

Why our nurses are leaving

Around 19,000 nurses leave the Philippines to work abroad every year

MANILA, Philippines – For 32-year-old Jimmy Carpon, being an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) is his destiny.

Many of his relatives have already migrated abroad, mostly to the United States, and his parents wanted the same for their children. “It was their dream,” Jimmy said.

And so when the time came for Jimmy to choose a course in college, he didn’t think twice about going to nursing school. Nursing, after all, was all the rage in the early 2000 – mostly because of the opportunity of working in countries where nurses are in demand.

With a scholarship, Jimmy finally graduated and worked as a nurse at St Luke’s Medical Center. To further his career, Jimmy also got a masteral degree, which allowed him to be an instructor for different schools and review centers.

His stint as instructor when nursing was at its peak allowed him to earn big. Nursing programs were popping up everywhere and schools were producing more nurses than ever before. This brought in a massive increase in demand for reviewers.

But this success was short lived.

As the industry started to crumble due to the oversupply of nursing graduates in 2011, the Commission on Higher Education started phasing out substandard nursing programs. The clampdown was felt by review centers like the one Jimmy worked for, as the number of enrollees declined.

Struggling with his finances, Jimmy rekindled with his parents’ dream of sending him abroad.

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Gabi ng Pasasalamat

See ABS stars Xian Lim, Jaya and former VP Noli de Castro on November 18, 2017.
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OPM Shine

Star Circle Academy held their annual recital-concert featuring their students as a showcase of their talents. The theme was Original Pilipino Music (OPM). One of the students, Krystal Castillo (ABOVE) shows off her two talents, singing and dancing. RIGHT, Samantha Gavin is also one of the students who performed.



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Enrique Gil is out of ‘Darna’

According to a report, he confirmed he’s out of the project.

Enrique Gil will not be joining Liza Soberano’s highly-anticipated project ‘Darna’ next year, according to a report by InsideShowbiz.ph.

“Wala na ako sa Darna. Well, nag-meeting kami, wala na ako sa Darna. It’s final,” he was quoted to have said.

While there was no confirmation, there were rumors that Enrique was eyed to play Liza’s leading man in the iconic film.

Fans are now asking: If this is the case, will Liza have a different leading man or will her character go solo in the movie?

Nonetheless, LizQuen supporters still have a lot to look forward to as the two are gearing for their return on primetime TV through the series ‘Bagani.’

Newest addition to GMA Artist Center

GMA Artist Center welcomes Sophie Albert to the Kapuso family as she

signed a management contract with the Network’s talent management arm.

Sophie feels excited to call the Kapuso Network as her new home and looks forward to doing more quality projects.

“Being in a new environment feels exciting for me and of course being able to act with GMA’s talented and brightest artists. I’m also open to try new things that will challenge me as an actress,” she shared.

Sophie Albert is welcomed by GMA Artist Center as its newest member

When asked about who she wants to work with, “Yung mga iniidolo ko dito sa GMA ay sina Marian, Lovi, Solenn and Heart. I can’t wait to meet and work with them soon.”

Present at the contract signing were GMA Senior Assistant Vice President for Alternative Productions Gigi Santiago – Lara and co-manager Manny Valera.



Migo Adecer, mai-in love sa character ni Lovi Poe sa ‘The One That Got Away?’

Kabilang sina Migo Adecer, Jason Abalos at Ivan Dorschner sa upcoming GMA drama na The One That Got Away. Makakasama ng tatlo si Dennis Trillo at ang tatlong leading ladies ng show na sina Rhian Ramos, Max Collins at Lovi Poe.

Sa istorya ng teleserye, si Migo ay magkakagusto sa karakter ni Lovi, si Ivan naman ay makakapareha si Max at si Jason ay iibig kay Rhian.

Ayon sa 24 Oras report ni Cata Tibayan, handa rin daw ang boys na magpaka-

daring sa show, pero hindi raw ‘yun ang magiging main focus nila. Ani Ivan, “Kung daring naman ang kailangan, i-sprinkle na namin. Pero hindi ‘yun ang main course. Ang main course, comedy.”

Ano naman ang ginagawang paghahanda ng tatlo para sa show? Ika ni Migo, “I try to go to the gym five times a week, and I treat it like work.” Dagdag naman ni Ivan, “Two meals a day [ako ngayon.] It’s vegan.”

Sports naman daw ang pinagkakaabalahan ni Jason. Aniya, “Adventurous ako, eh. Mahilig ako sa extreme sports [like] surfing, motocross, tapos mountain biking.”

Honey Shot



Mikee, 12, as she is called by family and friends, goes to St. Rose de Lima Catholic school. Her sports is track and field. Her favorite dish is pasta. She is the daughter of Michael and Jane Guzman.

Michaela Guzman



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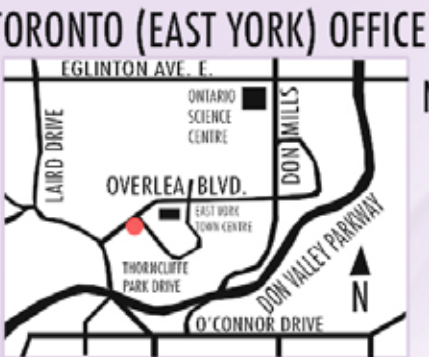
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Arjo Atayde and Sue Ramirez are the new love team to watch out for

Arjo Atayde is praised by veteran co-actress for his romantic role in new Kapamilya serye.

Sa show launch ng bagong Kapamilya serye na All That Matters na pinagbibidahan ng mag-inang Sylvia Sanchez at Arjo Atayde, ni-reveal ni Arjo na magkakaroon ang character niya dito ng love story at



ang kanyang leading lady ay si Sue Ramirez. “First time,” diumano ito for Arjo. Hindi nagbuhat ng kanyang bangko

si Arjo pero nagsalita ang batikang artista na si Ces Quesada, na kasama rin sa naturang serye, para sa tamabalang Arjo at Sue. “Sasabihin ko lang kasi siyempre si Arjo, humble talaga tong batang to ‘no. Medyo sinasabi niya na nahihirapan siyang tanggalin ang pagka-Joaquin niya pero I can assure you, kasi karamihan ng eksena ko kasama ko siya saka si Sue, alam mo nakakakilig silang dalawa.”

Ang sinasabing ‘Joaquin’ ni Ces ay ang matagal na ginampanan na kontrabida role ni Arjo sa FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano, na talaga namang tumatak na sa mga manood ng Kapamilya network.

Patuloy pa ni Ces na kaabang-abang ang tambalang Arjo at Sue. “Di mo maiimagine kung gaano, ibang-iba talaga siya dito. So I think bukod sa tambalang Arjo at Sylvia bilang mag-nanay, ang bagong aabangan ay yung kanilang love story hindi mo maiimagine na si Arjo, capable din talaga. Actually, nakakakilig yung mga eksena nila.”

Sumegundo si Sylvia at number one fan talaga ng bagong tambalan ang kasamahan nilang si Ces.

Nang tanungin si Arjo na kung pwedeng mauwi sa totohanan ang love team niya with Sue, ang sagot ni Arjo ay, “Hindi e, paano ko ba mae-explain. As of now I’m building a (working) relationship with her and I’ve known Sue since the start of my career. One of the first few artists na nakilala ko na sobrang bait sa akin, so right now po ang masasabi ko we really have a good working relationship.”

Dagdag pa ni Arjo regarding Sue, “I love her. She’s not maarte, sobrang husay na arista. This is her genre so nung napili po si Sue I was so happy. Hindi ako magmamamarunong, bago to sa akin, so for sure matututo ako sa kanya. And I am, no doubt I am. Kasi napakahusay niya talaga, mapa-light man o mapadrama magaling siya.”

Ashley praised for being ‘bitch’

ASHLEY Ortega is beaming from ear to ear after the

celebrity premiere night of “Spirit of the Glass 2, The Haunted”, since everyone is praising her effective performance as the most “maarte” bitch in



their barkada that helped open the portal for the dead to get in and haunt them. “Natural na natural ang acting mo,” one writer tells her.

“I’m really flattered kasi first big role ko ito in a movie,” she says. “I’ve done two movies before na bit roles lang ang ginagampanan ko. Unlike in ‘Spirit of the Glass 2’ where I play one of the leads. But I’m happier na very positive ang feedback sa movie, very effective daw in making the audience scream.”

“Spirit of the Glass 2, The Haunted” opens in theaters today. Some writers urge Ashley to join a beauty pageant as she’s tall, pretty and seems quite articulate. “Wala pa po ‘yan sa plans ko kasi 18 lang ako. Maybe in a few years from now, I will consider it kasi marami ngang nagsasabing sumali raw ako.”

We ask her co-star in ‘Spirit of the Glass 2’, Bb. Pilipinas Universe 2016 Maxine Medina, if Ashley has the potential to be a beauty queen? “Of course, puwedeng-puwede si Ashley sa beauty pageant,” says Maxine. “She’s more than qualified. But tama siya, wait for a couple of more years so she’d mature a bit more. Sobrang sweet na bata nitong si Ashley kaya nagkasundo kami agad. Pareho kaming mahilig kumain kaya food buddies kami. Marami kami lagang baon sa shooting, share kami at chikahan kami lagi sa aming tent.”

And what can Ashley say about working with Maxine? “I admit na noong una, intimidated ako, kasi beauty queen siya, e. Pero nawala agad ‘yun kasi she turned out to be very approachable, very talented pa, at ‘yun na nga, share kami sa mga baon namin sa set.”

Recently, Ashley threatened to sue some hackers who also hack her social media accounts.

“Nakakainis kasi lagi nilang hina-hack ang Instagram and Twitter accounts ko and they seem to enjoy sa pagpo-pose ng messages na, kunwari, ako ang nagpadala. Buti na lang, naibalik na rin sa akin ang Instagram account ko kaya di na lang ako magdedemanda kasi hindi ko rin naman kilala ‘yung hacker.

But my Twitter account, nasa hacker pa rin at feel na feel niya ang pagiging ako. Sana mabawi ko na rin.”

Bea Binene is now a movie producer

Final call for ‘Fading Paradise,’ teen actress’ first movie venture at QCinema

Nineteen-year-old TV star Bea Binene has ventured into the other side of moviemaking as producer of an advocacy film titled, “Fading Paradise,” a story about millennials trying to find a missing island in Bicol.



movie, Binene told The Manila Times how she had long wanted to come up with a project out of her passion to protect Mother Earth. She hopes that Fading Paradise, a featured movie in the ongoing QCinema Film Festival, will be able to help spread awareness on the need to be responsible citizens for the sake of the environment.

“My mom and I wanted to produce an indie film na may cause and gusto namin siyang i-tour sa mga schools. So we came up with the concept na magaan lang but can still educate others. Our target audience is really the millennials,” said the GMA Network artist.

With her first movie venture now in select cinemas, Binene is grateful to have enjoyed the support of celebrity friends, namely the rest of the cast including Coleen Perez, Kenneth Paul Cruz, Mark Castillo and Angelo Serno, with the special participation of Alma Moreno.

Fading Paradise underlines how excessive waste and its improper disposal poses a threat on the country’s beautiful islands. The 19-year-old has long wanted to produce a film that discusses her passion for environment protection

As part of the cast, Binene is one of two best friends along with Krystal Reyes who go on a search for the paradise island where they grew up. Upon reaching their destination, they sadly realize that the paradise they once knew is now just a beautiful memory.

In deciding to produce a

Senator Enverga defends caregivers and questions again rising processing times for permanent residency applications



Senator added. The questions raised by Senator Enverga examined whether the government would be providing specific attention to caregivers, many of whom have been waiting years to be reunited with their loved ones, or whether the government would allow the wait times for their permanent residency applications to continue to rise.

OTTAWA, November 3, 2017 – On November 2, the Honourable Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Ontario Senator, questioned the Government Representative in the Senate during question period concerning the increasing wait times facing caregivers with respect to their permanent residency applications.

“The government recently announced their plan to increase the number of immigrants coming to Canada in 2018 to 2020. Yet, this comes as they continue to underdeliver on the immigration file,” said Senator Enverga in a statement. “The wait times to process permanent residency applications for Canada’s caregivers continue to climb. Since May of this year, the wait times for such applications increased from 47 months to a prohibitive 56 months,” the

The Government Representative, Senator Peter Harder, answered, “...as the honourable senator will know, the various categories of immigration classes and applications for visas for temporary residence or other programs are dealt with discretely so that the appropriate resources reflect the priority of the various lanes by which people either visit or gain permanent residency in Canada. The government’s plan, as outlined by the minister, reflects the apportionment of economic class family reunion as well as other lanes through which people gain access. The minister has made a commitment, both when he was here as well as in the other place, to improve the timelines. I will certainly bring to his attention your ongoing concern with respect to the one category that you referenced.”

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Rogue: No increased terror threat in PH despite Australian travel advisory

MANILA - There is no increased terror threat in the country, Malacañang said Saturday as it sought to allay concerns over Australia's latest travel warning on the Philippines.

In a statement, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said Australia's caution to its citizens issued Friday was "not a response to any specific threat."

"The Philippine government has no information about any increased terror threat in the country and we assure our foreign friends that local authorities have been enforcing tight security measures, especially in populated areas, while we urge everyone to continue being aware of one's surroundings," Roque said in a statement.

On Friday, Canberra warned its citizens against traveling to the Philippines due to a "high threat" of a terrorist attack, including in the country's capital.

Australia issued the advisory a week before world leaders, including United States President Donald Trump, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe converge in Manila for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit.

Thousands of police and soldiers are expected to be deployed around Manila next week to tighten security in key areas where state leaders are expected to stay, and where meetings will be held.

"The deterioration in security in Mindanao has resulted in a more volatile security environment in the Philippines," Australia's statement read.

Australia also warned its citizens not to travel to central and western Mindanao due to threats of kidnapping and terror attacks, and possible clashes between armed groups.

It issued a specific warning on Marawi City, where 5 months of clashes between state forces and Islamic State-linked terrorists just ended.

Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesman Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla said Australia's warning was only as a reiteration its earlier travel warning.

Roque added that Canberra's general threat assessment on the Philippines "has remained the same as it was at the height of the Marawi rebellion, which we all know has already been resolved by our government forces."

Roque said the government understands Australia's concern, and that the Department of Foreign Affairs has been tasked to coordinate with other embassies to clarify the matter.

"We reiterate that generally, it is safe to work, study, do business, and travel in the Philippines," he said.



Ansha Joy Hipolito, Miss Teen Petite Canada 2017, walks the runway at the Philippine Canadian Charitbale Foundation dinner for the 150th Canada celebration at Peter and Paul Banquet Hall. Ansha competed in the Miss Canada Globe Productions in August 2017 and was amazingly crowned Miss Teen Ontario, winning the overall highest score and then brought home the winning crown and sash of Miss Teen Petite Canada 2017. She will soon expand her pageantry by competing in 2018 for Miss Teen Petite UNIVERSAL.

ANSHA JOY HIPOLITO
Performing at Philippine Press Club Ontario Dinner

Miss Teen Petite 2017 performs the Hawaian at the Philippine Press Club Ontario Dinner.



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VP backs Economic Reform

Robredo: It's time the poor feel economic gains



MANILA - Vice President Leni Robredo said she remains supportive of President Rodrigo Duterte's 10-point economic agenda, but feels it's about time economic gains are felt by the poorest sector.

Speaking to businessmen attending the 43rd Philippine Business Conference of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Robredo said the marginalized must also feel economic improvement.

"A strong and effective tax reform package, the success of the government's infrastructure program and that foreign direct investments continue to come in, we support all of the administration's economic reforms and we hope they can be felt down to the bottom," Robredo said.

Robredo's statement comes after netizens lambasted Duterte for his supposed anti-poor outburst against jeepney drivers who staged a two-day nationwide transport strike.

Robredo also informed PCCI businessmen about her flagship anti-poverty program, Angat Buhay, which she said has reached 80,000 families in 153,000 communities through private funding worth P145 million pesos worth of projects.

Robredo said the government is also facing the daunting task of rebuilding Marawi City, and providing assistance to displaced residents such as Mocrima Abdulraman Mohamad, a volunteer who helped repack relief goods funded by the Office of the Vice President.

Robredo also thanked soldiers fighting Maute rebels and the Abu Sayyaf which led to the death of terrorists Omar Maute and Isnilon Hapilon.

"Marawi has finally been liberated, thanks to the bravery and commitment of soldiers, Mocrima and the thousands of Maranaos who were displaced by the conflict can start rebuilding their city and try to bring back trust and respect to their communities," Robredo said.

After attending the PCCI forum, the Vice President proceeded to the Indigenous Peoples Summit where she vowed to help tribal communities despite the limited budget of her office.

"Napaka-limitado ng mandato ng Pangalawang Pangulo pero sa abot ng ating makakaya, sinusubukan nating makatulong sa kahit anong paraan," Robredo said.

Tax reform eyed to fund free medicines

PHILIPPINES -THE Senate version of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) aims to expand the government's free medicines for the poor.

Sen. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara, chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, on Friday said Senate Bill (SB) 1592 also seeks to fund the construction of more public hospitals in remote areas. "Poor Filipinos still face the problem of limited access to low-cost, safe, and quality essential medicines," said Angara, author and sponsor of SB 1592. "It is our duty to make essential health services available to all Filipinos, giving priority to the needs of underprivileged patients," the senator said.

Senate Majority Leadet Vicente Sotto 3rd said the upper chamber would tackle TRAIN amendments on November 23 to 24. It intends to pass the proposed tax reform law before the end of the month.

Angara noted that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has 11 partner hospitals that are implementing the Libreng Gamot Para sa Masa Program (Lingap), which entitles poor patients to free medicine assistance.

The free medicine program is now available

at the Philippine General Hospital, Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital, East Avenue Medical Center, Lung Center of the Philippines, Philippine Children's Hospital, and San Lazaro Hospital—all in National Capital Region; Jose B. Lingad Memorial Hospital in San Fernando, Pampanga; Western Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City, Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu City, Southern Philippines Medical Center in Davao City, and Davao Regional Hospital in Tagum City.

According to DSWD, approximately 13,000 indigent patients have already benefited from the program.

"It is our hope that more poor Filipinos would benefit from free medicines," Angara said.

He cited a World Health Organization study that showed that major causes of deaths in low-income countries can be treated effectively with simple essential medicines.

Angara also authored SB 972 mandating all government district hospitals, local health units and barangay (village) health centers in all cities and municipalities to provide free medicine for the poor.



Fewer Pinoys believe Duterte can fulfill promises

THE number of Filipinos who expect President Rodrigo Duterte to fulfill his promises has significantly dropped 15 months after he took his post, a survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) showed.

Based on the nationwide survey held from September 23 to 27, 2017 involving 1,500 respondents, only 35 percent believe that Duterte can fulfill most, if not all of his promises.

The survey question was, "In your opinion, how many of the promises of President Rody Duterte can be fulfilled? [All or nearly all of the promises, Most of the promises, A few of the promises, Almost none or none of the promises]."

Of the 35 percent who are convinced that Duterte can fulfill his promises, eight percent said the President could fulfill "all or nearly all," and 27 percent said he can fulfill "most" of his promises.

The figures were far from the result of the survey conducted in June 2016 wherein 63 percent of Filipinos were convinced that Duterte could deliver on his promises. In September 2016, 56 percent believed that the President can live up to his promises.

The September 2017 survey also showed a 15-point drop from the March 2017 survey wherein 52 percent of the respondents believe that Duterte will make good most, if not all his promises.

In the same survey, 57 percent of respondents said they expect the President to deliver "a few" of his promises while six percent said "none or almost none."

Malacañang said it found "nothing unusual" with the survey results.

"Regardless of the numbers, the President and members of his Cabinet would continue to work hard in bringing comfortable life for all where citizens feel safe and secure under a trustworthy government," he added.



Alessandra de Rossi declines P2M endorsement offer from a liquor brand

Alessandra de Rossi also reveals she and Emjoy Marquez declined an endorsement offer for a motel.

Magkahiwalay muna ngayon sina Alessandra de Rossi at Emjoy Marquez na unang nagkasama sa blockbuster film na Kita Kita.

"Lagi kaming okay ni Emjoy. Masayang-masaya ako para sa kanya. Alam niya yon, more than myself, alam niya naman kasi na hindi ako mahilig sa pa-star, eh," sey pa ng aktres.

Dahil sa pagsikat ng kanilang tambalang Alempoy, marami ring kompanya ang gusto silang kuning endorsers.

"Honestly, masyado akong maraming tinanggihan. Si Emjoy, tanggap nang tanggap and I love him for that," bulalas niya.

Patuloy ni Alex, "Like for example, isang brand ng liquor, may offer na P2 million. Ayokong mag-endorse ng alcohol. Kumuha na lang sila ng babae na makakasama ni Emjoy.

"Tapos pinag-pray ko talaga na, 'Lord, ituloy niyo kahit wala ako kasi ayoko na mawalan si Emjoy ng project dahil maarte ako.' Hindi ako mag-i-endorse ng bisyo. Bakit ako mag-i-endorser niyan?

"May tinanggihan din kami na Emjoy, ito funny, huwag mo na lang ding sabihin, kinuha kaming endorser ng motel/hotel. Hahaha! Yung parang, 'Seryoso ba kayo?' Kissing scene nga ayoko tapos ilalagay n'yo ako diyan?" natatawa niyang kuwento.

Meron din daw dapat na endorsement para sa isang fastfood chain ang Alempoy pero may nauna nang natanguan si Emjoy kaya hindi na rin ito natuloy.

Eh, ano ang reaksiyon ng Cornerstone (management team) sa kanyang mga pagtanggig?

Sagot niya, "Naiintindihan kasi nila ako, eh. Ako ang nakakaalam, eh. Path ko 'to, 20 years ko nang inaayos ang path na 'to, eh, di ba?

"So parang wala silang magagawa. Of course, nasa-shock sila minsan. Ayoko lang talaga ng bisyo, anything na malaswa, babuyan. Puwede akong mag-cover ng sexy, walang problema sa akin yan.

"Pero nasaktan ako nung makita ko yung price - P2 million. Naku, hindi ako puwede dito, sorry. Tapos parang sumagot agad sa akin si Lord, sabi niya, papalitan ko yan ng mas malaki. Hindi pa siya kinu-confirm pero mukhang totoo," excited niyang balita sa PUSH.

Samantala, balak na rin ni Alessandra na subukan ang pagdidirek ng pelikula.

"Meron ng mga nakaplano pero hindi ako yung artista. Pero yung Diary Thirty Something gusto talaga ni Boss Vic (del Rosario) ako ang magdirek.

"Sabi ko naman, kaya ko kung movie siya. Kasi nung una ko siyang sinulat movie siya, eh, tapos naging series kasi nga sa dami ng characters at sayang kung hindi mo ma-explore yung character ng isa't isa.

"Yung movie kaya ko pero yung series 'di ko na kaya. So, tinawagan ko si Zig Dulay, sabi ko mag-co-direct tayo. Lahat ng eksenang nandon ako, siya ang magdidirek. Lahat ng eksenang wala ako, ako ang magdidirek. Basta hindi ako ang magdidirek ng sarili ko. Ayoko talaga. Kailangan kong mag-concentrate sa shot ko," lahad niya.

Eh, sinu-sino naman ang gusto niyang idirek in the future?

"Siyempre gusto kong idirek yung kapatid ko (Assunta). Gusto ko rin si Julia Montes. Gusto kong idirek si Ivan (Padilla), magaling kasi talaga.

"Actually, may sinusulat ako for Piolo (Pascual), kaming dalawa yung bida, sana tanggapin niya. Kapalit ko sa Kita Kita. Hahaha!

"Kung binigyan mo ako ng Kita Kita, bibigyan kita nito.' Yon nga lang, hindi ako sure kung feel niya. Tingnan natin. Tapos si Joyce Bernal ang gusto kong magdirek," nakangiti niyang pagtatapos sa PUSH.



LEFT, Miss Canada Petite 2017 Ansha Joy Hipolito performed at the Decades concert. ABOVE, MISS LANI MISALUCHA (2ND FROM RIGHT) performs with retrospect. RIGHT, Co-Producer Belinda Reyes poses with Lani Misalucha. Co-produced with Lenlay Memita, the concert was 100% sold-out and a qualified success.



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ABS-CBN Canada Marketing Head Rosary Escano Recognized Globally as Most Influential Filipina Woman



ABS-CBN Canada Marketing Head Rosary Escano (MIDDLE) pose with PA Dayz’ Arielle Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia.

TORONTO -ABS-CBN Canada Marketing Head Rosary Escano has been selected as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World (Global FWN100™) by the Filipina Women’s Network (FWN).

The Global FWN100 Award™ recognizes 100 women of Philippine ancestry who are changing the face of leadership in

the global workplace, having reached status for outstanding work in their respective fields and are recognized for their achievement and contributions to society, femtorship (female mentorship) and legacy. Escano was selected from an outstanding field of nominees from around the world.

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Jimmy said: “2012, nag-apply na po ako sa iba-ibang agencies. Kahit saan basta makaaalis. Gusto ko sana pumunta ng Saudi, Qatar, o kahit saan. I was desperate that time kasi ako na lang din ang naiwan halos sa mga kakilala ko.”

An opportunity came in 2013, when the German government announced that they will be hiring foreign nurses through the Triple Win program.

Jimmy immediately applied and passed the first requirement of the program as he could already speak German. By early 2014, he was finally sent to Tübingen, Germany for the familiarization phase of the program where they were trained for months.

He was one of the first 12 Filipinos sent to Germany for the Triple Win program, which has already sent more than 600 nurses to Germany by 2016. The last government program of its kind was back in the 1970s.

The first year was exciting, he said, facing new weather and culture. By November 2014, Jimmy was already a full fledged nurse for the University Hospital Tübingen.

“Naging maganda ang treatment sa amin ng German. Naisip po namin before na baka ma-discriminate kami pero wala po kaming experiences na ganu’n.”

The only difference with Philippine patients, Jimmy said, is that German patients are much more dependent on nurses. “Very family-oriented kasi tayo, kaya laging may bantay. Pero dito, since nasa work ang mga kapamilya nila, sa nurses [nakadepende] para sa lahat.”

Now, Jimmy is already the assistant head nurse for their ward and the president of the Association of Filipino Nurses in Germany. His eyes are set on another promotion, and he is working toward his dream of becoming

a supervisor.

The American dream

Unlike Jimmy, 23-year-old Marvin Bermillo had an easier time making it abroad.

Marvin’s parents are both United States citizens already, and they were able to bring him to New Jersey with them as soon as he graduated in 2015.

Marvin does not deny it: he took up nursing mainly because of the opportunity to work abroad. At the time when he went to college, the collapse of the local nursing industry was already apparent.

But Marvin said he wasn’t scared, partly because of his parents. “I grew up with OFW parents so I know the struggle of those families looking for better opportunities abroad,” he said.

While getting there was easy, however, getting a job wasn’t.

Even though Marvin is a registered nurse in the Philippines, his license is but a piece of paper in the US. To be able to work there, he still had to pass the US’ own licensure exam, the NCLEX.

There were tons of other requirements, which were not really easy to comply with, Marvin said.

“I was visiting one office to another, following up the status of my application, doing phone calls to one point person and then ended up being transferred to another. My papers are going back and forth from the Philippines. Never-ending exams here and there,” he shared. “Not to mention the amount I have to pay for all these transactions.”

It took Marvin two years to finally get his license, a feat that he wouldn’t have been able to pull off if not for the privilege of having a family there.



FILIPINO NURSE. Jimmy Carpon has finally become a full-fledged nurse at the University Hospital Tübingen in Germany.

Marvin was finally able to work as a nurse, starting with a long-term rehabilitation and nursing home. It was stressful, he said, because the facility was understaffed.

“I usually have 20 patients or more. Sometimes all their call bells are on and you don’t know which room to go first,” he shared. “There are times that I fill the role of nurse and nurse’s aid...I clean butts, (vomit), and wounds and I am already used to it.”

But what’s harder is seeing patients come and go.

“In a nursing home you’ll always develop a special bond with your patients. I grew up with my grandparents so sometimes it’s hard for me to witness elderly patients abandoned by their families. Some patients become close to us, only to pass away the next day. No matter how hard we tried to not let it affect us, it does.”

He was eventually hired by a hospital, but he continued working for the rehabilitation center. Every week, he works for 3 nights at

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Miho Nishida finds new suitor

She said her previous relationship with model Tommy Esguerra didn’t work out because of their differences.

And it appears “Pinoy Big Brother: 737” winner Miho Nishida is now more wary about diving into a new romance too quickly, as she confirmed rumors that she has found herself a new suitor.

Nishida revealed to Push that hip-hop artist Young JV is courting her.

“Oo, nililigawan po niya ako,” she said in the interview, before adding that she’s not rushing things this time around.

“Ayaw ko munang madaliin,” she admitted. “Kasi siyempre, iyong nagawa ko na dati, ayaw ko na muli siyang ulitin dahil gusto ko getting to know each other po muna.”

Nishida, who already has a daughter from a past relationship with a Japanese man, first rose to fame as part of “Pinoy Big Brother.”

While inside the house, she met Esguerra. They went on to become a couple a month after the show ended, with Esguerra even introducing Nishida to his family in the US.

The two broke up last April, describing that their relationship was far from perfect.

Miho and Young JV went to the 2017 Star Magic Ball last month together.

New Jeepney Price is the same

Jeepney operators can afford ‘modern jeepneys’: transport group leader

MANILA - Jeepney drivers and operators will be able to pay for the vehicles that will be made available under the government’s jeepney modernization program, the leader of a transport group said Wednesday.

Zeny Maranan, president of transport group Fejodap, said drivers and operators will see their incomes rise as the design of the new vehicles allows them to take in more passengers, while the Euro-4 compliant engine results in better fuel economy and savings.

Maranan told ANC’s Future Perfect Tech Shorts the modern jeepneys can seat 22 passengers, with an additional 10 passengers allowed to stand up inside during rush hour. Aircon jeepneys will also have an extra P2.00 fare on top of the P8.00 minimum fare.

Maranan also said that the cost of the new vehicles, which is P1.3 million to P1.6 million, is comparable to the cost today of a traditional jeepney, which could also reach P1.3 million if given a Euro-4 compliant engine instead of a “surplus” engine.



Transportation Undersecretary Tim Orbos meanwhile said the more efficient engines of the new jeepneys will let operators cut on fuel costs.

“Dati kung gumagastos kayo ng P18,000 per month sa inyong fuel, ang tantya namin dito bababa ng mga 40 plus percent.

So around P10,000 plus na lang ang ano mo,” Orbos said.

George San Mateo, president of the transport group Piston which is protesting the jeepney modernization program, was invited to join the discussion but was not able to attend.

Dennis Trillo bucks pressure to get hitched at 36



Dennis Trillo (right) with real-life sweetheart Jennylyn Mercado

Seeing not a few of his friends tie the knot recently doesn’t make actor Dennis Trillo feel compelled to follow suit and propose marriage to his girlfriend, Jennylyn Mercado.

“I don’t think putting pressure on ourselves would do us any good,” he told reporters in a pocket interview for GMA 7’s coming romantic-comedy series, “The One That Got Away.” “Should we reach that point in our lives, it would be because both Jen and I wanted it—not because we forced it; not because it’s what has been happening around us.”

But while the show biz couple has no immediate plans of getting

married—or engaged—Dennis said he sees Jennylyn as “the one.”

“We’re still together. That’s enough reason for me to say that she’s ‘it’ for me,” he said, adding that there’s no truth to rumors that he popped the question to Jennylyn in a recent trip to Paris, France.

“Wala. We just attended a wedding—not ours!” he quipped.

It’s Dennis and Jennylyn’s second shot at love. After ending their one-year relationship in 2011, the two began dating again in 2015. What’s different this time around?

“I would say that our relationship is calmer. We have also become more mature, which is why we now can handle our relationship better,” said the 36-year-old star, who stressed the importance of being open and sensitive to the feelings and needs of one’s partner.

“It’s crucial that we talk to each other; that we ask how our loved one is doing—is she happy?” he pointed out. “If you love someone, you support her

in whatever it is that makes her happy; you help her achieve her goals in life.”

The last time Dennis and Jennylyn worked together was two years ago in the soap, “My Faithful Husband.” “That was memorable. Jen is a joy to work with; she’s a great actress. I would like to do a project with her again,” Dennis said.

In “The One That Got Away,” Dennis plays an entrepreneur who’s had relationships with the characters of Max Collins, Lovi Poe and Rhian Ramos. Asked if he thinks exes can remain friends after breaking up, Dennis said: “Personally, I would prefer it that way. I don’t think it’s good to throw away the friendship just because you separated.”

“And that’s not an issue for me. There’s nothing wrong if you and your ex are OK; that doesn’t necessarily mean that you have to be close, anyway,” he said. “It just means you parted ways on good terms.”

Dennis likewise related that he’s not the type who leaves the girl hanging when things turn sour.

“When you see that the relationship isn’t working anymore, you have to talk about it. Otherwise, you end up hating each other,” Dennis said. “Of course, you also hope that you leave happy memories.”



James Reid reunites with girlfriend Nadine Lustre in new film; co-stars with Sarah G in another movie

James Reid is getting good breaks these days. He is Sarah Geronimo’s co-star in the Philippine remake of the Korean movie Miss Granny.

James confirms this during his ASAP Chillout session.

He says, “I’m excited that soon we’re gonna have a movie together.”

But before fans get overly excited or agitated, the 24-year-old actor says he will be playing the grandson to Sarah’s character.

The original 2014 movie Miss Granny revolves around a 74-year-old widow who suddenly finds herself inside the body of a 20-year-old woman, played by Korean actress Shim Eun-kyung.

Should the producers of the Pinoy remake follow the original story of Miss Granny, James is the grandson that is a member of a heavy metal band.

James also reveals that they’ve already started filming, and that the movie might open in cinemas before the end of 2017.

A week before the announcement, James and Sarah did a production number together in ASAP, where they performed Louis Tomlinson’s “Back to You.”

James would play the grandson of Sarah in the movie.

NADINE IN PEDRO PENDUKO FILM. In another good break coming his way, James will soon be working again with real-life girlfriend Nadine Lustre.

They are set to top-bill a movie produced by Viva Films.

According to another article written by Jojo Gabinete and published in Abante, the JaDine movie project will be directed by Barry Gonzalez, who helmed Ella Cruz and Julian Trono’s latest movie Fangirl/Fanboy.

The JaDine loveteam will be joined by new VIVA Artist Marco Gumabao.

And in still another good break, James is also set to top-bill a modern adaptation of Pedro Penduko, to be shown next year.

The ABS-CBN actor has started training for his character in the fantasy movie to be directed by Dan Villegas.

Nadine is also expected to be in this movie about a popular Pinoy komiks character.

This was confirmed by Viva Entertainment through a video released in its official YouTube channel. Paul Basinilio, identified in the video as a director, was quoted as saying, “Si Nadine, kasama din siya.”

Through its Instagram account, Viva Entertainment also showed James during his first day of training for Pedro Penduko.

Annemarie Princess Guzman’s 12th Birthday



Annemarie Princess Guzman had her 12th birthday last October. These are some of her family who joined her in her celebration. She is the daughter of community leaders Drs. Solon and Josephine Guzman.

TADURAN GETS AN APPRECIATION AWARD FROM KNIGHTS OF RIZAL CANADA REGION (St. Jamestown News Service, DINDO ORBESO)

TORONTO - Sir Joaquin (Jojo) T. Taturan,Jr.,(FAR RIGHT) KGOR, was a recipient of an appreciation award from the Knights of Rizal Canada Region for fully supporting the Rizal Canada 17th Commanders’ Ball which was held on October 14, 2017 at the JC’s Banquet Hall located at 1686 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Taturan’s appreciation award were signed by Sir Ed C. Prillo, KGOR, Rizal Regional Commander of Canada Region and Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR, former Rizal Region Commander and chairman of the souvenir program.

Taturan is a lifetime member of the Knights of Rizal and of the National Press



Club of the Philippines. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has been attending international Assembly of the Knights of Rizal which were held in Vigan, Ilocos Norte, Cities of Davao and Tagum.

He has been supportive of the leadership of former Regional Commanders Sir

George R. Poblete, KCGR, and Sir Jaime T. Marasigan, KGOR, who is now deputy exchequer of the Knights of Rizal Supreme Council.

Aside from Taturan, the other award-ees include Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, area commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region; Sir Mario Alpuerto, KGOR, Rizal Canada,Exchequer; and Sir Pastor Elmer Manzo, KCR.

Taturan is the chairman of the public relations and publicity of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region.

VIRAL:
Bret Jackson
and Nadine
Lustre’s
Collab

James Reid might have to watch out since Nadine Lustre and Bret Jackson’s duet is straight up fire. As much as we love IL2LU and JaDine’s older duets, we can’t help but be in awe of the perfect combination of Bret and Nadine.

KingAw’s upcoming new album Island City Poems includes his first ever collaboration with his best friend’s girlfriend and good friend Nadine Lustre. They performed the song Nowhere I Wouldn’t Go With You which quickly caught the attention of fans and instantly went viral after a fan posted a snippet of their live performance.

Bret’s album launch was held at HYVE 3.0 in Cebu City. The actor-singer also posted some of the lyrics of their collab on his Instagram:

*Baby kiss me in the dark
You’re the one inside my heart
On my sleeve I let it show
Watch our love how much it grows
Into something never knew
I’m just so in love with you
Been around the world I know
There’s nowhere I wouldn’t go.*

Kapamilya artists unite voices to inspire Filipinos

The biggest names on the OPM scene have come together to spread love in the whole nation this coming holiday season as they bring life to ABS-CBN’s 2017 Christmas theme #justLOVE.

Filipino music icons Gary Valenciano, Martin Nievera, Ogie Alcasid, and Zsa Zsa Padilla lead the star-studded lineup, which also includes big names Piolo Pascual, Sarah Geronimo, Toni Gonzaga, Erik Santos, Billy Crawford, and Yeng Constantino.

The recording video of the song by Jimmy Antiporda with words by Lloyd Oliver Corpuz, Christian Faustino, and ABS-CBN Creative Communications Management head Robert Labayen, was launched on Thursday on the ABS-CBN Entertainment Youtube channel.

Other singers that shared their talent to inspire people to let love rule the world through the song were ASAP regulars



KZ Tandingan; Jambayan members Inigo Pascual, Zia Quizon, Moira Dela Torre, Kaye Cal, Migz Haleca, and Isabela Vinzon, Jeremy Glinoga, Mica Becerro, and Jona Marie Soquite of The Voice Teens, Ella Nympha and Xia Vigor of Your Face Sounds Familiar Kids, John Clyd Talili of Tawag ng Tanghalan, and Angel of Little Big Shots.

With the release of the recording video, anticipation will surely rise for the 2017 Christmas Station ID, which has become a family tradition not only for ABS-CBN but for Filipinos around the world. The new Station ID will feature more ABS-CBN artists and personalities, as well as ordinary Filipinos that will inspire the nation to focus on love this Christmas season and beyond.

Kapamilya music stars Martin Nievera, Zsa Zsa Padilla, “The Voice Teen” grand winner Jona Marie Soquite , Sarah Geronimo and Piolo Pascual lead the star-studded lineup of ABS-CBN’s 2017 Christmas theme #justLOVE

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Jack Ma says PHL internet “is no good”

PHILIPPINES -Alibaba founder Jack Ma was in Manila to receive an honorary degree and one of the first things he did, of course, was test the speed of the internet – said to be the slowest in the region.

“It’s no good,” he said, drawing laughs from the audience at his acceptance speech.

Yet every problem is an opportunity, he stressed. “Opportunity exists in the areas where most people complain. If you can

solve the complaint, you have a chance. When we started Alibaba, internet speed in China was terrible – much worse than here now.”

He urged the Philippines to “work together” to improve web speed and coverage, pointing out how the internet has become essential like electricity.

“We have to make sure everybody is connected. When you’re connected you can be mobile, and when you’re mobile

you’re everywhere,” said the billionaire.

With rapid technological change, Ma said manufacturing will no longer be the main driver of growth as artificial intelligence and robots kill jobs. Instead, businesses that make full use of the internet will win. That’s because world internet users will grow to 6 billion in 10 years and most trade will happen online, he predicted.

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the hospital, then two nights at the center. It’s hard, but it pays well.

A starting salary for a nurse in the US, Marvin said, is around \$5,000 (P255,370). That’s a dozen times more than the starting wage for nurses in the Philippines.

That’s more than enough for him to be able to save and give back to his family.

Diaspora of nurses

Jimmy, meanwhile, said that nurses in Germany can take home as much as 1,500 euros or P90,857 (minus expenses) every month for their starting salary. Also a lot more than what he could’ve earned in the Philippines.

According to WorkAbroad.ph’s 2016 Overseas Salary Report, healthcare remains to be the paying specialization for overseas Filipino workers, with OFWs in the industry getting an average of P111,620 per month. It’s also the top paying specialization for the high-paying countries of deployment like Canada and New Zealand.

This high salary attracts Filipino nurses to go abroad.

According to data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA), 92,277 nurses have left the country to work abroad since 2012.

Filipino Nurses United convenor Eleanor Nolasco said that the promise of high salary abroad, in contrast with the low wages in the Philippines, is a major push factor for our nurses to leave.

“Hangga’t hindi nabibigay ang disenteng sahod, talagang mapupuwersa na lumabas ng bansa ang ating mga nurses,” Nolasco said.

For years, Nolasco and their group have been calling for the government to raise the minimum wage for starting nurses to at least P25,000 a month, an amount that she says is not even that big nowadays considering current costs of living.

Two weeks before stepping down in 2016, then president Benigno Aquino III rejected the bill seeking to increase the pay of nurses because of “dire financial consequences” – both for the government and private and non-governmental health institutions.

Now the group is calling for President Rodrigo Duterte to make his promise of change happen for nurses, too.



LONG ROAD. Marvin Bermillo spent two years to get a license to work as a nurse in the US.

“You said change is coming, that life should be better for Filipinos. Better status for nurses mean decent job and wages. It means better healthcare delivery system for our people. No more contractualization. ‘Yun naman ang kanyang mga prinomise. We’re just reminding him,” Nolasco said.

Contractualization is also a major problem in the industry, Nolasco shared. Even with a law that puts government nurses at Salary Grade 11, many nurses are hired on a contractual basis which lets employers skirt around the ruling, paying them below the minimum wage.

The problem lies with local government units (LGUs), whose priorities don’t always include healthcare, Nolasco said.

Many LGUs refuse to fill up plantilla positions, often only hiring job order nurses to save costs. But aside from low salary, these nurses are deprived of

employment benefits and security of tenure.

Now we have health care workers who can’t even afford health services themselves and are at risk of losing their jobs anytime.

“There’s even a case when a nurse was fired just because she liked a post by a doctor complaining about lack of hospital equipment,” Nolasco shared. “Ang daling mapataalsik.”

Nolasco refuse to believe that there is an oversupply of nurses, which has been a common narrative by the government for years. “Underutilization” is a better term, she said.

“Hindi naman nag-o-open ng jobs kahit may pangangailangan (They’re not opening job positions even if there’s a need),” Nolasco said. According to her, the current nurse to patient ratio here is one nurse per 40 patients.

Career growth and government bureaucracies are also push factors for nurses to leave.

According to Nolasco, the recently passed Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016, which requires professionals to earn a specific number of units before their licenses are renewed, has a huge impact on nurses.

Nurses, she said, not only have to use the little spare time they have to join these trainings but also spend so much to comply with the requirements. There is no explicit ruling that would require hospitals to pay for the training of their employees, which Nolasco said should be “their obligation to ensure that their health workers can give quality care.”

Lacking equipment and with low wages, nurses continue to be demoralized and look at other countries to grow their career. Unless these problems are addressed, Nolasco believes our nurses will continue to leave.

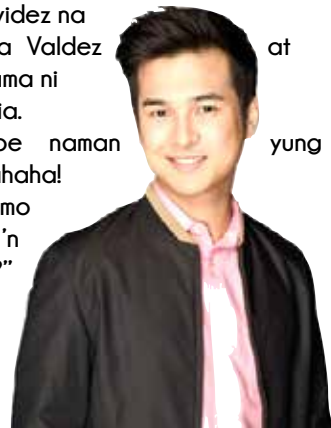
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Jerome Ponce, wala daw hinuhugutan para gumanap bilang kontrabida

Inaral lang daw ng mabuti ni Jerome Ponce kanyang role sa ‘The Good Son’.

Biniro namin si Jerome Ponce na parang hindi siya umaarte sa primetime series na The Good Son ng ABS-CBN dahil effortless ang pagganap niya sa character ni Enzo Buenavidez na anak ni Eula Valdez at kapatid sa ama ni Joshua Garcia.

“Ay, grabe naman yung effortless. Hahaha! Pakiramdam mo talaga ganu’n ako kasama?” pabiro ring reaksyon ng binata sa amin.



Eh, bakit ganun ka-natural ang acting niya na tila may matinding pinaghuhugutan?

“Alam mo naman ang istorya ng buhay ko, di ba, yung sitwasyon namin before ng father ko, pero hindi ako do’n humuhugot kasi unti-unti na namang naaayos.

“Ano lang, inaaral ko lang talaga yung character ko. Medyo mahirap nga kasi laging dapat may angst, wala yung happy-happy lang, pero yon ang binigay sa akin, eh, kaya ginagawa ko lang naman yung trabaho ko,” paliwanag ni Jerome.

Marami rin ang nakapansin na mas bagay kay Jerome ang magkontrabida at maging bad boy sa TV.

“It means lang siguro na gusto nila yung performance ko at nai-enjoy nilang panoorin,” reaksyon niya ulit.

“Kahit naman anong role ang ibigay sa akin, okay lang naman ako. Kahit pa bida yan, kontrabida, masama o mabuting tao, puwede naman ako don kasi nga role playing lang naman yon,” dagdag niya.

Gusto ba niyang tuluy-tuloy na magkontrabida sa TV?

“Wala naman pong problema sa akin. Basta kung saan may trabaho,” sagot niya. “Kung sa tingin nila effective talaga akong kontrabida, well, salamat. Pero sana bigyan pa rin nila ako ng mabait na role.

“Sa labas nga po Enzo na ang tawag nila sa akin hindi na Jerome. Parang nakakapanibago kasi hindi yung pangalan ko ang tinatawag nila pero nakakatuwa rin kasi ibig sabihin tumatak talaga sa kanila yung character ko sa The Good Son,” lahad pa niya.

Eh, kumusta ang mga confrontation scenes nila ni Joshua?

“Okay lang naman po. Kapag kasi magaling yung kaeksena mo, madadala ka rin talaga. Lahat naman po sila magagaling kaya sobrang nakaka-motivate sa set,” sambit pa niya.

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PAL settles P6 billion to gov't

MANILA - Flag carrier Philippine Airlines on Friday settled P6 billion in navigational fees and other charges it owed government, just a little over a month after President Rodrigo Duterte threatened to shut down its operations over the debt.

“We are pleased to announce that PAL’s financial obligations to the government amounting to P6 billion, which were incurred since 1970s up to July 2017, have finally been settled,” said Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque in a statement.

Clara De Castro, PAL Vice President for Legal Affairs, delivered the payment in checks at the office of the Civil Aviation Authority of the



Philippine Airlines hands over checks to settle its P6-billion debt to government. Handout

Philippines (CAAP), according to a joint statement by the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) and CAAP.

PAL paid P5.68 billion to CAAP and P258.6 million to MIAA.

In September, Duterte threatened to shut down the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 2, PAL’s hub, if the airline won’t settle its unpaid dues.

The airline and DOTr reached a P6-billion resolution in October.

PAL was given until December 2017 to settle the unpaid charges. Roque said this conclusion highlighted the administration’s commitment to “decisively act on matters that would greatly benefit the nation’s best interest.”

“This settlement will go a long way in funding the administration’s priority programs,” Roque added.



If you know of anyone interested to join, please see information below.

REGISTRATION is on Nov. 10, 2017, Friday, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, St. Bonaventure School Gym, 1340 Leslie St., North York (Leslie/Lawrence beside Edwards Garden). Entrance is at the back of the school through the parking lot.

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DONEKLA Top Bills Canada Comedy Show Tour – Pinasayang Pasko at Bagong Taon

By Emar Sy

EJD Productions and Strawberry Films after a successful DONEKLA show in Alberta is bringing back the stand-up comedy duo to Canada for a series of shows on December and January. Super Tekla and Donita Nose are expected to make Christmas and New Year celebrations very happy and memorable with their scheduled shows in Vancouver, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. Donita Nose is a regular host for Wowowin, a popular GMA show while Super Tekla is regular mainstay of Sunday Pinasaya and Celebrity Bluff. Both are currently considered Philippines top stand-up comedians with millions of views on their you tube videos under their belts.

In collaboration with Audio Spin Entertainment, the internet sensation duo will have a show at

the National Event Venue located at 1000 Finch Ave. W North York on January 2, 2018. 24/7 TTC bus ply along this route for easier transport. Expected to perform as well are local artist Elle Renee, Gian Frederick and Star Circle Entertainment kids. Meet and Greet and AFTER PARTY is to ensue for VIP ticket holders after the show.

Tickets are now available online @audio-spin-entertainment-2018. ticketleap.com/pinasayang-bagong-taon---canada-tour-2018/ or may contact Michael Cruz at 416 7958985. Ticket prices are General Admission \$30, Premium Tickets \$50 and VIP Tickets \$75. VIP tickets holders can stay and party after the show until 2 AM. AFTER PARTY tickets are also available for additional \$10. Sponsorship activation is also available for interested business entities.

‘Crazy Rich Asians’ gets August 2018 release, and yes, Kris Aquino is in the film

The highly-anticipated film Crazy Rich Asians, featuring an all-Asian cast, will be released in August 2018, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The comedy delves into the secret lives of Asia’s elite, specifically in Singapore, from the perspective of an American-born Chinese economics professor.

The film stars Constance Wu, who made her TV breakout on the ABC TV series Fresh Off the Boat.

There are at least two Filipinos confirmed part of the cast so far: Kris Aquino, a veteran actress, TV host, and daughter of late President Corazon Aquino, and Filipino-American actor Nico Santos of the NBC series Superstore, although it’s not yet clear what roles they will play in the film.

Other actors confirmed as part of the cast include Michelle Yeoh, Henry Golding, Ken Jeong, Harry Shum Jr., Awkwafina, Jimmy O. Yang and Gemma Chan.

The film is based on the 2013 best-selling novel by Singaporean author Kevin Kwan.

Julia meets ‘Hamilton’ creator

Lin-Manuel Miranda (left) and Julia Abueva



Manila-born singer-actress Julia Abueva got to tick off an item on her wish list when she met composer-actor Lin-Manuel Miranda, the creative force behind the play “Hamilton” and the movie “Moana,” backstage after a performance of her current musical, “KPOP,” on Broadway. Abueva, who is one of the lead stars of “KPOP,” told the Inquirer: “Lin-Manuel watched our show tonight. I have absolutely no words to describe how I feel. I am in awe of this living legend. Dream come true.”



Star Circle at Pinasayang Bagong taon Show

Star Circle Dance kids to showcase their high energy dancing talents at the Pinasayang Bagong Taon Show of Donita Nose and Super Tekla on January 2, 2018 at the National Event Venue in Toronto.

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Philippines spotlights anti-graft measures in bid to woo U.S. aid

MANILA - The Philippines defended its graft-fighting efforts in a bid to convince the United States to continue providing development assistance after an initial five-year grant of \$434 million expired in May last year.

The move comes despite President Rodrigo Duterte's remark that America's money could be replaced, after the US government's Millennium Challenge Corporation last year cited human rights concerns in deferring its vote on aid for Manila.

The Philippines received low scores in controlling corruption and ensuring the rule of law. The country's percentile ranking in its respective income group was 50 percent after scoring zero in control of corruption and 47 percent in rule of law, after scoring -0.01. This means that the

country did not meet the standards set for these areas.

In terms of democratic rights, the Philippines' performance met the standard: A score of 27 for political rights and 36 for civil liberties and also ranked well in government effectiveness (80 percent) and freedom of information (77 percent).

However, the rating "may not completely reflect the reform initiatives of the Duterte administration in the area of fighting corruption and good governance," said Harry Roque, a spokesman for the Philippine president. Duterte has fired government officials over corruption allegations, ordered agencies to open their records to the public, cut red tape and set up a hotline for people to report graft, Roque said in a statement.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez

also weighed in, saying the president had been "relentless in the campaign against corruption in government".

Duterte "cleansed the corruption-plagued" Bureau of Corrections, and last month set up an anti-graft panel to investigate cases against presidential appointees, he added.

Duterte took power on a platform of battling crime, drugs and graft, but is himself being investigated by an independent anti-graft body over allegations of non-disclosure of wealth when he was mayor of the southern city of Davao.

He raised the prospect of severing ties with Washington after being infuriated by U.S. criticism of his war on drugs, which has claimed more than 3,900 lives since he took office 16 months ago.

Angelica Panganiban has finally moved on:

Actress Angelica Panganiban posts about having finally moved on. "Mas masarap pala ang maging malaya. Mas masarap pala na unahin ang sarili."

Pagpapalaya at pagmamahal sa sarili ang birthday gift ni Angelica Panganiban sa sarili.

Tila lubusan nang naka-move on si Angelica Panganiban.

Walang tuwirang pagtukoy ang aktres kung tungkol saan ito, subalit sa comments section, marami ang tumukoy na may kinalaman ito sa kanyang buhay pag-ibig.

Ipinagdiwang din ng Kapamilya actress ang kanyang ika-31 kaarawan November 4, Sabado.



Lovi Poe shares details of encounter with Eddie Redmayne

MANILA – It's not every day that you get a chance to rub elbows with an Oscar winner.

Lovi Poe was given an opportunity to see Eddie Redmayne at an event by a luxury watch brand in Italy, and she immediately seized it. Poe shared details of her brief encounter with the English actor, who is best known for the films "The Theory of Everything," "The Danish Girl," and "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

"I knew he would be there, but I didn't know that I was going to meet him or let alone sit on the same table as him. It was an intimate dinner party. He was sitting right across me and I tried my best to keep my cool. But I think he thinks of me as the creepy girl across the table," the actress said in jest. "I'm a huge fan of his. I mean, c'mon, it's Lili (of 'The Danish Girl')! What a fantastic actor. I believe all actors and real artists look up to such talent," she added.

Recalling his meeting with Redmayne, Poe continued: "I was taking a snap while walking on the carpet/ pathway to the palazzo then suddenly, my friend Mike called me and said, 'Come, you have to go meet Eddie Redmayne.' I was not prepared at all because it all happened so fast, so as I was walking toward him, my heel got stuck in my dress and I was trying to take it out in front of him."

"He was holding my hand to help me because I could've fallen off the platform. Hahaha! Oh, I felt so embarrassed and everyone was laughing. I was obviously



starstruck like crazy."

Poe went on to describe Redmayne as "such a gentleman" and "very down to earth."

"He was like, 'Are you okay?' And I was like, 'I'm panicking!' I was panicking to the point that I didn't have the time to even grasp that moment. Well, at least everyone had a good laugh. Eddie Redmayne was such a gentleman and he was talking to everyone on the table. He was very down to earth and I did not see a single drop of arrogance in his ways," she said.

Asians' growing love affair with cruise holidays

MANILA- As the region's wealthy set looks for newer, more exciting cruise destinations, industry insiders believe that it's not a question of if, but when cities in the Philippines become regular ports of call.

Cruising continues to be a big lure among Asians these days, including Filipinos. This trend is likely to get bigger in the coming years. And as regular cruisers look for newer, arguably better destinations, Sean Tracey, Royal Caribbean International's (RCI) managing director in Asia, believes that it isn't a question of if, but when the Philippines becomes a regular port of call like Singapore, Hong Kong, and various other cities in China and Japan.

Next year, Tracey also announced RCI's plan to have five ports of call in Manila,

which he hopes would grow overtime. At lot of it depends on the improvement of infrastructure to enable cruise companies like RCI to bring larger ships to Manila and other Philippine port cities like Cebu on a regular basis.

Since it was a former American naval base, Subic is big enough to hold some of RCI's larger ships. What the destination needs to develop are more land attractions to give cruisers more reasons to visit it.

"I don't have the exact date yet, but a ship with 4,100 passengers is scheduled to visit Subic next year," said Tracey. "It will be an inaugural call to test the market's reaction."

Manila, which has plenty of land attractions to offer, doesn't have the facilities yet to hold a 4,000-passenger Quantum-class ship, but Tracey believes

that "if you build it, they will come."

For its part, RCI is in regular talks with the Department of Tourism and the Department of Transportation and Communication. These two government departments, he said, have recognized the economic opportunities regular cruises bring.

"It's not a matter of if, but when," Tracey added. "The important thing is progress is being made. In another 10 years, things will be a lot different. As cruising becomes more popular, the Chinese and Japanese market, for instance, are going to look for other destinations. Because of the beauty of the Philippines and its warm, friendly people, I believe many would be willing to fly out to Manila, even Boracay or Cebu, to join a cruise that would originate from here."

FINALLY FREE. Inilahad ni Angelica kung paano natapos ang sakit na pinagdaanan niya.

At ito ay nang mahalin ang kanyang sarili.

Sabi pa niya, mas masarap daw maging malaya.

"Natapos ang lahat mag mula nang tinalikuran ko ang sakit. Mag mula nung hinrap ko ang sarili ko. Kinilala at minahal.

"Ang pinaka magandang regalo pala talaga ng buhay ay ang mahalin ang sarili. At mahalin ang mga taong nagbibigay ng halaga sa ano ka, at paano ka at sino ka.

"Mas masarap pala ang maging malaya. Mas masarap pala na unahin ang sarili.

"Pwede palang maging madamot. Pwede palang hindi na abusuhin.

"Pwede palang tumalikod. Pwede palang mang iwan.

"Pwede palang tumawa ng wagas. Maging masaya dahil masaya ka lang. Pwede mo palang mahalin naman ang sarili mo.

"Madami palang pwede.

"Pero ang importante, pwedeng maging maligaya at hindi na kailangan umasa sa iba.

"Maraming salamat sa lahat ng nag tyaga sa kin salamat sa lahat ng nagpamdam ng pagmamahal sa makabuluhang araw ng buhay ko.

"Pangakong itutuloy ko ito. Ang mahalin ang sarili ko."

Si John Lloyd Cruz ang huling nakarelasyon ni Angelica.

Naghiwalay sila noong January 2015 pagkatapos ng apat na taong pagsasama.

Annemarie Princess Guzman's 12th Birthday



Dr. Solon Guzman and wife Dr. Josephine has always doted on their daughters and they never fail to hold a birthday party annually for their 2 daughters, Princess and Angeline. However, Princess was not feeling well on her party (FIRST PHOTO), so the family and friends had to continue the celebration while she rests in bed.



OPM Hits was a definite HIT! SHINE

A CELEBRATION OF ORIGINAL PILIPINO MUSIC!

The Star Circle Entertainment and Toronto's Finest recently presented a concert dubbed as "Shine" A Celebration of Original Pilipino Music at the Korean Cultural Centre in Toronto on September 30, 2017. The concert participated in by the students of the Star Circle Entertainment and the members of the Toronto's Finest. Amongst the special guests at the Shine Concert was Chiqui Pineda, a famous talented multi-skilled singer in the Philippines in the 1990's. Another special guest is DK Tijam, one of the vocal coaches of Star Circle Entertainment, a former Star in a Million grand finalist and a singer-host now based in Toronto, and Lovely Danna Luna, who also rendered a couple of song number.

Hosted by no other than Rico Ray, the night brought memories of Philippine music and dances, celebrating singers like Garry V., Regine Velasquez, Sharon Cuneta, The Manila Sound Medley, and the Original teleserye theme songs and more. The success of Shine is Spearheaded by overall musical director Melissa Joy Vitug, host, Rico Ray, Musical arranger Harold Gutierrez, SCE Team- Duane Asistido, Britney Waito, Krystal Castillo Phoebe Yap Chan, Jun Villalon and Ellen Galorport (Managing Director/Owner of Star Circle Entertainment).

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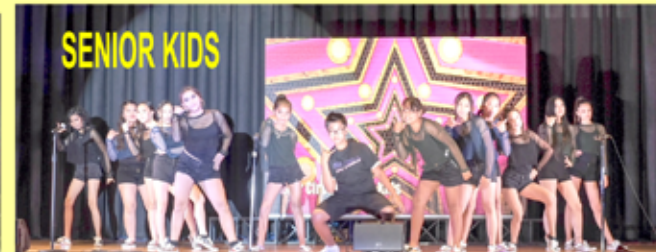
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Nadine on break from showbiz

Nadine Lustre is still in the process of moving on after the death of her younger brother early last October

Nadine shared how she and her family are coping with the tragedy.

Speaking to ABS-CBN News' Jeff Fernando, she said: "Medyo nasa healing stage pa. Siyempre, hindi naman po ganun kadaling mag-move on."

Nadine is grateful her boyfriend, James Reid, never left her side.

"Nung bago pa lang, ang hirap. 'Yung emotions ko hindi ko ma-control and then siyempre 'yung pag-iisip ko... Sobrang stressful. Happy ako na nandiyan siya, hindi siya napapagod na mag-support lang sa akin," she said.

James vows to support

Lustre no matter what, and asks for compassion for his girlfriend. "It's not easy what she's going through so this kind of thing really just takes time and patience," he says.

The death of her brother has brought some changes in her relationship with her family. "Mas nagkikita po kami gayon, bonding," Nadine shares.

James and Nadine are now in Japan where they will celebrate the actress' 24th birthday together with her family.

Nadine has signified her intention to take a temporary break from showbiz, but not for long.



Dr. Solon Guzman (FAR RIGHT) happily announces that his nephew Edward Uy and wife April are expecting a baby.



Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda (FAR RIGHT) and Nenita Lora crown the winner at the Crusaders of the Divine Church of Christ 7th Anniversary Toronto Chapter Coronation Ball. nenita also won the Best Female Dress of the night.

PHOTO BELOW, Journalist Fe Paca-Taduran (2ND FROM RIGHT) poses with Rizal Knights Jojo Taduran, Mario Alpuerto, Mike Cruz, and Rizal Commander Manny Yanga, also of Scarborough Toyota.



Neil Garcia, Peyton Garcia (ARIELLE'S PARTNER IN P.A. DAYZ), Ariel Abrazaldo, B'day celebrant Arielle Fina Abrazaldo (IN BLUE DRESS) and Chollo Lagdameo pose for a photo.



ABOVE, Philippine Undersecretary of the Department of Trade and Industry Nora Kakilala Terrado with FWN 2017 awardees Philippine Ambassador to Canada Petronila Garcia and Rosary S. Escaño.



FV Foods' owner Mel Galeon pose with ABS star Enrique Gil at the ASAP show.

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Next year, work permits are required for kids in showbiz, game shows

PHILIPPINES - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has issued a circular requiring work permits for children contestants in talent shows as well as for child actors appearing in advocacy materials or political advertisements.

In Department Circular No. 2, the labor department said a Working Child Permit is required if a child below 15 years of age:

- a) will be engaged in public entertainment or information, whether local or overseas, regardless of his/her role in a project, such as lead, supporting, guest or regular extra. This includes projects which are non-profit, advocacy materials or political advertisements; or
- b) is a foreign national and will be engaged in public entertainment or information in the Philippines; or
- c) will be featured in a documentary material unless it is school-related requirement or project; or
- d) will be engaged as regular extra or as part of a crowd and is included in the script or storyboard; or

- e) has been selected for a project after undergoing auditions, workshops or VTR screenings; or
- f) has been selected as semi-finalist in a singing, dance or talent contest for a television show.

According to DOLE, Republic Act No. 9231 provides that children below 15 years of age shall not be employed except:

- a) When a child works directly under the sole responsibility of his/her parents or legal guardian and where only members of his/her family are employed; or
- b) Where a child's employment or participation in public entertainment or information is essential.

"In the above exceptional cases, the employer shall first secure a work permit from the DOLE before engaging the services of the child," the labor department said.

It added that a child below 15 years of age may be allowed to work for not more than four hours in any given day and not more than 20 hours a week. A child is also not allowed to work between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.



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of the following day.
"The maximum four hours of work per day is inclusive of all projects of a child. Whether a child is engaged in only one project or in several projects at any given day,

his/her total work hours shall not exceed four hours a day and not more than 20 hours a week," DOLE said in its circular.
It added that the guidelines shall take effect on 1 January 2018.

People are talking about...

My Korean Jagiya
Despite the tough competition on primetime, the Heart Evangelista – Alexander Lee starrer remains the one to beat on its timeslot. Performing better than any other shows on GMA Network on primetime, My Korean Jagiya consistently outperforms its rival, which now resorts to social media to measure its performance. Obviously, viewers have an unending appetite for romance and comedy, and the show just got the right formula for it to get the audience hooked.

Alisah Bonaobra
Her determination and talent got her back to the popular talent show in the UK. After being eliminated in The X Factor U.K. more than once, entertainment sites in the UK called her the luckiest contestant ever because she's back in the game as a wildcard. There's no doubt that Alisah can sing really well, and we're proud of her waving the country's flag as she represents local talents on the global stage. We just hope she cuts all the drama since she's not in the Philippines anymore where talent shows capitalize on a contestants' backstory to gain sympathy votes from the audience.

Alessandra de Rossi
Declining an endorsement is something most celebrities wouldn't do regardless of the contract price and the exposure they'd get. For Alessandra, any product or brand that she promotes is an extension of herself that's why when a company offered to get her service for a multi-million endorsement,

she turned her back on the deal because she didn't believe in the brand. Good thing though after closing her doors on the deal, she got another offer which is much bigger and doesn't go against her values.

..are not talking about

Jessy Mendiola
She's back on Instagram! That was the headline of a showbiz news site after the actress's IG account had been inaccessible for almost a week. Her beau explained that Jessy's account encountered some technical problems. Let's pretend that we didn't know that Jessy has been the subject of nasty tasks among netizens because of her behavior online and that we didn't know that a person could actually temporarily deactivate his or her account.

Ruffa Mae Quinto
She's glad she's back in the limelight after taking some time off to take care of her firstborn. She even went from being a Kapuso to a Kapamilya saying that it was a decision tshe pondered on deeply for a long time . But does she's still have space in her new network? Sure, she's already part of Home Sweetie Home and we hope she'd succeed in bringing something new on the table. If only she's still as relevant as she was 10 years ago, we would have been very excited about this career move.

Xander Ford
Showbiz is littered with novelties and people who bask in "instafame" who believe trending in social media a few times would get them to mainstream. Sadly for Xander, who knew all along that show business was a cruel world, his sudden emergence is nothing but a flash in the pan. Even without

the video that captured him body shaming Kathryn Bernardo, people wouldn't still consider him as a celebrity. Perhaps, instead of dwelling on the anti-bullying case he filed against the netizens who uploaded the viral video, he could also re-examine himself so he can identify the reason why he suddenly got banned from a major network and why nobody cares about him anymore.

What Sharon should avoid now

SHARON Cuneta's comeback flick was first imagined to be with Gabby Concepcion, but since Gabby is so busy with GMA-7's mammoth hit afternoon drama, "Ika-6 na Utos", he doesn't have time to shoot a new movie so it was reported that Sharon will instead be paired with Robin Padila, with whom she has done three films before when they were both still with Viva Films. This will be directed by certified hitmaker Cathy Garcia Molina.

We heard they have started shooting the movie. Robin has also started taping a new soap with Jodi Santamaria (who'll be playing dual roles), but after a couple of days of taping, the project suddenly stopped and up to now, it has not resumed. Now, the latest news is that the young love team of Joshua Garcia and Julia Barretto would be added into the cast of the yet untitled Sharon-Robin movie.

So what does that mean? That Star Cinema is not confident that Sharon and Robin alone might not be able to pull in the expected crowds inside the theaters. Well, we can't blame them as we all know Sharon's recent solo film, "Ang Pamilyang Hindi Lumuluha",



didn't do as well as expected at the box office. The same goes for Robin. His last three films also didn't do great at the tills: "Bonifacio, Ang Unang Pangulo" and "10,000 Hours", that even won awards in the 2014 and 2013 Metro Manila Film Festivals but didn't yield spectacular results at the box office, ditto for his other film that his own company, RCP Productions, produced, "Sa Ngalan ng Ama, Ina at Mga Anak", also shown in 2014.

So we shouldn't be surprised if Star Cinema is being a segurista by adding Joshua and Julia in the cast of their comeback film. After all, the Joshlia tandem already has two box office hits to their credit, "Vince, Kath & James" and "Love You the Stars and Back", that both went beyond the P100 million mark at the tills. Some caring fans want to tell Sharon Cuneta to stop being

so open and expressive in her social media accounts, posting nearly everything that happens in her life especially when she feels depressed.

"Kasi nawawala ang mystique niya, lalo na kapag nakikipagsagutan siya sa bashers," says one concerned fan. "We think it's one reason kaya hindi na pinanood ang last movie niya. Kasi lagi na lang siyang nagpo-post ng mga nangyayari sa buhay niya and doon na lang siya inaabangan ng mga tao. Recently, pinahiya pa niya ang anak niyang si KC sa publiko after Ai Ai shared na binigyan siya ng son niyang si Sancho ng pera he got from his earnings from a TV show. Sinulat ni Sharon na wala pang anak niyang gumagawa ng ganyan sa kanya, so she was remi nded by netizens that KC gave her very expensive brand name bags."

Annemarie Princess Guzman's 12th Birthday



FIRST PHOTO, Mama Zeny Guzman (2ND FROM LEFT) poses with Girlie Guzman-Padillo (2ND FROM RIGHT) and family. SECOND, Dr. Solon Guzman (4TH FROM LEFT) pose with guests. THIRD, Dr. Solon Guzman poses with cousins who are also nurses. FOURTH, After the party, Dr. Solon Guzman (MIDDLE) brings the family to his altest soon-to-open location at Seafood City.

Gabbi Garcia now a certified recording artist



The 18-year-old self produced her debut single, 'All I Need'

Gabbi Garcia has finally fulfilled one of her dreams—that of becoming a recording artist. Before entering show business, the 18-year-old relentlessly joined numerous singing contests and talent searches on top of her regular gigs as a band vocalist.

The former Sangre Alena in the hit TV series "Encantadia" on GMA has just released her self-produced debut single entitled, "All I Need."

The song, which is about overcoming personal struggles and believing in one's capabilities, is a passion project that Garcia is very proud of.

"The song is very special for me because I've become very hands on with its production. From the music to the visual element of the track, my friends and I collaborated on it para mas buo yung identity nung kanta," Garcia explained to selected members of the media during its launch.

"This is very fulfilling because my first single is self-produced. I wrote the lyrics and created some of its melody. This song is only the beginning. I'm enjoying every minute of it, every stressful situation in the process of making a single," she added.

According the Kapuso star, ever since she started showbiz, she wanted singing to be part of her identity as an artist. Now that she has finally released her own track, she feels a step closer in reaching that goal.

"Honestly the music side came first before me entering showbiz because I did gigs before but when I entered the industry, I had opportunities to do teleseryes so I promised that eventually I would try to venture out into music because it's really my first love," Garcia shared.

"I'm happy to be able to accomplish this type of area in my job, because singing is really my passion. Kahit before pa, you can always see me with a guitar na ready sa jamming. I'm very excited about this and I hope people would appreciate it," she said.

With the successful launching of her debut single, she also credits her older sister Alex who taught her how to play instruments.

"Aside from guitar, I can play basic drums and ukelele. My sister taught me how to play instruments. Everything came from my sister," Garcia said.

When asked on what she wanted to focus more, she replied, "I could do both acting and music. I don't want this to be only a sideline because my heart is really into it. I'm really passionate about it, this one is also in my list of priorities aside from school."

"I also hope I can play in music festivals. I am a fan of those events as well as concert. I wish I could perform in one of the major events," she added.

Future beauty queen

With all the blessings Garcia has been receiving—a music single, television shows, endorsements and upcoming Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) movie with Dawn Zulueta and Vic Sotto, Garcia could not ask for anything more. But she does hope to cross out another item in her bucket list—to join a major beauty pageant and represent the Philippines.

Garcia, who has been very vocal about the idea since she started her career mentioned, "I think ang kulang na lang for me is to join a pageant. But right now I'm really concentrating here. So we'll see pa. I'm turning [only]19 in December, so I think maybe I can join when I'm 22."

As a matter of fact, Garcia won Ms. Skin White in 2011 and Ms. Solane 2013 (Teenies Category).

"My curiosity in beauty pageants started when I was young since I am fond of watching it. People would always tell me that I am very bibo. I'm an extrovert person so it's easy for me to talk and engage with people. I even answer the questions myself during the Q&A portion," she said.

"When I entered showbiz, my connections widened as well as the world I see. That's why I told myself that maybe I can really do it," Garcia shared.

Marian's show in New York social wit list + other stories



"In the show, nagkamali ako in choosing Rosette as my wife, kasi sobrang ganda nga niya pero sobrang pangit naman ng ugali niya dahil niloko't pinagtaksilan pa niya ako," he says. "So you should really be careful when you judge a person as looks can be deceiving. You should look deeper sa isang tao."

So how would he judge Kris Bernal, his leading lady in "Impostora"? "We've been working together for several months now and I can say that she's a good person, inside and

out. She loves her family, she's very considerate with her co-workers at maganda ang attitude niya sa work niya. She really loves what she's doing. Kahit sobrang drained na siya in playing her dual roles of Rosette and Nimfa, hindi siya nagrereklamo at all."

It's obvious Rafael and Kris can never be romantically involved at this point as he's already taken by a fashion designer, Valerie Gomez Chia, with whom he's been going steady for almost two years now. Doesn't Valerie get jealous when he does all the provocative kissing and bed scenes he has with Kris Bernal in "Impostora"?

"You know, in any relationship, the number one thing you should have as a couple is trust and understanding and I see an abundance of that in my girlfriend. She knows trabaho lang ang ginagawa namin ni Kris so she has no reason to feel jealous at all."

Toni refuses to comment on Lloydie

Actress-TV host Toni Gonzaga was asked to comment on John Lloyd Cruz's decision to take an indefinite leave of absence from their sitcom, "Home Sweetie Home." The controversial actor is vacationing in Europe with rumored girlfriend and fellow cast member, Ellen Adarna.

Toni said: "I have no involvement in their relationship, so I cannot say anything about it. Labas na ako doon. Whatever makes them h a p p y , let them be. Nothing much has changed on the set. We still enjoy working together. We're like a family there. We've been together for more than three years."



MARIAN Rivera can feel that her new primetime show on GMA Telebabad has really made its mark with viewers. "Kasi, kahit saan ako pumunta ngayon, ang tawag nila sa akin is 'Super Ma'am', so that means they're really watching our show," she says with a big smile.

"Maski sa social media, mothers tag me with their picture while watching the show na kasama ang mga anak nila kasi raw maraming natutuhan ang mga ito from watching 'Super Ma'am'.

Ibig sabihin nito, mas dumarami ang nahu-hook sa mas umiinit at tumitinding episodes ng 'Super Ma'am' gabi-gabi, so I really want to thank all those who watch and support our show. Bonus na lang 'yung mas gumagandang ratings ng bawat episode. Mas sobrang nakakatuwa 'yung you feel the love of the viewers na nanonood sa amin. Kaya nga last month daw, napasama ang 'Super Ma'am' sa Social Wit List na based in New York as one of the most buzzed about new shows worldwide. Abangan nyo dahil marami pang pasabog ang show in the next few weeks. Isa na rito ang pagpasok ng Australian hunk actor na si Conan Stevens na lumabas na noon sa 'Encantadia.'

"I'm glad to be back on GMA-7 and it's always a pleasure working with them and their stars."

Another surprise that will thrill viewers of 'Super Ma'am' is Isko Dagohoy, isang mandirigma or guerrero from the world of Tagachu and viewers will have to guess if he's an ally or an enemy. As of now, the rumor is that he will be played by Ivan Dorschner in his next assignment after "Meant to Be".

Find out in 'Super Ma'am', seen Monday to Friday, on GMA Telebabad after "24 Oras".

Why Rafael and Kris Bernal are NOT a couple

Rafael Rosell is happy to be part of a hit show like "Impostora" that teaches viewers to be more discerning in judging people by their inner beauty rather than their surface good looks.

Princess Guzman's Birthday



FIRST, Dr. Solon Guzman poses with cousin Girlie Guzman-Padillo. The rest of the night, Dr. Solon Guzman would entertain the guests by singing karaoke or dancing. Her daughter, 12-year old birthday celebrant Princess was in bed, not feeling well.



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Xian Lim on Kim: We're still together

CROSSING BORDERS” It was deliberate, Xian Lim says, that the choice of songs in his new album crossed all borders.

“I didn’t want to stick to just one type of music. I wanted to stretch my range by trying out different genres,” he stated during a recent media launch.

The singer-actor’s new outing, consisting of eight tracks, swings from acoustic to ballad to a bit of jukebox, which is our version of country.

Xian says he’s not afraid to tread unknown territories in music, calling himself adventurous by nature.

For instance, he revives an April “Boy” Regino song, Honey My Love, So Sweet. Then walks away with an entirely different version of the song, says his producer Jonathan Manalo.

ARIEL RIVERA FAN: Having been a fan of Ariel Rivera’s version of “Getting To Know Each Other Too Well” back in 2011, Xian has not forgotten to include the song among his favorites. He renders a mean version of the Gerard Kenny classic in this his third album.

Unseen in the current teleserye season, Xian is doing an adult film, a sex-comedy with Coleen Garcia and Nathalie Hart. He said his relationship with Kim Chiu has not faltered and that they, in fact, are still very



much together.

Kim confirmed this on another occasion when we had a chat with her, also in connection with her new album. What a coincidence, both of them noted, that their new albums are being launched within days of each other. Close.

ON A ROLL: Xian Lim is on a roll after his successful concert at The Theatre at Solaire as his latest album under Star Music entitled “Key of X” has already sold out during the singer’s album tours.

The singer-actor’s third album came three years after his sophomore album. For the album, he ventures into production work, conceptualizing and directing the music video of his carrier, “Getting To Know Each Other Too Well.”

Miss Universe Philippines 2016 Maxine Medina plays his leading lady in the video.

Getting to Know is currently invading local hit lists, already the #1 MOR chart topper and also soaring in various MYX charts.

Xian’s new album includes OPM classic, “Wala Na Bang Pag-ibig,” “Manhid,” and the light melodic track “Download.”

Sweet! Xian attends screening of Kim’s ‘Ghost Bride’

Kim Chiu looked quite happy when Xian Lim arrived at the special screening of her latest movie “The Ghost Bride”.

In an Instagram clip shared by ABS-CBN News’ Gretchen Fullido, Chiu can be heard telling Lim that she’s happy he made it to the screening.

They were even teased by Chiu’s co-star, Cacia Bautista, who said: “Iba din naman. Support, support!”



Lim’s attendance at the special screening of Chiu’s movie again dispels rumors that they are not in good terms.

Prior to the Star Magic Ball last September, many speculated that the couple’s relationship has been on the rocks because unlike in previous years, Lim didn’t stage any surprise for Chiu when he asked her to be his date.

However, on the night of the ball itself, Chiu and Lim laughed off rumors that they are no longer together.

Directed by Chito Roño, “The Ghost Bride” also stars Matteo Guidicelli, Alice Dixon, Christian Bables and Ina Raymundo, among others.

It is now showing in cinemas nationwide.

Kim, nagkaroon ng dahilan para ‘di mag-asawa agad

NAGBUNGA ang araw-araw na pagpopromote ni Kim Chiu ng first ever solo starrer niyang “The Ghost Bride.” Sa opening day ng pelikula (Nov. 1), tumipak agad ito ng P14.3 milyones sa takilya.

Hindi biro ang panahong ginugol ni Kim sa promotions dahil hanggang sa Cebu ay

pumunta pa siya kinabukasan (Nov. 2) para pagbigyan ang request ng kanilang fans na ma-congratulate siya in person. Isinama ni Kim ang leading man niyang si Matteo Guidicelli, ganundin si Christian Bables.

Hindi rin nagkulang ng suporta ang rumored BF niyang si Xian Lim dahil naroon ito sa special screening ng pelikula na sinamahan pa ng kanyang mga tagahanga.

Tinanghal na ngayong bagong “Horror Queen” si Kim, kapalit ng dating title holder na si Madam Kris Aquino.

Muli ring pinatunayan ni direktor Chito Roño na siya ang master horror director for all time ng Star Cinema. His last horror movie was “The Healing” kung saan magkasama sina Kim at Star for all Seasons na si Vilma Santos.

Dahil din sa “The Ghost Bride” nasabi ni Kim na mukhang matatagalan pa siyang mag-asawa.

“Bata pa naman kasi ako, kaya may panahon pa ako para gawin ang mga hindi ko pa nagagawang pelikula,” sabi niya.

Nangangahulugan bang matagal-tagal pa ang ipag-hihintay ni Xian bago sagutin ni Kim ang ano mang proposal ng binata, engagement o wedding pa ito? (Meron ba talaga?--Ed.)

Outstanding Canadian Awards



FIRST, Perly Alilio of Forex and Philip Beloso show their OCA medallions. SECOND, Nieves Mangante, Deo Rojas, Perly Alilio and Harold Guarin pose with their OCA medallions. THIRD, Canadian Senator Tobias Enverga poses with awardee Harold Guarin of Roadsport Honda. FOURTH, Awardees Feo Rojas and Harold Guarin pose with their medallions. FIFTH, The presence of Nenita Lora seems to make awardee Harold Guarin very happy.

Barbie explains why Ken didn't court her + other stories



“Pareho kami ng katambal kong si Ken Chan na first time maidirek niya so ingat na ingat kami,” she says. “Nakaka-pressure, kaya kahit gusto naming magbiruan sa set, behaved muna kami. Pero okay naman pala, marami kaming natutuhan sa kanya, lalo na nga’t galing kami sa comedy na ‘Meant to Be’, tapos ito, mas hitik sa kadramahan itong movie namin, kaya we need ‘yung right motivation na galing sa kanya. Sa teleserye, gradual ang transition ng characters at matagal ang build up ng story and emotions. E, dito, in halos two hours ng movie, sobrang dami ng nangyari, kaya kung kailangang magdrama at umiyak, dapat ready ka agad doon and naitawid naman namin nang maayos with the help of Direk Joel.”

The story starts when she and Ken are still students, but Ken breaks her heart and she ends up crying. Later on, Barbie becomes a broadcast journalist and she is assigned to interview Ken. They meet again, Ken says “This Time I’ll Be Sweeter”, but will he be true to his word or break Barbie’s heart again?

Also starring in the movie is Kim Rodriguez, with whom Barbie has something in common. They’re both ex-GF’s of Kiko Estrada. How did they interact during the shooting?

“Okay naman kami ni Kim,” Barbie replies, laughing.

Ken says he never tried to court her off cam because he doesn’t want to destroy their friendship. How does she feel about this? “Totoo naman ‘yun. Para sa’kin din, ‘pag nagsimula kayong magkaibigan, parang ang hirap nang mabura sa isip ko na magiging romantically involved ka sa taong friend lang ang turing mo. Mas masayang nagbibiruan kami bilang magkatropa. Friends na lang kami para safe. Pero sa ‘This Time I’ll Be Sweeter’, makikita nyo, okay na okay ang chemistry namin. Sabi nga mismo ni Mother Lily, nakakakilig daw talaga.”

We ask their director, Joel Lamangan, how he’ll size up Barbie and Ken as actors? “Mahusay na mga bata sina Barbie at Ken,” says Direk Joel. “I think they are the best of their generation. Mabait na, maganda pa ang attitude towards their work. Malayo ang mararating nilang dalawa sa sining ng pag-arte.”

Alex Gonzaga, young love teams head ABS-CBN online series

Seven original series starring upcoming and established stars of the Kapamilya network were launched recently and these are now for streaming on the ABS-CBNmobile exclusives website.

These star viral sensation KaladKaren; “Pinoy Big Brother” alumni Maymay Entrata, Edward Barber, Kisses Delavin, and Marco Gallo; comedian-host Alex Gonzaga; celebrity radio jock Mr. Fu; and kilig ambassadors #Hashtags. Their shows in short format cover everything from exclusive celebrity interviews, love advice, life lessons, fun game shows, and even scary stories. The titles are “Kikinang-kinang,” “Squad Goals,”

“Dear Alex,” “Hashtags Uncovered,” “Roleta Ng Fortune,” “Shookt,” and “Seen Zone” each with episode airing from five to 20 minutes.

ABS-CBN executive Marcus Binuya noted that while such shows proliferate online, theirs have “the story-telling and production value of ABS-CBN.”

“Kumbaga dekalidad pa rin ‘to,” he said. “Simula pa lang po ‘tong pitong ‘to and we will continue producing more content in the next couple of months.”

Love guru

Alex revealed her show “Dear Alex” sees her dishing love advice and then some with her signature sense of humor.

The 29-year-old Kapamilya actress added it is an interactive show as audiences could send an email or tweet about the problems they want to be discussed. Alex recalled that she started getting invited as speaker by different schools after the publication of her back-to-back love advice books “Dear Alex, Break Na Kami, Paano?! Love, Catherine” in 2014 and “Dear Alex, We’re Dating. Tama, Mali? Love, Catherine” in 2016.

She enjoys giving advice as “madaldal naman talaga ako as a person at pakialamera.” The actress has launched her own video blog on YouTube where she shares to followers a sneak peek on her personal life. Among the most memorable moments she’s had was being of help and inspiration to a follower who reached out to her.

“Merong nag-email sa akin na parang nagsabi talaga siya ng lahat ng kalungkutan niya sa buhay niya, binuhos niya sa akin na ‘yung boyfriend daw niya for one year nag-break daw sila,” she said.

“Parang naiyak ako habang nag-e-email (back), ‘yung parang naramdaman ko ‘yung pain niya du’n sa email. Naawa ako kasi sabi niya parang ang hirap hirap daw kasi kaklase daw niya tapos hanggang ngayon daw six months na silang break parang hindi pa rin daw siya maka get over. So, putting a face daw siya na okay siya pero deep inside it’s killing her daw...”

Her advice to millennials boils down to sentiment familiar: This too shall pass.

“Akala mo lang today na its the

end of the world, na grabe ang hirap hirap pero gusto kong sabihin na one day you will laugh about it,” Alex said.

“Dear Alex” show new episodes twice a week, every Tuesdays and Thursday.

Hearts wants to get pregnant next year

HEART Evangelista’s hubby, Sen. Chiz Escudero, celebrated his 45th birthday on October 10.

She says her birthday gift will come next year. According to their plans, they intend to get pregnant by January and deliver the baby nine months later. “He gave me the freedom to choose kung kailan ko gusto mag-baby and he also agreed na we’ll just have one baby kasi may twins na siya,” she says. “So bale we’ll have three children and okay na ‘yun. Kaya bale itong ‘My Korean Jagiya’ ang magiging last teleserye ko before I become a mom. And I’m so happy na ang bale magiging last show ko is so well received by viewers. Kahit saan ako magpunta, kilala nila ako as Gia at hinahanap sa’kin si Alexander Lee. At ang mall shows namin, sobrang dinudumog ng fans na kinikilig sa tambalan namin.”

Xander is really happy working with Heart and with GMA staffers who tour him around. Recently, his fans took him on a charity trip to an orphanage and Xander posted this on his social media account: “Had a great time with the kids of Concordia Children’s Services! Instead of fancy gifts or food trucks, my dearest fans were so wonderful that they actually arranged a charity event! How meaningful, yea? Had a heartwarming time hanging out with some babies, playing games with the kids, and reading them story book (in English and broken Filipino). They were so attentive and even helped me when I was stuck with my terrible Filipino. They were also so sweet to give a shout out for “My Korean Jagiya” and also thanked a n d wished us an early Merry Christmas n Happy New Year. I was sooo touched when I heard that! Salamat po!”

For the finale of “My Korean Jagiya” next month, GMA is taking them back to Korea to shoot the ending there.

Coco ups his game

MANILA, Philippines — Mobility is power. More and more people are turning to the mobile phone for anything and everything under the sun.



Coco Martin knows that. So he decided to tap the power of mobile phones to push something close to his heart. In-between tapings, guest appearances and others, he created a game app with Ang Panday, the character Coco is playing in a movie he is producing, directing and starring in for the upcoming Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

“This time, let’s reverse the process,” Coco explains in Filipino. “Almost all young people play games on their cellphones when bored. So I created a game that can cross over to the movie.”

He created a story and came up with Panday’s costumes and weapons (e.g. swords) to beat various enemies at different stages of his mission to help others. Coco also used his own voice as Flavio, whom the app will show going to various locations as he completes his mission.

Joining Coco in this project are Synergy 88’s Jackeline Chua and Miker Rivera who polished Coco’s ideas based on their experience in the mobile game business.

Coco’s passion and talent for telling a story and designing a mobile game impressed Jackeline. So she and Miker offered to make Coco a business partner for this project which she says aims at “global domination.”

Global domination is aiming for the sky. But if Coco and company make it, they’ll be putting an original Filipino creation on the map of mobile gaming.

“Panday is one of the first superheroes we Pinoys created,”Coco says. “I want children to know Panday, because some of them just know Thor. We also have superheroes we can be proud of, like Captain Barbell and Darna. Why don’t we start (promoting) them using social media?”

“Young people get bored easily. Gusto nila may nabubuo sila lagi. Kailangan natin silang sabayan,” observes Coco.

The app, available on Google Play store, lets Coco hit two birds with one stone. Besides getting people hooked on the new mobile app, the actor is promoting Ang Panday way ahead of its targeted Dec. 25 playdate.

Yes, Coco knows how to up his game. In today’s go-go-go world, and the competitive showbiz circle he moves around in, that could mean winning half the battle for himself, and the Filipino superhero he wants the world to know.

Rizal Canada 17th Commanders’ Ball



FIRST, Mike Cruz poses with Sir Jojo Taduran. SECOND, PPCO President Rose Tijam poses with Sir Manny Yanga. THIRD, Sir Manny Yanga (2ND FROM LEFT) poses with other Knights of Rizal. FOURTH, Sir Manny Yanga of Scarborough Toyota (2ND FROM LEFT SEATED) poses with other Knights of Rizal.

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Bailey May, Ylona Garcia share experience in Hollywood boot camp

Star Magic teen stars Bailey May, Ylona Garcia with AC Bonifacio and GirlTrend's member Jane de Leon recently flew to Los Angeles, California as the official representatives of the Philippines for the boot camp created by well-known producer and talent manager Simon Fuller.

Fuller gained prominence as the creator of "American Idol" and "So You Think You Can Dance" as well as the manager of Spice Girls, David and Victoria Beckham, Amy Winehouse, Carrie Underwood, Kelly Clarkson and Steven Tyler.

The four were shortlisted and competed against representatives from other countries for a chance to make it to "Now United."

Based on the teaser released online, Now United is described as a new interactive pop group for a new generation where incredible young performers from all over the world come together to sing and dance.

As a preparation, representatives undergo dance and vocal workshops before competing for a spot in the group.

Talking to members of the press, May and Garcia—who are former "Pinoy Big Brother 737" housemates—shared their experiences in the said boot camp.

"I went out of my comfort zone that and met new friends from different countries," May said during the launching of Jollibee's Top-Your-Own Jolly Hotdog.

"We sang and danced there. The best part was when I was coached right because there was a time that I wasn't able to do a part of a dance correctly but I continued on and practiced for the whole day. So after that when it was our time to perform, I got every step right. The experience was fun," the 15-year-old teen star continued.

For Garcia on the other hand, she considers performing with creator Fuller himself as well as popular artists in Hollywood just like Miley Cyrus as one of the great things that happened in the boot



camp.

"The boot camp actually honed my talent because we got the chance to be trained by renowned choreographers and singing coaches in Hollywood," Garcia said.

Now United has yet to unveil the talents around world who passed the boot camp and qualified to join the group.

Meanwhile, when asked if it will be okay for them to leave their two-year-old love team dubbed as "BaiLona" to focus on their own careers or even pair with other artists, May and Garcia seemed to have no problem with it.

"As long as we're both fine with it and as long as we're friends, I guess it's okay," Garcia said.

"If it's going to help our careers we have to take that. But with Ylona kasi, she really taught me how to gain confidence. When we were in acting workshop, I saw how good she was and that inspired me to do good as well," May said.

Finally, the two hinted that aside from endorsements, fans would continue to see them together since they have projects that will be known in the coming days.

What else does Bea Alonzo dream of

Actress Bea Alonzo, who's the breadwinner of the family, said her dream didn't end with providing a home for her loved ones.

"It's not a bad thing to want more, as long as you're not hurting other people while you work on achieving things," she said. "I'm aiming for stability. I invest in properties that have good value. I'm at a point in my life where I'm starting to save, but I also believe in work-life balance. I also try to enjoy life by traveling to places I've never been. I'm not into material things, like luxury bags and shoes."

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real life. Unang-una, super duper fashionista siya. E, ako, off cam, kung damit ako parang lalaking naka-pants and T- shirt lang. Tapos, selosa siya, possessive. E, hindi rin ako ganun. But I'm taking the difference between us as a big challenge and with the help of our director, Maryo de los Reyes, I'm confident maitatawid ko naman nang maayos ang character ni Zoe in 'Triple Ex'."

RHIAN Ramos is happy to be working with Lovi Poe and Max Collins in GMA-7's upcoming new show, "The One That Got Away" which is about three girlfriends who are all the ex-girlfriends of the same philandering guy, to be played by Dennis Trillo. Just like Lovi Poe, she believes that ladies should be given the chance to date as many guys to be able to select the best partner for her.

"I also believe that you should be able to date as many people as it takes to get the right one," she says. "A lot of them may turn out to be mistakes. But until you finally get the kind of person that you truly deserve, don't just settle for anyone else."

She says there seems to be a double standard in our society, since it seems okay for men to date as many girls as they want. But when it comes to women, the view is more conservative and limited. "It's really unfair kasi kapag guys, no one asks kung gaano na karami ang naka-date nila.

But when it's a girl, para bang it's so scandalous kung marami na ang naka-date mo. But you really have to be choosy kasi siyempre, at the start, hindi mo naman alam 'yung tunay na ugali noong guy. When you realize that he doesn't really give that much value or importance, then it's time for you to go and love yourself a little more. Maybe the next guy will be a little bit better."

In "The One That Got Away", Rhian plays Zoe, a flirty social media darling who works as a swimwear designer. She comes from a rich family but she hungers for the love of her parents who are both very busy.

"She's so different from what I am in

How come there was a story that she and her non-showbiz BF Jason Choachuy tied the knot while they were on a trip to Iceland? "Not true. Both of us have no plans of settling down yet. Ang dami ko pang projects na gagawin, 'no?

Rhian is also doing a new movie, "Fallback", with Zanjoe Marudo and Daniel Matsunaga, directed by Jason Laxamana.

Ken claims he was Barbie's fan

KEN Chan first captured our attention when he played the young Freddie Webb in the indie film, "First Ko si 3rd", where his star presence was so palpable on screen. After doing lead roles in "Destiny Rose" and "Meant to Be" on TV, he now plays his first lead role in a mainstream movie in "This Time I'll Be Sweeter" as the playful Tristan, who broke Barbie Forteza's heart as Erica, not just once but twice. They're directed by ace filmmaker Joel Lamangan for the first time. How is it?

"Sobrang kinabahan ako when I learned siyang magdidirek sa'min kasi dati ko na siyang naririnig na sobrang istrikto at naninigaw," he says. "But it turned out okay siyang katrabaho at sweet nga kasi binibigyan pa kami ng favorite niyang baon, kamote. It's really an honor and I'm proud na finally, nakatrabaho ko na siya. Malaki ang tulong niya sa'min ni Barbie kasi 'yung story, tumakbo for several years, mula noong college students pa kami hanggang sa nagtatrabaho na kami na nag-meet kami uli. Galing kami sa 'Meant to Be' na very light. Dito, mas madrama and Direk Joel guided

us well in interpreting our roles through the years."

He's also happy that Barbie is his leading lady in his first big movie. "Seven years na kaming magkaibigan since 'Tween Hearts' pa sa GMA7. All these years, we're able to keep that friendship. So okay na kami sa ganun. Baka masira pa ang friendship kung magiging iba ang level ng relationship namin. As friends, for life na itong pagiging magkaibigan namin. Ayaw naming lokohin ang tao just for the promo of our movie."

He claims to be a fan of Barbie from way back. "Actually, hindi pa man ako nag-aartista, kapag nagi-imagine akong gumagawa ako ng music video, si Barbie 'yung nakikita kong kapareha ko, so dream come true ito for me. Barbie is my best friend na babae. Kahit hindi kami boyfriend-girlfriend, mararamdaman mo 'yung pagiging sweet and caring niya bilang leading lady mo. At alam naman ng fans na may kanya-kanya kaming buhay at tanggap nila 'yun."

How is "This Time I'll Be Sweeter" different from other romcoms? "Mas madrama nga itong movie namin. It's about not just giving a second chance kundi even third chance. I broke Barbie's heart twice tapos bumabalik uli ako sa kanya and she says 'dalawang beses mo na kong pinaiyak, ang tanga ko naman kung bibigyan pa kita ng pangatlong chance na paiyakin ako.' So dun pa lang, makikita na n'yo ang kaibhan nito sa usual romcoms dahil mas serious ito, mas may tama sa puso."

Benjamin's romance with Julie Anne gets stronger

BENJAMIN Alves was last seen on TV in "I Heart Davao" and he's glad that after that, he'll now be seen on the big screen in the movie "Spirit of the Glass 2, The Haunted", where he is paired with last year's Bb. Pilipinas Universe, Maxine Medina. "This is an ensemble movie and I enjoyed working with the rest of the big cast, along with Cristine Reyes, Janine Gutierrez, Daniel Matsunaga, Ashley Ortega and Enrico

Cuenca," he says. "This is about a barkada na nagbakasyon sa isang lumang bahay, nakakita roon ng ouija board na pinaglaruan namin, without knowing na 'yun ang magbubukas sa isang portal na magiging dahilan kung bakit maraming scary things na mangyayari."

Off cam, his relationship with Julie Anne San Jose is going strong even after they got some bashing when they officially admitted their relationship. "Basta happy kami. The bashing started to come when Julie and me came out in public. At the start, nagagalit ako and I feel hindi basta dapat bina-bash si Julie or us. Kasi kahit sinong mahal mo sa buhay, hindi mo hahayaang mabastos. But then paulit-ulit lang naman 'yung mga sinasabi nila, nang-iinis sila, so I made it a point na huwag na lang pumatol sa ganun. You don't even need to read it so you won't react to it. Ignore na lang or i-block mo para mas tahimik ang buhay mo."

Ken Chan remembers Kuya Germs on All Souls' Day

Pangako ni Ken Chan sa kanyang yumaong tatay-tatayan na si German "Kuya Germs" Moreno, hindig-hindi nito makakalimutan ang itinuturing niyang 'Master Showman.'

Nagbigay-pugay si Ken Chan sa kanyang mentor-discoverer na si German "Kuya Germs" Moreno ngayong All Souls' Day.

Dinalaw ng This Time I'll Be Sweeter actor ang libingan ng kanyang tatay-tatayan sa Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City, ngayong Huwebes, November 2.

Sa kanyang Facebook post, sinabi ni Ken na nami-miss niya ang tinaguriang Master Showman at star-builder.

Mensahe ng Kapuso actor, "Namiss kita Master Showman. Kung nasan ka man ngayon 'Tay alam kong masaya ka.

"Lagi ka pa din nandyan sa tabi ko... lagi kang nasa puso ko. Mahal na mahal kita!"

Pumanaw si Kuya Germs noong January 8, 2016, sa edad na 82.

People...are talking about

Maine Mendoza

The TV darling's charisma seems to have never faded. Suddenly, she's all over the place again. The entire AlDub Nation, consisted of millions of fans that rabidly follow her on TV and social media, has been having a Twitter party since early Saturday last week following the premiere of the movie made for television, Love is, to the launch of her already sold out autobiography, Yup, I am that girl. Indeed, she just keeps on surprising

people, including those who aren't converts yet.

Piolo Pascual

Despite his fame, wealth, and packed schedules, this benevolent actor likes to pay it forward by helping others - without making a big deal about it. We are all witness to Piolo's philanthropic activities including his collaboration with big brands that support his foundation, Hebreo. This time, the actor

extends his charitable efforts by donating P1 million to the rehabilitation of the war-torn Marawi. And for the record, he didn't want this to reach the public. It was Robin Padilla who was so stoked for Piolo's willingness to help his Muslim brothers.

Bea Binene

Probably unsatisfied with just appearing behind the camera, she also moves behind the scenes to promote environmental

awareness. Little did many people know, the Kapuso star spends her free time out of town marveling at nature's wonders. As a result, she even produced and starred in an advocacy film that tackles climate change. The film premiered last week at QCinema and instantly received positive reviews. You see, at young, Bea has already found her purpose in life.

Scene in the City



FIRST, DJ Ryan Orlanda poses with guest Miss Globe Teen Petite Canada 2017 Ansha Joy Hipolito. SECOND, Broadway Tony awardee and Grammy awardee Jhett Tolentino poses with DJ Ryan Orlanda. THIRD, Volunteers with the Decades concert pose with singers Retrospect and Lani Misalucha at Rembrandt. FOURTH, Miss Grand Continental Teen 2017 Melissa Saldua Ventocillo and Mom Flora Saldua pose with Tony and Grammy Award Winner Jhett Tolentino.

Bettina Carlos speaks up about sudden exit from Idol Sa Kusina

Bettina Carlos says her sudden exit from Idol sa Kusina happened at the right time because she gets to be with her daughter more often. "I'm so grateful na it happened at this time na I know it's not yet too late."



"I cried buckets but I knew that it was going to happen."

This was Bettina Carlos's answer when asked why she was suddenly replaced by her friend Chynna Ortaleza in GMA News TV's weekly cooking show, Idol sa Kusina.

Bettina had been the co-host of Chef Pablo "Boy" Logro in the show ever since it first aired in 2011.

However, she was replaced by Chynna last July 2017.

"It's very technical. There's one contract that I did not renew, which affected another contract that is tied up with the show."

"So, with respect to technicalities and management decision, I had to forego the show."

Instead of being sad about losing a TV show, the celebrity single mom took it positively.

"Right now, I'm just busy being a mother."

"I'm really a full-time mother and also a full-time home-based baker."

"Talagang kapag nanay ka, sa anak lang talaga," the 29-year-old TV host-actress said with a big smile.



GABI NG PASASALAMAT:

A Kapamilya Thanksgiving show

As TFC Canada continues to celebrate its 10th anniversary this year, we are having our final event for the year entitled, GABI NG PASASALAMAT: A Kapamilya Thanksgiving show to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Global Kingdom Ministries, 1250 Markham Road, Scarborough, ON.

Gabi Ng Pasasalamat is a thanksgiving and benefit event that will showcase the best of Filipino talents through DZMM's

Global Pinoy Singing Idol, pay tribute to exceptional mothers through Umagang Kay Ganda's Nanay Kay Ganda with Winnie Cordero, and celebrate TV Patrols 30 years with Kabayan Noli de Castro. The event will also feature powerhouse singer Jaya and Kapamilya heartthrob Xian Lim.

Join us in this fun, exciting and heartwarming event as TFC also celebrates its 10th anniversary in Canada.

Global Pinoy Singing Idol is DZMM's global talent search which serves as a link to home for our kababayans who are looking for a venue to showcase our talents. 10 finalists will be chosen and will be part of the Gabi Ng Pasasalamat.

Nanay Kay Ganda Ng Canada is a tribute to Pinay Nanays of Canada. 3 inspiring nanays will be chosen and will be honored during the Gabi Ng Pasasalamat.

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How Do You Properly Dispose of Broken Rosaries and Other Blessed Items?

As Catholics, we commonly have religious items blessed, whether it be by a priest or bishop. When we have a rosary, crucifix, palm branch, or other item blessed it becomes permanently sanctified for a sacred purpose. However, over time statues and rosaries may become broken from use, or palm may naturally degrade. As we are called to show proper reverence for blessed objects, how do we properly dispose of them when damaged?

"Sacred objects, which are designated for divine worship by dedication or blessing, are to be treated reverently and are not to be employed for profane or inappropriate use even if they are owned by private persons." – Code of Canon Law 1171

In showing proper reverence, Catholic tradition simply states blessed items that are broken or damaged should be burned or buried. After an item has been burned, its ashes should also be buried. If the item does not disintegrate into the Earth, such as plastic, it is acceptable

to break apart the item then discard it appropriately. In the case of votive candles, if it is safe to do so they should be burned completely.

The tradition of returning blessed items to the Earth stems from the idea that an object sanctified in God's name should be returned to God, much like the way a person is buried and returned to the earth.

While the tradition of returning objects to the earth stems back thousands of years, in 1874 the Sacred Congregation for the Rites and the Holy Office issued formal determinations on what proper disposal methods are for blessed items. Any linen, vestment, or altar cloth should be burned and the ashes buried. Excess or contaminated Holy Water should be poured directly into the ground. Palms should be burned, and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday with the excess buried. Similarly, a rosary or statue would be buried.

Valeen turns lead star but director ‘despises’ her + other stories

VALEEN Montenegro started with ABS-CBN as part of Star Magic 2006. Her real family name is Vicente but she chose



to use the name of her more famous maternal grandpa, the late LVN actor Mario Montenegro. She did shows like “About

Ur Love”, “Crazy for You”, “Ysabella” but she was never really given a starring role so we were not surprised when she moved to TV5 in 2009 doing shows like “Lokomoko”, “Happy Truck ng Bayan” and “Kapitan Awesome” and co-hosting “Artista Academy”.

She now plays a starring role in the QCinema Filmfest entry that starts showing on October 20, “The Write Moment”, a romantic-comedy where she’s paired with Jerald Napoles, her co-star in “Sunday PinaSaya”.

How is it working with Jerald? “Masaya kami and he made it easy for me kasi he knows na I feel insecure when it comes to acting. Buti na lang dati na kaming magkaibigan so I trusted him na dadalhin niya ako sa mga eksena namin together. At si Direk Dominic naman, before the take, si Jerald lang ang kinakausap, ako, hindi, so sabi ko, siguro he trusts me na alam na niya ang gagawin ko.”

Valeen has had her shares of bashers and she usually doesn’t respond. But recently, she answered back when a basher made fun of her performance in “My Korean

Jagiya”. “Actually, hindi ako nag-react na minura niya ako at sinabing mukha akong impaktang alalay ni Heart Evangelista. Nainis ako kasi iniintriga kami’t pinag-aaway kami ni Heart, e maganda ang samahan namin sa set at masaya kami sa taping. Parang pamilya na kami, e. Pero after sagutin ko siya, siya ang na-bash ng husto ng ibang netizens na natuwang sinagot ko siya. Pasensya na lang, Ate, but next time, think before you click.”

Why Ritz has had ‘no boyfriend since birth’

At 23, actress Ritz Azul said she may still be inexperienced in having a boyfriend, but she is no novice when it comes to kissing men for the small screen.

The star of the ABS-CBN afternoon series, “Promise of Forever,” is a member of the No Boyfriend Since Birth (NBSB) club, but while making the series, she got to lock lips with not one, but two men—Paulo Avelino and Ejay Falcon.

“They aren’t the first to do that with me, so I do have experience in that aspect,” said the former contract artist of rival network TV5, “but doing it with Paulo and Ejay was still nerve-racking. It’s a different experience for each men. I’m thankful that they took care of me well.”

“I’m also lucky to have talented directors [Darnel Joy Villaflo and Hannah Espia]. The shots came out really sensual and not distasteful at all,” Ritz observed, adding that the challenge was really on how to make the kissing scenes believable.

At the recent media gathering for the series, Ritz was asked who between Paulo

and Ejay matched the traits of her ideal guy. After pointing out that the boys were both “taken—Ejay is dating Jana Roxas, while Paulo is with Jodie Elizabeth Tarasek—Ritz said: “They’re exact opposites. Ejay is the chatty type, while Paulo is quiet and secretive. I prefer the mysterious type. Physically, I go for the clean look. Ejay has a goatee, which I’m allergic to.”

Ritz said that, ultimately, she simply wanted a guy “who would show genuine love and care for me, someone who will be by my side no matter what happens.”

A sign that Ritz could be thinking of getting serious with a guy is when she introduces him to her parents. “If I feel that I’ve met the right guy, I will no long entertain other suitors. I don’t set high standards—he just has to be respectful and

God-fearing. Of course, I hope he isn’t older than me by more than five years.”

She also clarified that her decision to still not get romantically involved with anyone at 23 was not a result of any hurtful romantic experiences in the past. “I know I’ll get to that. I grew up not really open to those things—bahay-eskwela lang ako,” she explained. “My high school life wasn’t spent on getting to know the opposite sex romantically. I actually played basketball with them!”

Ritz added: “I consider getting into a relationship a responsibility. If I ever get involved in one, I want to be as dedicated to it as I am to my work as an actress. It’s also wrong to say that I have no suitors. They just often end up becoming my good friends. I believe in the promise of forever—which is why the show’s title suits me well. It’s the reason I’m still single.”



17th Rizal Commanders Ball at JC’s Banquet Hall in Toronto

The Knights of Rizal Canada Region Council led by Regional Commander Sir Ed Prillo, KGOR, held their 17th Commanders Ball at JC’s Banquet Hall in Toronto on October 14th, 2017.

Knights from Rizal Chapters from all over Canada came over and joined the organization’s major celebration. Host Commander Sir Pastor Elmer Manzo, KCR, led his committee of Rizal Commanders. The 200 Knights, Ladies representing various organizations and Guests present at the event enjoyed the celebration.

Special guests included Consul Edwin Mendoza of the Philippine Consulate in Toronto, Sir Senator Tobias Enverga, KGOR, and his wife Lady Rosemer, Sir Joe Daniels, KCR, Sir Roman Baber, KR, and Former Toronto Councilor and Mayoralty Aspirant Doug Ford, who expressed his

intention to join the Rizal fraternity in Canada.

Canada Region Commander Sir Eduardo C. Prillo, KGOR presented several Rizal awards and medals to the large Montreal Chapter delegation and to several Knights. This includes Rizal medals and plaques to Host Commander Sir Pastor Elmer Manzo, KCR; Certificates of Appreciation to Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, Sir Jojo Tadiran, KGOR and to Sir Mario Alpuerto, KGOR.

Amongst those who graced the occasion were Lady Lourdes Prillo; former Rizal Canada Region Commanders Sir Lapulapu Cana, KGCR, Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR, and Lady Dolores, Supreme Council Exchequer Sir Jaime T. Marasigan, KGOR, and Lady Bing. Canada Region Executive Officers present included: Sir Dr. Romy Sinajon, KGOR, Sir Placido Mineque, KGOR, Sir Joaquin T. Tadiran,

Jr., KGOR, Sir Mario Alpuerto, KGOR, Sir Manny Yanga, KGOR and Sir Ver Amante, KCR. Other high ranking Commanders present were Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, Sir Frank Crawford, KGOR, Sir Felix de Luna, KGOR, Sir Dario Boco, KGOR, Sir James de la Paz, KGOR, and Sir Jun Calaguio, KCR.

Sir Ed Prillo presented the Award of Excellence to Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR.

Canada Region Commander presented this Award of Excellence to Sir George Poblete, former Canada Region Commander and Supreme Council executive to recognize his dedicated contribution to Canada as the only Filipino Canadian Knight to receive the highest honors and/ or the highest rank.

Certification on contraceptives to put RH Law ‘on track’

PHILIPPINES - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will certify that most contraceptives are non-abortionifacients, thereby ensuring the “full implementation” of the Reproductive Health Law, an official of the Population Commission (PopCom) said.

PopCom Executive Director Juan Antonio Perez said the FDA declaration was expected to have an impact on Implanon, one of the contraceptives whose sale in the market was stopped by the Supreme Court because it allegedly induces abortion.

“FDA will declare contraceptives as non-abortionifacients, lifting the TRO (temporary restraining order). Full implementation of the RH (reproductive health) Law is now on track,” Perez said in a press conference.

Perez said, however, that the FDA would not certify to all contraceptives as non-abortionifacients and was preparing an approved list.

“The FDA is still not able to announce the full list, although I have been assured that whatever decision it makes, the resolution will lift the TRO [on Implanon]. So Implanon will have to be cleared because that is part of the SC decision,” Perez said.

In a text message, FDA Director-General Nela Charade Puno said Health Secretary Francisco Duque 3rd and FDA would make an official announcement next week.

The TRO against the sale of Implanon and Implanon NXT by the FDA stemmed from a petition filed by the Alliance for the Family Foundation Philippines, Inc. against then Health Secretary Janette Garin.

The Department of Health (DOH) said that the TRO by the Supreme Court was not “permanent” and that it could be lifted once the FDA complied with the high court’s conditions.

The Supreme Court reiterated that the FDA should conduct a summary hearing and amend the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the RH Law.

President Rodrigo Duterte, in his second State of the Nation Address, urged the high tribunal to lift the restraining order on the implementation of the RH Law.

But Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes Sereno clarified that the tribunal did not issue a TRO against the RH Law but only covered Implanon and Impanon NXT.

Implanon and Implanon NXT are thin rods inserted under the skin, which releases hormones that could prevent pregnancy for up to three years.

PopCom and FDA are both agencies under the DoH.

Arielle Abrazaldo’s 11th Birthday



FIRST, Arielle (IN PIGTAILS) poses with Chollo Lagdameo. SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, Arielle poses with friends.

Coming home

While there are perks to working abroad, it comes with various social costs.

Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority show that 4 to 6 million children of OFWs are left behind and at risk of losing parental care.



FITTING IN. Both Marvin Bermillo (L) and Jimmy Carpon say they're not having trouble fitting in with their colleagues abroad.

Both Marvin and Jimmy shared that they never really had trouble fitting in their respective host countries. But being separated from the people they know and love in the Philippines can be frustrating at times, too. “Despite the perks of working abroad, there are times that you would really feel lonely and at some point, depressed. You are already stressed with your work and you also have to deal with homesickness,” Marvin shared. “You miss your life back in the Philippines despite your hardships in the country.”

“Mahirap kasi we can only communicate with them online. Hindi naman po namin mayakap family namin, kahit Pasko at New Year,” Jimmy said.

But when asked if they ever thought of working in the Philippines again, both Marvin and Jimmy were reluctant.

“Napapa-isip ka pa rin ‘pag minsan kasi iba pa rin ‘yung pakiramdam na nagtatrabaho ka sa sarili mong bansa. Pero maiisip mo rin na wala rin talaga mangyayari with the current situation of nurses in our country,” Marvin shared.

Jimmy, meanwhile, said he’d consider if the country can finally offer nurses like him decent wage and security of tenure.

“Malaking bagay po talaga ‘yung salary. Kapag okay po siya, why not po? Kung talagang masisigurado na may work na pangmatagalan na may career pathways,” he shared.

So the two just press on despite the loneliness. And when homesickness kicks in, they remind themselves of the good they can do now with the extra money.

Marvin has finally started giving back to his parents, helping pay their bills at home, especially now that his younger sister is going to college.

“I am really blessed with all the opportunities that I received but with all these opportunities come with great sacrifices. There are many times that I really wanna give up but then I realize the main reason why I’m doing this in the first place – myself and my family,” he said.

Jimmy, on the other hand, has finally bought a house for his parents in the Philippines. With his remittances, his parents also don’t need to work anymore, and he’s able to help send their youngest sibling to school. Now his eyes are set to get another promotion and is working towards his dream of becoming a supervisor.

“Do it for Germany, for yourself, and for your family,” Jimmy said.



P.A. Dayz Arielle Fina Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia wins Jr. Miss and Mr. Ipen Media Awards at the IPEN Awards Night. Kyrha Del Guidice wins Best in Catwalk.

Kim Chiu is a
hit as TV Patrol
newscaster

Kapamilya actress Kim Chiu checked another item in her bucket list, as she just fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a news anchor.

For the first time in her life, Chiu experienced delivering showbiz news on the ABS-CBN news program, “TV Patrol”, on Tuesday. Her stint at the country’s longest-running TV news program is currently trending.

In a recent post on Instagram, Chiu uploaded a video that contained clips of her newscast as a Star Patroller, including some behind-the-scenes moments.

After her taping, she was seen being praised by the staff of the news program. She also congratulated herself for a job well done.

The first part of the video appeared to



be recorded with a mobile phone during the show’s live airing. This was later stitched with her behind-the-scenes clips.

Among the reasons for her visit to the news program was to promote her latest movie, “The Ghost Bride”.

In another post, the actress revealed that it has been her long-time dream to be a news anchor and to report the latest happenings in the world of showbiz. Even though she’s been an actress for over a decade, being a news reporter for just a moment still feels so much different for her.

She also felt overwhelmed about standing next to the country’s best news anchors. One photo she shared showed the actress with veteran newscaster Noli De Castro, in split-screen, as they delivered the news.

Hunk Shot

Mathew Gabriel Guzman

Mathew, 12, studies at Holy Cross Catholic school in Toronto. He loves, swimming, playing the piano, and sketching images. He likes Filipino, Japanese and Italian food. His parents are Mae Acenas-Guzman and Gabriel. His uncle is community leader and a very successful dentist Dr. Solon Guzman, who is also encouraging him to be a dentist. Mathew is thinking of taking dentistry as a career.

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Filipina Everest conqueror sets sail for China

SEA QUEST – After conquering Mount Everest, Carina Dayondon, shown playing with her dog, is off on another adventure: Sailing to China on a replica of the balangay, the ancient Philippine wooden boat.

After conquering Mount Everest, Philippine adventurer Carina Dayondon is set to sail to China aboard a wooden replica of an ancient boat in the hopes of boosting national pride in a forgotten maritime prowess.

Dayondon is planning to sail from Manila to southern China early next year, recreating trade and migration voyages made before Spaniards colonized the Philippines in the 1500s.

“People tell me I am crazy. They ask: ‘Wow, why climb Mount Everest? Why go to China on this tiny thing.’” Dayondon said aboard one of the two boats that will make the expected six-day sailing journey.

“I’m excited because our team will be more inspired realizing how good our forefathers were. We have to let people know we should be proud of being Filipino,” the 39-year-old added.

Dayondon, a petite but muscular coast guard officer, made history in 2007 when she and two other countrywomen became the first Filipinas to summit the world’s highest mountain.

Arturo Valdez, who led their Everest support team, is also heading the sailing mission and similarly sees the journey to China as a chance to inspire Filipinos.

Nevertheless, a third boat with a motor will accompany the balangays otherwise they will not be allowed into Chinese ports.

One of the group’s biggest challenges is off the water — finding enough money to fund the adventure.

Senator Enverga defends small businesses in Edmonton roundtable

Ottawa, Ontario, October 25, 2017 - The Honourable Tobias C. Enverga, Jr., Senator from Ontario, recently met with local business owners in Edmonton to hear their concerns on the Liberal government’s proposed small-business tax changes. Within this roundtable, the Senator held consultations and an open forum Q&A with those Canadians directly impacted by these tax changes.

“Small businesses make up the backbone of Canada’s economy. It is of the utmost importance that we offer these small business owners the necessary support to allow them thrive and not present undue hurdles that many of them cannot overcome,” stated

Senator Enverga. “While this proposal makes up a very small portion of the tax changes – only \$250 million of the expected \$3 billion in revenue – the negative ripple effect it would have on small business owners from coast to coast to coast is massive.”

“The small business owners I spoke with expressed deep concern over these changes and this is a concern that I indeed share with them. I will continue to work to support small businesses in Canada,” Senator Enverga concluded.



MP Kelly McCauley and Senator Tobias Enverga take part in a roundtable with small business owners in Edmonton.

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Kathryn Bernardo reveals age when she wants to get married + other stories



Kathryn Bernardo reveals in an Instagram live session that she wants to get married by 25. The Kapamilya actress is known to have a reel-and-real life relationship with love team partner Daniel Padilla.

Ipinahayag ni Kathryn Bernardo, 20, ang edad kung kailan niya nakikita ang sarili na nagpapakasal.

Ibinahagi niya ito sa kanyang followers sa isang Instagram live session kasama ang kanyang stylist na si John Valle kahapon.

Isa sa mga followers ng Kapamilya actress ang nagtanong kung anong age niya gustong magpakasal.

Sumingit si John at sinabing, “Ako na sasagot, siguro mga 32.”

Agad namang kinontra ito ng La Luna Sangre actress.

Saad niya, “No! It’s too late, mga 25.”

Nagulat si John sa sinagot ni Kathryn at sinabihan ito na, “25 ka diyan! Hello, ang bata-bata mo pa!”

Natawa at napaisip sandali si Kathryn at saka in-adjust ang sinabing edad. “26 maybe.”

Muli ay kinontra siya ni John at sinabing pwede na siyang magpakasal pag 29 years old na siya.

Natatawang sabi ulit ni Kathryn, “No, ang tanda!”

Sa isang bahagi naman ng Instagram live ay may nagtanong kay John kung may boyfriend na daw ba si Kathryn.

Pabirong sagot ng stylist, “Wala siyang boyfriend, asawa meron!”

Natawa naman nang malakas si Kathryn pagkatapos marinig ang sagot ni John.

Pagpapatuloy ni John, “Meron silang apat na anak. Dalawang babae, dalawang lalaki. Ang pangalan ng lalaki, Daniel. Junior daw kasi. Tapos yung isa, pinagsamang Kath at saka Daniel.”

Dagdag naman ni Kathryn, “Kaya nga

may KathNiel!”

Marami namang fans ni Kathryn at ng kanyang ka-love team na si Daniel Padilla ang naka-pick up sa Instagram live video at in-upload ang clip sa kanilang mga accounts.

Noong Marso, sa press conference ng pelikula nilang Can’t Help Falling In Love ay sinabi ni Daniel na “exclusive” na sila ni Kathryn para sa isa’t isa.

Pagkatapos ng press conference ay natanong ng TV Patrol reporter na si Gretchen Fullido si Daniel tungkol sa estado ng relasyon nila ni Kathryn.

Tanong ni Gretchen: “Kayo na?”

Sagot naman ni Daniel: “Yes.”

Sa isa namang panayam sa dalawa noong Abril, parehong sinabi ng KathNiel love team na 28 ang ideal marrying age nila.

Ayon din kay Daniel, dalawang wedding ang gusto nila, baka raw dalawang wedding ang gawin nila dahil hindi sila magkasundo sa gusto nilang wedding ceremony.

VANESS ENGAGED TO CHILDHOOD FRIEND

VANESS Del Moral is from Starstruck Batch 3 where the winners were Jackie Rice and the late Marky Cielo. She’s now one of the very few graduates in their batch who’s still active in showbiz.

She currently plays Crisel in “Impostora”.

She admitted to us that she’s getting married in February of next year. Her non-showbiz boyfriend of three years, Matt Kier, proposed to her while they were in Coron, Palawan last May to celebrate her birthday and she now sports the black and white diamond engagement ring he gave her.

“Napaiyak ako, kasi hindi ko talaga ine-expect,” she says. “Magkababata kasi kami sa Baguio. Our parents, dati nang magkakaibigan. But we lost touch when I joined showbiz. Yun pala, hinihingi niya ang number ko sa isang mutual friend namin. But my friend said, di puede, may boyfriend siya ngayon (Biboy Ramirez). Noong mag-break kami, binigay sa kanya ng friend ko yung number ko, saying, o ayan, puede mo na siyang tawagan, wala na siyang boyfriend. And so he did.”

Where will they have their wedding? “In Baguio, family members lang, small wedding lang. But before that, we intend to give a reception for our friends here in Manila para hindi na sila umakyat pa ng Baguio.”

Will they have kids right away? “I’m 29 and he’s 31 so we can wait pa. Balak namin,

makabili muna kami ng sarili naming house dito sa Manila bago kami mag-start ng sarili naming family.”

Alessandra mum about Marc, says it’s ‘unfair’

ALESSANDRA De Rossi is rumored to be playing beautiful music with actor-singer Marc Abaya. But at the special screening of her new movie “12” opposite Ivan Padilla at UP Film Center, she would rather not talk about him or their relationship at all even if Marc was there to keep her company.

“Unang-una, wala namang kinalaman si Marc sa movie kong ‘12’,” she says. “At isa pa, nakakahiya naman sa kapareha kong si Ivan Padilla dahil siya ang leading man ko, tapos ibang lalaki ang pag-uusapan. Respeto na lang, di ba? Mas gusto ko ring i-promote ang ‘12’ kaysa sa lovelife ko.

Mamaya, puro lovelife ang masulat nyo at ni hindi mabanggit ang ‘12’ na ipinagamalaki ko pa namang ako ang sumulat ng buong story and script.”

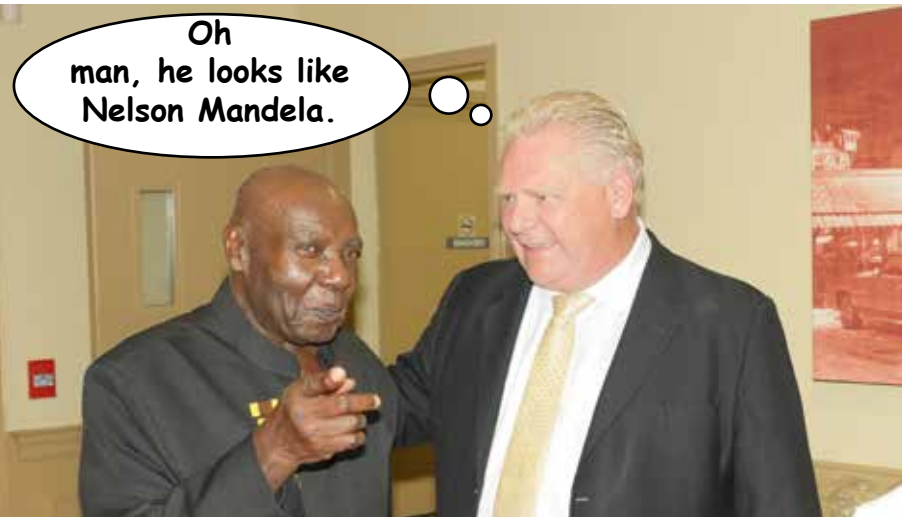
Alessandra’s mom was there at the screening, fresh from Italy, to spend Christmas with her and sister Assunta. She says her husband opted to stay in their home town in Lecce at the south of Italy to keep their two younger daughters company. She says she’s been asking Alex as to when she’d get married as she’s already 33.

“Naku, 25 pa lang ako, gusto na talaga ng mama kong mag-asawa na ako para magkaanak daw ako nang marami,” says Alex. “But I think iba ang gusto ni God para sa akin. Okay lang naman to be 33 and single. Masaya naman ako sa buhay ko. Lalo na ngayon, nagkaroon ng bagong dimension ang career ko. I’ll be producing my own films at may project nga ako for Aga Muhlach na nagustuhan naman niya. Meron din akong isinulat na series, ‘The Diary of a 30 Something’, a comedy then, may gagawin din akong series with Empoy Marquez and Piolo Pascual. So, magiging busy talaga ang lola nyo.”

Alex has reason to be proud of her movie “12” because she has written a fine script that examines the deterioration of a relationship that lasted for 12 long years. She has a good ear for dialogue that seems so natural and even if the movie is quite talky since there are only two characters in it, you won’t get bored as both she and Ivan did a fine job of enacting their respective roles.

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Former councillor Doug Ford attends the Knights of Rizal Dinner and poses for photos with admirers.



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