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Callamard's visit to PH 'not vehicle for entertainment'

EJK Investigation is not Entertainment

MANILA - United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary and Arbitrary Executions Agnes Callamard reiterated that President Rodrigo Duterte's conditions on her official visit to the Philippines are unacceptable and an official visit to the country to look into alleged extrajudicial killings (EJK) under the war on illegal drugs "is not a vehicle for entertainment, theatrics or politicking."

Callamard has urged the Philippine government to lift its conditions on her investigation because they go against the UN's code of conduct and procedures.

Callamard said she opposes Duterte's condition to have a public debate on the drug war because it may reveal confidential information on the investigation.

"Many of these matters should remain confidential for the sake of due process, in keeping with the principles of fair trial and presumption of innocence, and to

avoid future accusations of contempt of court, amongst other things. They cannot and should not be publicly debated," Callamard said in a statement last December.

Callamard refused Duterte's request to ask questions after the investigation due to confidentiality.

"The President of the Philippines will have plenty of opportunities to question me in the context of this debriefing, and refute or debate my preliminary findings as he sees fit. But these debriefings are confidential," she said. "I have suggested to the government that the debriefing be followed by a joint press conference with President Duterte and myself, if he so wishes," she added.

Callamard also disagreed that she should take an oath before answering questions from government officials as it is against the Code of Conduct of Fact-Finding

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ASAP *tacular*



ASAP *dazzles Toronto*

Julia Barretto, Liza Soberano, Kim Chiu and Janella Salvador entertains the boisterous and highly-appreciative crowd at the capacity-packed Ricoh Centre. ASAP brought the show to Toronto in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary. STORY INSIDE • ALL PHOTOS BY NOLI GUMAPAC

Russia considers Revival of Bataan nuclear plant

Revive Nuclear Power

MANILA - Nuclear-power experts from firms in Russia and Slovenia are assessing the chances of a possible revival of the mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP).

The Department of Energy (DOE) said on Wednesday representatives of the Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corp., the regulatory body of the Russian nuclear complex, and Slovenia's Gen Energija, are in the country "to make a preliminary assessment of the possibility and viability of rehabilitating the plant."

"The DOE Nepio [Nuclear Energy Programme Implementing organization], headed by Energy Undersecretary Donato Marcos, together with representatives from the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute [PNRI] and NPC [National Power Corp.], started the kick-off meeting with representatives from Russia's Rosatom, Slovenia's Gen

Energija and internationally known nuclear firm Worley Parsons at the NPC Nuclear Village in Bagac, Bataan, on August 30," an advisory from the agency stated.

The activity will define the scope of work for the prefeasibility study of the possible rehabilitation of BNPP. According to the agency, the study is being provided by Rosatom for free as part of the cooperation between the Philippines and Russia.

Seven working groups have been established to undertake the study, which would start next month. The conduct of a study will take two months.

The 620-megawatt (MW) BNPP is the country's first

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GLAIZA De Castro

Excitement among Kapuso abroad in Canada intensifies with Vancouver and Toronto events featuring Glaiza de Castro

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ASAP dazzles Toronto

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ABOVE, ASAP Birit Queens: Morissette, Angeline Quinto, Klarisse, and Jona wow the entire arena with their singing prowess, hitting the right notes and moving the audience with love and nostalgia. RIGHT, Kyla impresses with her ballads.

TORONTO — A perfect summer day as temp peaked at 29-degree Celsius, just a little humid but certainly most welcomed by the usually winter-stricken Torontonians. All roads seemed to lead to RICOH Coliseum, an arena at Exhibition Place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, used for agricultural displays, ice hockey and trade shows that also saw iconic performances of Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, The Who, Genesis, Bob Dylan, Bon Jovi and Pitbull.

And now, ABS-CBN/TFC decided to join in Canada's 150th anniversary celebration bringing in the internationally-known acclaimed ASAP Live, the longest running, most successful weekend variety show that airs live on Philippine TV and later touring and scoring smash SRO hits first in 2012 in Singapore, then Dubai Festival City, Los Angeles Sports Arena, London's The SSE



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The new Miss Teen Canada Globe Petite Ansha Hipolito performs the Hawaiian at the Dolorosa Canada Fiesta celebration.

Ansha was also Miss Teen Philippine Canada 2015 of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation.





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Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation members, officers, beauty titlists join the ANCOP Walk 2017. GMA7 star Glaiza de Castro, seen posing with Fe Taduran (INSET), made an appearance at the charity event.

FANS, DISAPPOINTED SA ‘TATTOO’ NI NADINE! NADINE, HINDI NA MUKHANG INOSENTE!

Maraming fans ng It’s Showtime host na si Nadine Lustre ang nagulat nang may makita silang rose tattoo sa pulso ng braso nito.

Biglang bumulaga ang naturang tattoo nang itaas nito ang kanyang kanang braso habang nagtatanong ito sa Miss Q and A segment ng show.

Tuloy naging diskusyon sa social media kung totoo o baka henna tattoo lang ang nakita nila kay Nadine.

May ilang mga concern ngayon kasi sa image ni Nadine dahil parang nawawala na raw ang pagiging wholesome nito at worried sila dahil baka makaapekto ito sa kanyang image.

Naging issue na nga raw ang “live in” comment nito kaya may ilang endorsements daw ni Nadine ang bumitiw na rito. Pero may ilang mga fans pa rin ang super support kay Nadine may tattoo man ito o wala.

May isang nag-clarify na netizen na ang naturang tattoo ay totoo at ang reason kung bakit nagpalagay si Nadine nito ay para sa memory ng kanyang lola.

James, love na love ang pamilya ni Nadine!

Meanwhile, super-kilig na kilig naman ang mga fans nina Nadine at James Reid dahil sa mga naglabasang photos ng dalawa. Sa mga unang photo ni Nadine, makikita siya na naghahanda ng pagkain. Super-busy sa kusina, at pag-aayos ng lamesa.

Feeling chef nga si Nadine, dahil siya mismo ang nagluluto, nagtitimpla, naghihiwa ng mga kailangan para sa handa. Pero, hindi pa nga pamamanhikan ‘yon. Birthday ‘yon ng taong malapit sa puso ni Nadine, at siya nga mismo ang nag-asikaso ng paghahanda.

At siyempre, dahil mahalaga ‘yon sa buhay ni Nadine, importante rin ‘yon sa buhay ni James, kaya dapat nandoon sila.

Nadine on her own

That is as far as her hosting stint on “It’s Showtime” is concerned. Maganda ang ipinapakita niyang performance bilang isa sa bagong regular hosts ng Kapamilya noontime show. Nakakasabay din siya sa mga joke ni Vice Ganda. Kaya naman hindi lang siya pamparami. In other words, she is quite functional as host.

Samantala, magsosolo na ang kanyang real and reel partner na si James Reid sa pelikulang Pedro Penduko. Unfortunately, Nadine is not part of the movie. Kaya malaking hamon ito para sa young actress. She has to



prove that with or without James, she can go on with her career. Ito ang downside sa loveteam dahil ‘pag nabuwag ito, tiyak na makaka-apekto sa career nila. Lalo na ‘pag magkarelasyon sila sa tunay na buhay. Sa ngayon, kasama sa credit si James sa lahat ng tagumpay ni Nadine sa mga ginawang teleserye at pelikula. Kaya mukhang mahirap kumawala sa kanilang JaDine love team.

Ngayon na magkakaroon na ng sariling movie itong si James, kaya na rin bang magdala ng sariling pelikula ni Nadine? Just asking...

James, ‘iniwan’ si Nadine

WALANG regular TV exposure si James Reid ngayon.

Lulubog-lilitaw ang kanyang hosting stint sa It’s Showtime. Hindi rin natuloy ang dapat na weekly exposure nila ni Nadine Lustre sa nasabing programa tuwing Sabado. Ngayon, solo flight na si Nadine sa hosting nito sa daily noontime show.

Obvious naman na hindi siya kumportable sa hosting. Kaya siguro hindi niya kinakarir ito. Lalo na’t madalas siyang okrayin ni Vice Ganda. Nakakatawa nga ang banter nila lalo na ‘pag kasali si Nadine. Gayunpaman, may ilan din kaming nababasa sa social media na pumupuna sa hosting ng young actor.

Samantala, si James ang bagong Pedro Penduko sa pelikula na ipalalabas pa sa susunod na taon. Sa unang pagkakataon, hindi niya makakatambal sa pelikula si Nadine. Malakas na ba ang kanyang box office appeal para ‘iwanan’ si Nadine sa pelikula? Just asking...



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were given plaques of appreciation by the ABS-CBN bigwigs led by president and CEO Carlo Katigbak.

As early as 11 a.m., Kapamilya fans and ASAP ticketholders were at the Heritage court, Enercare Centre for fun activities like photo booth, Filipino street games, sing and dance at the TFC Summer Station ID video booth, Pinoy food and many more games and prizes that included fantastic prizes like official concert merchandise, Meet & Greet with the Stars and a backstage pass. The air was festive and triumphant — the show’s a big sold-out, they had to add almost 200 SRO seats meaning you reached an audience of 7,000.

At the strike of 5 p.m. when ASAP was expected to start, the main stage quaked to an intensified buzz — first a hush that rose to a wave of almost demanding clamor. When Ginger Conejero started to emcee, the response was deafening. Imagine the surprise of the jam-packed coliseum to see our beloved Premier Wynne (Kathleen O’Day Wynne) on stage. Wynne is the 25th Premier of Ontario, a member of the Legislative Assembly, the first female premier. Also in attendance was Ahmed Hussen, clad in a Barong Tagalog who is Canada’s Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. Some fans nearby were teasing, “He

Mobe. M g a Kababayan Ko marked the entrance of the stars led by Piolo Pascual (girls were calling out — Papa P!) and Sam Milby. Like the screaming fanatics, we thought we were in Manila. At the backstage, Maja Salvador was telling us, “I love Canada, I think this is my second home. My mom is here na for good in the West. I want to perform in every show here so I



will help the TNTs (Tagu ng Tago) here...” The two VIPs

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Why Maja enrolled in an ‘English’ course class

Despite Maja Salvador’s booming career in the showbiz industry, she still finds ways to improve herself.

The Kapamilya actress told ABS-CBN that she enrolled herself in an English course class — because she wants to be confident in using the foreign language. That’s why she decided to pursue getting the lessons online.

“Hindi pa naman po katapusan ng lahat. Hindi por que hindi ka confident sa English eh, hindi mo na puwedeng i-try,” she added. [It’s not yet the end of everything. Not being confident in the English language doesn’t mean you’re not allowed to try it.]

You just have to be honest with yourself regarding your weaknesses in

order for you to find the right solutions to improve yourself.

“Parang minsan talaga kasi, ikaw mismo, maging honest ka kung saan ka mahina at kung saan ka magaling,” she disclosed. [Sometimes you really have to be honest as to what your weaknesses and strengths are.]

Maja Salvador is the protagonist-antagonist of the hit pre-primetime bida drama series Wild Flower where she plays the role of Ivy Aguas; a beautiful, intelligent and a headstrong woman who plans to get her revenge by bringing down the Ardientes.



After months of delays Jollibee To Finally Open In Mississauga This Fall 2017

A few months ago, it was announced that Jollibee would be opening its doors in Mississauga and Scarborough by spring of this year. Unfortunately, Filipino fast food fans had to wait a little bit longer to get their hands on some Chicken Joy, as the company delayed its store openings to this fall.

According to Paola Caldaroni, Jollibee’s marketing coordinator with the Orlando Corporation, the company decided last minute to change the store size to 50,000 square feet instead of 35,000 square feet. Management was required to reapply for permits, which caused the delay in opening dates. However, fans

can expect the Mississauga store to finally open sometime between September and November at the Heartland Town Centre by Mavis Rd and Boyer Blvd. The super grocery Seafood City is slated to come first and Jollibee will follow a few weeks later.

As for the Scarborough store, no word expected opening dates have been announced; however, some sources reveal that it may open sometime near the end of this year or next. Several job openings have been posted online, and RioCan has released a map of Kennedy Commons outlining where the Jollibee will be located: It will be beside Nando’s.

Honey Shot



Katrina is still thinking whether to take up Law or Respiratory Care in university. Katrina Rafael is the daughter of Romy and Rebecca. We wish her all the luck.

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Tourism programs targets overseas Pinoys



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

MANILA, Philippines - To entice foreign travelers to the Philippines, the Department of Tourism (DOT) will give away a condominium unit, a car or P200,000 shopping spree and roundtrip international tickets for Filipinos abroad who can bring a foreign friend to the country.

Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo said the DOT will give away incentives to Filipinos abroad in line with the revival of the Bring Home a Friend program.

The program encourages Filipinos living abroad to become ambassadors of goodwill to help the DOT sell the Philippines to the international market.

Teo said the winners will receive a condominium unit from Megaworld, a car or shopping spree worth P200,000 at Duty Free Philippines and international and domestic roundtrip tickets from Philippine Airlines. A raffle draw will be held as part of the program.

"I know you are all eager to do it for free. But just the same, the DOT with the private sector will be giving away incentives to those who can bring home a friend from Sept. 1, 2017 to March 2018," Teo said when she met with the Filipino-Canadian community in Ontario.

Teo's announcement was made through a four-minute video posted on her official Facebook page.

In the video, Teo also urged Filipinos abroad to coordinate with DOT officials assigned in their region for more information on the grand raffle draw.

Teo also announced that the DOT will reopen its office in Toronto, Canada.

"This is just the beginning of a stronger tourism promotion in Canada as we prepare to reopen the DOT office in Toronto," she said.

In her Facebook page, Teo posted photos of her in Toronto on Monday where she was seen speaking at city hall for the culmination of the 19th Mabuhay Philippine Festival 2017, which aims to encourage Filipinos longing to come back to the Philippines.

She was also recognized by Canada's member of provincial parliament Han Dong on Friday for her drive to promote tourism between Ontario and the Philippines during the Philippine Tapestry show in Ontario.

Teo arrived in Toronto last Aug. 23 to attend the fashion show for the Mabuhay Philippine Festival, which features the country's indigenous textiles.



Health dept sees lifting of TRO on contraceptives

MANILA - The Department of Health (DoH) expects the Supreme Court (SC) to lift the ban on Implanon and Implanon NXT once the Food and Drugs Administration issues its findings that these contraceptives are non-abortionifacients.

"The TRO (temporary restraining order) will be lifted once FDA has determined that implants and other contraceptives are non-abortionifacient. It is expected that by the end of this month, FDA will issue its findings on all contraceptives and certifications will be issued accordingly," Health Secretary Paulyn Jean Rosell-Ubial said.

Once the TRO has been lifted, the provisions of the Reproductive Health Law "will be implemented without restraints and in full compliance," Ubial said.

The DoH clarified that the April 26 decision by the SC regarding the TRO on Implanon and Impanon NXT is not "permanent" as it can be lifted because of a clause mandating the FDA to comply with the high court's order.

The SC, in a resolution on April 26, reiterated that the FDA should conduct a summary hearing and amend the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the RH Law to make it compliant with the court's mandates.

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

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

These implants are thin rods inserted under the skin which releases hormones that could prevent pregnancy for up to three years.

Ubial said the public can avail themselves of contraceptives in Rural Health Units as well as partner hospitals and non-government service providers.



Heart Evangelista set to retire in 5 years

Heart Evangelista, who recently celebrated her 19th anniversary in show biz, sees herself staying in the industry for five more years, before moving on to other endeavors.

"Everything that happened after my 10th year was just a bonus, and I'm grateful. I'm giving myself five years. After that, I think I deserve to really live my life," she said at a press conference for her y series on GMA 7, "My Korean Jagiya."

Heart, who—among other things—plans to focus on her and her family's businesses in food and fashion, related that this potential career move is something she has already mulled over. "I plan my life. I think about everything—I take note of how much I make and how long it would last me," she said.

The same goes for having a baby. Though she and her husband, Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero, are not in a rush, Heart said they would actively try for one in January next year. "It's not on top of our list; I'm a career-oriented person. But definitely, we will prioritize that by then," Heart said.

"Chiz doesn't really pressure me to give him a baby. But I'm 32 now, and I believe it's more or less the right time," added the Kapuso star, who quipped that, in a way, she's already a mother of two, because Sen. Chiz has 9-year-old, boy-girl twins with his first wife.

"I'm more patient now. I take care of some of their school stuff. It's a big responsibility, but I think I'm ready to have mine," she said.

Heart turned emotional at the press conference. Being in show biz wasn't always easy, she admitted. But for her to still get good projects at this point in her career is something "overwhelming."

"Yes, it pays well, but it could also get draining, emotionally," she said. "People will judge you despite not knowing you or what you do when the camera isn't rolling."

Heart's no stranger to online bashing. Recently, some netizens criticized her for posting on Instagram photos of luxury items, saying that the actress was just being a show-off. "It's all about fashion. I paint on bags, it's one of my businesses. These are things I have worked hard for," she stressed.

And in times when the negativity becomes too much, she just reminds herself that she's blessed to be living a good life.

"You can't let these things bother you. I'm healthy, my career and family are OK. What more can I ask for? You just have to learn to ignore them," Heart added. "What I have learned in show biz is to enjoy life and my work. Act as if this is your last [show]. And always be grateful and nice, and never look down on anyone."

Saudi imposes 'dependent fee' on foreign workers

Visas and permits renewals based on payment

MANILA - THE Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has advised Filipinos intending to work in Saudi Arabia that its government now requires expatriate workers to pay for each family member or dependent holding a resident permit or iqama.

The POEA said starting last July 1, foreign workers in Saudi have to pay to the General Directorate of Passport the amount of 100 Saudi riyals or approximately P1,350 per dependent per month.

Dependents include wife or wives, children, parents, in-laws, house workers, drivers, and any person whose name is registered in the system as sponsored by the expatriate worker.

The fee applies to dependents of all expatriates working in the private sector.

The fee will be paid in advance up to the date of validity of iqama and is non-refundable.

The POEA stressed that the Saudi government will not issue exit and re-entry visas or renew residence permits without payment of dependent's fee.

It added that the dependent's fee is being implemented gradually and annually through the government-run SADAD payment banking system.

It will be increased to SR200 per dependent per month on July 1, 2018, SR300 per month on July 1, 2019, and SR400 on July 1, 2020.

The Saudi cabinet approved the collection of dependent's fee from foreign workers reportedly to boost state revenues to offset the impact of the drop in oil prices.

Scenes in the City

FIRST, Katharine Reyes (girl with mic) thanks everyone who came out to support and cheer for her at the CNE Rising Star Grand Finals Youth Division. Kat wins 3rd Runner Up. Not bad for her first time in the Youth division this year it was truly a tough competition. It's a privilege for her to compete with such great talents. Special thank you to her dance teacher/choreographer of her Song&Dance Kyla Dixon and her Vocal teacher Jasleen Jalbay for being there. Congrats Katharine, we are so proud of you and we love you.

SECOND AND THIRD, Shail Garrido and Keana Cerezo perform at the Women in Music concert featuring Glaiza de Castro at Prestige



Ashley Ortega looking for adventure



Ashley Ortega is not your typical girl-next-door. Underneath her sweet exterior lies a tough young woman who constantly seeks new horizons and new experiences. Just scroll through her Instagram account and you'll see her riding the ocean waves on a surf board, speeding through the sand dunes on an ATV, or suspended on a cable while she zip lines on air.

The 18-year-old GMA artist and newest ambassador of Ever Bilena Cosmetics, Inc. admits, "I'm very adventurous. If I don't have work, I don't like staying at home and doing nothing. I like outdoor physical activities, but recently, I've been trying contact sports like Muay Thai and boxing."

In a way, her preference for such extreme activities can be due to her early years as a professional figure skater. She represented the Philippines in various competitions in Asia. "I started skating when I was four, and then I stopped when I was 12." But while she's finished doing it as a competitive sport she adds, "I still like to do it for fun, with friends or as cardio exercise."

Teen star Ashley Ortega named as the new face of popular cosmetics brand

And, like a true adventure-seeker, her showbiz career was also a risk that she gamely took. "I was modeling and doing commercial

gigs when someone saw me and asked me to audition at GMA," she fondly shares. "I tried it but I didn't expect anything at all. Luckily, I got in, and they gave me a drama to work on right away." Her starring role was Marian "Julie" Dela Guardia in GMA's now-defunct show Cielo de Angelina, which was then followed by roles in shows like Dormitorio, Magpakailanman, Maynila, Dangwa, and Oh, My Mama! and these days, you will find her as one of the regular co-hosts of the afternoon variety show Wowowin, showing her playful and sweet side.

But, Ashley has a lot more to offer. Aside from her blossoming showbiz career, she's also an interior design student at SoFA, and a self-confessed art and make-up enthusiast who enjoys experimenting with different make-up looks just like any other girl. "I love experiencing new things, and learning to apply make-up is one of them," she says. "It's part of my life. I feel like I can't be an artista without make-up."

On most days, she carries either Ever Bilena's or Careline's Cheek and Lip Tint in her bag, along with Blackwater Women Activ's So In Love body spray to keep her feeling fresh and clean all the time. She shares, "I like that Ever Bilena, Careline and Blackwater offer dual-purpose, long-lasting products that I can always apply while working out or during tapings." And just like her, she also recommends other girls to keep these products in their kits. "We should take care of our appearance, and maintaining a good hygiene is one of them. These products will not only help us feel fresh and clean but they're also confidence boosters," she advises.

With all that's going on in her life, she says she still has more challenges to conquer. "I want something different – I want to play a superhero because I want to do action, or an ice princess so I can skate."

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could be with my mom all the time.”
“My brother is now a resident of Edmonton, that makes me Canadian, too,”



ASAP turns up the heat at the Ricoh Coliseum, with a special contemporary dance treat from (L-R) Yassi Pressman, Enchong Dee, Rayver Cruz, Kim Chiu, Maja Salvador, Enrique Gil, Gerald Anderson, Joshua Garcia, Janella Salvador, and Elmo Magalona.



The coliseum crowd goes wild as the love team of Joshua Garcia and Julia Barretto sings songs of love.

added Kim Chiu. Near the dressing room, we spotted architect Conrad Onglao whispering something to Zsa Zsa Padilla. Love is sweeter the second time around.

Jodi Sta. Maria, clad as a caregiver, was preparing for her next scene with Jolina Magdangal. The day before, Jodi was immersed into her books — she is now enrolled in a home-school college course on psychology.

When the Birit Queens (Jona, Morissette Amon, Klarisse de Guzman and Angeline Quinto) did the Rey Valera medley, the warm responsive crowd sang with them — also theme songs from soap like Tayong Dalawa,

Pangako sa 'Yo, Kung Kailangan Mo Ako and Naalala Ka.

The current flavor of the year, young lovebirds — Enrique Gil and Liza Soberano drew romantic drools. Joshua Garcia and Julia Barretto were inseparable. I asked Julia if her mom was around. "No, I am now 20 — no

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Free tuition law lacked funds, but...

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte has admitted that he signed the law granting free tuition in state-run universities, colleges, and technical-vocational schools while fully aware of funding concerns.

“Iyan nga ang problema, gusto ko tanungin sa inyo,” Duterte said.

“Ewan ko, tingnan natin. Kasi ang pag-approve ng Congress, alam naman nila walang pera. Eh pagdating sa akin alam ko man na walang pera,” he added.

The President signed Republic Act 10931 or the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act” despite the reluctance of some members of his economic team due to the cost of funding free tertiary education.

The Palace, however, said the President considered the long-term benefits that free tuition will give to the public.

It explained that since the 2018 proposed budget is now in Congress, realignments will have to be made to fund the free tuition law.

Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno said

the proposed budget for some government agencies could be cut as a result of the signing of the free tuition law.

The DBM will meet on Wednesday with the Commission on Higher Education, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the president of the UP system, members of the House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance Committee to determine the budget for the free college education law.

Diokno said the law would be implemented for school year 2018 to 2019, and will cover all students of state universities and colleges, regardless of their financial standing.

Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian said a partial implementation of the law was possible. He said the government could fund free tuition on the first year of the law’s implementation, the miscellaneous fees the following year, and the subsidies on the third year.



Star Circle performs at Taste of Manila.

Nicole Asensio Rock music’s femme fatale

In this generation, there are a handful of young artists who break onto scene with their exceptional talent, usually creating their own unique brand that separates them from all the rest. Take classical singer turned rock chick Nicole Asensio for example.

It was in 2010 when we first met Nicole and her band, General Luna. They were performing at the Teatrino Bar in Greenhills when they were introduced as the next music stars to watch out for.

With their killer looks, the first impression was just that the ladies were Pussycat Dolls wannabes, but onstage they showed something so appealing about them that you would consider their sex appeal as just their secondary asset.

At the backstage, Nicole told us how the band got its name, “Our band name was inspired by the lunar eclipse we saw when we were on a road trip. And yes, it doesn’t have something to do with the famous Philippine hero.”

The band went on to perform in bigger venues and numerous music festivals in and around the country before it went on permanent hiatus in the last quarter of 2013. Her connection with her band mates didn’t stop there though. She is still in constant communication with them and works with them once in a while.

“I find myself more creative when working with a group,” she said.

Still out presenting herself as a rock chick, Nicole resurfaced in 2015, but this time as a solo artist. She released her debut solo album, Schizoprano, a portmanteau of the words schizophrenic and soprano and inspired by her musical background.

Nicole was trained in classical music and opera. She is also songwriter herself. Growing up in a family of classical and Broadway singers, she loves the same genre but fuses it with rock. And it is easier to understand because Nicole, according to her previous interview with Manila Standard is a person “who is a fan on fusion and reinvention.” She must have been inspired by soprano Fides Cuyugan Asensio and singer/actor Cocoy Laurel since their blood as legendary musicians runs in Nicole’s veins. She is Fides’s granddaughter and Coco’s niece.

“There’s a time when you need to step out of your comfort zone and learn from other musicians. And when it comes to supportive musical friends, I am blessed. Musically, I feel more free to collaborate and venture off sound wise – so that’s a plus,” Nicole said.

And in speaking of reinvention, the singer, also known as Diwata among her supporters after appearing in the music video of Abra and Chito Miranda’s song “Diwata,” continues to reevaluate herself by making a clear statement on her latest magazine cover – she’s one sexy rocker chick, a force to be reckoned with.

Nicole is FHM’s September muse. And in the magazine’s latest issue, she talked about musical reinvention and her struggles as a solo artist.

“I do feel like it was time but that didn’t make it any easier because I didn’t know how to be a solo artist. I like being in a band. I do miss the girls. Being on the road, traveling together, getting to know each other so well that it hurts. I’m still in touch with a few of my General Luna bandmates.”

Meanwhile the feature article describes Nicole as a soulful songstress who has an otherworldly talent, a sound and voice that helps keep her in the limelight. And that was an apt description of Nicole, and many could no longer wait on else she would dish out as a solo sexy rocker.

Alden Richards surprises unrewarded heroes

There are many ways to give back to society. In the case of GMA Network leading man Alden Richards, he prefers giving happy and unforgettable memories to those who need and deserve them most.

With his continued success in showbiz since his AlDub tandem with Maine Mendoza was born in 2015, Richards has made sure to help out the very individuals who placed him where he is today, as much as he can. And just before the country celebrated National Heroes’ Day on Monday, the amiable celebrity went out of his way to make two groups of hardworking Filipinos feel important, special and valued in very a unique way.

Everyday heroes

With the help of his loyal sponsor SnowCaps supplements, Richards identified two groups of people whose occupations are often difficult, hazardous and most of all unrewarded. Without looking far, the actor gathered street sweepers and lady traffic enforcers whom he considers everyday heroes to an unforgettable day spent with him.

For a whole afternoon, these special folks were treated to a long and hearty lunch, and much needed pampering at Blue Water Day Spa in Greenhills, San Juan. Just as they thought their welcome down time could not get any better, Richards surprised them at the spa to spend time with them to chat and take group photos and selfies.

“I’m so happy because I found another opportunity to share my blessings with these hardworking street sweepers, and barangay



Alden Richards (center) gathered street sweepers and lady traffic enforcers from his hometown in Cavite whom he considers everyday heroes and treated them to a day of pampering

tanods from my hometown in Bacoar, Cavite. You’ll agree that they need time like this to just relax and be pampered what with the very physical demands of their job. They’re the ones who always outside under the heat of sun and even strong rains,” Richards said in an ambush interview.

“Giving back is very important for me. It’s my whole purpose as an actor because I’ve been given this ability to make people happy. So there shouldn’t be second thoughts in doing that. You must always give back to people because they’re the ones who put you where you are today,” he added.

Richards recalled how it took time for him, nonetheless, to organize activities such as this unique outreach when he was still building on his career. Of course, he went by the adage, “Charity begins at home,” making sure to set up his family first, before he finding himself in the position to help others. And so he can keep on giving back, he has started to invest in businesses recently to put his earnings to good use.

“It’s my goal this year to put up more businesses. My dad’s been telling me for a while now that since I’ve been given so many blessings, I should make the most of what I have for the future. Going into business will help me secure my family and also allow me to pursue my social responsibility.”

Richards’ first venture has been in the restaurant business. He currently has three branches of Concha’s, which he named after his grandmother.

“Concha’s will be up for franchising next year,” he happily shared. “And before the year ends, I’ll be opening a gas station business. I’ve been advised that in doing business you shouldn’t put all your eggs in one basket; you have to diversify because there is no certainty how the demand for one thing will be over time. You should always have other options as a source of income,” Richards furthered.

Coincidentally, the other half of AlDub—his good friend and on-screen partner Maine Mendoza has also started going into business—and Richards is happy he has her to exchange notes with in this new avenue in their lives. Mendoza is currently running a franchise of a fast food chain she endorses in her hometown, Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

“Maine and I always talk about business ventures these days. She would ask me for advice and vice versa. She said she wasn’t really planning on a food business to start with but it was the first to materialize so she went with it. I am very happy she’s already seeing the fruits of her two years in showbiz.”

With acting still his main profession, Richards of course, was unable to escape questions on current issues hounding him—specifically a netizen’s accusation earlier this month that he has a child out of wedlock.

Just as he said on an interview with “24 Oras,” he declared, “I have clear conscience; I don’t have a child out of wedlock.”

He said that rather than dwelling on negative issues and the bashing these bring online, he would much rather reach out to other people just as he was doing that day.

“I actually don’t get affected by controversy or bashing anymore. I have so much in my hands right now that I don’t have the time to even think about negative issues thrown at me. What’s important is that the people around me know what is true,” he ended as he went back to the group of street sweepers and traffic enforcers who always have his back.



The Honourable Ahmed Hussen MP, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, declares in his speech that he recognizes “the contributions of various immigrants including Filipino Canadians, and I am happy to join you here in this great festival, with an amazing turnout, and I am here to present greetings to the leadership as well. Mabuhay!” Honourable Hussen presents a Proclamation to the management of ABS-CBN (left to right): ABS-CBN Global Head of Events Ricky Resurreccion, ABS-CBN Country Manager for Canada Jun Del Rosario, COO of ABS-CBN Global Raffy Lopez, President and CEO of ABS-CBN Corporation Carlo Katigbak, and ABS-CBN Managing Director for North America Olivia De Jesus. The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario (5th from left) looks on. (Photo by Noli Gumapac)

ASAP Live Toronto

Newly formed Toronto Kapuso Lions Club slates its' charter night presentation

By Dindo Orbeso & Manny Papa

Helping and sharing are the mission and vision of the newly organized “Toronto Kapuso Lions Club” located at the Toronto, Ontario, Canada, which is headed by a well-known hardworking civic and religious leader in the person of Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga (PHOTO).



The date of the memorable event will be held on September 15, 2017, Friday, at the favorite Filipinos banquet hall, the JCs Banquet Hall st 1686 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Expected to attend the occasion are Senator Tobias C. Enverga together with his famous wife, Rpsemer Albovias Enverga, the executive vice president of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF). They will be joined by the Philippine Consul General Rosalita S. Prospero of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Aside from giving certificates of charter memberships in the Lions Club International, the officers and membership will have a chance to win door and raffle prizes, For more information, kindly get in touch with Lion Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga at Email: mannyyanga@gmail.com, Tel. (416) 858 - 0616; SecretaryMichael Roland Crua at Email: cruzmrr@yahoo.com, (416) 795 - 8985; Senior Adviser Joe Nolasco, Email: jose252101011@gmail.com, Tel (416) 948-1426; and the popular television and radio broadcaster who is the event chairperson Judith Gonzales, Email: jf_gonzales@yahoo.ca, Tel.: (416) 317 - 0967. Lion Primo Milanese will share his music which include those intended for the young, adult and seniors. In fact he will give also the attendees the revival music. (St. Jamestown News Service (DO / MP)



LEFT, Edessa Andrada, with mom Marissa wins 2nd Runner-up at the CNE Rising Star Talent Competition Finals 2017, Youth Category. RIGHT, Britney Waito sings at the Taste of Manila festival.



Ella and Julian in ‘bloody’ kissing scene

ELLA Cruz will have a special birthday presentation this year with the forthcoming release of her launching movie with Julian Trono, “Fanboy/ Fangirl”. The movie’s grand presscon at La Reve Events Place coincided with her 21st birthday last Thursday. She was born on August 17, 1996 in Angat, Bulacan and started acting in 2006 as a child actress in GMA-7’s “Mahika”. She also appeared in “Panday Kids” and “Ilumina”.



But her first big break in a title role was with ABS-CBN’s “Aryana”, about a teenage mermaid. Then she played the role of a teen mom opposite Nash Aguas in “Bagito”. On TV5, she did “ParangNormal Activity” and “Happy Truck Happinas”, then signed up to be a Viva contract artist after she gained fame as a dance artist when she uploaded her dancing to “Twerk It Like Miley” on Youtube, which became viral. Now, Viva pairs her with another dance sensation, Julian Trono, and they’re being launched in the movie “Fanboy/Fangirl” to open in theaters this September 6. What can they say about predictions that they will replace the JaDine loveteam now that James Reid and Nadine Lustre are doing separate projects? “Naku, wala po kaming balak gayahin or tapatan ang Jadine,” says Ella. “Lahat po kami, under sa Viva Artists Agency, so magkakapatid kami. Nakaka-pressure namang sabihing tatapatan o lalampasan namin sila kasi malayo na ang naabot ng love team nila. JaDine is JaDine and

JulianElla is different naman from them, so give us a chance to show what we can do on our own without being compared to other loveteams.” But she’s confident their launching film will be successful like the very first film of JaDine. “Our producer is Direk Joyce Bernal and our director, Barry Gonzales, is very talented. Talagang nagawa nilang very now, very cool, very entertaining ang movie namin. Ibang-iba ang atake nila sa ‘Fanboy/ Fangirl’ kaya nang mapanood mismo ni Boss Vic del Rosario ng Viva ang finished film namin, kinongratulate sila for coming up with a very good movie. Lahat ng nakapanood na, ang ganda ng feedback. Kaya ang birthday wish ko, sana maging blockbuster sa takilya ang ‘Fanboy/Fangirl’ kasi hindi kami mapapahiya sa viewers dito.” So what’s the status of her relationship with Julian now? “Good friends pa rin po. Kung may male best friend po ako ngayon, si Julian ‘yun, wala nang iba.” But writers present at the presscon say their actions speak louder than their words. It’s obvious that there’s something more than meets the eye in the way they hold hands, touch each other, with Ella’s hand constantly resting on Julian’s thigh. This is not surprising since they’re constantly together shooting the film and doing mall and out-of-town shows to help promote their launching flick. Direk Joyce Bernal reveals that they have a lips-to-lips kissing scene in the movie that became bloody. “Naging madugo dahil sa excitement nila, tumama ang labi ni Ella sa ngipin ni Julian kaya nagdugo,” says Direk Joyce. “Na-delay nga ‘yung scene dahil we have to wait for the bleeding to stop muna. Si Ella, dinugo kay Julian.”

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Senator Enverga Reflects on his Fifth Anniversary in the Senate

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Ottawa, Ontario, August 30, 2017 –
Dear friends,

As I reach my fifth anniversary of being appointed to the Senate of Canada, there is much to reflect on and celebrate from my time thus far in Canada's Upper Chamber. Many milestones and achievements have been reached over these past five years.

I have been keeping very busy in the Chamber, continuing my active involvement in every facet of the parliamentary process. I also continue to sit on several standing committees, all of which have demanding legislative agendas which are aimed at strengthening each and every bill that passes before it.

I am pleased to announce that since I first entered the Senate Chamber, many strides have been taken to strengthen Canada-Philippines relations. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to partake in several important bilateral announcements between the two countries, and have also worked closely with many representatives and officials of the Philippines, including several Philippines and



Senator Enverga (LEFT) walks with charity organization ANCOP's Ricky Cuenca.

Canadian Ambassadors, whose tireless work has helped in fostering the relationship between our two great countries.

Furthermore, I have been fortunate enough to travel with numerous Canadian delegations, strengthening Canada's relationship with countries around the globe. Through these instances, I have personally witnessed

significant government-to-government and private sector commitments being made and carried out; a benefit to all.

I have also had the great opportunity to share and celebrate many joyous moments and events with you, the people of Canada. I cherish the time I have been able to spend celebrating this great country we call home.

For further details and information on my first five years in the Senate, please visit my website, SenatorEnverga.com, or find me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SenatorEnverga.

My duty as a Senator is to represent the Province of Ontario and to represent Filipino-Canadians from all over the country, to give them a voice at the federal level of government. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to have worked for you over the past five years and for all of your prayers and support. I greatly look forward to serving you for many more years to come! I am proud to represent you in the Senate of Canada.

Sincerely,
The Hon. Tobias C. Enverga Jr., Senator

Bea Binene's main goal is to be an inspiration to others

The actress uses her influence to inspire fans to become better versions of themselves.

"Siguro ako on my part I'm trying my best to influence the people to love themselves, to respect themselves, to take care of themselves, and to be confident with who they are."

The 19-year-old star is careful with her actions as she knows it makes a big impression on her fans.

"Para sa akin ang pagiging public figure ay may pros and cons siya. Parang oo it has the glitz, it has the glamour pero meron ka ring responsibilities na kailangan pangatawanan," she explained. "People look up to you, people see you as their inspiration so you need to be careful talaga with everything you do."

At the end of the day, honesty is key for Bea. "I am such an open book. Lahat ng pino-post ko online, kung ano 'yung nakikita nila online that's me offline, that's me off-cam."

But what about the bashers? "As long as alam ko na maayos ang aking ginagawa, na wala akong tinatapakang tao, hinahayaan ko na lang (ang mga bashers). Para sa akin, bakit 'di ba? Parang why bother, why let them affect you kung alam mo namang hindi totoo 'yung sinasabi nila? So, hayaan mo na lang."

"Pag below the belt 'yung mga sinasabi nila, 'wag na lang pansinin. Kailangan mo talagang tanggapin na hindi lahat ng tao maiintindihan ka, hindi lahat ng tao magugustuhan ka," she added.

Looking fresh, vibrant and beautiful, we asked Bea if she has a secret beauty regimen and she said, "Naniniwala kasi ako na 'pag may negative ka sa katawan mo ay makakaapekto 'yun sa mood mo, sa itsura mo. So, alam mo 'yun, as much as possible, I always try to stay happy as I can."

Has she found new love, we teased. "Ang aking pamilya, ang aking trabaho," she answered, smiling. "Na- realize ko na masaya palang maging single."

On maintaining her curves, Bea said it's all about proper diet and exercise.

The Kapuso actress said she personally prepares her food with portions based on a calorie counter.

Aside from that, Bea visits the gym once or twice a week.

Another thing that Bea loves to do is traveling. Among her favorite places are Korea and Thailand.

"Hindi ko makakalimutan sa Thailand ang kanilang pagkain, talagang spot on, 'yung food nila kahit mapa-dessert, main course, soup, or noodles pa 'yan, Thailand has it for you. Sa Korea naman I really love the food and the weather kasi 'pag nagpupunta ako du'n laging malamig," she said.

She hopes to visit Santorini and Maldives someday.

She also loves buying girly stuff like make-up and shoes whenever she's out of the country.

Relating how discriminating she is in buying different products she said, "When I'm gonna buy something 'yung mga reviews binabasa ko muna talaga online."

Bea was recently named the first cover girl of online community iamClaire., which offers articles and videos on beauty, healthy and wellness.



JANICE NOT LOOKING FOR NEW LOVE

JANICE De Belen is a big and wild fangirl of Korean drama so she is delighted to be part of GMA7's groundbreaking series, "My Korean Jagiya". "It was three years ago when I got hooked on Korean dramas and their culture after ma-interview ko si Lee Min Ho, na naging favorite ko pero napalitan siya ni Lee Soo Hyuk, at



ngayon si Song Joong Ki na ang paborito ko kaya na-depress ako nang malaman kong pakakasal na siya sa leading lady niya sa 'Descendants of the Sun' at maghapong mainit ang ulo ko noon," she says. "Seven times na akong nakapunta sa Korea and on my own, I'm even learning how to speak their language."

How come? "My aim kasi is to eventually be able to watch K-drama without relying on the subtitles anymore. I don't have scenes with the Korean actors in our show, but I told the lead actor Xander Lee to teach me how to speak Korean. Malala na, di ba? 'Yung mga anak ko nga, give up na sa'kin sa sobrang pagka-addict ko sa things Korean. Pero sabi ko sa kanila, ano ang mas gusto nyo, ito na lang na K addict ako o mag-boyfriend ako?"

So does she have a love life now? "Wala. Nine years na since huli akong

makipag-date. Marami ngang inirereto sa'kin ang friends ko, pero tumatanggi ako. Parang nasanay na akong walang boyfriend. Sabi nga ni Chanda Romero, the world will know when you are ready to have a boyfriend. E, sa ngayon, parang hindi ko naman na kailangan. Ang sarap kaya noong nakakapunta ako kahit saan ko gusto nang

wala nang pinagpapaalaman. Pero kung talagang may darating, kahit naman magtago ka pa, mahahanap ka pa rin niya. If it's your fate, it's your fate."

She's happy with her role in "My Korean Jagiya". "Auntie ako ni Heart Evangelista at lahi namin ang mga old maid, pati ang brother kong gay rito na si Ricky Davao, old maid na rin. Pero ako, nagkaasawa, kaya lang, bago pa kami nakapag-honeymoon, natigok na agad 'yung asawa ko kaya virgin pa rin ako. Masaya 'yung show kaya abangan nyo."

"My Korean Jagiya" will replace "I Heart Davao."

Barbie Forteza, ready na ba sa kissing scene?

Sulit ang naging 10-day US vacation

ng Kapuso primetime actress na si Barbie Forteza. Ilan sa mga state na napuntahan niya ay ang New York, Illinois at Indiana.

Memorable din ang bakasyon na ito dahil nakasama niya ang kaniyang nakatatandang kapatid na si Ate Gabrielle.

Nagkaroon din ng chance si Barbie na makapanood ng concert ng international pop star na si Bruno Mars.

Aniya, "Performer siya talaga, hindi lang siya napakagaling na singer. Naging sobrang-sobrang fan [ako], siya na ang lalaking Taylor Swift ko."

Nagkuwento din ang Kapuso actress ng ilang detalye patungkol sa romantic movie nila ni Ken Chan kung saan makakasama nila si Thea Tolentino at Kim Rodriguez.

Saad ni Barbie, "Ang kaibahan niya sa Meant To Be, mas pina-mature kami dito ni Ken [Chan]. Hindi 'yung pa-tweetums na Meant To Be na ganun. Medyo nagtatrabaho na kami dito."

Diretsahan din siyang tinanong sa panayam ng 24 Oras kung ready na ba siya sa kissing scene?

"Hindi talaga puwede 'yun [laughs]. Cannot be [giggles]."





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Excitement among Kapuso abroad in Canada intensifies in Vancouver and Toronto events featuring Glaiza de Castro



The excitement among Filipinos abroad in Canada were at fever pitch as GMA Pinoy TV and Glaiza de Castro made summer even hotter with back-to-back performances at events held in Toronto and Vancouver, which showcased the Kapuso actress' bold vocals and new music.

In Vancouver, fans were treated to Glaiza's freshest hits at "Pinoy Fiesta: Unang Hirit sa Tag-Init" held at Memorial South Park last August 13. It was a momentous affair

for Glaiza, who, for the first time, did a live rendition of songs from her new album "Magandang Simulain". At the close of the show, a select number of attendees were fortunate enough to receive signed copies of Glaiza's most recent musical masterpiece. They even had a chance to take photos with her.

Prior to the event, Glaiza's supporters all over the world were able to chat with her in real-

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PCCF DONATES MORE THAN \$15,000 TO ANCOP EVP ROSEMER ENVERGA PROMISED MORE TO COME

Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) did it once again by donating over \$15,000 towards the building of houses for the poor through ANCOP Canada last August 20, 2017. PCCF has been active for only 6 years, yet the organization has donated millions of pesos towards the funding of various projects

for the poor and the needy in the Philippines, a record breaking feat for a fledgling organization who has promised to advocate for Charity and advocate for community.

Through the success of PCCF's signature events like the biggest annual indoor community celebration in Canada, Pinoy

Fiesta & Trade Show Toronto , the Pageants with a Cause: Miss Philippines-Canada , Mrs. Philippines-Canada and Little Miss Philippines Canada pageants and the PCCF Volleyball championship, PCCF is able to

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Korean Actor Alexander Lee wins Pinoy fans

KOREAN actor Alexander Lee quickly gained a lot of Pinoy fans after his appearance as Heart Evangelista's leading man in "My Korean Jagiya". Xander got so surprise when his social media account got thousands upon thousands of new followers who all tell him that they're truly enjoying watching him in his new GMA-7 primetime show.

He quickly endeared himself to his Pinoy fans because he's also very diligent in posting the latest updates about him, about Heart and about their show. He also tries his best to personally reply to his fans who send him positive comments and tells them to also help promote his show.

"I'm really very happy because my exposure in 'My Korean Jagiya' made my fans multiply," he says. "Filipinos are really warm and friendly and I'm really enjoying myself while I'm staying and working here."

In person, Xander is also very accommodating to Pinoy fans who recognize him in public and request for a photo op with him. In his Instagram account, Xander posted his photos with local fans who all surrounded him and are "kinikilig" in his presence. No wonder he ingratiate himself more easily to a lot more fans. He's much more winning than other local stars who are so "suplado" to their fans who visit them on the set.

Korean actors aside from Alexander Lee, the other Korean stars of the first ever original Filipino-Korean TV series, "My Korean Jagiya", are David Kim and Michelle Oh, both expert K-drama stars. David has appeared in shows like 'Glamorous Temptation', 'Iris 2' and 'The King is in Love'. In "My Korean Jagiya", he plays Jin Ho, the older brother who stole Alexander's Filipina girlfriend, played by Valeen Montenegro.

"My Korean Jagiya' is my first international stint with a foreign company and shot in a foreign country," he says. "I now feel so lucky to get the chance to experience something very new and something very different compared to all the projects that I've done before in Korea. I'm really enjoying my stay here in the Philippines as every one is so friendly and kind."

Michelle Oh is considered one of the most talented actresses in Korea. She plays the rich and caring mother of both David and Alexander. So how is her experience working here in Manila? "I'm enjoying it!" she says. "It's my first time work in another country and everyone is so nice. I think Filipino in general have a very good heart. I hope the viewers will like our show so we can stay here longer."



1&2, Models wear some of the clothes featured in Kadayawan Weave: The Haute Culture by Davao City's Top Designers like Silverio Anglaser Jr., Kenny Ladaga, Ronnie Nacua, and Stephanie Dacalus. The produce is Li Eron in the center of picture 2. 3&4, Martha Joy and Elaine Virola perform with GMA star Glaiza de Castro at Women in Music at Prestige. 4, Mabel Cerezo, Clarisse Gonzales and Nica watch Glaiza de Castro concert. 5, A fan takes a selfie with GMA star Glaiza de Castro at the IRemit booth at Taste of Manila (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS).



ABOVE, Kassandra Adajar, Samantha Gavin, Angela Castillo of Charms invite you to join them on September 30th at The Korean Canadian Cultural Association for a night of Original Pilipino Music in support of The Sick Kids Hospital and their fight against Bullying! RIGHT, Belinda Herrera (2ND FROM LEFT) and staff of IRemit join Taste of Manila (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS).



Sarah Geronimo, Alden Richards share stage in concert for the first time

In a rare moment, Sarah Geronimo and Alden Richards shared the concert stage for the first time during an anniversary celebration of an endorsement, Cebuana Lhuillier.

In a rare moment, Kapamilya singer Sarah Geronimo shared the stage with Kapuso actor-singer Alden Richards in one concert.



They performed together during a special concert held for an endorsement yesterday, September 1, at the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City.

In a video uploaded on social media, Sarah and Alden were seen performing Ed Sheeran's hit song "Shape of You."

This was the first time that the two shared the stage for a concert.

However, previous encounters showed how Sarah and Alden jived with each other, despite coming from rival TV networks.

Back in January 2017, they were spotted taking a groupie (group selfie) during an endorsement shoot.

Last May, they also shared the stage along with other Kapuso and Kapamilya stars during the launch of a smartphone brand.

They also worked together as ambassadors for another brand in 2013.

Statement by ABS-CBN on the Recently-cancelled TFC Subscriptions in Canada

International Filipino media and entertainment company ABS-CBN has announced today that to support any purchasers of set-top boxes that were provided access to ABS-CBN's copyrighted movies and TV shows without authorization from ABS-CBN, ABS-CBN is offering these individuals in Canada one month free premium subscription to TFC.tv. Customers need only call the toll-free number 1-855-TFC-CNDA on or before September 15, 2017 to receive a one-month free premium subscription. ABS-CBN's Customer Service team is ready to assist callers through the process and will not require evidence of your previous subscription.

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Belinda Reyes, Lenlay Memita, GMA star Glaiza de Castro, Crystal Penano and Nica pose after the Women in Music concert at Prestige.

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time via GMA Pinoy TV's Facebook page. The live chat, which created buzz online, served as a platform for Glaiza to answer questions about her upcoming event and dedicate a special song to viewers. Asked what else Glaiza intends to do while in Canada, the Encantadia star expressed her desire to tour notable landmarks in the country after her commitments.

On August 19, Glaiza's wish was granted when a string of activities allowed her to see a popular destination in Toronto. She



Mae Janelle Berte sings as back-up vocal to Glaiza de Castro.

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ANCOP President Ricky Cuenca receives the \$15,000 from PCCF President Romy Rafael as EVP Rosemer Enverga and GMA star Glaiza de Castro looks on. BELOW, GMA Pinoy TV Consultant Ms. Rosemer Enverga (AT RIGHT) tour GMA handler Hazel Gay Balignasay, GMA star Glaiza de Castro at the CN Tower and have lunch afterwards.

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support their charitable endeavours.

The annual ANCOP Walk happens nationwide from Montreal to the east, Yellowknife to the North and Vancouver to the west. ANCOP Walk in Toronto draws the biggest number of walkers that covered miles of downtown roads, pausing traffic in the biggest city in Canada. PCCF joined the Toronto walk with the charitable mission in mind



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LEFT, Arielle Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia don matching summery outfits in yellow at the Mabuhay Santacruzan. ABOVE, Belinda Herrera of IRemit pose with GMA star Glaiza de Castro (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS). ABOVE RIGHT, GMA star Glaiza de Castro takes at selfie at the top of the CN Tower.



LEFT, FV Foods join the Taste of Manila. (PHOTO BY ARIEL RAMOS). RIGHT, Danny and Noemi Laguer gets introduced as Hermano and Hermana at Dolorosa Fiesta.



LEFT, Miss Charity Mariel Lagarde enjoys kwek kwek with Mutya ng Maynila 2017 Jaeybee Boiser Martinito. BELOW, Jaeybee Boiser Martinito show off a barbecue at her family-owned Wilson's Haus of Lechon.



Dolorosa Canada Fiesta



Dolorosa Canada Hermanas and Hermanos pose with their Mutya beauties and their escorts. RIGHT, Mutya ng Dolorosa 2017 Melissa Saldia Ventocilla pose with her dad Ricky and mom Flora. FAR RIGHT, Simeona Beloso is helped by son Pedy and daughter Neneth Banayo at the Dolorosa Fiesta.



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longer a baby!"

Turned out that Richard Yap was missed by the teleserye followers — you could hear some ladies calling him Ser Chief. Some good news, Richard would be in a teleserye soon.

Ah, the tribute to Gary Valenciano was so touching. His better-half Angeli Pangilinan wiped a tear. When he did Hataw Na, everyone was up to his rhythm. This was after he blew the candle

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Actor Richard Yap poses with FV Foods' Mel Galeon whose OFW success story was featured at ASAP's LSS or Love Songs and Stories segment.



Eulogy for my Lolo by Eric Yerro

He was born in Pampanga, a province north of Manila, on July 15, 1924. He fell in love with Leopolda Sazon, a fellow resistance fighter during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, and had four children in Manila. He spent a lot of time away from his family as a surveying engineer, spending months and even years away in remote areas of the Philippines, and then Saudi Arabia.

By most accounts, he was a difficult father to please. But, becoming a grandfather changed him. The man who touched down at Toronto's Pearson International Airport in 1986 was different. He had become a loving, compassionate, doting grandfather who would do anything for his grandkids. He picked us up from school at least twice a week; bought us McDonalds personal-sized pizza combos every Friday; lined up in the cold with me so I could buy a pair of Nike ACG boots; and never missed a school concert, play, recital, annual cadet parade, or graduation. He even gave me my first job: doing the electrical at his boss's mansion when I was 12. He paid me out of his wages. I also can't count the number of Jays games I watched or listened to with him and my Lola.

What I'll remember most about him is how his face would light up whenever he saw me. It was like I made his day, just by visiting, even if I was just dropping by his house to borrow a level or drop off some homemade soup. And as I pulled out of the driveway, without fail, my grandparents would be waiting on their porch for one final wave goodbye before I sped off.

On Monday, August 1, his remarkable journey from the Philippines to Saudi Arabia to Canada and back to the Philippines came to an end. Today, we laid him to rest beside my Lola. My Lolo, Enrique de Leon Baking, leaves behind four children, three daughter- and son-in-laws, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. We are all grateful for the love he showered us with and know he's walking hand-in-hand with my Lola.

Gabby Concepcion up for variety

Gabby Concepcion is enjoying the ride being part of GMA's hit afternoon teleserye "Ika-6 Na Utos."

The show is about married couple Rome and Emma, played by Gabby and Sunshine Dizon, respectively, and Rome's lover Georgia, played by Ryza Cenon.

Gabby likes it that he gets to play a two-timing husband.

"Nanggaling ako sa mga goody-goody roles eh, so when it was offered to me, I thought, 'Ito ang gusto ko, malayo sa usual.' Pwede ko kasing laruin ang role, pwedeng ganito, pwedeng ganoon. Hindi ka dumidikit sa iisang characterization lang," he said in an interview during the Kadayawan Festival in Davao City.

Surprisingly, the seasoned actor thinks his role on "Ika-6 Na Utos" is more challenging than on "Because Of You" which won him awards.

"Sa 'Because Of You,' hindi ako masyado nag-effort, parang natural lang, para ka lang nagwawine, you feel good. Dito, iba, nag-effort ako talaga, lahat ng ayaw ko maramdaman, niramdam ko, ginawa ko."

Lights, camera, action!

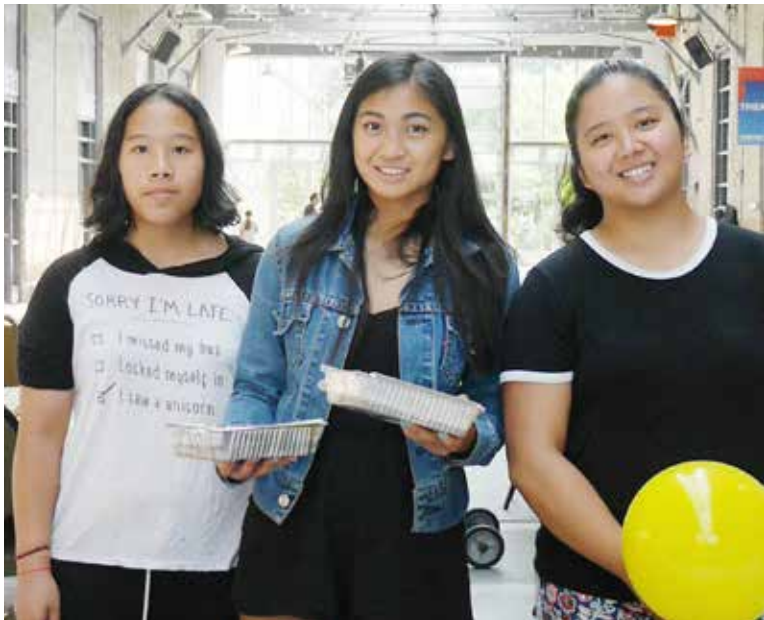
Gabby is happy that the show is a hit with people talking about its seemingly campy fight scenes.

"Wala naman talaga sa original na plano ang ganoon. Pero noong nagkaroon ng mga away, which is normal sa mga ganyang sitwasyon, parang pumipitik ang rating so, tinuloy na," he said.

The confrontations between Emma and Georgia in particular have become popular online.

Trying to make sense of it, Gabby said, "Kasi siguro 'yung mga tao sabik sa ganoon, wala na

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LEFT, The Bernal sisters, Jaime, Jona, and Josel help sell halo halo at the Halo Halo Festival at Wychwood Barns. ABOVE, Mutya ng Maynila winners are, from left, 2nd Runner Up- Samantha Vilorio, "Mutya Ng Maynila 2017" - Ms. Jaybee Jaeybee Boiser Martinito, and 1st Runner Up - Sharmaine Sotto. PHOTO BY BONG MOLANO



LEFT BELOW, Wins Miss Philippines PIDC 2017 Elizabeth Marie Mabb walks the Philippine Tapestry fashion show. LEFT, ABS star Arci Munoz thrilled the Mabuhay festival attendees.



ABOVE AND RIGHT, Harold Guarin and Nenita Lora visit the CNE and Ottawa for the 150th Anniversary celebration. FAR RIGHT, GMA star Glaiza de Castro has lunch at the 360 Restaurant at the CN Tower with GMA Pinoy TV Consultant Ms. Rosemer Enverga.



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on his birthday cake. First time ASAP Live participant Ogie Alcasid brought the house down as he matched the terpsichorean prowess of Gary V. And who could forget the original ASAP performer Martin Nievera (remember he coined the word ASAP which stands for All-Star Sunday Afternoon Party and created the first ABS-CBN jingle)? He did a number with Gary titled Sama Sama. We congratulated good friend Mel Galleon of FV Foods, an inspiring OFW story.

A lot of fans asked Bea Alonzo, "Where's Anton?" There's a 15-minute break before Part 2. As we grabbed some sandwiches, we bumped into Star Studio exec Mariole Alberto and Mr. M (direk Johnny Manahan) and asked



ABOVE, Crowd favorite Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil send the fans over the moon with joy just for appearing.

what makes Toronto different. They said, "The audience is more responsive, warmer!"

Part 2 unfolded the story of former movie star Don Laurel who's been a member of Toronto's Police Force for nine years. The rest of the line-up included The Soul Sessionistas Jay-R, KZ Tandingan, Jason Dy, Daryl Ong and Kyla, Gerald Anderson, Paulo Avelino, Elmo Magalona, Janella

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Purposefully aimed at generating funds for donation to two targeted charities, the Toronto Golden Vision Lions Club is sponsoring anew a second "Mini Concert For A Cause" on September 30, 2017, Saturday, 3:00 -7:00 pm. at 233 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Toronto.

Fresh from its successful event in March, 2017, TGV Lions Club is sponsoring and spearheading again this talent- laden musical event. The afternoon concert will feature notable and up-and- coming Filipino Canadian singers, dancers and entertainers. Conida Marie Halley, and Celine Grey, beauty titlists of Miss Philippines PIDC 2015 and PIDC 2016 respectively, and singer John Alix

will jointly host the charity event.

TGV Lions Club , as a remarkable player and participant in the Filipino Canadian community, will once again contribute reasonably its proceeds to Covenant House-Toronto to benefit homeless youths and as well, to Lions Club International Foundation for its worldwide charitable initiatives.

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GMA executive Lilybeth Rasonable not affected by Kapuso stars transferring to ABS-CBN



GMA-7 executive Lilybeth Rasonable on Kapuso stars moving to ABS-CBN: “Siguro pana-panahon ‘yan, na tapos na yung work mo dito, na puwede ka naman maghanap ng work sa iba. Ganun din naman sa iba. Tapos na ang kanilang work nila dun, baka meron naman dito.”

Maingat ang mga pahayag ni GMA Network Senior Vice President for Entertainment TV Lilybeth G. Rasonable sa isyung paglipat ng ilang Kapuso stars sa Kapamilya network.

Napag-usapan ang tungkol dito kamakailan dahil sa pabirong tanong ni Vice Ganda sa It’s Showtime na: “Kung sinasabi ng GMA na where you belong, ba’t sila naglilipatan?”

“Ganun lang naman dito sa ating industry, di ba? Napakaliit ng industriya, may aalis, may dadating, ganun din naman sa... may papalitan, may papalit.”

“Kasi it’s just part of the work, and it is also part of the lives of the artists.

“Nangyayari naman talaga yun.”

Hindi na nga ba kailangan ng Kapuso network ang mga artistang naglilipatan sa kabilang network?

Tugon ng Kapuso executive, “Ang hirap naman sabihin na hindi kailangan.

“Kasi siguro pana-panahon ‘yan, na tapos na yung work mo dito, na puwede ka naman maghanap ng work sa iba.

“Ganun din naman sa iba. Tapos na ang kanilang work nila dun, baka meron naman dito.”

Dagdag niya, “Pero welcoming naman ang GMA.

“Marami namang umalis na maganda pa rin naman ang relationship, magkaibigan pa rin. Lahat naman ‘yan, kung nagkaroon din ng gurot ang iba along the way, may mga nag-patch up naman.

“Naayos naman in the end, as long as you part ways well.”

DIETHER OCAMPO. Samantala, nilinaw rin kay Ms. Rasonable kung magiging Kapuso artist na rin ba si Diether Ocampo pagkatapos nitong mag-guest sa ilang programa ng GMA-7.

“He is always welcome to have shows here kapag may bagay na role sa kanya, naisip namin siya, kasi magaling naman siyang artista.

“Pero as of now, guestings.”

Nabanggit din ni Ms. Rasonable na nakahanda na sila sa pagbabalik ni Kylie Padilla sa trabaho kung sakaling gusto na nito.

Kasisilang pa lang ni Kylie ng anak nila ng fiancé niyang si Aljur Abrenica.

Saad niya, “Actually, gusto namin siyang i-casting, e.

“Pero hindi siya puwede kasi kapapanganak lang, mag-aalaga pa ng baby.

“Naintindihan naman natin yun.

“Pero sa totoo lang, itong mga darating na soaps, gusto na namin siyang i-cast.

“So, talagang inaabangan namin siya.”

Carmina Villarroel returns to GMA-7 after five years

Carmina Villarroel (left) returns to GMA-7 to be part of the upcoming primetime series Super Ma’am starring Marian Rivera.

Actress-TV host Carmina Villarroel returns to GMA-7 after five years.

She will be part of the upcoming fantasy-drama series Super Ma’am, starring Marian Rivera.

In an interview with 24 Oras, the 42-year-old TV personality shared her excitement upon getting the chance to work with Marian for the first time.

She admitted, “Excited ako sa role ko. Excited ako to work with Marian. It’s my first time, first time ko siya makakatrabaho!”

Carmina is cast as the mysterious lady Ceres, a woman who plays a big part in Marian’s character Minerva and her transformation to becoming a superhero.

Carmina said about her role, “Dahil hindi siya magiging super, slight super lang, kung hindi dahil sa character ko.”



Actor-athlete Xyrus Cruz, Kapuso na

AT long last Kapuso star na ngayon ang actor-athlete na si Xyrus Cruz. Pumirma siya ng kontrata nung August 30, 2017, sa GMA Artist Center na kasama ang kanyang mentor-manager na si Direk Maryo J. Delos Reyes.

Ani Xyrus: “Walong taon kong hinintay ang pagkakataong ito na tuluyan na akong mapansin ng GMA Network. Dito ako nagsimula bilang bit player sa mga soap opera ng manager kong si Direk Maryo J. Maraming memorable roles na akong ginampanan dito.

“Kabilang sa mga series na nagawa ni Xyrus bilang guest ay ang Pari Koy (Dingdong Dantes starrer), Someone To Watch Over Me, at ilang episodes ng Magpakailanman.

Dingdong Dantes on Kian Lloyd delos Santos slay: “This is wrong.” + other stories

The statement of Dinging Dantes on the death of Kian Lloyd delos Santos is succinct: “It is wrong.”

Ilang artista na ang nagbigay ng kanilang personal na opinyon sa pagkamatay ng 17-taong-gulang na si Kian Loyd delos Santos.

Tulad ng iba pang netizens, humihingi rin sila ng hustisya sa pagkamatay ng binatilyo sa kamay ng mga pulis alinsunod na rin sa “war on drugs” ng Duterte administration.

Naniniwala ang bida ng GMA-7 primetime series na Alyas Robin Hood na ang nangyaring insidente ay mali.

Ito ang kabuuan ng statement ni Dingdong sa ginanap na event:

“While I believe that the drug problem is really a menace to our society, it should not be fought at the expense of lives.

“Any life—a policeman’s life, a bystander’s life—anyone, especially a young person’s life.

“Kian was 17 years old.

“Based on our studies in the National Youth Commission, he belonged to the child youth bracket, the one we consider the most vulnerable.

“He could have been the next best policeman of his city.

“Or president of the country.

“But he was not given the chance anymore to do so.

“I would want to believe that with this incident, right now, we all agree on one thing—that it is wrong.”

Iya admits wrong impression about Heart

IYA Villania is delighted to play Heart Evangelista’s best friend in “My Korean Jagiya” that starts airing tonight, Monday, to replace “I Heart Davao”. They are the only members of the cast who were sent to Seoul, South Korea to shoot some important scenes on location.

She admits she was nervous at first because she and Heart are not really that close, so how will they be convincing to play best friends?

“Nagkasama na kami before sa ‘Sunday All Stars’ at sa MYX but hindi kami nagkaroon ng chance na magtsikahan nang mahaba,” she says. “Pero nawala ‘yung nerbiyos ko kasi naging comfortable kami agad sa isa’t isa while we were doing the shoot in Korea. She’s easy to get along with and now, I’m thankful to get the chance to know her better. Makuwento pala siya. Kung noon, hindi ko make-claim na magkaibigan kami, after ‘My Korean Jagiya’, I can honestly say na we’re now very good friends. Naging at ease ako agad with her.

Nakakapag-pump nga ako sa harap niya. Kasi I feed our baby with my own breast milk so I have to pump. Sabi niya, natatakot daw siya, e wala pa siyang baby. But I told her she will

learn as she goes along.”

So how is it working with the Korean members of the cast?

“Noong una, siyempre, nagkakahiyaan pa kaming mag-usap. But si Alexander Lee, ‘yung leading man ni Heart, sa first taping day pa lang namin in Nami Island, he was even the one to approach us first and said ‘hi’. Pinakilala ang sarili niya. Si David Kim, wala siyang eksena that day, but he came to the set para makipagkilala sa amin. Sobrang bait nila.”

Iya said the Korean actors, including Michelle Oh and Jerry Lee, mentioned they’re happy working with Pinoys. “Sa kanila raw, sa set, walang standby area at pag wala silang take, they just stay in their cars. Unlike dito sa atin, nage-setup ng air conditioned tents where the stars can stay, rest and feel more comfortable. Generally, very reserved sila, very polite.”

How’s her husband Drew Arellano and their son, Primo? “They’re both doing fine. Our baby is celebrating his first birthday on August 30 and we are preparing for that. We’re hands on parents ni Drew at wala kaming yaya. Palitan kami sa pag-aalaga sa kanya kaya sobrang attached sa amin.”

EDU MISSES DOING ACTION MOVIES

EDU Manzano’s last primetime soap was ‘Bridges of Love’ at ABS-CBN. He’s now doing ‘Alyas Robin Hood’ on GMA and he says he has long been missing doing action scenes.

“Ang dami ko ring ginawang action movies noong araw, whether as bida or kontrabida like ‘Alyas Boy Kano’, ‘Task Force Habagat’, ‘Contreras’,” he says. “Mahirap gumawa ng action, be it sa TV or sa movies. Kasi mas magastos siya kaysa sa drama, lalo na kapag may explosions, car chase scenes na winawasak ang mga kotse and gunfights na kailangan ng mga baril at gunshot effects. Matagal i-set up. Pero nakaka-miss din pala, kaya heto, natuwa naman ako nang mapasama ako sa ‘Alyas Robin Hood’.”

He plays the role of Sen. Emilio Albano, a politician who seems to be very good to the poor, doing a lot of charity works, but is actually a scheming and corrupt public servant. So he’s back to being a villain?

“Yes, na-miss ko rin. Ang sarap magkontrabida, pero mahirap din kasi ang main responsibility mo is paguwapuhin ‘yung bida. Complicated ‘yung role ko kasi magkakaroon ng twists and revelations sa character ko. May nakaraan pala kami rito ni Jaclyn Jose, ang mother ng bidang si Dingdong Dantes. Anak-anakan ko rito si Ruru Madrid, pero may twist din sa character niya.”



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Dolorosa Welcome Dinner

Dolorosa Canada had their welcome dinner at Qssis to start their annual 3-day celebration of Our Lady of Dolorosa. it is followed the next day by the Fiesta and on the last day by a picnic.



KRIS Bernal says she knows that her afternoon show, “Impostora”,

is rating very high in its slot but she’s not sure if the talk that it would be extended is true. “Wala pang official notice but if it’s true, okay lang,” she says. “Although, personally, doing my dual roles as Nimfa and Rosette can be so emotionally draining.

Daig ko pa ang may split personality kapag nagte-taping dahil magkaibang-magkaiba ang characters and personalities nila. Nakakabaliw ‘yung sa buong magdamag ng taping, papalit-palit ka ng ipinakikitang emosyon. Daig mo pang sumakay sa roller coaster. Ilang beses na akong naiyak sa hirap, sa pagod, pero malaking konsuwelo talaga ‘yung lagi kaming panalo sa ratings. At mabuti na rin lang, hindi na nilalagyan ng prosthetic make up si Nimfa para papangitin, kundi lalong malaking dusa for me.”

But when you watch the show, you wouldn’t think Kris is having a hard time with her two roles because she seems so at ease and so relaxed in portraying them before the camera. “Well, for that, I would like to thank my co-stars kasi lahat sila, very supportive sa akin. Lalo na ang leading man ko, si Rafael Rosell. He always gives me encouraging words that help me motivate para mas mapagbuti ko ang trabaho ko.”

The fans of “Impostora” think they’re really playing beautiful music together even off cam. “I can say that we became really good friends while working on ‘Impostora’. At nakakatuwa nga ‘yung ibang fans ng show who say sana maging kami na talaga. Pero huwag nyo na pong i-push yan dahil we all know taken na si Rafael. Ayokong magalit sa akin ang non-showbiz girlfriend niya at ayoko ring matawag na boyfriend snatcher po ako.”

Carlo J Sslowly moving on

WE were surprised to hear a familiar voice being interviewed over DZMM on a graveyard shift program hosted by Rod Hizon. It was good friend, Carlo J. Caparas and we have the impression that he is still in mourning due to the unexpected demise of his wife, Donna Villa whom he considers his greatest love. He admitted that he

Kris Bernal’s dual role ‘emotionally draining’

courted Donna for seven long years. He acted as her driver, bodyguard and mentor, and eventually, her husband. He sired her two children, CJ (now an actor himself) and Peach (a budding female director) .

Carlo revealed that he has his first wife, Amelia, with whom he has three children. One is now a doctor, while the two others are both professionals. Carlos is slowly moving on. In fact, he has a finished a movie which deals with the drug menace in the country. Titled ‘Droga: Kamandang Ng Kamatayan,” this event is something to watch out for.

Derrick doesn’t want to deceive viewers

Dennis Trillo’s character, Gabriel, in “Mulawin Vs. Ravena”, is originally a Ravena but he now becomes a Mulawin ally. The Mulawins eventually choose him to be their king after Derrick Monasterio as Almiro was betrayed by Kiko Estrada as Rafael. This is the latest twist in the action-packed telefantasya which is on its last four weeks.

Meantime, Derrick Monasterio got the surprise of his life when he celebrated his recent birthday with school children and he found out that most of them want to be Almiro wannabes. “Nagka-goose bumps talaga ako when they told me na idol nila si Almiro at gusto nilang maging katulad niya,” he says.

“Dahil dito, naging mas inspired akong pagbutihin ang pagganap ko bilang Almiro kasi ang dami palang mga batang nananood sa amin. Maski ang fight scenes namin sa show, talagang pinagbubutihan ko and I do them myself without a double dahil ayokong dayain ang viewers. Abangan ninyo kasi mas marami pang intense fight scenes ang magaganap sa ‘Mulawin Vs. Ravena’ sa susunod na episodes.”

Newbie director gets help from actors

Director Joel (a contraction of John Elbert) Ferrer is an indie film director whose comedy about indecisions, “Baka Siguro Yata” starring Cherie Gil and Ricky Davao, won the audience award in Cinema One Filmfest two years ago and the best actor award for newcomer Dino Pastrano

He also co-wrote the script of another Cinema One entry, “Blue Bustamante”, and directed the QCinema film about the coming of age of two high school students, “Hello World”. He has directed episodes of “Wattpad Presents” for TV5 and Jasmine

Curtis Smith’s digital show about a vampire, “Forever Sucks”. He’s now given the chance to direct his first mainstream rom-com, Regal’s “Woke Up Like This”, starring Vhong Navarro and Lovi Poe to open in theaters this Wednesday. So how is it directing big stars like Vhong and Lovi?

“At first, nakaka-intimidate,” he says. “But they prove to be very cooperative.

Nakakapanibago rin kasi, sa indie, konti lang kami sa set, pero dito, about 200 people kami sa shooting. Medyo nakakagulat pero after a while, nasanay rin ako. I tried to involve everyone to be part of the process. Kami nina Vhong and Lovi, before we shoot a scene, I consult on their own ideas about how best to do the scene. Mas napapadali ang work ko kasi it becomes collaborative, lalo na kay Lovi kasi first time niya to do comedy, but it’s exciting to work with her kasi she’s willing to take risks. Marami siyang gugulatin dito as she’ll show na, kung gaano siya kagaling sa comedy, ganun din siya kahusay sa drama. Pareho sila rito ni Vhong na very successful. Si Vhong as a basketball player, si Lovi as a model, but both of them have become arrogant, selfish, kaya an old man, si Lou Veloso, pinagpalit sila ng katawan. Riot ang mga eksena nila na babae si Vhong at lalaki si Lovi. Sasakit ang tiyan nyo sa katatawa.”

‘Super Ma’am’ Marian Rivera, malapit nang bumalik sa GMA Primetime!

The queen is back! Malapit na malapit na nating muling masilayan si Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera sa bagong GMA Telebabad telefantasya na Super Ma’am.

“Nakaka-excite kasi halos two and a half years din ako nawala sa primetime so it’s about time na bumalik uli ako. Looking forward ako, especially makita ‘yung mga cast [at] si Direk.”

Feeling ng Kapuso star ay back to zero siya ulit sa tagal niyang nawala sa GMA Telebabad ngunit napapadali raw ni Direk LA Madridejos at ng cast ang kanyang trabaho.

Isa pa rin ang layunin ng Kapuso Primetime Queen, “Ang importante ay paano ka sa audience at paano mo nabibigyang buhay ‘yung karakter na binibigay sa iyo. At the same time, kung anong nae-extend mo sa mga tao na happiness kapag pinapanood ka nila.”

Subaybayan ang action at adventure ni Super Ma’am sa GMA Telebabad ngayong Setyembre 18 na!

Slow justice in Philippines overwhelming courts

Accused murderer Manuel Cerna has languished in a Philippine jail for 15 years without a verdict, one of countless inmates enduring interminable trials that are expected to get longer as an unrelenting drug war overwhelms the courts.

A notoriously slow and under-resourced judicial system has seen a “tidal wave” of new cases as police have conducted a nationwide crime crackdown in response to President Duterte’s order to eradicate all illegal drugs from Philippine society.

The case of Cerna, 60, who almost died of tuberculosis is not unusual in that his time in jail while on trial is close to reaching the minimum sentence.

“I get depressed. Some others here committed suicide because their wives left them. They lost all hope of freedom,” Cerna said.

So-called “decader” inmates – because they have spent 10 years or more behind bars while on trial – are a symptom of a deeply flawed justice system that helped fuel Duterte’s rise to the presidency last year. Duterte won the elections on a brutal law-and-order platform, promising swift justice chiefly by killing tens of thousands of criminals and a no-mercy stance on convicted criminals who, he said, could not be rehabilitated.

Duterte’s police have indeed shot dead thousands of people as they have scoured slums hunting drug traffickers and addicts, leading rights groups to express alarm at what they say are a wave of extrajudicial killings.

This has undoubtedly avoided many trials.

GLAIZA DE CASTRO from on page 14

was able to climb the CN Tower, a communications and observation tower that is the third tallest of its kind in the world. While there, she spent time with Filipino press based in Canada at 360 The Restaurant, a revolving food establishment at the top of the tower. A meet-and-greet with more of her dedicated fans followed suit at Filipino restaurant Kalesa. She capped off her day with a fun-filled fan gathering made possible by iRemit, the largest Filipino-owned non-bank remittance service provider.

On August 20, Glaiza performed during ANCOP Walk, in support of the event’s cause of raising funds for child education, community development, and humanitarian relief for third world countries. Later that day, she guest-starred for the “Women in Music” event. There, she donned yet again her singer hat and transformed Prestige by Night into an intimate paradise with a tender performance of her hits from her albums “Synthesis” and “Magandang Simulain”.

Of her Canadian sojourn, Glaiza has this to say: “Yung experience ko rito, parang nasa Pilipinas pa rin ako. ‘Yung warmth nang pag-welcome nila sa akin, parang hindi ako nalalayo sa Pilipinas.” Indeed, Glaiza’s presence resonated with her Kapuso Abroad in Canada, which she greatly felt during her brief but memorable stay in the country. “Ang sarap ng pakiramdam na makita yung smiles nila, na kumakanta sila kasama ko, at na sumasayaw sila. Kahit papaano nakapagbigay ako ng saya sa kanila. Thank you to GMA Pinoy TV for bringing Filipinos abroad closer to home.”

Knight of Columbus



The officers of the K of C San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 8809 for the Fraternal Year 2017-2018 were installed to office recently by District Deputy Fidel de Guzman (sitting 4th from left) and District Marshall Alex Saroca (sitting leftmost). Installed to office are (not everyone is in photo) Bro. Romy Olit, Grand Knight; Bro. Ace Alvarez, Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Renato Galvez, Chancellor; Bro. Julito Reyes, Recorder; Bro. Ramon Letrondo, Treasurer; Bro. Butch Galicia, Advocate; Bro. Mitchell Navarro, Warden; Bro. Mikhail Navarro, Inside Guard; Bro. Ed Deang, Outside Guard; Trustees are Bro. Jose Hernandez; Bro. Deacon Bob Rosales; and, Bro. Jovito Fernandez. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 8809 is based at the St. John XXIII Parish in Don Mills, Ontario. (San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 8809 Press Office)



Thea Tolentino works hard to finally buy her own house in Quezon City

Thea Tolentino works hard to finally achieve her longtime dream of buying her own house in Quezon City for her Calamba, Laguna-based family: “Ilang beses lang ako nakakauwi ng Laguna kapag wala akong mga tapings. Minsan ay buwan pa ako makauwi talaga dahil sa sunud-sunod na trabaho. Iba pa rin yung magkakasama kayo everyday ng family mo, di ba? Kaya nag-iipon ako para nakabili ako ng house, para may matirhan na kami ng buong family dito sa Quezon City.”

Simple lang daw ang naging birthday celebration ng Kapuso kontrabida na si Thea Tolentino noong nakaraang August 13.

Nag-dinner lang daw sila ng kanyang buong family at nagkaroon ng maliit na handaan sa kanilang bahay para sa ilang kamag-anak at kaibigan.

Pero noong nakaraang August 30 ay binigyan siya ng isang belated birthday celebration ng businessman at kilalang Lord of Scents na si Joel Cruz sa kanyang Chateau de Milagros.

Business mentor ng 21-year old actress si Joel Cruz para sa sisimulan niyang negosyo.

BIRTHDAY WISH. Isa nga sa mga birthday wishes ni Thea ay ang makabili na siya ng bahay para magkakasama na sila ng kanyang family na tumira sa Quezon City.

Sa Calamba, Laguna pa nakatira ang pamilya ni Thea at umuuwi siya roon kapag hindi siya masyadong busy sa trabaho.

Lahad niya, “Ilang beses lang ako nakakauwi ng Laguna kapag wala akong mga tapings.

“Minsan ay buwan pa ako makauwi talaga dahil sa sunud-sunod na trabaho.

“Iba pa rin yung magkakasama kayo everyday ng family mo, di ba?

“Kaya nag-iipon ako para nakabili ako ng house, para may matirhan na kami ng buong family dito sa Quezon City.”

Kaya naman pinaghuhusay ni Thea ang kanyang pagganap bilang kontrabida sa afternoon teleserye ng GMA-7 na Haplos.

“BLOODY” CONFRONTATION SCENE. Inaabangan parati ang confrontation scenes nila ni Sanya Lopez at minsan daw ay umabot sa puntong nagkasakitan sila dahil sa tindi ng eksena.

Hindi raw kasi nagpapa-double ang dalawa kapag may matindi silang mga eksena, kaya hindi raw maiwasan ang magkasakitan sila.

“Pero friends po kami ni Sanya. “Wala po kaming problema sa isa’t isa kahit na minsan hindi naman sinasadyang nagkakasakitan kami. “Kagaya po last time, may sampalan kami tapos sabunutan.

“Yung kamay ko tumama po yata sa ngipin niya, ‘tapos akala ko nagdugo yung ngipin niya kasi may dugo yung kamay ko.

“Yun pala kamay ko yung may dugo kasi tumama sa earrings niya.

“Mga ganung incidents lang na hindi ninyo parehong maiwasan kasi in character kayong pareho.

“Pero okey po kami talaga ni Sanya.

“Friends kami after ng mga sampalan at sabunutan!” sabay tawa niya.

REUNION WITH BARBIE. Bukod sa teleseryeng Haplos, may ginagawa ring pelikula si Thea na This Time I’ll Be Sweeter kunsaan siya ang kontrabida sa loveteam nila Barbie Forteza at Ken Chan.

Magiging reunion nila ito ni Barbie na nakasama niya ng halos dalawang taon sa afternoon teleserye na The Half Sisters noong 2014 hanggang 2016.

“Nakakatuwa naman po na nagkasama ulit kami ni Barbie after ng The Half Sisters.

“Na-miss ko si Barbie na katrabaho.

“Very supportive kasi siya at alam mong walang magiging problema kapag kaeksena mo siya.

“Tsaka si Barbie ang unang napagpraktisan ko ng mga sampal at sabunot noong nagkasama kami sa teleserye.

“Ngayon, mauulit iyon sa movie nila ni Ken!” tawa pa niya ulit.

DILIGENT STUDENT. At kahit sobrang busy, nagagawa pa rin ni Thea na pumasok sa school para maka-attend ng classes niya sa Trinity University, kunsaan kumukuha siya ng kursong Business Management.

“Kahit maraming puyat sa trabaho, I still make it a point na maka-attend ng classes ko po.

“Gusto ko pong maging inspirasyon sa maraming kabataan ngayon na kahit artista ako at kumikita na, iba pa rin yung pinagpapatuloy mo ang pag-aaral mo para makakuha ka ng diploma,” pagmamalaki ni Thea.

INVITATION TO ALL DEVOTEES OF THE VIRGIN OF PENAFRANCIA

Fluvial Parade

By : Paeng Nebres (BCCA and Devotees of Virgin of Penafrancia)

On September 16, 2017 (3rd. Saturday) is the Feast Day of our Lady of Penafrancia, the Patroness of the Bicol Region in the Philippines.

The Devotees of the Virgin of Penafrancia from the Bicol Canada Community Association (BCCA) together with the Organizers of the 9 Day House to House Novena are hosting the celebration, beginning with the traditional Fluvial Parade at the Bluffers Park Lake at Brimley Rd. in Scarborough, Ontario (by the Lake) and an evening Mass Celebration at the Our Lady of Assumption Church at 2565 Bathurst St. , Toronto.

DETAILS OF THE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION : SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 (3rd. SATURDAY)

MORNING CELEBRATION AT THE BLUFFERS PARK & MARINA at Brimley Rd. South (by the Lake)

8:30 AM – Assembly for the procession of the Virgin to the Dock at the Bluffers Park Marina, where the Fluvial Parade will start. (Eastside of the Bluffers Park Marina)

9:30 AM - PROCESSION TO THE DOCK STARTS

10:00 TO 11:30 AM FLUVIAL PARADE ON THE LAKE

Devotions will be celebrated at the park after the Fluvial Parade.

Pot Luck lunch (picnic) at the Park will follow after the Devotions.

REMINDER : FOR THOSE THAT WISHES TO SAIL WITH THE FLUVIAL PARADE ON THE LAKE. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LIFE JACKETS. (You can purchase them at the CanadianTire or sports store. You can re-use them next year and every year) Each province will be allocated with one sail boat that can accommodate 4 to 5 Devotees. (first come first serve, to those with Life Jackets).

EVENING CELEBRATION AT THE LADY OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH at 2565 Bathurst St. Toronto.

6:45 PM Starts with a procession of the Virgin of Penafrancia around the church yard.

7:00 PM Con-Celebrated Holy Mass with Bicolano Priest. After the Holy Mass a Fiesta/ Celebration will follow at the Church Hall. Kumustahan, Karakanan, Baraylihan asin Kaogmahan sa Kapistahan para “ Viva La Virgen “.

For more information : Felix and Mayette Reyes Tel # 905 896-4958 - 9 days House to House novena and evening celebration

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Solenn Heussaff and Betong Sumaya sing their hearts out in GMA Network's All-Star Videoke + other stories

Brace for a more fun-filled Sunday night as GMA Network brings back to Filipino homes All-Star Videoke with twice the fun and twice the excitement.

The grand return of the musical game show is hosted by Solenn Heussaff and funny comedian Betong Sumaya.

Solenn revealed that because of her love for music and singing, she is more enthusiastic for the show to begin.

"Ito talaga yung first hosting gig ko sa GMA Entertainment so iba yung feeling kasi sobrang bongga yung preparations sa lahat. Nandun yung pressure but the excitement is there for me kasi I really like music and singing so dito magagawa ko talaga yun," the Kapuso actress said.

On the other hand, Betong shared how grateful he is to finally be part of the program that has become one of the Filipino viewers' favourite TV programs.

"Natutuwa ako kasi kami ni Solenn yung pinagkatiwalaan ng GMA dito sa napakalaking project na ito. As we all know, inaabangan talaga ito ng viewers noon, di ba? Sobra yung excitement ko kasi following the footsteps of Allan K., Jaya and Arnell Ignacio, ang laki ng shoes to fill in so I feel blessed and challenged at the same time," he said.

The game features six celebrity contestants or Videoke stars vying to outwit one another.

The remaining contenders will proceed in the semi-final round for a chance to play in the jackpot round. The winning contestant becomes the All Star Videoke Champ! and may bring home a cash prize of up to 100,000 pesos.

A "Super Oke" prize is also up for the win if the winner decides to continuously play in the succeeding weeks.

All-Star Videoke is under the helm of esteemed director Louie Ignacio.

Gabbi Garcia continues to conquer the world

GMA Artist Center's Gabbi Garcia is slowly making a mark in show business. After landing the iconic role of Sang'gre Alena in GMA's highly successful

telefantasya Encantadia, Gabbi has become more in-demand for magazine covers, features and product endorsements.

At the young age of 18, with a successful teleserye in her portfolio, being an ambassador for an international hair product and the cover of sold out magazines, where is Gabbi Garcia headed to now?

As if living out every young girl's dream, Gabbi is set to fly to Europe as part of her commitment to #MakingMega as Mega Magazine's first ever Mega Style cover. Originally a digital publication, Mega Style carefully handpicked her to grace the first-ever print edition. She will be going to Nice, France for an avant-garde photo shoot and will star in a 45-minute documentary and a three-minute fashion film to be shot by Emmy-award-winning

director and producer Mike Carandang.

"This is going to be my first time in France, so I'm very excited. Being handpicked by Mega is such an honor, and I can't wait to try different looks for the magazine cover and enjoy this European experience," she reveals.

What is her secret to becoming one of today's in-demand cover girls, Gabbi shares "Doing my homework as an artist, keeping fit, staying true to myself and taking care if my looks by sticking to the beauty products that I trust like Gluta C and Pantene."

Meanwhile, Gabbi is in GMA Network's Sunday noontime variety program Sunday PinaSaya.

Barbie wishes her and Jak's relationship lasts long

Barbie Forteza is clearly enjoying her vacation in the U.S., based on her posts in social media. This is her gift to herself when she turned 20 on July 31. She stayed with her married older sister and they were able to watch the recent solar eclipse in the U.S. She went around New York City and Chicago and did her favorite pasttime: shopping. She's back in the country by now as she has to shoot her movie with Ken Chan for Regal, "This Time Will Be Sweeter".

A lot of people who saw her pictures that she posted on social media. In a candle balloon at the Shine Festival in Indiana, she wrote down her wish: "Monay at Pandesal, Sana Magtagal". It's obvious that she's referring to herself as the Monay while the Pandesal is Jak Roberto because of his abs.

This is a clear confirmation that they are now in a relationship.

Writers concerned about Barbie can't help but notice that she's the one who's more open and expressive about their relationship. You ask Jak about it and he won't admit anything, being very secretive. "Halatang-halatang mas excited at proud siya sa relationship nila kaysa roon sa lalaki na parang nahihiyang amining sila na," as one writer puts it.

This already happened before to Barbie when she was on with Kiko Estrada. She openly admitted that they were on but Kiko denied it. As we all know, it ended in a bitter breakup. Well, here's hoping that she'll have a better relationship with Jak this time and it won't give her another heartbreak.

Jak Roberto echoes Barbie Forteza's wish: "Sana magtagal na ganito kasaya."

Jak Roberto on Barbie Forteza's hint about the status of her love life: "Kung siya yung 'Monay' at ako naman yung 'Pandesal,' sabi niya sana magtagal, sana nga magtagal na ganito lang, masaya lang, tawa lang nang tawa palagi. Pag lumalabas kami, nanonood kami ng sine, more on kulitan at tawanan. Mga ganun kasi yung nangyayari sa amin."

Hindi direktang sinabi ni Jak Roberto kung sila na ni Barbie Forteza.

Ngunit aminado ang Kapuso hunk na kinilig siya sa Instagram post ng Kapuso actress nang magpalipad ito ng sky lantern sa Amerika.

Nakasulat sa lantern ang wish ng dalaga: "Monay at Pandesal sana magtagal [triple hearts]"

Pinaniniwalaang ang tinutukoy ni Barbie na "Pandesal" ay si Jak, na kilala bilang "Pambansang Abs."

Habang "Monay" naman ang deskripsiyon ni Barbie sa sarili dahil marahil sa bilugan nitong mukha.

Magkarelasyon na nga ba silang dalawa?

Paiwas na sagot ni Jak: "Ang awkward kasi kung magtatanong tungkol sa panliligaw.

"Ayoko kasing magkaroon ng biglang ma-awkward.

"Sayang naman na bigla kang nagsisi, 'Sayang, hindi ko na lang dapat inano or sana na-maintain ko na lang na ganito.'

"Mas maganda kasi yung nangyari sa amin na kung ano lang yung lagi kaming masaya, wala kaming pressure na... wala kaming sinusunod na rules, or wala kaming demands sa isa't isa.

"Sana, kung ako si Pandesal at siya si Monay, sana magtagal yung ganito lang kasaya."

DOF wants peak-hour landing fees at NAIA

The Department of Finance (DOF) is proposing to charge airlines operating at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) higher takeoff and landing fees during peak hours.

Finance Secretary Carlos G.

Dominguez III suggested to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) that it should consider adopting an airport peak-hour pricing scheme to encourage airlines to use NAIA during off-peak time. "We are looking at several ways to improve the NAIA. One thing we are looking at is to have the CAAP change their way of charging airlines," Dominguez told reporters in a recent interview at the DOF headquarters.

"In other words, you charge according to, lets say the landing fee, the landing fees I think should be higher in the primetime. You want to land in the primetime you pay more, you want to land in the middle of the night you pay less," he added.

Dominguez said the proposed peak-hour pricing scheme should cover all airlines including the private and non-commercial operators. Aside from higher takeoff and landing fees, the finance chief also wants NAIA's airport gates to be bid out to airline companies.

"Also, instead of just charging all the airlines the same, they should charge it by gate. Let's say the airline wants to have 10 gates, it should be bid out, so that it's transparent and the charging is transparent and fair," Dominguez said.

With this plan, Dominguez believes it will somehow decongest NAIA and encourage airlines to expand their services in tourist areas outside of Metro Manila.

He also added higher fees will result in higher revenues for CAAP.

"If those revenues are going to be high enough, we probably can reduce the charges for airports and destinations that we want people to go," Dominguez said.

"We want to encourage people to go to Bohol, Laguindingan in Cagayan de Oro, so we can have differential taxation rates there. But again this has to be looked at together with the DOTr (Department of Transportation)," he added.

In a related development, while Dominguez welcomes the proposal of Philippine Airlines (PAL) to build a P20-billion passenger terminal to complement its hub at the NAIA Terminal 2, it was rejected by State-run Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. who said PAL is barred from building a new passenger terminal.

Pagcor said in a statement PAL's contract with a former management of the state-run gaming corporation only included the use of the rented property as "an aircraft parking ramp/apron facility."

"Hence, it is prohibited from using the leased premises for any other business or purpose [including the construction of a new terminal] without prior written consent from Pagcor," it said.

Halo Halo Festival at Wychwood Barns



LEFT, Halo Halo Festival co-organizer Marcie Bernal (2ND FROM RIGHT) poses with native dancers. MIDDLE, Chairman of Halo Halo organization Voltaire de Leon addresses the crowd. RIGHT, Camille Mendoza, Fil-Core President Judith Gonzales, Co-director Rose Tijam, Sherry Tan, Rosemary Cabasan, Deputy Consul Bernadette Fernandez, Consul-General Rosalinda Prospero, Miss caregiver 2017 Emily Solatorio, Merfa Bataclan and Co-director Maria Guiao welcomes visitors to the festival.

Nadine Lustre deactivates her Twitter, IG reportedly due to bashing

MANILA, Philippines — “Im sorry, but SERIOUSLY. WTF are you all...”

This, according to Twitter’s records, is how Nadine Lustre began one of her last status posts on the social media site before deactivating her account reportedly on Friday, August 4, afternoon.



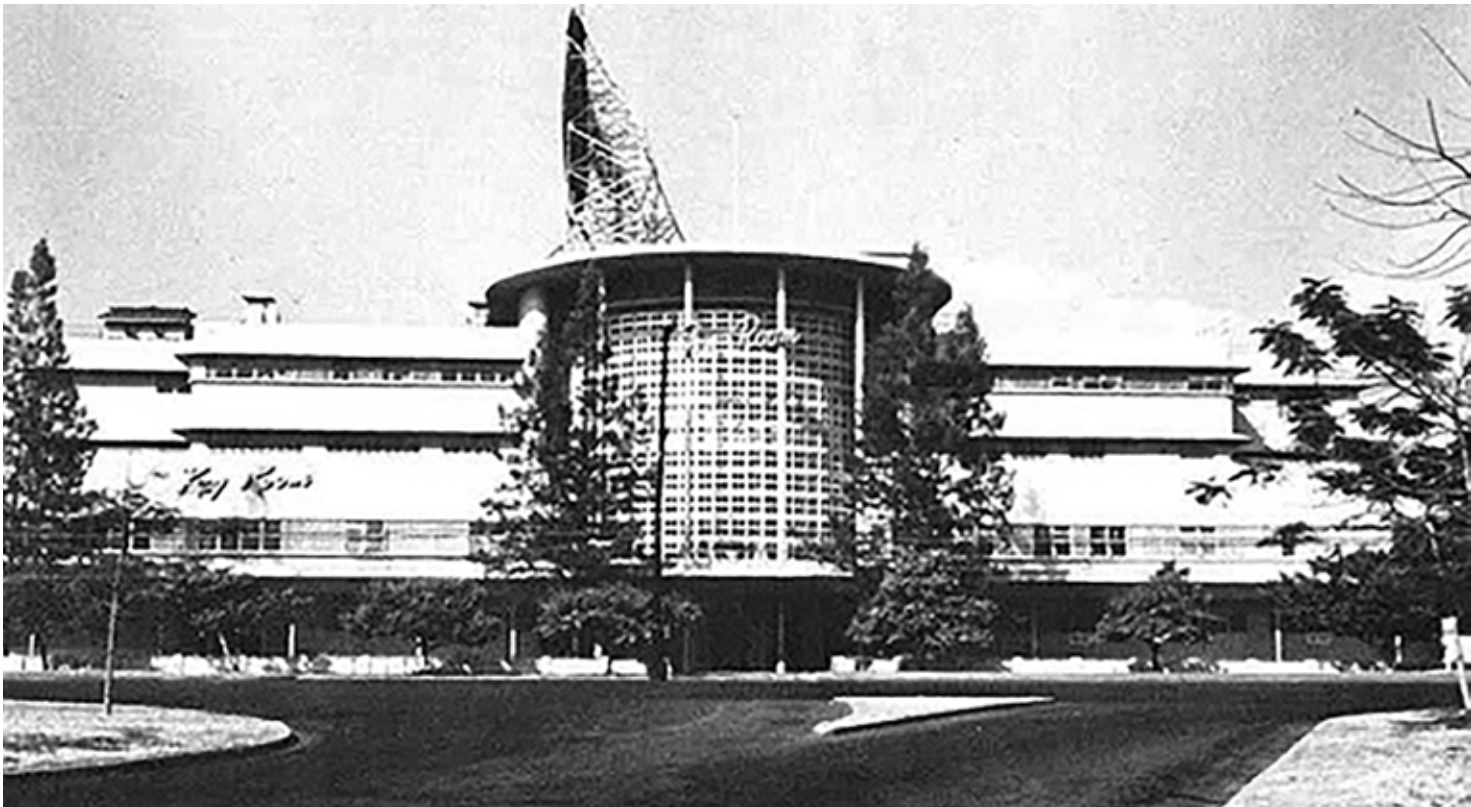
Fans also discovered she likewise deactivated her Instagram account. Another dead Twitter link to a post read, “Yeah dont say anything bad if you guys dont know what the real story is Mika is nice and always stands up for her family.”

A comment to one of her posts, also said: “yeah kasi when she’s starting alam nating lahat na she’s not like that diba? I mean nagbago na sya no offense I’m just saying I’m a fan too.”

Netizens now are speculating if the singer-actress shut down her social media accounts because she cannot take the bashing anymore.

Nadine has over four million Instagram fans, while her Twitter has 1.6 million followers.

Spotlight



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led by PCCF President Romy Rafael and EVP Rosemer Enverga, PCCF contingent includes Miss Philippines Canada 2017, Mrs. Philippines Canada, Miss Teen Philippines Canada & Little Miss Philippines Canada , PCCF officers, Neph & Rose Ramos, Jojo & Fe Taduran, Noemi Milanés, Ning

Talandato, Amelia Arcillo, Larry & Jane Receno, Jewel Gomes, Mario Alpuerto, Mila & Jimmy Lupango, Romy & Rebecca Rafael, Rosemer Enverga and other supporters of PCCF.

PCCF has completed its PCCF Tala Village of 21 houses with a multi-purpose centre in Caloocan City that will house rehabilitated Leprosy victims and their families. Rosemer Enverga, EVP of PCCE,

stated, “ By supporting the events of PCCE, you are already helping the poor and the needy in the Philippines.” Expect more charity announcements to come!

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Solenn Heussaff brings sexy back on primetime + other stories

It's going to be a clash of the sexiest as GMA Network's primetime drama-action series *Alyas Robin Hood* returns on the boob tube. Still featuring Dingdong Dantes in the title role, the series will have Andrea Torres reprising her role as Venus and Solenn Heussaff joining the cast to play an important role.

In July, Solenn took to Instagram to confirm her inclusion in the primetime drama. In a photo she shared with her 3.5 million followers, the French-Filipino beauty expressed her excitement to work with Dominic Zapata, who is currently the head director for *Mulawin* vs. *Ravena*.

"Here we go. Can't wait to work with director Dominic Zapata again, and all these talented people," her caption for the socmed post.

Solenn Heussaff joins the cast of "*Alyas Robin Hood*" Book 2

In the series, Solenn plays Iris Lizeralde, described as the rich high-society "it girl" who will also fall in love with Robin Hood. In an interview with *24 Oras*, Solenn explained that she couldn't reveal what her character is going to be just yet but promised that her character will give Venus (Andrea) a run for her money.

"I'm going to have some fight scenes. I can only tell so much about my character but Iris and Venus will fight for the love of Pepe (Dingdong)," she divulged adding that her character will add color and spice to the action drama.

Since Solenn is going to have a lot of fight scenes in *Alyas Robin Hood*'s second installment, the 32-year-old host-actress has been focusing on how she can meet the physical demands of her character.

Apart from looking gorgeous on the small screen, she needs to showcase exceptional agility so she's currently on a rigorous physical training to prepare for action stunts, which she plans to do sans any double.

Ex-sweethearts Lovi, Rocco remain friends

According to Lovi Poe, even if her relationship with former flame Rocco Nacino has ended, they are able to maintain their friendship.



"Yes, that's what's good and important," she says. "We're okay. Despite the fact that we've called it quits, we still managed to become good friends. No bad blood whatsoever."

Since they broke up in mid-2016, they moved on with their respective lives. Rocco found another love in the person of fellow Kapuso talent Arianne Bautista although it was short-lived. On her part, the dusky actress is romantically involved right now with Filipino-French businessman Chris Johnson.

"But honestly, I don't have any idea what's going on with Rocco's life now. As for me, I'm generally happy with my life at present. There are times when things don't turn out the way I want but at the end of the day, I'm happy. I can't ask for more."

With regards to her new love life, Lovi doesn't want to elaborate much on Chris.

"It's something that I want to keep to myself. I want this part of my life to be private."

It appears she has learned from her high-profile love affairs in the past so she wants it low-key now.

"Not really. Maybe I just came to a point when I want a little privacy for my love life specially that the other person is not from showbiz."

In another development, the acclaimed Kapuso star has a new movie titled *Woke Up like This* opposite Vhong Navarro.

"Yes, under Regal Entertainment, it is directed by Joel Ferrer. I'm excited to have reunited with Vhong on the big screen after five years. Our last screen outing together was an episode from *Shake, Rattle & Roll* in 2012. I hope the viewers will support our latest offering," ends Lovi.

La Salle player apologizes after tweet offends JaDine fans

De La Salle University varsity player Prince Rivero's tweet that was intended to express his love for his mother drew flak from enraged JaDine fans who expressed their disgust over his supposed "offending" remark against Nadine Lustre.

It's almost showtime for the Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians! The final run throughs and dress rehearsals are happening at the Denison practice center, and excitement is growing exponentially.

The one-weekend-only performance taking place on October 7 and 8 at the Flato Markham Theatre features songs from

Last September 2, he tweeted a selfie with the actress during the Green Archers' guesting on It's Showtime's Cash-Ya segment where he and his teammates played against the hosts.

On the same day, the cager posted a photo of him with his mom initially captioned "Better than my photo with Nadine" that caught the attention of JaDine's followers.

Realizing what happened, the 22-year-old Green Archer immediately apologized to Nadine and her fans through consecutive tweets and altered the controversial caption of the said photo. According to him, the incident was merely a result of "wrong choice of words" and was not intended to attack her.

"Oh no. Now ko Lang na open twitter ko. Sorry sa lahat ng affected. Wrong choice of words Lang po. I'm just trying to be sweet sa mom ko," he tweeted.

Just wanna say Sorry to Ms. Nadine and sorry also to her fans

Nadine has yet to react on the issue.

Rey 'PJ' Abellana, ready na bang maging manugang si Tom Rodriguez?

Ayon kay Rey 'PJ' Abellana, hindi pa nagpapaalam sa kanya ang anak na si Carla Abellana, 31, at ang boyfriend nitong si Tom Rodriguez, 29, para magpakasal.

"Wala pa rin! Wala pa. Nakakaranig nga ako, pero dati ko nang naririnig iyan, wala pa rin, e," sabi ng batikang aktor.

Pero handa na raw si Rey kung magdesisyon ang dalawa na lumagay na sa tahimik.

Saad niya, "Of course! Si Carla, she's aging, you know?"

"Si Carla, matagal na... the truth there, matagal na siyang nagtitiis para sa career niya. Alang-alang sa career niya.

"Yung para mag-settle down, iyon ang tinitiiis niya."

Mas naka-focus daw muna si Carla sa showbiz career nito.

Ayon kay Rey, "Pina-prioritize niya yun, ganun si Carla, e.

"Yung when she gets into something, priority yun sa kanya.

"Pinahalagahan niya 'yan. Hindi 'yan paganun-ganun lang."

musicals including *Lion King* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Alongside the youth performers will be guest performers Alvin Alba, Michaelangelo Masangkay, Jason Nunez, Jasmine Ragual, Candace Santos, and Karen Tan, and special guests such as Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

Ticket information and purchase can be

in his career, he wants to try something new, like, an advice show on radio.

"Yung iba diyan magtatanong, 'Bakit si Gabby?' Eh kasi marami na din akong pinagdaanan, marami akong karanasan. Iba 'yung hugot ng merong karanasan. 'Yung mga kasagutan sa tanong may laman," he explained.

Is he thinking of becoming the next Joe D' Mango or Papa Jack, we asked.

"Hindi. Ang gusto ko 'yung tipong Eddie Ilarde. Iyon 'yung mga gusto kong gawin. Mas malawak eh, hindi lang tungkol sa love. Like, I want to deal with overseas foreign workers. May mga magagandang istorya ang mga 'yan and I could relate because I was one. Nagtrabaho din ako sa ibang bansa, lumayo sa motherland to seek greener pastures."

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and only attempt at nuclear-power development. It was supposed to be the first of two nuclear plants to be built in the northern province of Bataan. It was also the first nuclear power plant in Southeast Asia, and was identified as a solution to the 1973 oil crisis that had adversely affected the global economy, including the Philippines.

The project, however, was mothballed in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. But clamor for the reopening of the BNPP was revived during the power crisis in the 1990s and the skyrocketing oil prices in 2007.

During these periods, the DOE actually came close to reconsidering nuclear power as a potential energy source for the country.

But then the Fukushima nuclear-plant incident occurred in 2011, creating global panic and concerns about the safety and integrity of nuclear plants.

In March the DOE identified Sulu as among the areas being eyed for a modular nuclear-power plant, with a capacity of 100 MW at most.

Final countdown to MFFC's A Taste of Broadway:

Remastered

By: Victoria A. Torres

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kasing action movies eh, madalang na. So, siguro naghahanap lang ng aksyon ang mga tao."

Doing it right

He admitted he is as surprised as most people with the popularity being enjoyed by the show, which has since been extended by the powers that be.

"Minsan hindi mo alam kung ano 'yung hinahanap ng tao eh. Minsan hindi 'yung karanasan mo or emotion mo ang nakaka-attract sa kanila. Basta ako, whatever it is, I'm happy that the show is doing good," he said.

Gabby revealed the lead actors have been given

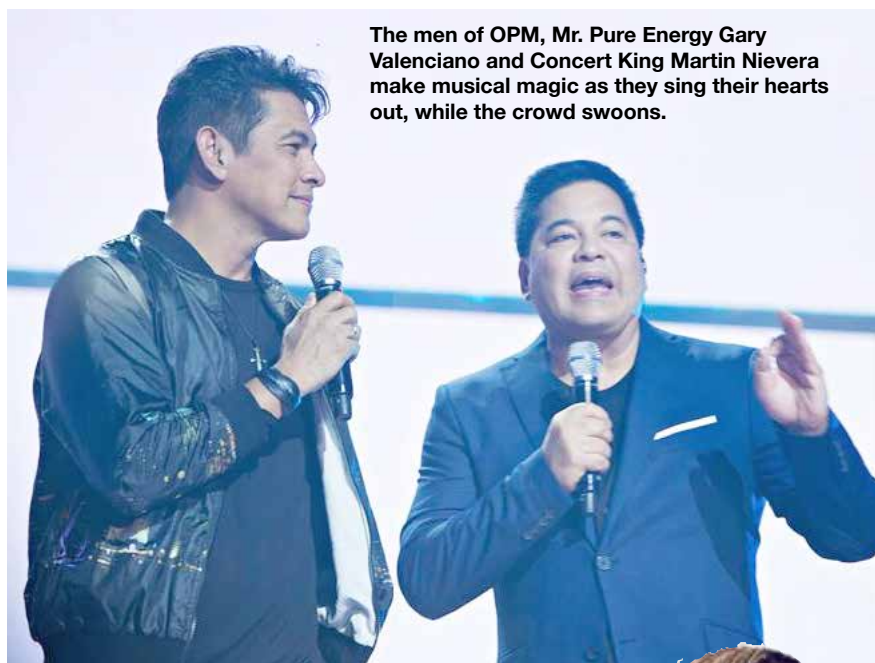
leeway in terms of delivering their dialogue. He likes it so, relating that it adds color to the proceedings.

"Gumaganda kasi, parang part ng magic na nangyayari kapag nagshu-shoot. Minsan nga mas colorful pa 'yung lumalabas. Malalaman mo naman na maganda 'yung banat mo kasi maririnig mo na lang 'yung director, 'yung crew na tumatawa so, effective," he shared.

Asked how he wants "Ika-6 Na Utos" to end, Gabby said, "Ako siyempre gusto ko dapat may redeeming value. Nag-umpisa sa mali so, dapat sa ending iko-correct 'yung mga mistakes."

Something different

Gabby has done a variety of roles. At this point



ASAP
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Salvador, Erik Santos, Yeng Constantino, Enchong Dee, Rayver Cruz, Yassi Pressman, Robi Domingo and Darren Espanto (who is from Canada).

It was past 9:30 p.m. when all the stars gathered on the stage and did VST's Tayo'y Magsayawan. Everybody stood up and danced amidst a shower of confetti. This was indeed the biggest Pinoy concert in Canada history. ASAP did it again.

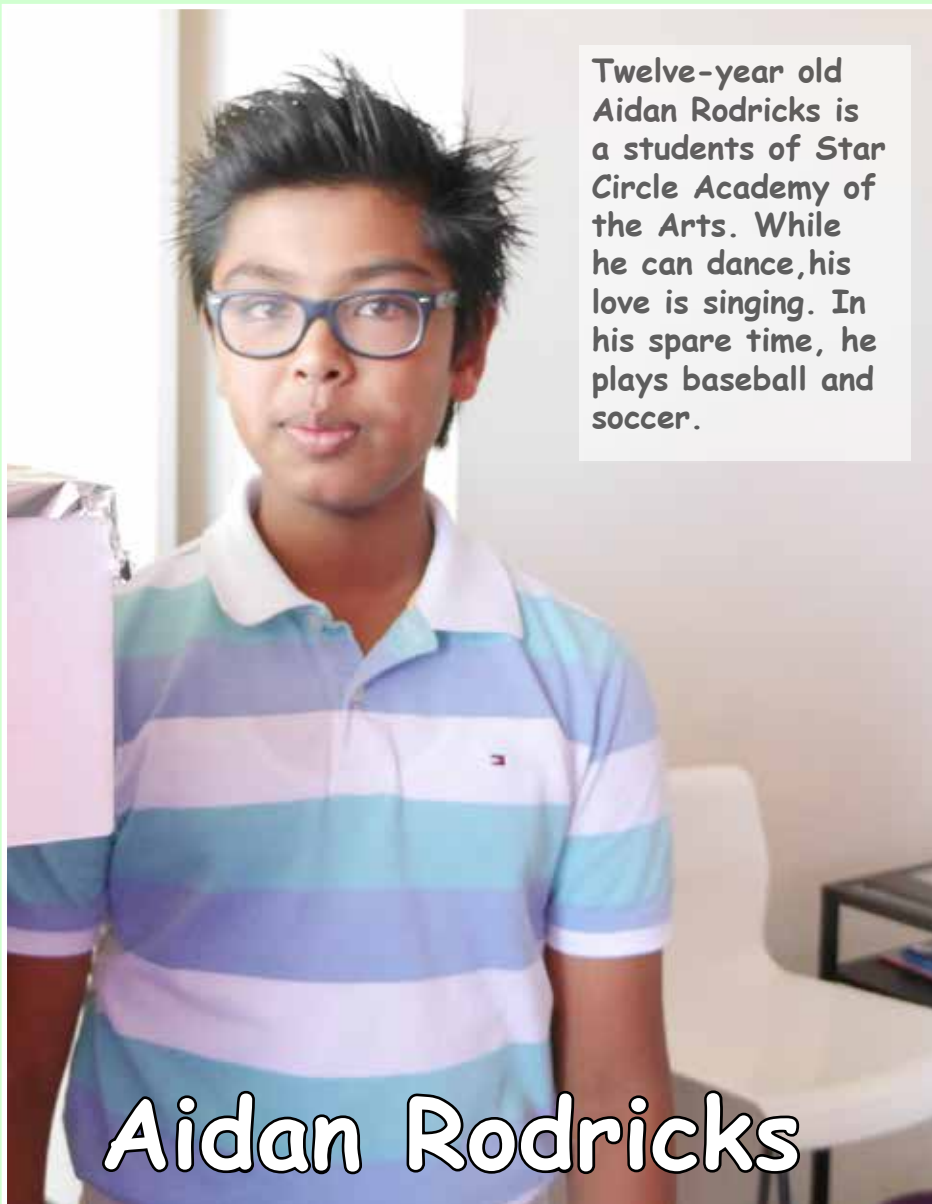
Our CP kept on beeping as we approached the exit — it was an electronic invite to ASAP's post party. We found ourselves whisked into an SUV that led us to an exclusive club called 2nd Floor on King Street downtown. 'Twas Saturday night and for a while I thought I was in Manhattan. Strictly for ASAP and friends, we were given a n ID wristband for entrance. As food and drinks (open bar) flowed, vibrating tones filled the air. Despacito was the dance of the night.

What a party, what an event. Fun and laughter.

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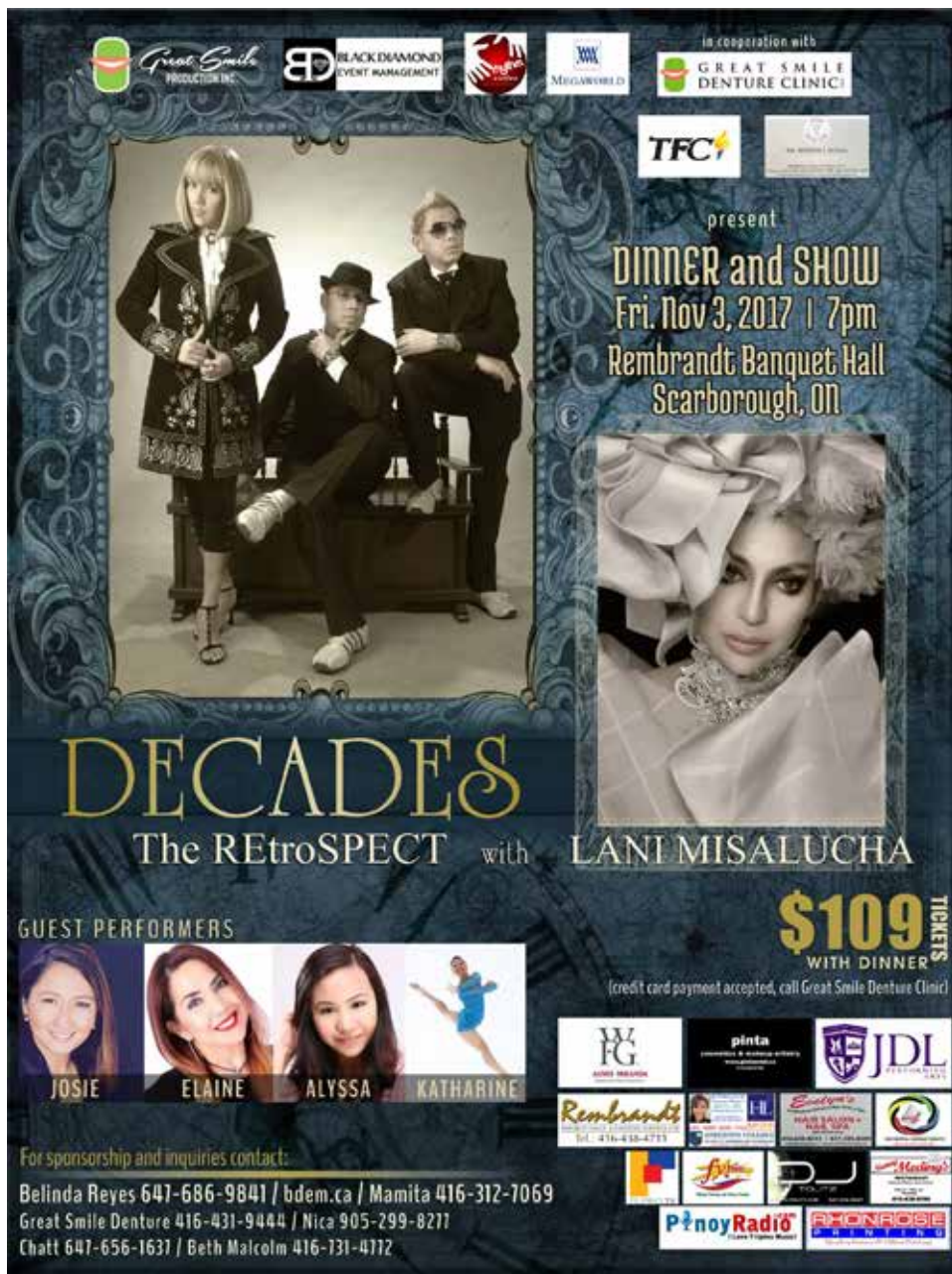


Hunk Shot



Twelve-year old Aidan Rodricks is a students of Star Circle Academy of the Arts. While he can dance, his love is singing. In his spare time, he plays baseball and soccer.

Aidan Rodricks





Women Are Happier With Uglier Partners

Most women tend to be a lot happier when their partners are less attractive than they are.

Here's another win for all semi-pogi guys out there!

According to a recent study, it was found that most women tend to be a lot happier when their partners are less attractive than they are.

Researchers at Florida State University reviewed the relationships of 223 newlyweds, aged 20 to 29, to understand if attractiveness is a factor in overall happiness.

To start, the couples were asked to answer various questions about dieting and getting fit. After that, the respondents were photographed and then were tasked to rank each other's desirability based on face and body attractiveness.

The results revealed women who had attractive husbands are obsessed with losing weight in order to look better, which, they say, makes them insecure and sad.

They responded affirmatively to questions like: "I feel extremely guilty after eating," "I like my stomach to be empty," and "I'm terrified of gaining weight."

On the other hand, those who had less attractive husbands didn't feel any pressure to diet and get fit, which makes a woman happier in the relationship.

Meanwhile, men's dieting motivations do not depend on their partners' attractiveness or lack thereof.

"The results reveal that having a physically attractive husband may have negative consequences for wives, especially if those wives are not particularly attractive," says head researcher Tania Reynolds.

If you feel that your handsomeness makes your other half unhappy, the researcher advises: "One way to help these women is for partners to be very reaffirming, reminding them, 'You're beautiful. I love you at any weight or body type,'" Reynolds shares.

Or perhaps focusing on the ways they are a good romantic partner outside of attractiveness and emphasizing those strengths: "I really value you because you're a kind, smart and supportive partner."

James at Nadine, paghihiwalayin

ANG IdeaFirst Company nina Direk Jun Lana at Perci Intalan ang magpo-produce ng pelikulang pagbibidahan ni Nadine Lustre.

Ang Viva ang magdi-distribute nito. Pelikula lang daw ito ni Nadine at hindi kasama rito si James Reid.

Isang suspense-thriller ito na kukunan sa Japan kasama si Lorna Tolentino.

Sign na itong paghihiwalayin na sina James at Nadine. Meron namang Pedro Penduko si James.

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Addy Raj to break Indian stereotypres “Not all Indians are 5-6, dark, mabaho...”



Kapuso actor Addy Raj hopes to change the perception about Indians in the country. He says, "Actually, it's one of my aims as a public personality... I want to change the perception for Indians that not all Indians are 5-6."

Inamin ng Kapuso artist na si Addy Raj na nakaranas siya ng diskriminasyon nang dumating siya sa Pilipinas.

Pagkalipas ng isa't kalahating taong pamamalagi sa bansa, hindi lang nakapasok si Addy sa local showbiz at natigil na rin ang diskriminasyon sa kanya bilang isang purong Indian.

Sabi ng 22-year-old former exchange student, "Ngayon, wala na [discrimination].

"Pero nung bago ako dito sa Pilipinas and lahat ng tao hindi nila nakilala kung sino ako.

"They never thought I was Indian to begin with."

Nakilala si Addy nang maging bahagi siya ng defunct Kapuso primetime series na Meant To Be, na pinagbidahan din nina Barbie Forteza, Jak Roberto, Ivan Dorschner, at Ken Chan.

Ngayong isa na siyang public figure, nais ni Addy na mabago ang pag-iisip ng mga tao sa kagaya niyang taga-India.

STEREOTYPE. Ani Addy, namana niya ang maputing balat mula sa kanyang ina.

Kaya pagdating niya sa Pilipinas, inakala ng mga nakakasalamuha niya na may dugo siyang Pilipino at may lahing Amerikano o European.

Hindi raw inakala ng mga Pinoy na purong Indian siya.

"This was the wrong perception of Filipinos, kasi they think that Indians cannot be white," sabi niya.

Bukod sa pagiging maitim, sinabi ni Addy na ang tingin ng mga tao sa Indian

ay mabaho at may kinalaman sa 5-6 o pagpapautang na may patong na interes.

"I really want to break that stereotype that Indians are 5-6, Indians are dark, mabaho," pahayag ng binata.

Kuwento pa ni Addy, noong una ay nakakatanggap siya ng mensahe sa social media at tinatanong tungkol sa 5-6.

"I still remember a few messages, like, on my Facebook or message on social media, like, asking me for 5-6 and I was, like, 'What is 5-6?'

"There was no 5-6 in India. I got to know about it only when I came here.

"Actually, it's one of my aims as a public personality... I want to change the perception for Indians that not all Indians are 5-6."

Patuloy niya, "I've met a lot of Indians [here]. I met the owner of New Bombay [restaurant].

"Pareho yung tingin niya, all the time, people think 5-6, 5-6.

"That's not true. There's [Indian] people who are in restaurants, there's people who are in IT [information technology]. There's doctors.

"A lot of [Indian] medical students are here in the Philippines, especially in Davao."

Natatawa rin si Addy sa perception ng maraming Pinoy na may kakaibang amoy ang mga Indian.

"I make sure I smell good all the time. Even in the gym!

"These three stereotypes, actually, I want to break it.

"And I hope that as my career moves forward, I would be able to show it to the people that Indians can be very far from that."

Tungkol sa live-in rumor “I’m not gonna confirm and I’m not gonna deny”—Nadine Lustre

Hindi pa rin tinitigilan ng mga showbiz reporter si Nadine Lustre tungkol sa live-in rumor sa kanyang on and off screen boyfriend na si James Reid.

Sa interview ng ABS CBN sa young actress, tahasang tinanong kung totoo o hindi ang live in rumor ng dalawa.

Sinabi ni Nadine "I mean if it was true, so what? Hindi ba? It's not new anymore. There are younger couples mas young pa sa akin. It's normal eh. C'mon guys, it's 2017!"

Kinulit uli ng ABS CBN reporter kung totooang nag li live in na sila ni James. Prangkang sinabi ni Nadine "I'm not gonna confirm and I'm not gonna deny. But then like, ano naman? "

Sa katanungan kung ano ang payo ni Nadine sa mga younger fans niya. Sabi ng dalaga "Let's all just be open minded."

Sa interview naman ng Philstar Global kay Nadine "Hindi mo naman ma please lahat as for me naman, hindi naman ako nag fi filter ng isasagot ko kasi bakit naman ako magsisinungaling"

"Kasi kami naman ni James, as mush as possible hindi kami nagtatago kung ano naman ang nangyayari sa amin. But then syempre yong ibang nangyayari sa amin hindi naman kailangang i broadcast. Para sa amin na lang po yon."

Samantala intriga lang ang balita na nag pullout na ang mga kompaniya para kuning endorser si Nadine. Nakaugnay ng Pinoyradio. com ang isang kompanya at sinabing "sa katunayan ay may mga planong renewal ng kontrata sa dalaga".

Tuloy tuloy din ang endorsement ni Nadine sa iba't ibang produkto tulad ng fast food chain, sanitary napkin, detergent at iba pa.

Sa ngayon ay enjoy si Nadine at si James sa kanilang hosting sa It's Showtime sa ABS CBN.

Pinasalamatan naman ni Nadine ang mga co host nila ni James sa show lalo na sa guidance na ibinibigay sa kanila. Kasama nila sina Vice Ganda, Anne Curtis, Vhong Navarro, Billy Crawford, Jhong Hilario at iba pa.

GMA shows, niri-remake na sa iba’t ibang bahagi ng mundo

Pang-international na talaga ang ganda ng mga shows ng GMA Network!

Hindi na lang basta mapapanood ang mga orihinal na palabas ng Kapuso network sa iba't ibang mga bansa. May ilan pa sa mga ito na ini-remake na rin, salamat sa pag-acquire ng format rights ng mga production companies na mula sa Asia at Latin America.

2012 nang bilhin ng isang Cambodian broadcaster ang format rights para sa Impostora. 2015 naman nang makuha ng isang Vietnamese company ang remake rights para sa Kung Aagawin Mo Ang Langit. Isang taon lang ang makalipas, apat na teleserye naman ang nakapagbenta ng format rights nito sa bansang Mexico—The Half Sisters, Munting Heredera, My Destiny at Ang Dalawang Mrs. Real.

Sinisikap din ng GMA na maibenta sa global market ang mga 'unscripted formats' nito.

Ilan dito ay ang mga game shows tulad ng Celebrity Bluff at Picture! Picture!, talent searches tulad ng StarStruck at Protege pati na reality shows tulad ng Extra Challenge at Follow Your Heart.

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Missions.

"I made a commitment to 'perform my duties and exercise my functions from a completely impartial, loyal and conscientious standpoint, and truthfully.' For these reasons, this demand is unacceptable," she said. It was reported that Duterte cursed Callamard for urging the country to make the death of 17-year-old student Kian delos Santos the last in Duterte's anti-narcotics drive.

"French? T*** i**, umuwi siya doon. (Son of a b****. She should just go home)," Duterte was quoted as saying in a news report.

On May 4, Callamard visited Manila and attended the Commission on Human Rights' 30th anniversary celebration.

Candid SPOOF

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A contestant looks at the scene he has to re-enact as Crystal Penano and GMA star Glaiza de Castro looks on at the Women in Music concert at Prestige.


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LINDSEY PARK a PC Candidate for Durham got a taste of Mindanao Fashion as Ate Connie C.Herrera tried her on a Mindanao fabric. "I don't exactly know what this thing is called but it looks good on her," LI ERON

STAR CIRCLE SCHOOL BLESSING



ABOVE, Parents and students attend the blessing of the new location of Star Circle Academy of the Arts.

ABOVE RIGHT, Elsie Mariquit and pwner Ellen Galorport pose with the priest.

RIGHT, Britney Waito poses with Ellen Galorport.

FAR RIGHT, Charms members Samantha Gavin, Kassandra Adajar and Angela Castillo watch performances from the sidelines.



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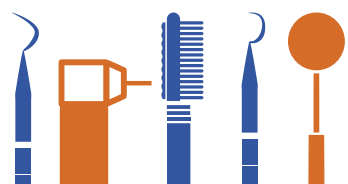
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