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.

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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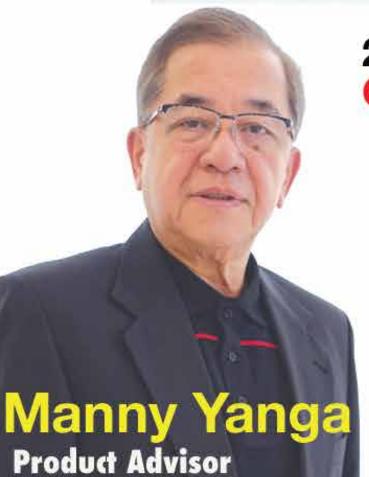


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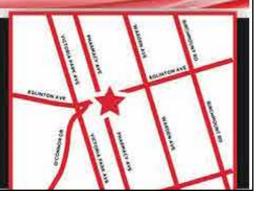
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Beauty Gonzalez appears in Kapuso show weeks after meeting with GMA-7 executive

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 primetime 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.

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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 @rayvercruz, 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

If he transfers to GMA-7, Rayver will be joining his brother Rodjun, who transferred to the Kapuso network

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

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.

Natatawang 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 pinagdadaanan 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

"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 Cignal 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 sabay 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 nakapag-shoot si Liza, 'tapos natigil dahil sa Bagani

at tuluy-tuloy pa ang training.

Pero hindi nauubusan ng kuwento, ha?

Bakit hindi na lang

magsimulang mag-shooting, saka na i-reserve ang mga isyu pagdating sa promo ng pelikula?

Sa nangyayari ngayon, promo muna bago ang principal photogra-

Itong Pedro Penduko naman ni James Reid ay ipinatong sa promo ng

Miss Granny. Hindi pa nga nagsimulang 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?

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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 battlefront 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 tonic" she said.

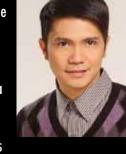
In 2012, the Miss Universe Organization announced that it was allowing transwoman candidates to participate. It is unclear if the rule still applies, after Donald Trump sold the organization

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

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

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.mfc.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 na 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 madidiskubre 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 ranks low in peace index

The Philippines is among the lowest-ranked countries in terms of peace.

According to the Institute of Economics and Peace's Global Peace Index (GPI), the Philippines is ranked 138th out of 163 countries, with a score of 2.512.

The GPI's scoring criteria, with 5 being the highest case, are:

- Perceptions of criminality
- Security officers and police
- Homicide
- Incarceration
- Access to weapons
- Intensity of internal conflict
- Violent demonstrations
- Violent crime
- Political instability
- Political terror
- Weapons imports

 Towns rises imposs
- Terrorism impact
- Deaths from internal conflict
- Internal conflicts fought

- Military expenditure
- Armed services personnel
- UN peacekeeping funding
- Nuclear and heavy weapons
- Displaced people
- Neighboring countries relations
- Deaths from external conflict

The Philippines scored at least 3 out of 5 in terms of perceptions of criminality, homicide, access to weapons, intensity of internal conflict, violent crime, political terror, terrorism impact, deaths of internal conflict, internal conflicts fought and neighboring countries relations.

The country's GPI ranking stemmed from President Rodrigo Duterte's ongoing war on drugs and the conflict in Marawi City last

"The Philippines suffered particularly badly as President Duterte continued his assault on alleged drug dealers and from the five-month battle between government forces and Islamic militants who took over the city of Marawi, resulting in almost 1,200 militants, government forces and civilians killed," the report said.

The Philippines, China, Thailand, Myanmar and North Korea are among the least peaceful countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The improvements in internal and external conflicts fought and relations with neighboring countries reflected a calming of tensions in the South China Sea after President Duterte of the Philippines reached an understanding with China," the report said, referring to the President's good relations with Beijing.

The Global Peace Index of 2018 pointed out that for the past four years, global peacefulness has been slowly deteriorating.

Iceland is ranked the most peaceful country, with a GPI score of 1.096, while Syria is the least peaceful with the score of 3.6.

Thea Tolentino talks about removal of six cysts from her breasts

Kapuso actress Thea Tolentino underwent surgery last month to have six cysts removed in her breasts.

Kapuso actress Thea Tolentino is now recuperating from her breast surgery last May 23.

Six cysts were removed.

"Okay naman po, hinihintay ko na lang siya mag-heal," said the actress on Tunay na Buhay of GMA News and Public Affairs.

The 21-year-old Kapuso actress said about the cysts: "Sa ultrasound nakalagay limang solid, yung laman lang talaga, and isang cyst yung may water yata."

During the surgery, she was fully conscious.

"Hindi ko po alam kung gaano katagal ang operation non, so ayokong ma-bored. Sabi ko sa doctor, 'Puwede ko po bang panoorin?' So pinanood ko siya.

"May anesthesia naman so wala akong nararamdaman, except do'n sa tinatahi na."

This was the second time she had a cyst removed. Her first surgery was in 2010. All cysts were benign.

Her family, particularly her dad's side, has a history of breast cancer, so Thea has been extra cautious.

"Ang in-advise po sa akin nang una akong tinanggalan is bawasan po talaga yung processed food.

"And pag matutulog, yung phones natin huwag malapit sa katawan, nakaka-cause din yata yung radiation."

Thea is excited to go back to work. Her most recent projects were the teleseryes Haplos (2017-2018), Ika-6 Na Utos, and Destined

To Be Yours, which both aired in 2017.

Kuwento ni Gabby Eigenmann, nakipag-compromise siya kina Director Albert Langitan at Rado Peru kung paano niya bibigyang buhay ang karakter ni Duquesa sa Contessa na isang closet gay.

"As Duquesa, ang ginawa ko, may touch pa rin ni Vito Imperial, may bigote pa rin and not flamboyant. Ang make-up ko, may contour lang at eyeliner. Gusto nila ang peg ko ay drag trans, but I told them I'm not comfortable wearing women's clothes dahil na rin sa weight ko. Baka magmukha akong matron. Dinagdagan ko na lang ng konting arte. I told Perry (Lansigan, his manager) na hindi ako comfortable, pumayag naman ang production. Based sa feedback ng viewers, okay ang portrayal ko kay Duquesa," sabi ni Gabby.

Dagdag pa ni Gabby, noong unang i-offer sa kanya ang series, ang alam lang niya, closet gay siya, hindi niya alam na magiging si Duquesa siya.

Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show Toronto celebrates Philippine Heritage Month











1) PCCF Officers, Council of Leaders and local talents sing "BAYAN KO" as part of the Tribute for the late Senator Enverga 2) Participants of the SEN JUN Ping Pong Cup with Toronto Mayor John Tory
3) Kapuso Stars Solenn Heussaff and Betong Sumaya take a selfie with the crowd 4) L-R: Congen Rosalita Prospero, Rosemer Enverga, Leader of the Opposition Andrew Scheer and MP Bob Saroya 5) L-R: Senator
Thanh Hai Ngo, MP Peter Kent, Rosemer Enverga, Patrick Brown and PCCF President Romy Rafael

The first Filipino Heritage Month at the Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto was a huge success! In its 8th year, the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation organized the much anticipated Fiesta at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre last June 16, 2018. The event deemed as the biggest indoor Filipino gathering in Canada was attended by thousands who travelled from all over Canada and parts of the USA.

As patrons entered the Hall, they were welcomed by the gigantic Philippine flag that hung from the ceiling. The fiesta was complete with banderitas, a life-sized replica of a Sari-Sari Store complete with your favourite tsitsirya, Santa Cruzan, live band by PHB plus an opportunity for a photo op with a Jeepney and Parliament. The all-day entertainment included traditional dances by the Culture Philippines of Ontario, Siony's Dance Group, the Ati-Atihan dancers – HALA BIRA! SOSA dancers and multicultural dancers from China.

It was a fun-filled day from morning to night, where crowd got to taste delicacies served in the Food Court, shop at the booths, Kids Zone for the youngsters and so much more.

Other highlights included the multi-talented Lilac Cana, Emil Zarris, Martha Joy, DK Tijam, Elle Delizo, Edward Jones & Aidan Rodricks. The coronations for the 2018 Pageants with a Cause also took place! Congratulations to Samantha Sarmiento - Little Miss Philippines Canada, Aidan Rodricks

 Little Mr. Philippines Canada, Alexa Grant - Miss Teen Philippines Canada, Ranielle Macapagal -Miss Philippines Canada and Elvie Ortiz - Mrs. Philippines Canada!

"All of our candidates were truly beautiful and already winners before they even went onstage. They all joined a Pageants with a Cause and wanted to help the poor!" said Rosemer Enverga, PCCF Pageants Director.

A moving tribute was held to honour PCCF Founder, Senator Tobias Enverga, whose passion for helping the poor and serving the community, led to the creation of the Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto. "He is not here physically. but we can all feel his spirit present here today!" said PCCF President Romy Rafael. To honour his memory, the first ever "Sen Jun" Ping Pong Cup was held where participants of all ages competed for the

trophies. Dignitaries including Toronto Consul General Rosalita Prospero, Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Mayor John Tory, Conservative Party Leader Andrew Scheer, MP Peter Kent, MP Bob Saroya, MPP Roman Baber, MPP Robin Martin and Patrick Brown all paid tribute and took part in the day's festivities

The event ended with the super funny and talented GMA PinoyTV duo. Kapuso star SOLENN HEUSSAFF blew away the crowd with her voice while BETONG SUMAYA got everyone up and dancing!

We THANK YOU all for coming! Your support helped us complete a 33-house village in Tala, Caloocan and donate to the different beneficiaries in the Philippines. Let's build more houses for the poor! This successfulevent would not be possible without YOU, the hard work of our volunteers and the dedicated officers of PCCF. For more info. visitwww. philippinecanadianfoundation.com and LIKE www.facebook.com/PinoyFiestaTorontoand www. facebook.com/PhilippineCanadianFoundation.

Ground Breaking for Rizal Monument at Luneta Park in Markham, Ontario



After several years of effort by the longest serving Councilor Alex Chiu, his dream was approved by the Markham Council and the erection of Dr. Jose P. Rizal monument, in the area Prince of Peace Council KC # 9144 presentation to Rev. Fr, Joseph Sultana to be named Luneta Park in Markham, Ontario will be realized. The ground was broken at ceremonies at Box Grove Park and Rizal Avenue, in Markham on June 10, 2018, The ceremonies was well attended by Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Philip-

pine Consul General Rosalita S. Prospero, Councilor Alex Chiu and the Markham Councilors and Sculptor Sir Mogi Mogado, KCR, Senator J.V. Ejercito, government officials, businessmen, officers of Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians (MFFC) and Commanders of the Knights of Rizal.

According to prime mover/sculptor Sir Mogi Mogado, KCR, the Rizal monument shall be erected in the Fall of 2018. Landscaping to Rizal monument will be completed later.

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 sixely.

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

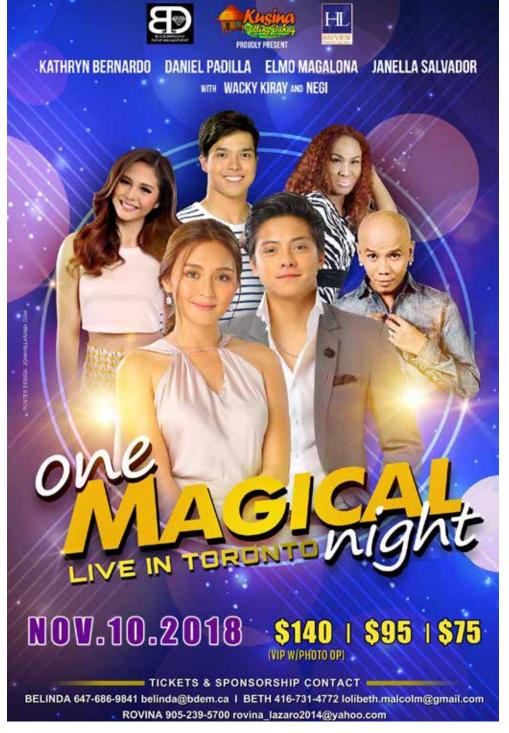


siya ni Direk Olive Lamasan for 8 years, okay na ako. If Inang believes in her to give her this break, that means she's really good. Actually, it's the two stars na pinanood ko muna ang mga pelikula. I caught glimpses of their teleseryes, but iba kasi 'yung sa movies. So I watched them in 'Love You to 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."







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

"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."

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, MELA-NIE 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



tle Miss Philippines 2017; Janelle Gonzales, Little

Miss Philippines 2017, 1st Runner-Up and the duet

performance of Scott Dion Brown & Taylor Brown

Ably hosted jointly by PIDC Pageant alumni

Scott Dion Brown, Celine Grey, Miss Philippines

PIDC 2016, and Conida Marie Halley, Miss Phil-

ippines PIDC 2015. The 2018 PIDC pageant was

certainly a fun-filled day of beauty, talent, grace,

elegance, entertainment, inspiration, showmanship

President Karen Pascual-Binaday, in her apt

message, graciously welcomed and thanked "the

family and friends of the contestants for support-

ing this endeavour and for allowing PIDC to give

all the lovely ladies a platform with which to shine

Likewise, the Twinkle Star, GABRIELLE LOU-

ISE ANDERS was proclaimed Little Miss Philip-

pines PIDC 2018 together with her entourage of

beautiful girls namely Chelsea Star Zgheib, 2nd

Runner-Up, Shanegelica Aludud, 1st Runner-Up,

and little darlings: Maesha Padilla, Catherine Rala,

Danna Leigh Elloso & Monica Mae Magsilat were

collectively and fairly judged by Annabelle Migal-

bin, Danny Orbillo, Elizabeth Marie Mabb, Ruby

Fittingly, the popular and most prestigious

is a major part of the annual celebration of the

beauty, poise and talent show, organized by PIDC,

120th anniversary of the proclamation of the Phil-

ippine Independence Day, the 20th anniversary of

of Symphony of Nine.

and be the best they can be".

Ang and Nami Tiosen.

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 Her-

itage 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 level of the Council of the Council

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

Fashion Show, featuring renowned Filipino designers Renee Salud, Kenneth Barliss & Shanong Pamaong August 26: Santacruzan & 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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KILLING MAYORS continued from page 1

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."

Peñaranda 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,"

Arrangel 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

Protect mayors

Dumalinao 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

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

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.

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 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.

"Very real, nakaka-relate [yung characters]. Hindi siya formula, so nakakatuwa.

"Hindi siya mainstream! So, I guess, iyon ang maganda doon.

"Gusto na pala ng Pinoy nang ganon, yung hindi siya formula film.

"Walang sobrang malinis na character. Parang nakakatao iyong mga character."

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 AlDub 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 a 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 11 am 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:

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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 Paterson 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.





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Governmen 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 Tambunging 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 paggawa ng effects para sa pelikula na may tinatayang budget na humigit kumulang sa PHP100M.

Nakatakda itong mapapanood sa fourth quarter ng 2018.

AMERICAN PEDRO PENDUKO? Nasanay ang mga Filipino na Pinoy ang gumaganap sa karakter ni Pedro Penduko sa telebisyon man o pelikula.

Ilan sa mga naunang gumanap na Pedro Penduko ay sina Efren Reyes Sr., Ramon Zamora, Janno Gibbs, at Matt Evans.

Kaya naman may mga puna ang ilan dahil si James ay isang Filipino-Australian.

Kuwento naman ni James, "It's difficult to understand if you haven't seen the movie yet.

But you will see in the movie how Pedro Penduko, my character really... to really rediscover himself.

This folklore is different. More of like a power that is handed down differently."

Depensa naman ng director ng pelikula na si Treb Monteras, kailangan daw ibagay sa kasalukuyang henerasyon ang

Sabi pa niya, "Definitely, because we need to adopt. Kailangan maka-relate yung audience natin.

"Kapag sinabi nating makabago, definitely, bata, mas bata yung target [audience] niya.

"Pedro Penduko, not born in the Philippines kasi for this version.

"Kung mababasa niyo yung komiks, galing silang New York so kapag tinatanong nga nila di ba masyadong di bagay kasi si James kasi hindi marunong mag-Tagalog... sobrang guwapo, but sobrang bagay sa kanya nung role kasi nga yung Pedro Penduko natin for this movie, aaling siva na States talaga."

'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

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,

"Hindi na puwede gamitin ang rason na sila ay mahihirap at napapabayaan. 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 takeover 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 videos during presscons, just like other bloggers, which they then post on their site.

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 pecially 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

Marquez and also many showbiz reporters who now take

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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

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

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

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



pared 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

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

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.



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 doormat Bea Resureccion 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 maghapong 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

Kris Bernal, patok ang bagong Korean restaurant

CERTIFIED negosyante ang Kapuso actress na si Kris Bernal. Ang latest venture nito 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

MAAKSIYON ang pagbabalik teleserye ni Kylie Padilla dahil kabilang na siya sa primetime series na The Cure bilang si Adira Aguilar. Isa naman sa mga nag-comment sa Instagram at bumati sa kanya ay ang dating kapatid sa Encantadia na si Gabbi Garcia. Nakakatuwang makita na hanggang ngayon ay close na close pa rin sila. Samantala, ano nga ba ang papel ni Adira sa buhay nina Charity (Jennylyn Mercado) at Greg (Tom Rodriguez)? Abangan 'yan sa The Cure gabi-gabi pagkatapos ng 24 Oras.

Jean Garcia at Valerie Concepcion, nagkakasakitan na?

UNANG week pa lang ng taping ng upcoming GMA Afternoon Prime series na Ika-5 Utos, matindi na agad ang fight scenes lalo na nina Jean Garcia at Valerie Concepcion. Pero wala naman daw pikunan na nagaganap dahil pagkatapos ng eksena, nag-uusap at nagkakamustahan agad ang dalawa. Say ni Valerie, "Si Ate Jean din naman, we always ask each other after the scene na 'Are you okay? Pasensya na.' So medyo comfortable na at walang hard feelings talaga."

Excited na ang marami na mapanood ito kaya for sure patok na naman ang seryeng ito sa viewer

NAKAKA-LSS o Last Song Syndrome ang hit single ni Nar Cabico na Gaga. Co-produced ito ng matalik niyang kaibigan at The Cure star na si Jennylyn Mercado. Bukod sa ito ang naging isa sa theme songs ng top-rating GMA primetime series na The One That Got Away, nominated din ang Gaga for Best Novelty Recording at si Nar bilang Best New Male Recording Artist sa Awit Awards. At dahil marami ang nahumaling sa kantang ito, inaabangan na rin ang launch ng music video na ipinasi-lip na sa official Facebook and Youtube page ni Nar. Mala-Beyonce ang itsura ni Nar at mukhang napasabak pa ito sa matitinding dance moves.



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



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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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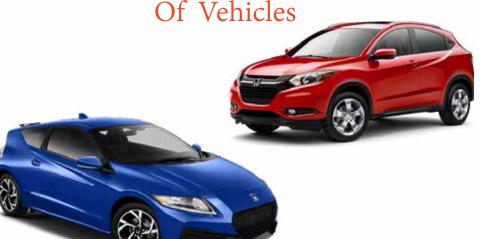
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Mystery guy of Bea Binene is not Alden Richards

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

lalaki sa likod ng bouquet of flowers sa kanyang Instagram post noong

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



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 movetheir own Careless music label, soap operas, movies and

endorsements—they are practically of millennials, and about to be so.

James and Nadine just landed mo creator Epik Studios by Cignal, which and Maria Makiling of the new gene heroes, they will star in the opening



fe, and through these crazy times, You're every line, you're every

sa comments section dahil naghina-

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 magkaibigan 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

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no businesses showcase their products and es. Food booth like FV Foods and Happy ny with their famous Filipino cuisine are if you get hungry. The Santacruzan parade the festival.

nilippine Heritage Month."

ecial guest this year was Dominics, a ber animator.

w this year is the Miss Q and A, inspired by nent in a Philippine TV show It's Showtime. inspired by the "Question and Answer" ents of beauty pageants. However,this on becomes a pageant for women, gays answomen. The segment focuses not on auty of the candidates but for their wit in ring questions.

s year, Mayor John Tory proclaimed June Belinda Reyes poses with K&K Dance Dreamz Inc. girls with their winning trophy. REYNA DE LAS ESTRELLA IPEN beauties wait for their turn. CONGRATULATIONS Philippine Airlines raffled a round trip ticket. Miss Manila runner-up Krystal Castillo is Reyna de las Estrellas. Santacruzan participants Miss Q&A winners Edgar Sulit and Gizele Mirasol MADIANS Officers of Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT) Alyssa Datu and Ryza Quijano 🏴 This year, Mayor John Tory (5TH FROM LEFT) proclaimed June as "Philippine Heritage Month.

onsidered superheroes among

jor 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."





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

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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

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 kunsaan 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 nagka-

"Sinaulo ko po talaga lahat, ayokong mag-

"Kasi baka mamaya magkamali ka. Nakakahiya, 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.

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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 Panget" 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, tinatakasan 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 pagjump 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 actionthriller, "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.



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 Nayon: 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 KPHI (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-andgreet with lucky fans and subscribers of two of GMA Pinoy TV's official carriers in Toronto, Bell 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 Pinoys. 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 Adecer, 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.

Sunshine hatches plan to reunite with Iza, Karylle



SUNSHINE Dizon has rested for a couple of months after her long-running afternoon soap, "Ika-6 Utos", has ended. And now, she's ready to go back to work as she's just been included in the cast of the hit primetime show, "Kambal, Karibal". She will play the role of Maricar, the long lost biological mother of Kyline Alcantara who plays Cheska.

Sunshine will appear in the story to get back Kyline from her adoptive mother, Carmina Villarroel 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."

But of course, Kyline will not accept Sunshine as her mom that easily. Watch out for their confrontation scene with Kyline pouring her heart out as to why Sunshine gave her up for adoption.

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 Iflix so it's gonna be big.

KYLINE REVEALS ON-THE-SET 'ACCIDENTS'

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 toprater on primetime. Do they really get to hurt each other during such intense fight scenes?

"We can't really avoid it po na magkasakitan kami kahit papaano," says Kyline. "Kahit anong ingat namin, nagkakatamaan pa rin. But we both recognize na para 'yun sa ikagaganda ng show so we just say sorry to each other after the take. Nang mag-Twitter party nga kami nina Bianca and Miguel for the show, andaming fans ng show na

nag-join at nakakatuwang sobrang dami talaga ang regular na sumusubaybay sa 'Kambal, Karibal' gabi-gabi kaya extended na naman kami."

DIREK JOEY TARGETS MIL-LENNIALS FOR NEW MOVIE

WRITER-director Joey Reyes is optimistic that his new youth movie, Regal's "Walwal", will click with today's millennial audiences since the stories of its four lead actors are something they can relate with. "Walwal means walang pakialam, but we impart the message na anuman ang maging resulta ng mga ginagawa nila, tama man o mali, they should feel responsible," he says. "Dapat matuto ang young people nating panagutan ang actions and decisions nila and be accountable for it."

And he's just happy that his four actors, Elmo Magalona, Jerome Ponce, Kiko Estrada and Donnie Pangilinan, are all very committed to the movie. "I can see their eagerness na mapaghusay ang performance nila," he says. "Mahal talaga nila ang ginagawa nila and their enthusiasm can be quite contagious."

Joey is currently teaching college courses in La Salle so he is very much aware of how young students conduct their own lives and affairs in this age of social media. All his experiences and insights that he gained from interacting with them are accurately reflected in "Walwal".

"The script was written by Gerald Foliente, the best student in my writing class who's the youngest one accepted by Ricky Lee in his workshops. I gave some inputs but everything that he wrote in the script is his. He's a millennial himself, so he is in the best position to write about millennials. Young people today seem to be confused kasi naghahanap sila ng mga magga-guide sa kanila. When I did 'Pare Ko' with the Guwapings, magulo rin ang mundo at that time pero hindi kasinggulo ngayon na nag-aaway-away ang different factions sa social media. So tinalakay namin 'yang issues na 'yan sa movie."

What can he say individually about his four stars? "This is Elmo's first movie na walang regular na ka-love team so he's out to prove that he can be an actor who can make a go of his career on his own, without being part of any love team. Si Jerome, I think he's the most experienced when it comes to drama kasi hasang-hasa siya sa teleseryes na ginawa niya. At makikita 'yun dito. Si Kiko naman, he's the most determined to prove that he can be a good actor. You can see the sincerity and earnestness sa performance niya. And Donny, first movie niya ito and he's wonderful kasi he's such a smart and intelligent person kaya madaling matuto kahit anong pagawa mo sa kanya."

How did the four stars feel after being directed by Joey Reyes? "He's a great director and I'm so happy to be given the chance to work with him," says Elmo. "He really deserves everyone's respect."

"He definitely knows his craft as a filmmaker," says Jerome. "Ang maganda, he's not the type who's a terror on the set but he can be very jolly, so magaan ang trabaho. He really wants to perfect it sa first take pa lang, para mas natural ang labas at hindi overcooked ang dating on screen."

"He's a master filmmaker with so many awards to his name, kaya it's really a pleasure and a great privilege for me to be given the chance to work with him," says Kiko.

"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."



Gerry Salvador, Jose Baking, and Turing Muere go for coffee after watching the musical 'Showgirls' at Backstage Theatre at Dufferin and Eglinton. The musical is based on the movie with the same title.

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Devon Seron slowly adjusting to her new home network

As a new Kapuso, Devon Seron says she does not feel any pressure in her new home network, GMA-7. She said, "Kapag nasa shoot mga co-actors, partikular na na ko, kapag nakakahalubilo ko na sila, they make me feel comfortable."

"Masaya, parang hindi siya work." Ganito inilarawan ni Devon Seron ang karanasan niya habang ginagawa ang pelikulang Walwal, na pinagbibidahan nina Elmo Magalona, Jerome Ponce, Donny Pangilinan, at Kiko Estrada.

Patuloy ni Devon, "Maganda ang experience, unforgettable.

"Marami akong nami-miss lalo na sa mga friends, sa mga ginagawa namin.

"And of course, parang napapa-isip ako, 'Nangyari rin ba ito sa family ko or sa parents ko before?"

Naging malapit din daw ang loob ni Devon sa kanyang sa leading man niyang si Kiko Estrada.

"Maraming moment kami na nag-uusap nang masinsinan or seryoso about our life, about our work," paglalarawan ni Devon sa pakikipagtrabaho niya kay Kiko.

Kabilang kaya sa pinaguusapan nila ang pagiging bagong Kapuso ni Devon?

"Yes po, marami kaming napag-usapan. May nakuwento rin siya sa akin na feeling ko, makakatulong din sa akin," sagot ni Devon.

Dugtong pa niya, "Tulad ko

po, nangangapa pa lang din po ako dahil bago lang ako.

So, parang feeling ko talaga back to zero ako.

"Marami siyang sinabi sa akin to feel confident again at isipin ko ang mga pinagdaanan ko. Yung mga natutunan ko sa acting."

Marso nitong taon nang opisyal na lumipat si Devon sa GMA-7 mula sa ABS-CBN 2.

Sa ngayon, puro guest appearance pa raw ang ginagawa niyang proyekto sa GMA.

Unti-unti ay nagiging kumportable na rin daw siya.

Ayon kay Devon, "Masaya naman po kasi kahit three

months pa lang po ako run, marami na akong napag-guest-an na show.

"They're very nice to me and very friendly.

"Akala ko mapipressure ako. Kasi, every time na magsu-shoot ako run, every time na may guesting ako, palagi po talaga akong napipressure. Palagi akong kinakabahan.

"Pero kapag nasa shoot na ko, kapag nakakahalubilo ko na sila, they make me feel comfortable."

Ngayong Kapuso na siya, wala naman daw siyang sineset na expectations.

Nais lang daw ni Devon maipakita pa kung anuman ang talento niya.

"Wala po akong expectation. I just want to hone my talents. Maipakita kung ano pa ang kaya kong gawin.

"I just wanna do better and do my craft."

Jennylyn, may Pilates sa bahay

Nabasa namin ang post ni Director Erik Matti na schedule ng international screening ng Viva Films movie na Buy Bust. Sabi ni Direk Erik, si Anne Curtis ang dadalo, kasama siya sa New York Asian Film Festival kung saan ang Viva Films movie ang closing movie sa July 15. Si Anne rin ang dadalo sa screening sa South Korea sa July 18, sa Bucheon International Film Festival sa July 18.

Si Brandon Vera, kasama nila ni Anne sa NYAFF at ito rin ang makakasama ni Direk Erik sa San Diego Comic Con. Sa August 1 ang showing dito ng Buy Bust na sa trailer pa lang, gugustuhin mong mapanood.

Curious kami kung ano 'yung binabanggit ni Direk Erik na "international red band trailer."

Ang Buy Bust ang isa sa tatlong magkakasunod na pelikula ni Anne. Nauna nang ipinalabas ang Sid & Aya, susunod ang Buy Bust at sa 2018 MMFF, ang entry niyang Aurora sa direction ni Yam Laranas.

Maganda ang ginawa ni Jennylyn Mercado na para hindi na siya lumabas na bahay 'pag ginustong mag-Pilates, sa bahay na lang siya magwu-workout.

May sariling Pilates studio ang bida ng The Cure, kumpleto ng gamit at ang gagawin na lang niya, pumasok sa studio at mag-Pilates.

Kaya rin siguro nadadalas bumisita si Dennis Trillo sa bahay ni Jennylyn, para maki-Pilates. Maliban doon, binibisita ni Dennis ang alaga nilang aso at pusa ni

Ryza Cenon posts reminder to help people with depression: "Be nice, be sensitive" + other stories



Ryza Cenon, who underwent depression in the past, says caring goes a long way. "Sa simpleng pangangamusta makakatulong ka."

Isang paalala ang ipinost ng aktres na si Ryza Cenon tungkol sa mga taong nakakaranas ng depresyon.

Isa lamang si Ryza sa mga kilalang personalidad na nagulat sa pagkasawi ng kilalang American food and travel show host na si Anthony Bourdain.

Ayon sa mga naglabasang report nung Biyernes, June 8, nag-suicide ang 61-year-old

Sa Instagram post ni Ryza nung araw ring iyon, ipinaunawa ng Kapamilya actress na hindi lamang simpleng kondisyon ang depresyon, na pangunahing dahilan ng suicide attempts.

"Hindi po ganun kadali sa amin na nakakaranas ng depression ang magsalita at magshare ng nararamdaman," post ni Ryza na umaming dumaan din sa depresyon.

"Sakit sya na on and off na minsan akala mo ok ka na pero babalik sya ulit," pahayag ng

"Madaling sabihin na humingi ng tulong pero mahirap gawin kaya nga ang gusto nila mag-isa at mag-isa nila haharapin at tatapusin minsan (ang sakit?) dahil ayaw nila masaktan ng paulit-ulit, ayaw nila makadagdag sa problema ng iba at may sasabihin sa kanila na hindi maganda at masasaktan ulit dahil sa totoo lang NAKAKAPAGOD sya NAKAKAPAGOD magkaroon ng Depression."

BE NICE, BE SENSITIVE. "Kaya maging sensitive tayo sa mga tao nasa paligid natin," ani Ryza sa kanyang post.

"Wag nyong hintayin lumapit at humingi ng tulong dahil hindi mangyayari yun bihira mangyari yun." '

Malaki raw ang maitutulong ng simpleng pangungumusta sa isang tao dumaranas nito.

"Sa simpleng 'uy, kamusta ka na?' 'Ok ka ba?' Or, 'dito lang ako na kaibigan anytime kung kailangan mo ng kasama or kausap.'

"Sa simple pangangamusta makakatulong

"Kaya dapat isipin din natin yung lumalabas sa bibig natin na baka hindi tayo aware yung taong sinasabihan mo may mabigat palang dinadala at nasasaktan mo na, lahat tayo dito sa mundo ay tao lang, nasasaktan.

" So be nice and be sensitive." Ang suicide ay hindi sagot.

Ilang Kapuso stars, nagningning sa 2018 FAMAS Awards

Wagi ang ilang mga Kapuso stars sa katatapos lang na 2018 Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences Awards (FAMAS).

Nakuha ni Asia's Pop Sweetheart Julie Anne San Jose ang German Moreno Youth Achievement

Itinanghal na Best Actress in a Supporting Role si Odette Khan para sa pelikulang 'Barboys.'

Best Actor in a Supporting Role naman si Mon Confiado para sa 'Mga Gabing Kasinghaba ng Hair

Nasungkit din ni Jay Durias ang Best Musical Score para sa hiphop drama film na 'Respeto.'

Kyline Alcantara, maraming pinagdaanan bago nag-bloom ang showbiz career

Sa isang interview with Nelson Canlas para sa 24 Oras, naikuwento ni Kyline Alcantara ang mga pagsubok na pinagdaanan niya noon.

Aniya, "May time nung grade two ata ako, patago ako nagbebenta ng school supplies sa mga co-students ko. Para lang magkaroon po ako ng baon, and makakain."

Binahagi rin niya ang hirap na pinagdaanan nila sa paghahanap ng tirahan.

Ika niya, "Doon na po 'yung time na lagi kami napapalayas, ganyan. And nabaon kami sa utang."

Sa ngayon ay super thankful si Kyline dahil sa seven years niyang pag-aartista ay nararamdaman na niya ang buhos ng blessing sa seven months na stay niya sa GMA Network.

Ika niya, "Naiiyak ako, grabe, thank you po. Sobrang saya ko lang po talaga sa nangyayari ngayon. And nararamdaman ko po 'yung blessing na binibigay nila sa akin. And sana hindi sila magsawa."

Samantala, inamin ni Kyline na bukod sa pag-arte ay pinapangarap din niya maging isang recording artist at magkaroon ng sarili niyang concert in the future.

Ex-lovers Lovi Poe and Jolo Revilla reunite for upcoming movie

Reunited ang ex-lovers na sina Lovi Poe at Jolo Revilla sa upcoming action film na 72

Ibinahagi ni Jolo ang balita nang mag-post siya ng ilang mga litrato nila ni Lovi sa set.

"Hindi man kami nagkasama on a project for 10 years, she has made her mark in the industry as a multi-talented actress," sulat niya sa kanyang Instagram account.

Gaganap si Lovi bilang pulis na si SPO1 Jackie Dulay.

"Reunited ulit! Feels great to share the screen with this talented actress," dagdag pa ng actor-politician.

Taong 2009 nang maghiwalay sina Jolo at Lovi matapos ang halos dalawang taong

Bukod kay Lovi, kabilang din si Kapuso actress Rhian Ramos sa pelikula.

Kevin Sagra begins shooting his daring movie with Joel Lamangan

Kapuso hunk Kevin Sagra is overwhelmed with the opportunity to work with the one of the brightest directors in the industry via School Service, a Cinemalaya entry this 2018.

#ClashOfBoyBands: Who among these Kapuso singers deserve the title "hottest of them all"?

The One Up member will be acting alongside with award winning comedienne Aiai Delas Alas and highly respected director Joel Lamangan, who will act in the movie.

School Service will be directed by Kapuso director Louie Ignacio.

Kevin said, "With the @joellamangan @ msaiaidelasalas @direklouieignacio! It has been an honor and pleasure working with these talented people. Thank you so much! ??????????#soon #cinemalaya #schoolservice #bts"

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A post shared by Kevin Sagra (@thekevinsagra) on Jun 8, 2018 at 10:08am PDT

In a previous interview, it was reported that Kevin will have a daring scene with Direk

Agot Isidro on running for senator: Parang hindi yata enjoy masyado ang Senado

Actress Agot Isidro denied she is going to run for a Senate seat in the midterm 2019 elections, according to a report on Unang Balita on Monday. She said she is still enjoying making films and

would rather focus on that. "Ang sarap gumawa ng pelikula. Gawa muna tayo

ng pelikula," she told reporters. "Ang sarap umarte, especially now. I mean, 'di ba, I mean the landscape of filmmaking has changed,"

"So parang feeling ko, du'n muna ako sa nag-eenjoy ako. Parang hindi yata enjoy masyado ang Senado," she said.

Asked if she is closing the door to a possible Senate run, however, Isidro said she is not yet sure.

Opposition senator Kiko Pangilinan, president of the Liberal Party, said in May that the LP is urging Isidro to join its coalition senatorial ticket for the 2019 mid-term national elections.

He said they wanted Isidro to join the coalition ticket because the actress is "very opinionated, matapang, and we need strong women candidates."

Isidro is a vocal critic of President Rodrigo

Alden Richards, papadalhan ng allowance buwan-buwan ang isang lola sa barangay

Lumambot ang puso ni Pambansang Bae Alden Richards kay Lola Alberta sa Juan For All, All For Juan segment ng Eat Bulaga kahapon, June 9.

81-years old na ang lola sa barangay na piniling mangupahan ng maliit na kwarto sa isang apartment. Malayo siya sa mga kamag-anak na nagpapadala ng sustento at kumikita siya ng 100 kada araw bilang tagahugas ng pinggan sa isang

Bago matapos ang pagbisita at pagbigay ng papremyo nina Jose Manalo at Wally Bayola kay Lola, may pahabol si Alden.

"Nay, kasi may lola din po akong kagaya niyo. Para 'di na po kayo naghihirap maghugas ng pinggan [at] para hindi po namamanhid ang kamay niyo, ako na po magpapadala sa inyo ng additional allowance po buwan-buwan para makatulong sa inyo po. Para 'pag maubos man po [ang sustento], meron pong buwan-buwan na allowance, Nay. Tulong na rin po," saad ng aktor sa number one noontime show sa bansa.

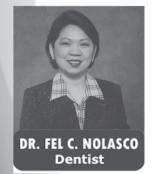
Napaiyak si Lola Alberta habang nagpapasalamat at sinabihan ni Alden na dapat alagaan ang sarili.

Sumaludo si Kuya Wally sa busilak na kalooban ni Pambansang Bae. Puri naman ni Kuya Jose, "Si Alden po 'pag nakasama niyo iyan, sa likod ng kamera, ay mabait na bata po talaga. Kasama namin madalas iyan. Maraming humihingi ng tulong sa kanya [at] 'pag lumapit si Alden, walang dalawang salita, iaabot niya [ang tulong sa] nangangailangan hangga't kaya niya."



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Why did GMA Films stop producing 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

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 Supreeeleela (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

"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

> Nilinaw rin ni Joey na hindi porke't ipinapakilala na nila ang Thai drama sa bansa, malilimitahan na ang mga Korean drama na ipinapalabas 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 "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

"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

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

"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 left 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.

Dingdong Dantes on showbiz burnout: "It's something we should not dismiss."



Dingdong Dantes on dealing with showbiz burnout: "Kinakailangan mo

ma-experience ang isang breakdown para ma-appreciate mo ang isang breakthrough. Otherwise, magiging meaningless siya."

Aminado si Dingdong Dantes na hindi maiiwasan sa isang artista ang makaranas ng burnout, depression, o ibang mental health issue dahil sa tindi ng pressure sa trabaho.

Pahayag ng Kapuso actor, "It's something that happens.

"It's something that we should not dismiss. Kailangan

bantayan talaga.

"Pero hindi ibig sabihin, pag nangyari yun, yun na ang katapusan."

Sa tagal niya sa showbiz industry, aminado si Dingdong na maging siya ay nakararamdam ng burnout sa trabaho.

Lalo na't walang garantiyang palaging maganda ang takbo ng showbiz career ng isang artista.

"I'm still part of an evolving process na wala namang sigurado, walang simple, walang mahirap.

"Pero magkakaroon at magkakaroon ng pagsubok. We just have to be prepared."

Patuloy ni Dingdong, mahalaga ang positibong disposisyon at suporta

mula sa pamilya at mga kaibigan upang malampasan ang anumang pagsubok sa buhay.

"Kinakailangan mo ma-experience ang isang breakdown para ma-appreciate mo ang isang breakthrough. Otherwise, magiging meaningless siya.

"Pero magka-

karoon at mag-

kakaroon ng

pagsubok. We

prepared."

just have to be

"When that time comes, just make sure you have people around you na tutulong sa 'yo, na gagabay sa 'yo, na mag-i-inspire sa 'yo, na hihila sa 'yo pabalik."

Sa ngayon, malaking bagay raw na bukod sa mainstream media ay may iba

pang paraan upang maibahagi ng isang artista ang kanyang talento.

"We have the digital platform. We have our own means of creating films, di ba, nandiyan ang cell phone?

"So yung expression of our artistry, hindi lang siya limited on television."

Ryzza Mae Dizon turns 13; celebrates 6 years in showbiz



13-year-old Ryzza Mae Dizon has a lot to be thankful for.

Aside from turning a year older this Independence Day, Ryzza Mae is also celebrating her sixth year in showbiz.

She posted a grateful note on her Instagram, "Happy 6th anniversary to me!! thank you po papa jesus, thank you eat bulaga."

Ryzza Mae shot to stardom after she won the Little Miss Philippines 2012 title in Eat Bulaga.

She has entertained dabarkads with funny

and endearing characters such as Aleng Maliit and Boss Madam.

Ryzza Mae is also the youngest TV host in the country with her self-titled talk show in GMA that ran from 2013 to 2015, The Ryzza Mae Show.

Nadine Lustre to play the role of Maria Makiling in "Pedro Penduko" movie

Nadine Lustre will also get her solo movie as "Maria Makiling" in 2020.

Nadine Lustre will play an important role in the upcoming "Pedro Penduko" movie and it will be more

than just a cameo. The film's producer Paul Alexei Basinillo confirmed with ABS-CBN News that the actress will play the role of "Maria Makiling." According to Paul, Nadine's character can summon elemental spirits from the earth and is close to Mother Nature.

The movie will give a modern take on "Maria Makiling." Director Treb Monteras II shared, "Tao siya, definitely. Kasi iyong Maria Makiling na nai-imagine natin lagi, diwata. Sa school, palaging itinuturo sa atin na diwata siya. Pero for this one, mas relatable siya. Probably because si Maria Makiling, buhay siya –mayroon siyang Facebook and Twitter."

Apart from "Pedro Penduko", "Maria Makiling" will also get its solo movie, which is slated to be released in 2020. The movie will be produced by Epik Studios, together with Viva Entertainment and Cignal.



Lea Salonga returns, faces rude drivers

Award-winning actress and singer Lea Salonga vented on Twitter her irksome experience with rude Filipino drivers

Salonga, who just returned to the country last July 2, slammed drivers who do not follow driving protocols. She Tweeted:

"Me: (Cussing under my breath... another car cut us off without signaling or anything.) Rob: Welcome back, Hon."

Salonga came back to the country after finishing her stint as Erzulie, the Goddess of Love, in the musical "Once on This Island."

"Never had to deal with this in New York...well, mostly because I walked everywhere, And then it's traffic of a different kind," she added.

Despite her unpleasant encounter on the road, Salonga said she still believes Filipino drivers can change.

"But the whole 'wait beyond the yellow line' at NAIA baggage claim was followed for the most part! Gave me hope! May pag-asa pala tayo!" she

The Broadway diva once called out a fellow Filipino for standing over the yellow line in the baggage claiming area in the airport.

"Mga simpleng patakaran, ayaw sundin. Kailangan pa ba tanungin kung bakit bilang bansa, hindi tayo umuunlad?"



Life online for Alex Gonzaga

Alex Gonzaga is one of those celebrities who reaches out to fans just by several clicks regularly.

This month marks her anniversary as YouTube vlogger. She currently has 1.12 million subscribers and her 39 videos have garnered more than 60 million views so far.

Through her YouTube channel, she is able to share makeup tutorials, skin care tips, and bag raids. She also shows some milestone in her life, as well as her escapades with friends and family.

She loves her online persona.

"I'm happy kasi finally I get to be myself and no one will judge," she told Bulletin Entertainment

As for the hateful comments she gets, the Kapamilya artist just re-reads those until she gets "immune."

"As in I always read them na sunod-sunod lang until mawala na lang, until maging words na lang sila," she said.

So those have no effect at all now?

"'Pag may mga bagong comments lang. May naiimbento kasi sila na parang mga bagong sasabihin na mahu-hurt ka pero na re-realize ko kasi if you believe 'yung sinabi nila kahit just one percent nu'n 'yun 'yung magiging affected ka eh," she answered.

Alex pointed out that knowing who you are serves as your greatest shield from bashers.

She said that feedback from people she loves, particularly her parents and her sister singer-actress Toni Gonzaga, are those that matter to her.

"Na 'pag sinabi talaga ng daddy ko na 'Mali,' ate ko (sinabi na) 'Mali talaga 'yung ginawa mo,' du'n ako mas affected."

Movie buff

Alex also enjoys watching movies. Her fave genre? Romantic-comedy.

Actually, the interview happened with Alex after she participated in FOX+'s competitive event wherein she was pitted against fellow celebrities like Luis Manzano, Alodia Gosiengfiao, and Wil Dasovich to be the last one streaming.

At the end of the four-hour event, she and Alodia battled it out the model-cosplayer won.

RAYVER A WELCOME ADDITION TO GMA TALENTS

RAYVER Cruz is surely leaving ABS-CBN to join GMA-7. The character he plays in the Kapamilya show, "Bagani", is about to be killed and he is being given a graceful exit. Rayver made a formal goodbye from ABS-CBN's Star Magic that has been his home for many years. We cannot blame him as he is certainly of leading man quality and can also act well, but he's always relegated to supporting roles as a Kapamilya.

Now, he's all ready to become a Kapuso, just like his kuya Rodjun Cruz who has had more regular assignments since he moved to GMA. Rodjun has been assigned several shows in succession and is now currently part of the hit afternoon soap, "The Stepdaughters". Hopefully, Rayver will later on be as busy as his elder brother.

Speculations say that Rayver will be paired with his girlfriend, Janine Gutierrez (although they have yet to confirm their relationship), but this cannot be as Janine is now part of Alden Richard's new show for primetime, "Victor Magtanggol". Unless, of course, Rayver will also be made a part of Alden's show. Rayver will truly be a welcome addition to the GMA roster of talents as they really lack qualified leading men in the Kapuso station.

Why Megan wants to avoid working with sister Lauren

MEGAN Young and her younger sister Lauren are both in two current hit GMA afternoon soaps. Megan is in "The Stepdaughters" and Lauren is in "Contessa". They've worked together before in

"Marimar" and Megan says she'd rather not work with her sister again.

"Kung ako lang talaga ang masusunod, ayoko na siyang makatrabaho dahil naaawa ako sa kanya," she says. "She has such intense emotions at kung minsan nakikita kong nadadala niya pag-uwi. Eh, magkasama pa naman kami sa bahay. Kamukha ngayon, lagi siyang galit sa 'Contessa', naku, nadadala niya talaga. Tama na 'yung nagkatrabaho kaming minsan. As of now, okay na ako na we're in different shows. In a couple of years from now, let's see, baka puwede na uli. But sa ngayon, we're really happy na parehong successful ang shows namin. Our show has just been extended kaya ganado kaming lahat ng co-stars to continue giving our best tuwing may taping kami."

There have been a lot of weddings in showbiz lately. The next to tie the knot will be Christian Bautista with non-showbiz girlfriend Kate Ramnani. She and BF Mikael Daez have been going steady for seven years. How do they feel when they see their colleagues facing the altar?

"I always cry at weddings and I'm sincerely happy for all the newlywedded friends of ours," she replies. "Kahit nga hindi ko kilala yung mga tao, I enjoy watching wedding videos on the internet. Lalo na pag bored ako, watch muna ng wedding videos. Kasi they seem so happy and I like to see people being happy. But kami, we don't pressure ourselves na dahil may mga nagpapakasal, 'di magpakasal na rin kami. Hindi rin kami naiinggit or anything. We're enjoying naman what we have now. We're both very busy with work kaya mag-enjoy lang muna. Darating din naman yung right time to settle down. Twenty eight pa lang naman ako. We can wait for a couple of more years. Meanwhile, continue watching 'The Stepdaughters' every afternoon as each episode gets more and more intense. Patuloy si Katrina Halili in scheming against my mom Glydel Mercado and I at maramin pang pasabog na magaganap so don't miss a single episode para 'di kayo mapag-iwanan."

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 Dubsmash 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

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

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 teleserve

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

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 Pagtingin 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 Wansapantaym 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.

Eventually, Kris became known as one of

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

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

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

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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 primetime 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 Winwyn 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.

"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 mapair 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

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 gumanan sa ganitong klass

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 kapa-

tid po ako ditong babae. "Tapos, kami pong magkakapatid 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.

Action Honda Supports Local Athletes





gawin with Piolo?







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 "Pambansang 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 paglilinaw 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 imessage 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.

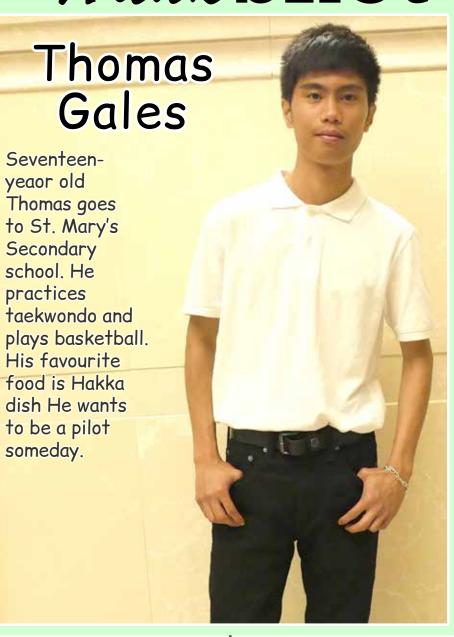
Kahapon, nag-tweet naman ang young actress at obviously, imbyerna pa rin siya.

"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."

Hunk Shot





Rising prices unlikely to stir unrest against Duterte

MANILA - Rising commodity prices are unlikely to stir unrest against President Rodrigo Duterte, a political and business risk analyst said.

More expensive rice is hitting lower income groups who are not likely to hold protests, said Bob Herrera-Lim, Southeast Asia managing director of consultancy firm Teneo Holdings.

"If you look historically at the Philippines, any kind of unrest, any kind of serious threat to the administration comes when you have the middle class or the upper income classes involved," Lim told ANC's Market Edge with Cathy Yang.

Lim said it was the middle and upper income classes who are able to mobilize, fund and support past uprisings. These income groups, he said, "are still largely fine."

But Lim also warned that accelerating inflation might make it harder for the Duterte administration to push for new tax reforms and amendments to the constitution.

Lawmakers may become less willing to pass these measures as they brace for the election season next year, he said.

"This all going to be pushed back to next year at the very earliest," Lim said about proposed tax reforms and changes to the constitution.

6 in 10 Pinoys oppose samesex marriage

The nationwide survey conducted from March 23 to March 27 among 1,200 respondents found that 61 percent of adult Filipinos disagree (44 percent strongly disagree, 17 percent somewhat disagree) and 22 percent agree (8 percent strongly agree, 14 percent somewhat agree) with the creation of a law that will allow the civil union of two men or two women

The remaining 16 percent were undecided about the matter.

Robredo taps MFIs to assist poor communities

The Office of the Vice President (OVP) disclosed on Wednesday it will work with microfinance institutions (MFIs) to assist poor communities to improve and sustain their livelihood given the soaring prices of basic goods and other services.

This came after OVP officials held a meeting with various MFIs this week on possible partnerships concerning their flagship anti-poverty program, Angat Buhay.

Under these partnerships, OVP said it hopes to help cushion the impact of rising prices on Angat Buhay communities and individual beneficiaries by "giving them direct links to markets."

OVP added that with the help of MFIs, they will also be introduced to "ways on how to sustain their husinesses"

Angat Buhay works by linking private companies and organizations with local government units and communities to give them various types of assistance they need. The program reached more than 155,000 Filipino families in 176 poor communities around the country as of June 30. They received P252-million worth of aid. The OVP is looking into linking beneficiaries of its livelihood grants to the MFIs involved as well as to expand the services of these organizations.

For their part, the MFIs expressed willingness to partner with OVP for such endeavor.

They noted that "small enterprises need to be versed in new technologies as well as on faster ways to produce and sell their goods."

Angat Buhay, which was launched in October 2016, focuses on six key advocacy areas, namely: public education, rural development, food security and nutrition, women empowerment, universal healthcare, and housing and resettlement.

Under rural development, the OVP said it has extended some P4.59 million of livelihood subsidies to 276 beneficiaries in 15 municipalities nationwide.

This includes assistance for livelihood pursuits like weaving, hog-raising, organic farming, dressmaking, abaca fiber production, and virgin coconut oil processing.



New and not-so-new female leads



MEET the female lead stars of Regal's new youth movie, "Walwal": Devon Seron, Jane de Guzman, Kisses Delavin and Sofia Senoron. The PBB Clash of 2010 Discovery Devon needs no introduction as she has appeared before in several soaps and movies. She has played a lead role in Regal's horror flick, "Pwera Usog" and she was paired with Korean matinee idols in the romcom, "You with Me". In "Walwal", she plays an ambitious, go getting girl who is paired with Kiko Estrada. But when something unforeseen comes up, she has to be "palaban" and make an important decision about her relationship with Kiko.

Kisses Delavin is a discovery from Masbate who gained fame in PBB 2016 where she's the runnerup. She was initially paired with PBB batchmate Marco Gallo and they appeared in the movie "Loving in Tandem" where their love team became known as KissMarc. But it didn't last very long as they had a falling out and Kisses is now paired with Donny Pangilinan in "Walwal" where she plays a smart but misunderstood weirdo in their school who dresses in Harajuku fashion, based on a district in Japan.

Jane de Leon is an actress-singer-dancer who's part of the all-girl group in "Showtime" called Girltrends. She's been with Star Magic since 2015 and was once rumored to be Arron Villaflor's special someone. She has since acted in "Maalaala Mo Kaya", "Wansapanataym" and "Ipaglaban Mo". She did her first movie with Regal, the horror film, "The Debutantes", where she played the role of Jenny. Now, in "Walwal", she plays the first girlfriend of Elmo Magalona but she breaks his heart when she leaves him

because of a life-changing choice.

Sophia Senoron is one of the four Miss World 2017 beauty queens of talent manager Arnold Vegafria who signed a contract with Regal. She's now the first to be assigned a movie, ahead of Laura Lehmann who competed in Miss World and lost, Winwyn Marquez and Cynthia Thomalia who competed in Reyna HispanicoAmericana and Miss Eco Tourism and both won their respective titles. Sophia was sent to represent our country in the Miss Multinational pageant in New Delhi, India last February and she also won the title.

Sophia is 18 and although at 5'4", she admittedly lacks height compared to other beauty queens, she more than compensates for it by being brainy and articulate, so she excels in the Q&A portions of the pageant. This is not surprising since she's a champion debater in San Beda where she's taking up financial management. In "Walwal", she becomes Elmo's new chance of finding happiness after he is dumped by Jane de Leon.

Four girls with different skills and talents. Wonder which one will the fountain bless?

WHAT'S KEEPING BIBETH AND HER FAMILY BUSY

BIBETH Orteza is busy as the festival director of ToFarm Filmfest while her husband, Director Carlitos Siguion Reyna, is a member of the selection committee of the Pista ng Pelikulang Pilipino to be held this coming August. But Bibeth is also busy shooting a new movie, "Magikland", produced by Peque Gallaga and Lore Reyes and directed by their protege, Christopher Acuna. She will play the role of the wise woman called Mama Mandalagan.

Carlitos is also busy directing a play for the CPP's Virgin Labfest, "Ang mga Propesyunal", written by new Bicolano playwright Sari Saysay. The play is about a doctor, a writer and a policeman who have to cope with the current political climate and try to speak the truth about corruption around them despite possible risky consequences.

The young cast is headed by new actors Jian Tayco and Krystle Campos, both in their mid-teens. It will start its run on June 28 at the CCP Little

Theatre. This is Carlitos' second play after last year's "Nothing But Dreams" which dealt with racism. After this, he will go back to the movies directing a new film for Star Cinema.

Meantime, the son of Bibeth and Carlitos, Rafa Siguion Reyna, also has a play in Virgin Labfest entitled "Edgar Allan Hemingway" written by Carlo Vergara of "Zsa Zsa Zaturnaaah" and directed by George de Jesus. His co-stars are Ricci Chan and Huelan Luarca

Rafa is also in the cast of "Goyong, Ang Batang Heneral". On TV, he is seen on GMA's hit primetime drama, "Kambal, Karibal", as the confidante of Marvin Agustin. He was also allowed by GMA Artist Center to do another show with ABS-CBN online.

Gretchen's 'kabit' admittance earns mixed reactions

AT last, after 23 years, Gretchen Barretto has openly admitted that, yes, she's a mistress. "I am happily his mistress," says the never aging 47-year-old or so actress, referring to her lover, businessman Tony Boy Cojuangco. Their union has produced an equally beautiful daughter, Dominique, now 23, who was schooled in London, England.

Gretchen describes her relationship with Tony Boy as "not perfect," but at this point in time, she could never ask for more. No more dreams of walking down the aisle wearing a signature wedding gown. After all, the kind-hearted businessman has given her a good life, maybe more than good, and has loved her "unconditionally."

We could consider Gretchen as one lucky woman for having someone like Tony Boy. Despite all the rumors about Gretchen having special friendship with other guys, the latest of whom is with another controversial businessman, Charlie 'Atong' Ang, her relationship with Tony Boy remains 'solid.'

Well, maybe despite everything, Gretchen must have done something good. She was a good daughter, sister or aunt, and now, a mother, even not as perfect, but she has done her share of being good to her family. There's a prize (or price?) for a good deed, right?

Gretchen's admittance, meanwhile, earned mixed reactions. Some condemn her, some praise her. May bago ba?

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Roque personally brought three fishermen from Masinloc, Zambales to a press briefing in Malacanang to prove the point that under Duterte's government, they are now free to fish at the Panatag Shoal.

According to the fishermen, Chinese coast guard personnel would get the best catch from their boats. But Roque said that everytime they do so, the Chinese would give them noodles, cigarettes and water in exchange. However, the fishermen said that these were not enough to offset their loss.

Roque added the situation where the Chinese controls access to the lagoon is still better compared to what it was under the previous administration, where Filipino fishermen were totally barred from entering the shoal and sometimes chased away by Chinese coast guard water canons.

"Chinese ba ang gobyerno natin o Pilipino? Bakit kailangan pang magpaalam o mag-antay ng pagpayag ng China para lamang makinabang ang mga Pilipino sa sarili niyang yaman? Palibhasa, matagal nang tuta si Duterte," said Arellano.

The group maintained that real independence means the right to live decently in his own country.

"Iyan ang wala at pinagkakait sa atin ng mga nakaka-insultong salita at pahirap na patakaran sa administrasyon. Napakadaling isuko ang sariling atin at mabuhay ng maluho sa loob ng palasyo habang nabubuhay sa peligro ng kagutuman ang mga kababayan natin," said Arellano.

China Insulting!

For China to say it was allowing Filipino fishermen to fish in Panatag Shoal "out of goodwill" is an insult because why would fishermen need to secure permission to fish in their own sea - VP LENI ROBREDO

MANILA - A huge insult was how Vice President Leni Robredo saw China's statement that it was allowing Filipino fishermen to fish in Panatag Shoal "out of goodwill."

"Pakiramdam ko malaking sampal iyon sa atin, malaking insulto kasi bakit ka kailangan humingi ng permiso sa pangingisda sa sarili mong (karagatan), sa pag-aari ng ating bayan," she told reporters at the sidelines of an outreach program organized by her office and private partners.

(I think that's a huge slap on us, a big insult because why would fishermen need to secure permission to fish in their own sea?)

A UN-backed court in 2016 has invalidated China's sweeping historic claims to the resource-rich sea, through which trillions of dollars in trade passes annually. But China's actions show it still has firm control over the area.

Robredo said there was need for tighter security patrol in the area after claims by Magdalo Rep. Gary Alejano that Philippine security forces were pulled out in the area, which was denied by Malacañang.

"Whatever it is, kailangang palakasin kasi hindi lang ito para sa mga mangingisda kundi para sa ating lahat, para sa mga generations na will come after us," Robredo said.

(Whatever it is, we need to strengthen our security forces not only for our fishermen but for all of us, for the generations that will come after us.)

Robredo also said that while the Philippines need not put up a fight against China, it should still come up with a stronger stance amid allegations Chinese harassment.

"Palagay ko masyado tayong malambot sa pagdeal sa mga incursion, hindi lang sa teritory, pati sa sovereignty. 'Yung sa akin dapat palakasin ang boses, palakasin ang protesta," Robredo said.

(I think we were too soft in dealing with incursion not only on our territory, but also sovereignty. I think the protests should be louder.)

Members of the Chinese coast guard in Scarborough Shoal reportedly bullied Filipino fishermen into giving them the best catch from the rich fishing ground off Zambales province.

Malacañang said it would look into the incident and Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Zhao Jianhua said Beijing would take action against the coast guard personnel.



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