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For many, the Philippine president's controversial war on drugs pales in significance to medical services, better roads and safer streets

For the past 45 years, Manuel S. Abad and his family have rented the same house in La Loma, a densely packed barangay (neighbourhood) in Quezon City – part of the



Manuel Abad is a firm supporter of President Rodrigo Duterte's drug war, as he believes the streets are now safer for his family.

sprawling, 28 million-strong Metro Manila conurbation.

The house is 60 square metres. The family of six share two bedrooms, making do with four bunk beds and some mattresses on the floor. Abad grew up sleeping in the same rooms, sharing the space with his four siblings and parents.

For many Filipinos the decades following the "People Power" revolution of 1986 did not bring much in terms of progress.

"In the 1980s, rent was 500 pesos per month. Now I pay 5,500 pesos[US\$106].



Two of Manuel S. Abad's three sons sit in their family home, which is made up of just two bedrooms, with four bunk beds and some mattresses on the floor.

Today, it would cost at least 12 million pesos to buy this house," he said.

Manuel, 49, works as a sales and marketing manager for a lighting company, handling products for multinational companies like Phillips. Born to a lawyer and a mechanical engineer, the father of three boys and one girl speaks excellent English.

"I had the privilege of going to private school. I was a good student and really enjoyed learning," he said.

"But when I was still in secondary school, my father retired. I had to find work to support myself. I wanted to go to university, but instead, I found contract work as an animator for shows like Dragon Ball Z and Sailormoon."

Since then, Manuel has gone through several jobs, including a stint at the local urban government office. He had to change jobs, and consequently take a huge pay cut, because of President Rodrigo Duterte.

"In August last year, Duterte issued Circular No. 4, which directed all presidential appointees to resign. He wanted to get rid of the bureaucracy of corruption and scrutinise all of them. My boss at the time was one of these appointees and I didn't want to get dragged in, so I changed to the private sector."

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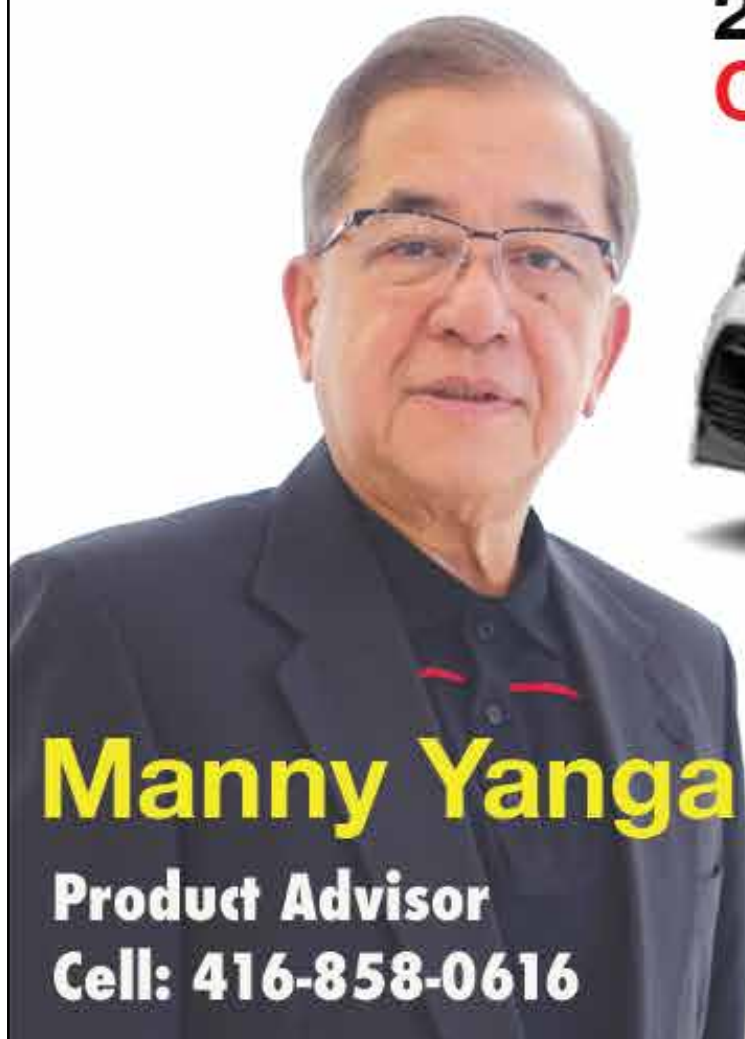
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Mayward reaches “CHIC” status

Mary Joy, masaya sa takbo ng career

Gone are the days when Maymay Entrata and Edward Barber are seen as the newbies of the showbiz industry. The young winners of the hit reality TV show Pinoy Big Brother have since then grew to be the true elegant stars that they are today while still maintaining their true selves. This is evident with the projects they have been getting.

As one evolves in the showbiz industry, how the public sees them also changes. The once kenkoy and candid Maymay and Edward that we saw in TV back in have now grown to the chic and stylish icons of their generation.

It is no surprise that smartphone giant Vivo chose MayWard as the faces of the new sleek and classy Vivo V11.

Apart from being known as actors and performers, both Maymay and Edward are known to be social media stars with the content that they continuously post on their social media accounts. Being millennials on the go, these two have definitely found the right gadget that compliments them with the Vivo V11.

Like most teens who belong to Generation Z, Edward himself is also an avid mobile gaming fan and as such, he is always on the lookout for the best device for it. “I am a gamer. I love watching videos. I love listening to music. The Vivo V11 has everything—the space, the screen, the resolution—to accommodate the things I love,” Edward shares and even boasts that he finds himself beating a lot more people in a game, like PUBG, because his phone works quicker than theirs.

Maymay on the other hand is known to always share details of her life on her social media accounts. Whether it be through a funny Instagram story or a heartfelt photo post, she never fails to share a moment with her fans which is why the 25MP camera of the Vivo V11 works wonders for her. “Iyong pinaka-gusto ko iyong mga effects at saka sobrang ganda talaga ng selfie camera niya kasi 25MP siya eh,” exclaimed Maymay.

The MayWard love team has definitely reached a milestone being the faces of the chic new generation that the new Vivo V11 is all about.

Matapos magmarka ni Mary Joy Apostol sa pelikulang Birdshot, nagtu-loy-tuloy na ang pag-arang-kada ng showbiz career ng aktres.

Ang naturang pelikula na pinamahalaan ni Direk Mikhail Red ay tinampukan din nina John Arcilla, Arnold Reyes, Ku Aquino, at iba pa.

Ito ang biggest break ni Mary Joy, bukod kasi sa nanalo siya ng award at bida na siya rito, ang Birdshot din ang naging official entry ng Pilipinas sa Foreign Film Category ng 2018 Oscars. Ito rin ang kauna-unahang Filipino film ng Netflix na naging available para mapanood worldwide noong March 26, 2018.

Ngayon ay kaliwa’t kanan ang projects ni Majoy (nickname ni Mary Joy), kaya naman nabanggit niyang magkahalo ang kanyang nararamdaman hinggil sa bagay na ito.

“Sobrang happy po, kasi may mga new doors po for me na nag-open. Medyo may halong kaba rin po and excitement,” saad niya.

Bukod sa sunod-sunod na TV guestings ni Majoy, kabilang sa pinagkaka-abalahan niya ang dalawang pelikula.

Aniya, “Nakapag-MMK na po ako, pati na rin sa Wagas, nakapag-guest po ako. And yung recent ko po is yung Ipaglaban Mo na mapapalabas po next-next Saturday po.

“Sa Ipaglaban po, ang kasama ko po rito ay si Maris Racal. Bale, magpinsan po kami ni Maris sa Ipaglaban mo po.”

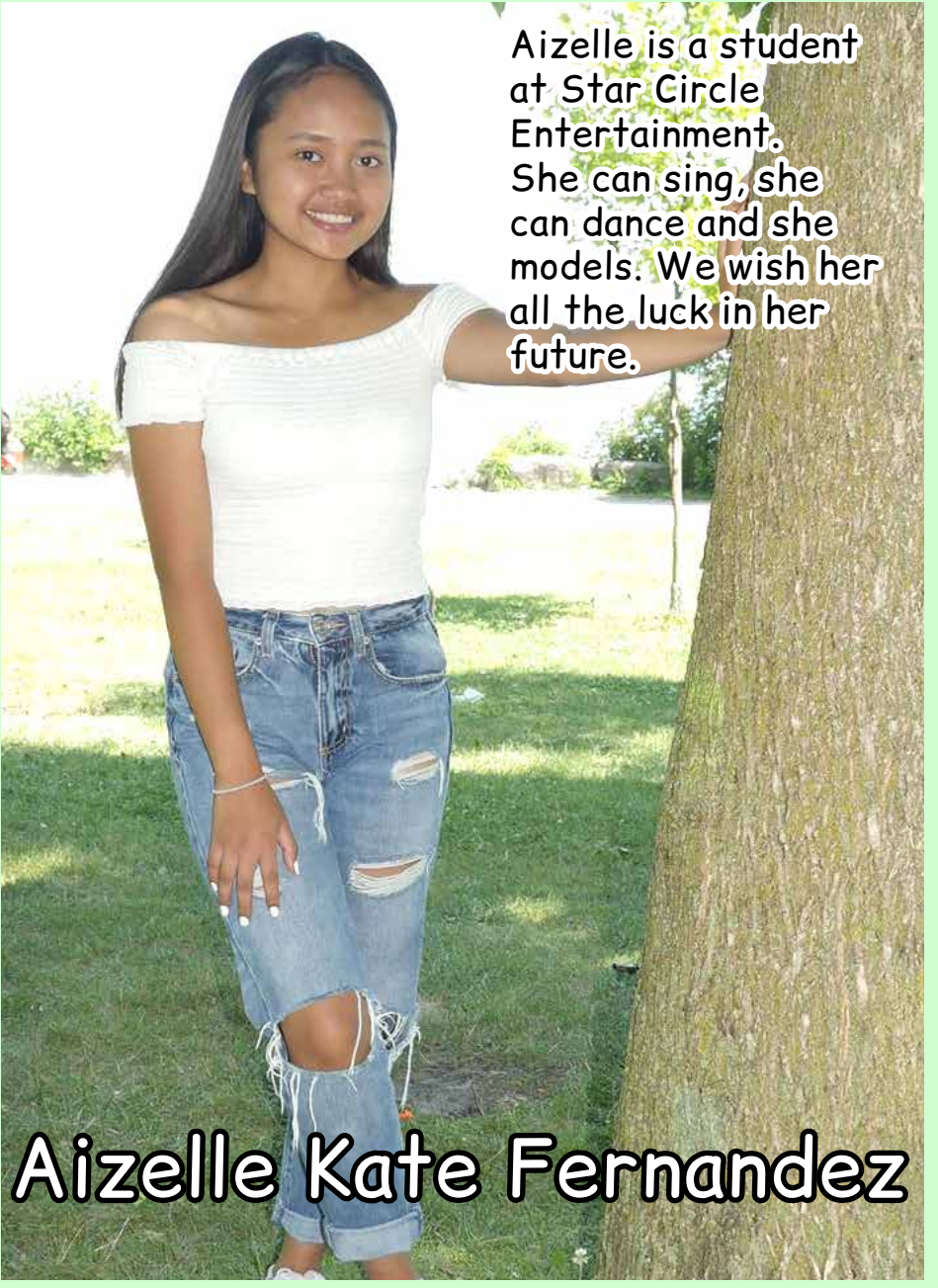
May mahalagang papel din si Majoy sa horror movie na Eerie na tinatampukan nina Charo Santos, Bea Alonzo, Jake Cuenca, Maxene Magalona, at iba pa, sa pamamahala ni Direk Mikhail Red.

Bukod sa Eerie, ginagawa na rin niya ang pelikulang Hospicio with Loisa Andalio. Kaya naman nabanggit ni Majoy ang labis na kasiyahan. “Oo naman po, super happy po ako sa takbo ng showbiz career ko, sobra!”



Honey Shot

Aizelle is a student at Star Circle Entertainment. She can sing, she can dance and she models. We wish her all the luck in her future.



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FIRST, Leo Consul, Arielle Fina Abrazaldo, David Pomeranz, Chalen Lazerna and magiciand and Illusionist Alvin Bucuo pose at the december show. SECOND, IPEN beauties pose with david Pomeranz THIRD, Brampton City Councillor- elect Rowena Santos and parents Roque & Fe Santos, special guests of Talakayan Radyo Filipino show at Pinoy Radio Station, with TRF producer May Cabrias & granddaughter Makayla and staff Bobby Achacon, Nelson Galvez and Tony A. San Juan on November 17, 2018. (Photo by May Cabrias).



Maja Salvador and Zanjoe Marudo answers whether they can in love with a friend

At last...but will it last?
Falling in love with a good friend of the opposite sex is the central theme of Maja Salvador and Zanjoe Marudo’s film “To Love Some Buddy.”
Produced by Black Sheep and Star Cinema, the story is about friends, Faith and Julius, who eventually start dating each other.
“This is not a fairy tale,” Maja said in a recent interview. “For the past years, we are so used to watching ‘happily-ever-after’ films. We want this one to be different. We will let the audience see what could happen when you fall in love with your best friend.”
Relating to their personal lives, Zanjoe and Maja both said they may or may not fall for a friend as it all “depends on the situation.”
Maja, who considers Rayver Cruz and Enchong Dee



his closest guy friends, explained: “I don’t see myself having a relationship with them. Like Enchong, I admit that I got a crush on him before, but I think it will not go on to the next level.”
Zanjoe, on his part, shared his character Julius decided to date his best friend in order to protect her from other guys.
“It’s like, ‘Hey, let’s be together,’ but at the same time, we should maintain the same ‘relationship’ we have as friends. Same dynamics, same formula,” he explained.
It is the first time the two have been paired although they have long express desire to work with each other.
“I am comfortable working with Maja. The challenge here was to really portray a good friendship. Me and Maja know each other but were not really close before,” was how Zanjoe put it.
Can best friends who become lovers regain friendship should they break up?
“Maybe? It all depends. Given the chance, why not,” Maja said.

The new Gary Valenciano

Mr. Pure Energy embraces life even more past recent health scare
This is what singer-songwriter Gary Valenciano saidright after a mall show, mere weeks after going under the knife twice.
He follows new do’s and dont’s. He avoids eating salty food and goes to the gym regularly. He’s back to dancing and biking, too. The icon goes to the beach frequently for improved mental health.
“In there (on the beach), I was able to deal with all the questions in my head. Not everything was answered but there was so much peace that came upon me,” he revealed.
“I’ve realized I’m human after all. Even if people call me Mr. Pure Energy, it’s a deception to think that nothing wrong can happen to me.”
Surprisingly, there are things he feels he needs to do more “urgently” now.

“There are things I cannot put aside anymore. There are projects I want to do specially targeting the younger generations, the students, who are about to graduate and face the real world. I feel that I really need to get to that,” he said. “There’s urgency for that because life is so short, so I want to do everything I want to do. I don’t want to come to a point that when I look back, I would regret not doing it and then I won’t have the power to do it anymore.”
Prior to his surgeries, Gary has planned to visit 35 universities and meet the students first and go back and have a concert. But after visiting three or four schools, his health complications arose. Now, life goes on, the show goes on.



LIZQUEN SET TO STAR IN ANTOINETTE JADAONE FILM

We will be seeing Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil on the big screen once again as they are set to star in a movie written and directed by That Thing Called Tadhana and Never Not Love You director Antonette Jadaone.
On an Instagram post shared by Black Sheep PH, the

same production house behind Exes Baggage, Liza and Enrique happily posed with the director.
The project remains untitled and is set for release on 2019. LizQuen’s last movie was My Ex’s and Whys which was released on 2017.



Vice, ready to sacrifice for love

NOON ang TVJ ang may tinatawag na Midas’ touch, ngayon ay si Vice Ganda na.
Turn naman ng Unkabogable Star ang magkaroon ng power para makatulong sa mga nangangarap na maging artista. Everyone Vice touches now turns to gold. Dahil sa kanyang kasikatan at impluwensiya, madaling sumikat ang mga taong kinagigiliwan niya.
Gaya na lamang itong si Jackie na nakilala bilang Ate Girl na nagkaroon ng magandang exposure sa Miss Q & A sa It’s Showtime. Parang siya si Samantha Chavez

na isa ring dancer noon na pinasikat nina Tito, Vic at Joey sa Eat...Bulaga. Maging ang escort na si Ion Perez, humahataw na rin dahil sa exposure nito sa nasabing segment. Iba talaga ang influence ngayon ni Vice. Kaya naman bawat comment niya lalo na tungkol sa mga national isyu ay trending agad. Good thing now that he has mellowed down with his commentaries. Or better put, he comments on political or national issues only when necessary.
Ngayon, kitang-kita sa kanyang kilos na masaya siya sa friendship nila ng basketbolistang si Calvin Abueva. Ano kaya ang puwedeng isakripisyo ni Vice sa ngalan ng pag-ibig? Just asking

Eddie Garcia on Coco Martin: “Hindi naman niya sinasapawan ang direktor.”

Eddie Garcia on Ang Probinsyano lead actor Coco Martin: “Nagsa-suggest lang naman si Coco. Kung ano ang inaakala niya na makakabuti sa show...hindi naman niya sinasapawan ang direktor.”
Eddie Garcia dubbed Coco Martin as the new Fernando Poe Jr.
The veteran actor has been working with Coco for almost three years in the ABS-CBN prime-time series Ang Probinsyano.
“Siya ang bagong FPJ, si Coco. Napaka-profesional at napaka-galing na artista.
“Maraming tinutulungan na wala nang trabaho. Nilagagay niya sa Ang Probinsyano para magkaroon ng trabaho,” said Eddie who is cast as Don Emilio Syquia in the teleserye.
“Hindi malaki ang ulo ni Coco. Napaka down-to-earth.
Eddie also downplayed rumors saying that Coco has overstepped his boundaries by overriding decisions of the director.
“Hindi. Nagsa-suggest lang naman si Coco. Does Coco have the final say when it comes to the plot of Ang Probinsyano?
“Ay, hindi. Nag-suggest lang dahil meron kaming mga headwriter. Hindi naman nang-ingialam sa direction.”
Does Coco shout at other people when he gets stressed?
“Hindi, napakalamig as a director,” said Eddie about the star of Ang Probinsyano who also serves as the creative consultant of the show.
There have been rumors indicating that Coco has a tendency to shout at other people while directing a scene. Did he ever see this happen to Coco?
“Nung dinirek niya ako sa kweba, wala namang sigaw. Very smooth ang taping



namin,” recalled Eddie.
Eddie also pointed out: “Yung dinidirek niya, siya ang captain of the ship kapag may sequence na siya ang nag-direk. Pag iba ang nag-direk, hindi naman siya nakikialam.”
Were there times when he saw Coco arguing with another director?
“Wala,” said the veteran actor.

MMFF 2018 ENTRY
Eddie is part of the 2018 Metro Manila Film Fest entry Rainbow’s Sunset. He is cast as Ramon Estrella, a retired senator who decided to come out of the closet. He decided to leave his wife and take care of his good friend, Fredo (played by Tony Mabesa) who is dying of cancer. In the film, Eddie shot a kissing scene with his partner Tony Mabesa.
“The script calls for it so gawin mo.”
Was it awkward for him to do a kissing scene with another guy?
“No, no. Dun sa Bwakaw, may kissing scene rin ako with Rez Cortez.
“Nasa role yun, e. If the role calls for it, gawin mo. Kung ayaw mo, huwag mong tanggapin ang pelikula.”
The 89-year-old actor estimates that he has done 600 movies throughout his career.
He has portrayed a variety of gay characters in the past: “Baklang nagsusuot ng babae, screaming faggot, isang bakla na may asawang lihim.”
When it comes to his projects, he admitted that he is not choosy. “Kahit anong role ibigay mo sa akin, tatanggapin ko.
“May isang role lang akong hindi pa nagagampanan: leading lady,” Eddie quipped, eliciting laughter from members of the press.

James Reid at Nadine Lustre, kailan nga ba magsasamang muli sa isang proyekto?

Dahil sa kanyang dalawang bagong leading man, marami ang nagtatanong kung kelan ulit makakasama sina Nadine Lustre at James Reid sa isang project.
Marami ang nagtatanong kung bakit iba na naman ang kapareha ni Nadine Lustre sa kanyang bagong movie project at hindi ang kanyang ka-love team at boyfriend na si James Reid. Kamakailan lang ay na-interview nga ng PUSH si Nadine kasama ang kanyang bagong leading man na si Sam Concepcion para sa pelikulang Indak.
Kailan nga bang makikitang muli ng Jadine fans na magkasama sila sa isang project muli?
“I don’t know... But for now, James has Pedro Penduko. I mean nasa Pedro Penduko din naman ako according to direk [Paul Basinillo], pero hindi pa ata nagkakausap about doon,” tugon ng aktres.
Pagdating naman sa TV projects, mabilis naman na sinabi ni Nadine na, “With TV I’m not yet sure, pero soon



po ‘yan. Marami pa din po kasi naka line-up and we really want to focus here for now at least ‘yung effort namin hindi divided kasi mahirap din naman po ‘yung madami,” aniya.
At kahit na hindi madalas magsasama sa isang proyekto, para sa aktres wala pa din daw nagbabago sa kanilang samahan.
“I don’t think it’s different naman po kapag magkahiwalay kami o magkasama, the same lang naman po. Siguro ‘pag mag-kasama lang kami I guess parang nag-e-enjoy ako na ka-trabaho pa din siya e, even though ang tagal na namin na nagkakasama, parang pag-waiting hindi ako na bo-bore kasi andyan po siya, nakaka-usap ko and all that,” pahayag pa niya.
February nitong taon nang huling napanood si James at Nadine sa kanilang level up movie na Never Not Love You.



Josie Macatula Rodricks celebrated her 50th birthday and her Star Circle Entertainment family was there to celebrate her happy day.

Josie Macatula Rodrick’s Birthday



Coco Martin thankful for meaningful dialogue with PNP

Nakahinga nang maluwag si Coco Martin ngayong naplansta na ang gusot sa pagitan ng Philippine National Police (PNP) at ang pinagbibidahan niyang Kapamilya teleserye, ang FPJ Presents Ang Probinsyano.

Matatandaang nitong mga nakaraang linggo ay nagkaroon ng tensyon sa pagitan ng dalawang kampo noong inireklamo ng pamunuan ng PNP ang hindi makatotohanang pag-portray ng pulisya sa naturang programa.

Ayon sa kanila, nakasasama raw ito sa imahe ng PNP.

Dinepensahan naman ito ng production at creative team ng Probinsyano at sinabing “fictional” lamang ang itinatalko ng mga script o storyline na isinusulat ng kanilang mga writers.

Ayon nga kay Coco sa panayam sa kanya ng PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) at Cinema News sa nakaraang ABS-CBN trade launch na ginanap sa PICC Forum Tent noong nakaraang November 27, walang hindi nakukuha sa isang maayos na pag-uusap, at masaya siya na matagumpay na nalagpasan ng show nila ang nasabing pagsubok.

Lahad niya, “Ayos na ayos na, kaya nagpapasalamat kami na isang malaki ring pagsubok na pinagdaanan namin.

“Sabi ko nga, di ko akalain na magiging isa siyang national issue.

“Nagpapasalamat ako kasi siyempre nakabalik kami.

“Ayaw naman naming makasagasa o makasakit ng kahit na sinong tao, anumang organisasyon.

“Thank God, naayos naman.

LJ Reyes to remain a Kapuso: “Haping-happy ako sa GMA”

LJ Reyes has one wish for the entertainment industry: “Sana, di ba, wala masyadong network wars.”

LJ Reyes will continue working after giving birth to her daughter in January 2019.

At the advance screening of Ang Pangarap Kong Holdap on November 24, she tells PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal), “Yes, oo naman. Ang GMA naman, lahat ng bosses ko sa GMA, very supportive sila. Very patient, very understanding, at very loving sila na parang, ‘Sabihan mo lang kami kung ready ka na uli.’

“Actually, nakakatawa kasi hanggang last week parang meron pa kong mga inquiry sa TV, sabi ko, ‘Ah, hindi ko na po kaya, hindi lang po halata seven and a half months na po ako, hindi ko na po kayang mag-taping,’” she recalls with a laugh.

LJ’s contract with GMA-7 is up for a renewal. Has she thought of switching networks?

“Ay, wag ganun,” she laughs. “Haping-happy ako sa GMA, wala namang dahilan para lumipat.”

She will remain in GMA?

“Oo naman! GMA pa rin ako. Alam mo, yung GMA naging parang second home ko talaga siya. Homegrown, e. ‘Tapos ramdam ko naman yung suporta nila sa akin ‘tsaka pagmamahal nila sa akin, so parang ang hirap lumipat, alam mo yun?’

But she understands why others have to move to the rival network.

She says, “Mahirap naman din gawin yun. Naiintindihan ko na siyempre, merong iba sa amin na siyempre nakakita ng magandang opportunity sa kabila, and hindi mo naman dapat din siguro ikasama ng loob yun or ano, di ba, ganun talaga ang buhay.

“Hindi mo rin naman masabi, di ba? Malay mo pag tumanda... matanda na nga pala ako,” she jokes.

“Pero alam mo yun, ganun talaga ang buhay, I mean, and it’s also a business.”

LJ says it is normal that artists go where there is work.

“Oo, dapat kung, sa totoo nga lang sana, di ba, wala masyadong network wars? Or yung people, they don’t make us fight with each other, di ba?

“Kasi sa totoo lang, tayu-tayo pa rin naman ang nagkikita, e, di ba, kahit saan tayo magpunta.

PAOLO’S BACK-TO-BACK MOVIES

LJ is happy that her partner Paolo Contis has two movie projects—

Through Night And Day ang Ang Pangarap Kong Holdap. The 30-year-old actress says says, “Natutuwa ako na ngayon very open na siya with it.” It has been three years since Paolo made a movie. His last was Haunted Mansion, which was released in 2015. “Oo. Siguro sabi ni God, ‘Siya na muna, wag na muna ikaw.’ “Pero yun nga, natutuwa ako kasi magaganda talaga yung material na nakukuha niya, at he deserves it naman talaga, dahil napaka-wide talaga ng range ng talent nitong taong to.

“Sabi ko nga napakagaling nung brain niya talaga, witty siya when it comes to comedy, ‘tapos napakagaling niyang aktor pagdating sa drama.”

Carmina Villaroel shuts down rumors that she’s quitting showbiz

Rumors have it that the celebrity mom is leaving showbiz to start her own skin care brand, a claim that she has strongly denied on social media just recently.

Carmina Villaroel has just put an end to speculations claiming that she’s quitting showbiz for good to start her own skin care brand.

“Fake news! This is not true!,” clarified the celebrity mom on Instagram last Friday along with a screenshot of the supposed fake headline.

“I’m not quitting showbiz. I’m not endorsing this product and I don’t own a skin care line. I don’t even know if this product exists and I won’t/ will not bad mouth or belittle other brands just to promote another. So please don’t believe this news!” she added.

Sharon Cuneta oozes with love, praise for Kathryn Bernardo

Megastar Sharon Cuneta expressed relief that Kathryn Bernardo will be taking care of the industry when she and her colleagues leave show business in the future.

“Such a wonderful thing to know that she, like my Julia @juliabarroto, will be taking care of this industry I have long loved and sacrificed so much for when it is time for me and my contemporaries to leave,” Cuneta wrote Monday in an Instagram post.

The Megastar said she’s happy she had a chance to work with Bernardo, even describing it as “refreshing and heartwarming.”

“New Box-Office Queen, a Superstar, a good actress, someone who is beautiful, simple, sincerely sweet and kind, respectful to her mother and to everyone she works with,” Cuneta also said of Bernardo.

She added: “Love you, Kath. Stay as sincere and true as you are. You take care of your heart, and everything else will keep falling into place!”

Not only praised for her personality and work ethic, the veteran actress also described Bernardo as a “great girlfriend” while complimenting the teen star’s boyfriend Daniel Padilla as “A Padilla – but even better!”

Megastar said she “had no fears or hesitations” in opening up to Bernardo, adding “I knew in my heart right away that I could trust this girl. Thank you, Kath, for listening to me and for all your thoughts too!”



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BOC eases rules on balikbayan box duties

MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has eased the rules for Filipinos availing of duty- and tax-free privileges for consolidated balikbayan boxes valued up to P150,000.

Instead of sticking to a Philippine passport as proof of citizenship, the BOC said it is accepting other documents such as a photocopy of the page of a Philippine passport with personal information, picture and signature. In case of dual Filipino citizenship without a Philippine passport, a photocopy of foreign passport with personal information, picture and signature plus a copy of proof of dual Filipino citizenship are needed.

The bureau also accepts permanent resident ID or equivalent documents in other countries, overseas employment certificate or Overseas Workers Welfare Administration card, work permit, unified government ID issued by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and any other equivalent document except birth certificate.

To further simplify the rules, the BOC said qualified Filipinos are not required to submit the commercial invoices of the goods contained in the balikbayan box. Invoices are to be submitted only if these are available.

However, they are required to submit through their freight forwarders or deconsolidators three copies of the information sheet, which will serve as the packing list of the balikbayan box. The first copy should be placed on the topmost portion of the box. The second copy should be kept by the sender and the third one must be given to the consolidator to be forwarded to the BOC together with other documentary requirements.

The BOC clarified that qualified Filipinos abroad include holders of valid passports issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and certified by the DOLE or Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) for overseas employment purposes regardless of profession. Also qualified are non-resident Filipinos who have established permanent

residency abroad but retained their Filipino citizenship, and resident Filipino citizens who temporarily stayed abroad, including holders of student visa, investors' visa, tourist visa or other similar visas that allow them to establish temporary stay abroad.

The BOC advised balikbayan box senders that their shipment must only contain personal and household effects.

Balikbayan boxes may be sent up to three times in a year provided the total value per sender will not exceed P150,000 and the items or goods sent are not in commercial quantities.

The bureau said deconsolidators and freight forwarders are required to ensure that only personal effects and household goods are sent through consolidated shipment of balikbayan boxes.

The BOC assured the public that balikbayan boxes tagged as "no suspect" after the mandatory X-ray inspections will not be opened or subjected to physical examination.



Stand Up Comedians AJ Tamiza & Le Chazz to entertain Pinoys in T.O.

The DazzlersEntertainment, together with JJavier Digital Media and JVF Productions, will be presenting a stand-up comedy show to welcome 2019 at the Toronto Pavilion (located at 190 Railside Road, Toronto) on January 12th, 2019, Saturday.

The show will feature the exciting comedian/singer tandem of AJ Tamiza and Le Chazz, regular performers in Philippine television and at Allan K's Clownz Comedy Bar and Zirkoh in Manila. This would be the 7-year partners' first major performance in Canada. In 2012, they performed in Edmonton and Calgary. Aside



from their regular comedy bar gigs, AJ & Le Chazz currently appear in Wowow-in, Eat Bulaga and other TV



shows. They have also entertained Filipinos in numerous Philippine cities, Europe, Dubai and Bahrain, amongst other places.

Special guest during the show is up and coming actress, singer and TV/Print commercial model, Shanaia Gomez. Shanaia is from Toronto and now based in the Philippines.

Front acts for the duo will be provided by homegrown local talents: Audrey Lyn, teen singing group Charms, Aidan Rodricks, Chollo Lag-dameo and his group of dancers, Jasmin Flores, Aysu & Arel and Christal.

Tickets for the show are now available at Ticketmaster and other outlets, like FV Foods (Lawrence Ave E & Bathurst locations), Taguan Victoria Park, Rose's Chester Chicken Food Mart Sherbourne, RJ's Filipino Cuisine Sherbourne, Chelsea's Filipino Food Sherbourne, CanAsian Food Brampton and Tita Au's Filipino Store Mississauga. (****Fe Tadiran****)



Jessy Mendiola, nakatanggap ng 'fat memo' kaya nag-lie low sa showbiz

Jessy Mendiola also revealed that she went through depression.

During the presscon for a weight loss flavored drink, brand endorser Jessy Mendiola made a big revelation to the press as she finally addressed the real reason as to why she isn't seen as often on television.

According to the Kapamilya star, her hiatus from showbiz stemmed from a 'fat memo' from her management. "Hindi naman ako nawala. It's just nag lay low lang ako ng very light kasi nga nagkaroon ng weight gain. Nakatanggap ako ng fat memo," she revealed. "Yes, it's true. A year ago or two years ago. It's a proof na you can't get work if you gain weight. That's how society works," she added.

Apparently, she went through depression as a result of the whole 'fat memo' experience. "I got very depressed. Parang dumating ako sa point na, 'Ah ito na lang pala din talaga 'yung halaga ko. Kung hindi ako sexy, wala akong projects or hindi nila ako makikita as who I am.' So sa mga nagsasabi na nagpapayat siya dahil nabash siya, it's not [true]. I wanted to feel good. So I started being healthy. Add-on na lang 'yung pagpapayat," she said.

Jessy also said she respects the said memo as she understands that looking good comes with her job as a celebrity. "Pero I understand naman kasi it's part of our job to stay in shape and to look our best," she added.

Asked how she overcame her depression, she answered, "'Yung support system ko. And it's more of siyempre hindi naman 'yun mangayayari mag-isa. Kailangan mo rin talagang maging active in life. Hindi lang siya sa pagwork-out

Paglipad ng bagong 'Darna' ni Liza aabutin ng pitong taon?

TIME was when the so-called pitu-pito movies were in vogue. Not literally made in seven days, ito 'yung uri ng mga pelikulang pinauso noon ng Regal Films whose movies were shown week after week.

Ito naman ang tila exact opposite ng itinatakbo ng filming ng "Darna" sa kasalukuyang henerasyong pinagbibidahan ni Liza Soberano. If our memory serves us right, inabot nang limang taon ang dream project na ito ng mabusising si direkt Erik Matti. Sa sobra ngang pagiging mabusisi ni direkt who pays attention even to the littlest detail, dumating sa point that his demands (or whims?) could hardly be met by Star Cinema, hence, their creative differences which eventually resulted in his replacement. But just when the Darna fans thought that the Pinay superhero was all set ay isinantabi muna ang proyektong ito. When filming would resume, hindi pa tiyak as Liza reunites with her screen partner Enrique Gil via another project.

Kung limang taon na ang iginugol sa "Darna" project even before filming could take place ay dalawang taon pa ba ang aabutin before Liza as Narda/Darna comes to life on the big screen?

So, "pito" movie ito? One thing's for sure, kahit pa bumilang ito nang higit nang lampas sa pitong taon, it would be worth the wait.

We all grew up with sheer fascination kay Darna regardless kung si-numan ang gumapan, mapa-pelikula man o TV. Sana lang, tumbasan ng Star Cinema ang pagkainip ng mga manonood via the millennial starrer in terms of visuals.



Kris pinuri, ipinagtanggol ni Imee sa 'Crazy Rich Asians'

KAHIT paano'y lababaw siguro ang malapot na dugo ni Kris Aquino para kay Governor Imee Marcos na nagtanggol at pumuri pa nga sa kanya sa isang panayam tungkol sa kanyang partisipasyon sa pelikulang "Crazy Rich Asians." Kontra-pelo ang kanilang mga pamilya mula nu'n hanggang ngayon, hindi maaaring mawala sa utak ng mga Pinoy na may kinalaman ang pamilya Marcos sa pagpaslang sa ama ni Kris nu'ng 1983, nakasulat na 'yun sa kasaysayan.

Nasa magkabilang ibayo sila ng prinsipyo at paniniwala, milagro na nga lang siguro ang magpapalapit sa kanilang kalooban, pero naging madulas ang dila ng gobernadora sa pagbibigay-papuri kay Kris.

Huwag na raw niyang pansinin ang mga bashers at ang mga kumukutya sa maigsi lang niyang role sa pelikula, ang mahalaga ay napasok niya ang balwarteng masyadong mapili sa lahi, isang malaking karanagan para kay Governor Imee Marcos ang pagkasali ni Kris sa pelikula.

Nakatuon ang pansin ng gobernadora sa sining at pelikula, ito ang naging tagapamuno nu'n ng Experimental Cinema of The Philippines, kung saan pi-nuri ng buong mundo ang Superstar na si Nora Aunor dahil sa pelikulang "Himala."

ha. More of pro-active sa mga tao, sa work mo," she said.

Meanwhile, Jessy Mendiola is set to mark her comeback through the Metro Manila Film Festival entry titled 'The Girl in the Orange Dress.'

Walk of Fame ni Kuya Germs, tuloy

KAHIT mahigit dalawang taon nang namay-apa ang star builder at ang Master Showman at founder ng Stars Walk of Fame sa Eastwood City na si German `Kuya Germs' Moreno, ipinag-papatuloy pa rin ng kanyang kaisa-isang anak na si Federico Moreno at bumubuo ng board ng foundation na itinatag in behalf of Kuya Germs bilang pagkilala sa mga taga-industriya sa pamamagitan ng paglalagay sa kanilang mga pangalan sa Stars Walk of Fame. Sa taong ito sa ika-13th anniversary ng Stars Walk of Fame sa Eastwood City, sampung inductees ang paparangalan ng sarili nilang stars sa Eastwood City in Quezon City na gaganapin sa darating na December 10 (Monday) at 6 p.m. Ang mga ito ay sina Marichu Vera Perez-Maceda, movie director and talent manager na si Chito Roño and his talent na si Vhong Navarro, Derek Ramsay, ang veteran broadcast journalist ng BBC na si Rico Hizon, Ken Chan, Julia Barretto, Pia Wurtzbach at James Reid. Bibigyan naman ng posthumous award ang yumaong si Dr. Jose Perez, ang star maker at producer ng Sampaguita Pictures na pinagmulan ng maraming stars and talents noon.

Tiyak na masaya si Kuya Germs sa kanyang kinaroroonan ngayon dahil hindi nawalan ng saysay ang kanyang sinimulan 13 years ago, ang Stars Walk of Fame in Eastwood City na inspired sa Walk of Fame in Hollywood sa Los Angeles, California, USA.

Carmina Villaroel shuts down rumors that she's quitting showbiz

Rumors have it that the celebrity mom is leaving showbiz to start her own skin care brand, a claim that she has strongly denied on social media just recently.

Carmina Villaroel has just put an end to speculations claiming that she's quitting showbiz for good to start her own skin care brand.

"Fake news! This is not true!," clarified the celebrity mom on Instagram.

"I'm not quitting showbiz. I'm not endorsing this product and I don't own a skin care line. I don't even know if this product exists and I won't/will not bad mouth or belittle other brands just to promote another. So please don't believe this news!" she added.



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Vice Ganda leaves funny comment on Marian Rivera’s IG post

Nakipagbiruan ang ABS-CBN star na si Vice Ganda kay Kapuso Prime-Time Queen Marian Rivera sa Instagram.

Nag-umpisa ito nang nagpost si Marian ng larawan ng anak nila ni Dingdong Dantes na si Maria Letizia o Zia.

Ipinagdiriwang ni Zia ang kanyang third birthday ngayong araw sa Hong Kong Disneyland.

Sa larawan, makikita si Zia katabi ang mascot na si Mickey Mouse.

Sa comments section, ang biro ng It’s Showtime host, “Naalala ko kabataan ko. Ganyang ganyan itsura ko noon e. Manipis ang kilay, malaki ang mata tapos maitim ang ilong. (si mickey pala! lol).”

Sagot naman ni Marian dito: “@praybeytbenjamin whahahahah [laughing emoji]”

Matatandaang lumikha ng ingay sa social media sina Vice at Marian matapos bumisita sa shooting ng pelikulang Fantastica ang Kapuso actress noong October.

Isa si Dingdong Dantes, asawa ni Marian, sa leading men ni Vice sa Fantastica, na siyang entry niya sa 2018 Metro Manila Film Fest (MMFF).

Vice on Marian:

Vice on Marian: “Ang ganda ni Marian!!!”

Samantala, nakatanggap ng birthday greetings si Zia mula sa mga stars ng ABS-CBN at GMA-7.

Binati siya ng Kapamilya stars na sina Jessie Mendiola at Mariel Padilla, maging ng mga Kapuso actresses na sina Katrina Halili, Chyna Ortaleza, Kim Domingo, Manilyn Reynes, at Diana Zubiri.

Marian Rivera named ‘Celebrity Breastfeeding Influencer’

Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera has been named as “Celebrity Breastfeeding Influencer” by the Mother and Child Nurses Association of the Philippines (MCNAP).

Rivera thanked the organization for the recognition in an Instagram post on Friday and said: “Masaya akong na-share ko ang experience ko bilang breastfeeding mom noon kay Zia.”

She even expressed excitement for the arrival of her second child, saying “Ready na din ako (at asawa ko) next year para sa aking ikalawang anak.”

“Kaisa niyo ako sa layuning ito at hindi ako magsasawang suportahan at ipalaganap ang importansya ng breastfeeding,” Rivera added.

The actress has been a staunch advocate of breastfeeding ever since she became a mother and gave birth to her and Dingdong Dantes’ first born Zia in 2015.

The couple is expecting a baby boy after announcing Rivera’s pregnancy in September and revealing the gender in November.

Look who’s playing the lead now

Our sit-down interview with actor and comedian Paolo Contis that lasted for an hour was a trip down memory lane with numerous banter and loud laughs in between. Even with just a few serious questions, Paolo had witty, no holds barred answers—very candid, if you will.

“Hey, I’m now a leading so I need to act differently,” he said with an animated face.

During the interview, Paolo recalled his early beginnings as a child star—his early projects in movies and television—until one scribe made a few revelations regarding his romantic affairs. But Paolo was all game. He made a few remarks and just joked about the “girls he loved before.”

Paolo Contis is on a roll playing the male lead in a Viva Entertainment film and starring in another movie that showcases what he does best—comedy.

“Let’s stop talking about that. You see, someone’s recording this. People might take me seriously,” he said in jest.

On a serious note, the 34-year-old actor-comedian feels glad that he’s busy and by the way he puts it, “November is a big month for me.”

“Hey, I’m now a leading so I need to act differently,”

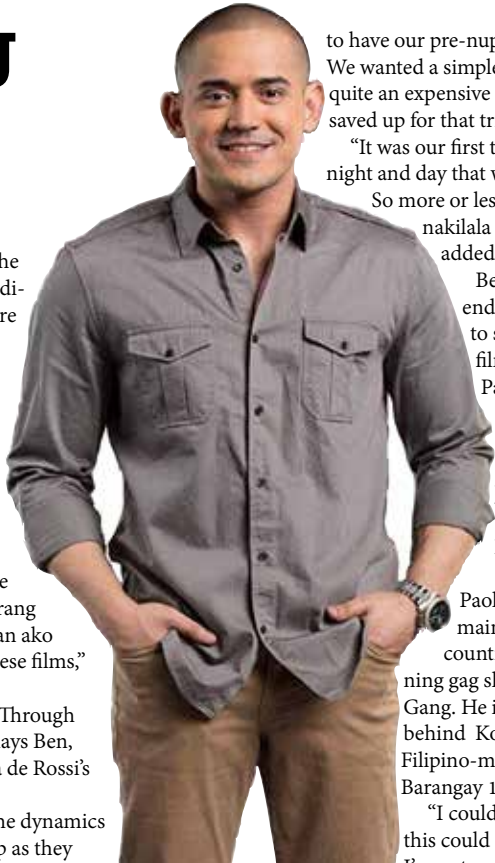
With two upcoming movies under his belt, the Kapuso actor and comedian is ready to tackle more remarkable roles on the big screen.

“I am very excited to be back and at the same time, I’m a little anxious. I’m hoping that the viewers would also look forward to watching me on the big screen despite seeing me on TV all the time. Sobrang thankful ako na nabigyan ako ng opportunity to do these films,” he shared.

In the romantic film *Through Night and Day*, Paolo plays Ben, the fiancé of Alessandra de Rossi’s character.

The film highlights the dynamics of a couple’s relationship as they venture into a trip of a lifetime witness the infamous northern lights in Iceland.

“It’s about a couple of 13 years. For the first time they’re traveling abroad. Alex is a struggling lawyer and I, I’m a musician who owns a bar in Baguio. After my character proposed to Alex’s character, we decided



to have our pre-nup shoot in Iceland. We wanted a simple wedding but quite an expensive pre-nup. So, we saved up for that trip,” he said.

“It was our first time, Through night and day that we’re together. So more or less dun namin nakilala ang isa’t isa,” he added.

Before the month ends, he is also set to star in a comedy film entitled *Ang Pangarap Kong Holdap*, alongside fellow Kapuso comedian Jerald Napoles, Jelson Bay, and Pepe Herrera.

Currently, Paolo is one of the mainstays of the country longest-running gag show, *Bubble Gang*. He is also the voice behind *Koboy* in the first Filipino-made anime series, *Barangay 143*, on GMA.

“I could assume that this could open doors but I’m not expecting. This is a good blessing to experience being a leading man. Hopefully maging maganda ang reception and people to appreciate what I did in the film,” he concludes.

Angeline Quinto, bata pa lang ay pangarap na bahay na may aircon

Aminado ang singer na si Angeline Quinto, bata pa lang ay pangarap na niyang magkaroon ng isang bonggang bahay.

Sa ulat mula sa Rated K, binalikan ni Angeline Quinto ang mga panahon na tumatakas pa siya sa kanyang ina para lang makasali sa mga amateur singing contests noong bata pa siya.

Diumano 10 years old si Angeline nang magsimula ang hilig nitong kumanta pero tutol ang kanyang Mama Bab sa pagsali niya sa mga singing contests. Hindi nagpapigil si Angeline sa pagsali sa mga singing contests kapag may mga fiesta.

“Every time na may maririnig akong mga fiesta lalo kung malapit sa lugar sa amin, sali ako. Talagang ito siguro ang passion ko,” kwento ni Angeline.

2010 naman nang sumali siya sa Star Power at nanalo siya matapos niyang kantahin ang kanyang winning piece na “Patuloy Ang Pangarap.”

Simula nang manalo sa Star Power ay



nagbukas na ang pinto opportunities para kay Angeline bilang singer at bilang aktres na rin.

Ngayon nga dahil sa pagsisikap niya na matupad ang pangarap ay maayos na ang buhay ni Angeline at meron na rin silang sariling bahay ng kanyang Mama Bab.

“Kahit nung bata ako ang hilig ko nang mag-isip, yung nag-i-imagine ka lang, paano kaya kung yung bahay namin mataas? Paano kaya kung yung bahay namin may mga aircon ang mga kwarto?” ani Angeline.

Martin Nievera welcomes ASAP new format

ASAP mainstay Martin Nievera explains why he wasn’t seen in the two previous episodes of the newly-reformatted ASAP Natin ‘To: “I was on tour of Europe for DZMM with Ahwel Paz. And because of the tour, wala ako sa first two episodes ng bagong format ng ASAP.”

“Every Sunday that I’m physically in the Philippines, yes!” mabilis na tugon ni Martin.

“Alam mo naman yung mga schedule natin. Lahat ng mga artist, ganun din.

“They go away. They go on tour. They come back.

“CHANGE IS GOOD”

May sentiments ba siya na kahalintulad ng inilabas ni Zsa Zsa Padilla sa social media?

“All I can say is, change is good. Change is good,” seryosong sambit ni Martin.

“We cannot naman stay in one place, one mode. Kailangan, gagaling at gagaling, di ba? Sanal!”

ARTISTS ON ROTATION

Mas okay kina Yeng Constantino at KZ Tandingan ang set-up ng ASAP Natin ‘To na on rotation silang artists at hindi kailangang nasa programa tuwing Linggo. “Iyon ang number 1 problem ng ASAP, ng any show on any channel, that has so many artists,” pag-amin ni Martin.

“Magbabanggaan talaga lahat ng mga schedule ng mga artist.

“So, this way, puwedeng mag-rotate lahat. And hindi magsa-suffer yung show ng ASAP.

“And the artists can do other things. They can still explore their musicality.

“Remember, the likes of Yeng and so on, they were all singers before they became regulars on ASAP.

“So, they need ... a singer needs to sing! A dancer needs to dance!

“And ASAP needs to entertain you and make you forget your problems!

DREAM TEAM

Mukhang sina Regine at Sarah Geronimo ang frontliners ng ASAP Natin ‘To.

“That’s a dream team talaga,” sabi ni Martin wala ni katiting na bahid ng bitterness.

“And now we’re showing you, na anything is possible on ASAP.

“So they made what we once thought was impossible, they made it possible by joining Regine and Sarah.”



LEFT, Arielle Fina Abrasaldo helps host the event B2Preneur Children’s Christmas Market by Christine Pagao Santos at the North York Library. They raffie 2 Christmas decor at closing time. RIGHT, Joining them on stage are some of the participants of the event including JDL Performing Arts.

Local police in Boracay destroys sandcastle due to new policies



Last April 4, 2018, former Presidential Spokesperson, Harry Roque announced Boracay's 6-month closure for its rehabilitation. Republic President Rodrigo Duterte approved the closure to bring Boracay to its original beauty. During its closure, officials of the island only authorized residents and employees of hotels and establishments to enter the vicinity.

Recently, the island had a soft-opening making its doors open to a limited number of tourists. Since then, videos of visitors continuously trashing and neglecting its beauty have been going viral on social media. In a recent post, a netizen caught a local police from Bora destroying a sandcastle due to the new set of policies implemented on the island.

According to a netizen, Eiselle Joy Pascua, who posted the video on Facebook:

"What is this ridiculous rules of the local government implementing?"

Furthermore, she quoted her Belgian friend:

"Just witnessed this. This is how the local police is going to treat your sand castle on the white beach... I just have one question: how

does sand castles are related to responsible tourism and ecology?"

Many netizens reacted to the said post with different perceptions on the matter. Plenty of them commented and said to simply follow the new rules since it was our own doing that Boracay was destroyed before. One also assumed that in order to "play" on the island one must be willing to "pay."

Others agreed with Eiselle Joy who did not see the point of banning sandcastles on the island. According to them, the authorities should focus more on evildoers who litter or take illegal substances around the area.

Boracay's rehabilitation should be able to restore what was once the most beautiful treasure in our country. But with this, we hope that instead of restricting the visitors to have fun, they should learn discipline and how to respect the environment.

Angel Aquino makes no apology for past relationships with younger men



Angel Aquino says the age gap was not an issue in her past relationships with younger men, admitting she was 11 years older than her last boyfriend: "Nag-work naman... dahil totoo naman yung nararamdaman niyo para sa isa't isa. Hindi ka naman mai-in love nang basta na lang. Hindi ka naman tanggap nang tanggap. Because you have to be the right person for that somebody."

Inamin ni Angel Aquino, 45, na lapitin siya ng May-December romance sa totoong buhay.

Kaya naka-relate daw siya sa temang "50 is the new 20" ng pelikula nila ni Tony Labrusca na Glorious.

Hindi raw naging issue ang age gap hanggang sa pinakahuli niyang boyfriend na hindi pinangalanan ni Angel.

Nakangiting sabi lang niya, "My past relationships were with younger people. I think the youngest was 11 years younger than me."

Nagkataon lang daw talagang nag-click sila kaya sila naging magkarelasyon.

Paliwanag ni Angel, "Siguro he was ahead of his age. Mas mature siya than an early 30s guy."

"Medyo gets niya ako, at gets ko rin siya. He was very respectful."

"Tama yung sinabi ni Tony kanina, in a relationship like that, pareho kayong may takeaway, you both learn from each other."

"So, nagwo-work naman. Nag-work naman."

AGE GAP NOT AN ISSUE

Ayon kay Angel, hindi maiiwasang may mga tao na hindi pa rin tanggap ang pakikipagrelasyon ng isang babae sa isang lalaking mas bata.

Pero hindi naman daw talaga dapat isyu ang age gap as long as sincere ang isang couple.

Aniya, "Ang hirap kasi pag nire-restrict mo ang sarili mo."

"When you're in that kind of a relationship, magdadalawang-isip ka. "Hahawakan mo ba yung kamay ng younger man while you're walking in the mall? "Okey lang ba kayong mag-PDA [public display of affection]? Mahihiya ka ba para sa sarili mo? Mahihiya ka ba para sa kanya?"

"All these things go on in your head, pero yun na nga."

Madali ba para sa kanya ang makahanap ng true love? Sagot ni Angel, "Kung ano yung proseso ng bawat tao, ganun din. Hindi ka naman tanggap nang tanggap."

Sa ngayon ay may idine-date daw si Angel, pero hindi na niya idinetalye kung sino ito.

Sunshine ayaw magdyowa ng bagets: Gusto ko ako ang baby

IWAS muna si Sunshine Dizon sa pag-entertain ng mga manliligaw. Hindi pa rin kasi annulled until now ang kasal niya sa asawang si Timothy.

"I don't want to repeat the same thing," rason ni Sunshine nang makausap ng press after ng media launch ng 2018 MMFF entry na kinabibilangan niya, ang "Rainbow's Sunset" from Heaven's Best Entertainment. "Kasi, parang napaka-unfair, di ba? Ipinaglaban ko 'yon eh. Parang ibinalik ko rin ang kasalanan na kasal ako, tapos, I would entertain, di ba? "Pag dumating 'yon nang hindi mo ini-expect eh di, mag-file ng annulment! Ganoon lang 'yon! Ha! Ha! Ha! Kung meron ba, choosy ka pa ba na may magmamahal sa 'yo? Aayaw ka pa!" deklara ng Kapuso actress. Civil lang sila sa isa't isa ng kanyang estranged husband. "Hatid sunder siya sa mga bata ngayon," saad ng akres. Sa Joel Lamangan filmfest movie, may itinatago siyang batang boyfriend (Albie Casino). So hindi ba siya papatol sa mas bata sa kanyang lalaki o matawag na cougar?

"Ang hirap kasing magsalita, di ba? I'm in a situation na bakit hindi eh may nagmamahal sa 'yo? But to be honest, ayoko ng bata. Ayoko!" diin ni Shine.

"Gusto ko someone older. Gusto ko sa asawa ko, someone older. Ako naman 'yung baby, 'yung totoo. Ayoko na ng kaedad ko."

"Gusto ko namang ma-feel na ako 'yung reyna, 'yung prinsesa. He will pamper me. He will take care of me. Ayoko na 'yung ako ang nagdedesisyon lahat! Sakit ng ulo!" paliwanag ni Sunshine.

Sambit pa niya, "Parang gusto ko naman 'yung mas older para ma-stimulate ang brain cells ko! Pagod na akong makipag-usap, di ba?"

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Teen stars and Twitter wars

In the time of Web 2.0, it only takes 140 characters to start a war. Early this week, young singers Darren Espanto and Juan Karlos “JK” Labajo found themselves feuding via Twitter.

This comes after Darren blasted JK for allegedly tagging him in a now-deleted tweet that read, “gayness at its finest.”

In response, JK reiterated that his account was “hacked.” He also claimed his management has access to his Twitter account. Later, he retaliated by saying that screenshot of his supposedly accountable for tweeting the deemed offending phrase was an “edited photo.”

However, it seems Darren has not had enough of it.

The “Dying Inside To Hold You” singer remarked: “Timing ‘no? Dinelete ng ‘hacker’ mo ‘yung tweet na’to after kang kausapin ng management. ‘Pag nahanap mo ‘yung hacker mo puntahan niyo ako para malaman niyo kung sino ‘yung totoong bakla.”

It turns out JK privately messaged Darren on Instagram, which the former brought to light. An excerpt of the message (sanitized here) read:

“Hey, man. So there was this tweet, someone tweeted using my account on Twitter saying...about you. Just so you know, hindi ako ‘yun. Ask MCA if you don’t believe me. Someone else is using my Twitter account. So you better tell your fans and/or family to calm the... down because the last thing I... want is to be accused of something I didn’t...do. Cheers.”

Darren replied JK should “prove” he wasn’t the one who tweeted the phrase. He also threatened to sue him.

JK didn’t respond directly to Darren’s tweet anymore, instead opting to say thank you to the “people who loved him.”

Later, Darren took to Twitter and apologized for using the word “bakla” in a derogatory manner.

He also addressed netizens who insinuate he has fragile masculinity: “I’ve been bashed with this since I was in ‘The Voice Kids’ (I was 12) pero wala kayong narinig. I’m 17 now, kakapagod na rin.”

Both JK and Darren were contestants in the first season of “The Voice.” The two were tagged at the time as “BFFs (best friends forever)” despite being under different coaches.

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It’s not the first time the popular microblogging site became the battleground for young celebrities.

Last year, Daniel Padilla and Paul Salas had a heated Twitter exchange after the latter allegedly commented “hahaha. Curry na Curry ba.” Stephen Curry is the basketball idol of Daniel.

A netizen posted a screenshot of the comment thread of Paul and friends: Caption read: “Hi po. I dare Paul Salas and friends to tell these in Daniel’s face. Please RT. Let’s help them find their balls.”

The tweet reached Daniel and friends. He said:

“Seryoso ba ‘tong mga ‘to?,” then tweeted directly to Paul: “Ano? Sagot”



Daniel’s girlfriend, Kathryn Bernardo, also joined the Twitter war, posting a GIF of the NBA two-time MVP Curry.

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Then there’s Loisa Andaliao versus Maris Racial. From being best friends to “very casual,” Loisa and Maris had their fair share of “misunderstanding” fueled by Twitter posts.

In a past interview, Maris said she and Loisa were not in good terms, which stemmed from lack of time for each other.

Seemingly surprised, Loisa tweeted: “Ahhh, okay?”

May ganu’n pala, di ko alam.” It was then



followed by a series of tweets that were deemed as jabs at each other.

“Small circle pero full of quality. Thankful for the real ones! God is good all the time,” Loisa said.

“Life is peaceful when all the good ones know you’re good. And that’s enough to keep you going,” Maris said.

Celebs love new Instagram Stickers

A new Instagram craze is in town and it has taken over the phones of our favorite celebrity idols! Boyband PH members Joao Constancia, Neil Murillo, and Russel Reyes have all gotten on the new Vivo AR Stickers craze and so has power couple KZ Tandingan and TJ Monterde. What’s up with this new mania?

With everyone finding a new way to personalize their selfies every day, it is hard to keep up with new trends and apps that seem to not offer what you’re looking for. Luckily, smartphone giant Vivo has come up with the perfect solution for this! Vivo has now equipped its phone cameras with AR (Augmented reality) stickers. This means the selfies that now



you can attach personalized stickers to your selfies right away since its already embedded in your phone camera app! Check out these cool selfies from

our favorite celebs!

These AR stickers paired with the Vivo V11 camera’s AI (Artificial Intelligence) technology will surely make every selfie post-worthy!



‘Full-frontal’ risk pays off for teen actress

Teen actress Lianne Valentin said she had no qualms about accepting a role in the martial law drama “ML,” which required her to do the full Monty in a torture scene “because I had a lot of help from a body double, anyway.”

In the film, Lianne, who’s 17 years old, plays Pat. She gets tortured by a retired Metrocom colonel suffering from dementia (Eddie Garcia), who is convinced that her character is an activist resisting the Marcos regime.

“Before I went to the audition, I was already informed of what was needed from the actress who would play Pat,” Lianne told the Inquirer. “I said there’s no harm in trying, especially since it’s always been my dream to be a part of a Cinemalaya entry.”

“I have actually been praying for a challenging role—and here it is! When I told my parents about it, my mom asked me, ‘Are you sure about this?’ I answered with a firm ‘Yes,’” said the actress.

When she was already sure she got the part, Lianne said she then sat down with director Benedict Mique about her limitations. “He promised me that I won’t have to show anything sensitive. I

wore a skin-toned tube top and a pair of shorts when we shot the torture scenes. Of course, I had to watch while my body double did her scenes, because I had to match her [scenes’] intensity with my facial expressions. Dinaya na lang ang ibang sensitive scenes.”



What Lianne said she did “for real” was develop friendship with her costars, Henz Villaraiz and Tony Labrusca, who plays her boyfriend.

“I was shy around them at first, since Henz and Tony have known each other for a while now,” she recalled. “I first became friends with Henz. I was surprised at how easy it was for me to talk about personal things with him. Eventually, I also became comfortable around Tony.”

She added: “We didn’t attend any workshop. Since Tony’s character, Carlo, is Pat’s boyfriend, we really had to work on our rapport. Although we don’t have love scenes, we made an effort to feel at ease. The care and concern between Carlo and Pat have to be there when we look at each other.”

Because of her exposure in “ML,” Lianne said she landed a role in the defunct GMA 7 teleserye “Kagapag Nahati ang Puso.” She recalled: “I thought my stint there was just short, but my character lasted up to the final episode. I’m thankful for that.”

Lianne started doing TV work at age 9, as host of the children’s show “Tropang Potchi.” She was also seen in programs like “Princess in the Palace,” “Isang Dakot na Luha,” “Time of My Life” and “Sinner or Saint.”

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Angel Aquino and Tony Labrusca pair up for new film, Glorious

In show business, a lot of actresses and actors are paired up with one another to form a new love team. Each new team up are tested off screen to see if they can be compatible and if they have potential to be a successful love team.

Some-times, the pairing that we least expect are the ones that turn out to be a good match. These love teams gain so much fans and supporters that they become the official love team partners.

This is what happened to Kathniel or Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla's pairing. When the teen stars appeared in Princess and I, they were not originally supposed to end up together and it was up to the fans who they would like Kathryn's character to end up with.

Eventually, the fans loved the chemistry that Daniel and Kathryn has and they made sure that the show runners would know about it. At the end of the show, Kathryn and Daniel's characters ended up together and Kathniel became a success.

Recently, ABS-CBN revealed another new love team that would be working together for a new movie. The new pairing is composed of veteran actress Angel Aquino and show business newbie, Tony Labrusca.

Angel Aquino became a household name in show business when she became one of the hosts of F!, ABS-CBN's longest-running lifestyle show way back in 1999. In 2006, the show was replaced with US Girls wherein she is also part of the show.

Aside from hosting, Angel is also an award-winning actress who won various awards for her performances in independent movie Ang Huling Cha-Cha ni Anita, Donsol, and Maalaala Mo Kaya.

She was also nominated various times for a Gawad Tanglaw Award, a FAMAS Award, and an Urian Award.

Angel is also a graduate of BA Journalism from the University of the Philippines Baguio. She is also a mom to two beautiful daughters, Iana and Thea.

Angel's most recent project has been revealed through a poster release of her latest movie, Glorious, wherein she is being paired with former Pinoy Boy Band Superstar contestant, Tony Labrusca.

Their new movie, Glorious, is a Dreamscape Digital project that will be released and streamed on the iWant TV app.

The movie is about the love story of a woman in her late 40s to early 50s who's in a relationship with much younger man. The couple will face hardships in their May-December love affair and will try to fight for their love despite what other people think about their relationship.

In an Instagram post, the actress with a timeless beauty expressed her excitement about the movie. Angel said that she has mixed emotions about the film.

Vic Sotto Reveals Baby Is Already On A Diet

Having a baby at home is always a fun experience. Imagine an angel waiting for your kiss and hug every day. Babies may require a lot of attention and a lot of time but it is



always sure that these babies bring smile and joy to the hearts of the

homes where they belong to.

Vic Sotto's baby with Pauleen Luna is always a spotlight-stealer. Many fans and supporters of the couple express admiration and adoration for Baby Tali. Not only fans but even other celebrities and huge TV personalities can't get enough of Baby Tali's cuteness. And indeed, she really has a very attractive appearance.

Vic Sotto shared some updates on how Baby Tali has been while growing. When PEP asked what he thinks is the most difficult part of his daddy duties, the veteran actor and comedian shared that it actually is the duty of carrying Baby Tali.

"Isa lang naman ang problema ko sa duties ko sa kanya, pagbuhat. Sumasakit ang likod ko.

"Ang timbang niya, pang-ten years old na yata," he jokingly said.

The actor shared a serious note about

Baby Tali. Vic said that her pediatrician is already requiring her to lose some weight. And for the improvement of her health, Baby Tali follows the advise accordingly.

"As a matter-of-fact, nagda-diet na siya. Tuwing dadalhin sa pedia, nagagalit yung pedia. 'O, lumaki na naman ito. Puwede ba tigilan niyo na ang formula. Kalahati i-fresh milk niyo na.'

"E, parang ganun din."

Vic and Pauleen have taken Baby Tali to many trips. Hong Kong, Cebu and Siargao are just few of the places that Vic wishes Baby Tali could remember. He also shared an instance when they tries to leave Baby Tali as they took a trip to London without her but they felt it is harder than bringing their daughter along.

"Pero kasi, ang hirap iwanan. There was a time na nagpunta kami ni Pauleen sa London. Sinama kami ni Mr. Tuviera. Iniwan namin siya ng mga ten days, ang hirap!"

Kathryn nagpapakaa-bala sa negosyo, hiwalay muna kay Daniel

HINDI na lamang isang successful singer-TV and movie star at celebrity endorser ang 22-year-old na ka-loveteam at kasintahan ni Daniel Padilla na si Kathryn Bernardo. Isa na rin itong successful entrepreneur with five branches of her nail spa, ang KathNails by KCMB sa loob lamang ng isang taon magmula nang kanyang buksan ang una nitong branch nung May 2017 sa The Block ng SM-North EDSA. Susundan pa ito ng dalawang branch and counting.

Sa tulong ng kanyang parents na sina Theodore at Luzviminda Bernardo, mabilis na napalago ni Kathryn ang kanyangnegosyo.

Whenever Kathryn is free from her showbiz commitments, she makes it a point na mag-ikot sa limang branches ng KathNails sa iba't ibang malls sa Metro Manila.

Speaking of Kathryn, pagkatapos ng kanilang mega hit movie ni Daniel na "The Hows of Us" which broke all existing box office records na dinirek ni Cathy Garcia-Molina under Star Cinema, mapapanood muli si Kathryn (minus Daniel) sa upcoming movie release ng Star Cinema, ang "Three Words to Forever" kung saan tampok ang balik-tambalan nina Sharon Cuneta at Richard Gomez na muling pinamahalaan ng box office director na si Cathy Garcia-Molina. Dito ay kapareha ni Kathryn ang ex-PBB housemate at dating ka-loveteam ni Miho Nishida na si Tommy Esguerra.



Vivoree Esclito describes Hashtag CK as "Maalaga"

PBB alum Vivoree Esclito has been turning heads and catching lots of people's attention lately. She really is looking to become the next rising star of her generation, and we don't have to wonder why. With her unconventional beauty, powerful charm, and strong chemistry with love team partner Hashtag member Charles Kieron, it's easy to see why Vivoree's fame is skyrocketing into greater heights.

When asked how she established good working relationship with CK, Vivoree answered that their similarities contribute a lot to their healthy friendship.

"Since parang almost palagi na kaming nagkaka-work, nagkikitaan, and then of course importante 'yung you have to work on your friendship kasi magka-work kayo. May similarities din naman kami like mahilig kami sa K-Pop. Tapos kinukulit na din niya ako tapos ako parang sinusungitan ko rin siya minsan. Pero I think it's okay, naintindihan naman niya. Nasabi ko naman na sa kaniya na dapat masanay na siya."

However, Vivoree clarified that they're still in the process of getting to know each other. "Still getting to know kasi magka-work kami mga few months pa lang. We're still working on our friendship, I mean it's building up,"

When asked how she can describe CK, Vivoree calls the young actor "maalaga". She further explained: "It's nice kasi 'yung iba kasi parang, 'Ah, bahala ka diyan. Sige, mauna na ako baka ma-late pa ako.' And then he's really caring and sweet somehow as a friend. As a co-star, I think si K is still learning in acting and as a workmate, I think he's doing fine and he's really doing his best naman talaga to get there."

Are you a #KierVi fan? What do you like best about this team up?



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Thespians Robert Seña and Isay Alvarez on keeping the flame of love burning



Robert Seña and Isay Alvarez are like any other couple. Their relationship has its ups and downs, glued together both by sunny and rainy days for more than two decades now.

In a chance encounter recently, we asked Isay the secret to their marital success.

“It’s because we love each other,” she began.

Later, the details surfaced. One big factor is that both of them are into music. While they were school mates in college, their paths did not cross until four years later when they found themselves performing together in the 1989 London production of award-winning musical “Miss Saigon.”

“He is the type of guy who never failed to surprise me,” Isay recalled, adding Robert always sent her gifts and flowers during rehearsals.

These days they still work together. Obviously, it hasn’t affected their personal lives at all.

Isay noted that OPM is flourishing thanks to the rise of talented young artists into different musical genres.

Isay, who has been in the scene for decades now, thinks the secret to longevity is “reinvention.”

“I always try to do something new, try to always improve. We don’t stop learning, we push ourselves to the limit.”

As for future projects, Isay revealed they are currently working on the re-staging of “Dirty Old Musical,” which features her husband along with John Arcilla, Michael Williams, Bo Cerrudo, and Nonie Buencamino.

NADINE LUSTRE IS TOTALLY FINE WITH NOT BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL

Nadine Lustre has always been one to break rules. Whatever people expects of her, she does the opposite which of course anger and frustrate a lot of people. While her contemporaries are all taking care of their good girl image, Nadine gets a lot of flak for posting bikini photos, for partying, and all that. But Nadine couldn’t care less.

Nadine shrugged off the critics. According to her, she’s fine with not being a good role model. “That’s what people say all the time, ‘She’s not role model to kids because she’s always wearing bikinis, she always goes out.’ I mean okay, then so be it,”

Nadine care more about being an image of fierceness and goodness. “I guess people see me as that [role model] when it comes to being fierce, when it comes to being true, when it comes to being honest, it’s just that, being fearless. But I can’t really say that I’m a role model to kids,”

When asked if she ever gets tired of being an inspiration to her fans and other people who look up to her, she answered: “No, kasi I’m just doing it for myself and not to impress anyone else so it’s all just all out of love. Love for myself, love for the people around me, love for my haters or whoever, diba? Yun yung center ko, just love,”



Ricci Rivero dreams to work with Kathniel

Collegiate basketball star Ricci Rivero is ready to make his showbiz debut in the upcoming MMFF film OTLUM directed by Joven Tan and during the film’s mall show in Sta. Lucia Mall, Ricci has already shared his future plans with his showbiz career.

During a quick interview with ABS-CBN during OTLUM’s mall show, Ricci expressed his want to work with Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo and even stated that he is okay with just being an extra in the film just as he long as he gets to work with KathNiel. “Idol ko talaga yung KathNiel ever since, kasi lahat ata ng movie nila napanuod ko. Kahit hindi lang si Kathryn kahit na andun sila pareho, kahit ekstra-ekstra lang,” shared Ricci.

That actually might not seem far from happening! With Ricci’s good looks and charm, we’re sure that he will make it big in the industry. We can’t wait to see him in OTLUM!



Jericho Rosales and Kim Jones proves that they’re the hottext couple

It seems like showbiz power couple Jericho Rosales and Kim Jones can do no wrong. As per usual, all eyes were on them as they stunned at the TRESemé Runway Ready show last Tuesday where Kim walked for internationally acclaimed Filipino designer Carl Jan Cruz’s show.

Despite their equally busy work schedules, it seems like Jericho and Kim will always make time to support each other’s endeavors. Last Tuesday during the fashion show of Carl Jan Cruz wherein his beautiful creations were paired with the hair stylings of TRESemé’s in-house hair experts Lourd Ramos and Victor Ortega, Kim Jones walked the runway and her husband Jericho was front and center cheering for his wife.

Now where do we find a husband like Jericho???



Derek Ramsay on CarGel getting abck togetherR: “I HOPE THE RUMORS ARE TRUE”

Angelica Panganiban’s ex-boyfriend Derek Ramsay has commented on the rumors that she has gotten back together with Carlo Aquino, whom she was also in a relationship with before. This follows after Angelica posted a photo of her and Carlo together on her Instagram page insinuating that they might have already gotten back together.

Angelica’s former lover Derek Ramsay had nothing but well wishes for her and Carlo

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Aquino whom she might be dating again based on a recent Instagram post from the actress.

In a video interview that was posted by Instagram user @cargelbaby, Derek clearly states that he hopes that the rumors of Angelica and Carlo getting back together are true. When asked of Derek’s reaction to their reconciliation, he said, “I hope so! I’ve always said that Angelica will find the right guy and they used to date each other before. Carlo used to come to the house when Angel and I were dating back then. So kilala ko si Carlo and it’s nice that they’ve maintained the friendship throughout all the years even when nung kami nga ni Angelica. I hope! I’d be a fan. They look really really good together, they’re very sweet together and I hope it’s true. I hope the rumors are true na nagkabalikan sila.”

Gwen nagkaroon ng bagong boyfriend matapos ang engagement

ANG alam ng marami ay nagplano na ang dating engaged couple na sina Gwen Zamora at Jeremy Marquez (panganay na anak ni Joey Marquez)ng kanilang wedding in December 2016 pero hindi ito natuloy. Pero nanatili pa rin ang relasyon ng dalawa until this Novem-

ber nang mabigla ang lahat na hiwalay na pala ang dalawa. At may iba nang nobyo ang actress ngayon sa katauhan ng Australian-born Filipino-Czech PBA player na si David Semerad, twin brother ni Anthony Paul Semerad na isa ring PBA player.

Biglang naglabasan ang sweet photos ng bagong magkasintahang Gwen (28) at David (27) sa social media, isang indikasyon na bago pa lamang ang kanilang relasyon.



Apat na taon din ang itinagal ng relasyon nina Gwen at Jeremy who even got engaged in 2015.

Bago si Jeremy ay naging kasintahan din ng Fil-French actress na si Gwen ang stepson ni Tacloban Mayor Cristina `Kring-Kring` Romualdez na si Raymond Romualdez. Nang magkahiwalay ang dalawa ay saka pumasok sa buhay ni Gwen si Jeremy na kandidato ngayon sa pagka-vice mayor ng Parañaque sa darating na mid-term elections in May 2019.

Si Gwen ay huling napanood sa pelikulang “Goyo: Ang Batang Heneral” na pinagbidahan ni Paulo Avelino under TBA Studios.

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ABOVE, Aegis band makes a courtesy call at UMAC.



LEFT, FV FOODS Mel Galeon (2ND FROM LEFT), Ariel Fina Abrazaldo, Peyton Garcia, and Roze Ami pose at the photo booth at Agnes Miranda's birthday bash at Rembrandt.

Kathryn steps out of comfort zone:

'Mahirap 'pag wala si DJ'

SHE stood out in *The Hows of Us* and now she's ready to shine like a diamond in her new film, *Three Words to Forever*. Kathryn Bernardo is continuing her venture into the new and more mature phase of her career as a certified drama actress.

The young Box Office Queen is flying solo on her concluding project for her fruitful 2018. This time, she is teaming up with well-regarded veteran actors Richard Gomez and Sharon Cuneta in the latest family drama opus of blockbuster director Cathy Garcia-Molina.

After breathing life to George in the globally successful romance film *The Hows of Us*, Kathryn now plays the role of Tin, the youngest among the Andrada family who is very much eager to start the chapter of her life with

the love of her life.

"Ang hirap kasi sobra akong na-at-tach kay George kaya ang hirap kumawala sa kanya. Kinailangan kong ibahin ang pagsasalita at iyak ko kaya si Direk Cathy, 'yun ang palagi naming binabantayan," Kathryn shared.

While she initially had to adjust to working without her perennial leading man Daniel Padilla, Kathryn embraced the independence that this project has allowed her to enjoy.

"Mahirap kung wala si DJ pero kailangan



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14 Outstanding FilCan Graduates receive Filipino Centre Toronto Awards

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT, PhD

Purposefully aimed at honouring and recognizing top performing Filipino Canadian students in Ontario, the Filipino Centre Toronto - FCT, a non profit, volunteer run and service- oriented community entity in the Filipino Canadian community in Ontario held its 12th Annual Outstanding Students Awards-OSA on October 28, 2018, Sunday, 2:00 pm. at the FCT Social Hall, 4395 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough, Toronto.

The FCT presented awards to 14

top elementary, secondary and post-secondary school graduates. The program, a scholastic competition since 2005, known as the "Rosalinda C. Javier Outstanding Students Awards"-RCJOSA in honour of the late Rosalinda C. Javier, erstwhile long-serving FCT President & CEO. It was established to encourage Filipino Canadian students to perform successfully in their academic studies. Specifically, FCT honours the student graduates who have achieved

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Suzy Llanera and Dr. Vicky Santiago



Empress on having a daughter out of wedlock: 'No regrets'

EMPRESS Schuck, Kristel Fulgar and Andrea Brillantes all have something in common. They are all former child stars. Now, they all top bill the cast of the Viva Films movie "Kahit Ayaw Mo Na" Empress was just seen playing the

ex-girlfriend of Paulo Avelino in "Goyo, Batang Heneral" and she's happy to be active once again as an actress after giving birth to her love child, Athalia, who's now three years old. How is it being a young mom?



"Masaya naman," she says. "I love my daughter and enjoy akong alagaan siya. She's talkative, bata pa pero performer na. Mas artista pa nga kaysa sa akin. Lahat ng sabihin ko, ginagaya niya.

Talagang sobrang happy ako ngayon at 'yung father niya (Vino Guingona) dahil sa presence niya sa buhay namin. So, no regrets talaga." "Kahit Ayaw Mo Na" is about three young women who are strangers but with

a common past. Empress says she enjoyed shooting "Kahit Ayaw Mo Na" on location in **EMPRESS**
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Harold Guarin and Nenita Lora

Camilineos Association of Toronto

Camilineos held their Christmas dinner-dance last November 24. "Maraming may event ngayon," said Harold Guarin, President of the association. There was also the non-stop rain during the day that did not stop until the early hours the next day. You would not know it by the packed Garnet Williams hall. Nevertheless, a good time was enjoyed by the guests. The annual Christmas dinner dance is also fundraiser to raise money for different projects back in Camiling Tarlac. There was music, dancing, entertainment and prizes raffled.



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Is JM de Guzman open to working with ex-girlfriend Jessy Mendiola?

JM de Guzman opens up about possibility of working with ex-girlfriend Jessy Mendiola. JM also answers question if he and Luis Manzano, Jessy’s current beau, are on good terms.

Bukas si JM de Guzman na makatrabaho ang dating girlfriend na si Jessy Mendiola sa isang proyekto. “I don’t mind at all. Okay lang sa akin,” pahayag ng ABS-CBN actor sa media launch ng Kung Paano Siya Nawa-la, ang upcoming movie niya kasama si Rhian Ramos., “Kung in-offer po ng management, maganda ang istorya, kagustuhan namin pareho, mag-agree po yung side niya, wala pong problema.”

Inusisa rin si JM kung kaya ba niyang maging profes-sional kay Jessy at isantabi ang kanilang nakaraan. Tugon niya, “Sa tingin ko naman po [kaya ko]. “Sa tingin ko, pareho namang mutual naman na willing na mag-move on na dun, maging professional, maging magkaibigana na lang.”

Unang nag-break sina JM at Jessy noong 2013 pagkat-apos ng dalawang taong relasyon. Nagkabalikan sila noong April 2015, subalit pagdating ng November, kinumpirma ni Jessy na nag-break sila uli. Single ngayon si JM, samantalang karelasyon naman ni Jessy ang Kapamilya TV host na si Luis Manzano. Unang nagsalita si Jessy na nagkakamabutihan sila ni Luis noong July 2016.

GRATEFUL JM
Malaki naman ang pasasalamat ni JM na patuloy ang pagtanggap sa kanya sa showbiz kahit ilang beses na siyang nadapa. Nakumpleto ni JM ang kanyang rehab program noong July 2018, bilang treatment sa paggamit niya ng ipinagbabawal na gamot. “I feel grateful po. Excited lang ako. At the same time,

kinakabahan,” sabi ng aktor. Ano ang sikreto sa patuloy na pagkakaroon niya ng magagandang opportunities sa showbiz? “Maraming tao ang puwede magsabi na, ‘Hindi naman siya ganun kagaling para bigyan ng ganito-ganyan. May nagawa siyang kasalanan, twice pa before.’ “Siguro may deeper purpose sa akin na ibinigay.”

Kyla, naiyak nang maalala ang sakripisyo ng kanyang Ama

Naiyak ang singer na si Kyla nang maalala ang lumang bahay na walang bumbilya at ang mga pinag-daanan noong hindi pa siya kilala sa mundo ng showbiz.

Sa ulat mula sa Rated K, binalikan ni Kyla ang kanyang simula bilang singer at artista. 10 years old diuma-no si Kyla nang magsimulang sumali sa mga amateur singing contests at 12 years old naman siya nang mapasali siya sa That’s Entertainment.

Number one fan ni Kyla ang daddy niya, na nire-record pa ang mga kanta ni Kyla sa cassette tape at binibigay ito sa mga recording companies. Pagbabalik tanaw ni Kyla na hindi napigilang hindi maiyak.

“Doon ko na-experience yung heartache ng parent. Every time nare-reject ako, sasabihin ng Dad bago ka masaktan ako muna ang masasaktan kasi ako yung unang lumalapit. So yung face ko kinakapalan ko talaga yung mukha ko para sa’yo,” kwento ng singer.

Dumating din sa punto ng pinepeke ni Kyla ang edad niya para makapag-perform siya as lounge singer. Isa sa malaking dagok din sa pamilya nila ang estado ng nire-rentahan nilang bahay. “Luluhod kaming magkakapatid, tapos yung dad ko and mom ko... tapos magdadasal kami kasi baka bumagsak yung bahay. Hanggang sa umalis kami dun sa nirerentahan naming na bahay na yun, hindi yun nagkaroon ng ilaw kasi wala kaming pambili ng ilaw,” sabi pa niya.

College na si Kyla nang mabigyan siya ng opportunity na makapag-record ng kanyang single at ngayon naman panay most requested songs na ang mga kanta niya. Maayos na rin ang buhay ni Kyla dahil na rin sa kanyang pagsisikap. “That’s why I work so hard kasi ayoko nang bumalik sa mga ganung pangyayari and ayoko din siya ma-experi-ence ng anak ko,” sabi pa nito.

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“It’s a welcome relief from the traffic and pollution of a big city like Manila,” she adds. “Ang ganda talaga ng Samar and it’s so relaxing. Tahimik, masaya ang pakiramdam. Puyat lang kami sa shooting pero masaya naman. You’ll see all the beautiful places where we shot various scenes in the movie when it opens in theatres on December 5.”

Mariel, nagpasaring sa ‘toxic, negative and fake people’

Gusto nang kalimutan ni Mariel de Leon ang pagiging beauty queen niya at nais nang mamuhay ng tahimik at pribadong buhay.

Kaya naman kung pwede raw ay huwag na siyang i-tag pa sa mga pageant post. “Id appreciate it if you guys could stop tagging me in pageant posts (es-pecially if it doesn’t even involve me). I don’t like being called ‘beauty queen.’ It means nothing to me. Women are not whatever ‘title’ society chooses to ‘name’ us. Women are so much more than that,” pahayag ni Mariel sa kanyang Instagram story. Pero nagpapasalamat naman daw siya sa naitulong sa kanya ng pagiging beauty queen. Gusto na raw niyang isara ang chapter na ’yun ng kanyang buhay. “Yes, I’m thankful for my past pageant journey because I wouldn’t have had the opportunities I’ve had if I didn’t win Bb. P. Interna-tional. But I’ve closed that chapter in my life...

“I’m not the type to care about titles, positions, crowns or names. None of that matters to me. What matters to me is me, my family, dogs, art and classi-cal music,” patuloy pa ng Bb. Pilipinas-International 2017.

Kasunod nito ay may hugot na pinakawalan ang anak nina Christopher de Leon at Sandy Andolong. “I don’t want to surround myself with toxic, nega-tive and fake people anymore. I like having a simple, quiet and private life -- unless I post something on MY social media. It is mine.

“I choose what to show you. You do not see every-thing in my life. I control what you see,” aniya pa. “It’s good to reflect on your life and open your eyes & hearts to the things that should actually mat-ter. See ya,” pagtatapos ni Mariel.

Julia Barretto launches her own IGTV series ‘Just Julia’

Fans are just a click away from getting to know the Julia behind the spotlight of showbiz. Julia Barretto has officially launched her new baby, ‘Just Julia,’ her first and only series on Instagram TV where fans can take an exclusive peek on her life away from the spotlight and all the glamour of show business.

“This is me. Just Julia. I’ve been slowly working on this little project of mine that would let me freely express myself; no scripts, no spotlight, no roles—just en-tirely me, just Julia,” wrote the Ngayon at Kailanman lead ac-tress as she introduced the series early last Sunday, December 2, on Instagram. In her pilot episode, Julia stated that the project is her way of giving back to her fans, as well as reaching out to those who have yet to know the real her. “I am making an IG TV because I really want to be able to connect with my followers. I want them to feel that they can relate with me, they can connect with me, and that there’s something that they can learn from me. There’s so many misconceptions and judgments and wrong opinions about me, that I also want peo-ple to give me a chance to get to know me, a chance to hear from me, hear from my side. And I just want it to be fun. I just want them to have a peek into my world, the life that I have, the life that I’m living. “I’ve been very, very private, but I’m very much willing to share pieces of my life to everybody so I’m excited about that,” ended the 21-year-old star together with her signature hashtag, “#JustJulia.”



Richard Poon and Maricar Reyes both think it’s wrong to confront “the kabit.” The crooner adds, “Nagsasayang ka ng energy.”

Richard Poon and Maricar Reyes’s latest vlog tackles cheating. The inherent reaction of wives is that it’s the other woman’s fault. But Richard disagreed. “Maraming nagsusulat sa amin na mga wives na niloko ng mga asawa nila. Ang nang-yayari, most of the time, yung asawa, sinusu-god mo yung babae...” The couple looked at the situation from a different perspective. Richard continued, “You should not focus on the other woman. “Yung mga mentors namin, especially yung mga lalaki, they always tell us, ‘Remember kapag yung lalaki ayaw niya mag-cheat, kahit

Richard Poon and Maricar Reyes on cheating:

Who’s to blame? Husband or other woman? + other stories

na anong gawin ng babae na landiin siya, hindi naman siya bibigay, e.

“If you keep on focusing on the girl, nagsas-ayang ka ng energy.”

The crooner added that the wife should accept the sad fact that her husband cheated on her.

“Ang may problema is actually your partner. “Gusto rin ng asawa mo kaya nakaroon ng affair.”

He underlined, “Kanino ka may control? Sa asawa mo kasama mo habang buhay o sa isang babae na hindi mo kilala, na wala kang control over her?

Meanwhile, confronting the girl, according to Maricar, will not address the root of the problem.

She threw in, “Yung dahilan kung bakit siya nag-cheat in the first place, hindi maaayos.

“Sige, isugod mo yung girl, natakot na si girl, natakot sa iyo.

“It’s a matter of time makakahanap din ang asawa mo ng isa pa na magbibigay nung need na hinahanap niya.”

The wife should acknowledge that the rela-tionship has a problem, and it has to be fixed. Richard related a true-to-life story of some-

one he knows.

“Babaero, siga, comes from a very, very troubled family. Nakipag-sex siya sa isang girl, kaibigan niya.

“Yung lalaki, sabi niya, ‘I had sex with the girl, pero hindi ko kasalanan yun kasi siya nanglalandi sa amin.’

“Napatingin kami [ng mga mentors ko] kasi parang mali ito, a... hindi niya ina-accept yung responsibility, yung katotohanan na gusto din niya.

“Yung attitude ng lalaki diyan, ‘Wala akong kasalanan diyan.’

“After mga another 10 years, yung lalake is in very deep trouble.

“Nakabuntis siya, nakulong... ang gulo lang.

“That’s a perfect example ng if wala kang kasalanan at feeling mo yung babae lang ang may kasalanan...mahirap siyang itama.”

Boy Abunda admits he was offended with Vice Ganda’s Question

The Unkabogable star Vice Ganda has the opportunity to interview Boy Abunda as a



special part of the host’s birthday celebration in Tonight With Boy Abunda. In the said interview, Vice was able to make the host confess about his first kiss and virginity, which Boy

confessed that happened when he was 17.

Vice was also fearless in asking Boy if he ever experi-enced doing it with a girl. The host answered: “Susmaryosep naman Vice, wag ka namang ganyan. Na-offend ako dun, parang hindi naman tamang itanong yan,”

When Vice asked if he ever kissed a girl, Tito Boy was doubtful. “Ay palagay ko meron pero kinalimutan ko na.”

The interview took a serious turn when Tito Boy was asked if he gets hurt with comments about his appearance. “You have to reach a certain point in your life that you cannot be defined by words. Pero siyempre nung ba-ta-bata pa ako pag sinabi mong kamukha ka ni Kokey o pangit ka siyempre maapektuhan ka di ba? I am in a good place.”



FIRST, Birthday celebrant Agnes Miranda (SEATED) is joined by Miss International 2013 Bea Santiago. SECOND, Anges Miranda is joined by the Aegis band. THIRD, Agnes Miranda jois Aegis onstage at Rembrandt banquet hall. FOURTH, Agnes Miranda is joined by FV Foods’ Mel Galeon and Filipiniana’s Bin Kon Loo and Ed Joaquin and Nicole Leung.

Tony Labrusca, leading man rising

Saying Tony Labrusca is hotter than hot is an understatement. It cannot be denied that everyone talks about him -- ladies, men, whether gay or straight. It does help that he is easy on the eyes and his growing public, is delirious over the fact that of late, good roles come his way and Labrusca gives them not only buff and limb but a lot of heart.

After a scintillating performance as Badger, the young gymnast in Double Twisting, Double Back, which earned him his very first best actor nomination, his debut film ML, written and directed by Benedict Mique, is currently in cinemas as of this writing. The film was the second biggest box-office grosser in Cinemalaya last August. Tony Labrusca, leading man rising



Caption
“Of course, we all enjoy the attention that I am getting but I don’t like that to affect my values. I don’t want to focus on the showbiz side. I want to lead my life

as a normal person,” begins Labrusca when asked about his new found fame. He adds, “More than the attention, I just want people to be excited with what I am doing, that they see I am passionate about the craft, about acting, that I am willing to give an extra mile to give life to unconventional characters.” Adding more dozes of sizzle to his career is Glorious. With 11 million views and its viewership continues to grow exponentially, the trailer of the made for television movie he co-stars with Angel Aquino is without a doubt highly anticipated and has received so much love. Labrusca blurts out

with a chuckle, “All of a sudden, ang daming obsessed sa dila ko. What is happening now, I think it is so funny.” What is not funny is the intense sexual chemistry he shares with Aquino. He explains, “Well, with that, it is either you guys have it or you don’t. We allowed each other room to grow and be vulnerable. Prior to doing a love scene, there were, of course, discussions on how to do it. Since we are two people who are madly in love with each other, we played our characters as truthful as possible.” How easy or difficult was it, to do an intimate scene with Angel? Labrusca’s quick reply, “It is always difficult because it was my first time to do intimate moments captured by a camera for a film. May shock factor sa una pero as I become more comfortable with my character and Angel’s, then madali na.” The leading man of the moment and beyond concludes, “Ang daming naka-relate sa Glorious kasi totoo siya. Man, this is real life, it is happening, May-December affairs do exist. Hindi lang puro sexy scenes ang film, there is substance and a lot of love that definitely resonates and affects.”

Rhian Ramos: “No lipatan.”

Rhian Ramos on her mother network GMA-7: “I’ve also built a relationship of trust with GMA just because at no point naman did I ever want to make them feel that I’m not loyal.” Contrary to speculations, Rhian Ramos is not leaving GMA-7 anytime soon. After her break from showbiz to study in the United States, Rhian is set to fulfill all her obligations with her mother network. “Yeah, my contract isn’t over actually. I’m on leave so that’s what I’m saying na how kind they are that they would allow me to take a break from my contract. “But I do have to resume it once I get back.”



According to Rhian, she is very happy with her relationship with the Kapuso network, since she’s allowed to work with ABS-CBN leading men. Rhian said about this, “Well, I think I’ve also built a relationship of trust with GMA just because at no point naman did I ever want to make them feel that I’m not loyal. “I’ve been with them since I’m 15, I’m 28 now. It’s been thirteen years and ako kasi, I’m the kind of person na lately, I’ve been learning how to speak my mind. To set the record straight, Rhian clarifies that she is not transferring to ABS-CBN. “No lipatan happening, it’s really more of me taking a break just to do something that I’ve always wanted to do and never got the chance because tuloy tuloy lang ako.” Rhian’s last teleserye with GMA-7 was the prime-time series The One That Got Away, which aired from January to May 2018. Rhian started her career with the Kapuso network in 2006, when she was paired with Richard Gutierrez in Captain Barbell.

Chanda after the years: Marriage and charity

CHANDA Romero started in the early 70s with Tagalog Ilang-Ilang Productions as a support in the movies of Ate Vi like “Ang Konduktora” (her first movie in 1972), “Now and Forever” and “Dyesebel”. She then went sexy in the controversial “Mga Uhaw na Bulaklak” in 1974 that revamped the censors then and was launched to stardom by Jesse Ejercito in “Sa Kagubatan ng Lungsod” in 1975.



She has since worked with the country’s best directors. And we’re glad that a competent actress like her continues to be active as a working actor up to now, doing teleseryes mainly for GMA-7. And now she’s back on primetime in the big-budgeted GMA drama series, “Cain at Abel”. Chanda came to the presscon with her husband, Jose Alejandrino. How did they meet? “We met through Maricel Soriano. She called me up saying she’s shooting a movie in a house in Mandaluyong at magugustuhan ko raw ‘yung owner. We hit it off well right away at ‘yun, we’ve been married for 12 years now.” She’s now also active with Dang Cecilio in doing charity work. They’ve helped ErMa (for Ermita Malate), an organization for streetchildren and abused kids and Missionaries for the Poor that houses kids with disabilities and serves as a home for the aged. “It’s our way of sharing. You don’t just give them donations, but what they need is your company, lalo na ‘yung mga bata, they’re hungry for love and attention. Nakakatuwa kasi they recognize me because of ‘Contessa’ where I played a villain role. Sabi nila, di ba salbahe ka? And I said, sa TV lang ‘yun. Wala talagang makakapalit sa feeling na nakakatulong kang magpasaya sa mga tao.”

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kong gawin at kinaya ko naman. Kasi I realized hindi lahat ng gagawin mo dapat nasa comfort zone ka, sometimes you have to get out of it,” she said, noting that this film has gratefully allowed her to become very independent. All of Kathryn’s adjustments and willingness to explore a new facet in her career eventually paid off as she received praises from netizens for her exemplary performance of her character. But the biggest commendation that she received highlighted the fact that she managed to stay at par with Sharon and Richard during their powerful and tear-jerking confrontation scene, which earned a rousing applause from all the moviegoers inside the cinema. In the end, Kathryn is positive that people would love and learn from Tin as much as she did, especially on the aspect of family, forgiveness and understanding this holiday season.

‘Let’s do better at being human’ Janella Salvador

If there is one thing actress Janella Salvador wants, it is for a better version of the world. But to make that vision possible, she encouraged her fans to become better human beings. Salvador appeared to be moving on from the issue, sharing positivity to her fans. She asserted that she wants to see a world where people are courageous, unafraid of standing up for themselves. The actress is seeking a world where people can be their “own, authentic, unique and wonderful” selves without the fear of being judged. “A world where people actually know how to own up to their mistakes and better themselves instead of letting pride and fear of judgment take over because if God can forgive billions of people over and over every single day, so can we,” she added. “Come on,” she told her fans. “It’s time for us to do better at being human. Yes?” The actress previously alleged that Magalona physically abused her twice, as per an interview on Oct. 24. She said that she spoke up about the incident because she

did not like that the actor was “being stopped from owning up to his mistake.”



Salvador divulged that because there was an absence of a public statement despite Elmo “volunteering” to address the issue, she was being blamed for the incident on social media. Magalona’s camp has yet to comment or issue a statement on the said issue, as of this writing. During an interview for TV Patrol, Jenine Desiderio revealed that Elmo Magalona personally apologized to her for the incident where he hit her daughter, Janella Salvador. “In fairness, he apologized personally three weeks after the incident. After talking to the Star Magic people, he texted me asking me if he could talk to me. I granted his request, the following day nagkita kami and yun we had a one on one,” Jenine shared. “That’s when he promised me about the public apology. That didn’t happen.”

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academic excellence and student success with plaques of recognition and cash awards. Among those who were given recognition with distinctive plaques and cash awards were: A.”Outstanding Elementary School Graduates”: Jason Bouckley, Dannuel Matthew Santos and Kyla Marie Supat; B. “Outstanding High School Graduates” : Elyka Anne Ampio, Jasmine Bouckley, Krista Elisha Salazar Chavez, Hannah Clemente ,Katelyn Quiachon,& Alfonso Ralph Mendoza Manalo; C. Outstanding Post Secondary Graduates: Mary Ann Gaytano - Santos and Charles Brian Racelis Serapio . Adjudget “Most Outstanding Elementary School Graduate” was Maelynn Magnolia Hechanova Bucao; “Most Outstanding High School Graduate” was Nikki Brianne Francisco Samonte; and “Most Outstanding Post Secondary School Graduate” was Dr. Marisa Largo, PhD. All the awardees have successfully passed the selection process by satisfac-

torily meeting the evaluative criteria of : academic average(50%), co-curricular activities(15%), community involvement(15%) and interview performance (20%). Two former members of the FCT Board of Directors also received special awards and tributes during the ceremony. The late Rosalinda C. Javier, a former school teacher, commucdnity leader and former FCT President & CEO was given a Posthumous Award with a Plaque of Recognition. The award was received by her daughter Lin Barbara Dickinson. Aida D’Orazio, a former FCT Director and the Chairman of the FCT - OSA Project in 2005- 2013, also was cited for her exemplary service and contribution to the Centre. Dr. Vicky Santiago, former FCT Board Chair presented the awards, assisted by FCT President & CEO Mary Ann San Juan. In attendance were the officers and members of the FCT Board of Directors, special guests, parents and family

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Kris Bernal in her most daring project

Kris Bernal is happy and excited with the turnout of her maiden indie project titled, Kontradiksyon under Bell Films which she just finished shooting. “The character is very new to me. It’s far different from the previous roles I played in the past. In the story, I’m a call center agent who sells illegal drugs. She does this to make money although it’s against her principle.” For the first time, she is paired with actor Jake Cuenca, who plays a government agent in the film. “I only have good words for him. He’s a good performer and is very professional,” she said. Kris shares that at first, she got intimidated with her Kapamilya co-star especially during the initial shooting days. She and Jake have intimate scenes in the movie, and Kris admitted that she had some challenges doing the scenes. Interestingly, even if she already figured in lots of kissing scenes and love scenes in her previous screen outings, the petite star still felt nervous. “I feel awkward doing passionate scenes. I don’t feel comfortable. Every time there’s a required love scene in my projects, I really get nervous as to how to do it realistically. I told our director (Niel de Mesa) about my limitations: first, I don’t like to moan, next, I don’t want to figure in a pumping scene and last, I don’t want to expose my bosom. It’s good he understood and just like what I’ve mentioned earlier, Jake was very professional and supportive in such scenes.” So far, Kris considers Kontradiksyon as her most mature and daring project to date. Kris is grateful to be given another crack at headlining a potboiler. Her last big screen project was Regal Entertainment’s Nandito Ako...Nagmamahal Sa ‘Yo in 2009 where she shared stellar billing with Aljur Abrenica.

Rayver happy that his show is doing well

Rayver Cruz feels so elated that his first soap after inking a contract with GMA Asawa Ko, Karibal Ko is presently doing well in the ratings chart. “Of course, it brings joy to my heart. Who wants that his maiden show has lukewarm results, right? I’m glad that the show is well-received by viewers,” he states. Rayver admits that before the show started airing, he also had fears. “I guess, that’s just natural. You’ll have jitters if the program will rate. But you know, you just have to trust the process, the story, and the whole team. There are the writers, our director and of course, my two leading ladies, Kris (Bernal) and Thea (Tolentino) who are splendid actresses. It’s really heart-warming to read the tweets and comments of the public. It’s so encouraging.” According to the former Kapamilya star, he feels more inspired to work given these positives in their soap. “The more it motivates me to give it my best shot. It’s inspiring to act and do good scenes for the viewers. They should not miss the upcoming episodes,” he ends.

Family matters get in the way of a possible Arra-Ken romance

ARRA San Agustin says her role as Carol in “My Special Tatay” is the biggest break she got from GMA-7 since she became a runner up three years ago on Starstruck 6. “Ito kasi ang first lead role ko talaga,” she says. “I was paired with Ken Chan before in ‘The Cure’, but support lang kami roon. Dito, kami na talaga ang main characters.”

She was then majoring in Psychology at La Salle when she joined Starstruck 6. Her plan was to go to medicine proper later. “Yun ang dream ko noon, but now, I realized mas gusto ko ang magkaroon ng successful acting career kasi ibang satisfaction ang nakukuha ko rito. After Starstruck, inilagay ako sa ‘Encantadia’ and I felt at home agad doon. Now, when people ask me, bakit hindi mo pinagpatuloy ang medicine, I tell them na kung itutuloy ko, baka mag-drop out din ako later kasi mas masaya na ako ngayon sa showbiz.”

Her passion is for acting now that she is in ‘My Special Tatay’. “Dito ko talaga



naramdaman na gusto kong maging magaling na aktres. At nakatulong naman dito ang kaalaman ko sa psychology. May mild intellectual disability rito si Ken Chan as Boyet and me as his BFF na si Carol, I’m in a good position para malaman where he is coming from.”

She’s thankful to the viewers

of “My Special Tatay” for accepting her in the show. “Ang gaganda ng pino-post nilang feedback sa performance ko in the show and it warms my heart to be able to please them. Gayundin naman ang positive comments kay Ken, kaya nga mas ginaganahan pa kaming magtrabaho as Carol and Boyet at mas pagbubutihin pa ang bawat eksena na ginagawa namin.”

What can she say about those who also support Ken’s tandem with Rita Daniela as Aubrey? “No problem kasi we all support reach other. Basta sa ikagaganda pa ng show, we’re

all for it. Friend ko naman si Rita at mabait siya sa akin. Ang mahalaga, mas suportahan nila ang bawat episode ng show.”

So who will get Ken as Boyet in the end? “We don’t really know at this point. ‘Yung writers kasi, binabagay rin nila ang takbo sa story sa reaction ng viewers so we don’t know yet kung saan ito talaga hahantong.”

Is their a possibility of romance blooming between them on and off cam? “Mabait si Ken at lagi pa kaming magkasama, so we never can tell. But I don’t think it’s his priority kasi he’s so family oriented. May sakit ang father niya at alam ko kung anong pinagdaanan niya. As of now, we’re very good friends at maganda ang working relationship namin so hanggang ganun na lang muna.”

Kylie Verzosa sympathizes with beauty queens who experienced sexual harassment

Kylie Verzosa supports candidates of beauty pageants who came out and revealed they were sexually harassed. “I feel for them so much,” says Kylie.

Nagbigay ng kanyang paha-yag si Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa tungkol sa mga kandidata ng beauty pageants na nakararanas ng sexual harassment.

Matatandaang naging laman ng balita kamakailan ang pagsisiwalat ng ilang kandidata ng Miss Earth 2018 na nakaranas umano sila ng sexual harassment mula sa isang pageant sponsor.

Pinatototohanan naman ng ilang beauty queens, gaya nina Bb. Pilipinas-International 2017 Mariel de Leon at Miss International 2013 Bea Rose Santiago, na may nagaganap ngang sexual harassment sa mga beauty pageant.

Saad ng 26-year-old beauty queen-turned-actress, “It’s really sad that it’s happening in the beauty pageant industry and that more girls are talking about it.



“But I’m glad that the women are starting to be open about it, be strong about it, kasi it’s not easy.

“It’s not easy to open up about sexual harassment, sexual abuse or any kind of abuse.

“I commend the girls for speaking out. I feel for them so much.

“Kudos to the girls and I hope that the organization makes a change on it.”

Buo raw ang suporta ni Kylie sa mga kapwa kandidata sa kanilang paninindigang isiwalat ang pang-aabuso sa kanila.

“Of course, I support those who came out and had the courage to speak up about the abuse.”

PBB evictee Art Guma admits falling for housemate Karina Bautista

Sa Tonight with Boy Abunda, hindi napigilang mai-yak ni Pinoy Big Brother Otso evictee Art Guma nang hingan siya ng mensahe para sa kanyang foster dad na pumanaw na, si Papi. Close kasi si Art sa kanyang Papi. “Nung si Mama nasa abroad ikaw palagi yung nandyan, ikaw palagi yung nagsu-support, sa baon, sa tutors... Thank you for everything,” mensahe ni Art para kay Papi.

Pangako naman niya sa kanyang foster mom



na kasama niya para sa guesting sa TWBA, “Hindi magbabago si Little Cli-Cli (klay-klay) ninyo... although ako yung silent one sa bahay or hindi lumalabas ng kwarto.”

Bago lumabas ng Bahay ni Kuya si Art ay nakaalitan niya si Criza Taa. Nang tanungin tungkol dito, ang sabi ni Art ay, “Medyo she could be off, may times na she could be rude pero may times din na nagkakasundo kami, nagtatawanan kami...”

Naayos kaya nila ang di nila pagkakasundo bago

siya lumabas? Ayon kay Art, “Nung lumabas ako rare na din yung encounter namin ng pag-uusap.”

Nahihiya man si Art, inamin din niya na nahulog ang loob niya kay Karina Bautista na isa ring housemate. Pag-amin niya kung bakit nahiya siyang aminin, “May magagalit kasi e... merong ano si Karina.”

Too late na daw para mag-enroll siya para sa second sem kung kaya gusto sumabak sa workshops ni Art.

Nang tanungin kung sino dapat ang evictee kung hindi siya ang lumabas, diretsong sinabi ni Art na, “no offense but Criza.” Si Lee naman daw ang pinakamatakas at pinakamakulit na housemate. Si Jelay ang pinaka-close sa kanya. Si Aljon diumano ang pinakamabait at si Seth ang pinakamatalino at ang sa tingin niya dapat maging Big Winner.

Bago si Art, ang una nang na-evict na housemate ay si Josh Worsley.

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“Now I earn 45,000 pesos a month. Previously, I was earning double that!”

One would expect Manuel to be less than approving of the Duterte. Instead, he turns out to be a staunch supporter of the combative politician.

“Having worked in government before, I can feel the change. Before Duterte, there was a lot of corruption in the agricultural industry. I know of one case where the product cost 5,000 pesos, but was billed for 750,000 pesos instead! Now, it’s monitored closely and the corrupt are punished.”

I ask Manuel what other changes he felt



In Metro Manila, President Rodrigo Duterte’s deadly drug war has brought safer streets, according to Manuel S. Abad.

since Duterte came on board.

“Five years ago, when I went from here to Makati, it took me three hours. Now, it takes one hour and forty minutes because they now have more regulations for vehicle coding and have improved the flow by making the road a one-way street.”

“I also now have a medical card. With this, I can go to a general hospital and get free consultation. If I go to the [local government office], I can get free health services. It used to be difficult to get a card, but now anyone can get it within three days or so.

“It used to be so dangerous to go out at night. Now, I feel safe walking outside at night. The police are more active, the drug lords are

afraid and there’s just more monitoring of the city.”

Speaking of drugs, I point out Duterte’s campaign against narcotics, including the shooting of teenagers and children, which provoked outrage in certain quarters. Manuel is measured, but unfazed.

The body of a man who was shot by unidentified gunmen on a motorcycle south of Manila earlier this month. It was one of many deaths associated with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s drug war.

“Filipinos are very religious – we don’t want to hurt people. I don’t want to say that the ends justify the means. But at a certain point, you have to consider the majority of the population.

“People have a right to live. But what happens when drugs undermine our own right to live, when they poison our children? If people are kept being told to change and they don’t listen, what then can you do?

“Some say his methods are drastic and unprecedented. But maybe it’s the only way to make things better – because we have tried everything. The past presidents, they’ve tried, but they’re afraid to offend people.

“They are always after popularity. They want to be seen in a good light and they don’t want to affect the relationships they have with other companies or senators.

“The oligarchs will always be there – always condescending. But I feel that Duterte will stand his ground. If ever the oligarchs try to influence him, he will still consider what is best for the Filipinos.”

For decades, the same families have dominated Filipino politics and business: the Osmenas, the Cojuangcos, the Aquinos – the list

goes on. For the man on the street like Manuel, the lofty promises of the “People Power” revolution, which toppled the Marcos dictatorship, are yet to be fulfilled.

Manuel’s neighbourhood – known for its roast pork – reflects this dismal state of affairs. Over the years, the area has grown more dense, with high-rises packing people into already crowded spaces. Moreover, even after more than four decades living here, Manuel still does not own property.

“One of my friends wanted to get a 1 million peso loan. He was told by the bank he needed to place a 1 million peso deposit to get the loan. How are people like myself supposed to come up with that money? Financial inclusivity is dead in the Philippines.”

Against this backdrop of stagnancy, Duterte – who comes from a powerful political clan himself – represents change, at least to Manuel and his family. And although recent surveys show his approval rating has fallen 18 points, and doubts are mounting over the efficacy of his bloody drug war, it seems many still consider the president the best way towards a better future – something Duterte needs to deliver on.

“I have four children. My eldest daughter is working at a call centre. My 17-year-old boy is in Grade 12. Soon he’ll want to go to university. He’s good with numbers and so he wants to be an accountant. I never got to get a degree,” Manuel said.

“On Duterte, I cannot judge the morality of the situation ... but I can see results, and as long as I see my surroundings improve, then I will always support him.”

Manuel was also dismissive of the recent drop in Duterte’s ratings.

“There are a lot of things beneficial to the Filipino people that are not being released. There is a saying: if it’s not controversial, it’s not good news.

DON’T LOSE HOPE

Ngayong taon ay wala pang napapanalunang korona ang Pilipinas sa international beauty pageants.

So far, ang pinakamataas na posisyong nakuha ng Pilipinas ay ang pagkakahirang kay Ahtisa Manalo bilang first runner-up sa Miss International 2018.

Ngunit hindi naman daw nawawalan ng pag-asa si Kylie, lalo pa’t dalawang major international beauty pageants pa ang magaganap.

“We still have, like, two yata who are still competing, so I think we have a good chance and I’m excited for them.

“Let’s not lose hope.

“I would say that this batch is really good. May pag-asa pa tayo,” pahayag ni Kylie.

Kumpiyansa raw siya sa tsansa nina Katarina Rodriguez para sa Miss World 2018 at Catrio-na Gray para sa Miss Universe 2018.

Gaganapin ang Miss World 2018 sa China sa December 8, habang ang Miss Universe 2018 ay gaganapin sa Thailand sa December 17.



ABS star Janelle Salvador walks with Kusina ng Ating Bahay Manager and sponsor Jam Lazaro as she arrives for One Magic Night concert last month.



Nadine Lustre on co-star Carlo Aquino:

‘Wala kaming awkward moments’

Nadine Lustre talks about working with Carlo Aquino in a movie.

Nadine Lustre and Carlo Aquino are set to star together in an upcoming movie titled Ulan. According to Nadine, working with the actor has been a great experience.

“I love working with him. He’s super chill lang. And then wala kaming awkward na moments na both of us parang nag in sync na lang kami bigla, which is really surprising for me because that’s the first time that ever happened because sina direk Irene (Villamor) and Carlo close na rin sila so it’s not hard for me to talk to Carlo as well,” she said.

Nadine shared that they about to wrap up shooting for the movie soon. “We’re almost done. We have a few scenes left. We have a few days left but it is so much fun. Shooting the movie I had fun working with direk Irene it is just a breath of fresh air,” she stated.

Sikat na leather company, gusto si Heart

Nakakatuwa naman ang tsika na biglang lumakas ang sales ng French fashion accessories na Gas Bijoux mula nang i-endorse ito ni

Heart Evangelista. Sobrang naging in-demand daw ang nasa-bing accesories sa mga Pinoy abroad at suki ng online shopping. Nun’g huling biyahe pala ni Heart sa Paris, may pa-welcome sa kanya ang may-ari nito sa kanilang banner store sa France.

Bukod sa nasabing French fashion accessory, endorser na rin si Heart ng leather goods na Sequoia.

Actually, may iba pa raw sikat na leather company ang gusto sanang kunin si Heart pero may similar brand na raw na ini-endorse ang aktres na based sa Italy. Anytime raw ay maglalabas na rin ito ng mga campaign material.

Ang nakakabilib kay Heart, kahit marami na siyang high-end brands na product endorsements, tumatanggap pa rin siya ng locally-made garments tulad na nga lang ng Kamiseta, isa sa latest endorsements niya.

At take note, si Heart mismo ang mag-de-design ng mga damit sa Kamiseta base na rin sa kanyang recent Instagram post.

“A full collection of the clothing line I designed with @kamisetaph featuring my art will be released very soon. Stay tuned!,” sabi ni Heart sa IG account.

Si Heart din ang face of Caritas Manila at sumasama siyang mag-ikot sa depressed areas with Father Anton para magturo sa ilang out-of-school youth.

Mas tutok si Heart sa endorsements abroad at ilang bubuksang business.

Pero sinusubukan daw ulit ng aktres at asawang si Sen. Chiz Escudero na magka-baby muli.

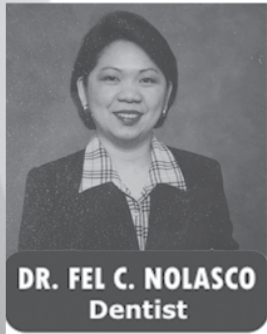
In fact, nu’ng long weekend, nagpahinga sila sa Balesin kasama ang kambal na anak ng senador.



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Alex, excited about MMFF entry with Toni



Sam Milby, Toni Gonzaga and Alex Gonzaga

ALEX Gonzaga considers this year as a good one for her. She had a hit solo movie recently, “Nakalimutan Kong Kalimutan Ka”, which did quite well at the box office. And now, she has an entry in the Metro Manila Filmfest, “Mary, Marry Me”, where she co-stars with her own sister, Toni, with Sam Mliby as their leading man.

“It’s a dream come true for me,” she says. “Noong bata pa kami ng Ate ko, pumipila kami kapag may Metro Manila filmfest on Christmas Day to watch some entries like ‘Mano Po’, ‘Shake, Rattle & Roll’, ‘Crying Ladies’ at iba pa. At ngayon, kasali na kami at isa na ang movie namin sa mga pagpipilian ng viewers para panoorin, so kakaiba ang feeling.”

It’s her first time to work with her sister in a movie. “We are both excited and the movie is produced by the company of her husband, si Paul (Soriano), ‘yung TEN17P. It’s a learning experience for all of us. We’ve learned more about working with each other as a team. Nakita namin ang work ethics ng bawat isa, pati ‘yung how we treat our co-workers, so ayun, ang dami niyang sinasabi sa akin at ang dami ko rin namang sinasabi sa kanya. Very intriguing ang story ng movie kasi nakatakdang pakasal sa’kin si Sam, then na-meet niya ang Ate ko and it becomes an unexpected love triangle for all of us.”

What are their chances of winning acting awards come the filmfest award night? “Naku, we don’t pressure ourselves about that. We’re just happy na nakasali kami sa filmfest and that is enough for us. I’m looking forward to joining the annual parade of stars at yung kakaway-kaway sa mga tao. I’m sure it’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Ken, special son to his father

KEN Chan made quite a lasting impression as the transgender lead in the hit afternoon soap, “Destiny Rose”, that some folks thought he’s really gay. Now, he is once again very believable as a mildly autistic young man in “My Special Tatay” and he seems to be acting like one even if he’s already off cam.

“Yes, nadadala ko ‘yung character kung minsan, kahit wala na ako sa taping,” he says. “But I’m really glad na napakaganda ng feedback, hindi lang sa acting ko kundi pati sa buong show kasi it helps viewers understand more and accept more ‘yung mga taong kagaya ni ‘Special Tatay’ na ginagampanan ko.”

In real life, Ken is really a very special son. He’s the breadwinner in the family and it’s really unfortunate that his dad is currently suffering from cancer of the esophagus. “He’s undergoing chemotherapy,” he says. “Naka-12 sessions na siya in six months and he’s getting better naman. Pero mino-monitor din ang kidneys niya kasi he had kidney transplant before.”

Most of his earnings go to his dad’s medication. “Mahirap talaga ang pinagdaraan na niya but I don’t mind kahit ibigay ko sa tatay ko lahat ng sahod ko, basta gumaling lang siya. My mindset is I don’t mind how much we spend, basta gumaling lang siya. Buti na lang at may show ako ngayon at lagi siyang nanonood ng ‘My Special Tatay’ at natutuwa naman siya sa performance ko. He’s very happy that my career is doing well.”

It’s good that he is not a spendthrift. “I value my earnings and I don’t spend it irresponsibly na basta gastos lang nang gastos. Ever since, hindi naman ako maluho. I’m not the type na kung ano yung latest gadget, kailangang magkaroon din ako ng ganoon. Even my phone, simple lang. Basta may magamit. Mas masaya akong nakakatulong ako sa dad ko at buong family namin.”

No wonder that he is so blessed his show, “My Special Tatay”, continues to gain more and more viewers. “Sana nga, mas dumami pa po ang manonood at mas tumaas pa ang ratings namin para mas tumagal din kami sa ere at tuluy-tuloy lang ang trabaho ko,” Ken prays.



Press Club remembers the Massacre of Journalists in Ampatuan

“The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people.” Martin Luther King Jr: Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, November 25, 2018

Today, the Philippine Press Club Ontario (PPCO) hosted a somber Flower Ceremony inside the Filipino Centre Toronto in Scarborough, Ontario in honor of the 34 journalists that were murdered in the so-called Ampatuan Massacre. This event which was attended by the members and officers of PPCO and friends, is a way of showing a deep sympathy for the families of the victims.

PPCO Secretary Marissa Corpus was the event’s emcee. PPCO President Rose Tijam delivered the Welcome Address speech in which she said:

“We are demanding justice for them and their families and loved ones.” To recall, the Ampatuan Massacre happened nine years ago on November 23, 2009 in the town of Ampatuan, province of Maguindanao in the Philippines where fifty-eight people were brutally killed, of which, 34 were journalists. Nine years has passed without conviction, some witnesses were killed, and about 70 suspects are still at large.

After the President’s speech, PPCO member Larry Torres provided more context by showing the vivid video footages of the aftermath of the massacre as reported by various news organizations at that time, reminding us again of what happened on that fateful day.

It was followed by the Invocation of Pastor Charles Ojano of the First Filipino-Canadian Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The ceremony proceeded smoothly: As the name of the slain journalist was called, a participant walked solemnly to the makeshift altar to gingerly put a freshly cut flower into a vase, and this continued until the last name of the victim was called.

Garry Tanuan, a recently re-elected Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) trustee attended the event with his wife, and donated a beautiful wreath to the press club.

Afterwards, PPCO Director Ariel Ramos walked up to the podium to speak about the background of the Ampatuan massacre.

PPCO Vice President Fred Yuson delivered the Closing Remarks in which he said: “The wounds of Ampatuan massacre victims’ families remain and never gone.

We not only continue to hope for justice but also hope to end the injustice.”

Kyline Deny tiff WITH BIANCA: 'We're OK'

Kyline Alcantara and Bianca Umali



KYLINE Alcantara says her decision to move from ABS-CBN to GMA-7 was one of the wisest decisions she ever made in her life. Her first teleserye with them, "Kambal Karibal", really hit it big and she proved herself in the acting department playing one of the villains.

It no doubt boosted her stock as she gained a lot of fans and was tagged as "la nueva contravida". Now, for her next project, she's no longer just the contravida because she plays the lead role no less. This is in a musical drama entitled "Inagaw na Bituin".

"...they really physically hurt each other in their catfight scenes..."

"It's about the child of a famous showbiz couple na kinidnap noong baby pa siya," she says. "She is raised by someone else and just like her parents, she's also very talented kaya may musical component rin ang show. Aspiring singer ako rito kaya kakanta ako this time."

Supporting her is award-winning teen star Therese Malvar who plays the villain role this time. The more senior stars with

them are Sunshine Dizon, Gabby Eigenmann, Angelika de la Cruz, Marvin Agustin and Angelu de Leon. Also in the cast are teen actors Renz Valerio and Starstruck 6 male winner Migo Adecera.

"I really feel so blessed na may kasunod agad ang 'Kambal Karibal,'" adds Kyline. "Pinag-pray ko noon na maging busy ako and the Lord granted it, nangyayari na nga 'yun ngayon. Ibang-iba ang role ko rito from 'Kambal Karibal' and I want the viewers to see 'yung kaibahan ng

role ko kasi mabait ako rito. Maganda ang values conveyed by the show about family love and how important it is for you to work hard to fulfill your dreams. Abangan nyo ang

'Inagaw na Bituin' at malapit na po siyang ipalabas."

What can she say about the scuttlebutt that she's at

odds with her "Kambal Karibal" co-star, Bianca Umali? It's said Bianca felt so insecure when they were doing the show when she's supposed to be the contravida and yet she's getting better feedback than her, so much so that they really physically hurt each other in their catfight scenes?

"Hindi naman po totoo 'yun. We don't feel any anger or hate for each other kasi we're both just doing our job and what's expected from us. We have a very good professional relationship. Nagkasama nga kami ulit sa 'Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko' at okay naman kami, so sana po, tigilan na ang mga intrigang pinag-aaway kami."

Binatang senador, interesado kay Bela

ASKED in an interview in Boy Abunda's Tonight With Boy Abunda (TWBA), if he is courting Bela Padilla, JM de Guzman replied "no."

But he and Bela are collaborating on a showbiz project daw which they might co-produce with JM as the director.

Bela, meanwhile, will write the story.

STILL on Bela... everything seems to be coming up roses for her lately.

She is with the cast of The Fantastica, topbilled by Vice Ganda for the 2018 Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

Aside from Vice, The Fantastica also stars



Dingdong Dantes, Richard Gutierrez and the love teams of Loisa Andalio and Ronnie Alonte; Maymay Entrata and Edward Barber; and Kisses Delavin and Donny Pangilinan.

Jaclyn Jose is featured in a special role.

Ayon kay Bela, first time siyang makakasama sa Parade of Stars, which ushers in the much-awaited yearly film event.

Of course, she is extremely excited about it.

By the way, tanong lang: How true that an incumbent senator, na binatang-binata, ha, is eager na makilala si Bela?

Kathniel brings kilig to Toronto

Toronto singer Celine Grey was the lone front act to the much-awaited One Magical Night concert headlined by Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo also known as Kathniel. One advantage of having a one performer as a front act is that the audience does not have to count how many front-acts are in the poster, becoming impatient until the last front act. With Celine having well-choreographed dance numbers with back-up dancers Zoe Virola, Chollo Lagdameo, Andrew Dapat, and Katherine Reyes, the audience enjoyed the performance.

Wacky Kiray and Negi brought the house down as they say. They were funny non-stop like a non-stop action movie a la Raiders of the Lost Ark. At times, funny, at times dirty, kinky, bordering on salacious and most of the time, all of it at the same time. The highlight was when an audience contestant brushed her hand against Wacky Kiray's crotch in a contest of who can do the best stripper dance.

The sold-out concert at Toronto Pavilion generated shrieks of delight and feelings of kilig when the love-team of Kathniel came

out. Also receiving their fair share of shrieks and kilig, though less loud, and a bit uncomfortably were the ex-love team of Elmo Magalona and Janella Salvador.

Belinda Reyes and her team of co-producers Rovina Lazaro and Beth Malcolm must be very happy.

The performers all said that the Toronto audience was the best. They performed earlier in Calgary and Vancouver.



Kim Chiu finally confirms relationship with Xian Lim

Kim Chiu, 28, finally confirms that Xian Lim, 29, is her boyfriend.

Usisa ng host na si Boy Abunda: bakit nahihirapan sina Kim at Xian na aminin ang totoong estado ng kanilang relasyon?

Tugon ni Kim, "Alam naman na... oo naman. Alam naman na ng mga tao."

NO WEDDING PLANS YET

Mariin naman ang sagot ni Kim sa mga tanong ni Boy tungkol sa pagpapakasal.

Sa palagay ba niya ay si Xian na ang "the one"?

"Ay, grabe! Hindi ko pa alam, Tito Boy. Wala pa yung isip ko sa ganun," sagot ni Kim.

Hindi pa ba niya naiisip magpakasal na lalo't 28-anyos na siya?

"Wala pa. Wala sa isip ko ngayon."

Hindi pa raw nila pinag-uusapan ni Xian ang kasal.

"Hindi namin pinag-uusapan din. Kasi siya din."

"Marami pa kaming priorities, marami pa kaming gusto sa buhay. And bata pa naman."



"Ngayon naman, ang mga career women, 30-plus na nila iniisip [magpakasal]."

"Pag 30 na sila, don na sila naghahanap [ng mapapangasawa]."

Nabuo ang tatalang Kim at Xian—mas kilala sa tawag na KimXi—nang ipareha sila sa ABS-CBN prime-time series na My Binondo Girl noong 2011.

Dito rin sila nagsimulang ma-link romantically.

Sa loob ng maraming taon at sa kabila ng di mamatay-matay na isyung may namamagitan sa kanila, walang direktang pag-amin sina Kim at Xian sa tunay na estado ng relasyon nila.

Bukod sa Binondo Girl, nagtambal din sina Kim at Xian sa mga teleseryeng Ina, Kapatid, Anak (2012) at The Story of Us (2016).

Sa pelikula, nagtambal sila sa Bakit Hindi Ka Crush ng Crush Mo? (2013), Bride For Rent (2014), Past Tense (2014), at All You Need is Pag-Ibig (2015).



Sophie amazes Rocco who gets a lot of explaining to do to GF

ROCCO Nacino never expected that his role in "Pamilya Roces" as the two-timing husband of Carla Abellana would be his most daring role so far. He is frequently shown in various stages of undress and he also figures in bed scenes with Sophie Albert as the sexy Amber. Doesn't his non-showbiz GF Melissa Gohing get jealous with dalliance with Sophie?

"Since she's still in the process of understanding my kind of world as an actor, it took a lot of talking and explaining to her," he says. "But I really praise her for always being so patient and understanding with the requirements of my job. After all, secure naman siyang this is just work for me at siya 'yung totoo."

How far is he willing to go in doing sexy scenes? "Sa 'Pamilya Roces', we all know it's a TV show so may limitations pa rin. Sa movie, it really depends on the kind of project that will be offered to me and the director who'll handle the sexy scene. Hindi madaling gumawa ng sexy scenes so you should be sure that the project is really worth it and the director is someone who's truly talented and you can trust."

He's very naughty in "Pamilya Roces". Is he also naughty in real life? "Well, I just want to keep it a secret, for it to remain a mystery. Ha ha ha!"

What can he say about the performance of Sophie as Amber? "She just amazed me kasi from the first day of shoot pa lang, nakuha na niya agad ang character na hinahanap ni Direk Joel Lamangan for Amber. She's very professional and serious with her craft, diving into the portrayal of her character without any reservations, even sa relationship nila ng character kong si Hugo kahit na we have never worked together before. We really made sure na may rapport kami to establish the relationship of the characters we play, Hugo and Amber. Noong una, nagkakailangan pa kami sa bed scenes, but now, we're very comfortable in nailing these kinds of scenes. And it really feels good to be part of a good series like 'Pamilya Roces' na puro magagaling ang mga kasama mo. You have no choice but to also give your best in each and every scene."



FIRST, Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo delivered the love in a sold-out concert. SECOND, Former love team Elmo Magalona and Janella Salvador gave an uncomfortable vibe when they sang a duet Born for You. THIRD, Producer Belinda Reyes and family poses with the stars that included comedians Wacky Kiray and Negi. FOURTH, Kathryn Bernardo is backed up by Toronto dancers Zoe Virola, Chollo Lagdameo, Andrew Dapat, and Katherine Reyes. FIFTH, The one and only front act, Celine Grey provided a very exceptional, exciting, entertaining and rousing start to the concert.

Barbie Forteza looks back on sweet moments with birthday boy Jak Roberto

Barbie Forteza briefly recalls love story with boyfriend Jak Roberto in her video birthday message for him. Putting out a short video on Instagram, she looks back on their sweet moments together. Barbie chooses the song “Finally Found Someone” by Bryan Adams and Barbara Streisand as the background music, especially since the line “It started



over coffee, we started out as friends” sums up their love story. Back in 2017, the two first sparked rumors that they were an item when the Sunday Pinasaya star teased

that she had a coffee date with someone special on her birthday. She captioned read, “Mas happy pa sa happy 20th!” The former Meant To Be co-stars then confirmed that they were in a relationship a few weeks after that post. Jak revealed why it took some time for him and Barbie to reveal their relationship to the public. He said, “Kasi ‘pag maraming nakakaalam, andaming ine-expect sa inyo... Ayaw namin ng gano’n. “Parang gusto namin, chill lang. Parang kahit nasa showbiz kami, parang relax lang.” “I’M LUCKY” Barbie and Jak flew to Hong Kong together early

this year. During their trip, Barbie put out an appreciation post for Jak: “Get yourself a man who would annoy you, take you to the highest of heights knowing how much you hate it, and make you walk all day and get lost in the rain just to get to the shoe store. “But also..... Make you laugh even when you don’t want to, eat a looooot with you even when he has a body to maintain, never tells you ‘You’re getting fat’ even when you’re sure you are, tells you ‘You’re so beautiful’ when you’re sweating from long walks, pulls you close and kisses you on the forehead outside that shoe store, and never lets go of your hand no matter what.



TNT Boys, inaming crush sina Kathryn Bernardo at Nadine Lustre

JERRY OLEA: Inamin ng TNT Boys kung sinu-sino ang crush nila sa local showbiz sa ginanap na presscon nitong Nobyembre 15, Huwebes, sa 9501 restaurant ng ELJCC Building, ABS-CBN Compound, Quezon City. Si Kathryn Bernardo ang crush nina Francis Concepcion at Mackie Empuerto, samantalang si Nadine Lustre ang crush ni Keifer Sanchez. Sigurado silang sina Kathryn at Nadine ang crush nila, hindi sina Daniel Padilla at James Reid. Crush ni Mackie ang kanyang Ate Kathryn. “Kasi po, ang ganda niya. At talented pa po. ‘Tapos, nagiging lobo pa po,” na ang tinutukoy ay ang karakter ng aktres sa La Luna Sangre. Sey ni Francis, “Ganu’n din po, dahil ang ganda ni Ate Kathryn, at naging idol ko po siya sa La Luna Sangre.” Mistulang alingawngaw ang pakli ni Keifer, “Kasi po, ang ganda ni Ate Nadine.” Inusisa ng kasamahang Leo Bukas ang tatlong bagets kung ano ang nararamdaman nila kapag tinutukso sila na parang gay silang kumilos. “Hindi po namin pinapansin. Pag binabasa po namin, ahmmm, parang wala lang,” seryosong sambit ni Keifer. Bittersweet ang smile ni Mackie, “Bakit po kaya kailangan nilang gawin yon, no? Daming hate sa mundo.” Sambot ni Francis, “May problema po kaya sila?” Kumanta si Mackie habang natatawa, “Maalaala mo kaya...?” Nagkatawanan ang tatlo. Pagdidiin ni Mackie, “Hindi po kami apektado dahil hindi po kami talaga ganon. Bakit po kami magre-react eh hindi po kami talaga ganon? E, di wow!”

NOEL FERRER: Nagbibinata na pala ang TNT Boys, at crush talaga nila ang major pinag-uusapan. Napanood ko na sila at magaling talaga silang mag-perform. GORGY RULA: Mga bata pa sila. Puwede pang mabago ang mga type nila. Mabuti na yung sa career na muna sila naka-focus. Mukhang matagalan pa yan sila magka-girlfriend, kung talagang gusto na nila. Tingin ko sa tatlong yan, si Mackie ang mukhang maraming followers. Nakapag-movie na kasi siya, ang Bakwit Boys, at nakapag-ikot na noong pinu-promote ang pelikula.

Joana finds Filipino audience harder to please

JOANNA Ampil first played the lead role of Kim in “Miss Saigon” in London from 1993-1995, then she did it again in 2001-2002. She has appeared in many other plays in London, like “Jesus Christ Superstar” as Mary Magdalene, “Les Miserables” as Eponine and later, Fantine, “Hair”, “Avenue Q”, “Rent” and “Cats”. All in all, she has done a total of 18 shows here and abroad. Last year, she forayed into local films and her performance as Candida in “Larawan” won her several best actress awards.

She’s now back home doing the title role in “Waitress”, a hit Broadway musical based on a 2007 Hollywood film of the same title, with the songs written by Sara Bareilles and the book by Jessie Nelson. Joanna says it’s the most challenging role she’s ever played so far.

She says she’s more nervous when performing for Filipino audiences than when she’s doing plays for foreigners. “Honestly, there’s more pressure here because Filipinos are so talented. They know what sound they want to hear and we’re such good mimics here, so they have higher standards. In a way it’s good because you always try to be on your toes and perform better to avoid making mistakes since local audiences can be quite perfectionist.”

Tony Labrusca’s mom Angel Jones continues to defy the odds of aging with her glowing skin and sexy body

It will always come to a point in our lives where we have to go through the process of aging. It is inevitable but it could be one of the most magnificent thing to experience in our lifetime.

Most people after hitting the age of 40 are starting to get the feeling of fear of suffering from the signs of aging. That is why some of them are starting to get desperate in trying different ways to get a natural glow and age in a beautiful way.

On the other hand, the mother of Tony Labrusca named Angel Jones proved that she is free from all the worries of the aging



process. She became a living proof that it is possible to age gracefully and maintain a young fresh look even at your 40. Angel was only 16 years old when she was impregnated by her partner. While enjoying a new chapter of her life as a mother it became hard for her to ignore the fear of having a great responsibility of being a mom to Tony. Being a first time mother became a difficult stage for her like every first time parent. Jones said that Boom wanted to get married but she was the one who refused with the plan. She felt uncertain with idea of being married with Boom because they were too young at that time. Unfortunately, Boom started to prioritize his acting career that started the gap between their relationship. Despite of their parents’ decision to part ways, Tony remains to have a strong relationship with Angel and Boom.

Sharon Cuneta tired of being judged because of her political connections

Sharon Cuneta: “Can you imagine how it is being in the middle? Being the wife of someone you love and support and respect, whose values you agree with, and then also being friends and have such affection for a President that has been good to my father and to my brother before I met Kiko, and is now supporting my brother? Ang hirap-hirap naman sa gitna. Pagod na pagod na rin ako, ‘tapos makakarinig ka pa ng batikos na hindi muna nag-isip.”

Former beauty queen opens up about sexual harassment

Former Miss International 2013 Bea Rose Santiago revealed last Monday that she was molested by a priest when she was a child. Santiago, 28, made the confession on Facebook as she points out that “sexual harassment is real not just in pageants but everywhere.” She reveals: “I was molested when I was a child by a priest. He is still preaching somewhere in Masbate; “I was told ‘why are you born too late! or sus sayang ka Bea, kong napanganak ka lang mas maaga’ by a pageant guy winner. I was 12 years old and he was 21; “I was once touched inappropriately by a well known businessman. This guy is a well known CEO of a big company (companies pa nga e) he even organized parties for girls who didn’t win with his friends.” “The next time I met him, I was a candidate and the organizers were there.

He couldn’t interact with us because the chairwoman was present and so were the chaperones. Still he was talking nonsense to us.” “We were at the Congress or Senate when a Queen was touched (in her behind) while taking a photo. She immediately told me (with a help me look) so I put my hand covering her back protecting her from the old well known perv.” “We just won an international pageant but still I was working when I posed with a middle aged man (I had a feeling he was a perv) so I put both my hands behind me. He still managed to ‘accidentally swing her hand touching my behind;’ “It happens. No matter how careful you are. No matter how big/popular/old/ ‘religious’ a person is. He can still be a pervert. I still feel guilty for not speaking up and file complaints or slap the hell out of them. I guess speaking up now will help the future Queens. I am honestly really scared to speak up. I hope I wont regret this,” says Santiago.



International awards keep coming for Sarah Geronimo

MANILA — Sarah Geronimo is dubbed the Philippines’ “Pop Star Royalty,” and for good reason. Her talent is recognized internationally, with dozens of awards from overseas to her name. The latest are two trophies from New York-based Big Apple Music Awards (BAMA), which named her Best Pilipino Artist and Most Popular BAMA Artist. The announcement was made on the verified Instagram page of BAMA on Friday, Manila time, coinciding with its awarding ceremony. It noted that Geronimo’s trophies have been sent to her. Held annually since 2004, the BAMA celebrates international music from Central Asia, Caucasus and Middle East, according to its official website. Its foundation aims to “recognize excellence and create a greater public awareness of the cultural diversity” of the participating regions. The back-to-back awards for Geronimo follow her recent trending performance in the ASEAN-Japan Music Festival, which saw her in a lineup alongside other Asian superstars.

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL COMMANDERS’ BALL



FIRST, Ligaya and Popoy Cana, Mario Alpuerto, PCCF’s Fosemer Enverga, Loryaa and Henry Arauag enjoy the night. SECOND, Conservative Roman Baber, Sir Hermie Hernandez, Sir Jojo Taduran and Earl Dacara pose at the ball. THIRD, Fe Taduran, Earl Dacara, Cha Cheska Dacara, Velona Daliva. FOURTH, Sir George Poblete, Sir Joe Damasco and Sir Jojo Taduran read the award.

Patricia explains why she and husband stayed in PH for good + other stories



MANILA — Patricia Javier r joined showbiz in 1997 as one of the newbies in “That’s Entertainment”, with Isko Moreno, Ara Mina and Maricar de Mesa as her batchmates. She then did TV commercials and joined the Bb. Pilipinas pageant using her real name, Genesis Canlapan, where Jessica Rodriguez saw her and took her to Viva where she was renamed Patricia Javier.

She was launched in 1999 in the Peque Gallaga movie, “Ang Kabit ni Mrs. Montero”, and did other films, but in 2004, she met chiropractor Dr. Robert Walcher and they got married in 2005. She gave up her showbiz career and settled in San Diego, California where they had two sons, Robert IV, now 11 years old, and Ryan James or RJ, 7 years old, who are both good

looking enough to also be in showbiz.

Four years ago, they moved to Manila. “Someone bought our business and our house in San Diego and suddenly, we felt so free we want to make a fresh new start so I told Rob to let’s try it in the Philippines,” says Patricia.

“I agreed on condition that we’d return to the U.S. if nothing happened in six months,” says Rob. “But now, we’re doing so well. My wife is back into acting, doing movies and TV shows. I never expected to practice here but people keep on coming to me when they learned I’m a chiropractor so I have to put up a wellness clinic. We now have two, one in Makati near Dusit Hotel and one in Quezon City at Morato Ave. near Il Terazzo. I have another American doctor to help me out. We also put up our own business with our own chiropractic pillows that support your neck and back at the right places, available online at doc rob pillow and it’s doing very well. I now love it here. I’ve learned to love the culture and the fact that it’s so easy to travel to other countries from here.”

Rob also does acting on the side. He has appeared in “Everything About Her” with Vilma Santos and “First Love” as Aga Muhlach’s doctor. On TV, he played Andre

Paras’ dad in “That’s My Amboy”. They celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary last month. What are each other’s most endearing qualities that help keep their marriage working?

“Rob is so generous,” says Patricia. “He’s so maawain. Kahit langgam, hindi niya mapatay. We’ve never have big conflicts and between the two of us, he’s the one who’s more emotional. And he’s so health conscious he always reminds me to exercise and be careful with my diet.”

“What I love in her is her inner beauty,” says Rob. “She’s really beautiful inside and out. She’s not judgmental and always wants to help other people. We’re also both easy going and that helps a lot.”

Don’t they plan to have another baby? “Nakakatawa kasi we just had a vacation in Singapore and it’s our bunso who said, maybe we should have a new baby. Puwede naman, kaya lang I’m the 2019 Mrs. Universe Philippines Finest Woman who’ll represent our country next year in Europe where 98 countries will compete. Alangan namang magpunta ako roon nang buntis ako. Sa bagay, puwede rin, kasi mga misis na naman lahat ng kasali.”



Beauty Gonzalez reveals that her husband was once mistaken for her father

The “Kadenang Ginto” star also shared the struggles she and art curator Norman Crisologo had to face early on in their relationship due to their huge age gap.

If there’s one thing to admire about Beauty Gonzalez and her husband, art curator Norman Crisologo, besides crossing boundaries with their marriage, it’s their ability to laugh about their past struggles as the unconventional couple. “I had to kiss a lot of frogs before I got my king. Not a prince. I wanted a king,” quipped the “Kadenang Ginto” star, as seen in a promotional video for a local toothpaste brand recently.

After having spotted Beauty in a “really hot” magazine cover, Norman scoured his contacts in showbiz just so he could obtain her contact number. He then asked her out for a date – with the actress initially mistaking her for a condominium salesman – and the rest is history. “Maraming na-shock. Bakit daw masyadong malaki yung agwat namin. ‘He’s too old for me,’” said Beauty of the reactions they got over their once-controversial 15-year age gap.

Once, Norman was even mistaken for being Beauty’s father – something that the pair like to look back in laughter. “One time we went to this camera shop in Makati. And then we were looking at this camera, and then the salesman was trying to sell it to us, so he was giving us a demo. So he was saying, ‘Oh ganito ho ma’am, ganito, ganyan. Eto. Teka, picture-an natin si daddy. Oh, daddy! Daddy! Smile, daddy!’ They were looking at me, so smile naman ako, syempre wala akong magawa. But, you know, we just had a good laugh,” shared Norman, who, like his wife, is by now used to such reception.

For the Crisologos, at the end of the day, what matters is that they stay true to their love. “We were just open about it. And siguro if we hid, tinatago natin, If we acted guilty then maybe it was an issue for everyone. ‘Pag guilty ka talaga lagot ka eh.”

“But syempre haters are haters. And there’s always gonna be someone who makes comments,” concluded Norman.

Iza ready for wedding but not for kids

IZA Calzado is all set for her wedding to her half-Pinoy, half- British fiance who was born and raised in Hong Kong, Benjamin Wintle, this December but they’re still keeping the actual date and location a secret. But it’s definitely going to be a beach wedding and we heard it’s set in a beautiful resort somewhere in Palawan. Iza will be given away at the altar by her brother Dash Calzado as both their parents have passed away.

Both the bride and the groom are of marrying age. Iza turned 36 on August 12 and Ben turned 37 on November 18. They’ve been engaged for over a year now since Ben officially proposed to Iza at Sonya’s Garden in Tagaytay in October 2017. He did this in the presence of both their respective families.

Iza admits she had a hard time in doing the wedding preparations as she is currently busy shooting a new movie for Iflix with her original “Encantadia” co-stars and is also taping for her ABS-CBN soap, “Ngayon at Kailanman”, as the mom of Julia Barretto. “I’m so sleep-deprived,” she says.

She and Ben met while she was hosting the launch of a magazine seven years ago. It was

Isabelle Daza who introduced them to each other. Ben is an entrepreneur who is the founder of the app called Booky, a food, lifestyle, beauty and fitness app. Ben is very supportive of her career and he knows they can’t have a honeymoon right away as she has still some work commitments.

For sure, her “Encantadia” friends Karylle, Sunshine Dizon and Diana Zubiri will be attending their wedding. They even gave her a bachelorette party a couple of weeks ago set in Bali no less. And because she’s still busy with work, Iza says she and Ben have no plans of having kids anytime soon. “Starting a family will have to wait until lumuwag-luwag na ang schedules namin,” she adds.

Bianca-Ruru romance suddenly blooms off-cam

WILL the Bianca Umali-Ruru Madrid romance help in boosting their respective careers forward? They really surprised a lot of people as their romance seems to suddenly come from nowhere. This is because it’s common knowledge that Bianca is being built up with her ka-love team, Miguel Tanfelix, while Ruru, after being separated from Gabbi Garcia, got linked to the likes of Maureen Wroblewitz and Valeen Montenegro.

After going on a trip to Japan, they were next seen together having a vacation in the island of Siargao. Their photos together posted on



social media surely cannot lie. In Japan, they were with Ruru’s family while in Siargao, they were with Bianca’s family. This means that their respective families approve of their relationship. But how about GMA Network? Does the Bianca-Ruru romance have the blessings of the Kapuso management?

It’s said that Bianca and Miguel have broken up, but they haven’t really admitted being officially on.

They appear with each other in the current GMA Christmas Station ID, they’re also making a new movie together and GMA plans to pair them anew in another teleserye for 2019. But Bianca seems to have a grudge on Miguel, implying in a ‘hugot’ line na “hindi man lang ako ipinaglaban.”

Miguel remains silent about the sightings of Bianca and Ruru together. In his last posting on social media, he just announced that he has

put up his own business with his own mother as his associate, a tea shop for what he calls an original Pinoy milk tea and a nail salon managed by his mom. He doesn’t make mention of Bianca at all despite rumors of her going out with Ruru.

As for Ruru, he’s being bashed now by the fans of the BiGuel love team, calling him a snatcher of someone else’s girlfriend and ka-love team. Someone said Ruru really got hit by Bianca’s deadly charms after they met in “Sunday Pinasaya”, where he also met Valeen who’s also been linked to him before. He allegedly pursued Bianca quietly who, at some point, was disillusioned by Miguel. Both Bianca and Ruru are two of the most promising young stars of the Kapuso network. Let’s see if their romance will be beneficial or poisonous to their respective careers now that some quarters seem to frown on it.

James Reid, nilinaw ang “regalong” sports car

para kay Nadine Lustre

“So it was just a surprise. It wasn’t a gift,” paglilinau ni James Reid sa napapabalitang regalang sports car niya raw para sa girlfriend na si Nadine Lustre. Naging usap-usapan nitong nakaraang buwan ang isang Instagram video kung saan nasorpresa si Nadine Lustre sa isang white Ferrari car na tila’y regalo ni James Reid para sa kanyang kaarawan.

Pero sa paglilinau ng Kapamilya actor, sinabi niyang isa itong surprise at hindi regalo. “I have a friend who owed me a favor and I said if I could borrow a Ferrari, and he let me use it. So it was just a surprise. It wasn’t a gift,” kwento ni James sa CinemaNews. Ayon naman kay Nadine, masaya siyang sa ginawa ng boyfriend dahil mahilig siya sa sports cars. “I was surprised, I love cars, I was a huge fan of sports cars,” aniya.

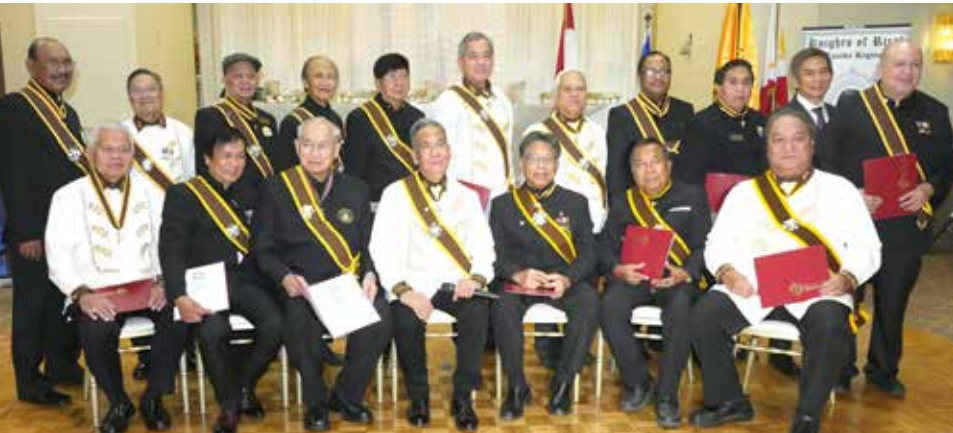
Sa ngayon, focus ang dalawa sa kani-kaniyang mga proyekto. Patuloy ang training ni James para sa inaabangang remake ng Pinoy superhero na Pedro Penduko. Si Nadine naman ay kasalukuyang nagte-taping para sa pelikulang Ulan at naghahanda sa bagong musical movie project kasama si Sam Concepcion.



Camilineos Association of Toronto

Camilineos held their Christmas dinner-dance last November 24. “Maraming may event ngayon,” said Harold Guarin, President of the association. There was also the non-stop rain during the day that did not stop until the early hours the next day. You would not know it by the packed Garnet Williams hall. Nevertheless, a good time was enjoyed by the guests. The annual Christmas dinner dance is also fundraiser to raise money for different projects back in Camiling Tarlac. There was music, dancing, entertainment and prizes raffled.

THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL CANADA REGION 18TH COMMANDERS' BALL By Romeo Ayson Zetazate & Dindo Orbeso



The 18th Commanders' Ball of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region was so successful with the combined efforts of Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, the incumbent regional commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada and the immediate past regional commander, Sir Eduardo C. Prillo, KGOR with the strong support of the adviers which include Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR; Sir Lapulapu Cana, KGCR, Sir Dr. Tom Virey, KGOR, and Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR.

The event was held on November 2, 2018 at the JC's Banquet Hall located at 1686 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. It was attended by officials and members of the different chapters of the Knights of Rizal in Toronto, Windsor, Montreal, Brampton, Toronto, and among others.

Sir Eduardo C. Prillo, KGOR, headed the review of colour corps with Sir Frank Crawford kGOR, carrying the Philippine Flag, Sir Manny Yanga, KGOR, with Canadian Flag; Sir Dong Mineque, KGOR, with Ontario Flag; Sir Felix de Luna, KGOR, with Quebec City Flag. Sir Roman Posadas, KCR was the right colour corp guard while Sir Ver Amante, KGOR, was the left colour corp guard.

The pledge to the flag was done by Sir Feberio Hangdaan, KOR; Sir Dean Garcia, KCR, led the recitation of Adhikain ni Rizal. Sir Mario Alpuerto, KGOR, the Rizal Canada deputy regional commander, delivered an inspirational message.

Consul Edwin Mendoza, KCR, of the Philippine Consul General's Office was the guest speaker, He is a memer of theRizal Eto-bicoke Chapter.

Sir Eduardo C. Prillo, KGOR, recognized the outgoing regional council members and at the same time, installed officially the new officers of the Canada regional council officers.

Sir Richard Saldana, KCR, assisted by Kasandra Hangdaan, hosted the program while Ladies of Rizal Rose Dhaliwal, Celsa Pasmio, and Ana Moreno took care of the raffle for the door prizes.

Lady Mila Lupango of the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal was recognized for her long-time support for the Canada Region and Sir Joaquin (Jojo) T. Taduran, Jr., KGOR, trustee and chairman, Publicity & Public Relations of the Knights Rizal Canada Regional Council was recognized for his contributions for the Rizal Years 2012-2018. (St. Jamestown News Service)

Regine Velasquez asks the internet to stop laughing at Marian Rivera's "Unfaithful"

Asia's Songbird Regine Velasquez came to Marian Rivera's defense as her video performance of Unfaithful by Rihanna made the rounds



Regine saw the tweet of her fan and asked everyone to refrain from making fun of the said performance. "Please guys wag na, inaanak ko yun please at love ko sila so please stop na.

Besides hindi naman talaga singer ang lola niyo she's an actress and very good one so please stop na."

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The fan replied and explained that she's not a basher of Marian. Regine responded: "Ok but please no more na kasi hindi natin alam baka naman na hurt na rin sya diba please napag katuwaan na naman ok na yun."

Nico Bolzico welcomes Dingdong Dantes as 'COO' of 'Bullied Husbands Club'

Nico Bolzico, husband of "wifezilla" Solenn Heussaff, has recruited Dingdong Dantes as part of the "Bullied Husbands Club."

Bolzico announced his inclusion to the club in an Instagram post.

"At the #bulliedhusbandsclub we are constantly recruiting; and today we have the pleasure to announce that we have incorporated a key asset to the team, the unique @



dongdantes," he wrote.

Bolzico said Dantes joined the "Bullied Husbands Club" upon approval from the latter's wife Marian Rivera.

Dantes, however, is not just a regular member, but "he will be the Chief Operations Officer" of the group.

Bolzico enumerated some skills Dantes highlighted in his "curriculum vitae" like being "Fluent in wife dialect where "5 minutes" mean "1 hour" or "YES means NO."

Among other skills Dantes had were having the "Fastest 'Yes dear' ever answered, full compliance with matching outfits when going out and expert shopping bag holder," according to Bolzico.

Dantes, Bolzico also said, likewise has a "master degree in detecting when wife is moody because she is hungry!"

Dantes added more qualifications with a comment: "Mr. Founder, I am sorry I forgot to include the ff in my CV: Cubao Chapter's Best in Dishwashing (2008 to present), 3rd runner up 'bakit late ka na umuwi?' Reasoning Competition."

At the end of his post, however, Bolzico wrote a disclaimer that said: "Dear Marian Rivera Dantes, this post is simply a joke and doesn't reflect reality."

Bolzico then quipped that if the post bothers Rivera in any way, "it will be immediately eliminated" and Erwan Heussaff will write an apology letter signed by the whole "Bullied Husbands Club."

Erwan, sister of "wifezilla" Solenn and husband of Anne Curtis, is among the members of the club alongside other husbands of "It Girls."

Hunk Shot

CJ Quinto

CJ loves adobo. His favourite sports is basketball. Right now, he does not know what he wants to be in the future. Whatever it will be, we wish him all the luck in his endeavour.



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Sorry, it doesn't mean you get to snack while working out

The U.K.'s National Health Service recommends that we do at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic exercise a week, plus some strength training. Gyms have both the equipment (aerobic and weight training) and the convenience (you can fit a session in during your lunch break) to make them seem like the obvious choice for reaching that NHS target. What many people don't realize is that taking one or two sessions of exercise a week can't make up for the damage done by sitting down a lot in between.

The idea that joining a gym is a best way to get fit is being challenged by scientists who have studied the benefits of a range of non-traditional exercise regimes.

Controlling blood sugar is very important for people who are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes affects more than 4 million people in the UK and costs around 10% of the entire NHS budget. It is thought that millions of people in the U.K. are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes, so identifying ways to improve blood sugar control is vital.

So how should we start our 2017 health kick resolutions? Joining a gym is certainly one option but, before you sign that contract, think about whether there are simpler, cheaper alternatives that might have more impact on your risk of developing chronic disease, such as type 2 diabetes. Exercise snacking should probably be on your list of New Year's resolutions.



"I have been dreaming of this day, to be appreciated by people," Barretto said of the reception to her acting. Julia Barretto poses for a photo with onscreen partner Joshua Garcia during the recent 'Family is Love' filming.

Not only did “VKJ” launch the love team, the Metro Manila Film Festival entry was also Barretto’s fresh chance to showcase her talent as an actress, to no less than the wide-reaching Christmas audience.

"I needed some growing to do," she said. "I needed to experience and understand

By : Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Speaking with confidence, MP Zahid explained that her private member's motion, Motion 155 "speaks to officially designating the month of June as "Filipino heritage month across Canada from coast to coast to coast. I do this on behalf of a vibrant and dynamic Filipino Canadian community that is proud of its culture and

accomplished co-star.

Dennis Trillo feels elated costarring with Dingdong Dantes. The lead cast of 'Cain at Abel'

"He's also a director and I know he's meticulous in

Considered a “showbiz royalty” as the daughter of former actress Marjorie Barretto and comedian Dennis Padilla, Julia Barretto followed in her parents’ footsteps as early as when she was 9. She was then introduced as a teen star in 2013.

"I think everything that I went through before 'VKJ' is what really shaped me into the person that I am today. I was in such a very low place in my life," she said, without giving details.

"I felt like I could use my pain and experiences and turn them turn into art," Barretto said of how she wrestled with that turbulent time in her career.

"I've really grown to love what I do so much, so my heart is really in it already. *May puso na talaga*. Compared to when I was starting, *siguro* I felt like it was all fun and games. At the end of the day, it's really not. It's all about the heart *pala*," she said.



The Filipino people "have a rich and vibrant history and culture, and are making outstanding contributions to Canada. It is past due that we officially recognize the contributions of this community with its own heritage month, celebrating Filipino heritage month across Canada", according to the proponent of the Motion. These many contributions of Filipinos are continually recognized and greatly appreciated in all facets of Canadian society, government and the private sector.

Actually, it's not the first time that they're together in one soap opera.

"I feel this is the right time for us to do this because our roles are complex and require maturity. Had we done this when we were younger, it might be forcing through. It's really perfect timing because at this stage, we've gone through



Cain at Abel is pitted against the more established Ang

"Of course, being under pressure is inevitable. At first, we had no idea as to the timeslot we'll be fielded. From there, we really worked hard to come up with a quality soap which will fight in the ratings charts regardless of what show it will face. I'm confident with our material because it's really good," he asserts.



members of the honourees. The Guest speaker was Liberal Member of Parliament for Scarborough North Shaun Chen who congratulated and at the same time challenged the 14 awardees to become “role models and trail blazers in their future careers and communities”. 4 Liberal Members of Parliament Gary Anandasangaree, Michael Levitt,



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provided entertainment playing the piano.

The members of the FCT- RCJOSA Committee is composed of : PTAC president emeritus Tony A. San Juan (Chairman), FCT president Mary Ann San Juan(Co-Chair)

and Members : TDSB school principal Karlo Cabrera, TCDSB school principal John Pasia, TDSB high school vice principal Fermer Santos, TCDSB community relations officer Jodelyn Huang, Inquirer . net journalist Marisa Roque and ex FCT director Edmundo Birondo. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT.)



LEFT, Photo shows Sir Jojo Tadoran, KGOR, Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, regional commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region together with Sir Manny Yanga, KGOR at the Commanders' Ball. BELOW, UMAC with Aloha and Anna Eusebio sponsor the One Magical Night concert with kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla.



ABOVE, FV Foods' Mel Galeon pose with yael of Sponge Cola.

BELOW, FV Foods' Mel Galeon and Alan ocampo pose with One Magical Night concert stars Wacky, Janella Salvador, Elmo Magalona, Kathryn Bernardo, Daniel Padilla and Kiray.

Dennis Trillo feels elated costarring with Dingdong Dantes

Dennis Trillo admits that he could hardly sleep upon learning that he would share stellar billing with Dingdong Dantes in GMA's latest prime time offering Cain at Abel. "Imagine, it's with Dingdong. It's really one special project," he says. Touted as GMA's Drama King, the good-looking actor has high regards for his equally

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Josie and Basil Rodricks pose with their children Aidan and Kathryn during Josie's birthday celebration.



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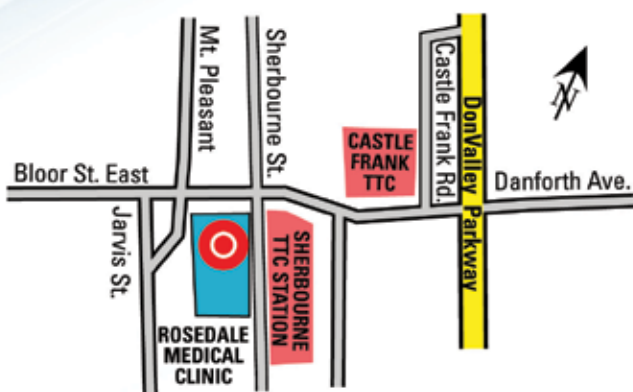


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