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**Mark Bautista  
& Piolo Pascual,  
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**Gerald  
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**SHARON CUNETA:  
THERE MAY  
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SHARON-GABBY  
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**CHINA CLAIMS  
PHL AIRSPACE**

China warns PH planes  
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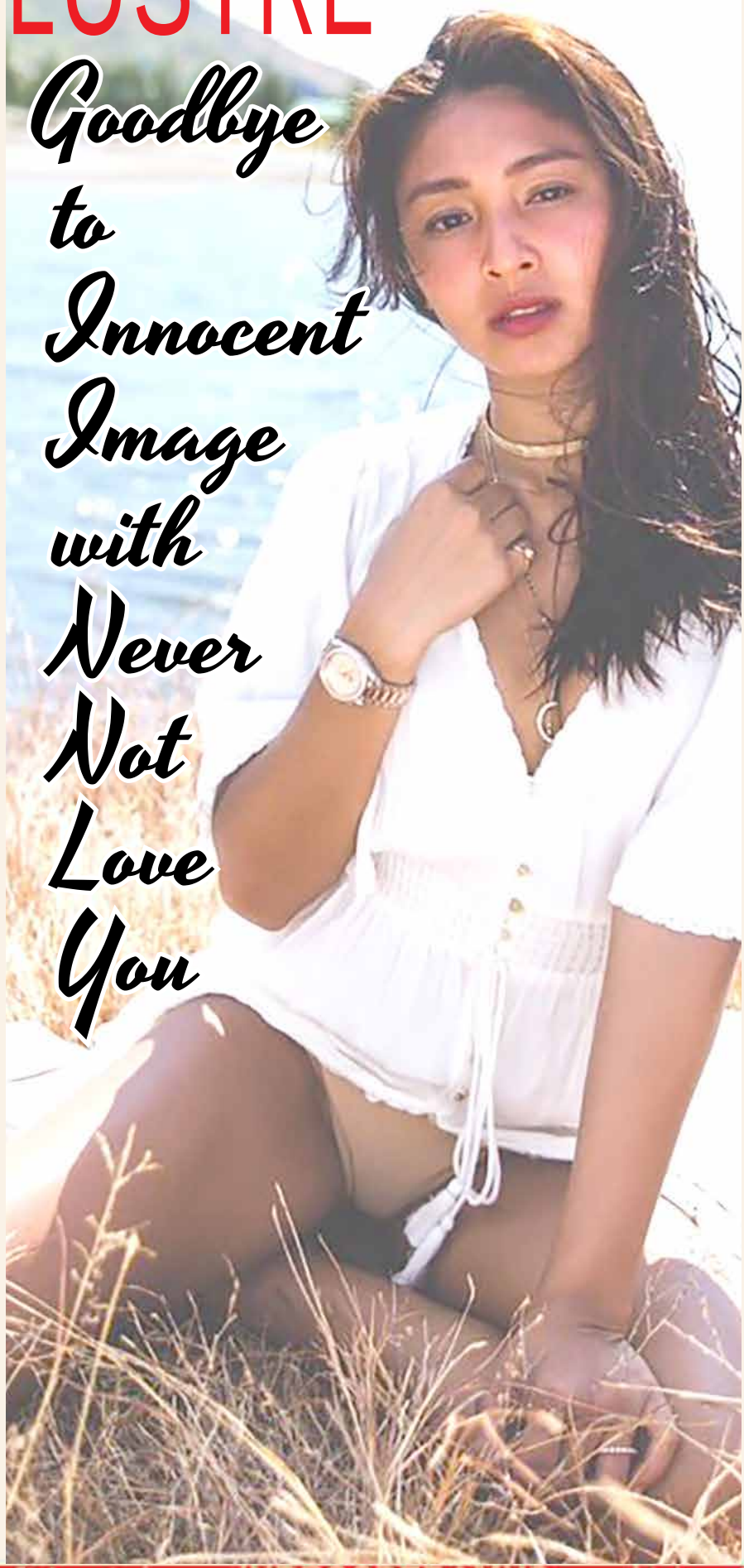
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Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said,  
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MANILA - The Philippines continues  
to get warnings from China whenever it

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**NADINE  
LUSTRE**

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**Direk Cathy  
Garcia-Molina  
calls Jadine  
Unprofessional,  
fans get mad**

**I**t seems that top-billed director Cathy  
Garcia-Molina noticed late that in social  
media, everybody is watching your  
every move.

Garcia-Molina got real on her thoughts  
on James Reid and Nadine Lustre. This  
happened after one curious netizen urged  
the director to make a flick starring the two  
before she retires.

In a now deleted tweet, a die-hard JaDine  
fan, @Pumpkin021116, said, "Sana po sa  
huling movie mo, sana Jadine ang kunin nyo,  
magaling po @ napakaprofessional. Natapos  
mo ang KN, LQ, sana JD n nman (I hope in  
your last movie, you get Jadine. They're good  
and very professional. You've done KN, LQ, I  
hope you do JD this time)."

The director replied, "Iha talaga ba? Iba  
kasi [a]ng naririnig ko galing mismo k Direk  
V [Dan Villegas] at Direk Tonet [Antoinette  
Jadaone]. Sorry (Iha, are you sure? What  
I hear from Direk V and Direk Tonet is  
different. Sorry)."

Upon posting, this fumed other fans of  
the love team, making the director explain  
and defend herself. @Pumpkin021116  
asked Garcia-Molina about what she heard  
from the two directors. "Mas maganda po  
yung makatrabaho mismo kesa maniwala  
sa sabi2x lang (It's better to work with them  
instead of believing from hearsay)."

Garcia-Molina first agreed with the  
netizen's point on believing on hearsay,  
but later on proved herself by raising she  
is friends with both Villegas and Jadaone.  
She added she previously worked with Reid

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**BAD SINGING  
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**Bb. Pilipinas candidate Sandra Lemonon is a winner without a crown**

Binibini 35 Sandra Lemonon may not have won a crown, but has certainly won the people’s admiration for her honesty during Q&A. She made it to Top 15 of the recently-concluded Binibining Pilipinas 2018 coronation night, and could have won one of the titles if she fared well during the Q & A portion. But netizens noted that Sandra gave one of the most honest and real answers ever given in the pageant. Binibini 35 Sandra Lemonon with Binibining Pilipinas 2018 hosts Richard Gutierrez and Pia Wurtzbach

During the Top 15 Q&A portion, the aspiring beauty queen was asked, “What are your insights on the government’s Build Build Build program?”

To everyone’s surprise, she responded, “Actually, you know what, I studied so much for this Q&A but, sadly, that’s something I don’t know really much about. “But, at least, I’m here trying to answer a good question. Thank you.”

With a smile, Sandra gave back the mic. Miss Universe 2015 and host Pia Wurtzbach quickly commended Sandra. “Well, I love her honestly.” Pia said. “It’s better than lying.”

Netizens couldn’t agree more. They immediately tweeted their support for Binibini 35. On March 23, Sandra met with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) officials led by secretary Art Tugade, wherein she was briefed about the Duterte administration’s said program.

**Senate approves national ID system bill on final reading**

MANILA - The Senate of the Philippines has approved on third and final reading a bill that will create a national identification system.

Senators voted 17 to 2 in favor of the said bill.

The national ID would contain a unique Common Reference Number (CRN) that will be given to all Filipinos, along with the owner’s essential information such as full name, address, date and place of birth, sex, civil status, signature and recent photo.

It can be used in transactions with all branches of government, making it more convenient for citizens to avail of public services.

Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno earlier said he is hoping that the national ID system would be up and running by October.

About P2 billion was allocated for the ID system in 2018. It will be established by the Philippine Statistics Authority with the help of the Department of Information and Communication Technology, which will also oversee the operation and maintenance of the system.

*Honey* **Shot**

**Natahsa Reodica**

Natasha is 15 years old and plays basketball. Her favorite food is tacos. She wants to be a teacher someday. She is the niece of community leader Willy Reodica. She is the daughter of proud parents Ian and Rowena. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.





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What sets ‘JaDine’ apart from other love teams, according to box-office director

When the solemnity of the Holy Week is over, it’s time to relish vicarious thrills by watching Viva Films’ “Never Not Love You,” which opens on March 31. The romance drama is topbilled by Nadine Lustre and James Reid. JaDine reunites with box-office writer-director Antoinette Jadaone, who was at the helm of JaDine’s hit series, “On the Wings of Love.”

“Never Not Love You” goes beyond the cheesy side of love. It shows the meaty aspects of how a relationship evolves. The JaDine tandem veers away from being schmaltsy and cutesy. It dissects the stages of l’amour and nudges our hearts to still believe in happy-ever-after, even when our love story isn’t exactly a fairy tale.

Here’s my chat with Antoinette:

**What makes JaDine different from the other love teams you have worked with?** They have no limitations. They’ll kiss if your story calls for it, which I appreciate very much as a writer.

**What prompted you to write the movie?** I’ve reserved it for JaDine way back during the “On the Wings of Love” days. Because “Otwol” was a romantic comedy, I wanted to see them next in a serious adult movie.

**What was the toughest scene to shoot?** The final scene was the toughest, because it required JaDine to have the exact degree of emotion to end the film.

**Please share any off-cam anecdote about JaDine.** They always help each other out. For instance, even if it’s Nadine’s solo scene, James will still be in character off-cam. He helps her nail the scene.

**Do you feel any pressure to outdo yourself in each project?** Not exactly outdo. I just make sure that it’s a story worth telling each time, because I don’t want to waste the audience’s money and time.

**What’s more important to you, box-office success or awards?** I want both. But, it’s the sense of fulfillment that matters most ... the feeling of satisfaction when I watch the film that all the hard work was worth it. The positive feedback I get from the people who watched it.

**How do you and Dan (Villegas, director) resolve artistic differences?** As long as we know who the director is, the one who calls the shots, then everything goes smoothly.

**How do you handle writer’s block?** I watch movies, sleep and eat. I let others read what I’ve written so far. Their comments enlighten me and rev me up to continue writing.

**What changes would you like to see in the movie**



**industry?** Lower ticket prices so watching movies won’t be a luxury to most people. Better working conditions for film workers. And that writers get paid better. Without writers, there will be no stories to tell.

Will Alden Richards have Jasmine and Janine as new leading ladies?

Will Alden Richards top-bill GMA-7’s upcoming epicserye, Mitho? There have been reports indicating that he will be doing this teleserye without Maine Mendoza.

A recent report of Abante claimed that his new leading ladies will be Jasmine Curtis-Smith and Janine Gutierrez.

When Alden was asked about GMA-7’s upcoming telefantasya, Mitho, the actor said he had no idea about the said project.

“Aalis po kasi for the U.S. for April 7-8 for a show. Pagbalik ko, may ilalatag na pero hindi ko pa po alam kung soap o pelikula. Hinihintay ko lang po yung final na latag kasi first quarter pa lang,” admitted Alden during his endorsement launch earlier today, March 20, at the Historia Bar in Quezon City.

When Alden was asked if he is open to having Janine Gutierrez as his leading lady, the Kapuso actor said, “I’m not closing my doors naman. Ako naman, still waiting po ako.”

As for possibly working with Jasmine, Alden said, “Hindi ko pa po sigurado. Tingnan po natin how things will go.”

Jasmine has worked with Alden in the past.

She was cast as the ex-girlfriend of Alden’s character in the 2016 movie Imagine You and Me.

This movie was Alden’s last solo film with Maine Mendoza.

The AlDub love team was briefly featured in the movie Enteng Kabisote 10 and the Abangers.

James Reid and Nathalie Hart were never on

When asked if she and James Reid became sweet-hearts in the past, Sin Island star Nathalie Hart denies the rumor. “Oh, no way!” she says.

The controversy started to spread when an old picture came out in the Internet in which James was on the verge of kissing her.

“Gosh, it’s so embarrassing. Ha-ha-ha! I don’t want to be bashed by the JaDine fanatics. In the first place, that photo was taken before they became an official love team. Everybody knows that at present, James and I have our respective love life. He and Nadine (Lustre) are going on their second year while I’m happy with my Spanish boyfriend!”

The actress reiterates that the photo in question was taken years ago

Sharon Cuneta says no third party ever in her relationship with ‘ex-BF’ Kiko Pangilinan



he’s working again with Enrique in “Bagani”.

“I wasn’t expecting to make a comeback when I got this call from ABS-CBN to do ‘Bagani’ and I accepted it right away without any reluctance kasi nami-miss ko na rin talaga ang acting at ang showbiz,” he says. “Acting talaga ang first love ko and I’m thankful to Star Creatives for giving me

Making a marriage work is no mean feat — even more when it’s a high-profile one.

Amid intrigues, and highs and lows, Sharon Cuneta and Senator Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan remain committed to one another, marking over two decades since they first became an official couple.

“Kiko and I are celebrating our 24th year as boyfriend-girlfriend today!” the Megastar shared in an Instagram post. After dating, the two were married on April 28, 1996.

“Thank God for a secure, supportive, simple, hardworking, God-fearing, faithful, devoted husband.”

The couple, along with their children, jetted to Thailand in a “secret beach town” which the Megastar describes as their “happy place” in an Instagram post.

“Our kids have practically grown up coming here regularly,” shared Cuneta. She also gushed about her relationship with Pangilinan who has been a doting dad, even to her first daughter with ex-husband Gabby Concepcion, KC.

MAKISIG SETS ASIDE BEING CHEF FOR ACTING COMEBACK

MAKISIG Morales and his family migrated to Perth, Australia in 2013. His last soap was “Mirabella” with Julia Barretto and Enrique Gil whose love team was not accepted by the public. While he was away, Julia was paired more successfully with Joshua Garcia and Enrique, with Liza Soberano. Now,

the chance to act again.”

It was his dad who found work in Australia and their entire family migrated there, including his nine siblings and grandmother. “In Perth, I went back to my studies and I finished culinary arts at Murdoch University. Ang ganda nga ng timing ng offer ng ABS kasi it came just after I graduated from my culinary arts course at balak ko nang mag-apply doon officially as a chef. So on hold muna ‘yung pagiging chef ko at back to acting muna ako.”

In “Bagani”, he plays Dumakulem, who is a tagagubat or from the forest region. He’s adventurous, fun loving and wants to explore the world outside of the forest where their tribe is limited. Eventually, he’ll interact with the members of the four other tribes of tagadisyerto, tagalaot, tagapatag and tagakalakal. “I have to be physically fit for my role, so when I arrived here, I had to undergo a series of trainings involving action and stunts. I’m now enjoying my role very much and feel so happy to be back.”

So is he staying for good? “I don’t know yet, it all depends kung ano ang magiging resulta ng participation ko sa ‘Bagani’. But I have to be going back and forth to Australia kasi three months lang ako allowed to go out and I have to renew my permit there para makabalik uli ako rito. Basta may magandang offer, I’m willing to continue with my acting career here.”

Gabby Concepcion, malungkot sa pagtatapos ng ‘Ika-6 Na Utos’

Nakakalungkot isipin na magwawakas na ang highest rating daytime drama sa bansa, ang Ika-6 Na Utos.

Ang Kapuso leading man na si Gabby Concepcion na siyang gumaganap bilang si Rome ay appektado sa pagtatapos ng serye na nakasalang sa ere ng mahigit isang taon.

Mami-miss daw niya ang kanyang mga kasamahan sa show, “Nakasanayan mo na na magkikita uli kayo ng Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. So ngayon, matatapos na iyon. ‘Di na kayo magkikita,

malungkot pero marami naman tayong pwedeng abangan na susunod na mga shows.”

Hindi lang ang mga manonood ang nasasabik sa magiging ending ng serye, pati ang mga gumaganap ay hindi rin daw alam kung ano ang mangyayari kina Rome, Emma at Georgia.

“Kung paano magkahiwa-hiwalay ‘yung tatlong karakter nina Emma, Georgia at ni Rome, whether ikaw ay #TeamEmma o #TeamGeorgia, marami kayong istorya na pwedeng ilagay,” bunyag ng dating matinee idol sa Unang Hirit.



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Mark Bautista's 'bro-mance': Was it with Piolo Pascual?

MANILA, Philippines — On February 7, netizens went gaga when excerpts leaked from the upcoming tell-all book by singer-actor Mark Bautista.

The book is not just an ordinary tale of the 34-year-old performer's life. Some juicy details about his private life are hinted to be dished out in his book titled "Beyond the Mark" which the actor swears he personally wrote.

One of the chapters in his book will be tackling about his certain "bro-mance" with a male friend some years ago. Many see this detail revealing of long-swirling rumors on the singer's preferences for romance.

In the book, Mark admits that he became intimate with a "male friend," but he left out his name.

Speculations that it was actor Piolo Pascual were fueled by another detail Mark disclosed: that his "intimacy" with his male friend ended when his girlfriend found out about the close friendship between the two boys. Years ago, Piolo was rumored to have broken up with then-girlfriend KC Concepcion.

Sources knowledgeable about the people involved, however, confirmed to Philstar.com that it was not Piolo Pascual that Mark is referring to in his book. While the sources were mum on the mystery man's identity, they hinted that he might also be a celebrity.

Will Mark personally come out in the open to shed light on his revelations? As seen on social media, LGBT groups are already welcoming him with open arms.



AFCA Celebrates 40th Founding Anniversary & Induction of Officers

The Association of Filipino Canadian Accountants (AFCA) will celebrate its 40th Founding Anniversary and hold the Induction of its newly elected Officers on May 12th, 2018, Saturday, from 6:30 PM – 11:59 PM, at the Scarborough Convention Centre (located at 20 Torham Place, Scarborough, Ontario).

Leading the planned activities for a two-year term, 2018-2019, will be Incoming President, Vida Cruz, and the new set of Officers and Board of Directors:

President - Maria Vida Flores Cruz; Executive Vice-President - Nimfa Villaroman-Santos; Vice-President External - Leonora Salvador; Vice-President Internal - Reynaldo Urbano; Secretary - Juvilyn Reyes; Treasurer - Melanie Sarmiento; Assistant Treasurer - Edwin Acerdin; Auditor - Nancy Tabafunda; Public Relations Officer - Sherwin Rempillo; Board of Directors - Maria Antonio, Aleli Fahigal, Sonny Martinez,



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An invitation is being extended to the public to come and enjoy a night of dancing, time to mingle with the AFCA founders, past and current officers, and old and new members. There will be photo presentations and memorabilia from years gone by. For further details, please contact: Vida Cruz mvfc012762@gmail.com (647) 278-7292; Nimfa Villaroman-Santos nimfavsantos@yahoo.ca (647) 994-5196; Leonora Salvador lsalvadorez@yahoo.ca (647) 860-8097; Melanie Sarmiento melanie.sarmiento@gmail.com (416) 458-8868. Tickets are \$60.00 and Attire is formal. (\*\*By Fe P. Taduran\*\*), St. Jamestown News Service)

Jasmine Curtis Smith on critics of rumored tea-mup with Alden Richards: "Spare me from the hurt."

Wala pa mang opisyal na kumpirmasyon na Kapuso na si Jasmine Curtis Smith, 23, may mga lumabas nang espekulasyong nakatakdang makatambal niya si Alden Richards, 26, sa isang TV project.

Noon pa lang December 2017 ay may ilang fans na ng tambalang Alden at Maine Mendoza ang nagpahayag ng disgusto sa posibilidad na ibang aktres ang makapareha ng Kapuso actor.

May iba ring netizens ang nagsasabing

hindi isyu sakaling maging leading lady ni Alden si Jasmine.

Sa totoong buhay kasi ay happy at in love naman ang dalaga sa non-showbiz boyfriend na si Jeff Ortega.

Ngunit nilinaw ni Jasmine na walang katotohanan ang bali-balitang makakatambal niya si Alden.

Pahayag ni Jasmine, "I dunno kung saan nanggaling yun or sinong nagpasimula.

"Pumirma na raw ako, may show na raw ako, with Alden daw. . .

"There's no truth to that. Wala akong knowledge with a show with Alden.

"So please, spare me from the hurt."

Gayunman, naiintindihan daw ni Jasmine ang halu-halong reaksiyon ng fans sa posibilidad na makapareha niya si Alden, na kilalang ka-love team ni Maine.

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Frankie Pangilinan challenges Filipinos' beauty standards; questions adoration of white skin, slim noses, thin bodies

Frankie Pangilinan seems to take after her parents in standing up for what she believes in. The daughter of Sharon Cuneta and Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan took to Twitter to express her views on standards of beauty.

The 17-year-old student wrote a strong statement: "Philippines — stop teaching your children to body shame. Stop exalting white skin and slim noses. And stop being sexist. It's time to grow up."

Rather than addressing any single social media post or event, Pangilinan may have been referring to the self-defeating way Filipinos view beauty. Western features have been considered as the ideal standard of beauty. As in other Asian countries, white skin, round eyes, a thin nose and full lips are considered superior. Being tall and thin is the ideal physique, as seen in many actresses and models. Incidentally, these run counter to features that Asians, including Filipinos, are born with. Being bombarded with such messages of "beauty" in the media can lead to body image issues even at an early age. The proliferation of skin whitening products is a testament to that perception.

Unfortunately, the targets of such standards are usually women. If they fail to reach these standards, there are consequences, such as receiving hateful comments on social media. Pangilinan's own mother is a victim of body shaming: detractors have poked fun at the Megastar's weight gain, to the point that she apologized to fans in 2014 for getting fat due to a "mid-life crisis."

Older sister KC Concepcion has also opened up on the struggle to lose weight despite being out of the showbiz spotlight. Other celebrity kids have also had enough with the body shaming: Gretchen Barretto's daughter Dominique Cojuangco called out critics who have told her to go on a diet.

"None of us should tolerate body shaming or shaming of any sort! Let's not deem this as 'normal'—there's space for change. I hope that today and everyday we can be the type of people that lift each other's spirit," she wrote in an Instagram post.

With the next generation making their place in the world, it is indeed time that the Philippines accepts beauty in different forms.



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## PHL can use natural resources as collateral?

MANILA - A maritime expert expressed alarm over a report in a state-controlled Chinese newspaper that the Philippine government would use natural resources as collateral for multimillion-dollar loans from China.

If true, the arrangement would have serious implications on Philippine territory, said lawyer Jay Batongbacal, director of the University of the Philippines Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea.

“This is the first time I have heard of such arrangement. It’s like mortgaging our natural resources, and it is unconstitutional,” Batongbacal said.

Malacañang, however, dismissed the report as “gossip.”

“Not true. That’s just [a] newspaper report in a country without freedom of the press,” said presidential spokesperson Harry Roque.

“We need to rely on basic [documents] and there isn’t any,” he said.

### Repayment agreement

The Global Times, a tabloid published under the auspices of the Chinese Communist Party newspaper People’s Daily, published a report on \$7.34 billion in loans and grants given by China to the Philippines for 10 large-scale infrastructure projects, including two bridges in Metro Manila.

Commenting on the report, Roque said there was no “mechanism” that would allow the Philippines to use its natural resources as collateral for loans.

“There’s only sovereign guarantee if it’s state to state,” he said, referring to government guarantee for the payment of loans.

### Alienation

Batongbacal said the arrangement was tantamount to alienation of the Philippines’ natural resources.

The 1987 Constitution states that “natural resources are inalienable.”

Batongbacal said Zhuang’s statement “raises a concern” and should be investigated.

The West Philippine Sea refers to waters within the Philippines’ 370-kilometer exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the South China Sea recognized under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos).

China claims nearly all of the 3.5-million-square-kilometer South China Sea, including swaths of the West Philippine Sea and waters close to the shores of other claimants to territory in the strategic waterway—Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan.

In a ruling handed down on July 12, 2016, in a case brought by the Philippines challenging China’s sweeping claim to the South China Sea, the UN-backed Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague declared Beijing’s claim invalid under international law and recognized Manila’s exclusive right to fish and explore for resources in the West Philippine Sea.

The Duterte administration, however, has deferred asserting the ruling in favor of loans and investment from China.

Malacañang has said the joint exploration with China in the West Philippine Sea could include Service Contract (SC) 57, which covers offshore northwest Palawan, and SC 72, which covers Recto Bank, a resource-rich underwater shelf in the West Philippine Sea internationally known as Reed Bank.

The Hague tribunal ruled that Recto Bank was well within the Philippines’ EEZ. But

China ignored the ruling, insisting it had historic rights to nearly all of the South China Sea.

### Compromise

Roque disputed the contention of acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio that China must first recognize the Philippines’ sovereignty over Recto Bank before the two countries could enter into a joint exploration deal.

“This joint exploration is by way of compromise, that we would not fight over the issue on who has sovereign rights there, let’s just benefit from it,” Roque said.

There is nothing wrong with a compromise because the Philippines has the exclusive right to exploit resources there, and can also agree to a joint exploration with foreigners, he said.

“That would be the decision of the sovereign state,” he added.

Batongbacal wrote the first of a series of Facebook posts, “By entering into a joint scheme (whether for exploration, development, or management), the [Philippines] suspends its sole, unilateral, and legitimate rights and prerogatives over the area and resources subject to joint declaration even though they have already been vindicated by the arbitration. To the extent that it does so, it may be setting aside the arbitral award,” he added.

In July 2016, the United Nations-backed Permanent Court of Arbitration delivered a sweeping victory to the Philippines when it declared as illegal China’s claim over nearly the entire South China Sea.

It also declared that Beijing violated the rights of Filipinos, who were blocked by Chinese Coast Guard from fishing in the disputed Scarborough Shoal off Zambales.



## Mark Bautista loses friends after coming out

### But he feels at peace after admission

Singer-actor Mark Bautista admits that after his heartfelt revelations about his sexuality, he unfortunately lost friends in the process. However, he feels at peace finally coming out and giving the world the whole truth about him.

Right now, he’s busy with his series of shows and tours here and abroad. Also, included in his itineraries is the promotion of his book “Beyond The Mark.”

“Masaya naman ako, busy ako promoting my book, in-enjoy ko lang ‘yung moment after releasing the book. Ang daming nag-co-connect sa akin, nakaka-relate sila sa story,” he said in a recent interview with GMA7.

He also said that while it is hard for most people to come out of the closet, he did not have any qualms and hesitations while writing his book especially on the part of his controversial admissions.

“Especially those parts na medyo about relationships and all that, tuloy-tuloy lang eh, bumuhos lang talaga ‘yung emosyon ko that time when I wrote it na parang kung mabasa man nila; yung book makikita naman nila na tuloy-tuloy lang ‘yung buhos ng puso ko ‘nung sinulat ko siya.”

He has also prepared himself for losing people who may have looked at his move differently.

“Na-prepare ko rin ‘yung sarili ko sa mga ganung bagay kasi ‘yun ‘yung isa sa mga fear mo eh na ‘pag nilabas mo ‘to marami talagang mag-di-distance sa’yo, maraming hindi pabor sa’yo so hinanda ko rin ‘yung sarili ko d’un.”

In his book, Bautista admitted to have been “intimate with a guy friend” who also happens to be an actor.

The 34-year-old actor was no-holds-barred in confessing the details of his “affair” with this “male friend” who at that time he said had a girlfriend.

Now he’s free and inspires people with his book and his life story.

## Duterte credits Cory Aquino for his political career

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday acknowledged former President Cory Aquino for jumpstarting his political career.

Duterte admitted that his mother was among Aquino’s original supporters in Davao City.

“My mother was one of the four original yellow guys now who used to march the thoroughfares of Davao. Apat lang sila. Aapat lang sila. And at that time, nobody was paying attention to them. But she was already shouting,” Duterte said.

“I was appointed OIC vice mayor. That start me in Davao and

I owe it to Cory Aquino. I got out from the prosecution, then started my career as an OIC, then ran after the OIC, mayor,” he added.

Duterte added that politicians’ practice of moving to the ruling political party has been in existence for several generations.

“But as is the practice of the Filipino politicians, they gravitate towards the ruling party. So by the next election, kagaya dito, marami na kaming PDP. It’s a practice which for convenience and if you are a politician by the definition of the

terms of what a politician is and should be dito sa Pilipinas, ganun talaga. And this has been going on, not only now ‘yung PDP, but even during my father’s time,” he said.

Thousands of Liberal Party members have transferred to the ruling PDP-Laban after Duterte took the presidency.

Last week, House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez led the mass-oath taking of new PDP-Laban party members, who were criticized for allegedly failing to comply with the application process.

## NAIA ranked 10th most improved airport worldwide – UK survey

MANILA - Travelers have named the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) among the world’s “most improved” airports, according to survey by London-based research firm Skytrax.

The Philippines’ main gateway grabbed the last spot in the Top 10 “World’s Most Improved Airports 2018,” Skytrax said.

Fiumicino Airport in Rome topped the list, followed by Perth Airport in Australia and Calgary International Airport in Alberta, Canada.

The award is “based on the relative year-on-year Quality performance by all airports featured in the World Airport Survey, and takes into account the change in rating together with performance changes across the different product and service categories in the awards,” said Skytrax.



The same survey named Singapore’s Changi as the “World’s Best Airport” for the sixth consecutive year.

Changi was followed by Incheon airport in Seoul, Haneda airport in Tokyo, the Hong Kong airport, and the Hamad airport in Doha.

Some 13.73 million travelers of over 100 different nationalities participated in the survey conducted from August 2017 to February 2018.

The poll covered 550 airports worldwide and evaluated travel in terms of check-in, arrivals, transfers, shopping, security and immigration, and departure at the gate, according to the Skytrax website.

Some of the country’s top conglomerates are banding to further revamp NAIA. The “Super Consortium” is offering to invest P350 billion to make NAIA the next travel hub in Asia.

## Bill on barangay poll postponement dead in Senate–Koko

Senate President Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III on Monday said the postponement of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections has no chance in Senate, while they are inclined to study the divorce bill.

“Postponement of barangay elections has no chance anymore in the Senate,” he told reporters.

“Dissolution of marriage is a new concept hence give us time to study it,” he added.

Pimentel’s statement comes after the House of Representatives approved on third and final reading a bill postponing the village polls from May 14 to October 8, 2018.

The lower Chamber has also approved on third and final reading a bill legalizing absolute divorce and dissolution of marriage.

The two controversial bills would then be transmitted to Senate following their approval at the lower House.

The upper Chamber only has until Friday to approve these bills, before it adjourns its session on March 23 and return on May 14.



ANCOP PCCF Tala Community Unveils Sen Jun Enverga Marker

## ANCOP PCCF Tala Community Unveils Sen Jun Enverga Marker

Tala Leprosarium in Caloocan City is one of the eight in the country which serves as a sanitarium and hospital for patients with leprosy. Leprosy or Hansen's disease (HD) is curable and declared eliminated as a public health concern. However, patients and even those who have long recovered continue to be regarded as "unclean" and faced discrimination by the society and even by their own families.

CFC ANCOP together with its partners are trying to battle the social stigma marked by leprosy. A community of poor families including healed HD patients are living together in Fr. Paul Foulon – PCCF ANCOP Community in Tala, Caloocan City. PCCF or Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation is one of the donors. PCCF ANCOP is a village with sixty (60) homes funded by various partners like Fr. Paul Foulon and the Holy Rosary Parish in USA, PCCF, and Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital.

The PCCF has been visiting the ANCOP Tala Community for five consecutive years now not just for the nineteen houses and families they turned-over two years ago but to the whole community. Recently (January 22, 2018), The PCCF team, represented by Mr. Romy Rafael (President) and Ms. Rosemer Enverga (Executive Vice President), came all the way from Canada this time for the unveiling of the marker of the Sen. Tobias Enverga Jr. multi-purpose hall (MPH). PCCF also funded the MPH and is



now nearing its construction completion.

EVP Enverga, is the surviving wife of the late senator of Canada and founder of PCCF, Tobias "Jun" Enverga Jr. In her emotional message to the homepartners, she mentioned the kindness of the late senator and how he advocated in championing the poor especially in the Philippines and his untiring support to the programs of CFC ANCOP. She also pledged to continue the work by providing more houses for the families in need.



PCCF entourage includes the winners of the PCCF beauty pageant- PCCF Little Miss Philippines Canada 2017 Marian Barcase, PCCF Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2017 Jenna Ramos, PCCF Miss Philippines Canada 2017 Raeshan Saeed and PCCF Mrs. Philippines Canada 2017 Mrs. Laila Elcano.

The pageant helped them raise funds for the projects and the winners excitingly interacted with the homepartners, distributed some goodies and pledged their continued support to PCCF and CFC ANCOP.

Bro. Ricky Cuenca, ANCOP Canada President and member of the CFC International Council, also graced the event with the team from ANCOP Canada. With gladness he said, "This is a great day for us to honor and glorify the Lord. And this is a great day for us to give back to the community."

To expand the reach of support, PCCF pledged to build 15 more houses by this year to uphold the said initiatives as an annual project with CFC ANCOP.

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Pahayag niya, "You can't also blame them or get mad at them.

"For them, that's who they want to adore or give their time or love or spend their money on.

"Respect ko na lang din yun sa kanila.

"For me, yung online, it's just learning how to not take it personally. Kasi, on my end, it's just work.

"I have a personal relationship with someone else and they are also friends.

"So, ayoko lang ma-take out of context if ever I get to work with someone who has a love team na existing."

NO TV CONTRACT YET. Taliwas sa usap-usapan sa social media, sinabi ni Jasmine na wala pa siyang opisyal na kontrata sa GMA-7.

"No, I haven't signed any contract with any TV networks.

"I haven't also officialized anything with anyone. Everything's still usap-usap pa lang."

Gayunman, hindi isinasara ni Jasmine ang pintuan sakaling bigyan siya ng pagkakataong makatrabaho si Alden sa GMA-7.

"Well, if that's what the executives want, ayaw ko naman tumanggi—if ever i-offer.

"Everything naman will be laid out according to how GMA or ABS-CBN will plan things for me, should I go with a network."

Ayon pa sa dalaga, hindi siya mapili kung



sino man ang ipareha sa kanya o maging sa TV network na pagtatrabahuan niya.

"Whoever will work with me, we can be in harmony, we can work well together.

"Wala sa akin yung network eme eme na 'yan! Basta may work, basta gusto nila ako, go!"

Kung saka-sakali, hindi ito ang unang pagkakataong makatrabaho ni Jasmine si Alden.

Nakasama siya sa launching movie nina Alden at Maine na Imagine You And Me noong 2016.



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Gerald Anderson (left) and Pia Wurtzbach

## Gerald and Pia’s ego-crushing lessons in acting

To motivate Gerald Anderson for his role in the rom-com “My Perfect You,” director Cathy Garcia-Molina said she had to “tame his ego.”

“I did this to see what else Gerald could do as an actor. I wanted to know his acting range,” Cathy said during a media gathering for the Star Cinema-produced film.

As for Gerald’s leading lady, 2015 Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach, Cathy said she stripped the latter of her beauty queen persona. “I made sure there was nothing queenly about her on the set,” Cathy declared.

Prior to shooting the film, Cathy said she told Gerald that she thought he wasn’t “handsome enough to be an actor—and that I didn’t think he was a good one.” She added, “I also said I’ve seen some of his movies, but I only liked his performance in his movie with Arci (Muñoz), ‘Always Be My Maybe.’”

Cathy also pointed out: “I don’t want to see the personalities of my actors in the characters they portray. That’s why I’m known for making them use wigs. Gerald knows that I’m painfully honest. I admire him for allowing me to restrain and tame him.”

She said she also confronted Pia: “I told her she looked fat, and that I don’t find her beautiful enough. I said I’m not sure if she had any acting skills to speak of, because this is only her second major film project.” Pia was first seen in Vice Ganda’s comedy starrer, “The Revenger Squad.”

Cathy, however, said she didn’t have a hard time taking off Pia’s beauty-queen aura. “She was game for anything. Pia would say she’s all right, even when she’s already bleeding from a scratched wound.”

Acting-wise, the director said: “Pia isn’t just capable of acting, she can deliver good acting. I know this because of one delicate scene, which I usually ask experienced actors to do. She was able to pull it off.”

Gerald said he has never worked as hard on any film project compared to this one.

“My performance in the film would not have been as convincing if not for Direk Cathy,” he said. “She’s very straightforward. She’d scream at me and say, ‘Anong klaseng acting ‘yan?’ That’s when I know she’s displeased, and I’d reply, ‘Inutil acting, Direk!’ I know that she did all those to motivate me.”

Gerald added: “What she did really hurt my ego, but I accepted everything. I realized that she motivates all her actors the same way, even those who have no speaking lines.”

Pia, on the other hand, said she totally agreed with Cathy’s comments about her. “It’s true that I was fat when she first saw me. I had just returned from a vacation in New York. I appreciate her honesty. She is so real that when she says something good about you, you know she means every word. I will be replaying her positive comments in my mind for a long time,” she beamed.

## House approves foreign divorce recognition bill

MANILA- The House of Representatives has approved on final reading a bill that recognizes foreign divorce in the Philippines.

House Bill 7185 which eliminates the need for judicial recognition of a foreign divorce was approved by 202 lawmakers with 3 rejections, and no abstentions.

The measure allows Filipinos who have been divorced in other countries to remarry as long as the termination of the previous marriage is registered in the Philippine Civil Registry.

The approval of the bill comes 2 days after the House approved a proposal providing for divorce.

A historic first for the chamber, the approval came despite opposition from President Rodrigo Duterte.

A predominantly Catholic country, the Philippines is one of only 2 states in the world, aside from the Vatican, where divorce is outlawed.

## Brillantes doubts fraud in 2016 polls, credibility of Sotto’s source

MANILA - A former chair of the Commission of Elections (Comelec) has expressed doubts on the alleged irregularities in the 2016 elections, saying he has yet to see actual evidence of tampering with the automated election system.

Sixto Brillantes, however, said that it was up to Senate Majority Leader Vicente “Tito” Sotto III, not the Comelec, to prove his allegations of poll fraud.

Brillantes said Sotto’s source could be someone who had also doubted the automated system in the past.

### Rehashed allegations

“I am surprised with the statements of the senator. I cannot comprehend it. Who is his source? I am worried that I know who it is, and, I think, the source should not be believed,” the former poll chief said.

Brillantes said it was possible that the source may just be rehashing allegations raised after the country’s first automated elections in 2010.

### Transmission irregularities

“Once we know who is this source, we may know if this is true or false, or is this the same

person talking about fraud in automation since 2010,” he added. Sotto had alleged in a privileged speech that the 2016 poll results might have been altered due to irregularities, such as the transmission of votes a day before the actual counting of ballots. “We had three automated elections. I have yet to see any single evidence of cheating or manipulation of results,” he said.

Citing an “impeccably reliable source,” Sotto said the election servers were also accessed by a foreign entity before, during, and after the elections.

## Will Kris Aquino be doing a movie with Star Cinema?



Kris Aquino’s “shortened” explanation if she will do a movie with Star Cinema: “if it’s God’s will, it shall fall into place”

Is Kris Aquino doing a movie with ABS-CBN’s film production arm Star Cinema?

This was one of the questions raised by netizens when Kris announced that her career is now co-managed by Cornerstone Entertainment, Inc. headed by Erickson Raymundo, and her KCAP business manager Nicko Falcis.

In her announcement made through Instagram, Kris divulged that she has two upcoming movies, aside from the original production she is doing with an online streaming service.

A netizen asked if one of Kris’s movies will be produced by Star Cinema.

She answered (published as is), “they’ve met, i’ve read the character study, i’m supposed to have the treatment soon... it will

really be determined by the story & by their timeline.

“And by @iflix.ph’s timeline. I’ve always been HONEST- iflix has the scheduling priority but it is dependent on when they finish the full script approved by the creative bosses based in Malaysia.

“I don’t want to shortchange @starcinema or myself by participating in a project i can’t be fully committed to.

“@nix722 & @visionerickson know this- when it comes to shooting a movie- i can’t multitask... hiraap ako to be bubbly & giggly doing branded webisodes then switch it up the next day & get into character...

“so marami kaming commitments na pir-mado na that i’ll need to finish 1st.

“After that long explanation- shortened version really is- if it’s God’s will, it shall fall into place.”

Star Cinema is the producer of Kris’s hit movies like Feng Shui (2004), Sukob (2006), and Sisterakas (2012).

Yesterday, March 25, Kris made the announcement about her new management via her Instagram account.

She wrote, “This is an official THANK YOU - before all of you take off for your Holy Week vacations... my KCAP managing director @nix722 will now be co-managing me w/ @visionerickson & @cornerstone...

“We needed help as our workload began to grow at a hard to believe pace & because this year I’m committed to my @iflix.ph original production as well as 2 more movies we are all deciding on which to prioritize.

“I had a very good relationship w/ the Cornerstone artists while hosting Kris Tv, and @nix722 & I felt that as I return to acting, I will benefit most from the guidance and ALAGA of Erickson & Jeff.

“I’m very grateful that they are gamely taking on the challenge of trying to create a feasible shooting schedule for me because there are already so many digital & endorsement commitments. Here’s to a fruitful & exciting partnership!”

Cornerstone Entertainment manages the careers of singers Erik Santos, KZ Tandingan, Kyla, and Angeline Quinto, to name a few.

These singers had several guest appearances in musical-themed episodes of Kris’s defunct morning talk show Kris TV.

More details about Kris’s upcoming digital movie are yet to be announced.

However, it was reported by PEP Alerts’s PEP Troika that either GMA-7’s Barbie Forteza or ABS-CBN’s Miles Ocampo will be part of Kris’s upcoming digital horror movie that will be directed by Adolfo Alix Jr.

## 10 Pinoy Movies to See When You’re Feeling Sentimental About Your TOTGA

Ah, those thought-consuming what-ifs. Filipinos love a good rom-com or two, what with the attractive two leads pulling you into their fairytale love story. But you’ve also got to give credit to those movies that you’ll carry with you even after the credits roll. Not all of them will make you ugly-cry, but they’re sure to leave you with something to think about or at least, make your (maybe, kind of) cold heart feel a little bit more than usual. We round up 10 local mainstream and indie movies that will have you reflecting on what-ifs and what-could-have-beens while also thinking about the present and what it has to offer.

1. Sana Dati (2013)  
Directed by: Jerrold Tarog



married to Robert (TJ Trinidad), but during her wedding ceremony, she spots Dennis (Paulo Avelino), a “videographer” who seems out of place. It turns out that Dennis is actually the brother of Andrea’s ex-boyfriend, Andrew (Benjamin Alves). As you watch the story of Andrea and Andrew through flashbacks, you start to wonder why they didn’t end up together. Meanwhile, back in real life, Dennis is trying to convince Andrea not to push through with the wedding with Robert because she doesn’t really love him.

2. She’s Dating the Gangster (2014)  
Directed by: Cathy Garcia-Molina  
Kenneth (Daniel Padilla) is trying to look for

his father Kenji (Richard Gomez) who is reported missing after a plane crash. While looking for him, he runs into Kelay (Kathryn Bernardo) who is also trying to find him in an attempt to reunite Kenji with her dying aunt Athena (Dawn Zulueta), whom Kelay argues is Kenji’s one true love. Kelay only has a photo of a young Kenji (also played by Daniel Padilla) and a young Athena (also played by Kathryn Bernardo) as a guide for her search. And while Kelay and Kenneth develop a love-hate relationship in real-time, it’s the story of Kenji and Athena that will tug at your heartstrings.

3. That Thing Called Tadhana (2014)  
Directed by: Antoinette Jadaone  
Mace (Angelica Panganiban) is trying to get over the end of her eight-year relationship. After meeting Anthony (JM De Guzman) at the airport, she drunkenly invites him to go on a road trip with her to Baguio and Sagada. Throughout their trip, Mace talks about her ex-boyfriend and the difficulties of moving on, while Anthony patiently listens to her and gives her advice. In the end, both Mace and

Anthony have to choose between leaving everything to fate or actually do something about it.

4. Starting Over Again (2014)  
Directed by: Olivia M. Lamasan  
What’s worse than getting dumped? Well, getting dumped without any explanation. That’s what happens to Marco (Piolo Pascual) when Ginny (Toni Gonzaga) suddenly ends their relationship without even telling him why, leaving him to literally run after her in the pouring rain. Fast-forward a few years later, Ginny returns to work with Marco and finds that he now has a new girlfriend, Patty (Iza Calzado). Ginny realizes that she’s still in love with Marco and tries to win him back, but his strong relationship with Patty makes her chances look bleak.

5. WalangForever (2015)  
Directed by: Dan Villegas  
Rom-com scriptwriter Mia (Jennylyn Mercado)

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Lip Sync Battle Philippines Season 3 begins April 1

Beginning April 1, get ready for crazy yet delightful Sundays as Lip Sync Battle Philippines returns for its third season on GMA Network. This musical-reality competition offers a whole new level of entertainment as it treats its viewers with outrageous, amusing and even more exciting performances every week.

Lip Sync Battle Philippines will still be hosted by Kapuso comedy genius Michael V. together with multi-talented TV host-actress Iya Villania-Arellano as color commentator. For Michael V., he is excited to present to its viewers the changes that will happen in this season. ‘Excited ako kasi sinala talaga namin yung mga battlers ngayon and magkakaroon ng bagong battles. So ang masasabi ko talaga, mas aabangan ito kasi yung mga napiling battler, ready talaga sila,’ he said. On the other hand, Iya expressed her gratitude to be working with Michael V. again because of his warm personality. ‘I am just happy to be working with Kuya Bitoy because you know, he is very approachable and friendly and lahat ng galaw ko sa set, he is there to help and assist me so hindi talaga ako nahihirapan,’ she said.



The game pits celebrities or personalities against each other in a lip sync battle for two rounds. They can lip sync the song/s of their choice. Then the crowd determines the winner of the battle after the two rounds have been completed. The winner gets the bragging rights to be the Lip Sync Battle Champion and gets the Lip Sync Battle Championship Belt. Making the third season more special are new things to look forward to such as the 3-way battle and thematic episodes that will pave the way to a more intense head-to-head challenge of your favourite celebrities and personalities. Kapuso viewers can also expect guest color commentators who will participate in the show as they add more fun in the program.

Under the helm of Rico Gutierrez, catch the return of Lip Sync Battle Philippines every Sunday beginning April 1 on GMA’s flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV. Get the latest updates about Lip Sync Battle Philippines from the GMA Network website [www.GMA-Network.com](http://www.GMA-Network.com). Kapuso viewers from across the globe can also catch their favorite Kapuso shows via GMA’s international channels GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Life TV, and GMA News TV International. For the program guide, visit [www.gmapinoytv.com](http://www.gmapinoytv.com).

Botched abduction ends in unplanned wedding

ILIGAN CITY: The City Police Office reported that witnesses saw a young man being forced into a car at the port area here on Tuesday. A police patrol in the area chased the car until the suspects and the supposed victim were intercepted and brought to Police Station 5 at Poblacion. Senior Insp. Leony Roy Ga, city police director, said that upon investigation, it turned out that a Maranao family was forced to abduct the man, a 17-year-old student, since he was suspected of impregnating their daughter, reportedly 16 years old. The young man and his abductors are all from Lanao del Sur. The supposed kidnap victim called up his parents to tell them that he would marry the girl belonging to the irate Maranao family. The five-hour investigation into the abduction turned into negotiations for a wedding. Investigators said the would-be kidnap victim and his abductors had to wait it out since the young man’s parents were making the trip from Marawi to Iligan. Ga said the two families agreed to the marriage of the young man and the girl. Since the young man and his abductors refused to consider the matter a police incident and requested that the matter not be placed in the station’s blotter, the police did not release the names of those involved in the incident to the media. “No one wants to file charges,” Ga said. The withholding of any information to the public is to protect the “maratabat” or pride of the Maranaos, the police added. Maratabat is one of the most important cultural values of the Maranaos. Forced weddings in Marawi and Lanao del Sur are quite common. A wedding negotiation is completed once the family of the girl agrees to pay the bride price.

‘My Perfect You,’ Cathy Molina’s first of last five films

Filmmaker Cathy Garcia-Molina will soon bid goodbye to show business after 25 years. And the countdown of the last five movies she’ll helm begins with “My Perfect You” which opened yesterday in nationwide cinemas. Star Cinema will miss a brilliant director in Cathy, but as she explained at the press conference of “My Perfect You” recently she’ll devote much of her time to her children after she completes her remaining four movies (and who knows she might get hitched again, too). Her next project is the much-awaited Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo movie. “Dapat last film ko na ito but then may promise lang na gagawin ko ‘yung KathNiel (movie). So four more to go. Hanggang August 2019 lang ibinigay ko,” she said. “My Perfect You,” she said, was a revelation regarding actor Gerald Anderson and first time lead actress Pia Wurtzbach. She was vocal that she didn’t like Gerald’s acting except for his portrayal in “Always Be My Maybe.” And with Pia, she didn’t know



anything about her acting skills. Cathy said Gerald gave much effort on her requirement which was not to see any remnants of Gerald Anderson, the actor! “Wala nga akong nakitang Gerald. Meron kaming isang eksenang kinunan, ‘yung ending, at take one siya! Tapos may nakita ako sa kanya – si John Lloyd (Cruz)! I don’t know if it’s a good thing or bad thing for Gerald, but it’s a performance, a sincere performance that I only get from a John Lloyd.” For Pia, she had her do a scene which in her past projects was assigned to high caliber actresses or actors. “Sabi ko, ‘Naku delikado ito.’ Kasi mga magagaling lang na artista ang may kayang gumawa nito. But she delivered!” For the director, Pia was an empty canvass. But the actress was able to show her range as actress. “I’m very happy because they exceeded my expectations... I’m looking forward to seeing them do more movies not necessarily with me kasi konting pelikula na lang ang gagawin ko. But to see Pia and Gerald on their own, marami silang kakabugin,” she stressed.

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go home and I have a normal life outside showbiz. I have other sets of friends.” May nangyari raw noong nag-uumpisa pa lamang siya na tila tumatak sa aktres. “Kauumpisa ko pa lang, pinaramdam na agad sa



akin na hindi ako welcome. So ako naman, hindi ko ipipilit ang sarili ko so naging patakaran ko na when I’m working, I get along with everybody, we’re friends, pero kapag sumigaw ng ‘pack up,’ uwi ako, may iba akong barkadang tinatambayan.” Abangan si Tetchie Agbayani bilang Guada sa Contessa.

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## Human rights board says only 15 % of 75,000 claims approved



Victims of human rights violations during the Marcos regime stage a picket in front of the Martial Law Victims Claims board on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. Jonathan Cellona, ABS-CBN News

MANILA- A total of 10,616 claims for monetary reparation has been approved by the Human Rights Victims' Claims Board for martial law victims, its chairperson said. The independent board has only until May 12 this year to distribute the remainder

May 12. She, however, noted that rejected claimants and anyone who dissents with the board's decision can file a complaint. "Anybody who feels that the claimant who has been approved does not deserve to

be approved can file an opposition," she said. Sarmiento explained that rejected claimants were unable to prove that they suffered abuses under the Marcos regime since the board relies on evidence in assessing claims. "There might be claims that were denied but it's because the claimants were not able to prove that they were victims; then we really cannot do anything but to deny," she said. She added that if the board was given more time, it could have done more extensive research on the claims. "Perhaps, if we have more time we could interview each one of them...But because of limited time, we already have to contend with what we have, [the] documentation during that period," she said. "I think one of the reasons for the enactment of the law is to honor the sacrifices of the Filipino people at the time."

## Dipolog, Camsur, Naga court employees reject Sereno protests



NO RED, NO WHITE: Wearing their uniform, court employees join the weekly flag ceremony.

MANILA - Employees in several courts across the country March 12 wore white to show support for embattled Chief Justice Maria Lourdes-Sereno or red to call for her resignation. This, however, was not the case for the local courts of Naga and Camarines Sur provinces in Bicol region, and Dipolog City in Zamboanga Del Norte province. At the halls of justice in these areas, employees showed up in their blue, gray and



beige uniforms for the weekly flag ceremony.

They made no statement of support for or opposition against Sereno. Dipolog judges Rene Dondoyano and Victoriano Lacaya Jr. instead asserted that the constitutional process should be followed in any move to remove Sereno. "Give each one of them especially the Chief Justice her day in court so we are a government of law and not of men so we just follow the mandate of the constitution," said Lacaya. Carlo Lamberto Tayo, president of the

Philippine Association of Court Employees in Camarines Sur, meanwhile said that the judiciary should maintain its independence amid Sereno's ouster woes. Sereno has been grappling with impeachment proceedings and a case before the Supreme Court seeking to void her 2012 appointment. Last march 12, judges and court employees at the Supreme Court called on Sereno to resign. Sereno rejected the latest quit call, saying she wants to air her side when the impeachment process against her reaches the Senate. Sereno was appointed to the high court in 2012 by former President Benigno Aquino III following the ouster of the late chief magistrate Renato Corona, who was removed for undeclared wealth. The country's first female chief justice was expected to stay in her post until reaching the mandatory retirement age in 2030. She is currently on indefinite leave as she prepares for a possible impeachment trial.



## Ano-ano ang favorite activities ng BiGuel sa loob ng kanilang identical cars?

Ipinasilip ng Kapuso love team na BiGuel sa GMANetwork.com ang identical vans na pag-aari nila. Sa car raid video ng Kapuso Web Specials featuring Bianca Umali at Miguel Tanfelix, nabanggit ng dalawa ang mga favorite pastime nila sa kanilang mga kotse. Para sa Kapuso heartthrob na si Miguel, favorite activity niya ang matulog sa van para makapagpahinga. Paliwanang niya, "Siyempre matulog. Kaya nga 'di ba ito 'yung purpose ng van natin kaya siya malaki para makapagpahinga tayo, while we're on our way to our work, 'di ba?" Importante naman para kay Bianca na maganda ang sound system ng kaniyang kotse dahil gusto lagi niyang nagpapatugtog ng music sa tuwing sasakay siya rito. "Sound tripping as in to the highest level 'yung volume while driving or habang nasa likod. Important sa akin na maganda 'yung sound system ng car," paliwanag niya.

## Is Darna shelved? Direk Erik Matti responds

Liza Soberano's Darna is still pushing through, says Star Cinema and director Erik Matti. This is according to Star Cinema Advertising and Promotions Head Mico del Rosario, who posted on Instagram a screengrab of a Funfare article. The Funfare article's title raised the question: "Is Darna shelved?" and says that the movie was already "nabantilawan." The Star Cinema executive wrote in his caption, "THIS IS NOT TRUE. Spoken already to Tito Ricky Lo and clarify that DARNA has already started shooting. Tuloy na tuloy po ang Darna."



Meanwhile, Darna director Erik Matti posted on Twitter a photo of Liza and the staff of Darna in a meeting. It was in May 30, 2017 when ABS-CBN and Star Cinema announced that Liza is taking on the role of the iconic Pinay superheroine. The announcement came days after it was reported that Liza might be starring in the upcoming Darna movie. More updates, including its cast members and showing date, are yet to be announced.

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Sea).

"These [Philippine] planes, every time that they fly over these features of Chinese, they will challenge," Lorenzana said. "They will say that you are entering Chinese airspace. Just exchange of words. Then we will say: 'No, we are passing over Philippine airspace.' It's just a play of words everytime we have patrols," he said. China has transformed some of the reefs claimed by the Philippines in the Spratlys into artificial islands capable of supporting military facilities, which has become a concern for several nations. Three of these seven artificial islands have 3-kilometer airstrips that may be used by China to land military planes in the future. For its part, the Philippines conducts regular patrols in its maritime domains in the West Philippine

Sea and Philippine (formerly Benham) Rise as part of its mandate, Lorenzana said. Aside from the aerial patrols, the Philippines holds naval patrols and sends vessels from the Philippine Coast Guard and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. The Philippines recently acquired six drones worth \$13.76 million from the United States through a grant. These drones could also be used to patrol those waters. "Now that we have the drones and we have what you call the marine patrols, we send our naval patrols with sensors every now and then towards the areas," Lorenzana said, referring to the West Philippine Sea and Philippine Rise. But he said the drones would also be used in the southern part of the Philippines to patrol the sea lanes of Sulu. "They can be transported easily because

they will be put in a container. These are very powerful, very silent and can stay aloft for 24 hours," he said. Map showing potential Chinese radar cover in the South China Sea, according to analysis by US-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

**China in the South China Sea**

Beijing is building radar facilities on artificial islands, US think tank Center for Strategic and International Studies says

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Bea Alonzo unfollows, deletes photos of Gerald Anderson, Pia Wurtzbach



From ‘Bearald’ to ‘Piarald’? Left: Gerald Anderson and Bea Alonzo at the 2017 Star Magic Ball. Right: Gerald with Pia Wurtzbach

MANILA, Philippines — From Kim Chiu to Maja Salvador, Sarah Geronimo, and Bea Alonzo, is Gerald Anderson now dating Pia Wurtzbach? Such was the question many netizens have been asking on social media after Bea unfollowed and deleted photos of both Gerald and Pia on her Instagram account. Bea also deleted the poster of Gerald and Pia’s movie “My Perfect You,” which made netizens abuzz that the rumored relationship of Gerald and Bea is now over because of Miss Universe 2015.

Some netizens also claimed to have seen Pia and Gerald strolling in a mall together. As of press time, there are still no words from the three of them online, but Bea’s hairstylist posted a cryptic message on Instagram.

According to the stylist, who uses the username @ayuhamasaki: “Bakit hindi na lang magkatuluyan ang mga TAPAT at SERYOSO at hayaang maglokohan ang mga MALALANDI at BABAERO”

Netizens had mixed reactions regarding the Instagram post. User @salazarang8 said: “Wala nang bearald maharot kac yang c budoy na yan feeling mo ang gwapo pewee.”

Netizen @anonanon2x commented: “Di natin alam kung ano nga nangyari between gerald & bea. I hope they will find peace in whatever decision they make. Wag muna idamay si pia - she is in a relationship & seems happy with her bf”

User @flyingkisses101 said: “Baka pwedeng magantay nalang Muna tayu bago manghusga, malay natin nahack lang account ni bea,” while @dolvjjCome on! I’m fan of both....let’s not judge Anyone until we know the thruth.”

Pia has reportedly broken up with car racer Marlon Stockinger, but this has not been confirmed by the couple. Pia’s Valentine post with Marlon in New York is still on her Instagram. Bea and Gerald dated back then, which they confirmed during their guest appearance in Vice Ganda’s Sunday show “Gandang Gabi, Vice” in 2016. They dated once again while doing their film “How To Be Yours.”

On the other hand, Bea and Pia became friends and worked together during their teen years on the youth-oriented show “K2BU.” It can be recalled that Pia admitted she was insecure with Bea back then because Bea was always cast in lead roles, while Pia only got minor parts. Such insecurity was told in Pia’s “Maalaala Mo Kaya” life story.

All is well between Loisa & Joshua

MANILA, Philippines — Loisa Andalio couldn’t be any happier for being part of the ABS-CBN primetime drama The Good Son. You see, among the three young female leads including Elisse Joson and Alexa Ilacad, Loisa gets the most number of acting scenes with male leads Jerome Ponce, Joshua Garcia and Jeric Raval whose respective characters are closely connected to her character Hazel which, Loisa revealed, was not originally intended for her.

“The role wasn’t initially meant for me, may ibang artista na para dito but I am happy that Dreamscape entrusted it to me. For me, there is no big or small role. What matters is you can do the job. Playing Hazel gives me the opportunity to display my talent not just in acting but in singing as well,” said Loisa during a set visit at the clubhouse of Tivoli Royale. “It is seldom for an actor to get a project where singing is also a requirement, isn’t it? That’s why, I’m grateful for this.”

But this is not to say that Loisa feels at ease all the time. Her face turns red every time her character has to sing “because all eyes are on you lalo na ‘yung camera men, hahaha.” Add to that was the awkward feeling when she began working with Joshua during the earlier part of the soap.

Loisa shared, “Actually, it was tough, especially ‘pag may mga yakapan but as days went by, we somehow became comfortable with each other. There’s no awkwardness anymore and it feels good to work without you avoiding someone.” It helped that the production team called their attention after their uneasiness became too visible onscreen.

Perhaps, curious minds are eager to know the reason behind it. Well, Loisa and Joshua were initially introduced as a loveteam right after their stint in Pinoy Big Brother: All In four years ago. But, later on, they were paired up with other young stars. Joshua is now the other half of Josh-

Lia loveteam with Julia Barretto, while Loisa was once partnered with Jerome and at present, she is “lovey-dovey” with Ronnie Alonte. According to Loisa, they both put priority on their work and so they could no longer keep in touch with each other. “Siguro, dati tampo-tampo lang pero wala naman galit, di maiiwasan ‘yung tampuhan. It was me who was first paired with another actor and that time we were still okay. It just so happened that we both became too busy.” It’s only in The Good Son that Loisa and Joshua have been able to work together again after quite some time. At present, Loisa said that everything is well between her and Joshua.

“We talk, especially when we need to practice for a scene. Nag thro-throw lines kami pero pag wala, tahimik lang kami. We go to the same

work but we do our own thing on the set during tapings.”

Apparently, observers were impressed with the two stars’ professionalism as they appear naturally sweet onscreen. “Kinikilig ba kayo?” asked Loisa. “We need to do our roles convincingly because if not, matatalakan kami, baka sabunin kami. Besides,

I have already gotten used to doing scenes with him. That’s why everything comes out naturally.”

In a separate interview, Joshua said he doesn’t see any problem working with Loisa, except of course, at the start of their taping where they both felt uncomfortable.

“Yes, the production team did talk to us and after that, I think naging mas maganda yung pagsasama namin because we didn’t allow our work to be affected by our past. We talk and I can say that Loisa and I are friends in real life.”

Perhaps, Loisa said, it also helps that they both have their own onscreen partners. “Having new partners make both of us happier at work. That’s why everything turns out wonderful. Sobrang ganda ng nangyayari sa buhay namin.”

Meanwhile, the guessing game continues in The Good Son as to who is responsible for the mysterious death of Victor Buenavidez (Albert Martinez). With the revelation of another secret last Friday, televiewers were only taken to more unexpected turns. It can be recalled that each character was deemed to be the culprit yet no one is proven guilty of the crime.

With only a few more weeks left to its final episode in April, who do you think is the real perpetrator and who among the four lead characters, played by Joshua, Jerome, McCoy de Leon and Nash Aguas, is the good son? You have to watch it until the end.

Filipino Centre Toronto Sets Induction of Executive Council Officers & Board of Directors for 2017-2019

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT

The Filipino Centre Toronto - FCT slates the induction of its Executive Council Officers and Board of Directors on April 6, 2018, Friday, 7:00 p.m. at Rembrandt Banquet Hall, # 9390 Progress Avenue, corner Markham Road, Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario M1G 3T5. Invited to grace the event as Inducting Officer and Guest of Honour is Hon. Rosalita Prospero, Consul General of the Philippines - Toronto. Those to be inducted to office for the 2017-2019 term are : Executive Council Officers : Mary Ann San Juan- President. & Chief Executive Officer,Theresa Lumanlan, Executive Vice President, Rosalinda Javier, Internal Auditor and Efren De Villa- Chairman of the Board of Directors. The new sets of officers and directors were elected in November, 2016 in Toronto. Vacancies in the Board were also filled up recently.

The Filipino Centre Toronto, the 18- year old community- focused organization has been pursuing its mission, vision and goals over the years by leading and sponsoring purposeful and meaningful programs & services. Along the process, the non- profit Centre through its members, volunteers and facilities has been targeting and benefiting members of the Filipino Canadian and other cultural communities in Toronto and parts of the Greater Toronto Area, as well.

Amongst its various continuing projects are : health & wellness seminars; elderly well- being research; Filipino Language( Tagalog- based) learning sessions; Academic and Homework Tutorials; Cabbagetown community festivity; and tax - preparation workshops. The scheduled community-wide events include: Dr. Victoria Santiago Invitational Basketball Tournament on May 18, 19, & 20, 2018; Pistahan Sa Toronto Summer Festival & Santa Cruzan on June 16 & 17, 2018; Dr. Guillermo De Villa Golf Tourney on July 15, 2018; and the Outstanding Student Awards Day in October, 2018. Past & current members and officers of the Filipino Centre Toronto are highly encouraged to participate in its worthwhile activities and affairs including the upcoming Induction event on April 6th by contacting Mary Ann San Juan at Tel. 416-728-9313 or Email : masj 0515@gmail.com ( Tony A. San Juan)

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has been having a difficult time coming up with relatable and kilig-worthy films ever since she broke up with her long-time boyfriend Ethan (Jericho Rosales). Things start looking up again when Ethan re-enters her life—only to tell her that he’s leaving again, this time for good. The two exchange frustrating yet also relatable will-they-won’t-they moments during the movie, and you’ll be left with tears when they finally make up their minds.



5. Sakaling Hindi Makarating (2016)  
Directed by: Ice Idanan  
Cielo (Alessandra de Rossi) has been going

through a rough patch—her relationship with her fiancé just ended and she’s a workaholic who is out of a job. As she moves into a smaller apartment, she starts receiving anonymous postcards from different places in the Philippines but with only one sender. She then decides to look for the sender of the postcards, going on a trip to discover all the places depicted on them. But what she finds in the end isn’t exactly what she was expecting.

7. I’m Drunk, I Love You (2017)  
Directed by: JP Habac  
Carson (Maja Salvador) has been in love with her best friend Dio (Paulo Avelino) for seven years. She plans on finally confessing her feelings to him during a trip to La Union, and she brings along her close friend Jason (Dominic Roco) for moral support. But it seems like Dio already has his heart set on Pathy (Jasmine Curtis-Smith). And while Dio and Carson would do anything for each other, the ending will make you realize that sometimes, that’s

not always the best thing.

8. Kita Kita (2017)  
Directed by: Sigrid Andrea Bernardo  
What might first warm your heart up is how Tonyo (Empoy Marquez) hopelessly falls in love with his blind neighbor, Lea (Alessandra de Rossi). Tonyo does everything for Lea and they tour Sapporo together, slowly forming a relationship. And just as Lea finally gets a glimpse of Tonyo, she ends up realizing that there really is more to a person than meets the eye.

9. Mr. and Mrs. Cruz (2018)  
Directed by: Sigrid Andrea Bernardo  
Gela (Ryza Cenon) and Raffy (JC Santos) are both newly-heartbroken strangers who decide to head to Palawan for some time to be by themselves. They soon realize that they have the same last name and end up also sharing the same room because of logistical problems. They start spending more time

with each other and they talk about everything there is to talk about under the sun while kayaking through crystal-clear waters, making it more than just your usual summer fling. But they differ when it comes to their view on relationships: Gela believes in marriage, while Raffy wants nothing to do with it. They try to make their self-made paradise a dream-come-true, but they realize that sometimes, paradise is meant to be just that: A dream.

10. Meet Me in St. Gallen (2018)  
Directed by: Irene Emma Villamor  
Celeste (Bela Padilla) meets Jesse (Carlo Aquino) in a coffee shop that she frequents, often using the fake name “Katy Perry” when she orders. The two eventually start a close relationship (after realizing their names are the same as the characters in the romance-drama movie Celeste and Jesse Forever) and have a one-night stand, but they part ways afterwards. Years later, they meet again in the same coffee shop, and end up talking about their past.



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## Co-stars confirm Liza’s and Enrique’s relationship

LIZA Soberano says the rumors that her solo project, “Darna”, has been shelved simply are not true. “We’ve begun shooting scenes for the movie and it’s really a lot of fun!” she says. “I’m enjoying working with Direk Erik Matti for the first time and the rest of his crew. Kakaiba talaga ang pelikulang ito sa lahat ng nagawa ko na and I’m really having fun doing it. The shooting is in full swing at kasabay ko itong ginagawa with our new primetime show on ABS-CBN, ‘Bagani.’”

Liza turned 20 years old on her birthday last January 4. “Yes, I’m no longer a teenager and I feel more responsible with my own life and career,” she adds. “But I feel very fortunate to have an amazing family, great friends, a good career and very supportive fans.”

At the presscon of “Bagani”, the stars are asked if they’re all already taken. Enrique Gil says they’re all taken except for Sofia Andres. So that means he and Liza are taken?

“Well, para sa akin, yes, taken na kami,” he says. And



Liza adds: “Exclusive.”

When asked to expound on this, Enrique says: “As I would always say like before pa, para sa akin, siya lang talaga ‘yung babaeng mahal ko. Siya lang.”

And Liza shares: “He is someone who is always there and who will always be there for me.”

Their co-star, Matteo Guidicelli, volunteers this information: “Kapag ‘di sila magkasama ng kahit dalawang oras, mabubuwanag na silang dalawa.”

“Parang nasanay na kasi kami na lagi kaming magkasama in the projects that we do since we’ve been working together for five years now,” says Enrique.

“When I’m shooting ‘Darna’ on my own, we do video calls to stay in touch with each other,” Liza adds. “At the end of the day, we make up for lost time with him having dinner at our house.”

With such candid revelations, it’s very apparent that Liza and Enrique are now officially in a relationship.

### Kapuso Jeric Gonzales awkward shirtless

Even if his physique has remarkably improved due to his gym routine, Kapuso talent Jeric Gonzales admits he still feels awkward posting his shirtless photos on social media.

“I’m still working on my abs, that’s why. At present, I just have four. Six is the ideal, right? So I still need to achieve that,” he



laughs.

The lad discloses that he’s not the type who would post shirtless photos on his social media accounts.

“I post photos while I’m doing workouts in the gym but not shirtless ones. Well, to each is own, right? Maybe, I’m just basically shy.”

For Jeric, this is one way to avoid receiving negative comments from netizens. He believes it’s inevitable that you’ll get compared to those who have chiseled physique.

“You might suffer in the comparison in the process. It’s better to keep a low profile rather than receive flak from people,” he beams.

Meanwhile, Jeric is presently happy to be part of the hit prime time offering Kambal Karibal headlined by Bianca Umali and Miguel Tanfelix.

“I’m so proud that we’re doing good ratings-wise. For a couple of times during road shows, people call me ‘Parekoy.’ It means they’re really watching! Because of this show. Many avenues of opportunities opened for me. I hope the public will support us continuously until the end,” he concludes.

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Yeng Constantino’s tips to aspiring singer-songwriters

“You have to know yourself well. You have to figure out what



inspires or triggers you, which differs from one songwriter to another. You also have to try different types of songwriting methods until you find something that works for you and helps you find your core,” said music artist Yeng Constantino when asked for her advice to young aspiring singer-songwriters.

Yeng, who’s set to release her sixth studio album, “Synesthesia,” later this year, added: “I’m a very emotional person. If I feel and experience something extreme, that’s when the melodies come out—I start hearing them, sometimes along with the words.”

Julie Anne San Juan  
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Natalia Laurent follows Chollo Lagdameo during practice



Sophia Sambrana listens to Chollo.



ABOVE, Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation is busy preparing for the Pinoy Fiesta. Rehearsals are underway. SECOND FROM RIGHT PHOTO, Fe Taturan and Beth Daliva are assisting with the preparations. FAR RIGHT, Randy Bucuo talks with PCCF’s Rosemer Enverga.

Tetchie Agbayani, ipinaliwanag kung bakit wala siyang showbiz barkada

Kumpara sa iba niyang kasa-bayan sa showbiz na may close group of friends, mas pinili ni Tetchie Agbayani na magkaroon ng barkada sa labas ng industriya. Pero paglilina ng aktres, na malapit nang mapanood sa Afternoon Prime series na Contessa, kaibigan naman daw niya ang lahat na kanyang nakakatrabaho. “Lahat sila kaibigan ko. Pero hindi ako nakikipagbarkada sa kapwa artista ko. Hindi ako kagaya ng grupo ni Amy [Austria], LT [Lorna Tolentino], Sandy [Andolong], hindi po,” kuwento ni Tetchie sa ginanap na press conference para sa Contessa. Dagdag pa niya, “Pagkatapos magtrabaho, may iba akong mundo (laughs). Ayoko nung lahat na lang showbiz. Gusto ko ‘yung pu-punta ako sa trabaho, acting ako, chichika sa mga artista. Siniguro ko na I go to work, I get along with everyone, but after work, I

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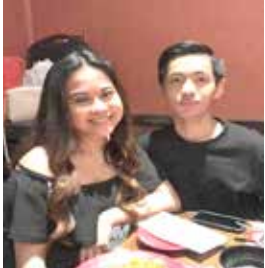
Loisa Andanio walang malisya sa closeness nina Ronnie Alonte at Vice Ganda

Hindi daw pinagdududahan ni Loisa Andanio ang closeness nina Ronnie Alonte at Vice Ganda. Nilinaw ni Loisa Andanio na hindi niya pinagseselasan ang closeness na meron sina Vice Ganda at Hashtag Ronnie Alonte. “Hindi. Kasi kilala ko si Ate Vice. Actually, mama-mamahan ko yon,” sabi agad niya. Patuloy ni Loisa, “Minsan kasi, di ba, ang tingin sa kanya ng mga tao pag may close siyang lalaki parang sinasabi na, ‘Ay ano yan ni Vice, ano yan ni Vice,’ pero sa totoo lang po, kung makikita nila, sobrang bait ni Vice sa mga nakakasama niya. Wala kang makikitang kamili-malisya.” Hindi rin daw niya pinagdudahan na may something kina Ronnie at Vice. Aniya, “Hindi ko talaga sila pinagdudahan. Kaya pag may nababasa kami sa dyaryo, natatawa kami. Sabi ko, ‘Ano ‘to, ano ‘to beh, ikaw ha.’ Sabi niya (Ronnie), ‘Baliw, baliw,’ gumaganun siya. “At saka ako, personally, alam kong close talaga sila ni Vice, kasi nagdi-dinner sila minsan pag nasa taping ako. Sobrang wala pong meaning sa akin yon.” Inamin din ni Loisa na unang naging close sina Ronnie at Vice dahil sa It’s Showtime at okey lang daw naman yon sa kanya. Nagkaroon na ba sila ng tampuhan ni Ronnie? “Hindi pa naman po, kasi ano, alam naman namin na dito talaga sa mundo natin, trabaho, kailangang kumita ng pera kaya nagkakaintindihan naman po kami. “Happy ako kasi nabigyan kami ng Wansapanataym, first time po namin na magkaeksena, na drama, comedy. Kasi di ba naging close kami ni Ronnie, hindi naman kami naging love team kaya naging close.



Naging close kami off cam. “Hindi kami naging close sa trabaho kaya ano, nung sinabi sa amin na may gagawin kaming Wansa, ‘Paano ko kaya makakaeksena ito, baka matawa-tawa lang ako,’ pero naging madali naman po kasi naging komportable na kami sa isa’t isa.” Aliw naman ang comment ni Loisa nang sabihin namin na parang sa kanya na lang nakatuon ang atensyon ngayon ni Ronnie at hindi na tumitingin sa ibang babae. “Well, dapat lang!” diin pa niya. Samantala, inamin ni Loisa na original-ly, hindi naman para talaga sa kanya ang role na ginagampanan niya sa The Good Son bilang kababata ni Jerome Ponce, kaya laking pasalamat niya na napasama sa teleserye. “Kasi biglaan lang po talaga ito, eh. Hindi naman po talaga dapat ako ‘to, may ibang tao na para dito. Kaya sobrang happy ko na pinagkatiwala ito sa akin ng Dreamscape at binigyan nila ako ng opportunity na magbigay sila sa akin ng ganito kalaking role. “Kasi sa akin naman, walang maliit o malaking role, parang lahat pantay-pantay kaya happy ako na binigyan nila ako ng opportunity na mapakita ko yung talent ko,” hulig pahayag niya.

Loisa Andanio wins in Nickelodeon’s Kids Choice Awards  
Loisa Andanio happily shared on Instagram that she won the Favorite Pinoy Newbie award in this year’s Nickelodeon’s Kids Choice Awards. In a clip where she received her trophy, she said, “Thank you guys for voting for me. Thank you for all the effort and love and support. Mahal na mahal ko kayo, I love you all” then got soaked in Nickelodeon’s famous green slime.



FIRST, Laura Faye celebrates her 18th birthday with her friend. SECOND, The Panaligan sisters join Laura Faye on her debut. THIRD, Laura Faye and her family pose during her 18th birthday lunch at Dragon Pearl. FOURTH, Evie Poliarco (FAR RIGHT) joins Laura Faye on her 19th birthday.



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Nagkita na ang stars ng bagong musical romcom series ng Kapuso Network na 'My Guitar Princess'. Sa Instagram post, present sa meet and greet nang cast sina Julie Anne San Jose, Kiko Estrada at Gil Cuerva bilang mga lead stars ng soap. Bibida din ang singer/actress na si Sheryl Cruz, Isabelle de Leon, Jazz Ocampo, One Up heartthrob Ralf King

at comedienne na si Maey Bautista. Sa exclusive interview ni Julie Anne sa GMANetwork.com, nagkuwento ang dalaga na excited siya na may mga bago siyang leading men na sina Kiko at Gil. Maganda daw ang experience na marami siyang nakakatrabaha at hindi natatali sa isang partner. Paliwanag ng Kapuso singer, "It's nice noh that I get to work

with a lot of people. Kumbaga, hindi ko rin nalilimit 'yung sarili ko kasi I get to work with everyone talaga. And it's really nice lang kasi iba-iba 'yung environment," Abangan ang musika at kilig na handog ng 'My Guitar Princess' soon on GMA-7!

## Jadine, goodbye to innocent image with 'Never Not Love You'

PALABAS na ang kauna-unahang matured film nina James Reid at Nadine Lustre na Never Not Love You. Sa pelikula, dadaan sa matinding pagsubok ang kanilang carefree at reckless na relasyon si-mula nang magsanga ang kanilang mga pangarap sa buhay at papaghiwalayin ng personal choices ng bawat isa. But in real life, ipinagmalaki nina James at Nadine na hindi naman similar sa takbo ng istorya ng kanilang movie ang status ng kanilang relationship. Hindi pa rin daw sila nagkakaroon ng matatawag na big fight talaga. Sa Never Not Love You ay ginagampanan ni James ang papel ni Gio, isang freelance graphic designer. Si Nadine naman ay si Joanne na isang management trainee sa isang ad agency/direct-selling company. Pwedeng sabihin na ang Never Not Love You ay isang total departure sa



inocente at easy going na mga karakter at istorya na nagpasikat kina James at Nadine sa kanilang blockbuster projects gaya ng screen debut nilang Diary ng Panget at mga primetime teleseryeng Till I Met You at On the Wings of Love. Base sa trending trailer na napapanood sa YouTube channel at iba pang social media platforms ng VIVA, nagawa ni Direk Antoinette na hugutin ang ilang raw emotions mula sa dalawa.

Sey pa nga ni James, medyo nahirapan sila sa mga eksenang ini-establish pa lang 'yung closeness niya sa karakter ni Nadine dahil very familiar na sila sa isa't isa. Pero with the help of Direk Antoinette, natulungan daw siyang maiarte nang tama ang mga eksena.

Never Not Love You is produced by VIVA Films and Project 8 Corner San Joaquin.



FIRST, Banana-Q and Karioka are available at FV Foods Lawrence Ave. E. location. SECOND, Mamang Norie (standing) celebrates her birthday with family and friends. THIRD, Kim Mahistrado choreographs the PCCF Miss Philippines contestants while FOURTH, Challo Lagdameo choreographs LMPC 2017 Marianne Barcarse, and Little Miss contestants Kayla Dela Cruz, Samantha Esporas Sarmiento.

## THE GOOD SON' MALAPIT NANG MAGTAPOS

MALAPIT nang magtapos sa ere ang primetime TV series na "The Good Son" kung saan magkakasama ang dating magkakarelasyon na sina Joshua Garcia at Loisa Andalia at sina Jerome Ponce at Elisse Joson. Kasama rin sa serye ang boyfriend ngayon ni Elisse na si McCoy de Leon.

Hindi ikinaila ng young actors ng "The Good Son" na sa simula umano ng kanilang pag-sasama ay may ilangang factor pero na-overcome umano nila ito eventually dahil kailangan nilang maging professional sa kanilang trabaho.

May suspetsa kami na sinadya ito ng grupo na pinamumunuan ni Deo Endrinal para maging maayos na ang samahan ng mga young actors involved and it worked naman to their favor.

Si Joshua, as everybody knows, ay boyfriend at ka-loveteam ngayon ng young star na si Julia Barretto. Sina Elisse at McCoy naman ang mag-kasintahan ngayon habang si Loisa ay girlfriend ngayon ni Ronnie Alonte. Non-showbiz naman ang girlfriend ngayon ni Jerome, ang volleyball player



na si Mika Reyes.

Ngayong magtatapos na ang "The Good Son," magkakaibigang muli ang dating magkakarelasyon.

## Liza defends self against bashers

LIZA Soberano was bashed for playing the role of a native maiden called Ganda in "Bagani" when everyone knows she has an American mom and looks so mestiza. How does she react to this?

"I respect their opinion, but in my heart, I know I'm Filipino," she says at the show's thanksgiving presscon. "Even if I'm only half Filipino, that doesn't make me less Filipino than the rest of us. Also, our directors and writers have already explained that this is not based on a historical true story but is a work of fiction, a fantaserye."



ABOVE, Sisters Maria and Aubrey Panaligan celebrate their birthdays.

## JOEL & LEAH'S BABY SHOWER

Joel and Leah (INSET BELOW) celebrated their baby shower with family and friends. Here are some photos of that get-together.



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Kapuso star Gabbi Garcia on Kapamilya actress Julia Barretto: “One of the realest ones in the industry...”



Pinatunayan nina Gabbi Garcia ng GMA-7 at Julia Barretto ng ABS-CBN na hindi balakid ang kinabibilangang istasyon sa kanilang pag-kaibigan.

No-network-war friendship.

Ito ang pinatunayan ng Kapuso actress na si Gabbi Garcia at ng Kapamilya actress na si Julia Barretto. Nitong March 10, nag-celebrate ng kanyang ika-21 kaarawan si Julia.

Sa pamamagitan ng Instagram, binati siya ng matalik na kaibigang si Gabbi.

Sabi ng Sherlock Jr. actress, “To one of the realest ones in the industry and in life. happy birthday, love @juliabarretto.”

Magkaklase sina Gabbi at Julia sa high school. Mula noon, hindi nila napag-usapan ang tungkol sa magkalabang istasyong kinabibilangan.

Sabi pa ni Gabby, “partners in crime” sila ni Julia.

“Sabay kaming nag-cram para lang ma-ka-graduate kami kasi hectic sked, like, tinawid talaga namin just to graduate high school. Nag-summer pa nga kami para makabawas ng load, e. Tapos sabay din kaming nag-end kasi nagpa-late kami, kasi nga yung sked namin busy.

“So, ganun talaga. Kami talaga yung partners in crime nung high school,” pahayag ng Kapuso star.



**Jasmine Curtis-Smith defends skinny look anew: ‘I am taking good care of my health’**

Even after defending her thin physique on national television, Jasmine Curtis-Smith had to reckon again with comments that she looked too skinny.

The 23-year-old actress shared a photo from a magazine shoot where she stands in shallow waters while wearing a delicate dress and holding a surfboard.

A @missvanessaheald observed, “You look too hellla skinny. I don’t know if they photo-shopped you or not. If not, please eat something – a concerned citizen.”

Curtis-Smith politely explained that her figure wasn’t unnatural, pointing out that a previous magazine cover proves this. “I have lost weight, yes but I’ve actually been this figure before hehe.”

“Nasanay lang siguro tao na (maybe people got used to) chubby cheeks aka. My body is maturing and so are my features,” she said.

“Don’t be too concerned, I can assure that I am taking good care of my health,” she added.

To further prove Curtis-Smith’s appetite, one @gringograss noted, “Takaw mo kaya (You eat so much).”

On “Tonight with Boy Abunda” last December, the “Siargao” star admitted that the comments would get to her, especially when she was accused of being anorexic. She reasoned in previous exchanges with netizens that she had been doing household work on her own on top of her other activities.

As celebrities have had to confront expectations of being thin, some have also been victim to “skinny-shaming.” Actress Kris Bernal, who has also been accused of eating disorders and being too thin, urged, “We should all learn to accept and appreciate different body types.”

Pinay models barred from LA Fashion Week? Both Sides speak out



Miss Earth 2014 Jamie Herrell (L) poses with Jacob Meir (C), founder of a fashion house in LA dedicated to Filipino designs, and Kiana Valenciano (R). Both Pinays allegedly experienced discrimination over the weekend. PHOTO: Angeli Pangilinan

MANILA – Two key figures in the cancelled Los Angeles Fashion Week show featuring Filipina models gave their sides of the story

From the get-go, the statements of For the Stars Fashion House founder Jacob Meir and Art Hearts Fashion International president Erik Rosete already rest on opposite ends of the scale.

Rosete claimed that he cancelled the event – which included singer Kiana Valenciano – not because he did not like the idea of having Filipina models on the runway, but because of Meir’s alleged debt amounting to “almost \$100,000.”

“This has nothing to do with race, color, or gender,” Rosete, who produced the show, said in an e-mail to ABS-CBN News. “This has to do with the fact that Jacob Meir owes us close to \$100,000 for shows he has not paid for in the past two years.”

“I cancelled the show because he (Meir) did not respect us as a production and was pocketing money on the side,” he added.

But Meir, who regularly hosts events for

Filipino designers, said it was he who decided to not push through with the event, and that he had Rosete’s text messages to prove it.

“I can show this to everyone,” he said in a phone interview with ABS-CBN News, referring to the text messages. “He clearly did not want any of the Filipino girls to walk in the show.”

Meir added: “The reason I cancelled the show is because my assistant called me and told me that Erik Rosete is very adamant... he doesn’t want to let these girls in.”

“He (Rosete) said, ‘Call me, urgent. I’m trying to fix the situation.’ How is it possible that he will call me if he cancelled the show?”

As for his so-called debt, Meir said: “I wasn’t obligated with any money to Erik Rosete. If anything, we were invited to do the shows to help him... If I owe him \$100,000, would he invite me to another show, and another show, and another show? No.”

NO WALKOUT?

Meir and Rosete also had conflicting versions of the incident, with the former claiming that the Filipina models were left humiliated and in tears.

“They said they’ve never been so humiliated in their life. They were in front of my assistant, crying,” he said. “For the pageant girls, it’s the third incident with Erik Rosete that they were cast aside like they are not important and they

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Kakai Bautista: Just happy to be alone

Kapamilya comedian Kakai Bautista has been repeatedly dragged into would-have-been if not failed relationships.

But now that she's completely healed, she no longer seeks romantic love and is actually at peace and ready should she be destined to live her life alone forever.

"I'm not looking for it," she said at her exclusive interview on Wednesday at "Inquirer ShowbizLive."

In fact, she said she was happy and enjoying life alone, so much that being loveless was no longer an issue for her.

"Ewan ko nga. Nawiwirduhan na ko sarili ko," she said. "Hindi ko alam. Siguro dumating na ako dun sa stage na nag-e-enjoy ako - 'yung ano, natapos na sa mga sweet sweet at mga pinagdaanan. Masaya lang ako mag-isa, sobrang nag-eenjoy lang ako mag-isa."

But, despite her strong woman stance now, she said she was not closing her door if she would be given someone to love.

"Hindi ko siya hinahanap. Hindi na ko 'yung [pretending to sob] 'oh, sana ganyan.' Hindi na ko 'yung ga'nun."

"Masaya na ko basta makakita ako ng masayang tao, masayang couple. Kahit 'di ko kakilala. Pero wala na ko 'dun sa stage na 'ay magkakaroon din ako niyan.' Wala na. Hindi ko na siya naiisip."

"Kaya sinasabi ko talaga: 'Lord, kung may ibibigay, sige po. Ppero kung wala naman talaga, ito talaga 'yung path ko sa life, okay lang ako. Alam ko na 'yung mga plano kong mag-isa,'" she added.

Bautista has been embroiled in controversies with men who were involved with her

romantically. Not too long ago, she was linked to Thai actor Mario Maurer. They first worked together in 2012 in the romantic-comedy film "Suddenly It's Magic," which was top-billed by the actor and Kapamilya actress Erich Gonzales.

But her most recent, and perhaps more socially devastating, encounter was with her best-turned-bitter friend and now good friend again, actor Ahron Villena. The two were at one point the center of controversies because of Villena's words: "Naging tayo ba?"

That was his reaction to Bautista's statements supposedly suggesting they had a past romance.

Now, things are good between them again. In fact, the two are doing a movie together titled "Harry and Patty."

PH-Singapore firms team up for Charo-Bea flick

As the cameras continue to grind for Mikhail Red's third feature, the horror flick "Eerie," its partners participated in the recently concluded Hong Kong Filmart with the goal of "securing distribution deals in foreign territories."

Also, it was recently announced that 108 Media and Aurora Media Holdings had joined Star Cinema and Media East Productions as coproducers of "Eerie." 108 Media is a Singapore-based global content development company, while Aurora Media Holdings is one of Southeast Asia's leading media and entertainment asset firms.

"We are very excited that two Southeast Asian nations (the Philippines and Singapore) are joining forces to create an international horror film," Red told the Inquirer. "It has always been my vision as a filmmaker to make well-crafted films that can engage local audiences, but has the potential for international sales."

Pia Wurtzbach still dreams of becoming a Bond girl: "Nakabantay nga ako dun, e."

Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach aims to become an international movie star. "I think lahat naman ng ginagawa ko is helping me lead to that," she says, confidently beautiful as ever. "Siyempre, international na. Yun ang next na goal."

Ito ang sinabi ni Pia Wurtzbach nang tanungin tungkol sa mga pangarap pa niyang matupad kasunod ng pagiging Miss Universe 2015 at pagkakaroon ng sariling pelikula.

Hindi pa rin daw nawawala sa 28-year-old beauty queen-actress ang dream niya na maging leading lady sa isang James Bond movie.

"Hindi ko pa naman nakakalimutan that other big dream that I have.

"Hindi pa rin nawawala yung Bond girl, nakabantay nga ako dun, e.

"Nakabantay ako sa Bond girl kasi alam ko may labas nang bago.

"They're really trying to experiment already with the cast, so it's really different this time.

"Even sina Esther [Swan, Miss Universe Organization manager], IMG know that I really want something like that.

"If not that, something like that.

"So we'll see, we'll see what we can do," pahayag ni Pia, na tila sabik na sabik nang maabot ang pangarap niyang ito.

BIG CHANGE NEEDED. Nabanggit ni Pia ang nakikita niyang balakid para maabot ang pagiging Bond girl.

Ayon sa kanya, "Right now, I'm signed with IMG as Miss Universe ambassador.

"Ina-assign pa rin nila ako na meeting dito, meeting doon.

"Usually ngayon, puro Miss Universe events ang in-attend-an ko kapag nasa U.S. o nasa ibang bansa.

"Lahat parating related sa Miss Universe."

Ito raw ang isa sa mga plano nilang baguhin para sa career path ni Pia abroad, lalo na sa Amerika.

Sabi ni Pia, "Tina-try namin na iba naman, na more celebrity or more artista.

"But the thing is, sabi rin nila, 'It will take a while before people forget that you're Miss Universe. You kinda have to repackage yourself in order to be a new celebrity.'

"Especially with how the crowning went also.

"Medyo mahirap kalimutan ng mga taga-U.S. that I was that girl.

"The thing is to repackage myself and forget that I was that Miss Universe.

"Weird, di ba? Dito, it works in my favor, doon hindi.

"So we're still trying to get that balance. It will take time; hopefully, we'll get there."

FOCUS ON LOCAL CAREER. Habang naghihintay ng oportunidad, gustong pagtuunan ng pansin ni Pia ang kanyang career sa local showbiz.

Sa katunayan, nagpapasalamat si Pia dahil nabigyan siya ng pagkakataong ipagpatuloy ang pangarap niyang maging artista.

Pagkatapos ng The Avengers Squad, magiging lead actress naman si Pia sa romantic-comedy movie kasama si Gerald Anderson, ang My Perfect You, na magsisimulang ipalabas ngayong linggo.



Ayon kay Pia, "I think lahat naman ng ginagawa ko is helping me lead to that. "People might not see it right now but I'm gaining experience with every project that I'm doing here. "Kahit na sabihin mong dito sa Pilipinas 'yan, experience pa rin 'yan. "Real pa rin 'yan, na madadala ko sa mga gusto kong i-pursue in the future." Sa huli, sinabi ni Pia, "I'll focus on this first. I still feel that there are a few more things that I would like to do. "A few more things that I'd like to try here."

Pia Wurtzbach rejects offer to do Big Brother U.S.

Pia Wurtzbach says she rejected the offer to be among the housemates of Big Brother U.S. edition, because it was the same time they were shooting the movie My Perfect You, where she is paired with Gerald Anderson.

Kinumpirma ni Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach na inalok siyang sumali sa Big Brother U.S. edition ngunit tinanggihan niya ito.

"Yes, I was offered to do Big Brother also but it was around the time that we were doing My Perfect You, so this [movie] is my priority."

Katambal niya sa pelikula si Gerald Anderson. Ibinahagi ni Pia na mapalad siya sa pagkakaroon ng isang supportive at maunawaing boyfriend na tulad ni Marlon Stockinger.

Aniya, "I'm very lucky because he lets me have my moment. "Even nung nag-Miss Universe ako, he knows, like, to let me shine. So I'm very happy."

Kuwento rin ni Pia, hindi man makakapunta sa premiere night ng My Perfect You ang boyfriend ay tiyak na manood ito para magbigay ng suporta sa kanya.

"He's going to watch in another time because he's busy.

"He's very supportive and I'm happy about that."

Hindi rin daw inilalahad ni Pia kay Marlon ang buong plot ng pelikula.

"Hindi masyado kasi gusto ko pag pinanood na niya, saka lang niya makikita.

"Ayokong mag-spoil kasi nung kuwento."

Papuri naman ang sinabi ng beauty queen-actress kay Gerald at sa direktor nilang si Cathy Garcia-Molina.

Pahayag niya, "It was amazing working with them.

"Gerald makes everything easy because he's very approachable, he's such a gentleman.

"Now I understand why marami siyang nakaka-leading lady, [with] only good things to say about him because he is really good.

"Si Direk Cathy, she's one of the best people na I ever worked with.

"Tough love minsan pero it's [with] good intention and to make the movie perfect."

Ngayong nasimulan na niyang gumawa ng pelikula, bukas ba siyang gumawa ng teleserye?

Sagot ni Pia, "I don't have time to do teleserye at the moment because the schedule is really busy."



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Catriona Gray to represent PH in Miss Universe 2018

MANILA – After Miss World, Catriona Gray is set to conquer the Miss Universe stage.

As predicted by pageant fans and experts, Gray was crowned Miss Universe Philippines 2018 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum.

She also awarded the Pitoy Moreno Best in National Costume Award, Miss Ever Bilena, Jag Denim Queen, Best in Swimsuit and Best in Long Gown.

Gray succeeds Rachel Peters, who made it to the Top 10 of Miss Universe 2017. Many are hoping that she will bring home the Philippines' fourth crown after Pia Wurtzbach in 2015, Margie Moran in 1973, and Gloria Diaz in 1969.

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## GMA brings love and kilig to weekday mornings via ANG FOREVER KO'Y IKAW

Weekday mornings with the whole family will be more exciting as GMA Network brings to light a romantic-comedy series that both parents and kids can enjoy with the launch of Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw.

This program is headlined by Camille Prats-Yambao and Neil Ryan Sese together with Ayra Mariano and Bruno Gabriel.

Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw revolves around the lives of Ginny played by Camille and Lance portrayed by Neil: two single parents who are still both attached to their past but are hoping to somehow get a new chance at love. Their lives are almost intertwined since they live in the same condo; have the same taste in coffee; and they even follow each other's 'alter-ego' accounts online.

Camille said she loves how the show instils its message to the viewers when it comes to love.

"You know I think the really good part about this show is yung message nila tungkol sa love and how it will tell us that love finds you. And that you don't really have to find it. Kasi darating 'yan sa'yo at the right time and right place," the Kapuso actress said.

On the other hand, Neil shared that he is still adjusting to his new role as Lance as he was used to

portraying character roles in his previous shows.

"Nakakapanibago. Challenge siya for me kasi sobrang iba talaga yung role ko rito. Unlike kapag kontrabida ka iba yung pag deliver mo ng lines. Dapat palaging mabigat. Dito, I need to tone it down talaga," he said.

But what if the two would never meet? Would they still be able to find their way back to love?

The story also highlights their journey as single parents including the challenges and accomplishments they encounter as they take care of their children Marione portrayed by Ayra and Benjie played by Bruno.

Ayra plays the daughter of Ginny. The Kapuso actress said she's grateful to GMA for entrusting her this project and is equally happy to be working again with Bruno.

"I am very thankful sa Network na binigyan kami ng chance na ipakita 'yung kakayahan namin. At the same time, excited ako kasi magkatrabaho na naman kami ni Bruno. Very comfortable na kami sa isa't isa kaya I know this project is going to be amazing," she said.

Meanwhile, Bruno is Lance's only son in the series who supports his dad's ordeals. Bruno said he is looking

forward to be working with Camille and Neil because he knows he is going to learn a lot from them.

"Napapanood ko na kasi sila before and I am really amazed at how they both are great in acting—mapa-intense man yung eksena or light lang. Kaya ako, excited ako to work with them kasi we are going to learn new things talaga," the Kapuso heartthrob said.

What if, along the way, Benjie and Marione would soon develop feelings for each other? Can this be a start of something new?

With this, whose love story will push through? Will it be Lance and Ginny? Or will it be Marione and Benjie? Or will it be both?

Joining them in this series are Cai Cortez as Doc Issa, Ginny's best friend; Archie Alemania as Maoy, Lance's naughty friend; 34th PMPC Star Awards Movie Supporting Actress of the Year Ms. Odette Khan as Taneneng, Ginny's mother-in-law; Jude Paolo Diangson as Gino, Ginny's youngest child.

This newest Kapuso series is under the helm of Creative Director Caesar Cosme with Joseph Balboa as the Headwriter, directed by Tata Betita and Jojo Nones.

Witness these feel-good and kilig love stories in "Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw" beginning March 12 on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.

Kapuso viewers from across the globe can also catch their favorite Kapuso shows via GMA's international channels GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Life TV, and GMA News TV International. For the program guide, visit [www.gmapinoytv.com](http://www.gmapinoytv.com).



## Aicelle Santos prepares for Miss Saigon's UK tour

Naghahanda na ang Kapuso singer-actress na si Aicelle Santos para sa kanyang pagganap bilang Gigi Van Tranh sa UK tour ng Miss Saigon.

Bago pa man lumipad papuntang UK, nakasama niya sa rehearsal ang choreographer at dating Filipino cast member ng Miss Saigon na si Arnold Trinidad.

Isang malaking hamon para kay Aicelle ang pagganap sa coveted role dahil kailangan niya ring magsuot ng bikini rito.

"Physically I need to prepare dahil kailangan nating magsuot ng sexy doon. I need to watch Miss Saigon, and kailangan ko siguro manghingi ng payo mula sa aking nanay at tatay, Isay and Robert Seña," saad niya sa panayam ni Lhar Santiago sa 24 Oras.

## Hanggang Saan: A teleserye like no other

KAPAMILYA DAY - Its first episode is enough to hook anyone who is up for action and mystery.

Imagine yourself being in the shoes of the protagonist Sonya (Sylvia Sanchez), a mother whose son Paco (Arjo Atayde) was on the verge of death. As time started to run out, you met a troubled man who asked you to shoot him in exchange of money enough to pay for your son's hospital bills and save his life. Would you or wouldn't you pull the trigger?

Among today's plethora of revenge dramas, romantic comedies and tearjerkers on TV, ABS-CBN's Hanggang Saan stands out as a smart crime and mystery drama that draws viewers to what it really is about — family.

Those who are not fond of watching teleseryes should start with Hanggang Saan. It's not their usual soap opera, and greatly deviates from the realms of rom-com and heavy drama.

How the show provokes questions about morality sets apart Hanggang Saan from its contemporaries. Not to mention the powerful portrayal of the mother-son tandem of Sylvia and Arjo, who both have proven their mettle in acting.

A quick scan of the comments on social media will also tell you just how viewers are in awe of the show's narrative and its progressive storytelling.

"Hanggang Saan is a serye like no other. I haven't seen any Pinoy drama that makes viewers really think. It is also not predictable and most especially logical. This is an upgrade to what ABS-CBN offers to its audiences," said Twitter user @powra\_.

"There is no perfect family nor perfect parents but there is unconditional love. A love of a mother can do everything for our safety and our own sake. #HSisINAKdal," said @chrisardimer.

Aside from its out-of-the-box plot, others also commend how the show empowers women, with female characters in the series playing vital parts in the narrative.



"Hanggang Saan is underrated. The plot solely being moved by female characters deserves praises. The all-lady investigation circle is a gem," @KhayriRRW tweeted.

"As much as we love women in a tense catfight, it is so much more wonderful and empowering to see them united. Georgette x Anna. Jean x Sonya. #HSInosente," avid fan @nagisangjmar said.

Despite being recognized for its innovative plot and ingenious storytelling, Hanggang Saan's main driver is still the Filipino family, espousing values and traditions of a typical Pinoy household daily.

Its lead character Sonya is a reflection of an ordinary Filipino mother — a woman who is ready to risk her own life just to keep her family safe and intact. She also singlehandedly raised her two sons and works hard to give them a bright future and taking odd jobs to make ends meet.

Her nemesis Jean (Teresa Loyzaga) might be filled with hatred — a consequence of her ex-husband's murder. Just like Sonya, she will protect her family at all cost and will not settle for less, especially when it comes to her daughter.

On the other hand, Paco can already be considered a family man at such a young age. He helps his Nanay Sonya provide for their family and takes care of his younger brother Domeng (Yves Flores). Now a lawyer, Paco takes on the case of her own mother and devotes his vocation to prove Sonya's innocence.

She might come off as feisty and liberated, but Anna (Sue Ramirez) is an endearing daughter to her mother Jean. She never left her mother's side, especially during the tragic death of her father Edward. The love she has for her family also motivates her to cull more pieces of evidence that will help her find the real killer of her father, even if it means putting her life in danger.

As their battle for justice continues, Sonya has finally been acquitted. It was proven that the bullet she fired the night Edward died did not hit

the man after all, but instead went straight into an image of the Virgin Mary — a solid proof that she is innocent. But Jacob, who turns out to be the mastermind behind Edward's death, will not stop from inflicting harm on Sonya's life.

Can Sonya still brave all the forthcoming danger for her family? Up to what extent can she sacrifice for her sons? Viewers can tune in to the show to follow the next turn of events.

Viewers can relate to the protagonists in the teleserye. In many ways, they could relate to the principal character's love for family — a Filipino value that is highlighted in the Kapamilya series.

### Joshua Garcia explains why he is more open to 'PDA' than Julia Barretto

Paulit-ulit sinabi ni Julia Barretto na proud siya sa kanyang rumoured boyfriend na si Joshua Garcia. "I'm so proud because I know how passionate he is sa craft niya. Alam ko kung how much he works hard for what he has now. Kaya I'm so glad na na-appreciate siya, nare-recognize."

Nang tanungin kung ano ang nagbago kay Joshua, sinabi ni Julia na, "si Josh, he has remained very humble, he has kept his feet on the ground despite all the achievements. But what has changed? Siguro yung confidence niya sa sarili niya. Not in a bad way ha, in a very good way. Yung tiwala niya sa sarili niya, yung love niya sa sarili niya. At saka mas naging passionate pa siya sa craft."

Pero totoo nga ba na mas sweet si Joshua kay Julia? Ayon kay Julia, "okay we're both sweet. He's more sweet but. Ako kasi ayaw ko naman ng masyadong PDA, di ba may right time and place for everything?"

Hindi naman ganun si Joshua dahil para sa binata, ipapakita niya ang pagmamahal niya kay Julia nasaan man sila. "Hindi ako. Basta nararam-daman ko."

Nadine Lustre will be launching Lustrous, her makeup line, this summer. It's in collaboration with leading Australian cosmetic brand BYS. The actress says that each run will be available for a limited time. (For updates, follow @BYSPHilippines on Facebook.) As Coco Chanel once said, "When you're feeling sad, add more lipstick and attack."

## MEGAN AT MIKAEL NATAKOT MAGKATRABAHO

SEVEN years nang magkasintahan ang kauna-unahang Miss World na si Megan Young at ang kanyang kapwa Kapuso actor na si Mikael Daez na magkatrabaho for the very first time sa panghapong serye, ang "The Stepdaughters".

Mas ganado ang mag-sweetheart na magkatrabaho dahil bukod sa regular silang nagkikita sa taping ng serye, they have more time to bond at pareho silang supportive sa kanilang respective roles.

Hindi ikinakaila ng magkasintahan na natakot din sila na magkasama sa trabaho dahil baka raw mag-away sila at mag-suffer ang kanilang work.

But so far ay lalo lamang umano nakabuti sa kanilang dalawa ang pagiging co-stars ng isang serye.

Jay-R: Guilty or innocent?



Al de las Alas with her new talent, the rap group Ex-Battalion.

What makes a man sexy? Some say a sexy man must have a flat, toned abs while others insist that having a smart mind is enough to be considered sexy. But somebody once said that a sexy man is one who is confident about his body and mind.

One best explanation came from Jay-R when he guested on Tonight With Boy Abunda a few nights ago. Considered as one of the sexiest men in showbiz, Jay-R said that a sexy man is a gentleman.

“A sexy man, yes, he has to be very confident but he need not necessarily be good-looking or rich, dapat ‘yung mabait na tao,” emphasized Jay-R who also believes that one can be very sexy even without the abs.

Of course, his gift of making good music is the foremost reason of his lasting stay in the industry. His latest album, Kamusta Ka, allows music fans to experience his new approach to making music.

“I’m so excited about this album because not many people are buying CDs anymore so I thought of making an MP3 player instead. What’s good here aside from the music is that it comes with headphones, it comes with a USB cable so you can access the exclusive files.

Jay-R also reminisced on his early days in the music scene with Kyla as partner. He admitted to have had felt that Kyla was his perfect match that time. “When it comes to music, we’re really a perfect match but I respect Kyla so much. I had a girlfriend that time and ayoko naman siya ligawan just for the sake of our love team.”

Fast forward to this day, Jay-R has a smooth-sailing romantic relationship with GirlTrends member Mica Javier. The two just celebrated their five years of togetherness. Jay-R revealed that they’ve been talking about marriage but he is in no rush to marry her and has an absolutely good reason behind it.

“Mica is on the rise now. She’s so much into her acting, into her music that I really want her pursue her dreams first and I don’t wanna be a factor to drag her down. I don’t want her to give any pressure. Gusto ko yung mga pangarap n’ya matupad muna.”

Meanwhile, Jay-R gamely revealed some of his unforgettable moments in Sinong Guilty o Innocent.

Are you innocent or guilty? Napaalis sa isang bar or club.

“Guilty. There was this time in the beginning of my career na parang I was getting a lot of hate. Maraming nagsasabi na ang yabang-yabang ko and we were in a bar one time and there’s this guy na sinusugod ako na ang yabang-yabang ko daw at wala akong ginagawa. Syempre I kinda got tired of it already so I confronted him.”

Nagsinungaling para protektahan ang kaibigan sa girlfriend.

“Whew! I’m not gonna say who but I’m guilty, hahaha.”

Nakipag-date sa ex ng kaibigan.

“Innocent. No way, hindi pwede yun.”

Followed or spied on a girlfriend.

“Yes, I’m guilty. Si Mica, I stalked her.”

Umalis ng bahay ng walang underwear.

“Guilty. I’m not wearing an underwear right now, hahaha. Naglilipat kami at hindi pa tapos yung washer and dryer so...hahaha.”

Nag-send ng nude selfie.

“Guilty. I sent one to Mica, wala lang close na kasi kami so I sent one just to throw a little spice in a relationship so a little pwet right here, hahaha.”

Nakipagtalik sa isang pampublikong lugar.

“Guilty. There was this club at The Fort before and in the dark spot I was making out. The girl was a little bit aggressive that I couldn’t say no. I

was single at that time so...”

Will Tony Labrusca play leading man to Liza Soberano in Darna?

Is Tony Labrusca the leading man of Liza Soberano in Darna?

Netizens have been guessing that the former Pinoy Boyband Superstar finalist will be part of Darna.

Speculations arose when director Erik Matti posted a photo on his Twitter account.

The picture showed Liza and Erik Matti meeting with the staff of Darna, along with a guy wearing a white shirt who was sitting beside Liza, and whose head was covered with an emoji.

A lot of netizens replied to Matti’s Twitter post, guessing that Tony is the guy in the white shirt.

When we asked Tony if he will be part of Darna the movie, the La Luna Sangre actor did not confirm or deny anything.

However, the 19-year-old Star Magic talent admitted that he’ll be happy to work with Liza and her love team partner, Enrique Gil.

He said, “If I was given the chance to work with Liza or LizQuen, that would just be an amazing opportunity.

“It would be a huge blessing na makakatulong talaga sa career ko and makakatulong sa akin bilang entertainer as an actor, marami pa akong matutunan sa kanila.”

Entertainment reporters spoke to Tony after the press launch of 2018 Star Magic Circle, where Tony was introduced as part of Star Magic’s new roster of talents.

According to Tony, he already met Liza once when he visited his co-manager during a training for Bagani, where Liza plays the leading lady.

“Si Kuya Mario kasi, may alaga din kasi siya na nagte-training for Bagani, so napunta po ako sa training nila and doon ko po nakilala si Liza. Hello lang.”

Tony gave his observations about the Darna lead actress:

“She’s a very sweet person, she’s very respectable, even though she’s a big artist, she always has a smile on her face and very pleasant to everybody.

“She doesn’t walk the hallways acting like she owns the building and I think that’s what I really appreciate about her.

“You just see that in a person and you hear that in the stories, e.

“I don’t think anybody has ever said that Liza’s such a mean person. Whenever people talk about Liza, it’s always something positive, so that’s just nice.”

Sanya Lopez says no to Beauty Pageants

Despite encouraging words from people, Sanya Lopez nixes the possibility of joining a beauty contest in the near future. “Many have enticed me to join Bb. Pilipinas or Ms. World Philippines but as of now, my answer is negative. I feel I’m not yet ready to join. I’m just 21. Maybe if I’m already 24 or 25, I might consider,” she avers. As of now, the lovely star wants to concentrate on her acting career.

“That’s right! I want to further improve my craft. Then, if I’m already established in my showbiz career, I can set my attention to beauty pageants.”

Speaking of her acting career, Sanya is sad that after seven months, her top-rating afternoon drama series Haplos recently bid farewell.

“I miss everyone in the show. From my co-stars to Direk Gil Tejada, Jr. We’re like family there. But we’re happy that the show’s rating was high until the last episode,” she says.



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Kapuso stars share excitement to party with Pinoys abroad



GMA Network's biggest stars Dennis Trillo, Jennylyn Mercado, Lovi Poe, Alden Richards, Betong Sumaya and Dingdong Dantes are thrilled to bring all-out entertainment to Pinoys in the US and Canada as they prepare for their back-to-back 'Sikat Ka, Kapuso!' shows this coming April.

The all-star cast are busy rehearsing for their special performances dedicated to our Kapuso abroad. Following the successful West Coast leg last year, GMA Pinoy TV heads to the East Coast to hold back-to-back Sikat Ka, Kapuso! shows on April 7 at the Newark Symphony Hall in New Jersey, USA and April 8 at the Sony Centre for Performing Arts in Toronto, Canada.

Kapuso Drama King Dennis Trillo highlighted that their main goal is to make the show as intimate as possible despite the size of the venue. "Kahit isa siyang malaking show na punong puno ng malalaking artista, nagre-reach out talaga kami sa audience kasi mas masarap yung feeling na nalalapitan mo sila, at may personal experience ang bawat isa sa kanila dahil sila 'yung totoong bida sa show," he added.

Ultimate Star Jennylyn Mercado also shared how much she enjoyed last year's Sikat Ka, Kapuso! in California and how she wants to experience the same fun with the group again. "Nung sa una naming pinuntahan, sobrang saya kasi nag-enjoy talaga 'yung buong grupo so ine-expect namin na this time, mas masaya kasi nadagdagan kami ng isa

pa tapos dalawang countries pa mapupuntahan namin. Excited ako kasi kahit pagod kami sa trip, sobrang sarap naman sa pakiramdam na magkasundo kayong lahat," she revealed.

Kapuso Premier Drama Actress Lovi Poe, on the other hand, recalled her favorite part of the show with the Kapuso abroad. "Isa sa mga paborito kong part ng show last year 'yung nag-share sila ng kwento nila on stage and then kinantahan namin sila ng songs na bumabagay sa buhay nila. Pinaghandaan namin ito and we really hope we were able to bring a piece of home to them."

Pambansang Bae Alden Rich-

ards, who gladly expressed being back in the cast together with his fellow Kapuso artists, said that he is looking forward to spend time with his fellow Pinoys once again following the success of their first show last year. "Nakaka-miss din na makasama sila ulit para sa second leg ng Sikat Ka, Kapuso! and ito 'yung chance na mapasaya ang mga Kapuso natin," said Alden.

"Marami kaming papasayahin ngayong April kaya abangan nila ang bagong pasabog na ipapakita ng Sikat Ka, Kapuso! team," said Kapuso comedian Betong Sumaya who also encourages the Kapuso abroad to watch out for their upcoming shows. "Ngayon kasama namin si Sir Dingdong so ibang flavor naman this time, and mas maraming interaction ngayon sa audience," he added.

The latest addition to the cast, Kapuso Prime-time King Dingdong Dantes, said that it is a privilege for him as an actor to perform for the Filipino audience abroad. "Although we do not usually sing and dance on screen, we hope to bring the Philippines closer to them through our music and shows."

For ticket inquiries, contact 1-917-858-2356 for Sikat Ka, Kapuso! New Jersey and 1-866-7KA-PUSO for Sikat Ka, Kapuso! Toronto. For more updates, follow GMA Pinoy TV on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

KZ, pasok sa wild card ng 'Singer 2018'

Matapos ma-eliminate last week, muling napanood si KZ Tandingan sa episode 10 ng Singer 2018 in China last Friday para sa kanyang farewell performance.

She performed a Mandarin version of Charlie Puth's See You Again at tila ito nga rin ang nais niyang iparating na mensahe sa lahat ng viewers dahil kahapon, inanunsyo na ng Cornerstone Entertainment that KZ will be back around April.

"Watch KZ Tandingan perform her farewell song See You Again. Two weeks from now, KZ will be back for the "Breakout" episode of the show -- the wildcard round -- last chance for KZ to get into the final of the competition," ang post ng management ni KZ sa Facebook.

Puring-puri naman si KZ ng mga netizen sa lahat ng performances niya sa nasabing kumpetisyon kaya positibo naman sila na makakapasok talaga ulit ang singer.

In fairness, hindi na-man talaga biro ang world class performances na ipinakikita ni KZ sa Singer 2018 at kung mayroon mang deserving manalo, siya talaga 'yun. Siya lang at wala nang iba, period.

Bianca posts kilig note to Miguel

Ang sweet ng "thank you post" ni Bianca Umali para sa kanyang ka-loveteam na si Miguel Tanfelix. Tinawag niyang "my person" ang young actor na labis na ikinakilig ng

kanilang mga tagahanga.

"I never got to thank you enough, @migueltan-felix\_ for what you did for me on my 18th.

"To My person, My annoying monkey. Thank you for making me happy. Thank you for constantly making me smile. For putting so much effort in doing even the most annoying things just to make me laugh.

"I know I get pikon often because you annoy me every time... but please know that I am looking forward to receiving more dozens of roses from you, painting colors on the plain white canvases of life with you, endlessly absorbing energy from my energy boy, cooking food with you ( kahit na taga open and close ka lang ng lutuan and taga mix ng sahog ), capturing infinity crazy moments together, shopping for outfits with you, and, of course, travelling around the world na ikaw ang kasama," ang heartfelt message ni Bianca for Miguel sa kanyang Instagram.

Matatandaang sa nakaraang 18th birthday party ni Bianca, kamakailan ay pormal na nagpaalam si Miguel sa lola ng young actress kung pwede na niya itong ligawan.

Bukod dito, niregaluhan ni Miguel si Bianca ng trip to Japan na siyempre ay kasama siya pati na ang ilang mga relatives at kaibigan ng young actress. Ang touching ng moment na napaiyak ang dalaga at nagyakap sila nang mahigpit ng young actor.

Ang sweet nga naman talaga ni Miguel. Deserving naman talaga na bigyan ng thank you shout-out ni Bianca.



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# James, Nadine confess how their love for each other made them better persons



**JAMES** Reid and **Nadine** Lustre have been a couple for three years now and they admit it was a great learning experience for them. “We both learned a lot from it,” says Nadine.

“Maraming binago sa pag-katao namin ang love namin for each other. I can really say that my life and I changed for the better, especially when it comes to accepting each other just as we are.”

And how is it for James? “For me, compared to my past relationships, I felt a different kind of love for Nadine. We helped each other grow and I’d say that I’ve grown a lot as a person.”

Nadine adds: “There are different kinds of love. May love for family, for friends, may romantic love for someone you really love. For me, ‘yung love namin ni James, maganda talaga ang naidulot sa akin kasi nagbago ako for the better. The

love I received from James really made me a better person.”

“What’s nice is we started

as friends and that’s a very good foundation,” says James. “It’s not just something passionate and crazy or spur of the moment but something that grew as we worked together. At this point, we can really say that the title of our new movie, ‘Never Not Love You’, can apply to us.”

The trailer of “Never Not Love You”, which opens on Black Saturday, shows them engaging in some very passionate kissing scenes. Didn’t they have any qualms doing these intense scenes for the camera? “We have to level up in this movie kasi it’s about

the serious topic of living in and the very personal choices that we make,” says Nadine. “Ngayon lang namin talaga ginawa ang

ganito ka-intimate na mga eksena and we’re confident that our director, Antoinette Jadaone, gave it just the right treatment. Viewers will really feel the sincerity of the emotions that our characters go through in the story and we’re sure it will all be a very memorable viewing experience for them.”

What’s nice is we started as friends and that’s a very good foundation

## Jodi Sta Maria congratulates Camille Prats for new GMA-7 show



Jodi Sta Maria (left) is part of Sana Dalawa ang Puso, the direct competitor of Camille Prats’s Ang Forever Ko’y Ikaw.

The network war is set aside by these two actresses even though their TV shows share the same timeslot.

ABS-CBN actress Jodi Sta. Maria congratulated GMA-7 star Camille Prats for her new show titled Ang Forever Ko’y Ikaw. The Kapamilya actress is part of the daytime series Sana Dalawa ang Puso, which is the direct competitor of Ang Forever Ko’y Ikaw.

Camille was overjoyed to receive a congratulatory message from the Kapamilya actress. Jodi wrote: “Cams! Congratulations on your new show! May God bless you and everyone involved. Huuugs! Miss you! [heart emoji] [rainbow emoji]”

Camille replied: “Ate joedz!!! Kinilig ako! [smiley face] thaaaank you!!! [heart emoji] miss you and hoping to bump into you soon! Its been so long! [heart emoji]”

In her Instagram account, Camille wrote in the caption: “Best part of my day! sobrang kinilig ako! thank you ate @jodistamaria our shows are airing on the same slot and yet so much love for each other. Spreading love and positivity all around!”

## COCO MAY BAGONG LOVE INTEREST

MAY bagong love interest ngayon ang bida ng long-running action TV series na “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano” na si Coco Martin, si Jessy Mendiola.

Kung ang character ni Yassi Pressman na si Alyana ay nakipag-hiwalay na sa kanyang asawa na si Cardo (Coco) sa serye at nali-link naman ngayon sa

character na si Marco na ginagampanan ni JC Santos, tila sa character naman ni Jessy mababaling ang attention ni Cardo.

Kung may mga nawala at namatay na characters sa “Ang Probinsyano,” napalitan naman sila ng mga bagong pasok na characters na magkakahiwalay na ginagampanan nina Edu Manzano, Alice Dixson, Rowell Santiago, Dawn Zulueta, Mark Anthony Fernandez, Jessy Mendiola at iba pa. Dahil sa pagpasok ng mga bagong characters, mukhang matatagalan pa sa ere ang “Ang Probinsyano” kung saan muling nabuhay ang acting career ng mag-amang Lito at Mark Lapid.

Bukod sa pagiging lead actor ng “Ang Probinsyano,” si Coco ay isa rin sa mga tumatayang director ng top-rating primetime TV series na kinabibilangan din nina Malu Sevilla, Avel Sunpongco, Toto Natividad, Richard Somes, Kevin de Vera, Alan Chantiongco, Enzo Williams, Nick Olanka.

Coco is using his real name, Rodel Nacianceno bilang director. Unti-unti na ring sinusundan ng Primetime Drama King ang kanyang idol na si Fernando Poe, Jr. (FPJ) hindi lamang bilang actor kundi bilang director at producer.



## Rufa Mae Quinto lucky with husband

Rufa Mae Quinto on husband Trevor Magallanes letting her join showbiz again: “Siya nga ang may gusto, e. ‘Tsaka millennial ano yun... 31 years old yun, Amerikano. Siya yung nagpabalik sa akin, kasi naniniwala siya na this is my destiny. ‘Tsaka, ewan ko sa kanya, baka ayaw lang niya akong kasama sa States!”

Aktibo na muli sa showbiz ang actress-comedienne na si Rufa Mae Quinto matapos nitong magpakasal at manganak.

Isa siya sa mga bagong dagdag sa cast ng ABS-CBN sitcom na Home Sweetie Home.

Okay lang ba sa kanyang asawang si Trevor Magallanes ang pagbabalik niya sa showbiz?

Sagot ni Rufa Mae, “Siya nga ang may gusto, e.

“‘Tsaka millennial ano yun... 31 years old yun, Amerikano.

“Siya yung nagpabalik sa akin, kasi naniniwala siya na this is my destiny.

“‘Tsaka, ewan ko sa kanya, baka

ayaw lang niya akong kasama sa States!” pagbibiro pa niya.

Wala ngayon sa bansa ang asawa dahil sa trabaho nito sa Amerika.

Dagdag pa ni Rufa Mae, “Dun na siya sa Amerika, pulis.

“Bibili ng bahay namin. Ano siya, e, anak-mayaman talaga, e.” Pakiramdam daw ni Rufa Mae, masuwerte siya sa napangasawa.

“Awa ng Diyos, tsaka understanding,” pakli niya.

Ikinasal sina Rufa Mae at Trevor noong November 2016.

Meron na silang isang anak—si Athena Alexandria, one year old.



## Loisa Andaliao beats Joshua Garcia in Kids Choice Awards

MANILA, Philippines — Actress Loisa Andaliao has won over Joshua Garcia, her love interest in the primetime series “The Good Son,” at the Nickelodeon’s Kids Choice Awards (KCA) 2018 in Hollywood.

Loisa has been voted as Favorite Pi-



Newbie, beating other fellow Filipino nominees Inigo Pascual and Gabbi Garcia.

Loisa expressed her gratitude for the award in a Twitter post.

“Maraming salamat sa lahat support & effort! Lord, maraming salamat sa lahat ng biyaya. First award na nakuha ko. Di ko ineexpect. Para to sainyo ipagpatuloy nyo pagiging strong & mabuti nyo, mahal na mahal ko kayo! Kung wala kayo, wala sakín to ngayon at wala ako dito,” she said.

Loisa joins other Pinoy KCA winners such as Maine Mendoza, who won as Favorite Pinoy Personality in 2016, and Nadine Lustre who took home the orange blimp last year for Favorite Pinoy Star.

According to Twitter, close to six million Tweets were sent related to the Filipino-centric category from the start of the voting period (February 26) until March 26.

Meanwhile, Korean pop boy band Bangtan Boys or more popularly known as BTS won the Favorite Global Music Star award.

## Nico Bolzico’s niece, Josefina, captivates netizens

The Argentine businessman Nico Bolzico, whose huge following has made him an Instagram phenomenon apart from becoming famous as the husband of the actress Solenn Heussaff, has unwittingly made his niece, Josefina Bolzico, another Internet celebrity.

He posted on Instagram a photo of them together in Bangkok, Thailand, for an endorsement shoot.

The caption read, “Three days in Bangkok w @ josefinabolzico and this is the only decent picture we took!” Next thing, Josefina was a hot topic on social media threads. Nico’s followers were immediately captivated by Josefina’s blue eyes.

But Nico already issued warning in a postscript note in his caption.

It read, “PS: any ‘smart funny’ comment about my niece and I will find you and I will kill you.”

We found out that Josefina had had some gigs around the metro.

She was part of the Bench Fashion Week, and modeled for Human.



BACK TO ABS-CBN. Masayang-masaya rin si Rufa Mae na nakabalik siya sa Kapamilya network.

Regular cast siya ngayon sa Home Sweetie Home, kung saan makakasama rin niya ang dating co-star sa Bubble Gang na si Ogie Alcasid.

Sabi ni Rufa Mae tungkol sa reunion nila ni Ogie, “Oo nga, ang saya!

## Home Sweetie Home gets more exciting

Weekend viewing gets more fun and more exciting in Home Sweetie Home as the neighborhood gets even bigger as Julie (Toni Gonzaga), Lia (Rufa Mae Quinto), and JP (Piolo Pascual) embark on a new business venture starting this month.

Aside from the three and Julie’s family, Nanay Loi (Sandy Andolong), Gigi (Miles Ocampo), Rence (Clarence Delgado), and neighbors Obet (Jobert Austria), Pinong (Nonong Ballinan), and Mang LA (Mitoy Yonting), the gang welcomes to Brgy. Puruntong Ireneo and Irene, who will both be played by Ogie Alcasid.

The growing cast of ‘Home Sweetie Home’ led by

Toni Gonzaga and Piolo Pascual, with Ogie Alcasid as its new member.

After finding out that Sunshine is already with another man in New Zealand, JP decided to just go back to Manila and be with his friends and family. To ease JP’s sadness and to divert his attention while mending a broken heart, Julie thought it might be a good idea for them to open up a business alongside her BFF Lia—a pastry shop and restaurant they will call Walang Kapares. Will Julie, Lia, and JP succeed in their new business? What role will Ireneo and Irene play in Brgy. Puruntong?

Since the sitcom premiered in 2014, Home Sweetie Home has been a consistent top-rater on weekends and has always been part of the top ten list of most watched programs in the country. Aside from the laughter it brings, the show also imparts to viewers valuable lessons in life and promotes good family values.

Home Sweetie Home , airs every Saturday after TV Patrol Weekend.

## Mikael and Megan deny live-in

MIKAEL Daez is glad that viewers warmly accepted his first drama series with real life GF Megan Young. Their afternoon soap, “The Stepdaughters”, has been airing for a month now and it’s always numero uno in its slot.

“Nakakatuwa dahil hindi lang mataas ang rating kundi puro positive ang feedback and comments na natatanggap namin sa social media,” he says.

So how is it acting together for the first time? “Noong una, medyo ilang pa siya like in that scene where she’s supposed to throw her shoe at me. Hindi magawa, ‘yung pala she’s worried na baka tamaan nga niya ako at masaktan ako. So ako na ang sumigaw sa kanya ng, ‘Hoy, ibato na yan. Kahit malakas, kakayarin ko yan.’ So na-motivate siya nang husto at noon pa lang niya ginawa. Ang lakas nga ng pagkakabato sa akin.”

What are the pros and cons of working with each other when you’re real life sweethearts? “Unang-una, ano man ang pinagdaraan nyo sa tunay na buhay, you should set

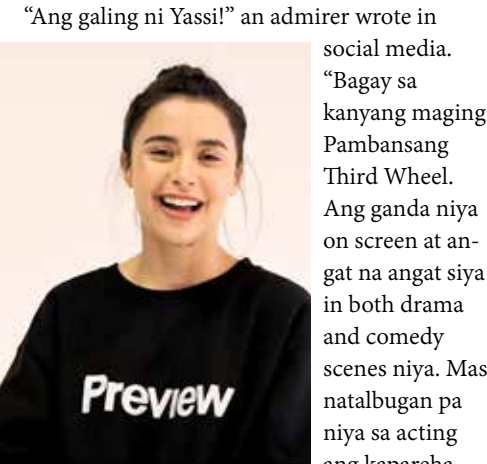
that aside para hindi maapektuhan ang trabaho niya. Dapat, sa set, work mode lang lagi. Labas naman yung relationship sa trabaho namin. But of course, advantage din yung lagi kaming magkasama sa set at nagkaka-bonding. When we’re asked to do romantic scenes, okay rin kasi comfortable na kami sa isa’t isa.”

He denies rumors that they are living in. “Kung totoo, we’ll own it up as we’re both adults naman, but hindi, may kanya-kanya kaming bahay na inuuwian.”

Their love story is starting to build up in “The Stepdaughters”, with Megan as the hardworking and smart Mayumi and Mikael as Francis Almeda, an intelligent, goodlooking guy who falls for her. But it will not be an easy journey for their love story since Katrina Halili as Isabelle also falls for Mikael and is determined to get his attention at all cost. Meantime, Aicelle Santos, who sang the theme song of “The Stepdaughters entitled “Bahagi Ka ng Langit” is all set to leave for abroad to play the role Gigi in the touring company of “Miss Saigon” in the U.K.

# Yassi upstages Sam in launching movie + other stories

YASSI Pressman is so happy over the very positive feedback she's getting from satisfied viewers of her launching movie, "Ang Pambansang Third Wheel", which is now showing in theaters nationwide.



Another admirer wrote: "Ang sarap panoorin sina Sam at Yassi sa screen. Magandang chemistry nila. Sam looks so young and Yassi is at her sexiest best. Magaling siya sa comic scenes man o dramatic scenes."

Yassi is very thankful for the positive messages her fans sent her. "It really warms my heart dahil noong premiere night pa lang namin sa Megamall, ang dami nang nagsabing very entertaining ang movie and they were able to appreciate my performance as the Pambansang Third Wheel," says Yassi. "This will serve as an inspiration for me para lalong mas pagbutihin ang trabaho ko, on and off the camera. I want to thank Viva for their trust in me in giving me this project and also our director, Ivan Payawal, for guiding me in interpreting my role effectively."

She also wants to thank her movie star friends who showed up at the premiere night to express their support for the movie. "Salamat kina JC Santos, Ryza Cenon, Cholo Barretto, ang FBois na sina Jack Reid, Vitto Marquez, Julian Trono at Andrew Muhlach, si Marion Aunor who sang our film's theme song, at sina Sam Pinto and Alonzo Muhlach sa pag-attend nila sa premiere night. It really means so much to us ni Sam Milby ang presence nila that night. We also want to thank SM Cinemas, the mecca of local entertainment, for the red carpet premiere of our movie in Manila and SM Cebu for our premiere night down south."

## Jericho Rosales defends wife, says having kids not the 'only measure' of womanhood

Metro Manila — Model and fashion influencer Kim Jones has husband Jericho Rosales' full support when it comes to chasing her dreams.

Rosales made this clear when he replied to a critic who hit her for choosing not to have a baby yet.

In his Instagram post on Christmas, Rosales replied to a netizen who said Jones should be a "real woman" and get pregnant.

"Can't even (be) with you all the time coz she's busy traveling and fulfilling her dreams. If she's a wonder woman for you @jerichorosalesofficial she should get pregnant and be a real woman!!!" the netizen said.

She was replying to Rosales' post showing him and his wife looking at a Christmas tree. It was captioned, "Christ, you rock."

Rosales, however, gently refuted the statement. He said he is proud that Jones, who runs a blog and has more than 700,000 followers on Instagram, is chasing her dreams.

The two married in 2014.

"I don't think getting preggy and having babies is the only measure for being a woman...I love that my wife travels and works (for) her dreams," he said. "Makes me really proud. Have the best holiday season and peace and love to you from us."

The commenter has since deleted her post. However, Twitter user Elisa Aquino posted a screenshot of it and wrote: "A real man won't make you want to forfeit your dreams."

The post, has been retweeted more than 2,000 times and liked more than 11,000 times.

Jones expressed how proud she is to be married to a man with Rosales' values.

"Thank you, Jericho, for believing that a woman's worth and the measure of a 'real woman' comes from a multitude of qualities," she said.

She added, "Thank you for believing my dreams are worth chasing whatever they may be. That's my man."

She also had something to say to those who show disdain for women who are still without child.

"Often my response is met with incredulity and scorn. We are all in a state of transition," she said.

Netizens are also praising Rosales for his modern stance on marriage.

"I've always admired Jericho Rosales, but stumbling across an article about him defending women's choice whether or not to have children made me respect him even more," Twitter user CJ de Silva said.

Another user, Angel Dei said there should be more men like Rosales.

"People should stop thinking that a woman's only purpose in this life is to get married and have children," she wrote.

## Kathryn Bernardo nixes tight pants for Daniel Padilla

Like his fun-loving mom Karla Estrada, Daniel Padilla enjoys wearing classic and comfortable clothes that send up Tinseltown's trendy stars of yesteryears.

When asked to explain his fashion preference, he said, "I prefer the retro or vintage look, because I'm really an old soul. I don't even mind being garbed in ukay-ukay clothes (laughs). Nakuha ko sa ermat ko ang fashion sense ko. For the most part, she lets me choose what I want to wear, but there are things she truly dislikes—like, she doesn't want to see me wearing white shoes with white shirt, kasi nagmumukha daw akong si Sir (mentions a character actor's name) (laughs)."

What about his constant screen partner, Kathryn Bernardo?

"Kathryn also doesn't want me wearing very tight pants, kasi alam mo na... (laughs)!" he added. "Magaling manamit si Kath, as you can see. So, she doesn't need my opinion in that regard. I just don't like it when she wears overly revealing outfits—that's where I put my foot down."

Such disarming candor sets Daniel apart from other bland and boring interviewees in show biz.

## Angelica and Carlo on the rebound

ESTRANGED sweethearts Angelica Panganiban and Carlo Aquino separated about thirteen years ago when both were still in their teens.

Nineteen si Carlo at eighteen naman si Angelica nang sila'y magkahiwalay but the two remained friends.

Si John Lloyd Cruz ang huling nakarelasyon ni Angelica pero nagkahiwalay sila nung 2016. Matagal namang naka-relasyon ni Carlo ang kanyang non-showbiz girlfriend na si Kristine Nieto pero nagkahiwalay din sila last year. Kaya pareho na silang nasa single status ngayon.

Nung nakaraang Valentine's Day ay nagpadala ng flowers si Carlo kay Angelica at sinorpresa pa niya ang huli sa book launching ng "Para kay Ex" na sinulat ni Beau Ang at kung saan si Angelica ang nagsulat ng foreword na ginanap sa Trinoma nung nakaraang February 24 na nagpakilig sa kanilang mga tagahanga. Now, people are pushing na sana'y magkabalikan ang dalawa. Dito rin nag-ugat para mag-isip ng isang proyekto para kina Angelica at Carlo either sa pelikula o TV series na lalong ikinatuwa ng fans.

Sa mga panayam kay Carlo, inamin nito kung gaano ka-espesyal si Angelica sa kanya at mananatili umano ito

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relief programs. An ANCOP Walk gala is scheduled on April 7th at Rembrandt Banquet Hall on 930 Progress Ave, Scarborough. This gala will be hosted by a popular Canadian TV personality in Melissa Grelo, who is the main host of the highly-rated Canadian talk show "The Social". We invite you to join us on this momentous occasion. For tickets, pls contact Bernie Consul at 416-9378384, or Rosemer Enverga at 416 - 2849299.



kahit hindi sila ang mag-end-up sa huli. Pero sa mga ipinapakitang moves ni Carlo, mukhang gumagawa ito ng paraan na ma-win back ang dating kasintahan at tila bukas naman sa posibilidad si Angelica, who at 31 ay handa nang umibig muli.

And it seems na handa na rin si Carlo na bumuo ng sarili niyang pamilya.

## The blossoming of Bianca Umali + other stories

Gracefully blooming into a fine young woman is GMA Artist Center star Bianca Umali who celebrated her 18th birthday on



March 2. At a young age, she has established a beautiful career and she now looks forward to more challenges and growth as an artist. Looking at

Bianca, it is easy to get mesmerized with her face. But what really draws you in and captivates you is her heart that is nurtured by her love for learning.

Currently, Bianca topbills Kambal, Karibal with her perennial partner Miguel Tanfelix, and together, they enjoy telling the story of the thrilling series. But apart from being a talented actress, the Kapuso star takes pride in being an advocate for education. In 2016, together with Miguel, she participated in an advocacy dubbed as ‘Pass A Book Ni Biguel’ project. They invited their followers to donate pre-loved books, which were given to chosen public schools across the country.

Meanwhile in 2017, she was hailed as the World Vision Youth Ambassador for Education. Starting early in the business never drove Bianca to set aside knowledge, and she continued to acquire skills that add more to her charm and appeal as an it girl.

Now that she enters adulthood, Bianca promises to do more of what is expected of her.

“I am entering the adult life and that is a bit intimidating, but if I keep learning and getting support from the people I love, I don’t have to worry. I have goals I want to achieve and I’m excited to discover more of myself as

I accomplish each of them.”

Kapuso actress Bianca Umali credits working out and managing food intake for her curves.

Pinagtawanan lang ng Kapuso young actress na si Bianca Umali ang usap-usapan ng nagparetoke diumano siya ng mukha at katawan.

May ilang netizens kasi ang nag-comment na sobrang tangos ng ilong ni Bianca na para raw niretoke ito.

Sabi ng Kambal Karibal star, “It’s all natural.

“Hindi ko alam kung paano nila nasasabi yun, but I am confident and I am proud na it’s all natural.

“Everything I have, siguro yung sinasabi nilang magandang katawan ko, pinaghirapan ko yun, inaalagaan ko yun.”

Kailan lang ay nag-viral ang Instagram post ni Bianca kung saan naka-black bikini siya sa isang beach sa Sorsogon.

### Max on working with husband Pancho: ‘Daig ko pa ang may personal bodyguard’

PANCHO Magno has just finished his last regular afternoon soap, “Haplos”, and he now joins the cast of the primetime romantic comedy, “The One That Got Away”. He will be working with his own new bride, Max Collins, who plays Darcy, the sexy fitness instructor in the story.

Max would think that Pancho is Wes, her secret admirer. What she doesn’t know is that Wes is just a fabrication of her own gay best friend, Bunny (Nar Cabico), who keeps sending romantic messages to her as Wes. It so happened that Pancho fits exactly the way that Wes is described in Bunny’s text messages. And when Max sees Pancho talking to a sexy girl, she confronts him angrily and calls him a two-timer. Imagine her embarrassment and surprise when she finds out that she made a big booboo.

This is the first time that Max and Pancho

are working together in a teleserye since they got married so their fans are thrilled to see them acting side by side on screen. So how is the experience?

“Siyempre, comfortable na kami agad sa isa’t isa,” says Max. “At least, may kasabay na akong umalis at umuwi ng bahay. I feel so secure on and off the set. Daig ko pang may personal bodyguard.”

“Actually, nagkasama na kami noon sa isang episode ng ‘Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko’, but iba itong nightly teleserye,” says Pancho. “Ang prayer ko lang, maging mahaba naman sana ang role ko nang tumagal pa ang pagsasama namin dito.”

There are two more new additions to TOTGA. First is Solenn Heussaff, one of the sexy girls who’ll be a threat to Lovi Poe, Rhian Ramos and Max Collins in their quest to get Dennis Trillo back. The other one is Devon Seron, a PBB discovery who’s in the batch of James Reid in 2010. She has decided to say goodbye to ABS-CBN and move to GMA Network and she says she’s very happy now to be a Kapuso. TOTGA’s cast and crew are currently rejoicing because their “Finding Nemo” episode to be a real winner at the ratings and easily clobbered its rival.

### Now that Mike Tan is already married, he understand the role

His character in GMA’s afternoon prime soap is that of a husband who loves his wife (portrayed by Yasmien Kurdi) so much that not even her unexplained HIV infection can force him to leave her.

In real life, Mike is also a loving husband to his wife who’s been his girlfriend for 12 years before they got married.

He tells Showbuzz he wants to have a baby soon: “I am so ready to be a dad. Napag-usapan naming mag-asawa, we should have a baby because we’re not getting any younger. We’ve been talking about having a baby even before we got married, and we’ve been praying about it. Wala na sigurong mas masarap pang feeling than holding your own baby in your arms.”

## Palarong Basketbol sa Kabataan to open at Hoop-Dome

The “Palarong Basketbol sa Kabataan sa HoopDome”, otherwise known as GTA Hoops Basketball Invitation-al, will be held for the first time in the Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area- GTHA on June 15, 16, & 17, 2018 at the popular Downsview Park HoopDome, 75 Carl Hall Road, North York, Toronto, Ontario, M3K 2B9.

This sporting initiative is being spearheaded and hosted by the newly- organized GTA Hoops Basketball Committee in support of the growing need and interest of Filipino Canadian families, individuals, youths and students for a more challenging, responsible and productive basketball competitions. Specifically, the tournament aims towards Filipino Canadian youth community development and in conjunction with the historic celebration of June Filipino Heritage Month as declared by the Toronto City Council.

The GTHBC is composed of Vilma Tahsin, Manny & Vilma Villamor, Roger Tarca and Bob San Juan, all community basketball aficionados. The five were former PIDC volunteers who jointly founded and managed the Mabuhay Cup Basketball tournaments for the past 14 years. Through the friendly games of competitive basketball, the Palaro 2018 hopes to continue bringing together the community as well as promoting sports fitness, leadership and fellowship in the Canadian milieu.

Invited to register and participate in the 3- day tourney are known ball clubs: Bayan, CKaTT, Crossover, Durham FBA, Gladiators, Jayhawks, Lapsley, Maharlika, NYPAA, OneTen, Red Warriors, Rising Suns, UNDFTD, 24 MM, Brampton Saints, Vaughan, Bayanihan, FAAB, Lakan, PBA, Fican, TO Elite, YDB and other established basketball teams. The premier participants include players within the Age Groups of those born in the years: 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002, and 2000 and as well the Ladies & Men’s Open Divisions.

Moreover, the participating clubs are requested to attend the First Teams Leader’s meeting and official launching on April 8, 2018 Sunday from 2 to 4 PM at FV Foods, 2085 Lawrence Ave East, and Scarborough. For more information, please check [gtahoopsbasketball.com](http://gtahoopsbasketball.com) or email [gtahoopsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:gtahoopsbasketball@gmail.com), call/text at 416-697-5197.

In their message - invitation, the GTA Hoops tourney founders & organizers expressed enthusiasm in making this event a “part of their solid legacy”.

Likewise, the Committee sends its great appreciation for continued support and encouragement and is looking forward to warmly welcoming the respective ball clubs and their players, parents, coaches and officials. They promised “to make the milestone event a highly positive experience that would meet or surpass all the stakeholders’ discriminating expectations”. (BSJ / tsj).

## Sam Milby on Philippine showbiz:

### “You have to be young.”

**“Ang maganda sa States, walang age range. Kahit dito, di ba, you have to be young. It’s a young market.**

In Pambansang Third Wheel, Yassi Pressman (Trina) is a receptionist turned copywriter in an advertising agency and Sam Milby (Neo) is an art director who works with Trina in an advertising project.

Aminado si Sam Milby na hindi pa rin nawawala sa kanyang puso’t isipan ang ma-penetrated ang Hollywood.

Ito ay sa kabila ng pagiging abala na muli dito sa ating bansa dahil sa ginagawa niyang pelikula at teleserye.

Aniya, “I’ve been getting...kasi, may management ako sa States.

“And last week, may message sila, ‘Hey call us, we need to talk to you, ‘cause we feel you have a good chance na makapasok sa show na ‘to.’

“And, they want me to send an audition tape, but the problem is, dire-diretso na ang trabaho din, there’s this promo [for the movie] and everything, so I wasn’t able to send.

“And the same time, first up, napakahirap pumasok sa isang show sa States, and I have commitments here.”

Pero, patuloy pa rin daw niyang ipu-pursue ang pangarap niyang ito.

Sabi pa ng

actor-model, “If there comes a time... Kasi, in the States right now, it’s called pilot season.

“So it’s the best time for auditions for the new shows na io-offer nila.

“So dapat by this time, nandun ako kung gusto kong mag-audition.

“This is the time I that need to be there.

“Yun nga lang, I’m still happy with the work I’m getting here na I’m committed to do a teleserye din.”

Dugtong pa niya, “If it comes in the future na wala akong masyadong ginagawa, and I have the opportunity to send for auditions for pilot seasons, I’ll try pa din.

“I’m happy and contented to be here, this is my home. “It would be exciting if i get a work there, siyempre.

“Mas likas yung lengguwahe, yung emotions, mas mai-express ko in English.

“But I’m happy and still appreciating everything that’s happening here.”

Hindi rin niya itinanggi na mas passionate noon ang kagustuhan niyang maging isang Hollywood actor noon, kaysa sa ngayon.

Saad ng 33-year-old Fil-Am actor, “I don’t know, pero mas passionate ako noon.

“Yun nga, if really wanted to try there, I should stay there.

“Ang hirap namang umalis dito nang matagal.

“If I’m gone for a long time, I still want to be able to work here.

“It’s a very hard decision to leave and give up for something na hindi pa sigurado kung tanggap ako dun.

“Even if some people are pushing me and have a chance there, pero...

“This is my home.”

Dagdag pa niya, “Siguro, it depends kung gaano katagal, kung gaano katiyak, kung gaano ka-sure ang trabaho ko dun.

“Ang maganda sa States, walang age range.

“Kahit dito, di ba, you have to be young. It’s a young market.

“When you’re in your youth, that’s your prime. I mean, the love teams, the KathNiel, the LizQuen, the Nadine and [James].”

Tinutukoy ni Sam ang loveteams na Jathryn Bernardo-Daniel Padilla, Liza Soberano-Enrique Gil at Nadine Lustre at Janes Reid.

Sa kabilang banda, ito ang obserbasyon niya sa U.S. entertainment industry:

“But in the States, you’re actually like wine.

“Kapag tumanda, kahit anong edad, there’s no time limit in a way, unlike here.

“I’m not worried, I mean, if it never happens, I’m super happy with how everything’s in my life.

“I’m just...where I am now. Just to be content with what I have.

“That’s what’s life is really all about.”

Sa Pambansang Third Wheel, si Yassi Pressman ay gumagana bilang receptionist turned copywriter sa isang advertising agency. Si Sam Milby (Neo) ay ang art director na makakatrabaho ni Trina sa isang advertising project.

Calling the shots:  
Celebrity single mom  
Janice de Belen

Janice de Belen (right) with her kids



To moms out there: Be strong, and don't lose hope."  
"Ideally, every family should be a two-income household. This means that since a woman is alone, all of her earnings are spent, and there's hardly anything left for savings," she explained. "She also doesn't have anyone to share parenting duties with on a daily basis. She's expected to do everything for the children on top of what she does at work."  
Janice said that being an actress spelled hardly any difference to a single mom like her. "It just happens that you're a celebrity, and everything you do is magnified. But when it comes to dealing with problems, and disciplining the kids, you do the same things other single parents go through at home."  
Disciplining the children of celebrity single parents shouldn't be any different either, she added. "In more ways than one, I'm very democratic. I strictly impose rules, but I'm lenient on other things," she declared. "I'm the type who thinks spoiling kids will only bring bigger problems in the future."  
"I aim to strike a balance. I know that I can't always say 'no' to their every request. Otherwise, there will be a revolution at home. If I say 'no' to one thing, I should be able to say 'yes' to another. It's called compromise. My children understand that."  
Asked what she thought was great about being a single parent, Janice first had a good, hearty laugh before answering: "It's easy to plan trips with your children if you're single. You don't have to consult or ask permission from someone else. You say to them, 'Is that what you want? Then, let's go!'"

Embracing motherhood is hard enough, even with a partner; imagine going through the process all by yourself.  
These actresses, whether they're coparenting while separated or doing it alone, are women who call the shots. Despite her failed union with actor John Estrada, Janice de Belen said she would never advise another woman to end her marriage.  
"What happened to me will not necessarily work for other people," said the mom of Inah, 26, Moira, 24, Kaila, 22, and Yuan, 19. Her marriage to John was officially annulled in 2004. She has remained single, while John married Brazilian beauty queen and Miss Earth 2004 Priscilla Meirelles in 2011.  
Janice also has a son with actor Aga Muhlach, Luigi, 31, as well as three grandchildren.  
"It's difficult when you're in a problematic relationship. You should follow what's in your heart," Janice advised. "If your heart says you should leave, then make sure you can pull it off. This is because, if you have children, your decision isn't just your own. There are other people whose lives depend on you."  
Making that big leap was the toughest for Janice, she shared with the Inquirer. "Even in the way I recovered from the breakup, I had to do it quickly, because my children depended on me for their own recovery."

'A waste of billions': Comelec twits push  
to defer barangay, SK polls

MANILA - The Commission on Elections and its employees union said any postponement of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections in May would be a waste of people's money, a conflict in preparation, and an infringement on the right of people to vote.  
Comelec Spokesperson Dir. James Jimenez said the poll body is 80 to 85 percent ready for the May elections after spending billions of pesos in taxpayers' money.  
"Mahirap magbigay ng running total but we do have a working budget of P5 [billion] to P6 billion," he said.  
Atty. Angela Kristine Royandoyan, Comelec Employees Union NCR Secretary General, said indelible ink purchased for the nationwide elections this May will be unusable if the elections will be postponed anew.  
She added the government has already spent a lot of money to print voters' lists for every poll precinct.  
"Hindi namin alam kung by October 2018 ay magco-conduct pa ng additional voters' registration. Posible madagdagan ang mga botante. Magbabago na naman ang mga na-print na namin na bulto-bultong list of voters," she said.  
"Mas marami po ang magagastos, mas marami ang masasayang na efforts," she added.  
Royandoyan said that if barangay elections will be postponed to October, it will create conflict with the filing of candidacy for yet another election - the senatorial and local elections in May 2019.  
"Mas magiging logistically mahirap po para sa amin na pagsabayin o halos magkalapit ang barangay elections na dapat noong 2016 pa," she said.  
Jimenez said as far as Comelec is concerned, the elections will push through on May 14. He said the postponement, which has the approval of the House Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, is not yet a law that Comelec is bound to follow.

"As far Comelec is concerned tuloy po ang halalan. It takes a law to postpone the barangay and SK election. All we have is a committee ruling. Yung pinaka-clincher dyan, kailangan meron counterpart sa Senate," he said.  
Senator Tito Sotto said no bills have been filed in the Senate with regards to postponement of the May elections, and that the same is not a priority agenda of the administration. "Wala pang nagfa-file ng counterpart bill para sa postponement ng barangay election," Sotto said.  
Only around 5 session days are left before Congress and Senate go into recess, but Comelec said there is always that possibility that the President will call for a special session.  
"While we are saying there is no time left, it is still not impossible that Congress can actually move quickly and get this done. It has happened before. Nakita natin that if Congress feels na mahalaga ang batas at kailangan ipasa, nagagawa nila 'yan ng paraan," Jimenez said.  
But more importantly, the entire Comelec institution is hoping that there will be no more postponement because they are duty bound to ensure and protect the right of suffrage of every Filipino voter and another postponement will be an erosion to the democratic process in the country.  
"We don't want the public to feel disheartened. We don't want them to feel they were shut out of the democratic process," Jimenez said.  
"Binibigyan natin ng karaptan ang ating mga mamamayan para makapamili o makapagbago ng isip kung sakali man na hindi nila nagustuhan yung mga naihalal nung nakaraan," Royandoyan said.

Angeline Quinto gets a  
reduced boob job

Contrary to rumors that she underwent breast enlargement, Angeline Quinto recently revealed that she actually did the opposite: She had hers reduced from 36 D to 36 B.  
"I did it about three years ago. I was at a point where getting dressed for shows was a hassle. The gowns would fit me well, except around my bust. It was a common problem the late Pepsi Herrera had with me," she recently shared with reporters at a recent media night hosted by Cornerstone Entertainment.  
When teased and asked if she's planning on showing off her beach body on Instagram this summer, the singer



jested that she has yet to find the courage for it. "Ayokong makipagsabayang sa mga persekto ang katawan—I'll give it to them!" she said, laughing. "Makinis lang ako!"  
She likewise denied having her nose enhanced. Not that she doesn't want to. "I can bravely say that it's not true. Why would I have my nose done? You can punch me in the face and see if it snaps!" quipped Angeline. "My nose is actually bigger without all the makeup."  
"I wanted to have my nose trimmed and had a consultation a few years ago," related Angeline, who did admit that she had liposuction and underwent a procedure for her eyelids. "But I have been a little wary about it now. God may get angry and think I'm not contented with what He gave me!"

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Andre's favorite dish is pizza. We hope he stays fit because he is a member of Team Crossover Canada that represented Canada at the SM NBTC National High School Championships in the Philippines now and in the future. We wish him and the team good luck.

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LEFT, Paddy Castillo, Mamang Norie and Samantha Gavin celebrated their birthday with a solo-salo at Tagpuan restaurant.



## Erich on new BF: Good to be true



MARAMING rason kung bakit masaya ngayon ang Kapamilya star na si Erich Gonzales. Bukod kasi sa magandang takbo ng kanyang career, mukhang may bagong nagpapasaya

sa kanya ngayon, ang kanyang rumored boyfriend na si Mateo Lorenzo na mula sa isang mayamang angkan at isa 12 anak ng successful businessman na si G. Martin Ignacio Paez Lorenzo who is the president and CEO ng marami nilang kumpanya kasama na rito ang food and restaurant business.

Pribado ang pamilya Lorenzo pero dahil dalawa sa kanila ay nauugnay sa dalawang kilalang showbiz personalities.

Si Mateo ay nauugnay kay Erich habang si Basti Lorenzo naman ang boyfriend ni Claudia.

Early last year nang magkakilala sina Erich at Mateo at one year na silang magkaibigan. Since then ay naging consistent at persistent suitor si Mateo ni Erich. Hindi rin ikinakaila ni Erich na 'too good to be true' umano sa kanya si Mateo whom he describes as a nice guy.

Si Erich ay napapanood ngayon sa hit afternoon TV series na "The Blood Sisters" kung saan siya gumaganap ng tatlong magkakaibang characters.



ABOVE, Genelie poses with her two birthday celebrant daughters Maria and Aubrey Panaligan.

RIGHT, Joshua Panganiban poses with her mom who celebrated her 60th birthday.



ABOVE, Hannah Mea graduates from university. She is the daughter of proud apts Ernesto and Gemma Baking.

BELOW, Samantha Gavin is a finalist at the Long and McQuade Singing Contest.



Catriona Gray leads the newly-crowned Binibining Pilipinas queens.

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ty will stay strong and high," Gray said.

A singer and model, Gray joined Miss World Philippines in 2016 and won.

She had a controversial Top 5 finish in Miss World in the same year, with many Filipinos believing that she should have won the crown.

Other Bb. Pilipinas 2018 winners include Michele Gumabao (Binibining Pilipinas Globe), Karen Gallman (Binibining Pilipinas Intercontinental), Eva Patalinjug (Binibining Pilipinas Grand International), Jehza Huelar (Binibining Pilipinas Supranational) and Ma. Ahtisa Manalo (Binibining Pilipinas International).

Samantha Bernardo was named 2nd runner-up while Vickie Rushton was named 1st runner-up.



In photo are some members of the Fil-CANADIAN MEDIA and Community Leaders including Mr. Julius Azarcon Tiangson of Mississauga. He is one of our aspiring politicians in Ontario.  
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