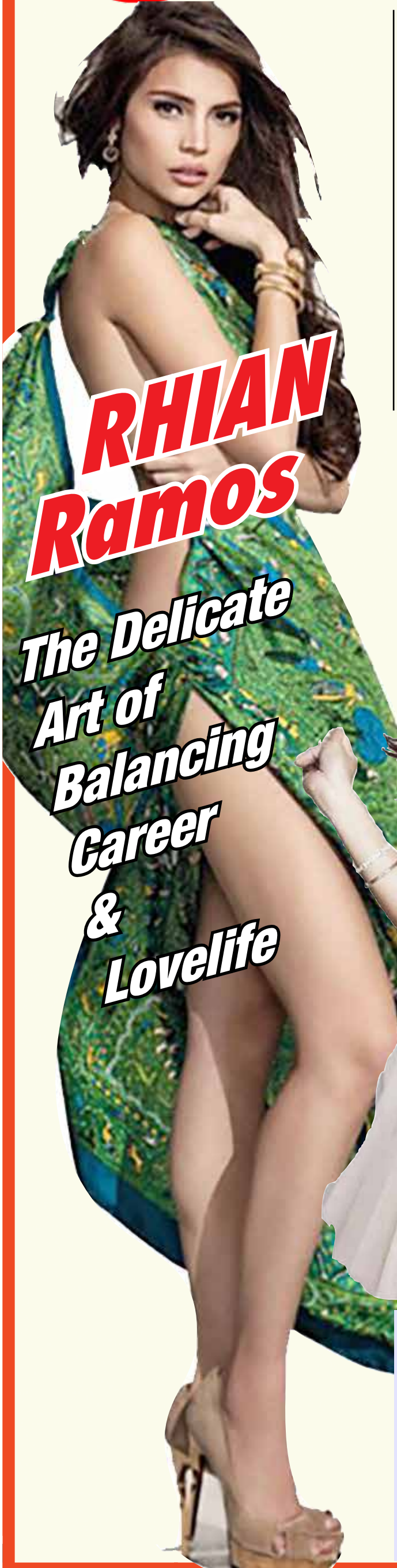




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## RHIAN Ramos

The Delicate Art of Balancing Career & Lovelife

DVD Pirates losing to Social Media uploaders

### Filipinos Abroad Killing Film Industry

MANILA - "It's not enough to live off of anymore," \*Antonio said while sitting on a monoblock chair in the middle of a narrow Manila sidewalk. He was facing a baroque-style church thousands of devotees flock to every week, but Antonio's eyes were not on the 400-year-old site; they were on the makeshift stall he was manning.

Antonio sells pirated DVDs. And until recently, business was good.

After all, he was in the perfect location. He would have to hide inside dark alleys or under flyovers if he were to

sell in other parts of Manila, but in the Quiapo district, where he has been selling for at least 10 years, there is little reason to hide.

The area is a hotbed for all things bootleg. Behind Antonio was a table offering fake driver's licenses and college diplomas.

At his peak, Antonio said he earned as much as

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### "I'M NOT BOSES KIKI ANYMORE"

Kim Chiu **STORY INSIDE**

### Communism in the Philippines: A new generation of rebels

A kerosene lamp flickers beside a Macbook in a jungle camp as aging Philippine communist leader Jaime Padilla plots the next step in one of Asia's oldest insurgencies with a new generation of fighters.

Fueled by one of the world's starkest rich-poor divides, a Maoist rebellion that began months before the first human landed on the moon plods on even though the country now boasts one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

"There's a big pool of young people who will pursue the people's war even if it takes us a hundred or more years," 70-year-old Padilla, one of the Philippines' most-wanted men, said at a rare news conference for a small group of reporters.

Padilla, who joined the New People's Army a few years after

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### P.A.DAYZ' *Summer Day*



P.A. DAYZ' Peyton Garcia and Arielle Fina Abrazaldo enjoy a lechon at the park.  
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## Alexander gets the Chance to Travel and Entertain Pinoys

KOREAN heartthrob Alexander Lee is more than satisfied that being the leading man in GMA7's "My Korean Jagiya" also gives him the chance to travel and visit various places and cities in our country. After doing shows with the cast in Davao and Sorsogon, he joined the annual Peñafrancia Festival in Bicol.

He was with leading lady Heart Evangelista and co-star Edgar Allan Guzman and entertained the Bicolanos in SM City in Naga who paid their respects to the Virgin of Peñafrancia. Alexander plays Kim Jun Ho in the romantic-comedy while Heart plays Gia, short for Guadalupe Immaculada Asuncion.

"I'm happy to know more about the Filipinos," says Alexander. "Anywhere I

go here, they're all warm and friendly. That's why I said I can stay here for good. I really feel so welcome here. I also want to thank all the viewers who watch our show every night. Please just continue watching every episode of 'My Korean Jagiya'."

The fans of the show are asking in GMA's Artistambayan on the net if Alexander would get to sing in the show and they want to have a copy of its soundtrack. "Yes, I'm now preparing to record a Korean song and I'm excited for our fans to be able to hear it soon. Also, watch out for the scenes that we will shoot on location in Korea for the wedding scene between me and Heart. It's a great highlight of the story."

## No taxes on P150K yearly Income, 3-in-1 Coffee Tax Reform Studied

MANILA — Filipino favorite 3-in-1 coffee, along with milk, and natural juices are spared from taxes in the Senate's latest version of the tax reform program.

These are among the changes the Senate committee want on the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) bill being pushed for by the Duterte administration.

Senate Bill no. 1592, also exempts from personal income taxes those earning a yearly income of P150, 000. This is lower than the P250,000 threshold in the counterpart measure passed by the House of Representatives last May 31.

The Senate plenary is expected to

discuss and vote on whether or not to pass the tax reform measure. If passed, this will be transmitted to the Lower House and both houses will convene to resolve the differences. The final version approved by both houses will be sent to President Rodrigo Duterte for veto or verification.

**Millions benefit with lower taxes**  
Millions of Filipinos will benefit from lower income taxes, Senator Sonny Angara, chairman of the Senate ways

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# Honey Shot

**Cariana plays volleyball. Her favourite dish is sushi. Someday, she wants to be a doctor. She is the daughter of Matt and Carla. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.**



**Cariana Romeral**



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# A Canada-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement Benefits All - Senator Tobias Enverga

Canada is a trading nation to its core and our agreements with the United States, Mexico and the European Union are testimony to our desire — indeed, our need — to reach far beyond our borders to seek trading partnerships.

Many Canadians are familiar with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and Canada's Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union, but flying below the national radar is the huge potential of a free trade agreement with the ten-member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

On an official visit to the Philippines last month, I led Canada's delegation to the 38th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA). Delegates discussed a wide range of issues over the course of the assembly — including disaster management, combating terrorism and human trafficking, just to name a few. When holding a meeting with these ten ASEAN nations, the conversation turned to asking the question, 'How can free trade

between Canada and this fast-growing region be strengthened?'

The ASEAN region — Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam — boasts a population of more than 600 million people and a nominal GDP of 2.31 trillion. This region is fast becoming a hotspot for global growth and investment, as many countries continue to shift their gaze east.

Canada already has a significant trading position among these nations and ASEAN members are collectively our sixth largest trading partner, to the tune of \$21.6 billion as of last year.

The economies of ASEAN stand out as being increasingly important to Canada, across a range of sectors, including oil and gas, telecommunications, financial services and consumer goods.



So the potential for a free trade deal with ASEAN nations — and the opportunity it would offer Canada to build on that already solid relationship — needs to be our next free trade frontier. And while the notion of a free trade agreement between Canada and ASEAN is not a new one — the idea has been tentatively discussed before — its attractiveness continues to grow. Beyond this being in our interest, over the course of the assembly

it became quite apparent during our meeting that the desire for a free trade agreement is mutual.

Beyond our dynamic trade relationship, Canada's unique history and development has given our country many tools that are useful to the region. Regional integration, interfaith dialogue, transnational policing and counterterrorism, as well as disaster risk reduction, are among the insights we are able to share.

Moreover, Canada takes great pride in its diversity and multicultural fabric, as well as in the benefits it derives from welcoming communities from around the world. This has helped Canada develop remarkable people-to-people ties with Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, more than one million people from Southeast Asia have made their home in Canada.

As this year marks the 40th anniversary of Canada becoming a dialogue partner of ASEAN, I can only look forward to the fifth decade of partnership between Canada and ASEAN with enthusiasm.

The tightening of economic, social, and political relations with the ASEAN region truly holds great promise for a brighter future for Canada.

**Tobias C. Enverga is a senator representing Ontario. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, the Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, as well as the Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans.**

## Producer explains after realistic catfight scene hurt Lovi, Erich

LOVI Poe and Erich Gonzales are currently shooting the movie about infidelity, "The Significant Other". Lovi is a Kapuso while Erich is a Kapamilya and this is their first film together, playing two women fighting over the same guy, with Tom Rodriguez as their leading man. In a recent confrontation scene that became physical on cam, they get to really hurt each other.

Erich slaps Lovi so hard that her face gets swollen while Erich's hand hit an earring of Lovi and gets wounded and bleeds. The camps of both actresses magnified what happened and blamed each other, leading to a word war in social media.

Because of this, Dennis Evangelista, the line producer of "The Significant Other", intervened and wrote his own piece on Facebook (en toto): "Being the Line Producer of the film 'The Significant Other', na-witnessed ko ang insidente. Multi-awarded director Joel Lamangan instructed both Lovi Poe and Erich Gonzales to be very realistic in this catfight confrontation scene. The scene is so intense that an accident happened. What you saw in the video is that Lovi Poe is the only one slapping Erich Gonzales, but hindi po 'yan ang kumpletong video para i-judge and blame Lovi Poe.

"I love both Lovi and Erich Gonzales but the truth is no one is to be blamed in this kind of accident. Kaya duguan si Erich, tumama ang kamay niya sa hikaw ni Lovi sa sobrang lakas ng sampal niya dito. Again this is also part of this intense scene. Nakahikaw si Lovi hindi para sa intensyon na paduguin ang kamay ng kaeksena niya kundi accesories talaga 'yun na nilagay ng kanyang Stylist



since we are supposed to be doing a high-end fashion show in that scene.

"We feel bad na naduguan si Erich, pero nasaktan din si Lovi, namaga ang panga niya sa tindi ng sampal ni Erich. Ang maganda sa dalawa ay tinapos nila ang eksena. Sabi nga ni Direk, this is the risk of being an actor, si Nora Aunor nga muntik ng maputulan ng tenga sa isang pelikula na ginawa niya.

"So please stop bashing and making 'contravida' si Lovi Poe. Just like Erich Gonzales, mabait siyang bata at pareho silang mahusay na artista. All's well that ends well naman dahil nagkasundo rin sila agad after shooting. What happened is just part of their job as actresses at sila mismo, hindi nag-aaway kaya kayong mga fans, huwag nyo nang palakihin pa."

Dennis is also the producer of "Bomba". But the local MTRCB has given his movie an X rating, meaning it's not fit for showing in local theaters.

We're sure Dennis will make an appeal because it will really be such a pity if the movie would not be allowed to be seen in local theaters. But a local movie exec told us: "Sobrang hipit talaga ng MTRCB ngayon. 'Yung mga members, ang daming ipinagbabawal kaya maraming producers ang natatakot ngayong magpa-review ng pelikula nila. 'Yun ngang 'Last Night' ni Piolo Pascual, original, R-16 ang rating doon pero na-appeal kaya naging R-13 na lang."

## Pirates losing to Pirates

Your illegal streaming habit is hurting the Philippine film industry



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PHP5,000 (about USD100) on DVD sales every day, but now it's down to PHP500 (USD9.79).

While the Philippine government has been cracking down on intellectual property violators in the past year, Antonio said the real threat today comes not from police, but the internet.

This month, the box-office hit Kita Kita was posted and shared on Facebook while it was still in cinemas. A quick search will result in multiple copies of the film in its entirety. One video posted last Friday has more than 3,000 views and more than 100 shares. This does not include the views and shares from videos uploaded earlier and ones shared in secret Facebook groups and streaming websites.

Social media has not only made it easier to share pirated movies, it has also made it more difficult to track and penalize violators. It has affected how local films are made and distributed, shaking up the lives of not only those involved in movie productions, from whom they are stealing from, but old-school movie pirates like Antonio as well.

### A shift in the industry

"We're struggling. We're struggling to survive," Mae Cruz-Alviar, a film director for Star Cinema, one of the biggest movie studios in the Philippines.

In 2015, her film Everyday I Love You, a romantic-comedy starring Enrique Gil and Liza Soberano, hit social media and streaming websites after only its

second week in theaters. Some copies are still available online.

Cruz-Alviar said a big portion of the budget now goes to fight piracy."

This budget goes towards extra post-production costs. The director explained that today, every copy of a Star Cinema film has a unique watermark edited into it. This helps them determine what cinema a pirated copy came from, but also adds to the film's final price tag.

Many of those who stream or download local films are Filipinos living in other countries who do not have easy access to local content. Star Cinema has countered this by holding simultaneous premieres around the world, a practice that increases the film's budget even more. According to Marizel Samson Martinez, manager for production at Star Cinema, simultaneous premieres require them to make two masters for one film, doubling the work for the staff and equipment.

While changes like simultaneous release dates are understandably seen as benefits from the audience point of view, one negative effect of piracy and its resultant costs can be appreciated by everyone: lower-quality films.

"What jumped out at me is that we have less budget for event films, for big films," Cruz-Alviar said.

She offered Star Cinema's 2000 film Anak as an example. Anak was shot on location in

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## Customs loosens guidelines on tax-free balikbayan boxes

Overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) will no longer have to submit a proof of purchase for items inside balikbayan boxes sent to the Philippines, as the Bureau of Customs (BOC) on Thursday said it suspended such guidelines for the meantime.

In a statement, the BOC said it suspended both Customs Administrative Order (CAO) 05-2016 and Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) 04-2017 until March 31, 2018.

"The BOC has temporarily suspended the guidelines in the implementation of the duty and tax-free privilege of consolidated balikbayan boxes, following the upsurge of criticisms among overseas Filipino workers," it said.

Under both CAO 05-2016 and CMO 04-2017, Filipino citizens who send balikbayan boxes to the Philippines are required to submit a photocopy of their Philippine passport to avail of the government's tax exemption.

They are also required to provide a copy of the invoice, receipt, or proof of payments of the goods contained in the balikbayan box.

Previously, such requirements were not needed for OFWs to qualify for the tax exemption, as long as shipments did not exceed a value of P150,000.

"Although it is our duty to facilitate customs clearance of balikbayan boxes, we cannot set aside the sentiments of our fellow Filipinos abroad," Customs Commissioner Isidro S. Lapeña said.

"With the suspension of the current procedure on balikbayan box, the previous regulation will be enforced," he added.

## Michelle at Pokwang, parehong girl ang isisilang

PAREHONG baby girl ang nakatakdang isilang nina Michelle Madrigal at Pokwang (Marietta Subong), courtesy of their respective American partners na sina Troy Woolfolk at Lee O' Brien.

Michelle is due to give birth in the U.S. next month (November) at meroon na silang nakahandang pangalan sa magiging first baby nila, Anika. Si Pokwang naman ay nakatakdang magsilang sa huling linggo ng January or first week of February 2018. Malia Francine naman ang ipapangalan nila sa kanilang magiging baby.

Engaged na sina Michelle at Troy na nangyari nung July habang nagbabakasyon sila sa Dominican Republic. Kamakailan ay nag-organize ang future mother-in-law ni Michelle ng isang baby shower na dinaluhan ng kanilang mga kamag-anak at mga kaibigan sa Quail Valley Golf, Grille and Events in Texas, USA kung saan naka-base ngayon ang engaged couple at mga kaanak ni Troy.

First apo naman ng parents ni Lee ang isisilang ni Pokwang.

Natutuwa naman ang panganay ni Pokwang

na si Mae na kasalukuyang nagti-training ng kanyang culinary course sa France dahil magkakaroon na ito ng baby sister.

RAYMOND, SIKAT SA SINGAPORE

KILALA na sa Singapore ang twin brother ni Richard Gutierrez na si Raymond Gutierrez hindi lamang dahil sa tumatakbong reality show ng Gutierrez family, ang "It Takes Gutz to Be A Gutierrez" on E! Channel kundi dahil madalas na ring maimbitahan ito to host various events there.

Kamakailan lamang ay isa si Raymond sa mga kilalang personalidad na naimbitahan sa launching at opening ng Oakwood Premier QUE in Singapore na dinaluhan ng iba pang kilalang celebrities ng nasabing bansa tulad ng actor na si Mike Lewis, Radio DJ Simone Heng, social media star na si Andrea Chong at iba pa.

Kung si Richard ay focused sa kanyang pagiging actor, sa hosting, directing, writing at pagiging entrepreneur naman nakabaling ang attention ni Raymond.

## ANSHA JOY HIPOLITO Celebrating Canada 150 at PCCF

Ansha Joy Hipolito, Miss Teen Petite Canada 2017, walks the runway at the Philippine Canadian Charitable 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

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## Philippines-Canada FTA on hold

Regional Approach is Being Studied instead

**Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo announced the incentive at the Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC) Philippine Tapestry Fashion show.**

MANILA - A bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) between the Philippines and Canada has been placed on the back burner as a regional approach is being put into motion instead.

"The approach now, because of the resource constraints on both sides, is really to go for the regional. So our exploratory talks with Canada in 2015 has been put on hold because we're trying to look at a region-wide approach," said Trade Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo, who also serves as the Philippine lead for the ongoing ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting in Manila.

"You have to balance the commitments with the potential that you can get and the potential will definitely be bigger. Of course the sensitivities may be deeper but the possible gains will be bigger because you're talking of one big region," he added.

An ASEAN-Canada FTA is seen for now as the best way forward as trade ministers in the regional bloc agreed to launch exploratory discussions to examine the potential of the deal following the 6th AEM-Canada consultations yesterday.

In his report, AEM chair and Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said the ministers endorsed the terms of reference for a joint feasibility study toward an ASEAN-Canada FTA.

"Ministers welcomed the completion

of the preliminary joint feasibility study (which) provides an overview of the ASEAN and Canada economies; highlights key bilateral trends in terms of trade in goods, services and investment; examines each party's broader approach to FTA negotiations; and evaluates the potential benefits of an ASEAN-Canada FTA," Lopez said.

"The outcome of the preliminary joint feasibility study showed good results, positive on both sides and that there's strong complementarity between ASEAN and Canada. The instruction (of the ministers) is to complete a feasibility study so that it would become more complete," Rodolfo added.

The Philippines was earlier chosen by Canada to be its gateway to the ASEAN region which would be made possible through a bilateral FTA.

The two nations agreed to explore a bilateral FTA in 2015.

Discussions for the FTA, however, were halted as Canada had a change in administration while the Philippines also had its own last year.

In August 2016, an annual Canada-ASEAN trade policy dialogue was launched and senior officials were tasked to prepare terms of reference for a Canada-ASEAN FTA feasibility study.

The feasibility study sought to provide Canada and ASEAN countries with an assessment of the potential economic impact of an FTA as well as steps moving forward.



## Palace repeals Arroyo's austerity measures

Malacañang has repealed an Arroyo-era order on the adoption of austerity measures in government in a bid to pave the way for intensified infrastructure and social spending.

In Administrative Order No. (AO) 6, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea said the country's fiscal condition has already improved since AO 103 on the cost-cutting measures was introduced back in 2004.

Despite the repeal of AO 103, Medialdea assured that the existing laws and rules on the judicious and prudent use of government funds will remain in force. Government agencies must continue to ensure there would be "no irregular, unnecessary, extravagant, excessive and unconscionable expenses" that will be incurred by the government.

Back in 2004, then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered government agencies to reduce expenses to meet the country's fiscal targets, maintain macroeconomic stability, and improve investor confidence.

The austerity plan includes the suspension of all foreign and local travels unless allowed by the head of agency, purchase of motor vehicles except ambulances and those required by the police and military, expansion of organization units and or creation of positions, and paid media advertisements,

AO 103 also imposed a 10 percent reduction in the cost of services of consultants and casual employees as well as consumption of fuel, water, and power. It also suspended all expenditure subsidies to government owned and controlled corporations and local government units except those approved by the Fiscal Incentives Review Board.

## Kapuso comedienne Divine sympathizes with Xander Ford; admits being bullied for her looks

Kapuso comedienne Divine Aucina feels good about Xander Ford's recent makeover: "Yung idea na his dream finally came true yun yung nakaka-good vibes! Proud of this kid kasi kinaya niya, kumbaga one way lang pero siya sinuung niya yung one-way to meet his goal."

Nakaka-relate daw ang Kapuso comedienne na si Divine Aucina kay Xander Ford, ang internet sensation na nag-trend kamakailan dahil sa mga pinagdaanan nitong cosmetic surgery.

Noong nakaraang October 2, nag-post si Divine sa kanyang Facebook account tungkol sa mga nalaman niyang hirap at sakit na pinagdaanan ni Xander, na dating kilala bilang Marlou Arzala.

Ito raw ay dahil sa pambu-bully dati kay Xander dahil sa kanyang hitsura.

Ikinatuwa ni Divine na natupad na ang pangarap ni Xander at napasaya niya ang mga taong hangad din ang kaligayahan niya sa kanyang bagong katauhan.

Pag-amin ni Divine, "Naawa ako kay Marlou kasi I have realized masyado siyang binibigyan ng expectations ng mga tao na hindi naman niya kailangan sundin.

"Dahil sa mga bash, siguro bata palang din siya bullied na siya despite having a confident character so yun yung drive niya to change.

"I somehow felt kawawa yung bata for living up to the people's expectations. But at the same time natuwa ako upon hearing that it was his dream."

Kuwento nito, tinutukso at pinagtatawanan siya dahil sa kanyang kakaibang hitsura.

May isang insidente raw kunsaan nagtago pa siya sa school comfort room at doon siya umiyak.

Pero dahil sa suporta at pagmamahal ng kanyang pamilya at mga tunay na kaibigan, pinatunayan niya na kaya niyang higitan ang mga taong nambu-bully sa kanya.

"Hindi ko pinapabayaan na masira ako sa pambu-bully sa akin.

"Minahal ko ang sarili ko at naging productive ako para ma-overcome ko ang lahat ng pang-okray sa akin at ma-build up ang confidence ko.

"Ngayon di na ako appektado kahit na may mga bashing pa akong natatanggap paminsan-minsan sa social media.

"Kaya naging strong ako. I turned my fears into something unbreakable.

"Sa awa ng Diyos, I was able to excel in school.

"I graduated cum laude sa FEU [Far Eastern University] at naging active ako sa pag-arte sa teatro via PETA.

"Kumbaga, my looks do not define who I am. But it's my determination and the will to be the person I was meant to be sa mundong ito," sabi pa ni Divine.

Ngayon ay napagkakitaan na raw ni Divine ang kakaibang ganda niya.

Isa siya sa busiest comedienness ng Kapuso Network na mapapanood sa primetime teleserye na My Korean Jagiya at sa weekly comedy anthology na Dear Uge.



## Dashcams required soon?

MANILA - A measure pending at the House of Representatives seeks to make dashboard cameras mandatory in all vehicles.

House Bill No. 6265, or the "Dashboard Camera Act of 2017," gives vehicle manufacturers six months to ensure that all its models are fitted with dashcams once put on the market. The Land Transportation Office will likewise reject the registration of vehicles with no dashcams, and public utility vehicle (PUV) operators will not be granted a franchise if they do not comply.

PUVs already in operation prior to the effectivity of the measure should comply with requirements upon renewal of registration, or not later than six months from the issuance of implementing rules and regulations. The LTFRB will be in charge of maintaining an archive for all recordings from vehicles involved in traffic accidents.

The videos will be confidential, and their use, viewing, disclosure, or publication will not be allowed, except for use as evidence.

Vehicle manufacturers and private owners will be fined P100,000 if they fail to install dashcams. PUV operators who do not comply will meanwhile be fined.

Licenses or franchises can be revoked for subsequent offenses.

Those who violate the secrecy of the videos, meanwhile, can face imprisonment of one to three years, and a fine of P100,000 to P2 million.

A similar measure is also pending at the Senate.

Known as the "Dash Cam Law", Senate Bill No. 1457 mandates the installation of dashcams in all PUVs, government-owned patrol vehicles and similar vehicles used by law enforcement agencies, service vehicles, and others.



## Golden Balangay Awards 2017



FIRST, Josie de Leon entertains teh crowd. SECOND, Cariana Romeral assists during the awards night with friends. THIRD, Kayleigh, Emm and Alyssa of Sugarpops perform during dinner. FOURTH, Arielle Fina Abrazaldo, Joseph Cunanan and Peyton Garcia pose after the awards. FIFTH, First Pinoy of the Year awardee Patrick Alcedo and the first Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement Awardee Tomas "Tatay Tom" Avendano Sr. from Vancouver, British Columbia.



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Hong Kong and the Philippines and starred veteran actor Vilma Santos and Claudine Barretto, who at the time was one of the most popular young actors in the country.

These days, the studio mostly produces romantic comedies that are safer bets to perform well at the box-office but rarely end up with as much critical success.

For Cruz-Alviar, the rise in online piracy roots from people's changing viewing habits. She thinks that many people used to finding their content online probably don't see much of a difference between watching videos on authorized streaming websites and videos uploaded illegally.

"The age of Netflix. You're used to streaming. So it's become a norm. So you feel that [illegal streaming is] the same [as watching on Netflix]. One and the same," she said. For her, this, coupled with Manila's bad traffic situation, are why people prefer to watch films at home.

#### The hard truth about soft copies

A few blocks away from Antonio's stall is a mid-rise budget hotel painted blue, yellow, and red. Anyone who frequents the area knows that the building's ground floor is packed with pirated DVD vendors with selections that would put Antonio's to shame. All the booths were covered with DVDs from floor to ceiling and contained everything from Filipino classics to the recent Netflix release Okja.

While pirated DVDs can be confiscated, films posted online cannot be taken down so easily.

Last year, the Optical Media Board (OMB), the government agency in charge of regulating media manufacturing and replication, confiscated more than PHP1



billion (about USD20 million) worth of pirated media including film, movies, and software. Their 2016 accomplishment report says that this is the highest estimated value recorded since the agency was established 13 years ago.

Unfortunately, the OMB still has no jurisdiction over cases of online piracy.

"A lot of our stakeholders incidentally

#### Many of those who stream or download local films are Filipinos living in other countries who do not have easy access to local content.

have been complaining that a large amount of pirated materials actually comes from the internet," OMB chairman Anselmo Adriano.

"You may be wondering, why is it that there are films that are being uploaded into Facebook? Why don't we catch them? Because they're not inside containers. So the only time we can [get involved] is if your pirated content is in a container."

The Philippines does not have a law that specifically prohibits online forms of piracy, making it difficult to penalize intellectual property violators on social media. Adriano said that the OMB is almost ready to submit a draft of amendments to Congress that will incorporate online piracy into the agency's

responsibilities.

The very nature of online piracy is often difficult for consumers to conceptualize. Burning truckloads of pirated DVDs is an image people can easily remember; deleting files from a cloud, not so much.

"It's difficult to teach people something they can't see. Especially, talk about intellectual property rights," Adriano said.

Facebook doesn't do much to help either. Their copyright infringement policy says that only the owners of pirated content are allowed to report posts that violate copyright laws. "Facebook moves slow, and they don't really provide options for it. Some [videos] get taken down, but not quick enough," Cruz-Alviar said.

#### Doing it for the 'gram

The penalty for camcording in theaters is common knowledge to many. The sheer number of Derek Ramsay pare, pulis ako (Dude, I'm a cop) memes show that many have seen the Philippine National Police's public service announcement about the issue. Even then, people continue to do it, often openly.

Sometimes it's pirates, but usually, it's overly zealous fans showing snippets of movies they're watching on their Instagram stories.

"Everyone wants to be popular. Everyone wants to be noticed," Cruz Alviar. "Everyone wants to be liked. So they do anything and everything to get those likes. To get all those added friends. To get all those added followers."

For Adriano, to be able to say you've watched something, shared something, or posted something is what drives many to

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#### Andi, gustong mag-quit; Lola Rosemarie, Gustong Magbalik

TOTOHANIN kaya ni Andi Eigenmann ang planong pagku-quit sa showbiz?

Gusto umano ni Andi na mag-concentrate na lamang sa pag-aalaga sa kanyang five-year-old daughter na si Ellie (courtesy of Jake Ejercito).

Nakakapanghinayang naman kung hihinto si Andi sa kanyang showbiz career. Huli siyang napanood sa TV series na "The Greatest Love" na pinangunahan ni Sylvia Sanchez na nagtapos nung April 2017.

Samantala, gusto naman umanong magbalik-showbiz ng Eigenmann matriarch na si Rosemarie Gil, lola ni Andi.

Si Rosemarie ay misis ng veteran singer-actor na si Eddie Mesa at ina nina Michael de Mesa, Cherie Gil at namayapang actor na si Mark Gil. Mga apo naman niya sina Gabby, Ryan, Geoff, Andi, Maxine Eigenmann at Sid Lucero.

Ang mag-asawang Eddie Mesa at Rosemarie Gil ay naka-base sa Amerika pero matagal na umanong nami-miss ng 75-year-old na Rosemarie ang showbiz. Last September 23, 2017, ang 78-year-old na si Eddie Mesa ay muling humarap sa concert scene after 25 years sa pamamagitan ng kanyang "Sing Us Your Love Song Again: The Music and Legacy of Eddie Mesa" na ginanap sa Meralco Theater at kung saan naman niya naging guest ang kanyang mga anak at apo.

Ang 5-year-old daughter ni Andi Eigenmann na si Ellie ay apo na sa tuhod nina Eddie at Rosemarie.

## Duterte bats for food security

'We can't rely on ASEAN neighbors for food crops forever'

MANILA - President Duterte urged the Department of Agriculture (DA) to develop more land for food crops so the country won't have to rely on its Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) neighbors forever.

Duterte made the call in his speech at the opening ceremony of the Agrilink/Foodlink/Aqualink 2017 in Pasay City.

According to Duterte, one of the problems in the sector, especially in Mindanao, is that vast tracks of land now are being used to produce cash crops like bananas and pineapples which are being exported to other countries.

"Yung karamihan ng lupa sa (Most of the land in the) peripheral of these provinces, itong malapit sa siyudad (those near the city), they're almost converted into cash crop. Wala ng (There is almost no more land for) food crop," Duterte said.

According to Duterte, he respects Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol and the department



PRIVATE WORDS — President Duterte chats with Agriculture Undersecretary Berna Romulo-Puyat during the opening ceremonies of the Agrilink/Foodlink/Aqualink expo at the World Trade Center in Pasay City.

and its staff to be able to attain food self-sufficiency. However, he said there has to be land for the country's own supply.

"We have to rationalize things there; that

we have to reserve enough plants, where to plant for our own supply," he said.

"Otherwise, we would always and forever be a dependent on Thailand, [and] Vietnam," he added. Duterte said that while the greatest promise of food security is Mindanao, he said programs cannot be implemented in the region effectively because of the threat of terrorism and armed groups.

"Wala ho kaming bagyo doon (There is no storm there). Once in a blue moon, if there is such a thing, may baha dito, baha doon (there may be floods), but otherwise, it is really a fertile land," he said.



## No offense to Ai Ai: Zsa Zsa wants a simple wedding

ZSA ZSA Padilla does not mind if her role in "Bes and the Beshies" was first offered to other actresses. "I know that I wasn't the first choice from the start but that's just okay with me," she says. "Ang importante, ako 'yung last choice kasi maganda 'yung role ko. And that's the first thing naman I consider when I accept a project, kung maganda ba 'yung role they're offering to me. Also, I make sure wala akong tinatapakang ibang tao.

"Very challenging ang role ko rito as Melba, kasi Bisaya ako rito and I have to deliver all my lines with a Visayan accent. Mahirap, a. Lalo na kapag nagdadrama ka, umiiyak ka, tapos Bisaya pa rin ang salita mo. Kung minsan, nakakalimutan ko kaya nakakagalitan ako ni Direk Joel Lamangan. Siyempre nga naman, I have to be consistent all throughout the movie. It's a joy to work again with Direk Joel na nakatrabaho ko na before on TV and in the movies sa 'Zsa Zsa Zaturnaah' and 'Mano Po 6'."

Zsa Zsa's leading man in "Bes and the Beshies" is Emilio Garcia. "He's my husband na laging wala kasi traveling salesman siya. Buti na nga lang, may best friends ako ritong sina Ai Ai de las Alas, Carmi Martin and Beauty Gonzalez to keep me company."

Both she and Ai Ai will get married soon, but unlike Ai Ai who will have a grand church wedding with her groom, Zsa Zsa prefers to keep it simple. "Wala pa kaming definite date kasi may inaayos pa. Kapag finatanong nga ako ni Conrad (Onglao, her groom) about the details of our wedding, sabi ko, huwag mo nang problemahin. No offense meant to Ai Ai who'll have a big wedding but me, I really want to keep it simple. Sabi ko, kaysa gastusin namin doon ang hard-earned money namin, ilagay na lang sa business o itabi na lang namin for our retirement. Tanggap kong 53 na ako, so I just want to be practical. Mas gusto ko for us to have a small resort in Palawan where we can offer bed and breakfast to tourists."

She broke up with Conrad for a while. "Ngayon lang ako nakipagbalikan with someone I've broken up with. I had to have some healing sessions muna and had to forgive some things in my past to come to terms with the acceptance na makikipagbalikan ako. Nahiya kasi ako noong una kasi, parang niluwa ko na, tapos kakainin ko pala uli."

## Manila among world's most stressful cities

MANILA - Manila is among the most stressful cities in the world, according to a new study.

In a study conducted by UK-based dry-cleaning and laundry service Zipjet, Manila ranked 10th, garnering a rating of 8.92 out of 10, with 10 being the most stressful.

The study analyzed 500 locations based on pollution, traffic levels, public transport, percentage of green spaces, financial status of citizens including debt levels, physical and mental health, among others.

With Manila one of the highly-urbanized cities in the country, green spaces have given way to high-rise buildings.

The Environmental Management Bureau, however, said the air quality in Metro Manila has been improving.

Its data showed 80% of air pollutants are from motor vehicles, while the remaining 20% are from area-specific and stationary sources such as open-burning, factories and



construction activities.

Public transportation remains one of the Filipinos' woes, with trains encountering glitches every so often.

As for mental health, a senator said it remains a concern in the country as data show 7 Filipinos commit suicide every day.

A mental health bill was recently passed on third reading at the Senate and the Department of Health allocated more than P1 billion for mental health projects this year.

The world's most stressful cities:

1. Baghdad, Iraq

2. Kabul, Afghanistan
3. Lagos, Nigeria
4. Dakar, Senegal
5. Cairo, Egypt
6. Tehran, Iran
7. Dhaka, Bangladesh
8. Karachi, Pakistan
9. New Delhi, India
10. Manila, Philippines

Meanwhile, European cities dominated the world's least stressful metros, with four cities in Germany making the cut.

1. Stuttgart, Germany
2. Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
3. Hanover, Germany
4. Bern, Switzerland
5. Munich, Germany
6. Bordeaux, France
7. Edinburgh, UK
8. Sydney, Australia
9. Graz, Austria and Hamburg, Germany

## BPO investment' decline traced to Uncertainties

MANILA - The American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (AmCham) sees domestic uncertainties in both the short and the long term as factors that may explain the continued drop in IT-BPM investment pledges in the first half of the year, a top official said.

AmCham senior adviser John Forbes said that a mix of short- and long-term uncertainties, including the move to change the industry's tax policy, might be factors behind the 34-percent drop in new IT-BPM investments in the second quarter.

According to the Philippine Statistics

Authority (PSA), new IT-BPM pledges reached P4.9 billion in the second quarter, falling 34 percent from the P6.27 billion registered in the same months last year. This continues the decline that the industry has been facing in terms of new investments since the start of the second semester of 2016.

"There are some short-term uncertainties in the sector such as future tax policy and insufficient supply of Peza-approved office space, while in the longer term lower skilled call center work will be automated and may be returned to sites in the US," he said.

The Duterte administration's first package of its comprehensive tax reform program wanted to reduce the tax perks that the IT-BPM industry is currently enjoying, choosing to remove some value-added tax exemptions in favor of a VAT equivalent of 12 percent of gross receipts.

Stakeholders have opposed this move, warning that it would affect the competitiveness of the Philippine IT-BPM industry, which has recently slipped in its global ranking.



FIRST, Katharine Reyes performed at the Berczy Statue Dedication. SECOND, Erica Sayles, Ambassador of the Fairs, Edessa Andrada, 2nd Runner Up & John Kiru, CNEA President pose at CNE Rising Star contest. THIRD, PCCF VP Rosemer Enverga and husband Canadian Senator Tobias Enverga pose with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte. FOURTH, Maria Panaligan pose with actress and Batangas Governor Vilma Santos.



# Filipino Canadian Teachers Group Slates 11th Annual Teachers Conference

By : Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Summer is almost over and the autumn breeze is moving in the horizon. Back to school jitters have passed and school work is again in the agenda of students, parents and teachers. Purposeful professional development & enrichment time is in order.

In this light, the Philippine Teachers Association of Canada (PTAC) is holding anew the 11th Annual Teachers Conference on October 14, 2017, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Barbara Frum-Toronto Public Library, 20 Covington Road, North York, Toronto, Ontario.

Invited to the gathering, as speakers and presenters, are leading educational professionals, teachers and educators, among which are: Dr. Phillip Kelly, York University professor & head of the Asian Research and Studies and Ms. Luz Del Rosario, Trustee of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Additionally, experienced Filipino Canadian teachers from different school boards will sit in a panel discussion. New PTAC members will also share how the Association has helped them in their journey towards reconnecting to the teaching profession and engaging in education career-related jobs.

Organized in 2006, the Philippine Teachers Association of Canada is a registered non-profit,

olunteer run socio-professional organization in Ontario. It is composed of Filipino Canadians who are former educators in the Philippines and /or are certified-and- practicing teachers in Catholic, public and private educational institutions in the province.

The Association provides free professional services, seminars and assistance to registered members and other interested individuals in such areas as: pre-teacher certification assessment guidance; teacher resume & cover-letter writing; professional networking & referrals; teacher- interview clinic & preparation; and career planning & career alternative strategies. PTAC has continuing partnerships and linkages with professional, social and community-based organizations on specially - developed initiatives and targeted projects.

Teachers, former teachers and other education- related professionals are cordially invited to the free whole day event. Complimentary meals and snacks will be served.

For further information, interested parties are requested to contact : Maricon Bernasor at mbernasor@yahoo.com, Perly Laganas at perly.laganas@gmail.com, or Cielito Drapeza at cielitodrapeza@gmail.com not later than October 3, 2017. ( Tony A. San Juan)

# The 1st Golden Balangay Awards: A Night to Celebrate & Remember

Achievers, movers and shakers gather for the first-ever nationwide search for outstanding Filipino Canadians

As the sun set on September 9, 2017, Filipino Canadians from all over Canada started arriving at the doorstep of the BMO Institute for Learning for the premiere awards night of the Golden Balangay Awards. It is the first ever nationwide search for outstanding Filipino Canadians – individuals and organizations – who have made significant contributions to their community through their achievements exemplifying leadership, good citizenship and dedication. After five (5) months of gathering nominations, there were almost 150 submissions then whittled down to 90 completed and valid nominations from 5 provinces. That night, the top 3 nominees were called out and only the winner of the 16 categories went up on stage to claim the honor of being the first recipients of the Golden Balangay trophy.

The first Golden Balangay awardees were as follows: Sandra Sabongui from Toronto Montessori School (Ontario) for Educational Excellence Secondary; Adrian De Leon from the University of Toronto for Educational Excellence Post Secondary; Robert Diaz from the University of Toronto for Educator of the Year; Christopher David, interior designer and owner of David Visual Communications Limited (Ontario) for the WFG Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Entrepreneur of the, Julian Baricuatro, owner of BitSource Interactive (Ontario); PCCT Business Excellence Award goes to WFG; Excellence Award in Arts & Culture,

Romi Mananquil, Philippine Artist Group (Ontario); professional boxer (Ontario), Marc Pagcaliwangan for Excellence Award in Sports & Fitness; Krystle Alarcon, multimedia artist (Quebec) for Excellence Award in Media; multi-instrumentalist musician (British Columbia), Raffy Ramiro, for Excellence Award in Music & Entertainment; Annie Chua (Alberta) for Manggagawang Pilipino of the Year; Norma Carpio (Ontario) for Senior Achievement Award; Zene May Maceda, National Representative, United Food and Commercial Workers (Ontario) for Young Leader of the Year; Tony San Juan (Ontario) for the Community Service Award; and, Ancop International Canada for LBC Most Influential Community Organization. The first Pinoy of the Year award went to Patrick Alcedo, a multi-awarded associate professor, writer, director and producer from Toronto, Ontario.

One of the highlights of the evening was the first Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement Award conferred to Tomas "Tatay Tom" Avendano Sr. from Vancouver, British Columbia. The 88-year old, founder of the Multicultural Helping House Society, won the hearts of everyone in the room. In his 8-minutes acceptance speech, he filled the four corners of the room with laughter and applause. "We have to be conscious of our historical background. It (the Golden Balangay Awards) is a development of historical consciousness. And when you admit you are a Filipino, you must promote the culture of the Filipinos. Hindi porke marunong ka ng mag-English nakalimutan mo na ang Tagalog or Ilokano. No. Your color is your color. Regardless of what it is, we have to love our own country, we have to promote our own culture.", one of his many remarks that was loudly applauded.

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# Philippines

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## Officials assess dip in Duterte satisfaction and trust ratings Cops in drug killings drag Duterte ratings

MANILA - THE involvement of policemen in the killing of teenagers pulled down President Rodrigo Duterte's satisfaction and trust ratings, presidential legal counsel Salvador Panelo said.

"Well I kind [of] expected that because of the incidents involving the minors..." Panelo said.

Panelo was referring to the killings of teenagers Kian Loyd delos Santos, Carl Angelo Arnaiz and Reynaldo de Guzman, all killed by Caloocan City policemen last August.

But Duterte's legal counsel said the latest survey results of the Social Weather Stations showed the president still enjoyed the support of millions of Filipinos.

"But you know, if you would translate the percentage [of the] survey in relation to the population of the Philippines, there is a huge difference, he got 60 percent? That would be roughly 67-million Filipinos," he said.

Malacañang itself said Filipinos continued to love Duterte despite the double-digit drop in

his net satisfaction and trust ratings which they admitted were "affected" by the continuing spate of unresolved killings as a result of the bloody drug war.

In a Palace news briefing, Presidential Spokesperson Ernesto Abella admitted the "honeymoon period" was over, "given the fact that people start measuring their expectations" about the administration a full year after Duterte took office.

These things usually happen, Abella said. "This is traditionally happening after a year, a year-and-a-half, and you know, the love is still there," he claimed, adding public satisfaction remained "good" and public trust remained "very good."

The Palace spokesman, however, said the drop in ratings might have been a result of the National Day of Protests against the Duterte administration.

"I'm sure there was a full spectrum of emotions out there, and some of these could

have spilled over," Abella said.

In the Senate, opposition Senator Antonio Trillanes IV Monday said Filipinos "are beginning to see the light," following the drop in Duterte's net satisfaction score based on the latest Social Weather Stations survey.

"It's very encouraging to know that the Filipino people are beginning to see the light. They are now seeing Duterte for who he really is: a lying, rude, amoral, corrupt and oppressive former mayor who is totally incompetent about governance at the national level," Trillanes said in a statement.

Based on the latest SWS survey, Duterte's net satisfaction rating dropped 18 points, from +66 last June to +48 in September.

Duterte's net trust rating also declined, from an "excellent" +75 to "very good" +60.

The survey was conducted from September 23 to 27, more than a month after the killing of the three teenagers.



## Heart introduces husband Chiz to ex-BFs

HEART Evangelista goes daring wearing a sexy black swimsuit showing off her ample cleavage in a revealing episode this week of GMA7's hit primetime romcom, "My Korean Jagiya". The scene shows her having a showdown in a swimming pool with the show's kontrabida, Valeen Montenegro, who's in a two-piece bikini. But the scene is treated more as a comedy since Heart, in her role as the kooky Gia, trips down while sashaying on the poolside, much to her embarrassment.

The show's director, Mark Reyes, has nothing but praises for Heart. "She's a real pro, kahit anong ipagawa mo, kahit mapahiya siya, gagawin niya basta sa ikagaganda ng show," he says. "And the scene showing na natalisod siya habang rumarampa sa may pool turned out to be really funny. We never thought she'd be truly effective in this kind of hilarious vehicle kasi mas kilala siya in doing heavy dramas before. She even shows great comic timing in delivering her punchlines."

"Ako mismo, na-surprise sa sarili ko kasi I've never really done this kind of out and out comedy before," says Heart. "At first, kabado ako but kaya ko naman pala. And I'm so encouraged by the comments I'm getting from the show's viewers. They're really enjoying daw the new Heart that they see in 'My Korean Jagiya'. Even my husband (Sen. Chiz Escudero), natatawa siya sa comic scenes ko sa show. He thought daw drama lang ang kaya ko. And this is really a great breaker for me kasi nakakasawa na rin 'yung iyak ka nang iyak sa TV."

Even if she's now a true blue Kapuso, Heart attended the recent Star Magic Ball and she was able to introduce her husband Sen. Chiz Escudero to her past BFs, including John Prats, Jericho Rosales and Daniel Matsunaga. This is a sure sign that they've all moved on as Heart is now so happily married to Sen. Chiz.

## A New Generation of Communist Rebels Emerges

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the insurgency began in the late 1960s, insisted the rebels were not concerned by President Rodrigo Duterte's threats to end peace talks.

A self-proclaimed socialist, Duterte swiftly launched negotiations with the Maoists after winning presidential elections last year and there were high hopes he could end the rebellion, which the military estimates has claimed 30,000 lives.

But last month Duterte angrily declared there would be no more talks because the



NPA continued to extort money from businesses and ambush security forces.

Padilla, a slight, bespectacled ex-farmer who goes by the alias "Ka (Comrade) Diego", heads the Melito Glor Command, one of the most important units of the NPA, the communists' 3,800-member armed wing, military commanders told Agence France-Presse.

The unit operates across the south of the main island of Luzon, the country's industrial heartland that lies next to the capital of Manila, typically attacking isolated security outposts and taking guns

from slain police and soldiers.

It also collects "revolutionary taxes" from businesses, ranging from big power plants and even small pig farms, as well as local politicians, Padilla said.

The guerrillas sleep in hammocks near streams and rural hamlets, help farmers harvest crops, and melt into nearby forests to evade any approaching large military forces.

They choose only to fight smaller units, according to Padilla.

His press conference was held on a

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## LBC WALKS WITH ANCOP

In support of the charities that the ANCOP (Answering the Call of the Poor) organization regularly undertakes, LBC Express Cargo once again took part at this year's 5K ANCOP Charity Walk held recently at the David Pecaut Square in downtown Toronto. Consisting of a contingent of some 70 participants, the LBC group joined with thousand other charity walkers who completed a leisurely stroll around the major thoroughfares of the city, thereby raising substantial funds intended to finance the educational and housing needs of indigents back home.

In line with the company's continuing goal of teaming up with the local community initiatives, LBC was again a major sponsor of

this yearly ANCOP event. And in order to generate greater interest and participation by various sectors, LBC through its Country Head, Raffy Policarpio, raffled off a large Samsung HDTV. As well, LBC offered plenty of corporate giveaways and meal coupons to its participants as a token of appreciation to those who share LBC's vision of corporate responsibility of giving back to the community.



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# Joma says Duterte building 'fascist dictatorship'

MANILA - Communist leader Jose Maria Sison slammed President Rodrigo Duterte, describing him as the "worst kind of president" who is on his way to declaring a "fascist dictatorship."

Sison, founding chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines, said Duterte controls all branches of government and has drafted a "killing budget" that allocates only P1,000 for the Commission of Human Rights and millions of pesos to law enforcement in the campaign against illegal drugs.

"I think I have a lot of criticisms to make of previous presidents, but this is the worst kind of president," Sison told ANC's Early Edition.

"I would say that Duterte is very well on the way to proclaiming a fascist dictatorship. He's preparing for martial law and to impose a fascist dictatorship in the Philippines," he said.

Duterte's control of the Supreme Court, he said, is manifested by the "quick acquittal of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as a way of paying for the support" the former president gave the incumbent.

The leftist leader also slammed the "glorification" of the late dictator, Ferdinand Marcos, whose remains were



laid to rest at the Libingan ng mga Bayani with the high court's nod.

"That Supreme Court has already given a blank check for proclaiming martial law nationwide," Sison said.

"But the attack of Duterte on [Chief Justice] Sereno is meant to complete, to tighten complete control over the Supreme Court," he added, referring to the impeachment complain filed against Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno.

## Gov't Preparing For Massacres?

Sison also denounced the Lower House's move to allocate only P1,000 to the CHR, which supports his

statement that Duterte is heading towards dictatorship.

"The way the budget is made, it's a killing budget, a budget for killing people, and a budget for expressing contempt for human rights."

"Reducing budget of the CHR to just P1,000 and then giving 'tokhang' this scheme of mass murder, 900 million plus other funds of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and a huge intelligence fund of Duterte—this is a budget for fascist dictatorship and for killing more people," he said.

Sison claimed P50,000 is the "going price" for each head of drug users and street-level peddlers, while P100,000 is for each suspected communist rebel.

"They're preparing for massacres in the Philippines," he said.

"We are looking forward to despotic regime of widespread death and destruction. That is already well demonstrated in the destruction of Marawi," he added.

Duterte earlier said he has decided to abandon peace negotiations with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), saying the fighting between government and communist rebels could go on for "another 50 years."

## What's keeping Michelle from joining Beauty Contests

MICHELLE Vito is one of the leads in the youth-oriented horror thriller of Regal Entertainment that opens today in theaters nationwide, "The Debutantes". She was at the premiere night held at Ayala Malls Vertis North last night and was so proud when she and co-stars Sue Ramirez, Chanel Morales, Miles Ocampo and Jane de Leon were congratulated



for their fine performances in the film by those who watched the film.

Writers urge Michelle to join a beauty pageant as she's a potential beauty queen. "Noon pa po maraming nagko-convince sa akin na sumali ako sa Bb. Pilipinas," she says. "I'm not closing my doors pero siguro later na kasi I'm just turning 20 this month. I will wait for 2 or 3 more years muna,

kapag mas mature na ako nang kaunti. I also want to undergo serious training para mas may chance ako to win. Kasi, as of now, wala pa akong confidence magsuot ng two piece swimsuit sa harap ng mga tao dahil maski sa beach, never ko pang n-try na magbikini. Medyo conservative kasi ang family namin. So dapat, masanay muna ako for me to gain more confidence."

How about the Q&A portion? "Palagay ko, kaya ko naman. While I undergo training, aaralin ko rin lahat ng possible questions na puwede nilang itanong. Hindi ako kinakabahan doon, e, kundi sa swimsuit lang talaga. Okay rin lang sa'king rumampa nang naka-long gown, pero 'yung swimsuit, takot ako maglakad na parang naka-bra at panty ka lang sa harap ng maraming tao."

## Tori wants to try showbiz

TORI Garcia is a 21-year-old singer-actress who was born in Manila but raised in Singapore. She now tries her luck in local showbiz. "I was four years old when we moved to Singapore," she says. "My parents are both architects who have established careers there. I've finished masscomm at the Republic Polytechnic in Singapore and also started singing solo while playing my own guitar. I also got the chance to act on TV in a comedy. About a year ago, I decided to come home and try to have a career here. I trained with Star Magic but it was GMA7 that gave me a break as a co-host in 'Wowowin' for two months. I also got to appear in TV5's 'Wattpad Presents'. I've done four movies so far: 'Kamandag ng Droga' with Direk Carlo Caparas, 'Guro Kong Di Marunong Magbasa' with Direk Perry Escano and 'Durugin ang Droga' for Direk Dinky Doo. I also did an international film, 'Life in Manila'. I play a supporting role and the other cast members are all foreigners. Now, I'm trying my first stage play, 'Solo Para Adultos', which will be staged at Music Museum on October 20. I'm enjoying the challenge so much kasi I play a character who speaks only in Tagalog and yet I'm not really that good with my Tagalog. Also, you're not allowed to make mistakes. Walang Take 2 when you're on stage."

The name of her character in 'Solo Para Adultos' is Georgina, known as the Scandal Queen. "It's because I have three sex videos and you can all watch them in the internet. My plan is to steal the title of Porn Queen from Veronica Fox, played by April Gustilo. I'm paired here with Andres Vasquez, who plays Nicolas, a male stripper."

She came to the presscon of "Solo Para Adultos" in a dress with plunging neckline, baring her ample cleavage. Someone asks her if her boobs are real or augmented? "Everything in me is real. Nothing has been retouched."

What's her vital stats? "36-24-36. And I stand 5'6". But I need to lose a bit of weight kasi sa pictures, I look bigger."

Why doesn't she join a local beauty pageant? "That's the plan of my manager, Throy Catan, for next year. Sasali raw ako sa Miss World Philippines."

We heard she was linked to Inigo Pascual when she was with Star Magic? "Yes, but we're just friends. We haven't seen each other nga for a long time na kasi wala na ako sa ABS. Wala akong boyfriend."

## Nadine Lustre shrugs off pregnancy rumors: "It's funny na may mga ganung issue."

Nadine Lustre on pregnancy rumors: "It's funny na may mga ganung issue. At least, I know kahit medyo matagal akong nawala, napag-uusapan pa rin kahit papaano. At least, may kaunti pa ring relevance."

Ipinagkibit-balikat ni Nadine Lustre ang kumalat na balita kamakailan na buntis siya, courtesy of boyfriend James Reid.

Lalo pang tumindi ang espekulasyong ito nang mag-tweet ang aktor ng mensaheng, "Today my world has changed," na inakala ng iba ay may kaugnayan sa kundisyon ni Nadine.

Positibo pa rin ang pananaw ni Nadine sa isyu dahil nangangahulugan lang daw itong relevant pa rin pala siya sa industriya at napag-uusapan pa.

Lahad niya, "It's funny na may mga ganung issue."

"At least, I know kahit medyo matagal akong nawala, napag-uusapan pa rin kahit papaano."

"At least, may kaunti pa ring relevance."

Napag-uusapan din ang Instagram story ng kapatid ni James na si Lauren Reid kunsan dinig na dinig ang pagbibiruan ng ama ni James, si Daddy Malcolm, at ni Nadine tungkol sa pagbubuntis diumano ng aktres.

Tinanggi ni Nadine ang isyu at pabirong sinabi na baka si James ang buntis at di siya.

Paliwanag niya, "Naglolokohan kami,

kasi nagdi-dinner kami one time, ang sabi sa akin ng Daddy ni James, 'So everybody thinks you're pregnant.'

"Sabi ko, di ako pregnant, maybe James is pregnant."

"Nagtatatawanan lang kami, weird lang talaga siya na issue."

HAPPY FOR JAMES' NEW BLESSING. Tungkol naman sa tweet ni James na, "Today my world has changed," ipinaliwanag sa amin ni Nadine na may kinalaman ito sa bagong blessings na natanggap ng kasintahan. Aniya, "It's another blessing for James, pero di na ako yung magkukuwento. "Hayaan na natin siya."

DENGUE ORDEAL. Naospital kamakailan si Nadine dahil sa dengue. Nang kumustahin namin ang health condition niya, siniguro ni Nadine na nasa mabuti na siyang kalagayan matapos nang halos tatlong linggong pagkakasakit.

Kuwento ni Nadine, "Okay na, still on and off pa rin yung fever."

"Mayroon pa rin kaunting weakness, pero I think ganun naman yata talaga ang dengue, hindi kaagad nagre-recover."

"But then again, okay na rin naman."



Mataas na uli ang platelets ko.

"Di ko talaga alam na may dengue ako until after three weeks na on and off ang lagnat ko."

"Sobrang thankful ako na yung body ko sobrang lakas ng resistance."

"Honestly, di ko alam kung saan galing. "Puwedeng sa Sagada, puwedeng sa bahay."

"Di ko talaga alam kung saan nanggaling."

"Basta ang alam ko lang, few days simula nang bumalik kami, nag-start na siya."

"Uso rin naman kasi talaga."

NEW PROJECTS. Masayang-masaya naman si Nadine sa mga bagong projects ni James.

Kabilang na rito ang remake ng pelikulang Pedro Penduko na gagawin ng Viva Films, at ang isa pang project kunsan maaaring sinasabing makapareha ni James si Sarah Geronimo.

Sabi ni Nadine, "Super excited kasi it's an action film kasi, parang kumbaga hero na siya dito sa Pilipinas."

"Sobrang saya ko na siya na yung susunod na gaganap at gustong-gusto naman niya talaga kasi nga action."

"With Sarah? Ayokong i-confirm 'yan, pero mayroon talaga."

"But then, sila na ang bahala sa updates about that."



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# Pinoy nurses recruited for UK fail English test

UNITED KINGDOM - Fifty-two out of 59 nurses recruited in Manila for a job in Medway Maritime Hospital in the United Kingdom have failed an English language test, stalling their employment.

Most of the Filipino nurses offered jobs were still in the process of taking tests, said executives at Medway NHS foundation trust, which runs Medway Maritime Hospital.

The recruitment was part of a plan to bring 200 nurses from the Philippines to work in Medway Maritime Hospital in Kent.

In April, managers from the hospital visited the Philippines to recruit nurses. The hospital had vacancies for 349 nurses by August.

Applicants from non-European Union countries have to take an English language test set by the Nursing and Midwifery Council,

testing the oral, reading, writing and listening skills of applicants.

Hospital chiefs have previously criticized the test for being "too stringent."

A report of Kent Online in April said the nurses were given a "£3,000 recruitment and retention bonus paid over 26 months, flexible working hours, and a relocation loan."

Kim Chiu on changes in her voice,

## "Hindi na ako boses kiki."

At the launch of her third album *Touch of Your Love*, Kim Chiu made the entertainment press laugh out loud as she unexpectedly threw a punchline directed at herself.



"Hindi na boses kiki ang boses ko," she said with a laugh.

Taking note of her young fans, she rephrased her choice of words.

"Hindi na po pang kindergarten yung voice ko. Nag-mature na siya."

While she admittedly enjoys being a performer, Kim went on to say that she's far from being confident as a singer. The ABS-CBN actress explained, "Inaamin ko naman po na hindi po ako singer, but I'm proud to say that I'm an entertainer."

"I want to entertain people with my voice."

"Kahit papaano may binabagayan ang boses ko."

"Huwag mangarap ng pang-Regine Velasquez na kanta. Hindi po abot yun."

She added that she can barely imagine herself performing at a huge venue such as MOA Arena.

"Pang Skydome lang po ako o pang KIA Theater. Nahihiya ako."

# PCCF CELEBRATED CANADA'S 150th WITH A GALA

On September 16th, 2017, the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) held the largest Filipino-led Canada 150 Gala in Toronto! The sold-out event had a parade of the Canadian flag with the PCCF Officers & Council of Leaders, food and entertainment.

The dance floor at the Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall was packed with over 350 community leaders and MPP Raymond Cho.

"I'm so thankful that the Filipino community was able to unite and celebrate Canada!" said gala chairwoman & PCCF VP Rosemer Enverga. "This is the best 150 Canada celebration!" said PCCF Pres Romy Rafael. While in the Philippines representing Canada at ASEAN, PCCF Founder Senator Tobias Enverga conveyed his well wishes through video.

The fashion show showcased Canadian-based fashions modeled by the gorgeous PCCF beauties who strut their stuff on the catwalk.

However, the can't-miss event of the evening was the Rigodon de Honor. After much practice and hardwork, the dancers of PCCF in coordination with SOSA performed

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## Rhian Ramos reveals reason why she's not in a hurry to marry: "The concept of settling down scares me."

Rhian Ramos on why she's not in a rush to get married anytime soon: "When I think about that, it's not like, 'Oh my gosh! That's my dream also.' Parang I freak out when I'm thinking about it for myself... It's a lot of work and you have to choose it every single day."



Rhian Ramos said her relationship with non-showbiz boyfriend Jason Choachuy is going strong for two years, but getting married is far from her mind at this time.

The Kapuso actress explained, "It's just strange. 'When I was a kid, I was such in a hurry to grow up and do all the things that we adults are doing. 'Now, I just wanna go back. I just wanna retreat. 'Honestly, the concept of settling down scares me."

"When I think about that, it's not like, 'Oh my gosh! That's my dream also.'"

"Parang I freak out when I'm thinking about it for myself."

The 27-year-old Rhian made a list of the things that go through her head when she thinks about the concept of marriage.

"First of all, love is not all rainbows and butterflies and fairy tales."

"So, I'm just thinking about, like, in a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship, that takes effort and pain. Paano pa kaya yung marriage? And when all the other things come along when you guys aren't that good looking anymore. You know what I mean?"

"You have kids na... hindi na kayo masyado mysterious sa isa't isa. Nakikita niyo na nagbabanyo yung isa't isa, yung mga ganun. It's a lot of work and you have to choose it every single day."

The presscon was for GMA Network's still-untitled primetime series that she is co-headlining with Lovi Poe and Max Collins.

The presscon for the series, currently known as #KuwentuhangEx, was held at GMA Network Center last September 21.

It's all about timing for Rhian, who credits her boyfriend for being supportive of whatever that makes her happy.

She went on to say that Jason doesn't get jealous easily. "Hindi ko nga na-realize before, pero in order for me to have a healthy relationship, the guy has to be so confident with himself. Because I'm being partnered with guys all the time and I'm required to get to know them a little better."

"And these guys aren't bad-looking, right?"

"Just for my boyfriend to be so secure and so supportive and he's, like, 'Go do your thing.'"

"I'm lucky to have found that, especially for someone na non-showbiz, for him to understand so well."

## How intermittent fasting helped Kapuso actor Ralph Noriega lose weight fast

Kapuso teen actor Ralph Noriega swears by the effectiveness of intermittent fasting. From 190 lbs., when he got his "fat memo" from GMA-7 last April, he has trimmed down to 160 lbs., thanks to a well-managed diet and workout regimen.

Kapuso actor Ralph Noriega, one of the stars of GMA-7's *Super Ma'am* fantaserye, admits that he was issued a "fat memo" last year.

A "fat memo" is the network's way of reminding its talents that they are gaining weight and starting to look too big on TV.

The actor, who is a regular high school student, admits, "Yes, I got the fat memo last April."

"My handler told me that if I don't lose weight, they won't give me any projects anymore."

Not wanting to lose a job he enjoys, Ralph hit the gym and resorted to intermittent fasting to lose weight in record time.

"So, that's what I did. I went to the gym, and then started on intermittent fasting. It's not diet fasting," he clarifies.

HOW IT WORKS. The Grade 12 student

explains, "Intermittent fasting, di ba, we sleep for about eight hours?"

"So, what happens is, we reverse the cycle."

"In effect, for those eight hours, we substitute eating for the sleeping."

"So, in a day, we only eat within eight hours."

"For example, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, that's the only time you eat."

"Unlimited, so you can eat anything you want."

"And then, from 6:00 pm onwards, you can't eat anything anymore. You can only have tea, coffee or water. You can't eat anything else."

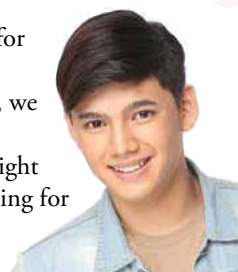
"You tend to get cranky though. Nakaka-init po siya ng ulo, pero kung tiyatyagain, effective po."

"I stuck with it 'coz I felt pressured to lose weight fast."

"I must admit that I became too complacent back then. I would go on vacations and, of course, I would always tend to eat a lot also because of that."

Ralph admitted that he reached 190 lbs. that time.

Thankfully, he was able to trim down to 160 lbs. after a few months.



## Kris faces big challenge, impresses number one fan

KRIS Bernal is so thankful that she was given "Impostora" as her next project after

"Little Nanay". "Maraming nakagusto noon sa performance ko as a mentally challenged young mom in 'Little Nanay', pero iba ang impact ng 'Impostora,'" she says. "Kahit saan ako magpunta, sinasabi ng mga taong nagugustuhan nila ang portrayal ko sa dual roles ko as Nimfa and Rosette. As a matter of fact, even members of my own family praise me, na ngayon lang nangyari. They never miss a single episode of 'Impostora', lalo na ang mommy ko na talagang bilib na bilib sa performance ko. Nagagalit siya sa sobrang sama ni Rosette but she gets carried away raw siya kapag nasasaktan ako sa eksena as Nimfa. Iyak siya nang iyak as my number one fan at super proud raw siya sa akin dahil sa husay ko."

The fact that the show is a toprater makes it



a bigger challenge for all its cast and crew. "Siyempre, lalo kaming nacha-challenge how to sustain the high ratings," adds Kris. "Especially now that extended kami hanggang January, kailangang magawa naming mas interesting ang takbo ng kuwento in each episode para hindi bumitiw ang viewers sa panonood. Abangan lang nila dahil talagang mas maraming exciting twists and turns sa

plot na magaganap in the next few episodes. Maski kami ng leading man kong si Rafael Rosell, and our co-stars na sina Elizabeth Oropesa, Assunta de Rossi and Rita Daniela, nagugulat kami sa galing ng writers namin in cooking up surprises to make 'Impostora' more interesting to watch. Like noong isang episode na gustong lunurin ni Rosette si Nimfa sa swimming pool so dalawang ako 'yung mapapanood na nilulunod nung isa yung isa sa tubig. Nakaalpas si Nimfa pero walang witness so people think she's sick and just having hallucinations. Ang taas ng rating ng episode na 'yun and after that, binibigyan naman ni Rosette si Nimfa ng habit-forming na gamot to hook her kaya mas grabe pa ang pagdaraan ni Nimfa rito."

## Dingdong, pinayagan ng GMA na mag-promote sa ABS-CBN

Hindi lang si Ai-Ai de las Alas ang pinayagan ng GMA-7 na mag-guest sa show ng ABS-CBN para mag-promote ng *Star Cinema* movie na *Seven Sundays*. Maggi-guest si Dingdong Dantes sa *Magandang Buhay*, nag-taping na ang aktor kasama ang mom niyang si Mrs. Angeline Dantes.

Kahit sa October 11 na ang showing ng movie sa direction ni Cathy Garcia-Molina, puwede pang mag-guest ni Dingdong sa ibang shows ng network gaya ng *Tonight With Boy Abunda*.

Mamaya sa presscon ng *Seven Sundays*, malalaman natin kay Dingdong kung isasama niya si Marian Rivera sa premiere night ng movie. Tumutulong si Marian sa pagpu-promote ng movie by posting sa IG story niya ng video nina Dingdong, Enrique Gil at Aga Muhlach na nagsasayaw.

Samantala, kinilig ang fans nina Dingdong at Marian nang dumalaw si Dingdong sa taping ng *Super Ma'am* ni Marian. Ang caption ni Marian sa isang picture "Ay sus kinilig si Super Ma'am at dinalaw siya ni Robinhood."



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# Emmanuel “Manny” Yanga, A Tamed Lion At The Helm Of Kapuso Lions Club Toronto

BY LI ERON

Lions are dominant beasts in the wild. Once you are on their sight, there is no way out. They are the Kings in the jungle. The word “Lion” resembles a lot of no nonsense demeanour; fierced and determined.

Lions became symbols of strength, power and endurance. Lions Club sprouted across the globe and Filipinos are embracing this organization profoundly. I’ve been invited a couple of times on Lions Club gatherings and so I am aware that they pledge allegiance to the Queen in a form of a toast to all the Lions and Lioness and guests in the room to commence an event with

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ABOVE Kapuso Lions President Manny Yanga receives the Centennial Charter. ABOVE RIGHT, President Manny Yanga pose with Noemi Millanes and Fe Taturan. RIGHT, Congen Prospero addresses the crowd as Judith Gonzales listens.



## LBC Supports Filipino Events in Canada

LBC Express headed by Country Head Raffy Policarpio is continuously supporting Filipino events in Canada. Filipino Consul General Rosalita S. Prospero (beside the LBC banner) is shown in photo together with (left-right) Lion Michael Roland Cruz, Lion Joaquin T. Taturan, Jr., and Lion Virgilio Vergara during the charter presentation of the Toronto Kapuso Lions Club headed by President Lion Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga at the JCs Banquet Hall, 1686 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on September 15, 2017. (Dindo Orbeso, St. Jamestown News Service)

RIGHT, Toronto Kapuso Lions Club 2nd Vice President Mario Alpuerto, Director for Membership Joaquin T. Taturan, and Secretary Michael Roland Cruz, Philippine Consul General Rosalita S. Prospero and Senior Deputy Consul Edna May Lazaro pose at the Kapuso Lions Charter Presentation Gala.

ABOVE LEFT, Lions and Lioness get inducted. MIDDLE, Attorney Alex Guarnes (left) poses with friends and Kapuso Lions President Manny Yanga. ABOVE RIGHT, President Manny Yanga pose with a guest. RIGHT PHOTO, Sir Jojo Taturan gets his pin membership.



ABOVE LEFT, Nepthali Ramos bets his certificate of membership. ABOVE, Fiennes Mendoza sings to the crowd. LEFT, Noemi Millanes, Rose Ramos and Fe Taturan enjoy the night. RIGHT BELOW, Nep Ramos, Primo Millanes, Jojo Taturan and Mario Alpuerto pose with their certificates of Membership.



# Maxine ‘good’ in first movie + other news

MAXINE Medina, the enchanting 2016 Bb. Pilipinas Universe, has joined the movies. When she won, she said she’s not closing the door on showbiz, and now, she’s officially being introduced in the horror flick, “Spirit of the Glass 2”. An interior designer and professional model, she represented our country in the Miss Universe Pageant held in Manila last January and was part of the Top 6 candidates.

The film’s director, Jose Javier “Joey” Reyes, says



Maxine definitely shows a lot of promise as an actress and she was not left behind in her scenes with her more experienced co-stars. As a filmmaker, Joey Reyes is best known for the meaningful dramas about relationships he has done before, like “Iisa Pa Lamang”, “Minsan May Isang Puso”, “Mga Mumunting Lihim”, “May Minamahal”, “Katas ng Saudi”, all of which won acting awards for his players.

But Joey is also known for his macabre horror flicks that are big box office hits, like “Malikmata”, “Kutob”, “Regal Shocker” (his personal favorite) and “Spirit of the Glass”, a Metro filmfest 2004 topgrosser which starred Dingdong Dantes, Rica

Peralejo, Ciara Sotto, Jake Cuenca, Paolo Contis, Drew Arellano, Alessandra de Rossi and Marvin Agustin.

## Aga restricts self from Romantic Movies Again

AGA Muhlach is back on the big screen in Star Cinema’s “Seven Sundays”. His last film was Viva’s “Of All the Things” with Regine Velasquez in 2012. “Seven Sundays” is the story of the dying father of the Bonifacio family, Ronaldo Valdez, whose last request to his four children is for them to visit him

for to a do



the next seven Sundays as he would soon be departing due terminal illness.

Why did Aga choose to a family drama like “Seven Sundays” as a comeback vehicle when he’s better known as a romantic leading man paired with much younger leading ladies?

“Kasi nga, hindi pa ako nakakagawa ng ganitong family drama,” he replies.

So he no longer wants to do the kind of romantic films he used to do before?

“Puwede pa rin naman, pero siyempre, ‘yung

# Virgen ng Penafrancia Fluvial Parade



**FIRST,** Suzy Llanera watches the Virgen ng Penafrancia passes by. **SECOND,** the Virgen ng Penafrancia. **THIRD,** Paulina and Ben Corpuz, Action Honda's manager Rafael "Paeng" Nebres and Suzy Llanera take a break from the fluvial parade. **FOURTH,** Devotees pose with the Virgen ng Penafrancia.

vehicles na mas babagay na sa'kin ngayon. One movie I'd really like to do is my reunion movie with Lea Salonga after we did 'Bakit Labis Kitang Mahal' and 'Sana Maulit Muli'. Matagal nang pinaplano 'yan but hindi matuloy-tuloy. E, ngayon, she's doing a musical on Broadway, so ewan kung kailan pa kami magkakasama.

One of his younger leading ladies, Claudine Barretto ("Kailangan Kita", "Dubai"), has encountered some problems lately. What can he say about her? "She's a misunderstood person, but if you'd really get to know her, you'd understand her and you will love her more. I wish her to be more brave at huwag magpadala sa mga naninira sa kanya. Hayaan na lang niya sila because people will always judge, so let them be. She should just really go back to work and resume her career."

## Ricky as Tita Josie's fans

RICKY Davao says he is enjoying playing his gay role in "My Korean Jagiya" to the hilt. "Kung dati, restrained pa 'yung character ko, ngayon, mas out na siya, mas flamboyant at nagmumuhar na with matching blonde hair," he says. "But I make sure na hindi sumosobra 'yung kaharutan ko as Tita Josie. Malanding matrona lang ang dating ko, pati sa wig, sa make up at sa outfits ko. Hindi man ako kasing-ganda ng nanay mo, o kasing-sexy mo, malay mo, baka ako ang ate mo, Day!"



Ricky and Janice de Belen as his sister Tita Aida are now referred to as the Titas of Manila.

They have their own fans who watch "My Korean Jagiya" because they're entertained by the duo's comic antics, especially when they are hilariously competing over Raymart Santiago as Dodong.

When they visited GMA's Artistambayan, they were surprised when "My Korean Jagiya" lead stars Heart Evangelista and Alexander Lee also came to drop by and the reaction of the fans was very positive, with matching lots of "kilig". It's obvious that the four stars of the show are now very close to one another and treat each other as family.

Meantime, Heart continues to have sexy showdowns with her co-stars in the show. First is with Valeen Montenegro, and later with Korean actress Jinri Park, who are both her rivals over the attention of Alexander Lee. "I agreed to go sexy para ikagaganda ng show na ito that I really love so much. And I'm so pleased with the very positive comments that I am now getting kasi malaking pasabog talaga ang mga eksenang ito," says Heart.

## Kylie Verzosa admits ordeal with depression; supports mental health advocacy

Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa openly acknowledges her past ordeal with depression, and calls herself a "proud survivor." Because of this, she has taken the initiative in urging others "suffering in silence" to speak out, and eventually win their own battles against depression.

Kabilang si Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa sa mga celebrities na nagbigay ng kani-kanilang saloobin via social media tungkol sa issue



ng depression, bilang reaksyon sa naunang sinabi ng Eat Bulaga TV host na si Joey de Leon na "gawa-gawa" lamang ito.

Sinusuportahan ni Kylie ang ipinasa na Mental Health Bill, at tumulong din siya sa pag-launch ng "Let's Talk" campaign ng World Health Organization at Department of Health sa World Health Day noong April 2017.

Ang "Let's Talk" ay nag-e-encourage sa mga taong dumaranas ng mental illness na humingi ng tulong at maging open sa kanilang sakit.

Kabilang si Kylie sa mga taong umamin na nakaranas ng depression noon, pero dahil sa kanyang advocacy ay nagagawa na niyang i-share ito sa marami.

Ito raw ang sarili niyang paraan para makatulong sa maraming taong dumaranas din ng ganitong uring sakit.

## Regine after 31 years: I couldn't ask for more

ASIA'S Songbird Regine Velasquez was only 14 years old when she bagged the grand prize of "Bagong Kampeon" hosted by Asia's Queen of Songs Pilita Corrales and the late Bert Marcelo in 1984. She was signed up by Octoarts International and recorded her debut single "Love Me Again" (which was also recorded by Jamie Rivera).

When Regine guested on "Penthouse Live" hosted by ex-couple Pops Fernandez and Martin Nievera with Ronnie Henares as executive producer

to promote her song under OctoArts, everyone was surprised with her powerful voice. Regine is back with her former home studio, Viva Records to record her 30th anniversary album, "R3.0," a triple album that will contain 30 new recordings.

Regine is one of the most successful recording stars in the Philippines na nagawang mag-crossover sa telebisyon at pelikula.

Regine was awarded by the Philippine Association of the Record Industry (PARI) as the Philippines' Best-Selling Artist of All Time with more than 7 million units sold in the Philippines and another 2 million across Asia.

In 1994, she won the grand prize in the Asia Pacific Singing Contest held in Hong Kong. In 2000, Regine also recorded a duet song with Jacky Cheung, "In love with You". The music video of the song landed on the No. 1 spot on MTV Asia's Top 20 Asian Videos.

In 2012, she's the first Filipino artist to stage a solo concert at the SM Mall of Asia Arena. She was also the first Asian solo artist to have staged a solo concert at the Carnegie Hall in New York as part of Carnegie Hall's centennial concert series.

After Concert Queen Pops Fernandez, Regine could have been her successor to the concert throne mounting sell-out concerts not only in the Philippines but all over the world.

Being in the business for almost 31 years, she's still on top of her career.

"I couldn't ask for anything more," aniya.

Samantala, marami pa rin ang humihiling kay Regine na muli itong gumawa ng pelikula. Her last movie was in 2012, "Of All the Things," her third team-up with Aga Muhlach which was shown in 120 theaters at kumita ng P15-M sa opening day.

## Jane gets first break

JANE De Leon is a stunning Star Magic talent who gets her first big break in the movies as one of the five title-rolers in Regal Entertainment's teen-oriented horror flick, "The Debutantes". Jane was chosen to be one of the four Star Magic talents sent to Los Angeles to join the bootcamp of Now United, a global pop group formed by Hollywood producer Simon Fuller, along with Bailey May, Ylona Garcia and AC Bonifacio. Nag-perform po kami sa harap ng big Hollywood stars, like Miley Cyrus. How was it working with Sue Ramirez, Michelle Vito, Miles Ocampo and Chanel Morales in "The Debutantes"? "Ay, masaya po. Nagpapasalamat kami kay Mother Lily for giving us the chance to work with each other. We're proud of the movie kasi 'yung mahihilig sa scary movies, masisiyahan sila dahil maraming scenes na nakakatakot talaga."

Several young Kapamilya actors have been courting her for months now but she's not keen on having a boyfriend yet. "Sayang naman ang career ko, nagsisimula pa lang, so dito muna ang focus ko."



**Lovely couple Harold Guarin and Nenita Lora are making the rounds of glamorous spots and events. They went fine dining at the 360 Revolving Restaurant at the CN Tower. And on Thanksgiving weekend, Harold, an awardee, brings Nenita to the Outstanding Canadian Awards Gala at the Sheraton.**



**PA Dayz' Peyton Garcia and daughter Arielle Fina Abrazaldo interviews Grammy Award Winner and 3 time Tony Award Recipient Jhett Tolentino!**



**Seafood City CEO Carlos Go, Edwin Rebaya, Dr. Solon Guzman and wife Dr. Josephine Guzman gives the thumbs up at the opening of the 23rd outlet, and first in Canada of US-based, Filipino-owned grocery chain Seafood City in Mississauga.**



**Ariel Abrazaldo gives co-hosting pointers to Peyton Garcia and daughter Arielle Fina at the Lions Mini-concert for a Cause.**

**BELOW,** Bicol Canada Community Association's Annual Summer Picnic & Volleyball Tournament : "Kaogmahan sa Earl Bales Park", Toronto on July 30, 2017, led by BCCI President and Action Honda general manager Rafael "Paeng" Nebres. (Photo by Earl Francis O. Dacara) **BELOW RIGHT,** Camarines Norte couple Joy & Tony San Juan pose with Action Honda general manager & BCCI President Rafael "Paeng" Nebres at the "Bicol Canada Kaogmahan & Picnic sa Earl Bales Park", Toronto on July 30, 2017.

## Bicol Canada

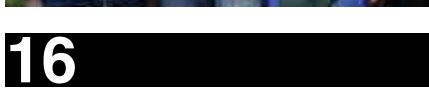




## ANGELINE GUZMAN'S 9TH BIRTHDAY

Angeline Guzman celebrated her 9th birthday with family and friends. Angeline is the younger daughter of Drs. Solon and Josephine Guzman. The party was a picture of happiness,

good food and goods tories among friends.





## Staying Friends With Your Ex's

Sometimes, the best kind of friendships are the ones you least expect. But what if that friendship is with your ex-boyfriend's ex-girlfriend? Can you really be friends with women who have dated your ex-lover?

GMA Network marks another milestone as it brings to light an extraordinary story about three women who formed an unlikely but strong friendship after discovering that in different times in their lives, they were romantically linked with the same guy.

This primetime series, filled with intriguing characters, funny dialogues and interesting plotlines, is headlined by three beautiful, talented and versatile Kapuso leading ladies: Rhian Ramos, Max Collins and Lovi Poe.

Rhian is Zoe. She is a happy-go-lucky and flirty swimwear designer. A social media darling, she comes from a wealthy family and lives in an upscale condo. Zoe lacks parental love that is why she becomes desperate for love and attention.

Max is Darcy. She is strong-willed and practical. A personal trainer who always speaks her mind, Darcy likes to do things herself and hates relying on others. She lives alone in a small apartment and gives financial support to her siblings in the province.

Lovi is Alex. She is a workaholic with a sunny disposition and everything she does is on schedule. She works in a cable network and dreams of hosting her own travel show.



She is family-oriented and works hard to contribute to her family's finances.

And to helm this upcoming program is no less than multi-awarded and esteemed film and TV director Maryo J. Delos Reyes.

Having won in the Berlin International Film Festival, Brussels International Independent Film Festival as well as in numerous Philippine Film Festivals and after doing drama soaps like *Someone To Watch Over Me*, *Niño*, *Pahiram ng Sandali*, *Munting Heredera*, *Little Star*, *Gumapang Ka Sa Lusak*, *Direk Maryo* is truly one of the country's best directors when it comes to relationship stories.


Catch Rhian, Max and Lovi soon on GMA Pinoy TV.


So, can YOU really be friends with your ex's exes?

### Ai Ai reveals 'hidden agenda' in getting married

Ai Ai De Las Alas is so happy that Regal Entertainment is releasing her new movie, "Bes and the Beshies" of Cineko Productions, since it's also Regal that did her earlier hit this year, "Our Mighty Yaya".

Ai Ai is also busy with her coming wedding to Gerald Sibayan on December 12. "First time ko nag-prenup photos at masaya ako," she says. "Feeling ko, parang






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dalaga ako. Mas masaya ako ngayon kasi magpapakasal ako dahil mahal ko si hubby ko at gusto naming magsama forever.

Hindi tulad noon, may hidden agenda ako kung bakit ako nagpapakasal, like gusto kong inisin 'yung babaeng nanggugulo sa amin, pero nakarma nga ako kasi hindi tama ang dahilan. Kapag naumpisahan mo talaga sa mali, sa mali rin mauwi. But now, it's all out of love, at nagdaan kami ng maraming seminar to prepare us, merong solo-solo at merong kaming dalawa."

"Bes and the Beshies" is a story of friendship between four different women who call themselves Beshies. These are Charla, Melba, Tisay and Sophie who each has her own story to tell. Ai Ai plays Charla, who was abandoned by her husband Willy (Alan Paule) 15 years ago and is a single mom to their son, Dan (Nikko Natividad.) Carmi Martin is Tisay, the mistress

of a general named Stone (Bato). She's determined to do everything just so she'll get pregnant even if she's past her child bearing years. Zsa Zsa Padilla is Melba, who has two kids she tries to raise by herself since she has a good-for-nothing husband. Beauty Gonzales is Sophie, the youngest in their group who is a beauty queen wannabe and doesn't get tired of joining all kinds of beauty pageants.

Ai Ai adds she likes "Bes and the Beshies" as the story is not only about friendship and honesty in relationships. "Tungkol din ito sa woman empowerment," she says. "Patutunayan ng movie na hindi tayo kailangang mag-depend o sumandal lang lagi sa mga lalaki. We should learn to be independent at dapat, tayong mga babae ang unang magtulung-tulungan sa isa't isa kapag may problema tayo."

## SHANAIA GOMEZ: Star in waiting

CEBU, Philippines — At 15 years old, Shanaia Gomez's greatest fear is having regrets.

Now an up-and-coming GMA Artist Center talent, this half-Cebuana was discovered through a Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) pageant in a GMA Pinoy Fiesta event that celebrates the Filipino community in Canada.

Shanaia was hailed Miss Philippines Canada 2016 first-runner up and has been training under GMA since, appearing in various commercials, the latest being a Maggi Sinigang ad with Ian Veneracion. After the TVC, she named her puppy "Maggi" with a "Maggi Sinigang" nickname.

"I thought at the time that pageants weren't my thing. I don't think I could be prim. It was my mom who encouraged me to do it and in the end I'm thankful that I had that opportunity," Shanaia says.

Although she might join other pageants, Shanaia's focus is on preparing herself for a showbiz career.

Born in Ireland, Shanaia, her mom, and sister moved to Canada after a few years. Her mom, who hails from Talisay City, started a performing



arts school in Canada.

Shanaia is free-spirited and can talk for days on end. She's well aware of how crazy she can get and is unapologetic about it. If anything, her bright disposition and honest reactions make her all the more relatable.

The young lady began singing at four years old, but it wasn't until she was 12 that she realized she could elevate that hobby into something more. Lover of all things Disney and Marvel, Shanaia is a sucker for performing, and was even

part of a group that performed in concerts and shows in Canada.

"It's really overwhelming when people at school would tell me how they're inspired by what I'm doing now," Shanaia says.

Even before signing with a major network, Shanaia would encourage others to see where performing can take them. "They would say that they're not going to make it

anywhere, or that they really didn't have much talent. But I disagree. I'm really happy when I'm on stage, and I want them to find and experience that too."

Shanaia's inspiration is her family. Now based in the Philippines, she doesn't get to see them much, but doesn't worry since she texts them all the time and speaks to them online.

"I do get a bit homesick but it's alright. I miss my family and my friends but I'm doing this for them. My mom and my sister are everything. I

try to go home every six months. As long as you know something good is going to come out of it, it's okay," quips Shanaia, who's gained new friends under the GMA label.

You only need two words to get Shanaia's attention: Criminal investigation. She's obsessed with reading mystery thrillers and watching documentaries and television series like "CSI."

Another thing that gets Shanaia excited: Selena Gomez.

"I want to be like her. She's one of my biggest inspirations," Shanaia gushes.

Although adventurous in her musical genres, Shanaia's influences include the soulful and impassioned Adele, and Demi Lovato's realness among many other artists. For now, Shanaia is busy preparing song covers. As for original content, Shanaia is still learning to write her own songs, and acknowledges that she needs to get out in the open and live to have the currency to write better.

Shanaia admits she has a lot of catching up to do, and has a lot of training to go through before officially breaking out in the entertainment industry. If anything, she's totally enjoying her time in boot camp.

"I just try to be fully prepared. I don't like being half-ready. I just have to take things one

**SHANAIA**

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1. MISS TEEN CANADA Petite 2017-2018 Miss Ansha Joy Hipolito was a special guest at PCCF 150 CANADA Celebration.

2. MISS TEEN CANADA Petite 2017-2018 Miss Ansha Joy Hipolito was a special guest in 150 Canada PCCF Gala night and her hair and make-up was done by Nikkie Ordonio and Ritchie of ALL QUEENS HAIR and Make up Specialist (416) 857- 2152.

3. MISS TEEN CANADA Petite 2017-2018 Miss Ansha Joy Hipolito and PCCF Miss Philippines Canada Nathalie Ramos take a selfie at the PCCF Canada 150 gala.

## WOMEN WE LOVE

### She's Still the Maine Event



On the October 5 episode of Eat Bulagal, host Joey de Leon made a few unenlightened comments about depression after a contest winner revealed that her mother was suffering the condition:

"Hindi, wag niyong suportahan, gawa-gawa lang niya yun, pabayaang niyo."

"Yong depression, gawa-gawa lang ng mga tao iyan. Gawa nila sa sarili nila."

"Nagpapasosyal lang."

"Pag mayaman, depression. Pag mahirap, wala, wala ka nang pag-asa sa buhay."

After some online backlash, the veteran comedian has since apologized for his abrasiveness. In today's episode, he said that he regrets making the comments after his family explained the reality of depression and after discovering that some people close to him were suffering from the condition.

While we applaud de Leon for taking a step back, his statements have nonetheless revealed how little Filipinos understand depression—which isn't a laughing matter

considering that the Philippines has the highest number of depression cases in Southeast Asia. Earlier this year, the World Health Organization concluded that 86 million people in Southeast Asia suffer from the condition. Manila Bulletin reported how depression can lead to suicide which is the second highest cause of death among people of age group 15-29 years in the region.

One shining moment during the awkward exchange between de Leon and "Sugod Bahay" winner Maria Christina was Eat Bulagal co-host Maine Mendoza who quickly tried to defuse the situation by saying, "Hindi biro yang depression. Hindi siya joke. Hindi kasi maraming nakakaranas ng ganon lalo na sa mga kabataan. Kaya 'pag may nakakaranas ng ganon, kailangan natin bigyan natin ng suporta."

It's no wonder the other half of the AIDub phenomenon has kept her fame shining bright. We just can't get enough of her.

### Kim Domingo bid bye to her sexy image?

"Gusto ko nang makatawid sa pagiging aktres kasi yun ang goal ko—maging aktres ako at tumagal pa ako sa industriya," says Kim Domingo about being part of GMA Network's newest fantasy series Super Ma'am.

Umaasa si Kim Domingo na sa bagong proyektong kinabibilangan niya, ang Kapuso primetime series na Super Ma'am, makikilala na hindi lamang siya sexy star kundi isang aktres. Pahayag niya, "Iba 'to sa mga nagawa ko before. Before, ang focus kasi madalas ay yung pa-sexy side ko. Ito, yung character ko mismo, ang pagiging palaban."

"Pambata na kasi, before, talagang may mga nagreklamo, marami akong nababasa. "Ay, hindi ka magandang ehemplo sa kabataan, kasi ito palagi ang role mo."

kabataan, kasi ito palagi ang role mo."

### Heart ready to have baby next year

Heart Evangelista is thankful that her new primetime show, "My Korean Jagiya", quickly gained a lot of loyal followers every night right after it started airing. "I should also thank all my co-stars, kasi nagkatulung-tulong kaming lahat to make sure we give a highly entertaining show in every episode," she says.

She and her husband Sen. Chiz Escudero are planning to have a baby by next year. "Kapag natapos ang show, we will prioritize it na, kaya baka maging last show ko muna itong 'My Korean Jagiya'. Chiz isn't pressuring me but at my age, which is 32, I think it's the right time to have my own.

### Kapuso teen star Prince Villanueva glad to be out of Daniel Padilla's shadow

"Yes! Wala na, wala nang Daniel, Prince na ako!" exclaims Kapuso teen star Prince Villanueva, who was initially being compared to Kapamilya star Daniel Padilla.



Noong unang pasok sa showbiz ang GMA-7 talent na si Prince Villanueva ay madalas siyang maikumpara sa Kapamilya star na si Daniel Padilla.

Daniel Padilla.

Marami kasi noon ang nagsasabing magkahawig sila.

Ngunit ngayon daw ay hindi na sila magkahawig ng La Luna Sangre actor.

Ikinatuwa naman ni Prince na nakaalis siya agad sa anino ni Daniel.

"Yes! Wala na, wala nang Daniel, Prince na ako!" bulas ng 19-year-old newbie actor.

Pagdating sa kanyang showbiz career, inamin ni Prince na ang talagang idolo niya ay si Dingdong Dantes.

Ano ang hinahangaan niya kay Dingdong?

"Yung tindig niya, yung galaw niya, at kung paano siya umarte.

Samantala, inamin ni Prince na crush niya ang kapwa-Kapuso na si Bianca Umali.

Kaya biro sa kanya, isusumbong namin siya sa ka-love team ni Bianca na si Miguel Tanfelix.

Mabilis namang depensa ni Prince, "Crush lang naman, maganda kasi si Bianca.

### Barbie Forteza to lie low on social media while promoting movie with Ken Chan

Barbie Forteza wants to show the real side of her via social media: "Kasi ayokong makain masyado ng showbiz, na lahat na lang ng nakikita sa taong iyon, ka-showbiz-an."

Nagdesisyon ang Kapuso actress na si Barbie Forteza na mag-lie low muna sa social media, kasunod ng mga posts niya tungkol sa napapabalitang boyfriend na si Jak Roberto.

Baka raw kasi malito ang mga tao sa pagbi-build up ng tambalan nila ni Ken Chan.

Pagkatapos nilang "magkatuluyan" sa Kapuso primetime series na Meant To Be, magtatambal muli sina Barbie at Ken sa Regal movie na This Time I'll Be Sweeter.

Ngunit dagdag ni Barbie, "Pero sana lang, hindi sila mag-go beyond totally na pagbabawalan nila ako. Kasi, it is my social media account.

"Ako pa rin ang nagmamanege, ako pa rin ang nagha-handle. Pangalan ko yun, e.

"Para sa akin kasi, iba ang personal life and iba yung work.

"Yung Instagram ko is both about my personal and about my work, so hindi naman ibig sabihin kung sino ang katrabaho ko, yun na yung special someone ko."

Nang usisain si Barbie sa lagay ng relasyon nila ni Jak, sinabi nitong mayroon silang mutual understanding.

### Why Robin Padilla did not go to China

Bureau of Immigration spokesperson Atty. Antonette Mangrobang clarifies that Robin Padilla has no hold departure order from the government agency.

Sabi ni Robin, lilipad sana siya patungong China upang dumalo sa pagdiriwang ng China-Sultanate of Sulu relations September 12-15, subalit hindi raw siya makakaalis dahil mayroon siyang hold departure order mula sa BI.

According to BOI, there is no record of Padilla having passed any exit points.

China refused a visa to Robin Padilla.

### Kris Bernal confuses Rafael

Rafael Rosell is super grateful to be part of a hit show like "Impostora". But how does he feel when the MTRCB called their attention because of his daring love scenes with Kris Bernal that look so real?

"Parang real talaga kasi magaling na aktres si Kris, e," he laughs. "But as much as possible, we try to really make it magmukhang totoo, but it's actually just all acting. Nakakataka lang kasi ang daming violence at patayang pinapakita sa TV, pero okay lang. E, kami, what we show is love. So why hide love and show all the killings? It's weird, di ba? Also, kami ni Kris, we just collaborate to follow what our director orders us to do. Sa workshop pa lang, alam na naming in playing our roles as Nimfa and Homer, we'll be doing love scenes so we're conditioned na that we'll have to do such scenes."

Doesn't he get confused with Kris' dual roles as Nimfa and Rosette? "I'll admit na kung minsan, nalilito ako kung sino sa dalawang Kris ang kaeksena ko. So bago pa mag-take, I make sure kung si Rosette ba o si Nimfa ang kasama ko sa scene. Kay Nimfa kasi, mas malambing ako. Si Rosette, mas mataray, so nakakatakot siya."

It's said that "Impostora" is so successful it's now extended until January 2018. "I learned about it from the fans of Kris, 'yung Kris Bernal Warriors sa Instagram. Magiging maganda rin ang pasok ng New Year 2018 for all of us."



Randy Bucao produced a fundraising concert for the Toronto Golden Vision Lions Club and a lot of great performers in the community volunteered their talents. FIRST, Shairah Garrido and Ryan Orlanda pose backstage. SECOND, Cheryl Malanum of Mini-Pop kids pose with producer Randy Bucao. THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, Lots of performers join the fundraising.

## The Knights of Rizal to hold 17th Commanders' Ball on October 14, 2017

By Dindo Orbeso & Manny Papa  
The 17th Commanders' Ball of the Knights of Rizal is scheduled on October 14, 2017, Saturday, at JCs Banquet Hall located at 1686 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

According to Sir Ed Prillo, the regional commander of Rizal Canada Region, said that the event will be participated in by the different Rizal Chapters throughout Canada.

He cited that a souvenir program will be put-up to include the History of the Order of the Knights of Rizal in Canada, Directories of Rizal Supreme and Canada organization (Chapters), photos of Rizal activities in Canada Region and the program of activities.

Proceeds of the 17th Commanders' Ball will go to worthy community projects of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region.

For more information they can communicate with Sir Ed Prillo, KGOR,

Rizal Canada Region at email: edprillo@gmail.com, Tel. (416) 557-6240; Sir Joe Damasco, jdamasco@rogers.com, Tel. (647) 717 - 3461; and Sir Elmer Manzo at (647) - 629 - 4732.

Former Rizal Regional Commander for Canada Sir George Poblete is the chairman of the souvenir program. He can be contacted at

Emails: georgerpoblete@gmail.com and gpoblete@sympatico.ca, Tel. (416) 712 - 5735. The Rizal Etobicike Chapter is hosting the event with the support of the other chapters in Canada,

The event is also strongly supported by Sir Lapulapu Canada, KGCR; Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR who is also the deputy pursuivant of the Rizal Supreme Council; Former Deputy Regional Commander of the Rizal Canada Region, deputy area and chapter commanders.

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## Marian denies scuttlebutt about show

MARIAN Rivera is excited about her husband Dingdong Dantes' movie with Star Cinema, "Seven Sundays", to be shown soon. The comeback flick of Aga Muhlach, it also stars Ronaldo Valdez, Enrique Gil and Cristine Reyes, directed by Cathy Garcia Molina. Marian wrote in her social media account: "Excited na ako to watch this. Congratulations Mahal."

Dong's last movie was also with Star Cinema, 'The Unmarried Wife', which was a blockbuster.

Meantime, Marian denies the scuttlebutt that her new GMA Telebabad primetime



show, "Super Ma'am", will end soon. "Hindi totoo yan," she says. "Natutuwa nga kami kasi the ratings continue to go up at halos pumantay na kami sa rival namin. A lot of viewers say they won't be surprised if it would eventually emerge as the numero uno in its slot kasi mas tumitindi ang mga kaganapan sa bawat episode ng 'Super Ma'am'."

She wants to thank GMA management for its great support in giving the show superior production values. "Ginagastusan nila talaga and we're really all doing everything para mas subaybayan ng tao ang show," adds Marian, who plays a teacher who becomes a superhero. "Last week, ipinakita na ako in my superhero costume na may dalang latigo as a Tamawo slayer. Very positive ang feedback doon sa episode na tinulungan ko't iniligtas ang mga batang kinidnap ng grupo ni Jackielou Blanco as Greta, ang

reyna ng mga Tamawo. As the show goes on, makikita nilang mas gaganda pa ang story at mas mahu-hook sila sa panonood dahil darami rin ang action scenes ko. Kaya kahit nahihirapan ako in doing my challenging fight scenes without a double, okay lang sa akin basta masiyahan ang viewers sa panonood ng 'Super Ma'am'. Gusto ko ring pasalamatan 'yung real teachers who send me messages na naa-appreciate nila ang aming show dahil maraming ini-impart na good messages lalo na sa mga kabataan. Very encouraging po lahat ng comments nyo."

Marian also wants to thank La Salle Araneta University for giving her an award as one of the Most Outstanding Media Communicators in the country. "I'm really thankful kasi La Salle graduate rin ako," she says.

## GOLEDEN BALANGAY from page 9

Alberta, Quebec and Ontario proudly walked the red carpet in their barongs and Filipinianas. P.A. Dayz, a child duo,

showcased a heart-stopping cultural dance from the Luzviminda: the Philippines Dances for Canada 150, a dynamic program of dance that celebrates Filipino-Canadians and the embodiment and expression of their diasporic identities. Rachele Cruz, an

during the Balangay Ball while the guests enjoyed the sumptuous dinner prepared by Chef Alvin Guilas of BMO IFL.

The Golden Balangay Awards is the first ever nationwide search for outstanding Filipino Canadians – individuals and

September 08, 2018. Host city is not yet confirmed although Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement awardee, Tatay Tom, offered to host next year's event in Vancouver. 2018 nominations will be opening March 2018. For more information,



FIRST, Tony San Juan accepts his award. SECOND, Andrew, nominees Arielle Fina Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia and Chollo Lagdameo performed at the awards night. THIRD, IRemit's Belinda Herrera, Golden Balangay Lifetime Achievement Award conferred to Tomas "Tatay Tom" Avendano Sr. from Vancouver, Senator Tobias Enverga, Golden Balangay's Ronnie dela Gana and Jovy Favila. FOURTH, Belinda Corpuz, Suzy Llanera and Ronnie dela Gana pose withsome placques.

entertained the audience with their lively song and dance number. Josie De Leon, hushed the audience with her heartfelt rendition of "Hahanapin Ko", an Anthony Castelo original. A group of cultural dancers

ABS Correspondent, and DK Tijam of DK Talents, hosted the awards presentation. Lilac Cana, Wanda Gaddon, Sugar Pops, Emil Albania and Shairah Garrido filled The Bow with a mix of classical, pop and Pinoy music

organizations - who have made significant contributions to their community through their achievements exemplifying leadership, good citizenship and dedication. The 2018 Golden Balangay Awards will be held on

check out [www.goldenbalangayawards.com](http://www.goldenbalangayawards.com) and follow it on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. (UGNAYAN.COM)

## Meg in love but being breadwinner gets in the way + other stories

MEG Imperial is so slim and sexy at the presscon of "Super Ma'am" where she plays contravida to title-roler Marian Rivera. "Mas kontrolado na ang pagkain ko ngayon," she says. "Noon kasi, when I feel low at nade-



depress, I compensate by eating a lot. Like when my dad suddenly died dahil sa cardiac arrest, kaya ako na ngayon ang breadwinner sa amin. My friends know kapag may

pinagdaraan ako, kasi I gain weight nga. But those days of feeling depressed are over for me, move on na ako, kaya I can now take better care of myself. Super happy na ako being a Kapuso. After the afternoon soap na 'D'Originals', heto, nabigyan naman ako ng chance sa primetime in 'Super Ma'am' and I welcome the chance of working with Marian Rivera na aapi-aphin ko rito. Nakakapag-work out na rin ako uli and this is the new Me, more confident and happy."

It also seems that she's inspired by someone now. "Yes, I'm dating a non-showbiz guy at napapasaya niya ako. But nothing serious yet. Getting to know stage pa lang. He's a Pinoy who worked in Italy for many years. 27 siya, 24 ako. Mas gusto kong mabuo muna ang isang magandang friendship between us. Isa pa, now that I'm busy taping 'Super Ma'am', madalas na hindi ako makapag-commit sa kanya when he asks me to go out kasi, siempre, priority ko muna ang work ko. So, wag na munang mag-serious relationship at tama na yung pa-date-date lang muna."

How is it working with Marian in "Super Ma'am"? "We have a happy set. Para siyang Ate sa aming mga kasama niya. Nagbibiruan kami, kuwentuhan. Pero on cam, inaaway ko siya. Teacher siya sa school where I'm the assistant principal at magiging rivals kami over Matthias Rhoads na isa namang archaeologist who's doing research sa bayan namin. Talagang sine-seducer ko rito si Matthias at kung makadikit ako sa kanya, para akong linta. Tiyak na maraming fans ni Marian ang magagalit sa akin sa pagiging maldita ko sa kanya rito."

The whole cast and staff of "Super Ma'am" are very happy and thankful because the pilot episode of the show rated quite well and got a lot of good feedback from netizens who've seen it. "Sana magtuloy-tuloy," prays Meg. "Para tumagal sa ere ang show namin."

### Gabby Concepcion explains failed movie with Sharon

Gabby Concepcion, 53, said he is partly to blame why his reunion movie with ex-wife Sharon Cuneta, 51, has been shelved.

Although he made it clear that he wants to work with Sharon, the Kapuso actor said he has two considerations preventing him from accepting the offer of Star Cinema, the film company of ABS-CBN.

The first reason Gabby cited was that he was not satisfied with the material of the story presented to him.

"Maganda kung may istorya, tapos from there, puwede nang baguhin.

Gabby also explained that he had to prioritize taping his TV soap with GMA-7 over shooting a film with the rival network's film company.

"Pero eto, alam niyo, another truth, 'no, kapipirma ko lang sa Seven," said Gabby, who signed a two-year contract with GMA Network back in August 2016.

He continued, "Nahihiya ako sa Seven na gagawa ako sa kabila.

"Although meron si Dingdong [Dantes], gumagawa naman din.

"Pero ako, bagong pasok ako.

"So, I just felt na ayokong mawala yung momentum ng Seven, na kauumpisa lang namin, tapos bigla akong gagawa sa iba."

**GUT FEEL.** Gabby reiterated that it was a matter of going by his "gut feel" about the acting projects that he accepts.

"Gusto kong gawin talaga because matagal nang hinihingi ng fans. Ang daming humihingi talaga, nagri-request.

"Istorya lang. Ayoko rin silang biguin. Istorya lang talaga."

"Katulad ng... balik ulit sa I.T.A.L.Y., hindi ko sila sinisiraan, that's GMA.

"Pero nakita ko kasi na wala akong makita. Yun lang ang point ko naman dito."

Gabby was referring to the 2008 GMA Films movie I.T.A.L.Y., which, according to him, he had to turn down because "takot na takot ako sa istorya."

It was in 2008 when Gabby came back to the Philippines and revived his showbiz career after many years of living in the United States.

I.T.A.L.Y. was being pegged as Gabby's comeback film at the time, but his role was eventually given to Kapuso actor Dennis Trillo.

Going back to his supposed reunion movie with Sharon, Gabby said he was not able to

directly say to the Megastar his reasons for not accepting Star Cinema's offer.

"Kasi kami, hindi kami nag-uusap when it comes to our professional line of work, yung mga decisions na ganyan.

He then reiterated that he still wants to work with Sharon in the future.

"That's how I feel, maski one time lang—whether it's the last movie we'll ever gonna do—at least meron kaming prinisinta."

### Enrique Gil denies being "suplado" in recent fan photo; says social media "very, very dangerous"

Binatikos sa social media si Enrique Gil nang kumalat ang larawan nitong naka-shades at nagte-text habang nagpapakuha ng litrato sa isang fan sa airport.

Ang litrato ay nakunan habang papunta si Enrique, kasama ang ASAP cast and crew, sa Toronto, Canada, upang gumanap sa Ricoh Coliseum nung July 28.

Ayon sa 25-year-old actor, "Nasabi sa akin ni Tita Mariole pagdating ko sa Canada."

The "Tita Mariole" the young actor refers to is Mariole Alberto, head of Star Magic, the ABS-CBN talent-management arm that takes charge of Enrique's career.

"Nasa airport ako nun dito, nag-a-attitude daw ako, naka-glasses ako, di raw ako tumingin.

"Pag nagpi-picture sila marami, naalala ko yung babae na yun, lahat nagtatanong nagpapa-picture naman.

"Yung account na 'yun mismo pinuntahan ng mga fans, tatlong pictures ang mayroon na pinost niya, isa lang ang pinakita.

"Hindi nila alam maraming pictures ang nakunan."

Paliwanag ng binata, nakatingin daw siya sa camera sa iba pang mga litrato.

"Sabi ko kay Tita Mariole, 'Tita Mariole, di po ako ganun, ako pa.'

"Pinakita sa akin, nag-check ako, 'O, tatlo nga yung pictures.'"

**THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA.** Dahil sa panibagong intriga, nasabi ni Enrique na napakadelikado ng social media at kailangang mag-doble-ingat ang mga tulad niyang artista.

Pahayag ni Enrique, "Very, very dangerous ang social media.

"Talagang isang maling move mo lang, kahit tama ang picture, puwedeng i-edit.

## Former Pinoy street kid now drives a Porsche in America

Fernando Kuehnel is now living his American dream in the Sunshine State.

Fancy cars, a nice home, and a loving family did not come easy for Kuehnel.

From pushing a kariton (cart) as an orphan to driving a Porsche Carrera in his Dania Beach, Florida home, it took him three

parents to weather the worst storms of his life. First, at age 6, his biological parents left him and his two brothers on the streets of Project 8, Quezon City for reasons unknown to Fernando until this day.

"They found us on the street, all three of us. They brought us to the orphanage. I remember carrying couple bags, we were crying you know," he said.

Later on, living in a second orphanage, Nayong Kabataan, wasn't easy as well. He and his siblings were bullied.

"They do things like that or they put hot pepper on your eye when you wake up, or your lips or your t\*t\* (sex organ)," he said.

At 10, he escaped from the orphanage, pushed a kariton and ate trash food to survive the streets of Manila only to come back to the orphanage at 13 when he found out that his brothers had a one-way ticket out of poverty and into America.

"So, they were gonna be adopted, just the two of them, and then one kid ran away from the orphanage looked for me, he said: Your brothers [are] gonna go and get adopted, so better go back, so I went back... I'm not stupid, right? I came back," he said.

But things didn't work out well in Wisconsin. Their second parents brought them back to an orphanage.

Then, the Kuehnel's came, adopted them, treated them like their own, and put the boys to public school.

Fernando even took an hour bus ride just to attend an ESL (English as Second Language) class in Greenbay, Wisconsin to learn English.

He graduated with a bachelors in nursing and a summa cum laude in business administration in healthcare.

Today, this clinical scientist for pharmaceutical giant Novartis has written about his journey from the orphanage to the American dream in a book called "My Third Parents."

"You have to determine what success is to you. It doesn't have to be millions of dollars. I tell my kids, there's no problems that can't be solved. You just won't like the solution, but the problem can be solved. The takeaway is, you do have to work hard," he said.

Kuehnel said there are 1.8 million street kids in the Philippines and only 300 of them get adopted each year.

A 100% of the proceeds from the book (from Amazon and Barnes and Noble) will go to orphanages in the Philippines through the Kabataan Charity he founded. Fernando is hoping more Filipino orphans get adopted to give them better lives the same way he did.



## Kapuso Lions Charter Club Presentation



FIRST, District Governor Sharinda Sharma addresses the guests. SECOND, Lion Jojo Taduran, President Manny Yanga, Lion Mario Alpuerto and Lion Mike Cruz pose with their membership placques. THIRD, Miss Teen Canada Petite 2017 Ansha Joy Hipolito was a guest at the Lions Charter Club presentation. FOURTH, PCCF beauties pose with Miss Globe Petite 2017 Ansha Joy Hipolito and Miss Canada Petite Alicia Ohana.

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## Comedian Empoy Marquez Heartthrob Ng Bayan



MANILA - Comedian Empoy Marquez is making hay, and his family is proud of his achievements. "Sobrang proud sa akin, ngayon pinaglalaba na ako ng medyas at brief, dati T-shirt lang," he jokes.

Nag-iba ang takbo ng career ng comedian na si Empoy Marquez pagkatapos maging surprise box-office hit ang pelikula nila ni Alessandra de Rossi na Kita Kita.

Itinuturing na isang indie film ang Kita Kita, at bago ito ay hindi maikukunsiderang box-office stars sina Empoy at Alex.

Kaya marami ang nagulat nang tumabo nang husto ito sa takilya.

Dahil din dito ay nagkaroon ng panibagong sigla ang kani-kanilang career.

Sa kaso ni Empoy, sunud-sunod ang mga proyekto niya ngayon at maging endorsement deals.

Sabi nga ng 36-year-old comedian, "Sobrang blessed ni God sa lahat ng tinatamasa at mga natatangap ko ngayon.

"Thankful sa lahat ng mga magagandang nangyayari sa buhay ko ngayon."

Ipinagpapasalamat din ni Empoy dahil pipirma na siya ng exclusive contract sa Star Cinema.

Aniya, "Sobrang proud at nagulat din sa pagkakataon na yun.

"Sobrang thankful sa mga nangyayari sa buhay ko ngayon."

Nakausap si Empoy sa shooting ng upcoming comedy film na Kwento ni Money.

EMPOY'S LOVE LIFE. Dahil sa tagumpay ng Kita Kita, nag-iba rin ang tingin ng mga kababaihan kay Empoy.

Mula sa ordinaryong komedyante ay isa na siyang "heartthrob" kung ituring

ngayon.

Kaya hindi kataka-taka kung interesado ang marami sa pribadong buhay ni Empoy.

May girlfriend ba siya o may pananagutan na ba siya siya sa buhay?

Biro muna ni Empoy, "Focus muna ako sa work, kasi strict ang parents ko."

Pero pag-amin niya, "Bale wala na kami, nasa Singapore na yung dati kong girlfriend.

"Siguro work muna ngayon, darating din yung tamang panahon para dun.

"Sakto lang, may communication kami, may family na siya.

"This Tuesday, pupunta ako ng Singapore."

May chance kayang magkita sila ulit ng ex-girlfriend niya?

"Wala, wala naman... Friends kami sa Friendster. Yung pagbukas mo ng Friendster, may tugtog," biro niya ulit.

GOOD SON. Ayon kay Empoy, halos hindi niya ginagalaw o ginagastos ang kanyang kinikita sa trabaho.

"Sa ngayon, ipon muna.

"Wala pa akong nagagawa kung anuman yung mayroon ako ngayon.

"Ipon, impok muna, family."

Malalim ang pagmamahal at pagpapahalaga ni Empoy sa kanyang pamilya.

Kamakailan nga ay nag-post si Empoy sa Instagram ng larawan kasama ang ama at buong pamilya.

Kuwento niya, "Birthday ni Daddy, sarado 60 siya, kaya trineat namin siya ng family ko.

"Somewhere in Manila kasi gusto niya magkakasama kami ng mga kapatid ko."

Pati ang pagpunta niya sa sementeryo kung saan nakalibing ang kanyang lola.

"Lola ko, nanay ni Mommy, nung nabubuhay pa siya, alam niya na ito ang naging trabaho ko sa industriya.

"Kaya bago niya kami iwan, sinigurado niya muna na maging okay ang kalagayan ko."

Proud nga raw ang pamilya niya sa achievements niya.

Biro pa ni Empoy, "Sobrang proud sa akin, ngayon pinaglalaba na ako ng medyas at brief, dati T-shirt lang."



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## Marian and Dingdong dominate GMA primetime + other stories



wife Marian's new show and they're both confident that their loyal fans and supporters will regularly watch "Alyas Robin Hood" and "Super Ma'am" every week night. "So right '24 Oras', dire-direto na ang panonood nila sa shows namin ng wife ko," he says.

He's happy that the viewers of "Alyas Robin Hood" were able to quickly appreciate the introduction of new characters in the story,



Solenn Heussaff and Ruru Madrid. "Very positive ang reception sa kanila and we promise na magtutulong-tulong kaming lahat para mas mapaganda namin ang bawat episode ng aming show," adds Dingdong.

Solenn's appearance in the show was very much talked about as she exuded so much sexiness. "Grabe ang galing niya kaya maraming viewers ang agad na-impressed," says Dong. "Very natural ang presence niya as the new character na rich heiress, si Iris Lizeralde. Very raw at very refreshing rin na makakita ng ganu'ng klase ng performance so isa siya sa mga aabangan sa show."

Because of such good words from Dingdong, Solenn should get ready and brace herself up in expecting to get acerbic comments from bashers who would surely be very protective of Dong's marriage with Marian Rivera. Even Andrea Torres who's also in "Alyas Robin Hood" was not spared by haters who accused her of trying to snatch Dong away from Marian.

### Alden, binigyan ng house and lot ang naka-discover na talent manager



GENEROUS to the max itong si Alden Richards.

Balitang niregaluhan niya ang kanyang discoverer ng house and lot. Plus kotse rin.

Kaya pala may garahe 'yung ibinigay na bahay ni Richard sa kanyang disco-verer, bulong pa ng nagba-lita sa amin.

Kunsabagay, marami talaga sa mga artistang sikat ang 'di nakakalimot tumanaw ng utang na loob sa nakatulong sa kanilang pagsikat.

Gusto naming i-cite din si Gerald Anderson, na labis ang pasasalamat ng kanyang discoverer, mentor at dating talent manager na si Jun Reyes, who, when he had to be hospitalized, ayon kay Jun, ay si Gerald ang nag-shoulder ng hospitalization and medical expenses.

At hanggang ngayon yata, may inaabot-abot pang tulong kay Jun si Gerald.

May both your tribe increase, Richard and Gerald.

### Ash Ortega refuses to comment on breakup of Gabbi Garcia-Ruru Madrid love team



Kapuso star Ash Ortega refuses to comment on the alleged breakup of the Gabbi Garcia-Ruru Madrid love team: "Well, no comment siguro. I think they're friends now sa naging ka-loveteam nila. Marami rin silang na-achieve sa career nila. I'm happy for them, pero wala akong masasabi and no comment. Basta, they're both my friends."

Hinangan namin ng comment si Ash Ortega tungkol sa tila pagkabuwag na ng tumbalang GabRu nina Gabbi Garcia at Ruru Madrid.

Sila kasi dati ang magkakasama sa Instadad noong 2015 nang simulang buuin ang GabRu, although mas unang naging magkapareha sina Ash at Ruru sa pelikulang Bamboo Flowers noong 2012.

"Talaga? Hindi ako aware sa isyung iyan," at natawa si Ash.

"Si Gabbi at si Ruru? I don't know.

"Actually, sa mga showbiz friends, hindi ko na sila masyadong nakakausap.

"Well, no comment siguro.

"I think they're friends now sa naging ka-loveteam nila.

"Marami rin silang na-achieve sa career nila.

"I'm happy for them, pero wala akong masasabi and no comment.

"Basta, they're both my friends."

At least si Ash ang may ka-loveteam ngayon, si Enrico Contreras na kapareha niya sa Super

Ma'am.

Sabi nga namin kay Ash, it's her time to shine. "Yeah, actually sobrang daming projects!"

Bukod sa Super Ma'am na daily show ay host rin si Ash sa Wowowin na araw-araw (Monday to Friday) ding napapanood sa GMA.

"Pero actually now irregular ako sa Wowowin," paglinaw niya.

Sabay-sabay kasi ang trabaho ni Ash, may pelikula rin siya, ang The Haunted: Spirit of the Glass 2 na Halloween offering ng OctoArts Film.

Sa Super Ma'am ay mean girl ang papel ni Ash.

STUDENT LIFE. Sa tunay na buhay ba ay naging maldita siyang estudyante?

"Oo naman, oo naman! As a student.

"Siyempre may respeto naman ako sa mas nakakatanda sa akin, sa mga teachers.

"Hindi ako yung spoiled na kid."

Wala ba siyang nagawang kamalditahan bilang estudyante?

"Siguro yung nalalagay ako sa noisy students pag minsan," at tumawa ang Kapuso young actress.

"Kasi nga di ba matsika ako sa mga friends ko, di ba friendly ako?"

Pero never raw siyang nag-cutting classes.

"Never ako nag-kodigo, never! Noisy, oo!" pag-amin niya.

THRILLED WORKING WITH MARIAN. Unang beses ang Super Ma'am na nakatrabaho ni Ash si Marian.

Aniya, "Sobrang kinikilig ako!"

Bakit siya kinikilig?

Saad niya, "E, kasi super-fan niya ako!"

"Right now nga pina-follow na niya ako sa Instagram and nagre-reply siya sa mga IG stories ko."

Halos hindi nga raw siya makapaniwala noong una na kasama siya sa show ng Primetime Queen.

Lahad pa niya, "Super excited!"

"Sabi ko, 'Yes, after four years in showbusiness, makakatrabaho ko na yung idol ko!'"

"Hindi ako kinabahan na katrabaho siya, kasi sobrang gaan ng feeling ko sa kanya.

"Palagi lang siyang naka-smile, nag-a-approach siya.

"Siya pa yung una, kinakausap niya ako, 'Saan ka nag-aaral?'"

"Ganun siya, napakabit! Gusto niya na kaming lahat sa show maging close as a family."

### DINGDONG PRAISES SOLENN

DINGDONG Dantes is so proud of his

## Filipinos pack Seafood City on opening day

A large Filipino grocery chain opened its first Canadian store in Mississauga, one of several planned markets catering to the country's growing Filipino population while also aiming to turn others onto international cuisine.

"Whatever culture you belong to, everybody eats seafood," Mildred Smith, the marketing manager for Seafood City Supermarket, said.

Seafood City Supermarket stocks staple pantry goods and fresh ingredients for cooking Filipino and Pan-Asian dishes. It already boasts 22 American locations along the West Coast and Hawaii, and Canadian visitors have often pleaded for a store north of the 49th parallel, Smith said.

Not to worry. The Sept. 28 opening of Seafood

City Supermarket finally brings that nostalgia for Filipino cooking.

The Canadian Seafood City Supermarket will include a Grill City, a Filipino barbecue fast-food joint, and a Crispy Town, which sells fried Filipino snack food and Noodle Street. Valerio's Bakeshop will open also.

Seafood City Supermarket primarily targets communities with a large Filipino population, said Smith, so Canada made good business sense.

In 2011, more than 662,000 Filipino people lived in Canada, according to Statistics Canada's 2011 national household survey, making up about five per cent of the country's population. In 2014, the Philippines pushed ahead of China and India

as Canada's top source country for immigrants, according to the federal agency.

The Greater Toronto Area and Vancouver are home to the largest Filipino communities in Canada.

Seafood City Supermarket considered both cities, said Smith, but found the perfect storefront in Mississauga — though she adds a future Vancouver spot is not out of the question.

Non-Filipino people who are increasingly exposed to the country's cuisine, as they are in the GTA and Vancouver, are another target customer base for the company.

"Filipinos love food and parties," said Smith. So their friends of other nationalities have likely

already sampled adobo, kare-kare or other Filipino dinner staples, she said.

The company expects that growing interest in Filipino food will pay off at its Mississauga location.

While some Filipino restaurants like Lamesa has been pushing the cuisine into the mainstream, Filipinos still want the traditional Filipino dishes.

Another Filipino fast food chain, Jollibee, will reportedly open its first Canadian location in February. The comfort food giant operates more than 750 stores in the Philippines serving burgers, noodles and rice meals. The company did not respond to a request for comment.

By noon opening day, thousands of people



FIRST, Canadian Senator Tobias Enverga (2ND FROM LEFT) and other community leaders cut the ceremonial ribbon. SECOND, Consul General Rosalinda Prospero unveils the plaque commemorating the store that will be placed in front. THIRD, Cassidy Go, Marketing Coordinator and Mildred Smith, Marketing Manager addresses the guests. FOURTH, Crispy Town, along with Grill City, and Noodle Street are fast food take-out outlets inside the store. Valerio's Bakeshop (OPENING SOON) and Jollibee (OPENING FEBRUARY 2018) will follow.

step at a time,” Shanaia muses.

“Acting is great because you have to have a connection with your co-actors or else it shows that it’s fake. I’ve learned a lot during the workshops, and they even let us do crazy things like pretend to be other things aside from people.”

As Pinoy showbiz rides on love teams, we asked her if she was willing to be in one. “It would be great, but I think right now I want to set my roots first and build myself. I want to be known first as someone independent and not just the other half of a love team. I want to start as someone separate from another thing and just be myself.”

Despite breaking ground on her dreams, Shanaia is still a teen after all—she’s indecisive, excited, and needs her phone. She knows there is a lot to learn from those who came before her, and understands that there are big decisions to make, responsibilities to meet, appointments to see through, and flights to catch.

But despite that, she can’t help but go on adventures, and explore and just do it, whatever “it” was—even surprising those closest to her, and learning as she goes, even as we spoke.

A certified caramel and dog lover, and slowly getting into makeup, Shanaia is competitive, charming, and confident.

If there was one other thing that Shanaia is extremely good at, it is being true to herself, something that young girls should keep in touch with. Shanaia isn’t afraid to do wacky poses, and while outspoken, also listens well.

“What do I want to be remembered as?” Shanaia repeats the question as she ponders a reply.

“I just want to be known as someone inspirational, someone who stayed true to herself. I want to be known as someone who didn’t pretend to be perfect.”

# Spotlight



Virra Mall, Greenhills Shopping Centre 1970’s

## NCR malls comply policy vs high heels

Majority of retail establishments in malls in the National Capital Region are compliant with the policy on the use of comfortable footwear by their workers, which is one of the measures to address the risks of prolonged standing at work.

In a report to Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, the NCR regional office of the Department of Labor and Employment said yesterday its field officials inspected 2,617

establishments on Sunday and found 2,011 of them already complying with DOLE’s order against the compulsory use of high heeled shoes for women employees.

Late last month, Bello issued Department Order 178 directing establishments to allow women workers to wear appropriate and well-fitting footwear in the workplace.

Bello’s order prescribes that the footwear must not pinch the feet or toes and non-slipping. It also provides that the footwear must have adequate cushion and support to the arch of the feet.

The same department order also set other safety and health measures that the

establishments must strictly observe to include provision of sufficient rest breaks for workers, including the presence of accessible seats; installation of appropriate floorings or mats for the workplace, and tables or work surfaces with adjustable heights.

D.O. 178 was issued to address the occupational health and safety concerns related to the wearing of high-heeled shoes for women employees and prolonged standing at work.

It covers workers in retail and service industries; assembly lines; teachers, and security personnel.



had come through the store, said marketing manager Mildred Smith.

Located on 800 Boyer Blvd., the massive supermarket will boast everything from popular Filipino, Asian and American meats, fish, produce and snacks to five (yes, five) fast food and takeout service areas.

“We serve the Filipino-American lifestyle,” says Mildred Smith, Marketing Manager with Seafood City Supermarket. “This is not only a supermarket. We offer all the Filipino food people miss from home, and most of the products—about 60-70 per cent—come from the Philippines.”

The fresh, bright and airy space is indeed unique. Full of both local meats and seafood (with a huge selection of fish, shrimp and squid laid out on enormous tables full of ice) and imported Filipino snacks and dry foods, Seafood City truly offers Mississauga’s sizeable Filipino community something of a home away from home.

It also caters to the city even more by offering North American and other Asian goods—think Japanese noodles and sauces, Chinese dumplings and beloved Canadian products.

As for what truly sets Seafood City apart, it’s probably the brand’s well-known Filipino fast and takeout food spots, especially all-time favourite Jollibee.

“Between the brands, we can serve people any kind of food they’re craving,” says Smith.

As far as the grocery store portion of the store goes, Seafood City offers customers a

large produce section and an array of fresh noodles, tofu and more. When it comes to food, the supermarket is best known for offering an incredible selection of Filipino snacks.

“Filipino people are big on snacks, we have so much,” says Smith. “We have popular Filipino biscuits, all imported from Philippines. We offer one stop shopping for these brands, as they’re all in one place.”

Another interesting addition to the store is its inclusion of an impressive amount of big screen TVs. While some TVs will display menu items at counters, others will broadcast important cultural events, including concerts, to shoppers excited to experience an even more interactive taste of home at Seafood City.

But while Seafood City is going to become a hub for the Filipino community, it will offer something for everyone.

“It’s a store for everyone,” says Smith. “It’s a complete supermarket.”

The Grand Opening Madness kicked off when the store opens its doors on Sept. 28. The celebration was indeed a special one.

The Grand Opening Madness special, was that the first 100 people got a 15 pound bag of rice for \$1.

Regular customers—better known as Suki Card Members—will be given the chance the win prizes, such as a one year supply of rice. Other lucky winners could end up with a cart full of free groceries.

## Bianca's choice is Miguel + other stories



BIANCA Umali is the cover girl of an online magazine called Fair and she looks exceedingly chic and beautiful, oozing with so much star quality that GMA7 should really prepare her for future superstardom. She's currently being seen as Lawiswis in "Mulawin Vs. Ravena" that ends this week and we think she should be given a solo project next time, not a teeny bopper love story but a more mature drama since she also happens to be a very good actress.

At 17, Bianca is definitely ready for the big time as she's about to bloom and blossom ever more beautifully in the days to come. Right now, she's tied up with her ka-love team, Miguel Tanfelix, who plays Pagaspas in "Mulawin Vs. Ravena".

And judging from recent interviews with her, she doesn't want to be paired anymore with any body else but just Miguel. "Yung puso at isip ko, kay Miguel lang naka-focus," she says. "Para akong may one-track mind na siya lang ang nakikita ko."

What if she's paired with another actor? "Ayoko na sa iba. Si Miguel lang ang gusto ko."

We honestly don't think this will be healthy for her career, even if Miguel shares the same feelings for her. She should be more open-minded when it comes to her career. She must be ready to go solo and be paired with other actors so she can have a more well rounded career, rather than just be identified with one ka-loveteam.

But right now, the fans of her love team with Miguel should enjoy the few

remaining days of their participation in "Mulawin Vs. Ravena" that ends on Friday, to be replaced by Marian Rivera's "Super Ma'am" starting September 18.

"Napakarami pang exciting na mga mangyayari sa story kaya huwag na huwag nyong kalilimutang manood gabi-gabi on our last few nights," says Bianca. "Pinaghandaan talaga namin ang finale week at maraming kakaibang pasabog so you should not miss the spectacular and explosive climax."

### Matthias bashed by fans

MATTHIAS Rhoads feels so lucky to be chosen by GMA-7 as the leading man of Marian Rivera in her new primetime show, "Super Ma'am". Matthias was first noticed when he appeared as the prospective groom in a Jollibee TV commercial. He was then introduced



by GMA-7 as one of the JEYA Boys in "Meant to Be". And now, he gets launched as Marian's love interest no less.

"At first, I was really intimidated," he says. "I just get stunned when I look at her because she's not only very beautiful but she also acts great. They tell me nga, why are you tulala? But she turned out to be very warm and friendly. She's been doing this for a long time and she's ready to help newcomers like me. She gives me valuable acting tips and for that, I will forever be grateful to this super sweet, super ganda, super galing na leading lady."

Marian says Matthias learns easily. "Okay naman siyang turuan kasi may willingness siya to learn para mas gumaling siya bilang aktor," she says. "Noong una, halatang nahihiya pa siya kaya biniro kong turuan niya ako ng English at ako naman ang magtuturo sa kanya ng Tagalog para mas ma-relax siya."

Matthias freely praised Marian in his social media account and he got the surprise of his life when some fans quickly

bashed him because of this, telling him: "Feelingero ka. Mahiya ka naman kay Dingdong Dantes. Huwag kang umastang bida ka dahil STARLET ka pa rin."

But some fans of Marian defended him, saying: "There's nothing wrong with the posts of Matthias dahil na-appreciate lang niya ang pagiging mabait ni Yanyan sa kanya. Walang masama roon and he does not deserved such negative bashings."

Well, let's just say that Matthias is getting his usual baptism of fire in showbiz. "Super Ma'am" will start airing on September 18 to replace "Mulawin vs. Ravena".

### JoshLia loveteam kaya nang magdala ng pelikula!

HAPPY kami para kina Joshua Garcia at Julia Barretto. After ng success ng unang

team-up ng Star Magic teen stars sa Metro Manila Film Festival movie na Vince and Kath and James, muling kuminang ang



kanilang loveteam sa Star Cinema movie na Love You To The Stars And Back.

Ipinakitang muli nina Joshua at Julia ang kilig sa unang pagtatambal nila under "Hugot Director" Antoinette Jadaone. Kumita ng P60M ang Love You To The Stars And Back sa loob ng isang linggo.

Napatunayang hindi lang basta kilig ang mayroon ang JoshLia sa ikalawang pelikula nila, napansin din ang lalim, chemistry, sinseridad at maturity nila bilang aktor.

Trending topic at naging usap-usapan din ang LYSB online mula nang ito ay ipalabas sa bansa. Mula sa malalapit na kaibigan sa industriya, mga direktor at iba pang artista tulad ng multi-awarded rising actor na si Christian Bables, ay patuloy na ipinarating ang kakaibang emosyon at "feels" ng pelikula.

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## PH nuclear energy still under study

MANILA - The government is still studying the possibility of tapping nuclear energy, including using the mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant for the first time, a spokesperson for the Department of Energy said.

The Philippines has adequate power supply, though reserves sometimes get thin, Fuentebella told ANC's Market Edge with Cathy Yang. Luzon was briefly placed on "yellow alert", due to insufficient back-up power after some plants were shut down.

"With regards to nuclear energy, the scientists and the government are still working on it because we are still on the first phase of whether or not we will go to nuclear energy," Fuentebella said.

The Philippines is hosting Association of Southeast Asian Nations on energy, with the goal of ensuring affordable power in the region while bringing down subsidies.

### TAX REFORM STUDIED from page 1

and means committee, said. Almost all or 99 percent of the 7.5 million registered taxpayers can save more as they pay less taxes, he said.

Although the Senate bill exempts from personal income taxes only those earning P150,000 yearly, it gives additional P100,000 exemption for those who earn more but have four dependent children.

"That means anyone who has four dependents and earning P25,000 monthly is exempted from income tax," Angara said.

For instance, a teacher who has two children and earns a monthly income of P17,254 currently pays P20 percent tax. But under the proposed measure, the teacher will no longer pay taxes.

The exemptions will be applied across the board, including self-employed workers and entrepreneurs.

The self-employed will also enjoy easier payment schemes.

They can choose to pay the flat 8-percent tax on their annual gross income instead of filing tax returns every quarter.

The P82,000 tax exemption for 13th month pay for the employed and other bonuses are

retained, consistent with the House version.

Small businesses with total annual sales of P3 million and below will also be exempted from paying value-added tax (VAT).

### Cutting sugar taxes

Angara said changes were made to the proposed taxes on sweetened beverages to benefit the poor.

"We heard the grievances of many. That's why we chose to exempt coffee because 90 percent of its consumers come from classes D and E," Angara said. Milk is exempted from taxes for its nutritional value for infants and children, Angara added.

There will also be no taxes for healthier options such as natural fruit and vegetable juices, unsweetened tea, beverages meant for meal replacement or medical purposes, and those containing coco sugar and stevia.

The Senate bill proposes a two-phase approach on the House bill's imposition of P10 per liter tax for local sugar and P20 per liter for others. During the first two years of implementation, taxes for beverages with caloric sweeteners will just be P5, P3 for those with non-caloric sweeteners, and P10 for those with High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS). A tax of P0.5 per gram of sugar will

be imposed thereafter.

### Staggered petroleum taxes

The Senate bill agrees to raising excise taxes on petroleum, and wants this implemented in three tranches for three years or an increase of P1.75, P2.00, and P2.25. That's from 2018-2020, should it be passed into law this year as targeted by the administration.

"We think people can adapt to the measure if implemented gradually, not hastily," Angara said. The Senate bill, however, wants kerosene to remain untaxed since it is used by most Filipinos. The TRAIN as earlier proposed by the Department of Finance wanted an excise tax of P3 in 2018, P5 in 2019 and P6 in 2020 for kerosene, diesel, and LPG.

Taxes for expensive cars will be higher than lower-end models.

### Where will our taxes go?

Critics have slammed the government's tax reform proposal as anti-poor, arguing that working Filipinos benefit from lower personal income tax, but the poor pay for it through heightened tax on fares, diesel, and sugar.

Angara said the Senate bill included an earmarking provision to directly benefit the

poor.

Revenues will go to the implementation of the Free College Law, among other programs.

Commission on Higher Education Chairperson Patricia Licuanan told senators the commission needs at least P51.4 billion to fund the students' free tuition, loan program, and technical-vocational needs.

Tax revenues shall also be used to give free medicines to poor families in government hospitals, expand the PhilHealth package.

Incremental revenues from excise taxes will be used specifically for a P300 per month unconditional cash transfer for the bottom half of the country's poorest households for a period of three years, and to help in the implementation of the PUV modernization project.

Meanwhile, government income from sugar taxes will go to health programs for poor households to address obesity, diabetes, and other non-communicable diseases, feeding programs in areas with high incidence of hunger, and employment and training programs in the sweetened beverage industry.

The government hopes to generate P134 billion from the new tax package to fund the administration's infrastructure projects.



**COMMUNISM  
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hilltop ringed with wild banana plants, about two hours' hike from a poor, coconut-growing hamlet. The 50 or so gunmen escorting him wore olive military-style uniforms inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, the movement's ideological godfather. Most also had on thick red makeup, many decorated with the hammer-and-sickle communist logo rendered in yellow, to conceal their identities. While their numbers are relatively small, there continue to be frequent reports of communists killing security forces across the Philippines.

Last month the rebels killed six policemen and a civilian in an ambush on the central island of Negros, according to the police, and wounded five of Duterte's military bodyguards in another encounter in the southern Philippines. Padilla said the rebels wanted the talks, held in Europe, to continue. But they stood ready to fight.

"We've been fighting for 50 years. What does it matter if it takes another 50 years," said Padilla, who gave a slide presentation by lamplight with the help of a young female guerrilla. Padilla defended the continuing NPA attacks, calling them a form of "self-defense" against military operations in areas where their shadow government was in place.

**Extortion**

He also insisted it was legitimate to demand the equivalent of two percent of any business project in revolutionary taxes, but admitted companies that refused to pay were punished "harshly", with their equipment usually burnt.

The payments are vital to the communists' survival.

They net the rebels up to PHP2 billion each year, Philippine military spokesman Brigadier-General Restituto Padilla, no relation to the rebel leader, told AFP, branding the practice plain "extortion."

"This paralyzes the local economies, keeps people poor and makes it easier to recruit them. It's a vicious cycle," the general said.

Another key reason that the Philippines continues to host a communist rebellion when Marxism has dissolved almost everywhere else around the world is an economic system that has created huge wealth but left tens of millions in deep poverty. The Philippines has one of the fastest growing economies in Asia and has grown by more than six percent for much of the past decade. But 22 million, or one in five Filipinos, continue to earn a dollar or less each day, according to government data.

Padilla, the NPA leader, said millions more young Filipino adults fared little better working in low-paying contractual jobs after completing their schooling.

This made the NPA a viable option even for fresh graduates of the country's top universities, he added.

One of them, a 25-year-old from a middle-class family who called herself Ka Kathryn, told AFP she joined the NPA five years ago after her father, an engineer, was fired for organizing a union at an energy company.

"We are facing an enemy who has committed atrocities against the people," said Kathryn, who had studied to become a television presenter but now carries an M-16 rifle.

"We should stand up to them and not cower in fear."

**MANNY YANGA  
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the Lions Club.

Last weekend on Friday, September 15, 2017 in Scarborough, Toronto, KAPUSO LIONS CLUB roared on a highly spirited event on their Charter Night where Lions display their badges with pride. I am kind of slow in understanding how many Lions Club there are in the world. Now I think I had a grasp that it is an organization with many charters led by abled Lions who can steer their purpose and goals to the world.

What is Kapuso Lions Club all about? It is a Charter in Toronto joining an over 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. The Lions motto? "We serve." Lions Club is about dedication with compassion to serve the community ensuring that Lions Club leads the world and remains the global leader of helping people in need.

Now I can understand why my friend, a retired Engineer and owner of the longest running sari-sari store in Oshawa, hauled me on his events when he became the Charter president. He always want me seated beside him to be able to take my shots during the course of the night. Everyone seated in the room were so prepared to roar. Lions Club touches lives by feeding the hungry, by restoring sights for the blinds, by protecting the environments and many, many more. It is one of the world's largest humanitarian service club organizations, according to its Charter President, Mr. Manny Yanga.

I've known him as a businessman in Scarborough's Toyota Dealership. Aside from that, my vision about him is blurry until I came into the Toronto Kapuso Lions Club last Friday. When you are thrust in a place and event where you are clueless what it is and what you're in, you will grab anything to read or eavesdrop like a hovering fly across the room. That's what writer's do, they stole stories, dismantle its structure and make it our own.

My journalism mentor, Jojo Taduran was already there. There were so many familiar faces, all serving the community at their various platforms i. e. Judith Gonzales of Pinoy Dreams,

Mike Cruz of Crossover Basketful both from Durham Region, the VIP that evening who called the toast for all the Lions and guests, Mrs. Rose Tijam and many other known faces.

At the helm of this Chapter for 2017-2018 is a man of few words, indicative of his well-polished personality and leadership, Mr. Manny Yanga. In his message, he accepted his responsibilities as charter President and pledge total commitment of his goals and along with the club members, the club will aim at helping people who are needing assistance and support in line with the Lions International.

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Congratulations to Toronto Kapuso Lions Club!

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**Peyton Garcia**

Peyton Garcia is the other half of the singing group P.A Dayz. His talent is singing and dancing. He can also do hosting duties. 10 years Old grade 6 at Poplar Bank French Immersion School. He Loves School, never wants to miss a day. He loves to learn different languages. He did Soccer, Taekwondo, gymnastics and hockey but he fell in-love with music and performing. Playing piano and guitar and singing is his passion.

Going out for adventures and making new friends and going to places with his family and doing extreme adventures is what makes him smiles the most. He is a quiet boy with lot of things going on his head. He spends his spare time making videos for his group called P.A.Dayz and writes anything he can think of on a piece of paper. He hopes to write his own song and make his own music just like his Uncle Rap-Rap who he looks up to. He dedicates all his performances and achievements to his number one fan Auntie Babes Topacio who passed away a year ago from Cancer.

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## Sanya and Thea are forced to hurt each other

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## Taking a Hot Bath Burns As Many Calories as a 30-minute Walk, Study Says

Good news: researchers are saying that relaxing in a hot bath and doing absolutely nothing may be just as beneficial for your body as a 30-minute walk. A group at Loughborough University did the strenuous job of tracking this theory with 14 men who were put through two tests: a one-hour bicycle ride and a one-hour bath in 104-degree-Fahrenheit water.

The goal was to raise the body's core temperature by one degree. All in all, the cycling burned many more calories, but the researchers did come across something somewhat surprising: Relaxing in the hot bath did burn 130 calories, which is about the amount you'll burn on a half-hour walk.

The study shared some additional findings. The blood sugar of all participants was also tracked for 24 hours after the tests, and it was discovered that peak blood sugar was around 10 percent lower when a bath was taken in place of the bike ride. The bath also seemed to have the same effect as exercise when it came to the anti-inflammatory response post-activity for each of the participants.

The study suggests that passive heating—exactly what it sounds like, relaxing in a hot bath for an hour—can help reduce inflammation. The idea of passive heating as a medical treatment is relatively new, and popular with one country in particular: Finland. A study in the JAMA Internal Medicine journal from 2015 suggests that spending time in saunas — another act of passive heating—may help ward off cardiovascular diseases.

One thing to note: All of these study participants were men, and given that the male and female bodies can act in drastically different ways, there may be some variety in the results. But even if it doesn't replace a day's exercise, soaking in a warm tub can only do good things for your mental health.



Sanya and Thea 'forced' to hurt each other IT'S getting to be a trend lately, scenes showing two actresses doing violent catfights on cam. It seems viewers really enjoy it so much when they see two female stars pulling their hair, clawing and slapping each other in various TV soaps. This is one reason why "Sa Piling ni Nanay" was immensely successful before.

The "sabunutan" scenes between Yasmien Kurdi and Katrina Halili as perfect foils to each other delighted viewers to the max so they became a frequent feature in the show.

Now, there's no doubt that similar hot encounters between Sunshine Dizon as the wife and Ryza Cenon as the mistress have helped in making their show "Ika-6 na Utos" the number one day time show on TV today.

Now, the latest actresses to have violent confrontations in an afternoon soap are Sanya Lopez and Thea Tolentino, who play warring half siblings in "Haplos". Sanya as Angela has a healing touch that helps cure people of their ailment, while Thea as Lucille is her opposite as the evil sister who practices witchcraft. Their fight scenes seem quite real. Don't they really get mad at each other after doing such scenes?

"No, we don't let it affect us personally," says Sanya. "Totoong nagkakasakitan kami. Hindi naman maiiwasan 'yun. But we both know it's just part of our job as actresses. Hindi naman intentional na saktan namin ang bawat isa. We remain friends pa rin naman ni Thea kahit nagkakasakitan kami."

"Talagang intense ang mga eksena namin at hindi kami kumukuha ng ka-double for our fight scenes," says Thea. "Kami talaga 'yun mismo. Kung maging totoo man ang mga sampal at sabunot, hindi maiiwasan 'yun, e. One time nga, nang sampalin ko si Sanya, tinamaan ko ang ngipin niya. Nang tingnan ko ang

kamay ko, dumudugo. Akala ko, galing sa kanya 'yung dugo. 'Yun pala, it's my hand that's bleeding. It got wounded nang sampalin ko siya at tumama yung kamay ko sa earrings niya. Pero lahat ng hirap namin, it's all worth it kasi nga ang ganda lagi ng feedback ng viewers and netizens sa 'Haplos' at consistent din na mataas ang rating namin, so we're all happy."

## Roxanne Barcelo, pinapangarap ipag-produce ng action film si Maja Salvador

Ibinahagi ni Roxanne ang challenges bilang isang movie producer.

First time co-producer ang magkasintahang Roxanne Barcelo at Will Devaughn ng pelikulang I Found My Heart In Santa Fe, kung saan sila rin ang bida. Nakipag-co-produce sina Roxanne sa Bluart Productions nina Lyn at Direk Bona Fajardo.

After the advance screening of I Found My Heart In Santa Fe na ginanap sa SM The Block, kaagad kinuha ng PUSH ang reaksyon ni Roxanne on how to produce a film.

Pero ibang klase din yung fulfillment niya. Kasi we're so attached to the film, parang baby namin at gusto namin na maitawid nang maayos at maibigay yung the best na puwede naming ibigay."

Saan ba siya mas nai-stress ngayon — sa pag-arte o bilang producer?

"Parang magkaiba sila ng stress levels kasi... depende sa role mo at saka depende kung paano ka makisama sa ibang tao. So, I think everything is based on relationship.

"With acting, it's based on your relationship with your director and your co-actor, and the staff of course. As a producer naman, it's the same din halos — your relationship with your director, actors, your staff but also with clients — na hindi ko na-experience before. And also the whole production itself, nakikisama ka sa lahat.

"Exciting siya para sa mga taong mahilig sa flavor sa buhay, ako, nagagamit ko yung pagkatsikadora ko. Napi-feel ko rin kung

gaano kahirap hawakan ang pera at yung decision making, sobrang importante pala talaga," tuluy-tuloy na kuwento ni Roxanne.

Kahit nangangapa sa simula ay balak pa rin nina Roxanne at Will na mag-produce pa ng isang indie film next year.

"Yeah, go ako diyari. I want to produce again. Empowering siya para sa isang artista kasi puwede kang gumawa ng mga projects na talagang malapit sa puso mo. Hindi ka na rin maghihintay para yung ibang tao maniwala sa yo," sambit pa ng aktres.

Eh, sinu-sino ba ang mga artista na gusto niyang i-produce ng pelikula in the future?

"I think given na yung mga Jaclyn Jose. It's such a big step to producer for her. Si Mylene Dizon, actually gusto ko siyang i-produce ng pelikula kasi napakahusay niyang aktres.

"At saka siyempre si Maja Salvador na kasamahan ko sa Wildflower. Kasi magaling siyang artista, lalo na ngayon na parang nag-iiba yung expectations ng tao sa kanya, actually malaki ang expectations sa kanya and I believe na she would be able to give more justice sa roles that are more challenging. Alam kong kaya niya.

"If I were a producer and I will be given a chance to producer for her, I would love to give her a role na action-packed. Yung talagang would showcase her fierceness as a woman," pagtatapos ni Roxanne.

## Metro Manila subway ok'd

MANILA - The proposed Metro Manila subway has been approved by a body chaired by President Rodrigo Duterte, one of his economic managers said.

Construction on the P355.6-billion subway, one of the centerpieces of the President's P8-trillion infrastructure program, will begin early next year, said Socioeconomic Planning Sec. Ernesto Pernia.

Mega Manila subway to partially open within Duterte term

Pernia said the subway would "significantly improve" transportation in the capital, where an estimated P2.4 billion is lost everyday due to traffic jams.

The subway, partly funded with aid from Japan, will run from Mindanao Avenue in Quezon City to Food Terminal Inc. in Taguig and may be extended to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.



## DEDICATION

Katharine Reyes performed at the Berczy Statue Dedication and poses with Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

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share pirated films.

"Others think that uploading will make them popular or be seen as heroes," he said. Streaming websites with pirated content earn from ads but for the most part, sharing ripped DVDs or recorded movies brings no financial benefit whatsoever — certainly not for the film's creators, but not even for the uploaders.

While pirated DVD vendors like Antonio are worrying about decreasing sales, and directors like Cruz-Alviar are worried about the very future of their industry, many of those causing the problem are doing it for little more than an Instagram heart.

\*The DVD vendor's was changed so he could speak without fear of legal retribution.

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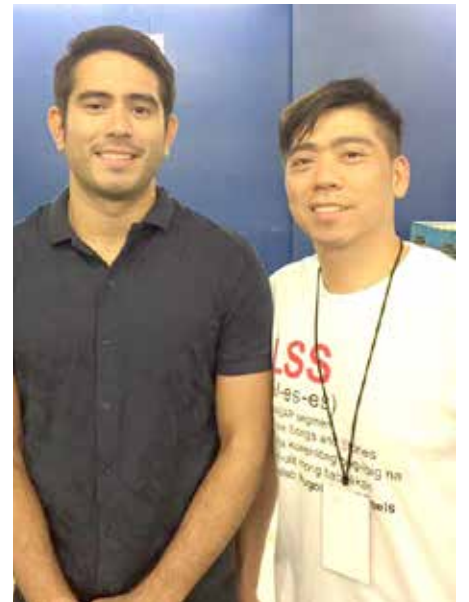
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