako sa Pilipinas. Airport to airport ako," Millares recalled, with amusement.

She said it was during this time that she learned she can return to Saudi Arabia only after five years.

However, when she returned to Saudi

Arabia last year, Millares landed a problematic job — one where her employer withheld her salary and won't work for her iqama or residence permit.

Millares said she decided to avail of the 90-day amnesty being offered by Saudi Arabia this year with the blessing of her employer.

"Nang nag-declare ang amnesty sinabi ko sa madam ko na huwag mo na ako pa Iqamahan, hindi ka na ibigay mo na lang sa akin ang sweldo pupunta na ako ng embassy hindi ka na magpi-penalty. Pumayag naman [siya]," she said.

Despite her experiences, Millares still wants to return to Saudi Arabia though not to the same employer.

PH declined aid after getting billions from China

MANILA - The Philippine government has told the European Union it will no longer accept development aid from the bloc, putting at risk programs to assist poor and conflict-hit regions in the country's south, Europe's ambassador said.

Ambassador Franz Jessen said the decision to cut aid from the EU, a strong critic of President Rodrigo Duterte's drugs war, would mean the loss of about 250 million euros (P13.89 billion) worth of grants mostly allocated to Muslim communities.

Manila's move comes days after Duterte won billions of dollars in pledges from China after attending the Belt and Road summit in Beijing.

"The Philippine government has informed us they no longer accept new EU grants," Jessen said without

elaborating.

There was no immediate response from the Philippines' foreign ministry.

Duterte says European nations don't understand the extent of the narcotics problem in the Philippines.

Official data from the Philippine National Police pegs the total number of homicide cases since Duterte came into power at 9,432.

The EU has supported Manila's efforts to end a decades-old Muslim rebellion that has killed more than 120,000 people and stunted growth in one of the country's resource-rich regions.

It granted 130 million euros in development assistance between 2007 to 2013. In 2015, it pledged 325 million euros (P18.01 billion) over four years to finance projects in Mindanao after Manila

signed a peace deal with rebels in March 2014.

The largest chunk, 225-million euros or 69 percent of the total, was supposedly to help the Philippines make growth "more inclusive and more sustainable" by providing electricity to more people and generating jobs, especially for women.

The EU also pledged 95-million euros in aid to promote "good governance and respect for human rights in the Philippines" by strengthening rule of law, public access to information, and improving the justice service delivery.

It earmarked another 5-million euros to support the preparation and implementation of actions under the MIP, such as feasibility studies, consultation and planning workshops, outreach, audits, and evaluations.

Jennylyn Mercado and Boobay at Pinoy Fiesta

Last Saturday, April 29, 2017 the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) led by PCCF President, Romy Rafael and EVP Rosemer Enverga were featured on a live taping of Front Page Philippines hosted by Gie Alvarez.

The episode also featured the beautiful and talented 2017



candidates for Little Miss Philippines Canada, Miss Philippines Canada, Miss Teen Philippines Canada and Mrs. Philippines Canada. Coronation will be on June 24, 2017 at the Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show in Toronto! Also, present are the Little Mr. Philippines Canada and the PCCF Officers.

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through the success of PCCF events like the Pageants with a Cause and the upcoming Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto, the PCCF officers are grateful with the positive impact your generosity has made in the community here in Canada and in the Philippines.. So let's have fun, while helping others! PCCF is inviting you all again to this year's Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto on June 24th, 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Hall A.

Headlining the event is none other than the GMA PinoyTV Ultimate star JENNYLYN MERCARDO and comedian Boobay (PHOTO).

Tickets are available at the door but for Reserved Seating, please email: pinoyfiestatoronto@gmail.com.

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ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL DISMISSES BALITA NEWSPAPER, TESS CUSIPAG’S APPEAL

TORONTO - The defamation lawsuit launched by the Honourable Senator Tobias Enverga Jr. against Balita Newspaper, Balita Media Inc., Tess Cusipag, Romeo P. Marquez and Carlos Padilla may have been finally put to rest by a ruling dated April 12, 2017.

The Court of Appeal for Ontario, presided by Justice David Doherty, Justice Jean MacFarland and Justice Paul Rouleau, dismissed Tess Cusipag and Balita Newspaper’s appeal to reduce the amount of damages awarded by Superior Court Justice Sidney N. Lederman on July 13, 2016.

The decision comes after a hearing that was held on April 6, 2017.

In its decision, the Court of Appeal held that “the trial judge did not err in considering the Botiuk case and giving some weight to the award approved in that case in making his assessment of compensatory damages”.

The lawyer for Tess Cusipag and Balita Newspaper argued that the award was out of line with other awards involving defamation of political figures. Rejecting this argument, The Court of Appeal held that the case of Senator Enverga was not a “political” case, but rather a personal one.

The Court of Appeal agreed with the findings of Justice Lederman that Tess Cusipag



Balita columnist Romeo P. Marquez

created a controversy so that she could defame Senator Enverga.

The Court of Appeal affirmed the Justice Lederman’s finding that the conduct of Tess Cusipag and Balita Newspaper demanded a substantial award of punitive damages. The Court did not disturb Justice Lederman’s finding that Tess Cusipag repeated the defamation, knowing full well that it was false, and intended to repeat the defamation in the future. The Court stated that “on the facts as found by the trial judge, deterrence could only be adequately served by a significant award of punitive damages.”

The Court also ordered the appellants to pay to Senator Enverga \$16,000 for the appeal costs, bringing the total of court damages and costs which Tess Cusipag and Balita Newspaper are liable to \$356,000.

Senator Enverga was represented by lawyers Howard Winkler and Eryn Pond.



Balita Publisher Tess Cusipag

Howard Winkler has this statement: “It has been clear from the beginning of this proceeding that the words written by Mr. Marquez and published in Balita Newspaper by Tess Cusipag are false and defamatory of Senator Enverga, were published with extreme malice and that no defence to the publication ever existed. It is now time for Tess Cusipag and Balita Newspaper to stop their irresponsible and contemptuous campaign against Senator Enverga, accept responsibility for their actions and compensate Senator Enverga for the costs he has incurred in clearing his name and the damage they caused to his reputation”.

Senator Enverga in a statement indicated “I am grateful that this matter is now over and that justice has been served. I look forward to continuing to serve our community in the Senate of Canada.”

The decision of the Court of Appeal may

be viewed via this link:

<https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onca/doc/2017/2017onca302/2017onca302.pdf>

IMPORTANT TIMELINES OF THE CASE:

Notice of Libel, March 7, 2014

Balita Newspaper, Balita Media inc., Tess Cusipag, Romeo Marquez and Carlos Padilla were given notice of intention to commence action

Summary Judgment ruling by Superior Court Justice Lederman, July 13, 2016

quote:

(46) “...The defendants, and in particular Cusipag, has done virtually everything she could to destroy and discredit Senator Enverga in an unrelenting manner, both in print and online. They continue to advance the defence of justification even on this motion when they knew it was hopeless. They engaged in absolutely no investigation whatsoever as to the truth of what they were publishing. They were recklessly indifferent to the truth of the Article. They gave the plaintiff no opportunity to respond to the allegations in advance of publication and to present his side of the story. They have published innuendo with criminal implications which Cusipag herself admits in her affidavit as being “serious allegations of fraud”. The defendants consistently and constantly repeated and published the Article

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Philippines is safe but...

Tourists “Expensive” Belongings Went Missing in Boracay

MANILA - Boracay is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful islands in the Philippines, its white sand beaches, clear waters, gorgeous sunset, and countless bars are among the reasons why tourists flock here for a vacation or even just for relaxation.

The island resort ranked seventh in the 2017 Traveler's Choice Award among Asia's Top 10 islands by Tripadvisor. Meanwhile, Travel+Leisure placed it fourth on ‘The World's Friendliest Islands’ of 2016.

Among the many events which attract many tourists in the popular spot is the LaBoracay, (a portmanteau of the words “Labor day” and “Boracay”) which is an annual island-wide celebration of the Labor Day weekend.

During this time, the beaches of Boracay are filled with people and the hotels are all fully booked since people want to join in on

the fun experience that the island has to offer.

However, a few foreign tourists who just wanted to have a good time were left traumatized as they reported their belongings missing while they were out for a swim.

Three foreigners were seen crying by a concerned netizen. Facebook user Jean Cezar Retulin snapped a few photos of the tourists as they gathered around the area where they left their belongings.

According to their statements, they lost their iPhone, money, and cards while enjoying the warm waters of Boracay.

With no one to guard their things, the unknown suspect grabbed the chance to steal the foreigner's valuables while they weren't looking.

Once they arrived there, they found out that they weren't the only victims of theft in the island during that time.

19 ASG in Basilan surrender to military

MANILA - Nineteen members of the Abu Sayyaf Group surrendered to authorities in Basilan province.

Two sub-leaders, Nur Hassan Lahaman and Mudz-Ar Angkun, together with their followers, surrendered to troops of the 64th Infantry Battalion in barangay Tumahubong, Sumisip, Basilan.

Angkun's group operates in Sumisip while Hassan operates in Tuburan municipality. The surrenderees also yielded several high powered firearms to the government.

Meanwhile, four of the surrenderees are followers of slain ASG leader Alhabsy Misaya,

who was killed in a Sulu clash last week.

They were identified as Patta Salapuddin aka Patta, Asbi Salapuddin, Sayyadi Salapuddin, and Arci Salapuddin of Barangay Basakan Hadji Mohammad Ajul Basilan.

They are also suspects in the recent sea jacking incident of the MV Super Shuttle tugboat last March 23.

President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered the military in the southern Philippines to go an all-out war against local terror groups including the Abu Sayyaf. The Armed Forces has promised to crush the Abu Sayyaf this year.

Impeachment complaint vs. Duterte junked

The House Committee on Justice has dismissed the impeachment complaint filed by Magdalo Party-list Representative Gary Alejano against President Rodrigo Duterte.

Forty-two (42) committee members voted to reject the complaint.

They declared that Alejano's case against the Chief Executive is “insufficient in substance.”

The lawmakers came to the decision following an executive session at noon time on Monday.

The committee being chaired by Representative Reynaldo Umali will now prepare a report for the plenary.

House Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas zeroed in on the fact that Alejano does not have personal knowledge on the alleged extrajudicial killings that are included in the charges against the President.

In response, Alejano accused the committee of railroading his impeachment complaint.

The lawmakers declared the complaint to be sufficient in form, but they also proceeded to immediately issue their verdict on the matter of substance.

Solons remind Duterte to stop contractualization, hike minimum wage

Lawmakers urged President Rodrigo Duterte to fulfill his promise to end contractualization, and called for a higher standard minimum wage across the country.

Anakpawis party-list Rep. Ariel Casilao, who joined the Labor Day protest in Manila, said Duterte should end ‘endo,’ or the practice of indefinite contractualization by employers.

Casilao, who authored the Anti-Contractualization Bill (HB 556), also scored the department order issued by Labor Sec. Silvestre Bello III, saying it is “small-time” and “does not guarantee security of tenure of the workers.”

The lawmaker also called on Duterte to provide regular jobs for semi-workers or “odd-jobbers” in urban communities.

Casilao made this pitch in particular for the members of urban poor group Kadamay, which recently occupied idle government housing units in Bulacan, saying they “deserve a significant consideration from the president.”

Casilao also said Duterte “should consider” the demand of a national minimum wage of P750 a day.

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Carlos Zarate, Casilao's colleague at the Makabayan bloc, echoed these calls.

He also urged House leaders “to further expedite the approval” of the bill authored by the bloc against contractualization.

‘Regular jobs, not killings’

Akbayan party-list Rep. Tom Villarin also joined the call for regular employment, and in the process twitted anew Duterte's drug war.

“By now, President Duterte should have realized that poverty and unemployment are issues that are bigger than his senseless campaign to eradicate illegal drugs,” Villarin said in a statement.

The lawmaker noted that unemployment rate is in 6.6 percent by January this year, higher than the recorded 5.7 percent during the same period in 2016.

“This is official data that supports the clamor for regular jobs that provide decent income. There is none for the President's all-out war against illegal drugs,” he added.

Villarin also urged Duterte to certify as urgent a legislation that grants workers security of tenure.

The House committee on labor and employment is set to hold a hearing on Wednesday to discuss several legislation on labor, including those that raise penalties for non-compliance with government-prescribed minimum wages and other benefits

Charo Santos fulfills cowgirl dream in Masbate

“My dream is for the Masbate Rodeo Festival to be on every Filipino's bucket list. My dream is for the Rodeo Festival

to be top-of-mind among adventure-seeking tourists.

My dream is for the world to know and experience the paradise islands of Masbate,” shared Charo Santos-Concio in a

speech she delivered at the recently concluded Rodeo Festival 2017 in Masbate City. She was the guest speaker upon the invitation of the Rodeo Masbateno Inc. (RMI).

ABS-CBN's Chief Content Officer took a break from her busy schedule and traveled all the way to Masbate City to fulfill her dream of

becoming a cowgirl. She recounted how she once dreamt of becoming a cowgirl and shared how delighted she was to experience the cowgirl life in Masbate, the home of the Rodeo Festival.

Clad in a cowgirl costume complete with hat and boots, she lauded the people of Masbate for preserving and enriching the rodeo tradition in the province. She also took notice of how picturesque Masbate's landscape is—a stark contrast from the cityscape that the ABS-CBN's top woman executive is so accustomed to.

“This is such a unique experience for me. I used to just watch this on TV but it is different when you experience it first-hand,” said Santos-Concio. She even recalled that a cowgirl from Masbate was once featured in Maalaala Mo Kaya (MMK), the top-rating drama anthology program she hosts on ABS-CBN. MMK was the first national TV program that featured Masbate's rodeo tradition.

ABS-CBN's Chief Content Officer Charo Santos-Concio clad in a cowgirl costume during the recently concluded Rodeo Festival in Masbate

Now on its 24th year, the Rodeo Festival is an annual celebration showcasing the science of animal handling. One of the main reasons for the longevity of the Festival is its reputation for animal safety.

Judge Manuel “Bebot” Sese, president of the Rodeo Masbateno, Inc. (RMI), shared that the people of Masbate welcomed Charo Santos-Concio warmly because they saw how she genuinely appreciated the province and its rodeo tradition.

“All praises for the province's national beauty, Charo was also able to visit a ranch and observed some ranch activities,” said Sese. “We at RMI are very thankful to Charo for gracing this year's Festival. We hope that more and more people will be able to visit and enjoy our province and the Rodeo Festival just like Charodid,” he added.

The main attraction of the annual Festival is the National Rodeo Finals in which students and professionals compete in cattle lassoing wrestling on foot, steer lassoing on horseback, steer wrestling from horseback, casting down, two-person carambola, four-person carambola, bull riding, and load carrying.

All these events originated from day-to-day ranch practices making them authentic and truly anchored on animal welfare and safety.



STAR FOR ALL SEASONS’--Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto (6th District, Batangas) thanks the Secretariat officials and employees of the House of Representatives for helping and supporting her in her new job as legislator. Santos-Recto served as Mayor of Lipa City for nine years then as Governor of Batangas for another nine years before becoming a lawmaker. She summed up the three lessons she learned so far, in lawmaking as reason, emotion and “pakikisama.” She vowed to continue working and studying hard to fulfill her agenda for her constituents and help uplift the lives of the vast majority of Filipinos. She was the guest of honor during Monday's flag-raising ceremony at the House of Representatives. (GE/RL/RBB)

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and the Article remains on the website of Balita today and is available on the internet. At no time has there been any retraction or apology given...”

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Cost Ruling by Superior Court Justice Lederman, September 23, 2016 quote:
(10) “...Given the seriousness of the defamatory allegations against Senator Enverga and the determination of the defendants to pursue a scurrilous attack upon his reputation even in the face of having no evidence whatsoever to support the allegations, it cannot lie in their mouths to quarrel with the time spent and research conducted by the plaintiff in seeking vindication in this proceeding...”

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Guilty of Criminal Contempt of Court ruling by Superior Court Justice F.L. Myers, March 13, 2017 quote:

Why Criminal Contempt?

(36) “...Here, the Media Defendants’ conduct includes the “open, continuous and flagrant violation” discussed by Chief Justice McLachlin. Ms. Cusipag was clear and express in her desire to spread her

world globally and to enlist the aid of others in the media, and public figures, such as members of the Senate of Canada, to do so despite the court’s injunction. Her statements indicated that the initial defamatory article and Facebook posting were true but were not accepted by the court due to the death of witnesses and an unseen conspiratorial hand that undermined the legitimacy of the judge’s ruling. This is not conduct akin to failing to attend an examination for discovery or breach of a patent injunction that is limited in its intention and effect to the private rights of the immediate parties. The Media Defendants are continuing an avowed, malicious, very public quest to destroy the plaintiff’s reputation in face of and despite an order of the Superior Court of Justice. As Chief Justice Dickson wrote, their conduct “transcends the limits of any dispute between particular litigants and constitutes an affront to the administration of justice as a whole.”(37) I therefore find Tess Cusipag, Balita Newspaper, and Balita Media Inc. guilty of criminal contempt of court...”

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**Criminal Contempt of Court
sentencing is scheduled on June 2,
2017.**

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by JOJO TADURAN



REMIT, a leading money remittance company in Canada celebrated the 11th anniversary of its branch located at 3776 Bathurst Street Corner Wilson Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on April 8, 2017,(Saturday). Holy Mass was officiated by Father Anthony T. Pizarro CICM of St. Paschal Baylon Church. On hand, emphasizing service and sharing were Ms. Belinda Lim Herrera, IREMIT Country Manager and Managing Director for Canada and Simeon M. Sarte, Ontario’s Branch Manager and

Marketing Officer. The employees of IREMIT, both the Bathurst and Wellesley branches, were so happy and enthusiastic because of the support and patronage by members of the Filipino community not only in Toronto but in other places in Canada. Members of the Filipino community can make free calls to their families in the Philippines through IRemit. For more information, please call IREMIT Bathurst Branch at Tel. (647) 932 - 6407.

Lauren Reid Loves ukay
Shopping

Lauren Reid popped up almost unexpectedly on our feeds last year. She could have been a mere social media interest, with buzz about her fading as quickly as it came. That’s not what happened as she’s got more projects coming in, endorsements deals, and modeling stints this 2017.

What’s your latest shopping splurge?
To be honest, I don’t spend that much on clothes. Jeans are maybe one thing I would splurge on. What I really do is a lot of ukay shopping.
What are your tips when ukay-ukay

shopping?
Number one, you need time to spend there. It’s not a quick in, quick out. The items that are worth purchasing are the ones you have to dig for. They aren’t going to be at the top of the rack, generally. Two, you have to take your time while you’re there so you can have a good look at the place. Really go through each rack. Three is to have a good idea of what you want to buy. You can walk in there and walk out with 50 plus items. [You should] go in and know what [clothes] you will use immediately or else you’ll get things you will never use.



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San Miguel Corp. to hire reformed drug users for MRT-7 construction

MANILA - San Miguel Corporation (SMC) will tap reformed drug users to build the Manila Metro Rail Transit (MRT) Line 7.

SMC signed a memorandum of understanding with the Quezon City government to employ former drug dependents who have completed its rehabilitation program.

Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said providing jobs to former drug dependents will help ensure they don't return to their addiction.

"Batay po sa aming profiling na ang number one criteria ng mga nagagamit ng



Quezon City Vice Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte, who also chairs the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QACDAAC), in the signing of the MOU which was attended by San Miguel Corporation (SMC) representative Raoul C Romulo; EEI Corp. MRT 7 Project Manager, Permo R. Sarsoza;

bawal na gamot ay kawalan ng trabaho,"

Belmonte said.

The city government will initially recommend 400 reformed drug users to EEI Corporation, SMC's contractor for the MRT-7 project which will take around three years to build.

"Pero sana kung kakailanganin pa nila, tayo po ang iisipin nilang first priority na hingan ng workmen," Belmonte added.

The former drug dependents will be tasked to work as traffic enforcers, carpenters, masons and steel workers.

SMC is the first company to partner with the Quezon City government to employ reformed drug users.

SSS conducts nationwide Pensioners' Day

MANILA - The Social Security System (SSS) started a countdown to its 60th anniversary celebration, with a simultaneous nationwide conduct of Pensioners' Day as a show of appreciation in helping build a better SSS during their working life.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel F. Dooc said that the SSS recognizes the valuable contribution of the agency's pensioners who religiously paid monthly premiums during their younger years.

"We truly appreciate our pensioners and their dedication to SSS. They have spent many years working to provide for the needs of their families and to be able to contribute to SSS. Now, it's our time to give back and take care of them," said Dooc.



The event was attended by almost 3,500 pensioners who received free medical check-ups and medicines. Medical Specialists also gave lectures about wellness and health.

Aside from free medical assistance, pensioners also actively participated and played in various games and a good number went home with raffle prizes. Meals

were also served during the event and each pensioner received a token of appreciation.

"Since this program was for them, the pensioners were also given the chance to showcase their talents and it was such a joy seeing them perform and in the pink of health," said Dooc.

In the National Capital Region, the Pensioners' Day was held at the SSS Main Office in East Avenue wherein about 500 pensioners attended the event. More than half of the attendees are members of FES-CAP headed by Mr. Jorge Banal Sr.

"Each event in the said place was attended by almost 200 pensioners who enjoyed the same set of activities. We are very happy that we were able to bring joy to our pensioners nationwide even for a day," said Dooc.

Serve in provinces, lawyers told

MANILA - THE Supreme Court on Monday administered the oath-taking of 3,747 new lawyers who hurdled the 2016 Bar exams.

Addressing the new lawyers, Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes Sereno cited the significance of the 2016 Bar results where all top 10 came from provincial law schools. It was the first time that no graduate from a law school in Metro Manila placed in the top 10. Sereno said this was an indication of the dispersal

of quality education throughout the country as she urged the new lawyers to practice law in their own provinces and hometowns. Associate Justice Presbitero J. Velasco Jr., who served as the chairman of last year's Bar exams, agreed.

"We definitely need lawyers in the provinces and in providing legal aid services to the poor and marginalized," he said. "Preserve and defend the rule of law. Arm yourselves with idealism, passion and knowledge of the law," the Chief Justice

told the new lawyers, whom she described as the "lifeblood of the legal profession."

Karen Mae Calam of the University of San Carlos Law School in Cebu City topped the 2016 Bar exams with an average of 89.05 percent.

"When a very big blessing comes your way, there is always a responsibility. In every action that I'm doing, many people will be observing. But that's okay as long as within yourself, you're confident of what you're doing," she said.

Louise delos Reyes clarifies past rumor with Aljur Abrenica

Louise delos Reyes on past dating rumor



with Aljur Abrenica: "During the show, we were really close, kasi kami-kami lang din naman ang magkakasama. Parang meron kami... and I'm very close to his sister. Wala akong kapatid na babae. Naging close din ako sa mommy niya, sa kapatid niya, sa girlfriend ng kapatid niya."

Luma na ngunit hindi pa rin nasasagot ang isyu tungkol sa pagkaka-link nina Louise delos Reyes at Aljur Abrenica noong 2014.

Ito yung panahong ginagawa nila ang telefantasya ng GMA Network na Kambal Sirena.

Ang pagkakaugnay ng dalawa ang sinasabing dahilan kung bakit nag-break si Louise at ang dati niyang boyfriend na si Enzo Pineda.

Ito rin ang itinatuturing dahilan kung bakit nagkahiwalay noon sina Aljur at Kylie Padilla.

CHECK-IN. Diresahang tinanong si Louise tungkol sa napabalita noon na nakita umano siyang nag-check-in sa isang hotel, kasama si Aljur. Paliwanag ng 24-year-old actress, "Sa Bataan and Subic ang taping namin, so ang taping namin, inaabot ng 9 A.M.

"Magtse-check-in kami dahil ang call time namin, 6 A.M. the following day. "So, parang konti na lang yung oras. "Kahit si Direk Dondon [Santos], nagtse-check-in, yung executive producer namin. "Sabi ko, 'Uuwi pa ba ako?' Tapos yung driver ko, ayoko rin na patayin siya." Diin ni Louise, "Nag-check-in kami, pero hindi kaming dalawa, marami.

"Siyempre, kapag group kasi, sino yung unang makikita? Yung artists..."

Melai is Lucky

Sobra talaga ang suwerte nitong si Melai Cantiveros. 'Di nga ba at twice na siyang nanalo dati ng P1M noong sumali siya sa first season ng Your Face Sounds Familiar.

Nakuha rin niya ang jackpot na P1M sa game show na Deal or No Deal. Yes, at one time. Well, if I remember right.

Tumataginting na P1M din plus a house and lot ang napanalunan ni Melai sa Pinoy Big Brother (PBB).

Sa loob ng Bahay ni Kuya nagkakilanlan sina Jason Francisco, na later ay kanyang napangasawa. They are now happy parents to two girls -- Melai, born April 3, 2014, and Stella, na ipinanganak noong April 9 this year.

Now it can be told why Jason chose No. 9 sa last round ng Bet On Your Baby game show hosted by Judy Ann Santos last Sunday, but agreed to take another chance na muling magbasag ng piggy bank, kahit pa nanalo na siya ng P100,000.

That second chance could either win him the jackpot of P1M or puwede ring ma-reduce to as low as P15 thou ang kanyang napanalunan.

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PCCF Presents Miss Philippines Canada 2017 and Miss Teen Philippines 2017 Candidates at Pre-Pageant

By Fe Taduran & Rosemarie Ramos
Toronto-Canada
May 22, 2017

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada - The Miss Philippines Canada 2017 and Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2017 candidates, showcased their beauty and talents during the Pre-Pageant held May 6th at the Korean Cultural Centre in Toronto.

The event organized by the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation, made up of volunteers from the Filipino Canadian Community, aims to inspire excellence in young ladies of Filipino origin and to promote better understanding of the Filipino culture, talents, arts, heritage and charity. These years' twelve candidates are in it to win and are having a very memorable journey evolving as self-confident young ladies. They all want to make a difference, travel to the Philippines and do charitable work. The talents shown by the candidates exceptionally exceeded expectations. They also have exhibited an outstanding programme choreography. Photos

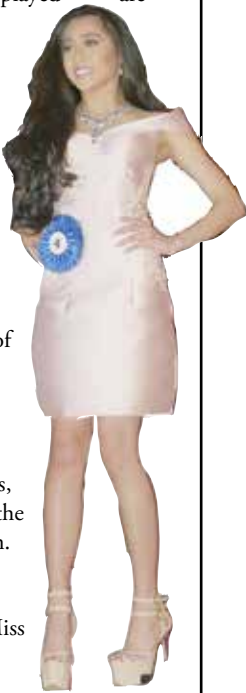
of some of the talents displayed are shared through this article.

Major awards handed out during the pre-pageant were: Best in Talent - Jenna Ramos; Best in Interview - Resham Ramirez Saeed; Best in Casual Wear - Resham Ramirez Saeed; and Best in Gown - Resham Ramirez Saeed.

The Miss Philippines Canada 2017 and the Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2017 winners, will receive free trips to the Philippines, amongst other prizes. They will serve as a PCCF ambassadors of goodwill in various events and activities throughout Canada and the Philippines and will have the chance to meet the community's most influential leaders, appear on TV, meet GMA PinoyTV stars, make new friends, and help the poor in the Philippines, through Kapuso Foundation, ANCOR, and other charitable projects.

Outgoing 2015 Miss Philippines Canada 2016 is Krista Bella and 2016 Miss Teen Philippines Canada is Chiara Silo. Assisting the Pageant Director, Rosemer Enverga, this year, are Co-Chairs Lita Leano, Rosemarie Ramos and Noemi Milanes, and choreographer Kim Belen.

Don't miss the coronation of the Miss Philippines Canada 2017 and Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2017 on June 24th, 2017 at the Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow sa Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Hall A) with the GMA's ultimate Kapuso star Jennylyn Mercado and comedian Boobay. For more information, please email pageantsphilippines@gmail.com or visit www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com. (**Fe P. Taduran & Rosemarie Ramos**)



Dobol B Sa News TV anchors and RiteMed executives toast for a meaningful and long-lasting partnership. (Left to right) Dobol B sa News TV anchors Joel Reyes Zobel and Arnold Clavio, United Laboratories, Inc. Senior Vice President for Business Development Atty. Joey Ochave, RiteMed General Manager Vince Guerrero, and RGMA President and GMA Consultant for Radio Mike Enriquez.

Dobol B Sa News TV, RiteMed team up in bringing quality service to Filipinos

Two of the most trusted names in their respective fields come together as GMA Network's morning news and commentary program, "Dobol B Sa News TV" and the country's most trusted brand of medicine, RiteMed Philippines, Inc. (RiteMed) team up to further provide quality service to Filipinos.

Following the program's successful debut last April 24, "Dobol B sa News TV" is the Network's response to the ever-changing needs of the listening and viewing public, bringing to free TV the top-rating morning shows on AM radio today. RiteMed, on the other hand, has always believed in DZBB's credibility as a trusted source of news and information. In fact, RiteMed is the first company to give its full support to "Dobol B Sa News TV".

To formalize this strong and meaningful partnership, the representatives of both parties have inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on May 4 at the B Hotel Grand Ballroom in Quezon City. The signing was led by RGMA President and GMA Consultant for Radio Mike Enriquez and Dobol B sa News TV anchors Joel Reyes Zobel and GMA News Pillar

Arnold Clavio together with United Laboratories, Inc. Senior Vice President for Business Development Atty. Joey Ochave and RiteMed General Manager Vincent Patrick Guerrero.

This tie-up clearly reflects GMA's mandate of Serbisyon Totoo and RiteMed's commitment of making medicines more accessible to the public with their tagline, "Dahil gusto naming gumaling kayo".

"We are proud to be part of DZBB's historical foray on free TV, which will enable more Filipinos to be well informed by the most trusted source of news and information in the country today," said RiteMed's Vincent Patrick Guerrero. "DZBB has been one of our trusted partners in disseminating information to help our fellow Filipinos take care of themselves better," he added.

Enriquez, in turn, expressed how Dobol B sa News TV will support RiteMed in spreading their advocacy to more Filipinos nationwide. "We are here to help RiteMed tell the story. We are here to help the people who

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Dr. Solon Guzman, daughter Angeline, Mayor McCallion and Senator Enverga cut the ceremonial ribbon.

DR. SOLON GUZMAN OPENS ABSOLUTE DENTAL CENTRE

Dr. Solon Guzman opened his 3rd office in Mississauga. If you are wondering where the Absolute Towers are, it is the 2 towers more popularly known as the Marilyn Monroe for it's curvaceous profile. Attended by former Mayor Hazel McCallion and Filipino-Canadian Senator Tobias Enverga, Dr. Solon Guzman, the opening coincided with Dr. Solon's mother Mama Zeny. The clinic is a state of the art and boasts the best view of any dental office I have seen so far. The corner clinic, christened on the spot as the Hazel McCallion room overlooks the intersection of Burnhamthorpe and Hurontario.

Mama Zeny Guzman, Rebecca Rafael, Leonie and Joe Manzanares



Drs. Josephine and Solon Guzman, Dr. Abdul Rahman, Mayor McCallion and Dr. Wais.



Kesia Papasin and Rosemer Enverga



Dr. Solon Guzman's daughter daughter Princess, a friend Kesia and younger daughter Angeline dance the Hawaiian.



PH drops in tourism rank, DOT unsurprised

MANILA - The Department of Tourism said it was not surprised that Philippines dropped in tourism rankings, but it was doing its best to improve inbound visits.

“The Department of Tourism’s (DOT) does not find surprising the slight drop of the Philippines’ ranking in the latest Travel and Competitive Report,” DOT said in a statement Tuesday.

The DOT said it also “takes cognizance of the 2017 WEF Report released this week as a significant study, a useful resource in planning and prioritization.”

Philippines’ tourism ranking dropped five notches, according to the 2017 World

Economic Forum’s (WEF) Travel and Competitive Report.

This year, the country ranked 79th out of 136 countries.

The country’s rating was dragged down by its lack of cultural resources and business travel. Other factors included ground and port infrastructure and air transport infrastructure.

In 2016, the country received 5.4 million visitor arrivals, according to the WEF report.

But DOT said the administration was “certainly taking steps to boost tourism sustainability and inclusivity, by improving business climate and creating jobs with new policies and measures being instituted at both

national and local levels.”

DOT said it was working to relax visa policy and process, especially on China, with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Finance, and the Bureau of Immigration.

The department’s 2016 and 2017 budgets were reduced due to the completion of activities in the previous administration’s National Tourism Development Plan.

Improvements and new construction at major international airports are currently being fast-tracked under the Public-Partnership Program programs, DOT added.

Data shows PH drug problem ‘slightly manufactured’: analyst

London School of Economics’ International Drug Policy Program director John Collins



The local figures will still be below the global average assuming that there were in fact 4 million drug users in the country based on intelligence reports, he said.

“So there is an element where this does feel like a slightly manufactured crisis,” said John Collins, director of the London School of Economics’ International Drug Policy Program.

More than 7,000 people have reportedly been killed in Duterte’s brutal drug war launched nearly a year ago.

Duterte’s drug war is “not a new idea,” said Collins, who cited similar crackdowns in other countries. Like the Philippines, Thailand’s war on drugs also gathered immense public support

at the start.

Asked if Duterte’s drug war was bound to fail, Collins said: “Based on international experience, it has virtually never worked.”

Reyes said the government was working on a “holistic and balanced” strategy incorporating United Nations standards to address the drug problem. He was optimistic Duterte would sign an executive order adopting the plan, which will also institutionalize community-based rehabilitation programs and build more gender-sensitive facilities.

“(Duterte) can easily be reasoned with,” Reyes said.

Joma wary Chinese loans might trap PH to give up West PH Sea

MANILA -Communist leader Jose Maria Sison raises 8 questions regarding President Rodrigo Duterte’s plans to heavily borrow from China amid a warning it could turn the Philippines’ into a debt slave of the Asian economic giant
TEACHER AND STUDENT. Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Maria Sison was President Rodrigo Duterte’s teacher at the Lyceum of the Philippines University

MANILA, Philippines – Communist leader Jose Maria Sison is concerned that President Rodrigo Duterte’s plans to heavily borrow from China to finance his ambitious infrastructure-building could turn the Philippines into a “debt slave” of the Asian economic power.

Sison asked how “reliable” the Filipino-Chinese and Chinese businessmen close to Duterte are, wondering if in the long term China would force the Philippines to give up its claim on the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

These are among the 8 questions Sison raised on the Chinese loans amid a warning from an analyst of Forbes magazine that plans

to borrow up to \$167 billion (P3.3 billion*), based on pronouncements by Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno, could balloon to \$452 billion (P9 billion*) and bring the country’s debt-to-GDP ratio to second worst in the world.

“Dutertenomics, fueled by expensive loans from China, will put the Philippines into virtual debt bondage if allowed to proceed,” the article read.

8 questions on the loans
1. Can the Philippines really borrow the huge amount of USD 167 B from China at so fast a rate?

2. Will not the Philippines become a debt slave of China?

3. Will not the drive to build, build, build infrastructure (rails, roads, and bridges) draw resources away from a program of national industrialization proposed by the NDFP in the negotiation of CASER?

4. At a certain point, will not China demand that the Philippines give up its EEZ (exclusive economic zone) and ECS (extended continental shelf) in the West Philippine Sea or else the loans will be called or cut off?

5. Will not China further nail down the Philippines to the status of an underdeveloped

country providing raw materials to China, consuming manufactures from China and ever begging for new loans to cover the trade deficit?

6. Does not the Philippines have already bad experience in making deals with China, such as the overpriced NBN-ZTE and NRT scams during the Arroyo regime and the 3 B wasted on defective trains from China during BS Aquino regime?

7. How reliable or unreliable are those Filipino Chinese and Chinese businessmen that are close to Duterte?

8. How does Duterte’s expectation of USD 167 B compare with actual outcomes of China’s big loans to certain countries like Venezuela, Sri Lanka, etc.

Sison is the founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) that is talking peace with the Duterte government.

Under the proposed Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms (CASER), the communist rebels are pushing the government to spend on national industrialization and agrarian reform.

The two sides are holding the 5th round of talks later in the month.

Fil-Can reaches the PBA and shines

[TORONTO, ON] Filipino-Canadian Matthew Wright was only a PBA prospect last November. Philippine news outlets questioned if he was prepared for the PBA and if he had the potential

to become a game changer on the team that acquired him. Now after being drafted, Wright has made a name for himself in the PBA.

Before landing with the PBA Phoenix Fuelmasters,

his 2015-2016 season in the ABL was with the Westports Malaysia Dragons. He averaged 23 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists per game. Wright led the Westports Malaysia Dragons to the Finals winning the ABL Championship and receiving the ABL MVP award honors.

Now after signing a 3-year, P8.5 M rookie max deal with the Phoenix Fuelmasters, Wright is proving to be a good choice for the basketball club. Only in his rookie year, Matthew Wright has already had notable highlights. In his debut game in the PBA he scored 14 points, he also was named PBA player of the week in the month of January, and he has also caught fire from outside the 3 point line nailing 5 threes in one game. Wright also participated in the 2017 PBA All-star’s 3 point contest and in the PBA All-star games. During the PBA festivities Matthew came out as the PBA MVP twice: in Luzon scoring 15 points, and in Mindanao scoring 22 points. Receiving these awards came at the right time for it also justified his presence on making the National Gilas Team set to compete in the upcoming months. Filipino-Canadian Matthew Wright has just begun his career in the PBA and seems as if this Fil-Can is on the “Wright” path.

Patrick Dooc



Boobsie, nagpasalamat sa mga nanood ng life story niya sa ‘Magpakailanman’

Abot langit ang pasasalamat ni Mary Jane Arrabis Vallero, o mas kilala bilang si Boobsie Wonderland, sa lahat nang sumubaybay sa kuwento ng kanyang buhay sa Magpakailanman.

Sa kanyang personal Facebook account, nag-post ang komedyante ng mensahe sa mga tumutok sa naturang episode.

Aniya, “Mula po sa aking puso, maraming, maraming salamat po sa lahat ng mga nakapanuod, sumuporta, naniwala, naging bahagi ng buhay ko at higit sa lahat [‘yung] mga taong minahal ako mula noon hanggang ngayon. Panginoong Hesus, [maraming salamat] po!”

Ayon sa preliminary/overnight data ng NUTAM People Ratings ng Nielsen Philippines, nakakuha ang “Fat and Furious: The Adventures of Boobsie” ng rating na 10.9.



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ABOVE, Robin Martin (Ontario PC candidate Eglinton-Lawrence), Angely Pacis (Ontario PC candidate Mississauga Centre) greets the crowd.



Victoria Cup

The Victoria Cup Basketball tournament was held last May 19-21 at the Hoopdome. The Cup, named after Filipino community philanthropist Dr. Victoria Santiago was a success. Dr. Santiago has always been the prime mover and supporter of the Victoria Cup. FCT's very capable host Rey Tolentino was the master of ceremonies. The 11th annual Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament concluded the 2-day weekend games at the Hoopdome in Downsview Park with some heart pounding championship games that went down to the last seconds of the game clock to determine the winners. And that was just the peewee divisions. The games



Philanthropist and Victoria Cup founder Dr. Victoria Santiago acknowledges the crowd.



FCT board vice-chair Efen de Villa starts with the invocation.



Mayor John Tory agrees to a selfie with JR Gallarza.



Philip Beloso, granddaughter and FV Food's Mel Galeon smile for the camera.



BELOW, MPs' Marco Mendocino and Michael Levitt, Mayor John Tory, Dr. Vicky Santiago and Philip Beloso pose with the Jayhawks. The overall champion award, given to Jayhawks for 2017 was the second year in a row that this team received this achievement.



The Toronto Police team (BLUE) outshot, outran the (RED) team of MPs' Marco Mendocino and MP Michael Levitt.

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HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY To Zena Flores

Zena celebrated her 80th birthday at Rembrandt Banquet Hall. She was joined by her family and closes friends. She was honored with a Certificate of Recognition by Senator Enverga, who was in attendance along with his wife Rosemer. With memberships in every organization and association in Ontario, Zena was very happy that they can join her in this momentous occasion of her life. During the night, she was mingling with her friends and the host had to call her a few times to join the program for the night. A very accomplished woman, she involves herself an charity work. A Mother of the Year winner, she also teach her children and grandchildren to be closer to God.

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Sena poses with her family.

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TORONTO, ONTARIO, May 19, 2017 – Canada truly embraces diversity and two of its world-renowned leaders emphasized this as they ushered in 2017.

On the eve of the beginning of the of the 150th anniversary of Canada – also known as the sesquicentennial anniversary of Canadian Confederation – no less than Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen of United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, praised the nation for having “earned a reputation as a welcoming, respectful and compassionate country.” The Queen encouraged everybody “to continue to embody the values of equality, freedom and inclusion” and “to remind the world of the importance of protecting those values and of passing them on to future generations.”

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau echoed the same sentiments and sent a powerful statement to the nation: “Together, I know we will continue to

build the diverse and prosperous country that we are all so proud to call home.” Today, in a country where one out of 5 people is foreign born, almost a million Filipinos call Canada their new home even as they continue to honor their Filipino roots and heritage.

It is in this spirit and context thatABS-CBN’s TFC Live is bringing its most successful touring Filipino concert that showcases the best of Filipino talent and entertainment.

Come July 29, 2017, Saturday, at the storied Ricoh Coliseum — a venue where a vast range of musical icons from Jimi Hendrix to Pitbull have performed – “ASAP Live in Toronto” promises to be the biggest and grandest Filipino event to celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary.

There are great expectations for“ASAP Live in Toronto” as its reputation precedes it. “ASAP” is the longest running, most successful weekend variety show that airs live on Philippine television. It is produced by ABS-CBN, the world’s largest Filipino-owned media and entertainment network. In 2012, “ASAP turned into an international giant touring live event when it brought about 40 stars to Singapore’s MAX Pavilion EXPO. Since then, “ASAP Live” has travelled to Dubai Festival City, Los Angeles Sports Arena, London’s The SSE Arena, Wembley, and New York’s Barclays Center, selling out back-to-back concerts in those venues.

Yes, that’s right: back-to-back concerts in one night. Part of the unique and tremendous value of an “ASAP Live” show is that ticket holders get to see not one, but TWO world-class concerts in one show because both concerts become two full episodes that will be aired exclusively by ABS-CBN in the Philippines and on TFC worldwide.So, yes, get ready to be part of “ASAP Live” on television!

And for the first time ever, on the same day of the concert, ABS-CBN TFC Live will include a Filipino-Canadian Marketplace, that will unveil export quality Filipino products, delightful Filipino food and unique interactive activities for the entire family. This expo allows ticket buyers to enjoy a full day of interesting offerings prior to the main concert.

Everyone is also encouraged to download the TFC Live App for a full experience that allows ticket buyers to see and navigate through the complete breadth of activities that include contests, games, freebies and exciting prizes. They can also connect with fellow attendees by using the handy networking features of the app.

For more information including how to purchase tickets toABS-CBN TFC Live’s “ASAP Live in Toronto” on July 29 at the Ricoh Coliseum, visit <http://www.tfc-ca.com/asaptoronto/>

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Valerie in long distance relationship

VALERIE CONCEPCION is back with GMA-7 playing the role of Tuka in “Mulawin Vs. Ravena” that starts airing tonight after “24 Oras”. “My last show with them was ‘Because of You’ as the estranged wife of Gabby Concepcion,” she says. “After that, I did ‘Probinsyano’ with ABS-CBN, one month ako roon, then I joined Jericho Rosales’ ‘Magpahanggang Wakas’. Free lancer naman ako kaya it’s easy for me to cross channels.” The last time we talked to her, she had a doctor boyfriend and they were planning to settle down. “Hindi po natuloy. My boyfriend now is Francis Sunga from Guam, a marshal sa Supreme Court nila roon. He was on vacation here when we were introduced to me by his

cousin na friend ko. That’s four months ago. Nag-click agad kami so it’s now an LDR (long distance relationship).” So is this for good? Do we hear wedding bells soon? “I don’t know. Too early to tell. I have a daughter, Heather Fiona, who’s turning 13 in October. Siya naman, he has a son, 8 years old. Pareho kaming unattached. So, tingnan natin. As of now, ako’ng nagpupunta sa Guam nung wala pa kong taping. I don’t mind living there kung sakaling magkakatuluyan kami.” Is her daughter joining showbiz? “She’s interested but ang mas gusto ko, mag-beauty queen siya. Kasi ang tangkad at mahahaba ang biyas. 12 pa lang, 5’3” na, so parang mas tataasan pa ako.”



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were marked by loud shouting, staring, facing off, and that was just cheering sections of the teams. In the end, everyone still went home

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Police Superintendent Randy Carter

FCT Board Chair Rey Tolentino

Toronto Mayor John Tory poses with attendees.

Janine, walang angal sa trabaho kaya paborito ng mga Kapuso

Isa si Janine Gutierrez sa sobrang inaalagaan ng GMA 7.



Hindi pa man tapos ang Legally Blind, may bagong show na si Janine. Ayon sa mga taga-Kapuso network na nakakatsikahan namin, paborito nila

si Janine dahil hindi mareklamo ang dalaga nina Lotlot de Leon at Ramon Christopher. Kahit madalas na puyatan sa taping ng Legally Blind, walang reklamo si Janine kahit segue siya sa ibang trabaho. Last week, nakita namin sa isang look-test for a new show si Janine. Nalaman namin na nanggaling pa siya sa taping ng Legally Blind at dumeretso na roon.

Gretchen Ho and Robi Domingo do not talk

Gretchen Ho volunteered that she and ex-boyfriend Robi Domingo have no communication outside of their work.

The Umagang Kay Ganda host also said only the two of them knew what went wrong in their relationship.

She explained, “Andami kasi nangyayari sa ‘min na hindi alam ng mga tao sa labas.

“That’s why we chose to keep quiet.

“Maraming mga bagay na personal na kaming dalawa lang nakakaintindi.

“Kaming dalawa lang ang nakakaalam kung nasaan kami.

“Sa nakikita namin... we chose to separate kasi it’s helping us both grow as people, as persons.”

Two weeks after Gretchen and Robi were both spotted at a media event, she seemed relieved that their split has had a positive effect on her career.

“Parang tuluy-tuloy din yung opportunities dumadating sa buhay ko in terms of work.

“Nakita ko na gusto ni Lord mag-focus ako sa mission ko para sa Kanya.

“Kaya nga, yun, mas aggressive ako this year in accepting projects,” she

said.

Daniel and Arci not dating

Itinanggi ni Daniel Matsunaga ang tsikang nagkakamabutihan sila or nanliligaw siya sa kasamahang celebrity contestant sa I Can Do That na si Arci Muñoz since lagi silang spotted recently na lumalabas-labas.

“We’re friends, we’re very good friends, very close friends, lahat kami sa I Can Do That, you know, we’re actually one big family,” pahayag ni Dandan (nickname ni Daniel) nang makausap siya ng ilang reporters. Ayon kay Daniel, kung lumalabas man sila ni Arci, lagi nilang kasama ang I Can Do That team at hindi silang dalawa lang.

“Everytime na may taping kami or may rehearsal na nandu’n kami lahat, we always try to go somewhere or have dinner or go out, you know, para masaya ’yung bonding and everything,” he said.

Netizens go wild for Jadine bathtub scene

Nagkakagulo ang fans at netizens sa Instagram page ni James Reid simula pa noong Sabado nang mag-post ang aktor ng super-hot photo nila ng girlfriend na si Nadine Lustre habang nasa bath tub.

Sa nasabing larawan ay makikitang magkayakap ang showbiz couple/loveteam. Naka-topless si James na nakatalikod sa camera at si Nadine ang nakaharap na tila naka-swimsuit or spaghetti strap top naman.

Sa caption, James wrote “ooh I like what you’ve done to me” at nilagyan ng hashtag na “IL2LU”.

Ang IL2LU (I Love to Love You) ay ang title ng bagong single ni James at tila lyrics nito ang inilagay niya sa caption.

Kung may kinilig at naingit, mayroon ding na-shock at hindi nagustuhan ang larawan. May nagkomento na kalma lang daw dahil kumakanta lang naman si James, ha-ha-ha! May nagsabi namang mamatay na lang daw sa inggit ang mga bashers dahil real couple daw sina James and Nadine unlike the other loveteam na fake.

May nagsabi namang photo shoot ’yun para sa album ni James at hindi private moment ng dalawa.

Maine Mendoza on bashers: “Minsan, yun ang nila-lunch ko.” + other stories

“Sometimes I take the time to visit their accounts to see the nasty things they say about me,” said Maine Mendoza when asked about how she deals with bashers.

After almost two years in show business, Maine Mendoza said that she has grown used to dealing with her haters.

“Alam mo, minsan, yun ang nila-lunch ko: the bashers and the haters,” the 22-year-old Maine laughingly admitted in Cosmopolitan Magazine’s May 2017 cover story.

She elaborated, “Personally, I’m used to negative stuff because I’m a pessimist. Sanay ako sa mga ganyan. Maine got catapulted to stardom following her accidental teamup with Alden Richards in GMA-7’s noontime show Eat Bulaga. Their teamup, known as AIDub (Alden and Yaya Dub), gave birth to the noontime show’s “Kalyeserye” segment, which ran from July 2015 to December 2016.

Both Alden and Maine are currently busy with GMA-7’s primetime series Destined To Be Yours, the airing of which is scheduled to end two weeks from now.

Maine, for her part, admitted that doing a primetime soap has been the biggest challenge in her showbiz career so far.

The Kapuso actress explained, “Dito sinubok lahat sa akin, eh.

Knowing that other people has something to say about her every move on and off-cam adds to her struggles.

But Maine said that one thing she learned is to never lose her sense of self through it all.

Jennylyn under pressure with new drama series

Jennylyn Mercado admits that she is under pressure with her upcoming GMA prime time series, the local remake of the hit Koreanovela My Love from the Star.

“Well, I guess it’s just natural, considering how big and popular the original show is when it aired, right?” she says. “I know that many are waiting for its Pinoy adaptation. I just hope we’ll be able to meet the public’s expectations: that they’ll be able to relate to the characters and be entertained.”

The pretty actress knows there will be comparisons between the original and their local version.

“That is expected. I wish that it would be in a positive way though. All of us involved in the production are doing our best to come up with a highly entertaining offering. Personally, this is

my first time to do a TV genre like this. It’s light as compared to my heavy dramas before. That’s where the challenge lies.”

Apart from My Love from the Star, the award-winning Kapuso is also busy with another show for GMA News TV called Everyday Sarap with CDO.

“I’m happy because we’re in our second season now. The first one was a success so here we are with a new offering. It’s definitely a gastronomic treat to the viewers.”

Many are asking if she’d have the chance to cook in the program.

“Ha-ha-ha! That’s a lovely idea but our guest chefs are tops. They know better for sure. I’m hats-off to their expertise, inputs and the twists they bring to the taste of each recipe.”

Even at home, she reveals, she hardly cooks nowadays.

“Much as I want to, I don’t have the time. Of course, I miss cooking for the family, specially for my growing son Alex Jazz. If there’s time, I do but at this point, my schedule is so tight,” ends Jennylyn.

Kim Chiu and Gerald Anderson now OK

According to Kim Chiu, there’s awkwardness between her and former beau Gerald Anderson when they first reported on the set of their reunion soap opera Ikaw Lang ang Iibigin.

“I guess that’s understandable because the last time we worked together was some five years ago. In our first few taping days for our latest show, we really felt awkward because we’re not that super close as friends since we parted ways. We would just exchange ‘Hi’s’ whenever we stumble upon each other on events or live shows like in ASAP.

“Then we were doing scenes in which we’re chummy-chummy with each other. It was just awkward. It’s not really easy, you know, specially we’re with other people who know what we’ve gone through in the past. The thing is we’re both professional. That helped us to do the scenes right,” she avers.

Their maturity level at this point is admirable.

Seven years after their love story ended, Kim realized one important factor to completely heal and move on.

“Forgiveness. That’s the only thing that can make you genuinely happy. If you don’t know how to forgive, you’ll have a heavy baggage to carry in your life. You will get tired eventually.”

Waiting for love? “Nangyari sa akin, imposibleng hindi mangyari sa inyo,” says Eugene Domingo.

Eugene Domingo says Italian boyfriend is really worth the wait: “I really did not expect it. But I know I’ve been praying to God to please take care of my heart, and He did.”

Words are not enough to describe how Eugene Domingo feels right now: she is so in love!

“I’m very inspired. I’m very thankful to God na umabot pa ako sa ganito. I cannot describe the happiness,” she said about finding love after a very long time.

It was in December 2016 when Eugene first opened up about her Italian boyfriend, film critic Danilo Bottoni. In April, during the Holy Week, the Kapuso star brought kilig to her Instagram followers when she posted photos of her and Danilo while vacationing in Japan.

“Kapag ang isang pangyayari sa buhay mo ay nasa tamang panahon, nararamdaman ng lahat, e.

“Hindi mo na kailangan ng mahabang-

mahabang paliwanag pa.

“They know and they feel that it’s really the right time, and they’re happy to see you happy.

“Everybody’s just like feels the happiness for you, and they’re like very thankful that it happened to you.”

Asked if her non-showbiz boyfriend is worth the wait, Eugene happily replied, “Yes. I really did not expect it. But I know I’ve been praying to God to please take care of my heart, and He did.

“It’s a blessing and I cannot stop thanking the Lord for giving me such a gift, a gift of love.”

And to those who have been waiting patiently for the their Mr. Right, Eugene said, “Ako naman, ang gusto kong sabihin, for example, you’re waiting for your forever—kung nangyari sa akin, imposibleng hindi mangyari sa inyo.”

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If ever they decide to get married, is Eugene willing to give up her showbiz career?

She quickly replied, “Yes!”

She explained, “Of course, ang mga artista walang retirement. Hangga’t nasa puso mo ang mag-entertain, mag-e-entertain ka.”

She further stressed, “Di ako puwedeng tumigil sa pag-e-entertain ng televiewers.

“Sa palagay ko, ang isa sa mga nagbibigay sa akin ng buhay, ng blessing, ay ang pag-e-entertain ng tao.

“Hindi natin puwedeng bitawan ’yan, bigay ng Diyos ’yan. Nasa tamang scheduling lang ’yan.”

Nationwide smoking ban in effect

President Rodrigo Duterte has signed an executive order implementing a nationwide smoking ban.

The EO provides for the establishment of no smoking areas in public places whether indoor or outdoor.

“Public places means all places, fixed or mobile, that are accessible or open to the public or places for collective use, regardless of ownership or right to access, including but not limited to schools, workplaces, government facilities, establishments that provide food and drinks, accommodation, merchandise, professional services, entertainment or other services. It also includes outdoor spaces where facilities are available for public or where a crowd of people would gather, such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, sports grounds or centers, church grounds, health/hospital compounds, transportation terminals, markets, resorts, walkways/ sidewalks, entrance ways, waiting areas and the like,” the EO said.

Also covered by the smoking ban are public conveyances such as elevators, airplanes, ships, jeepneys, buses, taxicabs, trains, light rail transits, tricycles and other similar vehicles.



MP Marco Mendocino and Toronto Mayor John Tory



MP Michael Levitt and MP Marco Mendocino addresses the crowd.

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happy that another exciting Victoria weekend was spent playing and cheering instead of sleeping it over, or browsing facebook and envious why their non-friends are having a more exciting life than them. Instead, they went home hungry and eating out thmeselves. Trust me, if the games finished at

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Philip Beloso and wife Maritess pose with Toronto Mayor John Tory.



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‘Guardians’ star Dave Bautista: ‘I wear the Filipino flag with pride’

Years back, Dave Bautista, then a professional wrestler, was left dumbfounded after learning of his massive Filipino fanbase.

“I didn’t really make the connection,” admitted the part-Pinoy actor, who rose to fame for beating people up (for theatrical purposes) as part of the WWE. “I couldn’t understand why they looked up to me so much and it was really odd for me.” He only began to understand the fanfare surrounding him when he visited the Philippines. “They really accepted me as one of their own, even if I was born in the United States,” he shared. “And they said, ‘It’s not often that the Filipino people get to be inspired by one of their own.’ And from then on, I never took it for granted. It is still so humbling to hear that.”

Pointing to the tattoo he has on his shoulder, he added: “I love it and I wear the Filipino flag on my shoulder all the time with pride.”

Bautista, whose father is Filipino-American stars in the Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2”.

In the James Gunn-directed summer movie, he reprises his role as Drax, a deadly fighter who has quickly become a fan-favorite for his all-too-literal approach to the world. Gunn attributed the popularity of the character to Bautista, whom he has nothing but praise for. “I think Dave isn’t appreciated by Dave more than anyone else. Far and anyway, Dave Bautista is people’s favorite character in the film. And I think it’s just a testament to what a great actor he is,” Gunn said.

“And every time I tell Dave, ‘You’re amazing in the movie. People love you.’ He always says, ‘Because you wrote it that way.’ But that’s just not the case. No one else would be able to deliver those lines like he is able to do it. So he’s a great actor.”



Senator Tobias Enverga presents Dr. Solon Guzman a Certificate of Recognition at the opening of his Absolute Dental in the presence of Dr. Josephine Guzman, Dr. Abdul Rahman (HIDDEN) Mayor Hazel McCallion, Rosemer Enverga and Dr. Wais

Senator Enverga poses questions about Work Permits issued to Caregivers to the Government Representative in the Senate

Many Kababayans here in Canada are very familiar with the long wait times associated with the processing of applications for our Caregiver Program. Under the Trudeau government, the processing time for these applications has soared to an astounding 47 months, which is essentially four years! The adversity that these caregivers face in having to wait years to be reunited with their families is an unfair and undue hardship. Trying to find out what the government is going to do to shorten this processing time, the Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Senator from Ontario, asked the Government Representative in the Senate the following question during the Senate’s Question Period:

Hon. Tobias C. Enverga, Jr.: My question is for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. This is actually a question for the minister from a couple of days ago.

I had asked a question of his predecessor last fall, and I was unable to receive an adequate

answer at that time, so I will try again now. My question is about the caregiver program and the unacceptable wait times for applicants in this category.

As you know, thousands of persons come to Canada each year to assist our society, performing caregiver jobs for children, the sick and elderly. Many of the caregivers are from the Philippines and they are mainly women. The deal for these caregivers in Canada is that after two years of service, they can apply for permanent residency here.

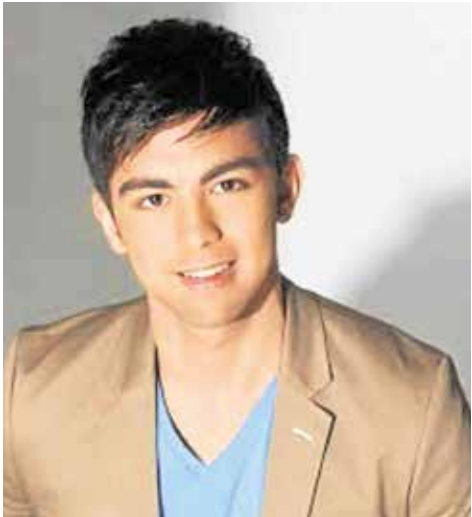
The processing time for these applications has increased from 39 months to the current 47 months. That is almost four years. Adding the two years of service, the applicants are away from their families for at least six years.

What are the minister and the department doing to shorten the processing time and limit the hardship suffered by these caregivers, including family break-up and alienation from children and spouses caused by their lengthy absence?

The only thing that has been done so far is the lowering of the quota for this class by 4,000, which has totally the opposite effect. How does this support IRCC’s gender-based analysis policy that the department supposedly undertakes, considering that it mainly affects women?

Hon. Peter Harder (Government Representative in the Senate): Like the honourable senator, I wish he had time to ask the minister. As a consequence, I will inquire of the minister and report back.

Why Derrick Feels Comfortable with Bea + other stories



DERRICK Monasterio is happy to play his biggest role on primetime in “Mulawin vs. Ravena” as Almiro, the new Sugo of the Mulawin tribe of bird people. “Noong araw, kinakanta ko lang ‘yung theme song ng ‘Mulawin’, ‘Ikaw Nga’ ng South Border, when I join singing contests,” he says. “Hindi ko akalain na sa bagong version pala nito, I will be playing a major big role.”

He had to physically prepare for the role. “Kasi naka-harness ako sa flying scenes. Hindi biro ‘yung lumilipad-lipad ka while you’re wearing your costume.”

But didn’t he play a superhero in his recent show, “Tsuperhero”? “Yes, pero hindi ako pinapakitang lumilipad doon, e. I just pop in and pop out kapag may kailangan akong tulungan, unlike dito, kailangang lumilipad ka talaga with your wings.”

If he would be a bird, what would he choose to be? “I’d like to be a vulture. Mabangis. Malaki. Matapang.”

He’s paired with Bea Binene in “Mulawin Vs. Ravena” which will replace “Encantadia” that will have its bombastic finale tonight so don’t miss it. What can Derrick say now that it looks like that GMA is really giving their loveteam a big push?

“Nakita kasi nilang nag-click kami sa ‘Hanggang Makita Kang Muli’ and ‘Tsuperhero’, kaya tinuluy-tuloy na ang loveteam. Okay lang naman kasi we really get along fine at comfortable na kami sa isa’t isa. We hope the viewers continue to support our tandem now we’re now on primetime.”

What Megan should teach her BF

MEGAN Young got very positive reviews for her effective portrayal of Alice, the young stepmother of Zoren Legaspi’s three kids from his late wife who is always at odds with her stepchildren and their yaya in Regal’s “Our Mighty Yaya”, which is a big hit so Mother Lily Monteverde gave a thanksgiving presscon at Valencia Events Place yesterday, the only producer who does this now. The film is now extended in several theaters.

“Well, I’m glad maraming nakagusto sa performance ko kasi most of the time, hindi ako ‘yung character na ginagampanan ko sa movie,” she says.

If Megan’s acting has improved, some folks they cannot say the same for her boyfriend who just renewed his contract with the Kapuso Network.

We tell her that their photos of their travels in their social media account seem to indicate like they’re ready for the next step: settling down.

“Naku, hindi pa. As of now, basta we’re just enjoying ourselves.”

Megan is all set to leave for the U.S. in July to try her luck in Hollywood where she already got an agent. “Pero nakasalalay pa rin ‘yan sa work ko sa GMA7. If they’d give me a new project, then priority ko pa rin sila. But so far, wala pa soI will try my luck naman sa States dahil sayang ang panahon, di ba? If I don’t try now, kailan pa? I’m not getting any younger.”

Matteo says competing with Sarah isn’t New

MATTEO Guidicelli remains to be one of the most well-bred stars at the Kapamilya Network, always oozing with good vibes and positivity. Sun Life Asset Management Co. Inc. or SLAMCI presented him as its brand ambassador for its Mutual Fund that



will show a series of vlogs called Make It Mutual, starring Matteo himself, that will demonstrate to millennials how to invest their savings wisely.

His girlfriend, Sarah Geronimo, is endorsing another company that offers the same services. How do they feel about this? “Most of the time naman, we’re endorsing competing products, so okay lang. This is the reason why we avoid appearing in the same project. We both agreed that we want our relationship to be very private to protect it.”

In his last movie, “Can’t Help Falling in Love”, he played some sort of a contravida to Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo. Why did he accept it when he already does lead roles?

“I don’t mind being the third wheel as I want to experience working with Kathniel.

Filipino comedian Nico Santos joins ‘Crazy Rich Asians’

MANILA, Philippines – A Filipino actor and comedian Nico Santos is joining the cast of the movie version of Crazy Rich Asians.

The news was first reported on Deadline and later confirmed by both Crazy Rich Asians author Kevin Kwan and by Nico himself.

Deadline’s report says that Nico will be part of the ensemble cast.

Nico is known for playing the character of Mateo in the hit show Superstore, starring America Ferrera. His other projects include Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 and The Clapper.

Crazy Rich Asians is based on Kevin’s novel of the same name and gives readers a



High court TRO on contraceptives slowly killing women

MANILA - A Supreme Court order effectively blocking the entry of most birth control products in the market is “slowly killing” Filipino women, as the Philippines stands to run out of contraceptives by 2020, reproductive health (RH) advocates warned recently.

House Deputy Speaker Pia Cayetano, a Taguig representative, Junice Melgar of the Department of Health’s (DOH) national implementing committee on the RH Law said the high court’s temporary restraining order (TRO) on the certification of contraceptive products had far-reaching health implications for women.

“Slowly, I think they are killing women,” the director of the DOH’s Family Health Office told the forum.

“By 2020, there will be no contraceptives, nothing,” she said.

The RH Law was passed in 2012 guaranteeing universal access to sexual education and maternal care, as well as methods on contraception and fertility control. But in 2015, the Supreme Court stopped the DOH’s program for the distribution and sale of contraceptive implants and barred the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from “granting any and all pending application for reproductive products and supplies, including contraceptive drugs and devices.”

In an August 2016 ruling, the high tribunal denied the motion of the DOH to lift the TRO and instead remanded the case to the FDA to check if the products had abortifacient side effects.

Cayetano warned that the scarcity of contraceptive supplies would endanger the health and lives of millions of Filipino women.

“The Supreme Court wants each contraceptive brand to undergo public hearing. But there is nothing in the law that says that,” she said.

peek into the world of the powerful Singaporean elite. It follows Rachel Chu, a professor living in New York City with her boyfriend Nick. Rachel is shocked to learn that Nick’s family in Singapore is over-the-top wealthy, and she must adjust to her new situation as she meets new friends and enemies.

In February, it was revealed that Constance Wu, known for her role as Jessica Huang in Fresh Off the Boat will play Rachel. Other confirmed cast members are Michelle Yeoh, Henry Golding, Gemma Chan, and Sonoya Mizuno.

Filipino star Kris Aquino is also rumored to be part of the movie, but no details on her participation have been released.

Little Miss Philippines Canada 2017 Pre-Pageant

By Fe Taduran

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA - The Little Miss Philippines Canada 2017 candidates of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) showcased their talents and beauty during the Pre-Pageant show held May 6th at the Korean Cultural Centre in Toronto.

This undertaking of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation’s goal is to inspire excellence in the children and promote in them a better understanding of the Filipino culture. It is also PCCF’s hope that they will be able to help develop the girls to be role models and inspiration to their peers, and at the same time develop their self-confidence and showcase their beauty and talents. More importantly, PCCF aims to instill in the young girls’ impressionable minds that by taking part in activities aimed at benefiting not only themselves, but also those less fortunate than them, will make their ‘inner beauty’ shine brighter and help develop their character and substance.



PCCF VP Rosemer Enverga gives the Certificate of Recognition of Chollo Lagdameo, Gloria Rafanan and Sena Flores.

The Little Miss Philippines Canada pageant is run by volunteers from the Filipino-Canadian community, headed by PCCF President Romeo Rafael, Pageant Director and PCCF Executive Vice-President Rosemer Enverga, Co-Chairs Fe Taduran, Velona Daliva & Nitz Calvez, and

choreographer Chollo Lagdameo, is now on its 7th year.

The mothers of the candidates were called on-stage to be honoured as PCCF celebrated Mother’s Day. They parents were happy to show their pride and support, and to congratulate their daughters for the very entertaining show.

Coronation of the Little Miss Philippines Canada 2017 winner will be at the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show on June 24th at the Metro-Toronto Convention Centre. The winner will receive a free trip to the Philippines, amongst other prizes. She will serve as a PCCF ambassador of goodwill in various events and activities throughout Canada and the Philippines. She will have the chance to promote the Filipino culture, arts, heritage and charity. She will be meeting the community’s most influential leaders, appear on TV, meet GMA Pinoy TV stars, make new friends and best of all, will be able to help the poor in the Philippines, through

Kapuso Foundation and ANCOF projects.

Don’t miss the pageant coronation on June 24th, 2017 at the Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow sa Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Hall A) with GMA

Kapuso star Jennylyn Mercado and comedian Boobay. For more information, please email pageantsphilippines@gmail.com or visit www.philippinecanadianfoundation.com.



Cassandra looks lovely in her gown.

Filipino Centre, Toronto Filipino Centre, Toronto's VIBT Awards Jayhawks as the 2017 Overall Basketball Team Champion

by Mary Ann San Juan

The Filipino Centre Toronto held its 11th highly successful Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament at HoopDome this weekend from Friday, May 19 to Sunday, May 21, 2017.

(Toronto Police), Robin Martin (Ontario PC candidate Eglinton-Lawrence), Angely Pacis (Ontario PC candidate Mississauga Centre), JR Gallarza (VIBT former player), and VIBT sponsor Dr. Victoria Santiago. An exhibition

Mel Alfonso, Annabelle Clamucha, Wallie Landico, Cris Reyes and Lyn Tabula. Philip is also a member of the Board of Directors of FCT. FCT Board of Directors who assisted at this event were – Rey Tolentino (Chairman),

Bantam Division – Jayhawks
Most Valuable Player – Jommel Puno

Midget Division – Red Warriors
Most Valuable Player – Jay Mohammed



Sixty-eight competitive teams mainly from the Greater Toronto area participated starting with sporting kids from age six to adults and involving all genders. Around twenty thousand attended the three-day event, from athletes to parents, relatives, friends, tournament officials, sponsors and government officials.

Present at the opening ceremony on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 in the morning, were Mayor John Tory, Michael Levitt (MP York Centre), Marco Mendicino (MP Eglinton-Lawrence), Superintendent Randy Carter (Toronto Police), Ryan Park

game started the Saturday competition, one team was led by Marco Mendicino and Michael Levitt and the other team by police officer Renato Valdez.

Mary Ann San Juan, current President of FCT, in her welcome address at the opening ceremony, thanked Philip Beloso and his team, basketball clubs, managers, coaches, parents, sponsors (TFC Canada), volunteers and spectators for the continuing success of the tournament.

From its start, the organization of this annual event has always been led by Philip Beloso and his tightly cohesive and very effective team. Philip's team members are –

Efren de Villa (Vice Chair), Mary Ann San Juan (President), Theresa Lumanlan (Vice Pres.), Wendy Arena, Frank Cruzet, Rosalinda Javier, Teresa Sevilla.

Final result of the 2017 VIBT:

Mosquito Division – North York
Most Valuable Player – E.J. Agua

Tykes Division – Durham
Most Valuable Player – Keenan Emmanuel

Peewee Division – CrossOver
Most Valuable Player – Jozen Unira-Adato

Ladies Open Division – Energetic Feet Care
Most Valuable Player – C.J. Nofuente

Girls Division – Jayhawks
Most Valuable Player – Areez Lordonio

Men's Open Division – FilAct
Most Valuable Player – Michael Mines

The overall champion award, given to Jayhawks for 2017 was the second year in a row that this team received this achievement.
Mary Ann San Juan

Gil Cuerva admits “culture shock” during transition from modeling to showbiz

Newbie Kapuso actor Gil Cuerva, lead star of GMA-7's My Love from the Star, admits experiencing a bit of culture shock during his recent initiation into the showbiz world: “I guess, it's a different industry sa modeling. I have to make certain adjustments, certain sacrifices. Pero, you know, it's something I embrace and I'm ready for it.”
Dahil bagong sabak pa lang siya sa showbiz, unang beses pa lang nakahalubilo ng bagong Kapuso leading man na si Gil Cuerva ang ilan sa mga miyembro ng entertainment press sa ginanap na grand presscon ng My Love From the Star (MLFTS), ang bagong primetime series ng Kapuso network.

Galing si Gil sa mundo ng modeling, at inamin niyang mayroon siyang konting “culture shock.”

“Na-culture shock ako nang konti,” pag-amin ni Gil.

Aniya, “I guess, it's a different industry sa modeling.

“I have to make certain adjustments, certain sacrifices.

“Pero it's something I embrace and I'm ready for it.”

Nag-audition si Gil para sa karakter ni Matteo Dominguez, ang alien na sa iba't ibang panahon ay nanirahan sa mundo at na-in love sa karakter ni Jennylyn Mercado bilang si Steffi Chavez.

Naisip niya ba kung ano ang meron siya at siya ang napili sa napakaraming nag-audition para sa naturang karakter?



Lahad niya, “Well, sabi po ni Direk Joyce [Bernal], siguro po yung rehistro ko sa camera.

“Lahat po yun sinabi ni Direk Joyce, e.

“I guess, mas mysterious na dating sa look ko which they're looking sa role ni Matteo po.”

Talagang mahaba na raw ang buhok niya dahil bahagi ito ng preparasyon niya sa planong pagmu-modelo sana sa Thailand.

Hanggang sa nakuha nga siya sa My Love from the Star.

DREAMS OF BECOMING A DIRECTOR. Kasalukuyang nagmu-model sa Hongkong si Gil nang mag-audition siya para sa MLFTS.

Nagkataong break lang daw niya noon kaya nasa Pilipinas siya.

Kung tatanungin siya, pinangarap ba niya

talaga ang mag-artista o pasukin ang mundo ng showbiz?

Pag-amin ni Gil, “Actually, I wanted to become a director, believe it or not.

“Kasi, I consider myself as story maker.

“When you're the director, you're making the story.

“When you're the actor, you're telling the story.

“So, I guess it's a nice way to break into the industry, to become the storyteller and hopefully, later on sa career ko, I get to study film in a good university and become a good director.”

Itutuloy niya pa rin ang pangarap na maging director?

“Yeah, pero siyempre, ang focus ko ngayon is to become a great actor.

“Ako ngayon, I want to prioritize yung acting ko more than anything at saka yung acting skills.

“I'll take all the workshops if possible,” paninigurado pa niya.

Julie Anne San Jose accepts Benjamin Alves's relationship history + other stories

Julie Anne San Jose says she does not care about Benjamin Alves's past relationships and prefers to live in the moment. She explains, "I don't like it when it comes to the past. I don't live there anymore. There's no point talking about it anymore because it's done."

Bukod sa magandang career, malaking bahagi ng kaligayahan ng Kapuso singer-actress ang relasyon niya sa rumored boyfriend na si Benjamin Alves.

Mag-iisang taon na raw ang "relasyon" nilang dalawa.

"Exclusively dating" ang tugon ni Julie Anne nang tanungin ang status ng kanilang relasyon.

Kabilang sa past ni Ben sina Jennylyn Mercado, Miss Universe 2012 1st runner-up Janine Tugonon, at Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach.

Nakikita ba niya ang sarili kasama si Benjamin?

"If you're in a relationship, you'd always think about it, gusto mo siya lang, sana siya na, ganito-ganyan.

"Pero may ibang relationships kasi na ganun, tapos di naman pala talaga nagla-last.

"Lagi kong pinagpi-pray yun kay Lord. Kung saan kami dadalhin dalawa.

"So be it. Si Lord lang naman kasi ang nakakaaalam."

Andrea Torres centers her attention to children with special needs on her 27th birthday

GMA-7 actress Andrea Torres officially turned 27 last May 4.

However, the Kapuso actress didn't celebrate it with funfare or a grandiose party as she was preparing for a more worthy celebration.

Andrea treated 15 kids with special needs from REACH Foundation to a film showing of the movie Urduja at Cinema '76 in San Juan City.

Andrea herself has a brother with special needs, Kenneth, 20.

The actress came laden with snacks and gifts, and spent the entire afternoon playing parlor games with the children.

In an interview with PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) and Nelson Canlas of GMA 7's 24 Oras, Andrea said, "Mahirap talaga



mag-alaga ng mga special children.

"So, yun... kailangan talaga nila ng doble or more pa na love and care and talagang tututukan mo sila talaga."

She stressed patience is the key to coping up with their unpredictable attitude.

Her brother, Andrea admitted, has regular mood swings.

Andrea explained, "Lambingin mo lang talaga. And then paulit-ulit lang kami kasi hindi naman siya nakakapagsalita.

"Hindi rin kami sure kung naintindihan niya kami pero parang naman. The GMA star said she brings her brother to the malls, church, and other public places as a way of calling attention to the plight of children with special needs.

On the other hand, Andrea hopes that her career will go a long way and that more meaningful projects will be offered to her.

"Ano kasi, ganun yata talaga na kapag umaabot ka na sa 27, medyo nagri-reflect ka na sa life mo.

After the successful run of Alyas Robinhood opposite Dingdong Dantes, Andrea is set to do another project with her home network in the coming days.

"Meron na po pero hindi pa puwedeng sabihin.

Andrea Torres denies rumors that Marian Rivera gave her the cold shoulder. Both are prime talents of Triple A Management.

Is there a rift between Marian Rivera and Andrea Torres?

"Di, wala po, wala po. Wala po yun."

Marian Rivera, who was rumored to have snubbed Andrea Torres in a chance encounter backstage at a Sunday variety show, has maintained that there was no such issue between her and her fellow GMA 7 actress.

"As far as I know, we don't have a problem. And it's no secret that she treats me like a big sister; when she has a problem, she comes up to me for advice," she told reporters.

James Reid ready to Split with Nadine

Nagsimula ang shooting ng Fanboy/Fangirl, ang launching movie sa Viva Films ng loveteam nina Julian Trono at Ella Cruz pero may mga humihiling sa mga executive ng home studio ni Julian na ibigay sa kanya ang lead role sa remake ng Pedro Penduko.

Hawak ng Viva Films ang karapatan para sa muling pagsasapelikula ng fantasy movie na pinagbidahan nina Efren Reyes (1954), Ramon Zamora (1973) at Janno Gibbs (1994 and 2000) at contract star nila si Julian kaya umaasa ang fans ng young actor na siya ang mapipili bilang susunod na Pedro Penduko.

Pero naniniwala ang mga tagahanga ni James Reid na ito ang karapat-dapat na magbida sa remake ng Pedro Penduko.

Noong August 2016, dumalo si James sa launch ng Pedro Penduko comic book sa SMX Convention Center kaya mabilis na kumalat ang balita na siya ang gaganap na Pedro Penduko.

Sa interview namin noon kay James, sinabi niya na handa siya na magsolo at humiwalay muna sa loveteam nila ni Nadine Lustre kung ibibigay sa kanya ng Viva Films ang project.



Mark Herras, ipinaliwanag kung bakit hindi pa niya mapakasalan si Winwyn Marquez

Ang planong pagsali ni Winwyn Marquez sa Miss World Philippines o Binibining Pilipinas ang dahilan kung bakit hindi pa sila nagpapakasal ng boyfriend niyang si Mark Herras.

Pahayag ng Kapuso actor, "Malay mo, baka sumali pa si Wyn ng Miss World or puwede pa siyang mag-Binibini next year.

"Puwede pa siyang sumali ng Miss World now."

Twenty-six years old na ngayon si Winwyn.

Bakit hindi sumali si Winwyn nitong katatapos lang na Binibining Pilipinas?

Paliwanag ni Mark, "E, nagsabay kasi ng Mulawin.

Ang Mulawin vs Ravena ay ang upcoming fantaserye ng GMA Network, kung saan kasama sa cast ang girlfriend ni Mark.

"And kung ano yung gagawin niya for her career siyempre, sinasabi ko naman sa kanya, sinusuportahan ko siya all the way, kung ano ang gusto niyang gawin."

Nais daw talaga ni Winwyn na muling sumali sa beauty pageant.

"Sabi ko sa kanya, 'Kahit sino pa ang magbigay sa iyo ng opinyon, siyempre respetuhin mo, opinyon nila yun, e, pero in the end, ikaw pa rin yung magde-decide.'

"Kung ano ba talaga ang gusto niyang gawin."

ANGELU ON JOKO: NO LONGER AN ISSUE

THE senior members of the cast of "Mulawin vs. Ravena" include Angelu de Leon and Bobby Andrews, who used to be a top loveteam.

"It's no big deal," she says. "It's no longer an issue. Past is past na and everything is forgiven and forgotten."

Being a Christian helped Angelu to move on and she's now a happy wife to Wowie Rivera and mother to their kids. She feels so blessed with her kids. "Mas obedient sila kumpara sa akin. They don't give me any headache."

Jennylyn Mercado dismisses Engagement rumors and makes a Toronto Appearance

Bagamat masaya ang pagbabalikan nina Jennylyn Mercado at Dennis Trillo, tila nananatiling top priority ng magkasintahan ang kanilang career.

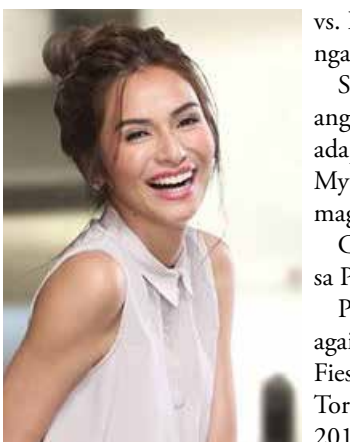
Sa ginanap na press conference ng My Love From the Star noong nakaraang linggo, natanong ang aktres kung handa na siya kung sakaling mag-propose sa kanya si Dennis.

Sagot niya, "Hindi ko pa po alam. Pero sa ngayon, mukhang malabo pa po 'yan.

"Wala pa po kaming napag-uusapan. At saka malabo pong mangyari 'yon."

Sa ngayon ay parehong abala sina Jennylyn at Dennis sa kani-kanilang bagong teleserye sa GMA Network.

Si Dennis ay isa sa mga bida sa Mulawin



vs. Ravena, na magsisimula ngayong Lunes, May 22.

Si Jennylyn naman ay ang lead actress sa Pinoy adaptation ng Koreanovela na My Love From the Star, na magsisimula sa May 29.

Catch Jennylyn Mercado sa Pinoy Fiesta on June 24.

PCCF is inviting you all again to this year's Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto on June 24th, 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Hall A.

Headlining the event is none other than the GMA PinoyTV Ultimate star JENNYLYN MERCARDO and comedian Boobay.

WHAT MAINE 'HATES' ABOUT ALDEN

ALDEN Richards and Maine Mendoza's "Destined to Be Yours" is on its final week of telecast, to be replaced by "My Love from the Star" starting Monday, May 29. "Don't miss it kasi patindi nang patindi ang mga eksena namin ni Maine," says Alden. "Mas lumalala ang conflict between our two families who are both against our love affair, so you'd really wonder kung may happy ending pa kayang naghihintay sa amin as Benjie and Sinag in the story."

"Sa lahat ng fans namin who say they'd surely miss us, chill lang kayo kasi you can still watch us naman sa 'Eat Bulaga', then abangan nyo 'yung bagong movie namin that we will start filming soon sa abroad," says Maine. "We promise you na mas ibayong kilig at saya ang hatid ng bago naming movie kaysa sa movie namin last year na 'Imagine You & Me'."

Their fans had a great time when they played the truth or dare game and they



found out that Maine doesn't want Alden to wear skinny jeans. It's obvious that she really cares for and gives him tips on what outfits become of him

and what do not. Meantime, don't miss the last few episodes of "Destined to Be Yours" where the Obispo family of Maine and the Rosales family of Alden both continue to oppose their love for each other, especially when Alden's folks found out that he financed the exhibit of Maine's dad, Gardo Versoza as Teddy. Is there still hope for the young lovers to be together and live happily ever after? Find out in the last remaining episodes of "Destined to Be Yours"!

Renz reveals what happened with him & Kris Bernal

Some folks are making a big thing out of Rhian Ramos' absence at the presscon of "My Love from the Star". But someone told us Rhian is in the show just for a special participation. "Mamamatay agad ang character niya at palalabasing nag-suicide siya," says our source. "Pero magkakaroon ng investigation at si Jennylyn ang isa sa mapagbibintangang pumatay sa kanya, kaya maikli lang talaga ang role niya."

The one who will conduct the investigation is Renz Fernandez who plays a police officer.

What was his last show? "Little Nanay". Matagal-tagal na rin akong bakante kasi nga na-delay itong 'My Love'.

His co-star in "Little Nanay" was Kris Bernal. We thought he was courting Kris then? "I did, kasi sabi niya, ligawan ko siya. Pero tinigil ko na kasi napi-feel kong parang hindi naman niya ako type. Sa body language niya, wala akong nakikitang gusto niya ako so, I told myself, bakit ko lolokohin ang sarili ko? So I stopped, pero friends pa rin kami. Nitong recent birthday niya, binati ko pa nga siya."

So why not try to court his new co-star in "My Love from the Star", Jackie Rice, who's also loveless now? "Naku, magkapatid ang roles namin dito, e. Huwag na lang at baka makagulo pa sa trabaho namin."

GMA Network's 'Celebrity Bluff' levels up with bigger and amazingly fun new season

The Filipinos' favourite all-original Pinoy comedy game show is back!

Beginning June 3 in the Middle East and North Africa, and June 4 in North America and Asia Pacific, Celebrity Bluff makes a big comeback with wholesome fun and exceptional entertainment for the whole family.

This multi-awarded Kapuso game show returns to Filipino homes with award-winning comedienne and actress Eugene Domingo as host and esteemed actor, and ace TV host Edu Manzano as special bluffer.

Eugene is looking forward to once again spread good vibes and laughter to the viewers.

"I am excited for the show to start again. I'm so in love with my work. I'm so inspired with making people happy, and I have accepted the fact na 'fact na fact ' na my mission here in my life is to make people smile and feel good about everything."

Edu, on the other hand, said he is thrilled to work with the Kapuso comedienne since he is amazed by how she flawlessly delivers comedy in her own ways.

"Ako, personally this is a new thing for me. This is my first time to really work with Uge. Bilib ako sa kanya eh. Sinasabi nga nung marami sa ating mga pinakatanyag, pinakasikat na humorists or comedians, it's hard to make people laugh than to make



them cry. So, I'm looking forward to working with Ms. Eugene Domingo."

Also joining the fun every Saturday night are comedian Boobay as bluffer; and Kapuso boy band One Up with their kilig performances.

Celebrity Bluff features three pairs of celebrity contestants as they attempt to outsmart one another by answering questions to be

able to advance to the jackpot round, where the winning team could take home half a million pesos.

For its newest season, the program offers back-to-back star-studded pilot episodes with Pambansang Bae Alden Richards and comedian Brod Pete as bluffers.

All set to vie for the grand prize are Ika-6 Na Utos stars Sunshine Dizon and Ryza Cenon; real-life best friends Andrea Torres and Rochelle Pangilinan; and Jennylyn Mercado and Sheena Halili (PHOTO).

Kapuso love teams Joyce Ching and Kristoffer Martin and Mulawin vs. Ravena stars Bea Binene and Derrick Monasterio and Bianca Umali and Miguel Tanfelix join Celebrity Bluff's fun-filled initial episodes.

Celebrity Bluff is under the helm of Director Rico Gutierrez.

Catch Celebrity Bluff beginning June 3 in the Middle East and North Africa, and June 4 in North America and Asia Pacific on GMA Pinoy TV.

Spotlight



Delta Theatre, Quezon Boulevard, Quezon City, 1973

Louise delos Reyes hops over to Viva

After her contract with GMA Artist Center expired early this year, Louise delos Reyes joined Viva Artists Agency.

"That's right!" she says. "I just inked a managerial contract with Viva Artists Agency for five years. I'm excited with this new development in my career. Looking forward to the next steps."

It's a fact that she became popular on the Kapuso network. Her last major show with them was the hit fantasy-drama Magkaibang Mundo in 2016. Many are curious why she decided to leave its stable. "Well, let's just say that as an artist, perhaps, I just want to explore new horizons, meet new people and gain new experiences. But please don't get me wrong. It doesn't mean that because I left GMA, I wasn't happy with the way they chartered my career. In fact, I'll forever be grateful to them for all the opportunities they've given me.

"When I talked to the management about my decision to leave, we were happy. They wished me luck. I don't have any resentment whatsoever because when I was still with them, I was given big projects that were ratings winners. It's just that I reached the point where I want to push my career further especially when it comes to screen roles."

It can be remembered that she did a Cinema One material titled Baka Bukas opposite Jasmine Curtis-Smith.

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Lovi Poe denies live-in relationship with French boyfriend Chris Johnson + other stories



Is Lovi Poe in favor of live-in relationships? The Kapuso actress said, “Not something that I talk about. I think, it’s too early to be thinking about it.”

Kapuso actress Lovi Poe denied speculations that she and French boyfriend Chris Johnson are now living under the same roof.

“Oh no, no, not at all!” she quipped. “Well, nagkikita kami when I don’t have work. But no, we’re not.”

The 28-year-old actress also denied claims that Chris is often seen at her house.

“No, how sure of you that’s my house?” she said.

Lovi told the press that, as much as possible, she wants to keep her love life private again.

She explained, “No, I mean, for a while, everything is just so open.

“Everything that we do is, like, something that broadcasted.

“So now, it’s something that I don’t want to talk.

“Siguro personal choice na lang. “I want to keep a few things to myself.”

Is being open affecting their relationship? “No, hindi naman nakaka-affect,” she clarified.

“Ako naman, everything that I do is what I feel like doing.

“It’s never affected by any other [things].”

How is Chris’s relationship to her mom Rowena Moran?

“They met naman, my mom likes him,” said the daughter of the late Fernando Poe Jr.

Will Kathryn Bernardo play Darna?

Ever since it was announced that Angel Locsin will no longer play Darna due to health reasons, there has been ceaseless speculations on who would play the iconic superhero.

One of the actresses consistently mentioned is Kathryn Bernardo.

The actress cleared she has not received a formal offer yet. Though thankful she is being considered to play lead in the movie that will helmed by awarded director Erik Matti, she admitted, “Marami rin kasing iko-consider.”

In the meantime, Kathryn’s is busy preparing for her upcoming teleserye “La Luna Sangre.” The actress has been learning martial arts for the role.

Kathryn is thankful for the opportunity given her.

“Gusto ko ’yung mga lumilipad, masaya ako dito sa ‘La Luna’ kasi parang nangyari ’yun,” she explained. “Yung action, du’n na muna ako this year.” Kathryn also thanked Angel and John Lloyd Cruz for agreeing to be part of the teleserye. “Yung pilot sila ang gagawa. Alam naman natin na hindi na pwede si Ate Angel sa mga fight scenes but still gagawin niya ito for ‘La Luna,” she said. “Nakakatuwa kasi kita mo ang suporta ng lahat para sa ‘La Luna Sangre’ kaya grabe ang pasasalamat ko.”

“La Luna Sangre” is the third installment of the hit fantasy franchise, after “Lobo” and “Immortal,” which both starred Angel.

Jackie wants to grow old as an actress

JACKIE Rice is the only winner in Starstruck 3 who is still active today. Marky Cielo has passed, Gian Carlo has gotten married and Iwa Moto has retired. Although she has played lead in some soaps, Jackie is now supporting Jennylyn Mercado, Starstruck 1 winner in “My Love from the Star” that starts airing on Monday. “First



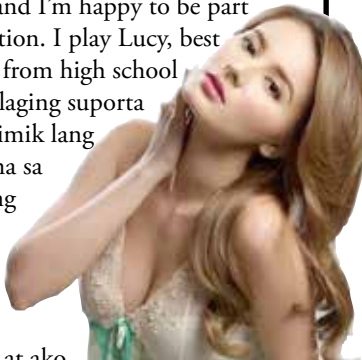
time ko to work with her and it excites me,” she says. “I told her idol ko siya noon pa man and she’s the reason why I joined Starstruck 3 then.”

How come she hasn’t played any lead roles lately? “Okay lang, basta happy ako sa roles ko, like in ‘My Love from a Star’ na pinanood ko talaga before as a Koreanovela, kaya fan ako nun and I’m happy to be part of the local adaptation. I play Lucy, best friend ni Jennylyn from high school na artista rin pero laging suporta lang sa kanya. Tahimik lang ako rito at happy na sa pagiging supporting actress. Pero magkaribal ang mothers namin dito ni Jen. Siya, si Glydel Mercado at ako naman, si Melissa Mendez, na pinu-push ako para sumikat ding gaya ni Jen. Brother ko naman dito si Renz Fernandez at gusto ko rito si Christian Bautista, pero si Jen ang mas gusto niya.”

So how’s her long time non-showbiz BF? “Wala na kami. Halos eight years kami, pero we broke up eight months ago.”

What’s the reason? “E, siguro, hanggang talagang doon na lang ang relasyon namin. Dumaan lang kami sa buhay ng isa’t isa to somehow help each other grow. Walang forever. Pero siya ang longest na naging BF ko. Kaya lang, after a month, I learned na napalitan agad ako. Ako, wala pang bago, pero happy ako kasi mas may time ako sa parents ko, sa family ko. But I wish we could still be friends kasi since we broke up, hindi niya ako kinakausap. Nagseselos yata sa’kin ang GF niya ngayon.”

She admits there was a “luka-lukahan” phase in her career before when she became unprofessional. “Hindi pa kasi ako sure sa sarili ko noon. Mas inuuna ko pa ang gumimik. But now, I’ve realized, ito talaga ang gusto kong gawin, ang umarte. Ang wish ko, dito na ako tumanda at sana magaya ako sa senior actresses nating pagaling nang pagaling habang tumatagal. Si Jean Garcia ang peg ko. Di ba, hindi nawawalan ng work at ang husay-husay pa rin?”



Rayver Cruz clarifies why he’s not yet courting Janine Gutierrez: “Sobrang busy nun, di ba?”

Rayver Cruz clarifies why he’s not courting Janine Gutierrez yet: “Importante sa akin na maging close kami, nagkaroon kami ng pagkakaibigan. Ang importante naman yun muna at ayokong magsalita nang tapos.”

Pagkatapos ng breakup niya kay Elmo Magalona, nali-link ngayon si Janine Gutierrez kay Rayver Cruz.

Kamakailan kasi ay kumalat sa social media ang ilang larawan kunsaan magkasama sina Rayver at Janine.

Paliwanag niya, “Siguro kasi nakasama ko si Janine sa resto/bar ni Ate Lot [Lotlot de Leon, Janine’s mom], tapos may mga pictures na lumabas.

“Nakakatawa nga, ang bilis ng pagkalat. “Basta ni-link agad, dun nag-start yun.

“Sobrang bait kasi nung tao, sobrang down to earth, masaya kasama.

“Actually, yung mommy niya talaga close sa akin, Spirits [2005 ABS-CBN teleserye] pa lang, tapos ka-work siya ni Rodjun [his older brother] sa isang show sa kabila [GMA-7].”

GIRLFRIEND MATERIAL? Aminado si Rayver na taglay ni Janine ang marami sa mga katangian na gusto niya sa isang babae, pero nilinaw din niya na hindi pa siya naniligaw sa aktres.

“Sobrang busy nun, di ba? “Gusto ko naman si Janine—yung personality niya, mabait.

“Pero yung nandun tayo sa ligawan stage, di pa naman nangyayari.

“Crush? Oo naman, sino naman hindi magkaka-crush sa kanya? Sobrang ganda, sobrang bait, girlfriend material.

“Sobrang mahal niya ang pamilya niya, God-fearing, down to earth, sobrang saya kasama, sobrang kalog.

“Di mo makikita na Janine Gutierrez siya,” pagpuri niya sa aktres.

GROUP DATES. Aminado rin si Rayver na paminsan-minsan ay lumalabas sila kasama ang ilang kaibigan ni Janine, at ini-enjoy niya talaga ang pagkakaibigan nilang dalawa.

“Once in a while I text her, minsan lumalabas kami ng friends niya.

“Pag may time na puwedeng malabas, lalabas kami pero sobrang dalang, sobrang busy kasi niya.

“Hindi pa, hindi pa kami nakakalabas na kami lang,” paglinaw niya.

“Importante sa akin na maging close kami, nagkaroon kami ng pagkakaibigan.

“Ang importante naman yun muna at ayokong magsalita nang tapos.

“Kung saan man kami dalhin, kung anumang diskarte ang gawin ko ngayon, malalaman naman ng mga tao, di naman para itago ko pa.

“Ang sinasabi ko lang, ang importante magkaibigan kami, sobrang busy din kasi niya, pero let’s see,” lahad pa niya.

PROJECTS. Nang kumustahin naman namin ang mga pinagkakaabalahan niya sa ngayon, naghihintay lang naman si Rayver sa ibibigay sa kanya ng ABS-CBN.

“Right now ASAP album ko pa rin, nagmu-mall shows pa rin ako.

“Casino Filipino shows this May. “Serye? Oo nga e, sana soon. May inaayos kami,” pahabang pa ni Rayver.

Lea Salonga posts “Ten Commandments of Show Business” on Instagram

Makahulugan ang Instagram post ni Lea Salonga nitong nakaraang Linggo, April 30. Nakasaad sa kanyang post ang “Ten Commandments of Show Business” para sa mga kasamahan niya sa industriya.

Hindi lingid sa mundo ng showbiz ang minsana’y pagkakaroon ng hindi pagkakaunawaan ng mga magkakasama sa iisang proyekto.

Minsan ay nauuwi pa ito sa away o kaya naman ay parinigan sa social media.

Kaya naman timely at aprubado ng followers ng Pinay Broadway star na si Lea Salonga ang kanyang post sa Instagram nitong nakaraang Linggo, April 30.

Ito ay ang “Ten Commandments of Show Business,” kung saan nakasaad ang tamang pag-uugali at pagkilos, pakikitungo at pakikibagay ng mga nasa industriya sa kapwa nila nagtatrabaho din sa showbiz.

Ito ay base na rin sa halos apat na dekadang karanasan ni Lea sa larangan ng teatro, musika, pelikula, at telebisyon.

Narito ang “Ten Commandments of Show Business” na nilikha ng 46-year-old international

singer-actress na sana’y gawing batayan ng mga taga-showbiz industry:

1. DO NOT BE AN ASSHOLE.
2. AGAIN, DO NOT BE AN ASSHOLE.
3. WHEN YOU ARE AN ASSHOLE, OWN IT AND APOLOGIZE.
4. TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT: CAST, CREW, MANAGEMENT, MUSICIANS, TECHNICIANS, STAFF. THEY ARE ALL THERE TO PARTICIPATE IN CREATING (IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT YOU).
5. DO NOT BE LATE. EARLY IS “ON TIME”.
6. DO NOT BE UNPREPARED.
7. DO NOT TELL FELLOW ARTISTS HOW TO DO THEIR JOBS.
8. DO NOT IMPROVE SCENES, SONGS, DIRECTION, OR CHOREOGRAPHY, GO CREATE YOUR OWN SHOW FROM SCRATCH IF YOU THINK IT IS SO EASY.
9. DO THINGS THAT SCARE YOU AND FORCE YOU TO GROW.
10. IF YOU MAKE A COMMITMENT, FOLLOW IT THROUGH TO THE FULL EXTENT OF YOUR CAPABILITIES.

Nakasaad din sa caption: “Read #1 at least 1,000 times. Please. Haaaaay.”

Tanong ng ilang followers ni Lea kung may pinatatamaan siya sa kanyang post na ito.

Ayon naman sa isang nagkomento, ipapabasa

niya ito sa isang aktor na nakasama niya noon.

Ayon naman sa singer na si Jed Madela: “I will save this and forward it to all those who apply to #1.”

LEA’S CAREER. Para sa marami, may karapatan si Lea na gumawa ng “listahan” ng mga dapat iasal ng mga taga-entertainment industry.

Sa loob ng halos apat na dekada sa industriya ay ilang karangalan na ang natamo ni Lea, hindi lamang dito sa Pilipinas kundi lalo na sa international scene.

Siya ang kauna-unahang Asian na nanalang Best Actress in A Musical sa Tony Awards. Ito ay para sa kanyang pagganap bilang Kim sa Miss Saigon noong 1990.

Maliban dito ay nanalo rin siya sa Laurence Olivier Award, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, at Theatre World Awards para pa rin sa Miss Saigon.

Siya rin ang naging singing voice sa Disney animation movies na Aladdin (1992) at Mulan (1998).

Lumabas din siya Broadway musicals na Les Misérables bilang Eponine at Flower Drum Song bilang Mei-Li.

Nakagawa rin siya ng TV movie para sa Hallmark, ang Redwood Curtain.

Mulawin vs. Ravena
all set to take flight

It has been 12 long years since GMA Network marked history with its highly-successful and ground-breaking telefantasya, Mulawin, which captivated the hearts of many Filipinos all over the country. GMA raises the bar even higher and takes flight again with the much-anticipated sequel to the highly-acclaimed saga, Mulawin vs. Ravena.

Following previous events, Aguiluz and Alwina, the saviours of the human and Mulawin race, successfully defeated the Ravena tribe in their quest to annihilate the human race.

In Mulawin vs. Ravena, the sequel will continue the fight between good and evil as both tribes strive to defeat each other.

Kapuso Drama King Dennis Trillo returns as Gabriel and embraces his fate as a Ravena and is now the King of Halconia. With a new ruler, the Ravena tribe strengthens its forces. While no major battles spawned among the Mulawins and Ravens over the years, some believe that this is merely the calm before the storm and war is imminent.

Joining the powerhouse ensemble are Kapuso Premier Actress Lovi Poe as Magindara, the goddess of the sea and daughter of Sandawa; versatile Kapuso actress Carla Abellana as Aviona, one of the most respected and well-loved Mulawin; and Asia's Songbird herself in her first full-length telefantasya, Regine Velasquez-Alcasid as Sandawa, the immortal goddess of nature and keeper of Mt. Apo.

Adding glimmer to the show and playing very special roles are Philippine TV's Sweetheart Heart Evangelista-Escudero as Alwina, saviour of the Mulawin and humans; multi-talented Kapuso actor Tom Rodriguez as Rodrigo, a human who falls in love with and marries Aviona; and seasoned actor Ariel Rivera as Panabon, representative of the Tabon or Mulawin half-bloods.

The hottest young Kapuso love teams also put their wings on in this primetime masterpiece. Bea Binene is Anya, the half-blood daughter of Aviona; Derrick Monasterio breathes life to Almiro, the noble son of Aguiluz and Alwina destined to be the ruler of Avila; one of the network's most sought-after actors, Kiko Estrada, also steps in as Rafael, Almiro's best friend turned mortal enemy; Bianca Umali is Lawiswis, a beautiful young Avian and the love of Pagaspas' life; and Miguel Tanfelix soars once again as Pagaspas, a former owl that transitioned into a Mulawin and has now come at the right age to declare his love for Lawiswis.

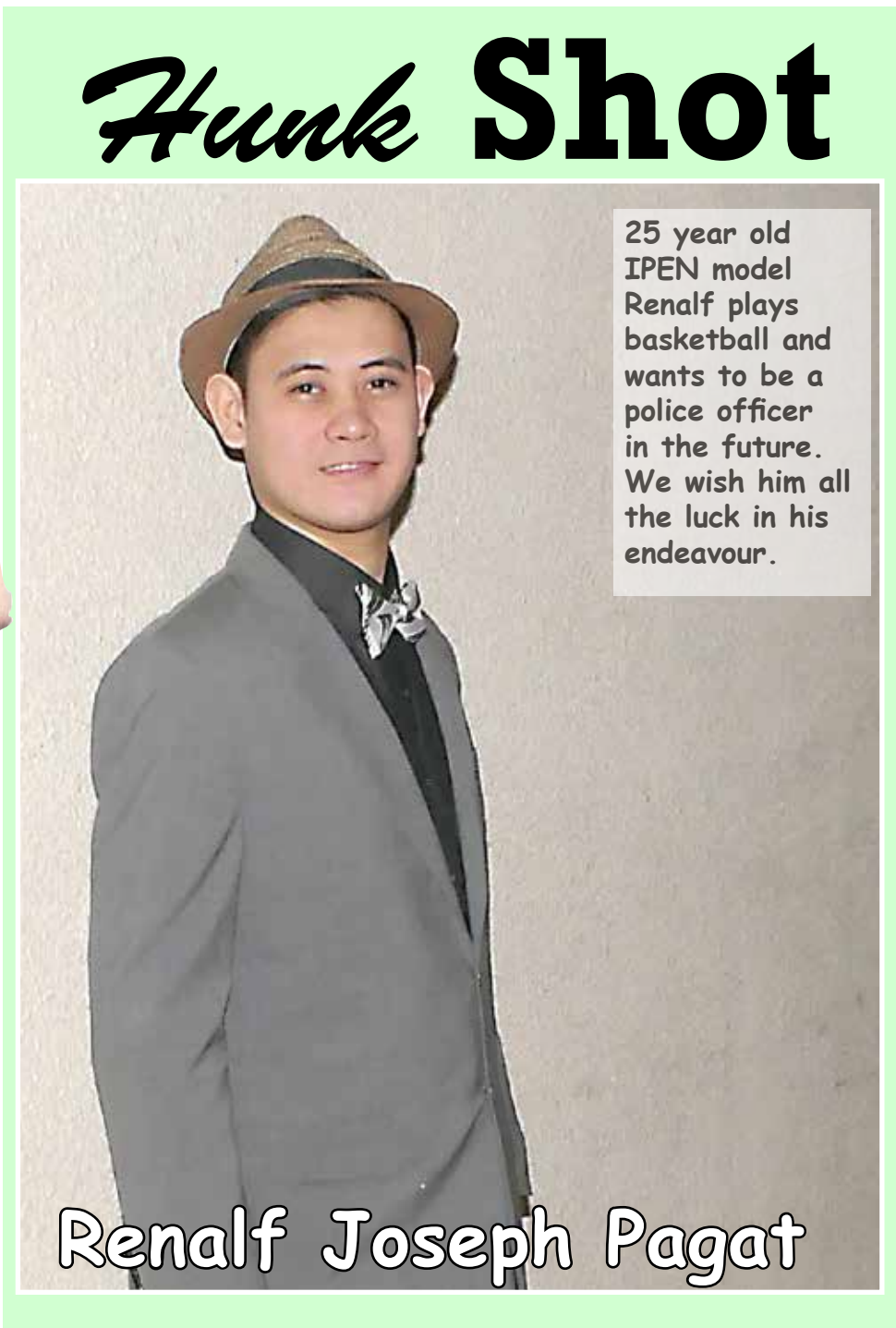
Completing the star-studded cast are the following: Mga mortal: Angelu De Leon as Lourdes, Bobby Andrews as Dionisio, Joko Diaz as Antonio, Martin del Rosario as Aramis, Charee Pineda as Savanna, and Nova Villa as Lola Elo; Mga Mulawin: Roi Vinzon as Daragit, Valerie Concepcion as Tuka, JC Tiuseco as Tangos, David Licaucou as Malik; Mga Ravena: Chynna Ortaleza as Reyna Rashana, Dion Ignacio as Siklab, Winwyn Marquez as Ribay and TJ Trinidad as Greco.

At the helm of Mulawin vs. Ravena are two of GMA's most acclaimed directors, Dominic Zapata and Don Michael Perez who is also the show's concept creator and head writer. The series is set to change the landscape of primetime TV with a dramatic and relatable story, remarkable visuals, and a stellar cast as it harps on strong values of genuine love and justice in everyday life.

Don't miss the much-awaited flight of Mulawin vs. Ravena only on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.



CHAREE PINEDA



25 year old IPEN model Renalf plays basketball and wants to be a police officer in the future. We wish him all the luck in his endeavour.

Renalf Joseph Pagat

Angelu on Joko: No
Longer an Issue

The senior members of the cast of "Mulawin vs. Ravena" include Angelu de Leon and Bobby Andrews, who used to be a top loveteam. Their fans are hoping their



tandem will be on and off cam, but it turned out Angelu is already pregnant by her secret boyfriend then, Joko Diaz, who's now also part of "Mulawin vs. Ravena". How did Angelu feel working with the dad of her daughter Nicole, who's now 18 years old taking up Communication Arts at Ateneo?

"It's no big deal," she says. "It's no longer an issue. Una kaming nagkita sa story con pa lang and I didn't even know na kasama rin pala siya sa show. Pero ako na ang unang lumapit at bumati sa kanya, so we won't feel awkward with each other. Para walang tensyon. After all, pareho naman kaming maganda na ang buhay. Past is past na and everything is forgiven and forgotten."

Being a Christian helped Angelu to move on and she's now a happy wife to Wowie Rivera and mother to their kids. She feels so blessed with her kids. "Mas obedient sila kumpara sa akin. They don't give me any headache."

In "Mulawin vs. Ravena", she plays Lourdes, the mother of Martin del Rosario as Aramis and she also becomes the foster mom of Miguel Tanfelix as Pagaspas.

Justice probes
prosecutor's slay

A government prosecutor was shot and killed by motorcycle-riding men in front of his house in Caloocan City Monday morning.

Caloocan City prosecutor Diosdado Azarcon was shot three times in the head right outside his home along Capas Street, Barangay 63 near 9th Avenue.

Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II immediately directed the National Bureau of Investigation to investigate the killing of Azarcon.

Initial report said that shortly after 8 a.m. Azarcon was about to approach his car parked a few meters from his home when he was shot by motorcycle-riding suspects numbering to six, all wearing face masks. The motorcycles were had no license plates.

The suspects on board three motorcycles fled after the shooting incident, the report said.

The NBI has already dispatched a team to investigate the shooting of the prosecutor.

Azarcon is the fourth prosecutor attacked since October 2016.

Last February, Surigao City Prosecutor Manuel Navarro Tesioma was shot outside his house. Early this year, Quezon City Prosecutor Noel Mingoa was shot at close range while outside a restaurant along Commonwealth Avenue.

In October last year, Mat-i City Prosecutor Rolando Acide was shot to death outside Mat-i City Hall of Justice.

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some areas in Marawi City.

"Our troops reacted properly but as of tonight, the Maute group burned several facilities, the St. Mary's Church, city jail, the Ninoy Aquino school and the Dansalan College. The Maute fighters still occupy also the main street of Marawi City," Lorenzana reported.

(Photo shows government troops in Marawi City amid heavy fighting between them and the Maute group (inset). From the Facebook post of Mohamman Man-shawi.)

"As of tonight, there were three government troops killed, one PNP and two army... and 12 wounded. The whole of Marawi City is blacked out. There is no light and there are Maute snipers all around. So the troops are still on holding and several troops have joined them from other

several neighboring units," he added.

Reports said police commandos backed by the Army's 103rd Brigade clashed with the members of the Maute Group, who had besieged the city jail in an attempt to free their jailed comrades.

Residents said they saw the black banner of the terrorist Islamic State mounted on vehicles on the streets of Marawi Tuesday as the fighting raged.

Others posted on social media photos of soldiers and choppers and Maute terrorists with their black flags.

In November 2016 and January 2017, Maute terrorists attacked and occupied the municipality of Butig in Lanao del Norte, resulting in dozens of casualties on both sides.



Dennis denies settling down with Jennilyn

DENNIS Trillo was the villain to Richard Gutierrez in the original “Mulawin” that helped push GMA7 to be the number one station in 2004. Now, he’s playing the lead role in the sequel/ reboot, “Mulawin Vs. Ravena” while Richard has moved to ABS-CBN and will play a supporting role to the KathNiel loveteam in “Luna Sangre”, the Kapamilya telefantasya that will eventually be pitted against “Mulawin Vs. Ravena”.

Well, that’s how the world turns in showbiz. You never know what’s gonna happen next. GMA-7 is optimistic that “Mulawin Vs. Ravena” will maintain or even exceed the high ratings of the show it will replace, “Encantadia” (another fantasy reboot).

Going back to Dennis Trillo as the main star in “Mulawin Vs. Ravena”, there are speculations that he is soon tying the knot with “nakabalikan GF” Jennilyn Mercado as he’s often seen jamming with Jen and her father who came home from Korea. Someone even wrote Dennis already made “pamanhikan” for formality’s sake when he celebrated his birthday on May 11 that their respective families were all together. How true is this? “Walang ganun,” he says. “Pareho kaming very busy sa aming respective careers dahil pareho kaming may bagong show. Basta sa ngayon, all I can say is masaya lang kami. Life is short, so we should all be just happy.”

Dennis and Jen are now the real power couple of GMA as each of them topbill their own primetime shows that will both start soon. Dennis is in “Mulawin Vs. Ravena” while Jen is in “My Love from the Star” that will replace “Destined to Be Yours” starting May 29.

BARBIE DENIES FAVORING JAK: ‘DI LANG PUWEDE ANG IBA

BARBIE Forteza is no doubt the hottest teen star at the Kapuso Network nowadays because of the huge popularity of her primetime show, “Meant to Be”. When she and her co-stars had a mall show at Robinsons Angeles recently, a crowd of about 30,000 fans showed up after they learned that she’s making a personal appearance in “mekeni, cabalen” country.

This is her second most successful show after “The Half Sisters” that aired for almost two years as it had several extensions, so we won’t be surprised if “Meant to Be”, which has just been extended up to June, will get more extensions considering its highly consistent performance in the ratings game.

Barbie was asked by the fans if it’s true that she has already made a choice as to who among the four boys in the senior cast is nearest to her heart and the lucky guy is said to be Jak Roberto. “Huwag po tayong assuming kasi, as of now, lahat sila, friends ko pa rin lang. Nanood lang kami ni Jak ng sine dahil hindi puwede ‘yung tatlo, kami na? Agad-agad? Chill lang po kayo at abangan na lang ang mga susunod pang kaganapan sa ‘Meant to Be’ na patindi nang patindi every night.”

Coleen Garcia file formal complaints against ex-cop in road-rage incident

Ibinahagi rin ni Coleen sa kanyang post na pinagbantaan umano ng ex-cop ang kanilang buhay nang mangyari ang insidente.

Narinig daw ito ng kanyang driver at PA. “I wasn’t able to mention this because I didn’t hear it myself, but that man threatened my driver and PA. “He said, ‘Kung dala ko lang yung baril ko, patay na kayong tatlo!’ and formed his hand in the shape of a gun and aimed his hand right at my driver’s face. “So yes, we are planning to push through with our complaints against him.”

Tiniyak naman ni Coleen na maayos na ang kanyang lagay at nagpasalamat sa mga nagpakita ng malasakit sa kanya. Gusto rin daw niyang matiyak na ang ginawang harassment sa kanya ng dating pulis ay hindi na nito magagawa pa sa iba.

“To everyone asking, I’m okay and I thank you so much for your concern. It’s easy for me to move on from this, but I just want to make sure that this man doesn’t harass or assault anyone else ever again.”

I really want to extend my gratitude to PCSUPT TOMAS C. APOLINARIO JR for assisting us through the entire process. He was a great help, and everyone was so reasonable! I’m very confident that this will be resolved soon.

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Filipino ‘love teams’: What’s the big deal?

Showbiz phenomenon dates back to the early years of Philippine cinema



While there have been countless love teams that have fascinated Philippine audiences in recent times, this uniquely Filipino showbiz phenomenon actually dates back to as early as the first years of Philippine cinema in the 1920s.

Today, love teams are more popularly known by their portmanteaus, such as JaDine for James Reid and Nadine Lustre, AlDub for Alden Richards and Maine “Yaya Dub” Mendoza, KathNiel for Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla and LizQuen for Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil.

In the early days, there was Mary Walter and Gregorio Fernandez — perhaps you can call them WaFer? — whose team-up in the country’s pioneering silent movies in the 1920s was considered to be the precursor of the love team phenomenon in Philippine cinema. Many more popular showbiz couples emerged thereafter, such as Rogelio dela Rosa and Carmen Rosales in the 1950s, Nora Aunor and Tirso Cruz III in the ‘60s and ‘70s, Sharon Cuneta and Gabby Concepcion in the ‘80s, Rico Yan and Claudine Baretto in the ‘90s and John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo in the past decade.

In the Philippine entertainment industry, love teams rule. Love teams have transformed many run-of-the-mill actors into overnight

stars, helped by major studios that have been responsible for many of these popular on-screen couples. A love team consists of two usually young actors who are promoted as a romantic couple.

Love teams have a big role to play in making a movie or television soap opera more marketable in the Philippines, which is the reason why producers don’t stop discovering, creating and developing potential money-making couples.

“It’s being hyped by TV stations. Love teams are being promoted heavily. They are even given singing opportunities even if they don’t have any singing talent,” says Rolando Morallo, a Cebu-based journalist.

“I guess we’re being too illusionistic about perfect couples and relationships that we hope to experience in real life, but it won’t really happen in reality,”

Many of these onscreen tandems have become unforgettable pairings in show business — icons of generations of television and movie fans. Some of them have also become real-life couples, such as Concepcion and Cuneta, whose high-profile marriage later ended in an annulment.

Although Hollywood and other Asian countries also have their versions of celebrity pairings, such as Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (Brangelina), the Filipinos have taken it up a notch. For instance, many fans organise themselves into clubs complete with officers, regular meetings, meet-ups with their screen idols and other activities.

With such fanaticism, some love teams that become popular end up being at the mercy of their fans, who tend to be possessive. There

are slim chances for actors in a love team to be paired up with other stars. Love teams are expected to act sweetly to each other both on and off camera. They are always under the scrutiny of the public, especially hardcore fans, to the extent that people hope that the love team will end up as a real-life couple.

There are also many instances of fans of rival love teams quarrelling with each other, and social media has only opened new fronts for many to show their loyalty to their favourite showbiz couples, or hostility towards rival pairings.

And once a love team breaks up for whatever reason, fandoms will mourn the demise, and sometimes it could even lead to the end of the actor’s career.

But why are Filipinos so engrossed and enamoured by love teams? The Philippines is one country where romance and love are at the very core of society. Filipinos love fairy tales and warm up to love stories, especially those with happy endings. Filipinos love seeing things that inspire them and find optimism in love and romance. For Filipinos, love teams give a glimpse of young love, true love, great beginnings and happy endings.

“We are romantic people. We idealise everything. We love drama, from our TV screen to our politics, the Philippines is one telenovela [television soap opera]. Love teams almost always represent our idealised self, our idealised partners, our belief that love conquers everything. And love teams are a good escape from our reality,” says Rex Yadao, a marketing specialist.

John Paul Pepito, a Philippine-based reporter agrees.

“I guess we’re being too illusionistic about perfect couples and relationships that we hope to experience in real life, but it won’t really happen in reality,” he says.

Cerwin Nacorda, who works as a teller, says it like it is: “Filipinos are just addicted to love.”

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The conference theme is “Successful Transitions : Strategies for Students’ Success in Education”. This special event is being organized and sponsored by Filipino Canadian parents and teachers with the main focus on

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We have invited from the Toronto District SB, Toronto Catholic DSB & Dufferin Peel Catholic DSB two school administrators, 5 elementary & secondary teachers / guidance counselors and three school settlement workers to sit in the Workshop Panels. Parent & teacher members of FCPACE will serve as moderators, rapporteurs and coordinators. As special guests, you may wish to join the workshops or engage in networking and meeting our other kababayans.

The conference is free and a complimentary meal & snack will be served.

Best regards, Tony A. San Juan, OCT. (Conference co-chair)

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Mayor John Tory makes a light-hearted gesture at a fan wearing a New York Yankees baseball cap at the 11th Victoria Cup 2017 at the Hoopdome.


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SENA FLORES' 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION






Senator Enverga, Dr. Wais and Dr. Solon Guzman show Mayor Hazel McCallion the newly-christened Hazel McCallion room at the clinic.




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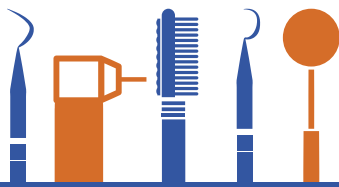

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