

Killing Mayors

The League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) has requested a dialogue with President Rodrigo Duterte following the deadly attacks on two mayors this week. Several local officials on that list have been killed in the President's brutal war on drugs.

Mayors want to talk it out with Duterte

"The mayors on the list fear for their lives. I pity them. They told me, 'Mayor, we are not involved in drugs. Why are we on the list?'" said Brondial, mayor of Socorro, Oriental Mindoro province.

The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) on Wednesday condemned what it called "premeditated killings" of Tanauan City, Batangas, Mayor Antonio Halili on Monday and of General Tinio, Nueva Ecija, Mayor Ferdinand Bote on Tuesday and demanded the overhaul of drug watch lists, which, it said, may have put the lives of local officials in harm's way.

To protect the lives of local officials, Angeles City Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan, LCP president, said the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency should "follow due process when it validates, adjudicates and revalidates . . . [the] government's narcolist so officials [could] be given the chance to clear their names."

A sniper, firing from a grassy knoll 150 meters away, felled Halili during flag-raising rites in front of City Hall in Tanauan.

Bote was being driven out of the National Irrigation Administration office in Cabanatuan City on Tuesday afternoon when two motorcycle-riding men drove up to his vehicle's side and pumped five bullets into him, killing him outright.

Halili was on the President's list, but he denied involvement in the illegal drug trade.

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Sold for Noodles

Activists blast China bullying of Filipino fishermen

Sovereignty for noodles?

MANILA - Activist groups slammed Chinese coast guard personnel who confiscated the catch of Filipino fishermen at Scarborough Shoal in exchange for noodles and cigarettes.

Chairperson Gloria "Ka Bea" Arellano of Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap particularly criticized the comments made by Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque in justifying the Chinese authorities' actions in taking the catch of Filipino fishermen in exchange for instant noodles.

"Hindi pinaglaban ng mga bayani gaya ni Bonifacio ang ating kalayaan para lamang isuko ang ating teritoryo at makuntento ang mahihirap sa noodles. Patunay lamang na wala pa ring tunay na kalayaan at demokrasya," Arellano said in a statement.

Another group, the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas, said the confiscation of fishermen's catch shows that China has completely taken control not only the Philippines' marine territory but also its rich resources.

"We condemn China in the strongest terms possible. They have no single right to occupy our waters in the first place, much more to bully our Filipino fishers by grabbing the fish they caught," Fernando Hicap, the group's chairperson, said.

He added: "Duterte's consistent defeatist stand on the sea row has given China a full guarantee that they can do whatever they want inside our territory, even violating the rights and freedom of Filipino fishers to sail in our traditional fishing grounds."

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Beauty Gonzalez appears in Kapuso show weeks after meeting with GMA-7 executive

Former PBB housemate Beauty Gonzalez to appear in the GMA-7 show Celebrity Bluff.



Former Pinoy Big Brother housemate Beauty Gonzalez is set to appear in a GMA-7 show.

She will be a guest player in the second part of Celebrity Bluff's anniversary special tonight, June 16.

In this episode, Beauty will be playing with Kapuso actor David Licauco, who is managed by Arnold L. Vegafria.

Beauty's showbiz career is also managed by ALV Talent Circuit.

Beauty and David are competing against two other pairs in Celebrity Bluff: real-life siblings Sanya Lopez and Jak Roberto, and Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka co-stars Yasmien Kurdi and Martin del Rosario.

Last May 31, PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) received a feed that Beauty, along with ALV, met with a top executive of the Kapuso network last May 29.

The meeting happened four months after her ABS-CBN teleserye Pusong Ligaw aired its finale.

A showbiz insider confirmed to PEP.ph that Beauty is set to transfer to GMA-7, 10 years after she started her career with the Kapamilya network.

Beauty has yet to make an official confirmation regarding her transfer to the Kapuso network.

Fans clamor for Kylie-Ruru teamup

KYLIE Padilla is back to acting as the latest addition in the cast of GMA-7's hit prime-time thriller, "The Cure". Prior to this, she



was a guest in "Lip Sync Battle Philippines", but that's just a one time deal where she sang. Now, she acts again and has already started taping for "The Cure". And she's glad that her role calls for her to do some action scenes. She's really ready to go back to work since her love son, Alas, is now almost one year old.

"I'm now a working mom," she says. "And I like my role as I really enjoy doing it kasi naipapakita kong kaya kong mag-action. I just wish they'd give me a lot of fight scenes to do."

It's Kylie's choice to remain a Kapuso while her live-in partner, Aljur Abrenica, is now with ABS-CBN. One of those who's happy to see her acting again is Ruru Madrid. Ruru even posted a message for Kylie in his social media account gladly welcoming her back.

Kylie was paired with Ruru in the reboot of "Encantadia" and the public's reaction to their KyRu tandem was very positive, but Kylie had to leave the show prematurely because of her unforeseen pregnancy. Now, the fans of her team-up with Ruru are requesting GMA-7 and Direk Mark Reyes of "The Cure" to also get Ruru to join the show so that they can be together again on screen. Let's see if their request would be granted.

Honey Shot

Elizabeth Trovato

Lizzy loves spaghetti and tacos. She plays volleyball and baseball. She also does gymnastics. She likes acting and was in a theatre production of "It's a Wonderful Life." She plays the piano, steel drums, violin and the cello. Her favourite singer is Noah Cyrus. She is the daughter of Gina Baterna and Kenneth Trovato.

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Rayver Cruz leaves Star Magic; Is he transferring to GMA-7?



Rayver Cruz leaves Star Magic after 14 years. Rayver Cruz has officially left ABS-CBN's talent arm Star Magic. This was confirmed last night, June 14. Star Magic handler Nhila Mallari posted a goodbye message for Rayver through Instagram. She wrote, "This guy deserves this post. Bro @rayver-cruz, i will surely miss you! Promise magkukulitan pa rin tayo. I Love you and the best of luck!" Rayver is still currently seen in the prime-time series Bagani as one of Enrique Gil's allies. However, it isn't clear yet if Rayver will be returning to GMA-7.

If he transfers to GMA-7, Rayver will be joining his brother Rodjun, who transferred to the Kapuso network in 2013. Rayver's rumored girlfriend, Janine Gutierrez, is also a Kapuso artist. In late 2017, rumors already floated that Rayver would be transferring to the Kapuso network. In an interview with PEP.ph in December 2017, Rayver denied the network transfer rumors. However, he refused to answer questions about an existing contract with the Kapamilya network. Rayver started his career as a host in the magazine show 5&Up that aired on ABC-5. In 2000, he did the GMA-7 sitcom Kiss Muna starring Joey de Leon, Elizabeth Oropesa, Ara Mina, and Jomari Yllana. In 2004, Rayver resumed his career as a dancer when he became a part of the dance group Anime, together with John Wayne Sace, Mhyco Aquino, among others. In the same year, he got his biggest break in acting via ABS-CBN's supernatural-themed series Spirits, as Maja Salvador's love interest. He was also paired with Shaina Magdayao in the TV shows Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin (2005), Star Magic: Abt Ur Luv (2005) and Rounin (2006). Rayver's other TV shows include: May Bukas Pa (2009), Magkano Ang Iyong Dangkal? (2010), Precious

Hearts Romances: Kristine (2010), Reputasyon (2011), Bukas Na Lang Kita Mamahalin (2013), Two Wives (2014), Nathaniel (2015), Doble Kara (2016), and Bagani.

Nadine Lustre has no problem with boyfriend James Reid being paired with another actress

Iba ang magiging ka-partner ni Nadine Lustre sa bago nitong pelikulang Ulan. Nauna rito, inanunsiyo ring iba ang makakapareha ng nobyo niyang si James Reid sa pelikulang Pedro Penduko. Pero ayon sa aktres, hindi ito problema sa kanya. Wala raw problema kay Nadine Lustre kung ipareha sa ibang aktres ang nobyong si James Reid sa bagong pelikula nitong Pedro Penduko. Sinabi ni Nadine na may tiwala siya sa Viva Entertainment—ang nagha-handle ng kanilang mga career—kung ano ang mga proyektong ipagagawa sa kanila. Natatawag biro pa ni Nadine tungkol kay James, "Bahala siya!" Seryosong dagdag niya, "It's just work. Kung ano yung makakapagpabuti sa project. "I mean, I trust Viva naman and, of course, it's for the good of the film naman." May cameo si Nadine sa pelikula ni James bilang si Maria Makiling, bago pa gawing full-length movie ang pinakasikat na diwata sa Philippine mythology. Bago pa nito, gagawa rin si Nadine ng pelikulang may pamagat na Ulan. Sa nasabing pelikula, itatambal naman siya sa ibang aktor. Ayon sa 24-year-old Kapamilya star, "I'm really excited for this one. "It's about finding yourself and learning to love yourself. This is what I really stand for, you know, self-love." FATHER'S DAY. Samantala, malaki naman ang paghanga ni Nadine sa kanyang amang si Ulysses Lustre na naging sandigan daw nila noong may pinagdadaan ang kanilang pamilya. Mensahe niya sa ama para sa Father's Day celebration, "Probably, the strongest person that I know. "I mean, a lot has happened last year and I'm just really happy that he's someone na, you know... siya yung anchor namin, e. "Siya talaga yung humahawak sa aming lahat para hindi kami basta-basta maggi-give up and all. "Siya yung nagpapasaya sa amin all the time, he's amazing."

Enrique Gil, tinanggal sa Darna movie ni Liza Soberano



JERRY OLEA: Waley na si Enrique Gil sa Darna movie ni Liza Soberano.

Kinumpirma ito sa amin ng isang reliable source. Ayon sa nasabing showbiz insider, hindi importante ang love interest sa pelikula ng Pinay superheroine na ididirek ni Erik Matti. Nakatuon ang istorya niyon sa adventures ni Darna. Sa pelikulang Pedro Penduko: The Legend Begins, magkasama pa rin sina James Reid at Nadine Lustre. Sa 2016 graphic novel of the same title na pagbabasehan ng pelikula, may sexual tension sa mga karakter nila ritong sina Pedro Penduko at Maria Makiling, respectively. Pero mas nakatuon ang kuwento sa adventures ni Pedro Penduko, partikular sa pakikipagtuos niya sa patriarch ng mga kapre. Suporta si James Reid sa pelikulang Miss Granny ni Sarah Geronimo, pero wala silang love angle doon dahil maglola ang kanilang characters. "It's great. It's a very funny movie," sabi ni James nang makatsika namin sa paglulunsad ng Epik Studios nitong Hunyo 14, Huwebes ng gabi sa Signal Experience Center, Reliance St. corner Sheridan St., Mandaluyong City. "I love the script. She's super-professional... It's gonna be a hit!"

NOEL FERRER: Less ma-misconstrue ng mga die-hard fans, pero in the end, kailangan talagang maipares sa iba ang isang artista at mag-grow. Tanggap dapat iyan, bukod sa mga artista, kundi pati mga fans para sa-bay silang mag grow at mag-mature. Kung wala man si Enrique sa Darna ni Liza, nauna naman na si Enrique sa solo film niya noon na wala si Liza.

Nangyayari talaga iyan. Pati sa AlDub, mangyayari rin iyan. Kasama iyan sa growth mo as an artist. Sana talaga pati ang fans mag-grow talaga. Narinig ko rin na after Darna, may LizQuen movie din na gagawin sina Liza at Enrique.

GORGY RULA: Bakit ang dami nang issues ang Darna ni Liza Soberano, hindi pa nakakasa ang regular shooting nila?

Kung hindi ako nagkakamali, isang araw pa lang yata naka-pag-shoot si Liza, 'tapos natigil dahil sa Bagani at tuluy-tuloy pa ang training. Pero hindi nauubusan ng kuwento, ha? Bakit hindi na lang muna magsimulang mag-shooting, saka na i-reserve ang mga isyu pagdating sa promo ng pelikula? Sa nangyayari ngayon, promo muna bago ang principal photography. Itong Pedro Penduko naman ni James Reid ay ipinatong sa promo ng Miss Granny. Hindi pa nga magsimulang mag-shooting, nagpa-presscon na. Sana inuna na muna ang presscon ng Miss Granny bago ang Penduko para hindi magkalabu-labo ang mga pralala ng pelikula nila. Marami pang puwedeng pag-usapan sa first time na pagsasama nina Sarah at James, biglang pumasok sa eksena si Pedro Penduko. Nag-uusap-usap ba ang mga taga-Viva sa pagplano ng publicity at promo ng projects nila?



What Catriona Gray thinks of a transwoman competing in Miss Universe 2018

MANILA, Philippines – Catriona was asked about Spain's Angela Ponce, who won the title last week. Angela made history as the first transwoman to win the Miss Universe Spain pageant. "Personally, I have no problem with it. But I do understand why there is quite an uproar amongst all the fans and different people looking at the issue. because it is a very young discussion about the LGBTQ and especially coming from a traditional in the arena of pageantry," she said. Catriona said that it will still be up to the Miss Universe Organization if they will allow Angela to compete as well as the country of representation. "If that contestant can go through the casting process, become a candidate, and earn the right to represent her country, then why not? Who are we to say, 'You know that's wrong.' I mean it's the discretion talaga of the organization," she added. Catriona said that given the chance, she would love to ask Angela her experience, adding that she doesn't see Angela differently.



"I would love to hear her personal experience on the battlefield of being a transgender woman. Kasi iba eh (Because it's different,) if it's a personal experience that you had people personally come up to you or people tell you things and put it together the understanding of the topic," she said. In 2012, the Miss Universe Organization announced that it was allowing transwoman candidates to participate. It is unclear if the rule still applies, after Donald Trump sold the organization to IMG.



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Vice Ganda jokes Vhong should be replaced by this Eat Bulaga host

Vice Ganda pretends to walk out and go to Broadway, the studio where Eat Bulaga is aired live.

Vice Ganda pretended to walk out and leave It's Showtime because of a joke cracked by Vhong Navarro.

In the June 14 episode of It's Showtime, Vhong pretended to grab the hair of Vice Ganda.

"Hindi ko na kaya! Hindi ko na kaya ang show na ito talaga!"

"Buksan mo ito! Didiretso ako ng Broadway!" shouted Vice Ganda as he got up from his seat and pretended to leave.

Vhong modified his joke and proceeded to get hair from his own head.

Vice Ganda quipped, "Palitan niyo na nga ito ng new Wally. Tawagin niyo nga si Wally."

Vhong responded by asking, "Ako pupunta ng Broadway?"

Wally is Wally Bayola, one of the co-hosts of Eat Bulaga who is best known for playing Lola Nidora in the Kalyeserye segment.



Filipino – Canadians Celebrate 120th Philippine Independence Day in Markham

Mhykel A. Escano



On Sunday, June 10, the Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians held their 120th Philippine Independence Day celebration at the Markham Civic Centre. The day started with an annual flag raising ceremony, speeches from dignitaries from different levels of government, the ground-breaking ceremony for the monument of Filipino national hero Dr. José P. Rizal, and finished with food and entertainment at the MFFC Centre.

The Philippine flag will be raised at the Markham Civic Centre for one week to commemorate the 120th anniversary of Independence. Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Markham Councillor Alex Chiu, Honorable Counsel General Rosalita S. Prospero, MP Mary Ng, Councillor and MPP Elect Logan Kanapathi, York Region Catholic Board Trustee Marlene Mogado and Senator Arisito Estrada gave opening speeches during the flag raising commemoration. Mr. Andy Taylor CAO, Mr. Stephen Chair Director Economic Development & Culture, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Don Hamilton, MFFC Co-chairperson Yolanda Ladines and other dignitaries were also present during the ceremony.

After the flag raising ceremony, the commemoration continued in Box Grove

Community Park where the ground-breaking ceremony at Luneta Gardens of the statue of Filipino national hero Dr. José P. Rizal took place. A full-size monument of Dr. Rizal will be the main attraction, this exemplifies the partnership between the City of Markham and the Filipino-Canadians within the city.

The celebration continued at the MFFC Centre at 1151 Denison Street, where food and entertainment was provided by the MFFC Youth Performing Arts Group and the MFFC Seniors. Performances included group and individual dances and songs, ranging from cultural Filipino songs to current Pop hits today.

To understand why the annual Philippine Independence Day Celebration is such an important event, Japanese-Chinese Canadian youth performer simply said, "I have always been so interested in the Filipino cultural traditions and heritage. I'm grateful that I had the amazing opportunity to attend this public event. I was able to witness traditional dances, cultural songs, and try amazing Filipino food and dessert!" Philippine Independence Day is a creative way to celebrate Filipino culture in Canada, even to those who are not immersed in it.

The Philippine Independence Day Celebration is the first of many performances for the Youth Performing Arts Group's summer programme. They will be performing at the Taste of Asia on Saturday June 23rd at 3:00 PM, and Canada Day on Sunday July 1st at Milne Park. For more information on the installation of the monument and other events, go to www.mffc.ca.

Dingdong at Marian, sabay gagawa ng teleserye

Sa Batangas pumunta sina Dingdong at Direk Rico Gutierrez sa segment ng mga hayop sa bansa natin at magugulat tayo na meron palang ganu'n sa atin.

Pareho siya sa ginagawa ko sa teleserye, pareho mong idi-deliver ang story, pero magkaiba ng fulfillment dahil dito sa Amazing Earth, totoong nangyayari ang idi-deliver ko. Ako ang vehicle to deliver the story, to deliver the narrative. Natututo rin ako at na-i-enjoy ang ginagawa ko rito, "sabi ni Dingdong.

One season tatakbo ang Amazing Earth, maraming mari-report si Dingdong at marami ring madidi-skubre at matututunan ang viewers.

Ang parting shot ni Dingdong, "Sabay-sabay tayong matuto."

Kinumpirma ni Dingdong na may gagawin siyang teleserye this year and in fact, nakipag-meeting na sila ng manager niyang si Perry Lansigan sa mga bossing ng GMA-7.



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PH’s late night king of talk is back!

LSS is the acronym for “Last Song Syndrome”—the inability to keep singing or thinking about a catchy song a person last heard. It is the kind of effect iconic OPM balladeer Martin Nievera’s hits have had—and continue to have—on the public for example. The likes of “Be My Lady,” “Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin,” “Say That You Love Me” to “Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin,” among many others.

In the age of social media, however, these three letters have gained another definition, and when texted means, “long story short.”

Though completely different from the original LSS, the millennial meaning can also be applied to Nievera, as the reigning Philippine Concert King resurrects another title he earned in late ‘80s, that of “King of Late Night Talk.”

Very soon, the singer-host will pick up the mic anew to compress extensive narratives in “LSS: The Martin Nievera Show.” The program is part of ABS-CBN News Channel’s (ANC) Lifestyle block on cable television, which features both local and foreign content.

Nievera was crowned King of Late Night Talk from the success of his wacky musical-talk show “Martin After Dark,” which started out on GMA Network in 1988.

Made for him and by him, the celebrity took MAD along when he moved to ABS-CBN in 1993, slightly retitling it, “Martin Nievera After Dark” until its conclusion in 1998. The show was then reformatted to “Martin Late @ Nite” for an update and successfully ran anew until 2003 with a short reprise in 2013.

No. 1 in his timeslot for many years, Nievera’s non-stop talking further earned him the moniker, Big Mouth, which he quickly used as the name of his own production company.

“My big mouth has brought me places. It has gotten me jobs [including the Presentation Show of the 1994 Miss Universe held in Manila]and it has also gotten me into trouble,” Nievera admittedly laughed in a past interview.

Still gifted with gab—but with wisdom too now, which comes with age, LSS will see the Concert King get up close, personal, and candid with the movers and shakers of the country, and experience new adventures with them outside the studio. The concept is entirely different from his current stint on the Sunday noontime variety show “ASAP” and as judge on various ABS-CBN talent shows.

“This new show is really very exciting because I’ll be asking my guests—businessmen, leaders, entrepreneurs, and celebrities— questions that the public want answered,” he said. “I’m going to be just like people you meet in the streets [or on social media]— the fan, the spectator, or even the basher,” he added.

Nievera was introduced as the newest member of the ANC family at the ANCx event held in Rockwell, Makati on May 29.

Received by ABS-CBN Integrated News and Current Affairs with a rousing welcome, Nievera, who is now 56 years old, is reenergized to get behind the desk again and chatter away. Just like his voice, his wit is as golden as ever and raring to be unleashed on ANC’s late night line-up.

Besides LSS, actress Iza Calzado has also been given a spot on the cable channel via “State Of The Art,” a five-episode series on the growing art industry in the Philippines.

News chief Ging Reyes said the lifestyle block marks the beginning of a strong partnership and collaboration between ABS-CBN’s news and lifestyle ecosystems.

“While we specialize in serious undertaking like general news, government, business, our wall-to-wall political coverage, we also know that our audience also wants a break from all the serious stuff. They seek adventure, they have a sense of fun, and they love food, fashion, and the arts,” she explained.

Meanwhile, Ces Oreña-Drilon, content acquisition head of the ABS-CBN Lifestyle Ecosystem, said viewers can expect top-tier lifestyle content with a Filipino perspective, especially for the male market.

“Many of the existing lifestyle content is very Western. We have our foreign shows, but we also want to bring that Filipino flavor, especially with regards to the high-end arts, culture, and motoring scenes that are flourishing in the country,” the former news anchor explained.

Besides Nievera and Calzado’s shows, the local line-up includes ANC originals “Executive Class,” “Asian Air Safari,” “Rev” and “Show



Me the Market.” Foreign programs “The Wine Show” and “Booze Traveler” meanwhile offer wine and spirits lovers a look at the wines and spirits around the world.

Joshua, Julia inspire Kris to do new movie

The love team of Joshua Garcia and Julia Barretto, that scored their first hit on the big screen in “Vince, Kath & James” in 2016, followed by “Love You to the Stars and Back” and “Unexpectedly Yours” in 2017, is now back in their fourth screen outing, “I Love You, Hater”. In the story of this rollicking romantic comedy, they actually start as rivals.

Joshua is Joko, the breadwinner in his family while Julia is Zoey, a go-getting young woman who wants to work with the so-called Digital Empress, Sasha Imperial, played by the comebacking Kris Aquino.

Kris as Sasha needs a new executive assistant but she would work only with women and with badings, so Joshua has to pretend that he is gay to get the job, much to the chagrin of Julia for whom working with Kris is a dream job, so she insists to Kris that she’s actually the one who’s better for the job. So Kris also gets her and they become tough competitors in trying to get to the good graces of Kris.

But naturally, things get quite complicated when Joshua can’t help but be sexually attracted to Julia and he starts regretting that he presented himself to her as a gay man. He also cannot reveal the truth as he would lose his job with Kris. As to where all this will be heading, you have to find out when the movie is shown on July 11 in theaters nationwide, as helmed by the neophyte director, Giselle Andres.

We ask Kris if she didn’t have any second thoughts being helmed by a new director whose only previous film was “Loving in Tandem” with the MayWard love team. “Our director is young but so brilliant,” says Kris. “She knows how to push the right buttons to bring out the best in me. Ganun siya kagaling. Ang tinanong ko lang, who did she work with before? When I learned na assistant



siya ni Direk Olive Lamasan for 8 years, okay na ako. If Inang believes in her to give her this break, that means she’s really good. Actually, it’s the two stars na pinanood ko muna ang mga pelikula. I caught glimpses of their teleseryes, but iba kasi ‘yung sa movies. So I watched them in ‘Love You to the Stars and Back’ and ‘Unexpectedly Yours’ and they’re good. They made me laugh and cry, kaya gusto ko silang makasama. With them in my comeback movie, para na akong nakasandal sa pader.”

So how is it working with Joshua and Julia? “They certainly know their craft. Masunurin silang mga bata. My son (Bimby) loves Julia, so if Joshua would not behave, my son is just waiting in the wings. He came to the shooting and he kissed me and Julia 40 times. Ako sa cheeks, si Julia, sa lips. Iba talagang kamandag meron si Julia Barretto. My son identifies with her so much. That means, napakagaling niyang artista. She’s so hungry. Si Joshua naman, the more I get to know him, the more I understand why Julia is in love with him. He’s amazing because the work needs him, he’s the real deal. In 15 or 20 years from now, he’ll still be here as one of our greatest actors in the industry.”

Of course, both Julia and Joshua are very thankful to Kris for her kind words for them. “Sa tagal na niya sa industry, it’s an honor that she appreciates our work,” they say. “Dahil diyan, mas inspired kami, mas ginaganahan to give our best sa pag-arte.”

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Andrea Brillantes denies issuing Facebook post about bashers fan-shaming her

Andrea Brillantes’s on her fake Facebook account: “I would like to make it clear that it wasn’t me. The only social media account I handle is my Instagram.” Andrea Brillantes, 15, denounced the fake Facebook post that she allegedly published in response to bashers calling her a “bandwagoner.” Some bashers went as far as “banning” Andrea from joining fan groups of certain K-pop idols, insisting that the young Kapamilya atress only claims to be a fan of whoever famous musician is trending at the moment. Amid bashers calling her names on social media, Andrea supposedly issued a statement that she has been called worse names in the past. The same fake Facebook post has been published on an entertainment blog site earlier today, June 17.

NO FACEBOOK ACCOUNT. But in an official statement sent to PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) through her talent manager Kat Aguila, Andrea clarified that the alleged Facebook post did not come from her, and that she has no existing Facebook account for that matter. Andrea explained, “Hi, everyone. It has come to my attention that there is a statement allegedly made by me that was posted on Facebook a few days ago. “I would like to make it clear that it wasn’t me. The only social media account I handle is my Instagram. “Kung sino man po ang nagpost, I am grateful for your support, but nonetheless with what is happening right now with the back and forth sa comments, nakakalungkot. “The least that I want is to have any negativity or conflict between everyone involved.”

STOP THE HATE. Andrea also appealed to netizens to stop the hate campaign against her. “Sa lahat ng mga nangyayari sa mundo ngayon mas kailangan nating magtulungan at magmahalan kesa magsagutan sa social media. We are all better than that. “Let’s focus on what’s important in life, our families and friends. Let’s spread love and acceptance. “Ika nga ni mama, be compassionate to one another. Sa mundong ito, our ability to experience empathy with each other is what makes us human.” Keeping an optimistic mindset, Andrea added, “Today is a good day to start over. “I hope and pray that you all have an amazing day celebrating Father’s day and always remember to be positive and be kind to everyone.”

Anne Curtis finds it difficult to promote film when “hindi nasa isang network”



Anne Curtis gears up for the international release of Buy Bust and teases her next film, Aurora.

Anne Curtis is thrilled over the success of her current film, Sid and Aya: Not A Love

Melanie Lazaro winsMiss Philippines PIDC 2018 & Gabrielle Louise Anders crowned Little Miss Philippines

by Suzy Llanera PHOTO BY FLORO VIRTUCIO

TORONTO - A tradition that has long been a practice with a purpose, the Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), proudly conducted its 19th annual beauty pageant. The selection and grand coronation of the 2018 “Miss Philippines PIDC” and “Little Miss Philippines PIDC” was held on June 23, 2018. Distinguished panel of Judges, selected, MELANIE LAZARO, who deservingly was crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2018 amongst five other beautiful contenders. Melanie also received the “Ms. Philippines Charity” & “Best in Talent” awards. Miss Philippines PIDC 2017, Elizabeth Marie Mabb, after a final walk and farewell speech of her 2017 reign, donned the royal headdress to MELANIE LAZARO, her highly elated successor. The strong bevy of winning beauties with tiaras, trophies, sashes, cash & bouquet of flowers includes MIA MAHINAY, 1st Runner-Up who also bagged the “Ms. Philippines Heritage”, “Ms. Philippines Intellectual”, “Best in National Costume”, “Best in Beauty & Poise” and “Best in Casual Wear” awards; and IDA CAPITON, 2nd Runner-Up, also received the “Ms. Philippines Congeniality” and “Ms. Philippines Most Photogenic” awards. Other beautiful candidates were Rhonet Julian received “Ms. Philippines Tourism” title; Jhamaica Quines was awarded “Ms. Philippines On-Line Sensation” and “Ms. Philippines Popularity” titles, while Denicer Catacutan was recognized as “Ms. Philippines Pearl of the Orient”. Melanie Lazaro received a Round-Trip ticket to the Philippines plus a pocket money, a major award prize sponsored by Mrs. Norma Carpio, President & CEO of Imperial World, Inc. Mia Mahinay received the “Ms. Philippines Skinful Wishes”, a new category award, the prize was sponsored by Nami Tiosen, R+F Level V Executive Consultant. The lively and well-applauded program also showcased talented musical performers such as Elizabeth Marie Mabb, Ms. Philippines PIDC 2017; Precious Hernandez, Ms. Philippines PIDC 2017, 2nd Runner-Up; Celine Grey, Ms. Philippines

PIDC 2016; Little Miss Jaina La-corte Lum-ley, Little Miss Philippines 2017; Janelle Gonzales, Little Miss Philippines 2017, 1st Runner-Up and the duet performance of Scott Dion Brown & Taylor Brown of Symphony of Nine.

Ably hosted jointly by PIDC Pageant alumni Scott Dion Brown, Celine Grey, Miss Philippines PIDC 2016, and Conida Marie Halley, Miss Philippines PIDC 2015. The 2018 PIDC pageant was certainly a fun-filled day of beauty, talent, grace, elegance, entertainment, inspiration, showmanship and fellowship. President Karen Pascual-Binaday, in her apt message, graciously welcomed and thanked “the family and friends of the contestants for supporting this endeavour and for allowing PIDC to give all the lovely ladies a platform with which to shine and be the best they can be”.

Likewise, the Twinkle Star, GABRIELLE LOUISE ANDERS was proclaimed Little Miss Philippines PIDC 2018 together with her entourage of beautiful girls namely Chelsea Star Zgheib, 2nd Runner-Up, Shanegelia Aludud, 1st Runner-Up, and little darlings: Maesha Padilla, Catherine Rala, Danna Leigh Elloso & Monica Mae Magsilat were collectively and fairly judged by Annabelle Migalbin, Danny Orbillo, Elizabeth Marie Mabb, Ruby Ang and Nami Tiosen. Fittingly, the popular and most prestigious beauty, poise and talent show, organized by PIDC, is a major part of the annual celebration of the 120th anniversary of the proclamation of the Philippine Independence Day, the 20th anniversary of

Mabuhay Philippines Festival, 19th anniversary of Miss Philippines PIDC and 15th anniversary of the Little Miss Philippines PIDC. A successful event and another feather on the cap for PIDC. Coincidentally, it is also the initial year of celebrating June as the “Filipino Heritage Month”, officially proclaimed by the Toronto City Council on November 8, 2017, the historical proclamation and unanimously passed on May 17, 2018 by of the Board of Trustees, declaring June 12, as “Filipino Heritage Day”, as well as, “Filipino Heritage Month” in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), commencing this year and beyond.{ssj}| **PIDC 2018 Upcoming Events:** July 19-22: MCup Basketball Tourney, Hoopdome, 75 Carl Hall Rd. August 23: PDC Gala Night, Sheraton Hotel Toronto Aug. 24-26: Battle 416, Nathan Phillips Square,100 Queen Street W Aug. 25-26: Mabuhay Philippines Festival, Nathan Phillips Square August 25: TFC “Kapamilya Show”. Segment of a “Broadway Show” Fashion Show, featuring renowned Filipino designers Renee Salud, Kenneth Barliss & Shanong Pamaong August 26: Santacruzán & Mabuhay Grand Parade of Associations

CALLING FOR MODELS PIDC is looking for VOLUNTEER MODELS for the Mabuhay Philippines Festival Fashion Show. CASTING CALL is scheduled on: SUNDAYS - July 8, 15, 22 and August 5, 12, 19 from 2:00pm - 6:00pm PLACE: GOTTA DANCE STUDIO, 3581 Dundas St. W Toronto, ON Applicants must be: up to 28 years old, Sizes 0 - 2, height: 5’5 & above (without heels)

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The President said he believed the attack on Halili was related to drugs, but the slain mayor’s daughter, Angeline Halili, said the President had been fed wrong information.

‘Where’s the evidence?’ “They’re lying to him, giving him false [information] so he has to check again the validity [of the list]. What’s the proof? Where’s the evidence?” Halili said. The Central Luzon police said Bote was not on any crime watch list. “It is not in the culture of our nation to assassinate our leaders. We are for due process and respect for the rule of law,” Pamintuan said in a statement. He called on the authorities to “exert all efforts to solve these murders and find the masterminds.” Peñaaranda Mayor Ferdinand Abesamis, president of the Nueva Ecija chapter of LMP, appealed for “a thorough investigation of the murder of Mayor Bote.” LMP condemned the killings of Halili and Bote.

Supervision over police

Brondial said the mayors would ask the President to restore their power of supervision over the police, which had been withdrawn by the National Police Commission (Napolcom) because of their alleged links to the illegal drug trade. Jovellar Mayor Jorem Arcangel, LMP president in

Albay province, said he was sorry for the killings of Halili and Bote. “The act itself is not good, particularly Halili, who was assassinated during the flag-raising at City Hall,” Arcangel said. He said if the issue with Halili had to do with drugs or his shame campaign against criminals in his city, it should have been put through due process. “But if politics was the reason, [you’re] not supposed to kill just to get the leadership of a certain place,” he said.

Protect mayors Dimalinao Mayor Junaflor Cerilles, president of LMP in Zamboanga del Sur province, appealed to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to protect mayors. “With the recent killings of local chief executives, we are now unsure of our safety, especially now that we don’t have any police escorts,” Cerilles said. The DILG is the overseer of the Philippine National Police. Raul Palino, mayor of Teresa, Rizal province, said he was not worried about state agents going around his town and inquiring about his activities. He said he welcomed efforts to “revalidate” the narcolist, which he had requested the DILG to do.

‘Speed up’ review

Palino also said he wanted the Napolcom to “speed

up” the revalidation of the list so his name could be cleared. Two mayors in Iloilo province, who had been accused by the President of involvement in the illegal drug trade, said they were leaving their fate to God. “Of course, I am concerned even if the allegations against me are not true. But I will leave it to God. If it’s time, it will be my time,” said Mayor Salagunting Betita of Carles town. Mayor Mariano Malones of Maasin town said he was not worried after the killings of Halili and Bote. “If they target me, we cannot do anything about that. Even if one is heavily guarded, they will find a way,” Malones said. He said he had no plan to surround himself with bodyguards or take extra security measures. “I don’t want to live an abnormal life,” Malones said.

‘Hard targets’

No Metro Manila mayor had expressed fear for their lives, but the chief of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) advised mayors in the metropolis to make themselves “hard targets.” Chief Supt. Guillermo Eleazar, NCRPO director, said the Metro mayors should coordinate with their local police chiefs about their safety. He also said he had asked Metro Manila’s five police district directors to intensify patrols and intelligence gathering and set up checkpoints to shield local officials against attacks.

Story. Even though Anne and her co-star, GMA-7 actor Dingdong Dantes only did a few promotions for the film together, the It’s Showtime host thanked the audience for spreading its positive reviews. “Ang hirap talaga kapag ang dalawang lead stars mo hindi nasa isang network. Hindi kayo nakakapag-promote together,” the ABS-CBN star told reporters at a recent Listerine event. “It’s really word of mouth and social media [that promoted the film]. Kaya nagpapasalamat kami sa lahat nang nanood at sa lahat nang umuulit pa sa pag-watch. “ With the film’s success, Anne believed it hinted at Filipino moviegoers’ current preference for local films. She continued, “It just goes to show na ang Filipino audience ngayon ay ready na sila sa kwentong ganon.

BUY BUST. Anne has two more films in the pipeline. Many fans have anticipating the release of Buy Bust, her first-ever action film. Erik Matti, the film’s director, teased earlier that the film is inching closer to its release. He tweeted, “Just came from our 2nd cinema check of #BuyBust and each time I see something to correct. “A muffled sound, a muted piece of music, a

muddled picture contrast or a stop darker than the grading. “Inch by inch, getting closer to letting go and it’s all yours my dear audience. #almost” On her part, Anne is also waiting for the studio’s final say. “Hinihintay ko lang mag-announce iyong Reality [Entertainment],” she told reporters. The film will also slated for an international release.

NEW HORROR FILM. Anne is currently working on her next film called, Aurora. The film, which began its shoot in Batanes last month, is directed by Yam Laranas. Yam is best known for his work on The Road, a 2011 psychological thriller that elevated Alden Richards as an actor. Anne teases Aurora as an “elevated horror” film.

PROTEST AGAINST CHINA



Members of Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) stage a protest along the waters of Manila Bay on Thursday. The group denounced the Duterte government's alleged continuous inaction regarding the harassment of Filipino fishermen in the West Philippine Sea, which Foreign Affairs Sec. Alan Peter Cayetano denied.

PBB executive on Maine not making it to ABS-CBN show: "Hindi yun kawalan sa amin."

ABS-CBN executive Lauren Dyogi (not in photo) admits, "Nanghinayang ako kay Maine [Mendoza] pero without Alden [Richards], we don't know if Maine will work sa PBB lang."

After 13 years, there are still those doubting the authenticity of ABS-CBN's Pinoy Big Brother. To counter this perception about the reality TV show, Direk Lauren Dyogi uploaded a vlog entry on July 3 wherein he directly addressed those who believe that PBB is scripted.

Direk Lauren used to be the business unit head of Pinoy Big Brother before he was promoted as ABS-CBN's TV Production head in 2013.

He recalled how Maine Mendoza tried out for PBB:737, the 2015 edition wherein Miho Nishida and Jimboy Martin were declared as winners.

A video of Maine was shown wherein she could be seen dancing with other aspiring housemates.

The same video also showed that Zeus Collins was in the same batch when Maine auditioned. Zeus is currently part of the Hashtags all-male group of It's Showtime.

Direk Lauren then admitted: "Nanghinayang ako kay Maine pero without Alden, we don't know if Maine will work sa PBB lang. "E, nag-work yung Maine and Alden sa Eat Bulaga."

Alden Richards is the GMA-7 actor who became the other half of the phenomenal AIDub love team.

Their split-screen romance started on Eat Bulaga on July 16, 2015, the same year when Maine auditioned for PBB.

Since Maine became a household name because of her connection with Alden, Direk Lauren believes it was Maine's fate to meet the Kapuso actor.

"Yun ang kapalaran niya. Hindi yun kawalan sa amin.

"Hindi talaga kami ang tamang paraan para sa kasikatan niya.

"I'm very, very happy for Maine."

MCup Looks To Build on the Legacy of Mabuhay Cup

Toronto, ON, June 27, 2018/PIDC/ - From July 19 to July 22, basketball players across the Toronto/GTA, as well as other areas of Ontario, will descend onto one of the largest Filipino-Canadian sporting events of its kind, the Mabuhay Cup Invitational Basketball Tournament ("MCup"), hosted and organized by The Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC). The Tournament will take place at the HoopDome, located at 75 Carl Road, North York, Ontario.

Now entering its 15th year, this four-day tournament will showcase players in several divisions. The Men's Series will feature Midget (those born in 2001/2002), Juvenile (born in 1999/2000), Open (2 divisions), Competitive Level (no age limit), Elite Level (no age limit) and a Masters' Division (ages 35 and up). The Women's Series will feature both Junior Girls (U14 and under), and Open Senior Girls (no age limit). The Youth Series will round out the divisions, featuring children born between the years 2003 and 2010. PIDC Executive and Chairing Organizer, Clyde Pacis, has worked diligently, along with other members of his team, in order to provide an experience not yet realized by many of the participants. This experience will incorporate a live, in-tournament social media awareness to the tournament as well as to the players.

Opening ceremonies will take place on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at 11am and will feature various politicians, including Mayor John Tory, Eglinton-Lawrence MP, Marco Mendocino and Councillor Nathan Shan, who was the driving force behind the City of Toronto's recognition of the contributing Filipino community, thereby proclaiming the month of June to be designated as Filipino Heritage Month. Other community members will also be present in joining the opening ceremonies, along with newly crowned Miss Philippines PIDC 2018, Melanie Lazaro and Little Miss Philippines PIDC 2018, Gabrielle Louise Anders.

For more information on MCup, please visit: <https://mcupbasketball.com>. For additional requests, please email: mcupbasketball@gmail.com or call: (416) 831-5107.

About PIDC

PIDC is an organization, whose main objective is to foster unity within the Filipino-Canadian community by showcasing the best of Philippine Arts, Culture and Heritage. Upcoming events for the summer 2018 are:

- August 23: Gala Night, Sheraton Hotel Toronto
- Aug. 24-26: Battle 416, Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen Street W
- Aug. 25-26: Mabuhay Philippines Festival, Nathan Phillips Square
- August 25: Fashion Show - featuring renowned Filipino designers
- August 26: Santacruz and Mabuhay Parade of Associations

For additional information, on these events, as well as other upcoming events or to join and/or volunteer with PIDC, email them at info@pidctoronto.com or check their website at www.pidctoronto.com, Facebook and Twitter page under Philippine Independence Day Council Toronto.

Jerome Ponce, why he was pulled out from upcoming movie

Why was Jerome Ponce pulled out from the upcoming movie Ang Babaeng Allergic sa Wi-Fi?

Jerome Ponce explains the real reason why he will no longer be part of the upcoming film Ang Babaeng Allergic sa Wi-Fi.

Pinoy Boyband Superstar finalist Markus Pateron eventually replaced Jerome.

Produced by Regal Films, the movie directed by Jun Lana will be top-billed by Jameson Blake and Sue Ramirez.

Jerome confirmed that he was supposed to be part of Ang Babaeng Allergic sa Wi-Fi.

"Kinuha ako ni Direk do'n. May usapan na gagawin ko," he revealed in an interview at the press conference of Walwal, his upcoming movie with Kiko Estrada, Elmo Magalona, and Donny Pangilinan.

However, shooting for Walwal coincided with the shooting schedule of Ang Babaeng Allergic sa Wi-Fi so Jerome had to decide to give up the latter project.

"Di kinaya ng schedule.

"May sinabi pa sa akin from Star Magic na parang parehas ang shooting schedule."

The young actor stressed that this was the only conflict and nothing more.

"Nagulat lang ako, na nakaka-sad.

"Pero wala, e.

"Sabay daw talaga yun ang schedule.

"Sabi ko, 'Ah, okay,' kesa sa ipilit."

What's his reaction on being replaced by Markus?

Jerome replied, "Wala naman po akong reaction. I don't know what to feel, may ire-react ba ako o wala?

"Nasa movie [Walwal] ang focus ko, so, 'yon... okay naman.

"Nice. At least, siyempre napunta siya [kay Markus].

"May trabaho.

"Congrats, siyempre kapwa artista."

Walwal also stars Kisses Delavin, Jane de Leon, Sophia Senoron, and Devon Seron.



Maricel Gonzales is one happy mother, when her children arrived in Canada. They arrived at Toronto Pearson International Airport on June 13, 2018; they are Christian, Lianne, Nichel and John John.



Jessica Collantes graduated from Saint Antoine Daniel Catholic School on June 21, 2018. The proud father, Doctor Chito Collantes, was jubilant of the numerous awards that his daughter had received.



Ontario Filipino Women's Club celebrated its summer dinner dance on May 19, 2018 in Toronto China Town.

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Philippines

Government inaction blamed for fish row with China

A former Foreign Affairs assistant secretary and ambassador on Wednesday blamed the government for the reported harassment of Filipino fishermen in Scarborough or Panatag Shoal.

Alberto Encomienda, a maritime affairs expert, said the government’s “neglect” in protecting the Philippines’ coastal fisheries, particularly Pangasinan and Zambales, “forces” the country’s fishermen to go to Scarborough Shoal, located 124 nautical miles west of Zambales province.

“Why do they have to go and risk life, limb, and health 200 nautical miles from their home coastal base in order to fish for their families’ sustenance and a little for their town market? It just doesn’t make sense,” Encomienda told a forum in Manila.

He made his statement even as Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon on Wednesday called on Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano to take a tougher stance against China and file a protest following Chinese coastguards’ harassment of Filipino fishermen in Scarborough Shoal last month.

Drilon said he believed there was enough evidence to file a protest before the Chinese government.

“It was reported in the media. So maybe just a little courage and I ask Secretary Cayetano to file a protest,”

Drilon said in a statement.

Another opposition senator, Risa Hontiveros of Akbayan, slammed the “insensitive” conduct of Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Zhao Jianhua during the Independence Day rites at the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite.

But an administration ally on Wednesday rallied behind the government’s position on the incident in Scarborough Shoal.

Parañaque Rep. Gus Tambunting said, “the current stand of the Philippine government is not to aggravate the situation in Scarborough Shoal.”

Tambunting, chairman of the House of Representatives’ committee on games and amusement, said the Duterte administration’s diplomatic handling of the issue upheld the rights of the fishermen over the contested waters.

“This has clearly helped our fishermen as they can now fish when they previously were not able to,” Tambunting said.

Encomienda was responding to the Chinese Coast Guard’s “harassment” of Filipino fishermen by reportedly taking some of their catch in Scarborough Shoal, considered a common fishing ground for the Chinese, Filipino and Vietnamese. Macon Ramos-Araneta and

Maricel V. Cruz

“Where should the blame lie? In regard to the plight of the fishermen, it is not any harassment by China; the finger of blame should be pointed at the Philippine government for not taking care of our coastal resources,” Encomienda said.

He was formerly Philippine ambassador to Singapore, Malaysia, and Greece. He has headed the Maritime and Ocean Affairs Center of the Department of Foreign Affairs and now leads a nonprofit conservation group on the marine environment and resources.

Some groups are urging the government to protest the alleged harassment, and Supreme Court Acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio has said a new case could be filed against China before the Permanent Court of Arbitration, which ruled to invalidate the Asian power’s excessive claims to the South China Sea in 2016.

Beijing has issued a statement in response to the issue, saying it was conducting an investigation into the alleged harassment against Filipino fishermen, but claiming it had allowed Filipinos to fish in Scarborough Shoal “out of goodwill.”

James Reid-starrer Pedro Penduko shows different folklore

Dinepensahan ng direktor ng Pedro Penduko ang ilang kritisismo tungkol kay James Reid na gaganap na bida sa kanyang pelikula. Ito ay may estimated budget na PHP100M.

Balik-training ng Muay Thai si James Reid para sa nalalapit nitong pagganap bilang makabagong Pedro Penduko sa pelikula na hatid ng Epik Studios, Viva Entertainment, at Cignal TV.

Kuwento pa ng 25-year-old ABS-CBN star, “I have to get back into the training because I want to be legitimate.

“I want the fans to see the fighting scenes to be me, I don’t want to use doubles. So, it’s very intense actually, the training.

“I was doing Muay Thai, Filipino martial arts.”

Kuwento pa ng aktor, gusto talaga niyang maging pulido ang kanyang pag-arte sa pelikula para sa kanyang mga fans at sa mga tagahanga na rin ng sikat na Pinoy superhero.

Saad pa niya, “Super honored to be playing a Filipino superhero. I will try my best to deliver.”

Makakatuwang ng production ang Marvel at Netflix sa pag-gawa ng effects para sa pelikula na may tinatayang budget na humigit kumulang sa PHP100M.

Nakatakda itong mapapanood sa fourth quarter ng 2018.



‘Anarchy’: Ejercito hits Kadamay for attempt to take over Rizal housing units

MANILA - Senate Housing Committee chair JV Ejercito slammed urban poor group Kadamay for attempting to occupy another housing project intended for soldiers and police officers.

“Sobra na ito. Anarchy. ‘Di na dapat palampasin dahil hindi ito nakakatulong sa sitwasyon at problema sa programang pabahay,” Ejercito said in a statement.

(This is too much. Anarchy. This should not be brushed aside because it doesn’t help the situation and problems in housing programs.)

Some 500 Kadamay members illegally

occupied housing units in Rodriguez, Rizal Wednesday, over a year after the same group stormed into a housing village in Pandi, Bulacan.

“Hindi na puwede gamitin ang rason na sila ay mahihirap at napapabaya. Mahihirap din ang kanilang pineperwisyo na nakatira sa mga pabahay ngunit responsableng nagsisikap at nagbabayad sa NHA (National Housing Authority) o Pag-IBIG (Home Development Mutual Fund),” Ejercito said.

(They cannot use poverty as an excuse. They are pestering other poor people who own those houses and who are responsible

enough to toil and pay their dues with the NHA or Pag-IBIG.)

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said the Palace would not tolerate the take-over nor exercise the same leniency extended to the illegal occupants last year.

President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered the police that Kadamay should not be allowed to take over housing units intended for government troops, Roque said.

The President already asserted that Kadamay’s takeover of housing units in Bulacan last year should be “the first and the last” for the group, he added.

THE DANGER OF BEING IN SOCIAL MEDIA

MORE and more stars and celebrities are starting to have their own vlog or YouTube channel. Aside from Barbie, we have Kris Aquino, Bea Alonzo, Alex Gonzaga, Winwyn Marquez and also many showbiz reporters who now take videos during presscons, just like other bloggers, which they then post on their site.

Try watching them and tell us who you find amusing or entertaining. Barbie is definitely worth watching as she can be funny with her natural witticisms as a female faggot. But the others are just plain boring and a waste

of time. They give you the feeling that they are positively sure that they’re the center of the universe.

But there’s a danger to all this, just like what happened when celebrities started to have their own Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts where they post anything and everything that’s happening in their lives, including kudas, hanash, rants that are better kept private. Their private lives are now out in the open for everyone’s consumption and they’ve given access to the common person to bash the stars they used to look up to.

And the common person can now be a celebrity himself through the internet, posting his own private videos and airing his opinions and grievances on what suits his fancy. We now witness a new set of so-called internet

sensations who get hits and become known by blogging, dancing, singing, etc. Anyone and everyone can have the chance to be known about virtually anything, even with innocuous things like kids opening gifts and presents.

Social media has really become a game changer especially for those who enjoy having accessibility and an interactive relationship with their fans. Advertisers have adopted to this new trend and now take the necessary approaches for better brand recall. But stars have since lost their mystique and mystery as celebrities and they’ve become as common as the rest of us. We won’t wonder if the people would just prefer to watch them on their YouTube channels and no longer in their TV shows and movies.



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Boracay rehabilitation on track, set to open in October - Environment Secretary

Metro Manila — It's definite. The country's top tourist destination-Boracay Island will reopen not later than October 26, this year.

During the meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Boracay Rehabilitation, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu reiterated there will be no change in the scheduled reopening of the island.

Boracay was closed on April 26 this year for a six-month rehabilitation after government found rampant violations of the environmental laws on the island.

Compliant resorts and establishments may now accept early bookings and reservations from guests who want to visit the island starting October 27.

However, Cimatu advised establishments with violations not to accept advanced bookings until

it had complied with the proper requirements and corrective measures.

Cimatu, who is the chair of the Task Force, was accompanied during the meeting by Interior Secretary Eduardo Año and other officials.

Año, who is one of the vice-chairs of the Task Force, said they are pleased with the progress of the rehabilitation efforts.

Cimatu reported yesterday the following accomplishments of the Task Force while the rehabilitation is into its second month since closure:

- Identification of relocation sites and housing for illegal occupants and affected workers
- Coordination with businesses for the maintenance of the wetlands
- Conducted scientific study for the geo-hazard of

the island

- DILG's identification of businesses violating permit requirements
- PNP's strategizing its presence in the island
- DPWH's overtime work for clearing and road widening

Presently, its members include other departments: justice, public works, social welfare, labor and trade.

The Task Force has proposed the inclusion of more agencies in the government like the Department of Agrarian Reform, National Economic and Development Authority, and the Presidential Communication Operations Office for long-term goals.



Why Glaiza has to work overtime

GLAIZA De Castro's performance in the title role of "Contessa" in the hit GMA-7 afternoon is getting very good feedback from viewers. She starts as the oppressed door-mat Bea Resurreccion who's imprisoned for a crime she didn't commit, but she has since been transformed as the sophisticated and vengeful Contessa with the help of Tetchie Agbayani.

We visited the set of “Contessa” and some of their episodes are recorded in the morning and aired in the same afternoon. “Naubusan kasi kami ng stock episodes,” says Glaiza. “Dalawang taping days namin, inabot ng maghaponing ulan, lalo na ‘yung set in Daranak Falls na puro exterior, kaya walang nakunang eksena at na-pack up na lang kami. So we have to work double time para hindi kami maubusan ng ipalalabas na episodes.”

She has visibly lost weight when we saw her on the set of “Contessa.” “Kasi physically and emotionally draining gawin ang role ni Contessa. Nahirapan din ako sa ‘Encantadia’ as Pirena, pero mas mahirap ito. Ang daming fight scenes. Daig ko pang nag-work out. May eksenang naka-gown ako at naka-heels, pero nakikipaglaban kay Gabby Eigenmann as Duquessa. ‘Yung gown, inilusong ko pa sa ilog na puno ng water lily at napunit. Buti na lang, we have four copies of the same gown kaya kahit masira ‘yung isa, may pamalit agad. Tapos, emotionally, very taxing din. May taping na six sequences ang kinunan, puro umiiyak ako. Nanghapdi ang mata ko sa

kaiiyak.”

And the fact that she's also shooting a movie makes her work overtime. She plays the title role of "Liway" in a film that's an entry in the Cinemalaya Filmfest this August. Liway is an NPA amazon who got arrested by the military at the height of martial law with her very much pregnant. She gives birth to her child while she's detained in a military camp. "Nakakapagod din ang mga eksena, just like 'Contessa', but it's all worth it. This is one movie I can be proud of and sa 'Contessa' naman, pataas nang pataas ang rating ng show namin. Buti na lang at patapos na kami ng shooting nung movie, so less workload na ako."

"Liway" is directed by Kip Oebanda, who did "Barboys" for which Odette Khan won several best supporting actress awards. Glaiza is paired with Dominic Roco. As usual, she's asked about her love life.

“Naku, wala rin akong time sa sobrang busy ko,” she says. “My attitude is if it happens, it happens. After ‘Contessa,’ hihingi muna ako ng bakasyon sa GMA management para magpahinga. Gusto kong dalhin ang family ko sa States kasi ipinangakong dadalhin ko sila roon since may visa na kaming lahat.”

Kris Bernal, patok ang bagong Korean restaurant

CERTIFIED negosyante ang Kapuso actress na si Kris Bernal. Ang latest venture niya ay ang Korean restaurant niyang House of Gogi na patok agad dahil sa cheesy and unlimited Korean barbecue. Promise ni Kris sa customers, worth it daw ito at pinaghirapan niya nang husto ang bagong business niyang ito. Mukha naman, dahil picture pa lang ay talagang nakakatakam na ang mga putahe. Matatagpuan ang House of Gogi sa Dapitan 55 Lifestyle Complex. Congratulations, Kris. Balitang kasosyo niya rito ang rumored non-showbiz BF niya.

Gabbi Garcia, todo ang suporta kay Kylie Padilla

Maris Racal (left) fires back at netizen calling her "liberated" compared to Janella Salvador (center) and Loisa Andalio (right).

Maris Racal fires back at netizen calling her “liberated” compared to Janella Salvador, Loisa Andalio

Hindi pinalampas ni Maris Racal ang pambabatikos sa kanya ng isang netizen dahil umano sa pagiging "liberated" niya, partikular na sa kanyang pananamit.

Ikinumpara rin ng netizen si Maris sa kapwa nito Kapamilya actresses na sina Janella Salvador at Loisa Andalio.

Si Janella raw ay kasing-edad ni Maris pero “mas nagpakita ng katawan” umano ang huli.

Sabi pa ng basher, si Loisa—na kasabayan ni Maris sa Pinoy Big Brother All In—ay “nagbago for the better” habang si Maris ay “parang naging wild at liberated umarte pa sya.”

Sa kanyang Twitter post noong June 14, buwelta ni Maris: "Ayan kayo. Compare agad ng mga taong di naman magkagalit :)

"stop comparing. People have differences."

Hindi rin daw dapat gawan ng isyu ang pagsuot niya ng "revealing" na gown.

Ani Maris, "Wearing less does not make you less of a person."

May ilang tweets pa ang netizen na tila sinisisi ang umano'y pagiging "liberated" ni Maris sa "kakasama" nito kay Bela Padilla.

Hindi ito sinagot ni Maris.

Ngunit mismong si Bela ang umalma sa alegasyong bad influence siya kay Maris.

Pahayag ni Bela, minsan lang silang magkita ni Maris at pagwu-work out pa ang kanilang inatupag.

'While You Were Sleeping' actor Jung Hae In reveals his ideal girl and his favorite Filipino food

During Jung Hae In's Manila fan meeting, the actor revealed his ideal type and his ideal date. Sunny, the translator and host, interpreted his words. She said, "He wants a girl who takes care of herself, who loves herself, and who has a beautiful smile." And also added, "His ideal date is enjoying a glass of beer by the Han River, watching a movie, and it's really just the little things."



The actor also talked about his impression of the Philippines. Sunny explained, "We know that the weather here is very hot but he feels that the love you have for him, the passion that you have is hotter than the Manila weather." He also revealed that he loves adobo!

Jung Hae In is the leading man in Netflix's *Something In The Rain*. He also portrayed a police officer in the Korean drama *While You Were Sleeping* together with Bae Suzy and Lee Jong Suk. *While You Were Sleeping* is also part of GMA Heart of Asia's line-up this 2018.

A banner for Willyz Auto Detailing. The top half has a red background with the text "WILLYZ AUTO DETAILING" in large, white, outlined letters, and "Call 416-932-0583" in white text below it. The bottom half features a collage of images: a red interior of a car, a red sports car, a black sports car, a silver sports car, and a close-up of a red car's wheel.



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Big Congratulations to Star Circle Entertainment's Jasmine Flores (LEFT) for Winning Vaughan FIESTA EXTRAVAGANZA search for Talent! Congratulations also to Katherine Reyes (RIGHT).



FV Foods owner Mel Galeon and staff poses with Toronto Mayor John Tory at the Pistahan sa Nathan festival.



Alan Ocampo and Mel Galeon of FV Foods meet kababayan Rafael Tantuco in Toronto Rotary international convention dinner reception!!



Lunijo PC Miss Continental Melissa Ventocilla poses with Action Honda Manager Rafael Nebres at the Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza.






FIRST, Ores Ting and Rose Cruz of Kababaihang Rizalista introduce Congen Rosalinda Prospero. SECOND, Friends pose with the Consul general Rosalinda Prospero. THIRD, Miss Hope Nicole Pascual, Miss Maria Clara Leanne Espinosa and Miss Faith Rachellyn Abad pose with their escorts. FOURTH, Outgoing Miss Maria Clara Kristeel Maria Toral takes her final walk.



Alan Ocampo and Mel Galeon meet kababayan Atty. Michael Racelis (2ND FROM LEFT) from Sariaya meet at Rotary international convention toronto dinner at Rembrandt.

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Mystery guy of Bea Binene is not Alden Richards

Provoked once more to deny romantic involvement with Alden Richards,

Kapuso actress Bea says her special someone non-showbiz.
Iginiit ni Bea Binene hindi si Alden Richards



Binene is na ang

lalaki sa likod ng bouquet of flowers sa kanyang Instagram post noong June 9.
Bukod sa braso, hindi kita ang mukha ng lalaking may hawak ng bouquet of flowers
Base sa caption ni Bea, espesyal ang lalaking nagbigay sa kanya ng

mga bulaklak.
Caption niya: "And in this crazy li
It's you, it's you, you make me sing.
word, you're everything."
Nagsagutan naman ang netizens

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FCT Pistahan ng

The Filipino Centre Toronto took over hosting the Annual Pista Ng Bayan in 2003. This annual event commemorating our Independence Day and showcasing our cultural heritage is celebrated around June 12, which is our actual independence from Spain. This annual event held at Nathan Phillips Square has become every popular with our kababayans, as it not only makes us remember the sacrifices of our forefathers to obtain the freedom that we sometimes take for granted but also made us proud to be Filipinos even for a day. Approximately 6,000 people attend this two-day event to learn more about the Filipino culture and heritage and promote some of our local Filipino businesses.

Cultural presentations abound with Filipino songs, dances, arts and crafts, Philippine painting.

sa isyu.
Sina Bea at Sherilyn ay nagkasama sa Kapuso teleseryeng Mulawin vs. Ravena.

JaDine out to establish an 'Epik Universe'

There is no stopping power couple James Reid and Nadine Lustre from taking their young celebrity far and wide.



With an intense fanbase to support their every move—their own Careless music label, soap operas, movies and

endorsements—they are practically co-millennials, and about to be so.
James and Nadine just landed major roles in the new creator Epik Studios by Signal, which and Maria Makiling of the new generation heroes, they will star in the opening

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la ang iba na ang lalaki sa larawan ay si Alden.
Ipinagtanggol naman ng iba si Bea at sinabing hindi si Alden ang
nasa larawan.
Hindi ito ang unang beses na ini-link si Alden kay Bea.
Dati nang itinanggi ni Bea na may espesyal na namamagitan sa

kanila ni Alden at sinabing magkaribigan lamang sila.
Tinanong niya kung bakit iginigiit ng iba na si Alden ang lalaking
may hawak ng bouquet, dahil ang pagkakaalam niya ay non-showbiz
ang special someone ni Bea.
Sumagot si Bea kay Sherilyn at sinabing hindi rin niya alam kung

bakit inaakala ng iba na si Alden ang kanyang mystery guy.
Kinumpirma rin ni Bea na non-showbiz ang lalaking nasa likod ng
mga bulaklak.

Sagot ng aktres, kaya siya nagtatanong ay dahil wala siyang alam

Bayan 2018

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Philippine Heritage Month."
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inspired by the "Question and Answer"
ents of beauty pageants. However, this
n becomes a pageant for women, gays
answomen. The segment focuses not on
auty of the candidates but for their wit in
ring questions.

Belinda Reyes poses with K&K Dance Dreamz Inc. girls with their winning trophy.

IPEN beauties wait for their turn.

Miss Manila runner-up Krystal Castillo is Reyna de las Estrellas.

Philippine Airlines raffled a round trip ticket.

Santacruznan participants

Miss Q&A winners

Edgar Sulit and Gizele Mirasol

Alyssa Datu and Ryza Quijano

Officers of Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT)

This year, Mayor John Tory (5TH FROM LEFT) proclaimed June as "Philippine Heritage Month.

considered superheroes among
major roles for newly launched content
named them the Pedro Penduko
ration. As the proudly Filipino super
salvo of a decade-long installment

of homegrown comic book characters for the big screen.
Make way for 'Epik Universe' Marvel boys and girls!
Apparently James has been training since last year when he learned about the
super hero project.
"What better way to influence the youth than by starring in our own folklore
stories?" acknowledged the Australian-Filipino singer-actor. "I've been training
in Muay Thai since 2017 but I'll be intensifying my training even more because

Pedro will be shown in the fourth quarter of this year."
Penduko and Makiling will run as separate projects but James assures JaDine
fans he will have no love interest as Pedro.
"This will be a very different Pedro Penduko from what you guys have
watched. We will also be working with people from Marvel and Netflix so I'm
super psyched for that."
As for Nadine whom we caught for a chat at the Samsung J6 on Friday, she

said of their new assignments, "I'm not sure about the love team [appearing
within the two projects] but I understand they will call for it [at some point] para
sa makakabuti sa kanilang dalawa."
She went on, "But I was really so excited to learn about doing Maria Makiling
because I've always wanted a very action-packed role."



Star Circle Entertainment performs at the Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza.



Toronto Maharlika Lions club joins the fun at Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza. PHOTO BY BONG MOLANO



Bicol Canada Community Association holds a recruitment drive at Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza.



LEFT, World-famous fashion designer John Ablaza, with model Samantha Gavin, holds a fashion show Furious Flames of Fashion to raise funds for the movie Flames of Fury. ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT, Natalia Laurent, Angela Castillo, Kaitlyn Panganiban and Sophia Sambrana walks the runway.



MCBN and Vaughan Fiesta organizer Von Canton, Bicol Canada Community Association (BCCA) President Earl Dacara, Naga Mayor John Bangat and BCCA VP Noli Aquino pose at Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza.



ABOVE LEFT, GMA comedian Betong Sumaya crowns Mrs. Philippines Elvie Ortiz. ABOVE, GMA comedian Betong Sumaya crowns Little Miss Philippines 2018 Samantha Sarmiento. LEFT, GMA Star Solenn Heusaff crowns Miss Teen 2018 Alexa Grant. BELOW, Miss Philippines, Canada 2018 Ranielle Macapagal poses with the officers of PCCF.



World Renowned Fashion Photographer Filbert Kung also held a photo session. ABOVE LEFT, One of those lucky subjects was KC Adajar. RIGHT, Ryza Quijano wins a singing contest during the Canada Day celebration.



ABOVE, GMA staff holds a raffle at Pinoy Fiesta. LEFT, Samantha Gavin walks at the John Ablaza fashion show.



RIGHT, Aidan Rodricks - Little Mr. Philippines Canada 2018 performs at Pinoy Fiesta.

Maris Racal admits misunderstanding with Loisa Andalio due to rivalry issue

Maris Racal on past conflict with Loisa Andalio: "Malaking bagay po yung mga sobrang harsh na comments ng fans. Lagi kaming naku-compare—who's better, who's not." Maris Racal admitted that she and Loisa Andalio used to be best friends, but they drifted apart because of lack of time for meet-ups outside work. "Hindi masyado nagkakatugma yung schedule," she said in her interview on ABS-CBN's late-night talk show, Tonight With Boy Abunda. Maris also pointed out, "We are still friends." But when host Boy Abunda asked her if she and Loisa went through a rough patch, Maris admitted that there was a time when they got affected by their respective fans pitting them against each other.

"Yes, 'Hindi Siguro" "Malaking bagay po yung mga sobrang harsh na comments ng fans. "Lagi kaming naku-compare—who's better, who's not." Asked if they fought about boys, Maris replied with an emphatic "no." Then Maris, 20, clarified that she eventually patched things up with Loisa, 19. "Nagki-create kami ng wall between social media and reality, and dun po kami nag-focus sa reality, na okey naman po kami." Last month, Maris even fired back at a netizen comparing her to fellow Kapamilya stars Loisa and Janella Salvador. Maris tweeted, "Ayan kaya. Compare kagad ng mga taong di naman magk-agalit."

NEW BEST FRIEND. Is it true that Sue Ramirez is her new best friend? The two have grown so close to each other that they were recently accused of being "lesbian lovers" by some netizens. Maris explained that she wasn't offended being mistaken as a lesbian, thinking that a lot of netizens tend to be supportive when it comes to LGBTQ-relates issues. What alarmed her was how other netizens warned her to stay away from Sue because it's bad for her love team with Inigo Pascual. Maris maintained, that her friendship with Sue the same despite the in-

however, remains trigue.



LEFT, Agatha Romero, Miss Manila 2018 4th Runner Up crowned by Alice Dixon, Bb. Pilipinas International 1986 and Rodrigo Souza, Ambassador of Brazil to the Phils. BELOW, Parents and their children pose at the John Ablaza fashion show.



Part of the John Ablaza fashion show was the modelling workshop which Lizzy Trovato attended, at right. Above, Lizzy walks at the John Ablaza fashion show.





FlavoursPH is a pioneer caravan festival in Toronto which aims to preserve and promote the diverse Philippine cuisine & culinary heritage. It is evident that the Philippine Gastronomy is a global phenomenon. There is a strong need to continue to encourage our Filipino-Canadians to learn more about it, cultivate it and honor our rich culinary traditions as a strong pillar of our national cultural identity.

FlavoursPH is a community event established and founded based on collaboration, a "bayanihan", of different organization and individuals. Programming and activities will be inclusive and holistic. We have programs for the kids, youth and seniors. We are committed to promote and

showcase Philippine regional delicacies and our famous lechon and halo-halo special. And of course, a festival will not be complete without entertainment and cultural showcase. While evoking memories of home for thousands of Filipino-Canadians who live in the Greater Toronto Area, it will also bring the sights, sounds, and tastes of the Filipino culture to the GTA community in a way that only Filipinos can.

The venue, Albert Campbell Square, is strategically located right at the heart of Scarborough. FlavoursPH will be held on August 4-5, 2018. This multi-day festival is the best opportunity to reach out to the Filipino Canadian community and to the Canadian community at large.



Major John Tory proclaiming June as "Philippine Heritage Month." presented to FCT President, Mary Ann San Juan.



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Independence Day in Ottawa

In celebration of the 120th year of Philippine Independence, the Philippine flag was raised at Parliament Hill, Ottawa. In its 6th year, the flag raising was first initiated by the late Senator Tobias Enverga Jr, the first Canadian of Philippine descent to be appointed to the Senate.

Hundreds of people from Toronto and Ottawa attended the event that was organized by the Senate of Canada and the Philippine Friendship group headed by MP Kevin Lamoureux and vice-chair Senator Dennis Patterson. Among the dignitaries who attended were Philippine Ambassador to Canada - Petronila Garcia, the wife of the late Senator Enverga - Rosemer Enverga, Senator Yonah Martin, Senator Victor Oh, Senator Larry

Smith, MP Peter Kent as well as various Senators and MPs. Attendees also included the Philippine-Canadian Charitable-Foundation, Silayan, the Ottawa group headed by Danny Ariola, the media and so much more.

The Philippine celebration was complete with a variety of Filipino delicacies including pancit, casava and two Lechons.

The event was highlighted with the presentation of a plaque honouring the late Senator Enverga by Senator Dennis Patterson. The Enverga family was touched by this kind recognition that featured a photo of Senator Enverga's trip to the Nunavut.

Thank you all for coming! We hope to see you all again next year!

Happy Philippine Independence Day & Mabuhay!

Ken Chan admits feeling jittery working with Jaclyn Jose for the first time

Kapuso actor Ken Chan admitted feeling jittery when he first found out that he will be working with award-winning actress Jaclyn Jose for the GMA serye, The Cure: "Kinabahan ako! Kasi siyempre, Jaclyn Jose yun, e!"

Ninerbiyos daw nang husto si Ken Chan sa unang araw ng taping niya para sa The Cure kunsan kaeksena niya si Jaclyn Jose.

Gumaganap silang mag-ina sa The Cure na napapanood sa GMA-7.

Si Ken ay si Dr. Joshua Lazaro, habang si Jaclyn naman ay si Dra. Evangeline Lazaro.

Pagbabalik-tanaw ni Ken, "Kinabahan ako!" "Kasi siyempre, Jaclyn Jose yun, e!"

"Pinanood ko nga yung Ma Rosa."

"Pinanood ko yung Patay Na Si Hesus," kuwento pa ni Ken tungkol sa mga recent award-winning movies ni Jaclyn.

WELL-PREPARED. First time nakasama ni Ken sa isang project si Jaclyn, kaya pinaghandaan daw niya talaga ang bawat eksena nila

ng award-winning actress.

"Nung araw na alam kong makakaeksena ko si Tita Jaclyn, lahat ng lines ko sinaulo ko.

"Ayokong magkamali! First day yun."

"Awa ng Diyos, hindi naman ako nagkamali.

"Sinaulo ko po talaga lahat, ayokong magkamali.

"Kasi baka mamaya magkamali ka. Naka-kahiya, baka magalit."

Pero sa mga sumunod na taping days na magkasama sila, napatunayan ni Ken na wala naman siyang dapat ikanerbiyos.

"Sobrang bait niya!"

"Kahit magkamali ka, sobrang bait niya."

"Hindi siya nagagalit kahit magkamali ka. Sobrang bait ni Tita Jaclyn.

"Sobrang bait niya. Hindi siya mataray."

"Siya pa lagi ang nagdyu-joke para huwag kang mailang o nerbyusin.

"At ang husay, madadala ka. Alam mo yun?"

"Simple lang siyang magbitaw ng linya, pero mararamdman mo, ang husay niya," bulalas ni Ken na nakausap ng PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) kamakailan sa GMA compound.

Bida sa The Cure sina Jennylyn Mercado bilang si Charity Salvador at Tom Rodriguez bilang si Gregory Salvador.



Donnalyn ‘best friend’ no more + other stories



DONNALYN Bartolome gets her biggest break playing one of the lead roles in the suspense-thriller “Cry No Fear”. A Youtube sensation who started posting her own song and dance videos when she was only 13 years old (she’s now turning 24 on July 9), she quickly developed her own following and later on moved to Facebook.

She writes her own songs and her single, “Kakaibabe”, became a hit after it became part of the movie “Diary ng Pangert” soundtrack in 2014. She has since had other hits and TV5 then got her to appear in some of their shows like “Wattpad Presents”. She also started doing movies with Viva Films, like “Fangirl/Fanboy”, “Darkroom”.

“Nagpapasalamat talaga ako sa Viva for giving me this big break in ‘Cry No Fear,’” she says. “Dati, best friend lang lagi ang roles ko, ni Nadine Lustre o ni Anne Curtis. But now, I share topbilling na with Ella Cruz. I’ve been attending some acting workshops kasi at, siguro, nakita ng Viva na kaya ko na. Big learning experience ito for me as I learned so much from our director, Richard Somes. Kasi dati, pabebe lang ang roles ko, but here he reallly taught me how to emote kasi ngayon lang ako nakagawa ng suspense-thriller. I’m a fan of Direk Richard after I saw his horror movie, ‘Corazon’, with Erich Gonzales. Di nga ako makapaniwalang ngayon, katrabaho ko na

siya.”

Her life was put in danger while doing one scene in “Cry No Fear”. “Sa eksena, tinatakan namin ‘yung intruders na pumasok sa bahay namin at dumaan kami ni Ella sa bubong and from there, tatalon kami sa aming swimming pool to escape. It took five takes bago ko na-perfect ‘yung pag-jump ko. Pagod na pagod na ako and it’s so cold kasi umuulan sa eksena. Sa last jump ko, hindi na ako maka-surface again and I felt, lumulubog na ako at nalulunod ako so I said help, help. Si Ella ang tumulong sa akin. She jumped into the pool and saved me.”

SHOOTING INCIDENT SCARES DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR Richard Somes says he really got scared when Donnalyn nearly drowned in that scene. “Buti na lang alert si Ella and helped her,” he says. “In another scene sa putikan, they had a fight with one of the intruders, played by new actress Carlene Ocampo. After Carlene was hit, natumba siya sa putikan at sabi ko, ang ganda ng death scene niya. Tapos, hindi na kumikilos so we all got alarmed kasi nawalan talaga siya ng malay. Akala ko, dadalhin na namin sa ospital, natakot kami, but eventually, she regained her consciousness.”

The 40-year old Direk Richard is based in Bacolod and trained with Peque Gallaga as production designer and art director. His first acclaimed work as a director was “Yanggaw” (about vampires) that won many awards in Cinema One Filmfest in 2008. He also directed the acclaimed “Lihim ng San Joaquin” episode of “Shake Rattle & Roll 2k5” with Mark Anthony Fernandez and the historical drama “Ang Supremo” about Andres Bonifacio that gave Alfred Vargas a couple of best actor awards in 2012.

“Cry No Fear” is his first project with Viva. “I pitched the script sa Viva and they liked it as a horror movie but not about the supernatural kundi something that can happen to any family in real life,” he says.

“They told me, ‘May mga artista kaming bagay sa lead roles dito’, then they showed me the pictures of Ella and Donnalyn sa catalogue. Eventually, I met them and I got excited dahil bagay sila sa roles in my script kasi they look so vulnerable. Na-feel ko agad ang energy nila and enthusiasm to do the movie. I told them it will be very demanding and strenuous kasi we will be shooting in seven days of rain, and okay raw sa kanila. So nag-workshop kami and I was amazed that they’re like fire and ice so magka-match sila.”

Why is the title “Cry No Fear”? “Bagay kasi millennial ang sound at dating, di ba? Also, their characters look so fragile but eventually, they have to be brave, stand up and fight their tormentors. You don’t just cry na lang, but you have to step up. And I was really surprised sa passion nina Ella and Donnalyn dito, even with the nuances they showed as actresses.”

Direk Richard’s next movie is an action-thriller, “We Will Not Die Tonight”, with Erich Gonzales who underwent rigid stunt training to do her own dangerous stunts in various fight scenes with Alex Vincent Medina and Paolo Paraiso.

ALBERT Martinez is back from his more than a month’s visit to the U.S. where he saw for the first time his first grandchild, Adalyn Riley, daughter of his L.A.-based first born, Alyanna, who’s married to Roy Macam. He was with his two other kids, Alfonso and Alyssa.

Before he left, he finished all his scenes as the murder victim in “The Good Son”. And now, upon his return, he is happy to be informed by ABS-CBN that he will be included in the powerhouse cast of their latest primetime soap, “The General’s Daughter”, which will be topbilled by Angel Locsin in the title role.

Of course, Albert is just too happy to be part of the show’s big cast that includes Maricel Soriano, Janice de Belen, Eula Valdes and former Kapuso star Ryza Cenon. On the big screen, Albert is also doing a new movie, the action flick “72 Hours” produced by Imus Productions and starring brothers Jolo, Brian and Luigi Revilla.

and Rogers.

Capping off the eventful series was Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes who headlined the “Pagdiriwang 2018” last June 24 in Singapore.

Dingdong opened the show with a lively Eraserheads medley and danced with his fellow Pinoy. Some members of Race2Share Singapore joined the Kapuso star on stage as he performed his rendition of Aegis’ iconic song ‘Halik’. The crowd went wild when Dingdong was surprised with a standee of his wife, Marian Rivera-Dantes. After the program, the Kapuso royalty, who is always a crowd favorite, spent time with his kababayans during the meet and greet session.

Earlier this May, GMA kicked off the Independence Day celebrations in the Middle East where Kapuso stars Christian Bautista, Solenn Heussaff, Betong Sumaya, Migo Adecera, Divine Tetay, and Dennis Trillo joined back-to-back festivities in Dubai and Jeddah.

The successful string of festivities in North America, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific were made possible through the exclusive media sponsorship of GMA Pinoy TV as it continues to provide world class entertainment for the Kapuso abroad.

For more updates on Kapuso events abroad, follow GMA Pinoy TV on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram (@gmapinoytv), and visit the GMA Pinoy TV official website at www.gmapinoytv.com.



Ken’s fans threaten to stop patronizing show ‘if he’s killed’

KEN Chan was originally introduced at the presscon of “The Cure” as just playing a short special participation role as Joshua, the doctor son of Jaclyn Jose. But it seems his role has since been lengthened as his team up with Arra San Agustin as Anna, the sister of Mark Herras proved appealing to the viewers.

“They have good on screen chemistry,” wrote a fan of their team up on social media. “Parehong very wholesome ang dating nila at malakas ang kanilang kilig factor.”

Their love story is one bright factor in the show’s otherwise bleak background of a deadly epidemic spreading and contaminating everyone. This becomes an even greater source of hope when Arra tells Ken that she’s already pregnant with their first child, indicating the coming of a new life amidst all the dark and depressing conditions around them.

This serves as an inspiration for Ken to continue researching for the cure to the deadly virus that has infected a lot of the populace. More than ever, he’s now determined to help his mommy, Jaclyn as Dr. Evangeline Lazaro, to find the right remedy to counter the continually spreading disease.

Someone said in the internet that Ken’s character will definitely be killed after Arra gives birth to their baby, to make their love story more dramatic, more tragic. But of course, this early, the fans of their tandem are complaining. They say it will not be fair for Ken’s character to be killed now that he is about to become a father, and they threaten that they’ll stop watching the show if ever that would happen.

Kapuso abroad celebrate Philippine Independence Day with GMA Pinoy TV

GMA Pinoy TV remained true to its mission of bringing Filipinos abroad closer to home in a series of successful 120th Philippine Independence Day celebrations (PIDC) all over the world this June.

Kapuso actress Carla Abellana kicked off her birthday month in the US as she flew to San Diego, California for the “Mabuhay Festival” held at the Kimball Park National City last June 2. Not only was she warmly welcomed during her song numbers, the audience even sang her a Happy Birthday song complete with a cake that was brought on stage. One of the highlights of the show was when a standee of her boyfriend, Tom Rodriguez, was brought out which prompted screams of kilig from the audience.

During her stay, Carla visited Sweetwater Union High School where she met National City Vice Mayor Albert Mendivil. The Kapuso star took the opportunity to connect with the community and the youth by giving an inspirational talk about life,

success, failures, and love.

Simultaneously on June 2, Kapuso stars Kris Bernal and Rocco Nacino provided fun and entertainment at the “Pista sa Nasyon: Philippine Independence Day Festival” at the Vallejo Waterfront Park, California.

Rocco, who flew to Hawaii for a family vacation after the festivities in Vallejo, also had a radio interview with the Filipino-Hawaiian Radio Station KPFI (96.7 FM/1130 AM) which aired on the Midday Radio Show with Allan Alvarez. Kris, on the other hand, went to Los Angeles to visit her family and paid a courtesy visit to the Philippine Consulate where she met with Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian Enciso III.

Last June 16, All-Star Videoke duo Solenn Heussaff and Betong Sumaya bannered the “Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow sa Toronto”, the biggest indoor Filipino fiesta in Ontario organized by the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF). The event had a parade, various booths of sponsors, and beauty pageants wherein Solenn and Betong awarded the winners. Later that night, Betong engaged the audience with comedic acts, while Solenn sizzled in her sexy song numbers. The tandem’s performances wrapped up the fun-filled day of entertainment which left the Kapuso abroad wanting more.

Right after, Solenn and Betong had a meet-and-greet with lucky fans and subscribers of two of GMA Pinoy TV’s official carriers in Toronto, Bell

Sunshine will appear in the story to get back Kyline from her adoptive mother, Carmina Villaruel as Geraldine. “Sa flashbacks, ipapakitang ipinaampon ko lang ang anak ko dahil sa kahirapan,” says Sunshine. “I’d like to thank everyone in the show for giving me a warm welcome nang magsimula akong mag-taping para sa ‘Kambal, Karibal’. Ang sweet nila kasi may pa-red roses pa silang ibinigay sa akin.”

Going back to Sunshine Dizon, she's a cast member of the original "Encantadia" as Pirena and she has recently met with her director, Mark Reyes, and her co-stars for a reunion project. Her co-stars then were Iza Calzado, Karylle and Diana Zubiri, who are now all with ABS-CBN. They have put up their own film company, called Sanggre Productions (as they were called the Sanggres in "Encantadia") and they will soon cook up a new movie starring all of them. They won't reveal yet what it is all about but it's definitely not a remake of "Encantadia". We've heard that it will be a co-production with Ifix so it's gonna be big.

MEANWHILE, Kyline Alcantara's stock as a newbie actress really soared with her breakthrough role as the evil Cheska. Her catfight scenes with Bianca Umali as Crisan are always a big hit with loyal viewers of the show, making it a true top-rater on primetime. Do they really get to hurt each other during such intense fight scenes?

A photograph of three men sitting at a table in a restaurant. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a circular patch on the left chest. The man in the middle is wearing a maroon V-neck shirt. The man on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with a dark blue collar and sleeves, and glasses. They are all looking towards the camera. The background shows a restaurant interior with orange walls and framed pictures.

WRITER-director Joey Reyes is optimistic that his new youth movie, Regal's "Walwal", will click with today's

“For a newcomer like me, it’s truly a blessing to be directed by him as my mom (Maricel Laxa) speaks so highly of him,” says Donny. “I appreciate it that he gives us freedom to express ourselves. We don’t have to follow what’s in the script to the letter as he allows us to go beyond that.”



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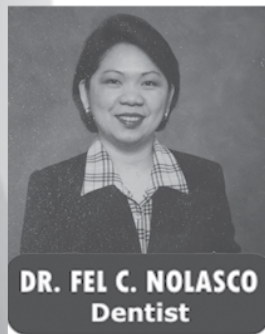
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Why did GMA Films stop produc- ing movies?

Lakorn ang tawag sa mga television drama series mula sa Thailand.

Ang GMA-7 ang unang nagdala sa Philippine TV ng Thai serye o lakorn sa pamamagitan ng kasalukuyang napapanood ngayon sa



GMA-7 brings a lakorn (Thai drama series) for the first time on Philippine television. This series is titled *You're My Destiny*.

primetime na *You're My Destiny*.

Natuwa ang GMA First Vice President for Program Management na si Joey Abacan na ang una nilang inihandog na lakorn ay positibong tinatanggap ng mga Kapuso viewers dahil sa mataas na ratings ng pilot week nito.

Nagsimulang umere ang *You're My Destiny* noong June 4, pagkatapos ng *Inday Will Always Love You*. Pinagbibidahan ito ng mga Thai actors na sina Wisetkaew Sukrit (Paolo) at Esther Supreeleela (Martina).

Halos maikukumpara na rin daw sa mga Korean drama series ang natatanggap na ratings ng naturang Thai drama.

Ayon kay Joey, "I would say, comparable siya sa Korean. Ibig sabihin nun, parang nakakita tayo ng bago."

Nakahanda na rin ang Pinoy sa panonood ng lakorn?

"Mukha naman, kasi ang taas ng rating.

Makikita mo na iba-iba ang atake. Hindi ba ang Korean dati may atake sila na parang kailangan nakababad ka muna, tapos nun, kailangang namnamin mo muna ang scenery, tapos bigla kang iiyak.

"Ito namang lakorn, parang in your face, parang tayo kung mag-produce. Very Filipino."

Sa ngayon, may nabili na raw silang tatlong magagandang titles ng mga Thai soap operas.

Nilinaw rin ni Joey na hindi porke't ipinapakilala na nila ang Thai drama sa bansa, malilimitahan na ang mga Korean drama na ipinalabas ng GMA-7.

Ang GMA-7 umano ang nag-umpisa ng mga Korean drama sa bansa. Ilan sa mga unang K-drama na ipinalabas ng Kapuso Network noong 2003 ay ang *Bright Girl* at ang "Endless Love" series na *Autumn in my Heart*, *Endless Love II*, at *Winter Sonata*. Pero bago ito, mga Taiwanese drama ang mga unang ipinalabas ng GMA-7.

Bilang bahagi nga ng ika-15 anibersaryo ng GMA The Heart of Asia, desidido si Joey na makilala ang Kapuso network sa buong mundo.

"This is why we are called the Heart of Asia. We believe that the viewing preference of our audience is not only limited to the local setting, so we want to bring them the world.

"Now, ang gusto nga namin, di lang tayo makilala as the Heart of Asia but hopefully, as the Heart of the World."

Bukod sa mga Asian series, may pina-plano na rin silang dalhin sa bansa na mga drama na hindi Asian produced. Posible na rin daw silang magdala ng Turkish drama.

Dahil si Joey ang namimili ng mga drama sa iba't-ibang bansa, lalo na ang mga Korean drama, sinabi niya na sugal daw ang pagdadala sa bansa ng mga drama sa ibang

bansa.

Aniya, "Lahat naman may risk. Our job is comprised of 30% gut feel, 30% research at 40% prayers, with the hope that our audience would like what we bring them.

"And *You're My Destiny* has the elements of drama, love, laughter and entertainment that is the trademark of what our viewers love to watch."

PLANS FOR GMA FILMS? Kinamusta rin namin si Joey kung babalik pa rin ba sa pagpu-produce ng pelikula ang GMA Films. Isa rin si Joey sa mga kilalang nasa likod ng mga nakaraang GMA movies.

Positibo naman niyang sinabi na magpu-produce pa rin ng mga pelikula ang GMA Films na tila 2012 pa ang mga huling nagawa nilang pelikula.

Ayon sa Kapuso executive, "It has always been like that, kahit noong una naman na nag-handle ng GMA Films, we tried to feel the market all the time.

"And if you speak to the people who handled GMA Films before, kasi there was a time also that the film industry was also in a slump. Siyempre, as business people also, you have to be checking, what's the climate right now.

"So yung nangyari dati, hindi rin nag-produce.

"Here comes kami naman nila Annette [Gozon], panahon na namin nila Annette, o sige, mukhang laban, laban. E, nagmukhang malamlam din. So, maiintindihan ko kung ano yung ano ng board."

Sa ngayon daw kasi, wala rin naman masyadong kumikita pang pelikula.

Natatawang sabi nga niya, "Kaya nagla-lakorn na lang ako."

Pero pinaliwanag din niya na ito talaga ang trabaho niya sa GMA-7.

"I've been head of the program management, hindi naman films. Taga-bili talaga ko. Si Annette talaga yung sa GMA Films."



CHINITA PRINCESS GROOVE IT AT VAUGHAN FIESTA EX- TRAVAGANZA

Philippine star Kim Chiu rocks it at Vaughan Fiesta Extravaganza 2018. Photo: Li ERON

The rain didn't dampen Vaughan's first Fiesta Extravaganza in celebration of Filipino Heritage Month. Despite the drizzle, the opening parade was still well attended and even as the rain continued, the people didn't leave Clark Civic Park in Vaughan. Umbrellas can be seen as performances after performances continues.

The presence of a humungous crowd up until the arrival of TFC's two main stars Jay-R and Kim Chiu who wowed the crowd now moving closely to the stage. It's a throng of Filipino-Canadians missing home and missing our stars so their presence really fired up today's event.

Kim Chiu is a trouper who made sure she connects with the eager fans down below the stage disembarking from the stage and getting up close to the adoring fans. A treat from TFC to all Pinoys who attended the event.

Pinoy celebrities who had failed attempts in reality shows + other stories

Maine Mendoza, Alden Richards, and Nadine Lustre might have lost in reality shows but they still made it big in showbiz.

Did you know that Maine Mendoza first tried to join a reality show of ABS-CBN before becoming one of Eat Bulaga's most bankable hosts?

Eat Bulaga! is the longest-running noontime show aired in rival network GMA-7.

Just like Maine, her love team partner Alden Richards and ABS-CBN actress Nadine Lustre also tried their luck by joining reality shows.

Even though they did not win in a reality show, they eventually became bankable actors and actresses.

Indeed, timing is crucial in getting a stable career in show business.

Here are 16 celebrities who failed to enter the final round of a reality search, but are now making a mark in showbiz.

NADINE LUSTRE

An audition video that surfaced online revealed that Nadine once tried her luck to be a housemate in Pinoy



Big Brother: Teen Clash 2010.

It was the same edition that launched the career of its Big Winner, James Reid.

At that time of audition, Nadine was already a VIVA Artist, and a member of the dance group Pop Girls. However, she failed to make it to the Big Brother-house.

Nadine still appeared in several VIVA movies and commercials.

In 2014, Nadine was tapped to play the lead role in Diary ng Panget, where she was paired with James. They formed the JaDine love team and later on became a real-life couple.

Nadine and James are gearing up for a new teleserye, after releasing their movie Never Not Love You in March 2018.

MAINE MENDOZA

Before becoming the phenomenal Yaya Dub of Eat Bulaga, Maine tried her luck by auditioning to be part of Pinoy Big Brother: 737 in 2015.

This was the same batch that produced Barbie Imperial, Ylona Garcia, Miho Nishida, Bailey May, and Jameson Blake.

During the audition, Maine revealed that she was already doing Dubsmash videos.

However, Maine did not make it to the final cut, as revealed by ABS-CBN TV Production Head Lauren Dyogi in his vlog last June 6.

In July 2015, or a month after PBB 737 aired its pilot episode, Maine became a TV sensation by doing Dub-smash on Eat Bulaga. This eventually paved the way for her to display surprise chemistry with Alden Richards.

This gave birth to the love team of AlDub. In a span of three years, Maine did several projects together with Alden: the 2016 movie Imagine You and Me and the 2017 teleserye Destined To Be Yours.

Though it has yet to be confirmed, recent reports indicate that Maine and Alden are set to do separate projects.

There are those speculating that Maine's next big project is a Metro Manila Film Festival entry that will be top-billed by Coco Martin and Vic Sotto.

For now, Maine and Alden are still doing production numbers together in Eat Bulaga.

ALDEN RICHARDS

In 2009, Alden Richards--Richard Faulkerson, Jr. in real life--tried his luck in the fifth edition of Starstruck.

His StarStruck journey ended when he reached the Top 60.

Alden then auditioned for Pinoy Big Brother: Teen Clash of 2010, but failed to make it to the final list of housemates. James Reid won in this edition.

In late 2010, Alden was invited to audition for a role in an upcoming afternoon series of GMA-7.

This proved to be Alakdana, a 2011 series top-billed by Louise Delos Reyes. Their love team would bear three more TV projects: the teleseryes My Beloved (2012), One True Love (2012), and Mundo Mo'y Akin (2013).

In 2015, Alden found another love team partner in the person of Maine Mendoza, after viewers saw their chemistry in an episode of Eat Bulaga.

The AlDub love team has been given two movies and one teleserye.

Currently, Alden is gearing up for his Kapuso teleserye titled Victor Magtanggol, though it has yet to be announced if he will still be paired with Maine in this project.

For now, Alden and Maine are still co-hosts in Eat Bulaga.

ANGELINE QUINTO

Angeline Quinto first tried her luck in show business via VIVA TV's singing competition Star For A Night.

She made it all the way to the grand finals, but she lost the title to Sarah Geronimo.

After her stint in Star For A Night, Angeline also joined ABS-CBN's Magandang Tanghali Bayan, via its segment "Teen Popstar."

Angeline emerged as one of the winners, but the careers of the teen singers who joined the contest did not flourish.

In early 2010, Angeline joined GMA-7's talent program Diz Iz It!

In October 2010, she became one of the finalists of ABS-CBN's Star Power, hosted by Sharon Cuneta.

In February 2011, Angeline was hailed as the winner of Star Power.

After joining the contest, she was tapped to sing theme songs of ABS-CBN teleseryes, earning for her the title Queen of Teleserye Theme Songs.

Angeline also tried acting and she was chosen to top-bill her own afternoon series Kahit Konting Pag-tingin in 2013 and the movies Born To Love You (2012) and Foolish Love (2017).

Currently, Angeline still performs for ASAP.

BENJAMIN ALVES

In 2006, Benjamin Alves (using the screen name Vince Saldana) joined ABS-CBN and Close Up's model search Close Up To Fame 2. He finished in second place.

Afterwards, Benjamin inked a contract with VIVA Films, allowing him to be included in movies such as Ang Cute Ng Ina Mo (2007) and Apat Dapat, Dapat Apat (2007). He was also part of QTV and VIVA's TV program Posh in 2006.

He later left show business to focus on his studies. In 2012, he returned to showbiz using the name Benjamin Alves, and went on to headline several teleseryes of GMA-7.

He is set to play the leading man in the upcoming drama series Kapag Nahati Ang Puso, starring Sunshine Cruz and Bea Binene.

MORISSETTE AMON

Morissette Amon was part of TV5's Star Factor in 2010, where she finished first runner-up.

She was later assigned to do acting projects in teleseryes of the Kapatid network.

In 2013, Morissette decided to leave TV5 and revive her career as a singer by joining ABS-CBN's The Voice of the Philippines.

Morissette became a member of Team Sarah Geronimo but she was eliminated in the semi-finals. Mitoy Yonting emerged as the edition's winner.

After her stint in the competition, Morissette became a regular performer in ASAP, and was part of the defunct singing group Birit Queens with Klarisse, Angeline Quinto, and Jona.

JANINE BERDIN

Janine Berdin was a finalist of Star Circle Quest: Search for the Next Kiddie Superstars in 2010. Her batchmates were Clarence Delgado, Joshen Bernardo, Veyda Inoval, and Kyline Alcantara.

Despite not winning the competition, Janine was able to land supporting roles in episodes of Wansapan-taym and Maalaala Mo Kaya.

Janine also auditioned for The Voice Kids and in It's Showtime's segment "Tawag ng Tanghalan" Season 1, but she failed to make the cut.

In 2017, Janine tried her luck again in Tawag ng Tanghalan Season 2 and was able to join the grand finals where she was proclaimed as the ultimate champion.

JEROME PONCE

In an interview with Magandang Buhay in June 2016, Jerome Ponce revealed that he auditioned for Pinoy Big Brother twice.

The first was in PBB: Teen Clash of 2010, where he was already a finalist of Manila, but never received a callback.

He tried his luck again in 2012 for PBB Teen Edition 4. According to him, he already did a pictorial but he still did not make it inside the house.

Jerome still pursued his dreams and audi-



tioned for a role in a new Kapamilya show, through fashion designer Avel Bacudio.

He got a role in the 2012 daytime series Be Careful With My Heart starring Jodi Sta. Maria and Richard Yap. It became an unexpected success and aired for more than two years on TV.

After the series, more shows landed on Jerome's lap, with him portraying important roles in Nasaan Ka Nang Kailangan Kita (2015) and The Good Son (2017).

In 2016, Jerome entered the Big Brother house for a short time to talk to his ex-girlfriend Elisse Joson. Jerome was also featured in the May 2018 issue of YES! Magazine for its "Pogi Series" section.

ANNA LUNA

Anna Luna first gained popularity in the independent filmmaking industry, especially after portraying the daughter of Vivian Velez in the 2013 Cinema One Originals entry Bendor.

Her first attempt to penetrate showbiz happened when Anna auditioned for StarStruck in 2009. She was able to make it until the Top 100.

Years later, Bendor opened more doors for Anna in mainstream TV, when she was tapped to play the best friend of Alex Gonzaga in the 2014 local adaptation of Pure Love. This was followed by other TV shows such as Oh My G (2015), The Greatest Love (2016), and Hanggang Saan (2017).

Anna continued to be part of independent films. Her performance in the film Maestra allowed her to win the Best Actress award at the Five Continents International Film Festival in Venezuela in 2017.

In April 2018, Anna also earned a Best actress nomination at the Philadelphia Independent Film Awards for the same movie.

Anna also top-billed the Cinema One Originals entry Changing Partners in 2017 with Agot Isidro, Jojit Lorenzo, and Sandino Martin. This film was an adaptation of a musical play written by Vince de Jesus.

The 22-year-old actress was launched as part of 2018 Star Magic Circle, and is part of the upcoming series Starla, starring Judy Ann Santos.

KRIS BERNAL

In an interview with PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) last January 2018, Kris Bernal revealed that she actually took workshops with Star Magic (formerly ABS-CBN Talent Center), and even tried her luck in Pinoy Big Brother.

However, fate has other plans for Kris as she won StarStruck IV: The Next Level.

She got the title of "Ultimate Loveteam" together with Martin Escudero.

Eventually, Kris became known as one of

the most reliable actress of GMA-7, top-billing several drama series that registered high ratings, especially in the network's afternoon block.

Her last project was the 2017 afternoon series Impostora, which ran for 8 months.

MARLO MORTEL

In 2009, Marlo Mortel auditioned for Star-Struck, using his real name Marlowe Pamintuan. He became part of the Top 60.

Despite not making it to the final round, Marlo was tapped to appear in the youth-oriented series Tween Hearts.

In 2012, he was relaunched in ABS-CBN as Marlo Mortel, and became the love-team partner of Janella Salvador in Be Careful With My Heart.

When his love team with Janella broke up in 2015, Marlo focused on his singing career, with occasional appearances in drama shows such as Maalaala Mo Kaya and Hanggang Saan (2017).

Marlo is also a regular host of Umagang Kay Ganda, where he is tagged as the "Boyfie ng Bayan."

MOIRA DELA TORRE

Moira dela Torre first got a taste of showbiz when she was tapped to be the voice artist of catchy theme songs and jingles of commercials.

In 2013, Moira auditioned for The Voice of the Philippines and became a part of Team APL. However, she got eliminated during the Battle Rounds.

After losing in The Voice of the Philippines, Moira launched a self-titled album in 2014.

In 2016, Moira's career reached greater heights after being tapped to sing the theme song of Camp Sawi titled "Malaya," which was also her own composition.

The success of "Malaya" allowed Moira to interpret more revivals and use her own compositions as theme songs of movies and teleseryes.

Moira regularly performs in ASAP as part of the segment "ASAP Jambayan."

ADDY RAJ

Addy Raj was first discovered in ABS-CBN's singing competition I Love OPM in 2016, where he got eliminated after reaching the Top 24.

Months later, the Indian actor inked a contract with GMA-7, and became one of Barbie Forteza's leading men in the 2017 rom-com series Meant To Be.

Addy just recently participated in the Kapuso Sunday variety program Lip Sync Battle.

Jennylyn admits wrong impression about Tom + other stories

JENNYLYN Mercado is getting offers to do a new movie but it's her decision not to shoot a new one while she's still busy with her prime-time action-drama, "The Cure". "Mahirap gawin ang 'The Cure' kasi mabusisi ang action scenes that we are required to do, bukod pa sa dramatic scenes na ginagawa namin, so dito muna ako magpo-focus," she says. "Medyo madugo ang mga eksena na madalas, puro big scenes at umaga na kapag natatapos ang taping. Kaya pag-uwi namin, patay pagod ka at magpapahinga ka na lang talaga para may lakas ka at energy for the next taping day. Hindi ko maisisingit gumawa ng bagong movie sa sobrang hectic ng schedules namin."

She's just thankful that she has good rapport with her leading man in "The Cure", Tom Rodriguez. "Mag-asawa ang roles namin as Charity and Greg Salvador and it helps na friends na kami since we did a Lenten drama some years ago. Akala noong una, baka mailang kami sa isa't isa kasi common knowledge namang may kanya-kanya kaming love life, pero hindi naman nakaapekto 'yun sa amin at all."

Tom is on with Carla Abellana while she's with Dennis Trillo. "Actually, magkapatid sina Tom at Dennis kasi iisa ang manager nila (Popoy Caritativo). Masarap



katrabaho si Tom kasi very dedicated sa trabaho. Mas mahirap 'yung ginagawa niya sa show kaysa sa akin kasi he's required to do more fight scenes and stunts. At hahanga ka kasi ayaw niyang magpa-double. Grabe 'yan, ang lakas ng loob at talagang kinakaya niya dahil ayaw niyang dayain ang viewers."

She and the rest of the cast of "The Cure" are very grateful because the show

continues to gain more loyal followers who want to know what will happen to the characters now that the epidemic caused by the deadly monkey virus continues to spread. "Mas patindi nang patindi ang bawat episode," adds. "Mas nagiging puno ng tension and suspense kaya huwag na huwag silang bibitaw. May bago na namang member ng cast, si Lotlot de Leon as a nun, si Sister Rosita, na survivor ng epidemia. As Charity, mauubos naman ang pasensya ko kay Diva Montelaba as Suzy and her tyrannical boyfriend Jay Manalo as Fernan, so itinuloy ko na ang pagtakas mula sa kampo ng survivors sa epidemia."

Viewers say the scenes showing Jennylyn as Charity fighting hard for her rights showed how feisty she really is. But will she succeed in escaping from the camp? Don't miss the coming episodes of "The Cure" to find out.

Kris Aquino on seeking elective post in 2019: Thank you, but...

Kris Aquino on Tuesday doused speculations that she will seek an elective post in 2019, citing her contractual obligations as a product endorser.

In an Instagram post in reaction to her cousin Senator Bam Aquino's remark that she could win in an election, Kris said she would violate her contracts and agreements if she runs for office in next year's midterm elections.

Kris said she would not run in 2019 to honor all of the commitments and non-disclosure agreements she has with major conglomerates and companies.

She said these agreements "specifically state that [she] won't seek any elective post in 2019," and ask that she "refrain from any divisive political statements except when defending honor & dignity of family."

"Takot akong sirain ang aking palabra de honor (Word of Honor) & gibain ang pakiramdam kong mga dapat kong ipagmalaki- marunong akong tumanaw ng utang na loob at may #LOYALTY ako sa mga nagbigay ng trabaho at tiwala sa kin," she wrote.

Senator Aquino quipped that his cousin may win should she choose to run for Senate, where he said she would be very welcome.

What does China's military jet landing in Davao symbolize?

MANILA - The landing of a Chinese plane in Davao City illustrated a paradigm shift and Beijing's "preferential treatment" for President Rodrigo Duterte and his hometown, a security analyst said.

It showed how Davao has also become a "seat of power," and not only the Philippine capital of Manila, said Chester Cabalza, vice president for the Center of Research and Strategic Studies at the Development Academy of the Philippines.

He added, Davao's strategic location has an effect on how the Philippines deals with China.

"We could infer China is giving importance with its relationship to our president and with the country. There's more impact on this because China is giving preferential treatment to President Duterte and to his city that is Davao," he told ANC's Headstart.

Photos of the military plane supposedly landing at Davao City International Airport circulated on social media.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque confirmed the Australia-bound jet was in the Philippines to refuel, with the government's permission.

Defense analyst Jose Antonio Custodio, citing military sources, claimed the Chinese plane was in the Philippines for several days, much longer than the time it would have needed to refuel.

Megan Young at Wyn Marquez, bakit proud Pinays?

Ang beauty queens na sina Miss World 2013 Megan Young at Reina Hispanoamericana 2017 Wyn Marquez ay #ProudPinays. Ang mga katangian ng pagiging Pinoy ang kanilang ipinagmamalaki.

Ayon kay Megan, ang katangian ng Pinoy na pagiging maalaga ay tanyag sa buong mundo. Saad niya, "Yung pagiging caring natin sa isa't isa, 'yung pagiging hospitable natin [at] 'yung pagiging maalaga sa pamilya."

Ang pagiging matatag naman ng Pinoy ang pinupuri ni Wyn. "Kasi ang mga Pinoy [ay] very resilient 'yan eh. Whatever happens, kung ano'ng undos man ang dumating sa kanila [at] kung ano'ng problema nila, kaya pa rin nilang ngumiti at tumayo," paliwanag niya.

Carla Abellana dreams of working with Piolo Pascual, Bea Alonzo, other Kapamilya stars

Carla Abellana on why she looks forward to working with Piolo Pascual: "Piolo Pascual is Piolo Pascual! Parang wala naman po atang artistang babae na hindi po gugustuhing makatrabaho si Piolo. At saka kahit sino namang kasama niya o ma-pair sa kanya, it works everytime."

Dahil halos karamihan ng mga Kapuso stars ay nakatrabaho na ng Kapuso actress na si Carla Abellana, ang Kapamilya stars naman na sina Piolo Pascual at Bea Alonzo ang gusto nitong makasama sa pelikula.

Ayon nga kay Carla, "Kasi kung tutuusiin kung co-stars, halos lahat naman ng Kapuso, nakatrabaho ko na.

"Lagi naman pong tinatanong sa akin ng manager ko kung sino pa ang hindi ko nakakatrabaho.

"Parang lahat na nakatrabaho natin.

"Siguro sa labas na lang po ng telebisyon, meaning, sa pelikula naman sana.

"Ang dami po nun.

"Gusto ko si Piolo Pascual, Bea Alonzo, Aga Muhlach, Judy Anne Santos.

"Sabi ko nga po kay Bea Alonzo one time, 'Gusto kong maging part ng movie mo kahit P.A. mo lang o yaya, basta makasama lang kita sa movie. Masabi lang na nakasama kita sa movie.'

Anong sabi ni Bea?

Saad niya, "Natawa lang po siya siyempre.

"Ako, actually kahit anong role yan.

"Sana po kahit papano sa pelikula mabigyan ng pagkakataong makatrabao yung iba pang stars."

DREAMS OF WORKING WITH PIOLO.

Tinanong namin si Carla kung bakit gusto niyang makatrabaho si Piolo.

Pagmamalaki niya, "Piolo Pascual is Piolo Pascual!

"Parang wala naman po atang artistang babae na hindi po gugustuhing makatrabaho si Piolo.

"At saka kahit sino namang kasama niya o ma-pair sa kanya, it works everytime.

"Iba po talaga ang galing at dating ng isang Piolo Pascual. Nakakabilib!"

If ever, anong tema ng pelikulang gusto niyang gawin with Piolo?

Pakli niya, "Comedy siguro, kasi nasanay na po

tayong mapanood si Piolo sa mga drama.

"Parang bibihira lang po natin siya makita sa hindi nakakaiyak na pelikula.

"So, maganda kahit papaano kung something light naman po yung magiging tema.

"Para ma-break naman yung nakasanayan na nila."

MAGPAKAILANMAN GUESTING. Nagkuwento si Carla tungkol sa kanyang bagong project.

Lahad niya, "Eto, meron po kaming magandang episode sa Magpakailanman sa Saturday, June 30.

"Ang kuwento po niya ay tungkol sa anak ng kabit, o sa family po na hindi nila alam na kabit sila o second family sila.

"So, isang mabigat na episode na naman po sa Magpakailanman."

First time ba niyang gumanap sa ganitong klaseng role?

Pag-amin ni Carla, "Di naman po.

OTHER GUESTING STINTS. Maliban sa mga pag-arte sa mga drama serye, meron din palang ibang guestings si Carla na medyo nalilinya sa comedy.

Dagdag niya, "Bukod naman po dun sa Magpakailanman, meron naman po,

NEW TELESERYE. Inamin din ni Carla na meron siyang bagong pagbibidahang teleserye, pero hindi pa raw siya puwedeng maglahad ng impormasyon tungkol dito.

"May bago na po kaming soap na sisimulan, malapit na po.

"This July, mag-start na po kaming mag taping. "Not sure lang po kung puwede na pong sabihin kung sinu-sino makakasama ko.

"Yung story ay tungkol sa family, may mga kapatid po ako ditong babae.

"Tapos, kami pong magkapatid na babae iba-iba po kami ng mother/

"So, yun po yung magiging kuwento.

"Family drama po siya.

"So, di ko lang po sure kung puwede na pong sabihin yung mga names ng kasama."

Kasama ba niya rito ang boyfriend niyang si Tom Rodriguez?

Tanggi niya, "Hindi po. Meron po kase siyang The Cure so medyo mag-o-overlap po.

"Pero okay lang po kase yung kuwento. Di naman po siya love story

"Hopefully, sana suportahan ng ating mga Kapuso, katulad ng pag suporta nila sa aking mga teleserye dati," panalangin ni Carla.



LEFT, Action Honda Manager Rafael Nebres (far left) poses with trophy and Mike Cruz of FBL.

Gil Cuerva, Ken Chan at David Licauco, mga Kapuso oppas?



Kung sa Korea, tinatawag na “Oppa” (older brother) ang mga sikat at hinahangaang lalaki. Alam n’yo bang meron din tayong mga “Pam-bansang Oppa” dito sa atin?

Ang Kapuso leading men na sina Gil Cuerva, Ken Chan at David Licauco ay tinaguriang mga Kapuso Oppa ng GMA.

Si Gil ang gumanap na Pinoy Matteo Do sa remake ng My Love from the Star noong nakaraang taon kasama si Ultimate Star Jennylyn Mercado. Isa siyang international model, frequent gym goer, world traveler at dagdag pogi points ang kanyang long black hair.

“Sobrang nagpapasalamat ako sa lahat ng mga supporters ko, [and] to those who like to watch me on TV,” anang half Filipino, half Spanish actor-model.

Hinahangaan naman si Ken bilang isang versatile actor at host. Mature na ang kanyang role sa pinagbibidahang Primetime soap na The Cure. “Nakakatuwa lang isipin na ang sarap sa pakiramdam na tuwing magkakaroon ng malaking programa, naiisip nila akong isali.”

Oppa number three naman ang Kapuso Chinito Heartthrob na si David na madalas ay nakikita nating rumarampa sa mga fashion events.

Panlaban ng Kapag Nahati Ang Puso actor ang kanyang fit na katawan, “[Katas iyan ng] constant gym [at] constant diet kaya I’m very blessed at grateful na nabigyan ako ng ganitong opportunity.”

Devon Seron reacts to netizen who called her outfit a fashion disaster

IG user @hannahzee66 commented on Devon’s fashion choice, a red plaid polo and skirt, which she wore to a mall show for her new movie ‘Walwal.’ The netizen said, “@devonseron Sorry but this is a big fashion disaster. Printed to printed is definitely a big NO. can someone tell her.”

Devon responded by saying that every individual has their own sense of style. The important thing is to feel beautiful in what you are wearing.

What Mikael does to get even with Megan

MIKAEL Daez shows that he is able to hold his own against the award-winning Edgar Alan Guzman in their intense confrontation scene in “The Stepdaughters”. The show’s last few episodes are so engrossing after Glydel Mercado as Luisa, Megan Young’s mom, was hit by a car and her younger sister got killed. Mikael as Francis discovers that Edgar Allan as Froilan has something to do with these incidents so he confronted Edgar for it and they have a heated altercation.

Everyone knows Edgar Allan has won acting awards for such films as “Ligo Na You, Lapit Na Me” and “Deadma Walking” so it’s no longer surprising for him to be able to deliver long dramatic lines effectively. But in fairness to Mikael, he also did well. As one viewer commented: “At least, hindi siya basta nagpalamon kay Edgar. Nagawa niyang tapatan ang intensity ng acting nito.”

And what is Mikael’s reaction to Megan’s statement that he doesn’t watch his kissing scenes with Katrina Halili in “The Stepdaugh-

ters”? “Well, eh ganun din naman ako, so quits lang kami,” he says. “I also don’t watch when she has kissing scenes with other actors. Mas mabuti na ‘yung ganun, di ba?”

But do they inform each other and ask permission when they’re doing such scenes with other actors? It’s Megan who replies: “No need. Hindi na kailangang ipaalam pa sa isa’t isa kasi alam na naman naming part ‘yun ng work ng isa’t isa. We just don’t watch na lang.”

They’ve been on for seven years now since they started going steady even before Megan became Miss World in 2013. But they still don’t have any plans of getting married soon. “”That can wait,” says Mikael. “We’re not in a hurry to have our own family. Paghahandaan muna naming mabuti ‘yan.”

Another development in “The Stepdaughters” is the addition of Joyce Ching in the cast. She will be playing the role of Grace. Will she side with Megan as Mayumi or with Katrina as Isabelle? That’s what you’ll find out in the next few episodes of the toprating show.

’Wag n’yo bulabugin ang pamilya ko -- Thea

Sunud-sunod ang post ng Kapuso star na si Thea Tolentino mula pa noong Tuesday hanggang kahapon sa social media para mariing pabulaanan ang diumano’y sex video niya na kumakalat.

May nagtanong kay Thea sa Twitter last Tuesday kung bakit niya ginawa ‘yun (sex video) at kung bakit hindi siya nag-iingat.

“Hahaha, may nagsend sa ‘kin sa email last week about that. Tinanong ako, ‘Thea may scandal ka na kumakalat. Totoo ba yun?’ Didn’t bother me naman kasi alam ko sa sarili ko na wala akong ganon. I am 101% sure na hindi ako ‘yon. Kilala ko sarili ko lol. Bahala kayo diyan,” sagot ni Thea.

Next tweet niya, ikinuwento niyang may nagpadala sa kanya ng video at napanood na niya.

“Tapos kagabi, a friend of mine sent the video. Kasi natakot siya for me. NATAWA AKO! SERYOSO. KASI MAY HAWIG KAMI! lalo na sa umpisa. Yung angle din. Same face shape. Pero, hindi naman sa mayabang ako o ano, mas maliit po waist line ko and pusod pa lang iba na,” tweet niya.

Nagbigay din siya ng paglilina sa kanyang Facebook account. Huwag naman daw idamay ang pamilya niya.

“Hello. Just posting this to make things clear. HINDI AKO YON. Bahala kayo kung maniniwala kayo sakin or not, wala akong pakialam. Grabe. Daming bastos. Di ako naaapektohan pero napapagod kasi ang social media accounts ko sa inyo.

“At sa mga nakakaalam ng Facebook accounts ng mga magulang ko, kapatid, kamag-anak, friends, etc, huwag niyo sila imesage o bulabugin tungkol dito dahil stressed na sila sa mga bagay bagay sa buhay, pati ako tapos dadagdagan pa ng mga nagkakalat ng mga false information. GET A LIFE. Thank you. May God bless you all,” ang statement ni Thea sa FB last Tuesday.

Kahapon, nag-tweet naman ang young actress at obviously, imbyerna pa rin siya.

“Matagal na ’kong gumiveup na kumausap ng mga taong makikitid ang utak dahil kahit ano namang sabihin sa kanila, may ibabato silang mga salita na hindi naman pinag-isipan.

“Ang ayoko lang kasi talaga ay yung pati mga magulang ko, kamaganak, kaibigan e binubulabog niyo,” pahayag ni Thea.

Tweet pa niya ulit, “Wala akong pakialam kung ipagpilitan niyo pa ring ako. Bakit ko ba kayo ipi-please at pipiliting maniwala na hindi ako yon? Ang importante lang naman ay alam ko at ng mga mahal ko sa buhay ang totoo. Wala akong pakialam sa sinasabi niyo. Kayo rin naman mapapagod.”

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Thomas Gales

Seventeen-year old Thomas goes to St. Mary's Secondary school. He practices taekwondo and plays basketball. His favourite food is Hakka dish He wants to be a pilot someday.



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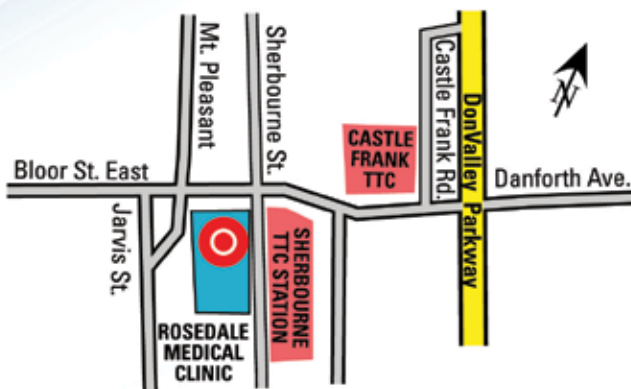


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